Definition (Lower closure operator). The *lower closure operator* ↓ maps a subset to the smallest lower set that includes it:

 $\mathbf{S} \mapsto \{ y \in \mathbf{P} \mid \exists x \in \mathbf{S} : y \leq_{\mathbf{P}} x \}.$

 $\downarrow : \mathscr{P}\mathbf{P} \to \mathscr{L}\mathbf{P}$