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**Set Theory ::**

**Set::** Unordered Collection of objects.

The objects in a set are called the elements, or members, of the set. A set is said to contain its elements.

If there are exactly  $n$  distinct elements in a set  $S$  then  $S$  is said to be finite set and  $n$  is called as cardinality of  $S$ . The cardinality of a set  $S$  is denoted as  $|S|$ .

Sets are graphically represented by Venn diagram. In this diagram the universal set is represented by a rectangle. Inside this rectangle circles or oval shapes or other geometric shapes are used to represent sets.

**Some important definitions and operations on set**

1. **Null set/ Empty Set::** Set with no elements. Denoted as  $\phi$  or  $\{\}$ .
2. **Subset::** If every element of a set  $A$  is also an element of a set  $B$  then  $A$  is said to be a subset of  $B$ . It is denoted as  $A \subseteq B$ . Empty set  $\phi$  is a subset of every set and every set is a subset of itself. If a non empty set  $A$  is a subset of a set  $B$  but  $A \neq B$  then  $A$  is said to be **proper subset** of  $B$  and is denoted as  $A \subset B$ .
3. **Equality of sets::** Two sets  $A$  and  $B$  are said to be equal  $A = B$  if  $A$  is subset of  $B$  and  $B$  is subset of  $A$ , i.e.,  $A \subseteq B$  and  $B \subseteq A$ .
4. **Union ::** The union of two sets  $A$  and  $B$  is the set which contains elements of  $A$  or  $B$  or both.  $A \cup B = \{x : (x \in A) \vee (x \in B)\}$ .
5. **Intersection ::** The intersection of two sets  $A$  and  $B$  is the set which contains elements common to both the sets.  $A \cap B = \{x : (x \in A) \wedge (x \in B)\}$ .
6. **Disjoint Sets ::** Two sets  $A$  and  $B$  are said to be disjoint if  $A \cap B = \phi$ .
7. **Complement ::** The collection of all those elements in the universal set  $U$  which are not in  $A$  is known as the complement of set  $A$  and is denoted as  $\bar{A}$ . OR  $A^C$  OR  $\neg A$ .  
 $\bar{A} = \{x : (x \in U) \wedge (x \notin A)\}$ .
8. **Relative Complement ::** The Relative complement of set  $B$  with respect to set  $A$  or the difference of  $A$  and  $B$  is the collection of all elements of set  $A$  which are not in set  $B$ . Thus  $A - B = \{x : (x \in A) \wedge (x \notin B)\}$ .
9. **Symmetric Difference or Ring sum ::** The symmetric Difference or Ring sum of two sets  $A$  and  $B$  is the union of relative complements  $A - B$  and  $B - A$ . It is denoted as  $A \Delta B$  OR  $A \oplus B$ .  $A \Delta B = A \oplus B = (A - B) \vee (B - A) = \{x : (x \in A \vee B) \wedge (x \notin A \wedge B)\}$ .

10. **Cartesian Product ::** The cartesian product of two sets  $A$  and  $B$  is the set of all ordered pairs of elements of  $A$  and  $B$ .  $A \times B = \{(a, b) : (a \in A) \wedge (b \in B)\}$ . The cartesian product is not commutative  $A \times B \neq B \times A$ .

The cartesian product of  $n$  sets  $A_1, A_2, \dots, A_n$  denoted as  $A_1 \times A_2 \times \dots \times A_n$  is a collection of ordered  $n$  tuples.

$$A_1 \times A_2 \times \dots \times A_n = \{(a_1, a_2, \dots, a_n) : (a_1 \in A_1) \wedge (a_2 \in A_2) \wedge \dots \wedge (a_n \in A_n)\}.$$

11. **Power Set ::** The collection of all possible subsets of the set  $A$  is defined as the power set of the set  $A$ . If the set  $A$  contains  $n$  elements then there are  $2^n$  distinct subsets of the set  $A$ . Hence the power set of the set  $A$  contains  $2^n$  elements. Elements of the power set are themselves sets.

### Some standard Notations::

- $\mathbb{N}$ – The set of natural/ counting numbers
- $\mathbb{Z}$ – The set of integers
- $\mathbb{Q}$ – The set of rational numbers
- $\mathbb{R}$ – The set of real numbers
- $I$ – The set of positive integers

### Laws of algebra of sets

<b>Idempotent Law</b>	$A \cup A = A$	$A \cap A = A$
<b>Commutative Law</b>	$A \cup B = B \cup A$	$A \cap B = B \cap A$
<b>Associative Law</b>	$(A \cup B) \cup C = A \cup (B \cup C)$	$(A \cap B) \cap C = A \cap (B \cap C)$
<b>Distributive Law</b>	$(A \cup B) \cap C = (A \cap C) \cup (B \cap C)$	$(A \cap B) \cup C = (A \cup C) \cap (B \cup C)$
<b>Identity Law</b>	$A \cup \phi = A$	$A \cap U = A, U \text{ universal set}$
<b>Domination Law</b>	$A \cup U = U, U \text{ universal set}$	$A \cap \phi = \phi$
<b>Complement Law</b>	$A \cup \bar{A} = U, U^C = \phi$	$A \cap \bar{A} = \phi, \phi^C = U$
<b>Involution Law</b>	$(A^C)^C = A$	
<b>De Morgans Law</b>	$(A \cup B)^C = A^C \cap B^C$	$(A \cap B)^C = A^C \cup B^C$
<b>Absorption Law</b>	$A \cup (A \cap B) = A$	$A \cap (A \cup B) = A$

**Computer Representation of Sets ::** Assume that the universal set  $U$  is finite with  $n$  elements. First, specify an arbitrary ordering of the elements of  $U$ , say  $a_1, a_2, \dots, a_n$ . Represent a subset  $A$  of  $U$  with the bit string of length  $n$ , where the  $j^{th}$  bit in this string is 1 if  $a_j$  is a member of  $A$  and is 0 if  $a_j$  does not belong to  $A$ . Bitwise Boolean operations can be performed on the bit strings representing the two sets to obtain the bit string of union, intersection, complement, symmetric difference.

### The Inclusion-Exclusion Principle ::

$$\left| \bigcup_{i=1}^n A_i \right| = \sum_{i=1}^n |A_i| - \sum_{i,j=1, i < j}^n |A_i \cap A_j| + \sum_{i,j,k=1, i < j < k}^n |A_i \cap A_j \cap A_k| + \dots + (-1)^{n-1} \left| \bigcap_{i=1}^n A_i \right|$$

In particular,

$$|A_1 \cup A_2 \cup A_3| = |A_1| + |A_2| + |A_3| - |A_1 \cap A_2| - |A_1 \cap A_3| - |A_2 \cap A_3| + |A_1 \cap A_2 \cap A_3|$$

Suppose out of given  $N$  objects

$A_1$ :: denotes the set of objects possessing characteristic A

$A_2$ :: denotes the set of objects possessing characteristic B

$A_3$ :: denotes the set of objects possessing characteristic C then

- The number of objects possessing at least one of the characteristic =  $|A_1 \cup A_2 \cup A_3|$
- The number of objects possessing none of the three characteristic =  $|(A_1 \cup A_2 \cup A_3)^C|$   
 $|(A_1 \cup A_2 \cup A_3)^C| = N - |A_1 \cup A_2 \cup A_3|$
- The number of objects possessing characteristic A only =  $|A_1 \cap A_2^C \cap A_3^C|$   
 $|A_1 \cap A_2^C \cap A_3^C| = |A_1| - |A_1 \cap A_2| - |A_1 \cap A_3| + |A_1 \cap A_2 \cap A_3|$
- The number of objects possessing characteristic B only =  $|A_1^C \cap A_2 \cap A_3^C|$   
 $|A_1^C \cap A_2 \cap A_3^C| = |A_2| - |A_1 \cap A_2| - |A_2 \cap A_3| + |A_1 \cap A_2 \cap A_3|$
- The number of objects possessing characteristic C only =  $|A_1^C \cap A_2^C \cap A_3|$   
 $|A_1^C \cap A_2^C \cap A_3| = |A_3| - |A_1 \cap A_3| - |A_2 \cap A_3| + |A_1 \cap A_2 \cap A_3|$
- The number of objects possessing exactly one of the three characteristic =  
 $|A_1 \cup A_2 \cup A_3| = |A_1| + |A_2| + |A_3| - 2|A_1 \cap A_2| - 2|A_1 \cap A_3| - 2|A_2 \cap A_3| + 3|A_1 \cap A_2 \cap A_3|$
- The number of objects possessing characteristics A and B but not C =  $|A_1 \cap A_2 \cap A_3^C|$   
 $|A_1 \cap A_2 \cap A_3^C| = |A_1 \cap A_2| - |A_1 \cap A_2 \cap A_3|$
- The number of objects possessing characteristics A and C but not B =  $|A_1 \cap A_2^C \cap A_3|$   
 $|A_1 \cap A_2^C \cap A_3| = |A_1 \cap A_3| - |A_1 \cap A_2 \cap A_3|$
- The number of objects possessing characteristics B and C but not A =  $|A_1^C \cap A_2 \cap A_3|$   
 $|A_1^C \cap A_2 \cap A_3| = |A_2 \cap A_3| - |A_1 \cap A_2 \cap A_3|$

## Principle of Mathematical Induction

### 1. First form of Induction

Let  $P(n)$  be a proposition defined on the set of natural numbers  $\mathbb{N}$ , i.e.,  $P(n)$  is either true or false for each  $n \in \mathbb{N}$ . Suppose

(i)  $P(1)$  is true.

(ii)  $P(k+1)$  is true whenever  $P(k)$  is true.

Then  $P(n)$  is true for every positive integer  $n$ .

### 2. Second form of Induction

Let  $P(n)$  be a proposition defined on the set of natural numbers  $\mathbb{N}$ , i.e.,  $P(n)$  is either true or false for each  $n \in \mathbb{N}$ . Suppose

- (i)  $P(1)$  is true.
- (ii)  $P(1) \wedge P(2) \wedge P(3) \cdots \wedge P(k)$  is true then  $P(k+1)$  is true.  
Then  $P(n)$  is true for every positive integer  $n$ .

**Relation ::** Let  $A$  and  $B$  be non empty sets. Any subset  $R$  of  $A \times B$  is defined as a relation from set the  $A$  to the set  $B$ . If  $(a, b)$  is an element of a set  $R$  then it is denoted as  $aRb$ .

**Domain of a relation**  $R = \{a \in A / (\exists b \in B)(aRb)\}$

**Range of a relation**  $R = \{b \in B / (\exists a \in A)(aRb)\}$

Thus,  $Domain(R) \subseteq A$  and  $Range(R) \subseteq B$ .

If  $A = B$  then  $R$  is said to be relation on set  $A$ . The relation  $A \times A$  is known as universal relation and empty set is defined as a void relation.

**Operations on relation::** Let  $R$  and  $S$  be two relations defined on the  $A$  to the set  $B$ .

1. Union ::  $a(R \cup S)b \Leftrightarrow (aRb) \vee (aSb)$
2. Intersection ::  $a(R \cap S)b \Leftrightarrow (aRb) \wedge (aSb)$
3. Complement (denoted as  $\bar{R}$ ):  $a(\bar{R})b \Leftrightarrow a(\bar{R})b$
4. Relative complement ::  $a(R - S)b \Leftrightarrow (aRb) \wedge (a\bar{S}b)$
5. Converse :: Given a relation  $R : A \rightarrow B$  a relation  $\tilde{R}$  from  $B$  to  $A$  is called converse of  $R$  where the elements of  $\tilde{R}$  are obtained by interchanging the order pairs in  $R$ .

Let  $R$  be a relation from a set  $A$  to a set  $B$  and  $S$  be a relation from a set  $B$  to a set  $C$ .

**The composite** of  $R$  and  $S$  is the relation consisting of ordered pairs  $(a, c)$ , where  $a \in A, c \in C$ , and for which there exists an element  $b \in B$  such that  $(a, b) \in R$  and  $(b, c) \in S$ . We denote the composite of  $R$  and  $S$  by  $R \circ S$ .

**Properties of relation ::** Let  $R$  be a relation defined on a set  $A$ .

1. **Reflexive ::**  $R$  is said to be reflexive if  $aRa \forall a \in A$ .  
e.g.  $\leq, \geq, =$ , divisibility, integral multiplicity.
2. **Symmetry ::**  $R$  is said to be symmetric if whenever  $aRb$  then  $bRa$  for every  $a, b \in A$ .  
e.g. similarity, congruency of triangles, perpendicular lines.
3. **Transitivity ::**  $R$  is said to be a transitive relation if whenever  $aRb$  and  $bRc$  then  $aRc$  for all  $a, b, c \in A$ . e.g. similarity, congruency relation of triangles, parallel line relation for lines.
4. **Antisymmetry ::**  $R$  is said to be antisymmetric if for all  $a, b \in A, aRb$  and  $bRa$  then  $a = b$ . e.g.  $\leq, \geq$ , divisibility, integral multiplicity, set inclusion, set exclusion.
5. **Irreflexive ::**  $R$  is said to be irreflexive if for every  $a \in A, a$  is not related to itself. e.g.  $<, >$ , proper set inclusion, proper set exclusion.
6. **Asymmetric ::**  $R$  is said to be asymmetric if whenever  $aRb$  then  $b$  is not related to  $a$ .  
e.g.  $<, >$

**Relation Matrix** ::  $R$  is a relation defined on a finite set  $A = \{a_1, a_2, \dots, a_n\}$  then relation matrix of  $R$  denoted as  $M_R$  is a  $n \times n$  square matrix whose  $(i, j)^{th}$  entry is 1 if  $a_i$  is related to  $a_j$  through  $R$  and is zero if  $a_i$  is not related to  $a_j$ .

**Digraph** :: Pictorial representation of a relation. Let  $R$  is a relation defined on set  $A = \{a_1, a_2, \dots, a_n\}$ . The elements of set  $A$  are represented by points or circles called nodes or vertices.

If  $a_i R a_j$  then draw an arrow directing from  $a_i$  to  $a_j$ .

If  $a_i R a_i$  then draw an arc / a loop at  $a_i$ .

If  $a_i R a_j$  and  $a_j R a_i$  then draw two arrows between  $a_i$  and  $a_j$  pointing in both the directions.

Note that::

Properties	Relation Matrix	Digraph
Reflexive	all diagonal elements are 1	loop at each node
Symmetry	matrix is also symmetric	parallel edges
Antisymmetric	$(M_R)_{ij} = 1$ and $(M_R)_{ji} = 0$ for $i \neq j$ .	No direct return path exist
Irreflexive	all diagonal elements are 0	no loop at each node

**Equivalence Relation** :: A relation  $R$  defined on a set  $A$  is called an equivalence relation if  $R$  is reflexive, symmetric and transitive. The notation  $a \sim b$  is often used to denote that  $a$  and  $b$  are equivalent elements with respect to a particular equivalence relation. E.g. Equality relation on set of real numbers, Similarity, congruency relations on set of triangles, parallel line relation on set of lines.

**Equivalence Classes** :: Let  $R$  be an equivalence relation defined on set  $A$ . For an element  $a \in A$  the collection of all elements  $b \in A$  which are related to  $a$  is defined as equivalence class of  $a$ . Thus,  $[a] = \bar{a} = \{b \in A / b R a\}$ . The number of distinct equivalence classes is defined as **rank** of a relation.

**Theorem 1.**  $R$  be an equivalence relation defined on a set  $A$  then the following results hold for equivalence classes.

1. Every element lies in its equivalence class.

Proof :: By definition of equivalence class,  $[a] = \{x \in A / x R a\}$ . As  $R$  is an equivalence relation,  $R$  is reflexive. Therefore,  $a R a \forall a \in A \Rightarrow a \in [a]$ .

2. If  $a R b$  then  $[a] = [b]$ .

Proof ::  $a R b \Rightarrow b R a$ , as  $R$  is symmetric being defined as an equivalence relation. By definition of equivalence class of  $a$ ,  $b \in [a]$ . Also, by definition of equivalence class of  $b$ ,  $[b] = \{x \in A / x R b\}$ . But then by property (1),  $b \in [b]$ . This implies  $[a] \subseteq [b]$ . Similarly, we can prove that  $[b] \subseteq [a]$ . Therefore,  $[a] = [b]$ .

3. Any two equivalence classes are either identical or disjoint.

Proof:: If  $[a] = [b]$  then nothing to prove.

If  $[a] \neq [b]$  then to prove that  $[a] \cap [b] = \phi$ . Suppose,  $[a] \cap [b] \neq \phi$  then there is some  $c \in A$  such that  $c \in [a] \cap [b]$ , i.e.,  $c \in [a]$  and  $c \in [b]$ .

$c \in [a] \Rightarrow c R a$ . As  $R$  is symmetric,  $c R a \Rightarrow a R c$ . Also,  $c \in [b] \Rightarrow c R b$ . Thus,  $a R c, c R b$  then

transitivity of  $R$  implies  $aRb$ . But then by property (2),  $[a] = [b]$ . This is a contradiction to our assumption. Hence,  $[a] \cap [b] = \phi$ .

**Partion of a set::** Let  $S$  be a given set and  $A = \{A_1, A_2, \dots, A_m\}$ , where  $A_i \subseteq S$ ,  $i = 1, 2, \dots, m$  be a family of subsets of  $S$  such that  $S = \bigcup_{i=1}^m A_i$  then the family  $A$  is called a covering of  $S$ . If all  $A_i$ 's are mutually disjoint then the family  $A$  is called a partition of  $S$  and the subsets  $A_i$ 's are called **BLOCKS** of the partition. e.g.  $S = \{a, b, c, d\}$ ,  $A_1 = \{\{a, b\}, \{a, b, c\}, \{b, c, d\}\}$ ,  $A_2 = \{\{a, c, d\}, \{a, b, c\}, \{b, c, d\}\}$ ,  $A_3 = \{\{a, b\}, \{c, d\}\}$ ,  $A_4 = \{\{a, c\}, \{b, d\}\}$ ,  $A_5 = \{\{a\}, \{b\}, \{c\}, \{d\}\}$ .

$A_1, A_2$  are coverings of  $S$  while  $A_3, A_4, A_5$  are partitions of  $S$ .

**Note that::** Every equivalence relation  $R$  defined on a set  $A$  generates a unique partition of set  $A$ . The blocks of this partition correspond to the  $R$ -equivalence classes. Similarly, given a partition of a set  $A$ , it defines an equivalence relation on  $A$ .

If  $C = \{C_1, C_2, \dots, C_m\}$  is a partition then the equivalence relation corresponding to this relation is  $R = (C_1 \times C_1) \cup (C_2 \times C_2) \cup \dots \cup (C_m \times C_m)$ .

**Congruence relation ::** Let  $\mathbb{Z}$  denote the set of integers and  $m$  be a positive integer. A relation  $R$  defined on  $\mathbb{Z}$  such that  $a$  is related to  $b$  if the difference  $a - b$  is divisible by  $m$  is called a congruence relation. Thus  $aRb$  iff  $m|a - b$ , i. e.  $a - b = mk$ , where  $k$  is an integer.

**Theorem ::**  $R$  is an equivalence relation.

**Proof ::** (i) Since  $a - a = 0$  which is divisible by  $m$ .  $\therefore aRa \forall a \in \mathbb{Z}$ . Hence  $R$  is reflexive.

(ii) To prove that  $R$  is symmetric.

$aRb \Rightarrow m|a - b \Rightarrow a - b = mk$  but then  $b - a = (-k)m$ . This implies  $bRa$ . Therefore  $R$  is symmetric.

(iii) To prove that  $R$  is transitive.

$aRb \Rightarrow m|a - b \Rightarrow a - b = mk_1$  and  $bRc \Rightarrow m|b - c \Rightarrow b - c = mk_2$ ,  $k_1, k_2 \in \mathbb{Z}$  then  $a - c = (a - b) + (b - c) = mk_1 + mk_2 = (k_1 + k_2)m = km$ , where  $k = k_1 + k_2$  is an integer. This implies  $aRc$ . Therefore  $R$  is transitive.

To find equivalence classes.

For  $n \in \mathbb{Z}$  the equivalence class of  $n$ ,

$$\begin{aligned} [n] = \bar{n} &= \{x \in \mathbb{Z} / xRn\} \\ &= \{x \in \mathbb{Z} / m|x - n\} \\ &= \{x \in \mathbb{Z} / x - n = mk, k \in \mathbb{Z}\} \\ &= \{x \in \mathbb{Z} / x = mk + n, k \in \mathbb{Z}\} \end{aligned}$$

Thus,  $[0] = mk, [1] = mk + 1, [2] = mk + 2, \dots, [m - 1] = mk + (m - 1)$

are distinct equivalence classes. These classes partitions the set of integers. These classes are also known as residue classes modulo positive integer  $m$ .

**Sum and product of the partitions::**

A partition  $\pi'$  is called a refinement of a partition  $\pi$  if every block of  $\pi'$  is contained in a block of  $\pi$ . Let  $R$  be an equivalence relation defined on a set  $A$  and  $\pi_1, \pi_2$  be partitions of  $A$  corresponding to the equivalence relations  $R_1$  and  $R_2$  respectively. The **product** of  $\pi_1$  and  $\pi_2$  is a partition  $\pi$  such that

1.  $\pi$  refines both  $\pi_1$  and  $\pi_2$ .

2. If  $\pi'$  refines both  $\pi_1$  and  $\pi_2$ , then  $\pi'$  refines  $\pi$ .

The **sum** of  $\pi_1$  and  $\pi_2$  is a partition  $\pi$  such that

1. Both  $\pi_1$  and  $\pi_2$  refines  $\pi$
2. If Both  $\pi_1$  and  $\pi_2$  refines  $\pi'$ , then  $\pi$  refines  $\pi'$ .

**Note that ::** If  $\pi_1$  and  $\pi_2$  are the partitions corresponding to the equivalence relations  $R_1$  and  $R_2$  respectively then the sum  $\pi_1 + \pi_2$  is the partition corresponding to the equivalence relation transitive closure of  $R_1 \cup R_2$  while the product  $\pi_1 \cdot \pi_2$  is a partition corresponding to the equivalence relation  $R_1 \cap R_2$ .

**Compatibility relation ::** A relation  $R$  defined on a set  $A$  is said to be a compatibility relation if it is reflexive and symmetric.

**Maximal Compatibility block ::** Let  $R$  be a compatibility relation defined on a non empty set  $A$ . A subset  $B \subseteq A$  is called a maximal compatibility block if any element of  $B$  is compatible to every other element of  $B$  and no element of  $A - B$  is compatible to all the elements of  $B$ . e.g. Consider  $A = \{1, 2, 3, 4\}$ , and

$R = \{(1, 1), (1, 2), (1, 3), (1, 4), (2, 1), (2, 2), (2, 4), (3, 1), (3, 3), (3, 4), (4, 1), (4, 2), (4, 3), (4, 4)\}$   
 $R$  is a compatibility relation on  $A$ . The maximal compatibility blocks are  $\{1, 2, 4\}$ ,  $\{1, 3, 4\}$ .

**Partial order relation ::** A binary relation  $R$  defined on set a  $P$  is said to be a partial order relation if  $R$  is reflexive, antisymmetric and transitive. Usually a partial order relation is denoted as  $\leq$  and a set  $(P, \leq)$  is called a partially order set or Poset. (Note that here  $\leq$  is simply a notation) Examples are  $\leq, \geq$ , integral multiplicity, divisibility, set inclusion, set exclusion.

**Chains and antichains ::**

Let  $(P, \leq)$  be a poset. If for every  $x, y \in P$  either  $x \leq y$  or  $y \leq x$  then  $\leq$  is called a simple ordering or a linear ordering and  $(P, \leq)$  is called a **totally order or a simply ordered set or a linearly ordered set or a chain**. e.g. Set of naturals  $\mathbb{N}$  is a chain with 'less equal' as well as 'greater equal' is a chain. A subset  $A$  of  $(P, \leq)$  is called as **antichain** if no two distinct elements of  $A$  are related to each other.

e.g.  $D = \{1, 2, 3, 4, 6, 8, 12\}$  and  $\leq$  is a divisibility relation on  $D$  then  $\{1, 2, 4, 8\}$ ,  $\{1, 3, 6, 12\}$ ,  $\{1, 2, 6, 12\}$  are chains and  $\{2, 3\}$ ,  $\{4, 6\}$ ,  $\{8, 12\}$ ,  $\{6, 8\}$  are antichains.

Two elements  $x$  and  $y$  of a poset  $(P, \leq)$  are called **comparable** if either  $x \leq y$  or  $y \leq x$ . If neither  $x$  is related to  $y$  OR  $y$  is related to  $x$  then  $x$  and  $y$  are said to be **incomparable**. In a partially ordered set  $(P, \leq)$ , an element  $y \in P$  is said to be a **cover** of an element  $x \in P$  if there is no element  $z \in P$  such that  $x \leq z$  and  $z \leq y$ .

**Hasse Diagram ::** Let  $(P, \leq)$  be a poset. Diagramatic representation of a partial order relation  $\leq$  is known as a Hasse diagram representation. In such a diagram, each element is represented by a small circle or a dot. The circle for  $x \in P$  is drawn below the circle for  $y \in P$  if  $x \leq y$  and a line is drawn between  $x$  and  $y$  if  $y$  covers  $x$ . If  $x \leq y$  but  $y$  does not cover  $x$ , then  $x$  and  $y$  are not connected by a single line.

For a totally ordered set  $(P, \leq)$ , the Hasse diagram consists of circles, one below the other. An element  $a \in P$  of a poset  $(P, R)$  is called **maximal** if there is no  $b \in P$  such that  $aRb$ . Similarly, An element  $d \in P$  of a poset  $(P, R)$  is called **minimal** if there is no  $c \in P$  such

that  $cRd$ . There can be more than one maximal and minimal elements. They are the "top" and "bottom" elements in the Hasse diagram respectively.

An element  $a \in P$  of a poset  $(P, R)$  is called **the greatest element** if  $bRa \forall b \in P$ . An element  $d \in P$  of a poset  $(P, R)$  is called **the least element** if  $dRc \forall c \in P$ . The greatest and the least elements are unique, if they exist.

Let  $(P, R)$  be a poset and  $A \subseteq P$ . An element  $u \in P$  is such that  $aRu \forall a \in A$  then  $u$  is called as **an upper bound**. If  $u$  is least among all the upper bounds then  $u$  is called as **the least upper bound(lub)**. An element  $g \in P$  is such that  $gRa \forall a \in A$  then  $g$  is called as **a lower bound**. If  $g$  is greatest among all the lower bounds then  $g$  is called as **the greatest lower bound(glb)**.

**Lattice ::**

A lattice is a poset  $(L, \leq)$  in which every pair of elements  $a, b \in L$  has a greatest lower bound and a least upper bound. The greatest lower bound GLB is called the meet or product denoted as  $\wedge$  or  $*$  and the least upper bound LUB is called the join or sum denoted as  $\vee$  or  $\oplus$ . A lattice  $(L, \leq)$  with meet  $\wedge$  and join  $\vee$  is denoted as  $(L, \leq, \wedge, \vee)$  or  $(L, \leq, *, \oplus)$ .

e.g. 1.  $S$  is a non empty set and  $P(S)$  power set of  $S$ . then  $(P(S), \subseteq)$  is a lattice with meet operation as intersection and join operation as union of sets.

2.  $I^+$  be a set of positive integers and  $\leq$  divisibility relation defined on  $I^+$ , i.e.,  $a \leq b$  iff  $a$  divides  $b$ .  $(I^+, \leq)$  is a lattice with meet as gcd and join as lcm.

**Complete lattice ::** A lattice is called complete if each of its nonempty subsets has a least upper bound and a greatest lower bound. The least and greatest elements of a lattice, if they exist, are called the bounds and are denoted as 0 and 1 respectively.

A lattice  $(L, \leq, *, \oplus)$  which has both elements 0 and 1 is called a bounded lattice.

The bounds 0 and 1 satisfy  $a \oplus 0 = a$ ,  $a * 1 = a$ ,  $a \oplus 1 = 1$ ,  $a * 0 = 0$ ,  $\forall a \in L$ . 0 is the identity of  $\oplus$  and 1 is the identity of  $*$ .

**Complemented lattice ::** In a bounded lattice  $(L, \leq, *, \oplus, 0, 1)$  an element  $b \in L$  is called is called a complement of an element  $a$  if  $a * b = 0$ ,  $a \oplus b = 1$ . A lattice  $(L, \leq, *, \oplus, 0, 1)$  is said to be a complemented lattice if every element of  $L$  has at least one complement.  $S$  a nonempty set then  $(P(S), \subseteq, \cup, \cap)$  is a complemented lattice.

**Distributive lattice::** A lattice  $(L, \leq, *, \oplus)$  is called a distributive lattice if for any  $a, b, c \in L$ ,  $a * (b \oplus c) = (a * b) \oplus (a * c)$  and  $a \oplus (b * c) = (a \oplus b) * (a \oplus c)$ .  $S$  is a non empty set and  $P(S)$  power set of  $S$ .  $(P(S), \subseteq, \cup, \cap)$  is a distributive lattice.

**Lexicographic Order ::** Let  $(P_1, R_1)$  and  $(P_2, R_2)$  be two posets. The lexicographic ordering  $\preceq$  on  $P_1 \times P_2$  is defined as  $(a_1, b_1) \preceq (a_2, b_2)$  if either  $a_1 R_1 a_2$  OR if  $a_1 = a_2$  then  $b_1 R_2 b_2$ .