

Lattices

Appendix A

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Overview

- Lattices used to analyze several models
 - Bell-LaPadula confidentiality model
 - Biba integrity model
- A lattice consists of a set and a relation
- Relation must partially order set
 - Relation orders some, but not all, elements of set

Sets and Relations

- S set, $R: S \times S$ relation
 - If $a, b \in S$, and $(a, b) \in R$, write aRb
- Example
 - $I = \{ 1, 2, 3 \}$; R is \leq
 - $R = \{ (1, 1), (1, 2), (1, 3), (2, 2), (2, 3), (3, 3) \}$
 - So we write $1 \leq 2$ and $3 \leq 3$ but not $3 \leq 2$

Relation Properties

- Reflexive
 - For all $a \in S$, aRa
 - On I , \leq is reflexive as $1 \leq 1$, $2 \leq 2$, $3 \leq 3$
- Antisymmetric
 - For all $a, b \in S$, $aRb \wedge bRa \Rightarrow a = b$
 - On I , \leq is antisymmetric as $1 \leq x$ and $x \leq 1$ means $x = 1$
- Transitive
 - For all $a, b, c \in S$, $aRb \wedge bRc \Rightarrow aRc$
 - On I , \leq is transitive as $1 \leq 2$ and $2 \leq 3$ means $1 \leq 3$

Example

- \mathbb{C} set of complex numbers
- $a \in \mathbb{C} \Rightarrow a = a_R + a_I i$, where a_R, a_I integers
- $a \leq_c b$ if, and only if, $a_R \leq b_R$ and $a_I \leq b_I$
- $a \leq_c b$ is reflexive, antisymmetric, transitive
 - As \leq is over integers, and a_R, a_I are integers

Partial Ordering

- Relation R orders some members of set S
 - If all ordered, it's a total ordering
- Example
 - \leq on integers is total ordering
 - $\leq_{\mathbb{C}}$ is partial ordering on \mathbb{C}
 - Neither $3+5i \leq_{\mathbb{C}} 4+2i$ nor $4+2i \leq_{\mathbb{C}} 3+5i$ holds

Upper Bounds

- For $a, b \in S$, if u in S with aRu, bRu exists, then u is an *upper bound*
 - A *least upper bound* if there is no $t \in S$ such that aRt, bRt , and tRu
- Example
 - For $1 + 5i, 2 + 4i \in \mathbb{C}$
 - Some upper bounds are $2 + 5i, 3 + 8i$, and $9 + 100i$
 - Least upper bound is $2 + 5i$

Lower Bounds

- For $a, b \in S$, if l in S with lRa, lRb exists, then l is a *lower bound*
 - A *greatest lower bound* if there is no $t \in S$ such that tRa, tRb , and lRt
- Example
 - For $1 + 5i, 2 + 4i \in \mathbb{C}$
 - Some lower bounds are $0, -1 + 2i, 1 + 1i$, and $1 + 4i$
 - Greatest lower bound is $1 + 4i$

Lattices

- Set S , relation R
 - R is reflexive, antisymmetric, transitive on elements of S
 - For every $s, t \in S$, there exists a greatest lower bound under R
 - For every $s, t \in S$, there exists a least upper bound under R

Example

- $S = \{ 0, 1, 2 \}$; $R = \leq$ is a lattice
 - R is clearly reflexive, antisymmetric, transitive on elements of S
 - Least upper bound of any two elements of S is the greater of the elements
 - Greatest lower bound of any two elements of S is the lesser of the elements

Picture

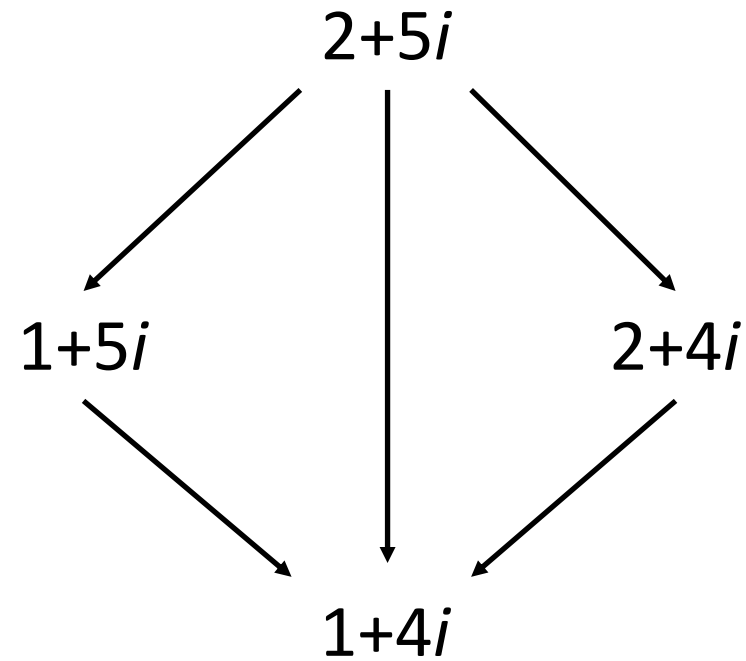


Arrows represent \leq ; this forms a total ordering

Example

- $\mathbb{C}, \leq_{\mathbb{C}}$ form a lattice
 - $\leq_{\mathbb{C}}$ is reflexive, antisymmetric, and transitive
 - Shown earlier
 - Least upper bound for a and b :
 - $c_R = \max(a_R, b_R), c_I = \max(a_I, b_I)$; then $c = c_R + c_I i$
 - Greatest lower bound for a and b :
 - $c_R = \min(a_R, b_R), c_I = \min(a_I, b_I)$; then $c = c_R + c_I i$

Picture



Arrows represent $\leq_{\mathbb{C}}$