

Math 55 Discussion problems 20 Apr

1. Is (S, R) a poset if S is the set of all people in the world and $(a, b) \in R$, where a and b are people, if
 - (a) a is no shorter than b ?
 - (b) a weighs more than b ?
 - (c) $a = b$ or a is a descendant of b ?
 - (d) a and b do not have a common friend?
2. Draw the Hasse diagram for inclusion on the set $P(S)$, where $S = \{a, b, c, d\}$.
3. Answer these questions for the poset $(\{2, 4, 6, 9, 12, 18, 27, 36, 48, 60, 72\}, |)$.
 - (a) Find the maximal elements.
 - (b) Find the minimal elements.
 - (c) Is there a greatest element?
 - (d) Is there a least element?
 - (e) Find all upper bounds of $\{2, 9\}$.
 - (f) Find the least upper bound of $\{2, 9\}$, if it exists.
 - (g) Find all lower bounds of $\{60, 72\}$.
 - (h) Find the greatest lower bound of $\{60, 72\}$, if it exists.
4. Give a poset that has
 - (a) a minimal element but no maximal element.
 - (b) a maximal element but no minimal element.
 - (c) neither a maximal nor a minimal element.
5.
 - (a) Show that the least upper bound of a set in a poset is unique if it exists.
 - (b) Show that the greatest lower bound of a set in a poset is unique if it exists.