

0.1 Chapter 2

Theorem 1. Let P be an ordered set and let $S \subseteq P$. An element $x \in P$ is an **upper bound** of S if $s \leq x$ for all $s \in S$. A **lower bound** is defined dually. The set of all upper bounds of S is denoted by S^u (read as ‘ S upper’) and the set of all lower bounds by S^l (read as ‘ S lower’):

$$S^u := \{x \in P \mid (\forall s \in S) s \leq x\} \text{ and } S^l := \{x \in P \mid (\forall s \in S) s \geq x\}$$

Since \leq is transitive, S^u is always an up-set and S^l is a down-set. If S^u has a least element x , then x is called the **least upper bound** of S . Equivalently, x is the least upper bound of S if

1. x is an upper bound of S and
2. $x \leq y$ for all upper bounds y of S .

The least upper bounds of S exists if and only if there exists $x \in P$ such that

$$(\forall y \in P)[((\forall s \in S) s \leq y) \iff x \leq y]$$

Dually, if S^l has a greatest element, x , then x is called the **greatest lower bound** of S . The least upper bound of S is also called the **supremum** of S and is denoted by $\sup S$; the greatest lower bound of S is also called the **infimum** of S and is denoted by $\inf S$.

Theorem 2. We write $x \vee y$ (read as ‘ x **join** y ’) in place of $\sup\{x, y\}$ when it exists and $x \wedge y$ (read as ‘ x **meet** y ’) in place of $\inf\{x, y\}$ when it exists. Similarly we write $\bigvee S$ (the ‘**join of** S ’) and $\bigwedge S$ (the ‘**meet of** S ’) instead of $\sup S$ and $\inf S$ when these exist. It is sometimes necessary to indicate that the join or meet is being found in a particular ordered set P , in which case we write $\bigvee_P S$ or $\bigwedge_P S$.

Theorem 3. Let P be a non-empty ordered set.

1. If $x \vee y$ and $x \wedge y$ exists for all $x, y \in P$, then P is called **lattice**
2. If $\bigvee S$ and $\bigwedge S$ exist for all $S \subseteq P$, then P is called a **complete lattice**.

Theorem 4. Let L be a lattice and let $a, b \in L$. Then the following are equivalent:

1. $a \leq b$;
2. $a \vee b = b$;
3. $a \wedge b = a$.

Theorem 5. *Let L be a lattice. Then \vee and \wedge satisfy, for all $a, b, c, \in L$,*

(L1) $(a \vee b) \vee c = a \vee (b \vee c)$ (associative law)

(L2) $a \vee b = b \vee a$ (commutative law)

(L3) $a \vee a = a$ (idempotency law)

(L4) $a \vee (a \wedge b) = a$ (absorption law)

Theorem 6. *Let $\langle L, \vee, \wedge \rangle$ be a non-empty set equipped with two binary operations which satisfy **(L1)**-**(L4)***

- (i) *For all $a, b \in L$, we have $a \vee b = b$ if and only if $a \wedge b = a$.*
- (ii) *Defined \leq on L by $a \leq b$ if $a \vee b = b$. Then \leq is an order relation.*
- (iii) *With \leq as in (ii), $\langle L; \leq \rangle$ is a lattice in which the original operations agree with the induced operations, that is, for all $a, b \in L$,*

$$a \vee b = \sup\{a, b\} \text{ and } a \wedge b = \inf\{a, b\}.$$

Theorem 7. *Let L be a lattice and $\emptyset \neq M \subseteq L$. Then M is a **sublattice** of L if*

$$a, b \in M \text{ implies } a \vee b \in M \text{ and } a \wedge b \in M$$

We denote the collection of all sublattices of L by $\text{sub}L$ and let $\text{Sub}_0L = \text{Sub}L \cup \{\emptyset\}$; both are ordered by inclusion.

Theorem 8. *Let L and K be lattices. Define \vee and \wedge coordinatewise on $L \times K$, as follows:*

$$(\ell_1, k_1) \vee (\ell_2, k_2) = (\ell_1 \vee \ell_2, k_1 \vee k_2)$$

$$(\ell_1, k_1) \wedge (\ell_2, k_2) = (\ell_1 \wedge \ell_2, k_1 \wedge k_2)$$

Theorem 9. Let L and K be lattices. A map $f : L \rightarrow K$ is said to be a **homomorphism** (or, for emphasis, **lattice homomorphism**) if f is a **join-preserving** and **meet-preserving**, that is, for all $a, b \in L$,

$$f(a \vee b) = f(a) \vee f(b) \text{ and } f(a \wedge b) = f(a) \wedge f(b).$$

A bijective homomorphism is a (**lattice**) **isomorphism**. If $f : L \rightarrow K$ is a one-to-one homomorphism, then the sublattice $f(L)$ of K is isomorphic to L and we refer to f as an **embedding** (**of L into K**).

Theorem 10. Let L and K be lattices and $f : L \rightarrow K$ a map.

(i) The following are equivalent:

- (a) f is order-preserving;
- (b) $(\forall a, b \in L) f(a \vee b) \geq f(a) \vee f(b)$;
- (c) $(\forall a, b \in L) f(a \wedge b) \leq f(a) \wedge f(b)$.

In particular, if f is homomorphism, then f is order-preserving.

(ii) f is a lattice isomorphism if and only if it is an order-isomorphism.

Theorem 11. Let L be a lattice. A non-empty subset J of L is called an **ideal** if

- (i) $a, b \in J$ implies $a \vee b \in J$,
- (ii) $a \in L, b \in J$ and $a \leq b$ imply $a \in J$.

Theorem 12. Non-empty subset G of L is called a **filter** if

- (i) $a, b \in G$ implies $a \wedge b \in G$,
- (ii) $a \in L, b \in G$ and $a \geq b$ imply $a \in G$.

The set of all ideals (filters) of L is denoted by $\mathcal{I}(L)$