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**John W. Snow** and **Eric J. Martin\*** (e9martin@math.uwaterloo.ca), Dept. of Pure Mathematics, University of Waterloo, Waterloo, ON N2L 3G1, Canada. *On the automorphisms of the congruence lattice of the semilattice  $\mathbf{2}^n$* . Preliminary report.

Let  $\mathbf{2}$  be the meet-semilattice  $\langle \{0, 1\}, \cdot \rangle$ . In this talk we prove that, for all  $n \geq 2$ , every automorphism of the congruence lattice of  $\mathbf{2}^n$  is carried by an automorphism of  $\mathbf{2}^n$ . Consequently, the automorphism group of  $\text{Con}(\mathbf{2}^n)$  is isomorphic to the automorphism group of  $\mathbf{2}^n$ . We discuss the implications of this result with respect to an open problem concerning congruence heredity. (Received September 11, 2006)