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Data Flow Analysis — Foundations

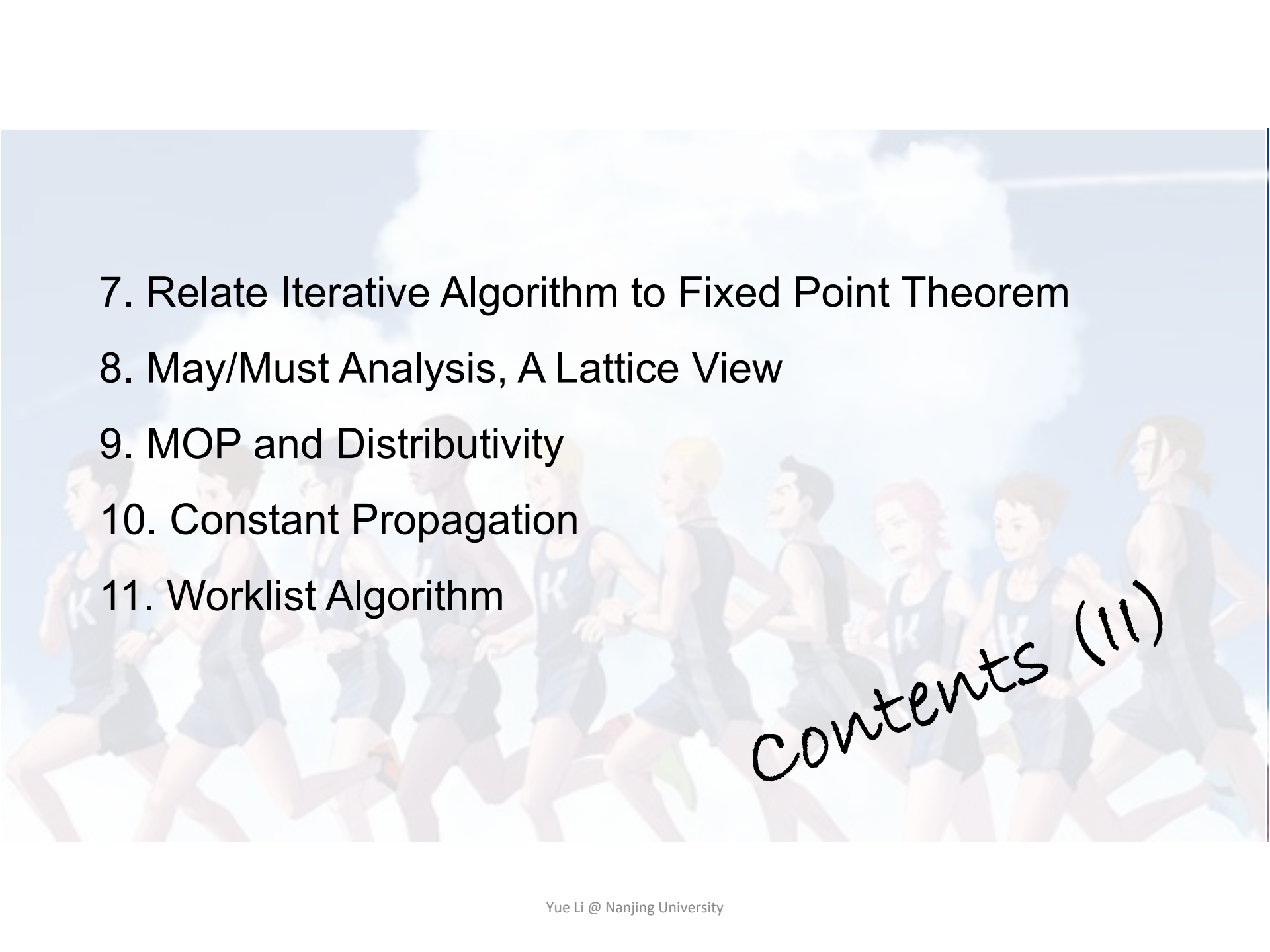
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Let us first recall the iterative algorithm
for data flow analysis

*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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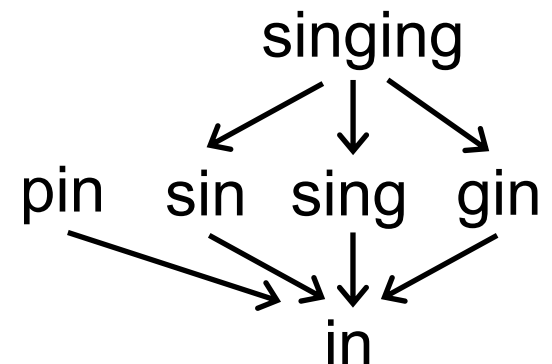
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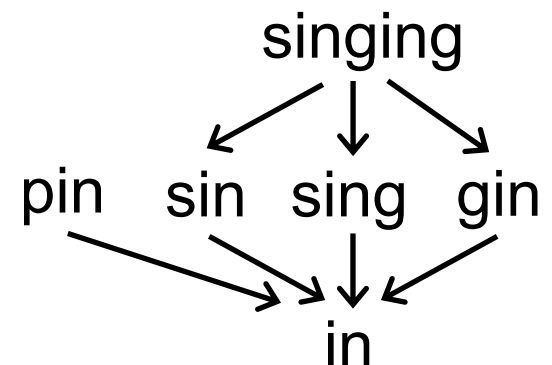
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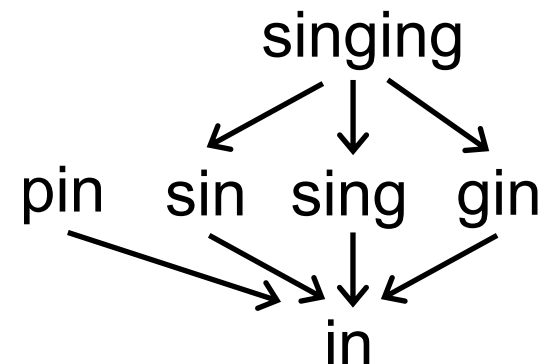
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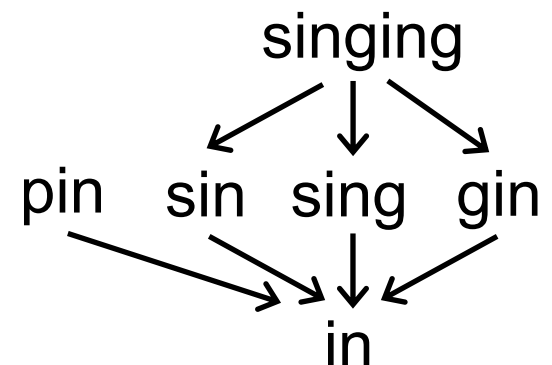
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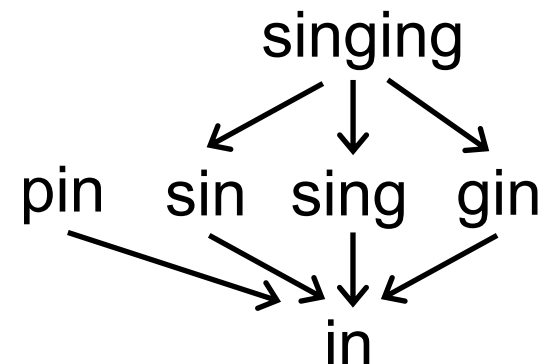
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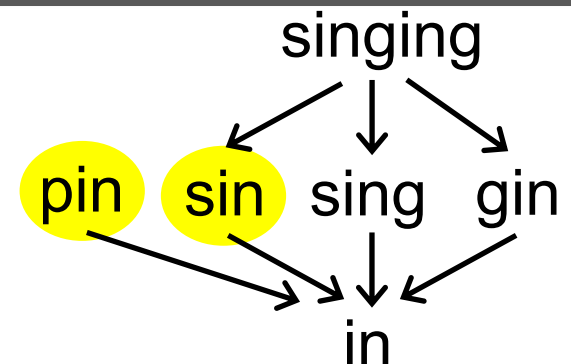
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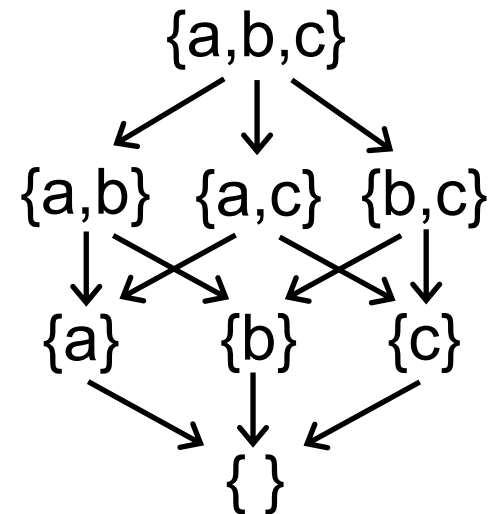
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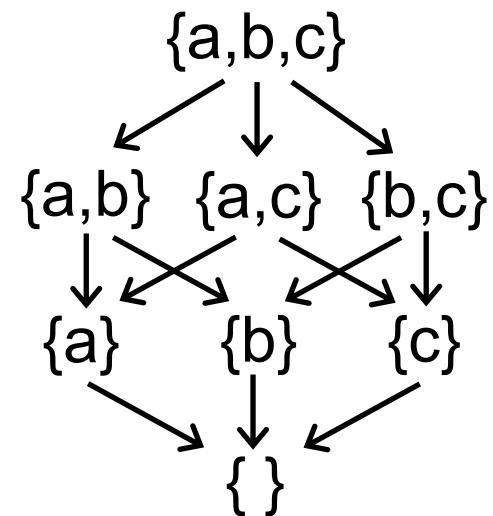
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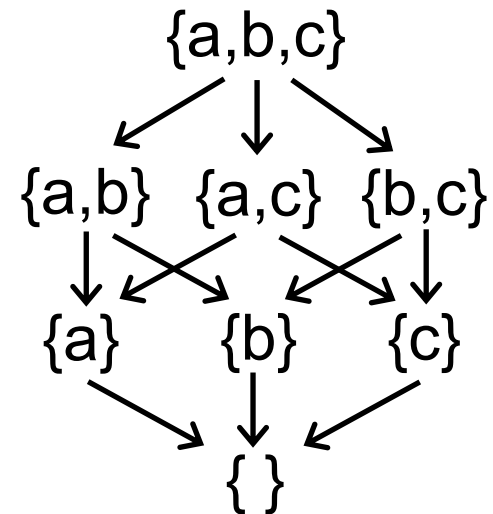
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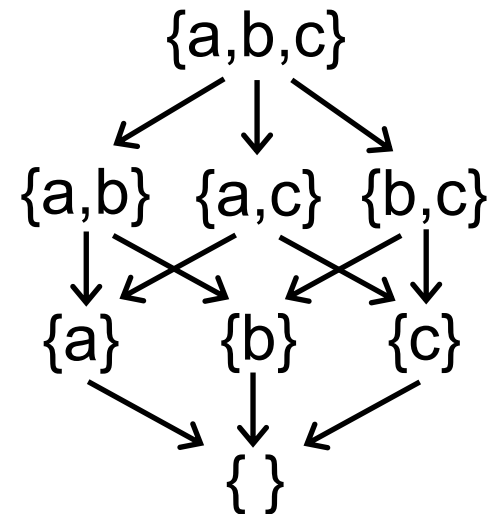
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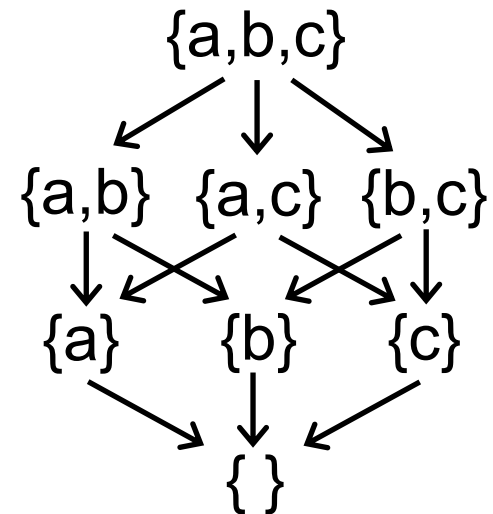
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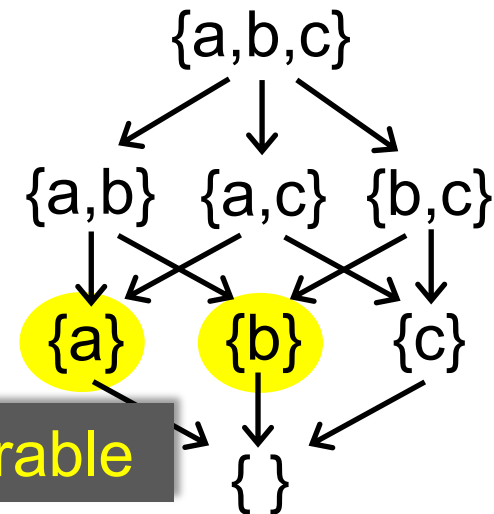
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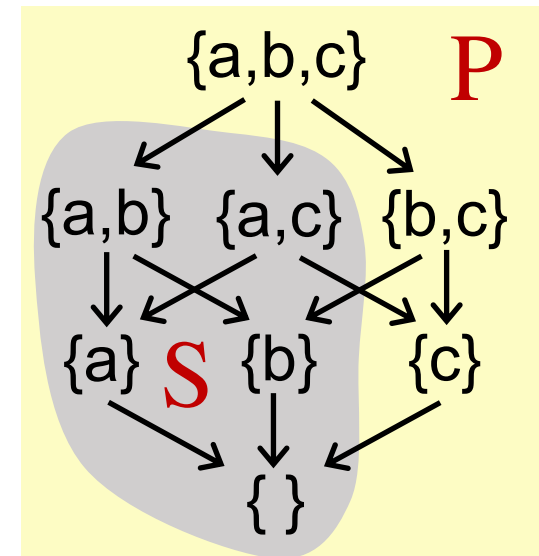
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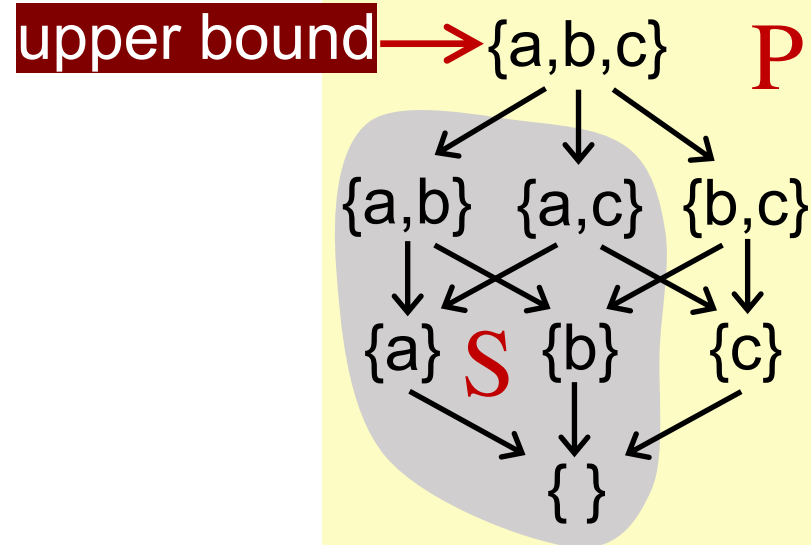
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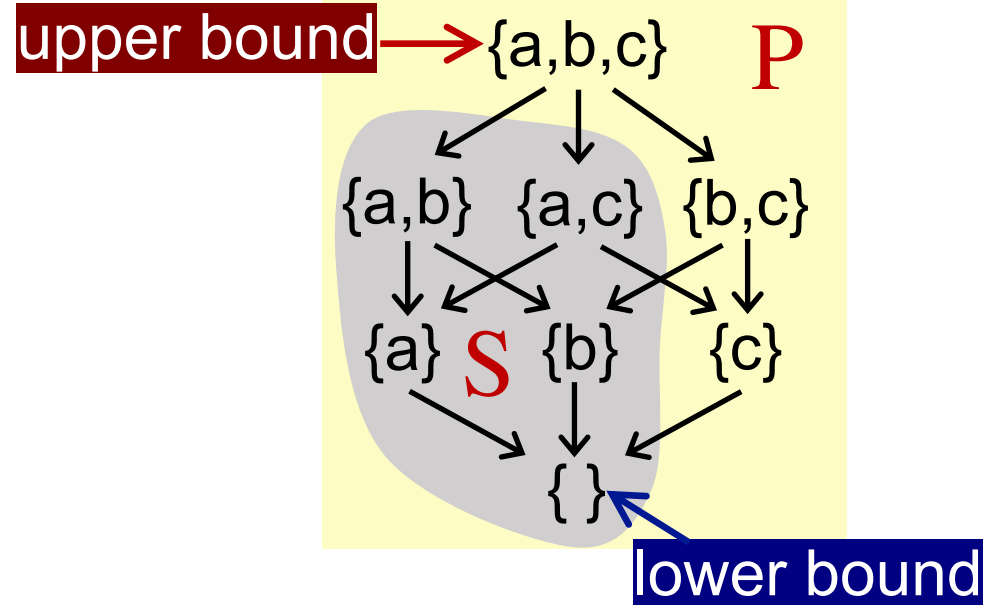
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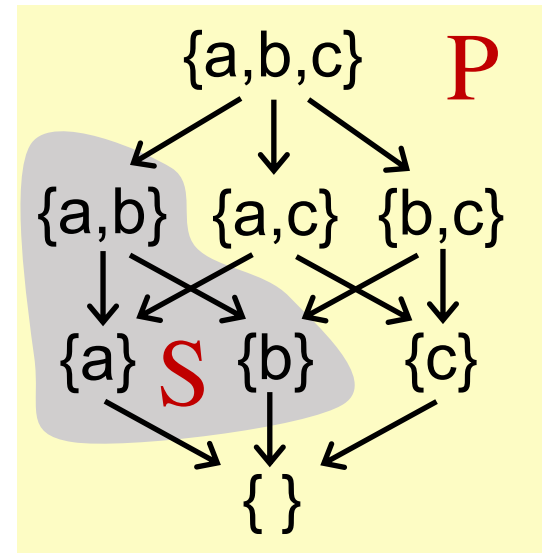
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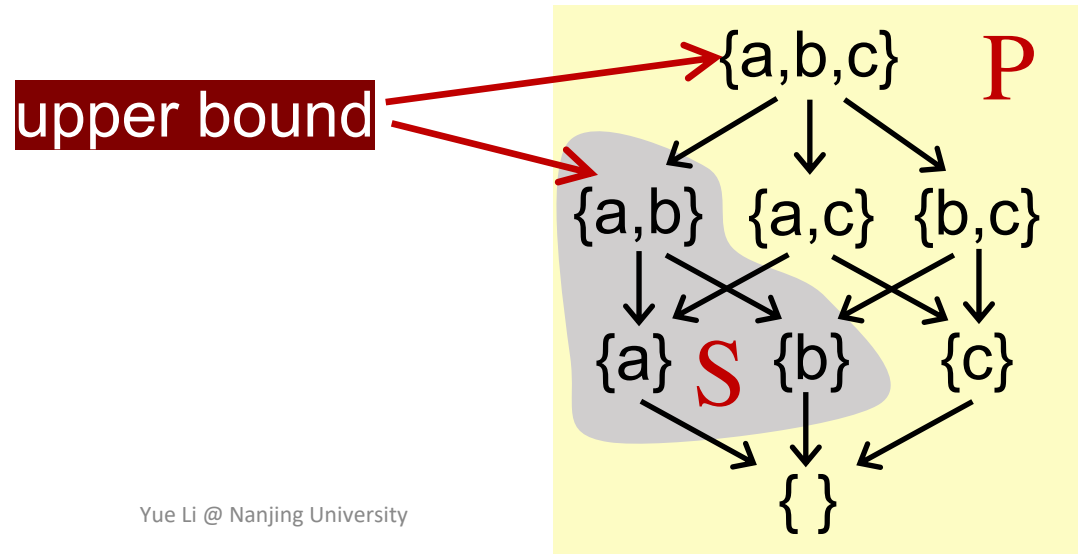
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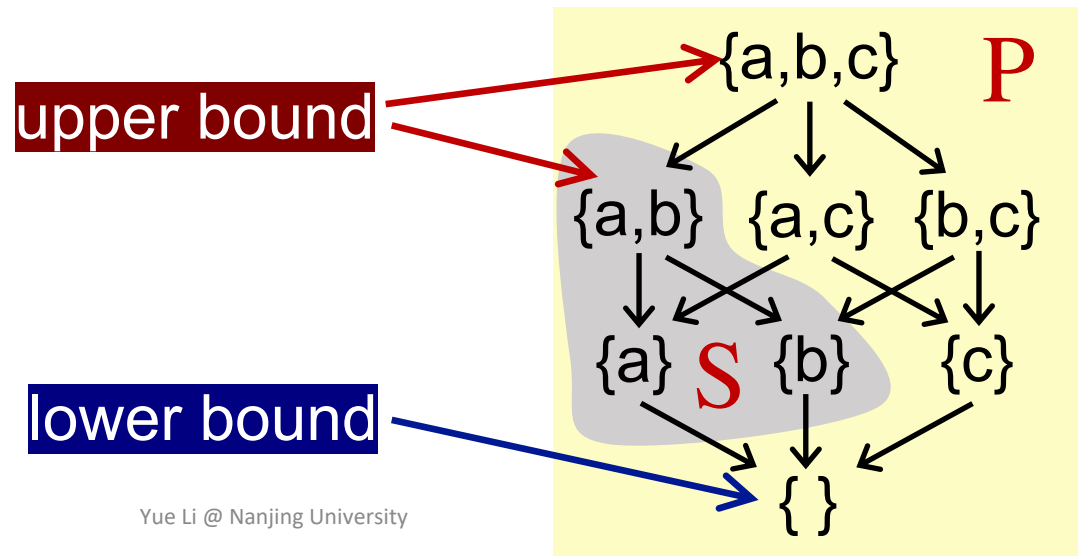
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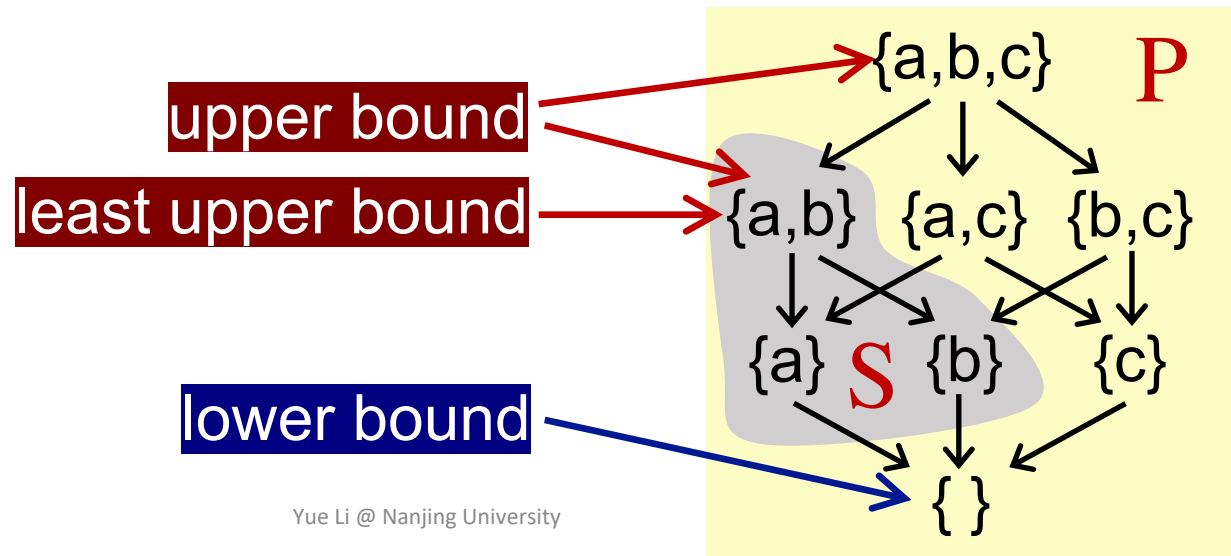
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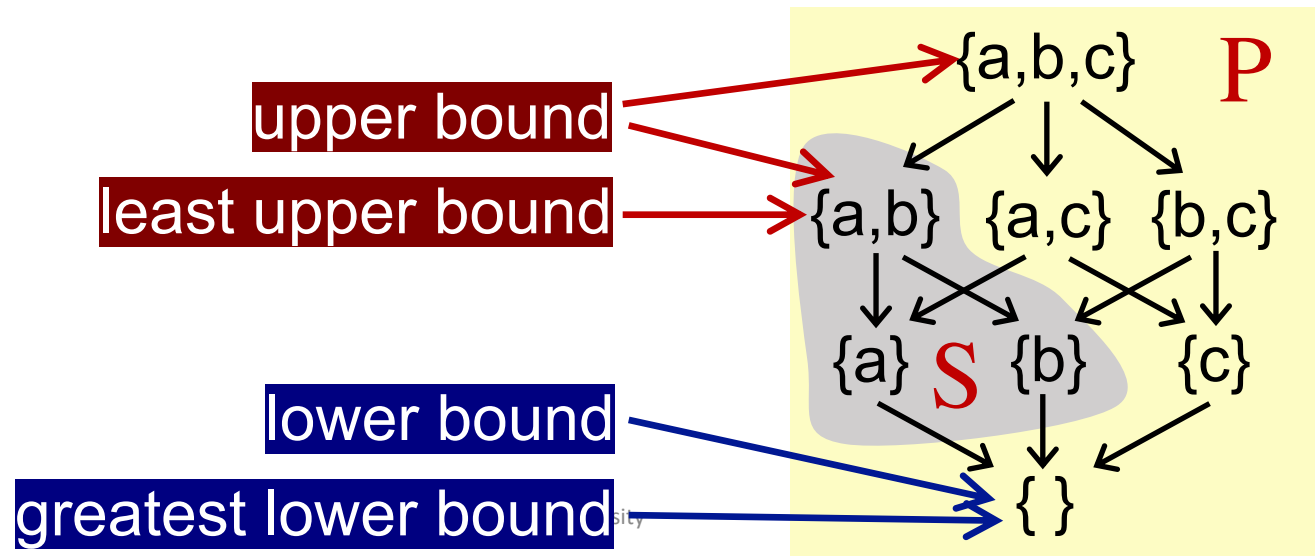
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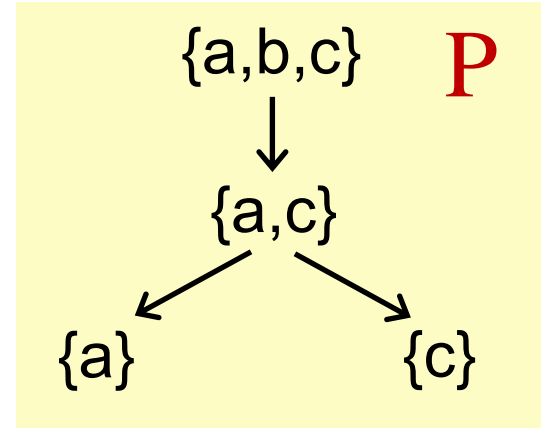
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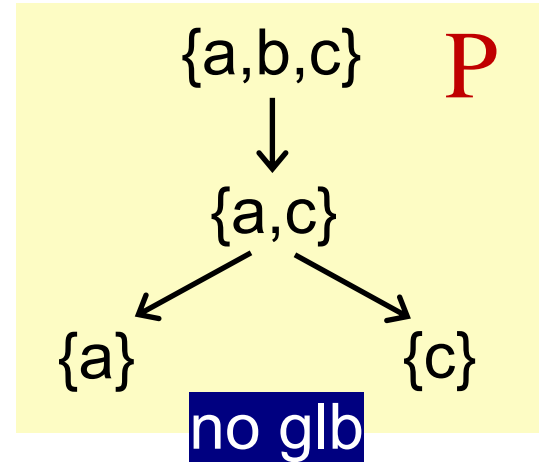
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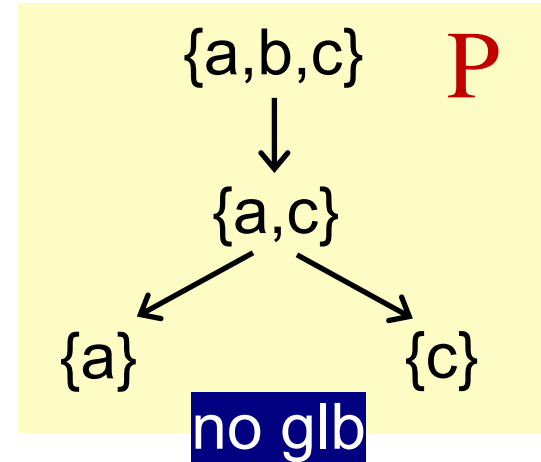
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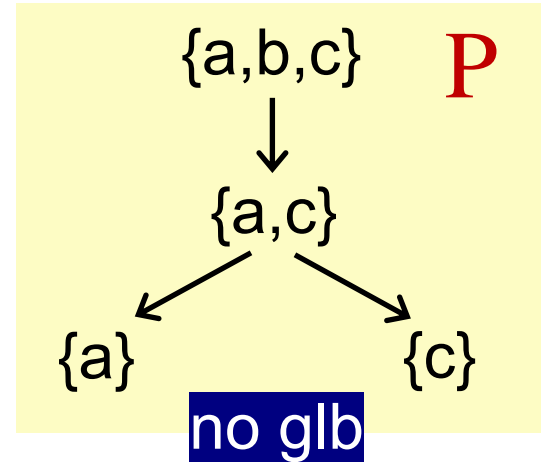
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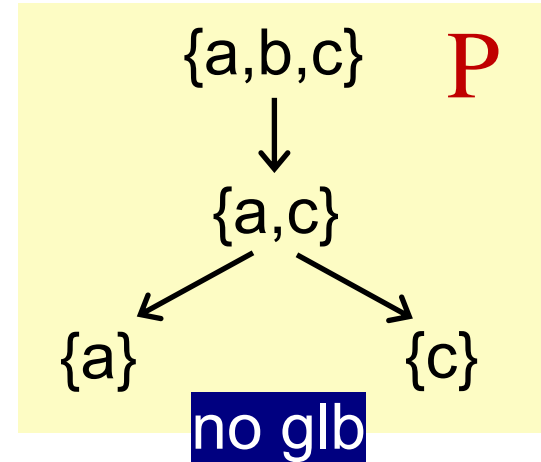


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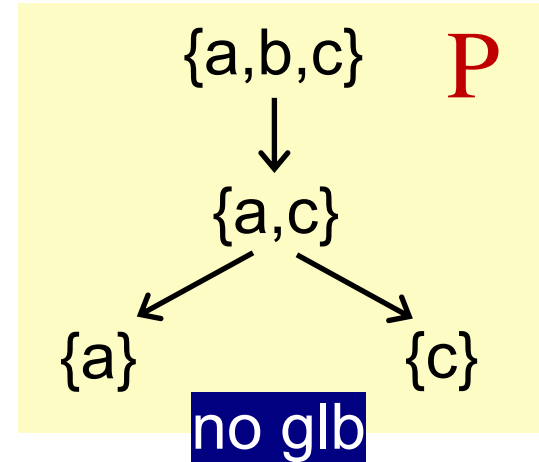
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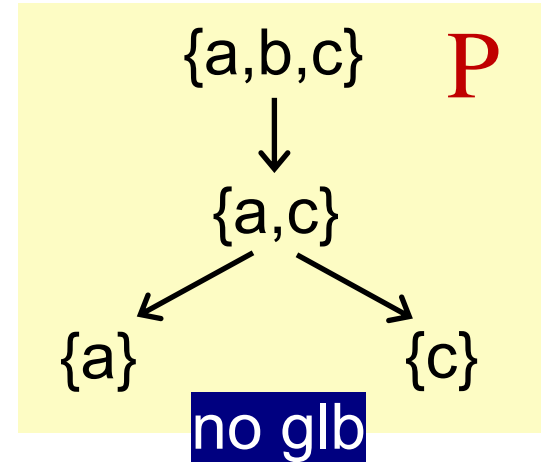
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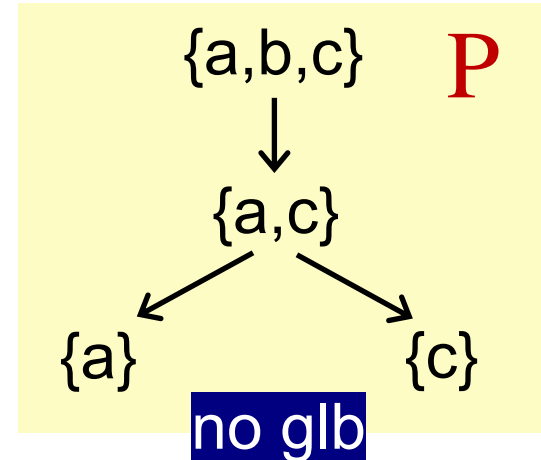
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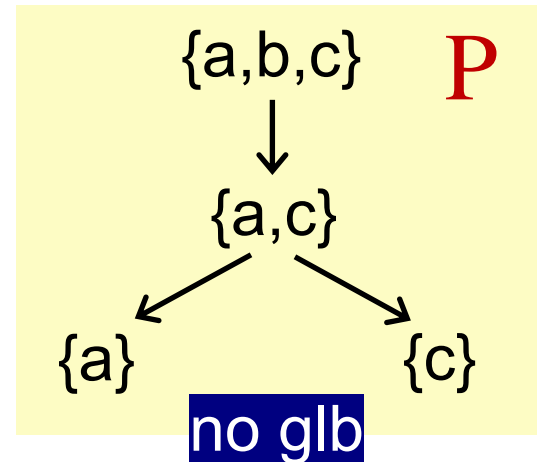
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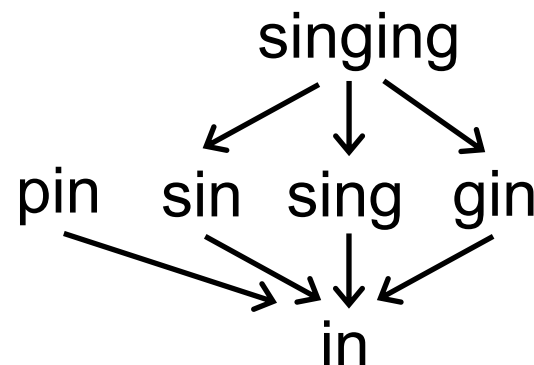
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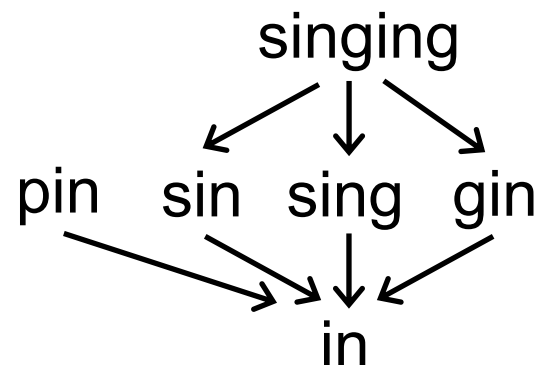
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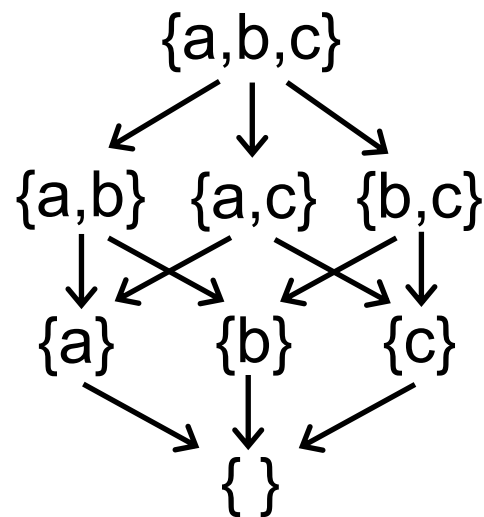


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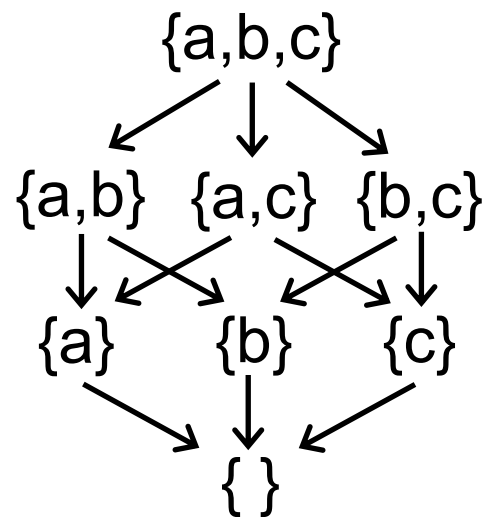
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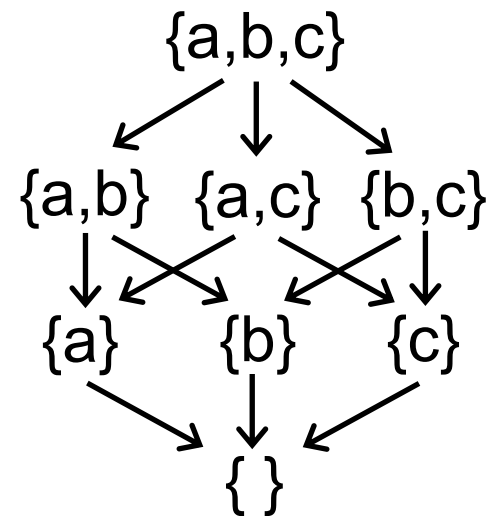
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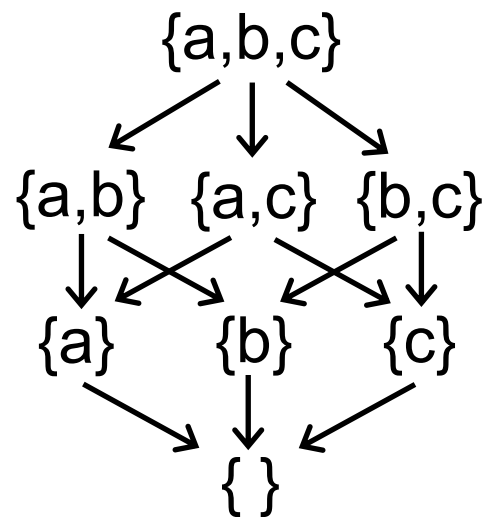
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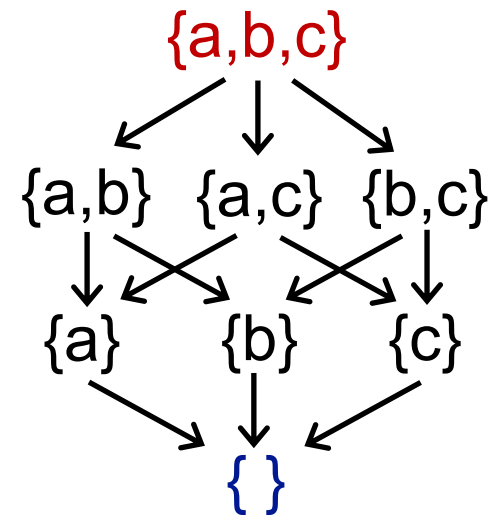


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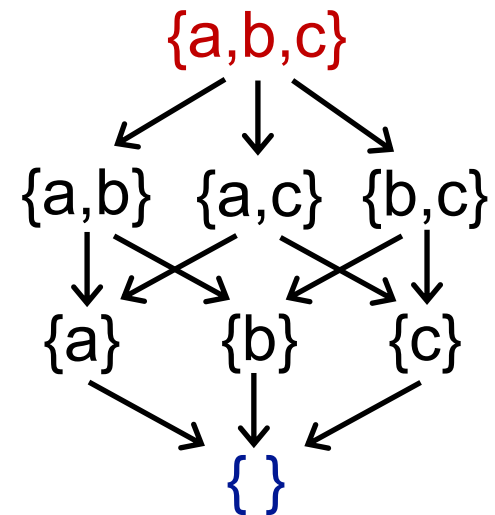
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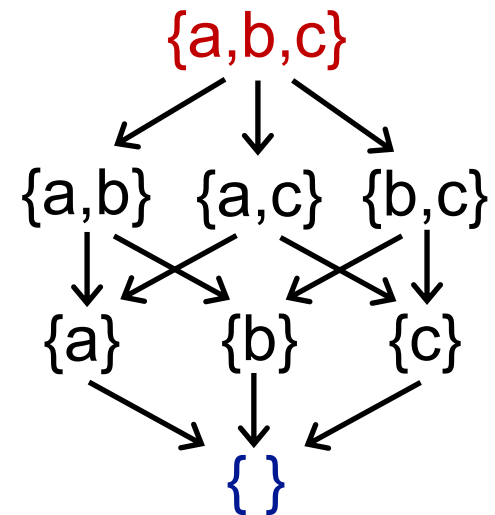
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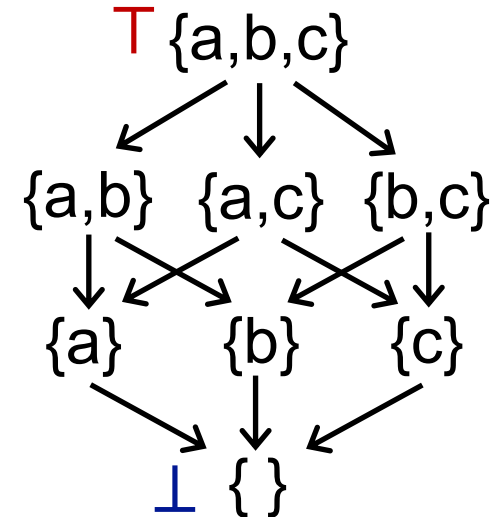
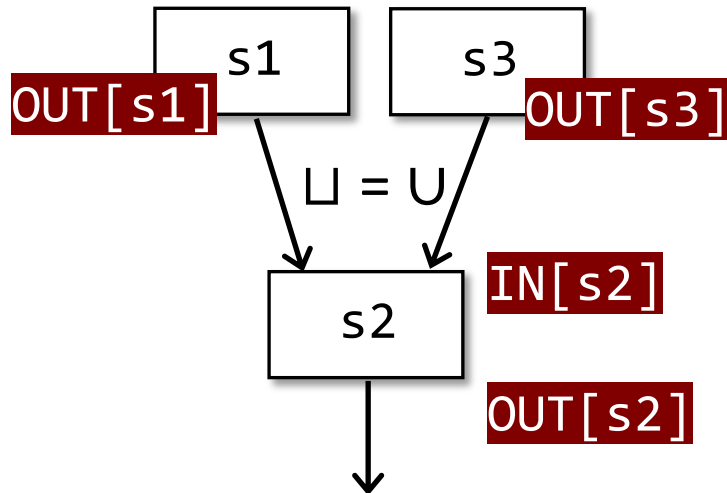
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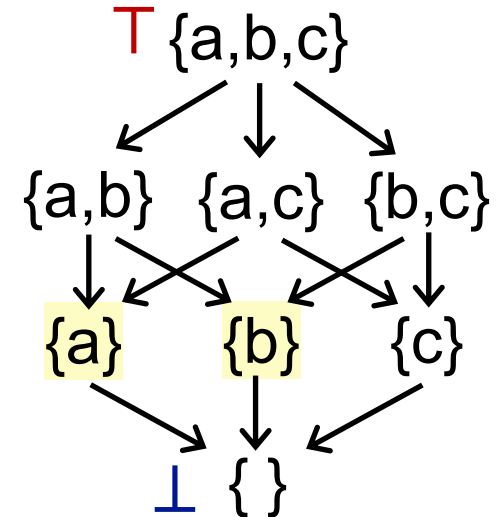
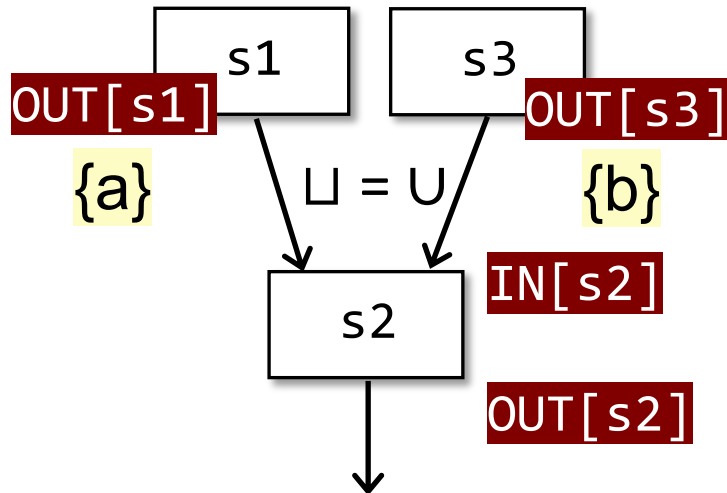
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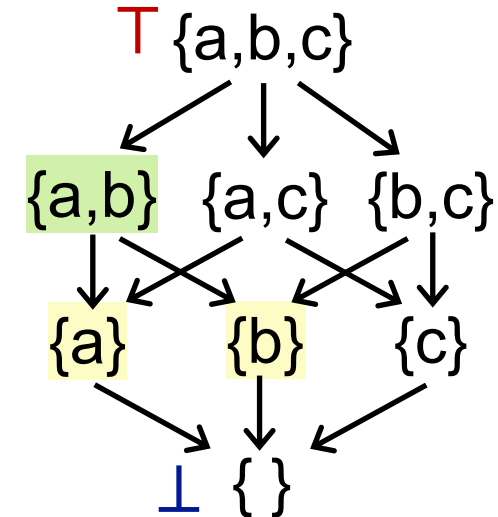
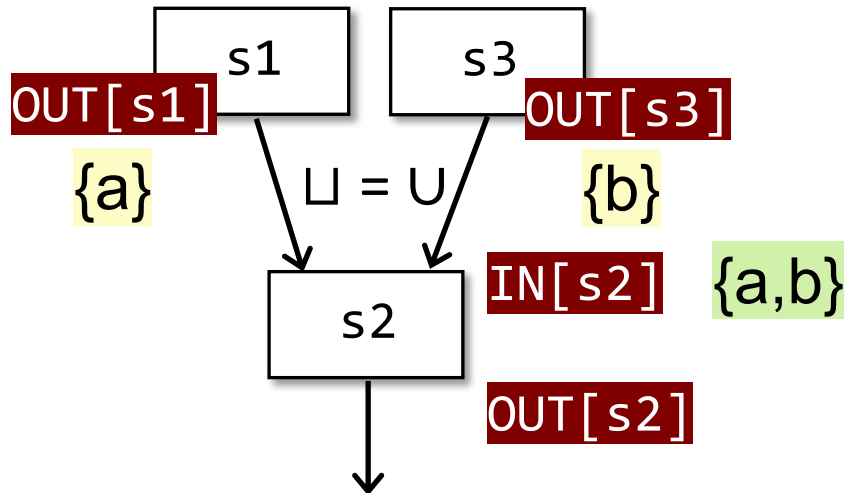
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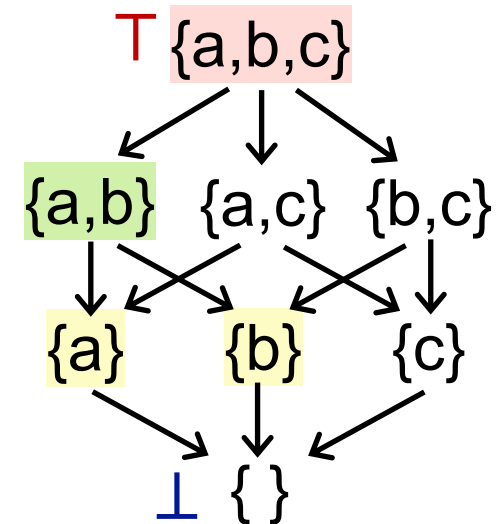
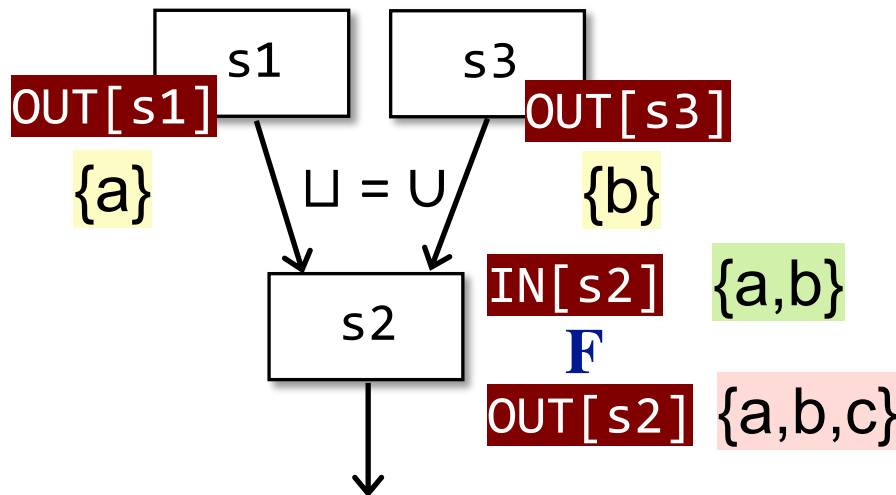
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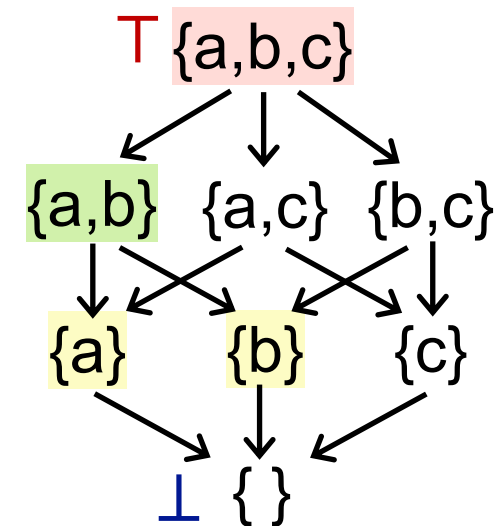
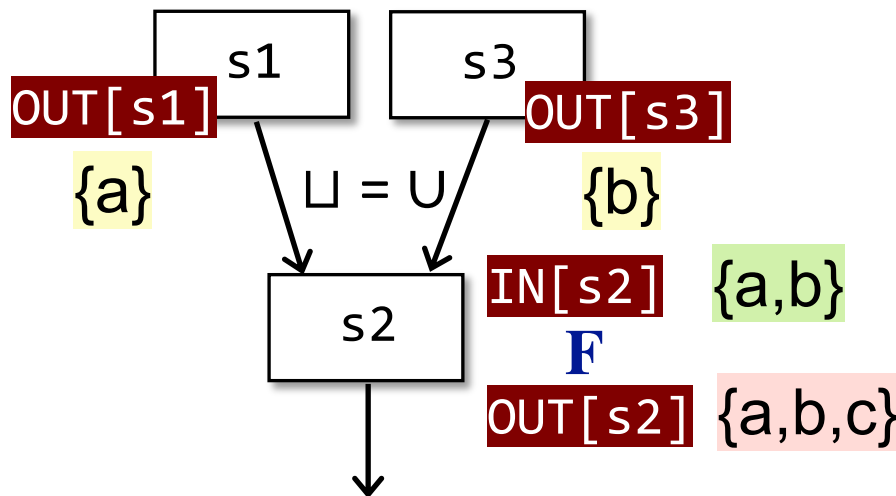
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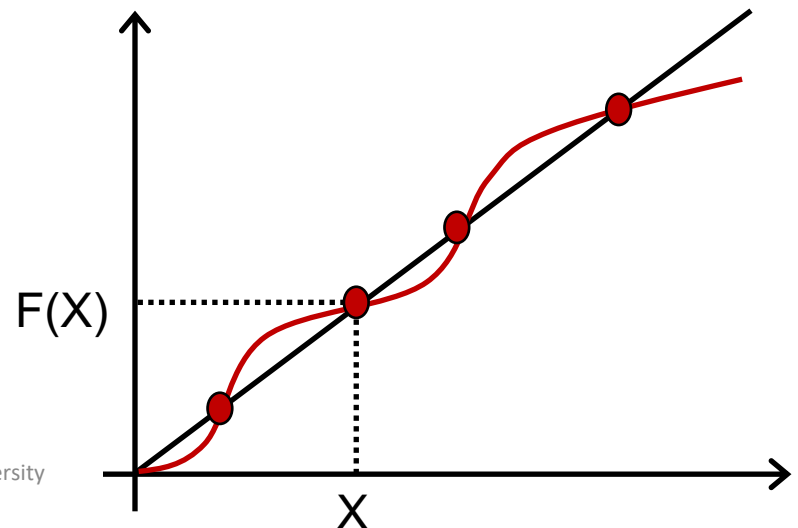
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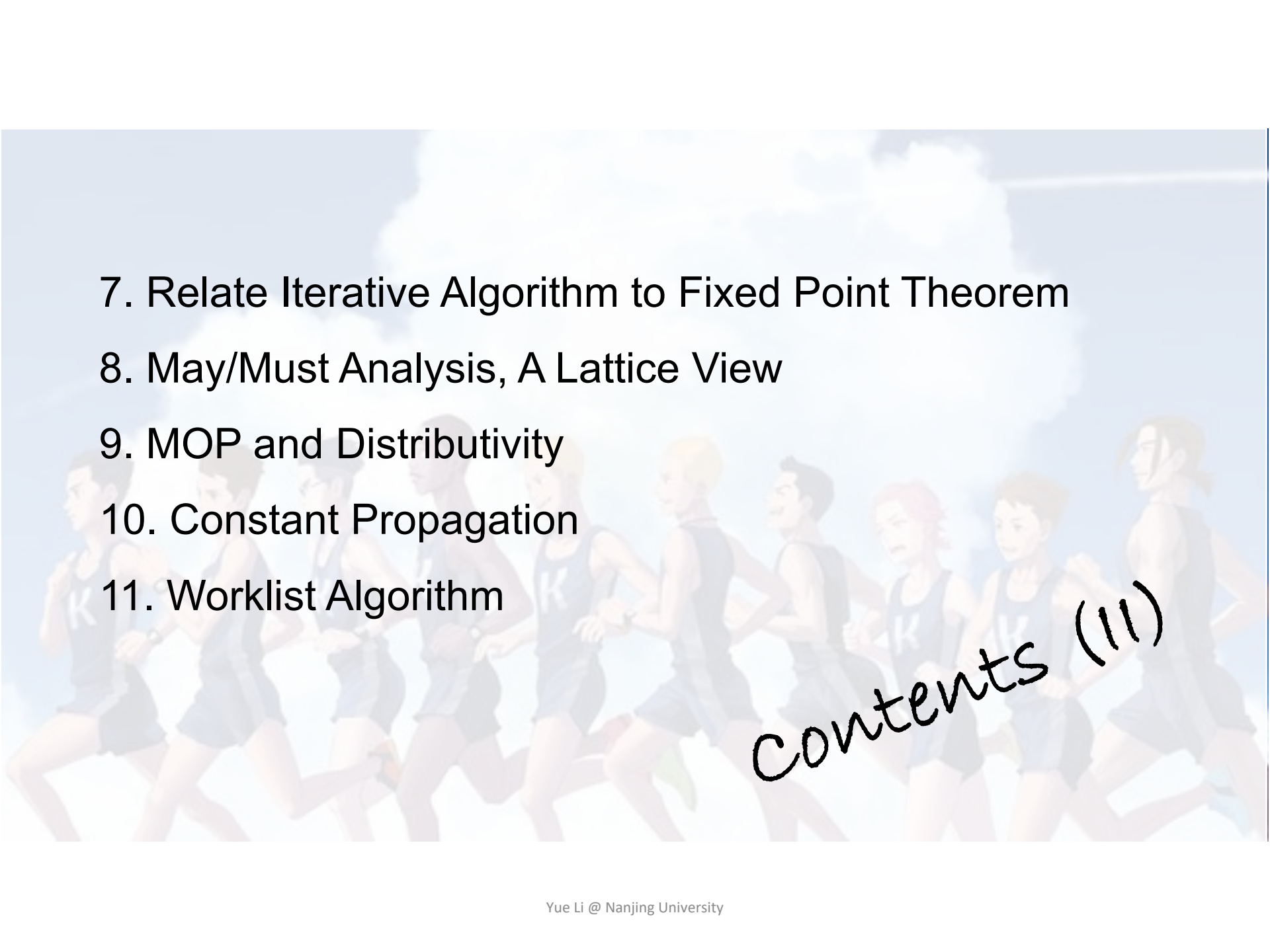
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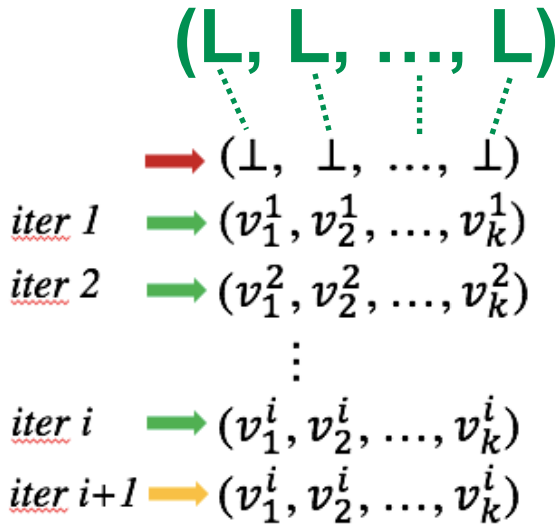
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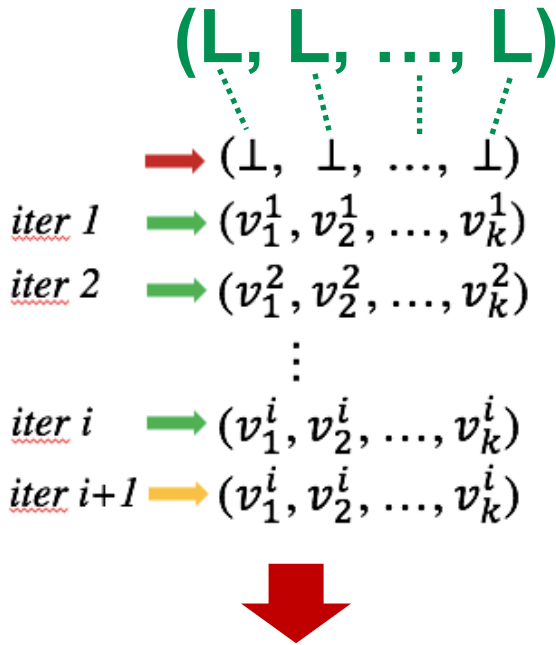
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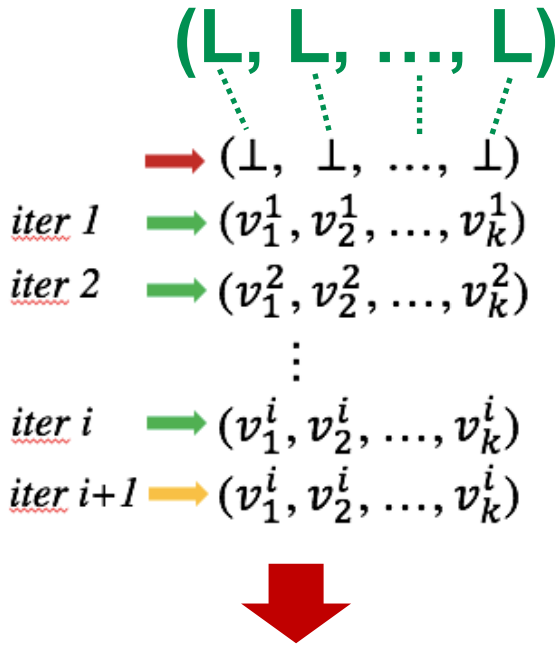
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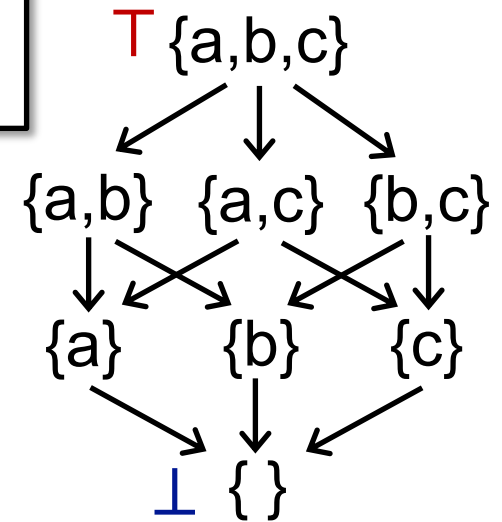
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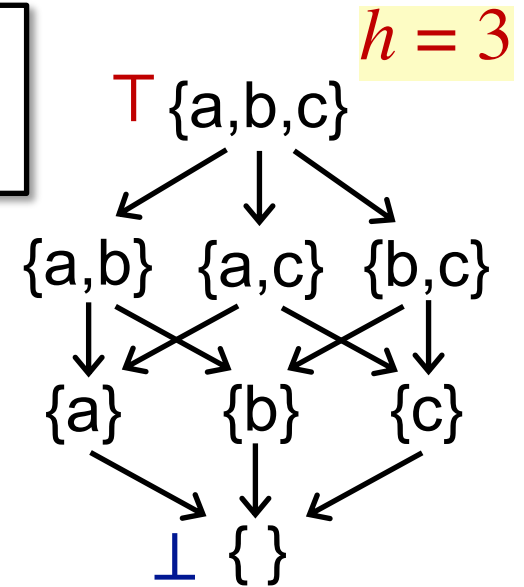
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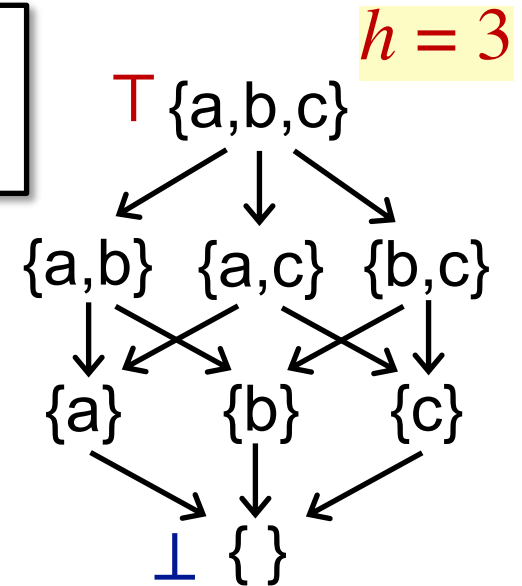


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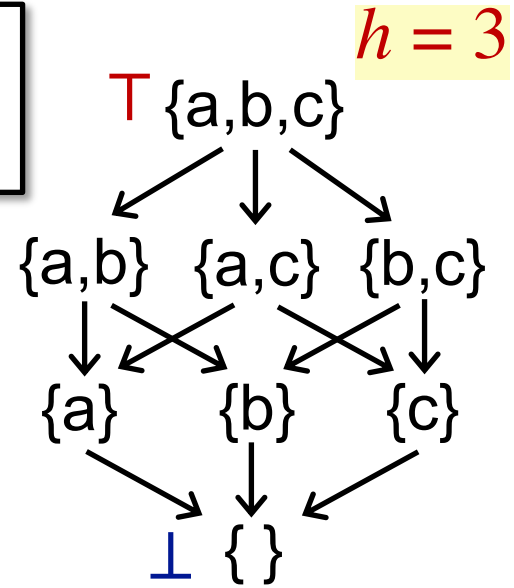


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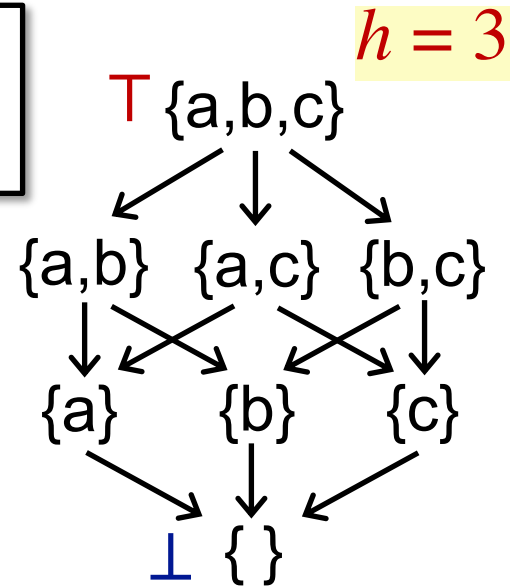
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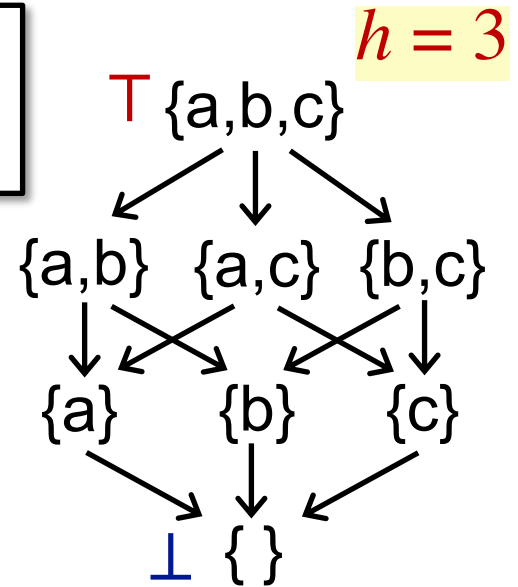


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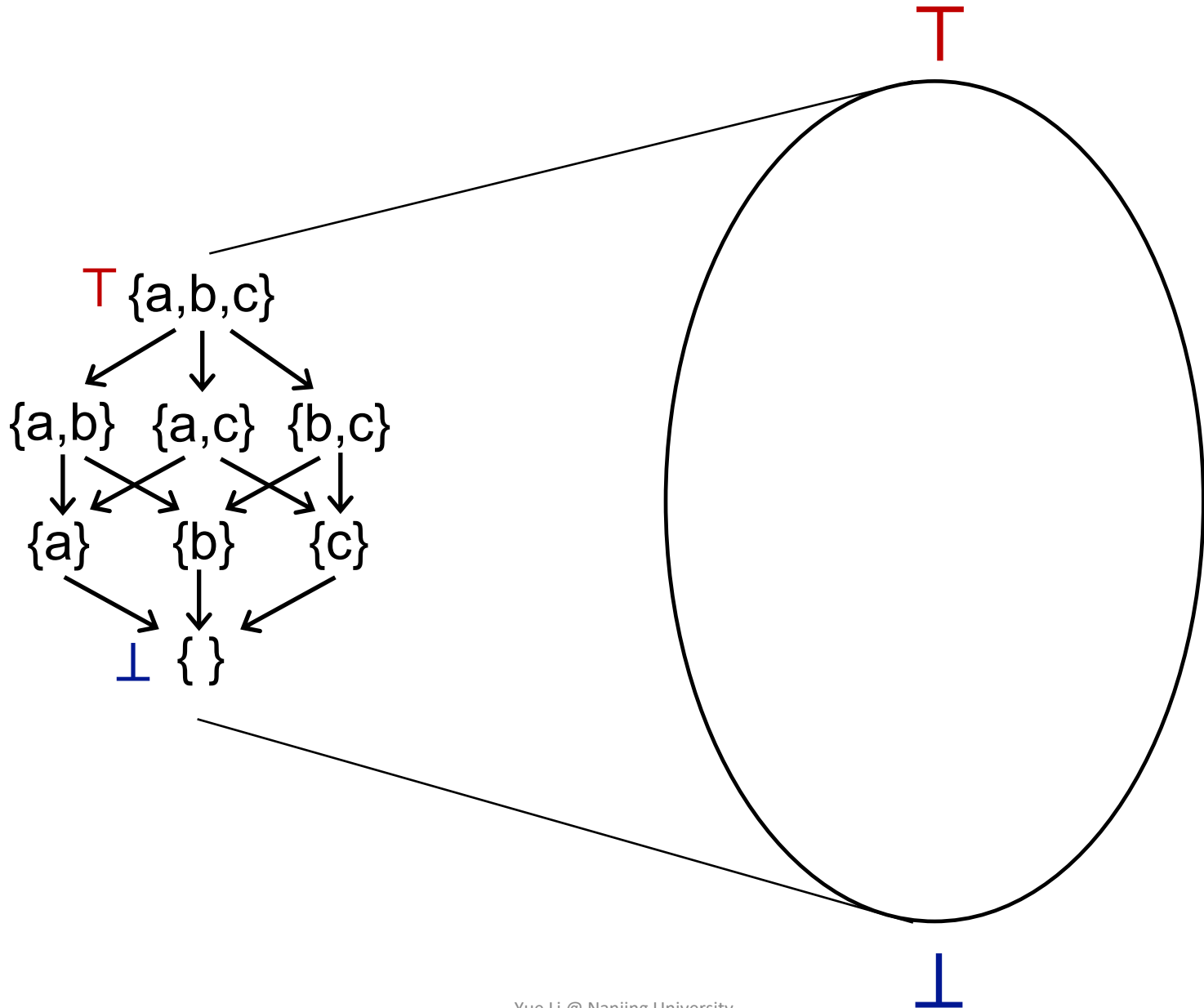
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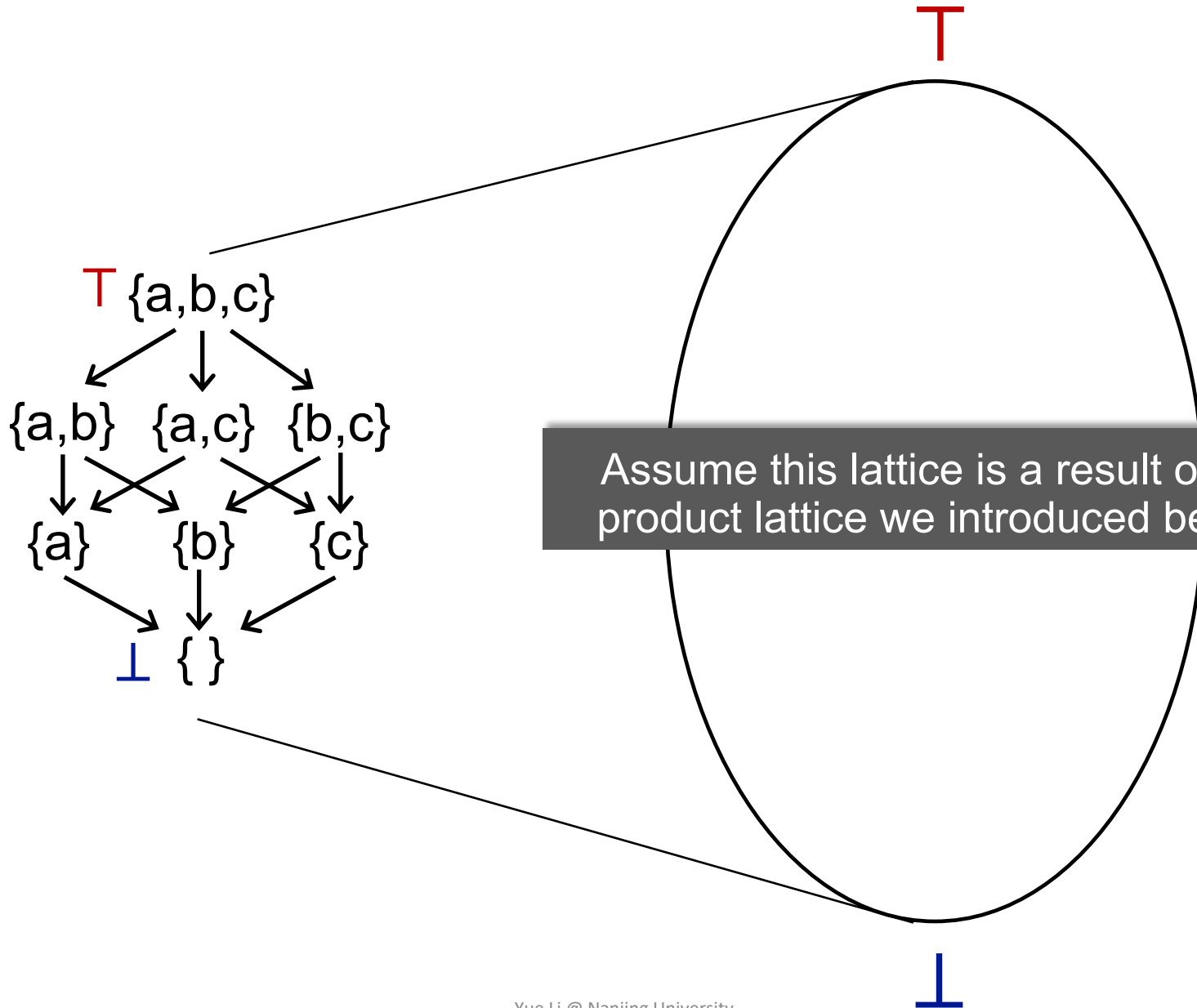
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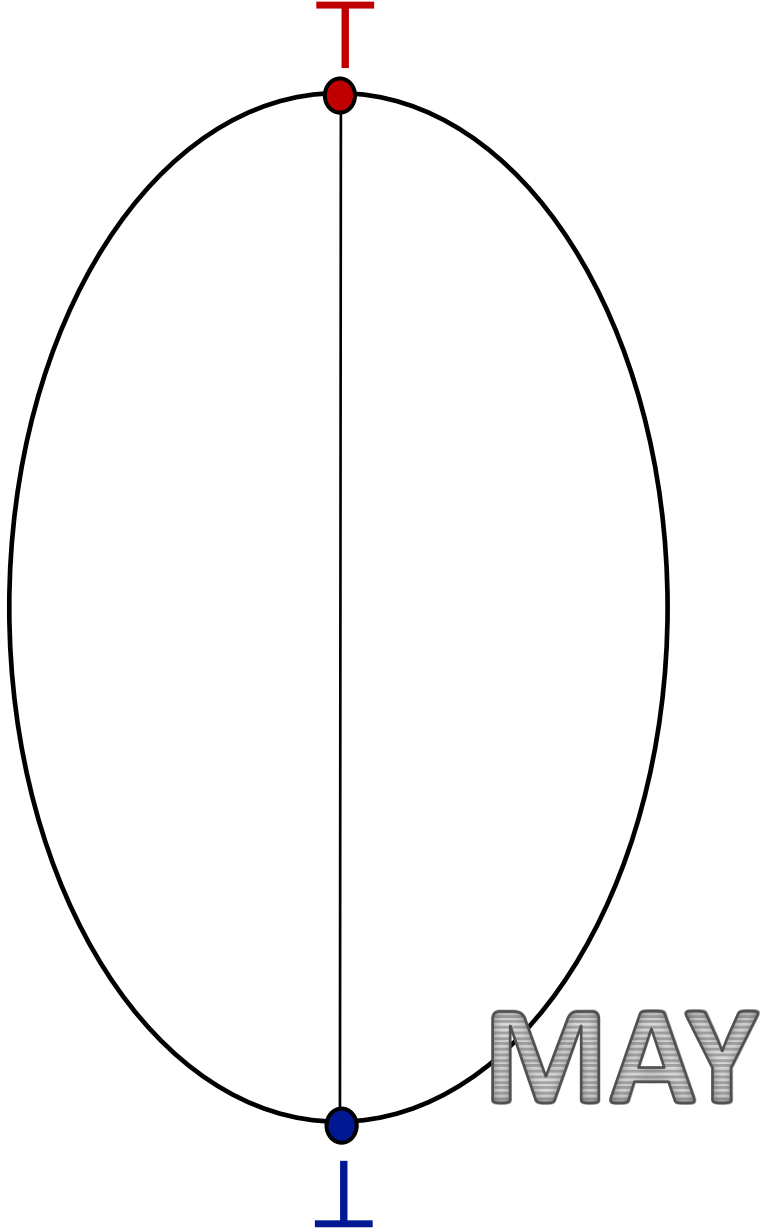
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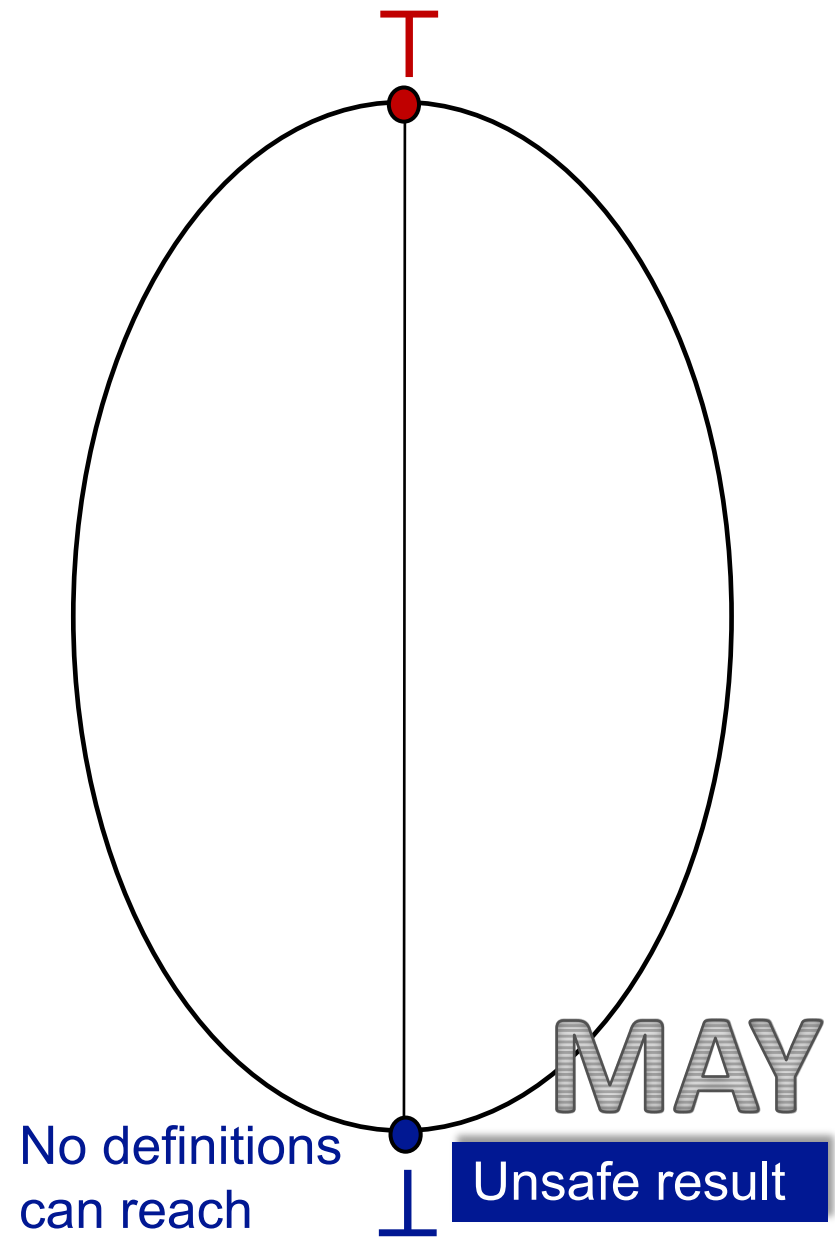
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May and Must Analyses, a Lattice View



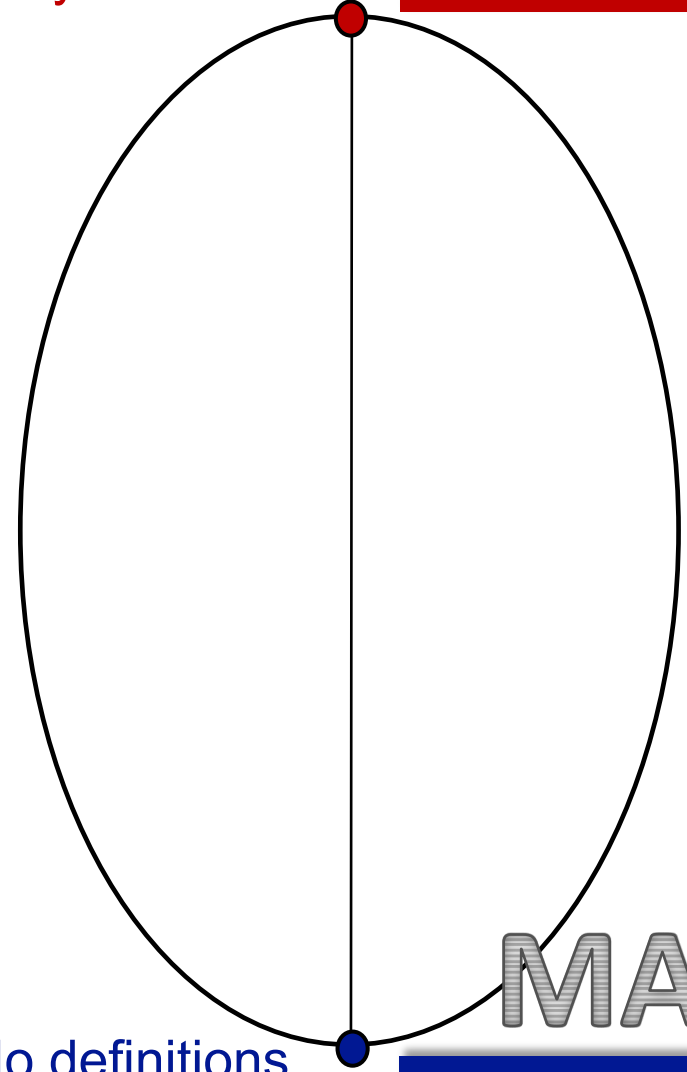






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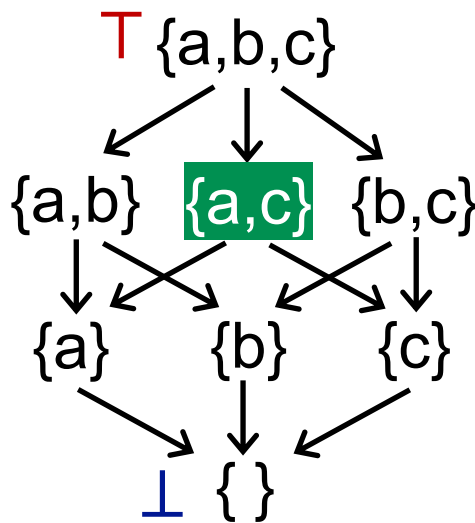
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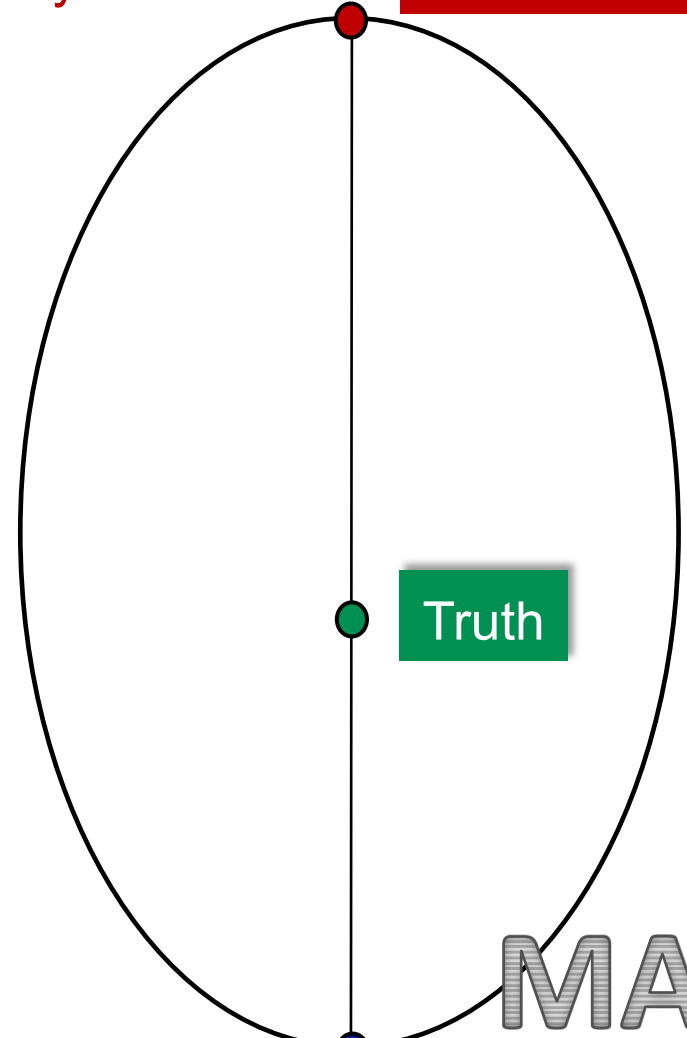
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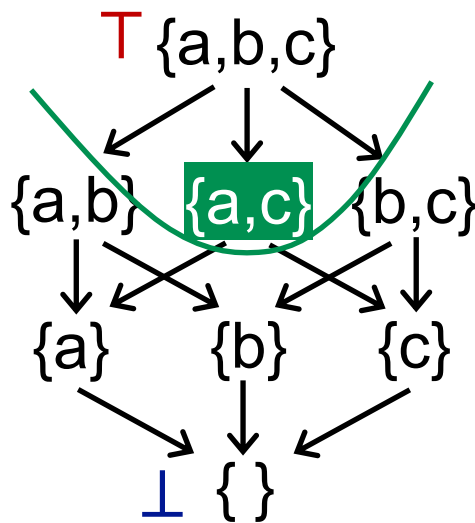


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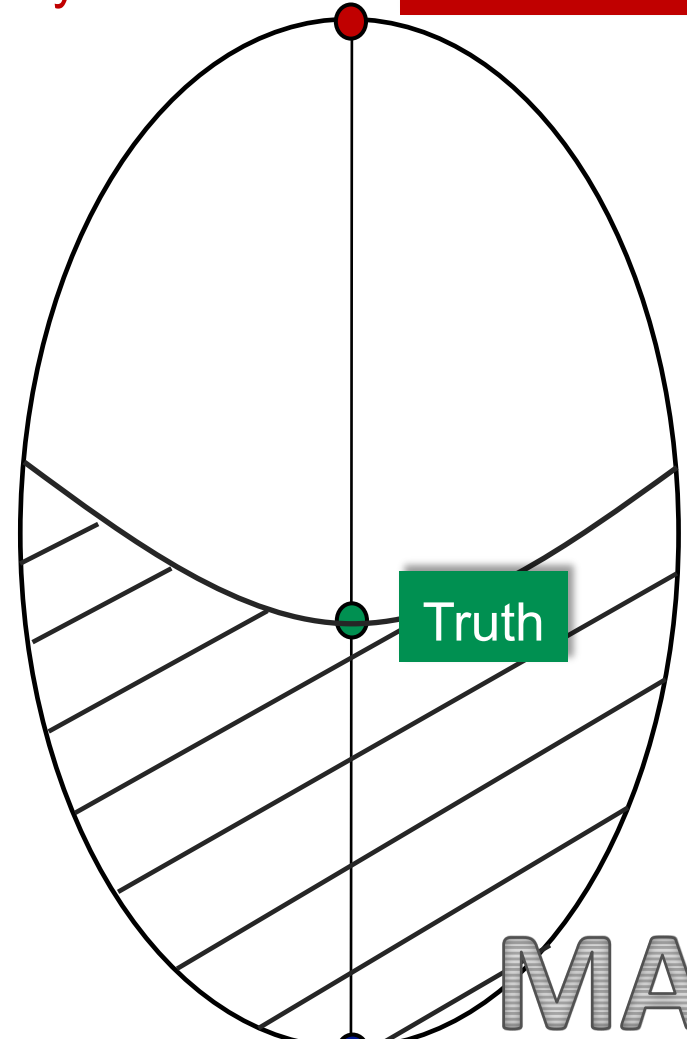
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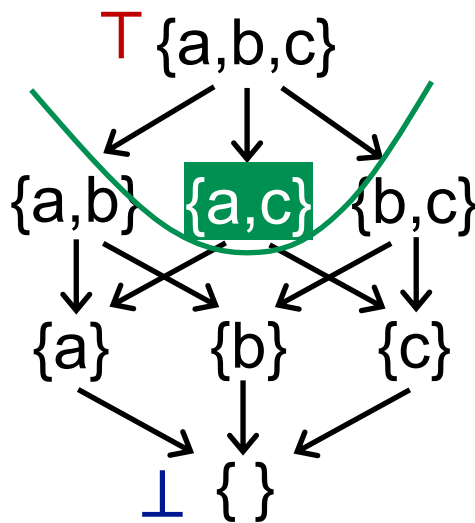
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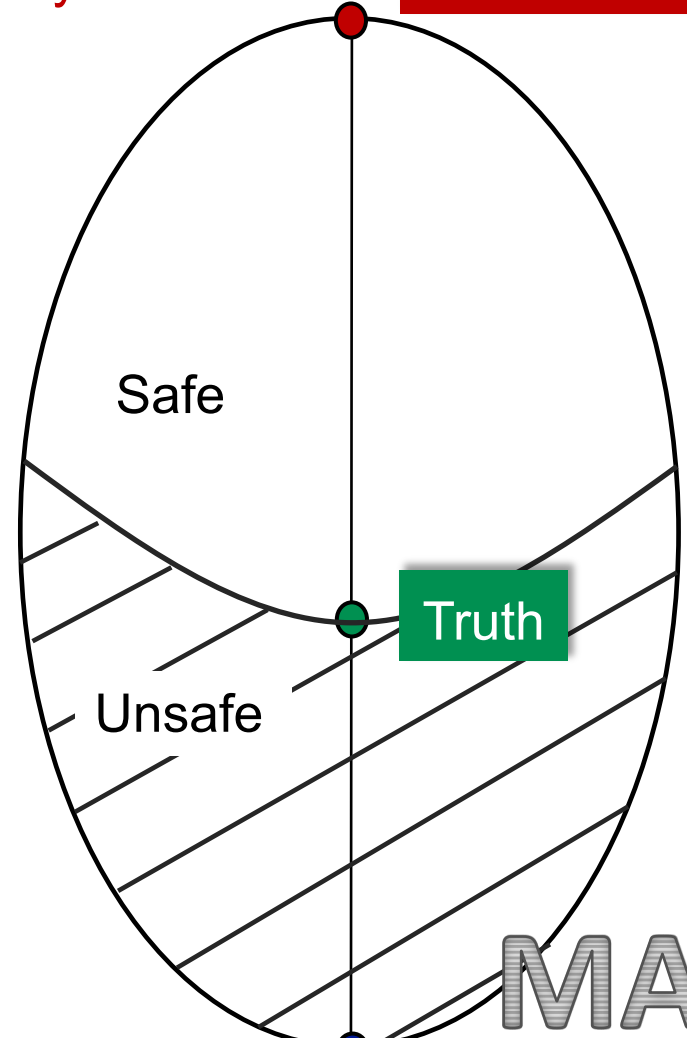
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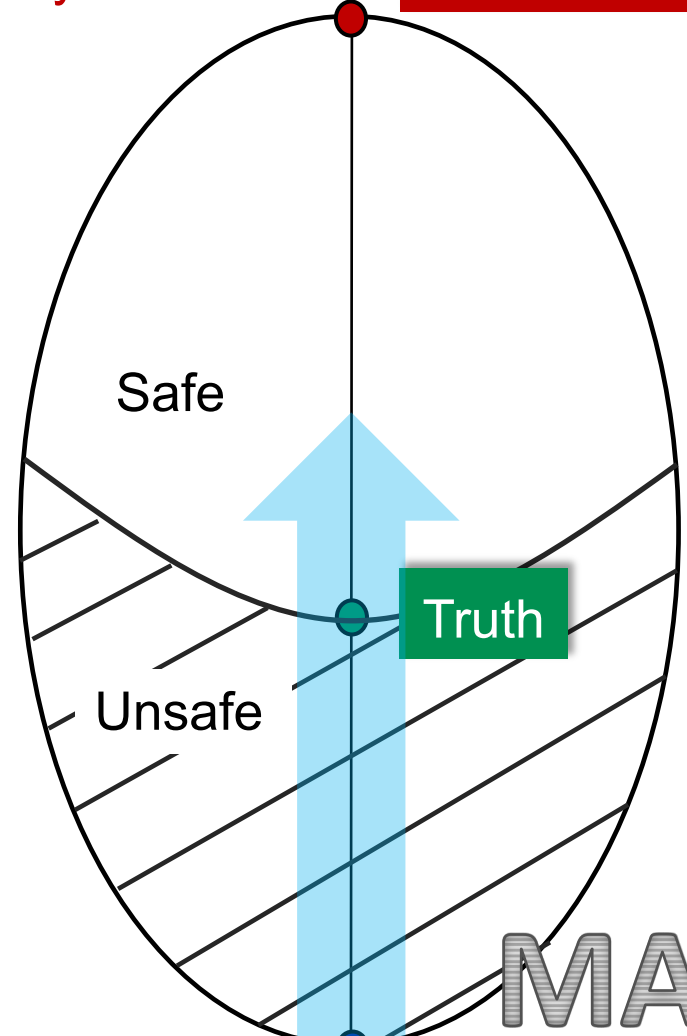


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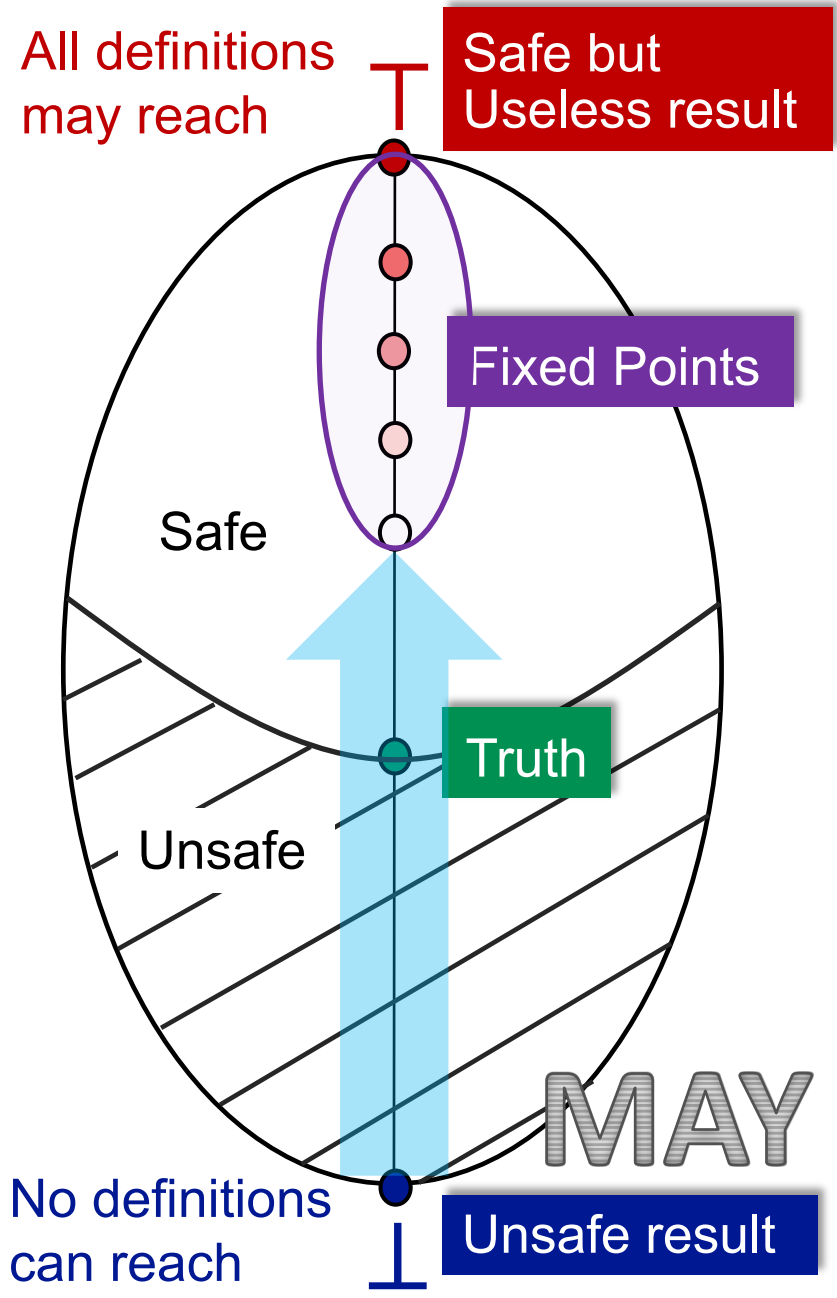
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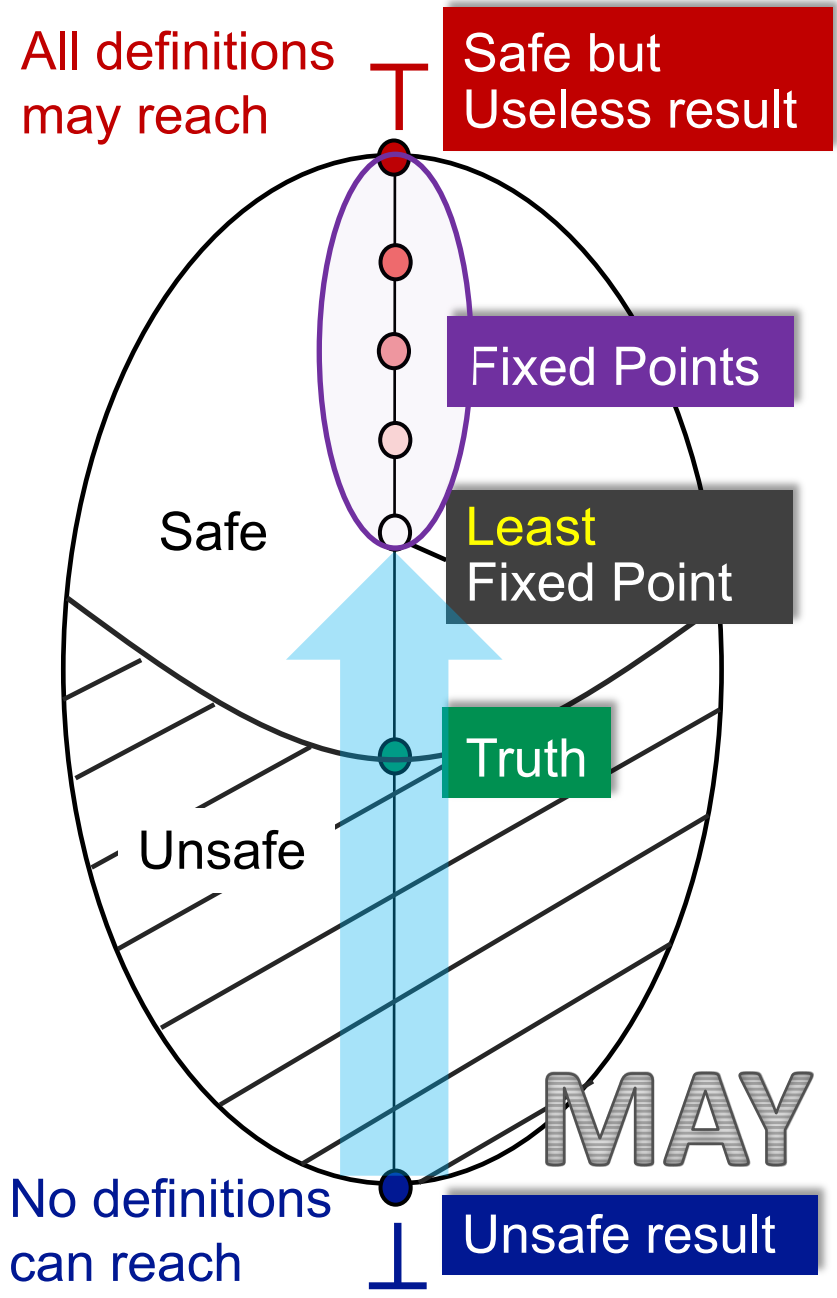
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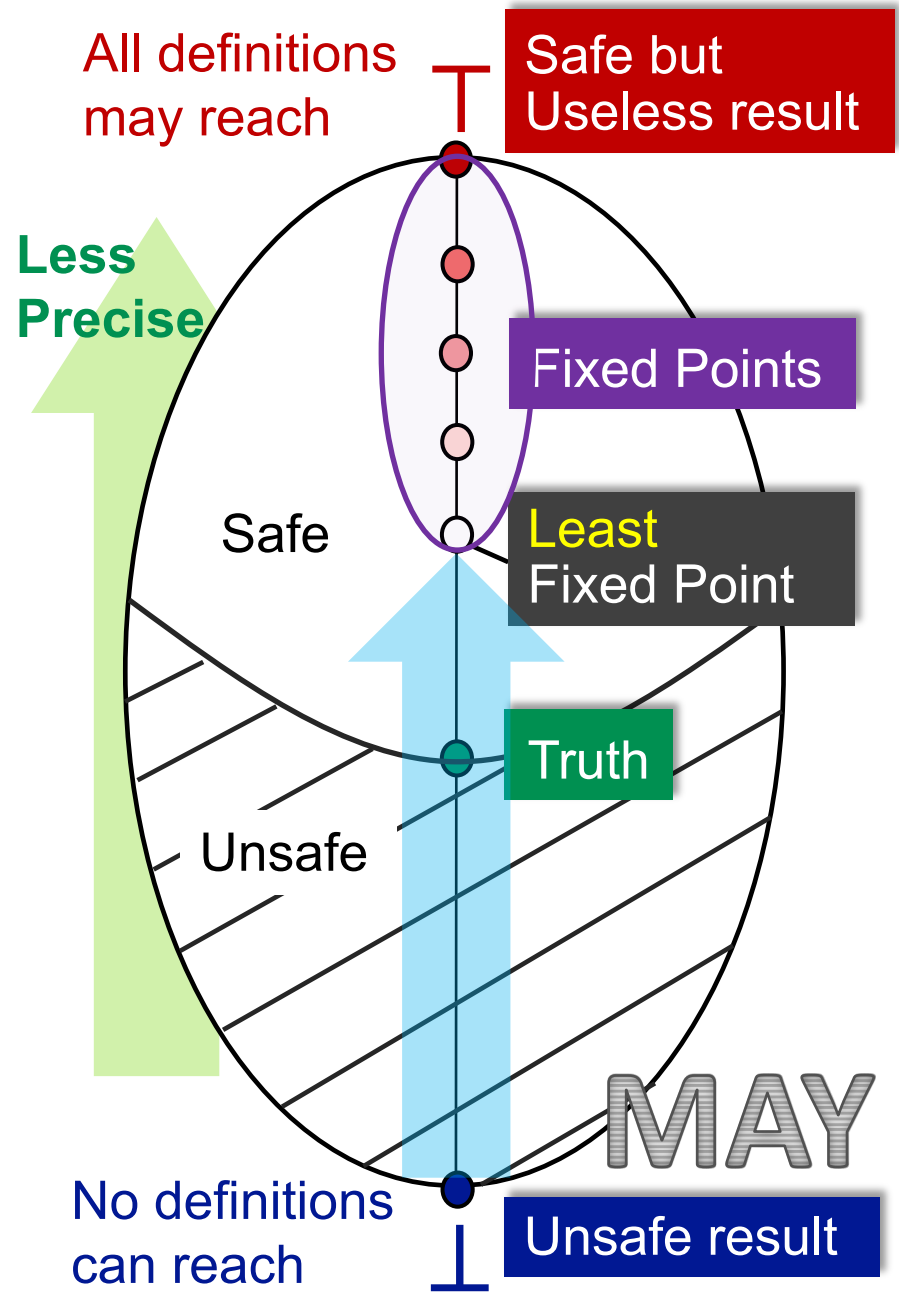
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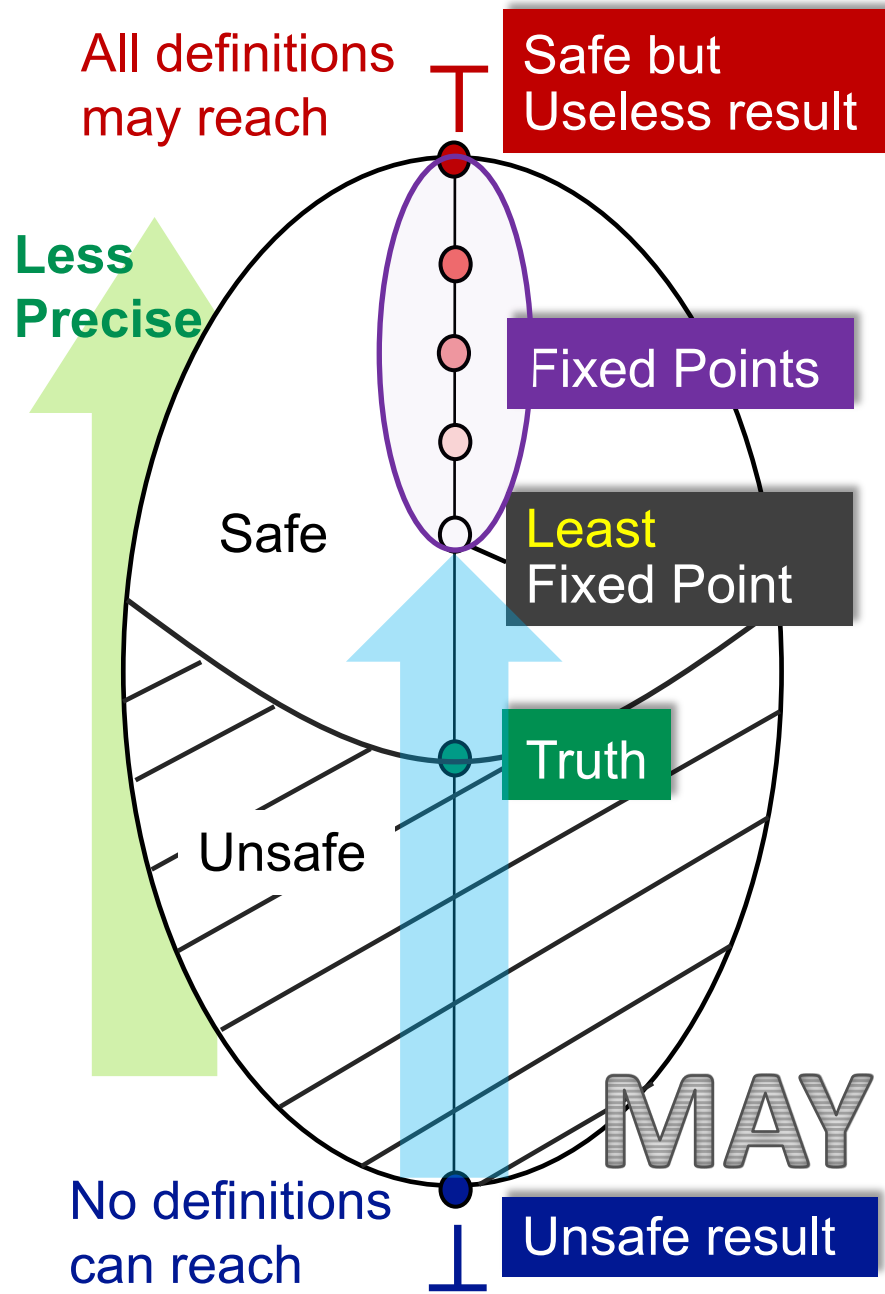
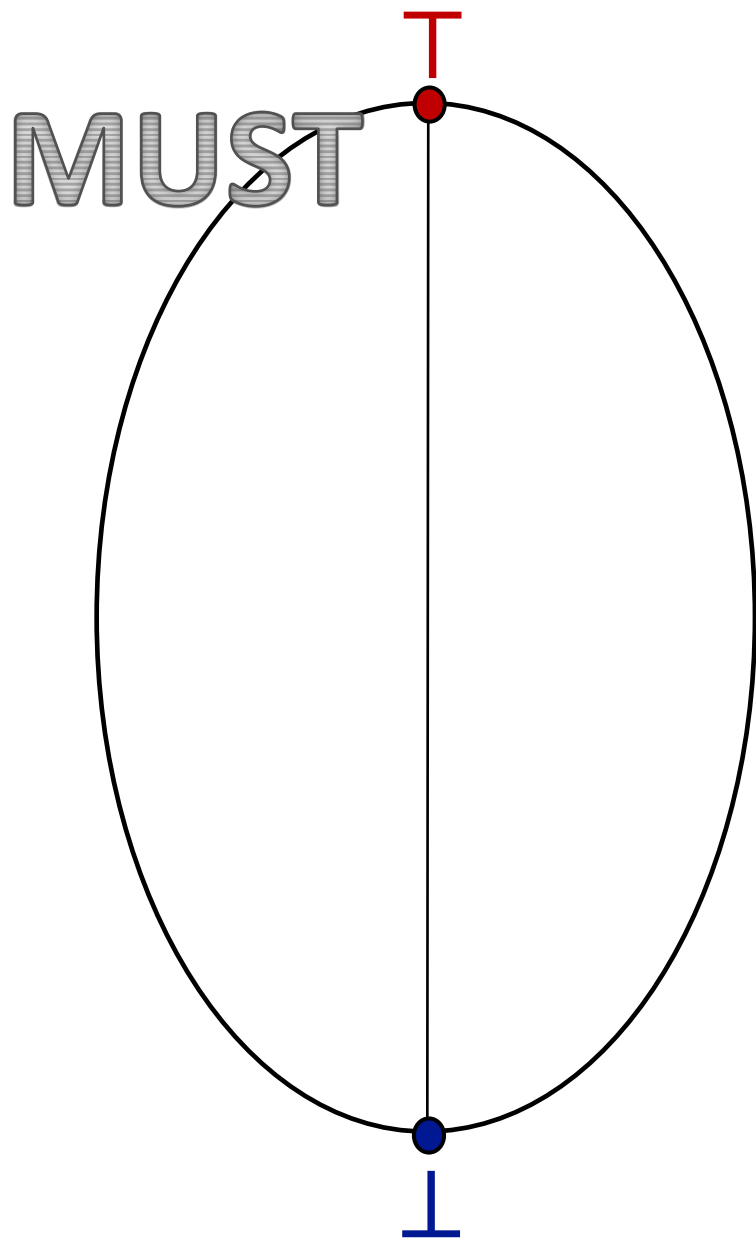
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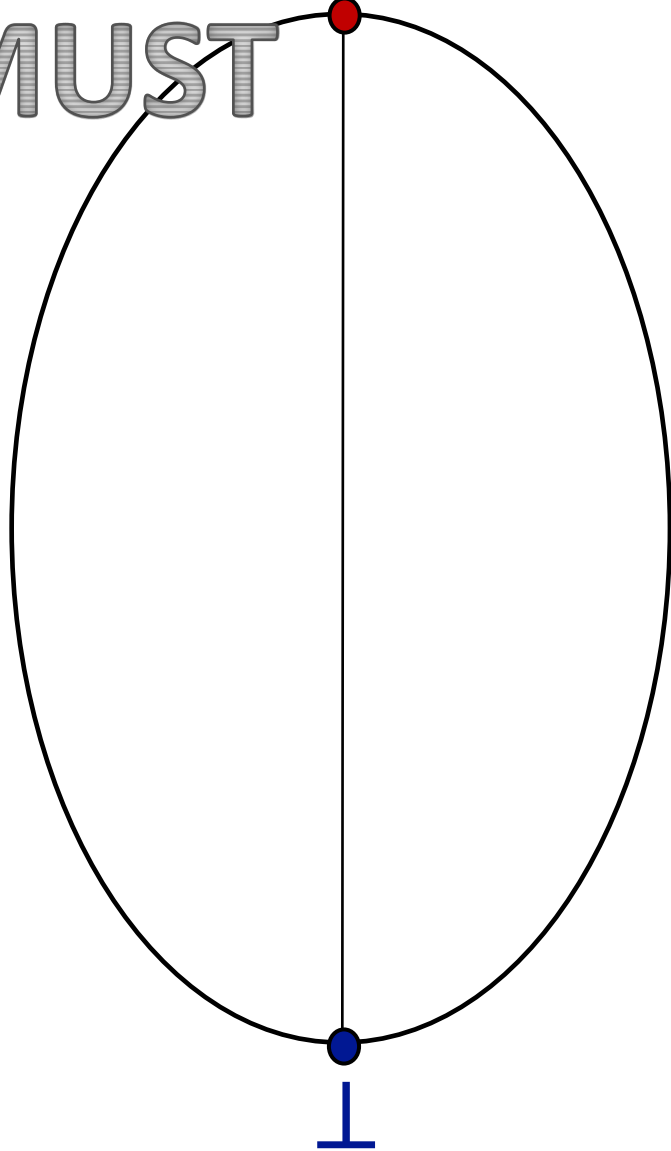




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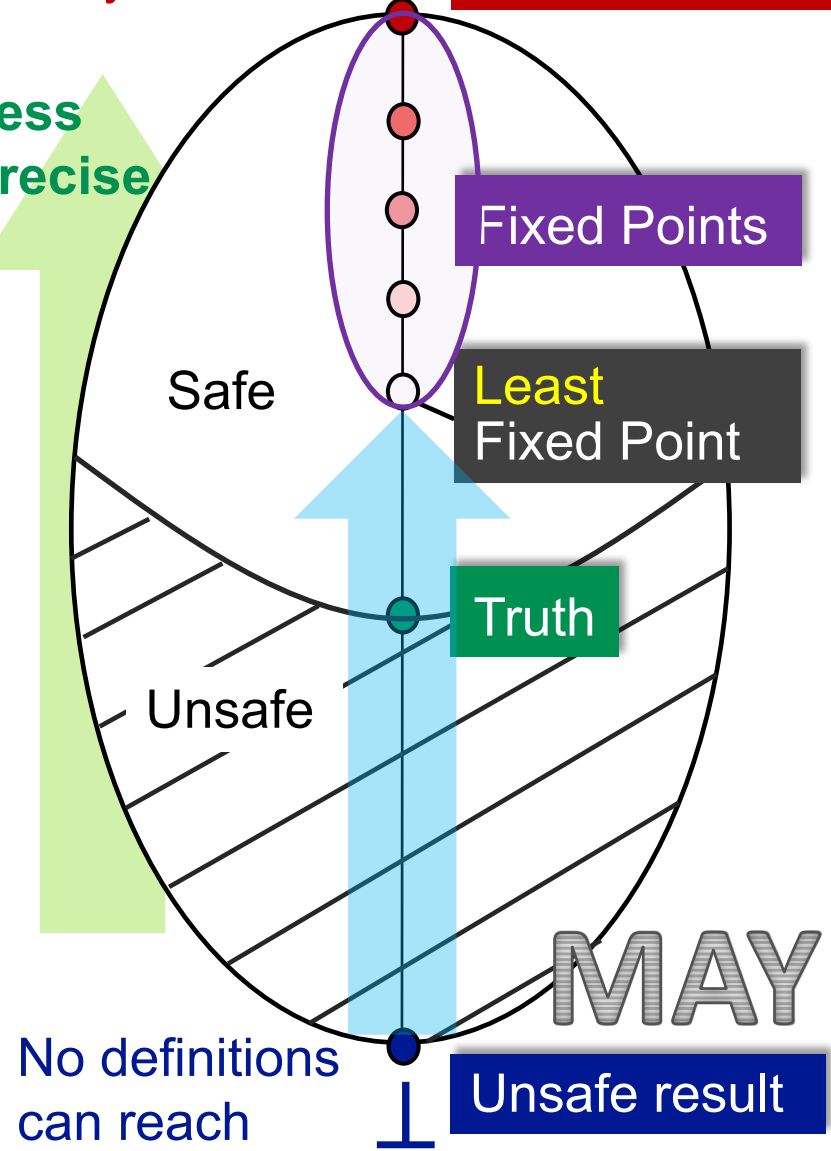
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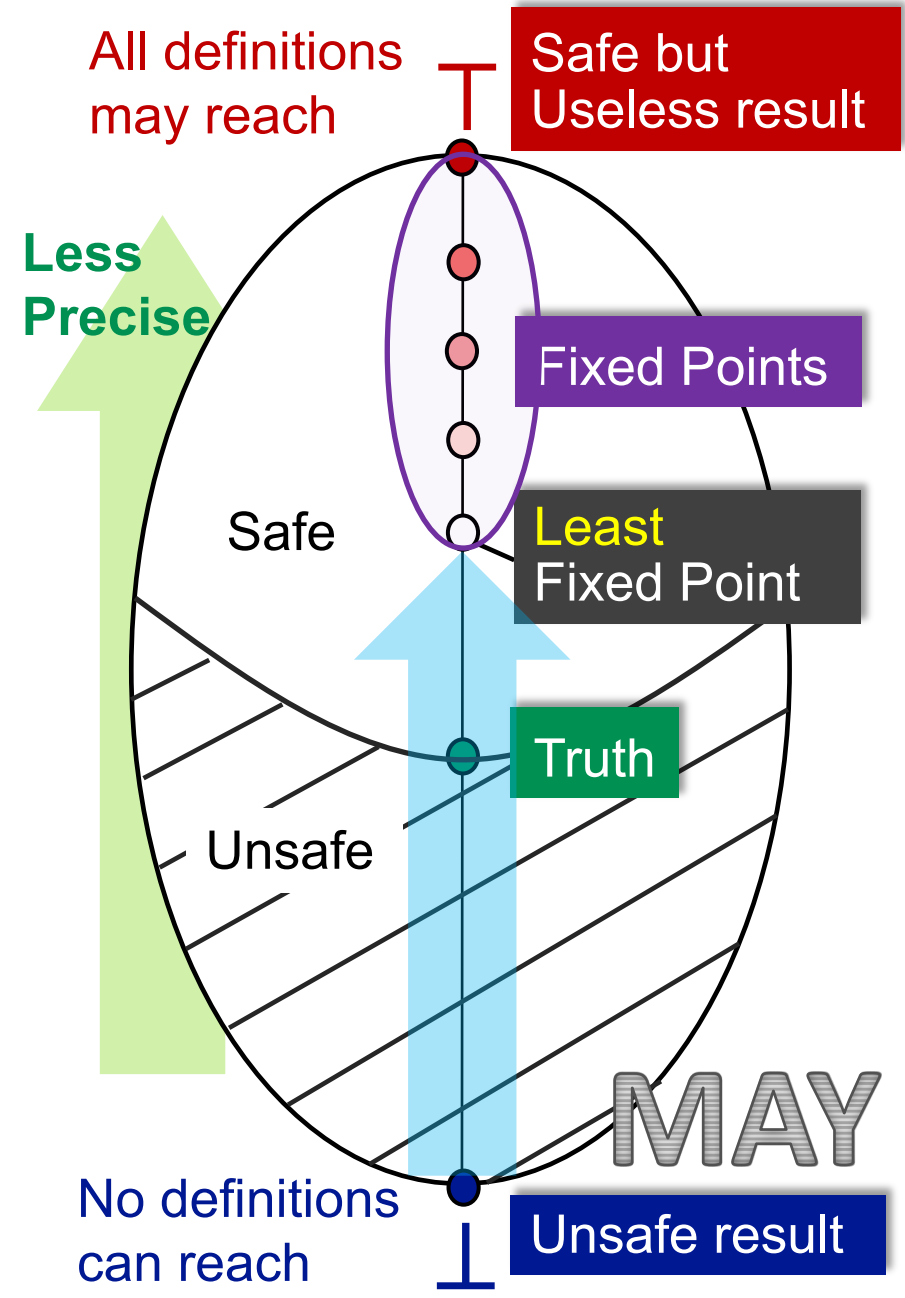
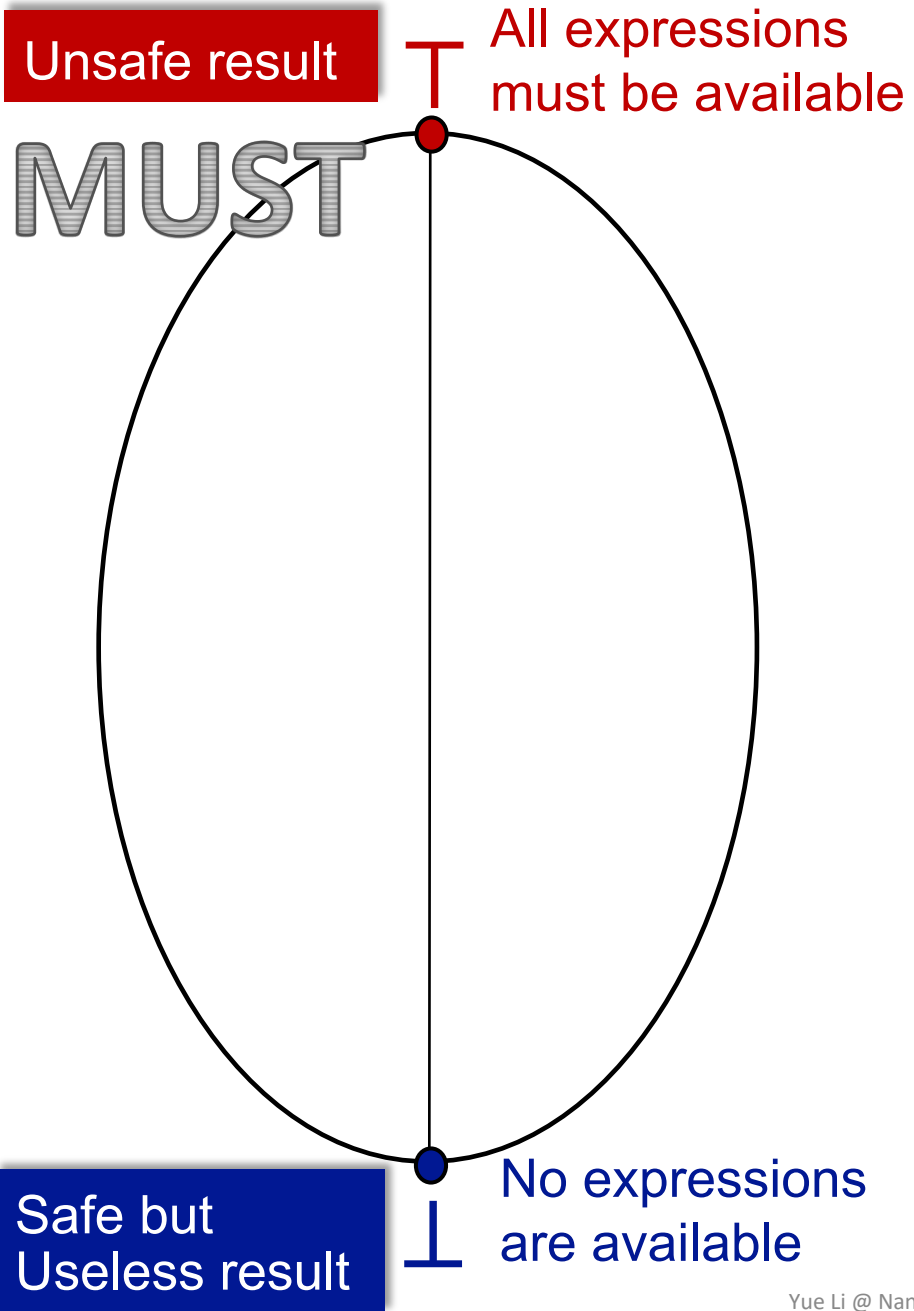


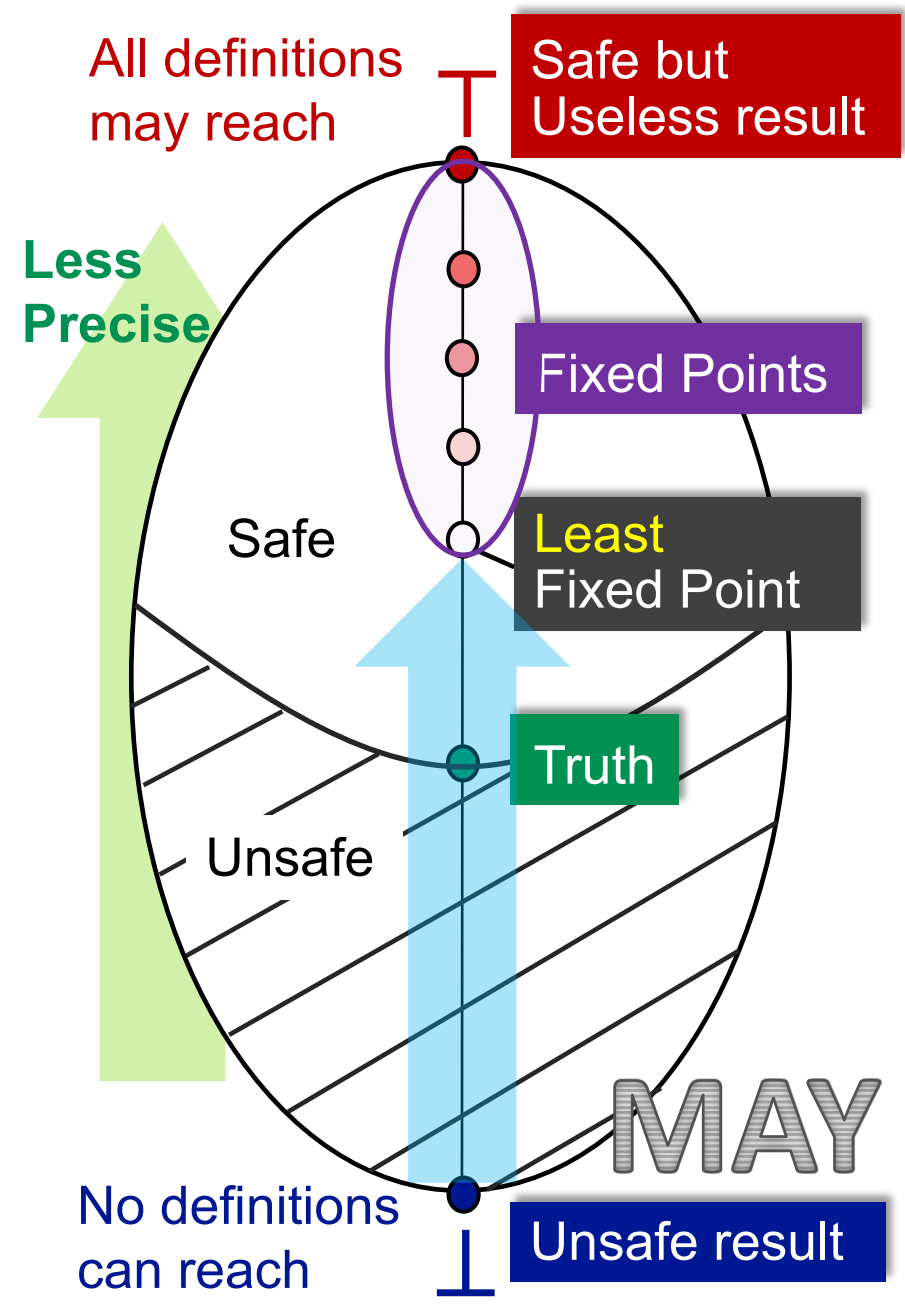
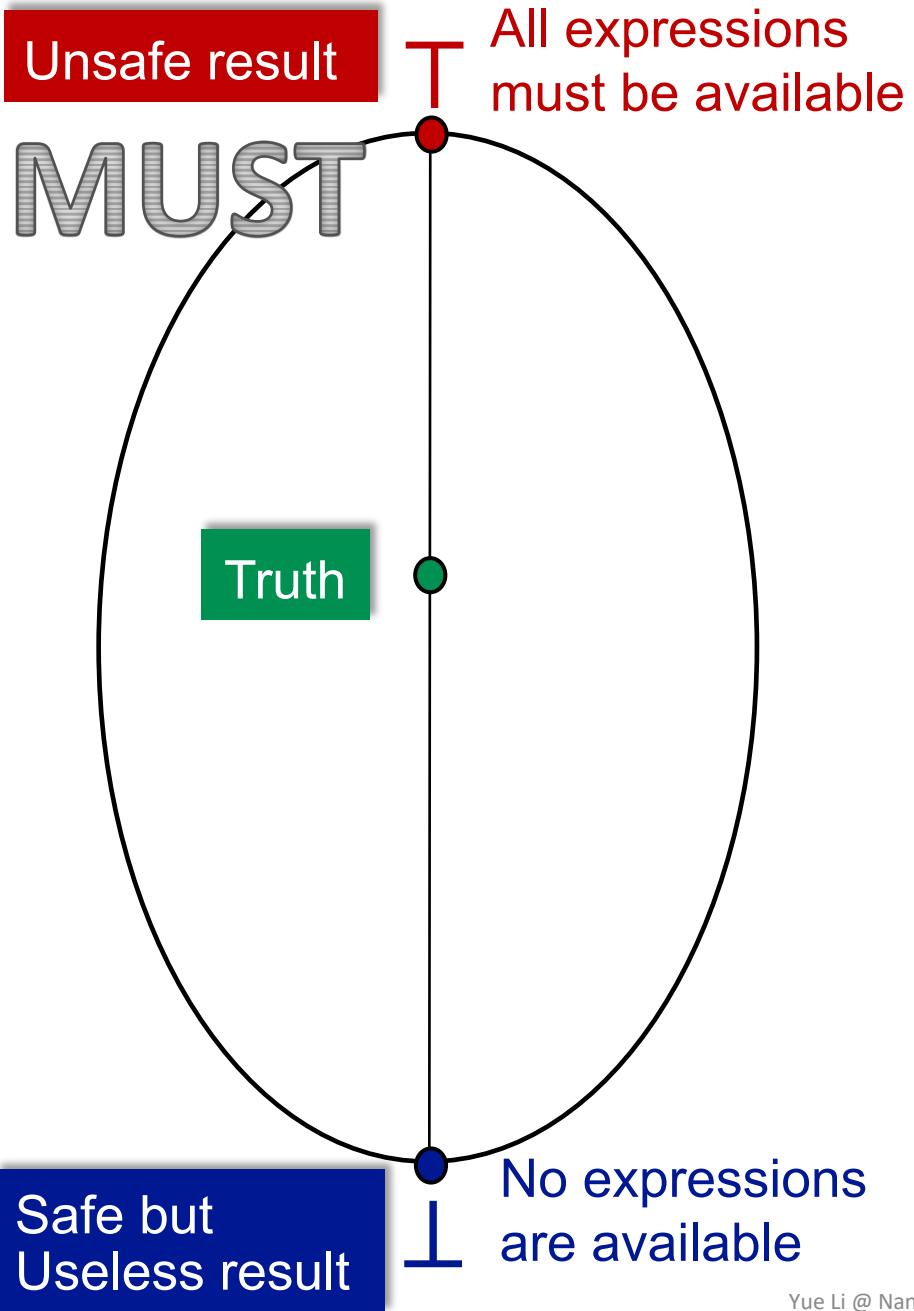
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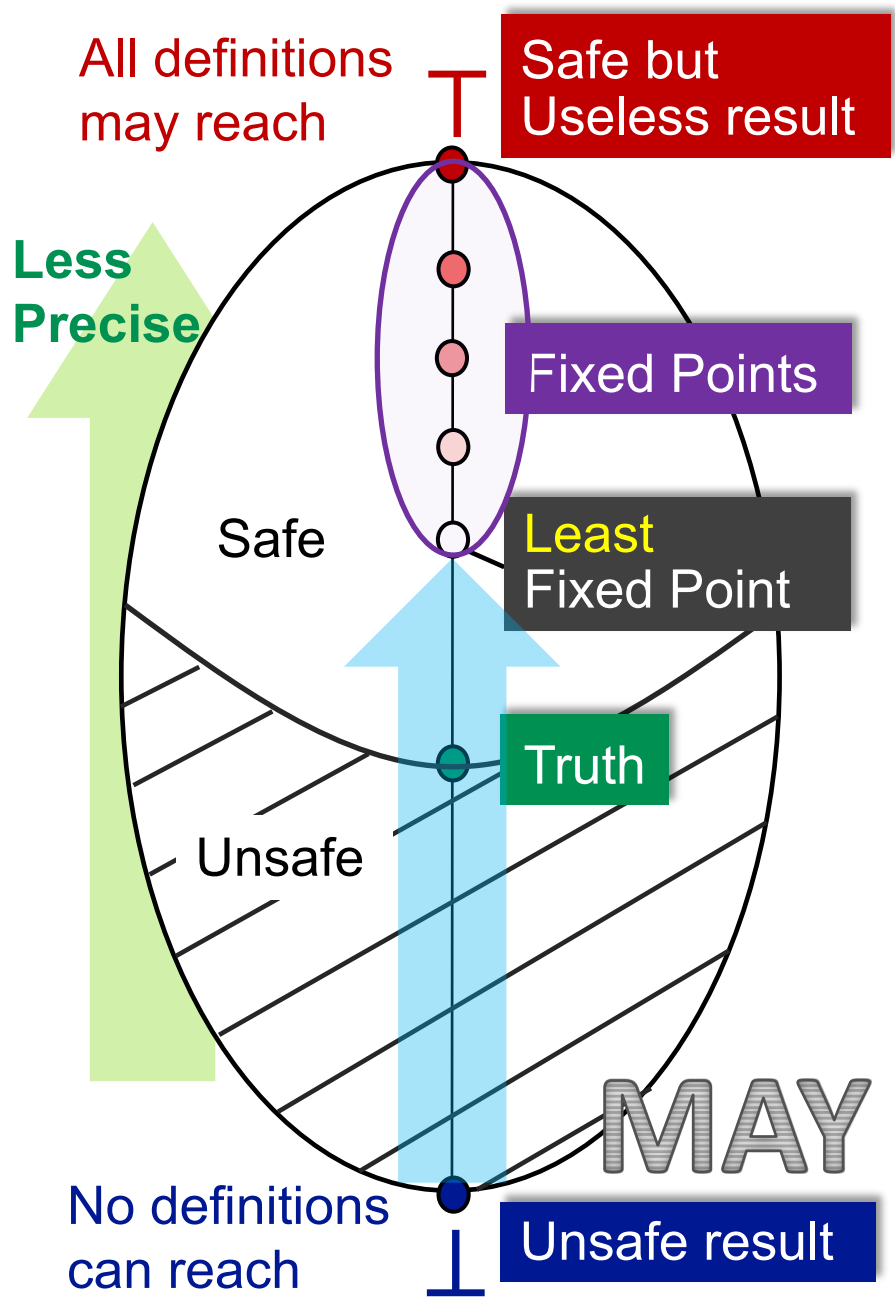
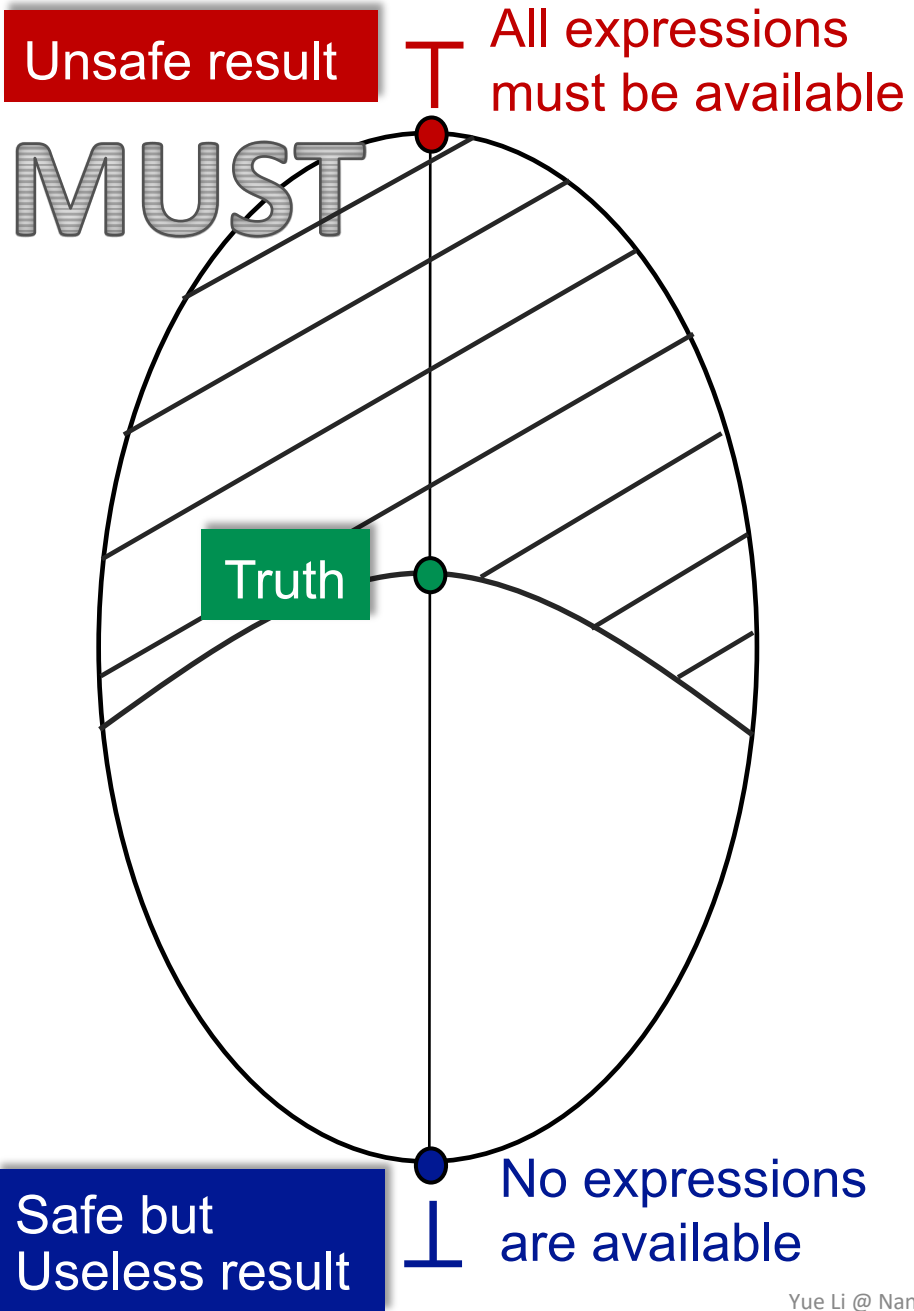
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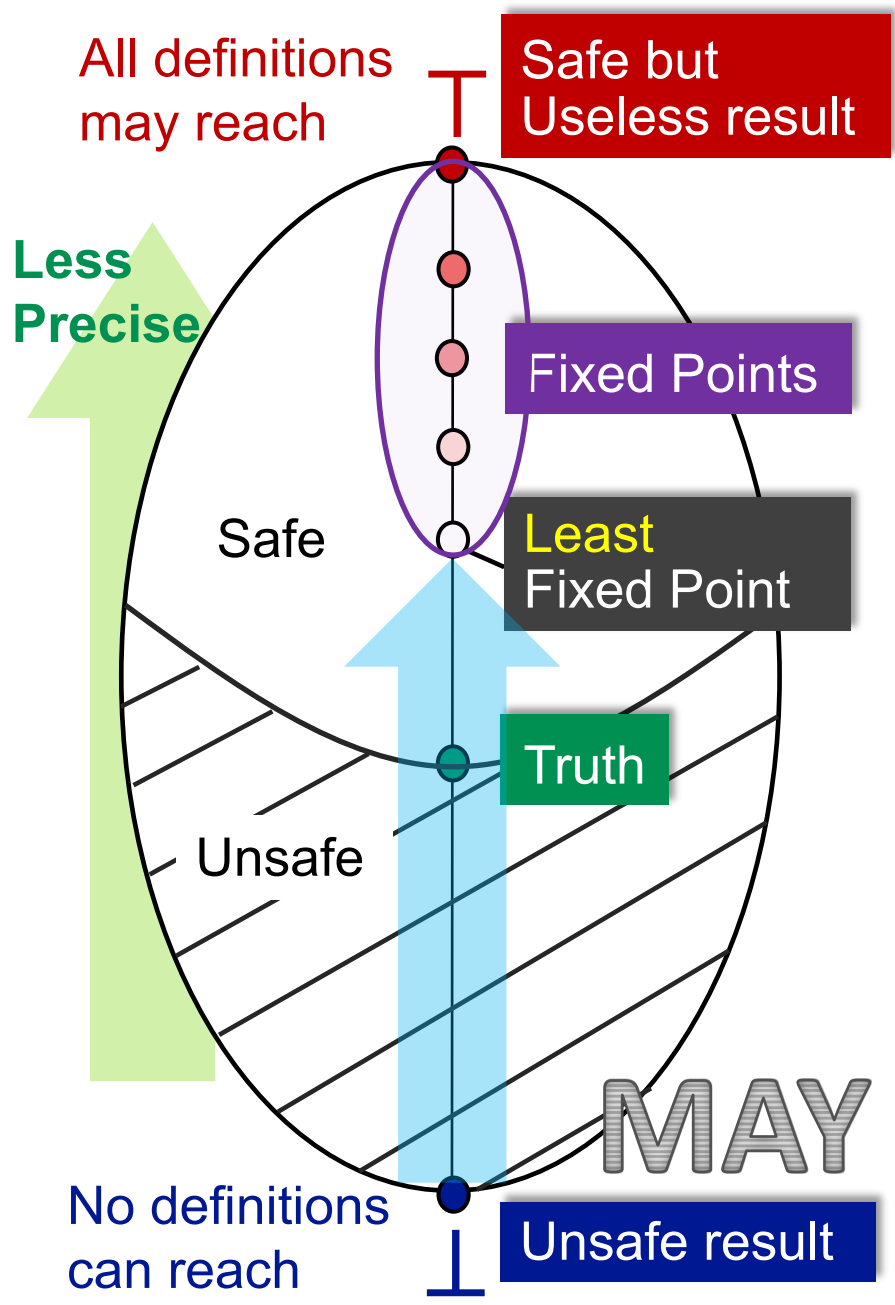
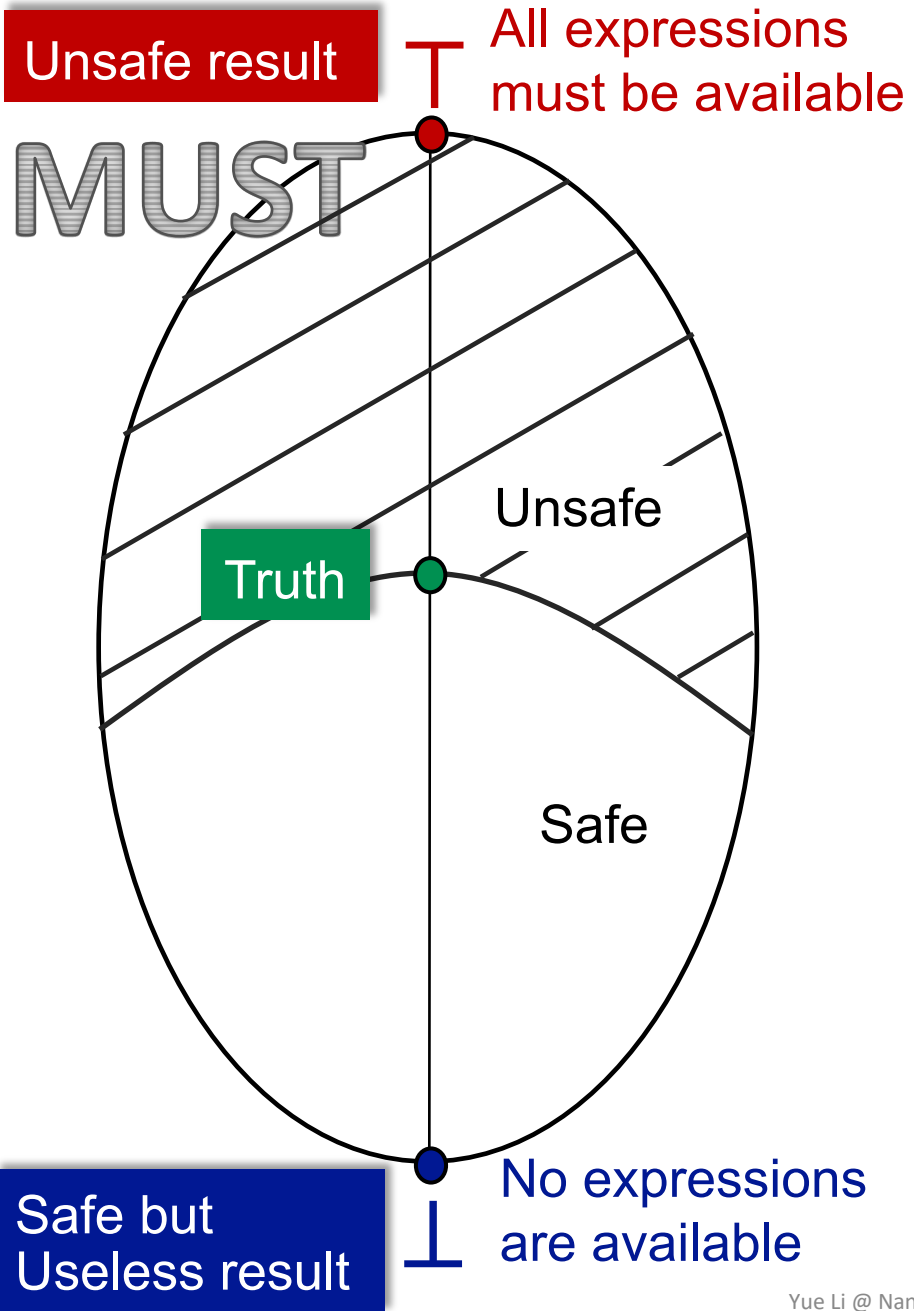
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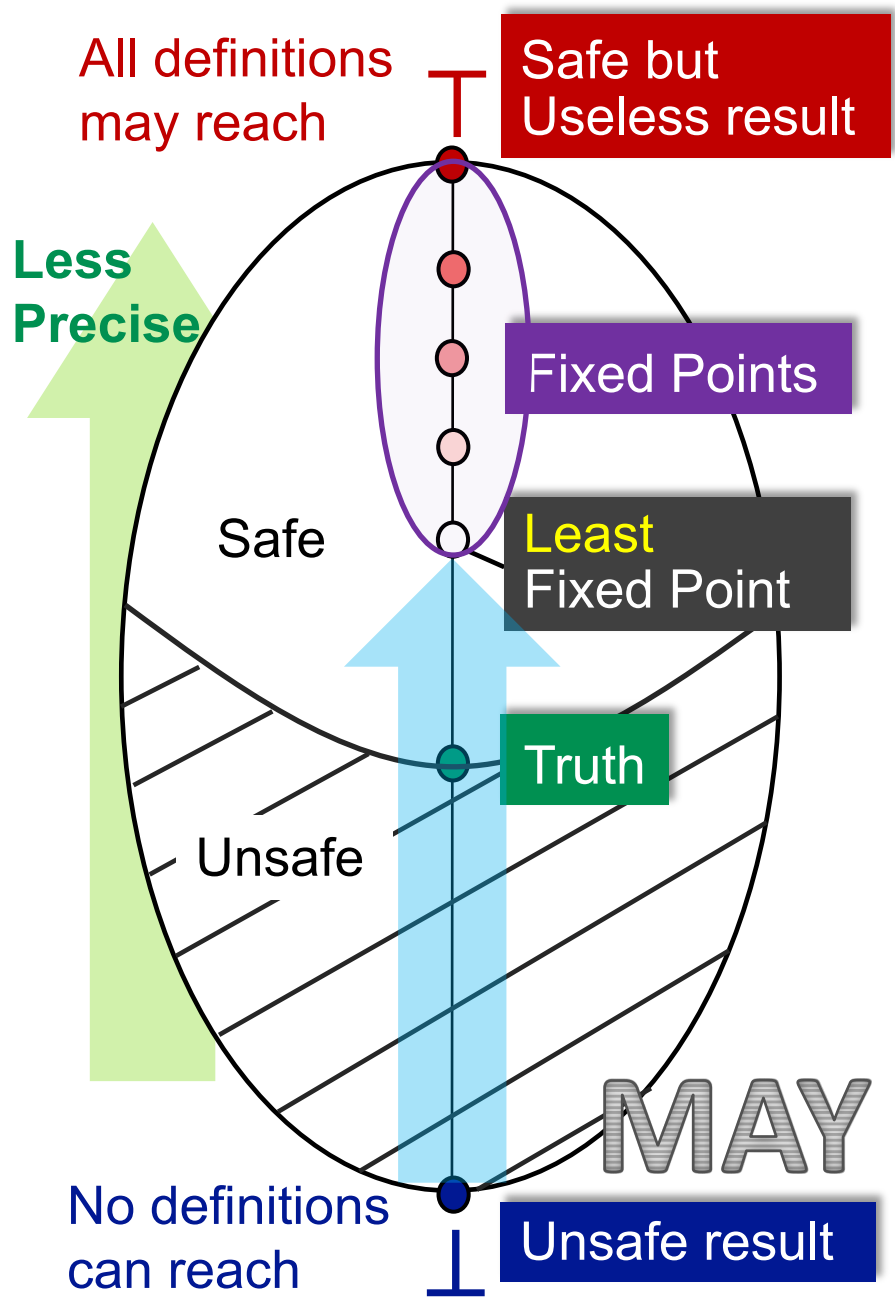
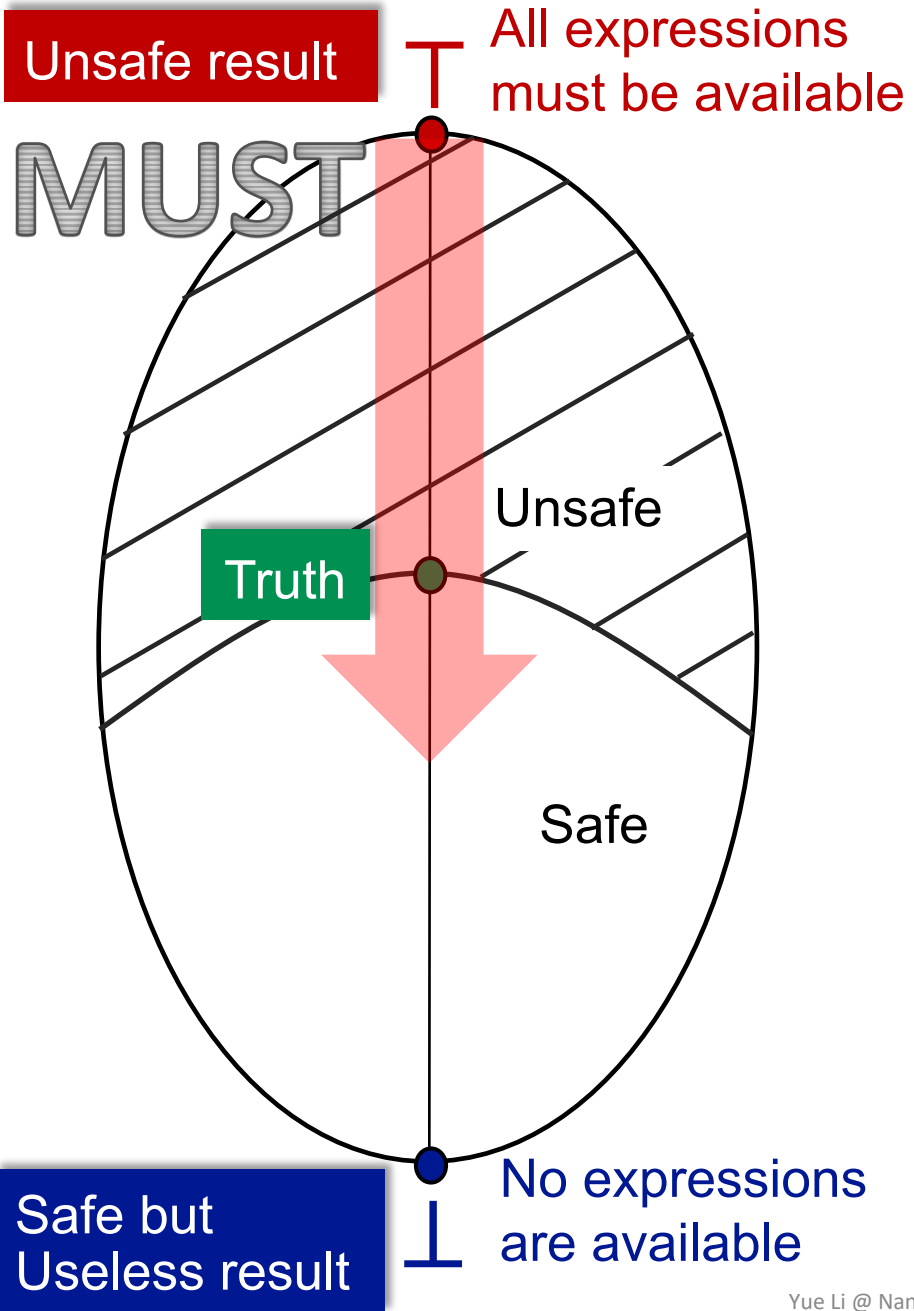


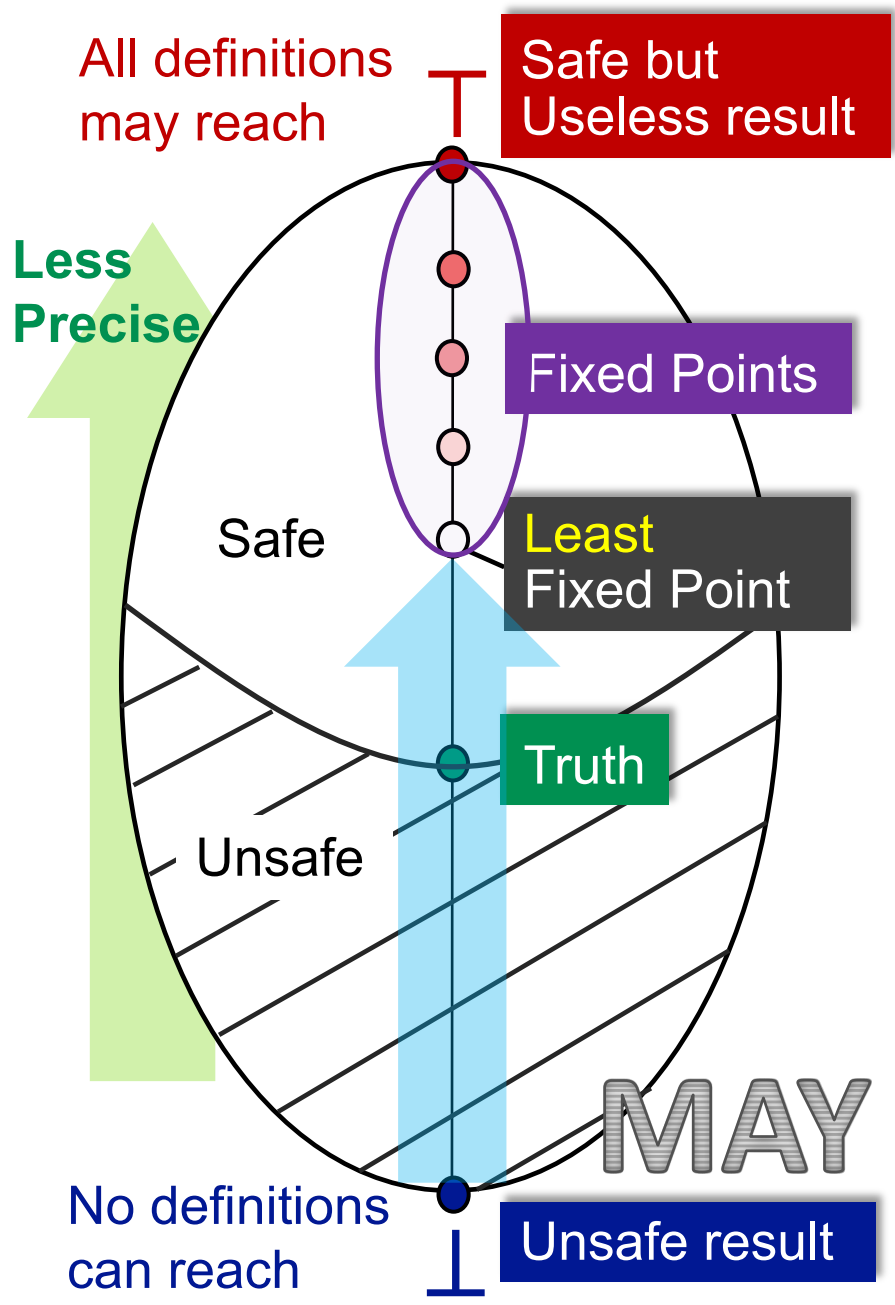
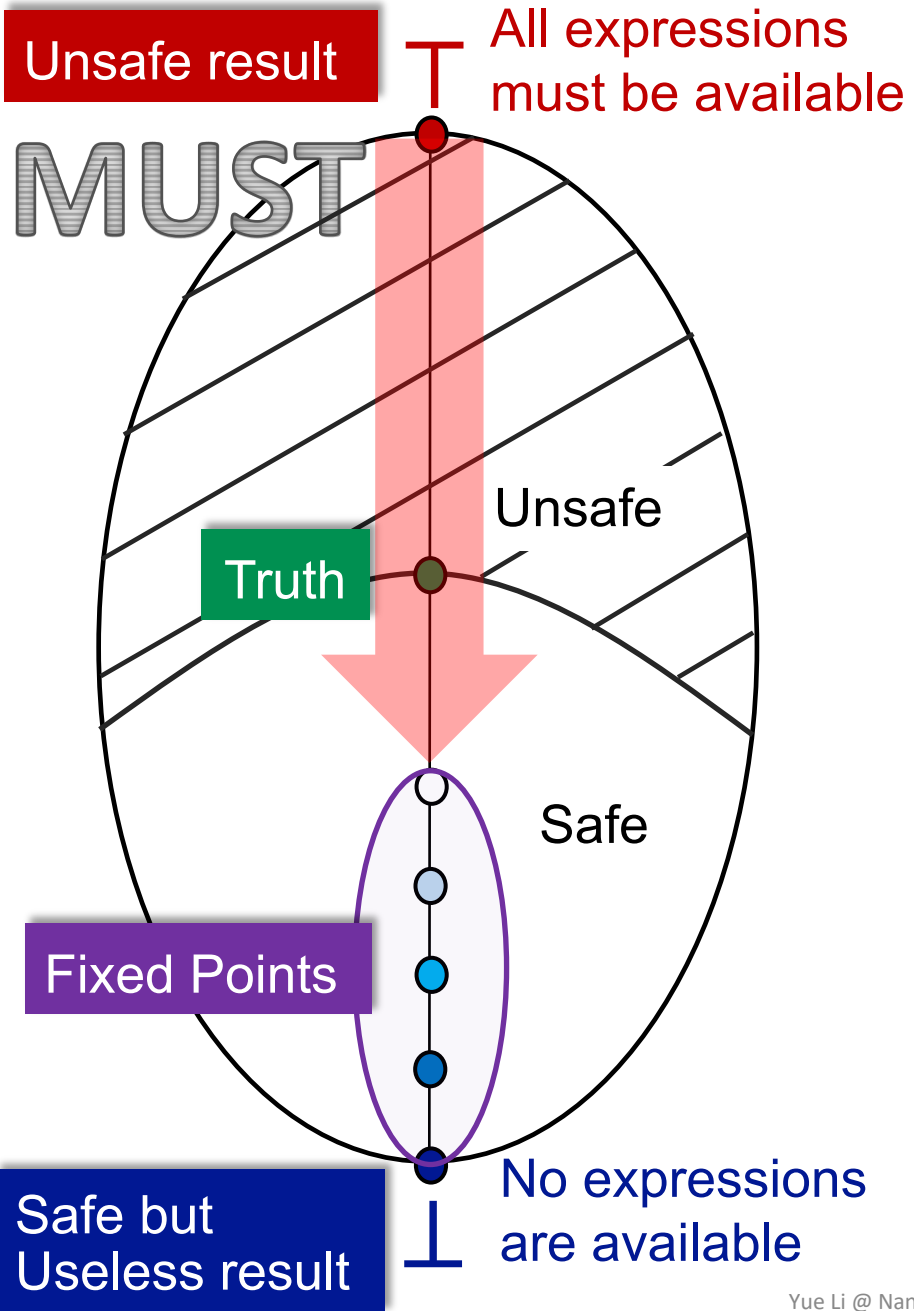








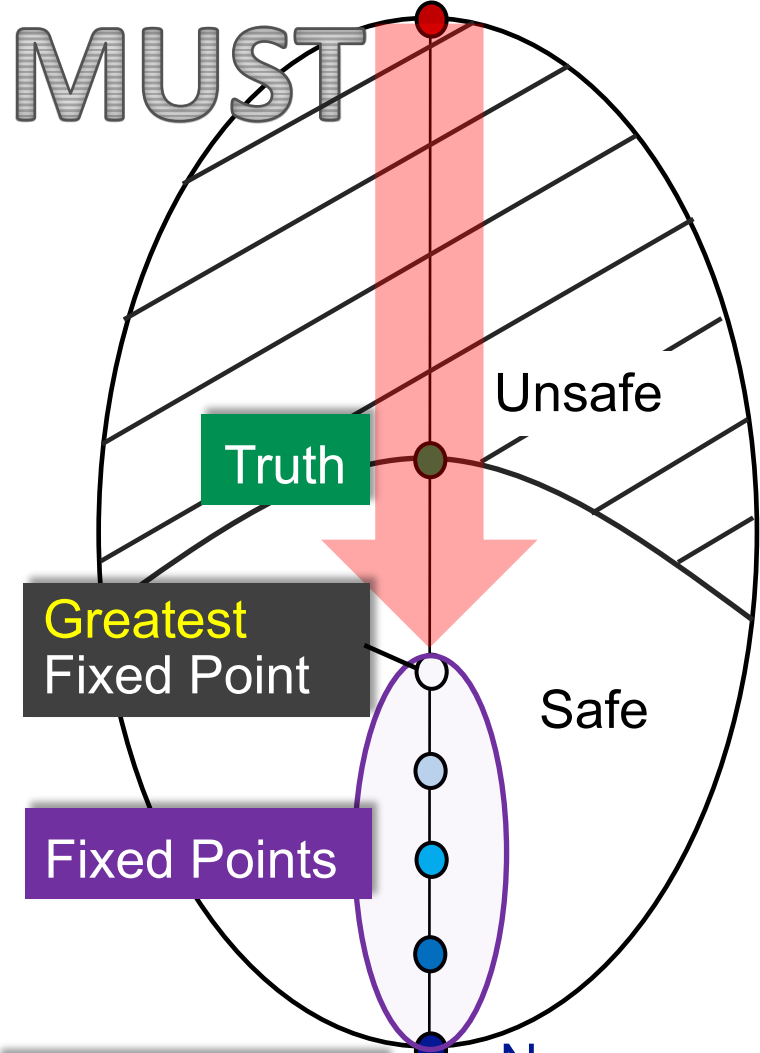




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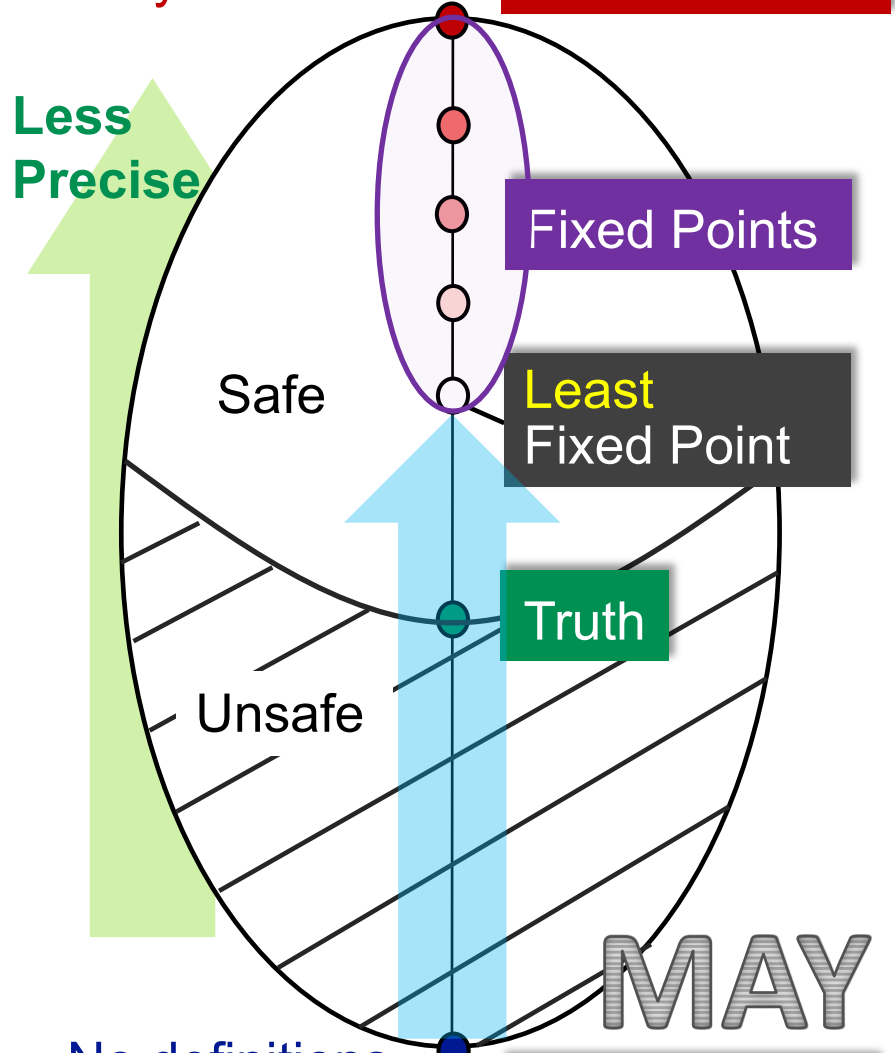
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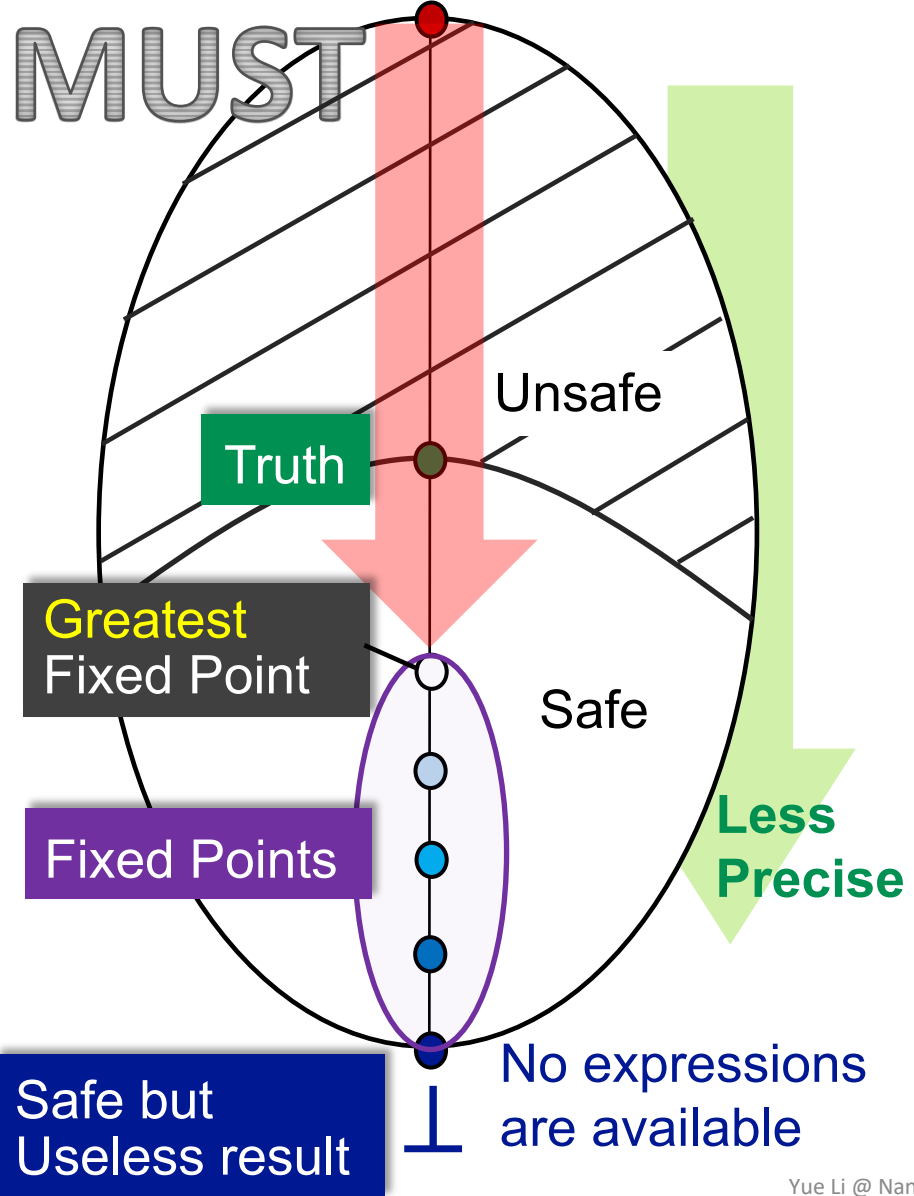
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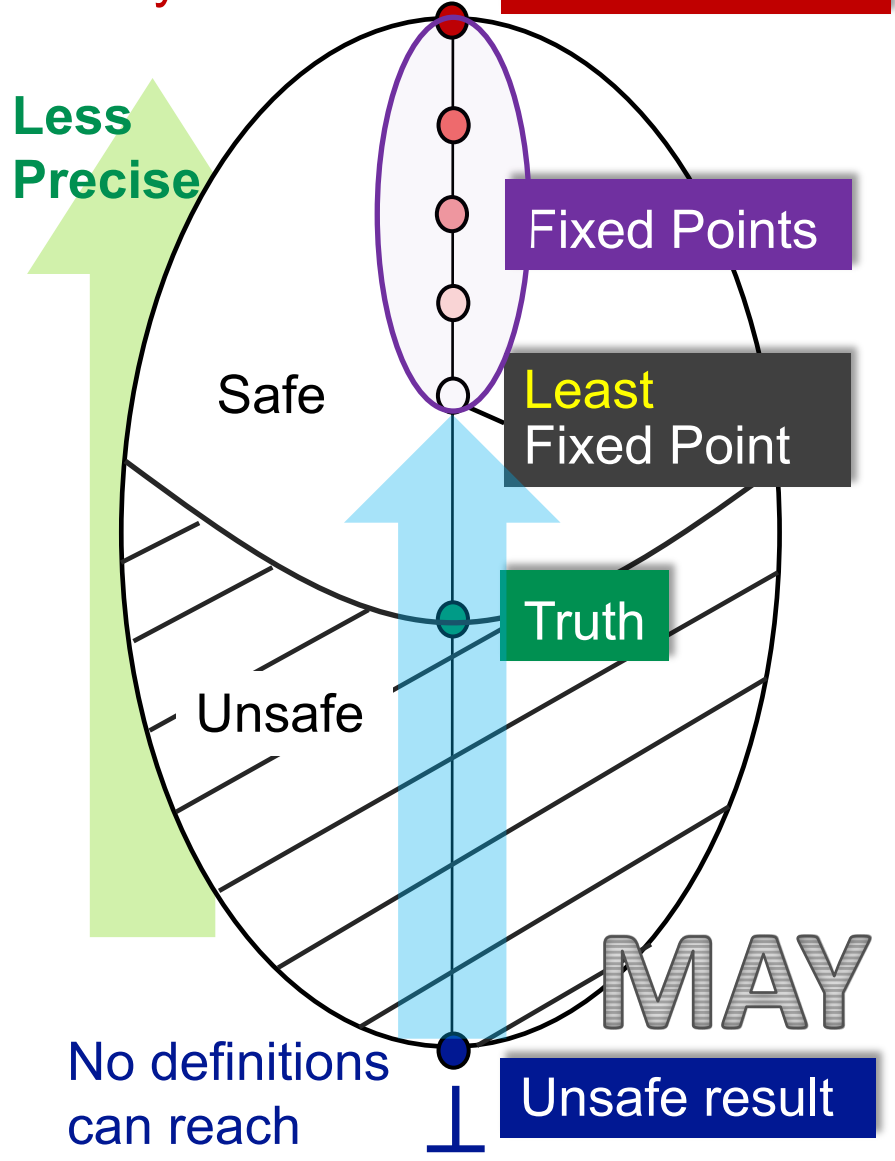
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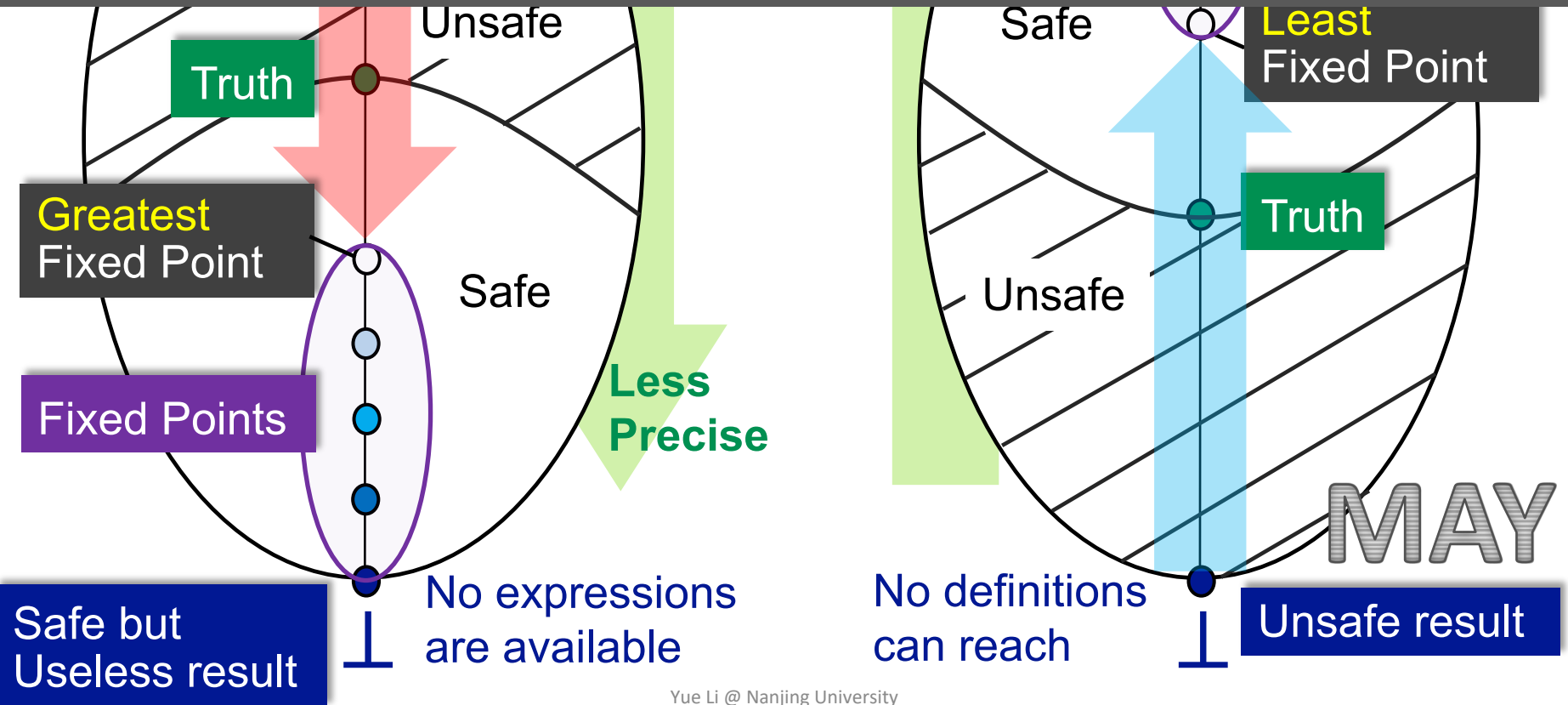
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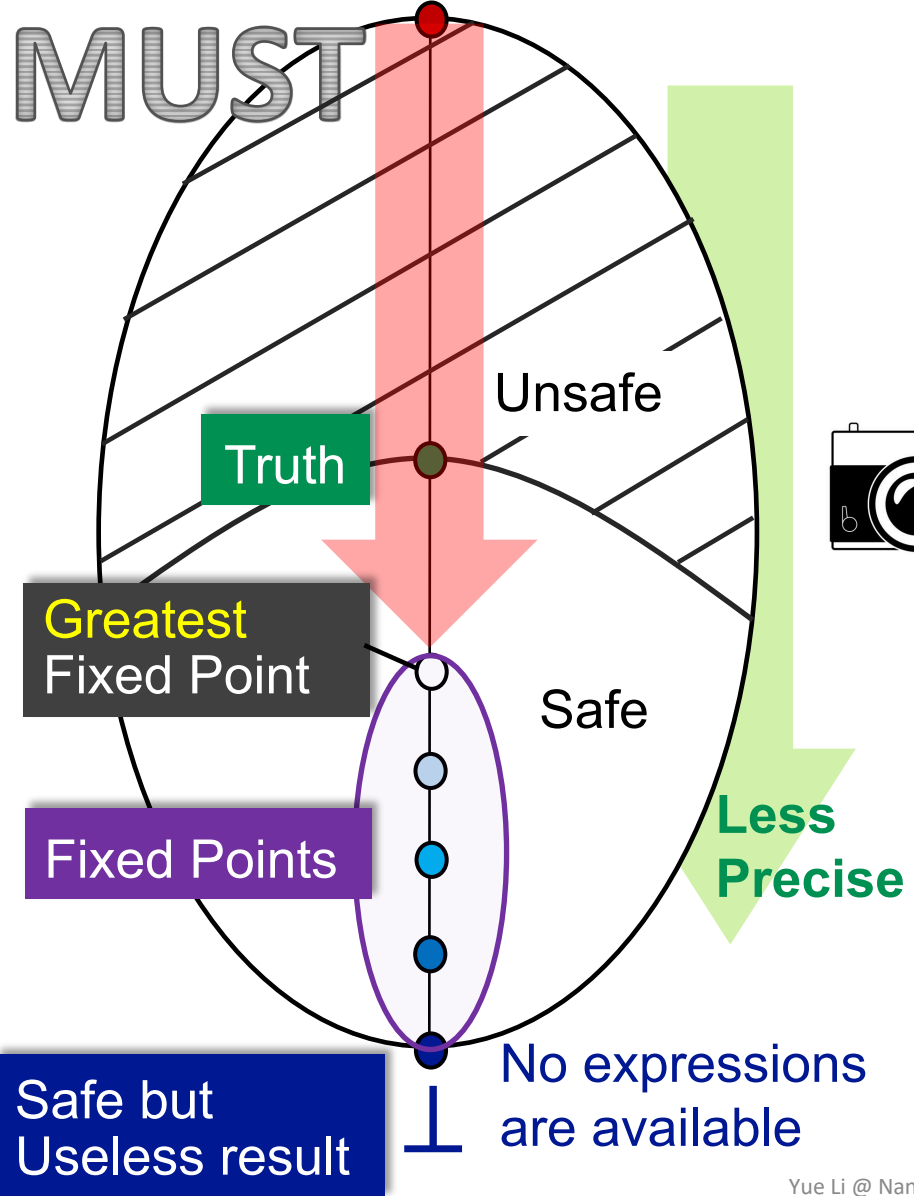
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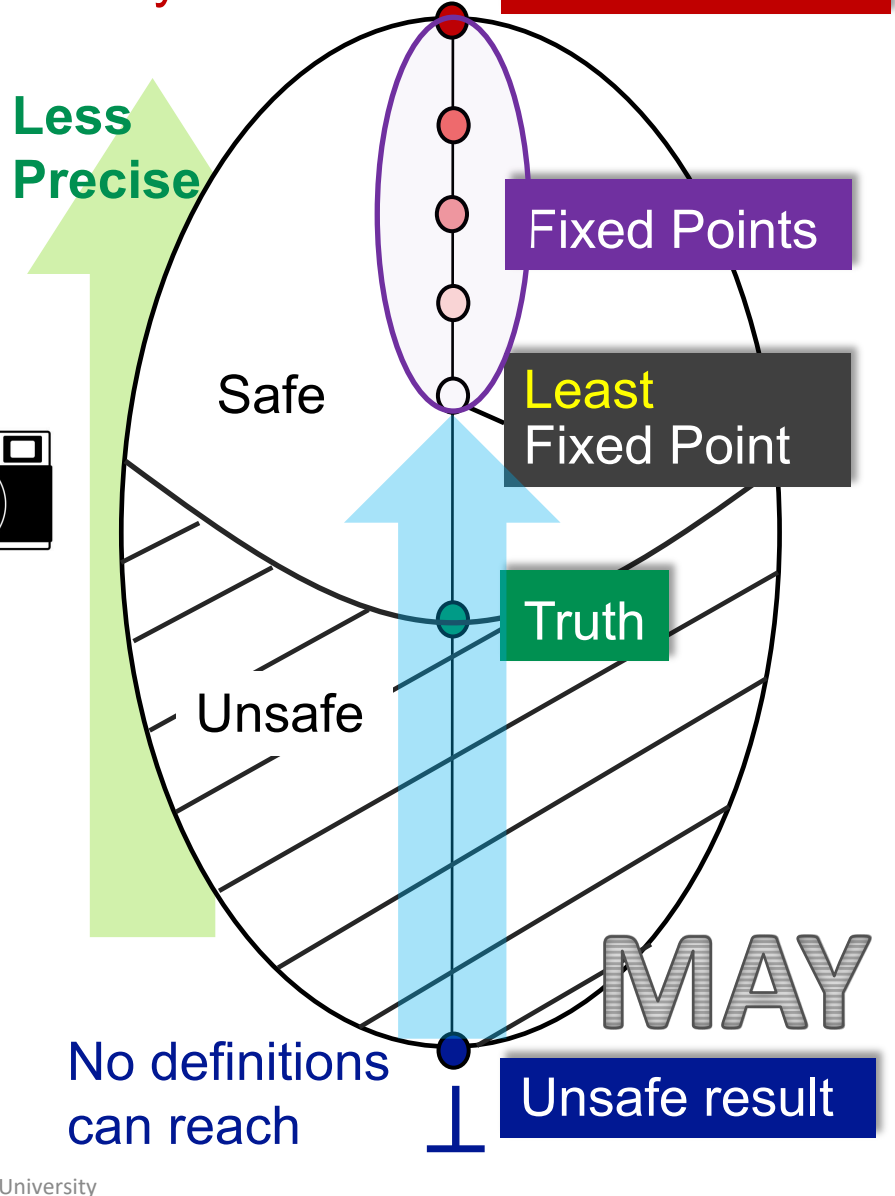
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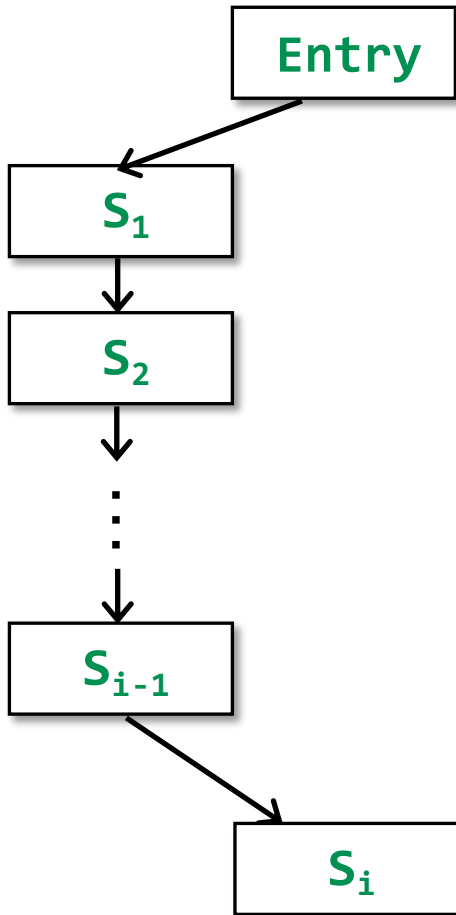
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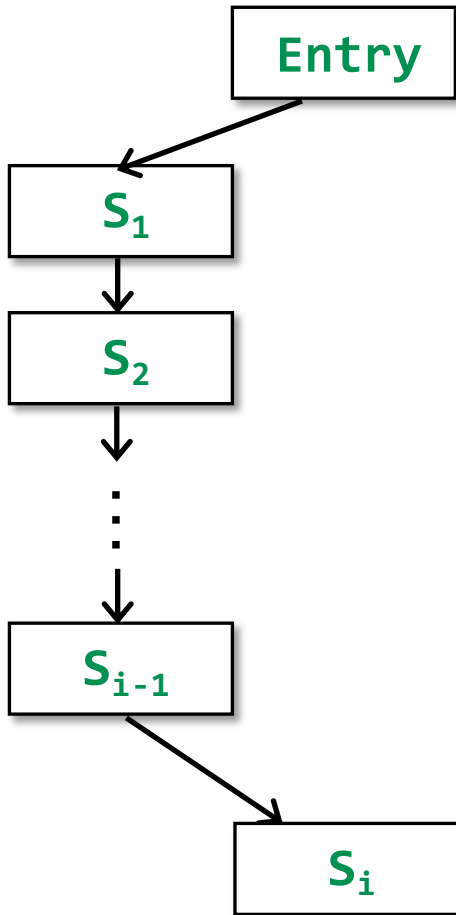
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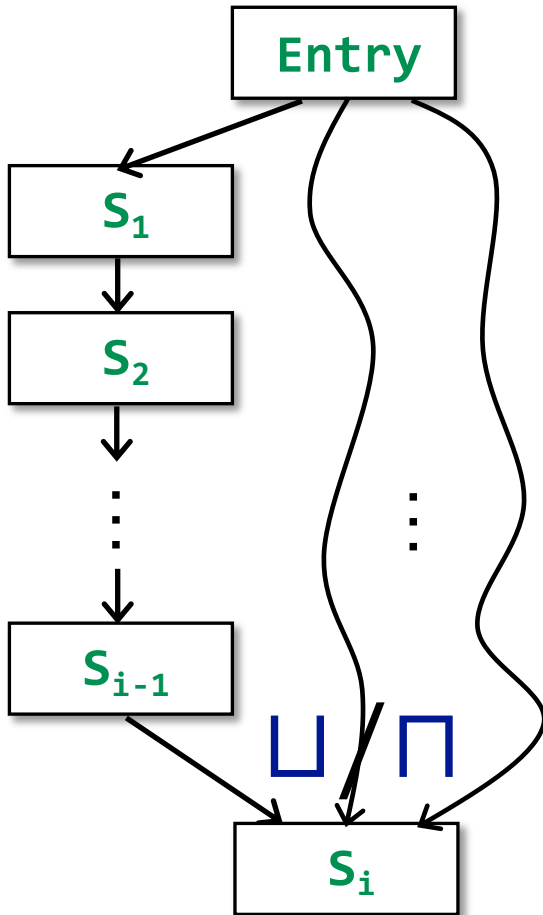


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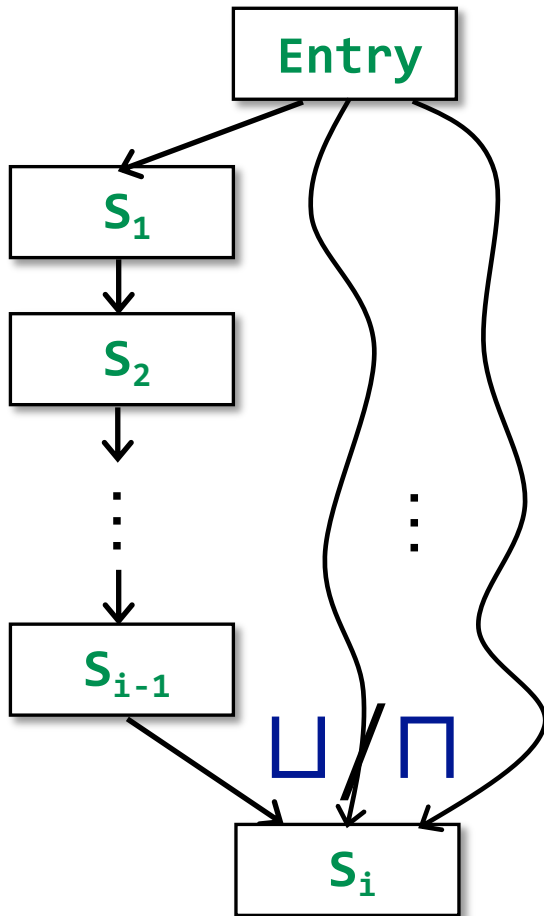
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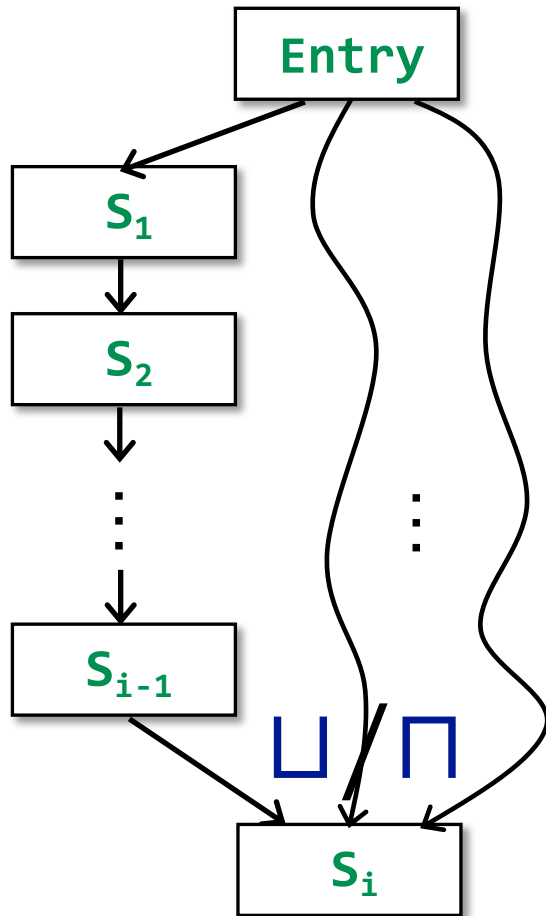
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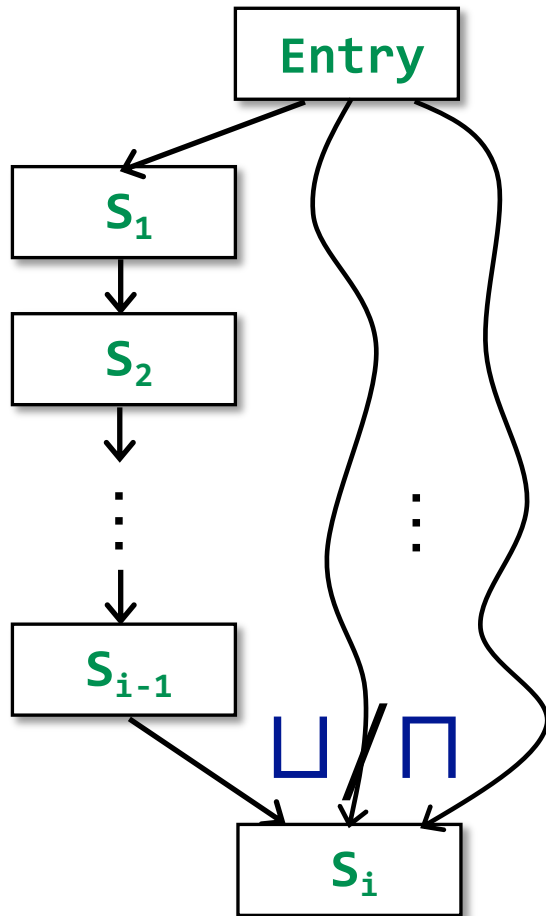
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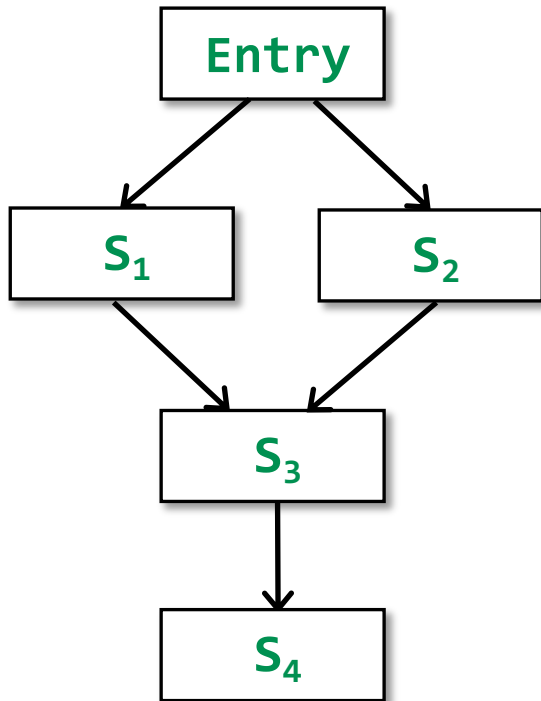
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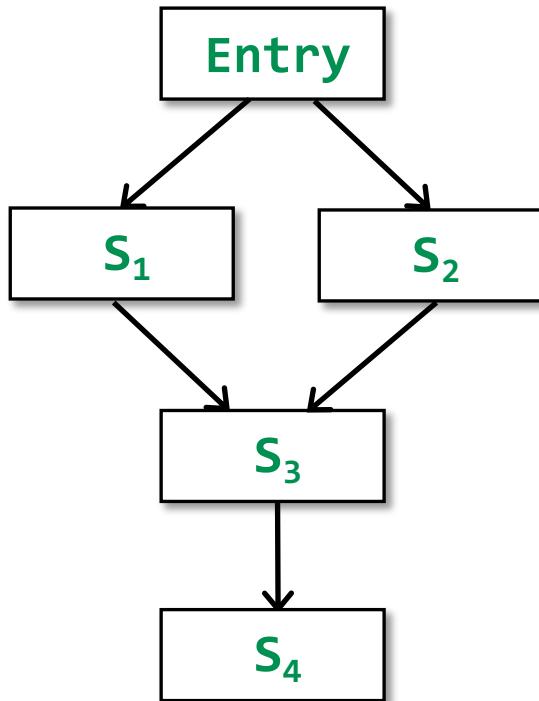
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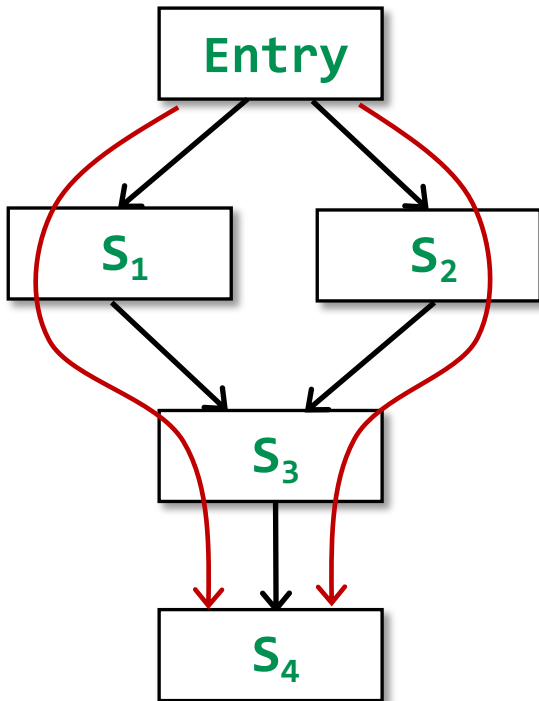


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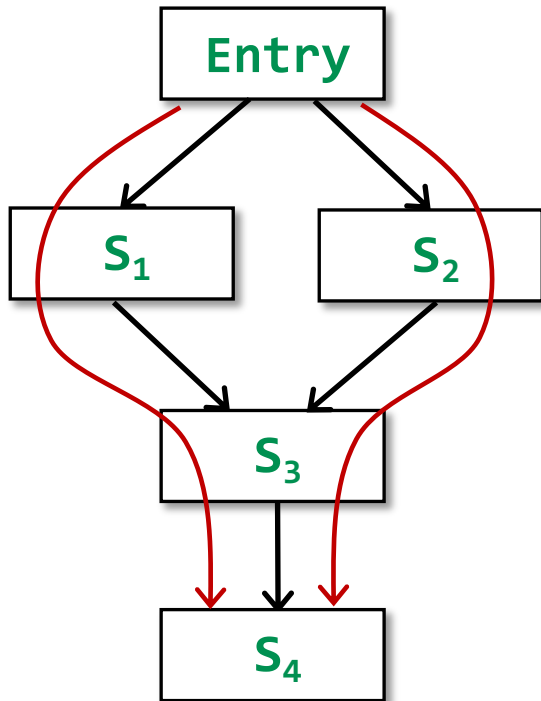
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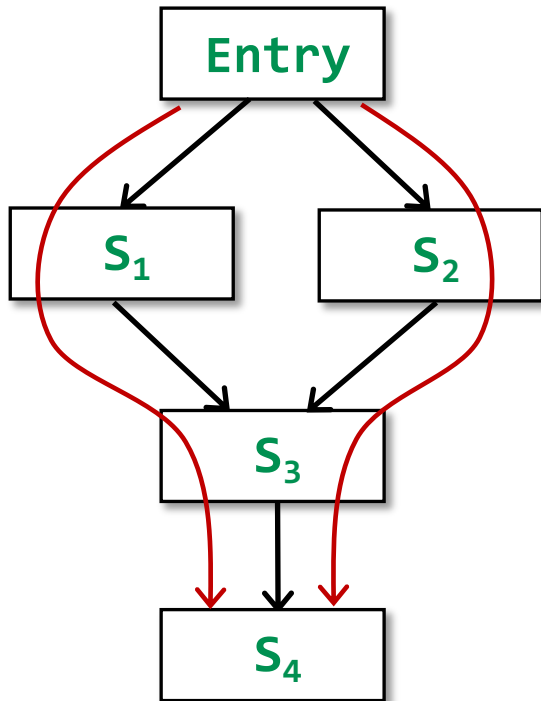
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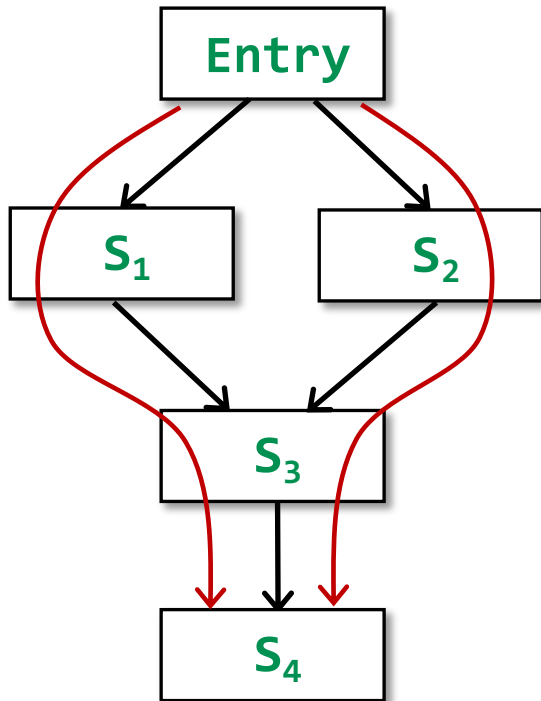
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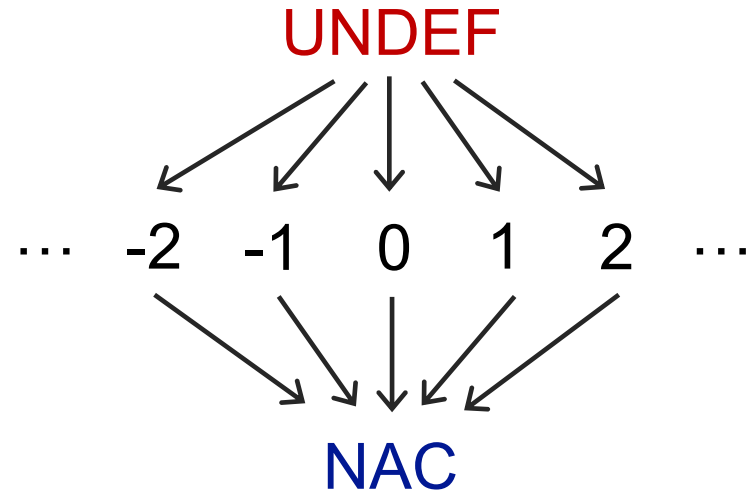
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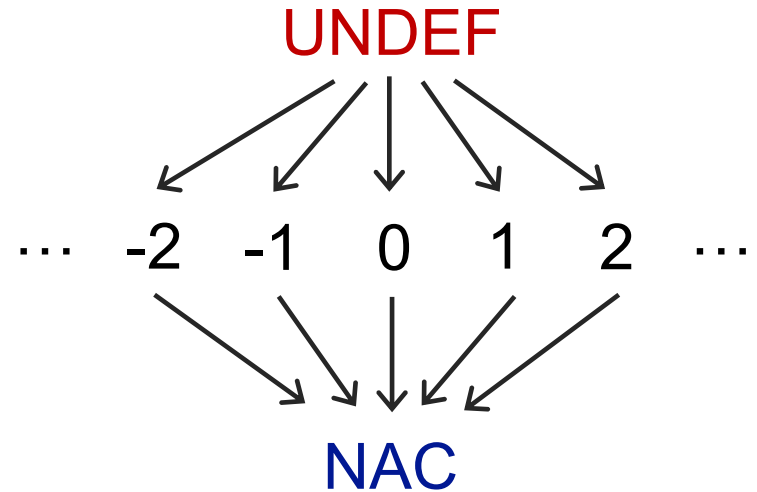
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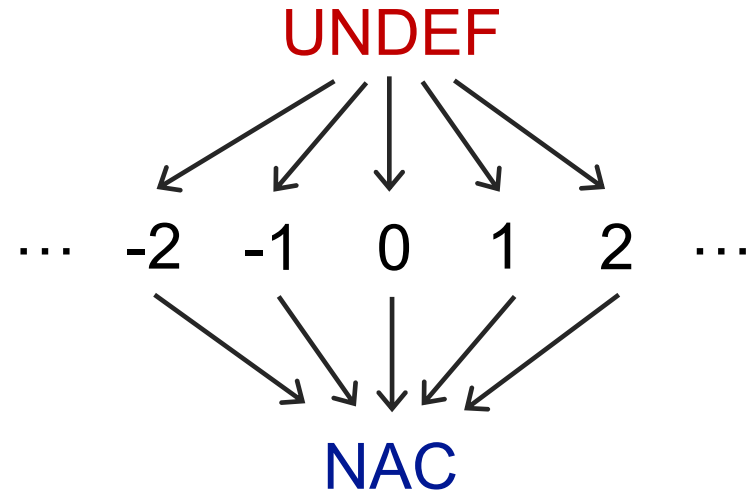


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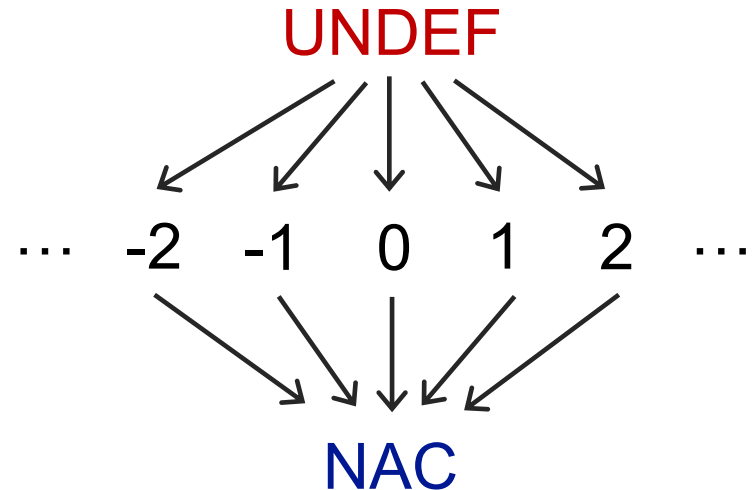
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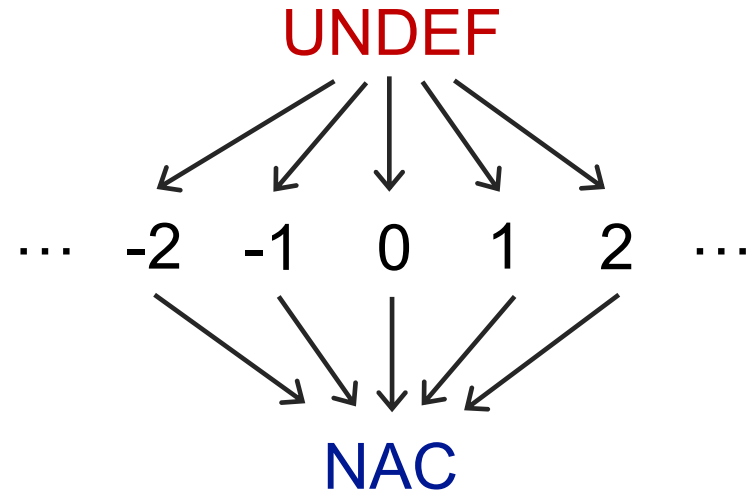
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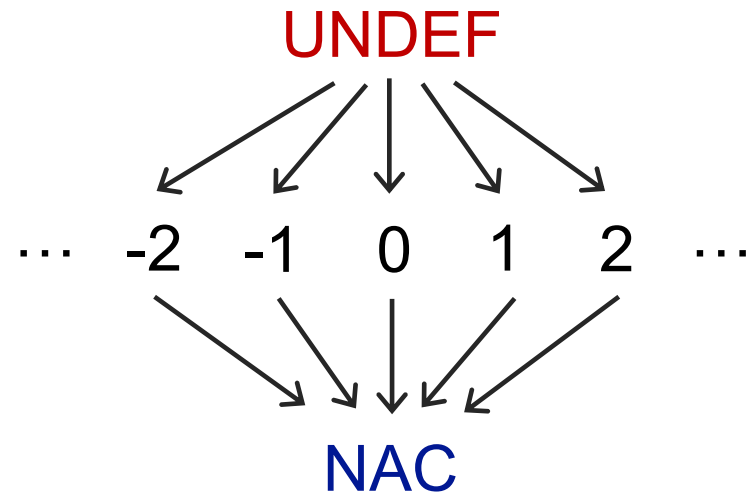
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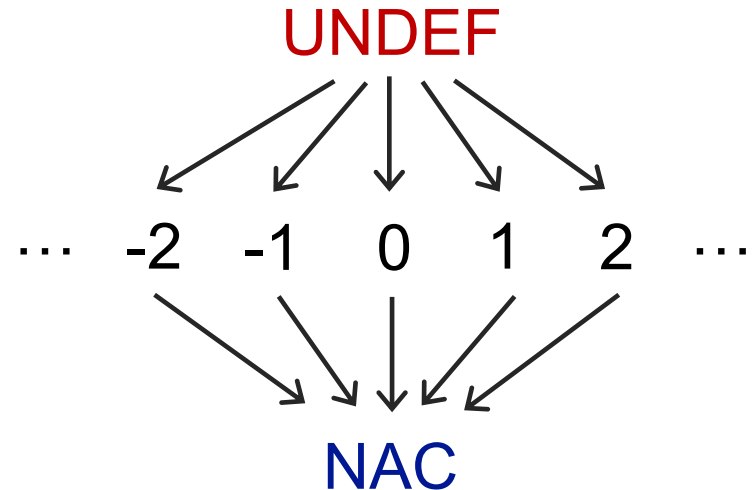
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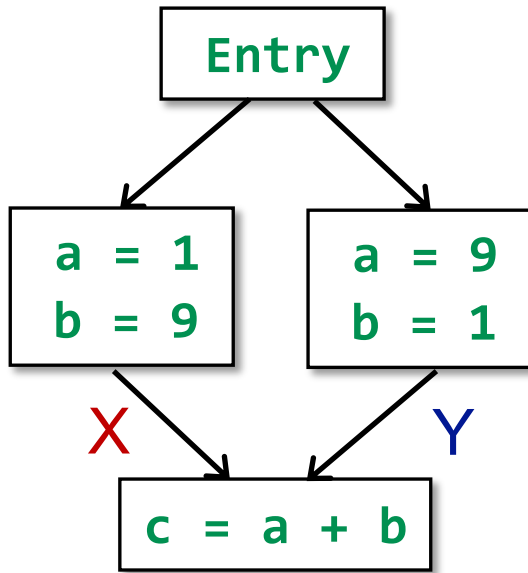
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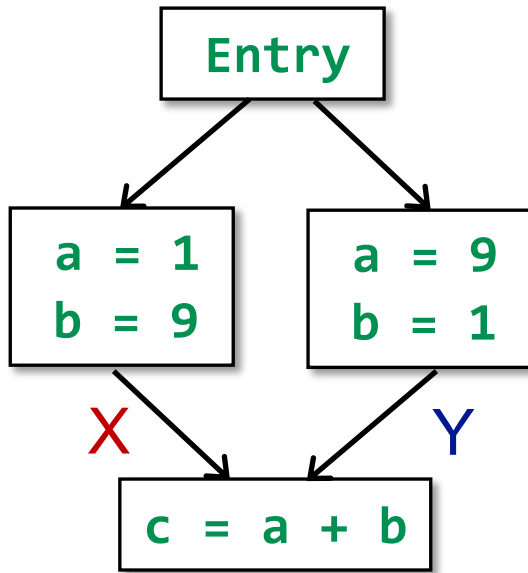
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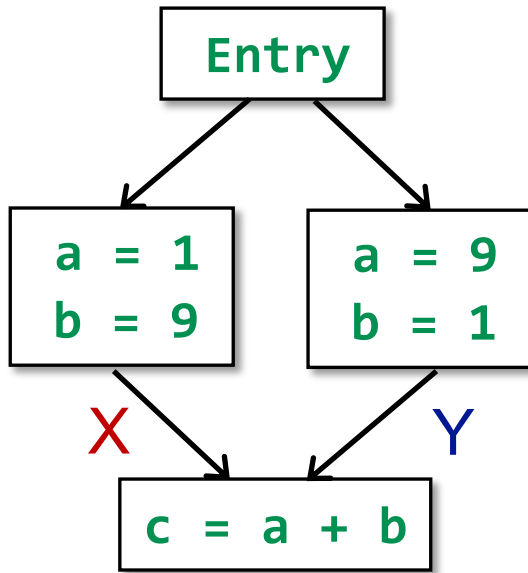
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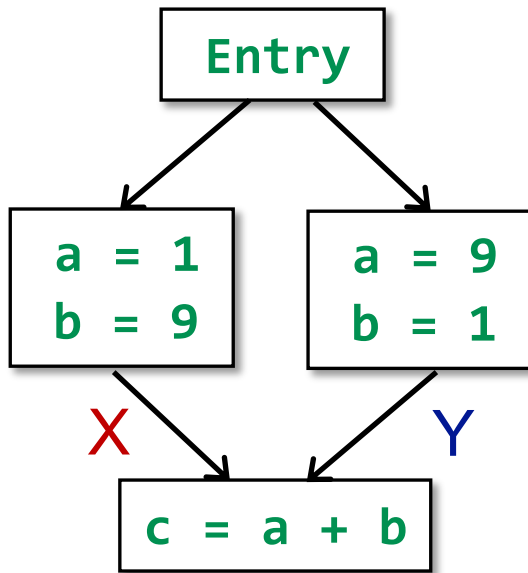
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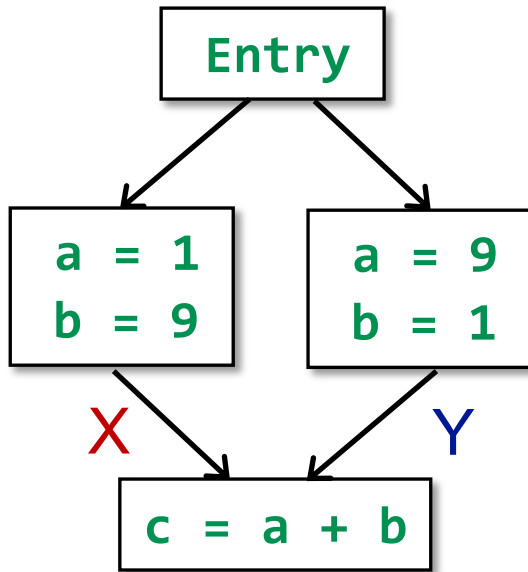
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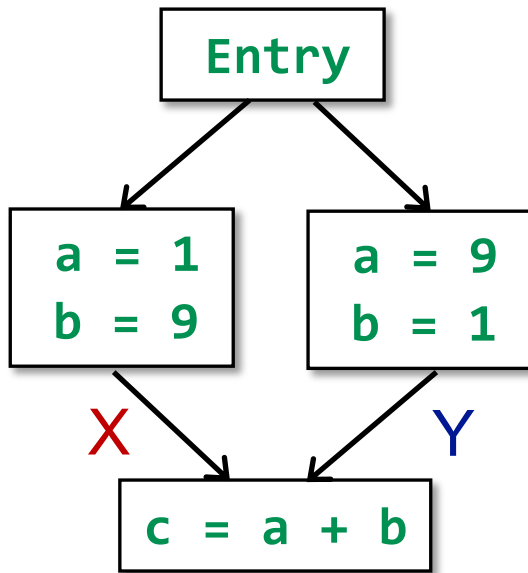
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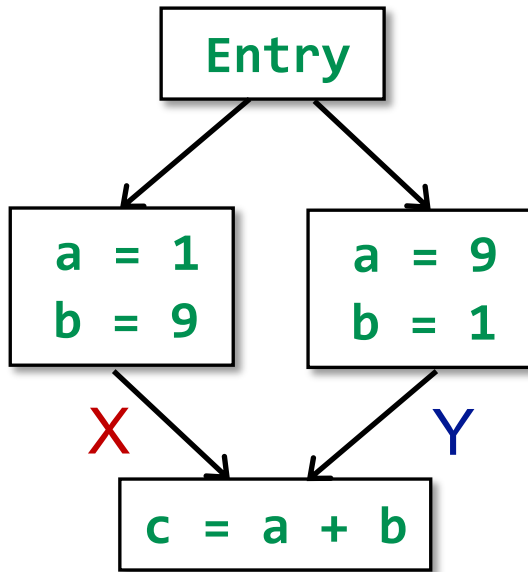
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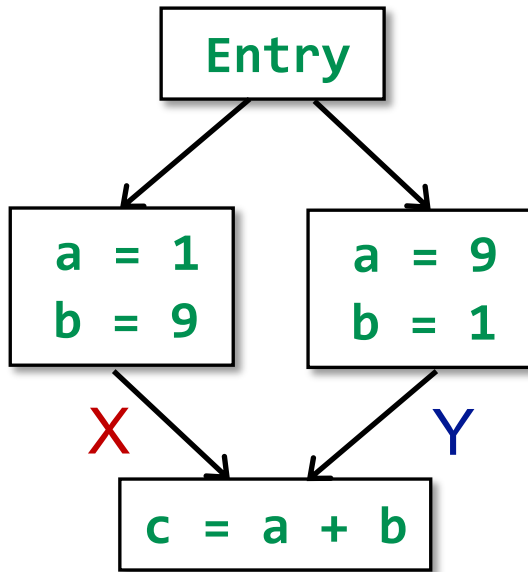
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an optimization of Iterative Algorithm

Review Iterative Algorithm for May & Forward Analysis

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

METHOD:

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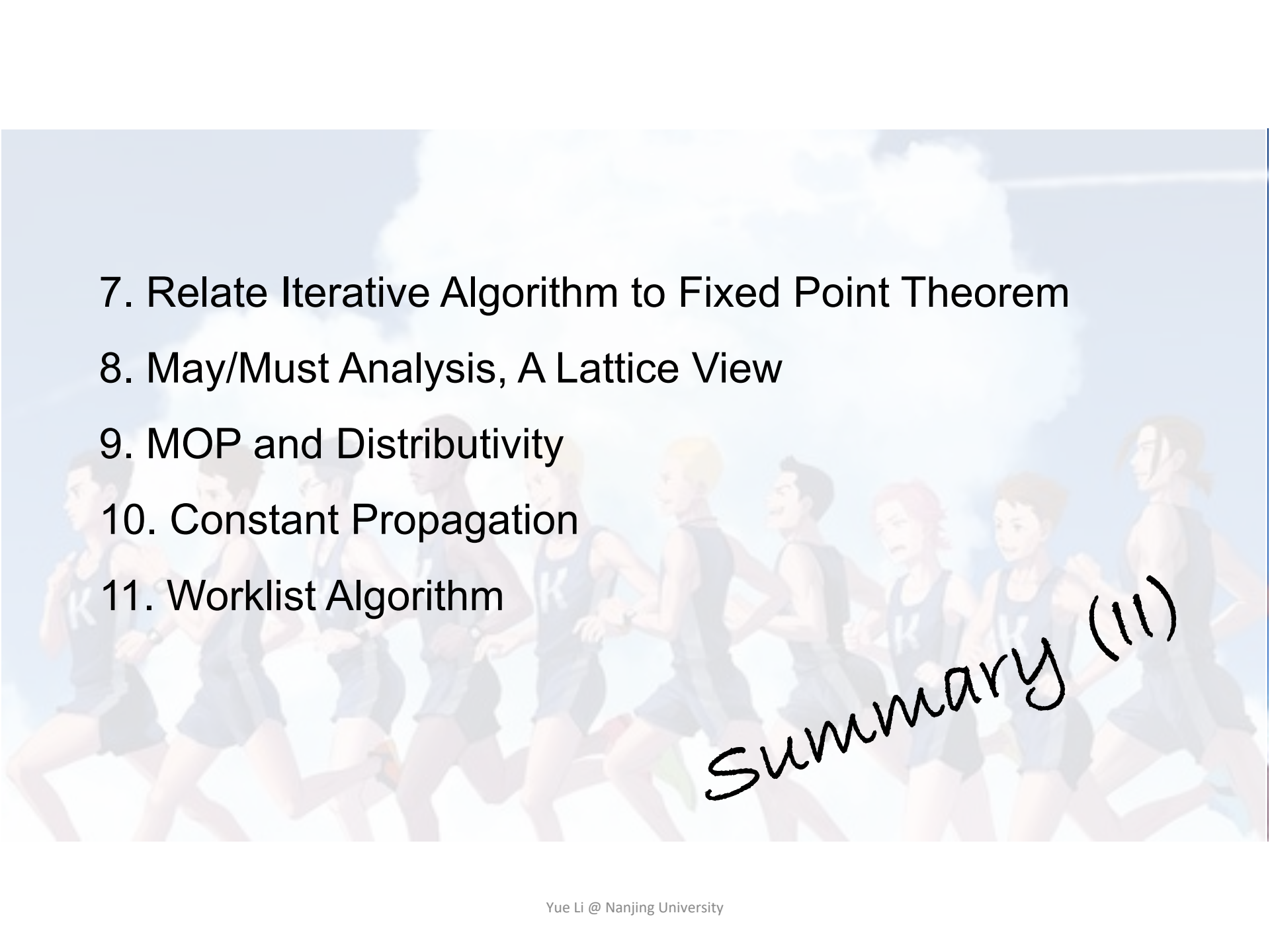
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Summary (1)

1. Iterative Algorithm, Another View
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 (II)

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