

# Tutorial

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**Definition 0.1.** A Lattice is a Poset where every  $x, y$  in it have a LUB and a GLB. The GLB of  $x, y$  is denoted by  $x \vee y$  (join) and the LUB by  $x \wedge y$  (meet). (We will deal with locally finite posets.)

**Example:** Consider the poset  $L = \{S \mid S \subseteq [n]\}$ . Check it is a lattice.  
(For  $S, T \in L$  we have  $S \wedge T = S \cap T$  and  $S \vee T = S \cup T$ .)

A obvious observation is  $x \vee y \geq x, y \geq x \wedge y$

Clearly we can extent the relation  $\wedge, \vee$  to multiple variables and which will essentially follow all "boolean relations".

Basically if  $x, y$  lies in different chain then  $x \wedge y$  is the place where the chains get separated and  $x \vee y$  is the place where the chains reunite again.

Using this can you construct a poset  $L$  which have one of these following properties:

1. there exist  $x, y$  s.t.  $x \wedge y$  or  $x \vee y$  does not exists
2. there exist  $x, y$  s.t. there are multiple  $x \wedge y$  or  $x \vee y$ .

Clearly in any of these above cases it won't be a lattice.

Now can we say any relation between the existence of  $x \wedge y$  and  $x \vee y$ ?

**Claim.** If for a finite poset  $L$  every element  $x, y$  has a GLB (or LUB respectively) and bounded above then it is a lattice

Fix  $x, y$  in  $L$ . Let  $B$  be the set of all upper bounds of  $x, y$

Now  $B$  is finite. you can find a GLB of  $B$  which will lie inside  $B$  and that will be LUB of  $x, y$

Now we will relate the mobious inversion with lattice in the following theorem:

**Proposition 0.1.** For a Lattice  $L$  if all elements of  $L$  is bounded above by  $\hat{1}$  and bounded below by  $\hat{0}$  then for any  $a$  in  $L$  then

$$\mu(\hat{0}, \hat{1}) = - \sum_{x, x \wedge a = \hat{0}} \mu(x, \hat{1})$$

We will not going to prove this theorem but will discuss the importance.

This basically shows that we can reduce the problem  $\mu(\hat{0}, \hat{1})$  by computing all  $\mu(x, \hat{1})$  where  $x$  and  $a$  lies in different chains separated from the origin  $\hat{0}$ . (Clearly choosing  $a = \hat{1}$  is meaningless) So the interval length reduces but number of sub problems increases. So if we choose  $a$  close to 1 then there will be lesser number pf such  $x$ s and we can efficiently compute  $\mu(\hat{0}, \hat{1})$

**Solution of quiz 2 last problem:**

Set a bijection to paths which don't cross the  $x = y$  line on the plane.

Draw a  $n \times n$  grid. And put dots at positions  $(\pi_i, i)$ .

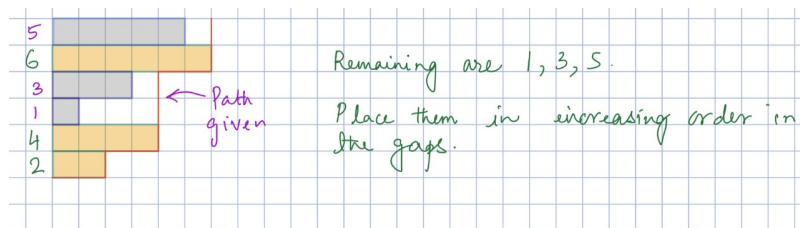
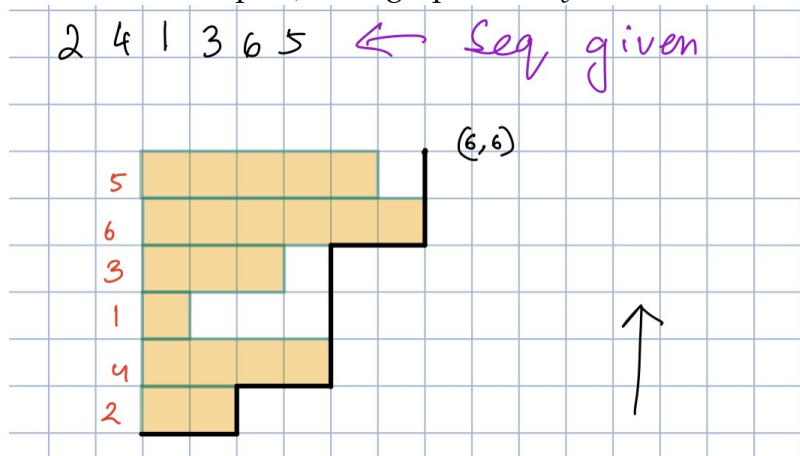
Pick out  $\pi_{i_1} = i_1$ , the next number bigger than  $\pi_{i_1}$  is  $i_2$ , the number bigger than that  $i_3$  and so on.

So we get  $i_1 < i_2 < i_3, \dots$

In between  $i_1$  and  $i_2$  all numbers you see must be less than  $i_1$ .

Between  $i_2$  and  $i_3$  they are all less than  $i_2$ . Start at  $(i_1, 1)$ . As you go from  $(i_1, 1)$  to  $(i_2, j)$ , go up on seeing the next number only if all numbers less than that have already occured before it. This ensures you don't cross  $y = x$

Here is an example (in the graph the  $x, y$  co ordinates have been swapped).



Now here is a problem related to probability. This is from Nilava's note, you can find the solution there or you can ask me for that.

Suppose 7 boys and 13 girls line up in a row. Let  $S$  be the number of places in the row where a boy and a girl are standing next to each other. For example, in GBBGGGBGBGGGBGBGGGBGG we have  $S=12$ . All such arrangements are enlisted and the  $S$  value written next to them. What is the sum of all these  $S$