

Def:- The elements a and b of a poset (S, R) are called Comparable if either aRb or bRa .

$(\mathbb{Z}^+, |)$ poset

2 and 4 are Comparable
but

$3 \nmid 5$ and $5 \nmid 3$

3 and 5 are not Comparable

↓
incomparable

If neither aRb nor bRa then
 a and b are called incomparable elements

Def:- If (S, R) is a poset and every two elements of the set are comparable to each other. then
 S is called Linearly ordered set or totally ordered set.

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$S = \{2, 4, 8, 16, 32\}$, $| \rightarrow$ divisibility

$2|4$ $4|8$ $8|16$
 $2|8$ $4|16$ $8|32$
 $2|16$ $4|32$ $16|32$
 $2|32$

$2R4R8R16R32$

$2|4|8|16|32$

② (\mathbb{Z}, \leq) is a poset.

..... $-3 \leq -2 \leq -1 \leq 0 \leq 1 \leq 2 \leq 3 \leq 4$

A totally ordered set is also called as chain

③ $S = \{6, 16, 8, 2, 12\}$, $|$

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$6 \nmid 8$ and $8 \nmid 6$ $8 \nmid 12$ and $12 \nmid 8$
 6 and $8 \rightarrow$ incomparable elements
 8 and 12 , 12 and 16 \nearrow

Not a Linearly ordered set.

Which of these pairs of elements are comparable in the poset $(Z^+, |)$

- ~~ⓐ~~ 5, 15 ⓑ 6, 9 ⓒ 8, 16 ⓓ 7, 7
 $5 \nmid 15$ $6 \nmid 9$ and $9 \nmid 6$ $8 \nmid 16$ $7 \nmid 7$

Hasse Diagram

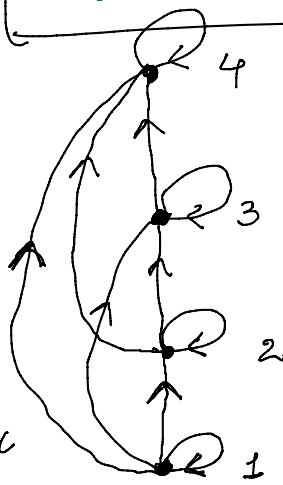
$1 \leq 1$ $2 \leq 3$ $3 \leq 3$ $4 \leq 4$
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① Reflexive ✓

② Antisymmetric $aRb \nRightarrow bRa$

③ Transitive $aRb, bRc \Rightarrow aRc$

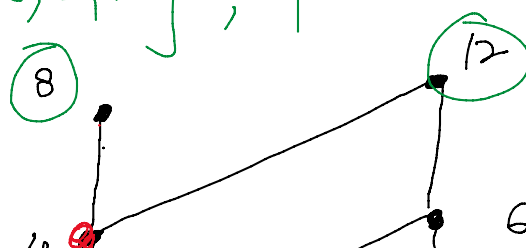
$A = \{1, 2, 3, 4\}, \leq$



Hasse Diagram



$A = \{1, 2, 3, 4, \underline{6}, \underline{8}, \underline{12}\} , |$



$$\begin{array}{r} 1/2 \quad 2/4 \\ \quad a \quad 1/4 \quad \underline{4/12} \\ \quad \quad \quad 1/12 \end{array}$$

