

**CHAPTER I**  
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In this chapter we give some basic definitions which will be used in subsequent chapters.

#### 1. DEFINITIONS

**Def.1.1 : Partially Ordered Set or Poset [ 5] :** Let  $P$  be a nonvoid set. Define a relation ' $\leq$ ' on  $P$  which has following properties for all  $a, b, c \in P$ .

i)  $a \leq a$  (reflexivity)

ii)  $a \leq b$  and  $b \leq a \Rightarrow a = b$  (antisymmetry)

iii)  $a \leq b$  and  $b \leq c \Rightarrow a \leq c$  (transitivity)

The relation satisfying above three conditions is called **partial ordering relation** and the set  $P$  equipped with such relation ' $\leq$ ' is called **partially ordered set or poset** denoted by  $(P, \leq)$ .

A Poset  $(P, \leq)$  is called as **chain (or totally ordered set or linearly ordered set)** if it satisfies the following condition for all  $a, b \in P$

iv)  $a \leq b$  or  $b \leq a$  (linearity)

**Def.1.2 : Upper bound [5] :** Let  $H \subseteq P$ ,  $a \in P$ . Then  $a$  is an upper bound of  $H$ , if  $h \leq a$  for all  $h \in H$ .

**Def.1.3 : Updirected poset [15] :** A partially ordered set  $(P, \leq)$  such that for any  $a, b \in P$ , the set of upper bounds of  $\{a, b\}$  is nonvoid is said to be **up directed poset**.

**Def.1.4 : Zero element and Unit element of poset [5] :** A zero of a poset  $(P, \leq)$  is an element  $0 \in P$  with  $0 \leq x$  for all  $x \in P$ .

A Unit element of a poset  $(P, \leq)$  is an element  $1 \in P$  with  $x \leq 1$  for all  $x \in P$ .

**Def 1.5: Bounded Poset [5]** : A bounded Poset is one that has both 0 and 1

**Def 1.6: Covering Property [5]** : In a Poset  $(P, \leq)$ ,  $a$  covers  $b$  (in notation  $a \succ b$ ) if  $a > b$  and for no  $x$  in  $P$   $a > x > b$ .

**Def 1.7 : Atom [5]** : An element  $a$  of poset  $(P, \leq)$  is an atom if  $a \succ 0$  for  $0 \in P$

**Def 1.8: Meet semilattice (  $\wedge$  - semilattice) as a poset [5]** :

A poset  $S$  is a  $\wedge$  -semilattice if  $\inf \{a,b\}$  [or  $a \wedge b$ ] exists in  $S$  for all  $a, b \in S$

**Def 1.9 : Meet -semilattice as an algebra [5]** : An algebra  $\langle S, \wedge \rangle$  is called a semilattice if  $S$  is a non-void set with binary operation  $\wedge$  satisfying following properties for all  $a, b, c \in S$

i)  $a \wedge a = a$  (idempotency)

ii)  $a \wedge b = b \wedge a$  (commutativity)

iii)  $(a \wedge b) \wedge c = a \wedge (b \wedge c)$  (associativity)

**Def 1.10 : Join exists (V exists) [5]** : Join exists (V-exists) means if  $\sup \{a,b\}$  exists for any two elements.

**Def 1.11 Relative annihilator of a in b [16]** : Let  $S$  be a  $\wedge$  semilattice Relative annihilator of  $a$  in  $b$  ( $a, b \in S$ ) is denoted by  $\langle a, b \rangle$  and is defined as follows,  $\langle a, b \rangle = \{x \in S / x \wedge a \leq b\}$

**Def 1.12 Annihilator of an element [16]** : Let  $S$  be a semilattice with 0. Annihilator of an element  $a \in S$  is denoted by  $(a)^*$  and is defined as follows,  $(a)^* = \{x \in S / a \wedge x = 0\}$

**Def 1.13 : Dense element [5] :** Let  $S$  be semilattice with  $0$  and  $x \in S$ . An element  $x$  is said to be dense in  $S$  if  $(x)^* = \{0\}$

**Def .1.14 : Distributive  $\wedge$  - semilattice [15]**

A  $\wedge$ - semilattice  $S$  is distributive if  $c > a \wedge b$  ( $a, b, c \in S$ ) implies the existence of  $a_1, b_1, c$  such that  $a_1 \geq a, b_1 \geq b$  and  $a_1 \wedge b_1 = c$ .

**Def 1.15 : Semi - Ideal [15] :** A semi- ideal  $I$  of a  $\wedge$ - semilattice  $S$  is a non-empty subset of  $S$  such that  $y \leq x$  and  $x \in I$  imply  $y \in I$ .

**Def 1.16 : Ideal [15] :** An ideal  $I$  of a  $\wedge$ - semilattice  $S$  is a non - empty subset of  $S$  such that (I<sub>1</sub>)  $y \leq x$  and  $x \in I$  imply  $y \in I$ ,

(I<sub>2</sub>) for any  $x, y \in I$  there exists  $z \in I$  such that  $z \geq x$  and  $z \geq y$ .

**Def 1.17 : Principal ideal [5] :** The ideal generated by a subset  $H$  of the semilattice  $S$ , provided that  $H \neq \emptyset$  will be denoted by  $(H)$ , and if  $H = \{a\}$  we write  $(a)$  for  $(\{a\})$ , we shall call  $(a)$  a principal ideal. I.e. the set  $\{x/x \in S, x \leq a\}$

**Def 1.18 : Prime ideal [5] :** A proper ideal  $I$  of semilattice  $S$  (i.e.  $I \neq S$ ) is prime if  $a, b \in S$  and  $a \wedge b \in I$  imply that  $a \in I$  or  $b \in I$ . In other words an ideal  $I$  of  $S$  is prime if whenever two ideals  $I_1$  and  $I_2$  are such that  $\emptyset \neq I_1 \cap I_2 \subseteq I$  then  $I_1$  or  $I_2$  belongs to  $I$ .

**Def 1.19 : Maximal ideal [15] :** Let  $S$  be a semilattice. A proper ideal  $I$  of  $S$  (i.e.  $I \neq S$ ) is maximal if the only ideal strictly containing  $I$  in  $S$ .

**Def 1.20 : Minimal prime ideal [5] :** A prime ideal  $P$  of  $S$  is called minimal if there is no prime ideal  $Q$  with  $Q \subset P$ .

**Def 1.21 : Dual ideal [15] :** A dual ideal of a semilattice  $S$  is a non-empty subset  $D$  of  $S$  such that  $a \wedge b \in D$  if and only if  $a \in D$  and  $b \in D$

**Def 1.22 : Principal dual ideal [5] :** The dual ideal generated by a subset  $H$  of semilattice  $S$  provided that  $H \neq \emptyset$  will be denoted by  $[H]$  and if  $H = \{a\}$  we write  $[a]$  for  $[\{a\}]$ , we shall call  $[a]$  a principal dual ideal i.e. the set  $\{x/x \in S, x \geq a\}$

**Def 1.23 : Prime dual ideal [15] :** A dual ideal  $D$  of semilattice  $S$ , is prime if whenever two dual ideals  $D_1$  and  $D_2$  are such that  $\emptyset \neq D_1 \cap D_2 \subseteq D$  then  $D_1$  or  $D_2$  belongs to  $D$ .

**Def 1.24 : Maximal dual ideal [15] :** A proper dual ideal  $D$  of semilattice  $S$  (i.e.  $D \neq S$ ) is maximal if the only dual ideal strictly containing  $D$  in  $S$ .

**Def 1.25 : Complement of an element [5] :** Let  $S$  be a semilattice with  $0$  and  $1$  and  $a$  be any element of  $S$ . An element  $b \in S$  is called a complement of  $a$  if  $a \wedge b = 0$  and  $a \vee b$  exist and is  $1$ .

We denote the complement of  $a$  by  $a'$ .

**Def : 1.26 : Topological space [10]** By a topology on a set  $X$ , we mean a class  $T$  of subsets of  $X$  satisfying

i)  $\emptyset, X \in T$

ii)  $\{G_i/i \in \Delta\} \subseteq T \Rightarrow \bigcup_{i \in \Delta} G_i \in T$

iii)  $G_1, G_2 \in T \Rightarrow G_1 \cap G_2 \in T$

The pair  $(X, T)$  is called a topological space. The members of  $X$  are called points and members of  $T$  are called open sets.

A subset  $C$  of  $X$  is called closed if  $X - C$  is open.

When there is no ambiguity, we simply say that  $X$  is a topological space without specifically mentioning the topology on it.

**Def 1.27 : Base for open sets [10]** : A family of non void sets  $B \subseteq T$  is a base for open sets if every open sets is a union of members of  $B$ .

**Def : 1.28 : Subbase for open sets [10]** : A family of non-void sets  $C \subseteq T$  is a subbase for open sets if the finite intersection of members of  $C$  form a base for open sets.

**Def : 1.29 : Closure of a set [10]** : Let  $X$  be a topological space and let  $A \subseteq X$ . Then there exists a smallest closed set  $\bar{A}$  containing  $A$ ,  $\bar{A}$  is the closure of  $A$ .

**De 1.30 : To space [10]** : A topological space  $X$  is said to be To space if  $\overline{\{x\}} = \overline{\{y\}} \Rightarrow x = y$ , for  $x, y \in X$ .

**Def 1.31 :  $T_1$  - space [10]**: A topological space  $X$  is called  $T_1$  - space if for given any pair of distinct points each has a neighborhood not containing the other.

**Def 1.32 : Hausdorff's space or  $T_2$  -space [10]** : A Hausdorff's space or  $T_2$  -space is a topological space in which each pair of distinct points can be separated by open sets.

**Def 1.33 :  $T_1$  - point [10]** : Let  $X$  be a topological space. A point  $p$  of  $X$  is said to be  $T_1$  iff  $f$  does not belong to closure of  $p$  for any point  $f$  of  $X$  other than  $p$ .

**Def 1.34 : Anti  $T_1$  - point [10]** : A point of  $X$  is said to be anti  $T_1$  point if  $p$  does not belong to closure of  $f$  for any point  $f$  of  $X$  other than  $p$ .

**Def 1.35 : Compact space [10]** : A compact space is a topological space in which every open cover has a finite subcover .

**Def 1.36 :  $\Pi_0$  - space [10]** : A topological space  $X$  is said to be  $\Pi_0$  if every non empty open set of  $X$  contains a non empty closed set

**Def . 1.37 : Normal space [10] :** A topological space is normal space if it is  $T_1$  - space and if every pair of disjoint closed sets is separated by disjoint open sets.

**Def . 1.38 : Continuous map [10] :** Let  $X$  and  $Y$  be any two topological spaces and  $f: X \rightarrow Y$  then  $f$  is said be continuous if  $f^{-1}(O)$  is open in  $X$ , for every open set  $O$  in  $Y$ .

**Def .1.39 : Homeomorphism [10] :**Let  $X$  and  $Y$  be any two topological spaces. A function  $f: X \rightarrow Y$  is said to be homeomorphism if both  $f$  and  $f^{-1}$  are continuous.

**Def 1.40 : Weakly sparable [10] :**Let  $X$  be any topological space and  $A, B$  be any two disjoint subsets of  $X$ .  $A$  is said to be weakly sparable from  $B$  if there exist an open set in  $X$  containing  $A$  and disjoint with  $B$ .

**Def.1.41 : Retraction [10] :**A subspace  $A$  of a topological space  $B$  is said to be retraction of  $B$ , if there exists a continuous map  $f: B \rightarrow A$  such that  $f(a) = a$  for all  $a \in A$ .

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