



# Set Theory : Lattices

Some Questions related to

Maximal, Minimal, Greatest, Least Elements  
in Lattices.

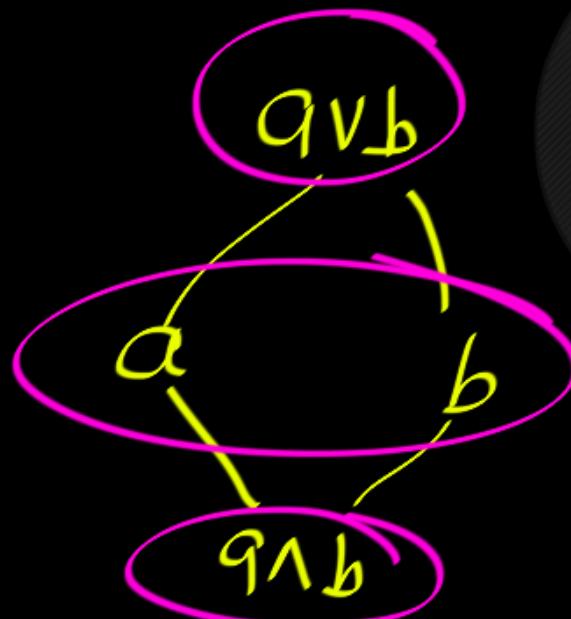
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Lattice: a poset in which

$$\forall a, b$$

$$\exists (a \vee b), \exists (a \wedge b)$$



$$a R (a \vee b) \quad ; \quad b R (a \vee b)$$
$$a \wedge b R a \quad ; \quad (a \wedge b) R b$$



In a Lattice;

$$\forall x, \{ x R (x \vee y) \}$$

$$x \wedge y R x \}$$





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## Quick Question:

Assume  $L$  is a Lattice w.r.t. partial order relation  $R$ .

Let  $a, b \in L$  ;

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$$(N, \leq)$$

ToR  $\rightarrow$  Lattice

$$\left. \begin{array}{l} a = 5 \\ b = 2 \end{array} \right\}$$

$$2 \leq 5 ; 2 R 5$$

$$a \vee b = 5 = a$$

$$\begin{array}{l} 3 - 2 \vee 5 \\ 2 - 2 \wedge 5 \end{array}$$



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$a \neq b$ ;  $b R a$

  
 $a$  ————— YES —————  $a \vee b$   
 $b$  —————  $a \wedge b$



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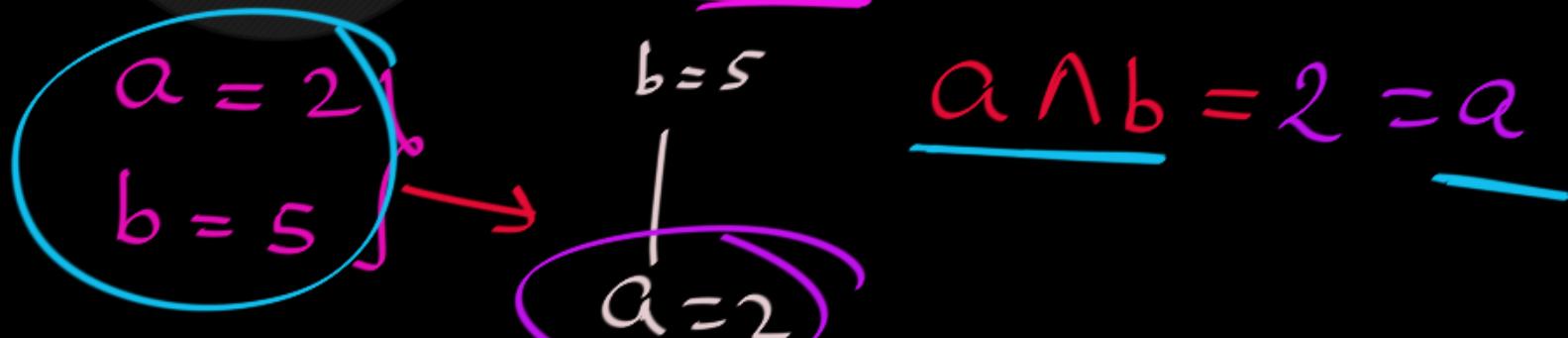
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$\underbrace{a \neq b}$

$a R b$  —

$$\begin{array}{c} b \\ | \\ a \end{array} = a \vee b$$
$$= a \wedge b$$



## Quick Question:

Assume  $L$  is a Lattice w.r.t. partial order relation  $R$ .

Let  $a, b \in L$  ;

If  $a, b$  are incomparable then  $a \neq a \vee b$ . True Or False?

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Assume

$a = a \vee b$

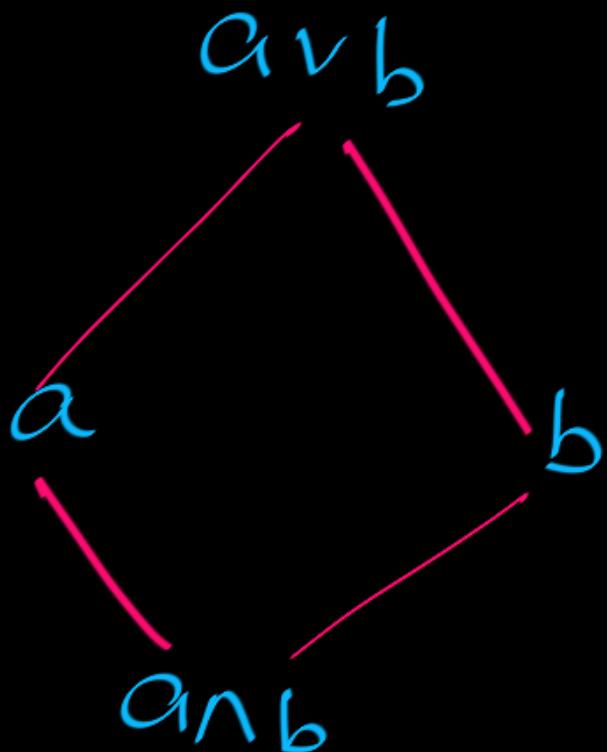
~~$a R b$~~   
 $b R a$

$b R (a \vee b)$

$b R a$

Contradiction

Lattice:



$$(a \wedge b) R b$$

$$a R (a \vee b)$$

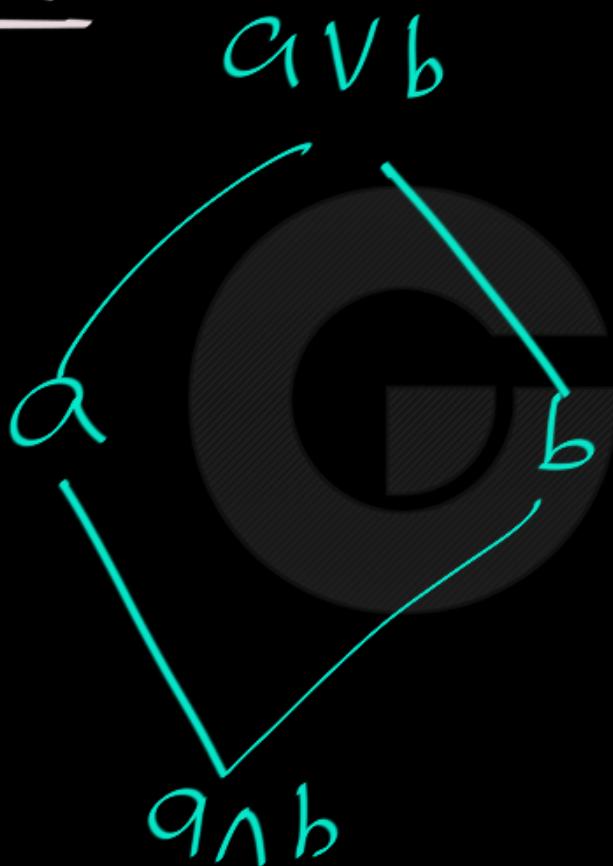
$$(a \wedge b) R a$$

$$(a \wedge b) R (a \vee b)$$

$$b R (a \vee b)$$



Lattice :



$$\begin{aligned} & b R (a \vee b) \\ & (a \wedge b) R b \end{aligned}$$



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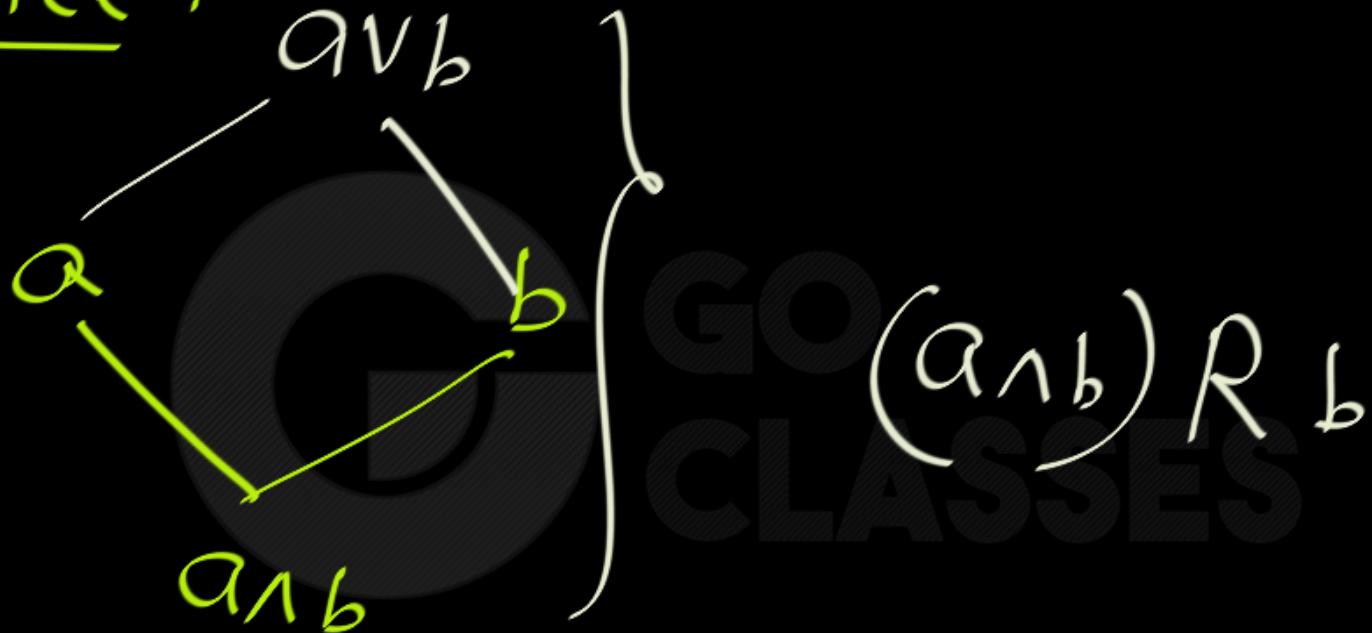
$a = a \vee b$

$a R b$   
 $b R a$

$b R (a \vee b)$  — In Every  
 $b R a$  Contradiction



Lattice :





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Assume :  $a = a \wedge b$

$(a \wedge b) R b$   $\rightarrow a R b$  *Contradiction*



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Note:

In Every lattice;

If  $a, b$  are Incomparable then

$$a \neq a \vee b$$

$$a \neq a \wedge b$$

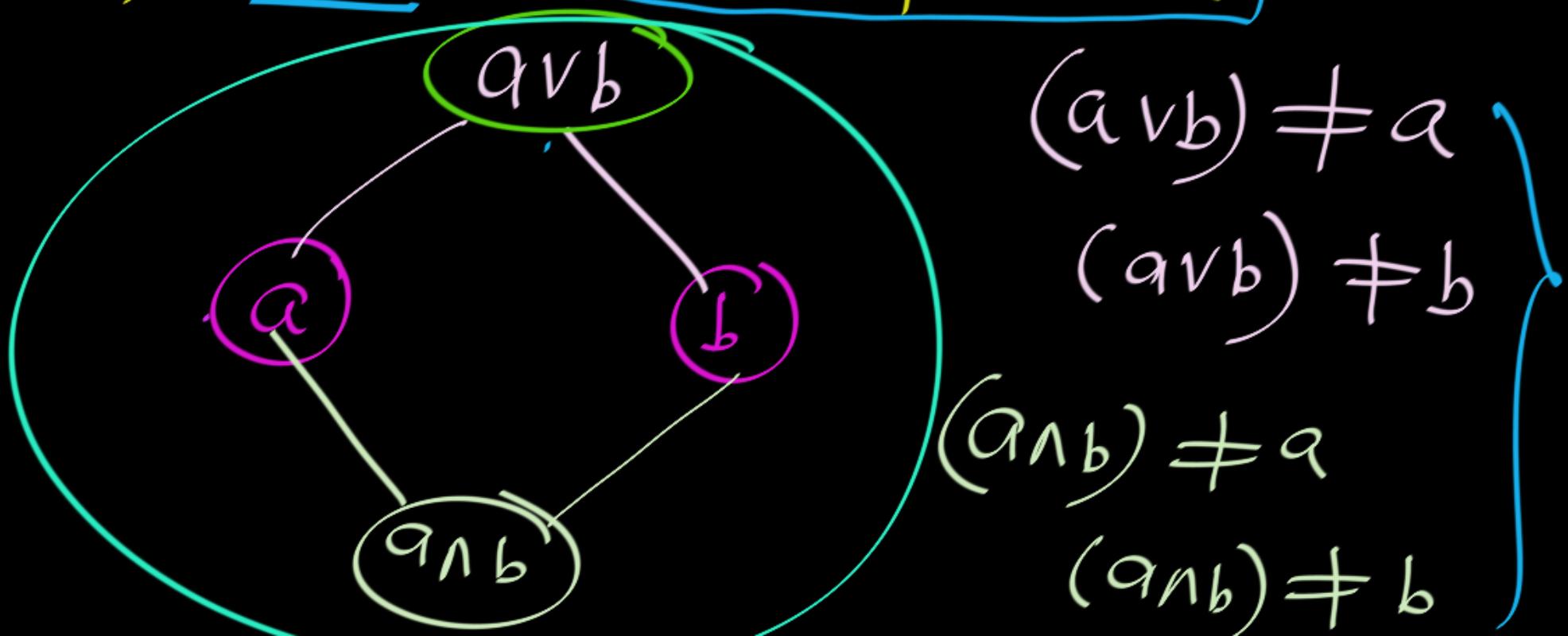
$$b \neq a \vee b$$

$$b \neq a \wedge b$$

## Lattice :

If  $a, b$

NOT Comparable



Note:  
Lattice:

If

$a, b$  Comparable

Assume:

$$\begin{aligned} & a R b \\ & (a \wedge b) = a \\ & (a \vee b) = b \end{aligned}$$

$$\begin{aligned} b &= a \vee b \\ a &= a \wedge b \end{aligned}$$



Q 1:

A lattice can have more than one maximal element. True/False?

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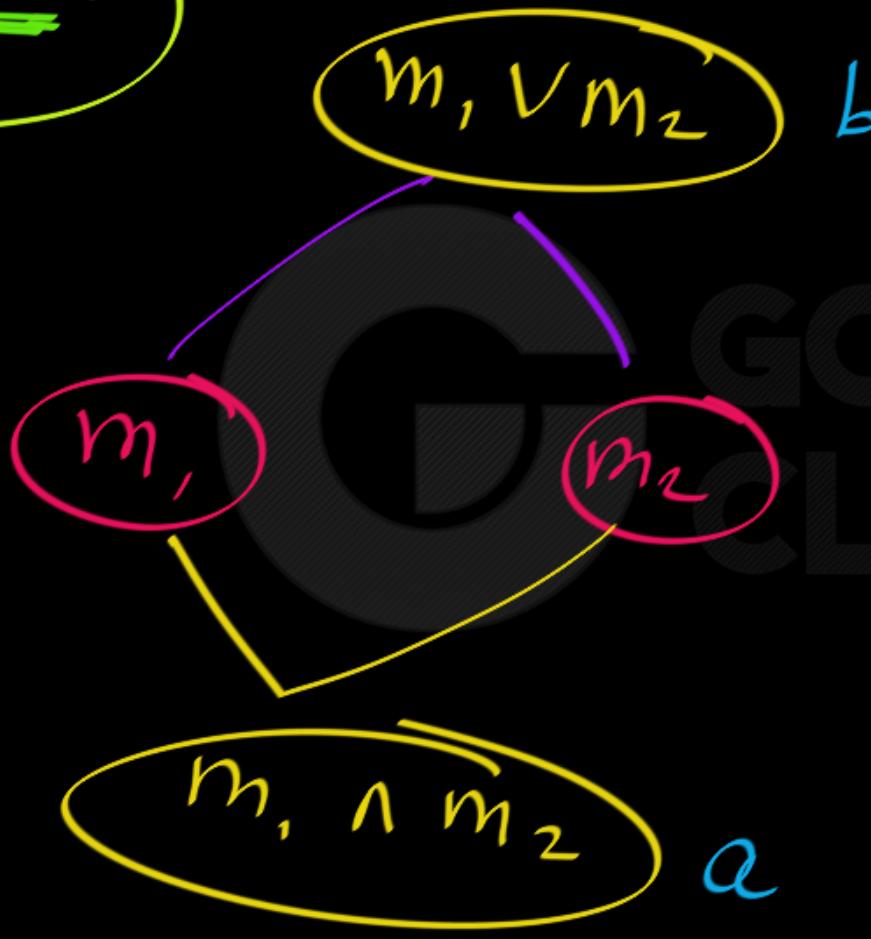
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Assume two different elements ; maximal

So;  $m_1 R m_2$   
 $m_2 R m_1$

$m_1, m_2$  Incomparable

Lattice



Contradiction

$m_1 \neq b$

But

$m_1 R b$

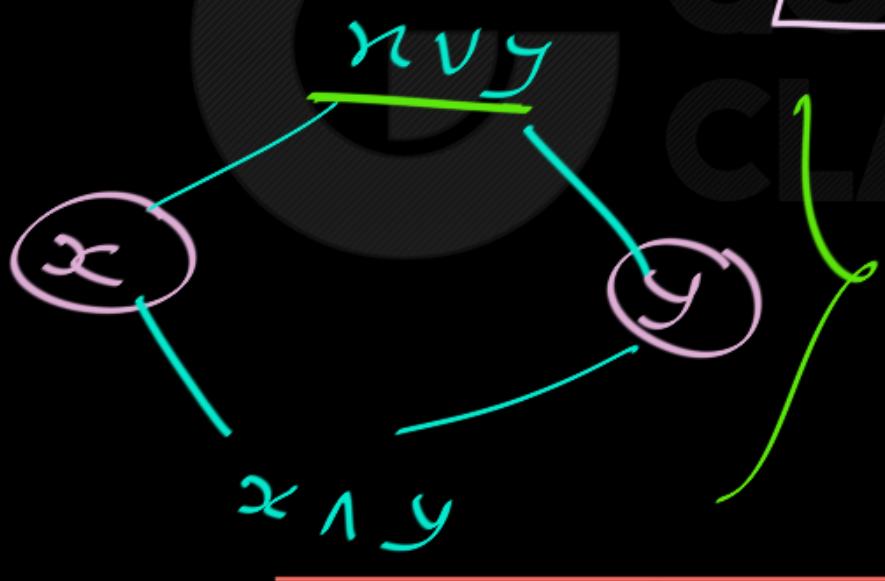
$m_1$  Not maximal

Note:

In Lattice,

If

$x, y$  are Not Comparable,



$$\begin{aligned} x &\neq x \vee y \\ x &\neq x \wedge y \end{aligned}$$



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not



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Proof:

Lattice

Assume

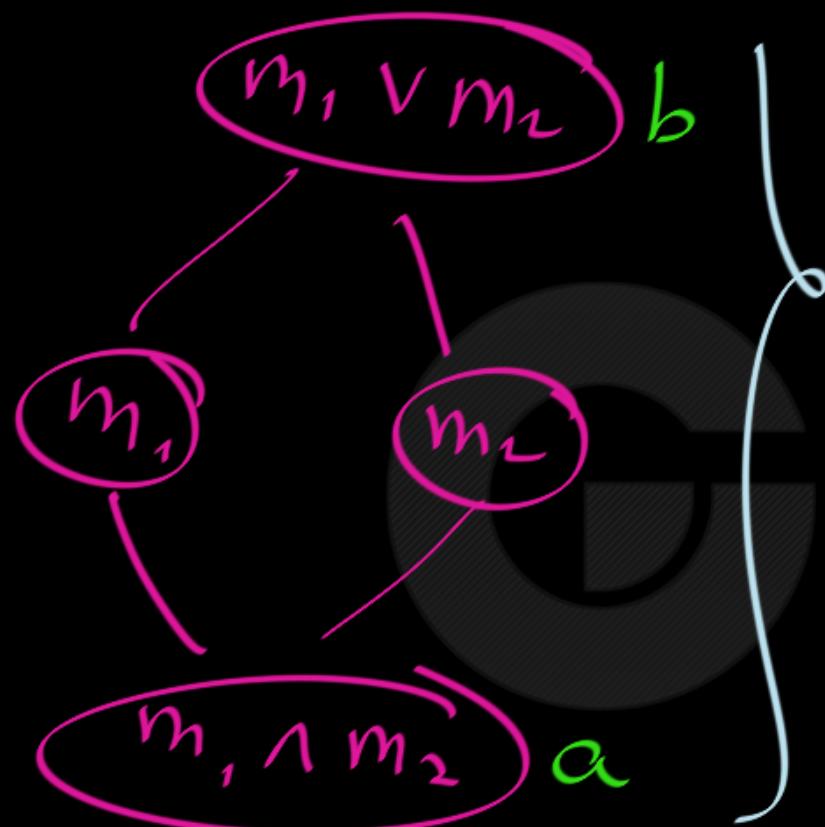
$m_2 R m_1$

$m_1 R m_2$

$m_1 \neq m_2$

minimal

$m_1, m_2$  incomparable



$m_1 \neq a$

$a R m_1$

Contradiction

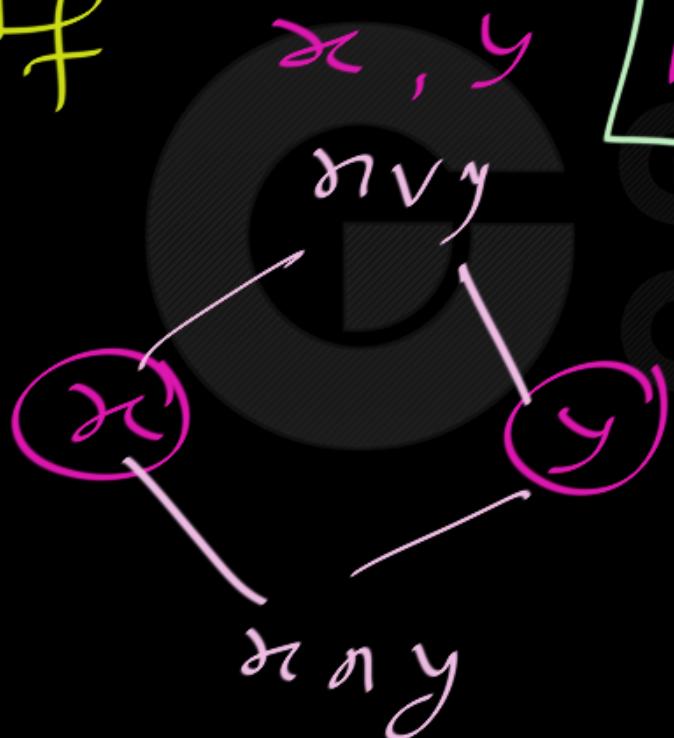
$m_1$ ,  
Not  
minimal



Note:

Lattice:

If



Not Comparable:

$$\begin{aligned} x &\neq x \wedge y \\ x &\neq x \vee y \end{aligned}$$



Q 2:

Every lattice must have at least one maximal element.

True/False?

Every lattice must have at least one minimal element.

True/False?



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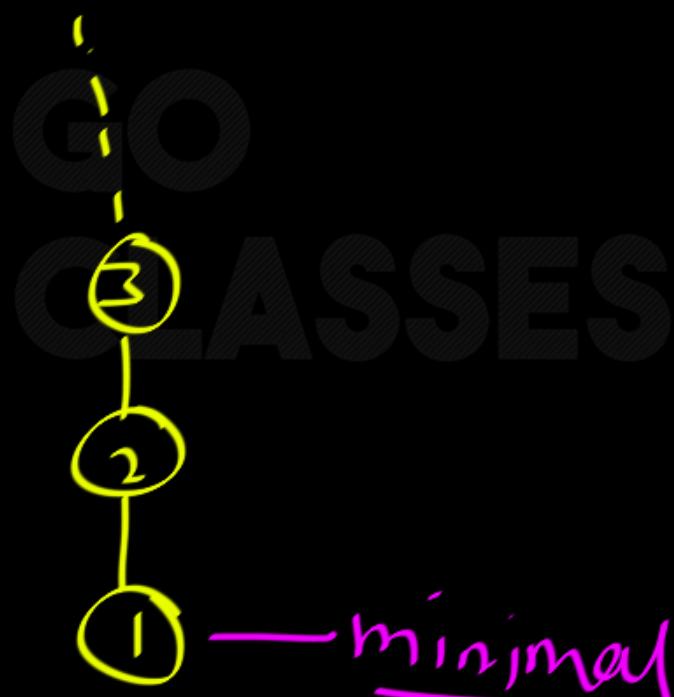
True/False?



$(N, \leq)$  — maximal = DNE  
minimal = 1

To set  $\rightarrow$  lattice

$$\begin{aligned} 2 \vee 7 &= 7 \\ 2 \wedge 7 &= 2 \end{aligned}$$





$(\underline{\text{Lattice}}, \leq)$  — maximal = DNE  
minimal = DNE

$$-5 \vee 10 = 10$$

$$-5 \wedge 10 = -5$$

$$a \vee b = \max(a, b)$$

$$a \wedge b = \min(a, b)$$



## NOTE:

Every lattice has at most one maximal element. ✓

Every lattice has at most one minimal element. ✓



Q 3:

A finite lattice must have at least one maximal element.

True/False?

A finite lattice must have at least one minimal element.

True/False?



Q 3:

A finite lattice must have at least one maximal element.

~~True/False?~~

A finite lattice must have at least one minimal element.

~~True/False?~~

lattice  $\rightarrow$  Poset with GLB, LUB  $\nexists_{x,y}$

finite Poset  $\Rightarrow \geq 1$  maximal,  $\geq 1$  minimal

finite lattice  $\rightarrow$  finite Poset  $\Rightarrow \geq 1$  maximal  
 $\Rightarrow \geq 1$  minimal



finite lattice  $\rightarrow \geqslant 1$  maximal }  
lattice  $\rightarrow \leqslant 1$  maximal }

finite lattice  $\rightarrow$  }  
1 maximal  
1 minimal }



NOTE:

A finite lattice has exactly one maximal element. ✓

A finite lattice has exactly one minimal element. ✓

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# Infinite Poset

If Unique maximal  $\rightarrow$  Greatest }  
If " minimal  $\rightarrow$  least }



finite lattice  $\rightarrow$  1 maximal  
unique maximal  
Greatest





finite lattice  $\rightarrow$  1 minimal

unique minimal

least



NOTE:

Every finite lattice has greatest element. ✓

Every finite lattice has least element. ✓



Q 4:

In a lattice, if we have unique maximal element M then M is the greatest element. True/False?

In a lattice, if we have unique minimal element m then m is the least element. True/False?



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Lattice

If  $\checkmark$   $m$  — unique maximal  
then  $m$  — greatest.

Proof: Lattice;  $m$  — unique maximal

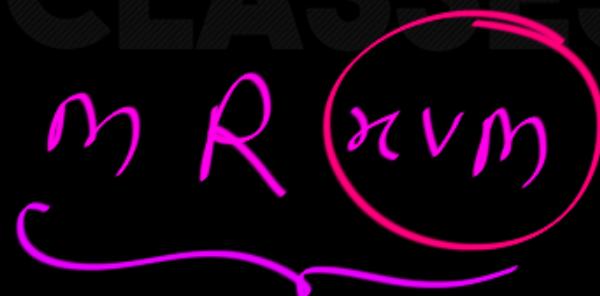
Assume that  $m$  — Not greatest  
then some  $x \neq m$ ;  $x R m$ .



$m$  - maximal ;  $x \neq m$

$x R m$  ;  $m R x$

$x, m$  are Not Comparable.



So  $m$  is not maximal.



## Contradiction.





## Conclusion:

1. Every lattice has at most one maximal element.
2. Every lattice has at most one minimal element.
3. Every finite lattice has exactly one maximal element.
4. Every finite lattice has exactly one minimal element.



## Conclusion:

5. Every finite lattice has greatest element.

6. Every finite lattice has least element.

7. In any lattice, if we have unique maximal element M then M is the greatest element.

8. In a lattice, if we have unique minimal element m then m is the least element.