## 9.6 Partial orderings

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#### Review

- Properties of relations on a set A:
  - Reflexive  $\forall x[x \in A \rightarrow (x, x) \in R]$
  - *Irreflexive*  $\forall x[x \in A \rightarrow (x, x) \notin R]$
  - Symmetric  $\forall x \forall y [(x, y) \in R \rightarrow (y, x) \in R]$
  - Asymmetric  $\forall x \forall y [(x, y) \in R \rightarrow (y, x) \notin R]$
  - Antisymmetric

$$\forall x \forall y [(x, y) \in R \land (y, x) \in R \rightarrow x = y]$$

Transitive  $\forall x \forall y \forall z [(x, y) \in R \land (y, z) \in R \rightarrow (x, z) \in R]$ 

## Partial Orderings

- Partial order (偏序关系): A relation R on a set A is called a partial order if R is reflexive, antisymmetric (反对称), and transitive. 漫多節
  - Partially ordered set: The set A together with the partial order R is called a partially ordered set, or simply a poset, and we will denote this poset by (A, R).

#### Partial Orderings (continued)

**Example 1**: Show that the "greater than or equal" relation ( $\geq$ ) is a partial ordering on the set of integers.

- *Reflexivity*:  $a \ge a$  for every integer a. *reflexivity Mathematical Problem (a) Antisymmetry*: If  $a \ge b$  and  $b \ge a$ , then a = b.
- $\infty$  Transitivity: If  $a \ge b$  and  $b \ge c$ , then  $a \ge c$ .

These properties all follow from the order axioms for the integers. (See Appendix 1).

#### Partial Orderings (continued)

**Example 2**: Show that the divisibility relation (|) is a partial ordering on the set of integers.

- ≈ Reflexivity: a | a for all integers a. (see Example 9 in Section 9.1)
- $\bowtie$  Antisymmetry: If a and b are positive integers with  $a \mid b$  and  $b \mid a$ , then a = b. (see Example 12 in Section 9.1)
- Transitivity: Suppose that a divides b and b divides c. Then there are positive integers k and l such that b = ak and c = bl. Hence, c = a(kl), so a divides c. Therefore, the relation is transitive.
- $\infty(Z^+, |)$  is a poset.

#### Partial Orderings (continued)

**Example 3**: Show that the inclusion relation ( $\subseteq$ ) is a partial ordering on the power set of a set *S*.

- $\bowtie$  Reflexivity:  $A \subseteq A$  whenever A is a subset of S.
- $\bowtie$  Antisymmetry: If *A* and *B* are positive integers with *A* ⊆ *B* and *B* ⊆ *A*, then *A* = *B*.
- ∞*Transitivity*: If  $A \subseteq B$  and  $B \subseteq C$ , then  $A \subseteq C$ .
- $\mathfrak{S}(P(S),\subseteq)$

The properties all follow from the definition of set inclusion.

#### Comparability

**Definition 2**: The elements a and b of a poset  $(S, \leq)$  are *comparable* if either  $a \leq b$  or  $b \leq a$ . When a and b are elements of S so that neither  $a \leq b$  nor  $b \leq a$ , then a and b are called incomparable.

The symbol ≤ is used to denote the relation in any poset.

**Definition 3**: If  $(S, \leq)$  is a poset and every two elements of S are comparable, S is called a *totally ordered* or *linearly ordered set*, and  $\leq$  is called a *total order* or a *linear order*. A totally ordered set is also called a *chain*.

**Definition 4**:  $(S, \leq)$  is a well-ordered set if it is a poset such that  $\leq$  is a total ordering and every nonempty subset of S has a least element.



- The principle of well-ordered induction: Suppose  $(S, \leq)$  is a well-ordered set. Then P(x) is true for all  $x \in S$ , if
- INDUCTIVE STEP: for every  $y \in S$ , if P(x) is true for all  $x \in S$  with  $x \leq y$ , Then P(y) is true.
- 意义:良序集的命题证明简化.

### Quasiorder(拟序关系)

- Quasiorder: A relation R on a set A is called quasiorder if it is transitive and irreflexive.
  - Example:
    - $\bullet$  (P(S), $\subset$ )

# Product partial order (乘积偏序)

- If  $(A, \leq_1)$  and  $(B, \leq_2)$  are posets, then  $(A \times B, \leq)$  is a poset, with partial order  $\leq$  defined by
  - $(a,b) \leq (a',b')$  if  $a \leq_1 a'$  in A and  $b \leq_2 b'$  in B.
- This ordering is called *product partial order*.

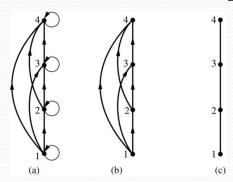
#### Lexicographic order (词典顺序)

- If  $(A, \leq_1)$  and  $(B, \leq_2)$  are posets, then  $(A \times B, <)$  is a poset, with partial order < defined by
  - $(a,b) \prec (a',b')$  either if  $a \preccurlyeq_1 a'$  or if a = a' and  $b \preccurlyeq_2 b'$ .  $(\alpha,b) \prec (\alpha,b')$
- This ordering is called *lexicographic*, or "dictionary" order.

- Example: Consider strings of lowercase English letters. A lexicographic ordering can be defined using the ordering of the letters in the alphabet. This is the same ordering as that used in dictionaries.
  - discreet  $\prec$  discrete, because these strings differ in the seventh position and  $e \prec t$ .
  - discreet < discreetness, because the first eight letters agree, but the second string is longer.

#### Hasse Diagrams 哈德

**Definition**: A *Hasse diagram* is a visual representation of a partial ordering that leaves out edges that must be present because of the reflexive and transitive properties.



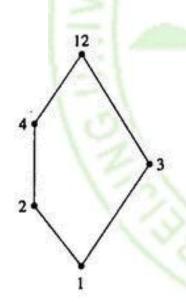
A partial ordering is shown in (a) of the figure above. The loops due to the reflexive property are deleted in (b). The edges that must be present due to the transitive property are deleted in (c). The Hasse diagram for the partial ordering (a), is depicted in (c).

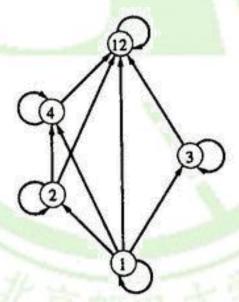
# Procedure for Constructing a Hasse Diagram

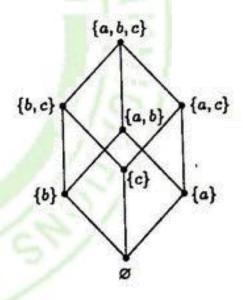
- ∞To represent a finite poset (S, $\le$ ) using a Hasse diagram, start with the directed graph of the relation:
  - $\infty$ Remove the loops (a, a) present at every vertex due to the reflexive property.
  - Remove all edges (x, y) for which there is an element  $z \in S$  such that  $x \prec z$  and  $z \prec y$ . These are the edges that must be present due to the transitive property.
  - ➤ Arrange each edge so that its initial vertex is below the terminal vertex. Remove all the arrows, because all edges point upwards toward their terminal vertex.

## Hasse Diagram

- $({1, 2, 3, 4, 12}, |)$
- $\bullet (P(\{a,b,c\}),\subseteq)$







## Topological Sorting (拓扑排序) 为外种

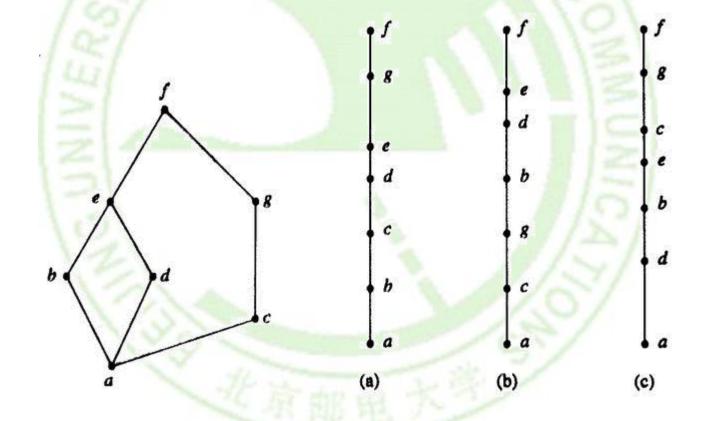
- If A is a poset with partial order  $\leq$ , we sometimes need to find a linear order  $\circ$  for the set A that will merely be an extension of the given partial order in the sense that if  $a \leq b$ , then  $a \circ b$ .
- The process of constructing a linear order such as ° is called *topological sorting*

### Topological Sorting Algorithm

- For finding a topological sorting of a finite poset  $(A, \leq)$ .
- Step1 Choose a minimal element a of A.
- Step2 Make a the next entry of SORT and replace A with A- $\{a\}$ .
- Step3 Repeat steps 1 and 2 until  $A=\{\}$ .
- End of Algorithm

## Maximal(minimal) element

- An element  $a \in A$  is called a maximal element of A if there is no element c in A such that  $a \le c$ .
- An element  $b \in A$  is called a minimal element of A if there is no element c in A such that  $c \le b$ .



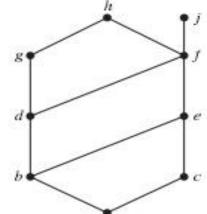
#### Extremal elements

- maximal element (极大元)
- minimal element (极大元)
- greatest element (最大元)
  - denoted by I and often called the unit element
- (単位元) ■ least element (最小元)
  - denoted by 0 and often called the zero element  $( \overline{\$ \pi} )$

## Greatest (least) element

- An element  $a \in A$  is called a **greatest** element of A if  $x \le a$  for all  $x \in A$ .
- An element  $a \in A$  is called a **least element** of A if  $a \le x$  for all  $x \in A$ .
- The greatest element of a poset, if it exists, is denoted by *I*, and is often called the **unit** element. Similarly, the least element is called **zero** element.

### Lub (最小上界) Glb (最大下界)



- Consider a poset and a subset B of A. upper bound
  - An element  $a \in A$  is called a *upper bound* (上界) of B if  $b \le a$  for all  $b \in B$ .
  - An element  $a \in A$  is called a *lower bound* (下界) of B if  $a \le b$  for all  $b \in B$ .
  - An element  $a \in A$  is called a *least upper bound* (LUB) of B if a is an upper bound of B and  $a \leq a$ , whenever a is an upper bound of B.
  - An element  $a \in A$  is called a *greatest lower bound* (GLB) of B if a is an lower bound of B and  $a' \leq a$ , whenever a' is an lower bound of B.

#### Theorem

- Let  $(A, \leq)$  be a poset
  - If A is a finite nonempty, then A has at least *one* maximal element and at least *one* minimal element.
  - A has at most one greatest element and at most one least element.
  - A subset B of A has at most one LUB and at most one GLB.

GLB

# Isomorphism (同构)

- Let  $(A, \leq)$  and  $(A', \leq')$  be posets and let  $f:A \rightarrow A'$  be a one-to-one correspondence between A and A'. The function f is called an *isomorphism* from  $(A, \leq)$  to  $(A', \leq')$  if, for any a and b in A,
  - $a \le b$  if and only if  $f(a) \le f(b)$ .
- If  $f: A \rightarrow A$ ' is an isomorphism, we say that  $(A, \leq)$  and  $(A', \leq)$  are *isomorphic posets*.

## Isomorphism: Example

- Let  $(Z^+, \leq)$  and  $(E^+, \leq)$  be posets. The function  $f: Z^+ \rightarrow E^+$  given by
  - f(a) = 2a
- is an *isomorphism* from  $(Z^+, \leq)$  to  $(E^+, \leq)$
- Proof
  - First, is onto and one-to-one
  - Second,  $a \le b$  iff  $2a \le 2b$

## Principle of correspondence (对应原理)

- Suppose that  $f: A \rightarrow A'$  is an isomorphism from a poset  $(A, \leq)$  to a poset  $(A', \leq)$ . Suppose also that B is a subset of A, and B' = f(B) is the corresponding subset of A'. Then
- If the elements of B have any property relating to one another or to other elements of A, and if this property can be defined entirely in terms of the relation  $\leq$ , then the elements of B must possess exactly the same property, defined in terms of  $\leq$ .
  - two finite isomorphic posets must have the same Hasse diagram.

#### Theorem

- Suppose that  $(A, \leq)$  and  $(A', \leq')$  are isomorphic posets under the isomorphism  $f: A \rightarrow A'$ .
  - If a is a maximal (minimal) element of  $(A, \leq)$ , then f(a) is a maximal (minimal) element of  $(A', \leq)$ .
  - If a is a greatest (least) element of  $(A, \leq)$ , then f(a) is a greatest (least) element of  $(A', \leq)$ .
  - If a is an upper bound (lower bound, least upper bound, greatest lower bound) of  $(A, \leq)$ , then f(a) is an upper bound (lower bound, least upper bound, greatest lower bound) of  $(A', \leq)$ .
  - If every subset of  $(A, \leq)$  has a LUB or GLB, then every subset of  $(A', \leq)$  has a LUB or GLB.

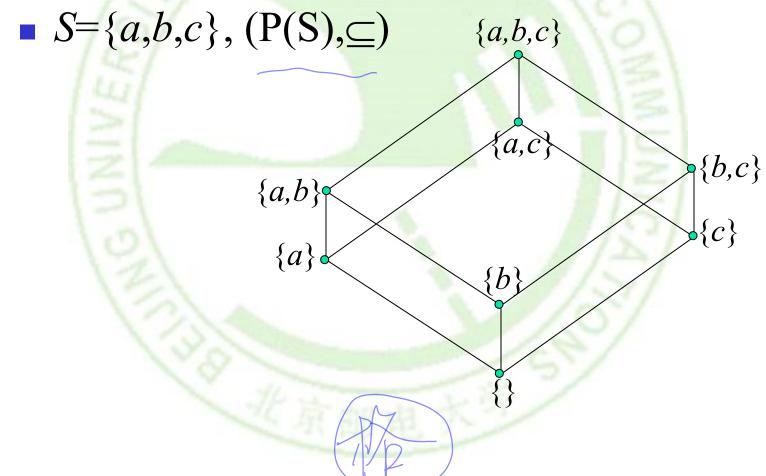
# Lattice to lattice

- A *lattice* is a poset in which every subset  $\{a,b\}$  consisting of two elements has a least upper bound and a greatest lower bound.
  - denote (LUB)(a,b) by  $a \lor b$  and call it the *join* (#) of a and b.
  - denote  $GLB(\{a,b\})$  by  $a \wedge b$  and call it the *meet* of a and b.

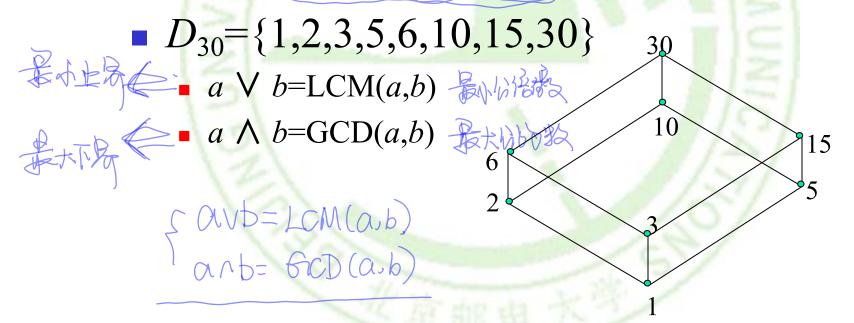
meet

- Let S be a set and let L = P(S). L = P(S)
  - As we have seen,  $\subseteq$ , containment, is a partial order on L. Let A and B belong to the poset  $(L, \subseteq)$ .
- $\blacksquare A \lor B$  is the set  $A \cup B$ .  $A \cup B$ 
  - To see that, note that  $A \subseteq A \cup B$ ,  $B \subseteq A \cup B$ , and if  $A \subseteq C$  and  $B \subseteq C$ , then it follows that  $A \cup B \subseteq C$ .
- Similarly,  $A \land B$  is the set  $A \cap B$ .
- Thus, *L* is a lattice.

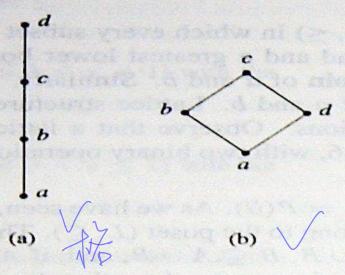
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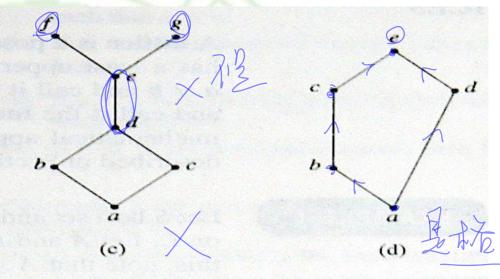


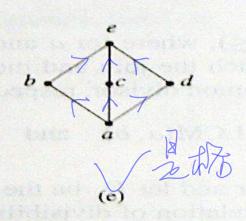
Let n be a positive integer and  $D_n$  be the set of all positive divisors of n.

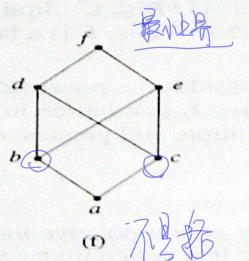


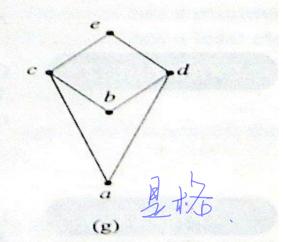
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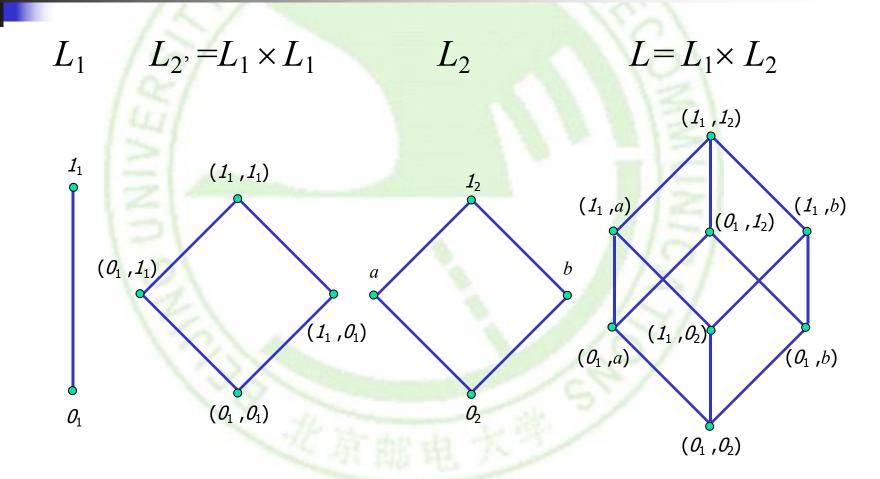
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#### Theorem 乘积格

- If  $(L_1, \leq_1)$  and  $(L_2, \leq_2)$  are lattices, then  $(L, \leq)$  is a lattice, where
  - $L = L_1 \times L_2$
  - the partial order  $\leq$  of L is the product partial order.

#### **Proof**

- We denote the join and meet in  $L_1$  by  $\bigvee_1$  and  $\bigwedge_1$ , respectively, and the join and meet in  $L_2$  by  $\bigvee_2$  and  $\bigwedge_2$ , respectively. Then L is a poset.
- We now need to show that if  $(a_1, b_1)$  and  $(a_2, b_2) \in L$ , then  $(a_1, b_1) \lor (a_2, b_2)$  and  $(a_1, b_1) \land (a_2, b_2)$  exist in L. We leave it as an exercise to verify that
  - $(a_1, b_1) \lor (a_2, b_2) = (a_1 \lor_1 a_2, b_1 \lor_2 b_2)$
  - $(a_1, b_1) \land (a_2, b_2) = (a_1 \land_1 a_2, b_1 \land_2 b_2).$
- Thus *L* is a lattice.

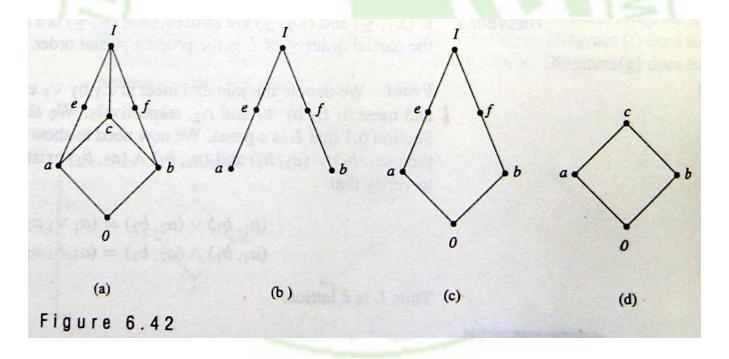


## Sublattice (子格)

- Let  $(L, \leq)$  be a lattice. A nonempty subset S of L is called a *sublattice* of L
  - if  $a \lor b \in S$  and  $a \land b \in S$  whenever  $a \in S$  and  $b \in S$ .

## Sublattice

- Example :  $(D_n, |)$  is a sublattice of  $(Z^+, |)$
- Example



## Isomorphic Lattices (同构格)

- If  $f: L_1 \rightarrow L_2$  is an isomorphism from the poset  $(L_1, \leq_1)$  to the poset  $(L_2, \leq_2)$ 
  - $L_1$  is a lattice if and only if  $L_2$  is a lattice.
  - If a and b are elements of  $L_1$ , then
    - $f(a \land b) = f(a) \land f(b)$
    - $f(a \lor b) = f(a) \lor f(b)$ .
- If two lattices are isomorphic, as posets, we say they are *Isomorphic Lattices*.

## Properties of Lattices

- Recall the meaning of  $a \lor b$  and  $a \land b$ :
  - $a \le a \lor b$  and  $b \le a \lor b$ ;  $a \lor b$  is an *upper* bound of a and b.
  - any c, If  $a \le c$  and  $b \le c$ , then  $a \lor b \le c$ ;  $a \lor b$  is the *least upper bound* of a and b.
  - $a \land b \leq a$  and  $a \land b \leq b$ ;  $a \land b$  is an *lower* bound of a and b.
  - any c, If  $c \le a$  and  $c \le b$ , then  $c \le a \land b$ ;  $a \land b$  is the *greatest lower bound* of a and b.

- Let L be a lattice. Then for every a and b in L,
  - $a \lor b = b$  if and only if  $a \le b$ .
  - $a \land b = a$  if and only if  $a \le b$ .
  - $a \wedge b = a$  if and only if  $a \vee b = b$

### **Proof** of $a \lor b = b$ if and only if $a \le b$ .

- $\Rightarrow$  only if
  - Suppose  $a \lor b = b$ , so  $a \lor b \le b$  (reflexive)
  - $a \lor b$  is an upper bound of a and b, so  $a \le a \lor b$
  - So,  $a \le b$  (transitive)
- $= \Leftarrow if$ 
  - Suppose  $a \leq b$
  - $b \le b$  (reflexive), b is an upper bound of a and b
  - So  $a \lor b \le b$  (by definition of lub)
  - But,  $b \leq a \vee b$  (by definition of ub)
  - Therefore,  $a \lor b = b$  (antisymmetric)

- Let L be a lattice. Then
  - Idempotent Properties (等幂律)
    - (a)  $a \lor a = a$
    - (b)  $a \land a = a$
  - Commutative Properties (交換律)
    - (a)  $a \lor b = b \lor a$
    - (b)  $a \wedge b = b \wedge a$
  - Associative Properties (结合律)
    - $\bullet (a) \ a \lor (b \lor c) = (a \lor b) \lor c$
    - (b)  $a \land (b \land c) = (a \land b) \land c$
  - Absorption Properties (吸收律)
    - (a)  $a \lor (a \land b) = a$
    - (b)  $a \land (a \lor b) = a$

## Proof of 4. (a)

Since  $a \land b \leq a$  and  $a \leq a$ , we see that a is an upper bound of  $a \land b$  and a; so  $a \lor (a \land b) \leq a$ . On the other hand, by the definition of LUB, we have  $a \leq a \lor (a \land b)$ , so  $a \lor (a \land b) = a$ .

Q.E.D

It follows from property 3 that we can write  $a \lor (b \lor c)$  and  $(a \lor b) \lor c$  merely as  $a \lor b \lor c$ , and similarly for  $a \land b \land c$ .

- Let L be a lattice. Then for every a, b, and c in L,
- If  $a \leq b$ , then
  - $a \lor c \leq b \lor c$ .
  - $a \land c \leq b \land c$ .
- $a \leq c$  and  $b \leq c$  if and only if  $a \vee b \leq c$ .
- $c \leq a$  and  $c \leq b$  if and only if  $c \leq a \wedge b$ .
- If  $a \leq b$  and  $c \leq d$ , then
  - $a \lor c \leq b \lor d.$
  - $a \land c \leq b \land d$ .

## Special Types of Lattices

- A lattice L is said to be bounded (有界的) if it has a greatest element I and a least element 0.
- $\blacksquare$  ( $Z^+$ ,|) is not bounded.
- $(Z, \leq)$  is not bounded.

## Example

- The lattice P(S) of all subsets of a set S, as defined in Example 1, is bounded. Its greatest element is S and its least element is  $\emptyset$
- If L is a bounded lattice, then for all  $a \in A$ ,
  - $0 \le a \le I$
  - $a \lor 0 = a$
  - $a \wedge 0 = 0$
  - $a \lor I = I$
  - $a \wedge I = a$

Let  $L = \{a_1, a_2, ..., a_n\}$  be a finite lattice. Then L is bounded.

#### Proof

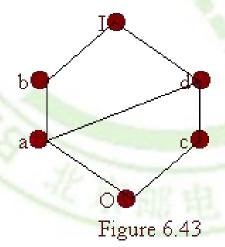
- The greatest element of L is  $a_1 \lor a_2 \lor ... \lor a_n$ ,
- and its least element is  $a_1 \wedge a_2 \wedge ... \wedge a_n$

### Distributive lattice (分配格)

- A lattice is called *distributive* if for any elements *a*, *b*, and *c* in *L* we have the following distributive properties.
  - $\bullet a \land (b \lor c) = (a \land b) \lor (a \land c)$
  - $a \lor (b \land c) = (a \lor b) \land (a \lor c)$
- If L is not distributive, we say that L is nondistributive

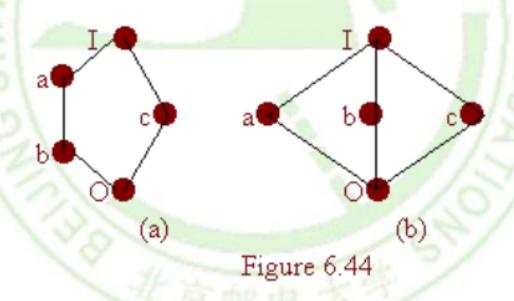
## Example

• The lattice shown in Figure 6.43 is distributive, as can be seen by verifying the distributive properties for all ordered triples chosen from the elements *a*, *b*, *c*, and *d*.



### nondistributive lattices

■ The lattice shown in Figure 6.44 are nondistributive.





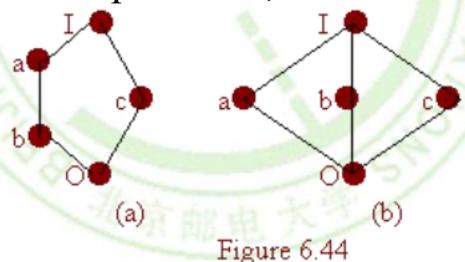
- A lattic *L* is nondistributive if and only if it contains a sublattice that is isomorphic to one of the above two lattices.
- Proof:
  - omitted

## Complement (补元)

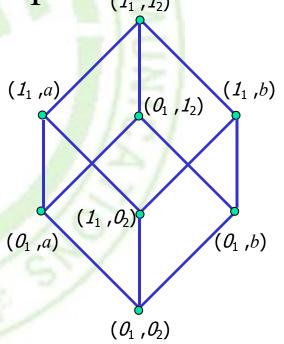
- Let L be a bounded lattice with greatest element I and least element 0, and let  $a \in L$ . An element a' L is called a *complement of a* if
  - $a \lor a' = I \text{ and } a \land a' = 0$
- Note that
  - 0' = I and I' = 0.
- An element *a* in a lattice need not have a complement, and it may have more than one complement.

## Example

The lattices in Figure 6.44 each have the property that every element has a complement. The element *c* in both cases has two complements, *a* and *b*.



Let *L* be a bounded distributive lattice. If a complement exists, it is unique.



### Proof

- Let a' and a'' be complements of the element  $a \in L$ . Then
  - $a \lor a' = I$ ,  $a \lor a'' = I$ ,  $a \land a' = 0$ ,  $a \land a'' = 0$ .
- Using the distributive laws, we obtain
  - $a' = a' \lor 0 = a' \lor (a \land a'') = (a' \lor a) \land (a' \lor a'') = I \land (a' \lor a'') = a' \lor a''$
- Also
  - $a'' = a'' \lor 0 = a'' \lor (a \land a') = (a'' \lor a) \land (a'' \lor a') = I \land (a'' \lor a') = a' \lor a''$
- Hence a' = a''.

# Complemented (有补格)

- A lattice is called *complemented* if it is bounded and if every element in *L* has a complement.
- In this case, the complements are not unique.

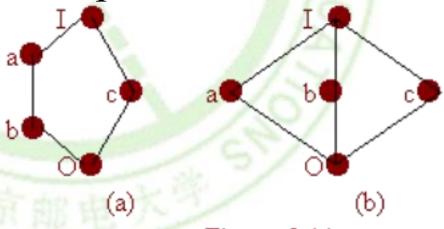


Figure 6.44

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- **§** 9.6
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