

Applied Compositional Thinking for Engineers



Session 7

Life is hard

The story so far

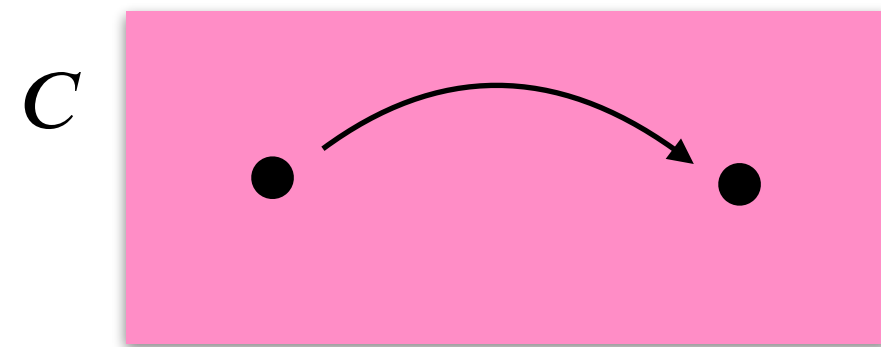
- ▶ We have defined **what is a category** and provided several examples.
- ▶ We have defined notions of **product**, **coproduct**, **subcategory**, etc.
- ▶ We have been looking at **posets** and how they represent **trade-offs**.
- ▶ We have seen how **posets can be interpreted as categories**.

- ▶ Today:
 - **Monotone functions**
 - **Lattices**; meet, join. Interpretation as product/coproduct.
 - **Functors** as generalization of monotone functions on posets.

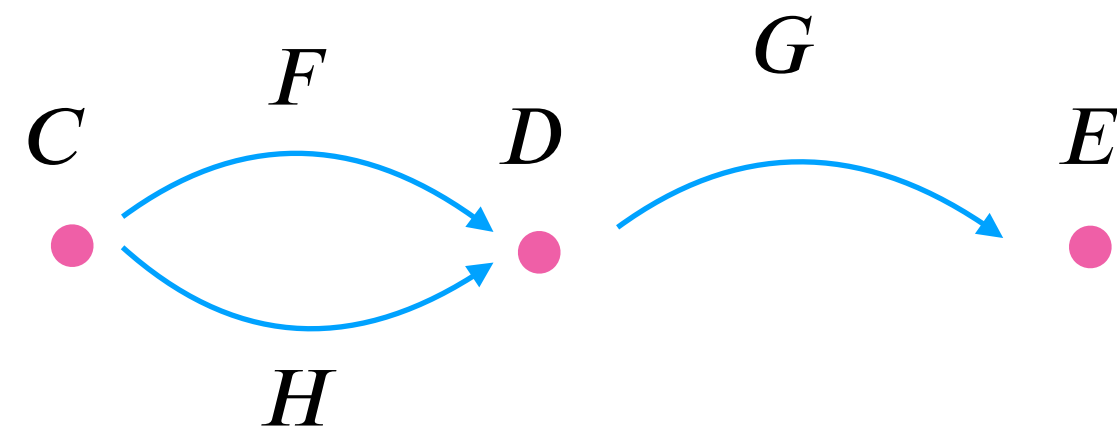


Looking ahead

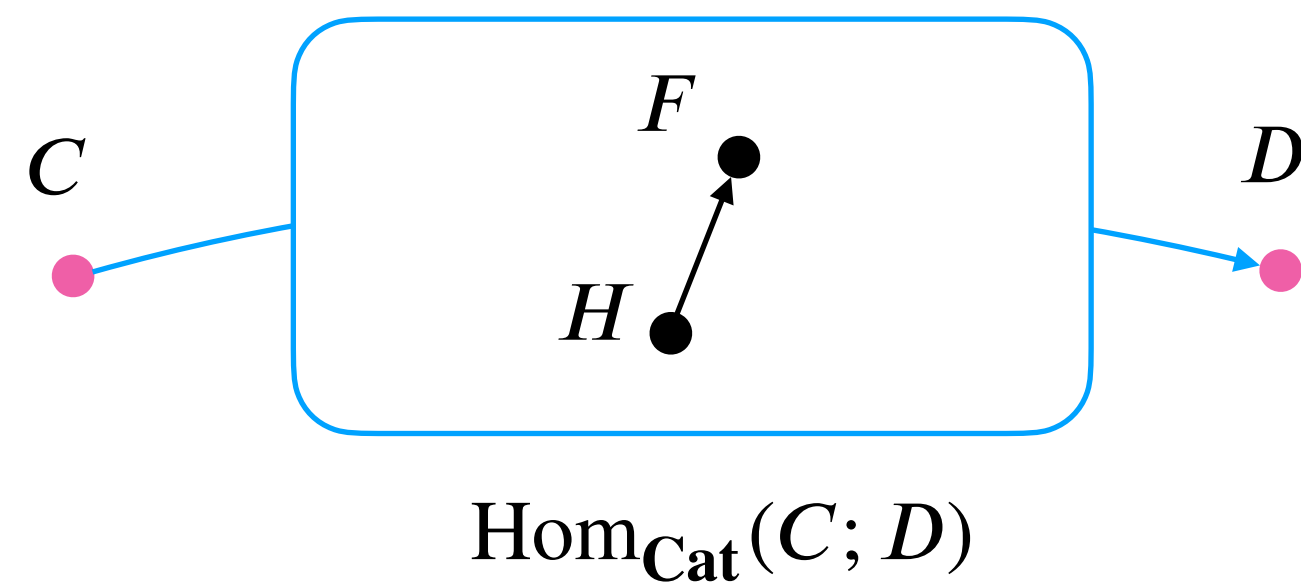
- ▶ In a category, morphisms are arrows between objects.

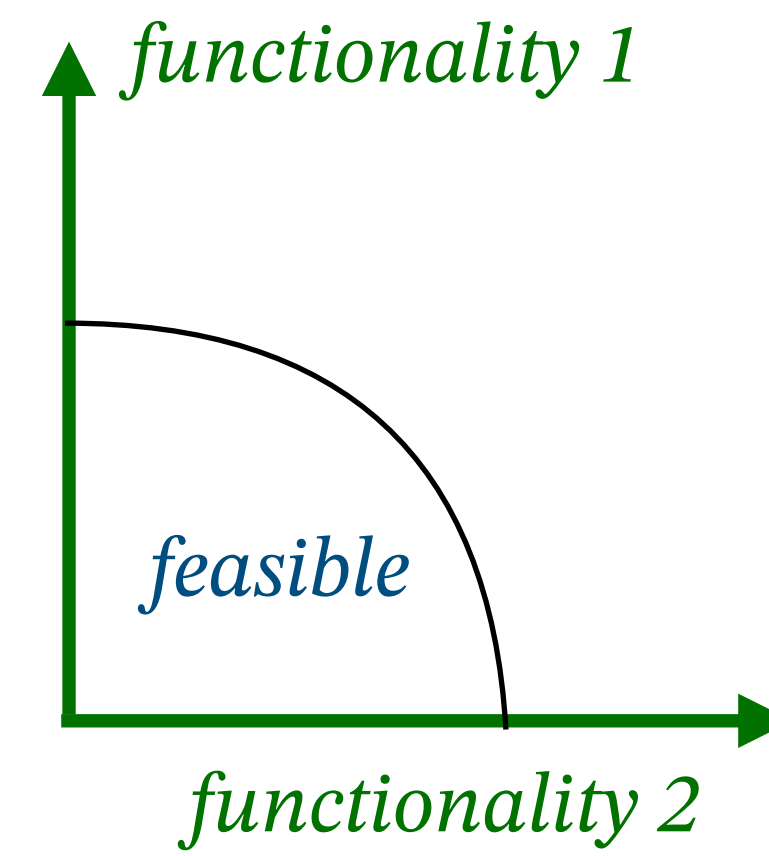
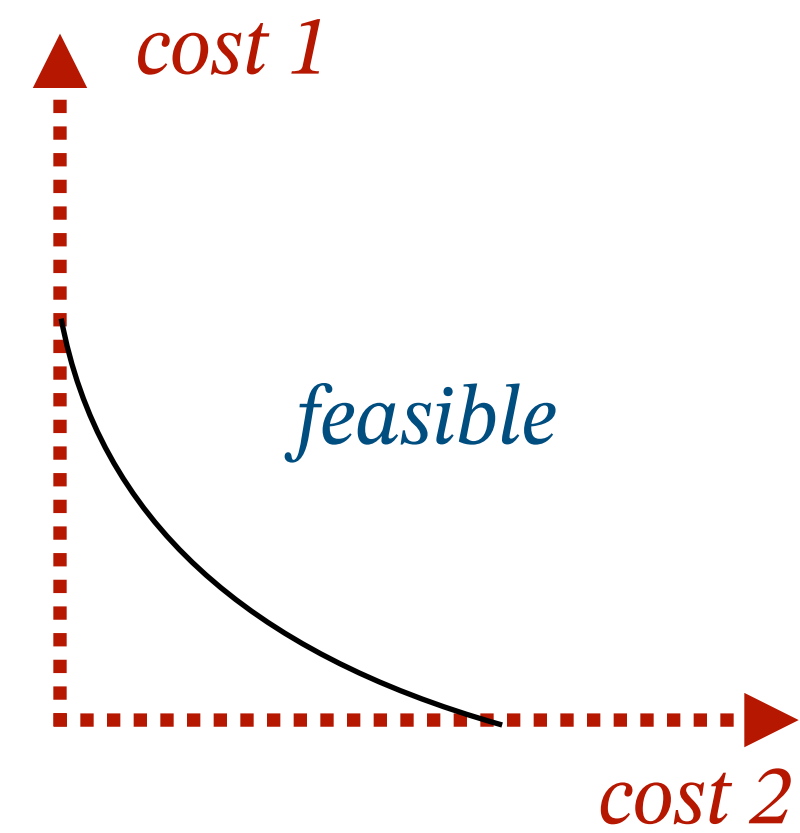
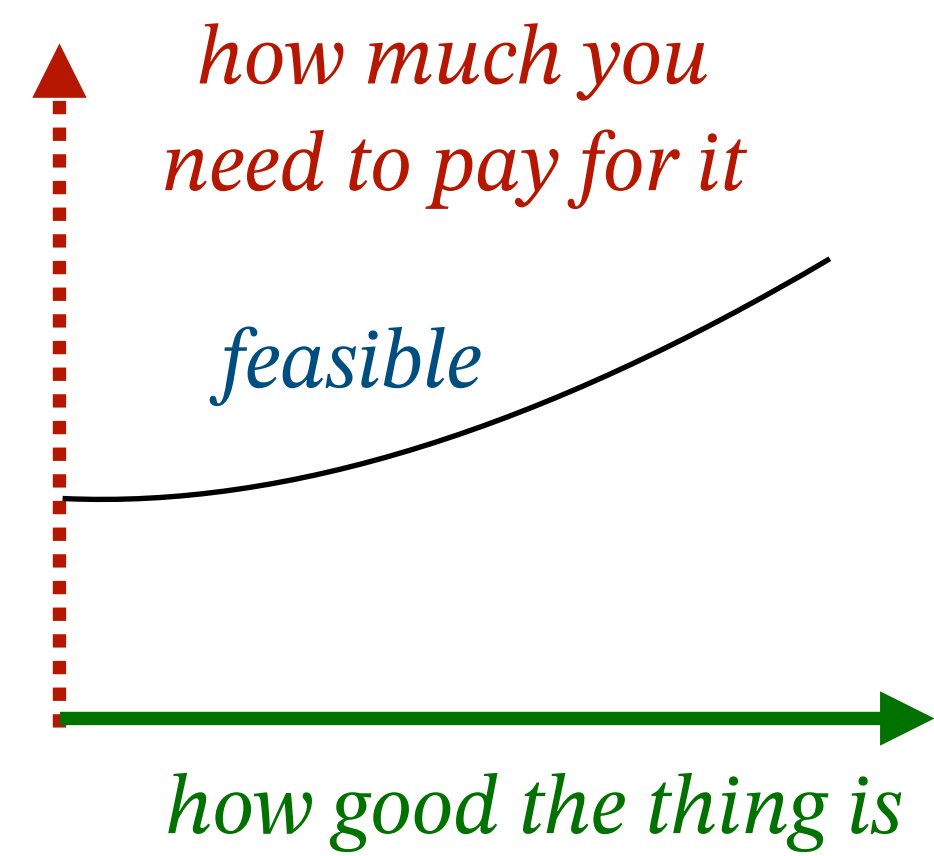
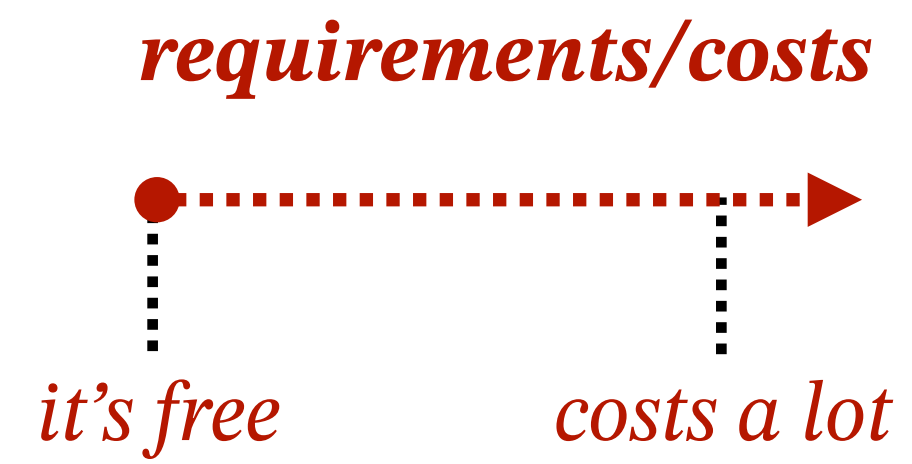


- ▶ In the **category of categories** \mathbf{Cat} , **functors** are **arrows between categories**.



- ▶ **Natural transformations** are arrows between functors with same domain/codomain.

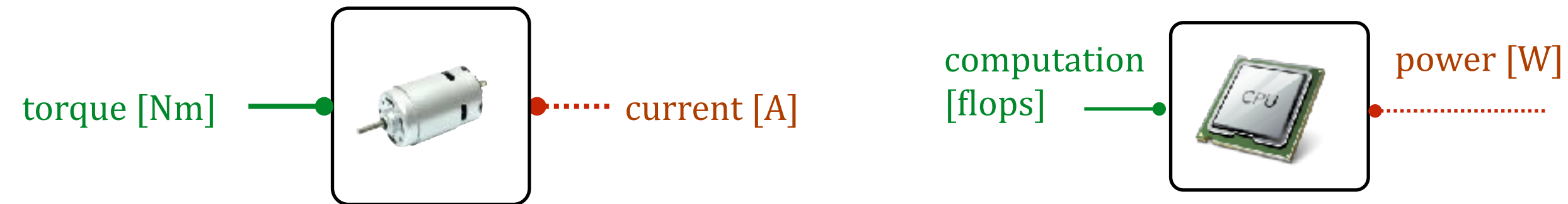




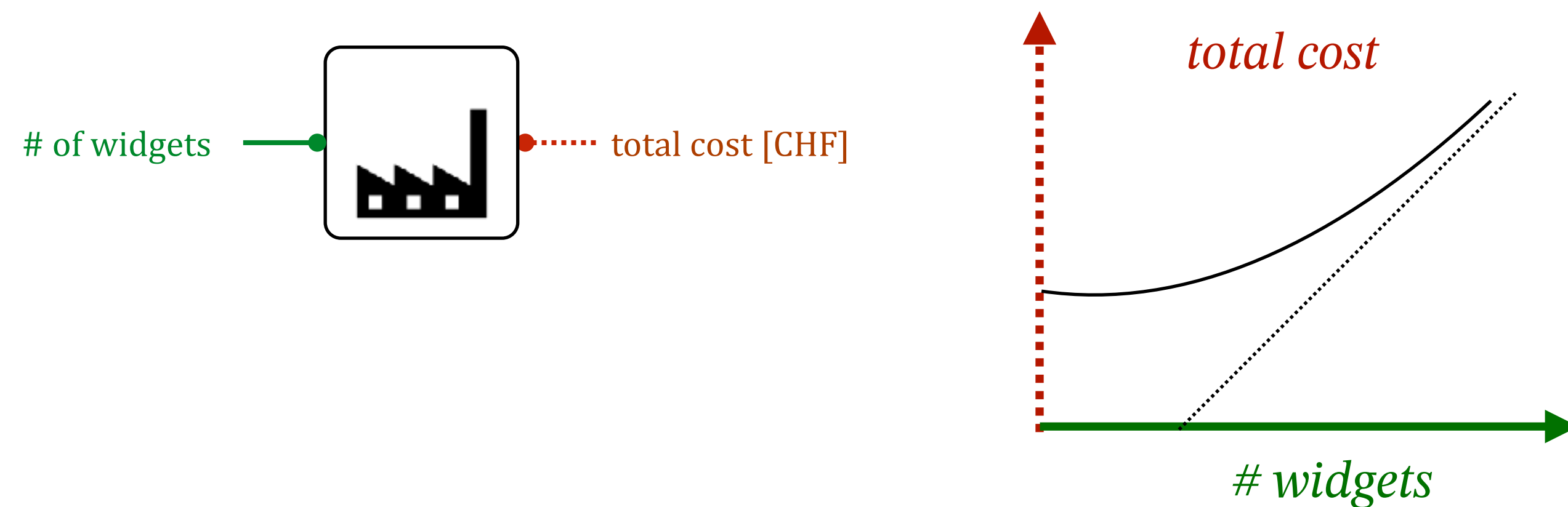
Monotone functions

- Monotone functions on \mathbb{R} = “**non-decreasing** functions”.

- Examples: all dimensioning relations in engineering:



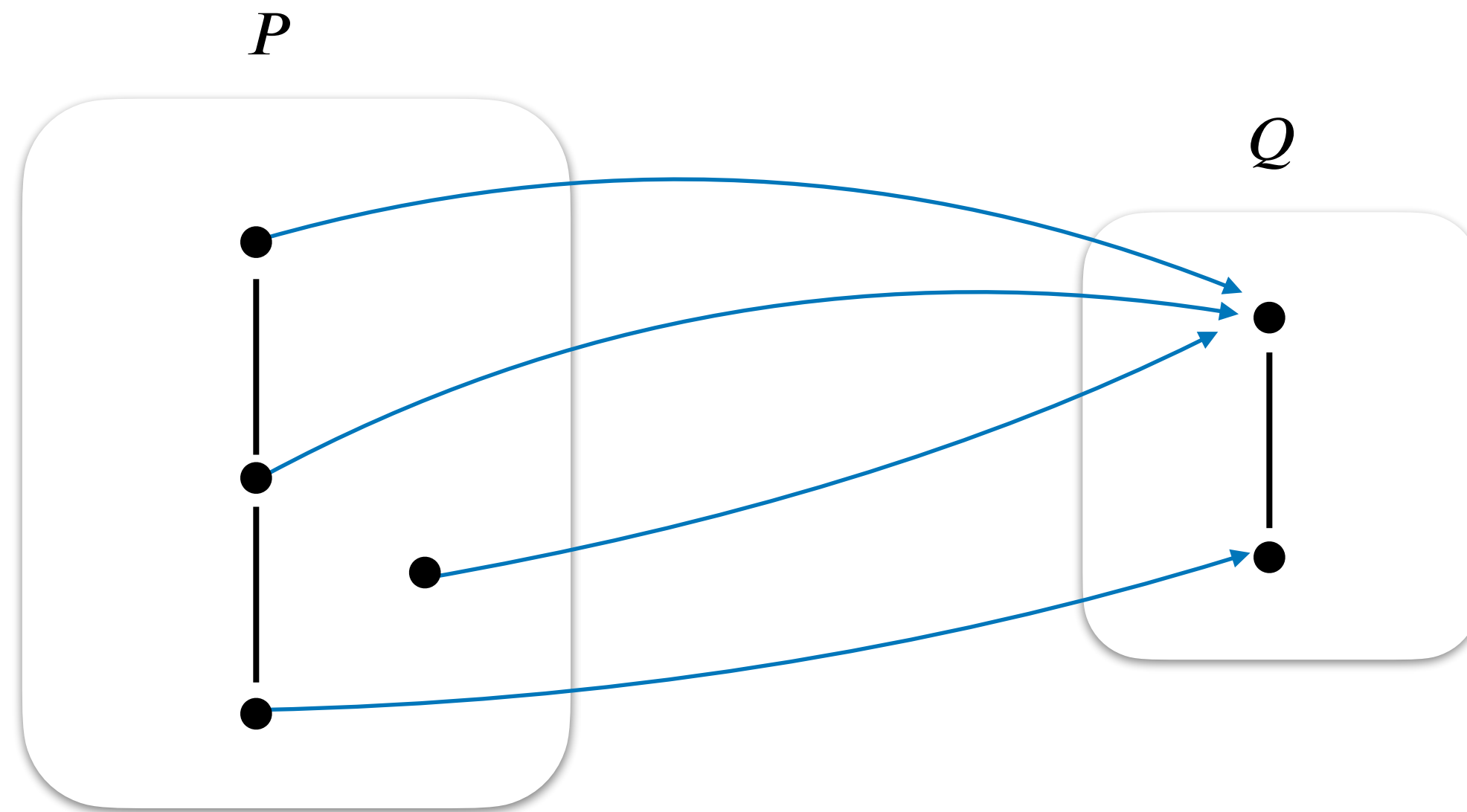
- Example: Manufacturing cost as a function of # of widgets.



Monotone functions on posets

- ▶ A function $f : \langle P, \leq_P \rangle \rightarrow \langle Q, \leq_Q \rangle$ is **monotone** iff

$$\frac{a \leq_P b}{f(a) \leq_Q f(b)}$$



- ▶ It is an **order isomorphism** if it is **injective** and

$$\frac{a \leq_P b}{\underline{\underline{f(a) \leq_Q f(b)}}}$$



Rounding functions

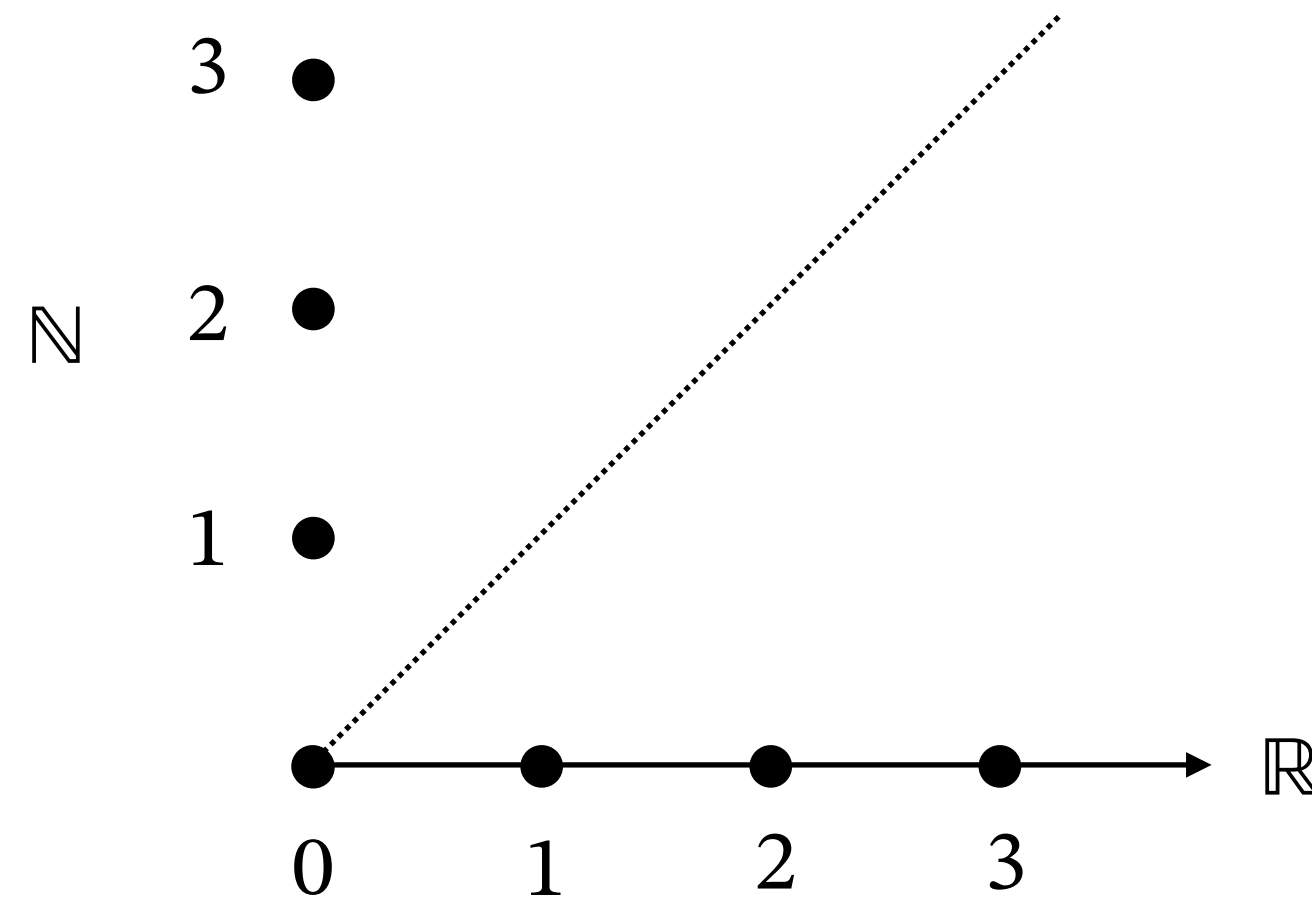
- There are a few **rounding functions**:

$$\text{ceil} : \langle \mathbb{R}, \leq \rangle \rightarrow \langle \mathbb{N}, \leq \rangle$$

$$\text{floor} : \langle \mathbb{R}, \leq \rangle \rightarrow \langle \mathbb{N}, \leq \rangle$$

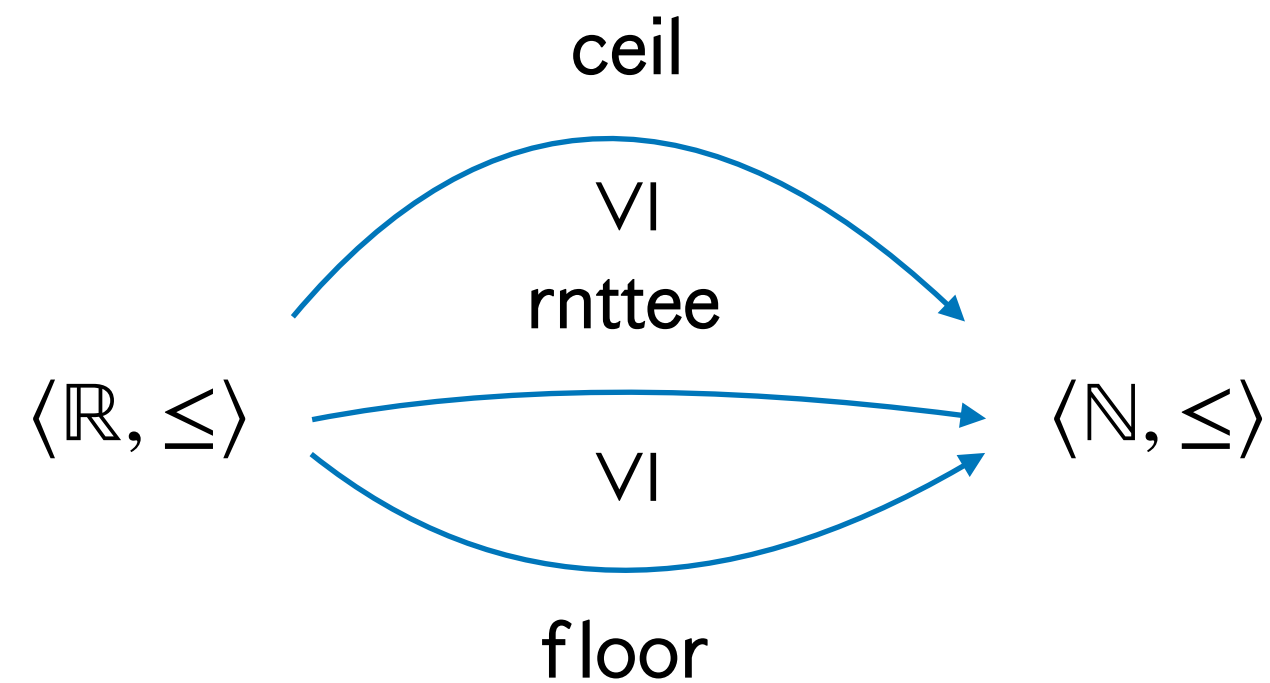
$$\text{rntte} : \langle \mathbb{R}, \leq \rangle \rightarrow \langle \mathbb{N}, \leq \rangle$$

“round to nearest, ties to even”
(default IEEE-754)



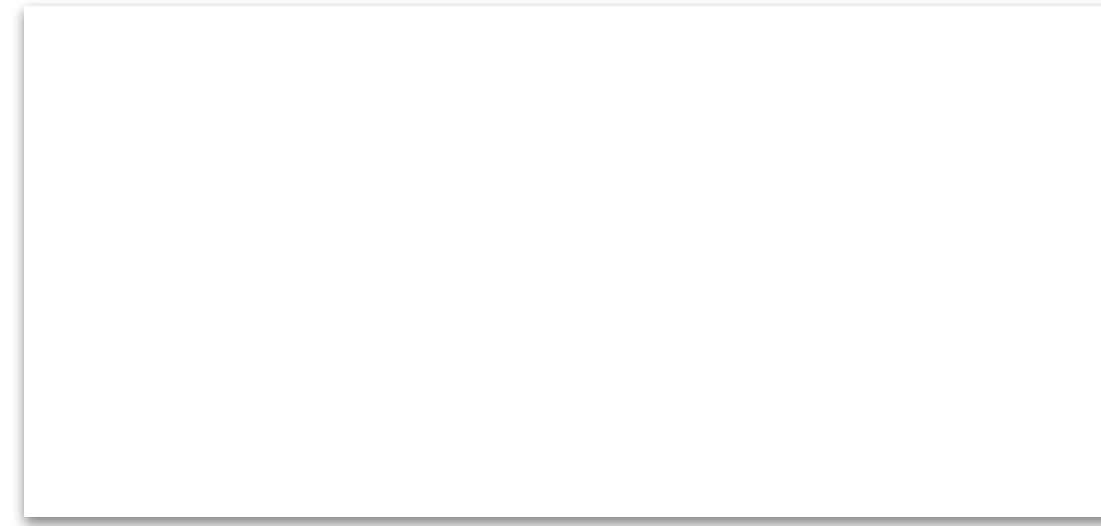
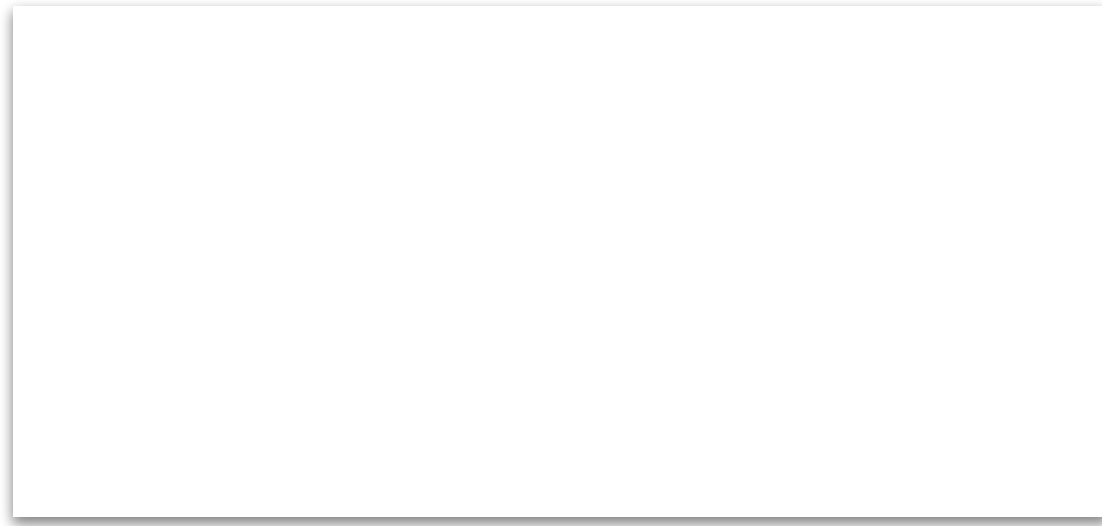
- Also note:

$$\forall x \in \mathbb{R} : \text{floor}(x) \leq \text{rntte}(x) \leq \text{ceil}(x)$$

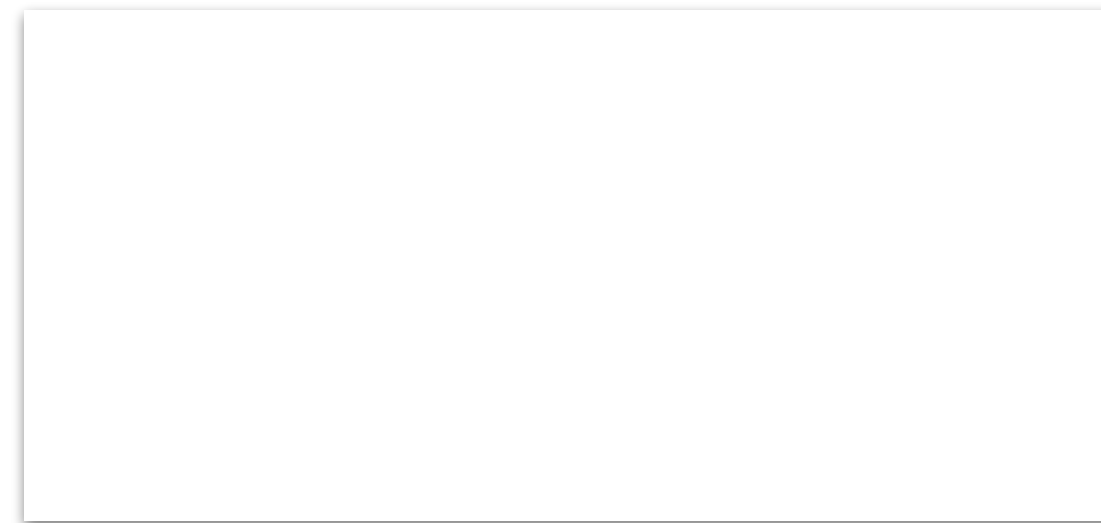
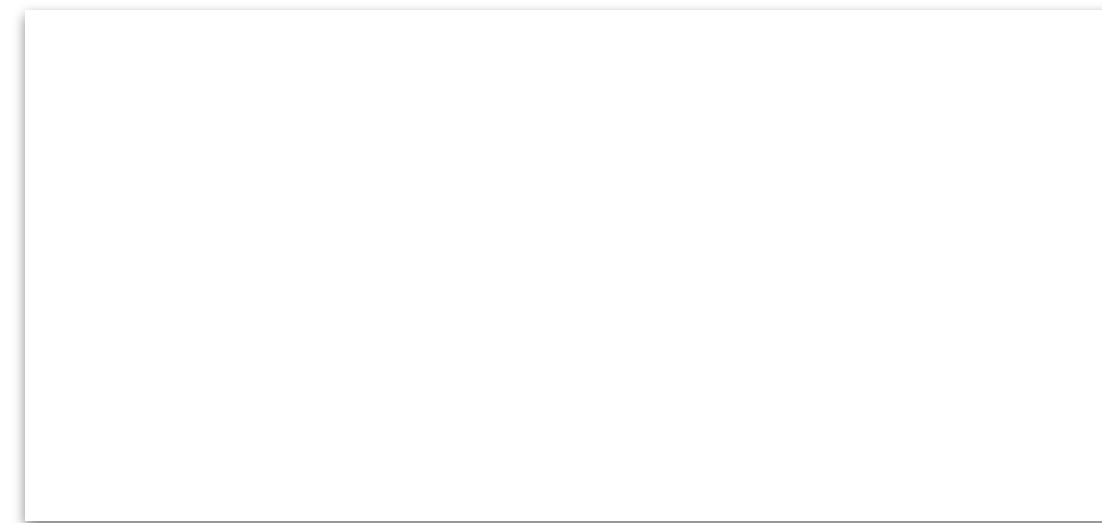


Upper and lower bounds

- ▶ The **upper bounds** of a subset S of a poset P are, if they exist, the elements that dominate all elements in S .



- ▶ The **least upper bound**, if it exists, is the least among the upper bounds of S . We also call it the *join*, *supremum*, $\vee S$.
- ▶ The least upper bound need not exist.



- ▶ The least upper bound need not exist even in a total order.

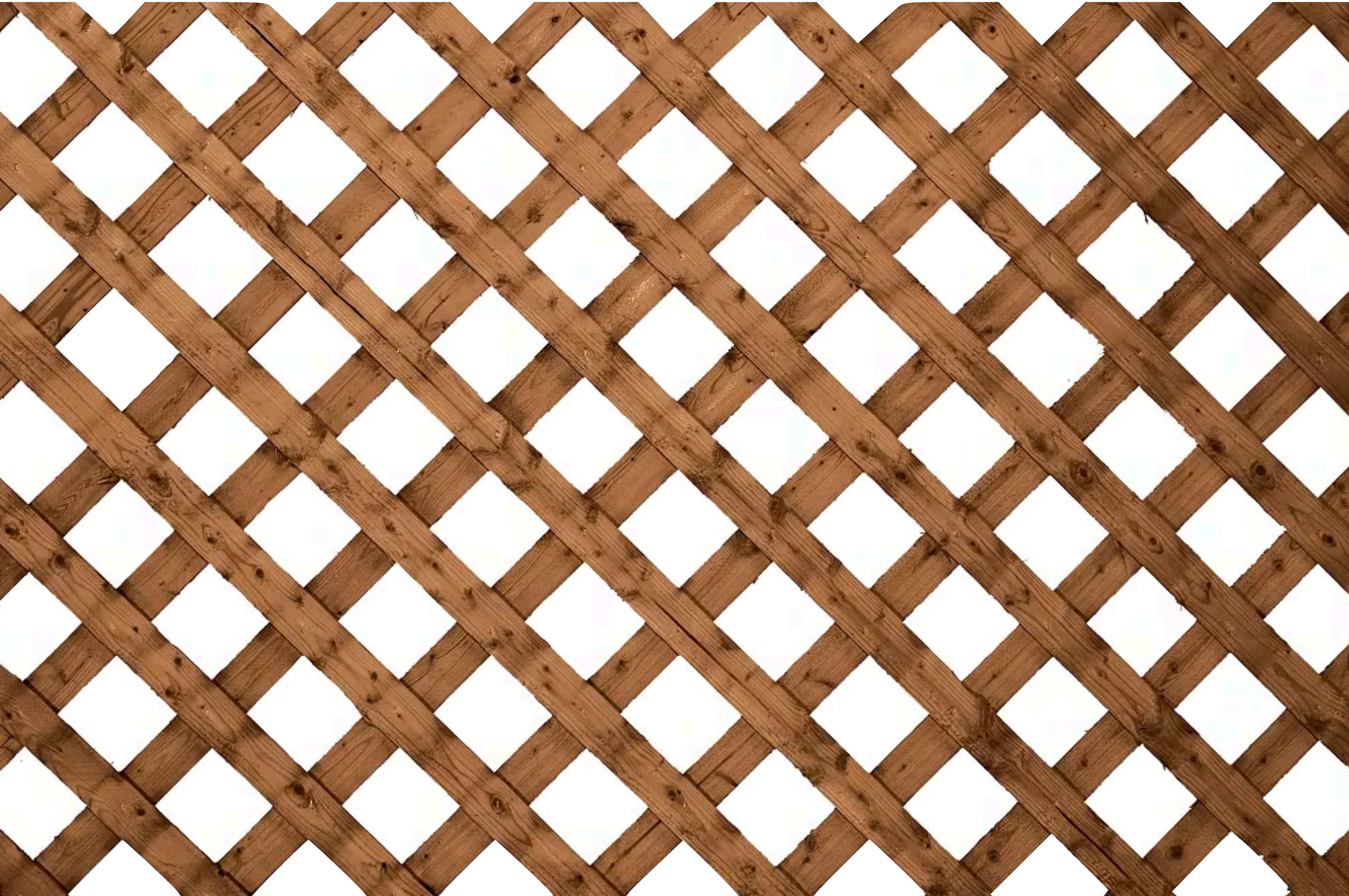
$$\mathbb{R}_{>0} = \{x \in \mathbb{R} : x > 0\}$$

- ▶ Dually: define **lower bound**, also called **meet**, **minimum**, $\wedge S$.



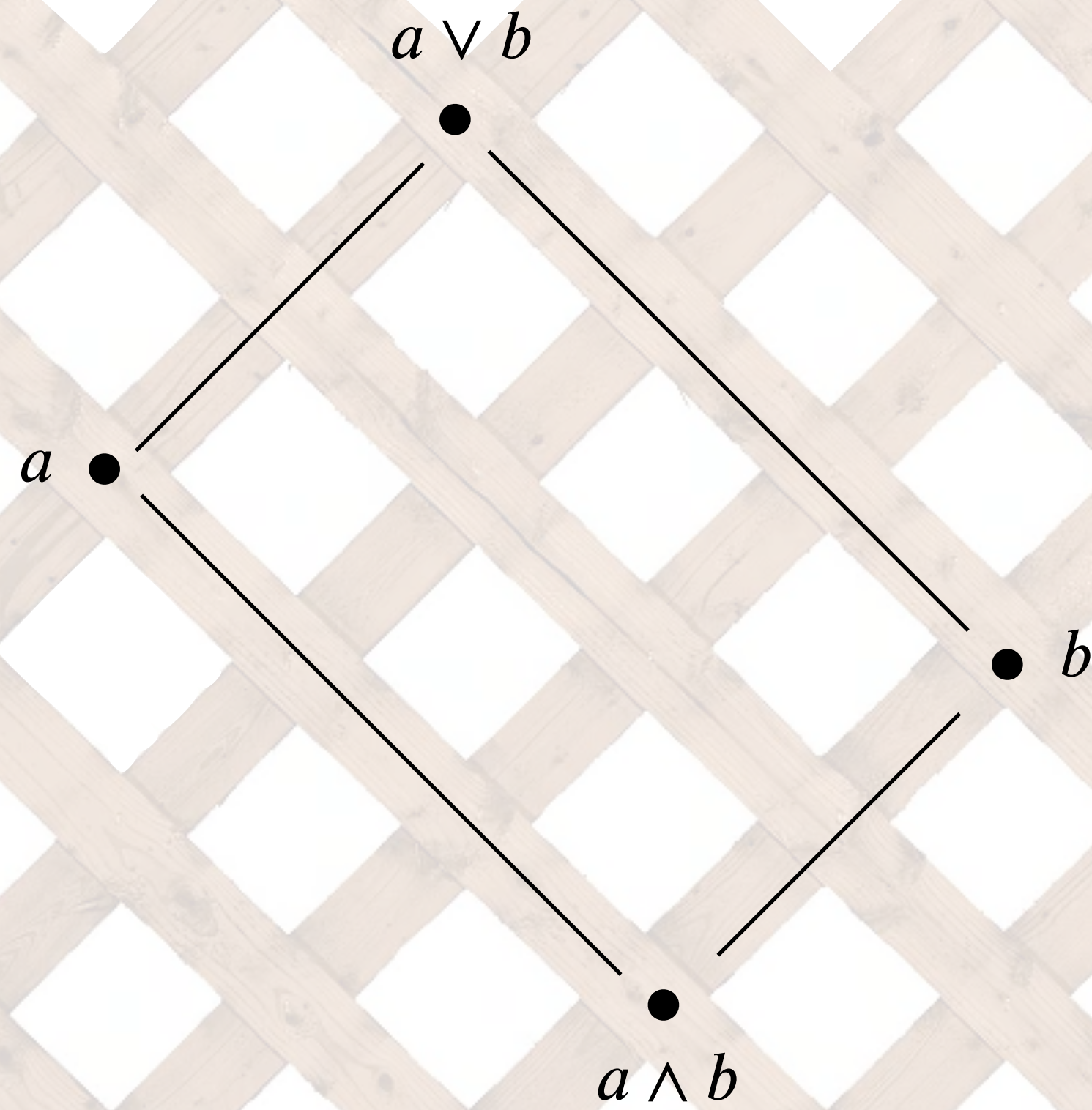
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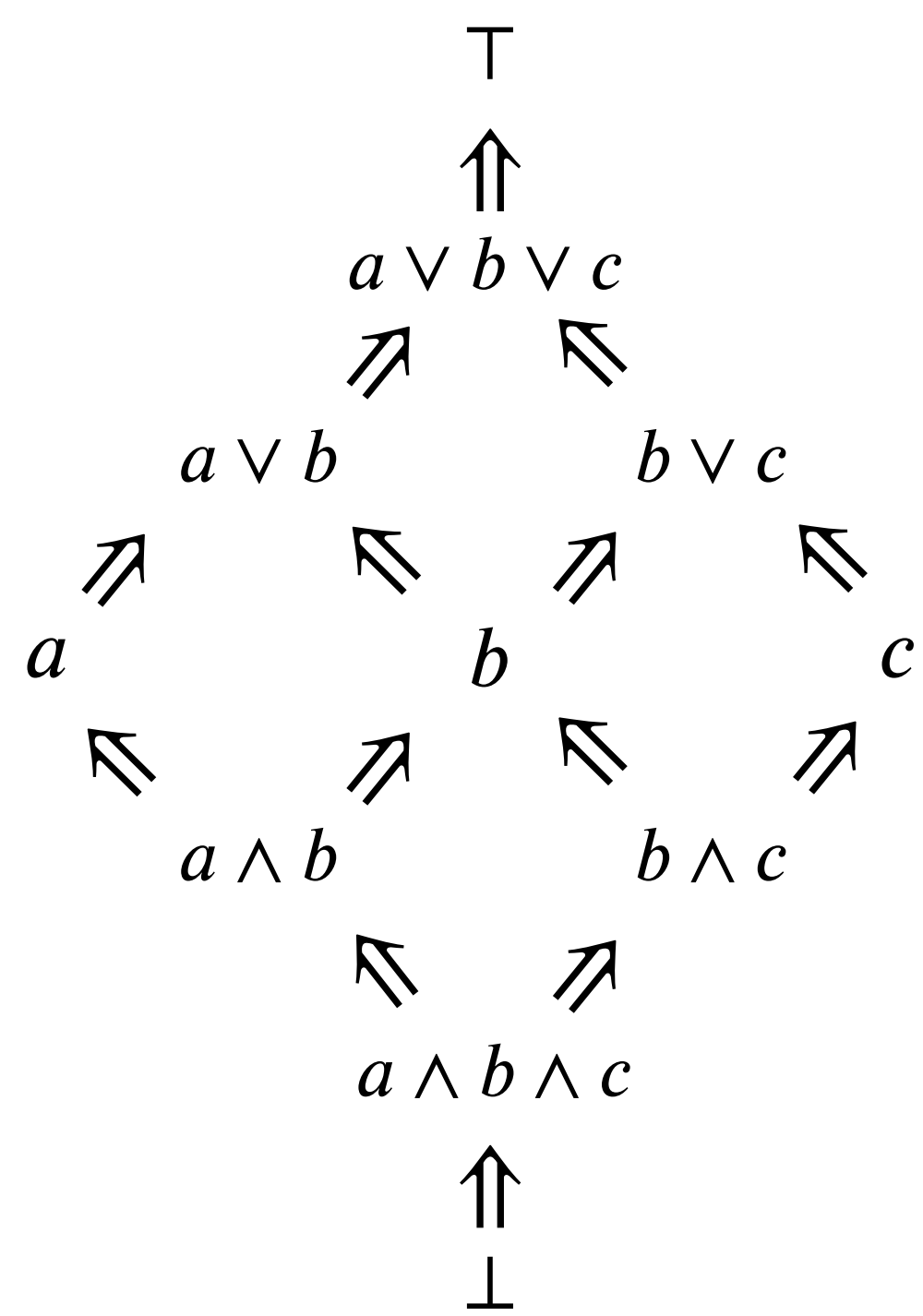
$$(a \wedge b) \leq a \leq (a \vee b)$$



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- Example: Consider a poset **Propositions** where:
 - the elements are propositions (equivalence classes of propositions)
 - the partial order is given by

$$\frac{a \leq b}{a \Rightarrow b}$$
 - This is a lattice with the logical operations \wedge and \vee .



$$\frac{a \Leftrightarrow b}{a = b}$$

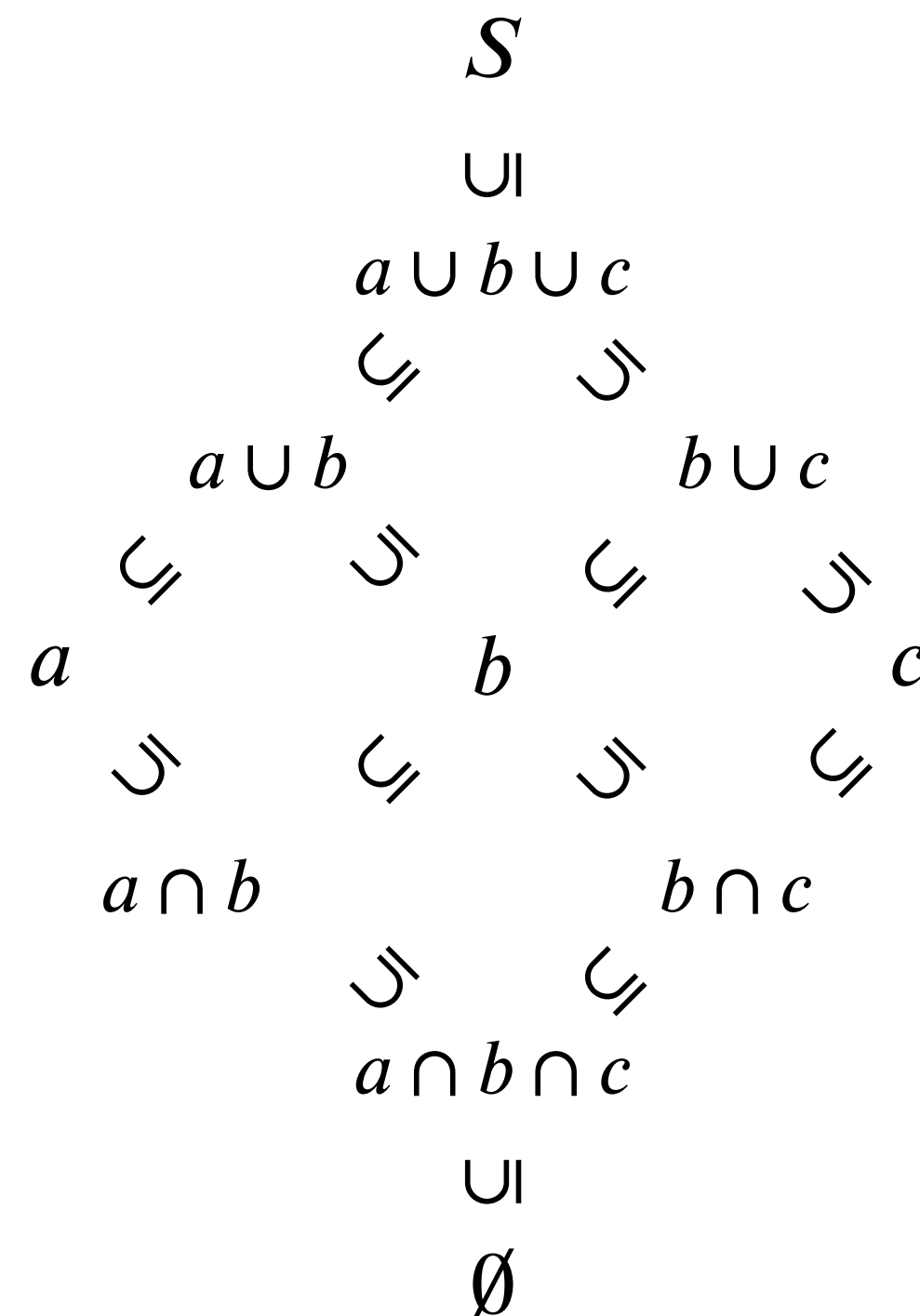
$$\frac{\top}{a \Rightarrow a}$$

$$\frac{(a \Rightarrow b) \wedge (b \Rightarrow c)}{a \Rightarrow c}$$



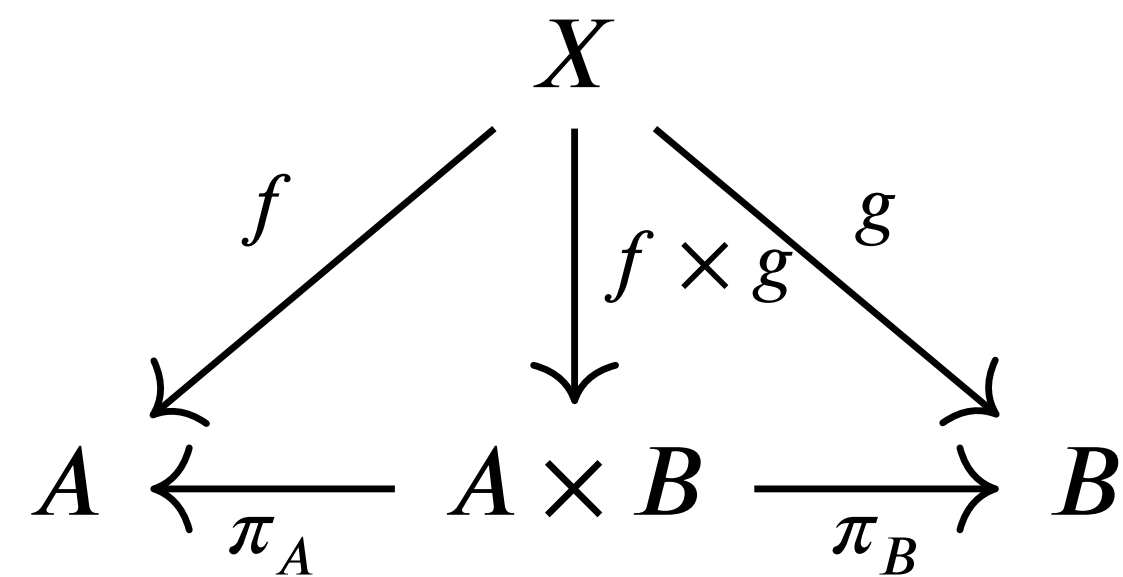
Powersets

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- Example: The **power set** $\mathcal{P}(S)$ (set of all subsets) of a set S is a lattice with:
 - $a \leq b \doteq a \subseteq b$
 - $a \vee b \doteq a \cup b$
 - $a \wedge b \doteq a \cap b$
 - $\top = S$
 - $\perp = \emptyset$



In a lattice, meet and join are product and co-product

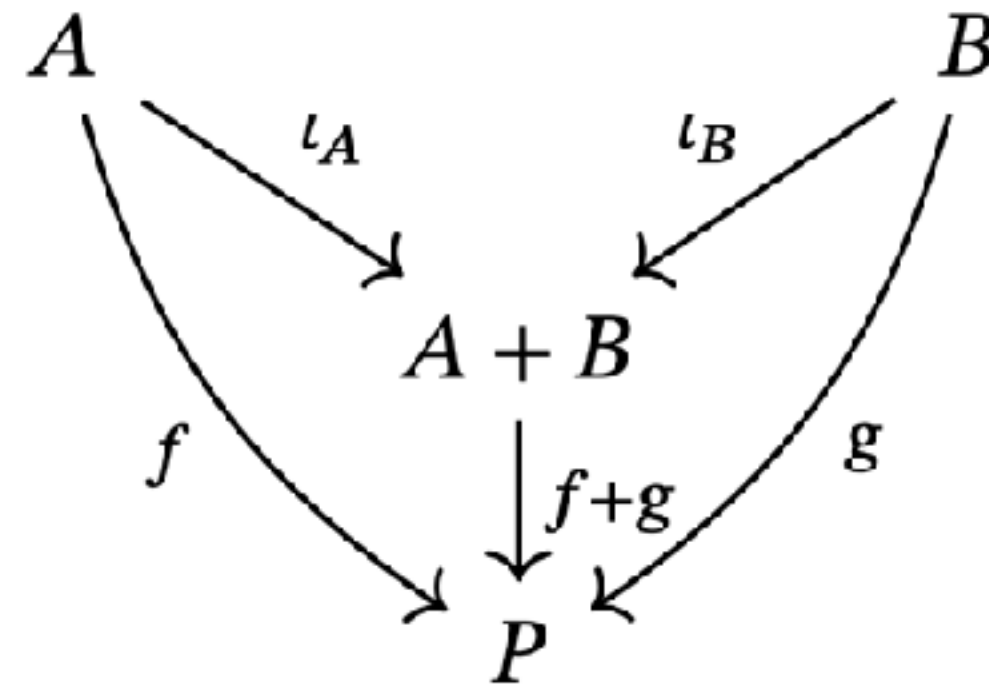
- ▶ If you see a lattice as a category:
 - the **meet** \wedge is the **product** in the category.
 - the **join** \vee is the **co-product** in the category.



$$f : \frac{X}{A} \quad g : \frac{X}{B}$$

$$f \times g : \frac{X}{A \wedge B}$$

$$\pi_A : \frac{A \wedge B}{A} \quad \pi_B : \frac{A \wedge B}{B}$$



$$f : \frac{A}{P} \quad g : \frac{B}{P}$$

$$f + g : \frac{A \vee B}{P}$$

$$i_A : \frac{A}{A \vee B} \quad i_B : \frac{B}{A \vee B}$$

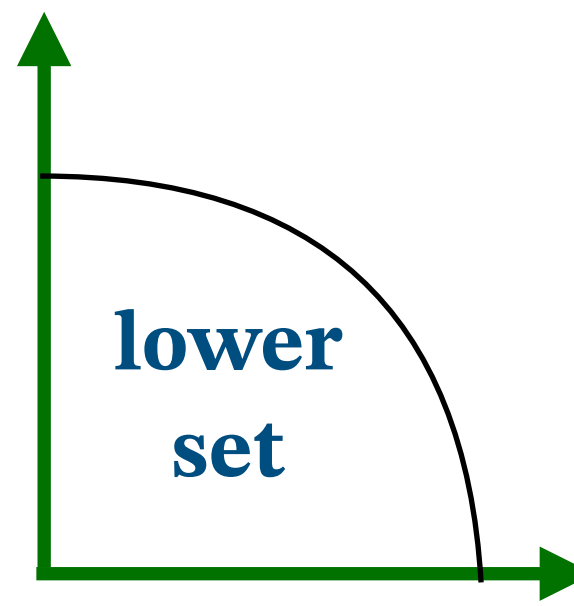
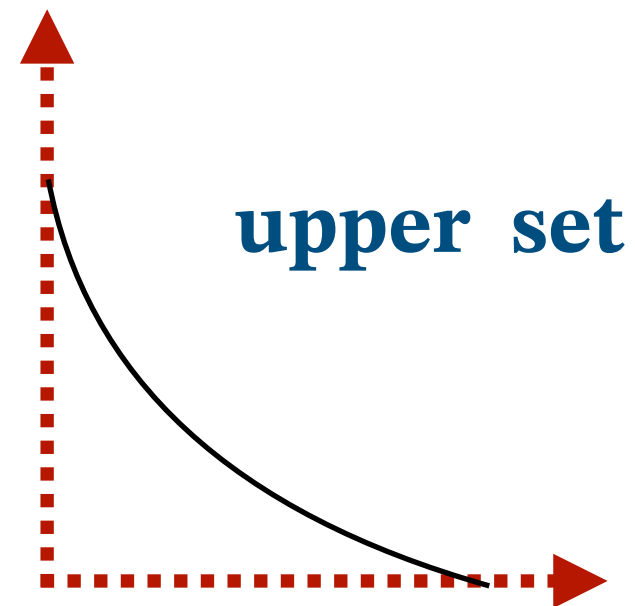


Upper/lower sets

- ▶ An **upper set** is a subset of a poset such that, if x is in the poset, all “higher” elements are.
- ▶ A **lower set** is a subset of a poset such that, if x is in the poset, all “lower” elements are.

$$\frac{x \in U \quad x \leq y}{y \in U}$$

$$\frac{x \in L \quad y \leq x}{y \in L}$$



- ▶ Let **UP** and **LP** be the sets of all upper/lower sets. These are posets choosing:

$$\langle \mathbf{UP}, \supseteq \rangle \quad \top = \emptyset \quad \perp = P$$

$$\langle \mathbf{LP}, \subseteq \rangle \quad \top = P \quad \perp = \emptyset$$



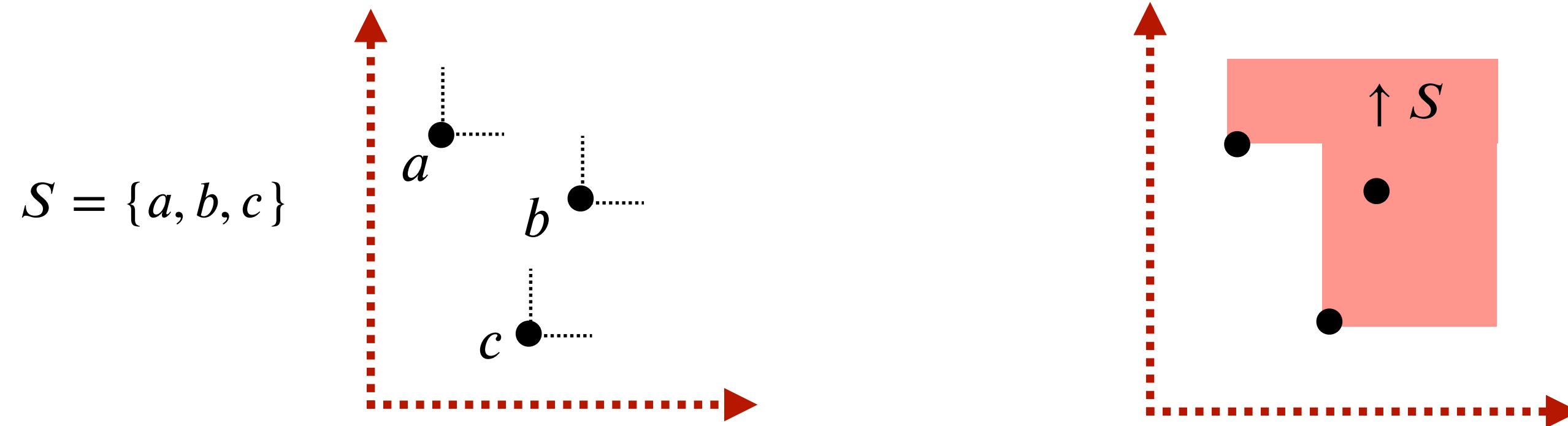
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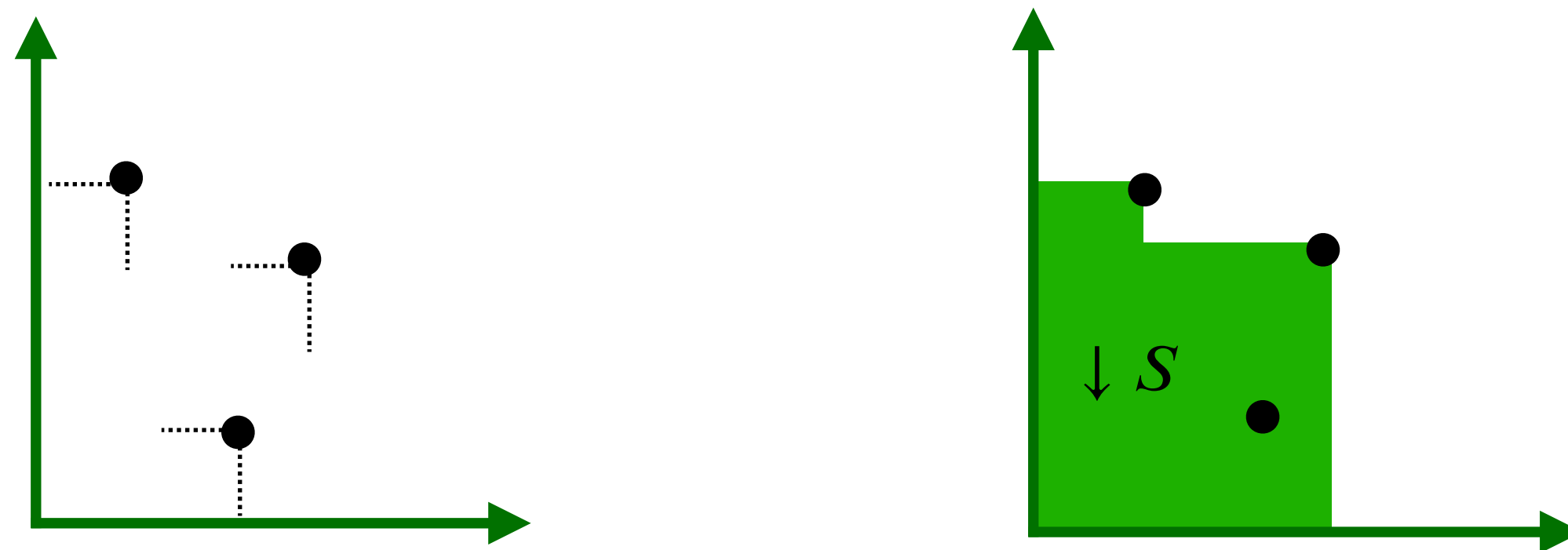
$$\uparrow a \doteq \{x \in P : a \leq x\}$$

- Upper closure of a set:

$$\uparrow S \doteq \cup_{a \in S} \uparrow a$$



- **Lower closure** is defined symmetrically:



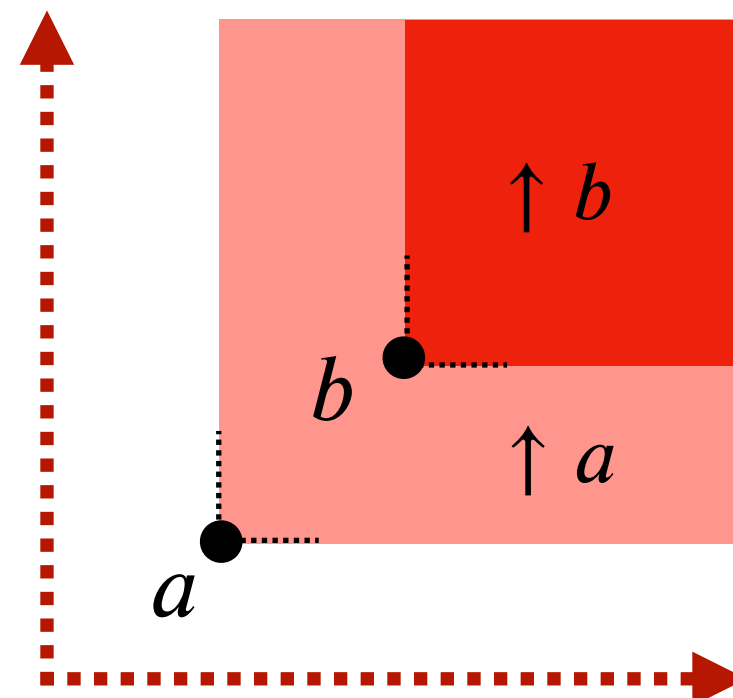
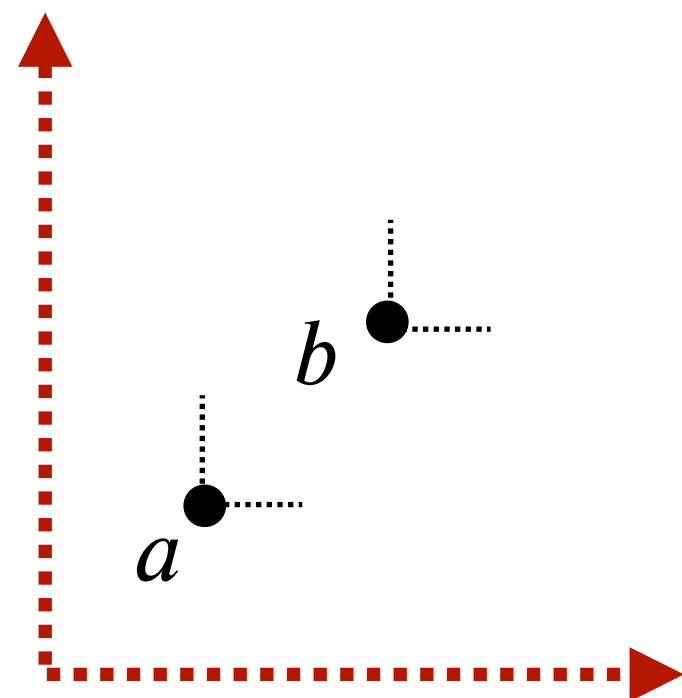
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- ▶ Upper closure is a **monotone function**:

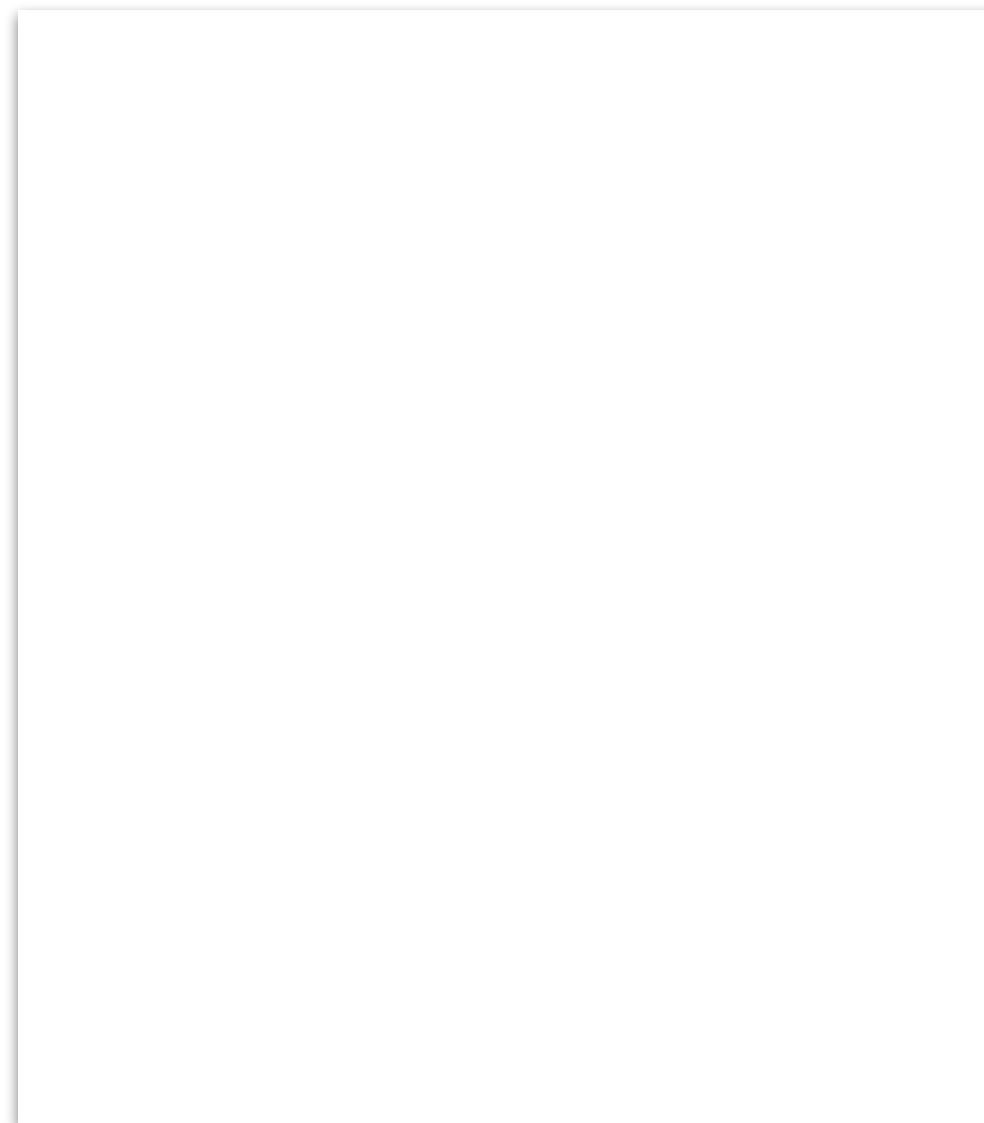
$$\begin{array}{ccc} \langle P, \leq_P \rangle & \xrightarrow{\uparrow} & \langle \mathbf{UP}, \supseteq \rangle \\[1em] \frac{a \leq_P b}{\uparrow a \supseteq \uparrow b} & & \end{array}$$



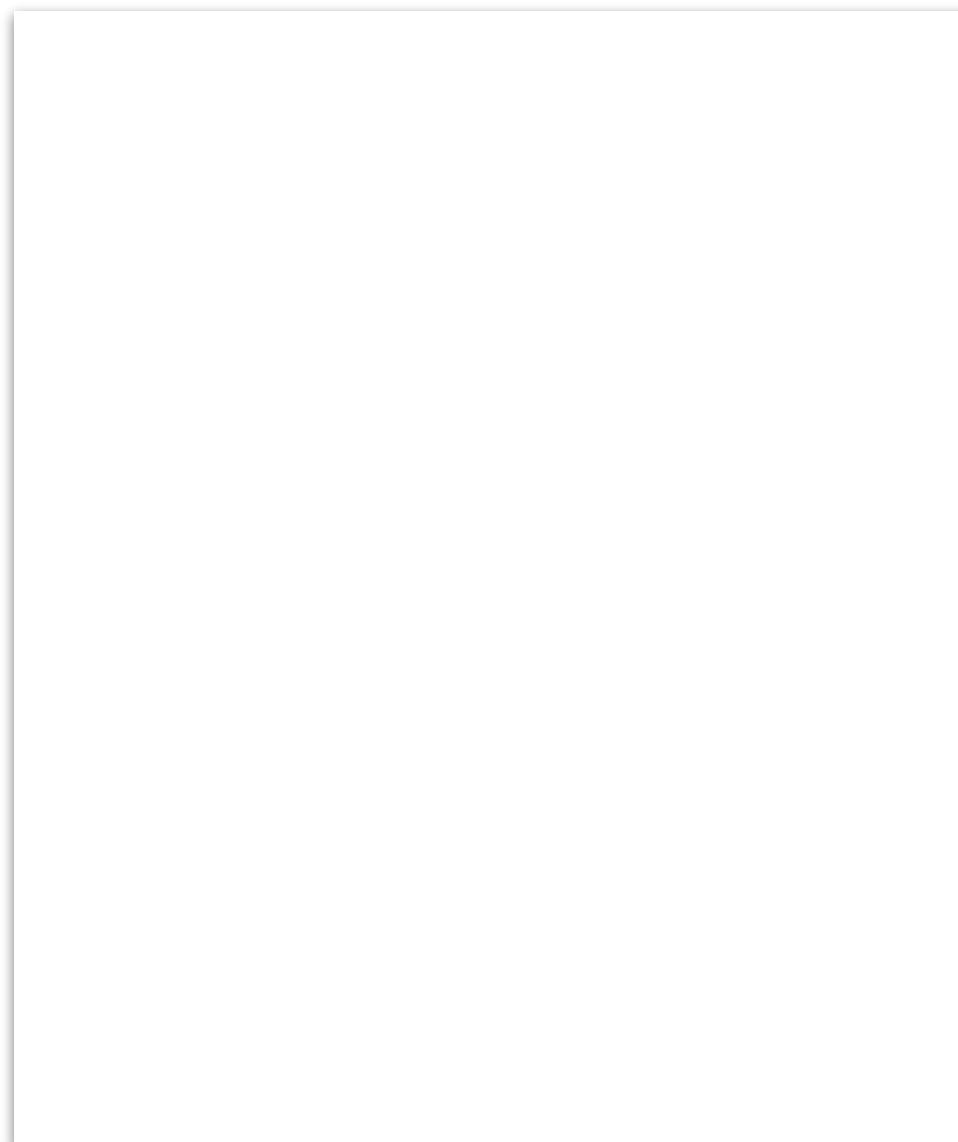
Functors

- ▶ A **functor** $F : C \rightarrow D$ between two categories is defined by two maps:
 - a map from objects to objects $f_0 : \text{Ob}_C \rightarrow \text{Ob}_D$
 - maps from hom-sets to hom-sets $f_{ab} : \text{Hom}_C(a; b) \rightarrow \text{Hom}_D(f_0(a); f_0(b))$
- ▶ (We overload the notation and write F for both functions.)
- ▶ These maps need satisfy two conditions:
 - Identities map to identities: $F(\text{Id}_a) = \text{Id}_{F(a)}$
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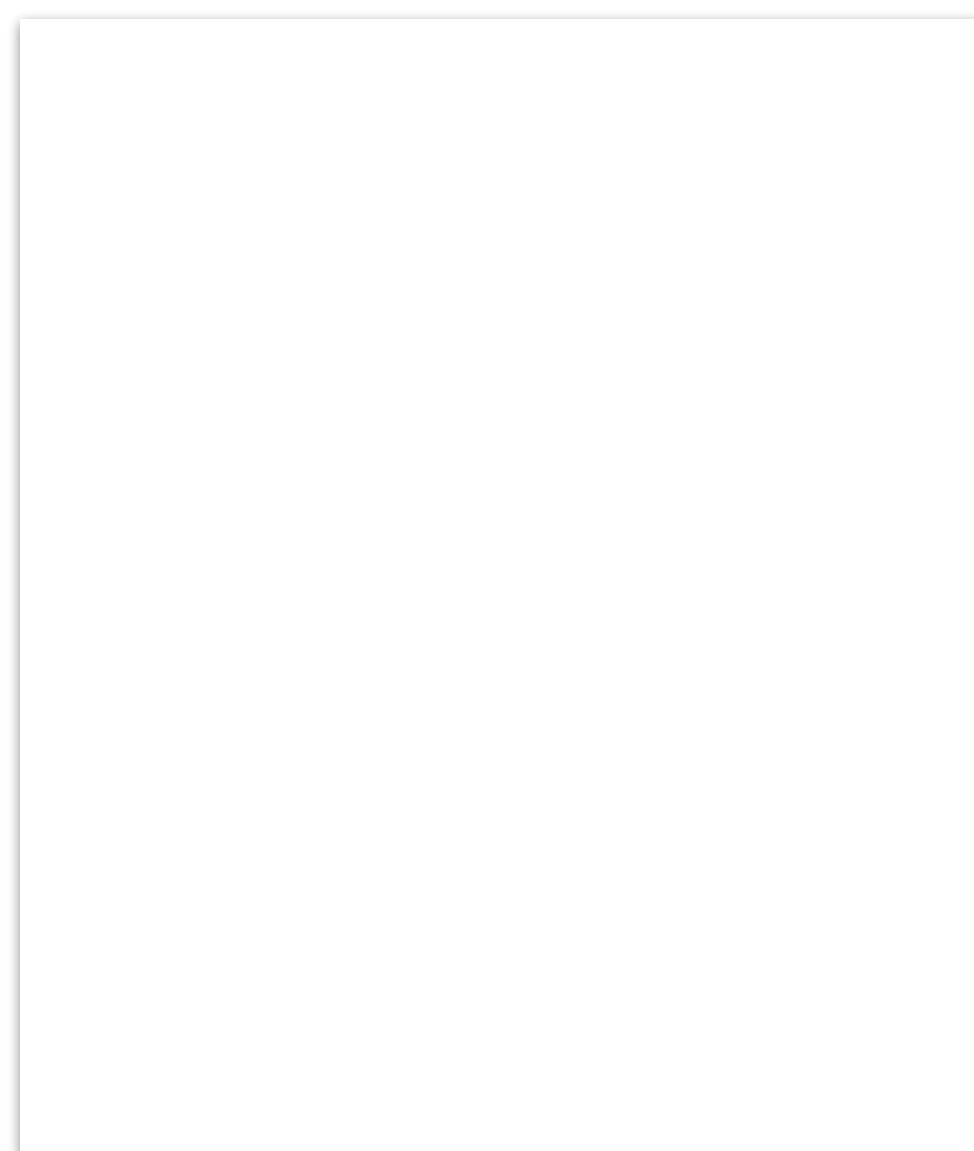
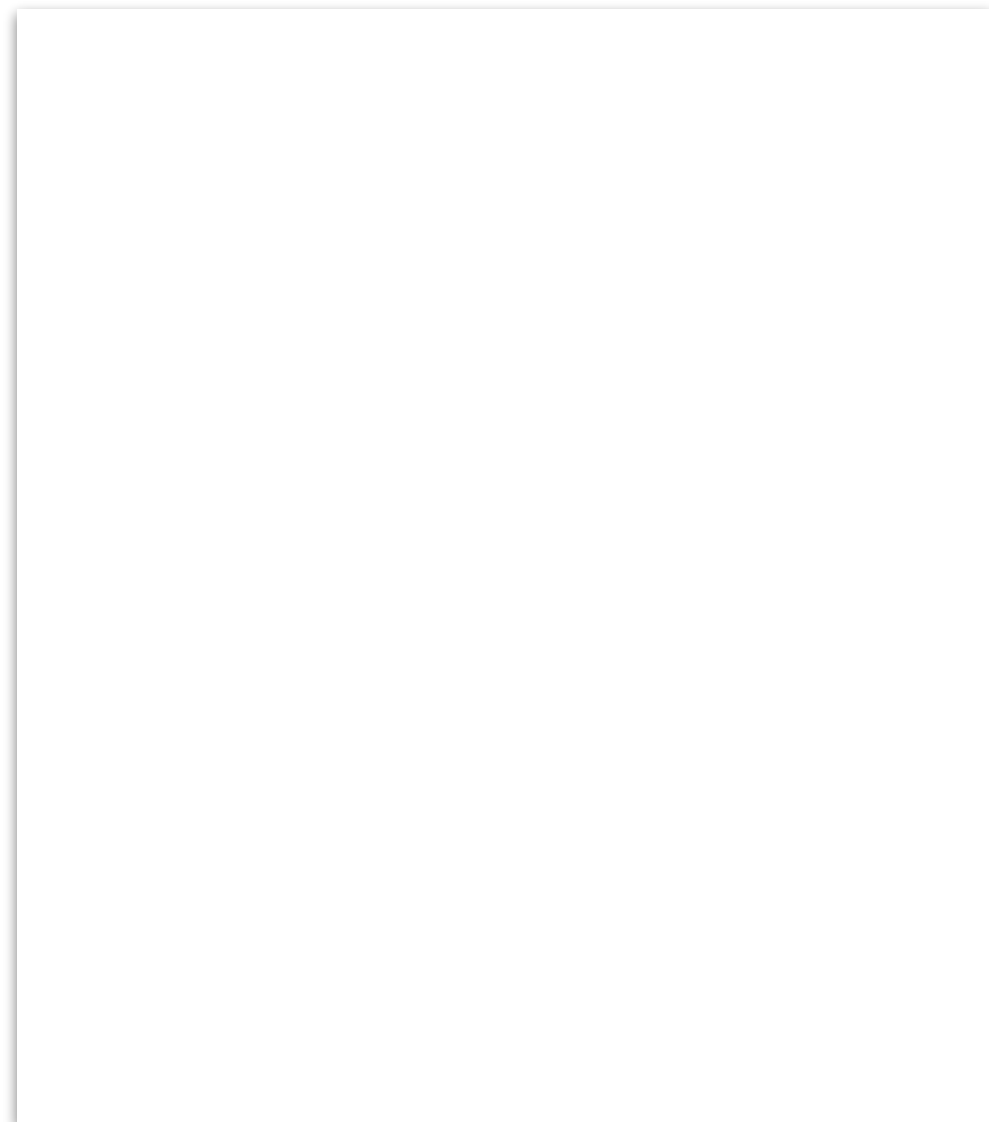
Monotone functions as functors

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- ▶ A **function** $f : \langle P, \leq_P \rangle \rightarrow \langle Q, \leq_Q \rangle$ is **monotone** iff

$$\frac{a \leq_P b}{f(a) \leq_Q f(b)}$$

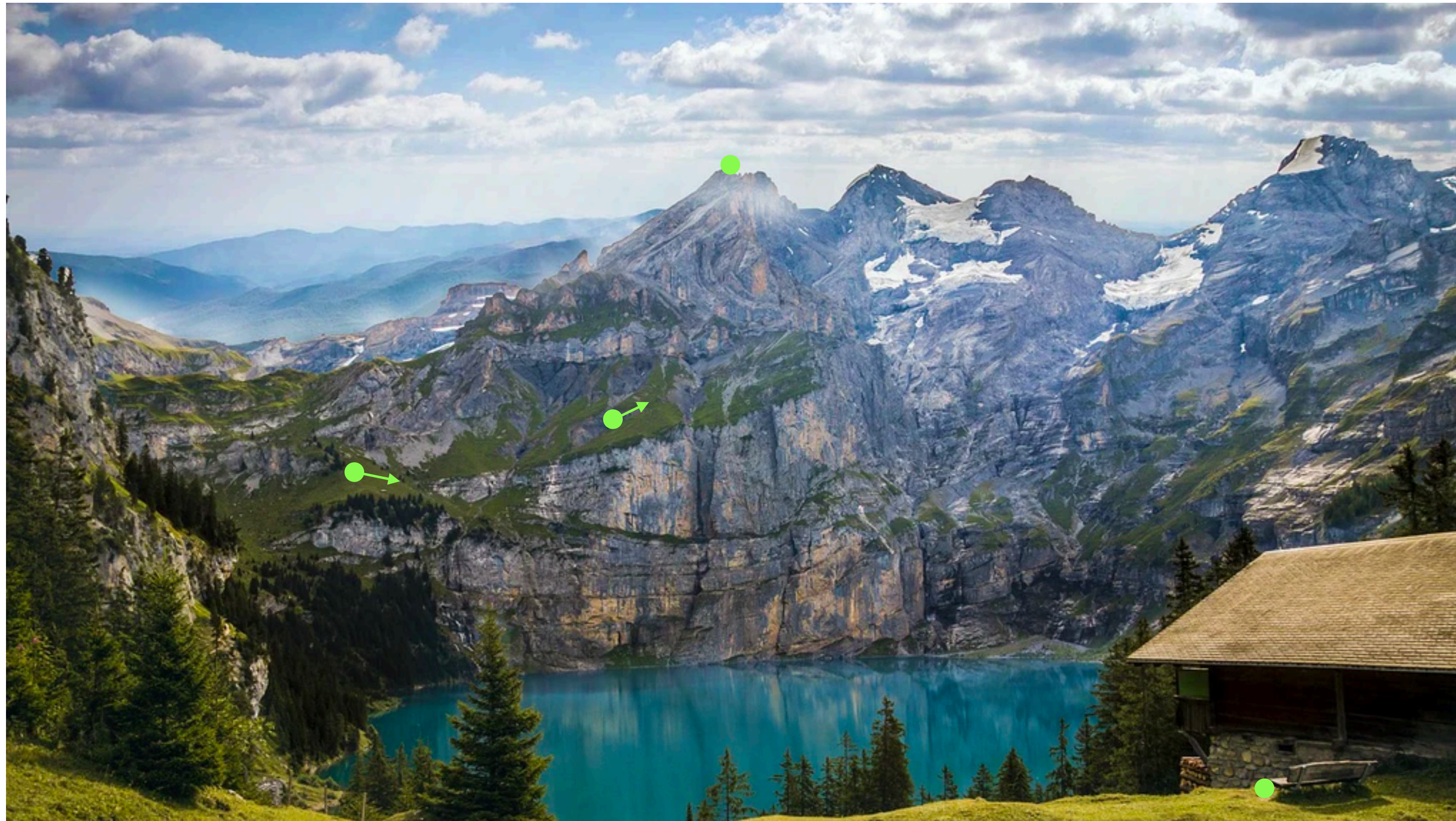
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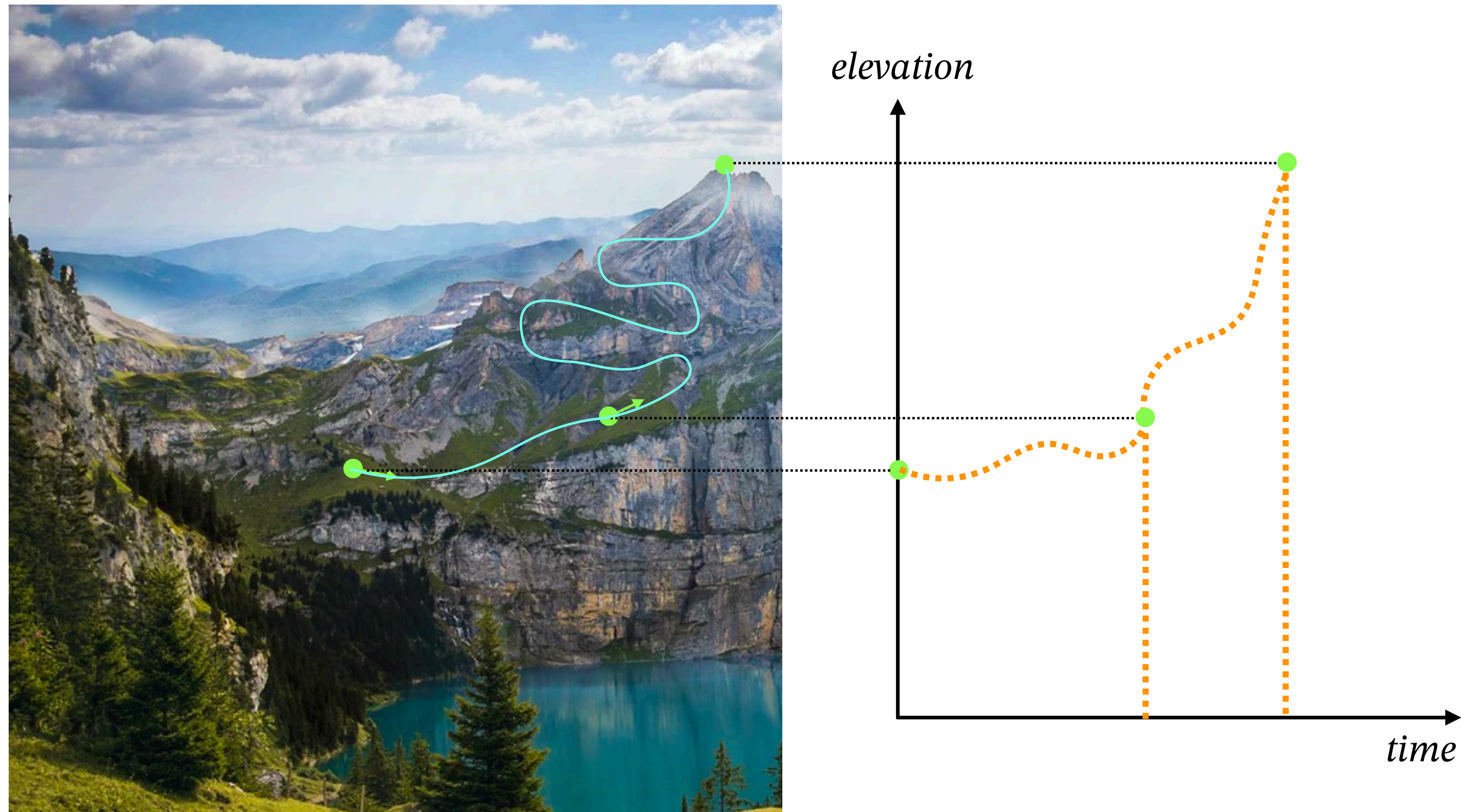
Back to the Swiss Mountains

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Elevation as a functor

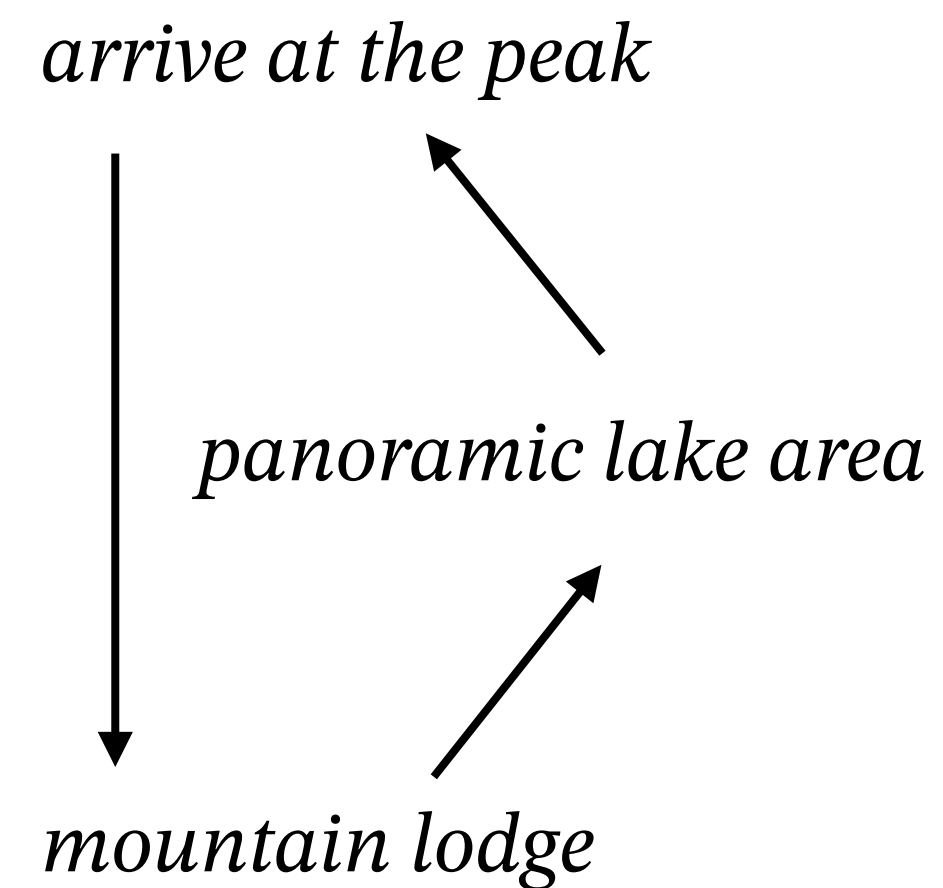
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- ▶ There is a functor elevation from Berg to elevation profiles.



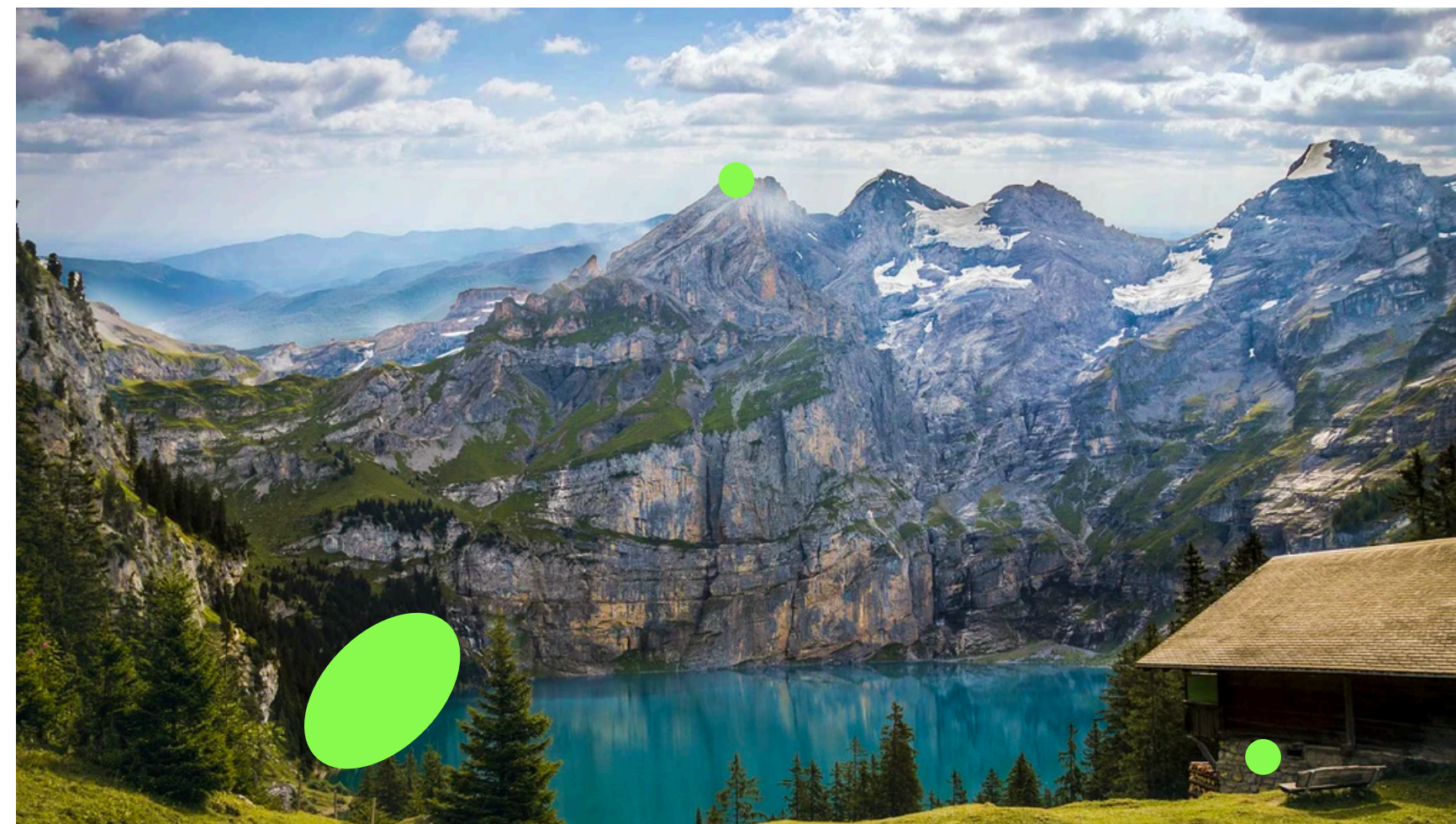
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Plans



BergAma

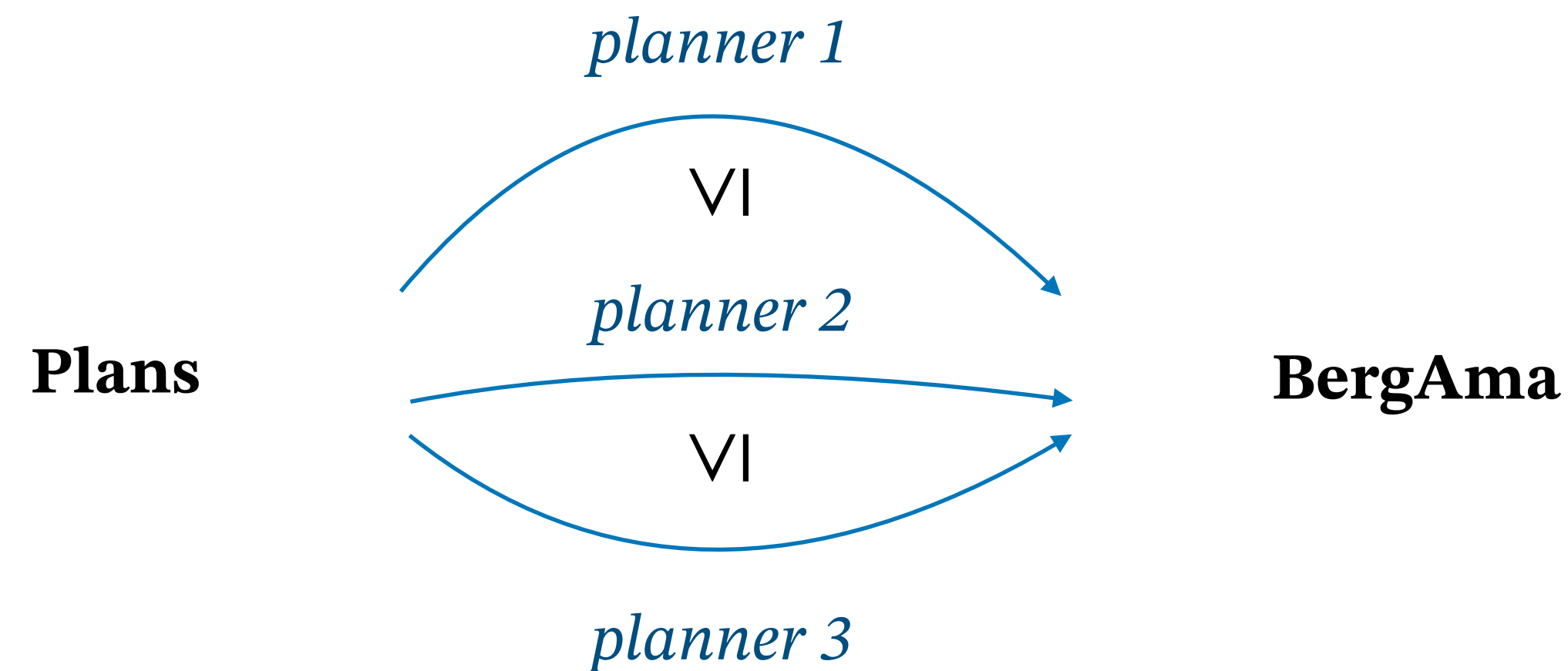


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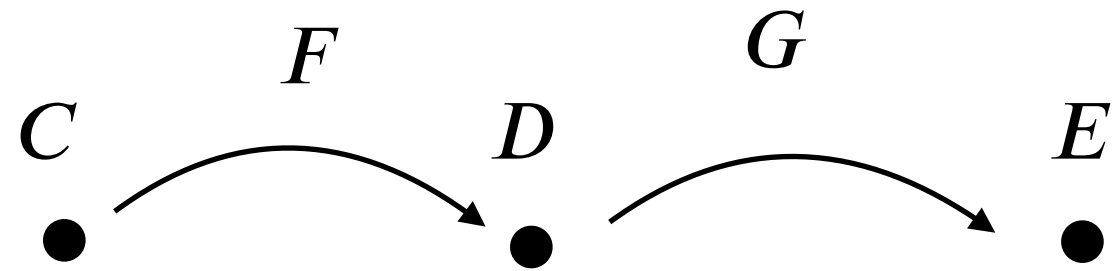
- A **Plan** is a morphism in **Plans**.
- **Planning** means finding a functor from **Plans** to **BergAma**.
- An **optimal planner** is one that chooses the shortest paths.



A category of categories

- ▶ There exists a **category of (small) categories** called **Cat**:

- objects are categories
- morphisms are functors
- the identities are identity functors



- ▶ Need to prove that functors compose and that composition is associative:

$$\frac{F : C \rightarrow D \quad G : D \rightarrow E}{F ; G : C \rightarrow E}$$

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