

Chapter 5. Ordered sets

Order relations

Def. A homogeneous relation $\rho = (A, A, R)$ is called an order relation if ρ is:

pre-order $\left\{ \begin{array}{l} (R) \text{ reflexive } (\forall x \in A \quad x \rho x) \text{ i.e. } I_A \subseteq \rho \\ (T) \text{ transitive } (\forall x, y, z \in A \quad x \rho y, y \rho z \Rightarrow x \rho z) \\ \quad \quad \quad (\rho \circ \rho \subseteq \rho) \end{array} \right.$

(A) antisymmetric $(\forall x, y \in A \quad x \rho y, y \rho x \Rightarrow x = y)$
i.e. $\rho \cap \rho^{-1} \subseteq I_A$, "but $\rho \cap \rho^{-1} = I_A$

Prop. and when $\rho, \tau, \sigma, \alpha \iff \rho = I_A$

• If, in addition, ρ satisfies:

$\forall x, y \in A \quad \text{we have } x \rho y \text{ or } y \rho x$

(i.e. any two elements are comparable, i.e. $\rho \cup \rho^{-1} = A \times A$)

then we say that ρ is a total order

Terminology the pair (A, ρ) is called an ordered set (a totally ordered set)
(in many books: $\begin{array}{l} \text{— order —} \rightarrow \text{partial order} \\ \text{— total order —} \rightarrow \text{order} \end{array}$ poset)

Notations: for an order relation ρ : $\leq, \subseteq, \preceq, \dots$
 $< = \neq = \rho \setminus I_A$
strict order

Ex ample 1). (\mathbb{N}, \leq) , (\mathbb{Z}, \leq) , (\mathbb{Q}, \leq) , (\mathbb{R}, \leq)
these are totally ordered sets.

2). $(\mathbb{Z}, |)$. ($a|b \stackrel{\text{def}}{\iff} \exists x \in \mathbb{Z} \text{ s.t. } b = ax$).

we know that "1" in \mathbb{Z} is R, T, S

(A) we study antisymmetry:

$$\forall a, b \in \mathbb{Z}, \quad a|b, b|a \stackrel{?}{\implies} a=b$$

not true! e.g. $3|-3, -3|3, 3 \neq -3$

hence $(\mathbb{Z}, |)$ is a ~~partial~~ ordered set

2') $(\mathbb{N}, |)$. it is an ordered set

is it totally ordered?

$\forall x, y \in \mathbb{N}$ do we have $x|y$ or $y|x$?

no! e.g. $2 \nmid 3, 3 \nmid 2$

3). Let M be any set and consider $(\mathcal{P}(M), \subseteq)$
we know that this is an ordered set.

To discuss total order, we consider cases

- $\mathcal{P}(\emptyset) = \{\emptyset\}$ totally ordered

- Let $M = \{1\}$, $\mathcal{P}(M) = \{\emptyset, M\}$ is totally ordered

- Assume $|M| \geq 2$ say, $x, y \in M, x \neq y$.

$\{x\}, \{y\}$ are not comparable

hence $(\mathcal{P}(M), \subseteq)$ is not totally ordered

Hasse diagrams

(are used to visualize ordered sets with few elements)

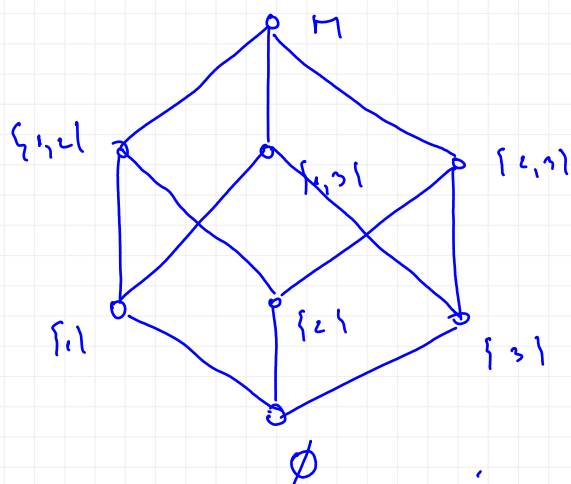
conventions: $\begin{matrix} y \\ | \\ x \end{matrix}$ means $x < y$, and there are no elements between x and y

variant: $\begin{matrix} & y \\ & / \\ x \end{matrix}$

$\begin{matrix} o & o \\ x & y \end{matrix}$ means that x, y are incomparable

$o \text{ --- } o$ makes no sense.

Example. 1) Let $M = \{1, 2, 3\}$. Draw the Hasse diagram of $(\mathcal{P}(M), \subseteq)$. We have $\mathcal{P}(M) = \{\emptyset, \{1\}, \{2\}, \{3\}, \{1, 2\}, \{1, 3\}, \{2, 3\}, M\}$



2). (\mathbb{N}, \leq)



totally ordered
(also called chain)

Morphisms between ordered sets

Def let (A, ρ) , (B, σ) be two ordered sets, and let $f: A \rightarrow B$ be a function:

a). f is increasing (morphism of ordered sets). if
 $\forall x, x' \in A \quad x \rho x' \Rightarrow f(x) \sigma f(x')$

a') f is strictly increasing if
 $\forall x, x' \in A \quad x \rho x', x \neq x' \Rightarrow f(x) \sigma f(x'), f(x) \neq f(x')$
(ie f is increasing and injective)

b) f is decreasing (antimorphism). if
 $\forall x, x' \in A \quad x \rho x' \Rightarrow f(x') \sigma f(x)$

b') f is strictly decreasing if
 $\forall x, x' \in A, x \rho x', x \neq x' \Rightarrow f(x') \sigma f(x), f(x) \neq f(x')$
ie. f is decreasing and bijective

c). f is an isomorphism of ordered sets if
 f is increasing, bijective, and f^{-1} is increasing

c') f is an anti-isomorphism of ordered sets if
 f is decreasing, bijective and f^{-1} is decreasing

Examp. Consider $\mathbb{I}_{\mathbb{N}^*}: (\mathbb{N}^*, |) \longrightarrow (\mathbb{N}^*, \leq)$, $\mathbb{I}_{\mathbb{N}^*}(x) = x$
- this is bijective, $\mathbb{I}_{\mathbb{N}^*} = \mathbb{I}_{\mathbb{N}^*}$
- increasing? $x | y \stackrel{?}{\Rightarrow} x \leq y$ true! (Morphism)
- $\mathbb{I}_{\mathbb{N}^*}: (\mathbb{N}^*, \leq) \longrightarrow (\mathbb{N}^*, |)$ is increasing?
 $x \leq y \stackrel{?}{\Rightarrow} x | y$ no! in gen. e.g. $2 \leq 3$ and $2 \nmid 3$.

Special elements in ordered sets

Def Let (A, \leq) be an ordered set.

a) The elem $a \in A$ is called the least (minimum) elem. of A (not $a = \min A$) if $\forall x \in A \quad a \leq x$.

a') $a \in A$ is the largest elem (maximum) of A if $\forall x \in A \quad x \leq a$

Rem $\min A$, $\max A$ do not always exist, but when they exist, they are unique!

b). the elem $a \in A$ is a minimal element if there are no strictly smaller elements:
i.e. $\forall x \in A \quad x \leq a \Rightarrow x = a$

b) the elem. $a \in A$ is a maximal element if there are no strictly larger elements:
i.e. $\forall x \in A \quad a \leq x \Rightarrow x = a$.

Examp 1). In (\mathbb{N}, \leq) $\min(\mathbb{N}, \leq) = 0$

~~$\nexists \max(\mathbb{N}, \leq)$~~

2). $(\mathcal{P}(M), \subseteq)$ $\min \mathcal{P}(M) = \emptyset$, $\max \mathcal{P}(M) = M$.

Now, let $(\mathcal{P}(M) \setminus \{\emptyset, M\}, \subseteq)$. then $\nexists \min$, $\nexists \max$

- every subset with 1 elem, $\{a\}$, is minimal

- sets of the form $M \setminus \{a\}$ are maximal

3). $(\mathbb{N}, |)$ $\min(\mathbb{N}, |) = 1$, because $1 \leq t \leq n \quad \forall t \in \mathbb{N}$
 $\max(\mathbb{N}, |) = 0$, because $\emptyset \leq t \leq n \quad \forall t \in \mathbb{N}$

Consider $(\mathbb{N} \setminus \{0, 1\}, |)$.

$0|0$ is true
 $0|0$ makes no sense

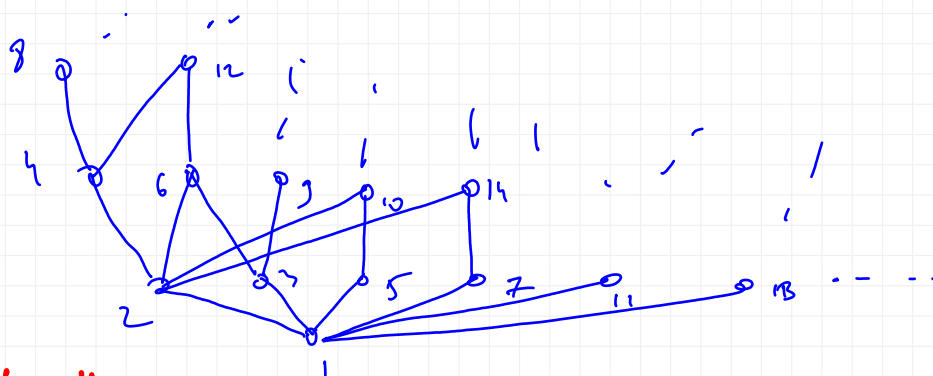
- \nexists min, \nexists max.

- initial elem's are the prime numbers

- $x | 2x \forall x \in \mathbb{N}$, so \nexists maximal elem

Hasse diagram:

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Run $\inf B$, $\sup B$ do not always exist, but when they exist, they are unique

Def c). the ordered set (A, \leq) is called a lattice

if $\forall x, y \in A \quad \exists \inf\{x, y\}$ and $\exists \sup\{x, y\}$

Run by induction, every finite subset will have \inf, \sup

d). (A, \leq) is called a complete lattice if

$\forall B \subseteq A$ has $\inf B, \sup B$

Ex 1) let (A, \leq) be totally ordered.

then $\inf\{x, y\} = \min\{x, y\}$

$\sup\{x, y\} = \max\{x, y\}$

then any totally ordered set is a lattice.

(\mathbb{R}, \leq) is totally ordered, but it is not a lattice

because $\nexists \inf(-\infty, \infty)$, $\nexists \sup(-\infty, \infty)$

$\bar{\mathbb{R}} = \mathbb{R} \cup \{\pm\infty\}$ is a complete lattice.

Run every finite lattice is complete

2). let $(H, |)$. let $a, b \in H$.

• $\inf\{a, b\} = \gcd(a, b) = d^{\text{gcd}}(a, b)$

by def $\begin{cases} d | a, d | b \\ d' | a, d' | b \Rightarrow d' | d \end{cases}$

• $\sup\{a, b\} = \text{lcm}(a, b) = m^{\text{lcm}}(a, b)$

by def: $\begin{cases} a | m, b | m \\ a | m', b | m' \Rightarrow m | m' \end{cases}$

3). $(\mathcal{P}(M), \subseteq)$.

ex. let $X = \{1, 2\}$, $Y = \{2, 3\}$

$$\inf \{X, Y\} = \{2\} = X \cap Y$$

$$\sup \{X, Y\} = M = X \cup Y$$

now, let $\mathcal{B} \subseteq \mathcal{P}(M)$. Then,

$$\inf \mathcal{B} = \bigcap_{X \in \mathcal{B}} X = \{x \in M \mid \forall X \in \mathcal{B}, x \in X\}$$

$$\sup \mathcal{B} = \bigcup_{X \in \mathcal{B}} X = \{x \in M \mid \exists X \in \mathcal{B}, x \in X\}$$

conclude: $(\mathcal{P}(M), \subseteq)$ is a complete lattice.

4). let (A, \leq) be an ordered set.

$$\inf \emptyset = \max A \quad (\text{because } \forall a \in A, a \leq \max A \text{ for } \emptyset) \\ (\text{if it exists})$$

$$\sup \emptyset = \min A \quad (\text{if it exists; because } \forall a \in A, a \geq \min A \text{ for } \emptyset)$$

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