

# MATHEMATICAL STRUCTURES IN LOGIC

## EXERCISE CLASS 1

Posets and (distributive) lattices

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1. Suppose  $(L, \vee, \wedge)$  is a lattice. Recall that we defined a relation  $a \leq b$  iff  $a \wedge b = a$ . Now define a relation  $\leq'$  on  $L$  via  $a \leq' b$  iff  $a \vee b = b$ . Show that  $\leq = \leq'$ .

2. Show that every lattice satisfies:

$$(x \wedge y) \vee (x \wedge z) \leq x \wedge (y \vee z)$$

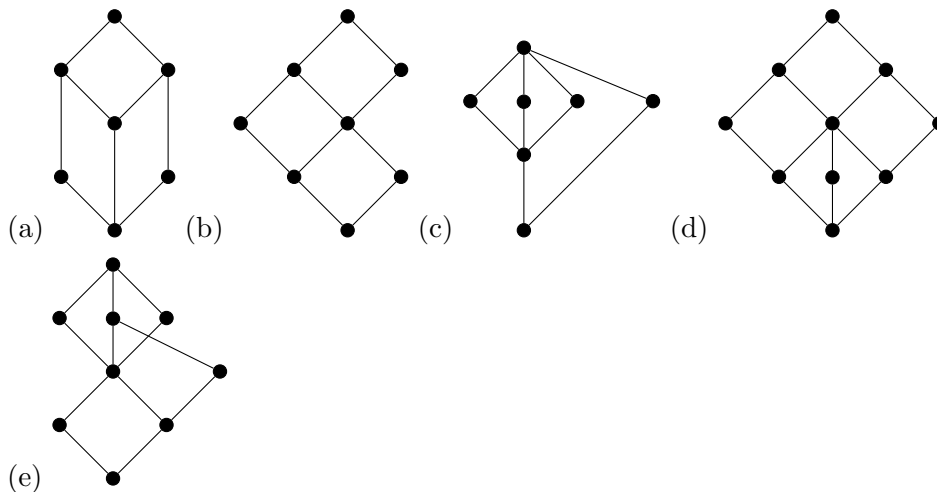
3. Recall that in class we defined on a lattice  $(L, \leq)$   $a \wedge b := \inf\{a, b\}$  and  $a \vee b := \sup\{a, b\}$ . Show that these operations satisfy

- $x \vee (y \vee z) = (x \vee y) \vee z$
- $x \wedge (y \wedge z) = (x \wedge y) \wedge z$

4. Funny examples:

- a. Give an example of a lattice  $(L, \leq)$  such that no infinite subset  $X \subseteq L$  has a least upper bound.
  - b. Consider the poset  $(\mathbb{N}, \leq)$ . Is this a lattice? Is it complete?
  - c. Find an example of a lattice  $(L, \leq)$  that contains a subset  $A \subseteq L$  such that  $\inf A$  and  $\sup A$  exist but  $\sup A \neq \inf A$  and  $\sup A \leq \inf A$ .
  - d. Find an example of a poset where  $\inf \emptyset$  does not exist.
  - e. Give an example of a lattice  $(A, \leq)$  and a subset  $B$  of  $A$  such that  $(B, \leq|_{B \times B})$  is a lattice, but  $B$  is not a sublattice of  $A$ .
5. Let  $f : (L, \leq) \rightarrow (L', \leq')$  and  $g : (L', \leq') \rightarrow (L, \leq)$  be order-preserving maps between the lattices  $(L, \leq)$  and  $(L', \leq')$  such that  $g(f(x)) = x$  for all  $x \in L$  and  $f(g(y)) = y$  for all  $y \in L'$ . Show that  $f$  and  $g$  establish a lattice isomorphism between  $L$  and  $L'$ .

6. Which of the following lattices are modular and which of them are distributive?



7. If  $(X, \leq)$  is a partial order, then the *covering relation*  $\prec$  on  $X$  is defined as

$$x \prec y \iff x < y \ \& \ \forall z \in X (x < z \leq y \implies z = y).$$

Given two partial orders  $(P, \leq_P)$  and  $(Q, \leq_Q)$  we define a relation  $\leq$  on  $P \times Q$  via  $(p, q) \leq (p', q')$  iff  $p \leq_P p'$  and  $q \leq_Q q'$ .

- a. Prove that  $\leq$  is a partial order on  $P \times Q$ .
- b. Prove that  $(p, q) \prec (p', q')$  iff

$$(p = p' \ \text{and} \ q \prec_Q q') \ \text{or} \ (p \prec_P p' \ \text{and} \ q = q')$$

8. Prove that the absorption laws imply  $a \wedge a = a$  and  $a \vee a = a$ .

9. Find all posets with 4 elements. (Hint: There are 16 up to isomorphism.)