

离散数学习题课

第十二讲——偏序与格

Partial orders

Definition:

A relation $R \subseteq A \times A$ is called a partial order on A if R is

- a) reflexive,
- b) transitive, and
- c) anti-symmetric

$\langle A, R \rangle$ is called a partially ordered set, or poset.

Comments:

- For $x, y \in A$, x and y are not always comparable.

Elements in posets

Definition: Let $\langle A, R \rangle$ be a poset, $B \subseteq A$, $x \in A$, then

(1) x is called a minimal element of B if

$$x \in B \wedge \forall y \in B (yRx \rightarrow x = y);$$

(2) x is called a maximal element of B if

$$x \in B \wedge \forall y \in B (xRy \rightarrow x = y);$$

(3) x is called an upper bound of B if

$$\forall y \in B (yRx);$$

(4) x is called a lower bound of B if

$$\forall y \in B (xRy);$$

Elements in posets (cont.)

Definition: Let $\langle A, R \rangle$ be a poset, $B \subseteq A$, $x \in A$, then

(5) x is called the greatest element of B if

$x \in B$ AND x is an upper bound of B ;

(6) x is called the least element of B if

$x \in B$ AND x is a lower bound of B ;

(7) x is called the supremum of B if

x is the least upper bound of B ;

(8) x is called the infimum of B if

x is the greatest lower bound of B .

Elements in posets (cont.)

Comments:

- The greatest/least element (if exists) must be the supremum/infimum
- The greatest/least element (if exists) must be maximal/minimal
- The supremum/infimum (if exists) must be unique
- The supremum/infimum (if exists) of B is not necessarily in B
- If B is finite, then B always have maximal elements and minimal elements

Lattices

Definition:

A poset $\langle L, \preceq \rangle$ is called a lattice if

$\forall a, b \in L, \{a, b\}$ has both supremum and infimum.

A algebraic system $\langle L, \wedge, \vee \rangle$ is called a lattice if

$\forall a, b, c \in L,$

(1) $a \vee b = b \vee a$ and $a \wedge b = b \wedge a$;

(2) $(a \vee b) \vee c = a \vee (b \vee c)$ and $(a \wedge b) \wedge c = a \wedge (b \wedge c)$;

(3) $a \vee (a \wedge b) = a \wedge (a \vee b) = a$.

The operators \wedge and \vee are called meet and join respectively.

Lattices (cont.)

Comments:

- If $\langle L, \wedge, \vee \rangle$ is a lattice, then there is a unique corresponding lattice $\langle L, \preceq \rangle$, and vice versa
- If $\langle L, \wedge, \vee \rangle$ is a lattice, then $\forall a \in L$,
$$a \wedge a = a \vee a = a$$
- If $\langle L, \wedge, \vee \rangle$ is a lattice, $\emptyset \neq S \subseteq L$, and $\forall x, y \in S$,
$$x \wedge y \in S \text{ and } x \vee y \in S$$
then $\langle S, \wedge, \vee \rangle$ is a sublattice of $\langle L, \wedge, \vee \rangle$.

The principle of duality

The principle:

设 f 是含有格中元素以及符号 $=, \leq, \geq, \vee, \wedge$ 的命题,
若 f 对一切格为真, 则 f 的对偶命题 f^* 也对一切格为真。

Notes:

- f must not contain other symbols
- f must hold for every lattice

Properties of lattices

Let L be a lattice, for any $a, b, c, d \in L$,

$$(1) a \wedge b \preceq a \preceq a \vee b;$$

$$(2) a \wedge b \preceq b \preceq a \vee b;$$

$$(3) a \preceq c \text{ and } b \preceq d \implies a \wedge b \preceq c \wedge d;$$

$$(4) a \preceq c \text{ and } b \preceq d \implies a \vee b \preceq c \vee d;$$

$$(5) a \vee (b \wedge c) \preceq (a \vee b) \wedge (a \vee c);$$

$$(6) a \wedge (b \vee c) \succeq (a \wedge c) \vee (a \wedge c);$$

$$(7) a \preceq b \iff a \wedge b = a \iff a \vee b = b$$

Homomorphisms of lattices

Definition:

Let $\langle L, \wedge, \vee \rangle, \langle L', \wedge', \vee' \rangle$ be lattices, $\varphi : L \rightarrow L'$ is called a homomorphism from L to L' if and only if $\forall x, y \in L$,

$$\varphi(x \vee y) = \varphi(x) \vee' \varphi(y) \text{ and } \varphi(x \wedge y) = \varphi(x) \wedge' \varphi(y)$$

Comments:

- If $\varphi : L \rightarrow L'$ is a homomorphism, then $\forall x, y \in L$,

$$x \preceq y \implies \varphi(x) \preceq' \varphi(y)$$

- For any bijection $f : L \xrightarrow[\text{onto}]{1-1} L'$, f is a isomorphism if and only if

$$\forall x, y \in L (x \preceq y \leftrightarrow f(x) \preceq' f(y))$$

Problems

1. Let L be a lattice, show that, for all $a, b, c \in L$,

$$a \preceq c \iff a \vee (b \wedge c) \preceq (a \vee b) \wedge c$$

2. Let L be a lattice, and for all $a, b, c \in L$, we have

$$a \wedge (b \vee c) = (a \wedge b) \vee (a \wedge c)$$

Show that, for all $a, b, c \in L$,

$$(1) \ a \vee (b \wedge c) = (a \vee b) \wedge (a \vee c);$$

$$(2) \ a \preceq c \implies a \vee (b \wedge c) = (a \vee b) \wedge c$$

Problems (cont.)

3. Let L be a lattice, show that, for all $a, b, c, d \in L$,

$$(1) (a \wedge b) \vee (c \wedge d) \preceq (a \vee c) \wedge (b \vee d)$$

$$(2) (a \wedge b) \vee (b \wedge c) \vee (c \wedge a) \preceq (a \vee b) \wedge (b \vee c) \wedge (c \vee a)$$

4. A lattice L is called a modular lattice if $\forall a, b, c \in L$,

$$a \preceq c \implies a \vee (b \wedge c) = (a \vee b) \wedge c$$

Show that, a lattice L is a modular lattice if and only if $\forall a, b, c \in L$,

$$a \vee (b \wedge (a \vee c)) = (a \vee b) \wedge (a \vee c)$$



Thank you

Any questions?