

1. Refer to Definition 1.10. Show that the divisibility relation  $|$  makes the set  $N$  of natural numbers a partially ordered set.

**Reflexivity:**

Because every number  $x \in N$  can divide itself. Hence, the divisibility relation is reflexive.

**Transitivity:**

If  $a|b$  and  $b|c$  for  $a, b, c \in N$ . Then  $b = a.k$  and  $c = b.m$  and  $c = a.k.m$ . Therefore,  $c$  can divide  $a$ . Hence, the relation  $|$  is transitivity.

**Antisymmetry:**

If  $a|b$  with  $a, b \in N$ ,  $a < b$ . Hence,  $a$  cannot divide  $b$ . Therefore, the relation  $|$  is antisymmetric.

Hence, the relation  $|$  is a partially ordered set.

2. Explain why the divisibility relation  $|$  does not define a partial ordering on the set  $Z$  of integers.

For  $x = -1$  and  $y = 1$ .  $x|y$  and also  $y|x$ . Hence, the relation is not antisymmetric. Therefore, the relation is not a partial ordering set.

3. Consider the poset  $(N, |)$ . Are there any minimal elements? Are there any maximal elements? Explain.

Because  $N = \{1, 2, 3, 4, \dots, \infty\}$ . The minimal element is 1 and there is no maximal elements.

4. Let  $A = \{a, b, c, \dots, z\}$ . In the poset  $(P(A), \subset)$ , find a pair of incomparable elements. A pair of incomparable elements is  $(\{a, b, c\}, \{d, e, f\})$ .

5. Let  $W$  be the set of all web pages. For  $x, y \in W$ , let  $xRy$  if you can navigate from  $x$  to  $y$  by following links (Let's say it is always possible to "navigate" from a page to itself; just do nothing.) Explain why  $R$  is not a partial ordering.

Let  $x, y \in W$ , it is possible to navigate from  $x$  to  $y$  and from  $y$  to  $x$ . Hence,  $xRy$  and  $yRx$ . Therefore,  $R$  is not antisymmetric and not a partial ordering set.

6. Let a relation  $R$  be defined on the set of real numbers as follows:

$$xRy \Leftrightarrow 2x + y = 3$$

Prove that this relation is antisymmetric.

Let:  $y = 3 - 2x$

For  $yRx$ :

$$yRx \Leftrightarrow 2y + x = 3$$

$$2(3 - 2x) + x = 3$$

$$6 - 4x + x = 3$$

$$-3x = -3$$

$$x = 1$$

$$y = 3 - 2(1) = 1$$

Hence,  $x = y$ .

Therefore, the relation is antisymmetric.

7. Explain why the relation  $R$  on  $\{0, 1, 2, 3\}$  given by

$$R = \{(0, 0), (1, 1), (2, 2), (3, 3), (0, 1), (1, 2), (2, 3), (0, 2)\}$$

is not a partial ordering on  $\{0, 1, 2, 3\}$ . Be specific.

Because  $1R2$  and  $2R3$  but there is no relation between 1 and 3. Hence, the relation  $R$  is not transitive. Therefore, the relation is not a partially ordering set.

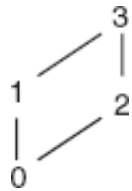
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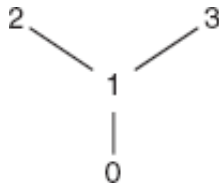
Because  $1R2$  and  $2R1$ , the relation is not fully antisymmetric. Hence, the relation is not partial ordering.

9. The Hasse diagram below defines a partial ordering on the set  $\{0, 1, 2, 3\}$ . Give the set of ordered pairs corresponding to this relation.



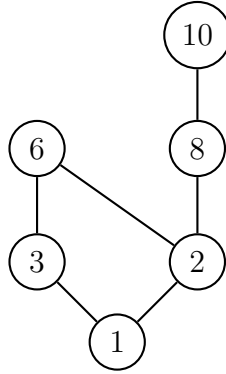
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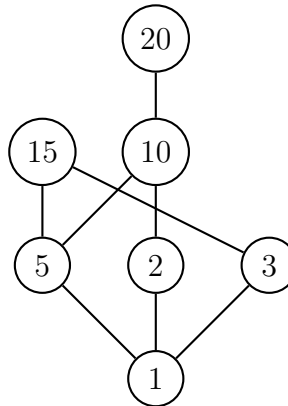
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11. The divides relation “ $|$ ” defines a partial ordering on the set  $\{1, 2, 3, 6, 8, 10\}$ . Draw the Hasse diagram for this poset. What are the maximal elements?



The maximal elements are 6 and 10.

12. Let  $S = \{1, 2, 3, 5, 10, 15, 20\}$ . It is a fact that  $(S, |)$  is a poset. Draw its Hasse diagram.



13. Let  $X$  be a set of different nonzero monetary values (in U.S. or Canadian cents). In other words,  $X \subseteq \mathbb{N}$ . Define a relation  $\models$  on  $x$  as follows. For  $a, b \in X$ ,  $a \models b$  if  $b$  can be obtained from  $a$  by adding a (possibly empty) collection of dimes (10 cents) and quarters (25 cents). So, for example,  $25 \models 35$ , but  $25 \not\models 30$ . Prove that  $\models$  is a partial ordering on  $X$ .

**Reflexive:**

For every  $a \in X$ ,  $a \models a$  because  $a$  can add a empty collection of dimes and quarters to become  $a$ .

**Antisymmetric:**

For every  $a, b \in X$ , if  $a \models b$  and  $a \neq b$ ,  $b$  must be larger than  $a$ . Hence,  $b$  cannot become  $a$  by adding a collection of dimes and quarters. Therefore, the relation is antisymmetric.

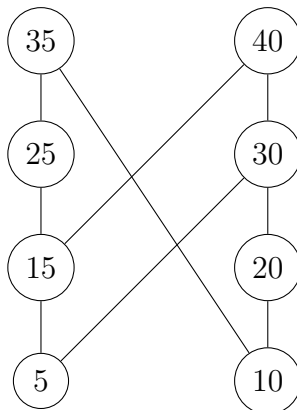
**Transitivity:**

For every  $a, b, c \in X$ , if  $a \models b$  then  $a + 10k + 25z = b$  and if  $b \models c$  then  $b + 10m + 25n = c$ . Then  $a$  can become  $c$  by adding  $10k + 25z + 10m + 25n$ . Hence,  $a \models c$ . Therefore, the relation is transitive.

Therefore, the relation is partial ordering.

14. Let  $X = \{5, 10, 15, 20, 25, 30, 35, 40\}$ , and let  $\models$  be as in Problem 13.

(a) Draw the Hasse diagram for the poset  $(X, \models)$ .



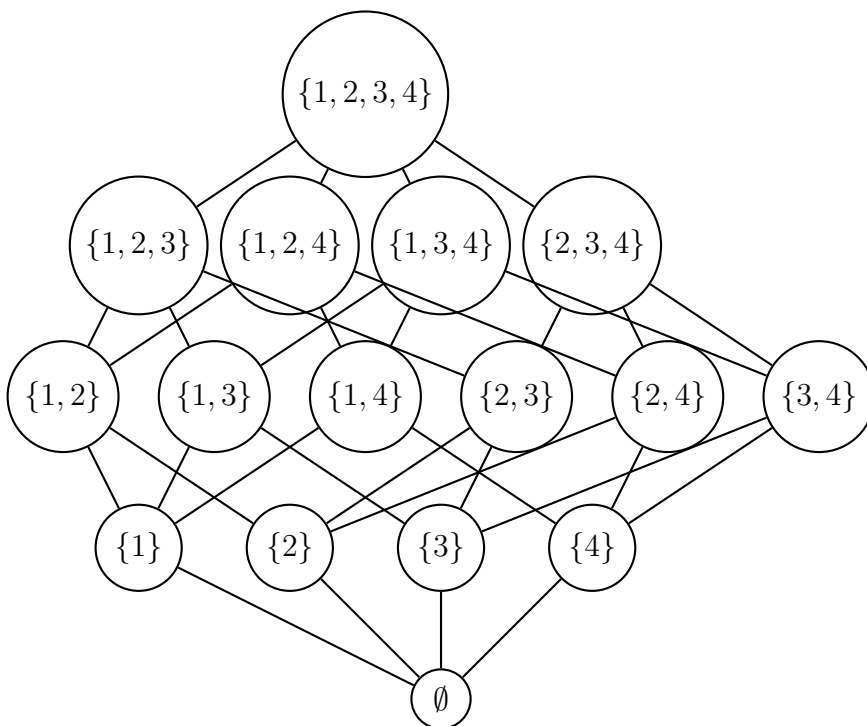
(b) List all the minimal elements of  $(X, \models)$ .

The minimal element of  $(X, \models)$  is 5.

(c) Give a pair of incomparable elements in  $(X, \models)$ .

A pair of incomparable elements in  $(X, \models)$  is (20, 25).

19. Let  $X = \{1, 2, 3, 4\}$ . Draw the Hasse diagram for the poset  $((X), \subset)$ .



22. Let  $B$  be the set of all four-digit binary strings; that is,

$$B = \{0000, 0001, 0010, 0011, \dots, 1111\}$$

Define a relation  $\triangleleft$  on  $B$  as follows: Let  $x, y \in B$ , where  $x = x_1x_2x_3x_4$  and  $y = y_1y_2y_3y_4$ . We say that  $x \triangleleft y$  if  $x_i \leq y_i$  for  $i = 1, 2, 3, 4$ . In other words,  $x \triangleleft y$  if  $y$  has a 1 in every position where  $x$  does. So, for example,  $0101 \triangleleft 0111$  and  $0000 \triangleleft 0011$ , but  $1010 \not\triangleleft 0111$ . The relation  $\triangleleft$  is called the bitwise  $\leq$ . Show that  $(B, \triangleleft)$  is a poset.

**Reflexive:**

For every  $a = a_1a_2a_3a_4 \in B$ ,  $a \triangleleft a$  because  $a_i \leq a_i$  for  $i = 1, 2, 3, 4$ . Hence, the relation is reflexive.

**Antisymmetric:**

For every  $a = a_1a_2a_3a_4 \in B$  and  $b = b_1b_2b_3b_4 \in B$ , if  $a \triangleleft b$  and  $b \triangleleft a$  then  $a = b$  because  $a_1a_2a_3a_4 \leq b_1b_2b_3b_4$  and  $b_1b_2b_3b_4 \leq a_1a_2a_3a_4$ . Hence, the relation is antisymmetric.

**Transitivity:**

For every  $a, b, c \in B$  and  $a = a_1a_2a_3a_4, b = b_1b_2b_3b_4, c = c_1c_2c_3c_4$ . If  $a \triangleleft b$  and  $b \triangleleft c$ , then  $a_i \leq b_i$  and  $b_i \leq c_i$  for  $i = 1, 2, 3, 4$ . Hence,  $a_i \leq c_i$  and  $a \triangleleft c$ . Hence, the relation is transitive.

Therefore, the  $(B, \triangleleft)$  is a poset.

23. Prove that  $(B, \triangleleft) \cong (P(\{1, 2, 3, 4\}), \subseteq)$ .

We can define a function  $f : B \rightarrow P(\{1, 2, 3, 4\})$  with that maps each  $x = x_1x_2x_3x_4 \in B$  if  $x_i = 1$  for  $i = 1, 2, 3, 4$  then  $i \in f(x)$ . Because every elements of  $B$  maps exactly to one element of  $P(\{1, 2, 3, 4\})$ ,  $f$  is one-to-one correspondence. And because of  $\triangleleft$  and  $\subseteq$  behave exactly the same for the two sets. Hence, the edges in the Hasse diagram for  $(B, \triangleleft)$  correspond exactly to the edges in the Hasse diagram for  $(P(\{1, 2, 3, 4\}), \subseteq)$ . Therefore,  $(B, \triangleleft) \cong (P(\{1, 2, 3, 4\}), \subseteq)$ .

24. In  $(B, \triangleleft)$ , give a counterexample to show that

$$0000, 0001, 0010, 0011, 0100, 0101, 0110, 0111, 1001, 1000, 1010, 0011, 1100, 1101, \\ 1110, 1111$$

is not a valid topological sort of the elements of  $B$ .

Because 0011 is not the minimal element if 0100 is not deleted but 0011 is standing before 0100, this is not a valid topological sort of the elements of  $B$ .

25. Perform a topological sort on the elements of  $B$ .

A topological sort on the elements of  $B$  is:

$$0000, 0001, 0010, 0100, 1000, 0011, 0101, 0110, 1001, 1010, 1100, 0111, 1110, 1101, \\ 1011, 1111$$

26. Let  $F \subseteq N$  be the set of all factors of 210. In the poset  $(F, |)$ , find the following.

- (a)  $30 \wedge 21$ , the meet of 30 and 21.  
 $30 \wedge 21 = \gcd(30, 21) = 3$ .

- (b)  $35 \vee 15$ , join of 35 and 15.  
 $35 \vee 15 = lcm(35, 15) = 105.$
- (c)  $2 \wedge 7$ .  
 $2 \wedge 7 = gcd(2, 7) = 1.$
- (d)  $2 \vee 7$ .  
 $2 \vee 7 = lcm(2, 7) = 14.$
- (e)  $\neg 30$ , the complement of 30.

$$\neg 30 = x \text{ with } (30 \wedge x) = 1 \text{ and } (30 \vee x) = 210$$

$$30 = 2 \times 3 \times 5$$

$$210 = 2 \times 3 \times 5 \times 7$$

Hence,  $x = 7$  and  $\neg 30 = 7$ .