## Richard N. Ball, Aleš Pultr, Jiří Sichler Combinatorial trees in Priestley spaces

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Abstract: We show that prohibiting a combinatorial tree in the Priestley duals determines an axiomatizable class of distributive lattices. On the other hand, prohibiting *n*-crowns with  $n \geq 3$  does not. Given what is known about the diamond, this is another strong indication that this fact characterizes combinatorial trees. We also discuss varieties of 2-Heyting algebras in this context.

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