

Partial Orders

1. Determine whether each of the following are partial orders. For those that are, decide whether or not they are linear orders.
 - (a) (\mathbb{N}, \leq)
 - (b) (“all people”, “is an ancestor of”) (Suppose you are considered an ancestor of yourself)
 - (c) $(\{f \mid f : \mathbb{R} \rightarrow \mathbb{R}\}, f \prec g \Leftrightarrow \forall x f(x) < g(x))$
 - (d) $(\mathbb{Z}, |)$
 - (e) $(\mathcal{P}(\{a, b, c\}), \subseteq)$
2. Draw the Hasse diagram for the partial order given by divisibility on the set $\{1, 2, 3, 4, 5, 6, 7, 8\}$. What are the maximal and minimal elements?
3. Suppose (P_1, \preceq_1) and (P_2, \preceq_2) are partial orders.
 - (a) Show that the lexicographic order given by $(a, b) \preceq (c, d) \Leftrightarrow (a \prec_1 c \vee (a = c \wedge b \preceq_2 d))$ is a partial order on $P_1 \times P_2$
 - (b) Show that the product order given by $(a, b) \prec (c, d) \Leftrightarrow a \prec_1 c \wedge b \prec_2 d$ is also a partial order
4. Consider the poset $(\{2, 4, 6, 9, 12, 18, 27, 36, 48, 60, 72\}, |)$
 - (a) What are the maximal elements? What are the minimal elements?
 - (b) Is there a least element? A greatest element?
 - (c) Find a lower bound for 60, 72.
 - (d) Find all upper bounds for 2, 9
 - (e) Is this a lattice?
5. A poset is called **well-founded** if there is no infinite descending chain of elements. A poset is called **well-ordered** if every non-empty subset has a least element. Consider the poset \mathbb{Z}, \preceq given by $x \prec y$ iff $|x| < |y|$
 - (a) Show that this is a poset
 - (b) Show that it is well-founded, but not well-ordered.
6. Show that the lexicographic order on the product of two well-founded posets is well-founded.
7. Show that the lexicographic order on the product of two well-ordered posets is a well-ordering.