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Partial Ordering

- A relation R on a set P is called a **partial ordering**, or **partial order**, if it is:
 - Reflexive
 - Antisymmetric
 - Transitive
- A set P together with a partial order relation R , defined on it, is called a **partially ordered set**, or **poset**, and is denoted by (P, R) . Members of P are called *elements* of the poset.

Examples

1. Consider the set of integers. Is the relation “less than or equal” (\leq), a partial ordering on the given set of Integers?
 - Reflexive?
 - Antisymmetric?
 - Transitive?

Yes

Examples (Cont..)

2. Consider the set of integers. Is the relation “divisibility” ($|$), a partial ordering on the given set of Integers?

- Reflexive?
- Antisymmetric?
- Transitive?

No

$(\mathbb{Z}^+, |)$ is a POSET.

Examples (Cont..)

3. Show that the inclusion relation (\subseteq) is a partial ordering on the power set of a set S .
- Reflexive?
 - Antisymmetric?
 - Transitive?

Comparability

- The elements a and b of a poset (P, \leq) are *comparable* if either $a \leq b$ or $b \leq a$.
- When a and b are elements of P so that neither $a \leq b$ nor $b \leq a$, then a and b are called *incomparable*.

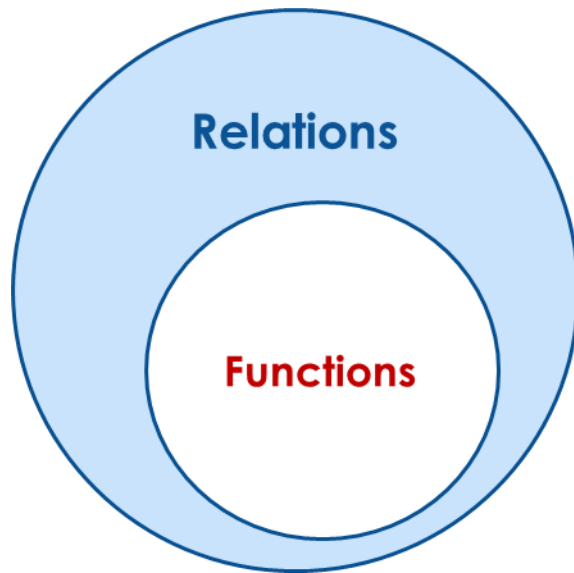
The symbol \leq is used to denote the relation in any poset.

Comparability (Cont..)

- If (P, \preceq) is a poset and every two elements of P are comparable, P 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*.
- (P, \preceq) is a **well-ordered set** if it is a poset such that \preceq is a total ordering and every nonempty subset of P has a least element.

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Lexicographic Ordering

- Given two posets (A_1, \preceq_1) and (A_2, \preceq_2) , the lexicographic ordering on $A_1 \times A_2$ is defined by specifying that (a_1, a_2) is less than (b_1, b_2) , that is,

$$(a_1, a_2) < (b_1, b_2),$$

either if $a_1 <_1 b_1$ or if $a_1 = b_1$ and $a_2 <_2 b_2$.

- This definition can be easily extended to a lexicographic ordering on strings.

Examples

1. Consider strings of lowercase English letters.

A lexicographic ordering can be defined using the ordering of the letters in the alphabet.

This is the same ordering as that used in dictionaries.

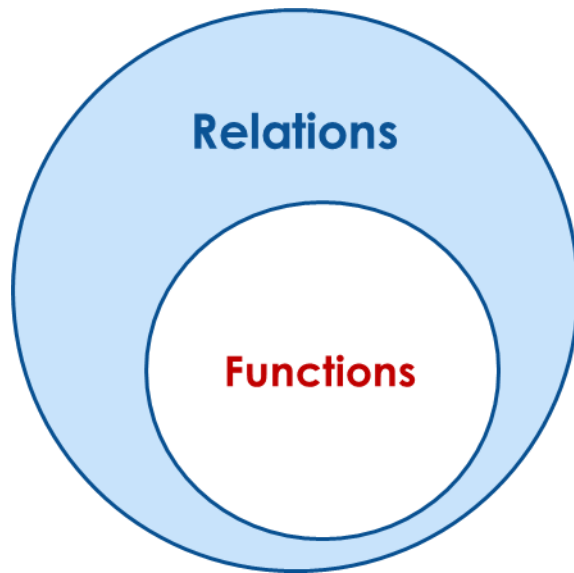
- *discreet* < *discrete*, because these strings differ in the seventh position and $e < t$.
- *discreet* < *discretion*, because the first six letters agree, but the strings differ in the seventh position and $e < t$.

Examples (Cont..)

2. Determine whether $(3, 5) < (4, 8)$, whether $(3, 8) < (4, 5)$ and whether $(4, 9) < (4, 11)$ in the poset $(\mathbb{Z} \times \mathbb{Z}, \preceq)$, where \preceq is the lexicographic ordering constructed from the usual \leq relation on \mathbb{Z} .

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Hasse Diagram

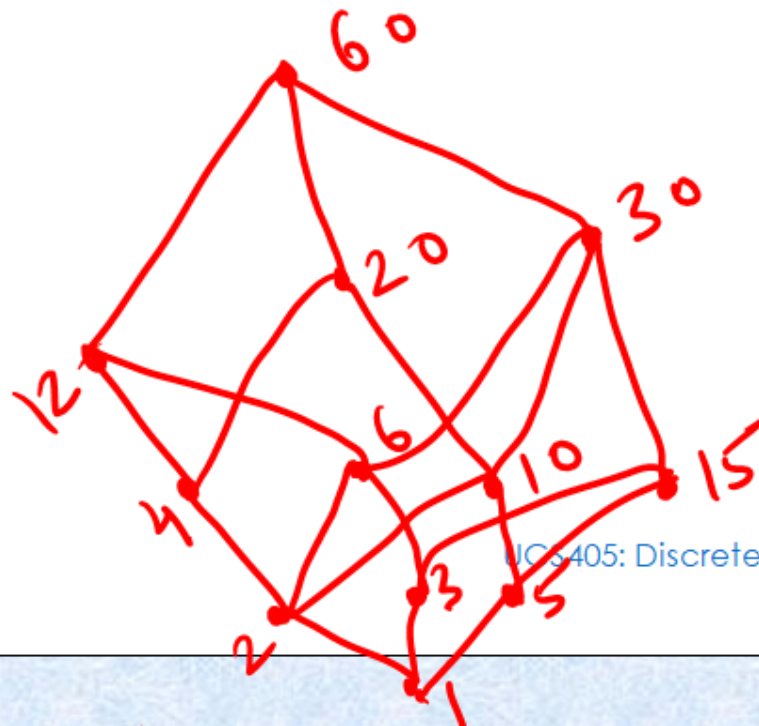
- A **Hasse diagram** is a visual representation of a partial ordering that leaves out edges that must be present because of the reflexive and transitive properties.

Procedure for drawing a Hasse Diagram

- To represent a finite poset (S, \preceq) using a Hasse diagram, start with the directed graph of the relation:
 - ❑ Remove the loops (a, a) present at every vertex due to the reflexive property.
 - ❑ Remove all edges (x, y) for which there is an element $z \in S$ such that $x \prec z$ and $z \prec y$. These are the edges that must be present due to the transitive property.
 - ❑ Arrange each edge so that its initial vertex is below the terminal vertex. Remove all the arrows, because all edges point upwards toward their terminal vertex.

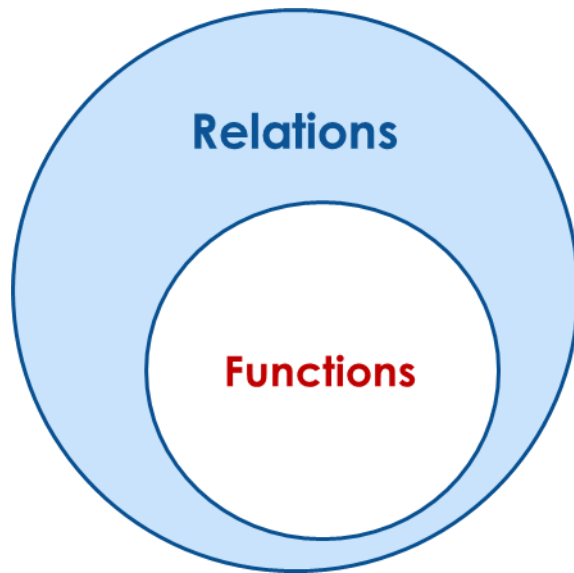
Draw a Hasse diagram for the partial ordering
 $\{(a,b) \mid a \mid b\}$

on $\{1, 2, 3, 4, 5, 6, 10, 12, 15, 20, 30, 60\}$
 these are the divisors of 60.



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Topological Sorting

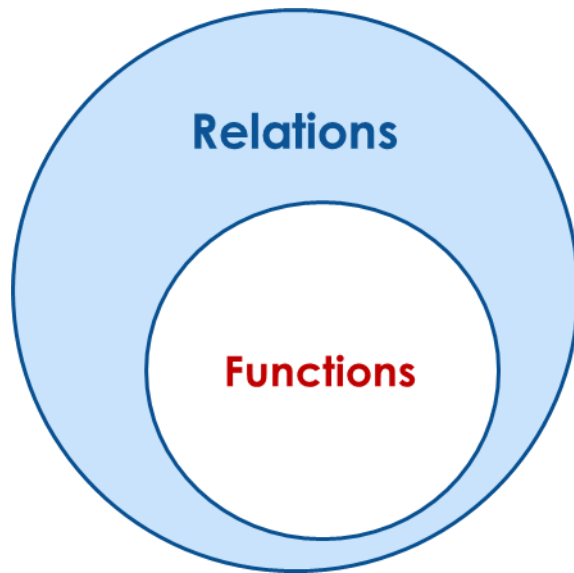
- If A is a poset with partial order \preceq , we sometimes need to find a linear order $<$ for the set A in the sense that if $a \preceq b$ then $a < b$.
- The process of constructing a linear order is called Topological Sorting.

Linear Order corresponding to partial ordering

Examples

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Extremal Elements of POSET

- Maximal Element
- Minimal element

Maximal and Minimal Elements

- Let (A, \preceq) be a POSET.
 - An element $M \in A$ is called a **maximal element** of A if there is no element x in A such that $M < x$.
 - An element $m \in A$ is called a **minimal element** of A if there is no element x in A such that $x < m$.

Examples

1. Let A be the poset of all non -ve real numbers with the usual partial order \leq .

Minimal Element?

0

Maximal Element?

No maximal element

Infinite series

2. Let us consider the poset (\mathbb{Z}, \leq) .

No Minimal Element

No Maximal Element

Greatest Element and Least Element

- An element $a \in A$ is called a greatest element of A if $x \leq a, \forall x \in A$.

1

- An element $a \in A$ is called a least element of A if $a \leq x, \forall x \in A$.

0 - Zero Element

Examples

1. Let A be the POSET of all non -ve real numbers with the usual partial order \leq .

Least Element?

0

Greatest Element?

No greatest element

2. Let us consider the POSET $(P(S), \subseteq)$.

Least Element?

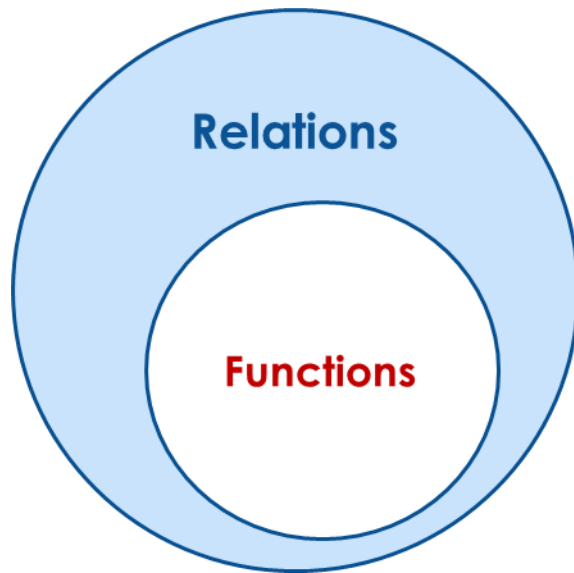
\emptyset

Greatest Element?

Set S

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Upper Bound and Lower Bound

- Let A be a POSET and $B \subseteq A$.
 - An element $a \in A$ is called an upper bound of B if
$$b \leq a, \forall b \in B$$
 - An element $a \in A$ is called a lower bound of B if
$$a \leq b, \forall b \in B$$

Greatest Lower Bound (GLB)

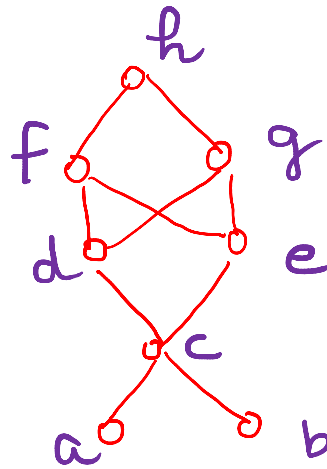
- Let A be a POSET and $B \subseteq A$.
 - An element $a \in A$ is called a **Greatest Lower Bound (GLB)** of B if a is a lower bound of B and $a' \leq a$, whenever a' is a lower bound of B .
 - Thus, $a = \text{GLB}(B)$, if $a \leq b, \forall b \in B$ and if whenever $a' \in A$ is also a lower bound of B ($a' \leq b, \forall b \in B$) then $a' \leq a$.

Least Upper Bound (LUB)

- Let A be a POSET and $B \subseteq A$.
- An element $a \in A$ is called a **Least Upper Bound (LUB)** of B if a is an upper bound of B and $a \leq a'$, whenever a' is an upper bound of B .
- Thus, $a = \text{LUB}(B)$, if $b \leq a, \forall b \in B$ and if whenever $a' \in A$ is also an upper bound of B ($b \leq a', \forall b \in B$) then $a \leq a'$.

Examples

- Let (A, \preceq) be a POSET on $A = \{a, b, c, d, e, f, g, h\}$.
Hasse Diagram is shown Below:



Find all **upper and lower bounds** of the following subsets of A :

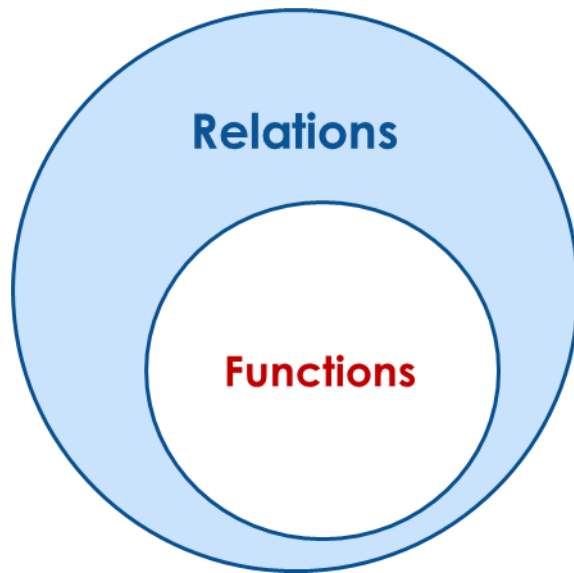
a) $B_1 = \{a, b\}$

b) $B_2 = \{c, d, e\}$

Also find **Least Upper Bound (LUB)** and **Greatest Lower Bound (GLB)** for above subsets of A .

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Lattice

- A lattice is a POSET (L, \preceq) in which every subset $\{a, b\}$ consisting of 2 elements has a Least Upper Bound (LUB) and a Greatest Lower Bound (GLB).
 - $LUB(\{a, b\}) = a \vee b$ (Join of a and b)
 - $GLB(\{a, b\}) = a \wedge b$ (Meet of a and b)

Examples

1. Let us consider the POSET $(P(S), \subseteq)$.

□ Is this a lattice?

Yes

- Let A and B are 2 elements of $P(S)$.
- Then the join of A and B is their union $A \cup B$,
- and the meet of A and B is their $A \cap B$.
- Hence, L is lattice.

Examples

2. Let us consider the POSET (\mathbb{Z}^+, \preceq) , where $a \preceq b$ iff a/b .

□ Is this a lattice?

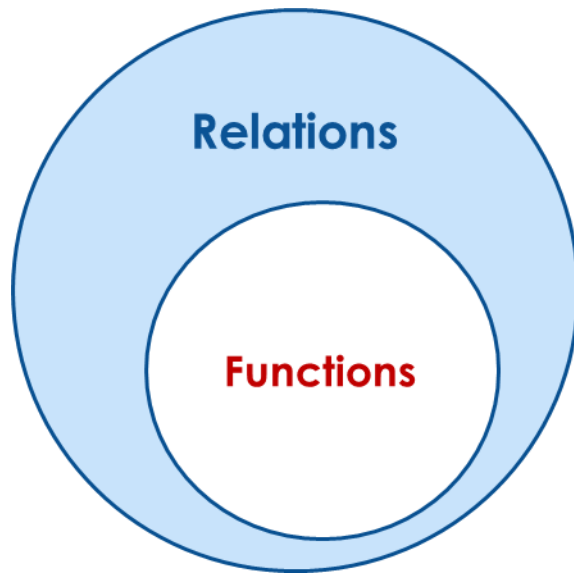
Yes

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

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

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Special Types of Lattices

- Bounded Lattice
- Distributive Lattice
- Complemented Lattice
- Boolean Lattice

Bounded Lattice

- A **lattice** L is said to be **bounded** if it has a greatest element I and a least element 0 .

Examples

1. Let us consider lattice \mathbb{Z}^+ under the partial order of divisibility.

Is it a bounded lattice?

No

Only least element is there with the value 1.
No greatest element.

Examples (Cont..)

2. Let us consider lattice \mathbb{Z} under the partial order of \leq .

Is it a bounded lattice?

No

Neither least element
nor greatest element.

3. Let us consider the lattice $P(S)$ of all subsets of a set S with partial order subset.

Is it a bounded lattice?

Yes

least element is \emptyset and
greatest element is
the set S itself.

Theorem: If L is a finite lattice then L is bounded.

Distributive Lattice

- A **lattice** L is called distributive if for any elements a, b and c in L , we have the following distributive laws:

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

$$2) \quad a \vee (b \wedge c) = (a \vee b) \wedge (a \vee c)$$

- If L is not distributive, then L is called nondistributive lattice.

Examples

1. Let us consider Lattice $P(S)$ with partial order of subset.

Is it Distributive?

Yes

Only two operations are there i.e. union and intersection. These both operations are distributive.

2. Let us consider lattice Z^+ under the partial order of \leq .

Is it Distributive?

Yes

How?

Complemented Lattice

- Let L be a bounded lattice with greatest element I and least element 0 , and let $a \in L$.
- An element $a' \in L$ is called a complement of a if

$$a \vee a' = I$$

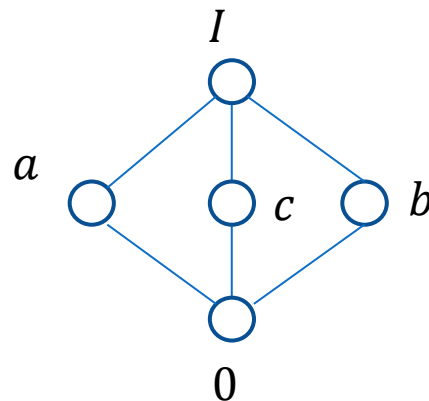
$$\text{and, } a \wedge a' = 0$$

$$0' = I \text{ and } I' = 0$$

A lattice L is called complemented if it is bounded and if every element in L has a complement.

Examples

1. Lattice $L = P(S)$ with subset partial order is **Complemented Lattice**.
2. Let us consider following Lattice:



Is it a complimented Lattice?

Yes

Boolean Lattice

- A **lattice** L is called **Boolean Lattice** if it is
 - Bounded
 - Distributive
 - Complemented

Example

- ❖ Lattice $L = P(S)$ with subset partial order is a Boolean Lattice.

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