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ex 1 $(\mathbb{N}, \leq)$ chain.

greatest elt does not exist
least elt = 1

ex 2 $P = \mathcal{P}(A)$ ($A = \text{any set}$)
 $(\mathcal{P}(A), \subseteq)$ is a poset
greatest elt = A
least elt = $\emptyset$.

ex 3 $P = \text{positive divisors of } 54$
 $= \{1, 2, 3, 6, 9, 18, 27, 54\}$
 $(P, |)$ is a poset.
greatest element = 54
least element = 1.

ex 4 $P = \{1, 2, 3, 6, 9, 18, 27\}$

$a \leq b$ iff $a | b$.

$(P, \leq)$ is a poset.

greatest element does not exist
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Defn Maximal element

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Defn Minimal element

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An element $d \in P$ is called a minimal element of P if $x \leq d$ for some $x \in P \Rightarrow x = d$.

ex $P = \{1, 3, 6, 9, 18, 27\}$

$(P, |)$ is a poset.

It has 2 Maximal elements 18, 27
Minimal element is Unique = 1.

ex $P = \{1, 2, 3, 4, 5\}$

Let $\leq$ be discrete order on P .

Maximal elements = 1, 2, 3, 4, 5

Minimal elts = 1, 2, 3, 4, 5.

Result Every greatest element is maximal.

Pf Let $(P, \leq)$ be a poset & let a = the greatest element of P .

Let $x \in P$ s.t. $a \leq x$ — (1)

Since $x \in P$ & a = greatest element
 $\therefore x \leq a$ — (2)

By (1), (2) & antisymmetry,
 $a = x$

$\therefore a$ = maximal element of P .

Result Every least element is minimal.
(Prove)

Defn Let $(P, \leq)$ be a poset.
Let $A \subseteq P$.

- 1) $a \in P$ is called an Upper bound of A if $x \leq a \ \forall x \in A$
- 2) $b \in P$ is called a lower bound of A if $b \leq x \ \forall x \in A$.
- 3) Least upper bound (supremum)
If A^u = set of all upper bds of A in P
then least element of A^u , if it exists,

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is called the least upper bd of A or $\sup A$.

- 4) Greatest lower bound (Infimum)
of $A^L =$ set of all lower bds of A in P , then greatest element of A^L , if it ~~is called~~ exists, is called the greatest lower bound of A or $\inf A$.

ex $P = \{1, 3, 6, 9, 18, 27\}$
($P, |$) is a Poset.

Let $A = \{27, 18\} \subseteq P$

$A^L = \{9, 3, 1\}$

greatest elt of $A^L = 9$
 $= \text{glb of } A$
 $= \inf A$

$A^u = \emptyset$

$\therefore \sup A$ does not exist.
