



Set Theory

Recap

Poset, Lattice

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Partially Ordered Sets

- Partial Order

A relation R on a set A is called a partial order if R is **reflexive, antisymmetric and transitive**. The set A together with the partial order R is called a partially ordered set, or simply a poset, denoted by (A, R)

For instance,

1. Let A be a collection of subsets of a set S . The relation \subseteq of set inclusion is a partial order on A , so (A, \subseteq) is a poset.

2. Let Z^+ be the set of positive integers. The usual relation \leq is a partial order on Z^+ , as is " \geq "

Partially Ordered Sets

- Comparable

If (A, \leq) is a poset, elements a and b of A are comparable if

$$a \leq b \text{ or } b \leq a$$

In some poset, e.g. the relation of divisibility ($a R b$ iff $a | b$), some pairs of elements are not comparable

$$2 \nmid 7 \text{ and } 7 \nmid 2$$

Note: if every pair of elements in a poset A is comparable, we say that A is **linear ordered** set, and the partial order is called a **linear order**. We also say that A is a **chain**.

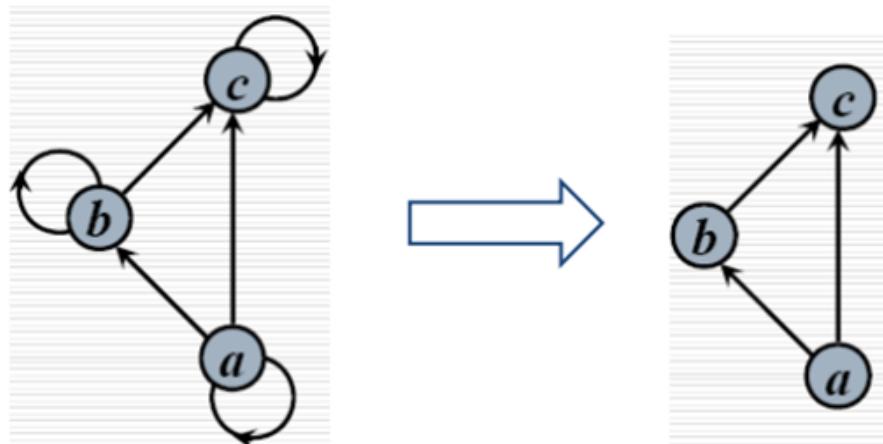
Partially Ordered Sets

- Hasse Diagrams

Just a reduced version of the diagram of the partial order of the poset.

a) Reflexive

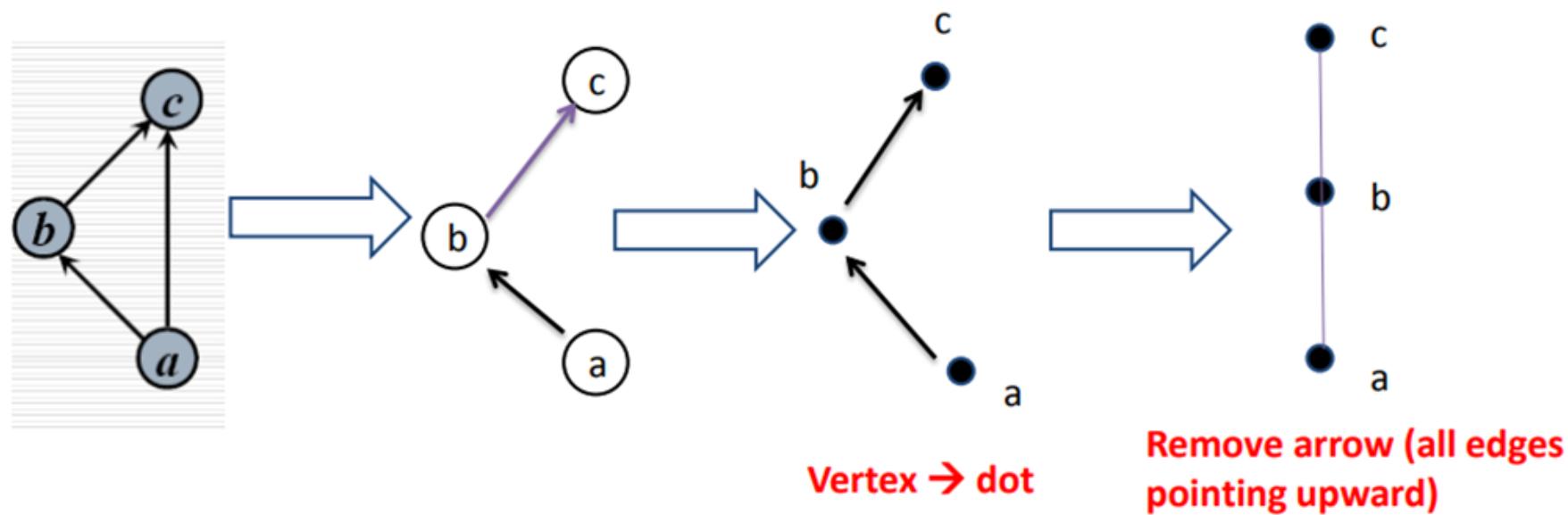
Every vertex has a cycle of length 1 (**delete all cycles**)



Partially Ordered Sets

- Transitive

$a \leq b$, and $b \leq c$, then $a \leq c$ (delete the edge from a to c)

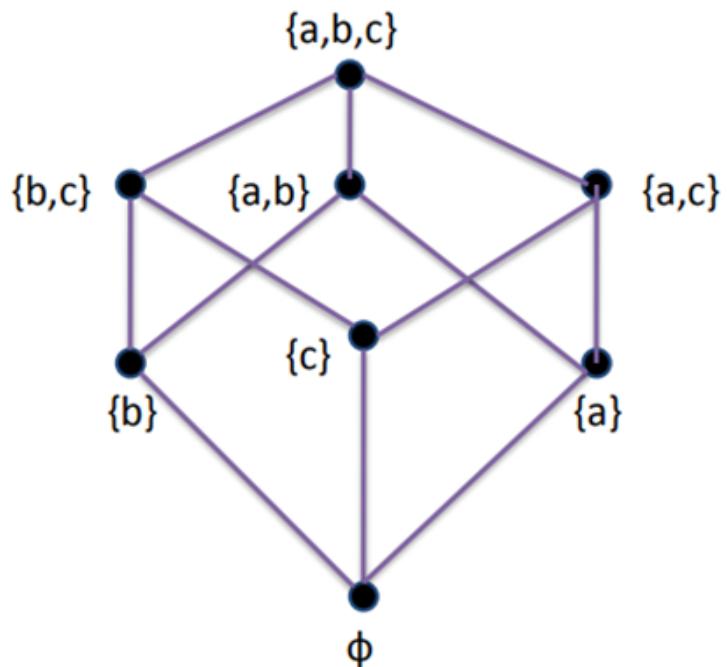




Partially Ordered Sets

- Example

Let $S=\{a,b,c\}$ and $A=P(S)$. Draw the Hasse diagram of the poset A with the partial order \subseteq





Extremal Elements of Partially Ordered Sets

Consider a poset (A, \leq)

- Maximal Element

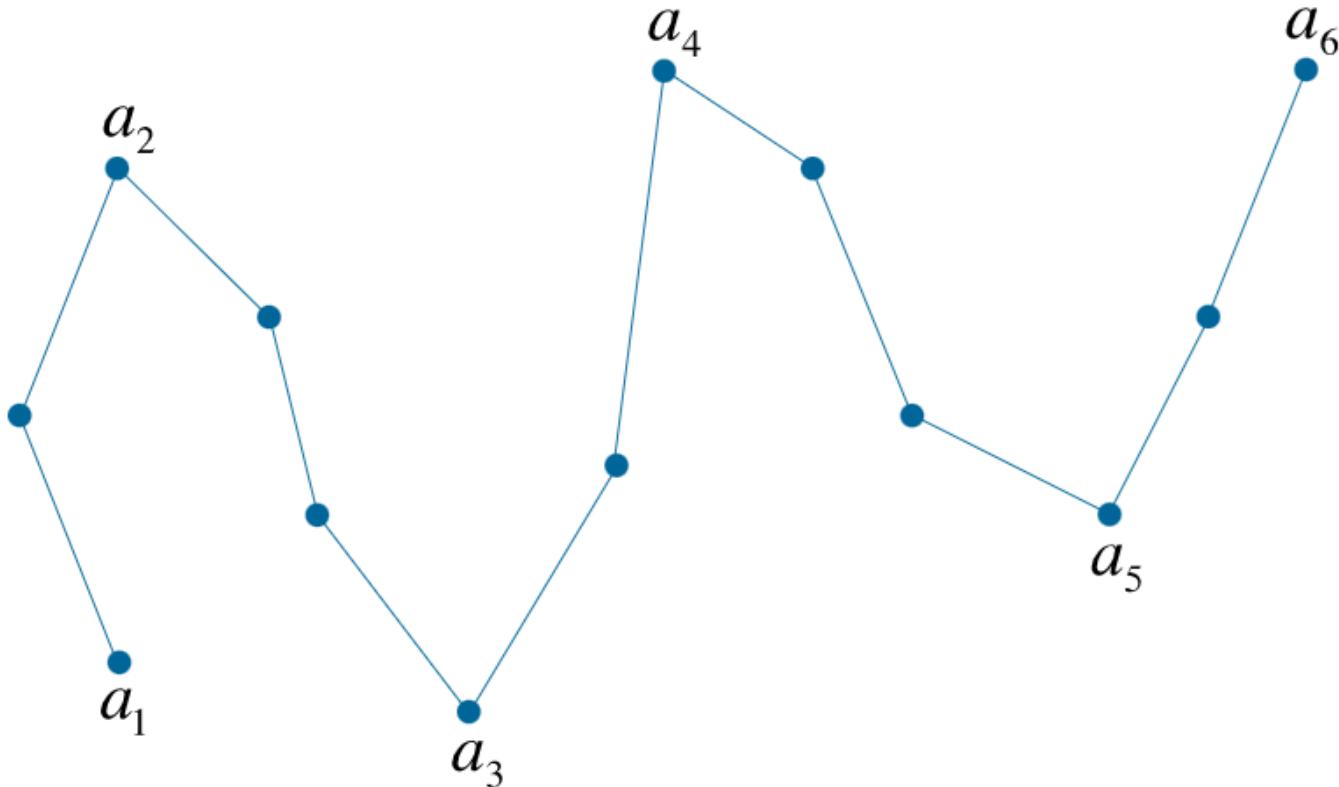
An element a in A is called a maximal element of A if there is no element c in A such that $a < c$.

- Minimal Element

An element b in A is called a minimal element of A if there is no element c in A such that $c < b$.

A partially ordered set may have one or many maximal or minimal elements.

Maximal elements : a_2, a_4, a_6



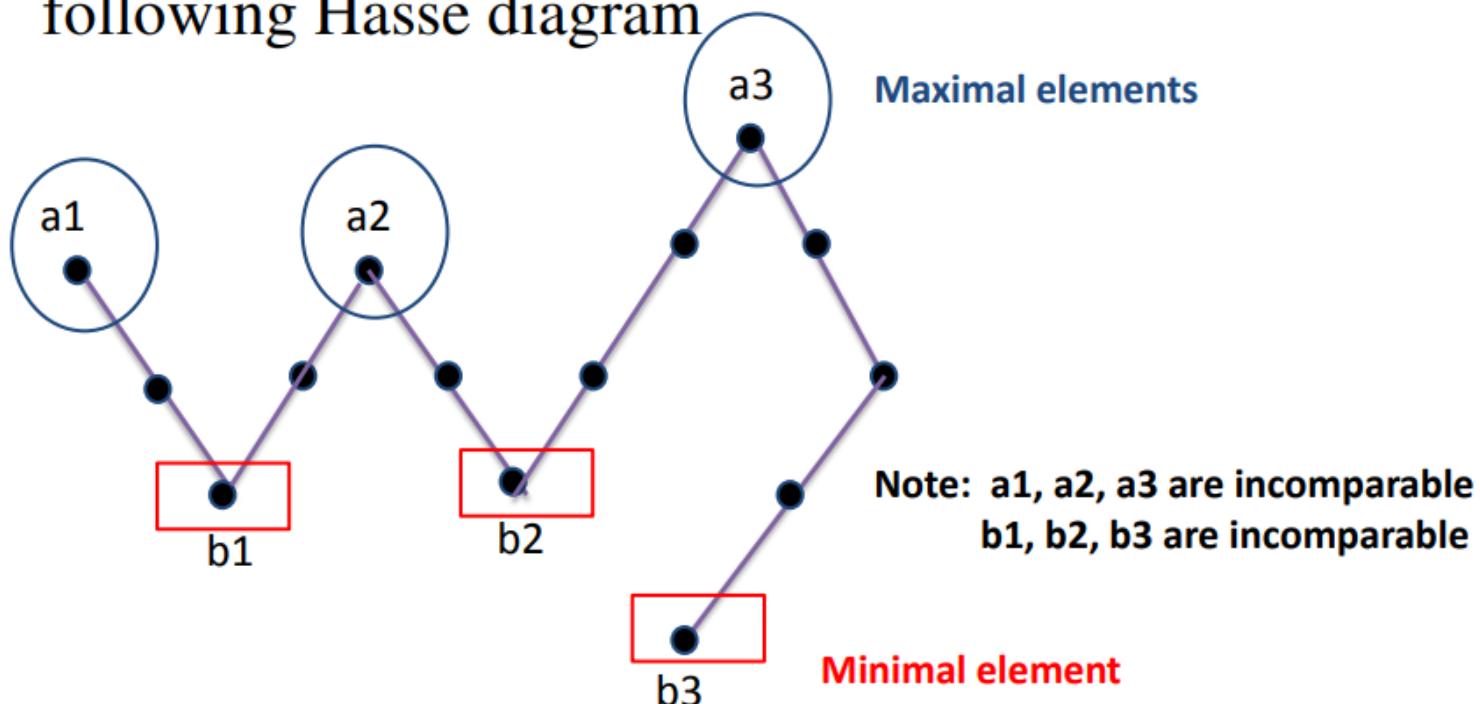
Minimal elements : a_1, a_3, a_5



Extremal Elements of Partially Ordered Sets

- Example 1

Find the maximal and minimal elements in the following Hasse diagram





Extremal Elements of Partially Ordered Sets

- Example 2

Let A be the poset of nonnegative real numbers with the usual partial order \leq . Then 0 is a minimal element of A . There are no maximal elements of A .

- Example 3

The poset Z with the usual partial order \leq has no maximal elements and has no minimal elements.

Extremal Elements of Partially Ordered Sets

- Greatest element

An element a in A is called a greatest element of A if
 $x \leq a$ for all x in A .

- Least element

An element a in A is called a least element of A if
 $a \leq x$ for all x in A .



Extremal Elements of Partially Ordered Sets

- Example 5

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- Example 7

The poset Z with usual partial order has neither a least nor a greatest element.



Extremal Elements of Partially Ordered Sets

Consider a poset A and a subset B of A

- Upper bound

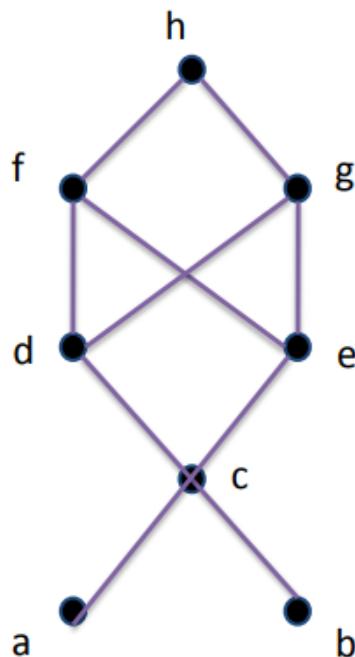
An element a in A is called an upper bound of B if $b \leq a$ for all b in B

- Lower bound

An element a in A is called a lower bound of B if $a \leq b$ for all b in B

- Example 8

Find all upper and lower bounds of the following subset of A: (a) $B_1 = \{a, b\}$; $B_2 = \{c, d, e\}$



B_1 has no lower bounds; The upper bounds of B_1 are c, d, e, f, g and h

The lower bounds of B_2 are a, b and c
The upper bounds of B_2 are f, g and h

Let A be a poset and B a subset of A,

- Least upper bound

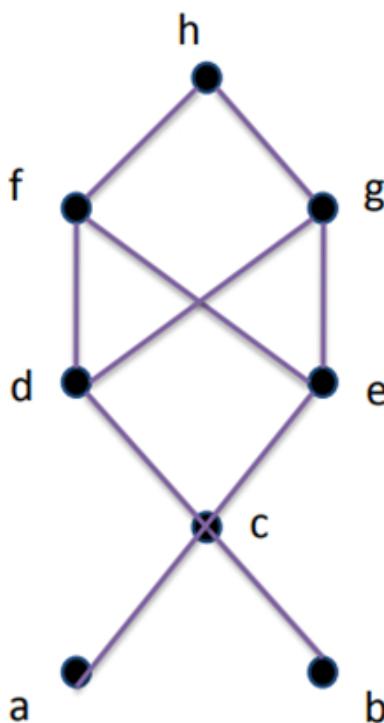
An element a in A is called a least upper bound of B, denoted by (LUB(B)), if a is an upper bound of B and $a \leq a'$, whenever a' is an upper bound of B.

- Greatest lower bound

An element a in A is called a greatest lower bound of B, denoted by (GLB(B)), if a is a lower bound of B and $a' \leq a$, whenever a' is a lower bound of B.

- Example 9

Find all least upper bounds and all greatest lower bounds of (a) $B_1=\{a, b\}$ (b) $B_2=\{c, d, e\}$



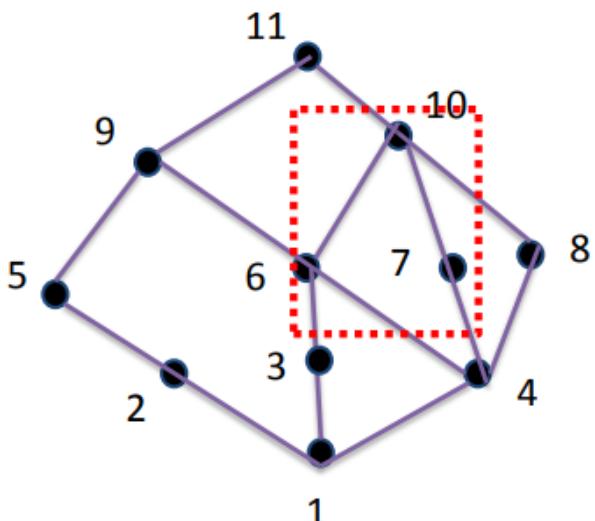
(a) Since B_1 has no lower bounds, it has no greatest lower bounds; However,
 $LUB(B_1)=c$

(b) Since the lower bounds of B_2 are c, a and b , we find that $GLB(B_2)=c$.
The upper bounds of B_2 are f, g and h . Since f and g are not comparable, we conclude that B_2 has no least upper bound.

Extremal Elements of Partially Ordered Sets

- Example 10

Let $A=\{1,2,3,\dots,11\}$ be the poset whose Hasse diagram is shown below. Find the LUB and GLB of $B=\{6,7,10\}$, if they exist.



The upper bounds of B are 10, 11, and
LUB(B) is 10 (**the first vertex that can be Reached from $\{6,7,10\}$ by upward paths**)

The lower bounds of B are 1, 4, and
GLB(B) is 4 (**the first vertex that can be Reached from $\{6,7,10\}$ by downward paths**)



Boolean Lattice :

Bounded ✓
Complemented ✓
Distributive ✓

Complemented lattice \rightarrow bounded lattice

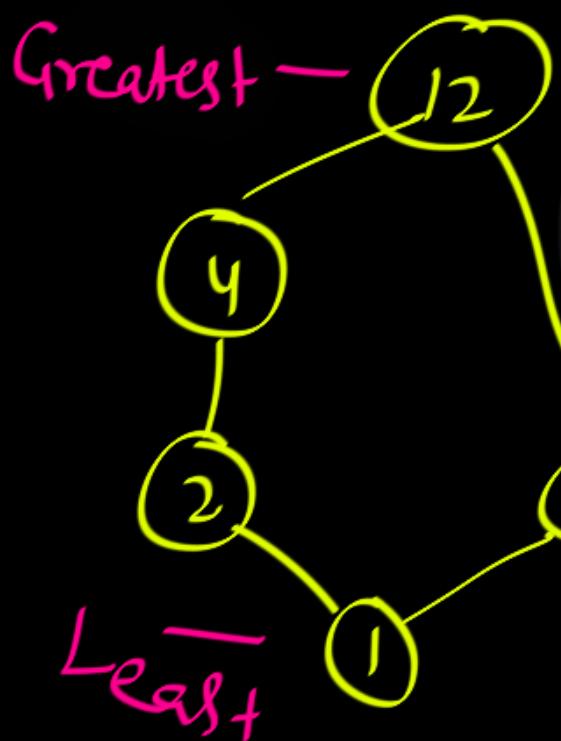
"Complements" are only defined in Bounded lattices.



Boolean Lattice := Complemented Distributive lattice.

Complemented
Distributive

$(\{1, 2, 3, 4, 12\}, |)$ — Lattice



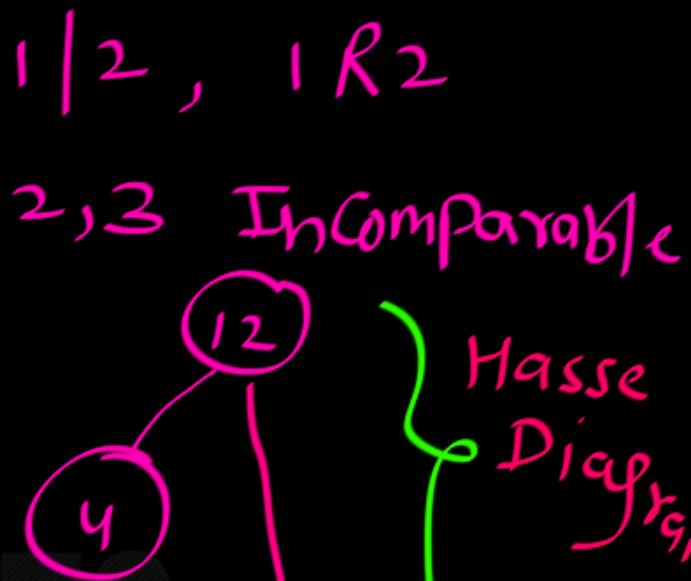
Pentagon lattice (N_5)



Partially Ordered Sets

- Example

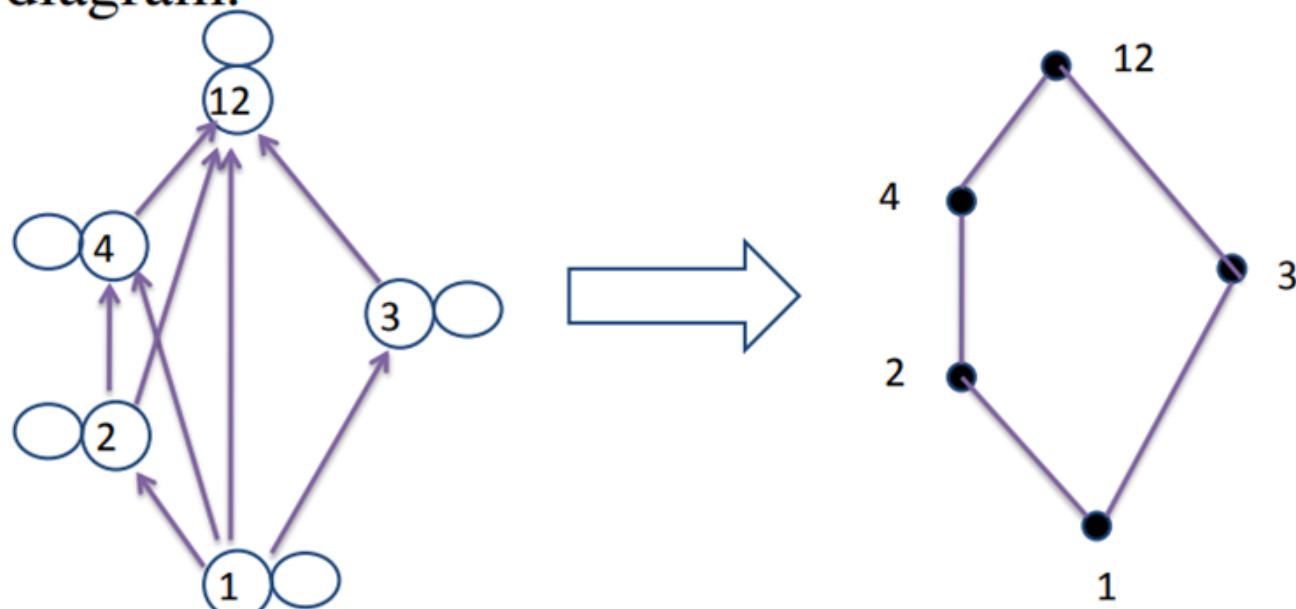
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Extremal Elements of Partially Ordered Sets

- Unit element

The greatest element of a poset, if it exists, is denoted by I and is often called the unit element.

- Zero element

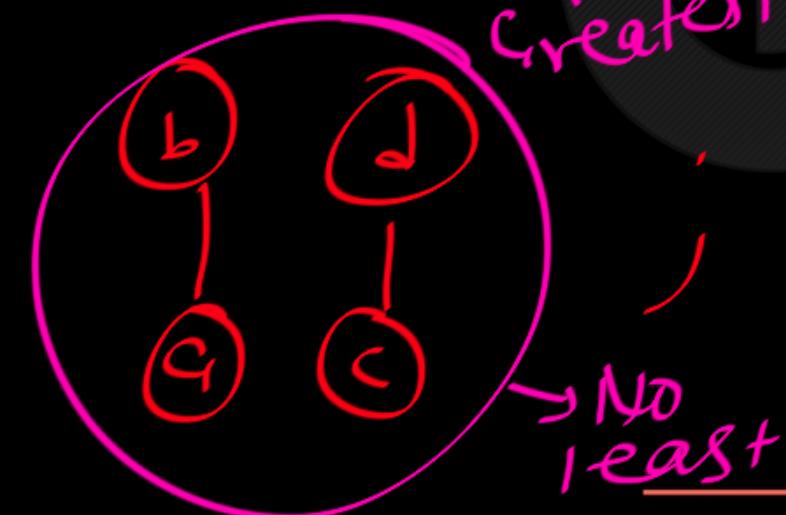
The least element of a poset, if it exists, is denoted by 0 and is often called the zero element.

Q: does unit/zero element exist for a finite nonempty poset?

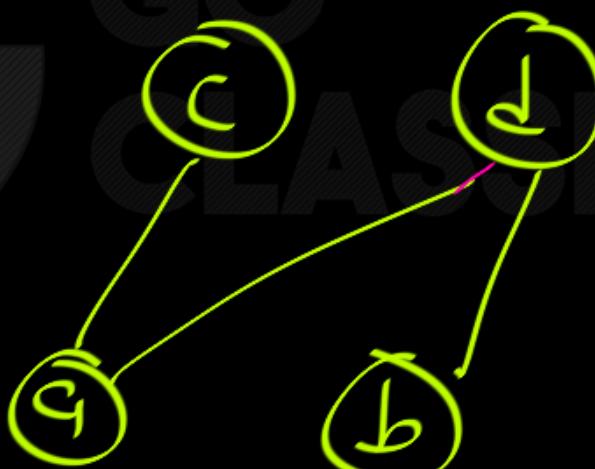
\varnothing : finite (non-empty) Poset Definitely has greatest element ; least element?

- false:

No greatest



No least



Poset

Greatest = DNE
Least = DNE

Q: finite (non-empty) Lattice Definitely has Greatest element; Least element.
— True.
finite lattice is always bounded.



Complement: Complement of "a" is "b"

means

and

$$a \vee b = \text{Greatest}$$
$$a \wedge b = \text{Least}$$

Greatest

a

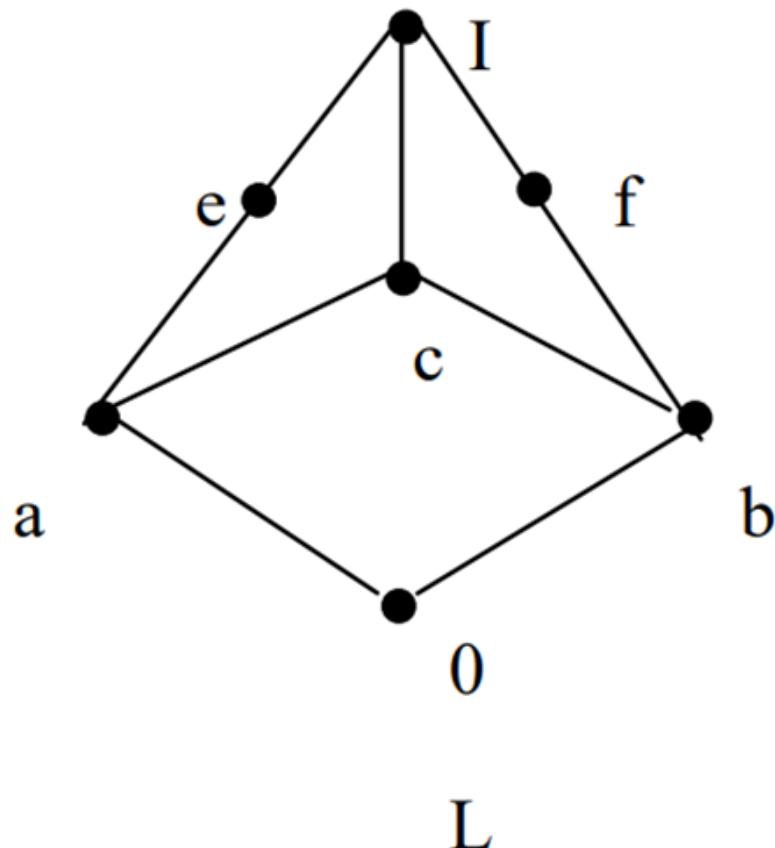
\bar{a}'

Least



Q : Do Complete Analysis of the following Hasse Diagram:

For example, consider the lattice shown in the diagram:



Find Extremal elements, GLB, LUB.

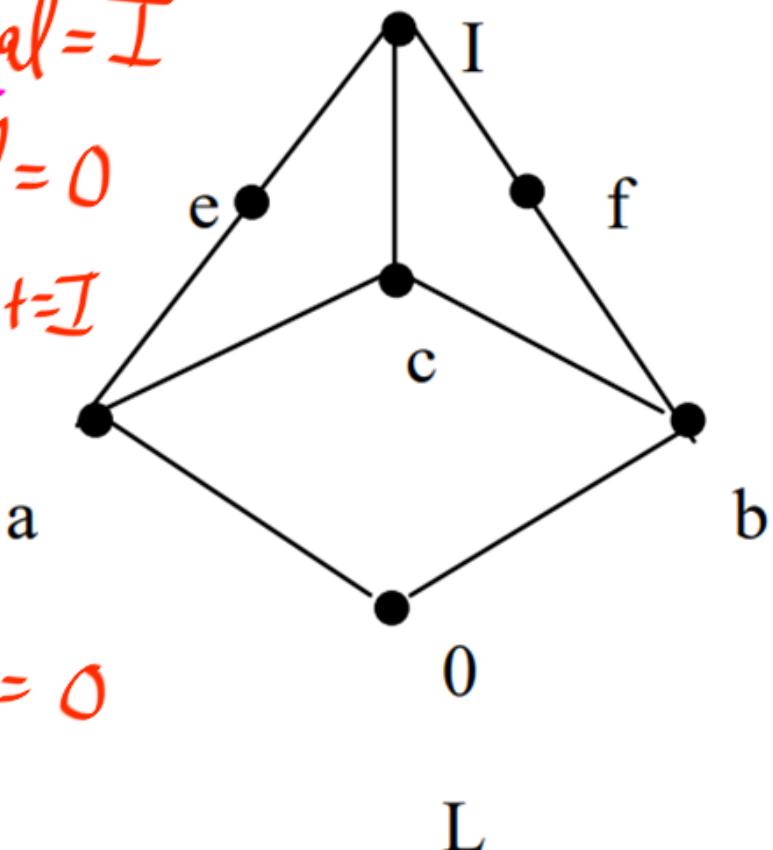
For example, consider the lattice shown in the diagram:

maximal = I

minimal = 0

Greatest = I

Least = 0



$$e \wedge f = 0$$

$$e \wedge c = a$$

$$e \vee c = I$$

$$f \wedge c = b$$

$$f \vee c = I$$

$$\text{UB}\{f, c\} = \{I\}$$

$$\text{LB}\{f, c\} = \{b, 0\}$$

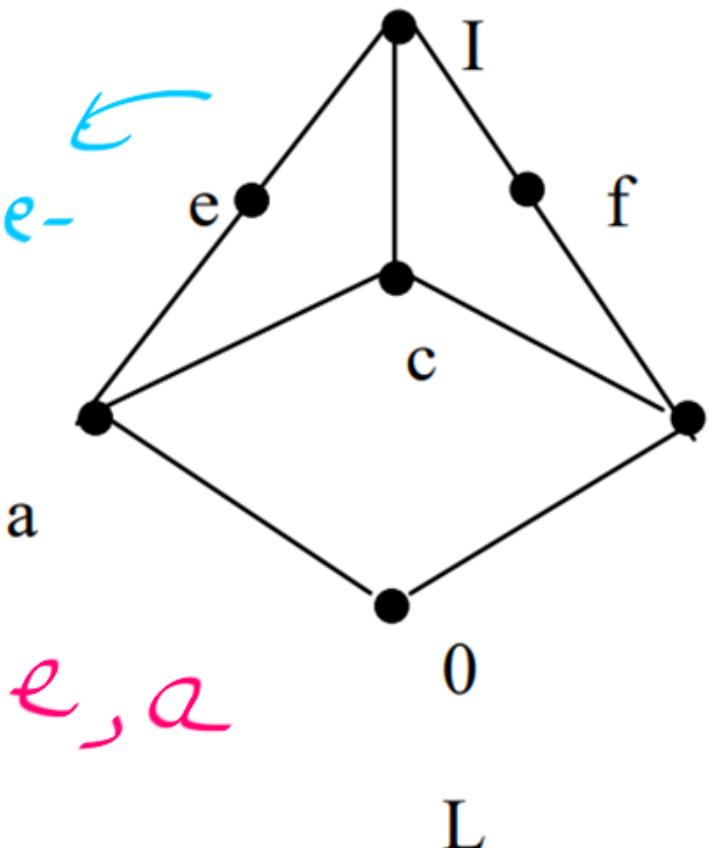
$$\text{GLB}\{f, c\} = b$$



Find Complements of elements.

For example, consider the lattice shown in the diagram:

Not
Compleme-
-ntes
lattice



$$\bar{f}' = e, a$$

$$\begin{aligned}
 I' &= 0 \\
 \bar{0}' &= I \\
 \bar{e}' &= f, b \\
 \bar{a}' &= f \\
 \bar{c}' &= \text{DNE} \\
 \bar{b}' &= e
 \end{aligned}$$

$$e \wedge c = a \neq 0$$

$$\text{so } \bar{e}' \neq c$$

$$\bar{a}' \neq b$$

$$a \vee b = c \neq I$$

$$\bar{a}' \neq c$$

$$a \vee c = c \neq I$$

so Not
comp. Lattice.

Since $\tilde{e}^{-1} = f, b$

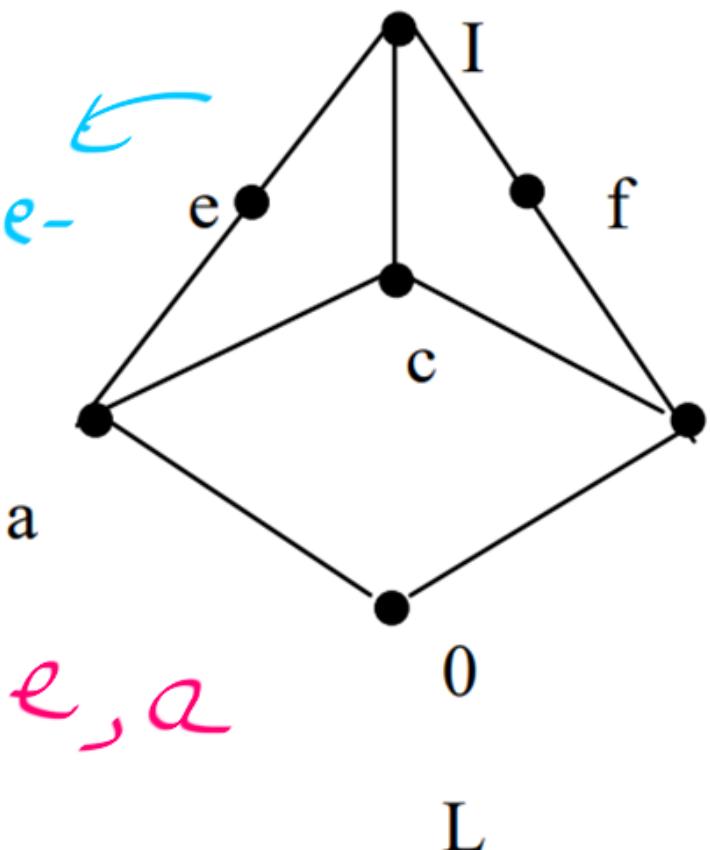
Some element has >1 Complement, So
not Distributive lattice.



Find Complements of elements.

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lattice



$$\bar{f}' = e, a$$

b

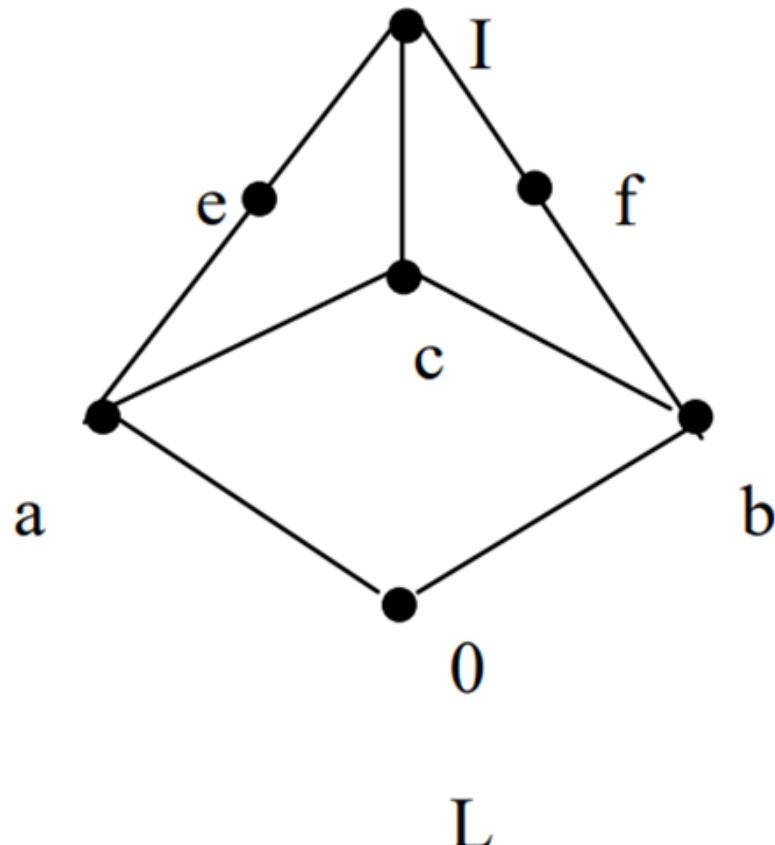
$$\begin{aligned}\bar{I}' &= 0 \\ \bar{0}' &= I \\ \bar{e}' &= f, b \\ \bar{a}' &= f \\ \bar{c}' &= \text{DNE} \\ \bar{b}' &= e\end{aligned}$$

$$\begin{aligned}\bar{c}' &= \text{DNE} \\ \bar{c}' &\neq c \\ c \wedge c &\neq 0 \\ \hline \bar{c}' &\neq 0 & c \vee 0 &\neq I \\ \hline \bar{c}' &\neq e & c \wedge e &\neq 0 \\ \hline \bar{c}' &\neq b & c \vee b &\neq I\end{aligned}$$



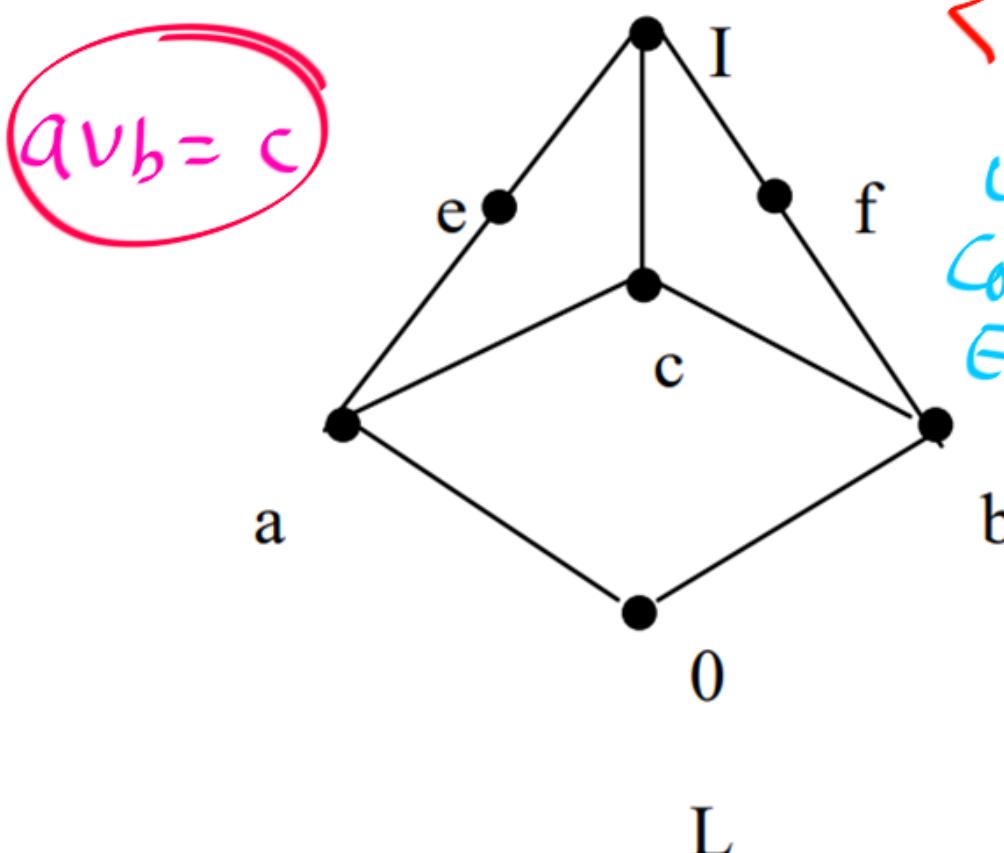
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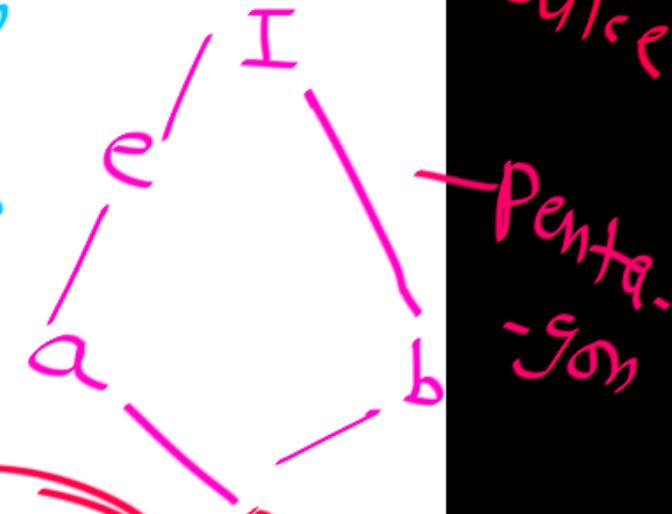
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$\{a, e, I, b, o\}$ — ~~Not~~ sub-lattice
wrong, I

Wrong Counter Example



$$qV_b = \underline{I}$$

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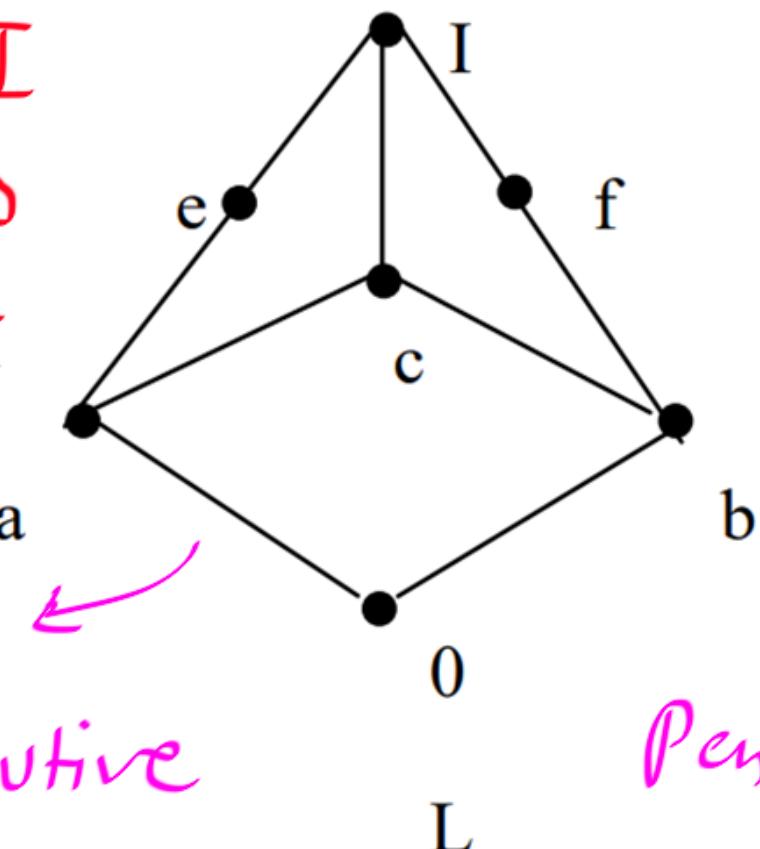
$$a \vee f = I$$

$$a \wedge f = O$$

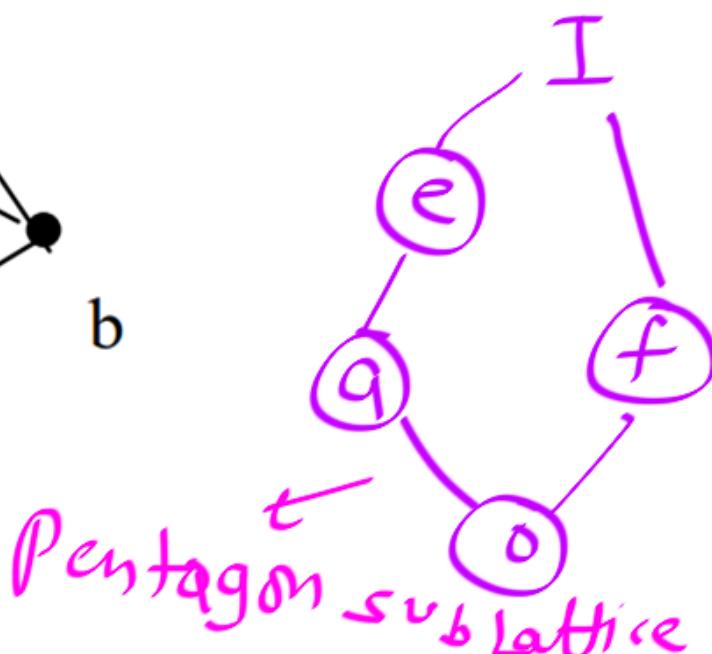
$$e \vee f = I$$

$$e \wedge f = O$$

Not
Distributive



$\{a, e, I, f, o\}$



Sub-
lattice

$$a \wedge f = O$$

$$a \vee f = I$$

$$e \vee f = I$$

$$e \wedge f = O$$



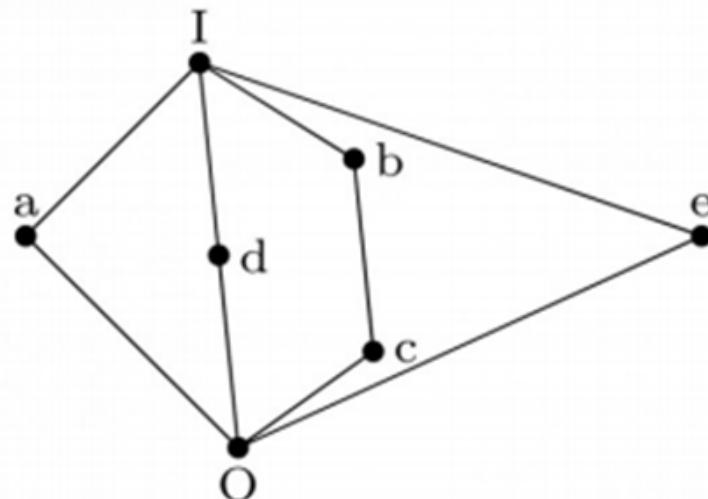
While Checking for Sub-lattice :

Just Check LUB, GLB of Non-
Comparable elements.

Is this Distributive lattice?

4.6.1 Lattice: GATE1988-1vii

The complement(s) of the element 'a' in the lattice shown in below figure is (are) _____





Is this Distributive lattice? — No

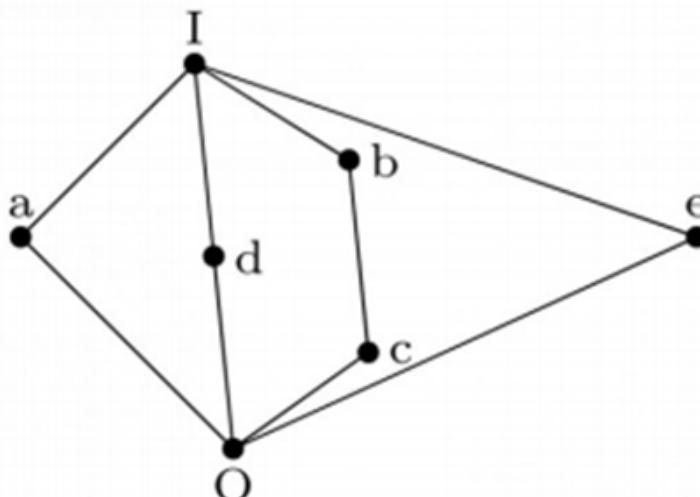
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$$\bar{a}' = d, b, c, e$$

Some element has >1
Complement

So Not Distributive
lattice.

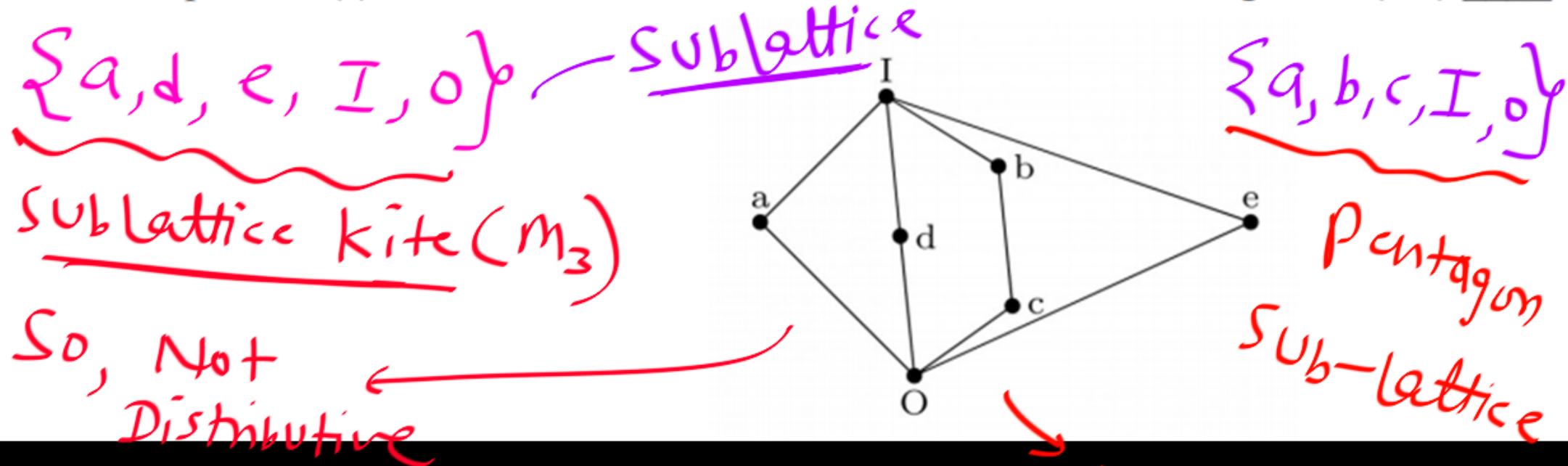


Is this Distributive lattice? - No. Give a Sublattice which

4.6.1 Lattice: GATE1988-1vii

is Kite or Pentagon.

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Partial Order Relations

Next Sub-Topic:

Boolean Lattice/ Boolean Algebra

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Definition

A Boolean algebra is a lattice with 0 and 1 that is distributive and complemented.

Example

→ Bounded

Let A be a set. Then $\langle \text{pow}(A), \subseteq \rangle$ is a Boolean algebra.

$$A = \{a, b\}$$

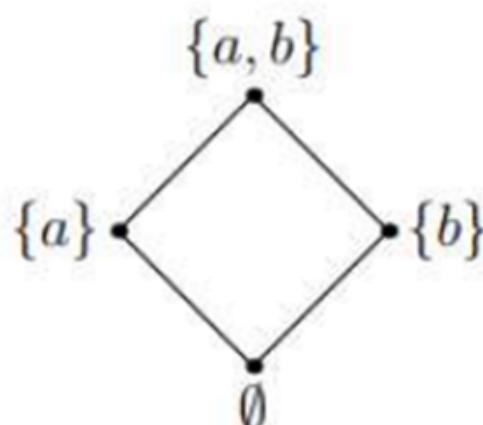


Figure: $A = \{a, b\}$.

$A = \{a, b\}$ then

$(P(A), \subseteq)$

- Boolean
Algebra

$\{a\}$
 $\{b\}$
 $\{a, b\}$

- Boundles

$1 = \{a, b\} = \text{greatest}$

\emptyset

$\{b\}$

\emptyset

\emptyset

Complemented

$\phi^{-1} = \{a, b\}$; $\{a\}^{-1} = \{b\}$

(< 5 elements)



Boolean Lattices: Definition and Properties

Complemented distributive lattices are an important type of lattice. Rather than call them by this mouthful, they are given a special name: they are called *Boolean lattices*.

DEFINITION 7.2 - 7: Boolean Lattices

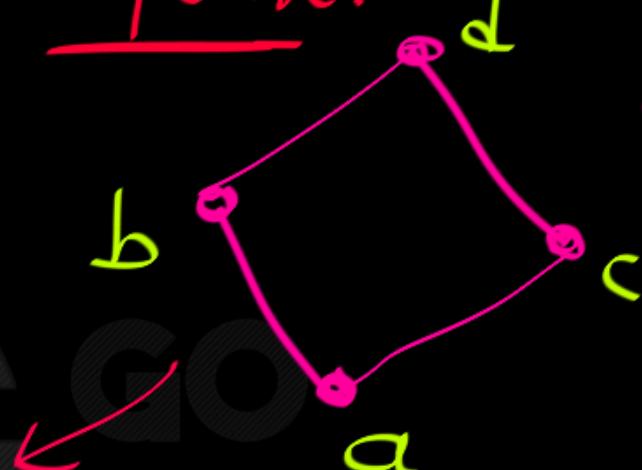
A lattice $\langle A, \leq, \neg, 0, 1 \rangle$ is a Boolean lattice iff it is a complemented distributive lattice.





Note:

Structure: Square:



boun*ded* ✓
Distr*ibutive* ✓
Comple*m* ✓

Square
Structure

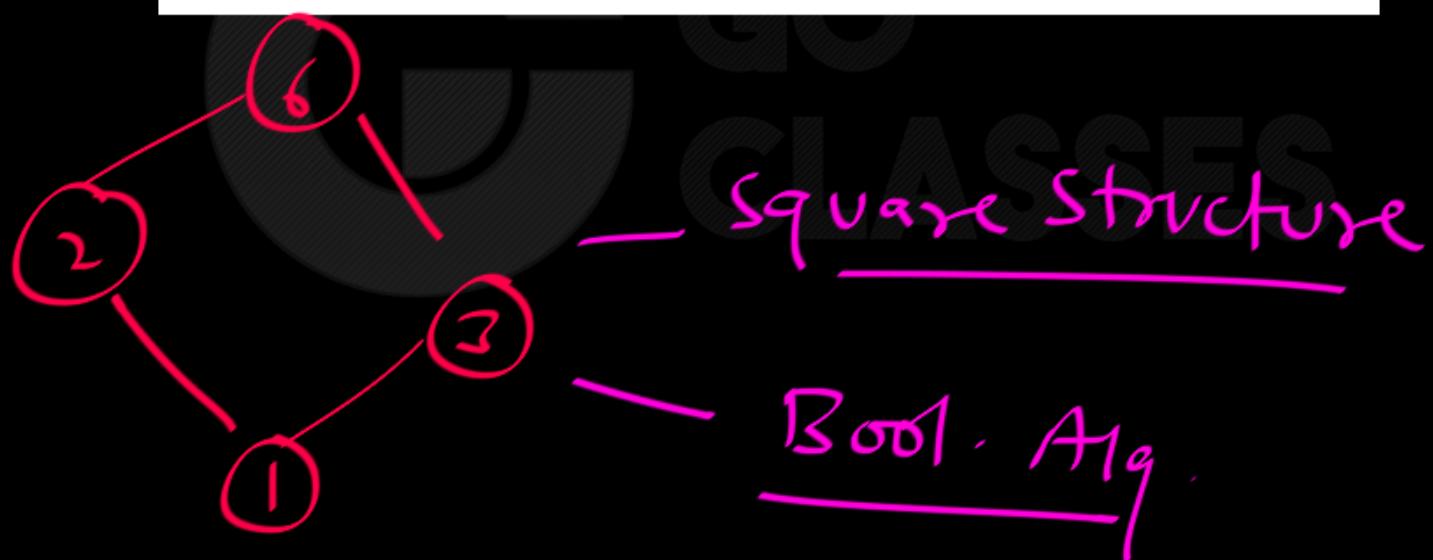
is Boolean Algebra

$$\begin{array}{l|l} \overline{b} = c & \overline{d} = a \\ \overline{c} = b & \\ \overline{a} = 1 & \end{array}$$

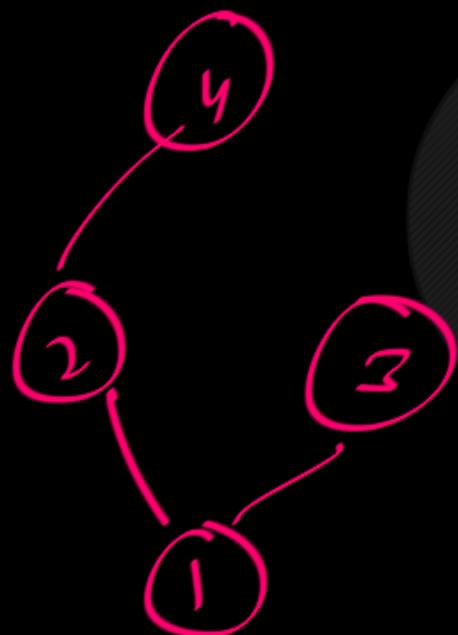


Example

$\langle \{1, 2, 3, 6\}, | \rangle$ is a Boolean algebra.



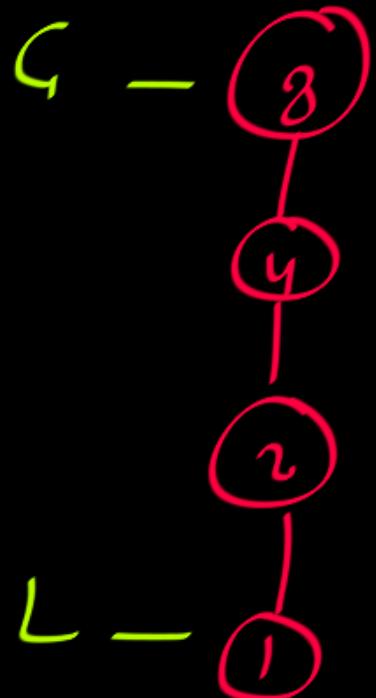
$(\{1, 2, 3, 4\}, \mid)$ — Not Bool. Alg.



$$\begin{aligned}3 \vee 4 &= \text{DNE} \\ \text{LUB}(3, 4) &= \text{DNE}\end{aligned}$$

Not even a lattice

$(\{1, 2, 4, 8\}, |)$ — Bool. Alg X



Bounded ✓

Distributive (Chain is Dist.)

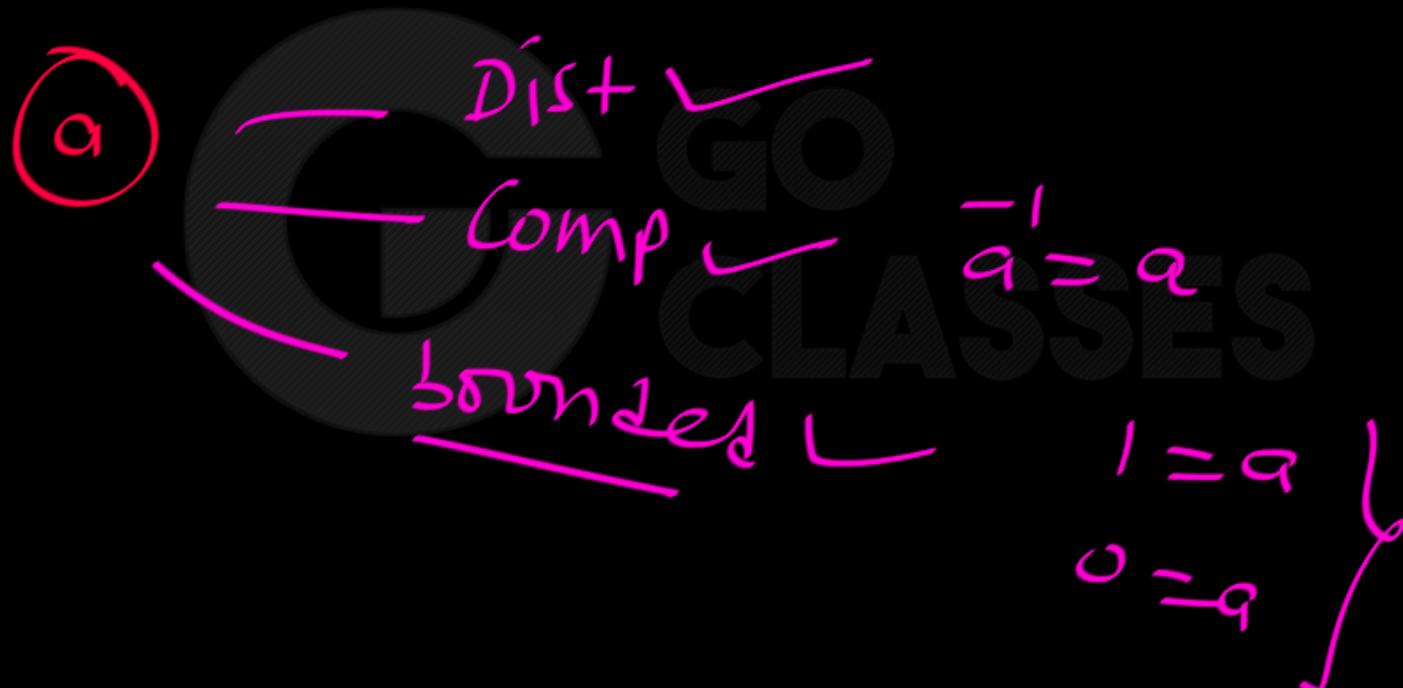
Not Comp.

$$2' = \text{DNE} ; \quad 1' = 8 ; \quad 8' = 1$$

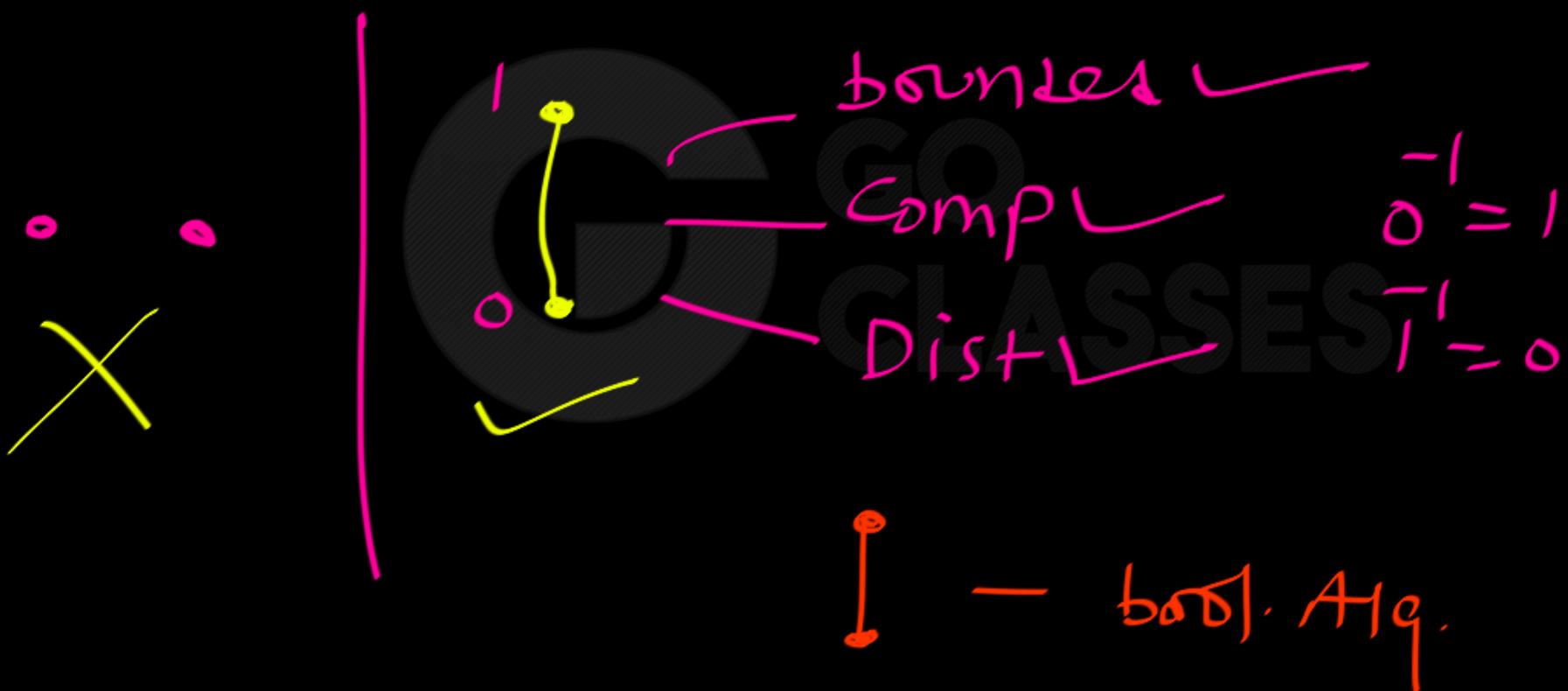
$$4' = \text{DNE}$$



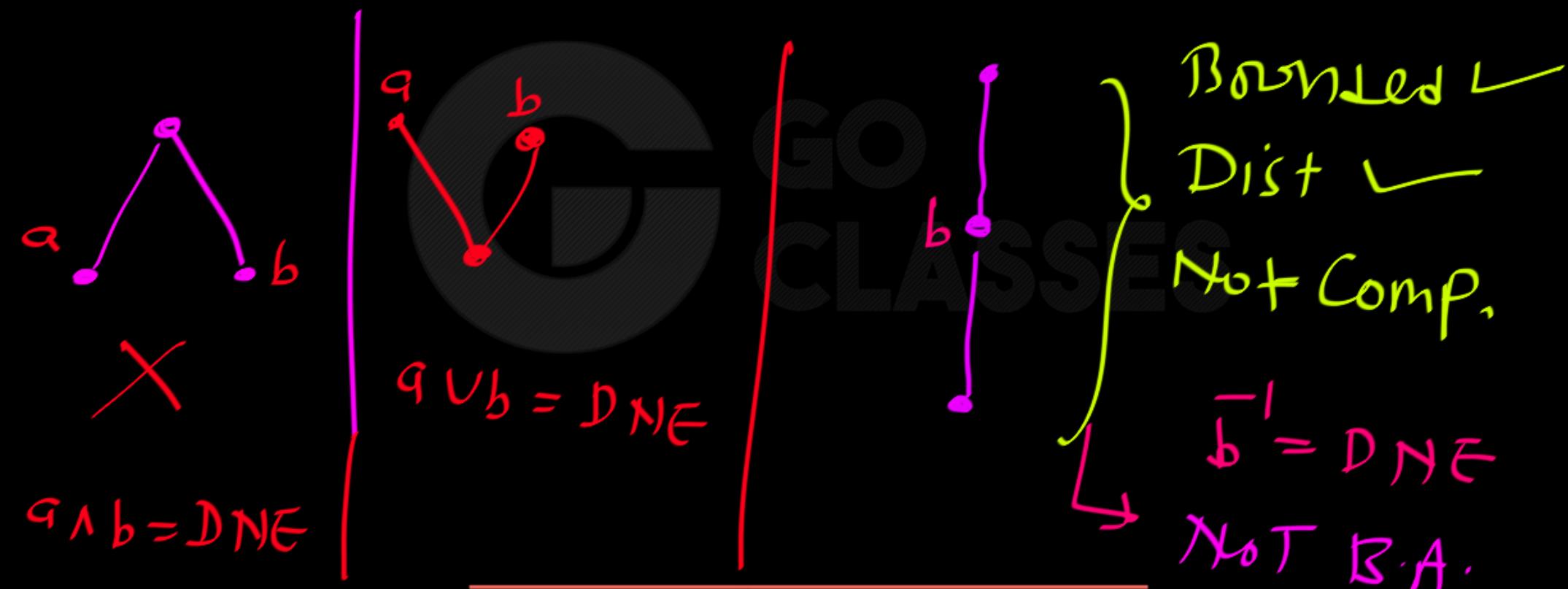
Q: Single element Lattice :- Bool. Alg.



Q: 2 element Lattice structures : = 1

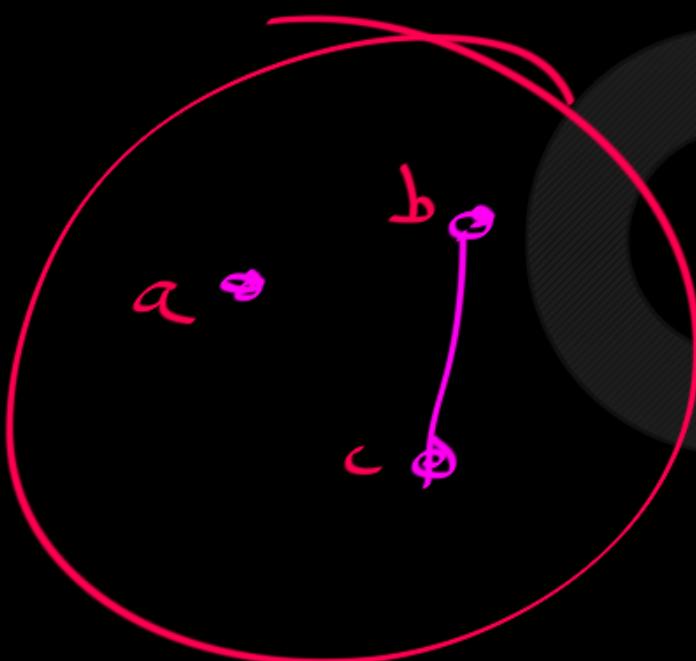


Q: 3 element Lattice Structures : 1





Q: 3 element Lattice Structures :



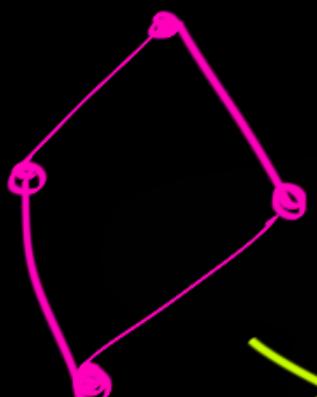
Not a Lattice

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$$\begin{array}{l} \underline{a \vee b = DNE} \\ \underline{a \wedge b = DNE} \end{array} \quad \left. \right\}$$



Q: 4 element Lattice Structures : 2



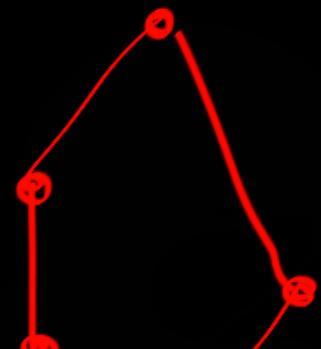
Square

Bdd/
Alg.



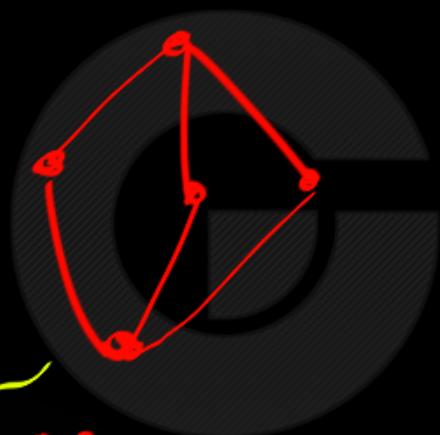
Not BA

Q: 5 element Lattice Structures : 5
None of them is BA.



N_5
Pentagon

Not
Dist



M_3
Kite



Chain



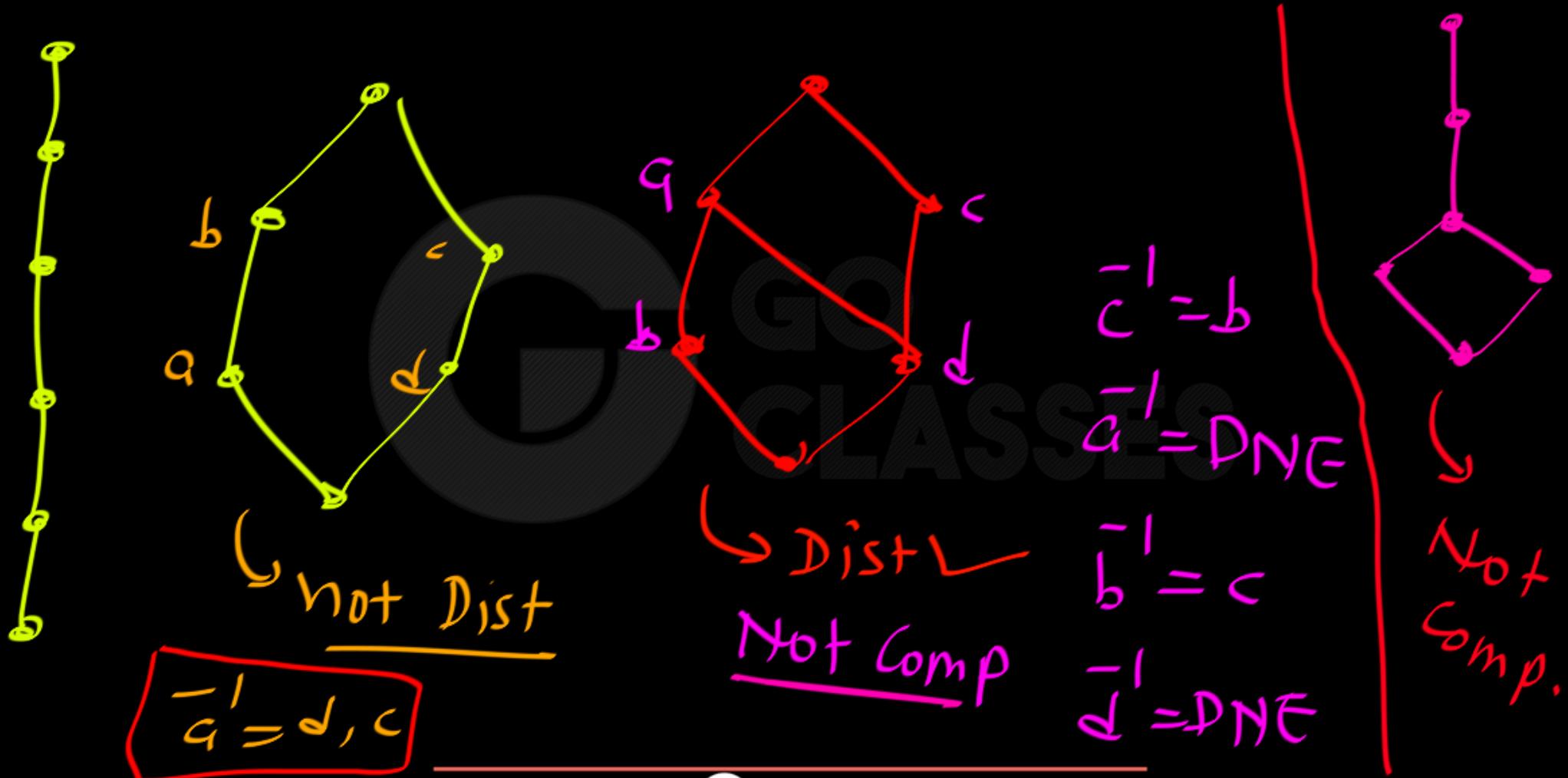
Not Comp





Q: 6 element Lattice Structures :

HW: Any Lattice Structure that you
will make, will not be a BA.





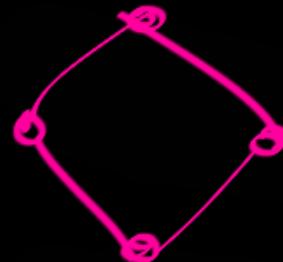
Boolean Algebras:

- ① 1 element BA : $a \bullet \checkmark$
- ② 2 " " : 
- ③ 3 " " : None



Boolean Algebras:

4 element BA :



square

5 "



None

6 "



None

7 "

None



Note:

Every BA has the Same Structure

as $(P(A), \subseteq)$ structure; for some A.

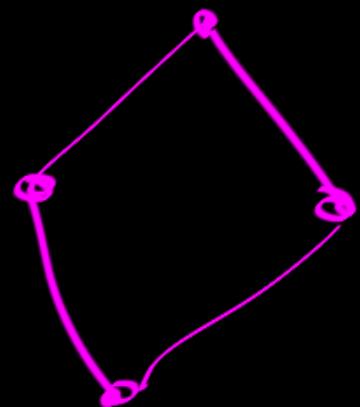
B A : $(P(A), \subseteq)$

• $\equiv (P(A), \subseteq)$ $A = \emptyset$

 $\equiv (P(A), \subseteq)$ $A = \{a\}$
 $|A| = 1$



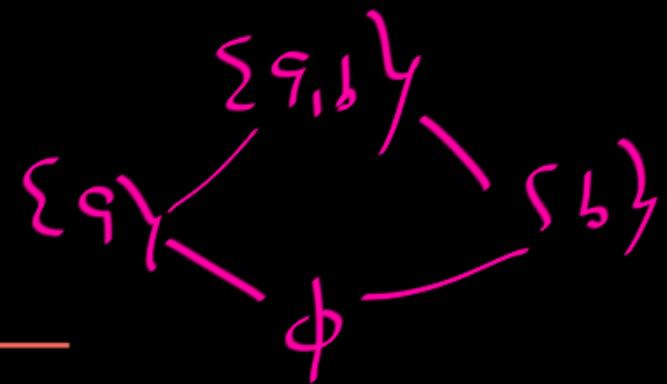
BA :



$\equiv (P(A), \subseteq)$
Base set

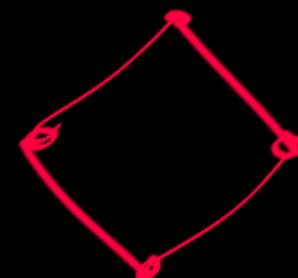
$A = \{q, b\}$; $(P(A), \subseteq)$

where
 $|A| = 2$

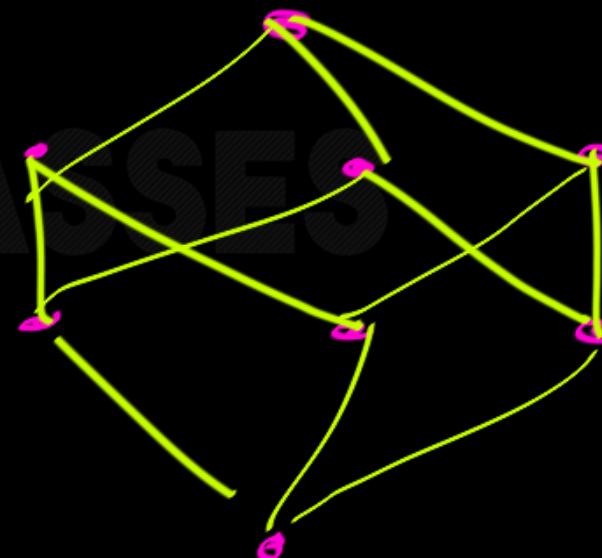




$$|A|=2 \quad ; \quad (P(A), \subseteq) \equiv$$



$$|A|=3 \quad ; \quad (P(A), \subseteq) \equiv$$



$$(P\{a, b, c\}, \subseteq) \equiv$$



$$|A| = 4 ;$$

$$(P(A), \subseteq)$$



2^4 elements

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$$A = \emptyset ; \quad P(A) = \{ \emptyset \}, \subseteq$$



• \emptyset



Note:

$BA \equiv (P(s), \subseteq)$ for some s .

↓
Some structure



$(P(N), \subseteq)$ — BA ✓

Infinite BA.

$(P(S), \subseteq)$ — BA ✓

$$N = \{1, 2, 3, \dots\}$$

$P(N)$ = infinite set

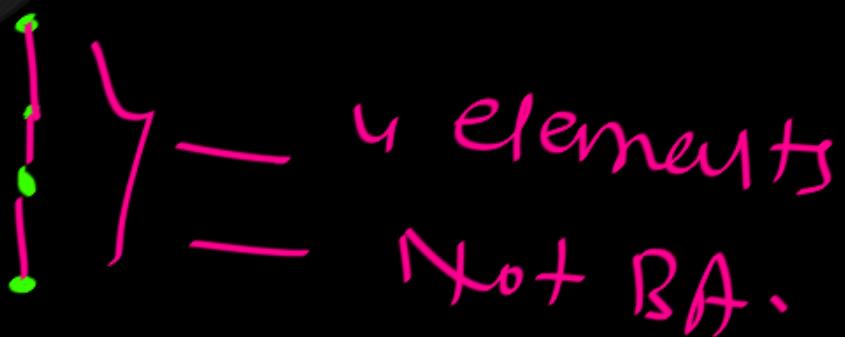
$$(P(N), \subseteq) - \underline{\text{BA}}$$

Note:

Every BA has 2^n elements, $n \geq 0$

Q: Lattice with 2^n elements is BA?

No.



= 4 elements

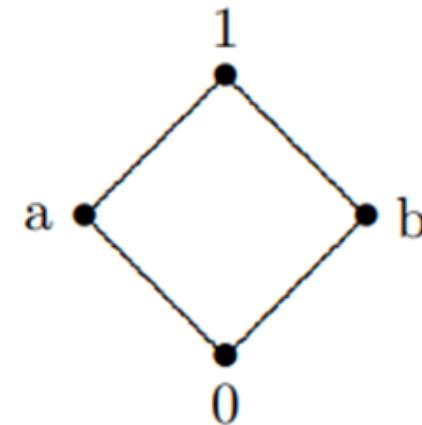
Not BA.



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0

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Theorem (M. H. Stone, 1936)

Every **finite** Boolean algebra is isomorphic to the Boolean algebra $\langle \text{pow}(S), \subseteq \rangle$ of a finite set S .

Corollary

Every finite Boolean algebra has 2^n elements for some $n \in \mathbb{N}$.



Partial Order Relations

Next Topic:

Practice Questions

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Q: Assume in a poset, aRb then $a \vee b = b??$

$$\begin{array}{c} b \\ \text{---} \\ a \end{array} \quad \begin{array}{l} a \vee b \\ = \\ a \wedge b \end{array}$$

aRb then

$$\left. \begin{array}{l} a \vee b = b \\ a \wedge b = a \end{array} \right\}$$



Q: Assume in a poset, $a \vee b = b$ then $aRb??$

$a \vee b = b$ then $aRb ?$





Q: Assume in a poset, $a \vee b = b$ then aRb ??

$a \vee b = b$ then aRb ? — Yes ✓

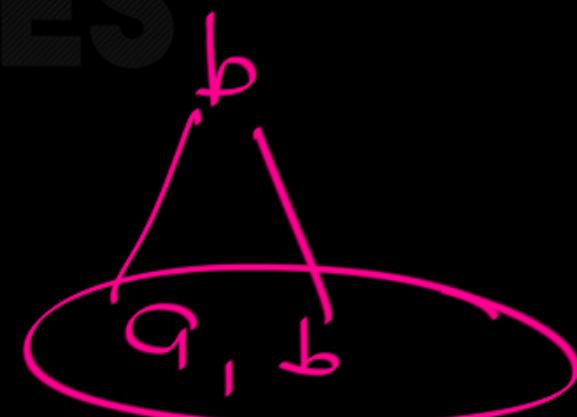
Apply the Definition of LUB.

LUB is a \cup B .



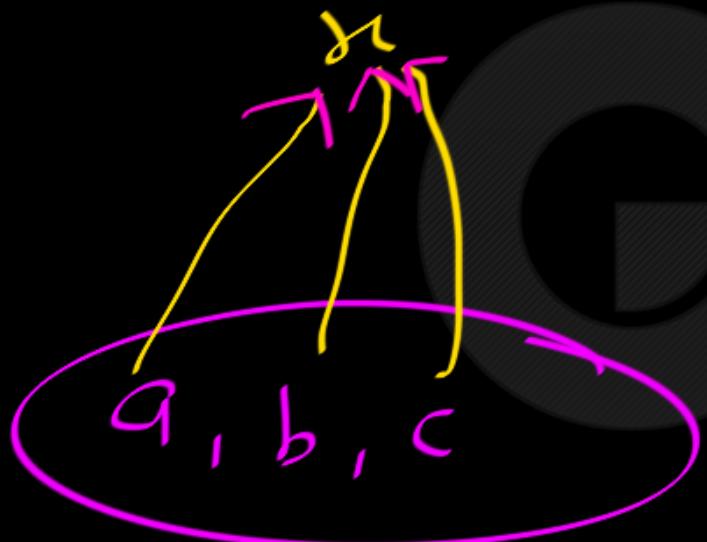
$$\text{LUB}\{a, b\} = b$$

means
 aRb ✓





Upper bound :



LUB is also UB.

$$\text{LUB } \{a, b, c\} = x$$

means

$$\begin{aligned} a &\leq x \\ b &\leq x \\ c &\leq x \end{aligned}$$

Lower bound:

$$\text{LB}\{a, b, c\} = x$$

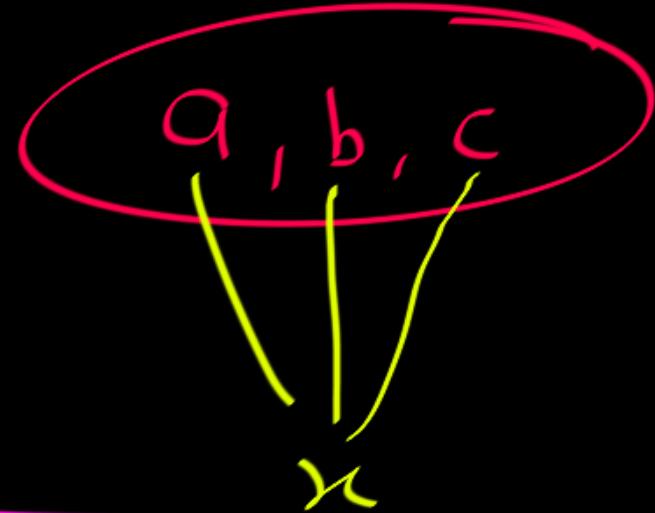
means

~~a R x~~

$$x R a$$

$$x R b$$

$$x R c$$



GLB is also LB.

If $\text{GLB}\{a, b\} = b$

means: $b Ra$

Note: In any Poset :

$a R b$

iff

$a \vee b = b$

$a R b$

iff

$a \wedge b = a$

✓ $a R b$ then $\underline{a \wedge b = a}$ ✓

✓ $a \wedge b = a$ means $GLB\{a, b\} = a$

b — $a \vee b$ means $a R b$ ✓

a — $a \wedge b$



Consistency Property in Lattices :

 $a R b$

iff

 $a \vee b = b$ $a R b$

iff

 $a \wedge b = a$



Every Lattice Satisfies these:

Theorem 5.3.2. Let $[A, +, \cdot]$ be a lattice and $a, b, c \in A$.

- i. $a + a = a$ idempotency
- ii. $a + b = b + a$ commutativity
- iii. $(a + b) + c = a + (b + c)$ associativity
- iv. $a + (a \cdot b) = a$ absorption
- v. $a + b = b \longleftrightarrow a \cdot b = a \longleftrightarrow a \leq b$ consistency



Match the Column:

Identity property
Domination property

Bounded Lattices

De Morgan Property

Boolean Lattice



Q: Why Boolean Lattice is called Boolean Algebra?



In Digital logic :

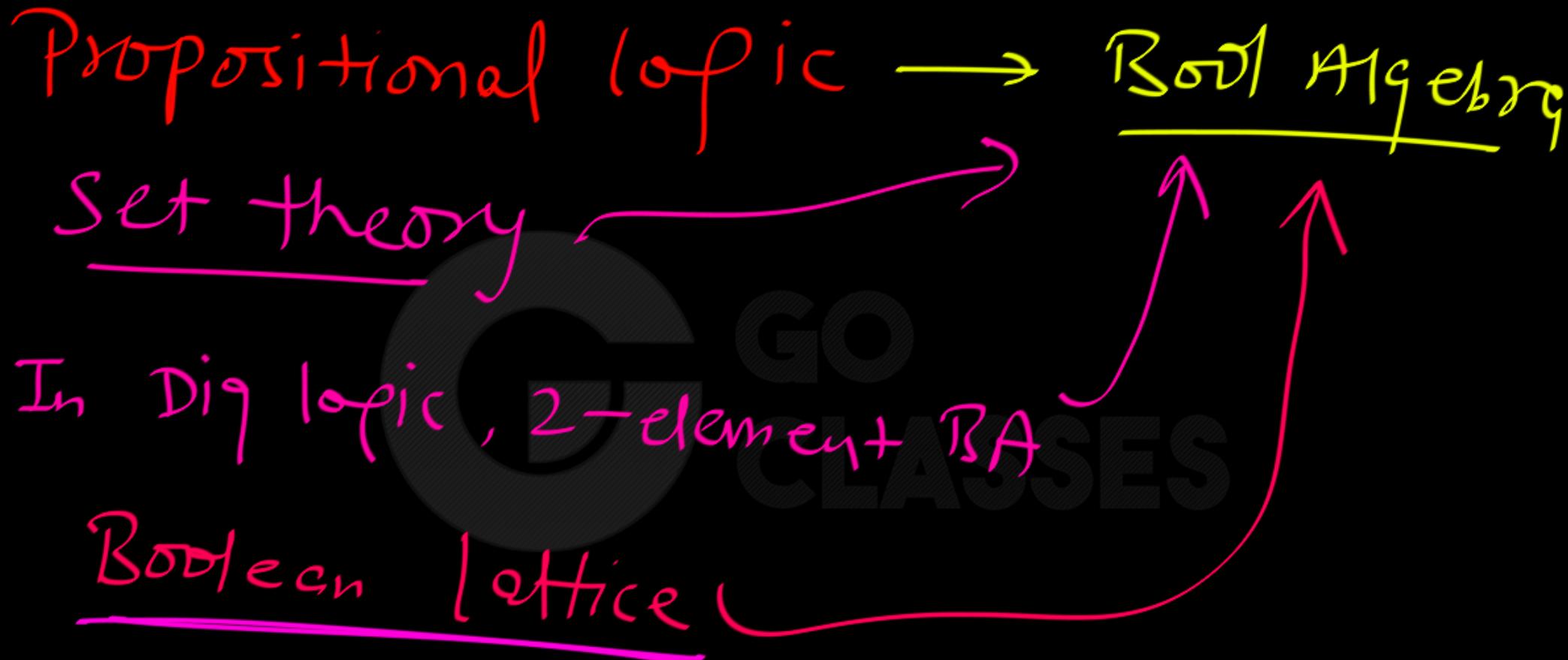
2 - element

Bool Alg.

0,1
=

Boolean Algebra: Any mathematical structure that satisfies all the properties

Commutative; Dist; Asso; Identity; Idempotent
Complement; Demorgan

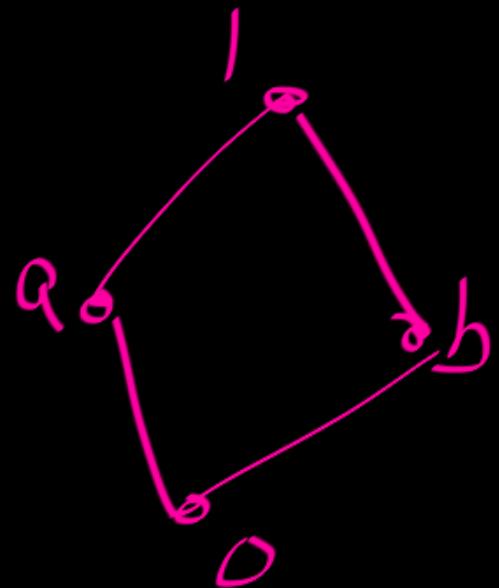




Boolean Lattice Satisfies :

- { Commutative
- Distributive = Distributive lattice
- Identity = bounded lattice
- Complement = Complemented lattice
- Idempotent
- De Morgan

Consider Boolean Lattice:

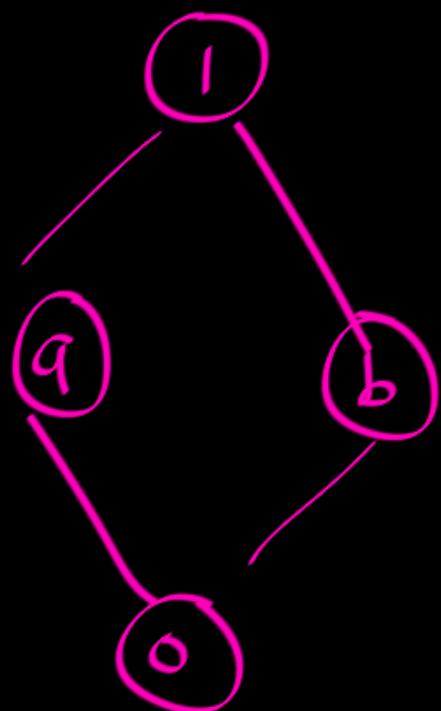


De Morgan law:

$$\forall x, y = \left\{ \begin{array}{l} (\overline{x \wedge y}) = \overline{x} \vee \overline{y} \\ (\overline{x \vee y}) = \overline{x} \wedge \overline{y} \end{array} \right.$$



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Boolean
lattice

$$\overline{(a \wedge b)} = \overline{a} \vee \overline{b}$$

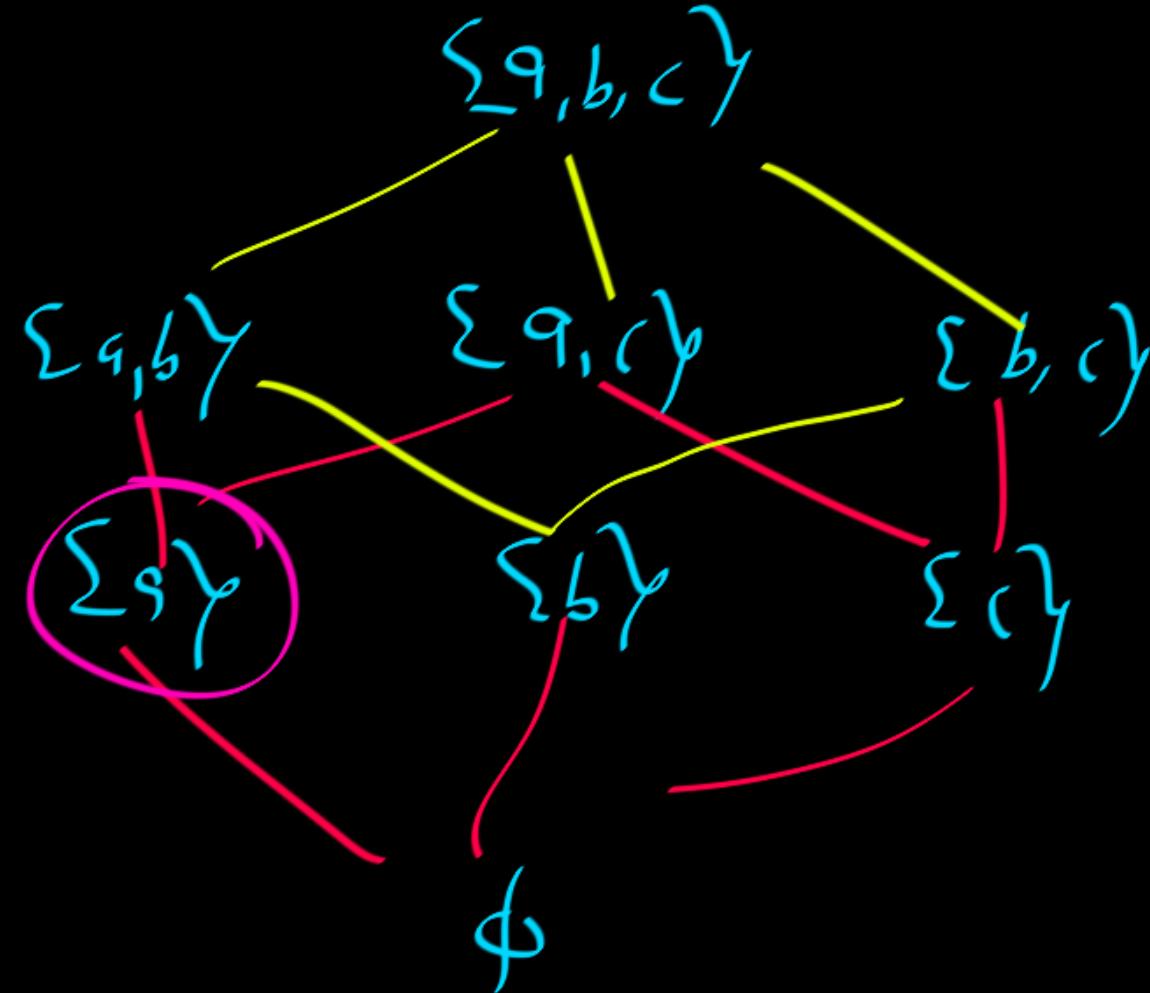
? 

$$\overline{b} \vee \overline{a} = 1$$



All Lattices satisfy :

- ① Commutative
- ② Absorption
- ③ Idempotent
- ④ Associative
- ⑤ Consistency

$(P(\Sigma_{q,b,c}), \gamma, \leq)$ $\overline{\Sigma_q\gamma} = \{b,c\}$ $\widehat{\{b,c\}} = \Sigma_q$ 



Partial Order Relations

Next Topic:

Complete Analysis of Total
Order Relations

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Total order Relation :

- ① Lattice ✓
- ② Bounded Lattice — may or may not
- ③ Complemented iff ≤ 2 elements
- ④ Dist ✓
- ⑤ BA iff ≤ 2 elements.



Total Order → every two elements Comparable.

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



finite Total order:

- ① Lattice ✓
- ② Bounded Lattice ✓
- ③ Complemented iff ≤ 2 elements.
- ④ Distributive ✓
- ⑤ Boolean Algebra iff ≤ 2 elements.

Infinite Total order: $([0,1], \leq)$ (\mathbb{Z}, \leq)

- ① Lattice ✓
- ② Bounded Lattice — may or may not
- ③ Complemented — Never
- ④ Distributive ✓
- ⑤ Boolean Algebra — Never



Lattice: Every two non-comparable elements must have GLB, LUB.

Comparable elements always have GLB, LUB.

$a R b$ iff $a \vee b = b$, $a \wedge b = a$

$([0, 1], \leq)$ — bounded Tosit

(\mathbb{Z}, \leq) — Not bounded Tosit.

(N, \leq) — " "

(N, \geq) — " "



In a Total Order : Every two elements are comparable.

$$a \vee b = a \text{ or } b$$

for any a, b {
 $a R b \rightsquigarrow a \vee b = b$
 or
 $b R a \rightsquigarrow a \vee b = a$



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**Problems 17-20: Totally Ordered Sets and Lattices**

Let $\langle \mathcal{A}, \leq \rangle$ be a totally ordered set.

*17. Prove the following.

- \mathcal{A} is a lattice. ✓
- What is the meet and join of any two elements a and b in \mathcal{A} ? Explain.

*18. Prove that if \mathcal{A} has more than two elements, then it is not a complemented lattice, even if it has a minimum and a maximum.

totally ordered sets are distributive lattices. ✓



Q:

Not Complemented \rightarrow Not ?
Distributive

false

Counter Eg:





Partial Order Relations

Next Topic:

Complete Analysis of
Subset Relations

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Let S be any non-empty set and let A be some collection of its subsets. i.e. A contains some of the subsets of S .

$$A \subseteq P(S)$$

Discuss the properties of the subset relation \subseteq on elements of A .

Set S ; $A \subseteq P(S)$

(A, \subseteq) : ① Ref ✓ } Subset Relation
 ② Antisym ✓ }
 ③ Trans ✓ }
 ④ Symmetric — may or may not
not
 $P(S)$ is Always
these

$$S = \{a, b, c\} ; A = \{ \{a, b\} \} \subseteq P(S)$$

$$(A, \subseteq)$$

↳ Symmetric
Reflexive
Transitive
Antisymmetric

$$S = \{a, b, c\} ; A = \{\emptyset, \{a\}, \{a, b\}\}$$

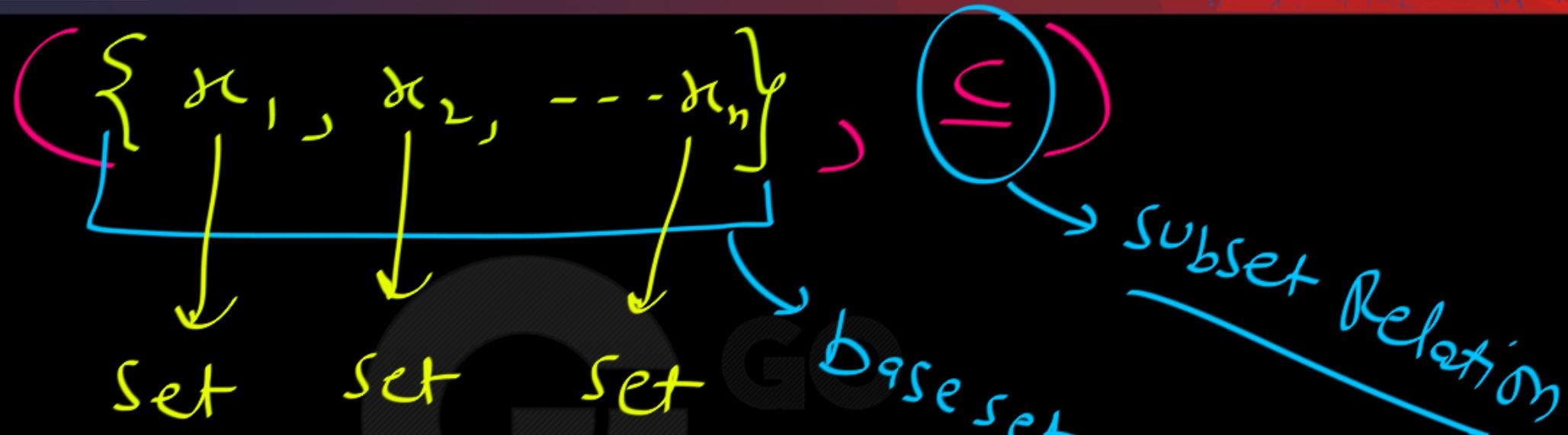
(A, \subseteq)

Symmetric X

Ref L

Trans L

Antisym ✓



Ref ✓; Antisym ✓; Trans ✓

Symmetric : Depend on BaseSet.



$(\{a, b\}, \subseteq)$, \subseteq — Poset

Base set

Hasse
Dig

$\{a, b\} \times \{b\}$

Sym ✓
Ref ✓
Trans ✓
Antisym ✓



Analysis of $(P(S), \subseteq)$

Boolean
Algebra

- ① $S = \emptyset$; $P(S) = \{ \emptyset \}$
- $(P(S), \subseteq)$ — Poset
- Symm

$$(P(S), \subseteq)$$

$|S| \geq 1$ then

$$(P(S), \subseteq)$$

not symmetric

Boolean lattice
Ref; Antisym; Trans



$(P(S), \subseteq)$ — boolean lattice

- ① Lattice ✓
- ② Distributive ✓
- ③ Complemented ✓
- ④ Boundles ✓



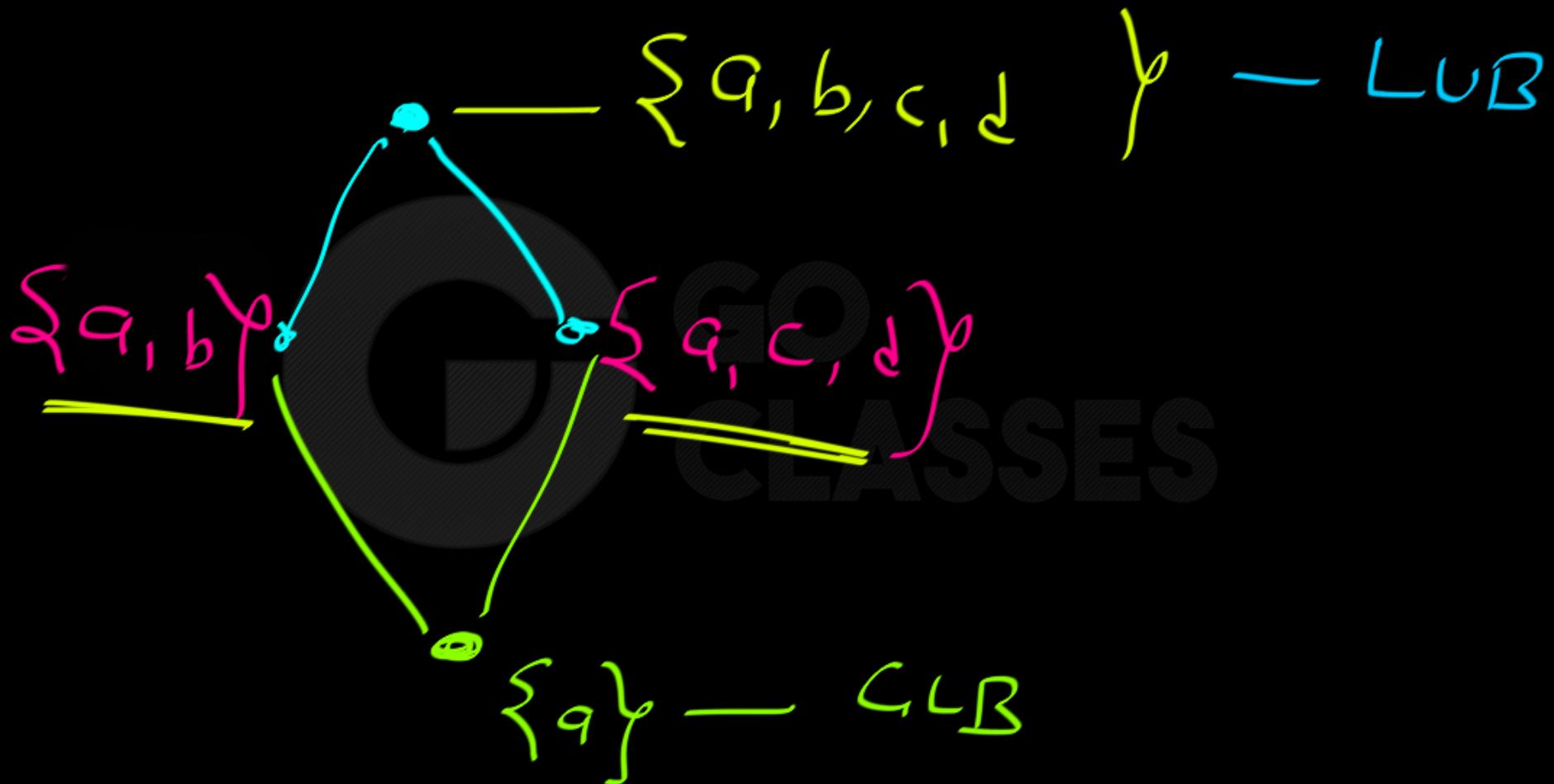
$(P(S), \subseteq)$: - Lattice

LUB = Union

GLB = Intersection

Greatest = $\bigcup S$; $\forall x, x \subseteq S$

Least = \emptyset



$(P(N), \subseteq)$

Base set = $\{X \mid X \subseteq N\}$

Greatest:

N

Least:

\emptyset

$\forall X, X \subseteq N$

$\forall X, \emptyset \subseteq X$

$$\{1, 2, 3\} \cup \{4, 5, 6\} = \{1, 2, 3, 4, 5, 6\}$$



Let S be any non-empty set and let A be the collection of all its subsets. i.e. A is the Powerset of S . So, $A = P(S)$.

Discuss the properties of the subset relation \subseteq on elements of A .

$(P(S), \subseteq)$ — boolean lattice

LUB = Union
GLB = Intersection

Greatest = S
Least = \emptyset



$(P(S), \supseteq)$ — Boolean lattice

Superset 

Greatest = \emptyset
Least

LUB = Intersection
GLB = Union

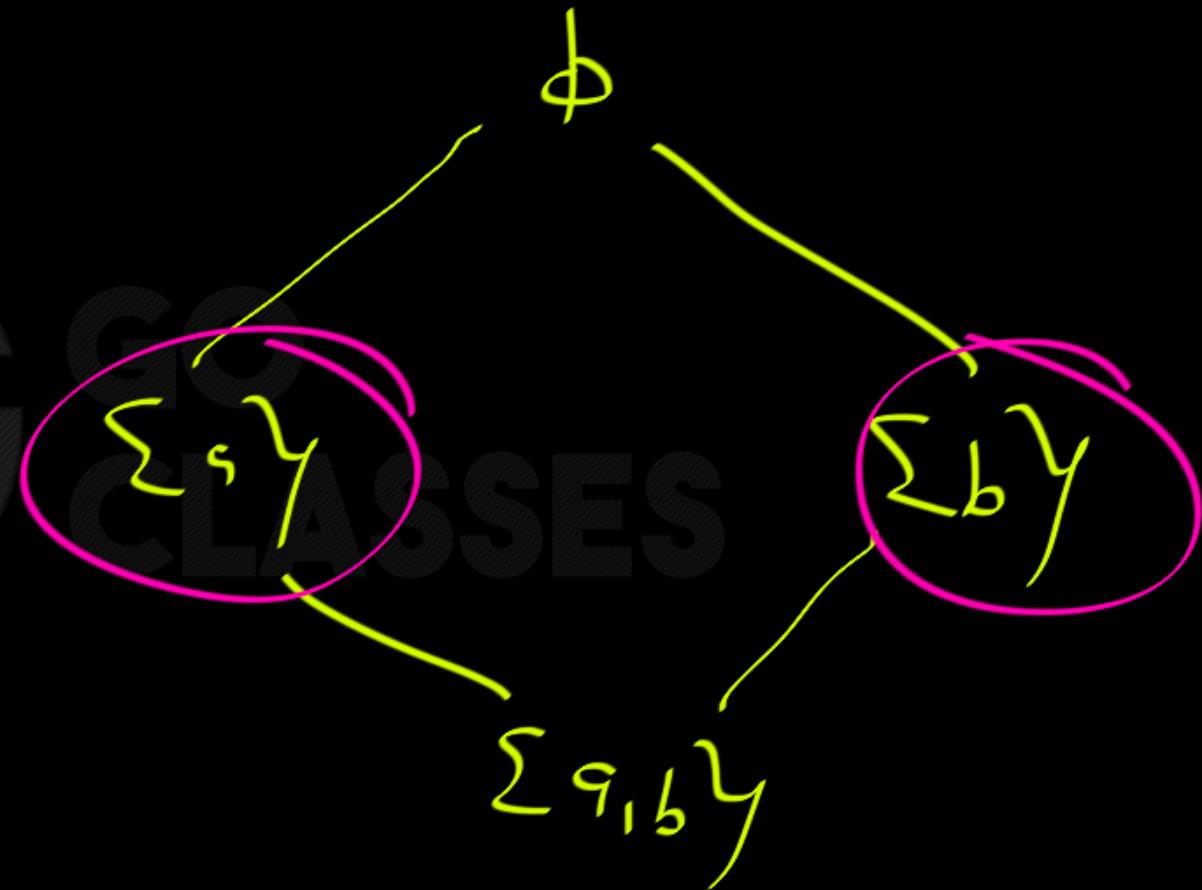


$$(P(\{a, b\}), \subseteq)$$

$$\{a\} \cup \{b\} = \emptyset$$

$$\{a\} \cup \{b\} =$$

$$\{a\} \cap \{b\} = \emptyset$$





Let S be any set and let \mathcal{A} be some collection of its subsets. Discuss the properties of the subset relation \subseteq on elements of \mathcal{A} .

Solution

The subset relation is reflexive and transitive, but it is generally not symmetric.

For if X is any element of \mathcal{A} , then $X \subseteq X$; and whenever $X \subseteq Y$ and $Y \subseteq Z$, $X \subseteq Z$.

Furthermore, $X \subseteq Y$ does not usually force $Y \subseteq X$. In particular, it fails if \mathcal{A} is the full power set $\mathcal{P}(S)$. (Think: for what sort of collection \mathcal{A} might symmetry hold?)

What is always true, however, is that if $X \subseteq Y$ and $Y \subseteq X$, then $X = Y$.

This is known as the *antisymmetric property* of \subseteq .