

## Background material

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- A partially ordered set (a poset) is a pair  $(S, \leq)$  of a set  $S$  and a partial order  $\leq$  over the set
- Examples of posets:  $(2^S, \subseteq)$ ,  $(\mathbb{Z}, \leq)$ ,  $(\mathbb{Z}, \text{divides})$

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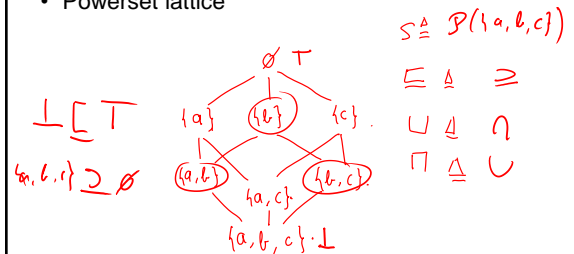
## Lattices

- A lattice is a tuple  $(S, \sqsubseteq, \perp, \top, \sqcup, \sqcap)$  such that:
  - $(S, \sqsubseteq)$  is a poset
  - $\forall a \in S. \perp \sqsubseteq a$
  - $\forall a \in S. a \sqsubseteq \top$
  - Every two elements from  $S$  have a lub and a glb
  - $\sqcup$  is the least upper bound operator, called a join
  - $\sqcap$  is the greatest lower bound operator, called a meet

$$a \sqcap b$$

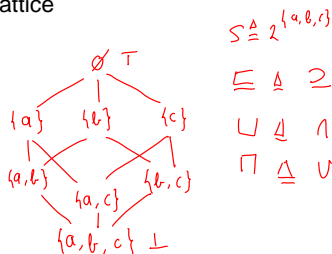
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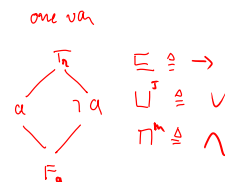
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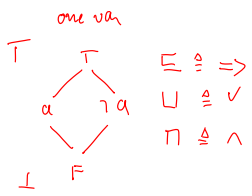
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