

Definition:

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Let S be an order set, $E \subseteq S$ such that E is bounded above.

An element $\gamma \in S$ is called least upper bound (L.u.b.) of E if :-

1. $x \leq \gamma \quad \forall x \in E.$
2. $\gamma \leq y \quad \forall$ upper bound y of $E.$

Ex:-① Let $S = \mathbb{R}$, $E = \{x : 1 \leq x \leq 4\}$

each element of $\{x : x \geq 4\}$ is upper bound of $E.$
 4 is least upper bound of $E.$

We have L.u.b. $(E) = 4.$



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An element $\beta \in S$ is called greatest lower bound (g.l.b.) of E if :-

1. $\beta \leq x \quad \forall x \in E.$
2. $\beta \geq y \quad \forall$ Lower bound of $E.$

Ex: ① $S = \mathbb{R}, E = \{x : -2 \leq x \leq 7\}$

An element of set $\{x : x \leq -2\}$ is Lower bound of E
 -2 is greatest Lower bound of $E.$

$$\text{g.l.b.}(E) = -2$$

② $S = \mathbb{Q}, E = \{1, 2, 3, \dots\}.$

The set of Lower bound of E is $\{x : x \leq 1\}$

1 is greatest Lower bound of $E.$

$$\therefore \text{g.l.b.}(E) = 1.$$

③ $S = \mathbb{R}, E = \{\dots, -3, -2, -1, 0, 1\}.$

Since E is not bounded below

Therefore E has g.l.b.