

The fix point THEORY

POSET (Partially ordered set, PO)

$$(P, \sqsubseteq) \quad \sqsubseteq \subseteq P \times P$$

$$\text{reflexive} \quad \forall p \in P. \quad p \sqsubseteq p$$

$$\text{antisymmetry} \quad \forall p, q \in P. \quad p \sqsubseteq q \wedge q \sqsubseteq p \Rightarrow p = q$$

$$\text{transitive} \quad \forall p, q, r \in P. \quad p \sqsubseteq q \wedge q \sqsubseteq r \Rightarrow p \sqsubseteq r$$

$p \sqsubseteq q$ means that p is less than (or equal to) q

$p \sqsubset q$ means $p \sqsubseteq q \wedge p \neq q$

Total Order

A PO (P, \sqsubseteq) is **total** iff

$$\forall p, q \in P. p \sqsubseteq q \vee q \sqsubseteq p$$

A PO where every two elements are **comparable**

Examples

(\mathbb{N}, \leq)

PO?
Yes

Total?
Yes



Hasse diagram notation
(omit: reflexive arcs,
transitive arcs)

Examples

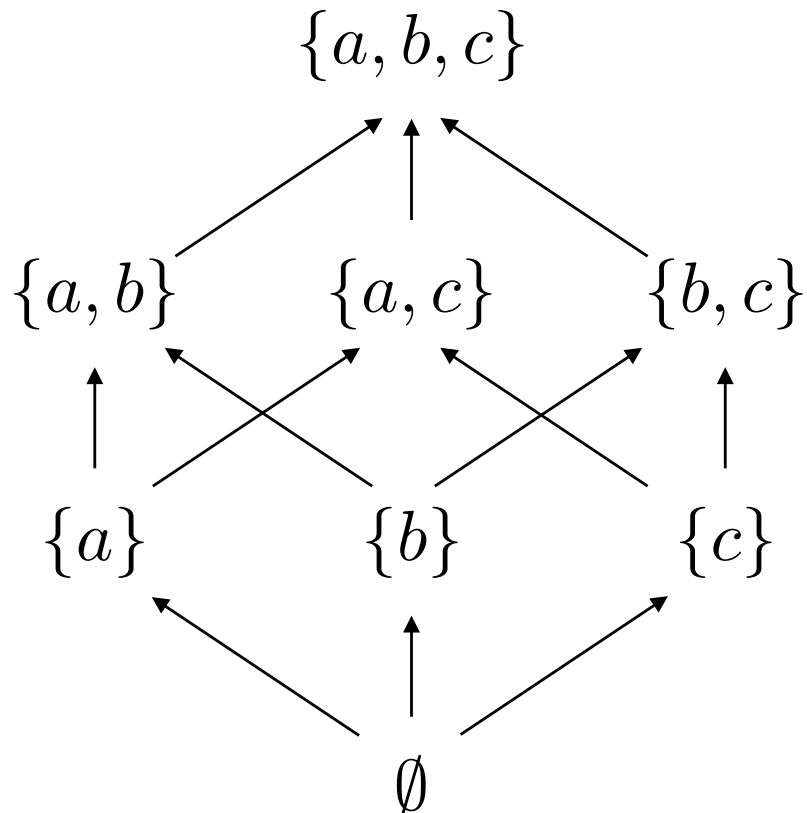
$(\wp(S), \subseteq)$

PO?

Total?

Yes

$|S| < 2$



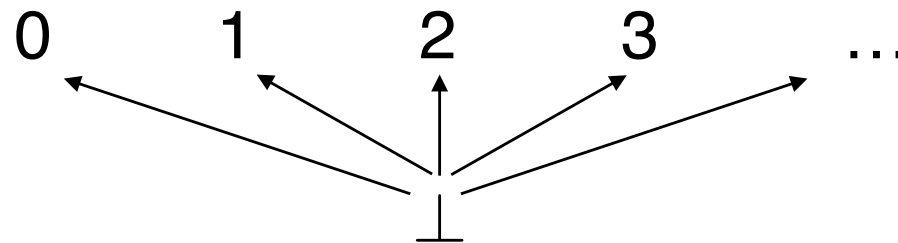
Examples

		PO?	Total?				
$(\mathbb{N}, =)$		Yes	No				
	0	1	2	3	...		

Examples

$(\mathbb{N} \cup \{\perp\}, \{(\perp, n) \mid n \in \mathbb{N}\})$

PO? Total?
Yes No



PO with bottom

A PO (P, \sqsubseteq) that has a least element e , i.e.,

$$\forall p \in P. e \sqsubseteq p$$

e is often indicates as \perp

Examples

(\mathbb{N}, \leq)

PO with \perp ?

Yes

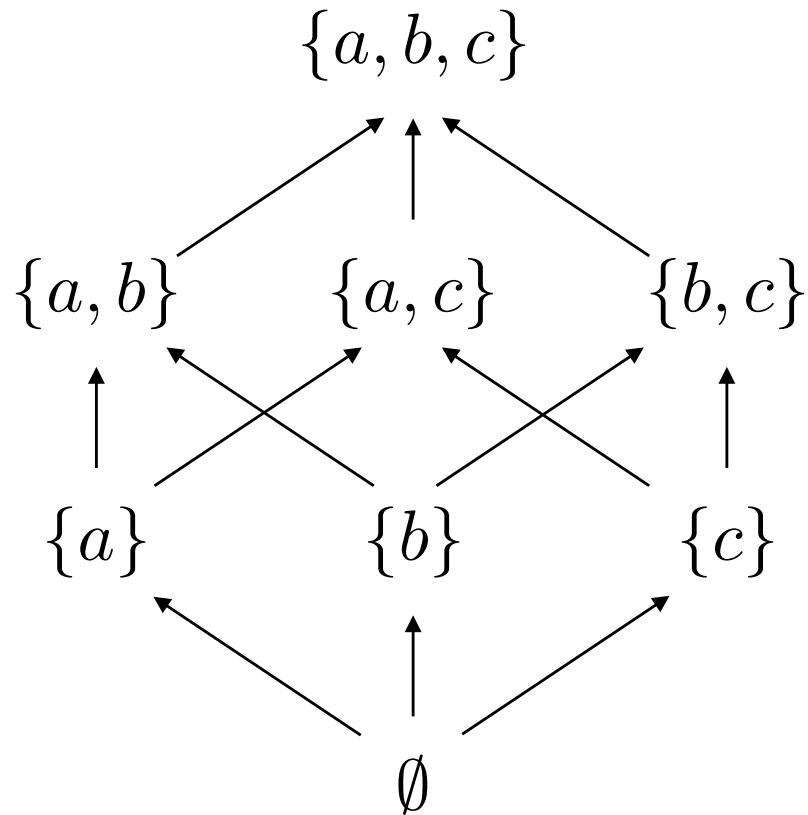


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PO with \perp ?

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Examples

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PO with \perp ?

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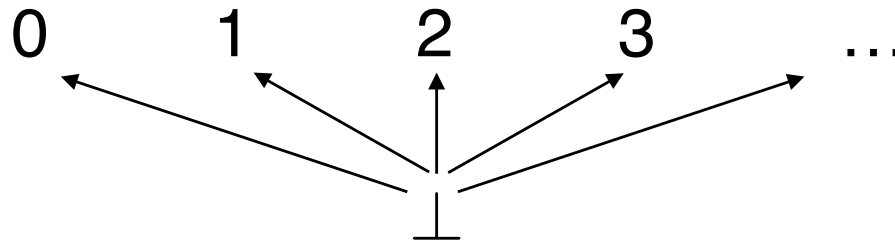
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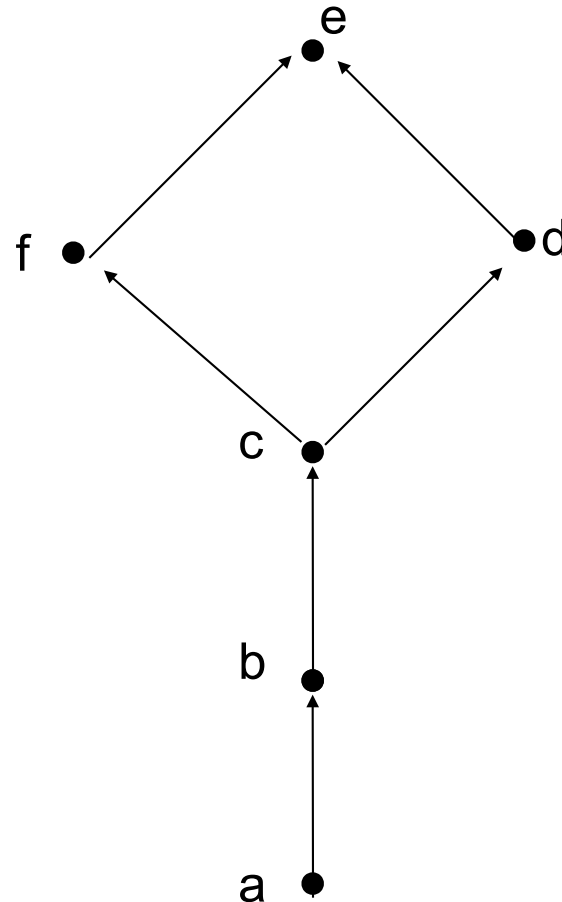
PO with \perp ?

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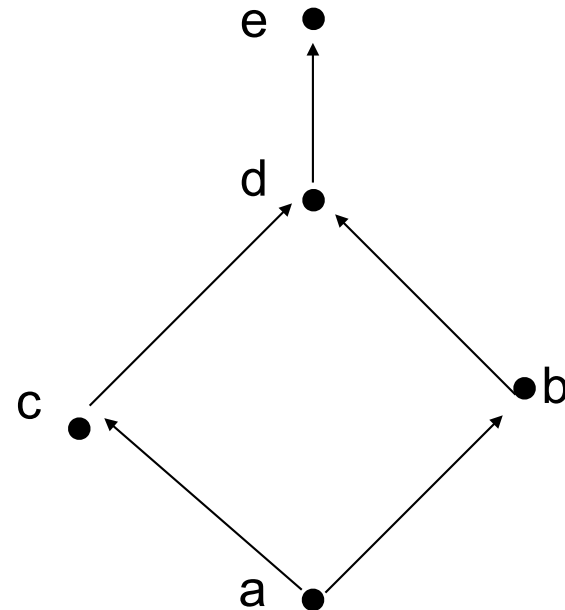
Lattice

A special structure arises when every pair of elements in a poset has a least upper bound (lub) and a greatest lower (glb)



Lattice Definition

A lattice is a PO in which every pair of elements has both a **lub** and a **glb**



Examples

(\mathbb{N}, \leq)

Lattice ?

Yes

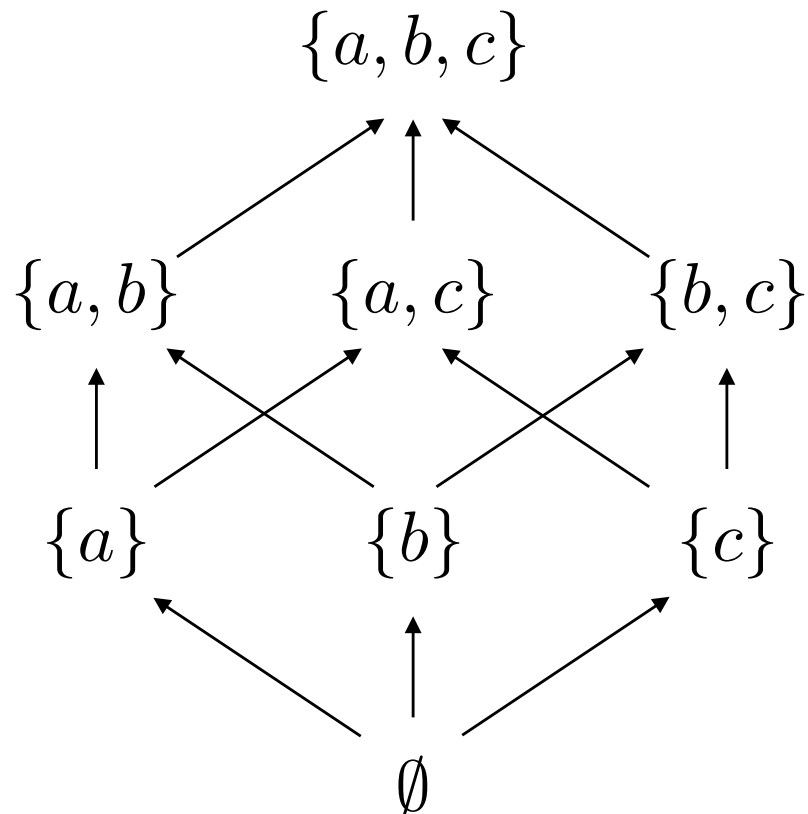


Examples

$(\wp(S), \subseteq)$

Lattice ?

Yes



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$(\mathbb{N}, =)$

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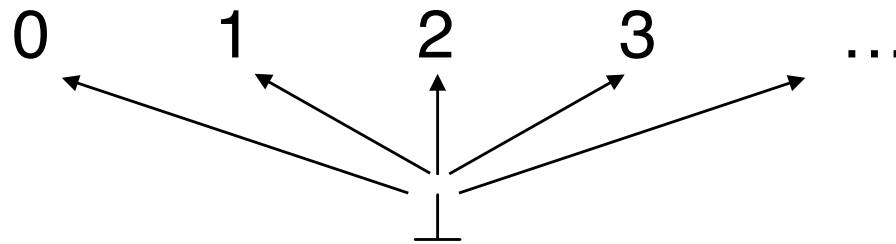
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Examples

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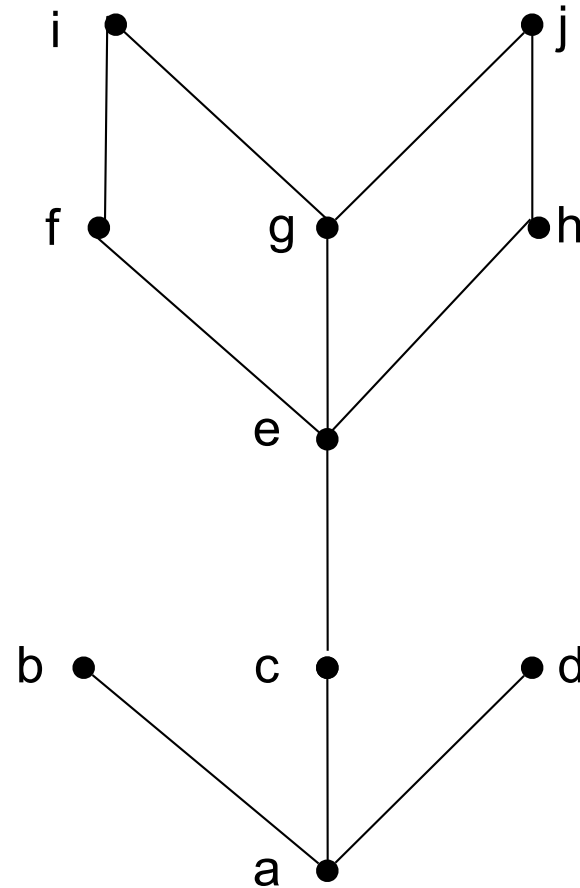
Lattice ?

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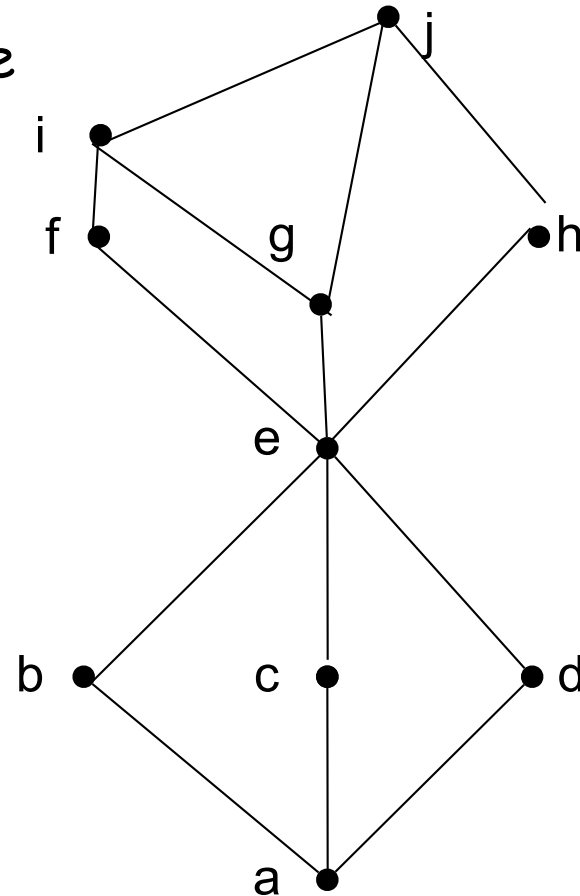
Example

- Is this a lattice?
- No, because the pair $\{b,c\}$ does not have a least upper bound



Example

- What if we modified it as shown here



- Yes, because for any pair, there is a lub & a glb

Ascending chains

- A sequence $(I_n)_{n \in \mathbb{N}}$ of elements in a partial order L is an **ascending chain** if

$$n \leq m \Rightarrow I_n \leq I_m$$

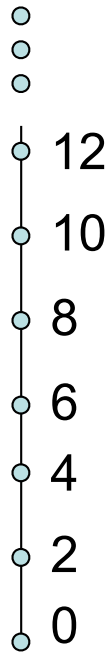
- A sequence $(I_n)_{n \in \mathbb{N}}$ **converges** if and only if

$$\exists n_0 \in \mathbb{N} : \forall n \in \mathbb{N} : n_0 \leq n \Rightarrow I_{n_0} = I_n$$

- A partial order (L, \leq) satisfies the **ascending chain condition (ACC)** iff each ascending chain converges.

Example

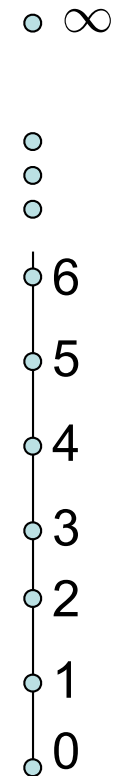
- The PO (N, \sqsubseteq) does not satisfy the ascending chain condition,



Example

$$(N \cup \{\infty\}, \sqsubseteq)$$

satisfies the ACC condition



Complete Partial Order

A poset (P, \sqsubseteq) is called a **complete partial order (CPO)** if and only if any of its chains has a lub

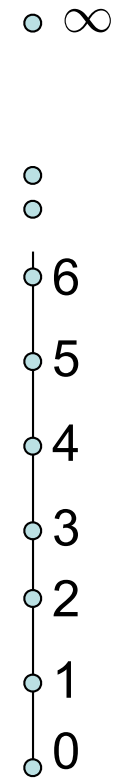
If (P, \sqsubseteq) has a bottom element and any of its chains has a lub then (P, \sqsubseteq) is called a **complete partial order (CPO) with bottom**

- (\mathbb{N}, \leq) has bottom 0 but is not complete:
the chain $0 \leq 1 \leq 2 \leq \dots \leq n \leq \dots$ has no upper bound in \mathbb{N} .
- (\mathbb{N}, \geq) is a CPO but has no bottom.

Example

$$(N \cup \{\infty\}, \sqsubseteq)$$

is CPO with bottom



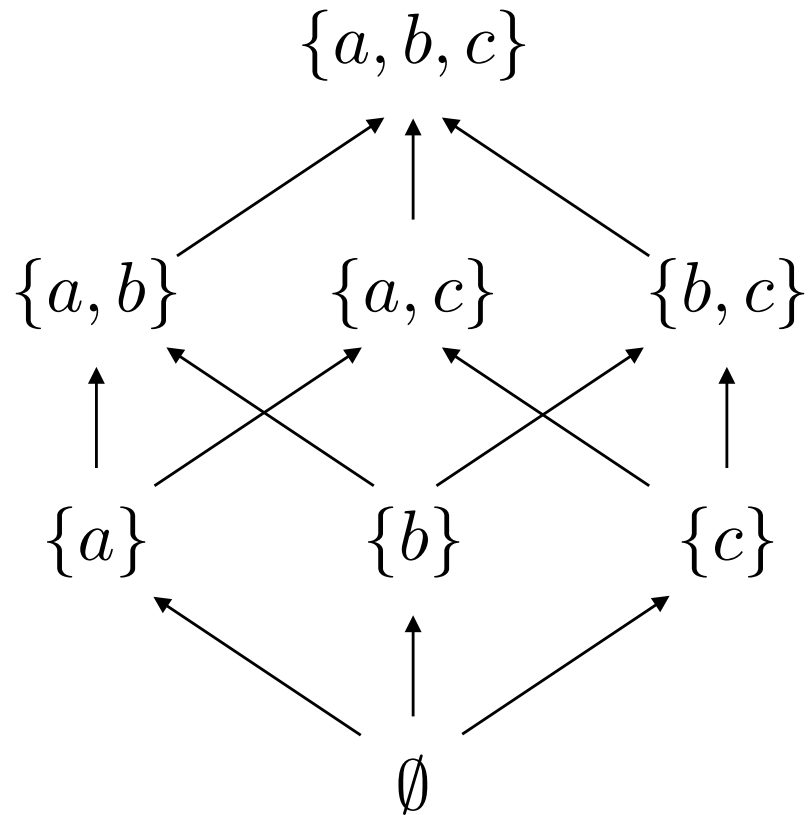
Some complete PO

If (P, \sqsubseteq) has only finite chains it is complete

If (P, \sqsubseteq) is finite then it is complete

CPO with bottom

$(\wp(S), \subseteq)$



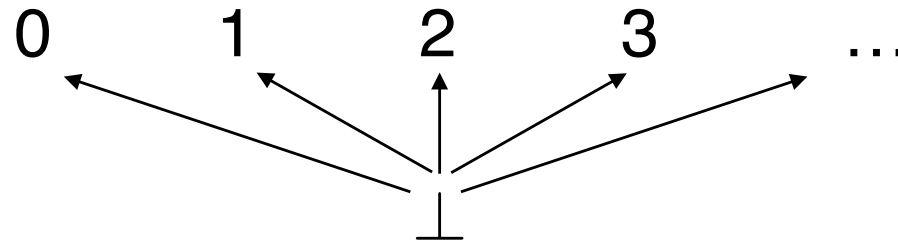
CPO without bottom

$(\mathbb{N}, =)$

0 1 2 3 ...

CPO with bottom

$(\mathbb{N} \cup \{\perp\}, \{(\perp, n) \mid n \in \mathbb{N}\})$



Equivalent Definitions of Complete Lattices

A lattice L is called a **complete** lattice if every subset S of L admits a lub in L .



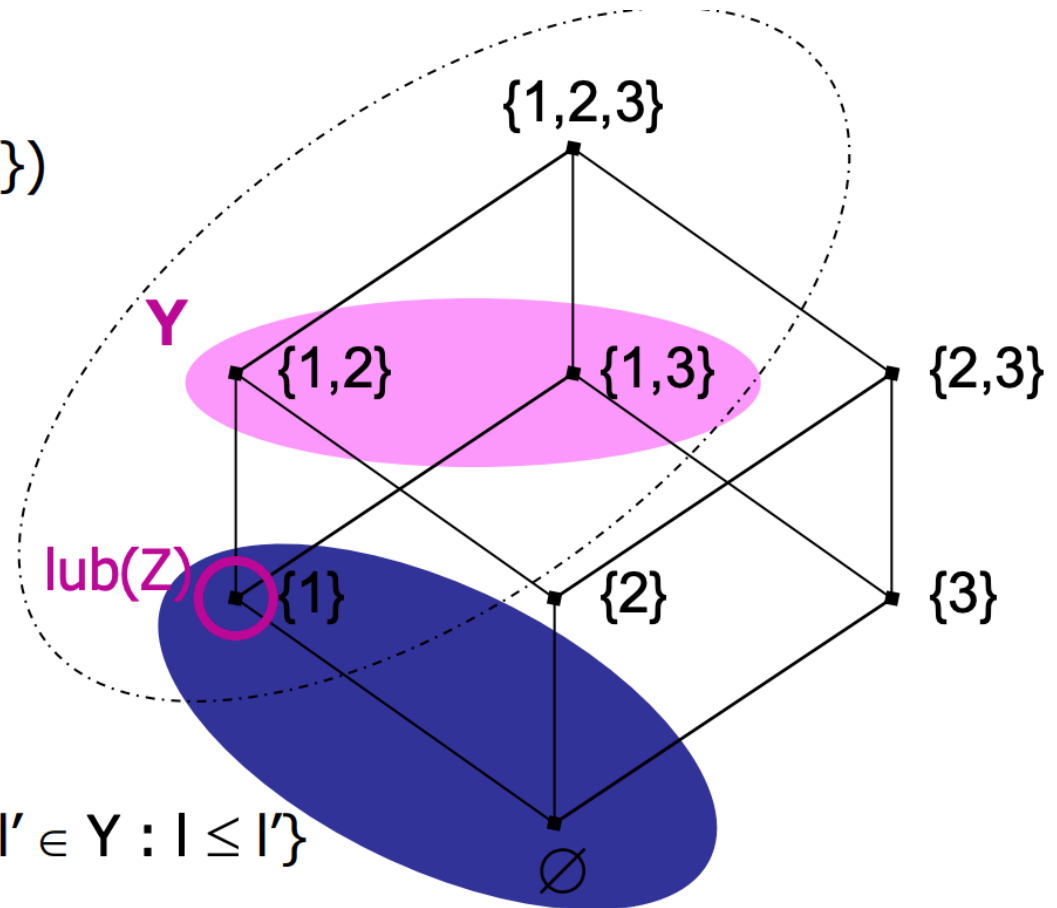
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A lattice L is called a **complete** lattice if every subset S of L admits a glb and a lub in L .

The idea

$$\text{glb}(Y) = \text{lub}(\{I \in L \mid \forall I' \in Y : I \leq I'\})$$



$$Z = \{I \in L \mid \forall I' \in Y : I \leq I'\}$$

Example

☞ $L = \mathbb{N} \cup \{\infty\}$

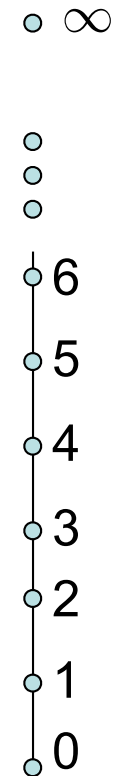
☞ total order on $\mathbb{N} \cup \{\infty\}$

☞ $\text{lub} = \max$

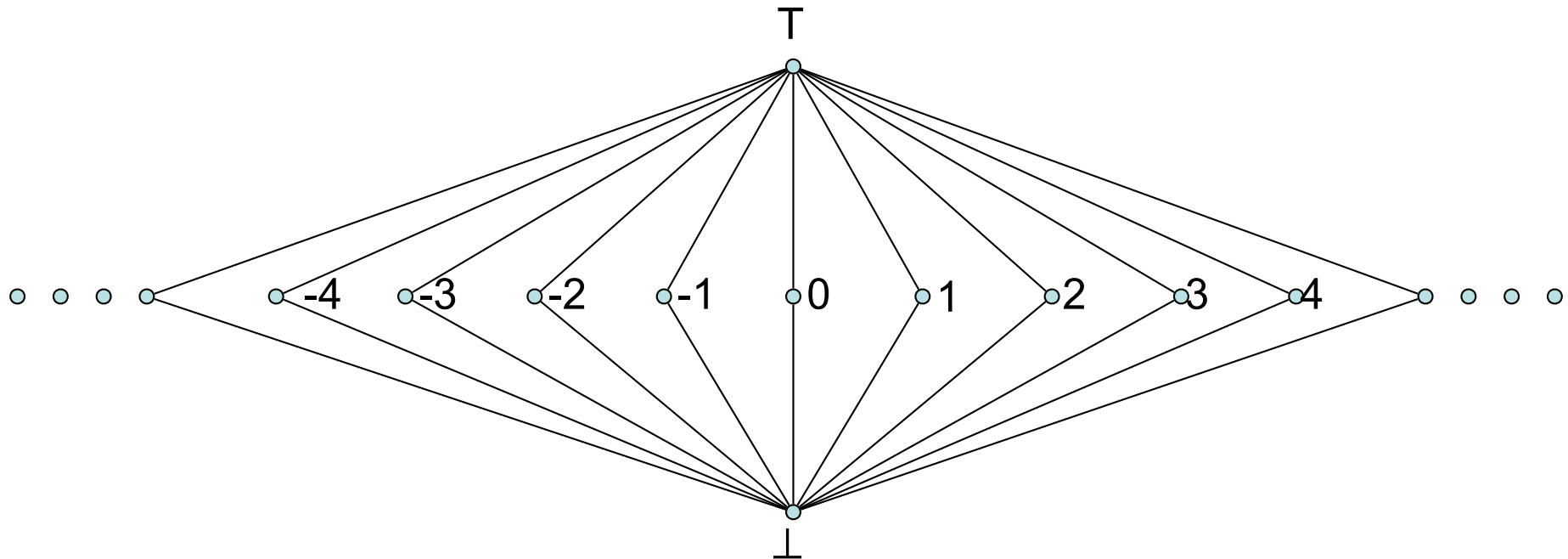
☞ $\text{glb} = \min$

\leq

This is a complete lattice



Example of complete lattice



☞ $L = \mathbb{N} \cup \{T, \perp\}$

☞ $\forall n \in \mathbb{N} : \perp < n < T$

☞ This is a complete lattice, with infinite elements

Lattices and ACC

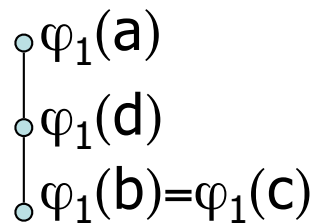
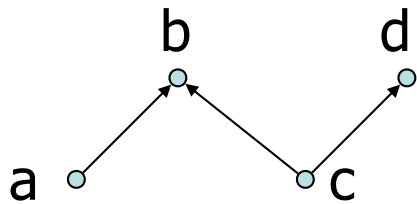
- If L is a lattice with a bottom element and ACC, then L is a complete lattice
- If L is a finite lattice then it satisfies the ACC and therefore it also is complete.

Monotone functions on partial orders

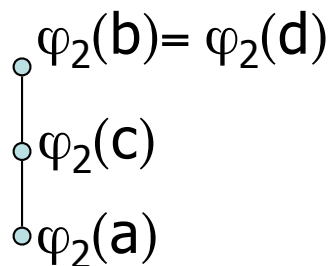
Let (P, \leq_P) and (Q, \leq_Q) be PO.

A function φ from P to Q is **monotone** iff

$$p_1 \leq_P p_2 \Rightarrow \varphi(p_1) \leq_Q \varphi(p_2)$$

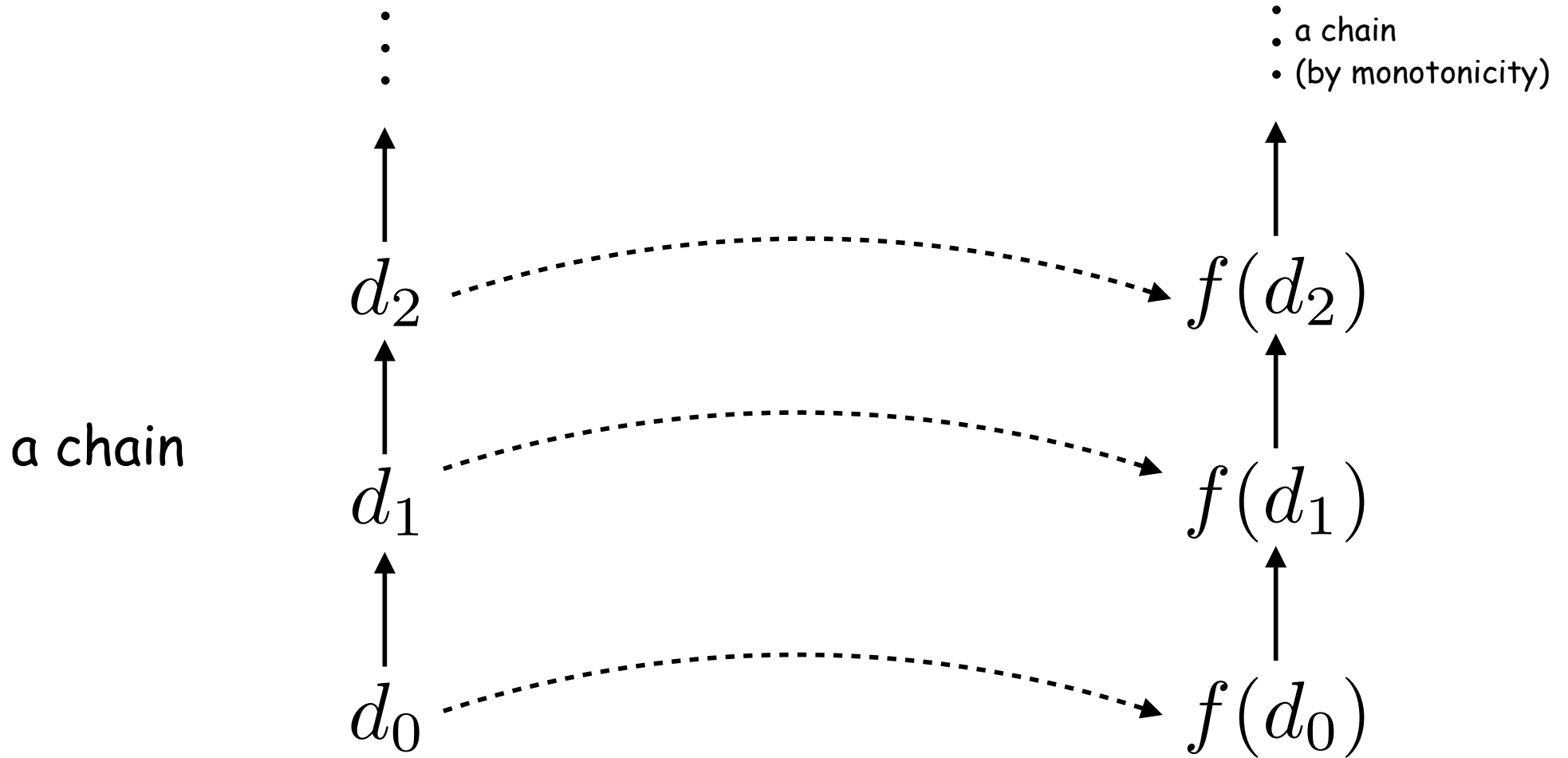


- φ_1 is not monotone



- φ_2 is monotone

Monotonicity

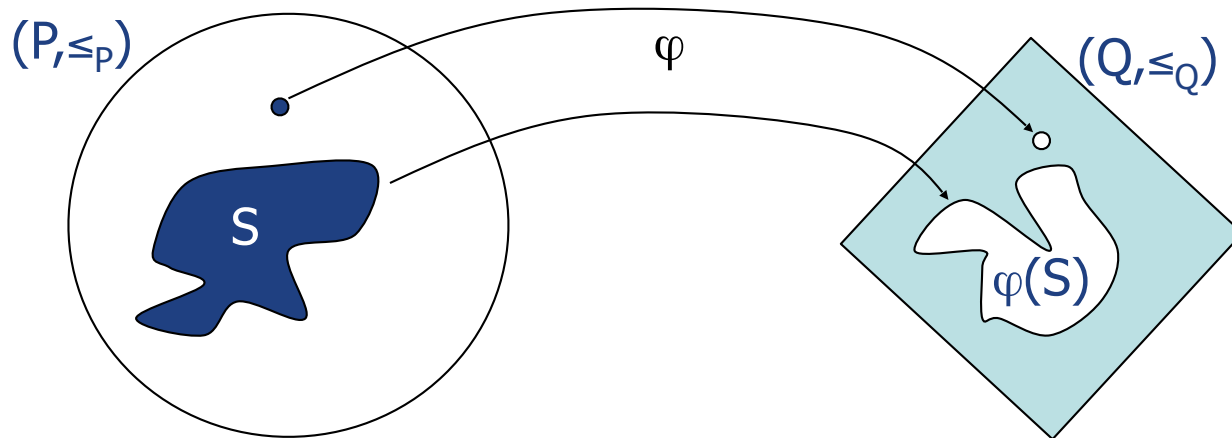


Continuity

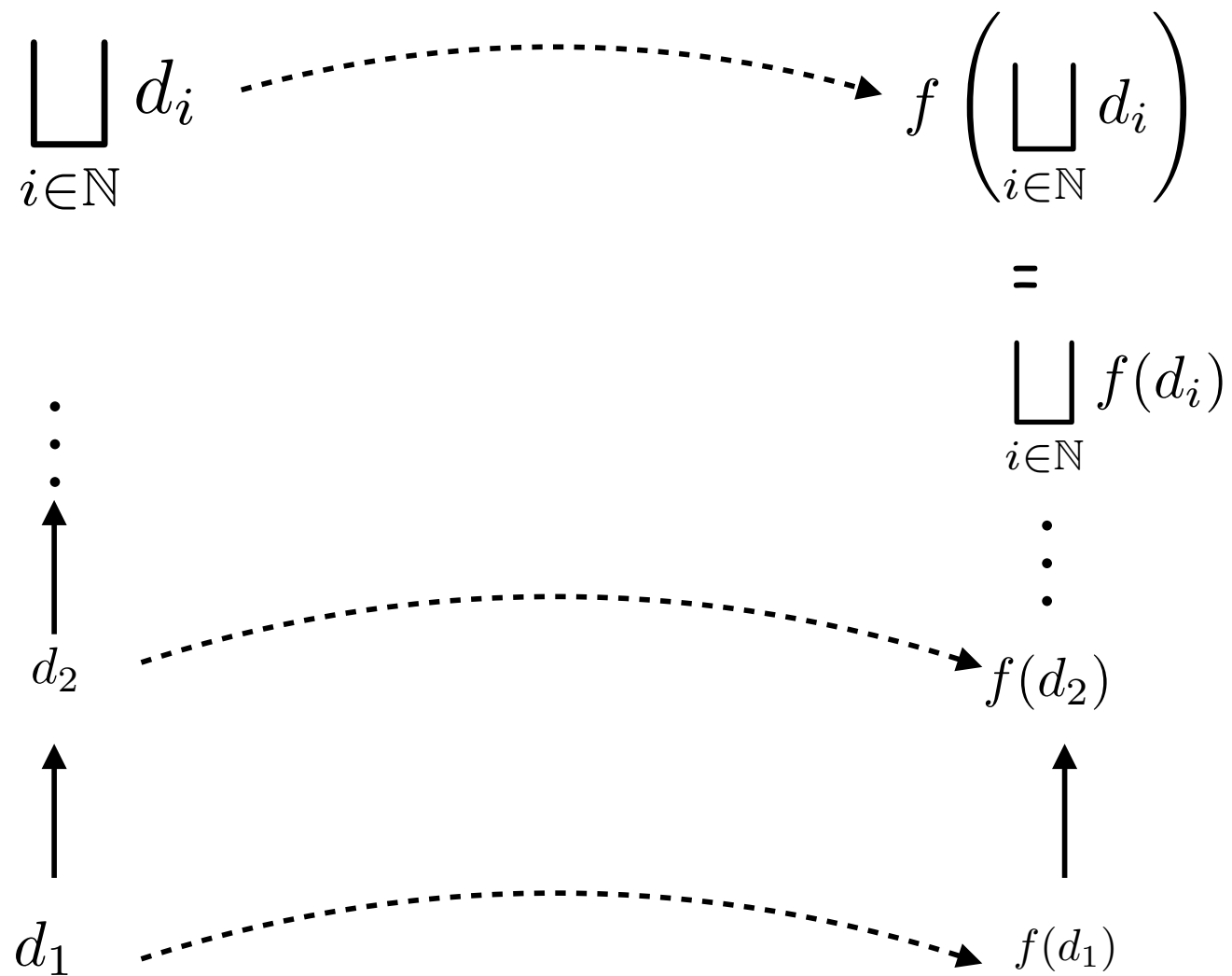
- Given two partial orders (P, \leq_P) and (Q, \leq_Q) , a function φ from P to Q is **continuous** if for every **chain** S in P

$$\varphi(\text{lub}(S)) = \text{lub}\{ \varphi(x) \mid x \in S \}$$

- if f is monotone on an ACC lattice then f is **continuous**



Continuous function



Fixpoints

- Consider a monotone function $f: (P, \leq_P) \rightarrow (P, \leq_P)$ on a partial order P
- An element x of P is a **fixpoint** of f if $f(x)=x$
- The set of fixpoints of f is a subset of P called $\text{Fix}(f)$:

$$\text{Fix}(f) = \{ l \in P \mid f(l)=l \}$$

Fixpoint on Complete Lattices

- Consider a **monotone** function $f:L \rightarrow L$ on a **complete lattice** L .

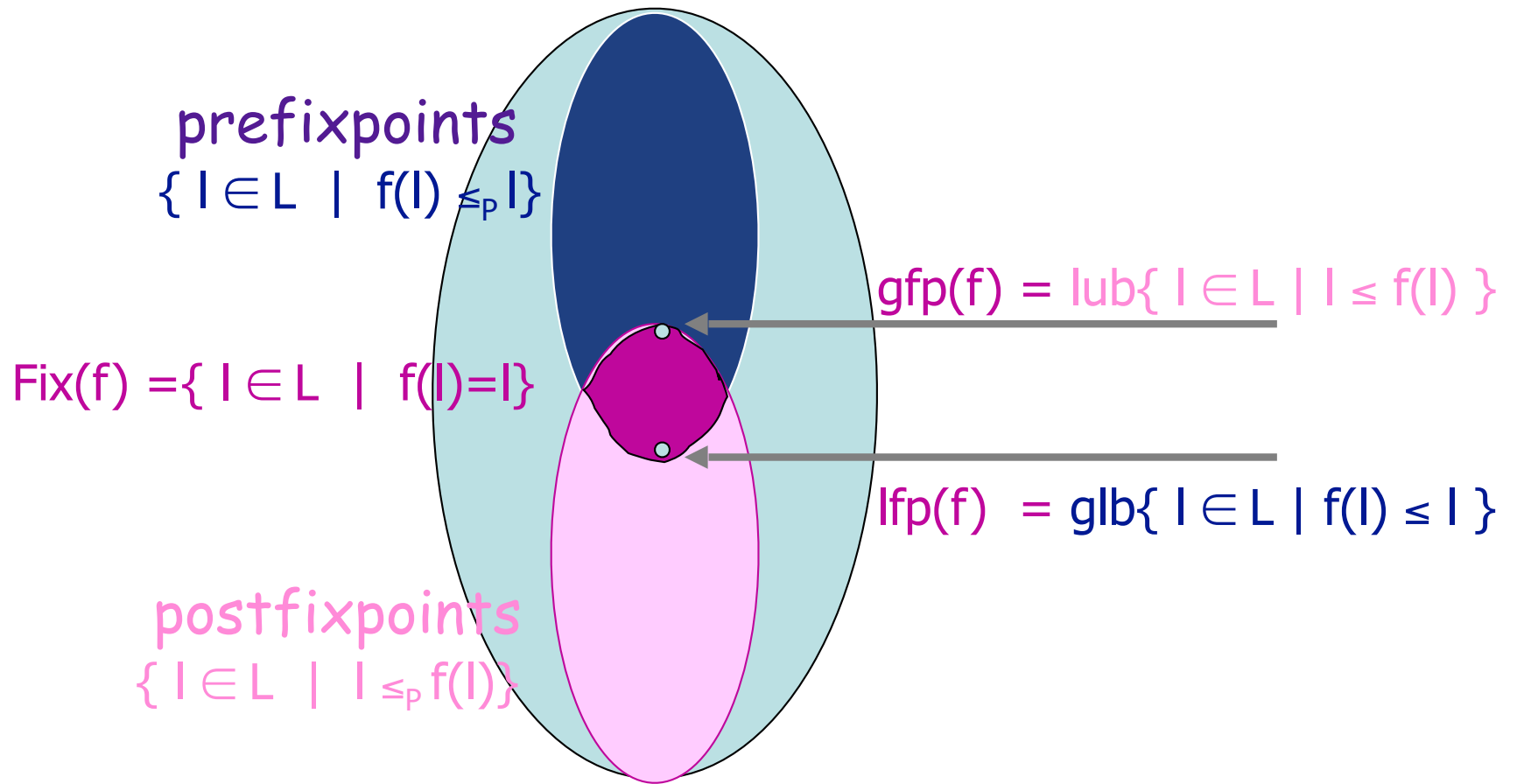
- **Tarski Theorem:**

Let L be a complete lattice. If $f:L \rightarrow L$ is **monotone** then

$$\text{lfp}(f) = \text{glb}\{ l \in L \mid f(l) \leq l \}$$

$$\text{gfp}(f) = \text{lub}\{ l \in L \mid l \leq f(l) \}$$

Fixpoints on Complete Lattices



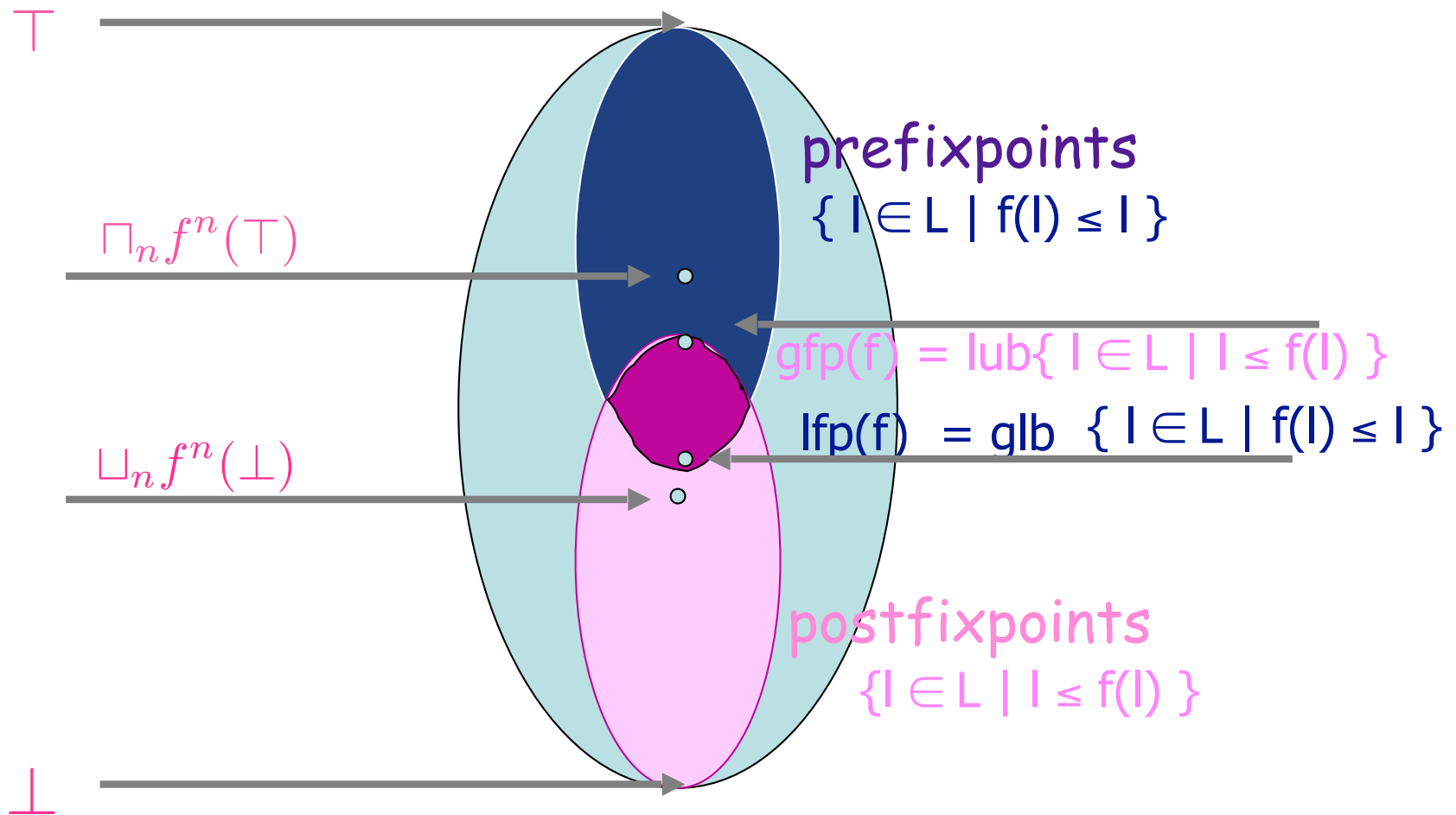
Function monotone on complete lattice

- Let f be a **monotone** function: $(P, \leq_p) \rightarrow (P, \leq_p)$ on a **complete lattice** P .

$$\text{Let } \alpha = \bigsqcup_{n \geq 0} f^n(\perp)$$

- If $\alpha \in \text{Fix}(f)$ then $\alpha = \text{lfp}(f)$

Fixpoints on Complete Lattices



Kleene Theorem

Kleene Theorem

If f is **continuous** on a complete CPO with bottom then the least fixpoint of f **exists** and it is equal to α

recall that

- if f is monotone on an ACC lattice then f is **continuous**

Fixpoints on CPO with bottom when f is continuous

