



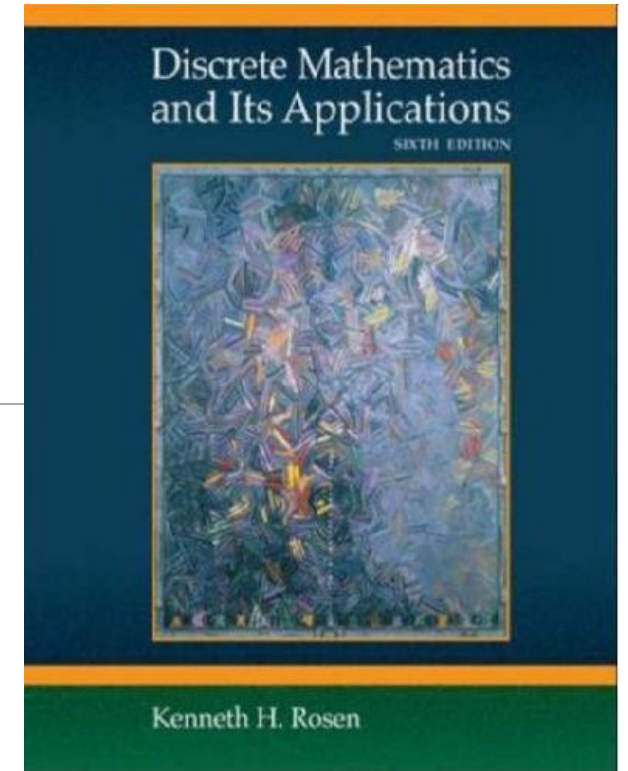
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Chapter 9: Relations

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Partial Ordering

● Definition:

A relation R on a set S is called a *partial ordering* or *partial order* if it is **reflexive, antisymmetric, and transitive**. A set S together with a partial ordering R is called a *partially ordered set*, or *poset*, and is denoted by (S, R) . Members of S are called *elements* of the poset.

- The notation $a \leq b$ is used to denote that $(a, b) \in R$ in an arbitrary poset (S, R) , that is (S, \leq) .
- The notation $a < b$ denotes that $a \leq b$, but $a \neq b$.

Example 1

● Show that the “greater than or equal” relation (\geq) is a partial ordering on the set of integers.

1. (I) : $\forall a (a \geq a)$ ✓
2. (A) : $\forall a \forall b (a \geq b \wedge b \geq a \rightarrow a = b)$
3. (T) : $\forall a \forall b \forall c (a \geq b \wedge b \geq c \rightarrow a \geq c)$

\geq is a partial ordering on the set of integers and (\mathbf{Z}, \geq) is a poset.



Example 2

● Show that the divisibility relation $|$ is a partial ordering on the set of positive integers.

$$1. \textcircled{R}: \forall a (a | a)$$

$$2. \textcircled{A}: \forall a \forall b (a | b \wedge b | a \rightarrow a = b)$$

$$3. \textcircled{T}: \forall a \forall b \forall c (a | b \wedge b | c \rightarrow a | c)$$

We see that $(\mathbf{Z}^+, |)$ is a poset.



Example 3

● Show that the inclusion relation \subseteq is a partial ordering on the power set of a set S .

$$1. \textcircled{R} : \forall A (A \subseteq A) \quad \checkmark$$

$$2. \textcircled{A} : \forall A \forall B (A \subseteq B \wedge B \subseteq A \rightarrow A = B)$$

$$3. \textcircled{T} : \forall A \forall B \forall C (A \subseteq B \wedge B \subseteq C \rightarrow A \subseteq C)$$

$$\text{poset} : (P(S), \subseteq)$$

Exercise 9.6

- 1. Which of these relations on $\{0, 1, 2, 3\}$ are partial orderings?

Determine the properties of a partial ordering that the others lack.

- a) $\{(0, 0), (1, 1), (2, 2), (3, 3)\}$ ✓
- b) $\{(0, 0), (1, 1), (2, 0), (2, 2), (2, 3), (3, 2), (3, 3)\}$ ✗
- c) $\{(0, 0), (1, 1), (1, 2), (2, 2), (3, 3)\}$ ✓
- d) $\{(0, 0), (1, 1), (1, 2), (1, 3), (2, 2), (2, 3), (3, 3)\}$ ✓
- e) $\{(0, 0), (0, 1), (0, 2), (1, 0), (1, 1), (1, 2), (2, 0), (2, 2), (3, 3)\}$ ✗



Exercise 9.6

●5. Which of these are posets?

a) $(\mathbb{Z}, =)$ ✓

c) (\mathbb{Z}, \geq) ✓

b) (\mathbb{Z}, \neq) ✗

d) (\mathbb{Z}, \nmid) ✗

●6. Which of these are posets?

a) $(\mathbb{R}, =)$ ✓

c) (\mathbb{R}, \leq) ✓

b) $(\mathbb{R}, <)$ ✗

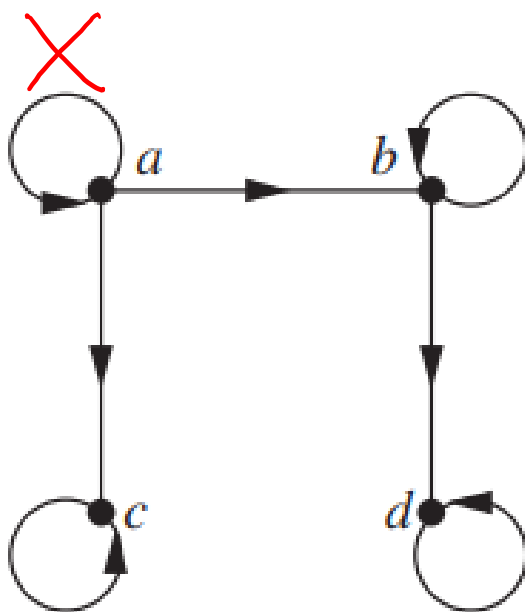
d) (\mathbb{R}, \neq) ✗



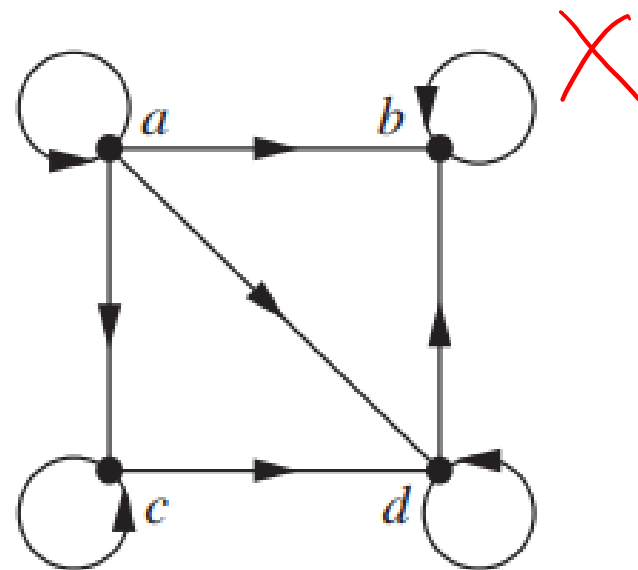
Exercise 9.6

● Determine whether the relation with the directed graph shown is a partial order.

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Comparable & Incomparable

● Definition:

● The elements a and b of a poset (S, \preceq) are called *comparable* if **either** $a \preceq b$ **or** $b \preceq a$. When a and b are elements of S such that **neither** $a \preceq b$ **nor** $b \preceq a$, a and b are called *incomparable*.

● Example:

$$3 \preceq 9 \quad (3, 9) \in I$$

In the poset $(\mathbf{Z}^+, |)$, are the integers 3 and 9 comparable? Are 5 and 7 comparable? X



Total Ordering

● Definition:

If (S, \preceq) is a poset and **every two elements of S are comparable**, S is called a *totally ordered* or *linearly ordered set*, and \preceq is called a *total order* or a *linear order*. A totally ordered set is also called a *chain*.

● Example:

$$\forall a \in S \forall b \in S (a \preceq b \vee b \preceq a)$$

The poset (\mathbb{Z}, \leq) is totally ordered, because $a \leq b$ or $b \leq a$ whenever a and b are integers.

The poset $(\mathbb{Z}^+, |)$ is not totally ordered because it contains elements that are incomparable, such as 5 and 7.



Exercise 9.6

●14. Which of these pairs of elements are comparable in the poset $(\mathbf{Z}^+, |)$?

a) 5, 15 ✓ b) 6, 9 ✗ c) 8, 16 ✓ d) 7, 7 ✓

●15. Find two incomparable elements in these posets.

a) $(P(\{0, 1, 2\}), \subseteq)$

$\{0\}, \{1\}$

b) $(\{1, 2, 4, 6, 8\}, |)$

4, 6
6, 8



Well Ordering

● Definition:

(S, \leq) is a *well-ordered set* if it is a poset such that \leq is a total ordering and every nonempty subset of S has **a least element**.

$$\forall A \subseteq S \exists a \in A \forall b \in A (A \neq \emptyset \wedge a \leq b)$$



Exercise 9.6

● 54. Determine whether each of these posets is well-ordered.

a) (S, \leq) , where $S = \{10, 11, 12, \dots\}$



b) $(\mathbb{Q} \cap [0, 1], \leq)$ (the set of rational numbers between 0 and 1 inclusive)

$$\left\{ \frac{1}{n} \mid n \in \mathbb{Z}^+ \right\}$$



c) (S, \leq) , where S is the set of positive rational numbers with denominators not exceeding 3

$$\left\{ \frac{1}{3}, \frac{1}{2}, \frac{2}{3}, \dots \right\}$$

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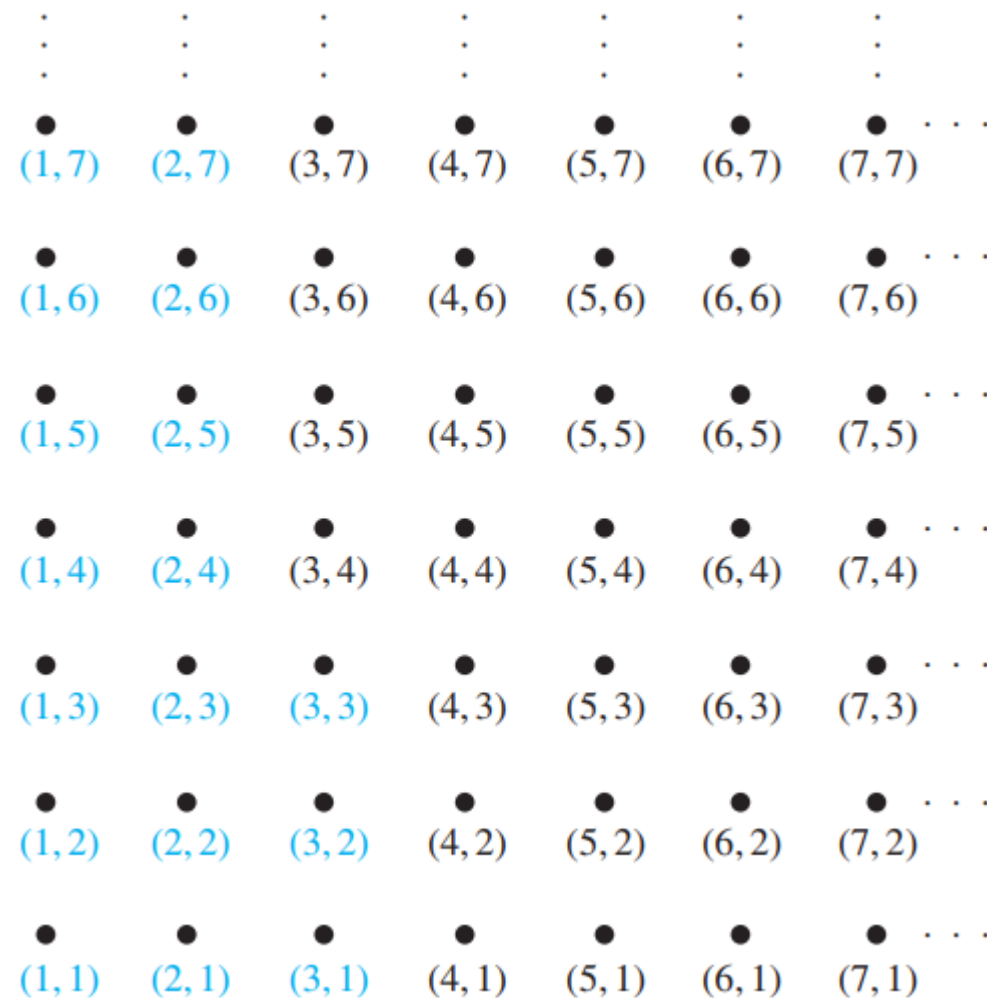
d) (\mathbb{Z}^-, \geq) , where \mathbb{Z}^- is the set of negative integers



Lexicographic Order

● Example:

- In the poset $(\mathbf{Z} \times \mathbf{Z}, \leqslant)$, $(3, 5) < (4, 8)$, $(3, 8) < (4, 5)$, and $(4, 9) < (4, 11)$.
- Ordered pairs in $\mathbf{Z}^+ \times \mathbf{Z}^+$ that are less than $(3, 4)$



Lexicographic Order (Cont.)

● Example:

□ $(1, 2, 3, 5) < (1, 2, 4, 3)$

□ *discreet* < *discrete*

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□ *discrete* < *discretion*



Exercise 9.6

● **16.** Let $S = \{1, 2, 3, 4\}$. With respect to the lexicographic order based on the usual “less than” relation,

a) find all pairs in $S \times S$ less than $(2, 3)$.

$(1, 1) (1, 2) (1, 3) (1, 4) (2, 1) (2, 2)$

b) find all pairs in $S \times S$ greater than $(3, 1)$.

$(3, 2) (3, 3) (3, 4) (4, 1) (4, 2) (4, 3) (4, 4)$

● **17.** Find the lexicographic ordering of these n -tuples:

a) $(1, 1, 2), < (1, 2, 1)$

b) $(0, 1, 2, 3), < (0, 1, 3, 2)$

c) $(1, 0, 1, 0, 1), (0, 1, 1, 1, 0)$

$(0, 1, 1, 1, 0) < (1, 0, 1, 0, 1)$



Exercise 9.6

● **18.** Find the lexicographic ordering of these strings of lowercase English letters:

a) *quack, quick, quicksilver, quicksand, quacking*

① ③ ⑤ ④ ⑤

b) *open, opener, opera, operand, opened*

① ③ ④ ⑤ ②

c) *zoo, zero, zoom, zoology, zoological*

② ① ⑤ ④ ③

● **19.** Find the lexicographic ordering of the bit strings 0, 01, 11, 001, 010, 011, 0001, and 0101 based on the ordering $0 < 1$.

$0 < 0001 < 001 < 01 < 010 < 0101 < 011 < 11$



Hasse Diagrams

- The directed graph for the partial ordering $\{(a, b) \mid a \leq b\}$ on the set $\{1, 2, 3, 4\}$.

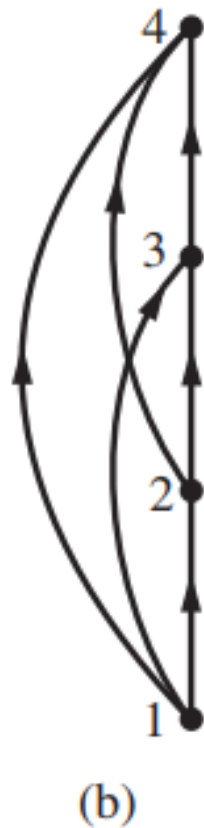
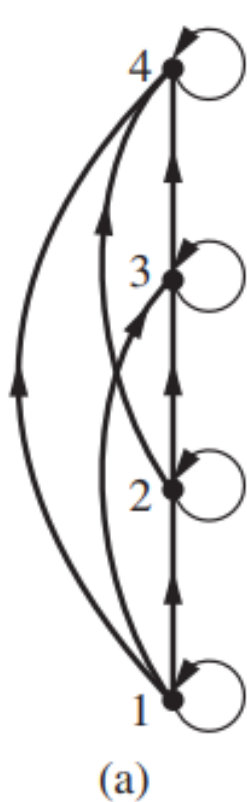


Diagram contains sufficient information to find the partial ordering.

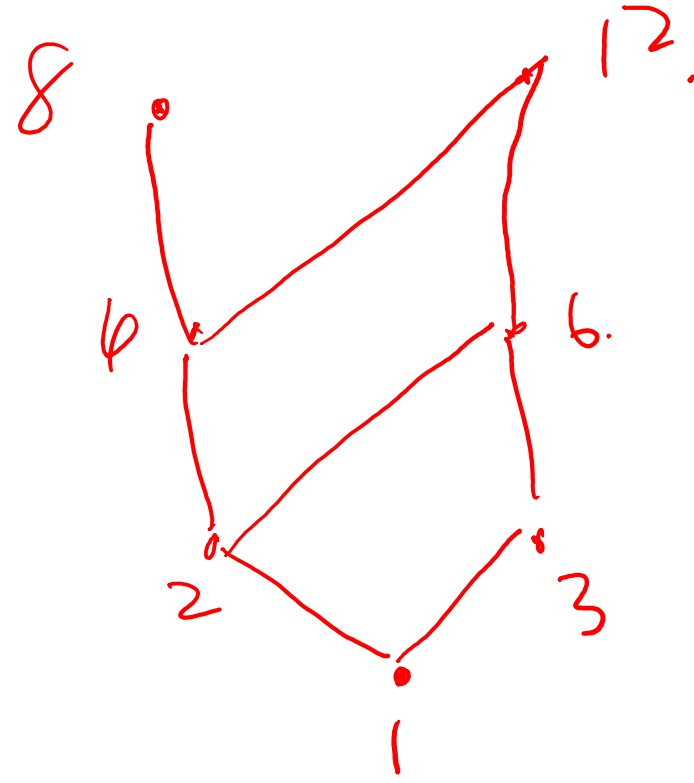
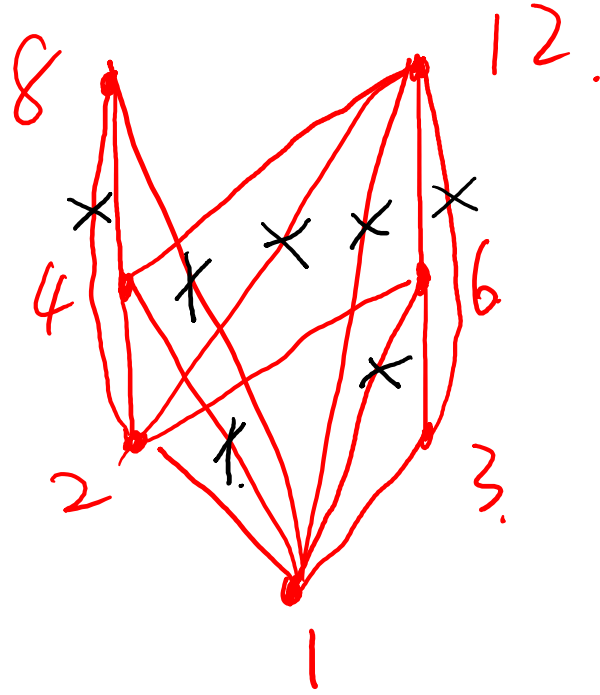
Steps for Drawing Hasse Diagrams

(S, \leq)

- ✓ Start with the directed graph for this relation.
- ✓ Remove all the loops.
- ✓ Remove all edges (x, y) for which there is an element $z \in S$ such that $x < z$ and $z < y$.
- ✓ Arrange each edge so that its initial vertex is below its terminal vertex.
- ✓ Remove all the arrows .

Example 5

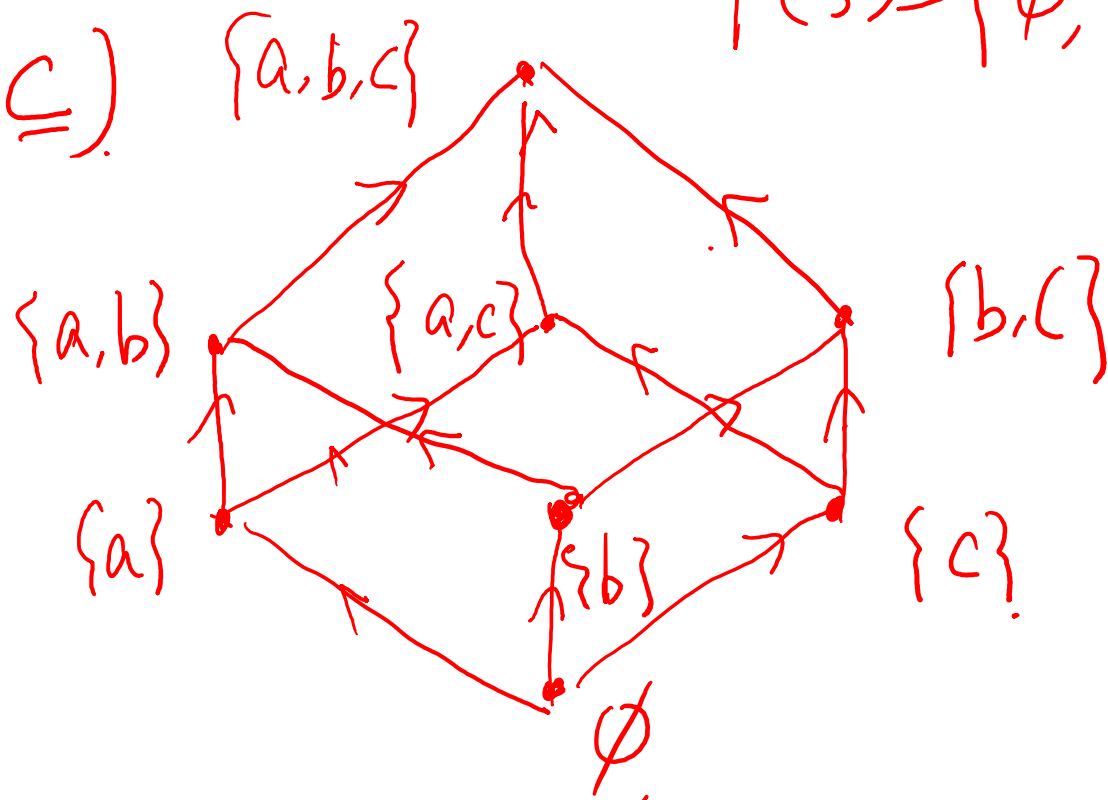
- Draw the Hasse diagram representing the partial ordering $\{(a, b) \mid a \text{ divides } b\}$ on $\{1, 2, 3, 4, 6, 8, 12\}$.



Example 6

- Draw the Hasse diagram for the partial ordering $\{(A, B) \mid A \subseteq B\}$ on the power set $P(S)$ where $S = \{a, b, c\}$.

$(P(S), \subseteq)$



$$P(S) = \{\emptyset, \{a\}, \{b\}, \{c\}, \{a, b\}, \{b, c\}, \{a, c\}, \{a, b, c\}\}$$

Exercise 9.6

- **21.** Draw the Hasse diagram for the “less than or equal to” relation on $\{0, 2, 5, 10, 11, 15\}$.
- **20.** Draw the Hasse diagram for the “greater than or equal to” relation on $\{0, 1, 2, 3, 4, 5\}$.



Exercise 9.6

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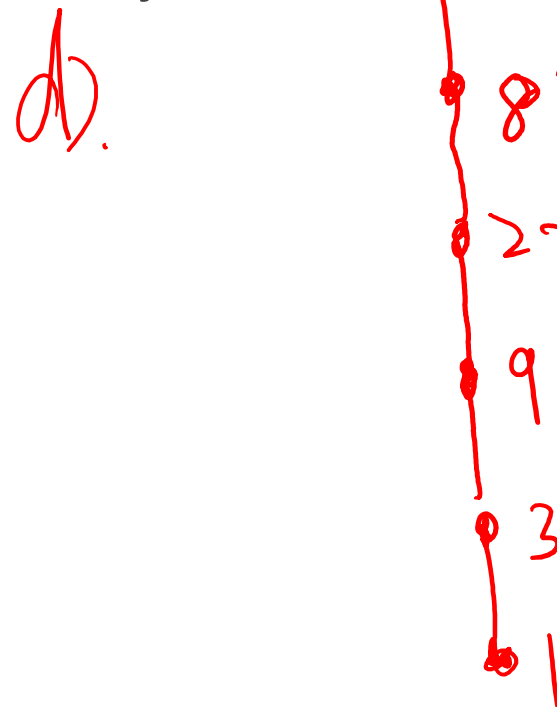
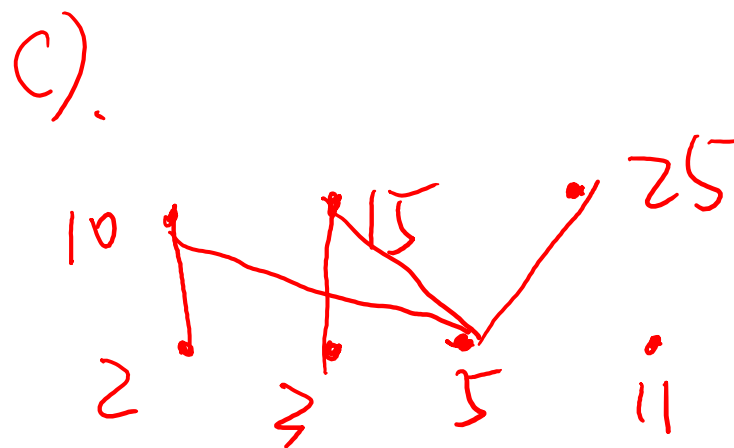
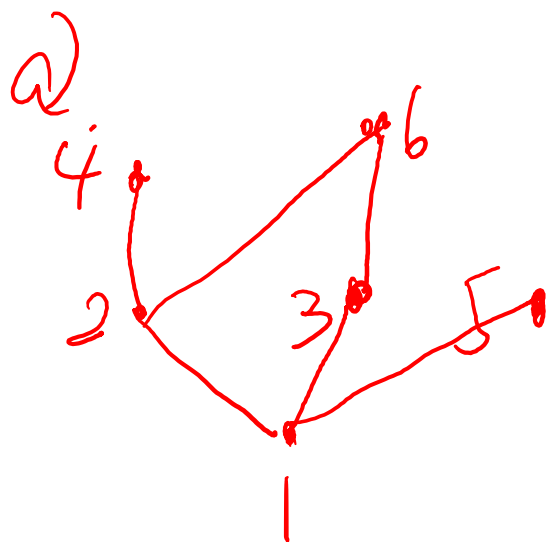
● 22. Draw the Hasse diagram for divisibility on the set

a) $\{1, 2, 3, 4, 5, 6\}$.

b) $\{3, 5, 7, 11, 13, 16, 17\}$.

c) $\{2, 3, 5, 10, 11, 15, 25\}$.

d) $\{1, 3, 9, 27, 81, 243\}$.



Exercise 9.6

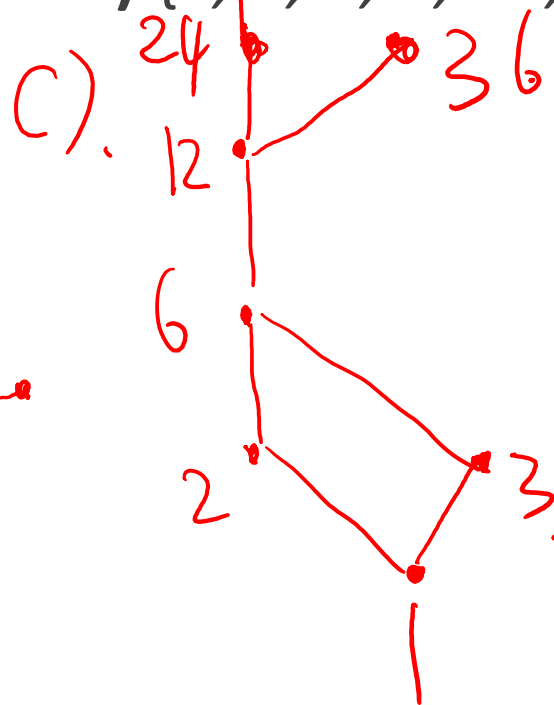
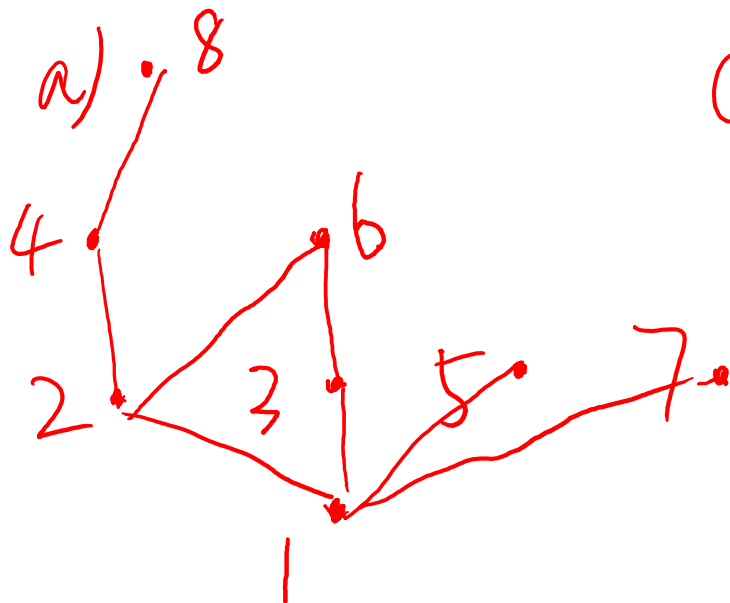
● **23.** Draw the Hasse diagram for divisibility on the set

a) $\{1, 2, 3, 4, 5, 6, 7, 8\}$.

b) $\{1, 2, 3, 5, 7, 11, 13\}$.

c) $\{1, 2, 3, 6, 12, 24, 36, 48\}$.

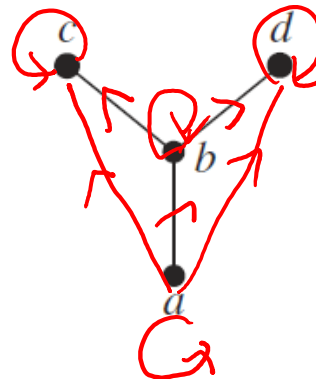
d) $\{1, 2, 4, 8, 16, 32, 64\}$.



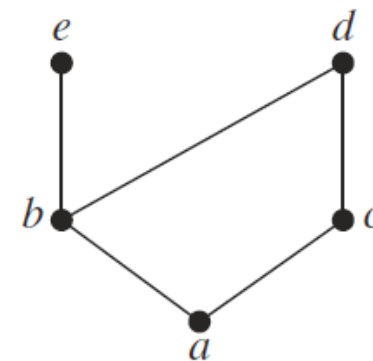
Exercise 9.6

- List all ordered pairs in the partial ordering with the accompanying Hasse diagram.

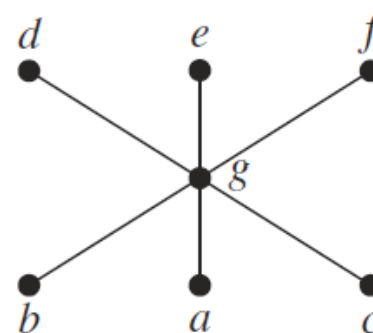
25.



26.



27.



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Maximal and Minimal Elements

- a is **maximal** in the poset (S, \leq) if there is no $b \in S$ such that $a < b$.

$\neg \exists b \in S (a < b)$, 上方没边的元素

- a is **minimal** if there is no element $b \in S$ such that $b < a$.

$\neg \exists b \in S (b < a)$ 下方没边的元素

- Maximal and minimal elements are easy to spot using a Hasse diagram.

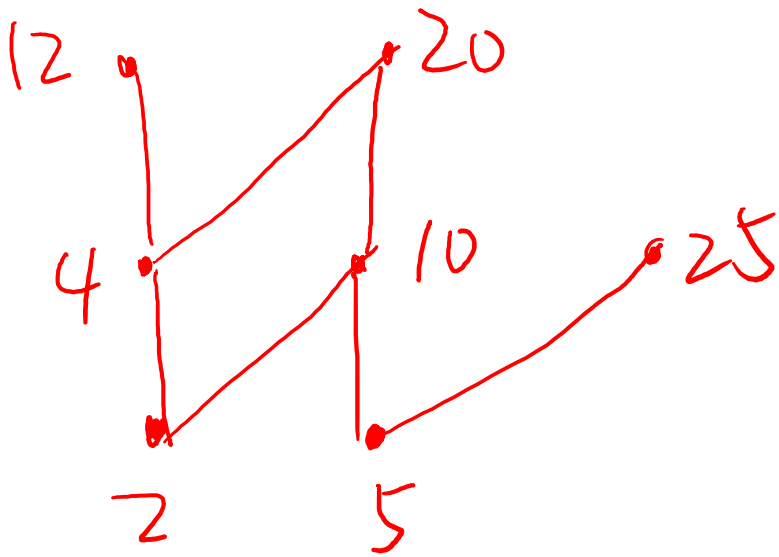
Example 6

- Which elements of the poset $(\{2, 4, 5, 10, 12, 20, 25\}, |)$ are maximal, and which are minimal?

$$4 < 12, 2 < 4$$

Maximal: 12, 20, 25.

Minimal: 2, 5



Greatest and Least Element

- a is the **greatest element** of the poset (S, \leq) if $b \leq a$ for all $b \in S$.

$\forall b \in S (b \leq a)$ 对于其他所有顶点有向下通路

- a is the **least element** of the poset (S, \leq) if $a \leq b$ for all $b \in S$.

$\forall b \in S (a \leq b)$ 对于其他所有顶点有向上通路

- There is exactly one greatest element of a poset, if such an element exists.
- There is exactly one least element of a poset, if such an element exists.

Example 7

- Determine whether the posets represented by each of the Hasse diagrams in Figure 6 have a greatest element and a least element.

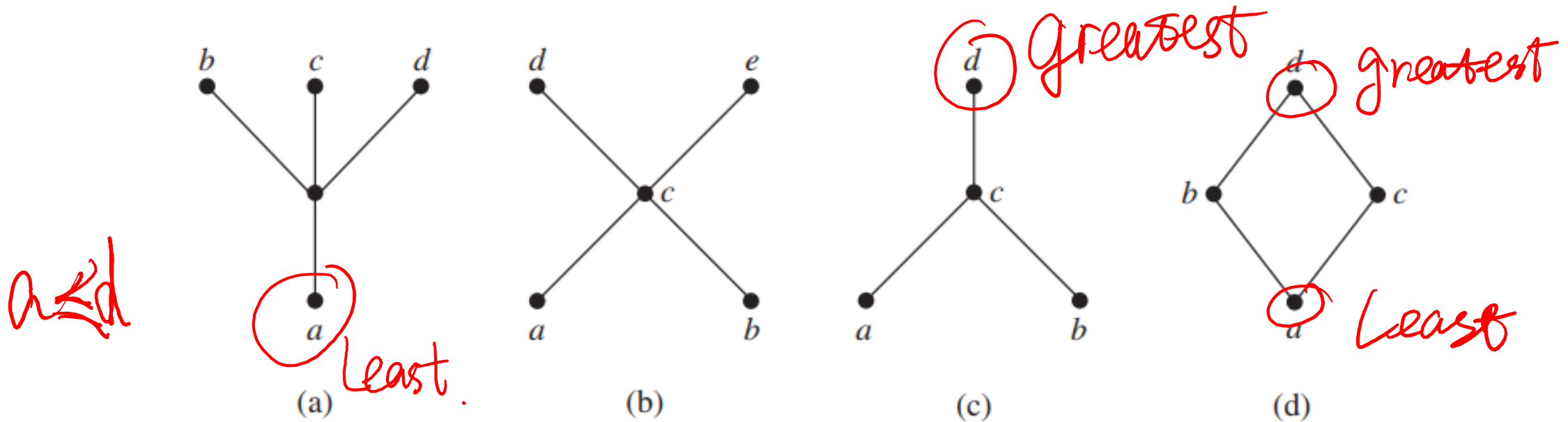


FIGURE 6 Hasse Diagrams of Four Posets.

Example 8

- Let S be a set. Determine whether there is a greatest element and a least element in the poset $(P(S), \subseteq)$.

Least: \emptyset
greatest: S .



Example 9

- Is there a greatest element and a least element in the poset $(\mathbb{Z}^+, |)$?

no greatest

Least = 1



Upper and Lower Bound

- Sometimes it is possible to find an element that is greater than or equal to all the elements in a **subset A** of a poset (S, \preceq) . If **u is an element of S** such that $a \preceq u$ for **all elements $a \in A$** , then u is called an **upper bound** of A . Likewise, there may be an element less than or equal to all the elements in A . If **l is an element of S** such that $l \preceq a$ for **all elements $a \in A$** , then l is called a **lower bound** of A .

Example 10

- Find the lower and upper bounds of the subsets $\{a, b, c\}$, $\{j, h\}$, and $\{a, c, d, f\}$ in the poset with the Hasse diagram shown in Figure 7.

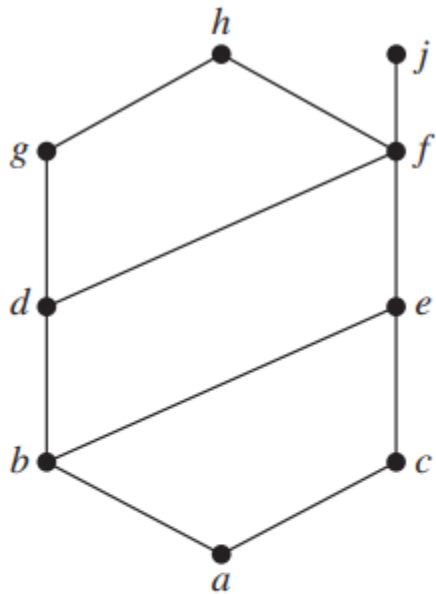


FIGURE 7 The Hasse Diagram of a Poset.

$\{a, b, c\}$ $\begin{cases} \text{upper: } e, f, j, h. \\ \text{lower: } a. \end{cases}$

$\{j, h\}$ $\begin{cases} \text{upper: } \times \\ \text{lower: } a, b, c, d, e, f. \end{cases}$

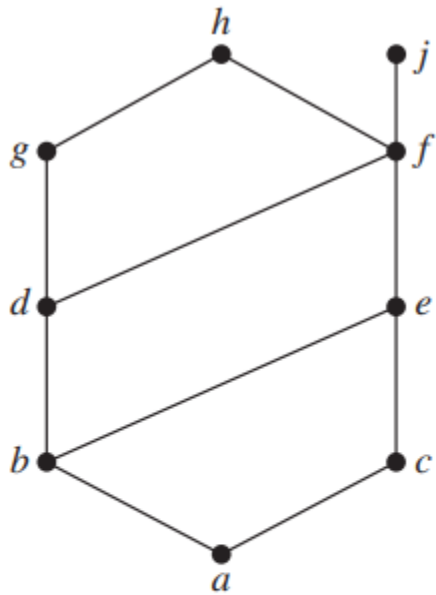
$\{a, c, d, f\}$ $\begin{cases} \text{upper: } f, h, j. \\ \text{lower: } a. \end{cases}$

Least Upper and Greatest Lower bound

- The element x is called the **least upper bound** of the subset A if x is an upper bound that is less than every other upper bound of A , denoted by $\text{lub}(A)$.
- The element y is called the **greatest lower bound** of the subset A if y is a lower bound that is greater than every other lower bound of A , denoted by $\text{glb}(A)$.
- The least upper bound of a set in a poset is **unique** if it exists.
- The greatest lower bound of a set in a poset is **unique** if it exists.

Example 11

- Find the greatest lower bound and the least upper bound of $\{b, d, g\}$, if they exist, in the poset shown in Figure 7.



$\{b, d, g\}$ Lower: a, b .
Upper: h, g .

$$glb = b$$

$$lub = g$$

FIGURE 7 The Hasse Diagram of a Poset.

Example 12

- Find the greatest lower bound and the least upper bound of the sets $\{3, 9, 12\}$ and $\{1, 2, 4, 5, 10\}$, if they exist, in the poset $(\mathbf{Z}^+, |)$.

证明 下界：公约数。 glb = 最大公约数
上界：公倍数 lub = 最小公倍数

3, 36.

1, 20



Exercise 9.6

● **32.** Answer these questions for the partial order represented by this Hasse diagram.

a) Find the maximal elements.

l, m

b) Find the minimal elements.

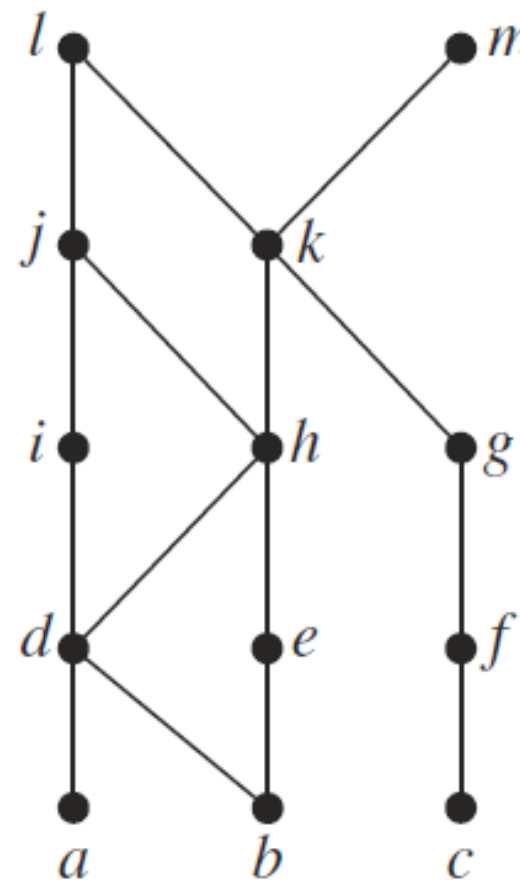
a, b, c

c) Is there a greatest element?

no.

d) Is there a least element?

no



Exercise 9.6

● **32.** Answer these questions for the partial order represented by this Hasse diagram.

e) Find all upper bounds of $\{a, b, c\}$.

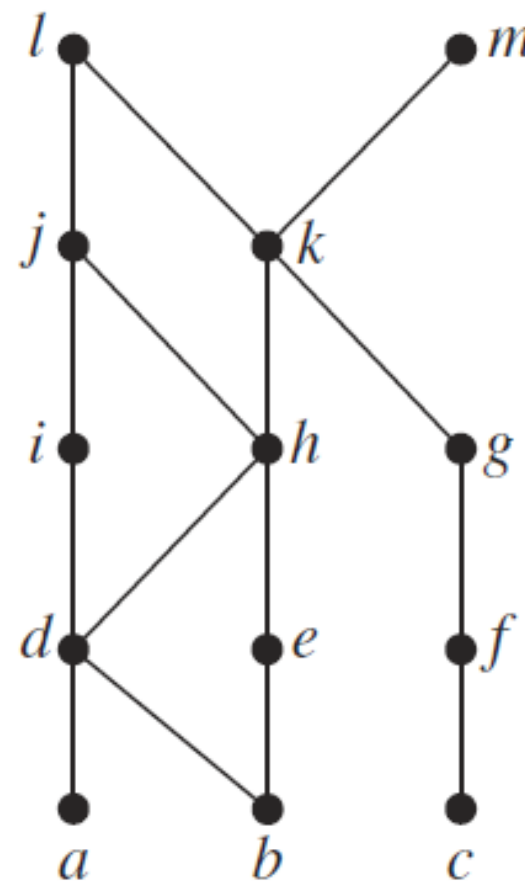
k, l, m

f) Find the least upper bound of $\{a, b, c\}$, if it exists. *k.*

g) Find all lower bounds of $\{f, g, h\}$.

no

h) Find the greatest lower bound of $\{f, g, h\}$, if it exists. *no*



Exercise 9.6

● **33.** Answer these questions for the poset $(\{3, 5, 9, 15, 24, 45\}, |)$.

- a) Find the maximal elements. 24, 45
- b) Find the minimal elements. 3, 5.
- c) Is there a greatest element? no
- d) Is there a least element? no
- e) Find all upper bounds of $\{3, 5\}$. 15, 45.
- f) Find the least upper bound of $\{3, 5\}$, if it exists. 15.
- g) Find all lower bounds of $\{15, 45\}$. 3, 5, 15.
- h) Find the greatest lower bound of $\{15, 45\}$, if it exists. 15.



Exercise 9.6

●34. Answer these questions for the poset $(\{2, 4, 6, 9, 12, 18, 27, 36, 48, 60, 72\}, |)$.

- a) Find the maximal elements. $27, 48, 60, 72$.
- b) Find the minimal elements. $2, 9$.
- c) Is there a greatest element? no .
- d) Is there a least element? no .
- e) Find all upper bounds of $\{2, 9\}$. $18, 36, 72$.
- f) Find the least upper bound of $\{2, 9\}$, if it exists. 18 .
- g) Find all lower bounds of $\{60, 72\}$. $2, 4, 6, 12$.
- h) Find the greatest lower bound of $\{60, 72\}$, if it exists. 12 .



Exercise 9.6

● **35.** Answer these questions for the poset $(\{\{1\}, \{2\}, \{4\}, \{1, 2\}, \{1, 4\}, \{2, 4\}, \{3, 4\}, \{1, 3, 4\}, \{2, 3, 4\}\}, \subseteq)$.

a) Find the maximal elements.

$\{1, 2\}, \{1, 3, 4\}, \{2, 3, 4\}$

b) Find the minimal elements.

$\{1\}, \{2\}, \{4\}$.

c) Is there a greatest element?

no

d) Is there a least element?

no



Exercise 9.6

● **35.** Answer these questions for the poset $(\{\{1\}, \{2\}, \{4\}, \{1, 2\}, \{1, 4\}, \{2, 4\}, \{3, 4\}, \{1, 3, 4\}, \{2, 3, 4\}\}, \subseteq)$.

e) Find all upper bounds of $\{\{2\}, \{4\}\}$.

$\{2, 4\}$ $\{2, 3, 4\}$

f) Find the least upper bound of $\{\{2\}, \{4\}\}$, if it exists.

$\{2, 4\}$

g) Find all lower bounds of $\{\{1, 3, 4\}, \{2, 3, 4\}\}$.

$\{4\}$, $\{3, 4\}$

h) Find the greatest lower bound of $\{\{1, 3, 4\}, \{2, 3, 4\}\}$, if it exists.

$\{3, 4\}$

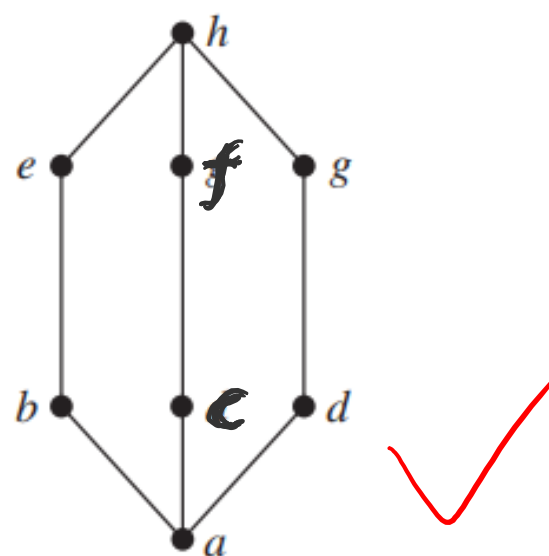
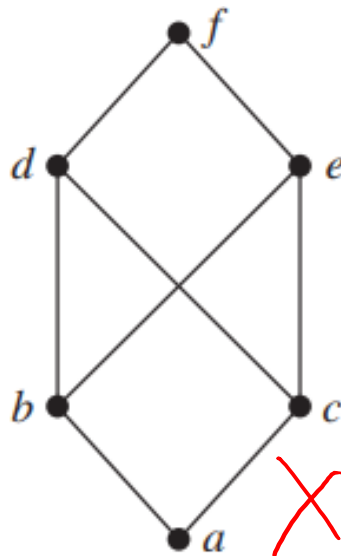
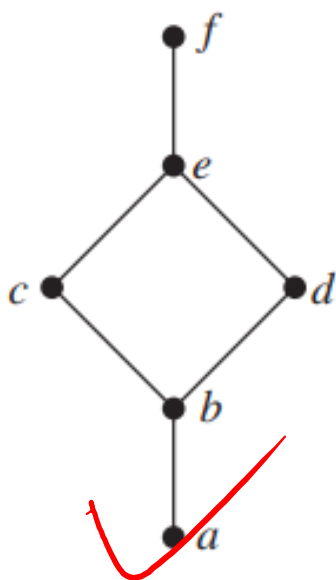


Lattice 格

● Definition:

A partially ordered set in which **every pair of elements** has both a **least upper bound** and a **greatest lower bound** is called a **lattice**.

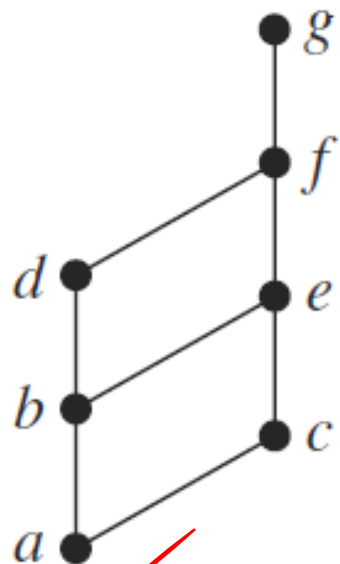
● Example:



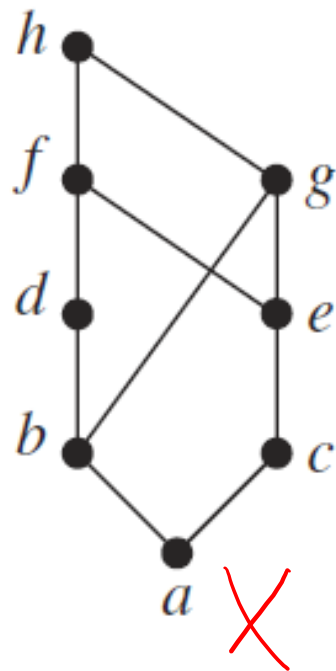
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●43. Determine whether the posets with these Hasse diagrams are lattices.

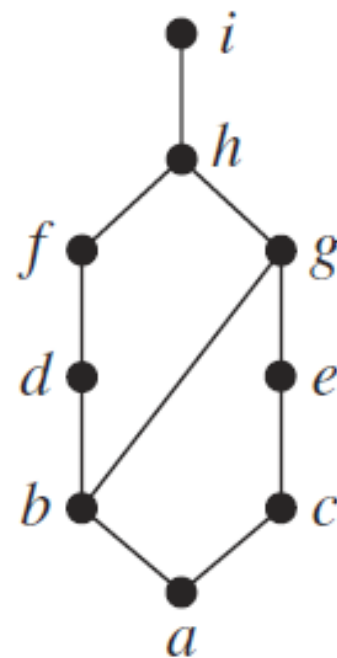
a)



b)



c)



Example 13

- Is the poset $(\mathbf{Z}^+, |)$ a lattice?

Yes. Let a and b be two positive integers. The least upper bound and greatest lower bound of these two integers are the least common multiple and the greatest common divisor of these integers, respectively.

- Determine whether the posets $(\{1, 2, 3, 4, 5\}, |)$ and $(\{1, 2, 4, 8, 16\}, |)$ are lattices.



Example 14

- Determine whether $(P(S), \subseteq)$ is a lattice where S is a set.

Yes.

Let A, B be two subsets of S .

$$\text{lub} = A \cup B.$$

$$\text{glb} = A \cap B.$$



Exercise 9.6

●44. Determine whether these posets are lattices.


a) $(\{1, 3, 6, 9, 12\}, |)$ ✗

b) $(\{1, 5, 25, 125\}, |)$ ✓

c) (\mathbb{Z}, \geq) ✓

d) $(P(S), \supseteq)$, where $P(S)$ is the power set of a set S ✓



Partial Ordering	(\mathbb{Z}, \geq) (\mathbb{Z}, \leq)	$(\mathbb{Z}^+,)$	$(P(S), \subseteq)$ $(P(S), \supseteq)$
Total Ordering	yes	no	no
Well Ordering	no	no	no
Lattice	yes	yes	yes
Greatest/Least	None/None	None/1	 S/\emptyset