

Maximum, minimum, maximal, minimal, glb, lub, lattice

For elements of a poset A the following is defined:

a is **maximum** iff $b \preceq a \ \forall b \in A$

a is **minimum** iff $a \preceq b \ \forall b \in A$

a is **maximal** iff $\forall b \in A, (a \preceq b) \rightarrow (a = b)$

a is **minimal** iff $\forall b \in A, (b \preceq a) \rightarrow (b = a)$

g is **glb** of $a, b \in A$ (denoted $a \wedge b$, pronounced “ a meet b ”)
iff

$$g \preceq a, g \preceq b, \text{ and } \forall c \in A, (c \preceq a) \wedge (c \preceq b) \rightarrow (c \preceq g)$$

l is **lub** of $a, b \in A$ (denoted $a \vee b$, pronounced “ a join b ”)
iff

$$a \preceq l, b \preceq l, \text{ and } \forall c \in A, (a \preceq c) \wedge (b \preceq c) \rightarrow (l \preceq c)$$

lattice is a poset in which every two elements have a glb and a lub

Examples: (\mathbb{R}, \leq) , $(\mathcal{P}(S), \subseteq)$

Hasse diagram:

- There is a dot for each $a \in A$
- If $a \preceq b$, then the dot for b is positioned higher than the dot for a
- If $a \prec b$ and there is no c such that $a \prec c \prec b$, then a line is drawn from a to b (say “ b covers a ”).