

# Data Flow Analysis on CFGs

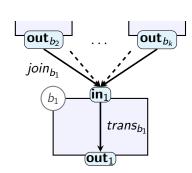
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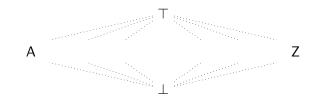
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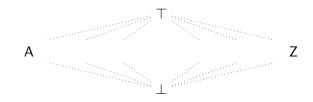


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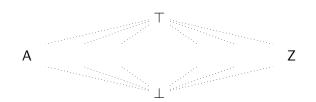
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  - ► monotonic
- $\blacktriangleright$  join<sub>b</sub>:  $L \times ... \times L \rightarrow L$ 
  - pointwise monotonic

 $trans_b(x) \sqsubseteq trans_b(y)$ 

 $join_b(z_1,\ldots,z_k,x,\ldots,z_n) \stackrel{\vee}{\sqsubseteq} join_b(z_1,\ldots,z_k,y,\ldots,z_n)$ 

# Lattices ('gitter' in Swedish)



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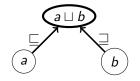
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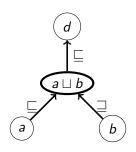


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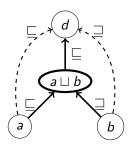
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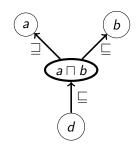
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Converse operation:

- ▶ Meet operator:  $(\sqcap)$  :  $\mathcal{L} \times \mathcal{L} \to \mathcal{L}$
- ▶ Pointwise monotonic:

$$a \sqcap b \sqsubseteq a \text{ and } a \sqcap b \sqsubseteq b$$

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$$d \sqsubseteq a \text{ and } d \sqsubseteq b \implies d \sqsubseteq a \sqcap b$$

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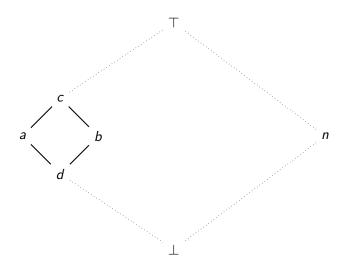
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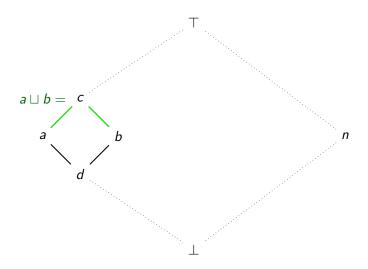
Commutativity: 
$$a \sqcup b = b \sqcup a$$
  
Associativity:  $a \sqcup (b \sqcup c) = (a \sqcup b) \sqcup c$   
(Analogous for  $\sqcap$ )

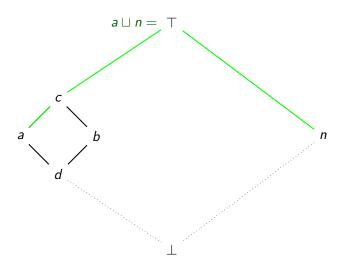
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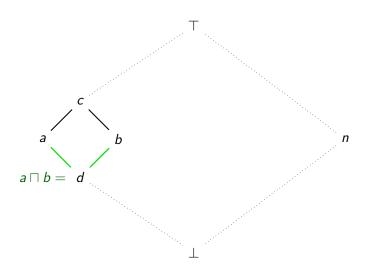
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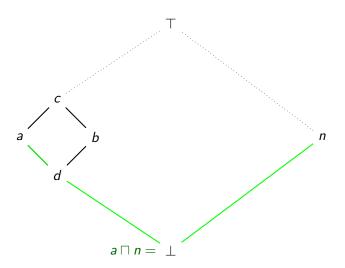
- ▶ For any  $\mathcal{L}' \subseteq \mathcal{L}$  there exist:
  - ightharpoonup  $\top = \bigsqcup \mathcal{L}'$
  - ${}^{\blacktriangleright} \bot = \textstyle \bigcap \mathcal{L}'$











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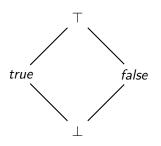
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ightharpoonup \top = true

ightharpoonup \bot = false

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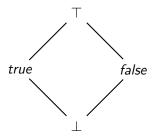
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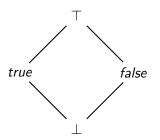
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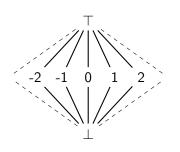
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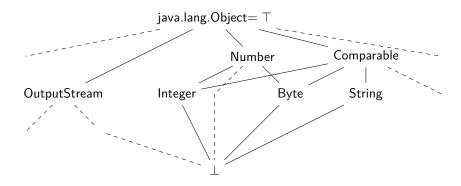
### Example: Flat Lattice on Integers



- lacktriangle Sometimes written  $\mathbb{Z}_{\perp}^{\top}$
- $ightharpoonup op op = \mathbb{Z}$
- $ightharpoonup \bot = \emptyset$

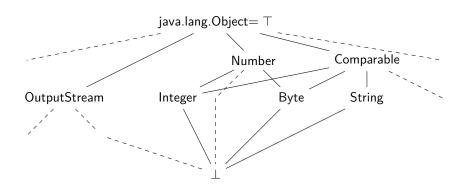
Analogous for other  $X_{\perp}^{\top}$  from set X

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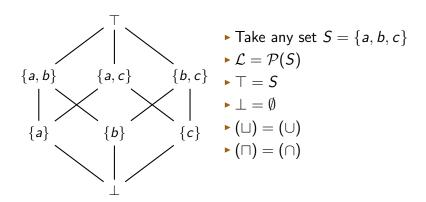
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► Java notation:

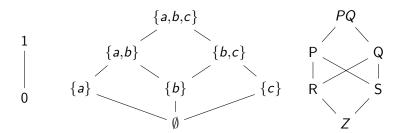
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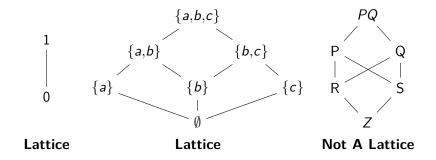
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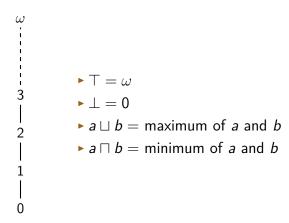


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Right-hand side is missing e.g. a unique  $R \sqcup S$ 

# Example: Natural numbers with 0, $\omega$



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  - $ightharpoonup \top = \langle \top_1, \top_2 \rangle$
  - $\blacktriangleright \perp = \langle \perp_1, \perp_2 \rangle$

Point-wise products of (complete) lattices are again (complete) lattices

#### Summary

- Complete lattices are formal basis for many program analyses
- ▶ Complete lattice  $L = \langle \mathcal{L}, \sqsubseteq, \sqcap, \sqcup, \top, \bot \rangle$ 
  - ▶ £: Carrier set
  - ▶ (□): Partial order
  - ▶ (□): Join operation: find least upper lower bound
  - ▶ (□): Meet operation: find greatest lower bound (not usually necessary)
  - ► T: Top-most element of complete lattice
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