

# Part I

## Abstract Algebra

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- ♪ If  $A = \{a_1, a_2, \dots, a_n\}$  is a finite set, a binary operation on  $A$  can be defined by means of a multiplication table.

$*$	$a_1$	$a_2$	$\dots$	$a_j$	$\dots$	$a_n$
$a_1$						
$a_2$						
$\vdots$						
$a_i$				$a_i * a_j$		
$\vdots$						
$a_n$						

## Example ( $\vee$ and $\wedge$ )

♪ Let

♪  $A = \{0, 1\}$

♪ Define binary operations  $\vee$  and  $\wedge$  by the following tables:

$\vee$	0	1
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1	1	1

$\wedge$	0	1
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## Theorem

- ♪ *Let  $*$  be a binary operation on a set  $A$ , and suppose that  $*$  satisfies the following properties for any  $a, b$ , and  $c$  in  $A$ :*
  - ♪  $a * a = a$
  - ♪  $a * b = b * a$
  - ♪  $a * (b * c) = (a * b) * c$
- ♪ *Define a relation  $\leq$  on  $A$  by*
  - ♪  $a \leq b$  if and only if  $a = a * b$
- ♪ *Then  $(A, \leq)$  is a poset, and  $\forall a, b \in A, GLB(a, b) = a * b$ .*

## Proof.

♪ We must show that

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