

A hand is shown placing a blue L-shaped block onto a larger, colorful geometric structure composed of various blocks. The structure is built on a light-colored wooden surface. Several other blocks are scattered on the surface to the right. The background is a solid light blue.

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# Lecture Outcomes



After this lecture, you will be able to

- understand how to find least upper bound and greatest lower bound
- understand what is a lattice
- understand what is a bounded and distributive lattice.

# Least upper bound and Greatest lower bound

The element  $x$  is called the least upper bound of the subset  $A$  if  $x$  is an upper bound that **is less than** every other upper bound of  $A$ .

Because there is only one such element, if it exists, it makes sense to call this element the least upper bound.

That is,  $x$  is the least upper bound of  $A$  if  $a \leq x$  whenever  $a \in A$ , and  $x \leq z$  whenever  $z$  is an upper bound of  $A$ .

# Least upper bound and Greatest lower bound

Similarly, the element  $y$  is called the greatest lower bound of subset  $A$  if  $y$  is a lower bound of  $A$  and  $z \ll y$  whenever  $z$  is a lower bound of  $A$ .

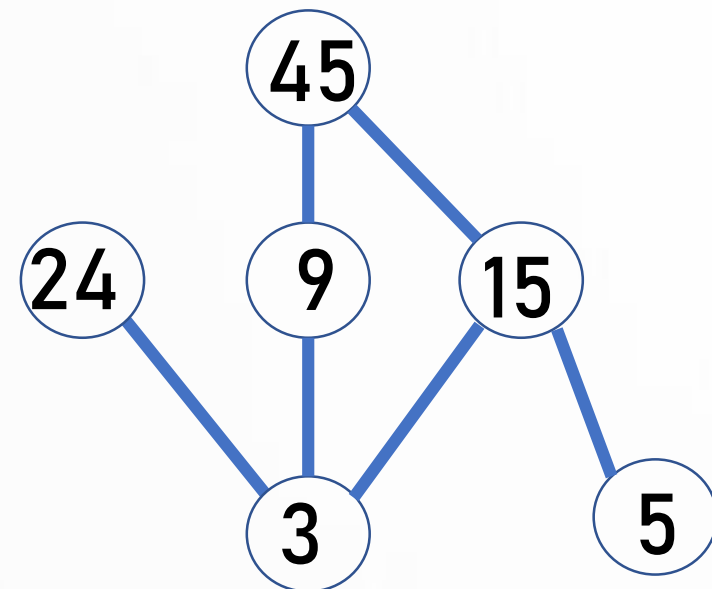
The greatest lower bound of  $A$  is unique if it exists.

The greatest lower bound and least upper bound of a subset  $A$  are denoted by  $\text{glb}(A)$  and  $\text{lub}(A)$ , respectively.

# Least upper bound and Greatest lower bound – Example 1

Find the least upper bound of  $\{3, 5\}$ , if it exists for the poset  $(\{3, 5, 9, 15, 24, 45\}, |)$ .

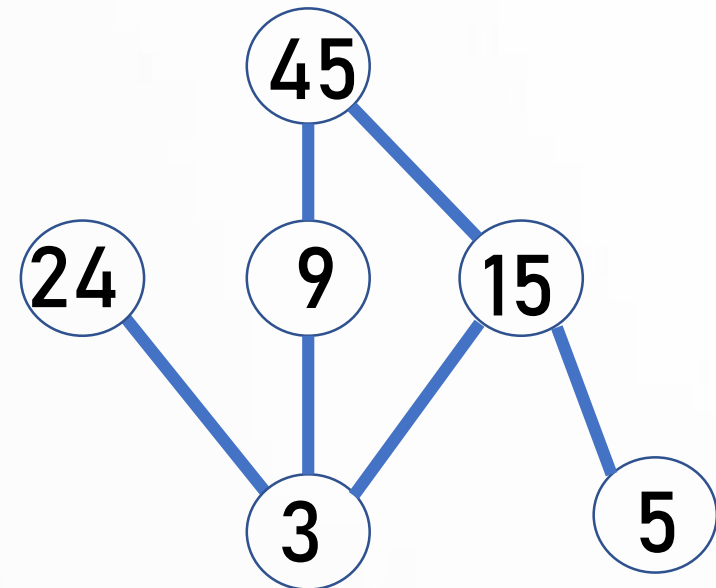
Out of upper bound  $= \{15, 45\}$   
the least upper bound is 15  
since it divides 45



# Least upper bound and Greatest lower bound – Example 2

Find the greatest lower bound of  $\{15, 45\}$ , if it exists for the poset  $(\{3, 5, 9, 15, 24, 45\}, |)$ .

Out of lower bound =  $\{3, 5, 15\}$   
the number 15 is the greatest  
lower bound, since both 3 and  
5 divide it.



# Lattice

Lattices are used in many different applications such as models of information flow and play an important role in Boolean algebra.

A partially ordered set in which every pair of elements has both a least upper bound and a greatest lower bound is called a lattice.

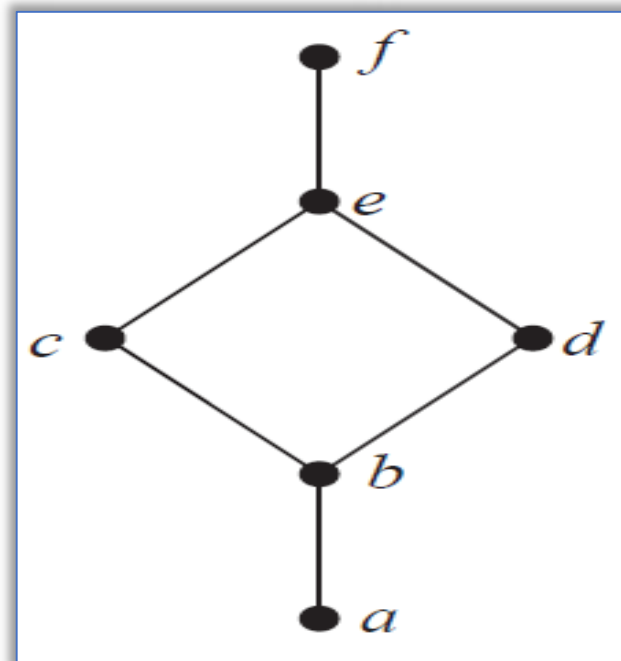
# Lattice – Example 1

Determine whether the posets represented by each of the Hasse diagrams in Figure below are lattices.

The posets represented by the Hasse diagrams is a lattice

Because in poset every pair of elements has both a least upper bound and a greatest lower bound.

This is a lattice.





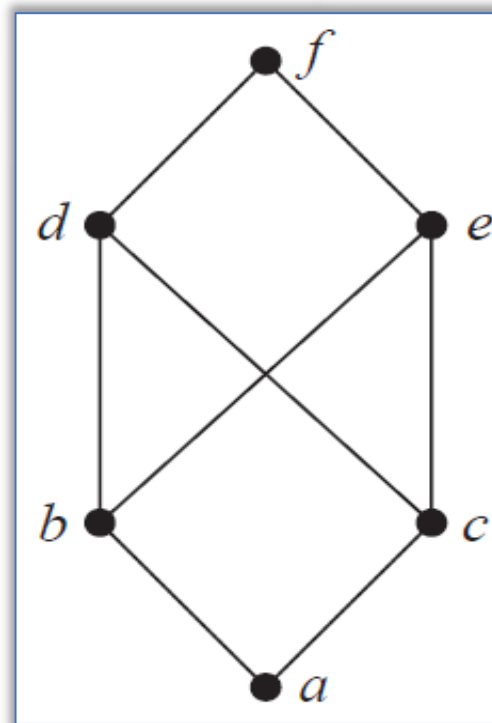
# Lattice – Example 2

Determine whether the posets represented by each of the Hasse diagrams in Figure below are lattices.

The posets represented by the Hasse diagrams is not a lattice.

Because in poset pair =  $\{b, c\}$  does not have a least upper bound.

This is not a lattice.



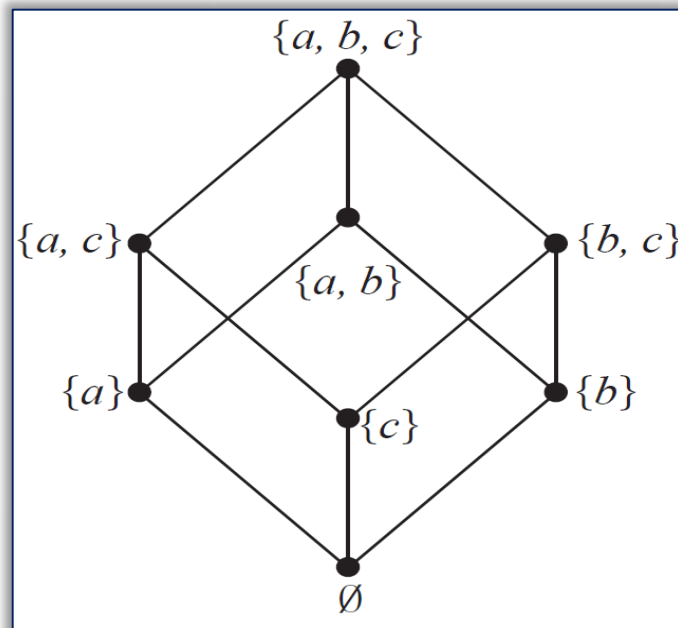
# Bounded Lattice

A lattice  $L$  is called a bounded lattice if it has greatest element  $1$  and a least element  $0$ .

A lattice  $L$  is bounded if it has both an upper bound, denoted by  $1$ , such that  $x \leq 1$  for all  $x \in L$  and a lower bound, denoted by  $0$ , such that  $0 \leq x$  for all  $x \in L$ .

# Bounded Lattice – Example 1

The power set  $P(S)$  of the set  $S$  under the operations of intersection and union is a bounded lattice since  $\emptyset$  is the least element of  $P(S)$  and the set  $S$  is the greatest element of  $P(S)$ .



# Bounded Lattice – Example 2

The set of +ve integer  $(\mathbb{Z}^+, \leq)$  under the usual order of  $\leq$  is not a bounded lattice since it has a least element 1 but the greatest element does not exist.

# Distributive Lattice

Let  $L$  be a lattice. Define the meet ( $\wedge$ ) and join ( $\vee$ ) operation by  $x \wedge y = \text{glb}(x, y)$  and  $x \vee y = \text{lub}(x, y)$ .

A lattice  $\langle A, \leq \rangle$  is distributive iff following holds for every  $a, b, c \in A$ :  $a \wedge (b \vee c) = (a \wedge b) \vee (a \wedge c)$ .

# Distributive Lattice – Example 1

Give an example of a lattice that is not distributive.

The diamond lattice M3 is non-distributive:

$$\text{LHS} = x \wedge (y \vee z) =$$

$$x \wedge 1 = x$$

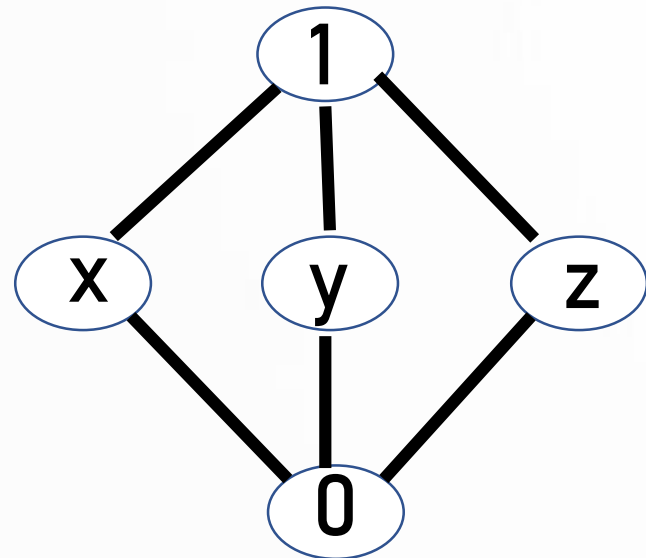
$$\text{RHS} = (x \wedge y) \vee (x \wedge z).$$

$$= 0 \vee 0 = 0$$

$$x \wedge (y \vee z) \neq (x \wedge y) \vee (x \wedge z).$$

$$x \neq 0$$

$$\text{LHS} \neq \text{RHS}$$



# Distributive Lattice – Example 2

Give an example of a lattice that is distributive.

Take,

$$\text{LHS} = \{a\} \wedge (\{a, b\} \vee \{b, c\}) =$$

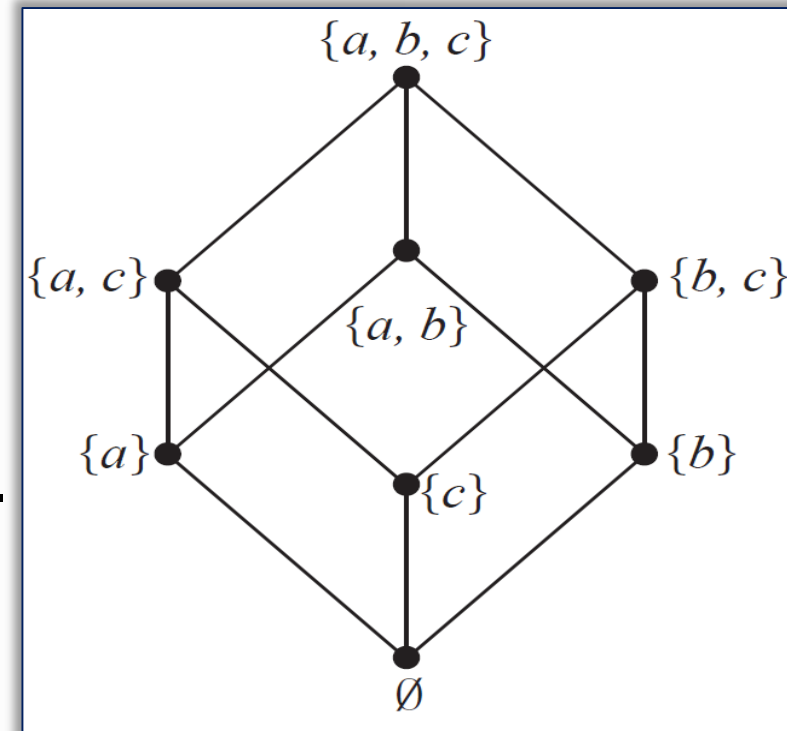
$$\{a\} \wedge \{a, b, c\} = \{a\}$$

$$\text{RHS} = (\{a\} \wedge \{a, b\}) \vee (\{a\} \wedge \{b, c\}).$$

$$= \{a\} \vee \emptyset = \{a\}$$

$$\{a\} = \{a\}$$

$$\text{LHS} = \text{RHS}$$



That's all for now...