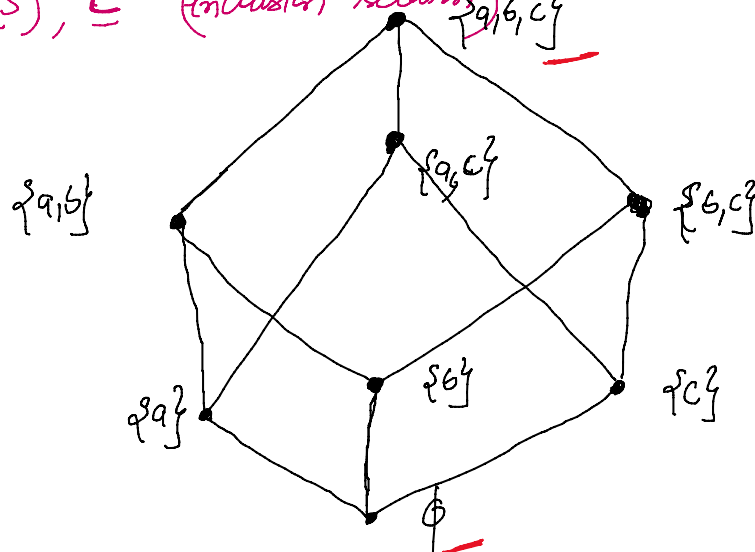


$$S = \{a, b, c\}$$

$$P(S) = \{ \phi, \{a\}, \{b\}, \{c\}, \{a, b\}, \{a, c\}, \{b, c\}, \{a, b, c\} \}$$

✓  $P(S), \subseteq$  (inclusion relation)



subset

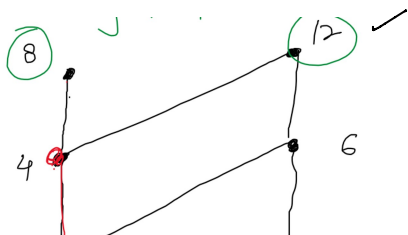
### Maximal and Minimal elements :-

An element of a poset is called maximal if it is not less than any element of the set

i.e.  $a$  is the maximal in the poset  $(S, \leq)$  if there is no  $b \in S$  such that  $a \leq b$

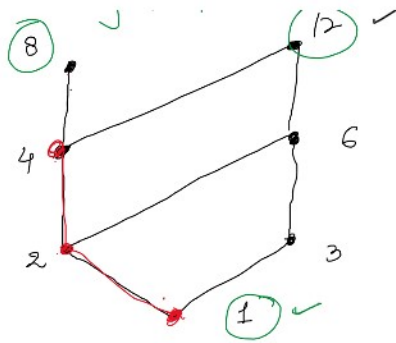
Ity an element of a poset is called minimal if it is not greater than any element of the poset.

i.e.  $a$  is minimal if there is no  $b$  such that  $b \leq a$



Maximal elements =  
8 and 12

Minimal element  
= 4.

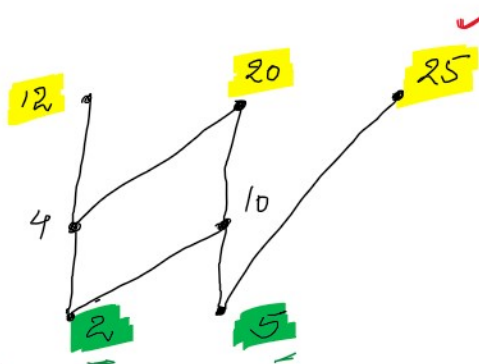


Maximum = 8 and 12  
Minimal element = 1.

#  $\{ \{2, 4, 5, 10, 12, 20, 25\}, 1 \}$

Which elements of the poset are maximal = 12, 20, 25

Minimal elements = 2, 5



Greatest and least element  $\Rightarrow$

$a$  is the greatest element of the poset  $(S, \leq)$  if  $b \leq a$  for all  $b \in S$ .

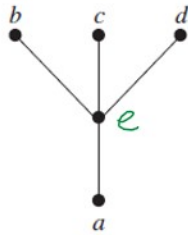
The greatest element is always unique (if it exists).

$a$  is the least element of the poset  $(S, \leq)$  if  $a \leq b$  for all  $b \in S$ .

The least element is always unique. (if it exists).

No Greatest element in the above example  
No least element.

no least element.



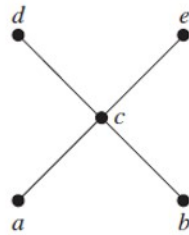
(a)

① Maximal elements  
b, c, d.

② Minimal element  
a

No Greatest

Least = a



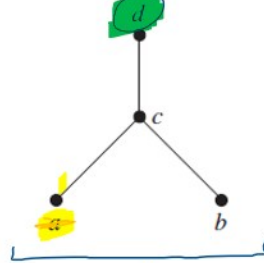
(b)

Maximal elements  
d, e

Minimal elements  
a, b.

No. Greatest

No. Least



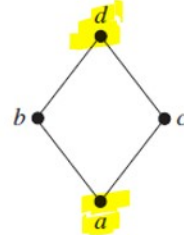
(c)

Maximal  
d.

Minimal elements  
a and b.

Greatest element = d

No. Least element



(d)

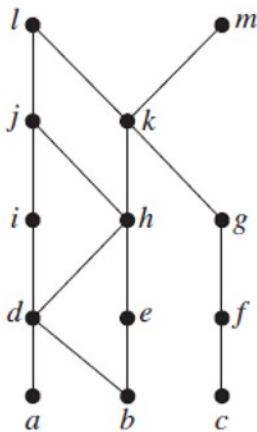
Maximal element = d.

Minimal = a

Greatest = d

Least element = a

a R c  
a R d  
b R c  
b R d  
c R d  
d R d



Maximal elements = l, m

Minimal elements = a, b, c

Greatest elements = No

Least element = No

~~11) Find the greatest lower bound of {12, 48}, if it exists.~~

1. Answer these questions for the poset  $(\{2, 4, 6, 9, 12, 18, 27, 36, 48, 60, 72\}, |)$ .

a) Find the maximal elements.

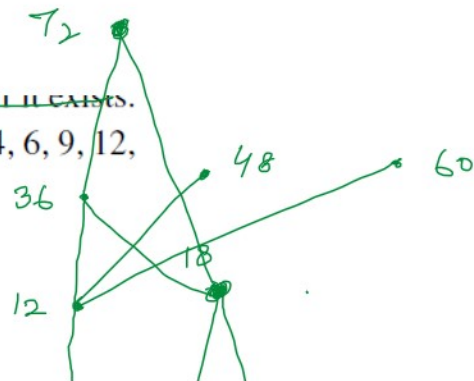
b) Find the minimal elements.

c) Is there a greatest element?

27, 48, 60, 72

2, 9

No.



2, 1

No

No

b) Find the minimal elements.

c) Is there a greatest element?

d) Is there a least element?

