

# Lattice Theory

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# 1 Ordered Sets

An ordering is a binary relation on a set of objects.

**Definition 1.1.** Let  $\mathbf{P}$  be a set. An **order** (or **partial order**) on  $\mathbf{P}$  is a binary relation  $\leq$  on  $\mathbf{P}$  such that for all  $x, y, z \in \mathbf{P}$ .

- (reflexivity)  $x \leq x$
- (antisymmetry)  $x \leq y \wedge y \leq x \implies x = y$
- (transitivity)  $x \leq y \wedge y \leq z \implies x \leq z$

$\langle \mathbf{P}; \leq \rangle :=$  "ordered set" or "partially ordered set", poset.

$:=$  A set  $\mathbf{P}$  equipped with an order relation  $\leq$ .

discrete order  $:=$  "=" is an order on any set.

quasi-order or pre-order  $:=$

induced order  $:= x, y \in \mathbf{Q}, x \leq y \iff x \leq y \in \mathbf{P}$ , where  $\mathbf{Q} \subseteq \mathbf{P}$ .

**Definition 1.2.** Let  $\mathbf{P}$  be an ordered set. Then  $\mathbf{P}$  is a **chain** if for all  $x, y \in \mathbf{P}$ , either  $x \leq y$  or  $y \leq x$ .

Chain can be called, *linearly ordered set*, or *totally ordered set*.

**Antichain**  $:=$  if  $x \leq y$  in  $\mathbf{P}$  only if  $x = y$ . Hence, any set  $\mathbf{S}$  may be converted into an antichain  $\bar{\mathbf{S}}$  by giving  $\mathbf{S}$  the discrete order.

**Definition 1.3.** Order-isomorphisms  $\mathbf{P} \cong \mathbf{Q}$ , if there exists a map  $\varphi$  from  $\mathbf{P}$  onto  $\mathbf{Q}$  such that  $x \leq y$  in  $\mathbf{P} \iff \varphi(x) \leq \varphi(y)$  in  $\mathbf{Q}$ . Then  $\varphi$  is called an "order-isomorphism".

**Note:** order-isomorphism  $\Rightarrow$  bijection (one-to-one and onto). Hence,

$$\varphi: \mathbf{P} \rightarrow \mathbf{Q}, \quad \varphi^{-1}: \mathbf{Q} \rightarrow \mathbf{P}$$

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**Definition 1.4.** Powerset  $\wp(\mathbf{X})$ , consisting of all subsets of  $x$ , is ordered by set inclusion: for  $A, B \in \wp(\mathbf{X})$ , we define:  $A \leq B \iff A \subseteq B$ .

**Note:** any subset of  $\wp(\mathbf{X})$  inherits the inclusion order.

*Predicate*  $:=$  A statement taking value  $T$ (true) or value  $F$ (false).

$$:= x \rightarrow \{T, F\}.$$

**Example 1.5.**

$$p: \mathbb{R} \rightarrow \{T, F\}$$

$$p(x) = \begin{cases} T, & \text{if } x \geq 0 \\ F, & \text{if } x < 0 \end{cases}$$

$\mathbb{P}(\mathbf{X}) :=$  The set of predicates on  $\mathbf{X}$ .

Let  $p$  and  $q$  are predicate. Then we denote by

$$p \Rightarrow q \iff \{x \in \mathbf{X} \mid p(x) = T\} \subseteq \{x \in \mathbf{X} \mid q(x) = T\}.$$

**Definition 1.6.** *The covering relation Let  $\mathbf{P}$  be an ordered set,  $x, y \in \mathbf{P}$*

$$\left\{ \begin{array}{l} x \text{ is covered by } y \\ y \text{ covers } x \end{array} \right\}.$$

$$x \prec y \text{ or } y \succ x$$

**Note:**  $x < y \wedge x \leq z < y \rightarrow x = z$ .

**Note:** if  $\mathbf{P}$  is finite,

$x < y \iff$  there exists a finite sequence of covering relations

$$x = x_0 \prec x_1 \prec x_2 \cdots \prec x_n = y$$

**Example 1.7.** *In the chain  $\mathbb{N}$ , we have  $m \prec n \iff n = m + 1$ .*

**Example 1.8.** *In  $\mathbb{R}$ , there are **no pairs**  $x, y$  such that  $x \prec y$ .*

**Example 1.9.** *In  $\wp(\mathbf{X})$ , we have*

$$\mathbf{A} \prec \mathbf{B} \iff \mathbf{B} = \mathbf{A} \cup \{b\},$$

*for same  $b \in \mathbf{X} \setminus \mathbf{A}$ .*

### Diagrams Rules: (Hasse diagram)

1. To each point  $x \in \mathbf{P}$ , associate a point  $p(x)$  of the Euclidean plane  $\mathbb{R}^2$ , depicted by a small circle with centre at  $p(x)$ .
2. For each covering pair  $x \prec y$  in  $\mathbf{P}$ , take a line segment  $\ell(x, y)$  joining the circle at  $p(x)$  to the circle at  $p(y)$ .
3. Carry out 1. and 2. in such a way that:
  - (a) if  $x \prec y$ , then  $p(x)$  is "lower" than  $p(y)$ .
  - (b) the circle at  $p(z)$  does not intersect the line segment  $\ell(x, y)$  if  $z \neq x \wedge z \neq y$ .

By diagram,

$x < y \iff$  there is a sequence of connected line segments moving upwards from  $x$  to  $y$ .

**Lemma 1.10.** *Let  $\mathbf{P}$  and  $\mathbf{Q}$  be finite ordered sets and let  $\varphi: \mathbf{P} \rightarrow \mathbf{Q}$  be a bijective map. Then the following are equivalent:*

1.  $\varphi$  is an order-isomorphism.
2.  $x < y$  in  $\mathbf{P} \iff \varphi(x) < \varphi(y)$  in  $\mathbf{Q}$ .
3.  $x \prec y$  in  $\mathbf{P} \iff \varphi(x) \prec \varphi(y)$  in  $\mathbf{Q}$ .

**Proposition 1.** *Two finite ordered sets  $\mathbf{P}$  and  $\mathbf{Q}$  are order-isomorphic iff they can be drawn with identical diagrams.*

**Definition 1.11.** *The dual of an ordered set Given any ordered set  $\mathbf{P}$ , we can form a new ordered set  $\mathbf{P}^\partial$  (the dual of  $\mathbf{P}$ ) by defining  $x \leq y$  to hold in  $\mathbf{P}^\partial \iff y \leq x$  holds in  $\mathbf{P}$ .*

### The Duality Principle:

Given a statement  $\Phi$  about ordered sets which is true in all ordered sets, the dual statement  $\Phi^\partial$  is also true in all ordered set.

**Note:**

$$\begin{aligned} \perp \in \mathbf{P}: & \text{ bottom, if } \perp \leq x, \forall x \in \mathbf{P}. \\ \top \in \mathbf{P}: & \text{ top, if } \top \geq x, \forall x \in \mathbf{P}. \end{aligned}$$

PS  $\perp$  and  $\top$  are unique, by duality principle and antisymmetry.

**Definition 1.12.** *Maximal (MaxQ) Let  $\mathbf{P}$  be an ordered set and let  $\mathbf{Q} \subseteq \mathbf{P}$ . Then  $a \in \mathbf{Q}$  is a maximal element of  $\mathbf{Q}$  if  $a \leq x \wedge x \in \mathbf{Q} \implies a = x$ .*

**Definition 1.13.** *Minimal ( $\text{Min}Q$ )* Let  $P$  be an ordered set and let  $Q \subseteq P$ . Then  $a \in Q$  is a minimal element of  $Q$  if  $a \geq x \wedge x \in Q \implies a = x$ .

**Definition 1.14.** *Maximum ( $\top_Q = \text{max}Q$ )* If  $Q$  (with the order inherited from  $P$ ) has a top element,  $\top_Q$ , then  $\text{Max}Q = \{\top_Q\}$ .

**Definition 1.15.** *Minimum ( $\perp_Q = \text{min}Q$ )* If  $Q$  (with the order inherited from  $P$ ) has a bottom element,  $\perp_Q$ , then  $\text{Min}Q = \{\perp_Q\}$ .