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## UNIT 5 LATTICES AND BOOLEAN ALGEBRA

### 5.1 POSETS AND LATTICES



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**DISCRETE MATHEMATICS**  
(COMMON TO CSE & IT)

**SCIENCE & HUMANITIES**



**Relation:**

Relation  $R$  on a set  $A$  is a well-defined rule, which tells whether given two elements  $x$  and  $y$  of  $A$  are related or not. If  $x$  is related to  $y$ , we write  $x R y$ , otherwise  $x \not R y$ .

**R- is Reflexive:**

Let  $X$  be a set.  $R$  be a relation defined on  $X$ . Then  $R$  is said to be reflexive if it satisfies the following condition.

$$x R x, \quad \forall x \in X \quad \text{i.e., } \{x/(x, x) \in R\} \quad \forall x \in R$$

**R- is Symmetric:**

Let  $X$  be any set.  $R$  be a relation defined on  $X$ . Then  $R$  is said to be symmetric, if it satisfies the following condition.

$$x R y \Rightarrow y R x \quad \forall x, y \in X \quad \text{i.e., } \{(y, x)/(x, y) \in R \Rightarrow (y, x) \in R\} \quad \forall x, y \in X$$

**Note:** A relation which is not symmetric is called Asymmetric.

**R- is Transitive:**

Let X be any set, R be a relation defined on X. Then R is said to be transitive, if R satisfies the following condition.

$$x R y \text{ \& } y R z \Rightarrow x R z \quad \forall x, y, z \in X$$

$$\text{i.e, } \{(x, z) / (x, y) \in R \text{ and } (y, z) \in R \Rightarrow (x, z) \in R\} \quad \forall x, y, z \in X.$$

**R- is Antisymmetric:**

Let X be any set. R be a relation defined on X. Then R is said to be Antisymmetric, if it satisfies the following condition.

$$x R y \text{ \& } y R x \Rightarrow x = y \quad \forall x, y \in X.$$

**Equivalence Relation:**

Let X be any set. R be a relation defined on X. If R satisfies Reflexive, symmetric and transitive then the relation R is said to be an Equivalence relation.

## Partial Order Relation:

Let  $X$  be any set.  $R$  be a relation defined on  $X$ . Then  $R$  is said to be a partial order relation if it satisfies reflexive, antisymmetric and transitive relation.

**Example 1:** Subset relation " $\subseteq$ " is a partial order relation.

Consider any 3 sets  $A, B, C$

- (i) Since any set is a subset of itself,  $A \subseteq A$ , therefore " $\subseteq$ " is reflexive.
  - (ii) If  $A \subseteq B$  and  $B \subseteq A$  then  $A = B$ . Therefore " $\subseteq$ " is antisymmetric.
  - (iii) If  $A \subseteq B$  and  $B \subseteq C$  then  $A \subseteq C$ . Therefore " $\subseteq$ " is transitive.
- $\therefore$  " $\subseteq$ " is a partial order relation.

**Example 2:** Divides relation (" $/$ ") is a partial order relation.

For  $Z_+$  be the set of positive integers,  $a, b, c \in Z_+$

- (i) Since  $a/a$ , " $/$ " is reflexive.
  - (ii) Since,  $a/b$  and  $b/a \Rightarrow a = b$ , " $/$ " is antisymmetric.
  - (iii) Since  $a/b$  and  $b/c \Rightarrow a/c$ , " $/$ " is transitive.
- $\therefore$  Divides relation " $/$ " is a partial order relation.

### Partially ordered set or Poset:

A set together with a partial order relation defined on it is called partially ordered set or Poset.

**Example:** (i) Let  $\mathbb{R}$  be the set of real numbers. The relation “less than or equal to” or “ $\leq$ ” is a partial order on  $\mathbb{R}$ . Therefore,  $(\mathbb{R}, \leq)$  is a Poset.

(ii) Let  $\wp(A)$  be the power set of  $A$ . The relation “ $\subseteq$ ” (subset relation or inclusion) on  $\wp(A)$  is a partial order. Therefore,  $(\wp(A), \subseteq)$  is a Poset.

### Totally ordered set or linearly ordered set or chain:

A partially ordered set  $(\wp, \leq)$  is said to be totally ordered set or linearly ordered set or chain if any two elements are comparable. i.e, given any two elements  $x$  and  $y$  of a Poset either  $x \leq y$  or  $y \leq x$ .



**Example :** Show that  $(N, \leq)$  is a partially ordered set where  $N$  is set of all positive integers and  $\leq$  is defined by  $m \leq n$  iff  $n - m$  is a non-negative integer.

**Solution:** Given  $N$  is the set of all positive integer.

The given relation is,  $m \leq n$  iff  $n - m$  is a non-negative integer

Now,  $\forall x \in N$ ,  $x - x = 0$  is non-negative integer.

$\therefore x R x \quad \forall x \in N \Rightarrow R$  is reflexive.

Consider  $x R y$  &  $y R x$ ,

Since  $x R y \Rightarrow x - y$  is non negative integer.

$y R x \Rightarrow y - x$  is non negative integer

$\Rightarrow -(x - y)$  is non negative integer

$\Rightarrow x = y$

$\therefore R$  is Antisymmetric.

Assume  $x R y$  &  $y R z$

$x R y \Rightarrow x - y$  is a non-negative integer.

$y R z \Rightarrow y - z$  is a non-negative integer

$\Rightarrow (x - y) + (y - z)$  is a non-negative integer.

$\Rightarrow x - z$  is a non-negative integer.

$\Rightarrow x R z$

$\therefore x R y$  &  $y R z \Rightarrow x R z$

$R$  is transitive.

Therefore,  $R$  is partial order relation.

## HASSE DIAGRAM:

Pictorial representation of a Poset is called Hasse diagram.

**Problem 1:** Draw Hasse diagram for  $(\wp(A), \subseteq)$  where

1.  $A = \{a, b\}$

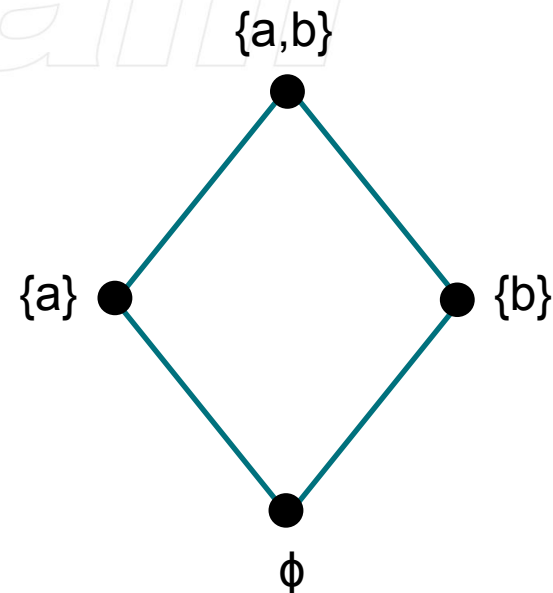
2.  $A = \{a, b, c\}$

**Solution:**

1.  $A = \{a, b\}$

$$\wp(A) = \{\{a\}, \{b\}, \{a, b\}, \phi\}$$

The diagram can be represented as

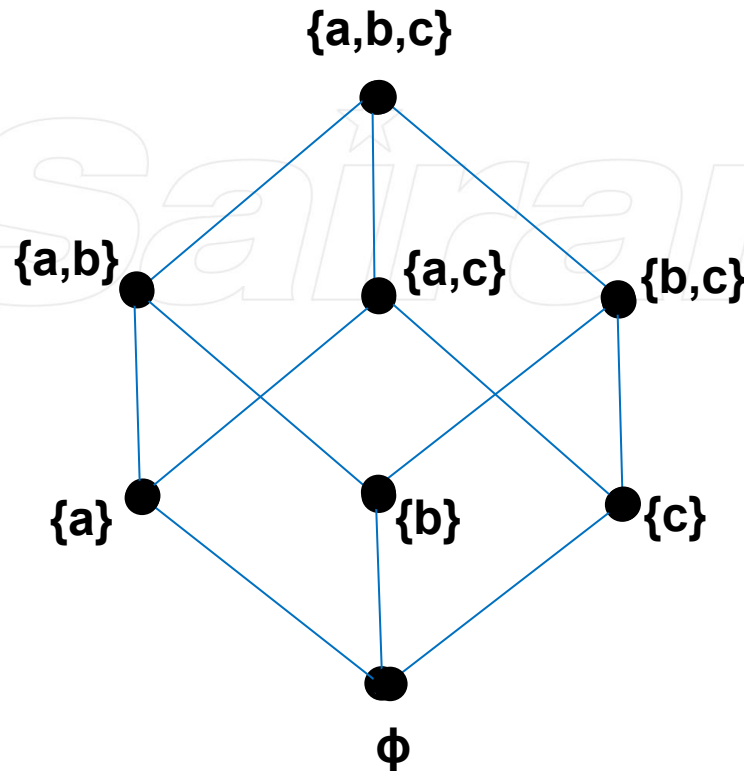




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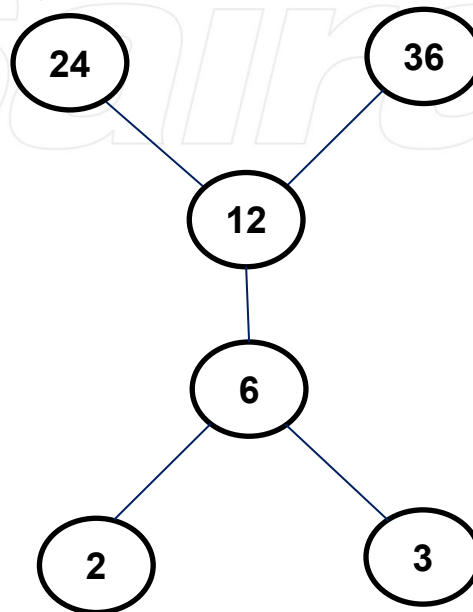
The diagram can be represented as



**Problem 2:** If  $X = \{2, 3, 6, 12, 24, 36\}$  and the relation  $R$  defined on  $X$  by  $R = \{\langle a, b \rangle / a/b\}$ . Draw Hasse diagram for  $(X, R)$ .

**Solution:** The Relation  $R = \left\{ \begin{array}{l} \langle 2, 6 \rangle, \langle 2, 12 \rangle, \langle 2, 24 \rangle, \langle 2, 36 \rangle, \langle 3, 6 \rangle, \langle 3, 12 \rangle \\ \langle 3, 24 \rangle, \langle 3, 36 \rangle, \langle 6, 12 \rangle, \langle 6, 24 \rangle, \langle 6, 36 \rangle, \\ \langle 12, 24 \rangle, \langle 12, 36 \rangle \end{array} \right\}$

The Hasse diagram for  $(X, R)$  is

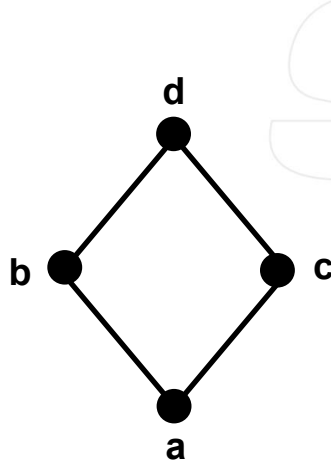


**Definition:**

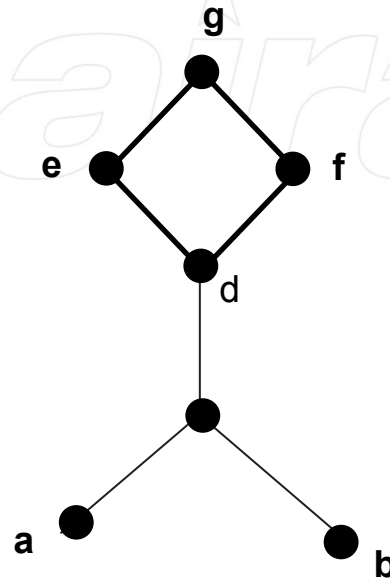
Let  $(P, \leq)$  be a Poset. An element  $a \in P$  is called Least element in  $P$ , if  $a \leq x$  for all  $x \in P$ .

An element  $b \in P$  is called the Greatest element in  $P$ , if  $b \geq x$  for all  $x \in P$ .

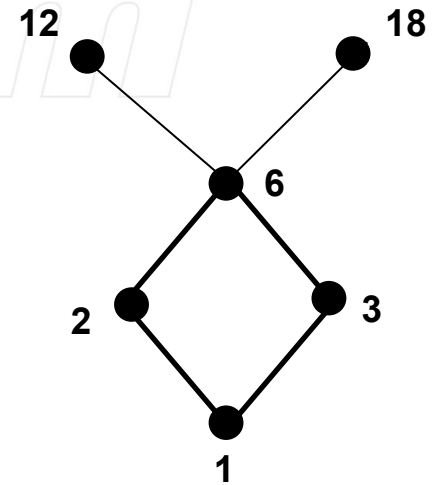
**Example:** Consider the following Hasse diagrams.



(i)



(ii)



(iii)

- In (i) “a” is the least element and “d” is the greatest element.
- In (ii) “g” is the greatest element and there is no least element.
- In (iii) “1” is the least element and there is no greatest element.

**Definition:**

Let  $(P, \leq)$  be a Poset and  $A$  be any non-empty subset of  $P$ . An element  $a \in P$  is an upper bound of  $A$ , if  $a \geq x$  for all  $x \in A$ .

An element  $b \in P$  is said to be lower bound for  $A$ , if  $b \leq x$  for all  $x \in A$ .

**Least Upper Bound (LUB):**

Let  $(P, \leq)$  be a Poset and  $A \subseteq P$ . An element  $a \in P$  is said to be least upper bound (LUB) or supremum(sup) of  $A$ , if

1. “a” is an upper bound of  $A$ .
2.  $a \leq c$ , where  $c$  is any other upper bound of  $A$ .

**Greatest Lower Bound (GLB):**

Let  $(P, \leq)$  be a Poset and  $A \subseteq P$ . An element  $b \in P$  is said to be greatest lower bound (GLB) or infimum(inf) of  $A$ , if

1. “b” is a lower bound of  $A$ .
2.  $b \geq d$ , where “d” is any other lower bound of  $A$ .

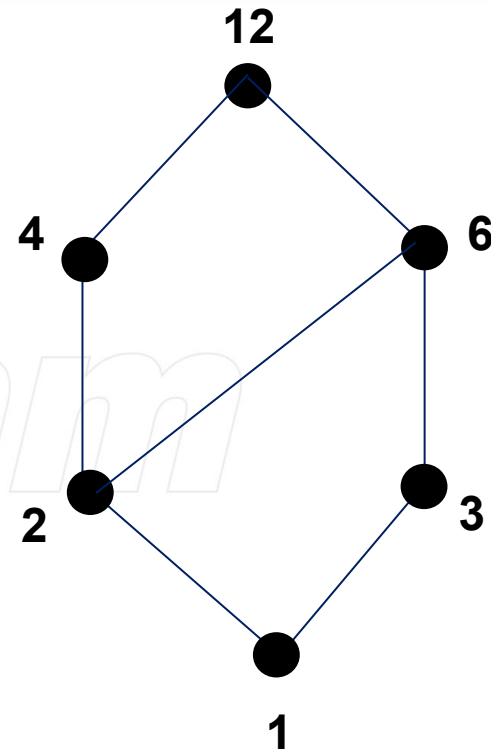
**Example 1:** Consider  $X = \{1,2,3,4,6,12\}$ .  $R = \{\langle a, b \rangle / a/b\}$ . Find Least upper bound and greatest lower bound for the Poset  $(X, R)$ .

**Solution:** The Relation

$$R = \left\{ \begin{array}{l} \langle 1,2 \rangle \langle 1,3 \rangle \langle 1,4 \rangle \langle 1,6 \rangle \langle 1,12 \rangle \langle 2,4 \rangle \\ \langle 2,6 \rangle \langle 2,12 \rangle \langle 3,6 \rangle \langle 3,12 \rangle \langle 4,12 \rangle \end{array} \right\}$$

The Hasse diagram for  $(X, R)$  is

1.  $UB \{1,3\} = \{3,6,12\}$   
 $LUB \{1,3\} = \{3\}$
2.  $UB \{1,2,3\} = \{6,12\}$   
 $LUB \{1,2,3\} = \{6\}$
3.  $UB \{2,3\} = \{6,12\}$   
 $LUB \{2,3\} = \{6\}$
4.  $UB \{2,3,6\} = \{6,12\}$   
 $LUB \{2,3,6\} = \{6\}$
5.  $UB \{4,6\} = \{12\}$   
 $LUB \{4,6\} = \{12\}$
6.  $LB \{4,6\} = \{1,2\}$   
 $GLB \{4,6\} = \{2\}$
7.  $LB \{2,3,6\} = \{1\}$   
 $GLB \{2,3,6\} = \{1\}$
8.  $LB \{1,3\} = \{1\}$   
 $GLB \{1,3\} = \{1\}$



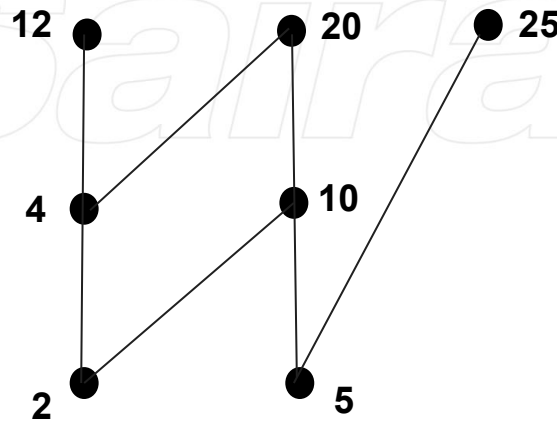


**Example 2:** Draw the Hasse diagram for the Poset  $(\{2,4,5,10,12,20,25\},/)$ . What are maximal and minimal elements of the Poset?

**Solution:** The relation  $R$  is

$$R = \left\{ \begin{array}{l} \langle 2,4 \rangle \langle 2,10 \rangle \langle 2,12 \rangle \langle 2,20 \rangle \langle 4,12 \rangle \langle 4,20 \rangle \\ \langle 5,10 \rangle \langle 5,20 \rangle \langle 5,25 \rangle \langle 10,20 \rangle \end{array} \right\}$$

The Hasse diagram is



The maximal elements are 12, 20 and 25.

The minimal elements are 2 and 5.

**Example 3:** Let  $D_{36}$  denote the set of divisors of 36. Let the relation  $\leq$  be given by  $a \leq b$  if  $a/b$ . Draw the Hasse diagram for the Poset  $(D_{36}, /)$ .

**Solution:**

$$\text{Let } D_{36} = \{1, 2, 3, 4, 6, 9, 12, 18, 36\}$$

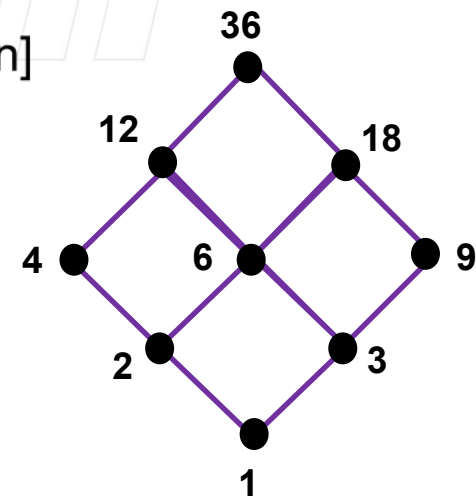
The immediate successors are  $1 << 2$ ,  $1 << 3$ ,  $2 << 4$ ,  $2 << 6$  [ $4 \nmid 6$ , 4 cannot come between 2 and 6]

$3 << 6$ ,  $3 << 9$  [ $6 \nmid 9$ , 6 cannot come between 3 and 9]

$4 << 12$  [ $4 \nmid 6$ ,  $4 \nmid 9$ , so 6 and 9 cannot come between]

$6 << 12$ ,  $6 << 18$ ,  $9 << 18$ ,  $12 << 36$ ,  $18 << 36$ .

The Hasse diagram is



**LATTICE:**

A Lattice is a partially ordered set (Poset)  $(L, \leq)$ , in which for every pair of elements  $a, b \in L$ , both greatest lower bound (GLB) and least upper bound (LUB) exists.

**Note:** (i) The Greatest lower bound (GLB or inf) of a subset having 2 elements  $\{a, b\} \subseteq L$  is denoted by  $a * b$  or  $a \wedge b$  and it is called the product or meet of  $a$  and  $b$ .

(ii) The Least upper bound (LUB or sup) of  $\{a, b\}$  is denoted by  $a \oplus b$  or  $a \vee b$  and is called the sum or join of  $a$  and  $b$ .

**Example:** Let  $S_{24}$  be the set of all divisor of 24 and  $D$  denote the relation of division. Then  $(S_{24}, D)$  is a Lattice.

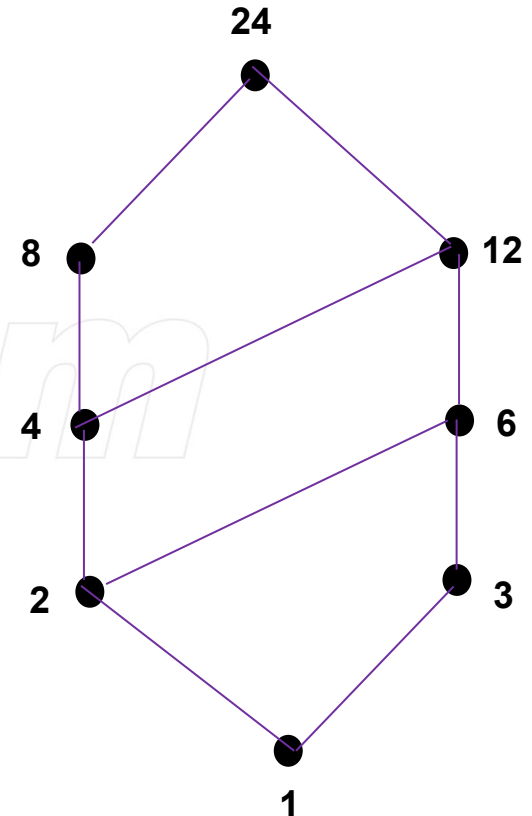
**Solution:** Let  $S_{24} = \{1, 2, 3, 4, 6, 8, 12, 24\}$

$D = \{\langle a, b \rangle / a / b\}$ . The relation  $D$  is

$$D = \left\{ \begin{array}{l} \langle 1, 2 \rangle \langle 1, 3 \rangle \langle 1, 4 \rangle \langle 1, 6 \rangle \langle 1, 8 \rangle \langle 1, 12 \rangle \langle 1, 24 \rangle \\ \langle 2, 4 \rangle \langle 2, 6 \rangle \langle 2, 8 \rangle \langle 2, 12 \rangle \langle 2, 24 \rangle \langle 3, 6 \rangle \langle 3, 12 \rangle \\ \langle 3, 24 \rangle \langle 4, 8 \rangle \langle 4, 12 \rangle \langle 4, 24 \rangle \langle 6, 12 \rangle \langle 6, 24 \rangle \end{array} \right\}$$

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 $LUB \{1,2,3\} = \{6\}$
3.  $UB \{6,8\} = \{24\}$   
 $LUB \{6,8\} = \{24\}$
4.  $UB \{4,6\} = \{12,24\}$   
 $LUB \{4,6\} = \{12\}$
5.  $LB \{4,6\} = \{2,1\}$   
 $GLB \{4,6\} = \{2\}$
6.  $LB \{8,6\} = \{2,1\}$   
 $GLB \{8,6\} = \{2\}$
7.  $LB \{2,3,6\} = \{1\}$   
 $GLB \{2,3,6\} = \{1\}$
8.  $LB \{8,12,24\} = \{4,2,1\}$   
 $GLB \{8,12,24\} = \{4\}$



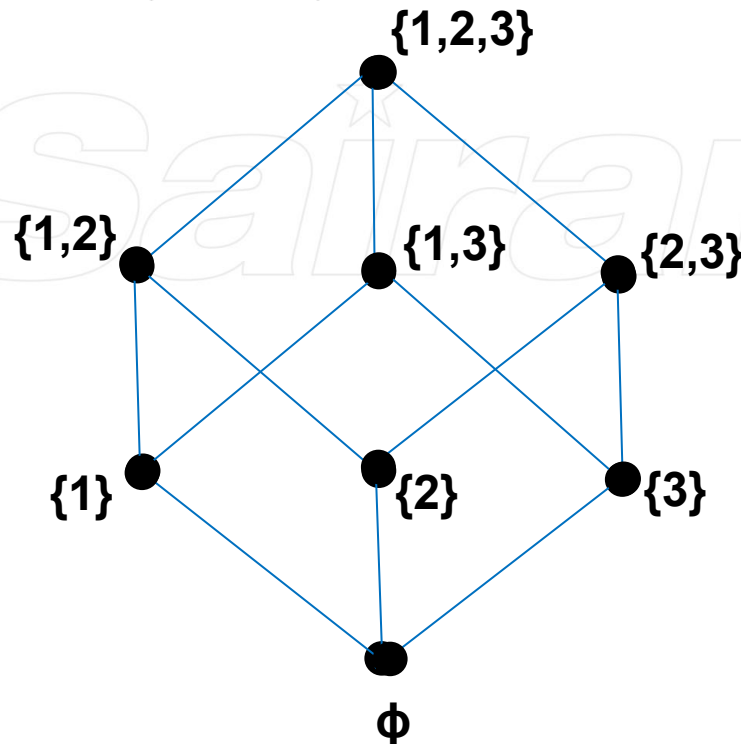
We can see that the GLB and LUB exists for every pair of elements.  
Hence, the given relation is a Lattice.

**Example 2:** Determine whether  $(\wp(A), \subseteq)$  where  $A = \{1,2,3\}$  is a Lattice.

**Solution:** Given  $A = \{1,2,3\}$

$$\wp(A) = \{\{1\}, \{2\}, \{3\}, \{1,2\}, \{1,3\}, \{2,3\}, \{1,2,3\}, \phi\}$$

Now, the Hasse diagram for  $(\wp(A), \subseteq)$  is



1.

2.  $\text{LUB} [ \{1\}, \{2\} ] = \{1, 2\}$

3.  $\text{LUB} [ \{1\}, \{3\} ] = \{1, 3\}$

4.  $\text{LUB} [ \{1\}, \{1, 2\} ] = \{1, 2\}$   $\text{GLB} [ \{1\}, \{1, 2\} ] = \{1\}$

5.  $\text{LUB} [ \{1\}, \{1, 3\} ] = \{1, 3\}$   $\text{GLB} [ \{1\}, \{1, 3\} ] = \{1\}$

6.  $\text{LUB} [ \{1\}, \{2, 3\} ] = \{1, 2, 3\}$

7.  $\text{LUB} [ \{1\}, \{1, 2, 3\} ] = \{1, 2, 3\}$   $\text{GLB} [ \{1\}, \{1, 2, 3\} ] = \{1\}$

Similarly, we can observe that GLB and LUB exists for all pairs of elements.

Hence,  $(\wp(A), \subseteq)$  is a Lattice.