

Let S be a set.

A relation on S is a subset Γ of $S \times S$.

Example $S = \{\alpha, \beta, \gamma\}$

$$S \times S = \left\{ \begin{array}{l} (\alpha, \alpha), (\alpha, \beta), (\alpha, \gamma) \\ (\beta, \alpha), (\beta, \beta), (\beta, \gamma) \\ (\gamma, \alpha), (\gamma, \beta), (\gamma, \gamma) \end{array} \right\} \quad \Gamma = \{(\beta, \beta), (\beta, \gamma), (\gamma, \alpha)\}.$$

A partial order on S is a relation Γ on S such that

- (a) If $x, y, z \in S$ and $(x, y) \in \Gamma$ and $(y, z) \in \Gamma$ then $(x, z) \in \Gamma$
- (b) If $x, y \in S$ and $(x, y) \in \Gamma$ and $(y, x) \in \Gamma$ then $x = y$.

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- (c) If $x, y \in S$ then $(x, y) \in \Gamma$ or $(y, x) \in \Gamma$.

If Γ is a partial order on S write
 $x \leq y$ if $(x, y) \in \Gamma$.

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Example (a partial order that is not a total order).

Let $E = \{\alpha, \beta, \gamma\}$ and let

$$S = \{\text{subsets of } E\} = \left\{ \begin{array}{l} \emptyset, \{\alpha\}, \{\beta\}, \{\gamma\} \\ \{\alpha, \beta\}, \{\alpha, \gamma\}, \{\beta, \gamma\} \\ \{\alpha, \beta, \gamma\} \end{array} \right\}$$

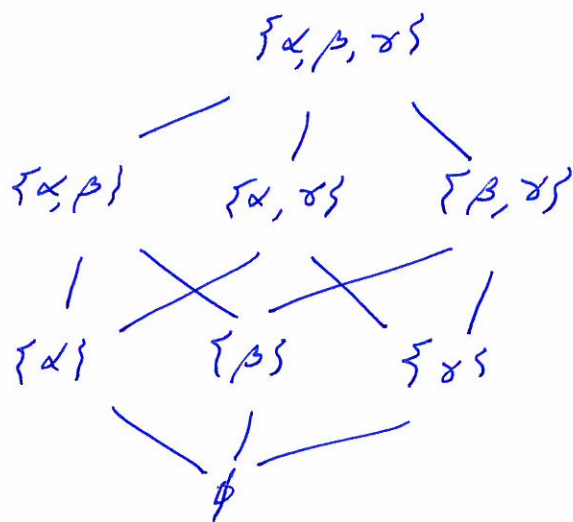
Let Γ be the relation on S given by

$$\Gamma = \{(A, B) \mid A \subseteq B\}.$$

In other words inclusion is a partial order on S since

(a) If $A, B, C \in S$ and $A \subseteq B$ and $B \subseteq C$ then $A \subseteq C$

(b) If $A, B \in S$ and $A \subseteq B$ and $B \subseteq A$ then $A = B$.



Inclusion is not a total order since

$X = \{\alpha\}$ and $Y = \{\beta\}$ are in S

and $X \not\subseteq Y$ and $Y \not\subseteq X$.

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Let S be a set with a partial order $\preceq$

Write $x \leq y$ if $(x, y) \in \preceq$.

Let A be a subset of S .

An upper bound of A is an element $b \in S$ such that

if $a \in A$ then $a \leq b$.

A lower bound of A is an element $l \in S$ such that

if $a \in A$ then $l \leq a$.

A maximum of A is an element $M \in A$ such that

there does not exist $a \in A$ such that $a \succ M$
(i.e. if $a \in A$ then $M \not\leq a$).

A minimum of A is an element $m \in A$ such that

if $a \in A$ then $m \leq a$.

A supremum of A is an element $s \in S$ such that

(a) s is an upper bound of A

(b) If b is an upper bound of A then $b \geq s$.

An infimum of A is an element $i \in S$ such that

(a) i is a lower bound of A ,

(b) If l is a lower bound of A then $l \leq i$.

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Example If $A = \{\{x, p\}, \{p, x\}, \{p\}\}$

then $\{x, p\}$ and $\{p, x\}$ are both maximums of A
and $\sup A = \{x, p, x\}$.

Example Prove that $\text{Card}(\mathbb{Z}_0) \neq \text{Card}([0, 1]_{\mathbb{R}})$

where

$$[0, 1]_{\mathbb{R}} = \{x \in \mathbb{R} \mid 0 \leq x \leq 1\}.$$

Proof

Proof by contradiction.

Assume $f: \mathbb{Z}_0 \rightarrow [0, 1]_{\mathbb{R}}$ is a bijection

$$k \mapsto r_k$$

$$r_1 = 0. r_{11} r_{12} r_{13} r_{14} \dots$$

$$r_2 = 0. r_{21} r_{22} r_{23} r_{24} \dots$$

$$r_3 = 0. r_{31} r_{32} r_{33} r_{34} \dots$$

$$r_4 = 0. r_{41} r_{42} r_{43} r_{44} \dots$$

$\vdots$

Let $s = 0. s_1 s_2 s_3 s_4 s_5 s_6 \dots$ with

$$s_1 \neq r_{11}, s_2 \neq r_{22}, s_3 \neq r_{33}, \dots$$

Then $s \in [0, 1]_{\mathbb{R}}$ and does not appear in the sequence
 $(r_1, r_2, r_3, \dots)$

So f is not surjective. This is a
contradiction to f being bijective. So $\text{Card}(\mathbb{Z}_0) \neq \text{Card}([0, 1]_{\mathbb{R}})$

Let S be a set and let Γ be a partial order ⑤
on S . Write

$$x \leq y \text{ if } (x, y) \in \Gamma.$$

Let $a, b \in S$. Then let

$$[a, b] = \{x \in S \mid a \leq x \leq b\}$$

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$$[a, \infty) = \{x \in S \mid a \leq x\}$$

$$(a, \infty) = \{x \in S \mid a < x\}$$

$$(-\infty, a] = \{x \in S \mid x \leq a\}$$

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where

$x < y$ means $x \leq y$ and $x \neq y$.

The sets in (*) are intervals in S .