MATHS255FC	Assignment 3	Due: 4pm, Wednesday 27 March 2002

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- 1. Suppose that X is a poset with a partial ordering  $\leq$ . Show that X has at most one least element.
- **2.** Explain why the collection of sets  $A = \{2, 3, 7\}, B = \{4, 5, 6\}, C = \{1, 8, 3\}$  is not a partition of the set  $\{1, 2, 3, 4, 5, 6, 7, 8\}$ .
- **3.** Define a relation  $\sim$  on the Cartesian plane  $\mathbb{R}^2$  by,

 $(x,y) \sim (u,v)$  if and only if 3x + 2y = 3u + 2v,

for (x, y) and (u, v) elements of  $\mathbb{R}^2$ .

- (a) Show that  $\sim$  is an equivalence relation.
- (b) Give a geometrical description of the equivalence class [(a, b)].
- **4.** Prove that if functions  $f: A \to B$  and  $g: B \to C$  are one-to-one then so is  $g \circ f$ .
- 5. Suppose that X is a poset with a partial ordering  $\leq$  and A a subset of X. Define  $L_A$  by,

 $L_A := \{x \in X : x \text{ is a lower bound for } A\}.$ 

Suppose that  $L_A$  has a least upper bound b. Show that b is a greatest (or largest) lower bound for A.