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Data Flow Analysis — Foundations

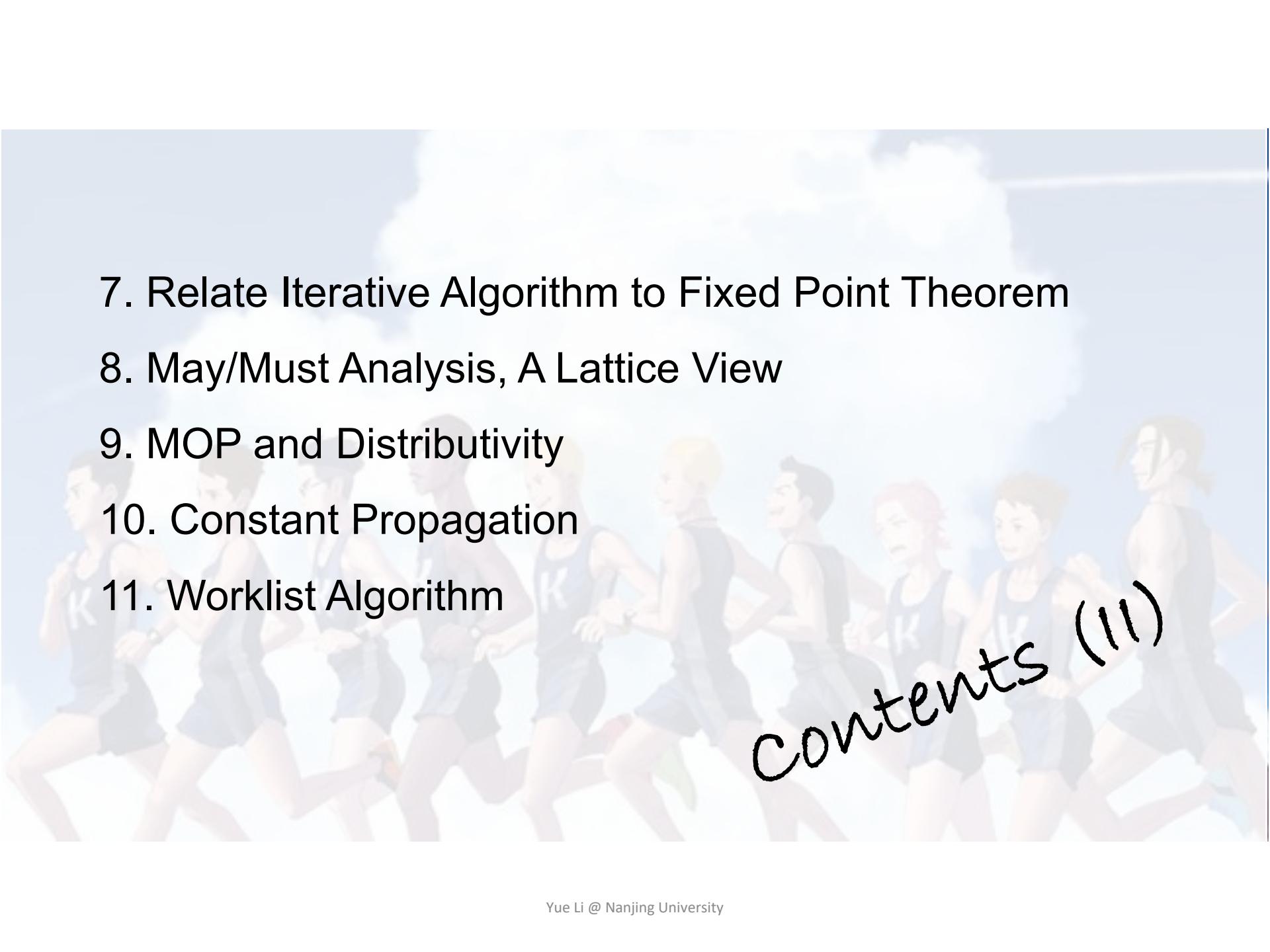
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Let us first recall the iterative algorithm
for data flow analysis

*This general iterative algorithm produces
a solution to data flow analysis*

Iterative Algorithm for May & Forward Analysis

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OUTPUT: $IN[B]$ and $OUT[B]$ for each basic block B

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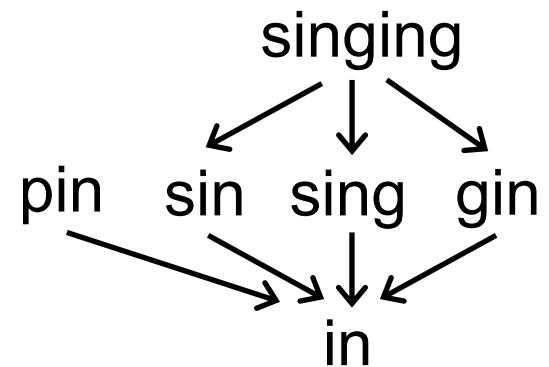
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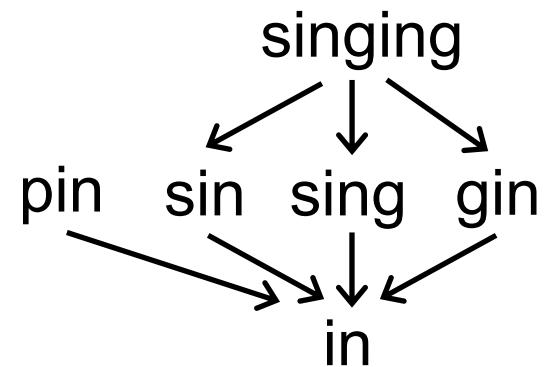
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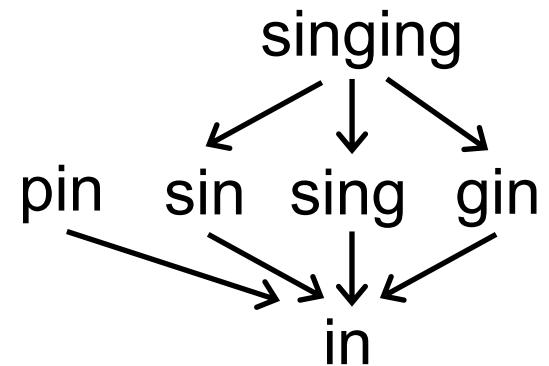
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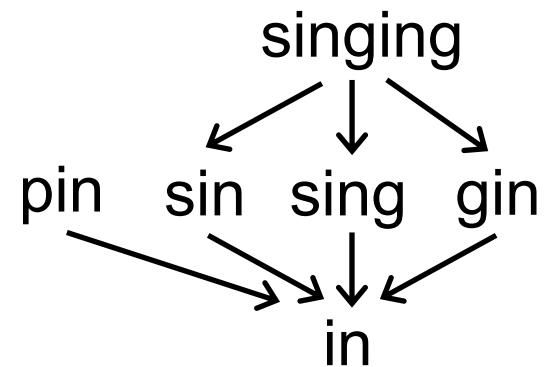
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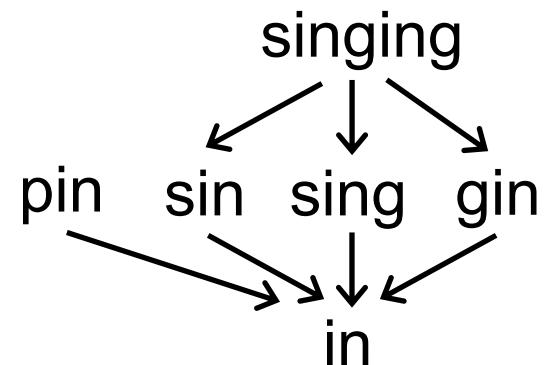
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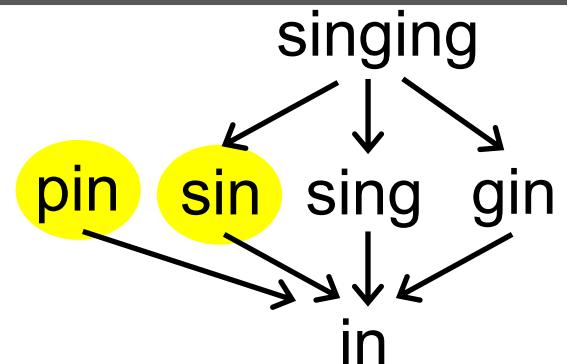
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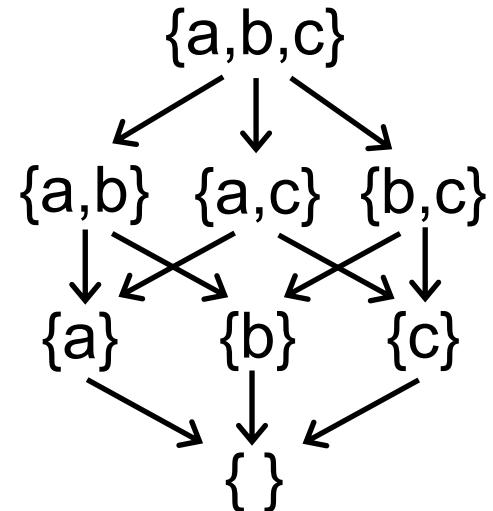
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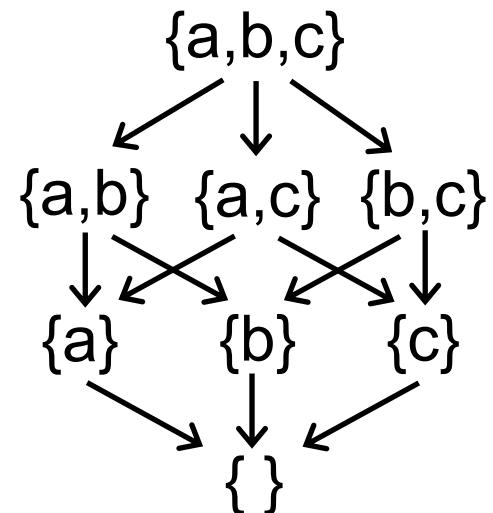
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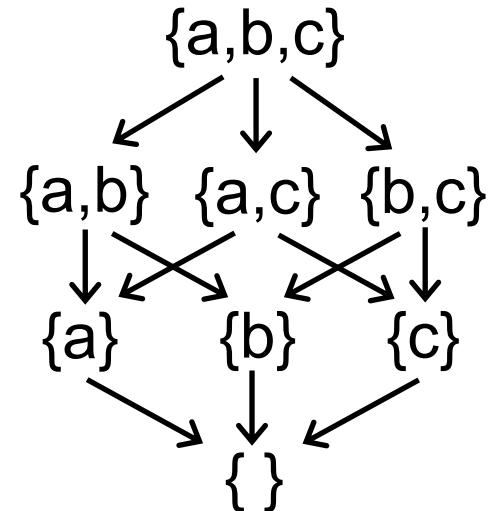
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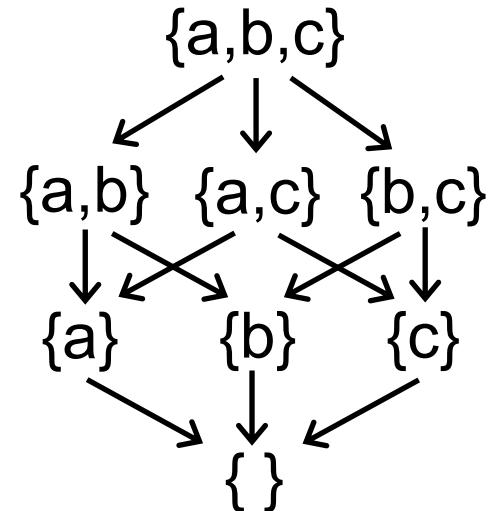
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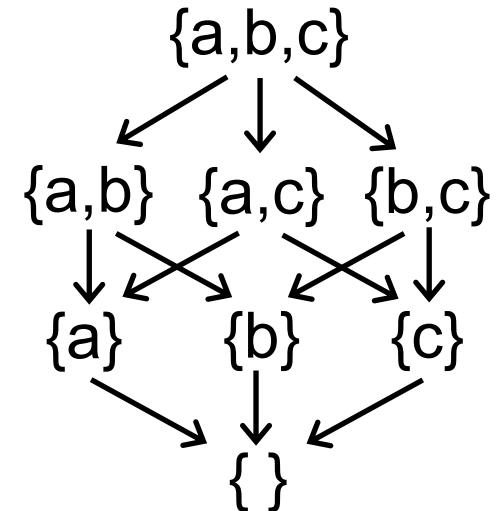
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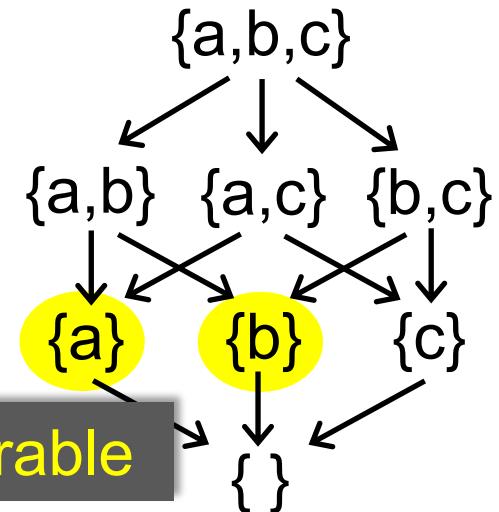
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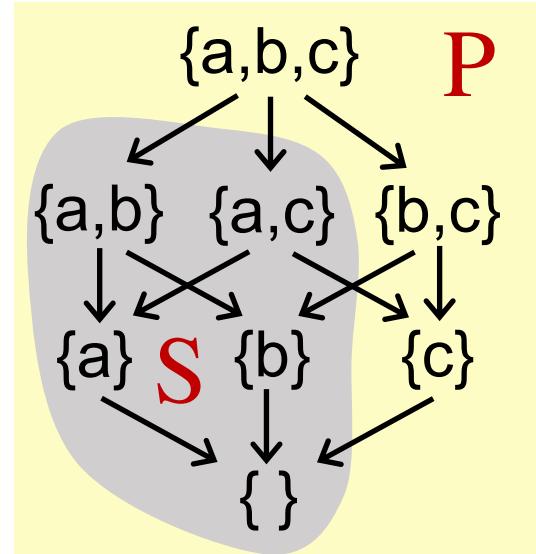
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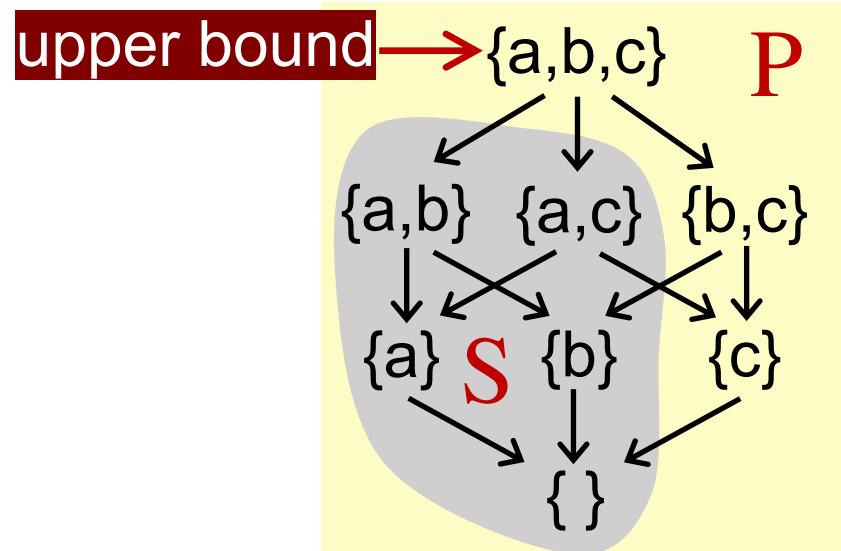
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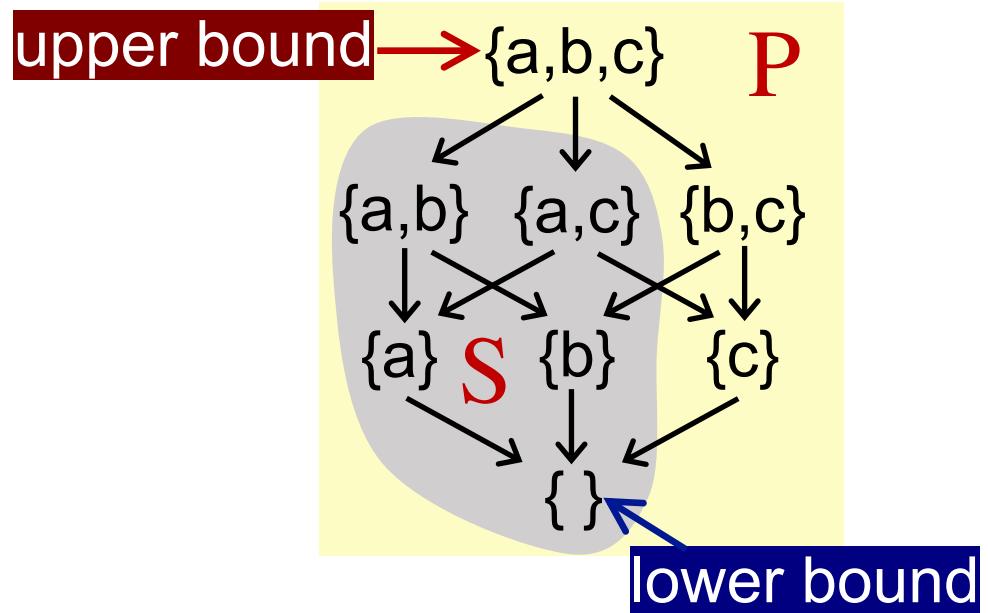
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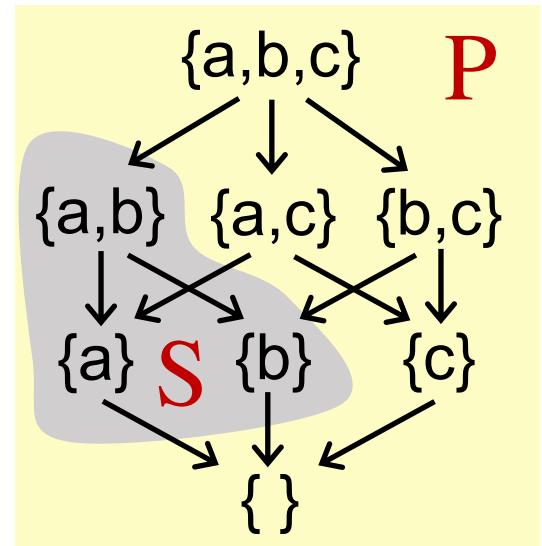
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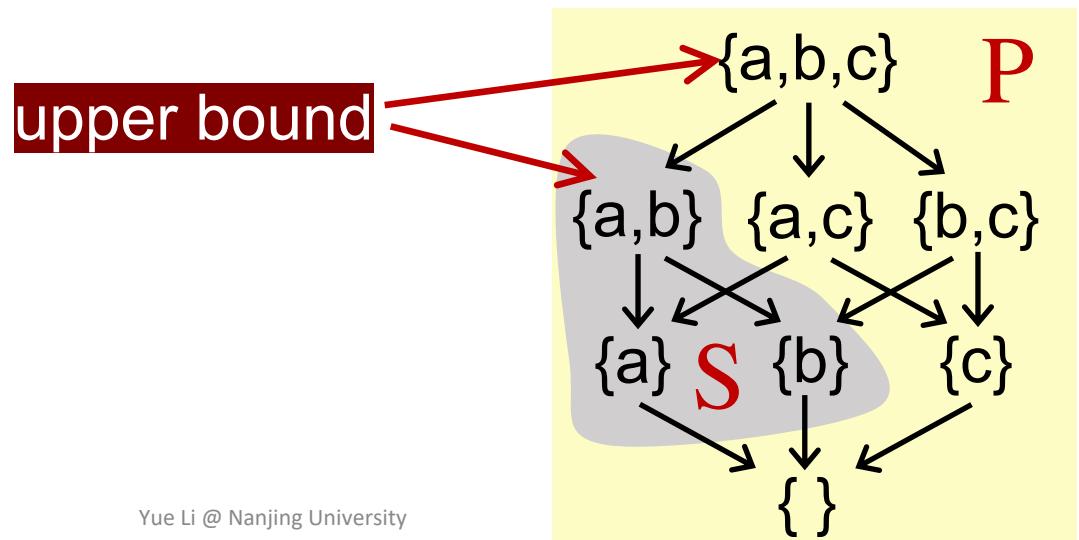
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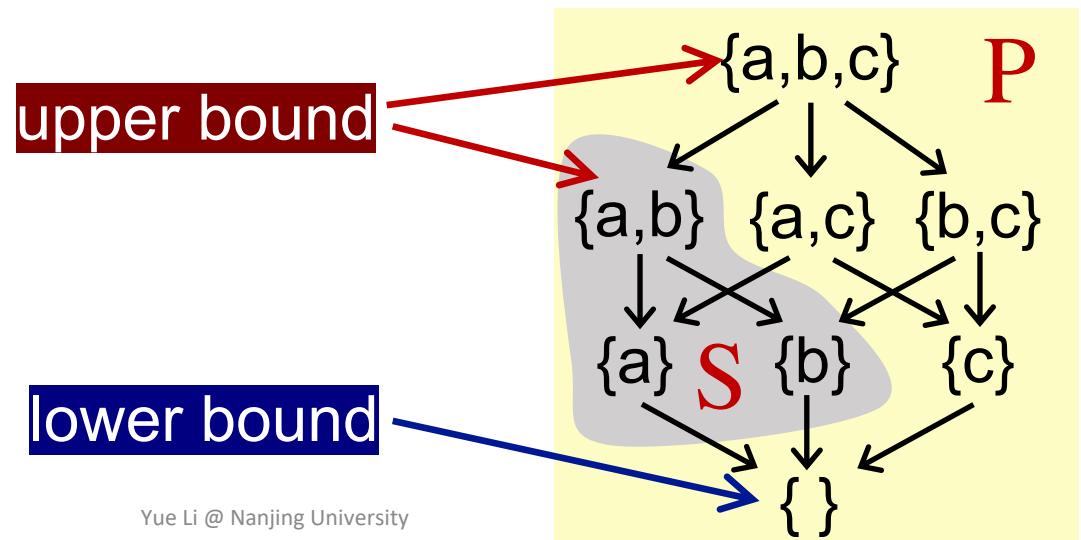
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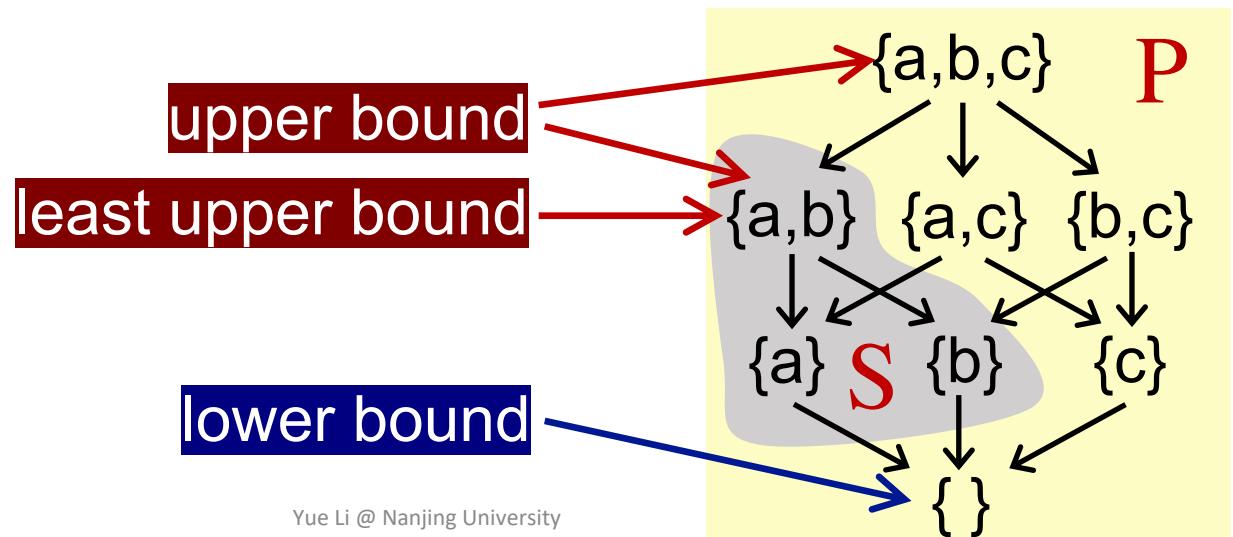
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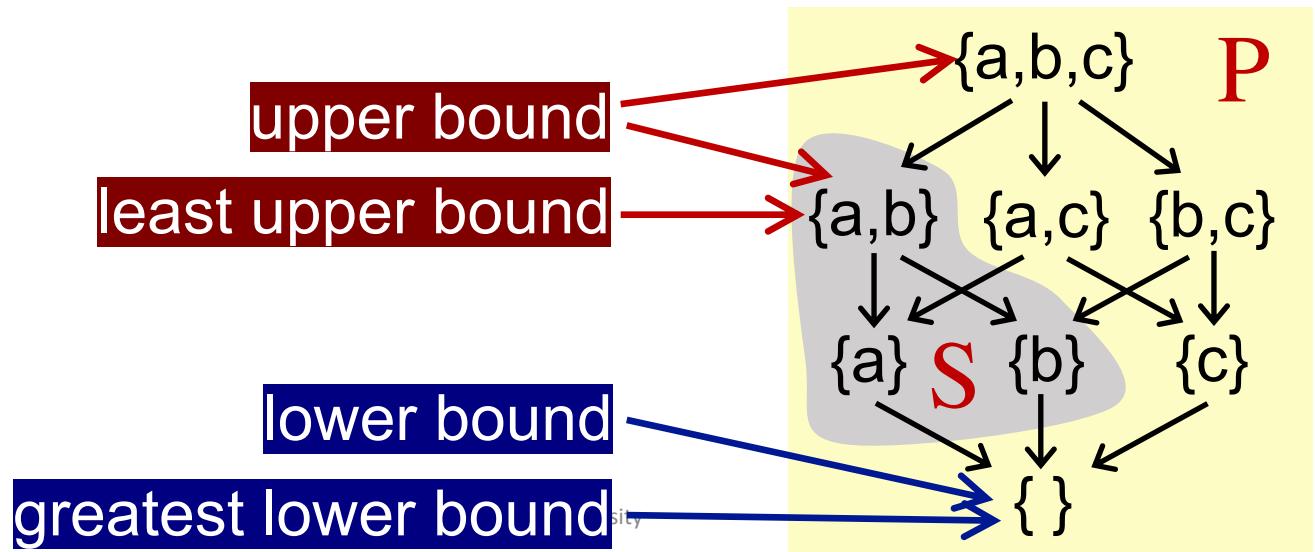
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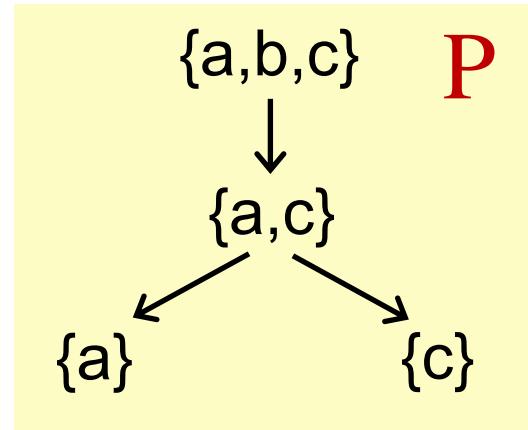
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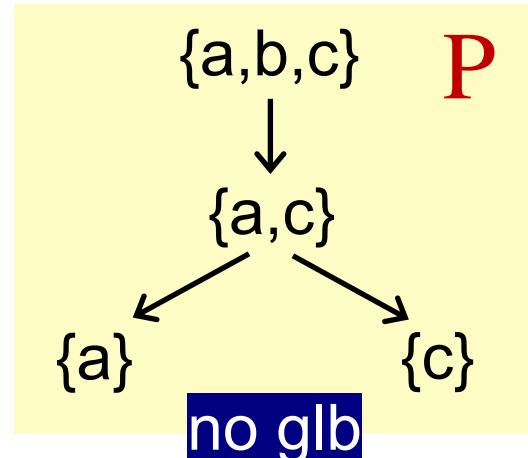
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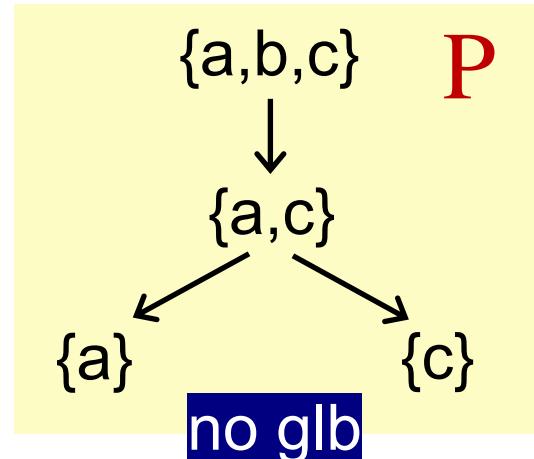
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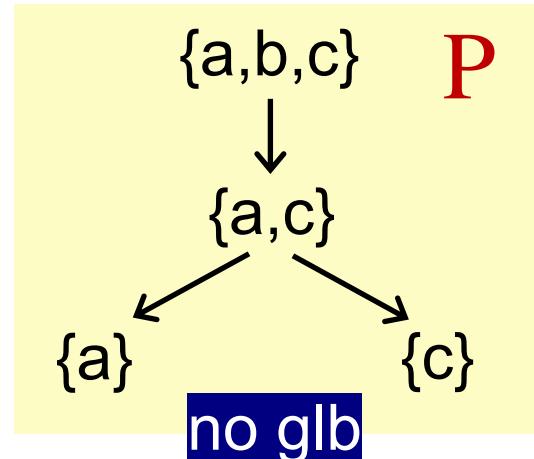
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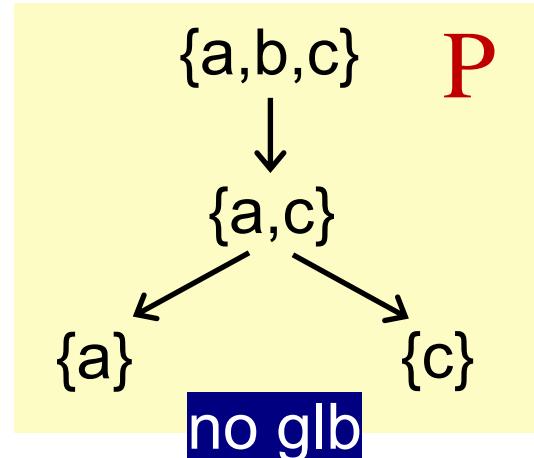


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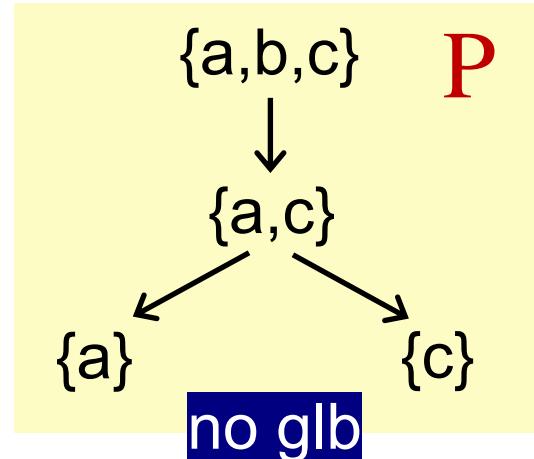
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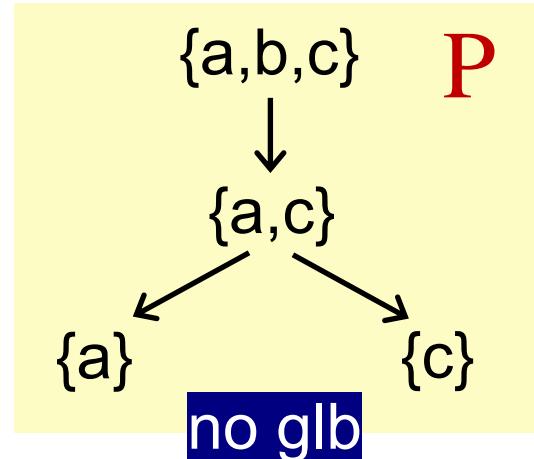
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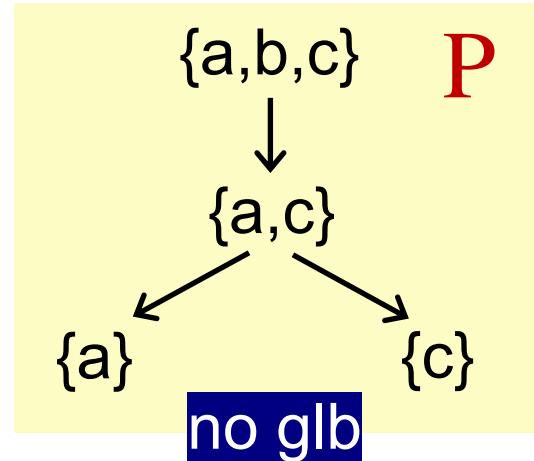
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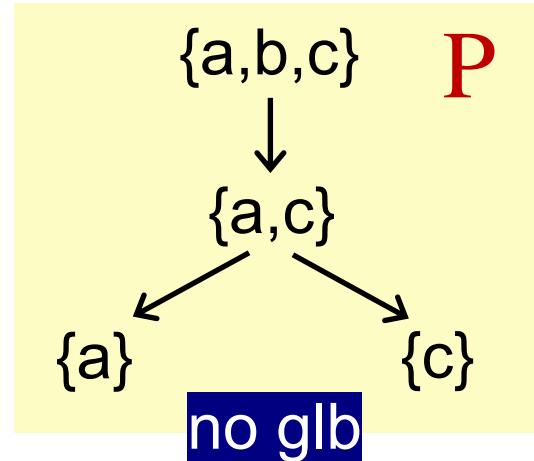
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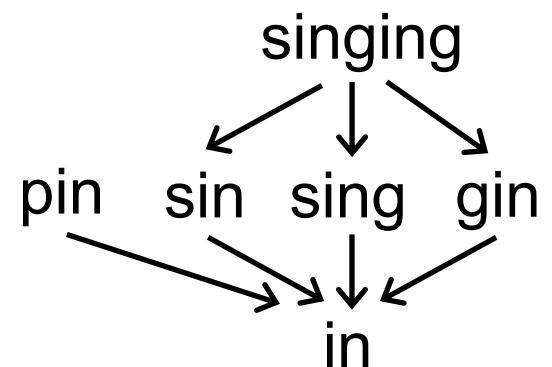
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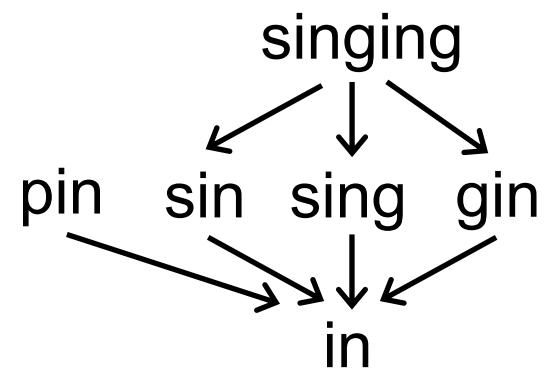
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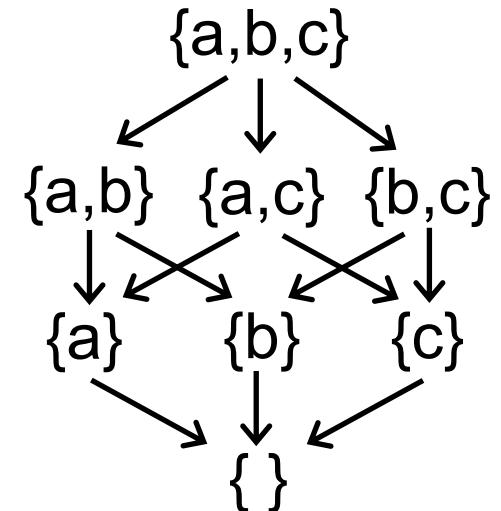


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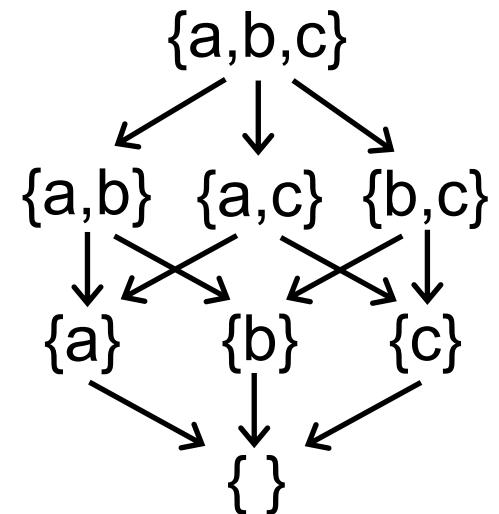
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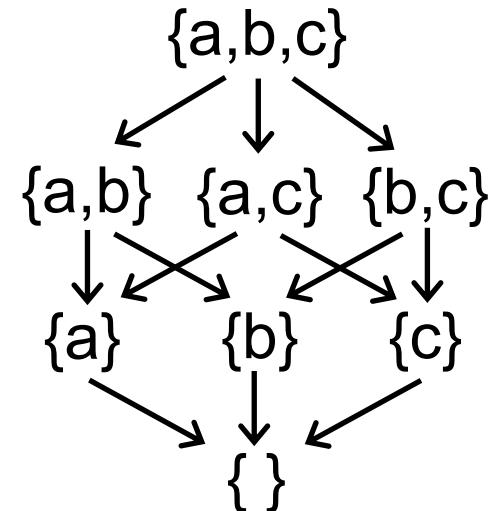
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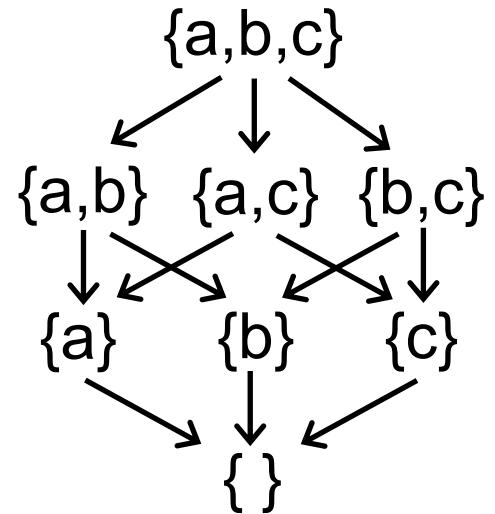
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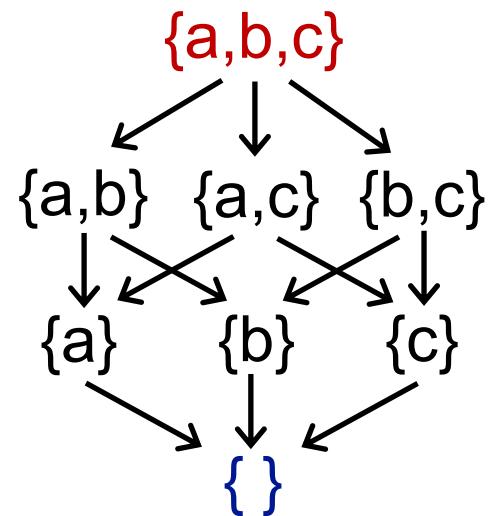


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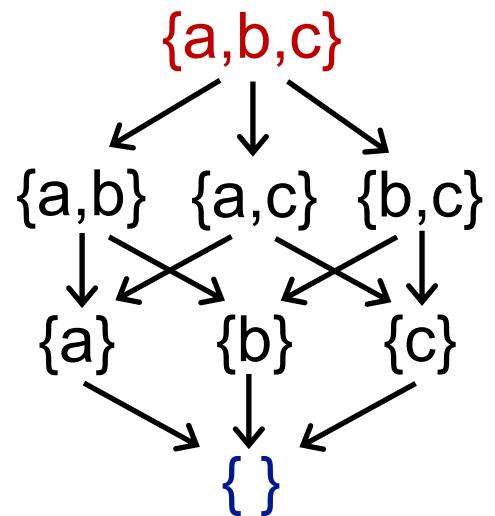
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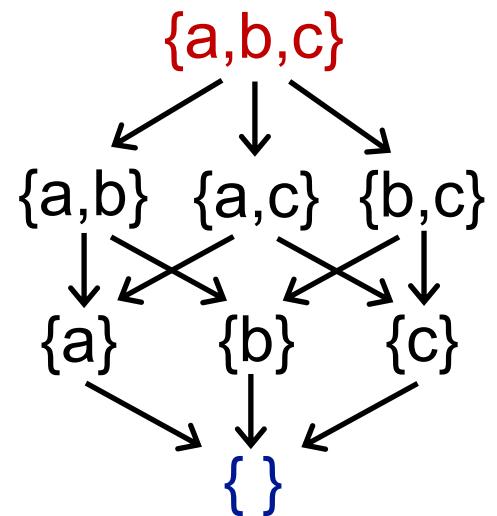
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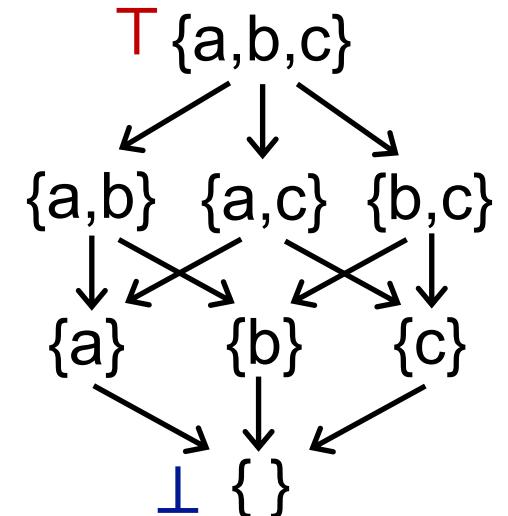
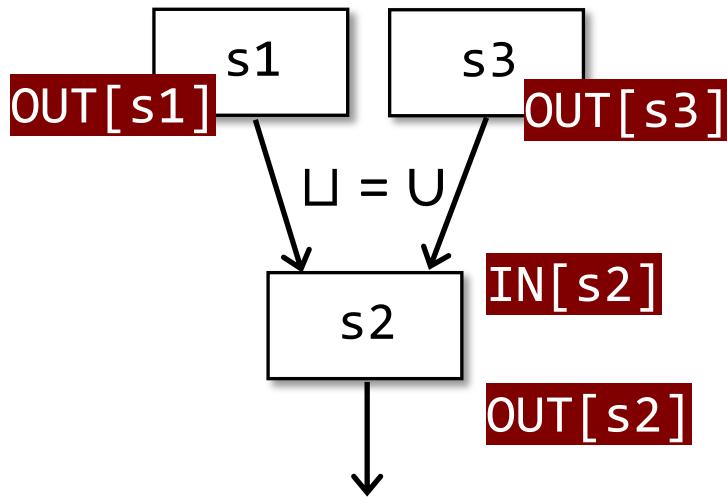
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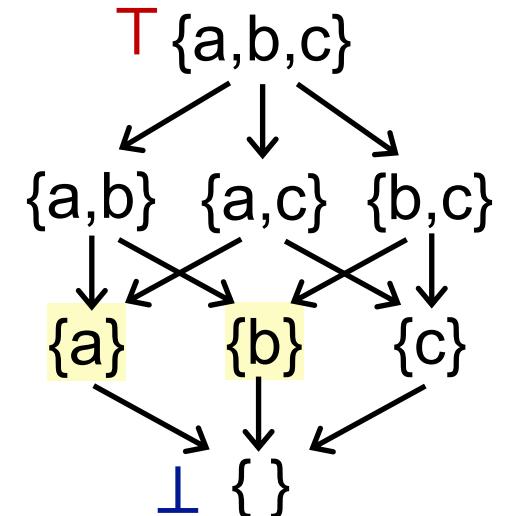
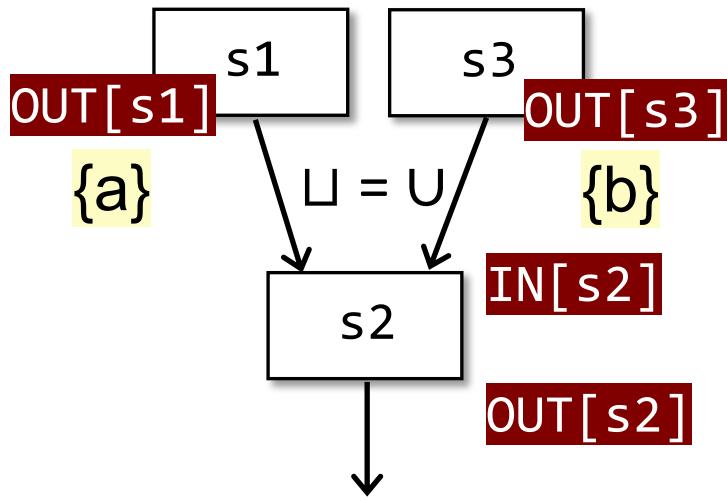
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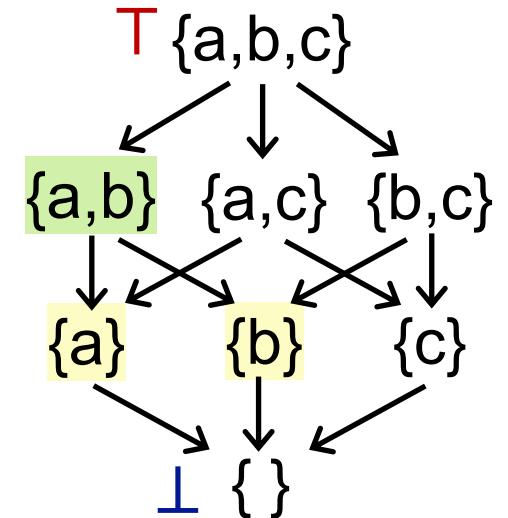
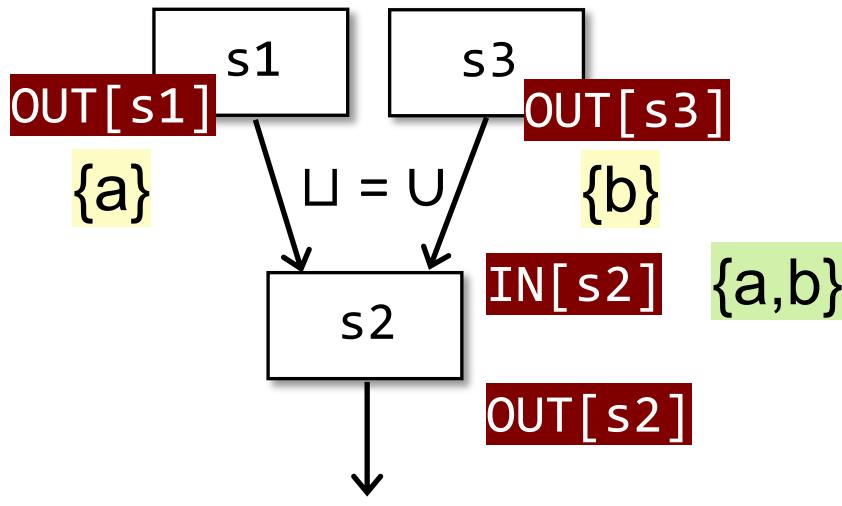
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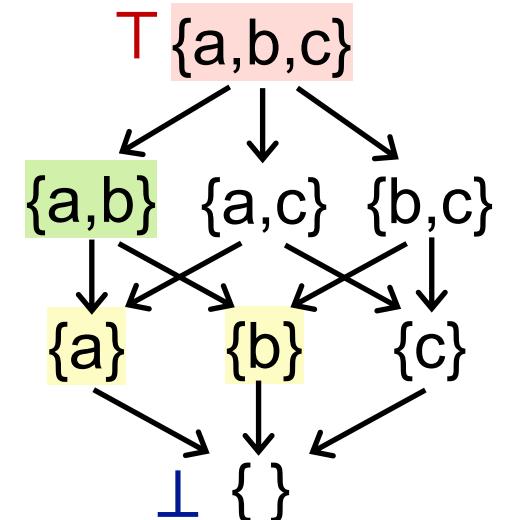
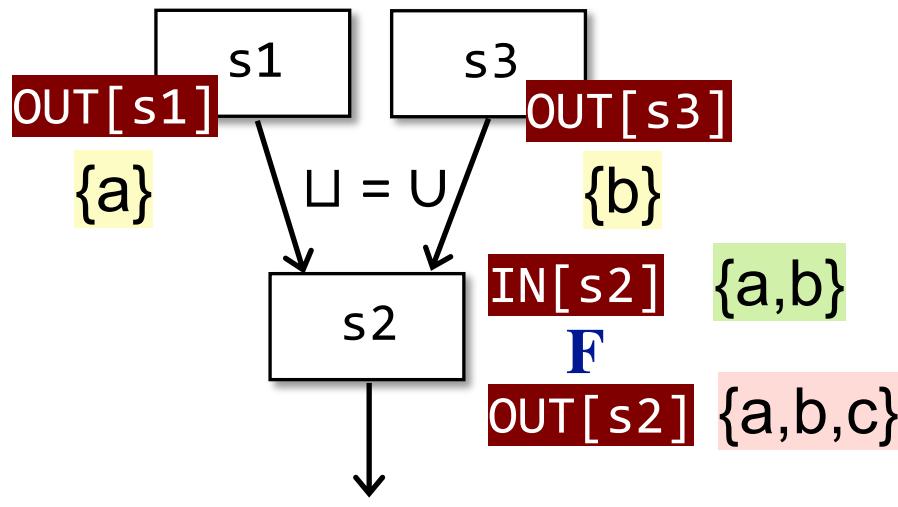
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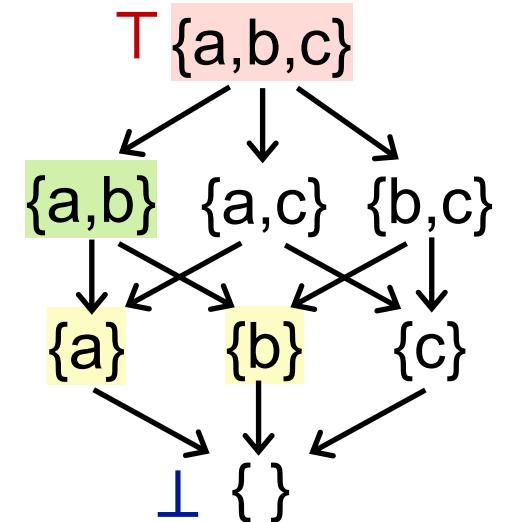
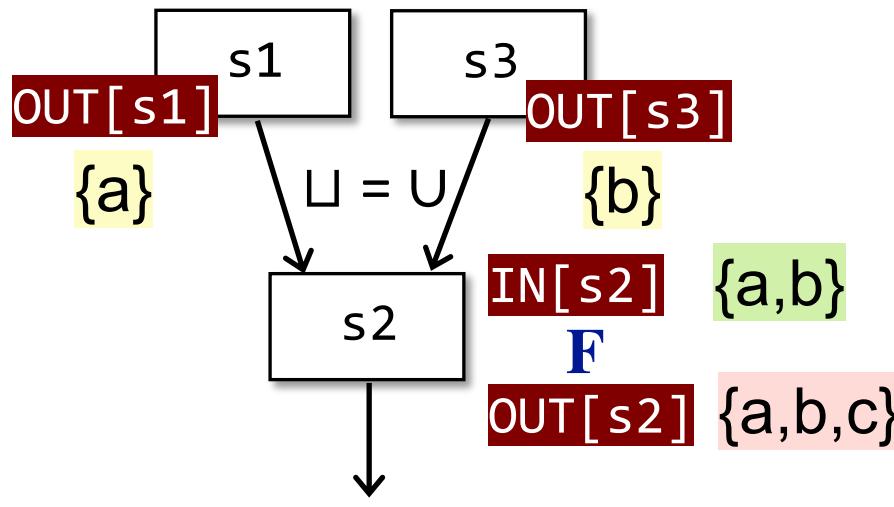
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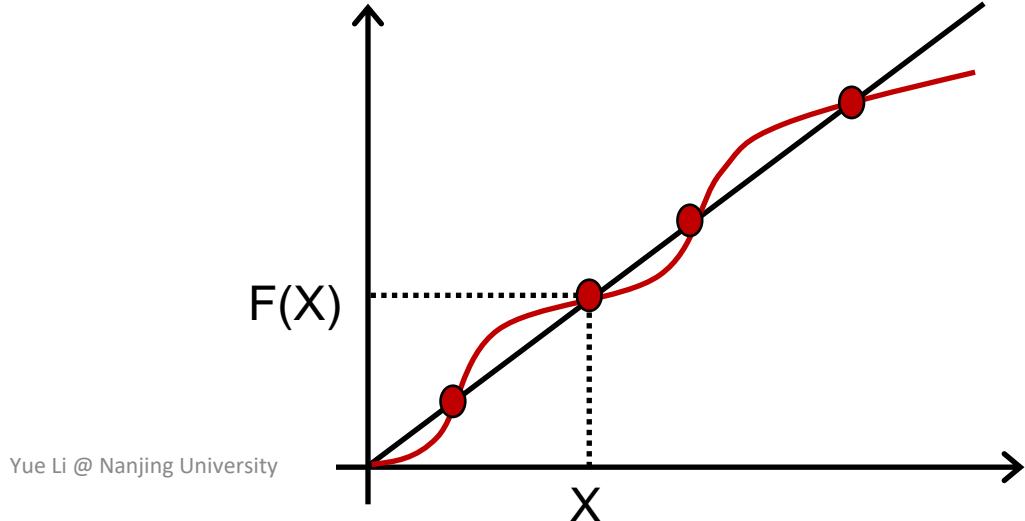
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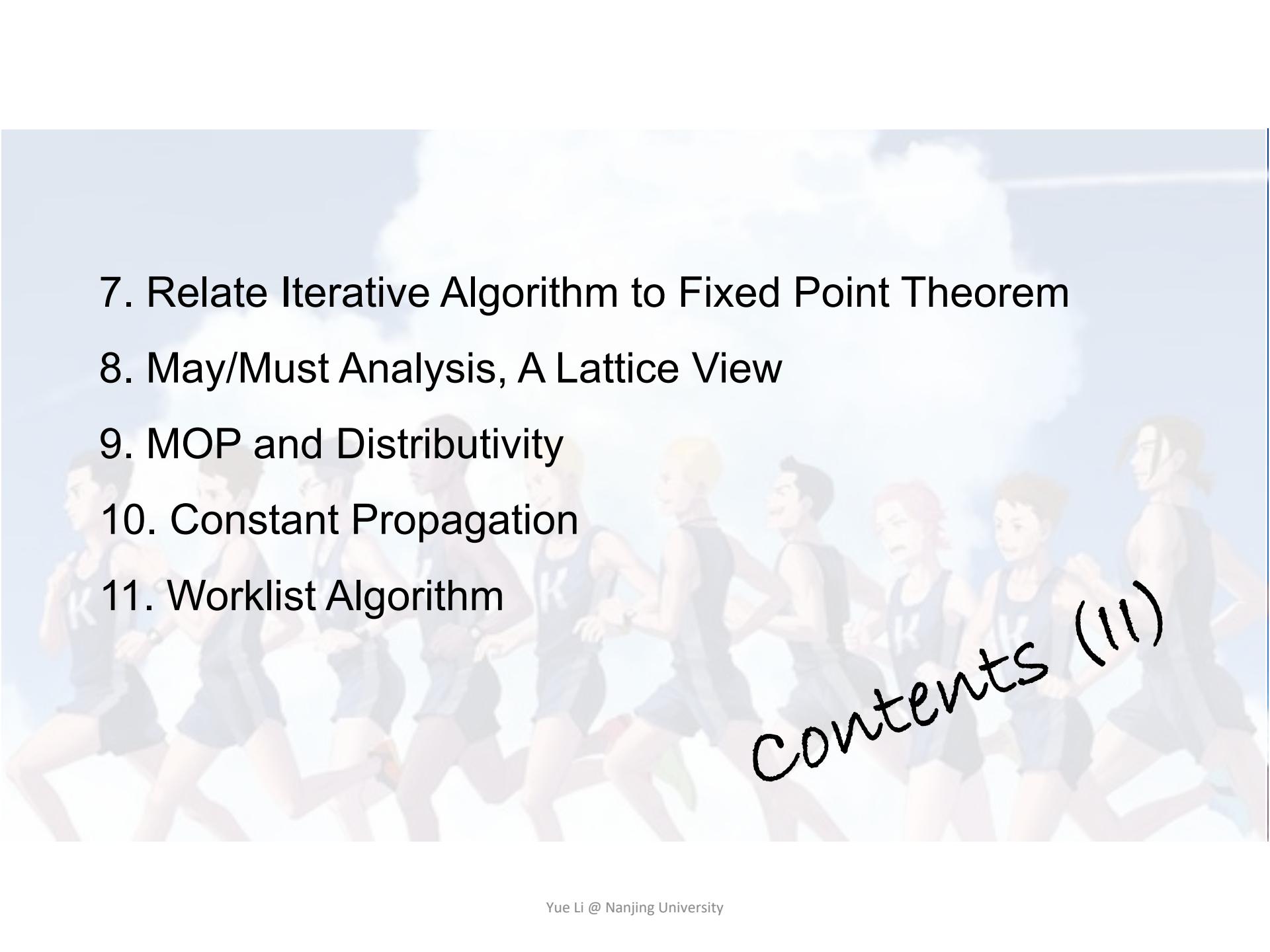
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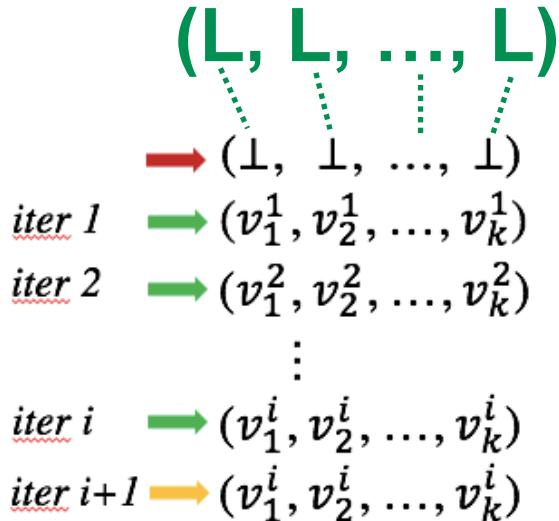
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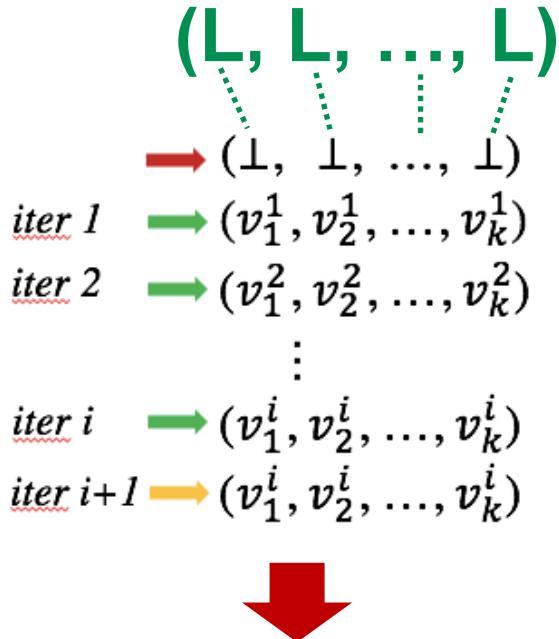
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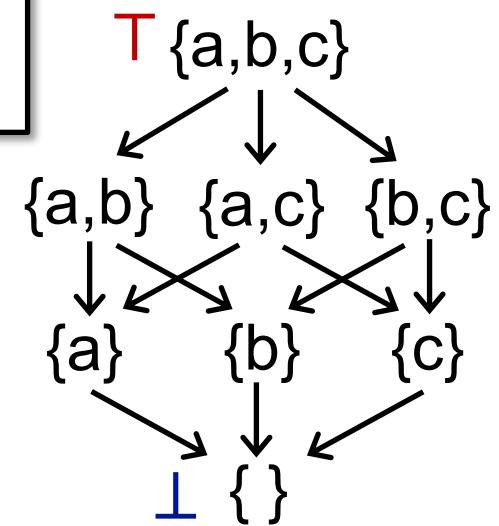
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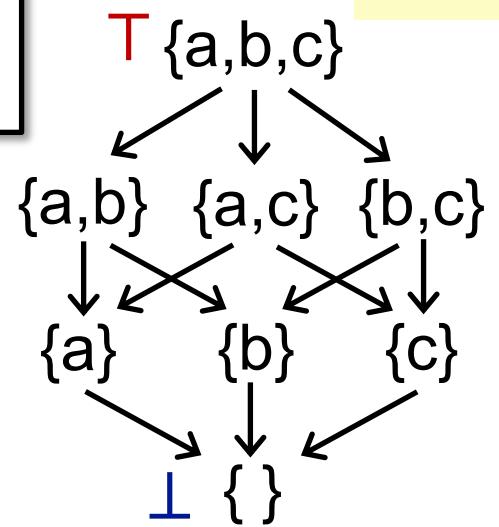
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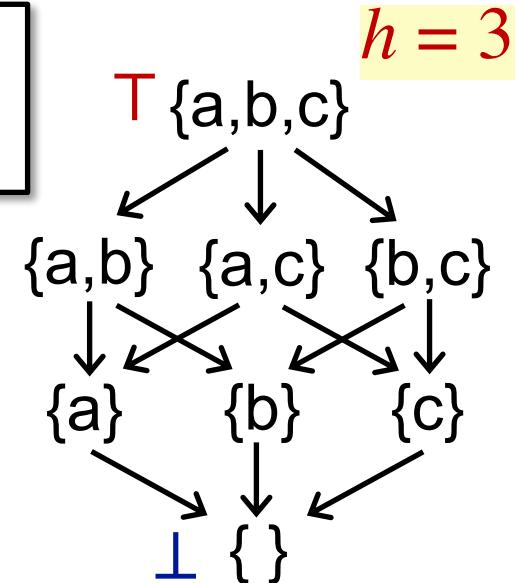


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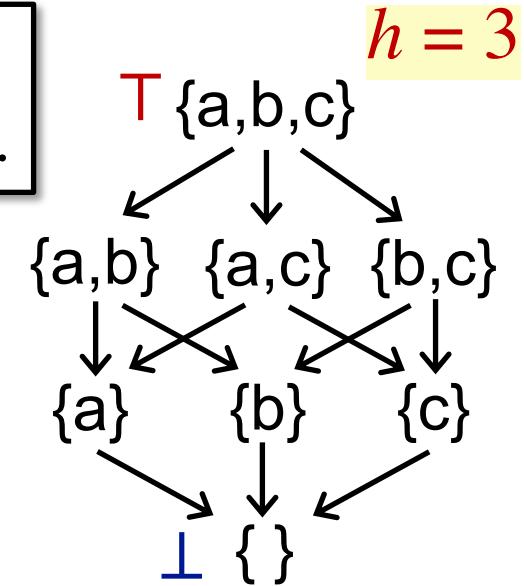


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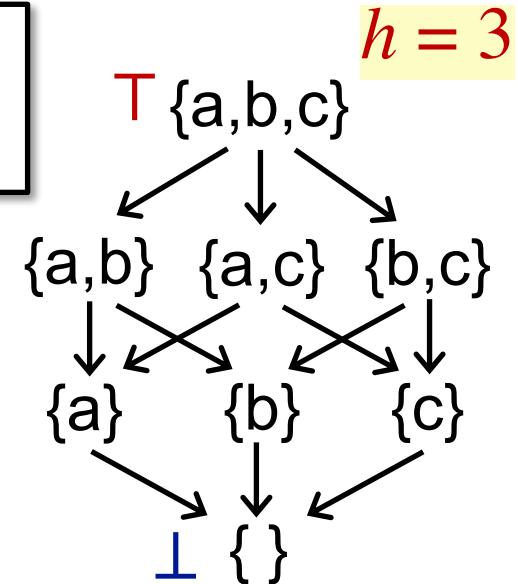
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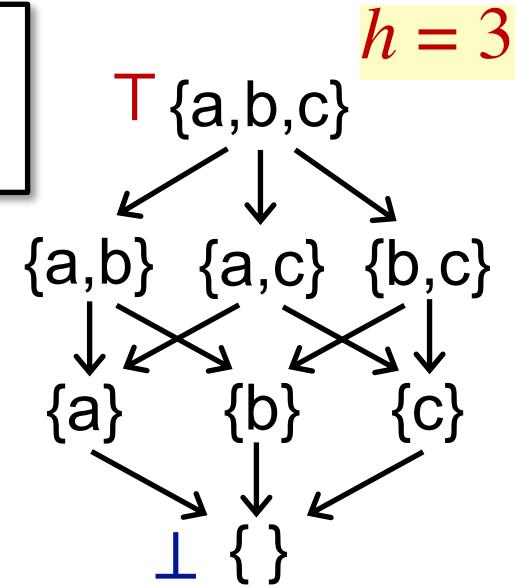
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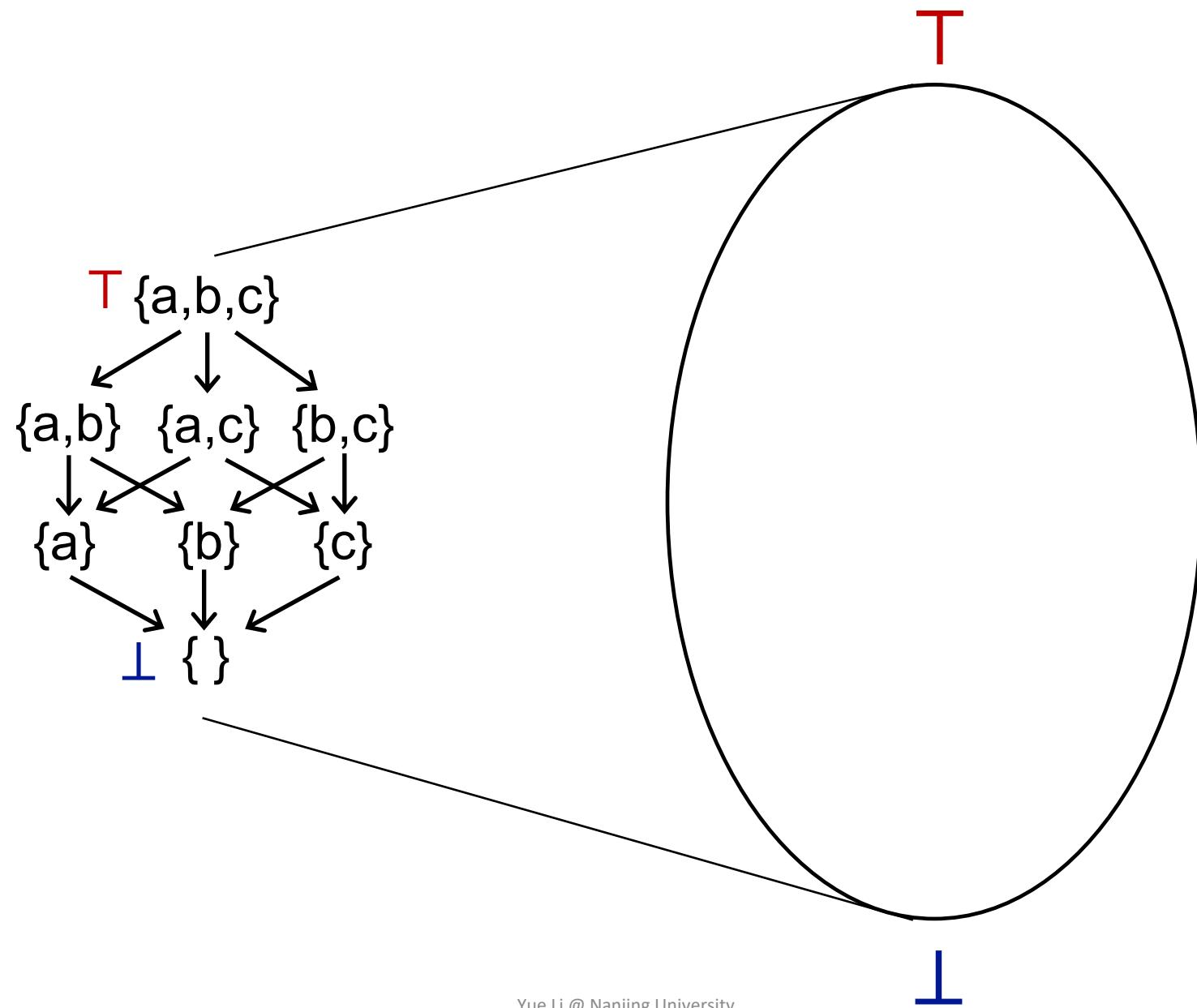
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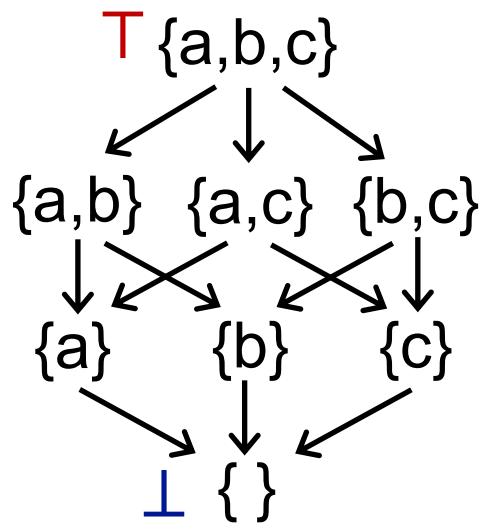
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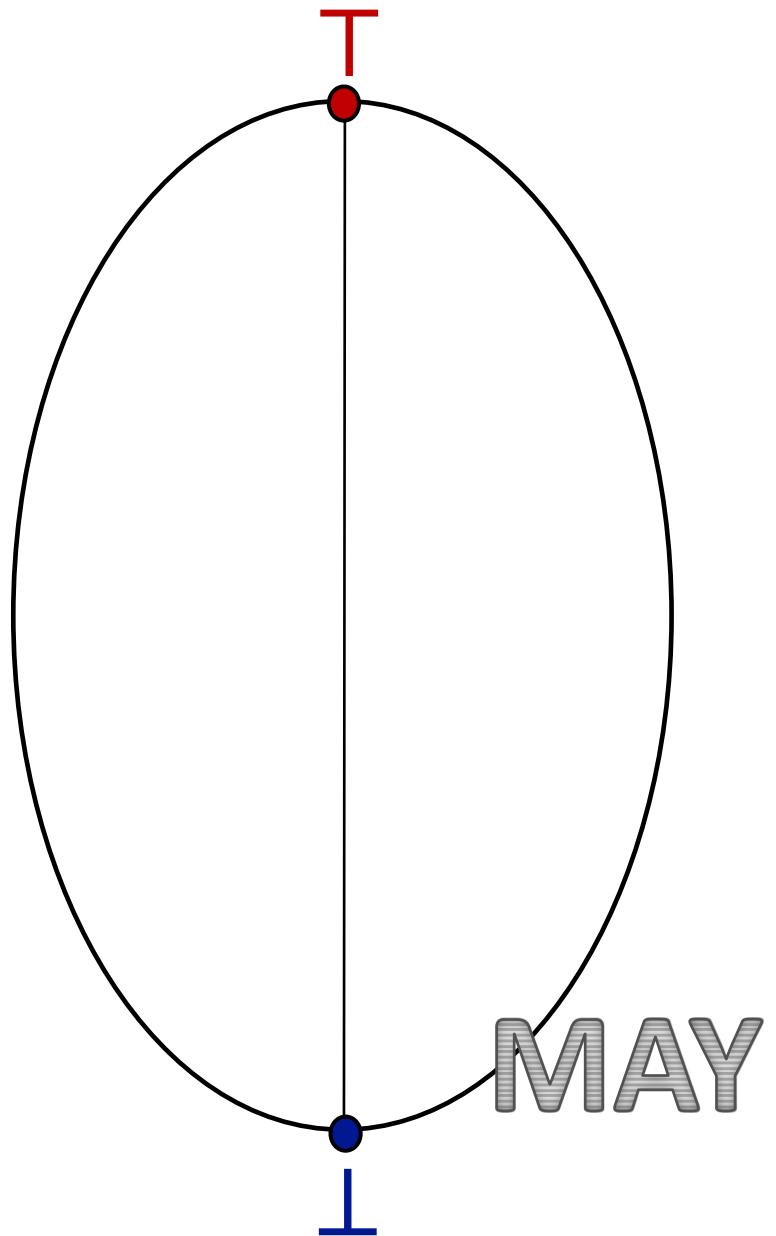
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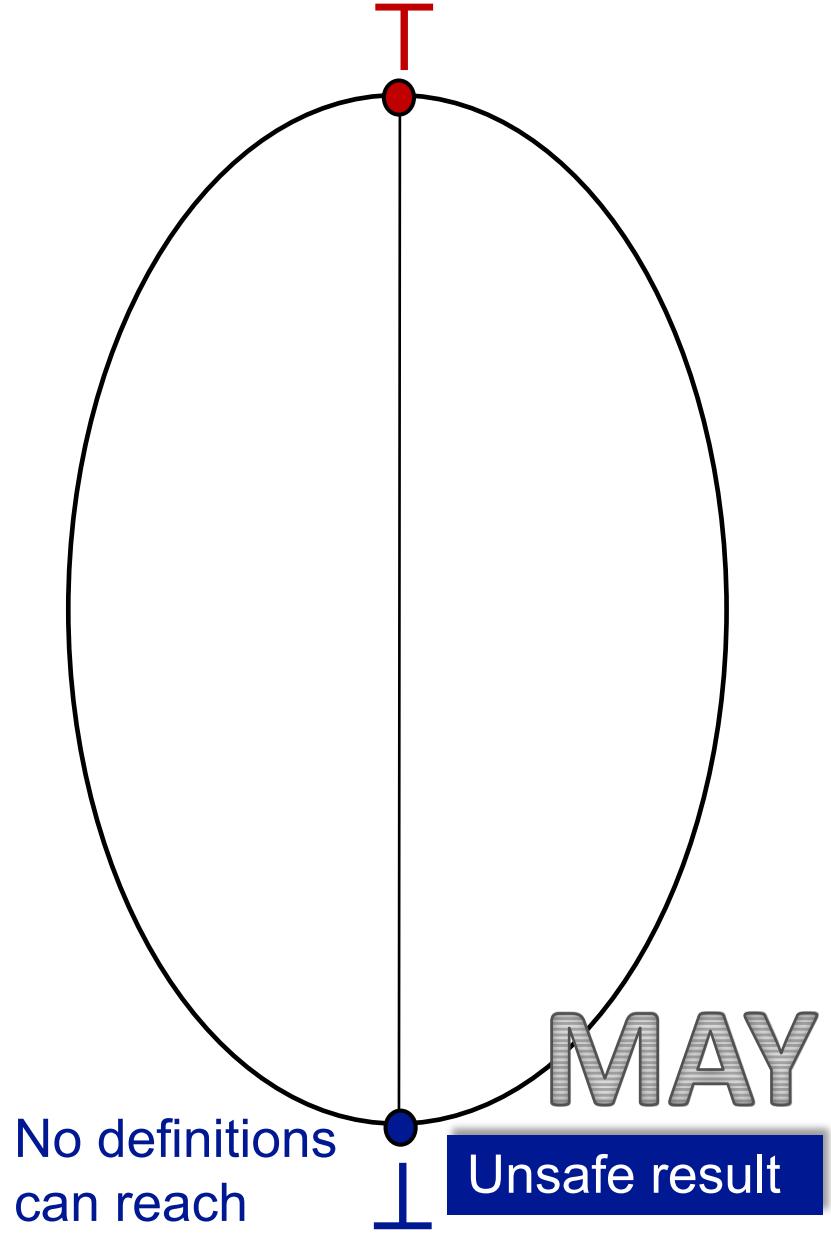




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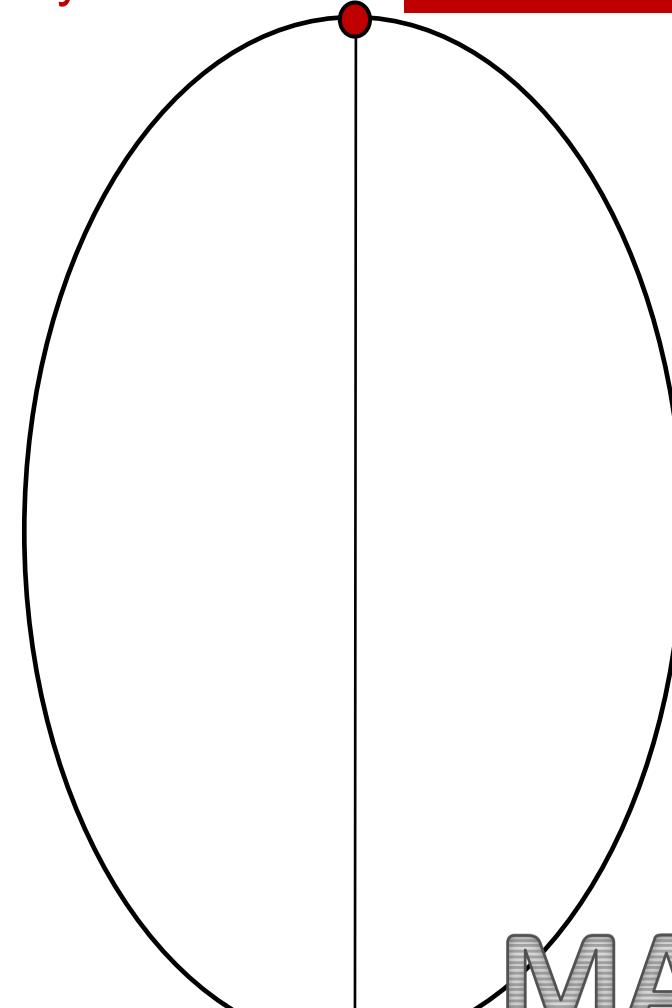
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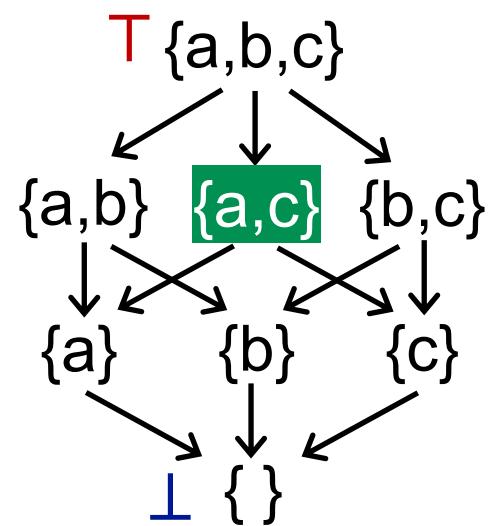
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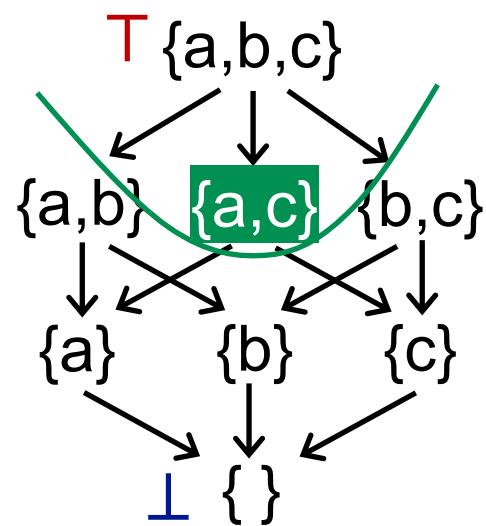


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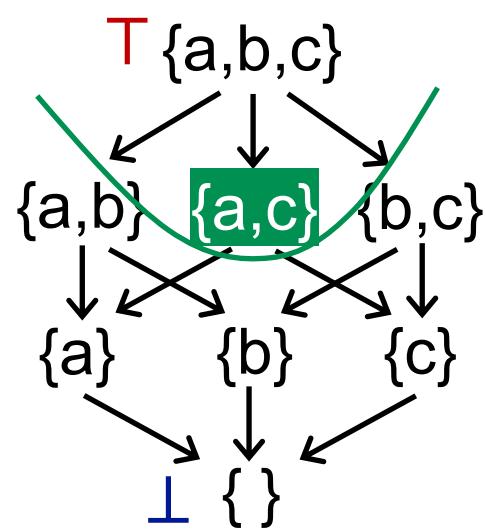


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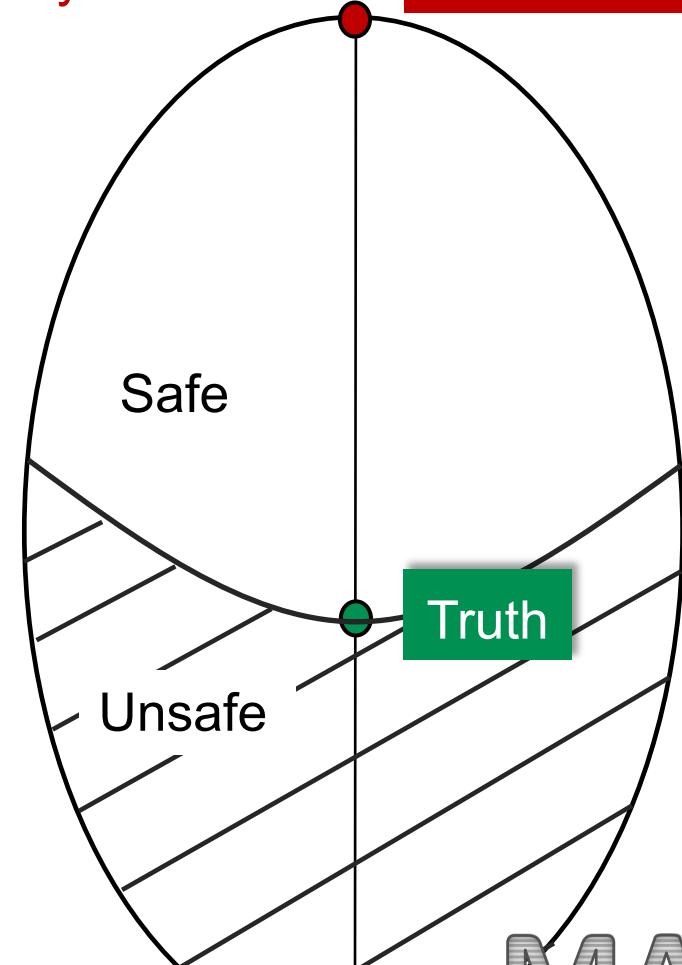
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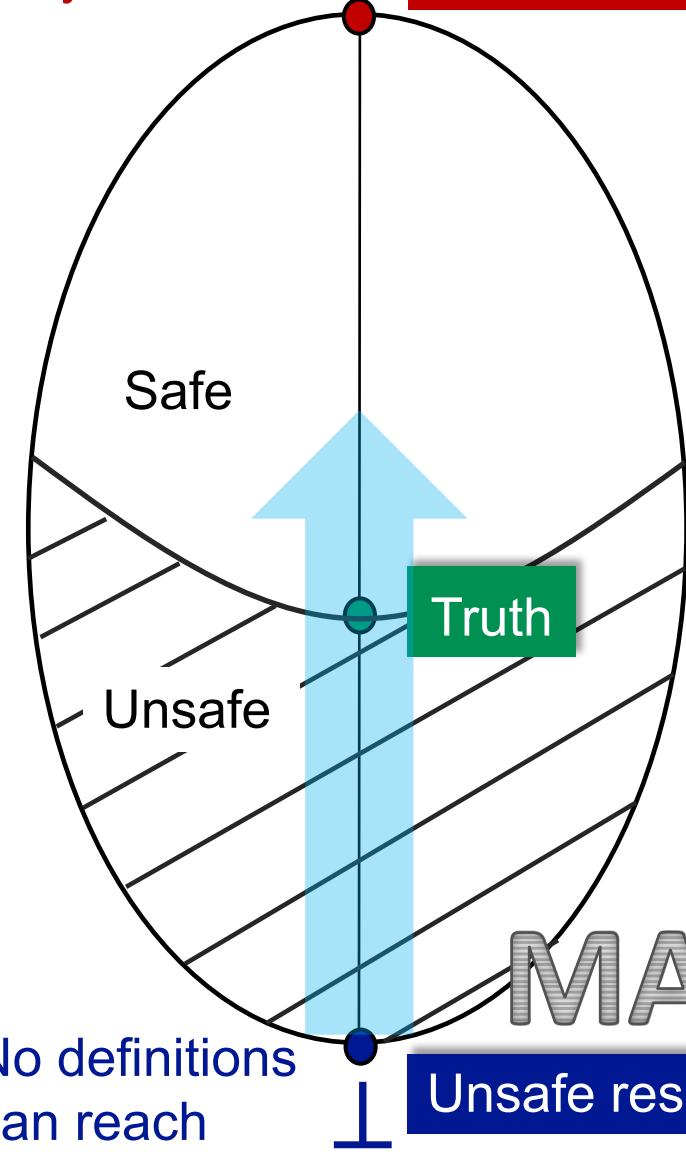
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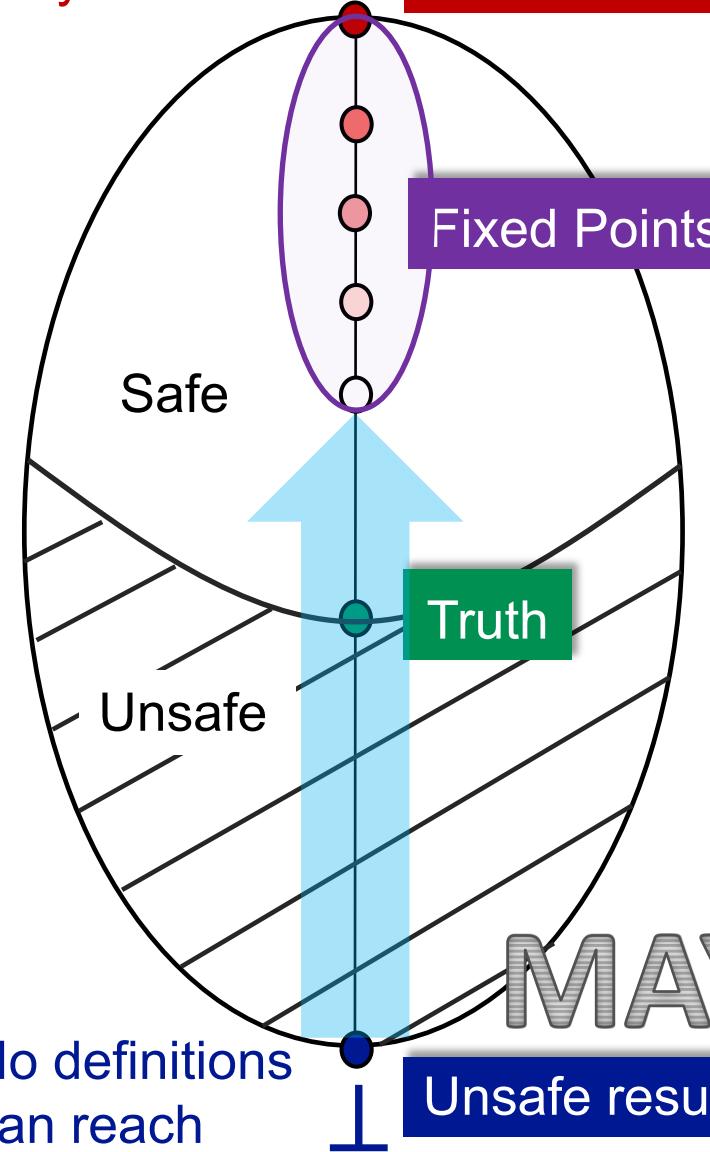
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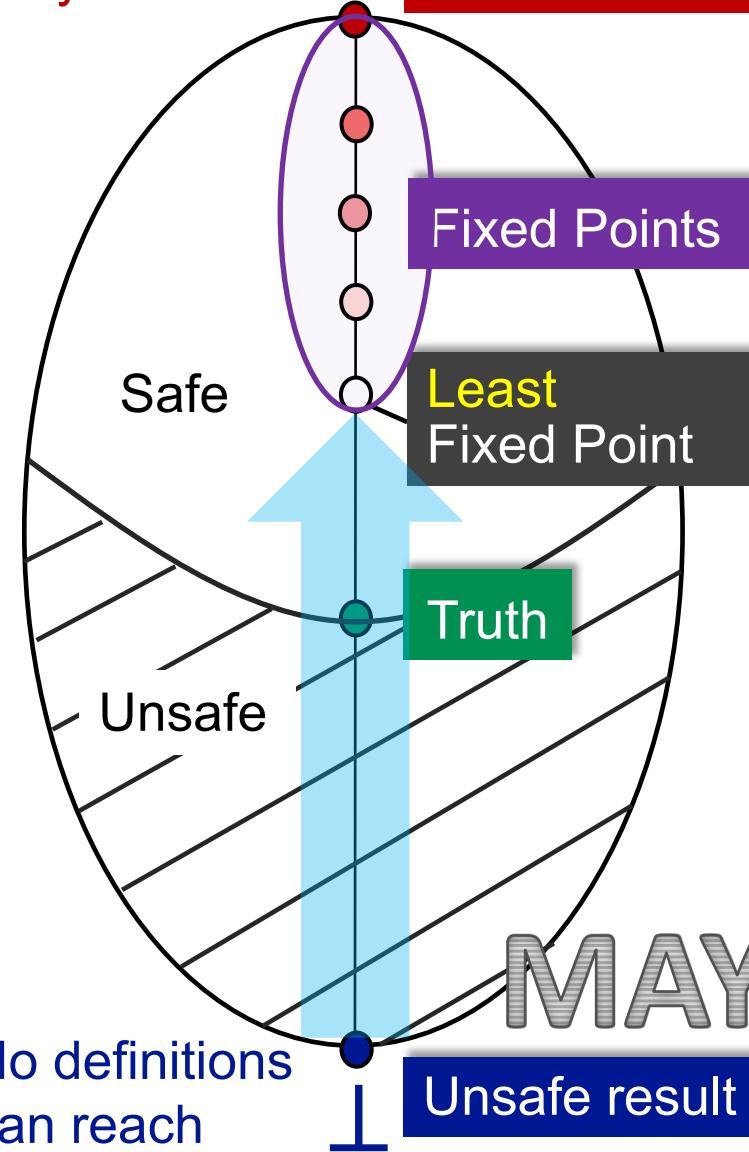


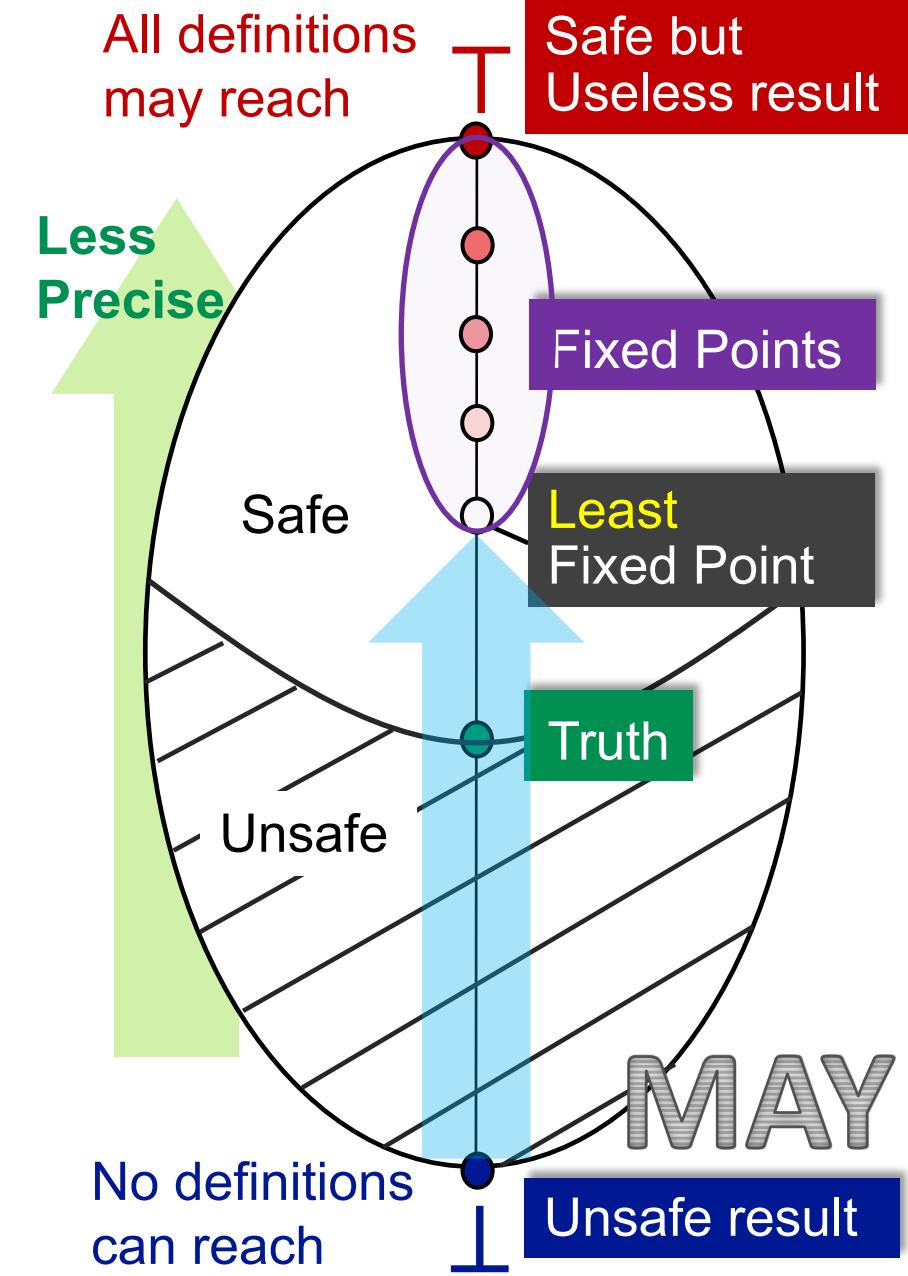
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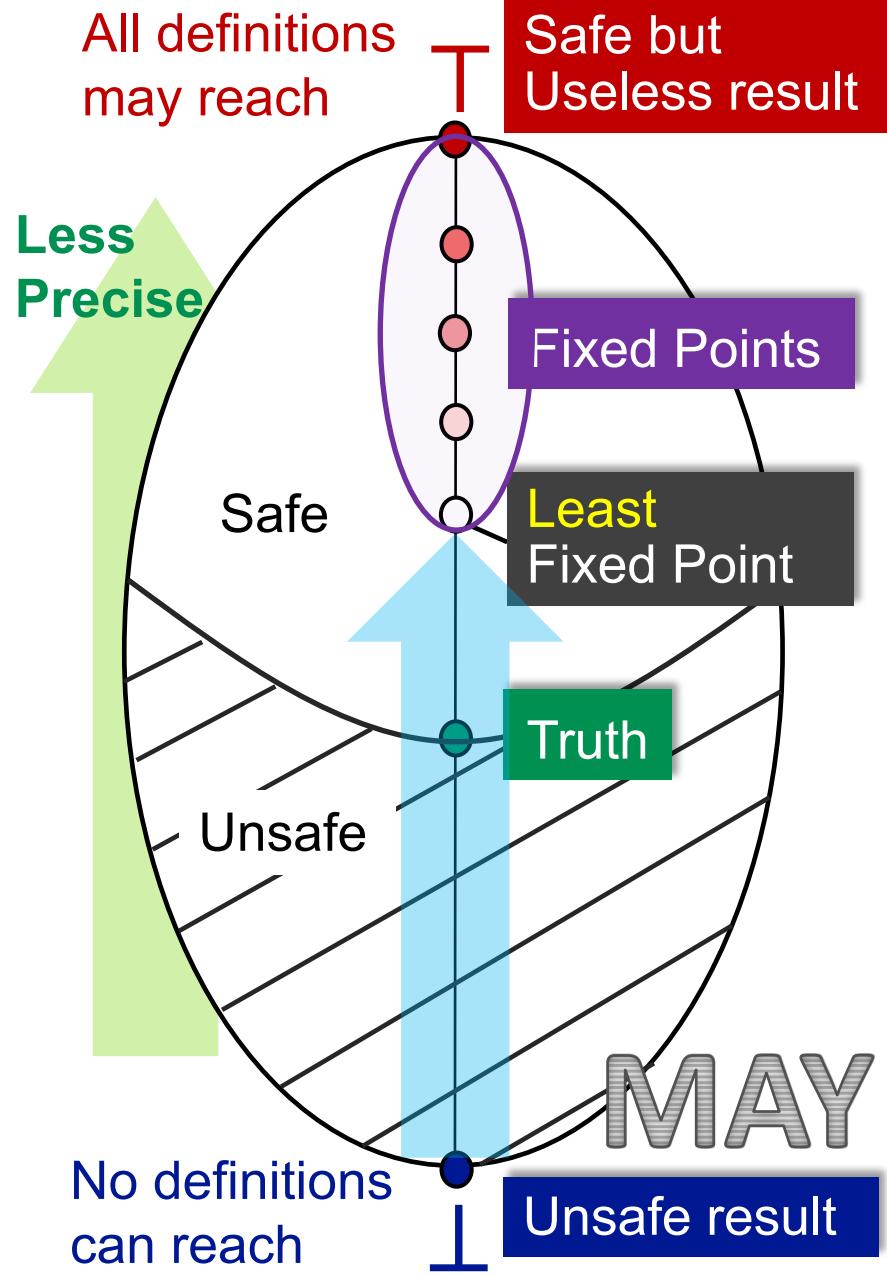
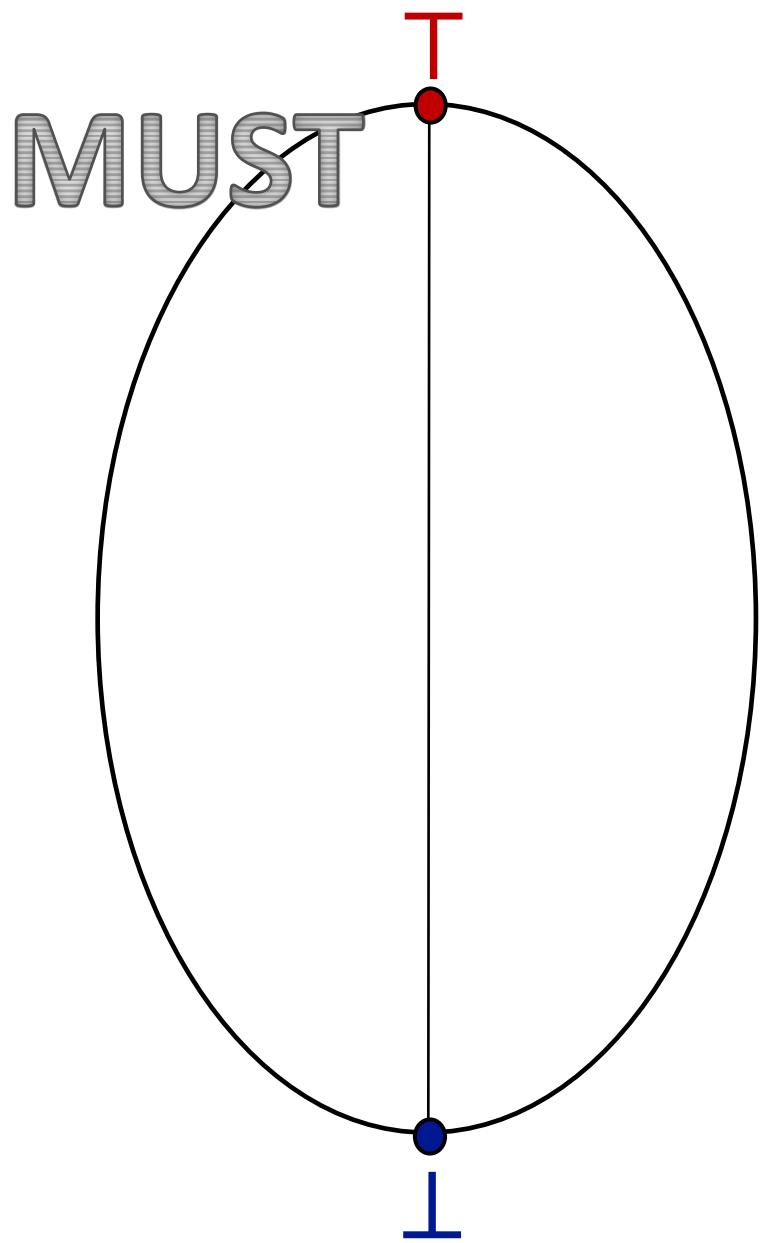
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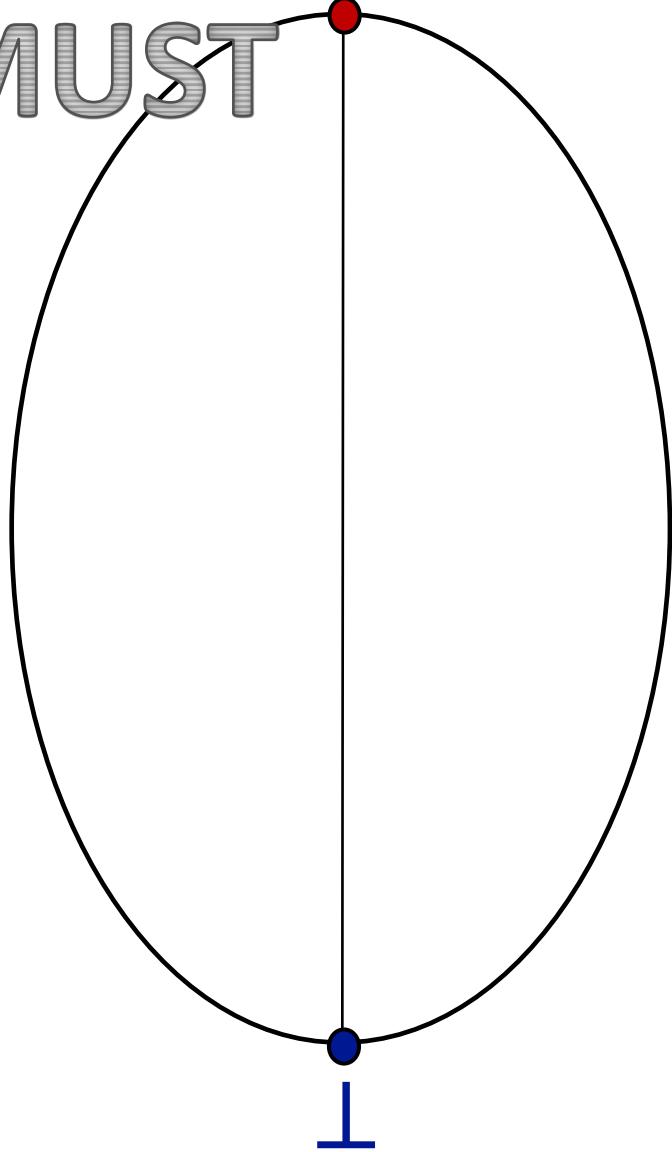




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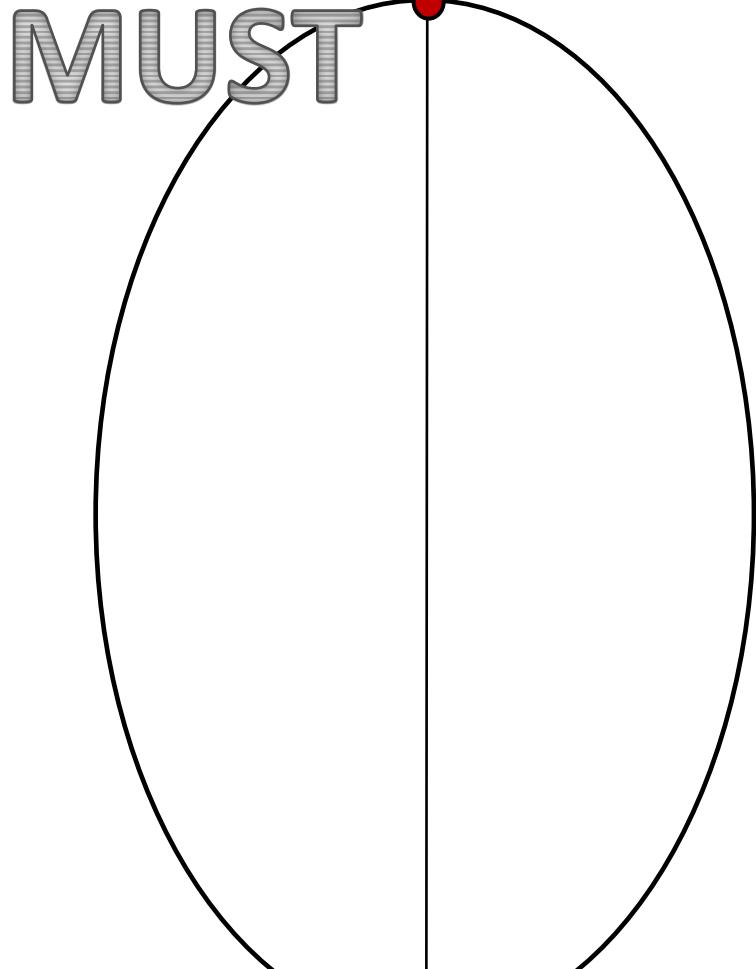
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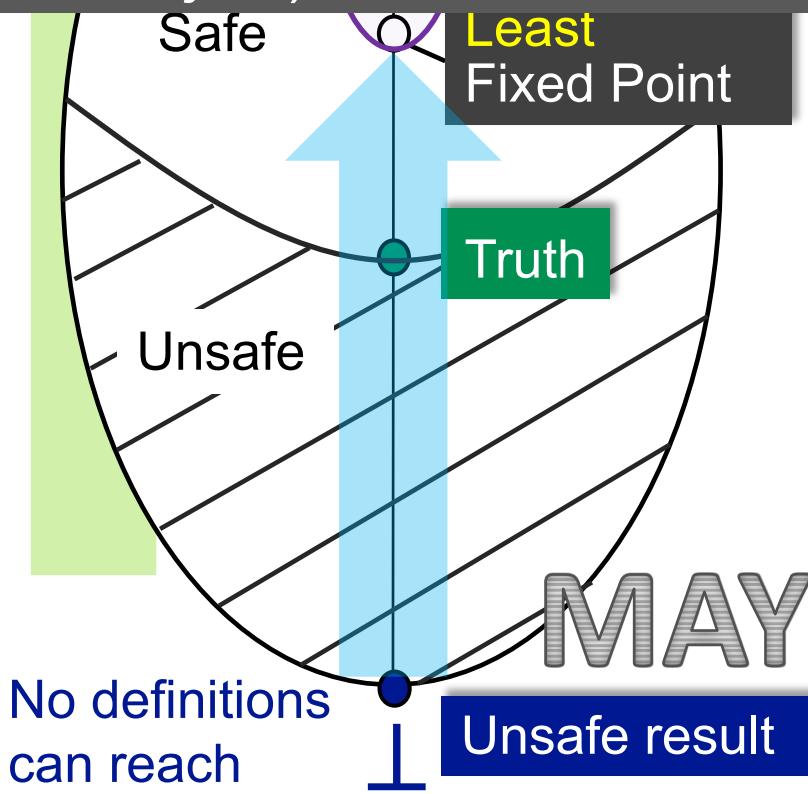
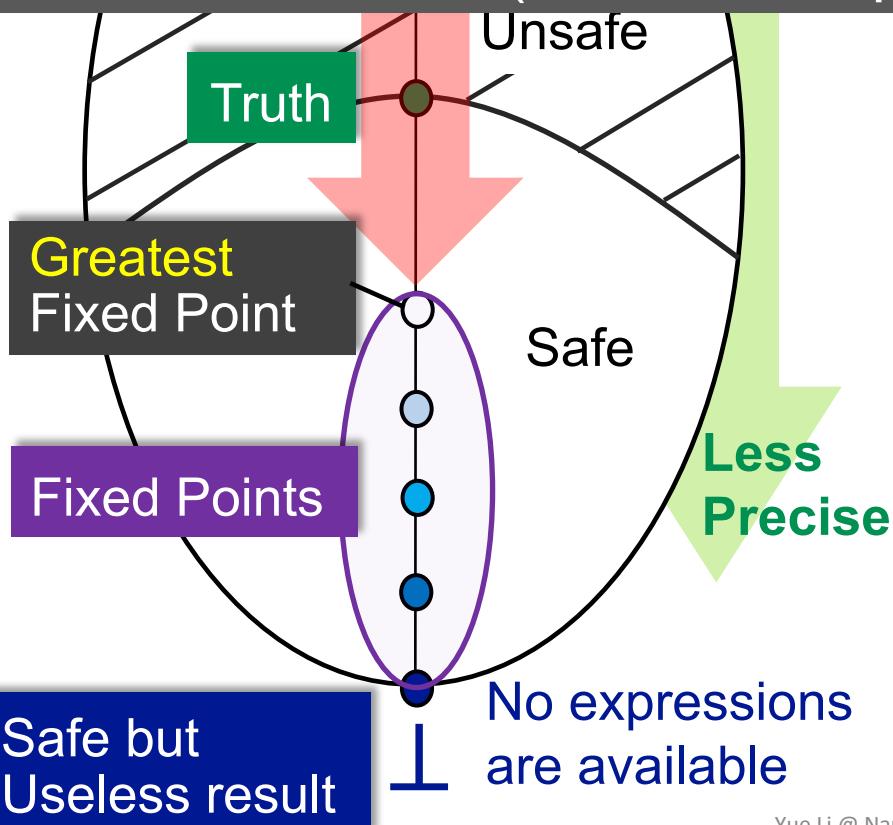
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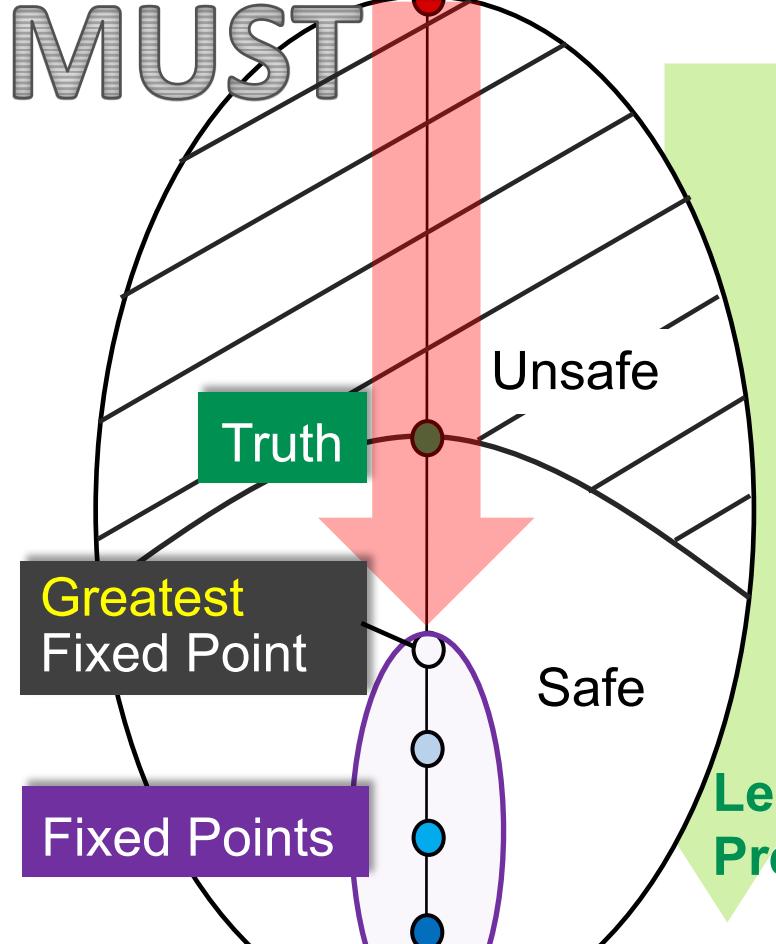
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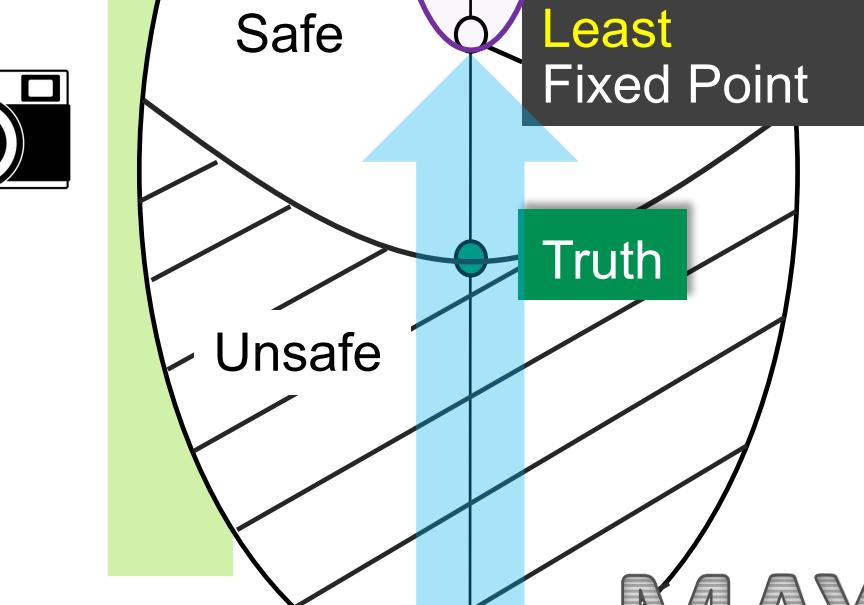
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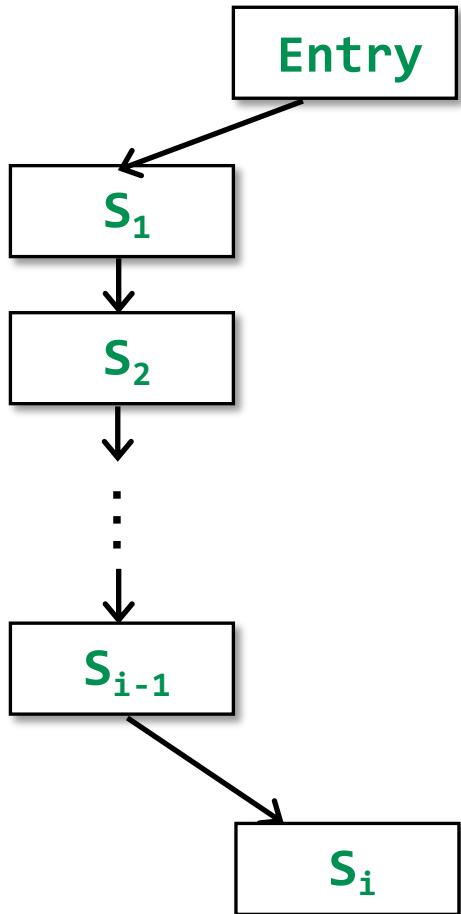
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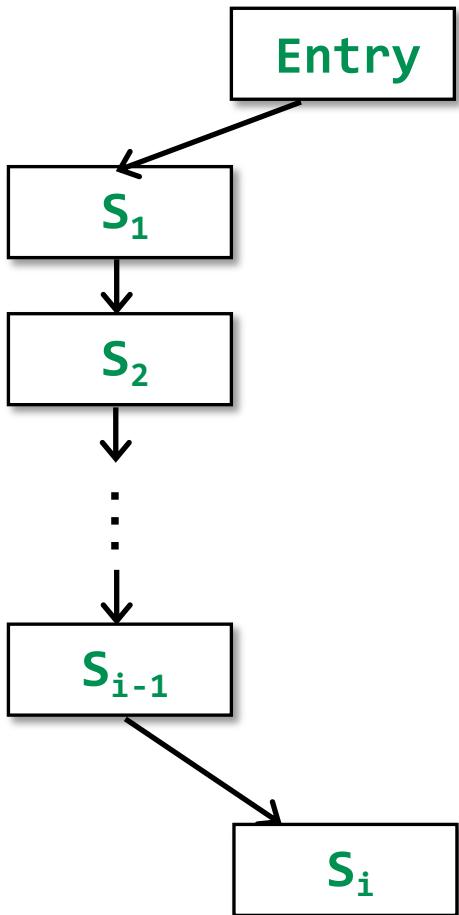
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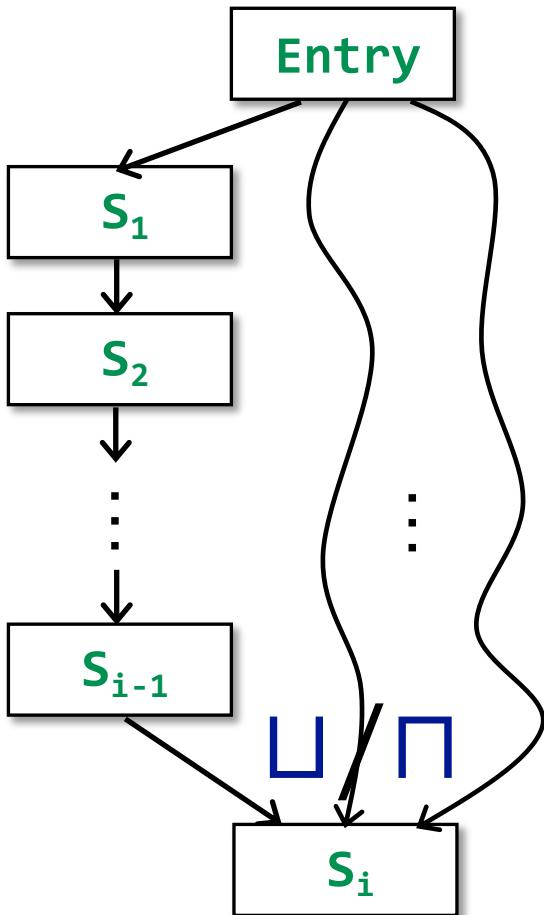


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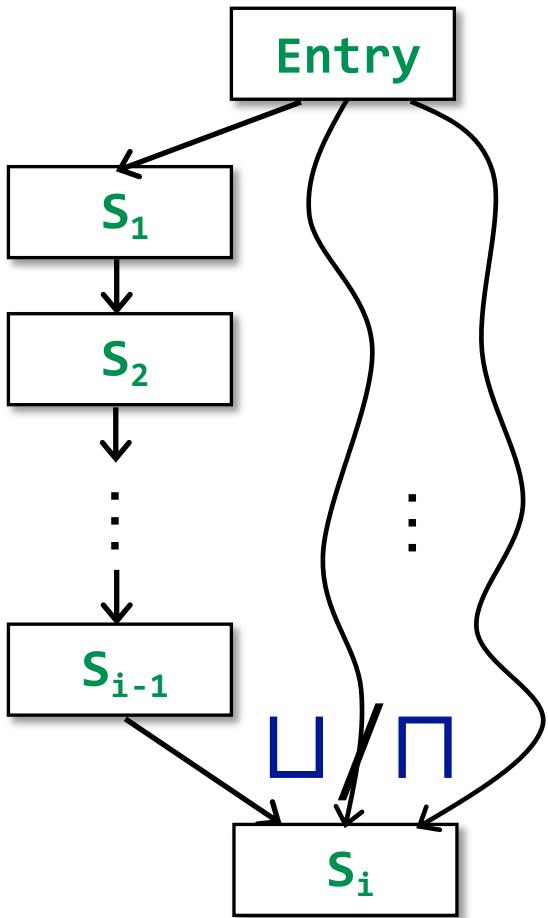
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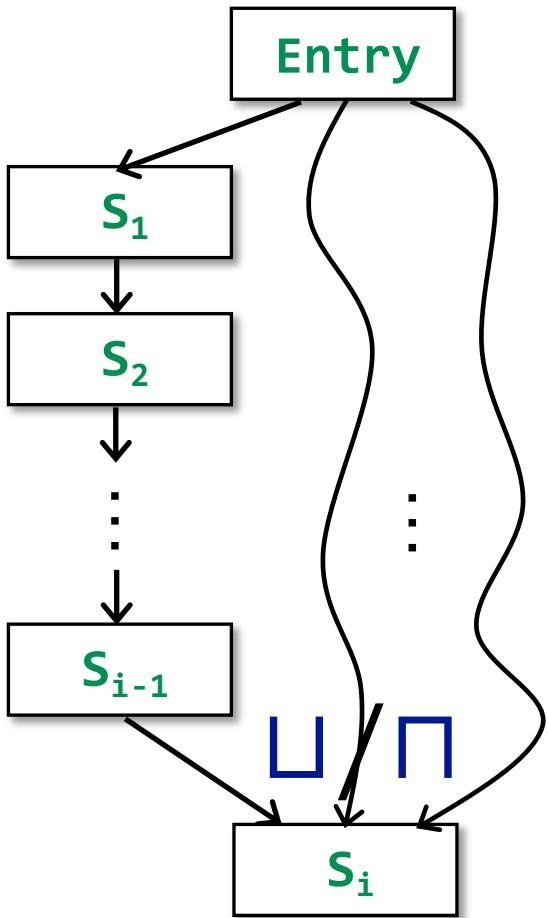
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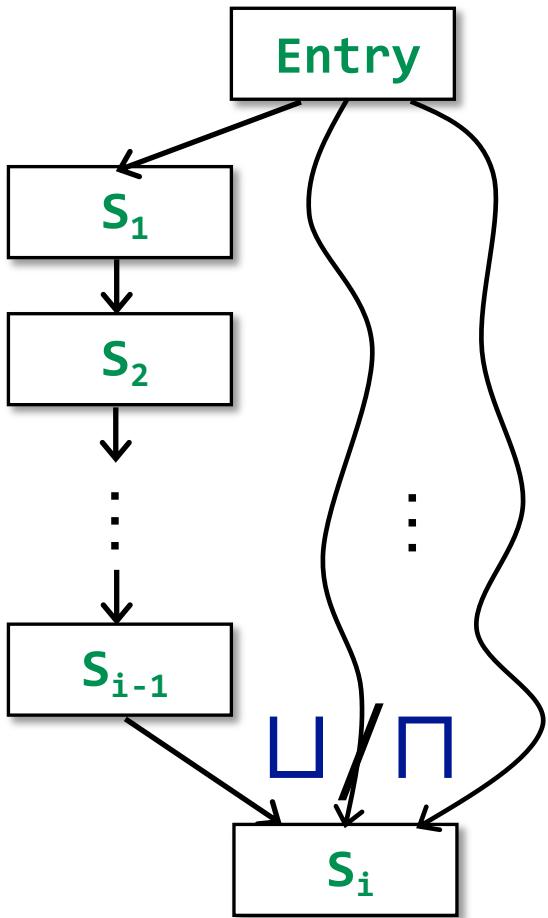
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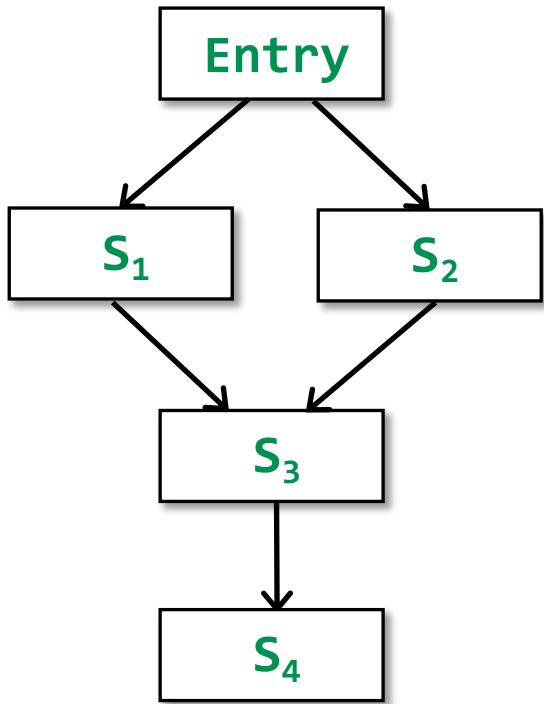
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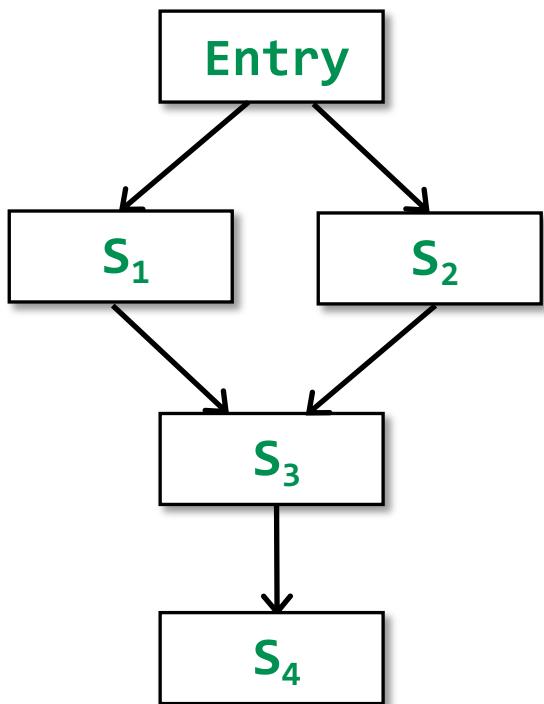
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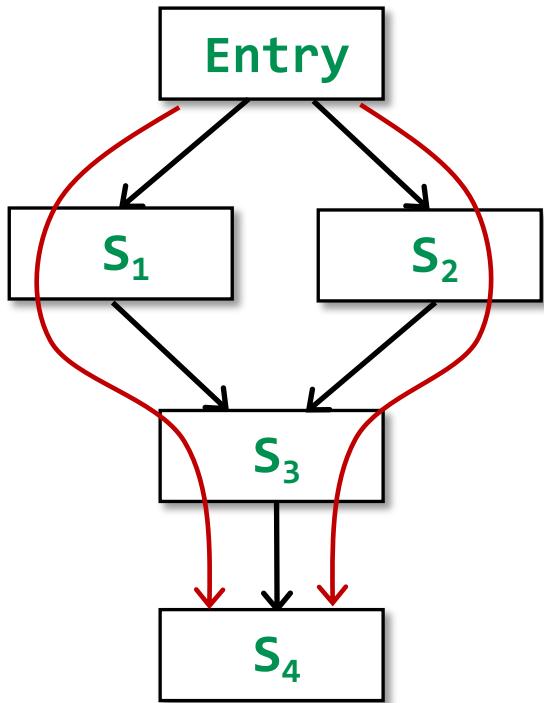


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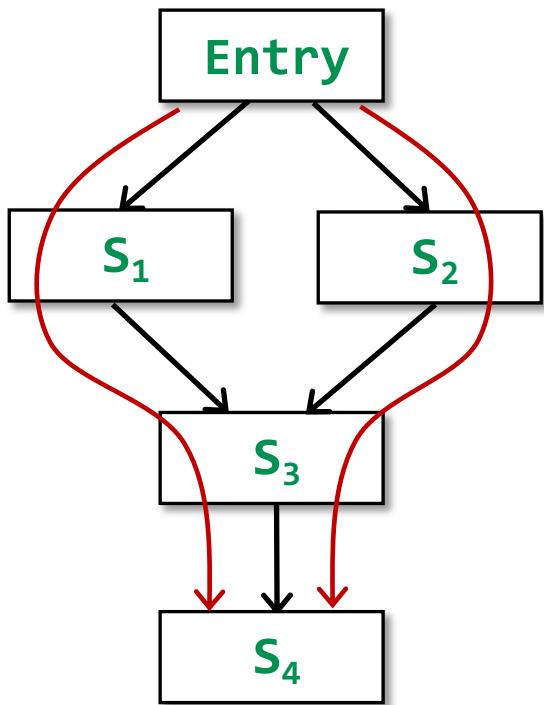
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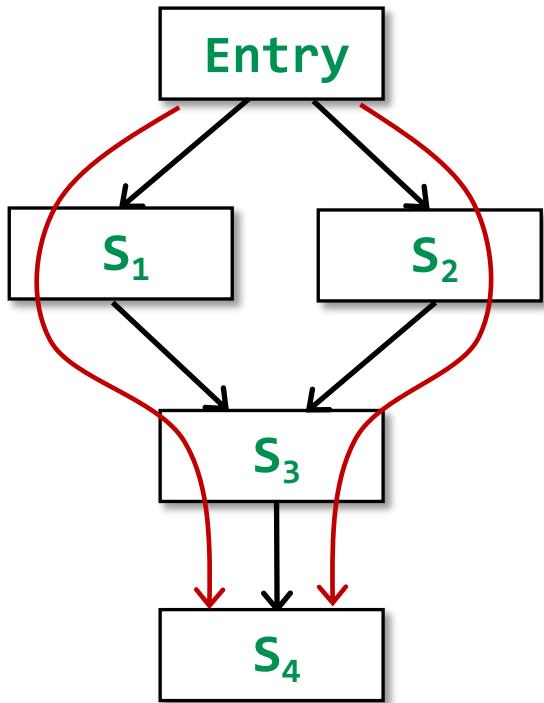
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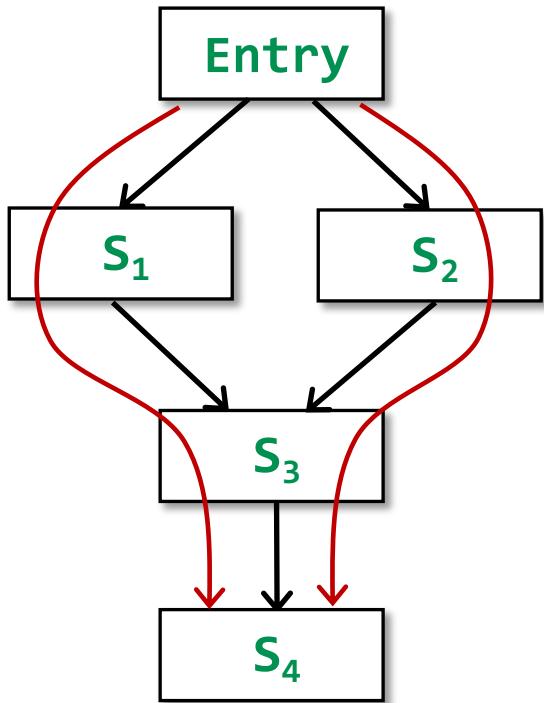


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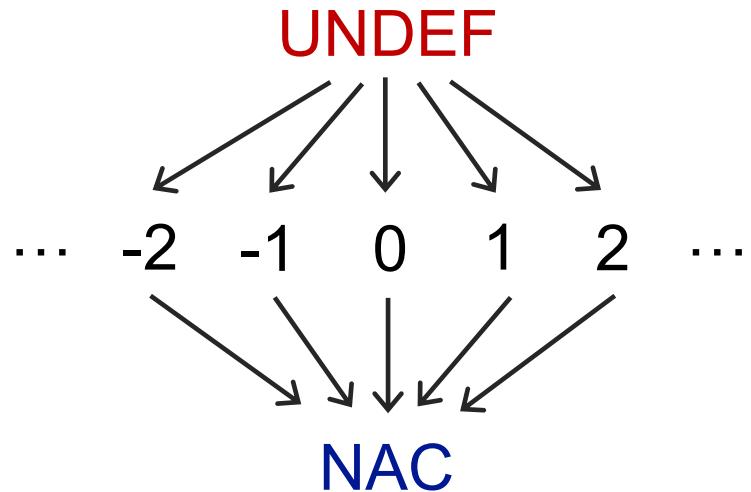
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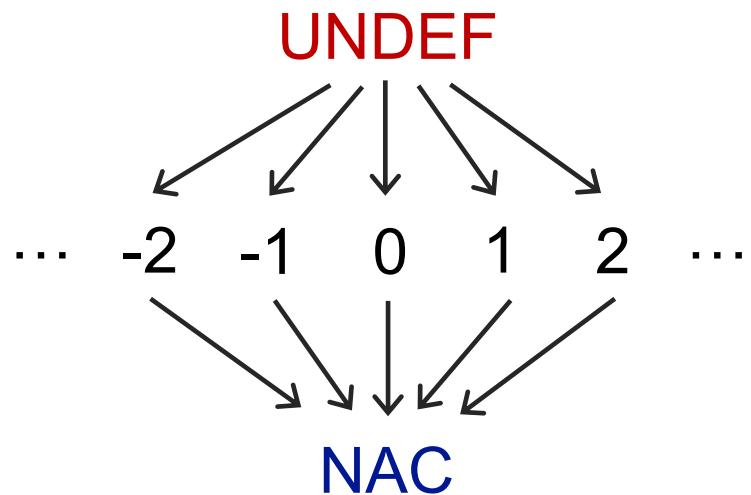


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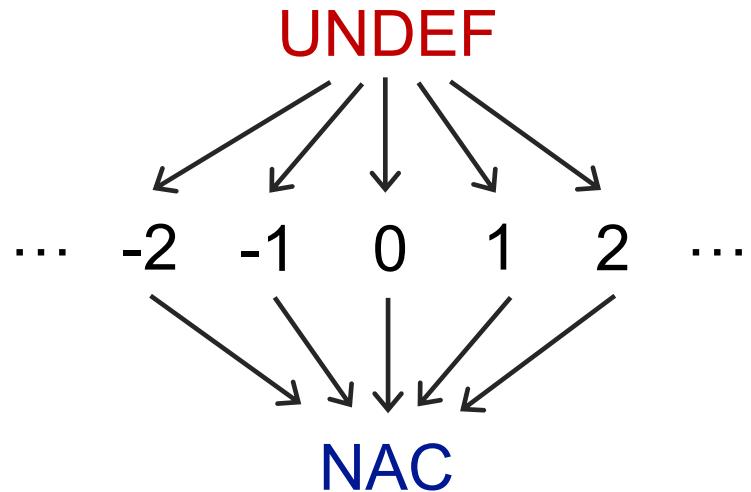
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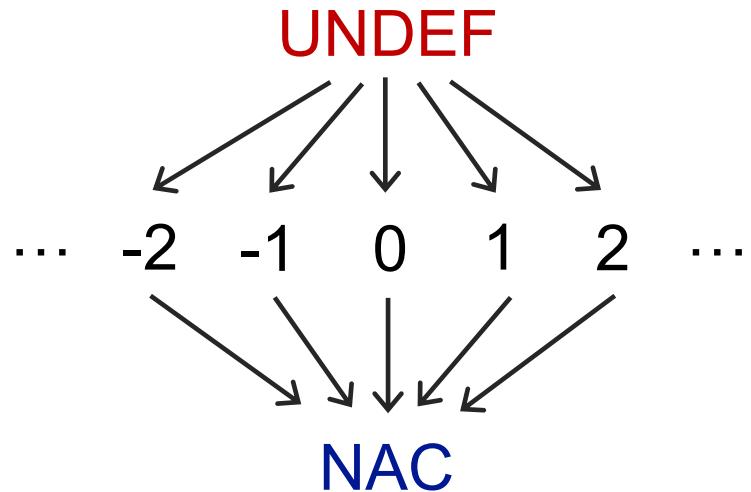
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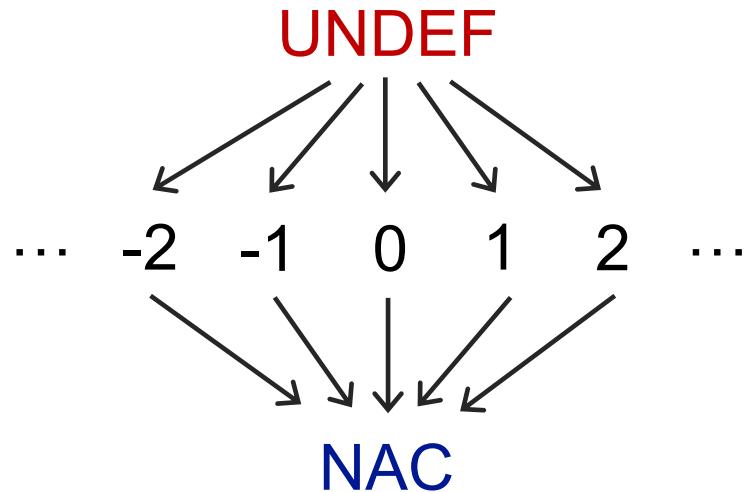
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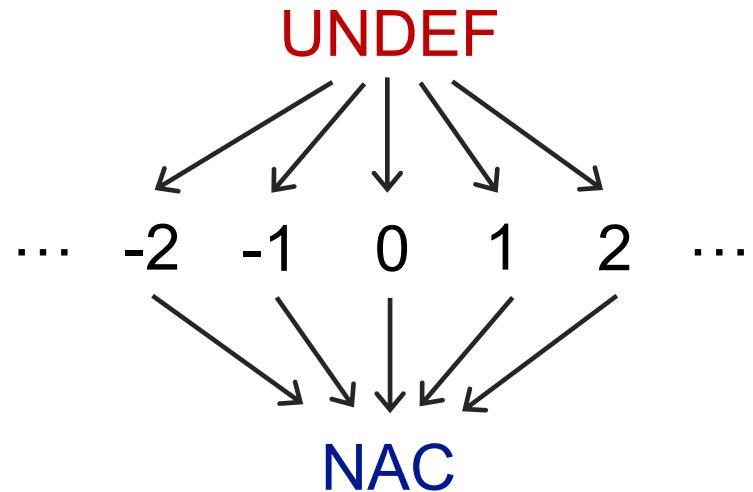
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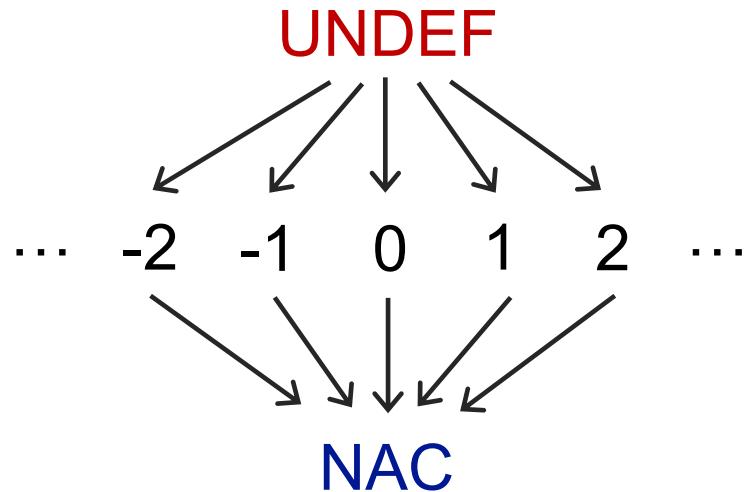
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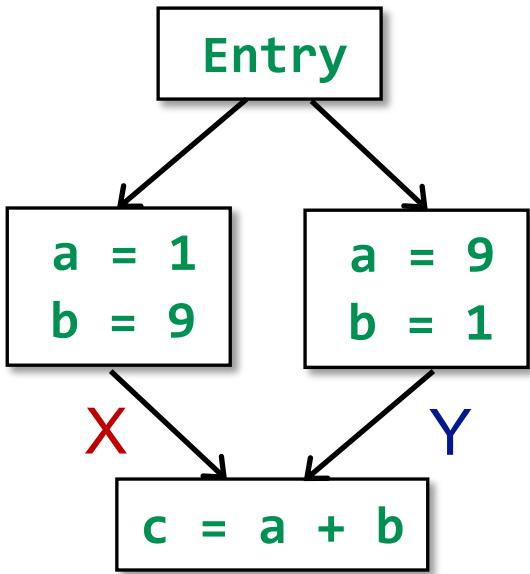
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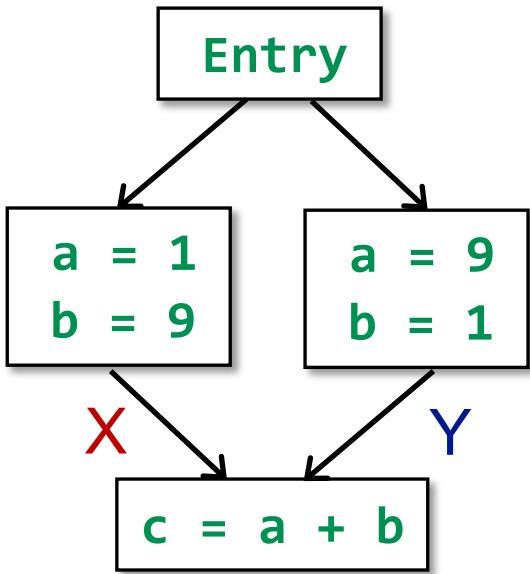
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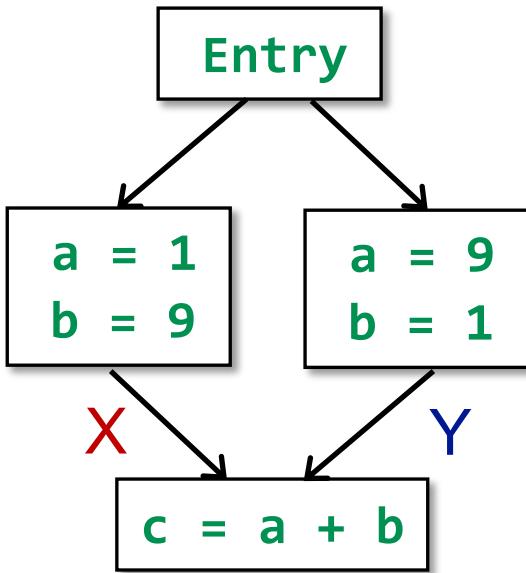


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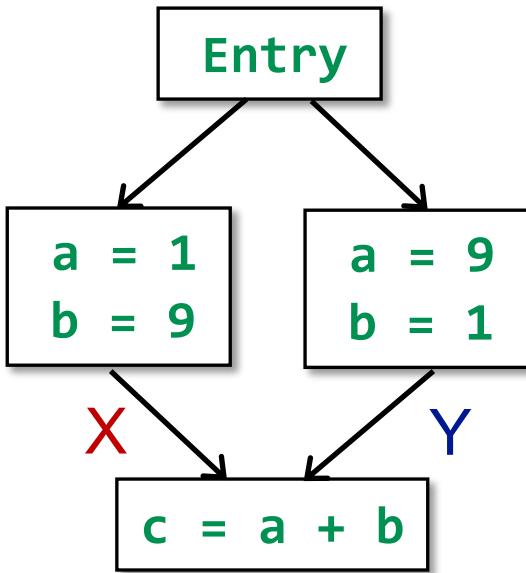
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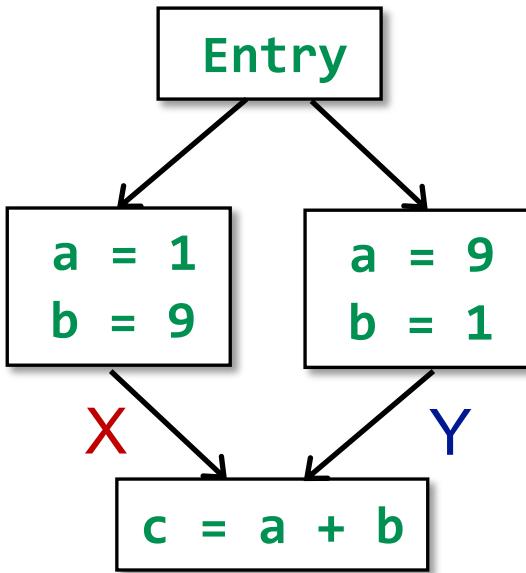
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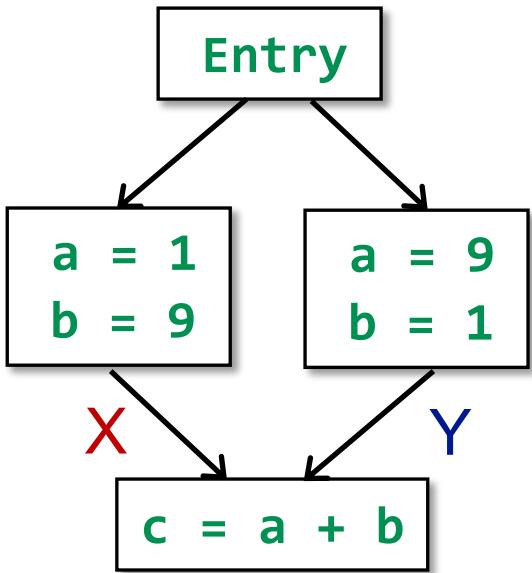


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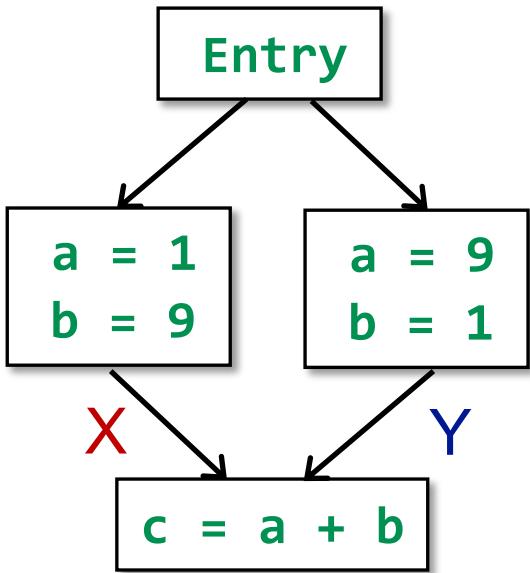
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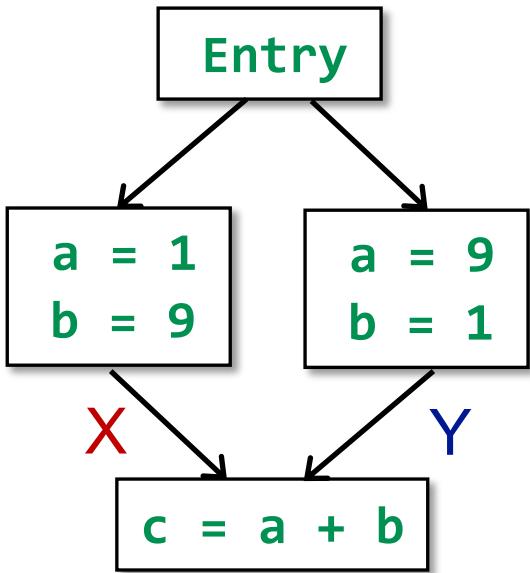
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Review Iterative Algorithm for May & Forward Analysis

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METHOD:

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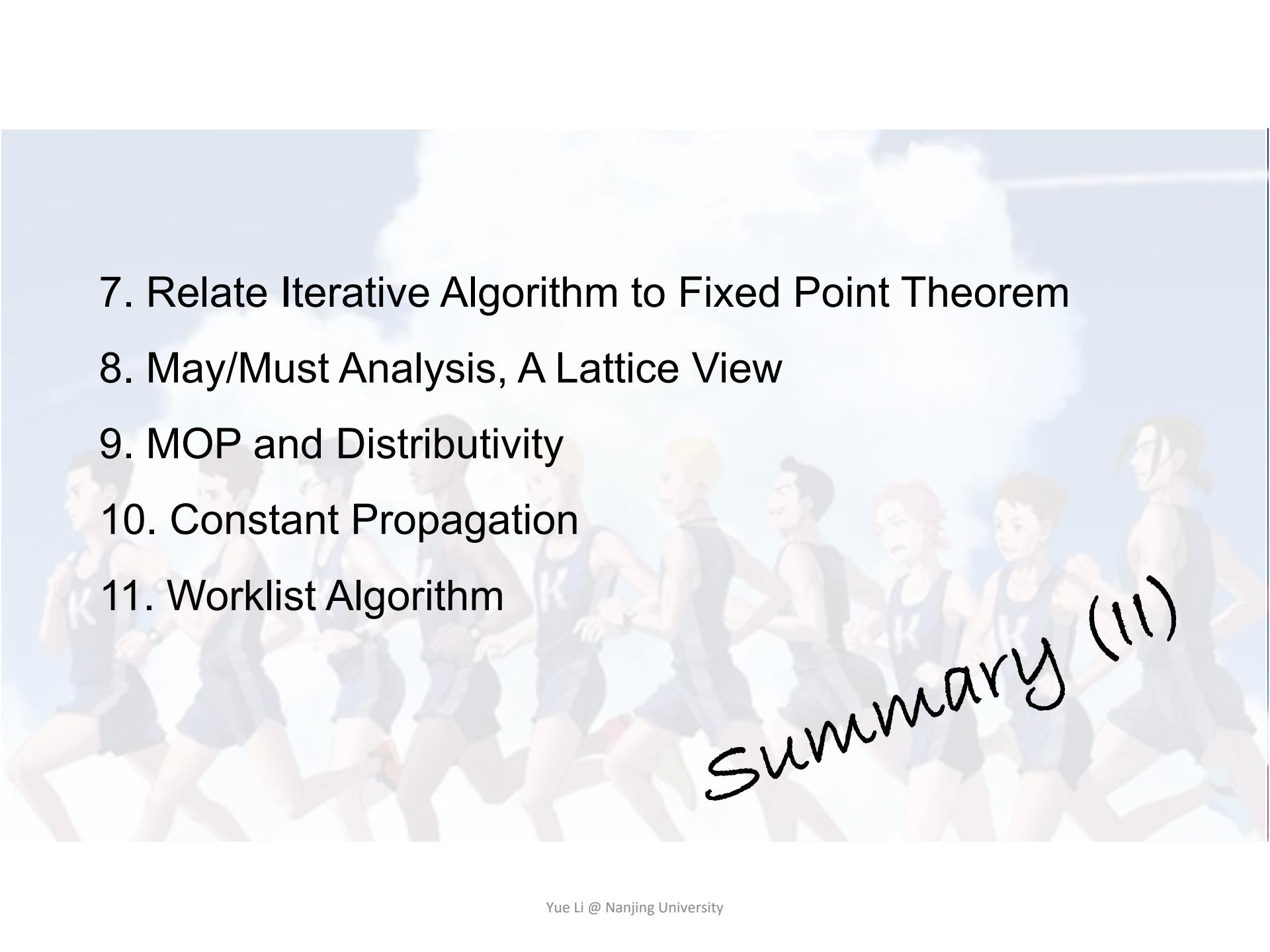
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summary (1)

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2. Partial Order
3. Upper and Lower Bounds
4. Lattice, Semilattice, Complete and Product Lattice
5. Data Flow Analysis Framework via Lattice
6. Monotonicity and Fixed Point Theorem

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- 7. Relate Iterative Algorithm to Fixed Point Theorem
 - 8. May/Must Analysis, A Lattice View
 - 9. MOP and Distributivity
 - 10. Constant Propagation
 - 11. Worklist Algorithm

Summary (1)

The X You Need To Understand in This Lecture

- Understand the functional view of iterative algorithm
- The definitions of lattice and complete lattice
- Understand the fixed-point theorem
- How to summarize may and must analyses in lattices
- The relation between MOP and the solution produced by the iterative algorithm
- Constant propagation analysis
- Worklist algorithm

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Assignment Two:
Constant propagation and worklist solver