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ascending chain condition

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A partially ordered set S (for example, a collection of subsets of a set X when ordered by inclusion) satisfies the *ascending chain condition* or *ACC* if there does not exist an infinite ascending chain $s_1 < s_2 < \cdots$ of elements of S .

See also the descending chain condition (DCC).