

Pre-fixed points

Let D be a poset and $f : D \rightarrow D$ be a function.

An element $d \in D$ is a pre-fixed point of f if it satisfies $f(d) \sqsubseteq d$.

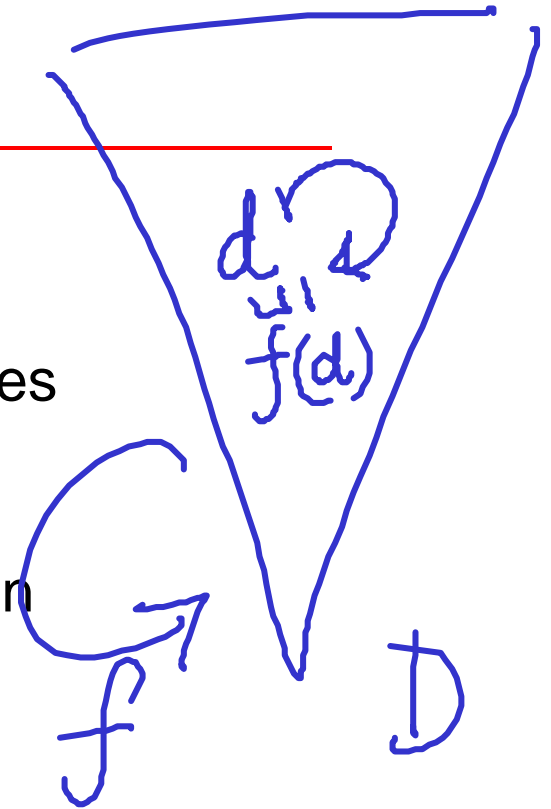
The *least pre-fixed point* of f , if it exists, will be written

$$\boxed{\text{fix}(f)}$$

It is thus (uniquely) specified by the two properties:

$$f(\text{fix}(f)) \sqsubseteq \text{fix}(f) \quad (\text{lfp1})$$

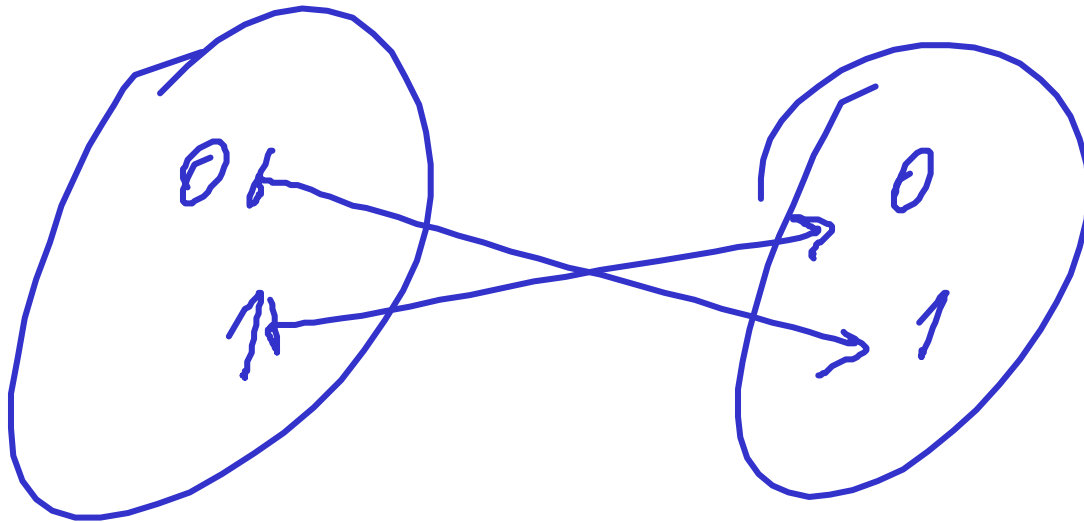
$$\forall d \in D. f(d) \sqsubseteq d \Rightarrow \text{fix}(f) \sqsubseteq d. \quad (\text{lfp2})$$



□ ? Does any monotone function on a poset has pre-fixed points?

No :

not



Proof principle

1.

$$\frac{}{f(\text{fix}(f)) \sqsubseteq \text{fix}(f)}$$

2. Let D be a poset and let $f : D \rightarrow D$ be a function with a least pre-fixed point $\text{fix}(f) \in D$.

For all $x \in D$, to prove that $\text{fix}(f) \sqsubseteq x$ it is enough to establish that $f(x) \sqsubseteq x$.

$$\frac{f(x) \sqsubseteq x}{\text{fix}(f) \sqsubseteq x}$$

f monotone ? $f(\text{fix } f) = \text{fix } f$?

$$\frac{x \sqsubseteq y}{f x \sqsubseteq f y}$$

Least pre-fixed points are fixed points ✓

If it exists, the least pre-fixed point of a mononote function on a partial order is necessarily a fixed point.

$$\underline{f(\text{fix } f) \sqsubseteq \text{fix } f}$$

$$\underline{f(f(\text{fix } f)) \sqsubseteq f(\text{fix } f)}$$

$$\underline{\text{fix } f \sqsubseteq f(\text{fix } f)}$$

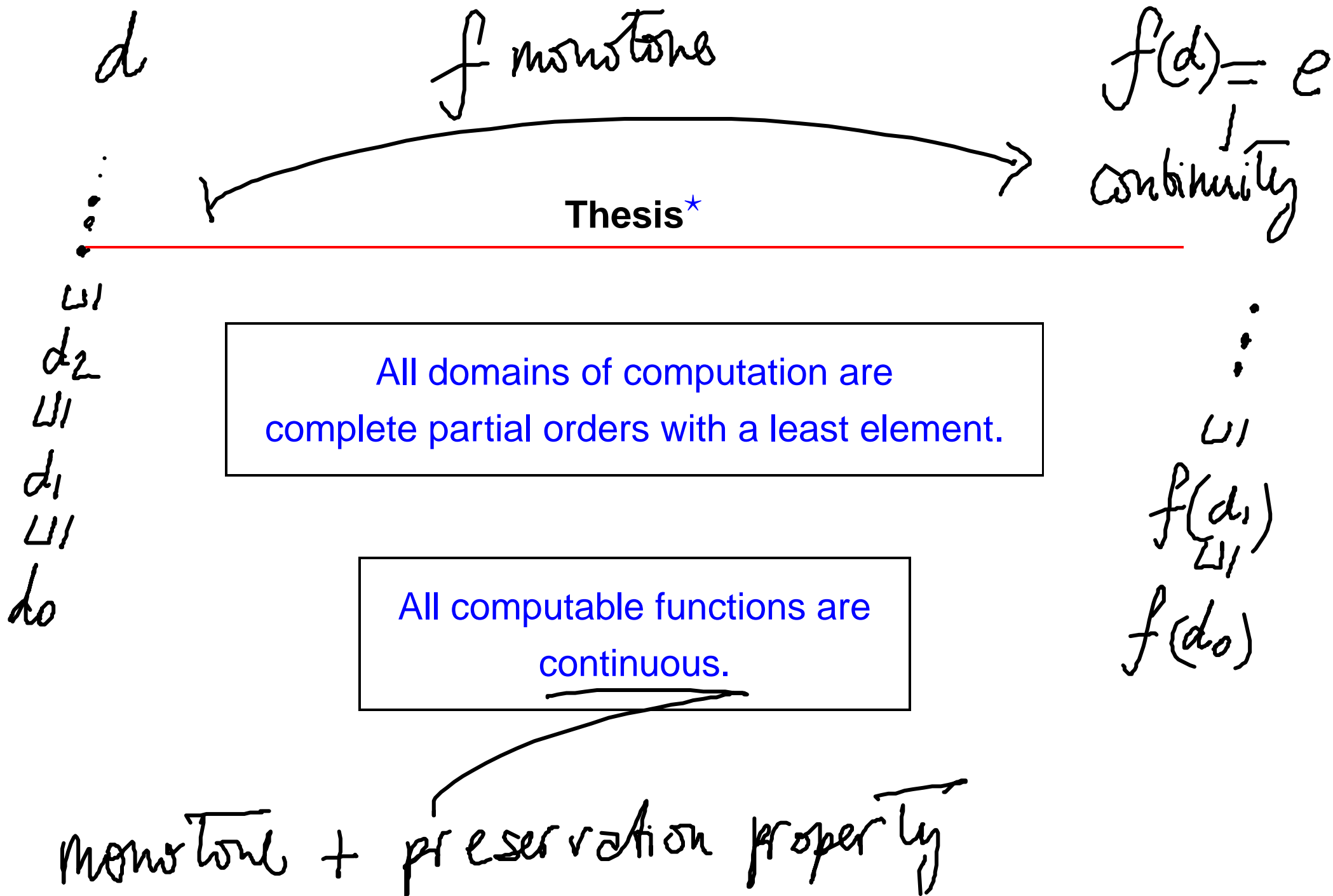
$$\underline{f(\text{fix } f) \sqsubseteq \text{fix } f}$$

$$f(\text{fix } f) = \text{fix } f$$

Thesis^{*}

All domains of computation are
complete partial orders with a least element.

↙ they provide a notion of passage to the
limit.



Cpo's and domains

A **chain complete poset**, or **cpo** for short, is a poset (D, \sqsubseteq) in which all countable increasing chains $d_0 \sqsubseteq d_1 \sqsubseteq d_2 \sqsubseteq \dots$ have least upper bounds, $\bigsqcup_{n \geq 0} d_n$:

$$\forall m \geq 0 . d_m \sqsubseteq \bigsqcup_{n \geq 0} d_n \quad (\text{lub1})$$

$$\forall d \in D . (\forall m \geq 0 . d_m \sqsubseteq d) \Rightarrow \bigsqcup_{n \geq 0} d_n \sqsubseteq d. \quad (\text{lub2})$$

A **domain** is a cpo that possesses a least element, \perp :

$$\forall d \in D . \perp \sqsubseteq d.$$

Lubs = passage to the limit

Given a countable chain

$$d_0 \subseteq d_1 \subseteq \dots \subseteq d_n \subseteq \dots$$

we are interested in its lub, defined by

$$(1) \quad \forall i \in \mathbb{N}. \quad d_i \subseteq \bigsqcup_{n \geq 0} d_n$$

$$(2) \quad \forall x \left(\forall i \quad d_i \subseteq x \right) \Rightarrow \bigsqcup_{n \geq 0} d_n \subseteq x$$

denoted

$$\bigsqcup_{n \geq 0} d_n$$

Examples

- (\mathbb{N}, \leq) $0 \leq 1 \leq 2 \leq \dots \leq n \leq \dots$ ($n \in \mathbb{N}$)

\mathbb{L} does not have lubs of countable chains

- $(\mathbb{N} \cup \{\infty\}, \leq)$ $n \leq m$ iff $n \leq m$ ($n, m \in \mathbb{N}$)
 $n \leq \infty$ ($n \in \mathbb{N}$)

$$(0 \leq 1 \leq 2 \quad \dots \leq n \leq \dots \leq \infty)$$

WARNING Whenever you write $\bigsqcup_{n \geq 0} d_n$ you need make sure that $\{d_n\}_{n \geq 0}$ is a chain; that is,

$$\overline{\perp \sqsubseteq x} \quad \text{chain; that is,}$$

$$d_0 \sqsubseteq d_1 \sqsubseteq \dots \sqsubseteq d_n \sqsubseteq \dots$$

$$\overline{x_i \sqsubseteq \bigsqcup_{n \geq 0} x_n} \quad (i \geq 0 \text{ and } \langle x_n \rangle \text{ a chain})$$

$$\frac{\forall n \geq 0. x_n \sqsubseteq x}{\bigsqcup_{n \geq 0} x_n \sqsubseteq x} \quad (\langle x_i \rangle \text{ a chain})$$

Domain of partial functions, $X \rightarrow Y$

Underlying set: all partial functions, f , with domain of definition $\text{dom}(f) \subseteq X$ and taking values in Y .

Partial order:

$$\begin{aligned} f \sqsubseteq g & \text{ iff } \text{dom}(f) \subseteq \text{dom}(g) \text{ and} \\ & \forall x \in \text{dom}(f). f(x) = g(x) \\ & \text{ iff } \text{graph}(f) \subseteq \text{graph}(g) \end{aligned}$$

Lub of chain $f_0 \sqsubseteq f_1 \sqsubseteq f_2 \sqsubseteq \dots$ is the partial function f with $\text{dom}(f) = \bigcup_{n \geq 0} \text{dom}(f_n)$ and

$$f(x) = \begin{cases} f_n(x) & \text{if } x \in \text{dom}(f_n), \text{ some } n \\ \text{undefined} & \text{otherwise} \end{cases}$$

① $f_i \sqsubseteq f \ \forall i$
② $(\forall i f_i \sqsubseteq g) \Rightarrow f \sqsubseteq g$

$$\text{graph}(f) = \bigcup_{n \geq 0} \text{graph}(f_n).$$

Example $(\mathcal{P}(X), \subseteq)$ is a domain

- $\perp = \emptyset$

- Given $S_0 \subseteq S_1 \subseteq \dots \subseteq S_n \subseteq \dots$

we have the lub given by $\bigcup_{n \geq 0} S_n$.

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Least element \perp is the totally undefined partial function.

$d \sqsubseteq d \sqsubseteq d \sqsubseteq \dots$

Some properties of lubs of chains

Let D be a cpo.

1. For $d \in D$, $\bigsqcup_n d = d$.

2. For every chain $d_0 \sqsubseteq d_1 \sqsubseteq \dots \sqsubseteq d_n \sqsubseteq \dots$ in D ,

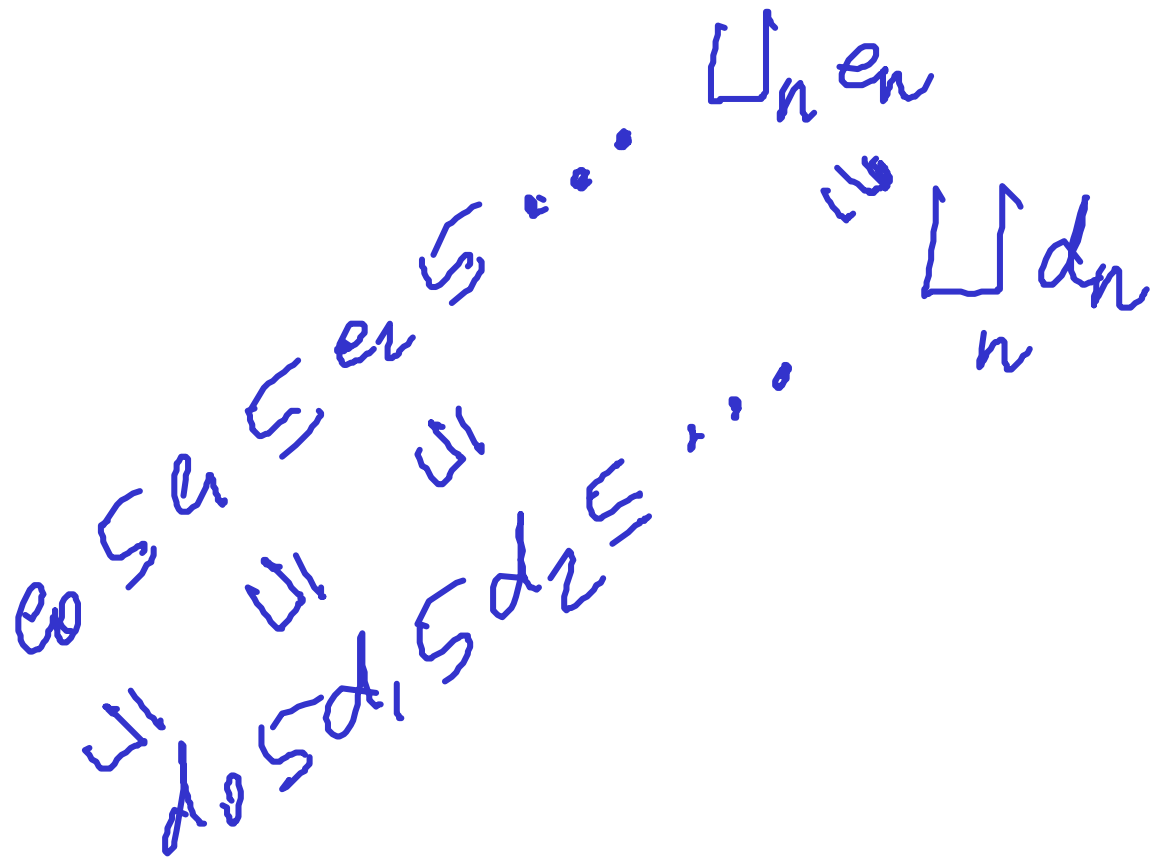
$$\bigsqcup_n d_n = \bigsqcup_n d_{N+n}$$

for all $N \in \mathbb{N}$.

$$\bigsqcup (d_0 \sqsubseteq d_1 \sqsubseteq \dots) = \bigsqcup (d_N \sqsubseteq d_{N+1} \sqsubseteq \dots)$$

3. For every pair of chains $d_0 \sqsubseteq d_1 \sqsubseteq \dots \sqsubseteq d_n \sqsubseteq \dots$ and $e_0 \sqsubseteq e_1 \sqsubseteq \dots \sqsubseteq e_n \sqsubseteq \dots$ in D ,

if $d_n \sqsubseteq e_n$ for all $n \in \mathbb{N}$ then $\bigsqcup_n d_n \sqsubseteq \bigsqcup_n e_n$.

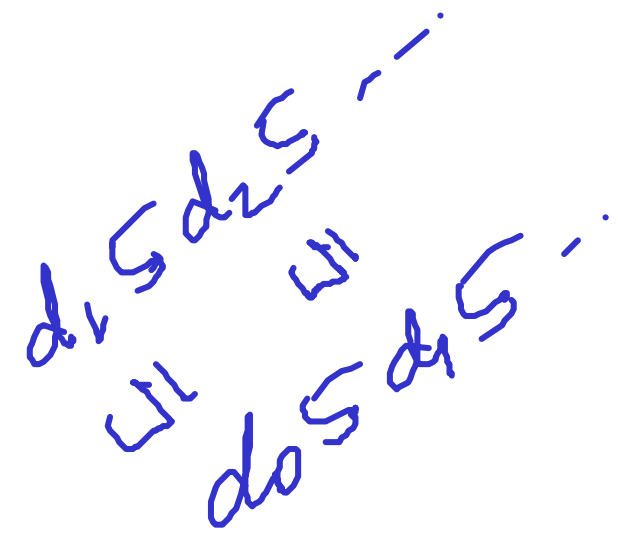


$$\forall i \quad \begin{array}{c} \checkmark \\ \xrightarrow{\quad} \\ d_i \subseteq e_i \end{array} \quad \begin{array}{c} \checkmark \\ \xleftarrow{\quad} \\ e_i \subseteq \bigcup_n e_n \end{array}$$

$$\forall i \quad d_i \subseteq \bigcup_n e_n$$

$$\bigcup_n d_n \subseteq \bigcup_n e_n$$

$$\bigcup_n d_n = \bigcup_n d_{n+1}$$



$$\Rightarrow \bigcup_n d_n \subseteq \bigcup_n d_{n+1}$$

by previous proposition

We need show

$$\begin{array}{l} \overline{f_i} \quad d_i \subseteq \bigcup_n d_n \\ \hline \overline{f_i} \quad d_{i+1} \subseteq \bigcup_n d_n \\ \hline \bigcup_n d_{n+1} \subseteq \bigcup_n d_n \end{array}$$

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$$\frac{\forall n \geq 0 . x_n \sqsubseteq y_n}{\bigsqcup_n x_n \sqsubseteq \bigsqcup_n y_n} \quad (\langle x_n \rangle \text{ and } \langle y_n \rangle \text{ chains})$$

$$\begin{array}{c}
 \vdots \quad \quad \quad \vdots \quad \quad \quad \vdots \\
 d_{n0} \subseteq d_{n1} \subseteq d_{n2} \subseteq \dots \\
 \cup \quad \quad \cup \quad \quad \cup
 \end{array}$$

$$\begin{array}{c}
 \vdots \quad \quad \quad \vdots \quad \quad \quad \vdots \\
 \cup \quad \quad \cup \quad \quad \cup \\
 d_{i0} \subseteq d_{i1} \subseteq d_{i2} \subseteq \dots \\
 \cup \quad \quad \cup \quad \quad \cup
 \end{array}$$

$$d_{0,0} \subseteq d_{0,1} \subseteq d_{0,2} \subseteq \dots$$