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## $\begin{array}{c} \text{example of non-complete lattice} \\ \text{homomorphism} \end{array}$

 ${\bf Canonical\ name} \quad {\bf Example Of Noncomplete Lattice Homomorphism}$ 

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The real number line  $[-\infty, \infty] = \mathbb{R} \cup \{-\infty, \infty\}$  is complete in its usual ordering of numbers. Furthermore, the meet of a subset S of  $\mathbb{R}$  is the infimum of the set S.

Now define the map  $f:[-\infty,\infty]\to[-\infty,\infty]$  as

$$f(x) = \begin{cases} 0 & x \le 0 \\ 1 & x > 0. \end{cases}$$

First notice that if  $x \le y$  then  $f(x) \le f(y)$ , for either  $x \le y \le 0$  in which case f(x) = 0 = f(y), or  $x \le 0 < y$  which gives f(x) = 0 < 1 = f(y) or  $0 < x \le y$  so f(x) = 1 = f(y).

In the second place, if S is a finite subset of  $\mathbb{R}$  then S contains a minimum element  $s \in S$ . So  $f(s) \in f(S)$  and  $f(s) \leq f(t)$  for all  $t \in S$ , so  $f(\min S) = f(s) = \min f(S)$ . Hence f is a lattice homomorphism.

However, f is not a complete lattice homomorphism. To see this let  $S = \{x \in \mathbb{R} : 0 < x\}$ . Then  $\inf S = 0$ . However,  $f(\inf S) = f(0) = 0$  while  $\inf f(S) = \inf\{1\} = 1$ .