

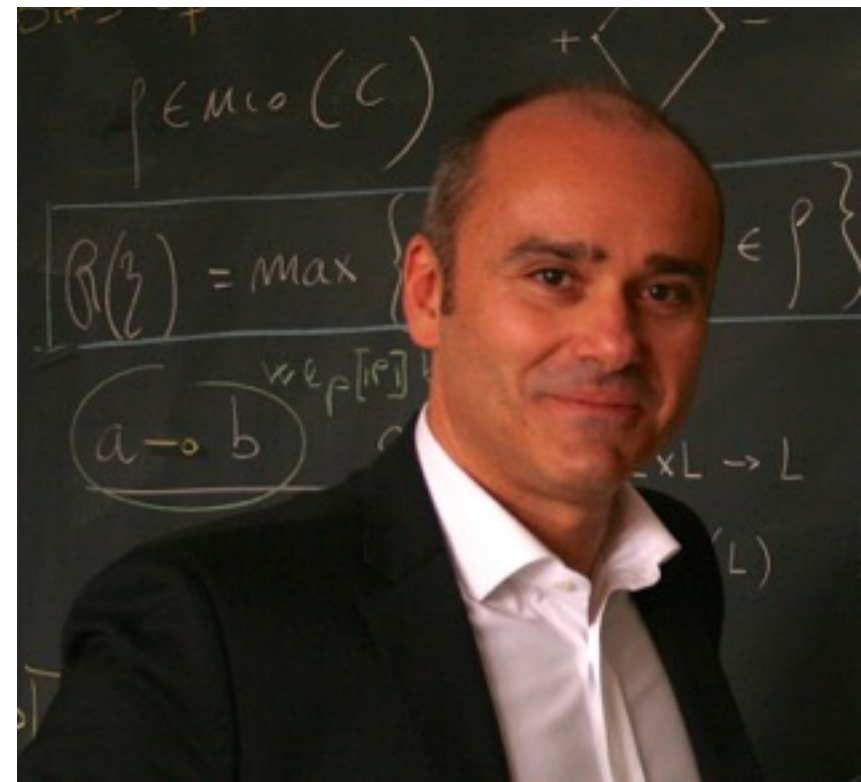
# Analysing Program Analyses

## *A Journey in (In)Completeness*

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# Code

```
n := n0;  
i := n;  
while (i <> 0 ) do  
    j := 0;  
    while (j <> i) do  
        j := j + 1  
    od;  
    i := i - 1  
od
```



# Analysis

```
{n0>=0}
  n := n0;
{n0=n,n0>=0}
  i := n;
{n0=i,n0=n,n0>=0}
  while (i <> 0 ) do
    {n0=n,i>=1,n0>=i}
    j := 0;
    {n0=n,j=0,i>=1,n0>=i}
    while (j <> i) do
      {n0=n,j>=0,i>=j+1,n0>=i}
      j := j + 1
      {n0=n,j>=1,i>=j,n0>=i}
    od;
    {n0=n,i=j,i>=1,n0>=i}
    i := i - 1
    {i+1=j,n0=n,i>=0,n0>=i+1}
  od
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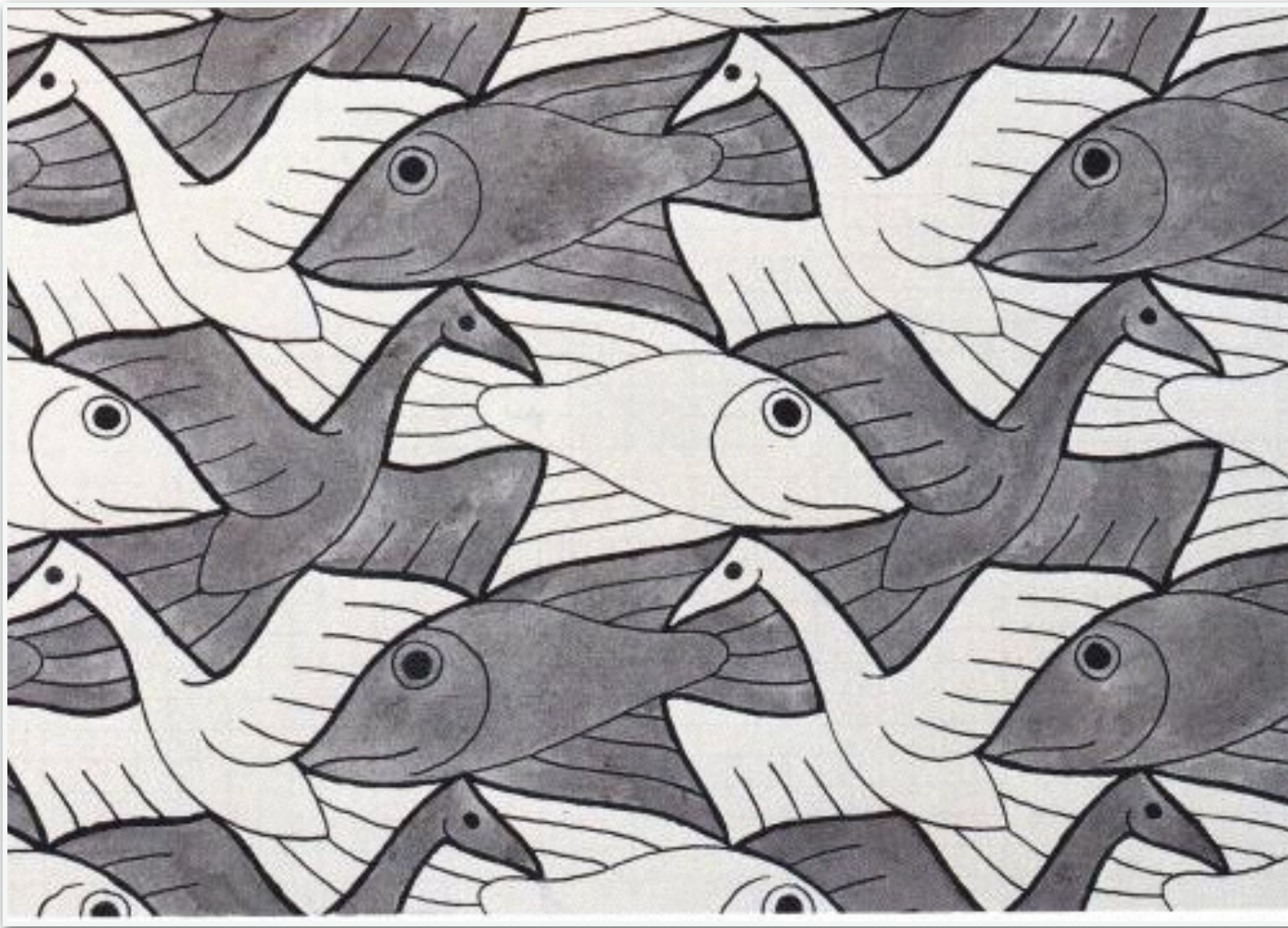
## Bug detection requires precision

### Untrusted

```
class A { public int Count { get; }  
class Program  
{  
    static void Main(string[] args)  
    {  
        var seq = "Roslyn";  
        var a = new A();  
  
        if (seq.Count() > 8 && seq.Count() < 10) Console.WriteLine();  
        if (0 < seq.Count()) Console.WriteLine();  
  
        if ("Roslyn".Count() >= 1) {  
            Console.WriteLine();  
        }  
  
        if (1 <= "Roslyn".Count()) {  
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        }  
  
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        }  
  
        if (seq.Count() > 3) Console.WriteLine();  
        if (3 < seq.Count()) Console.WriteLine();  
    }  
}
```







**A different  
viewpoint**

# Obfuscation

$n := n0;$

```
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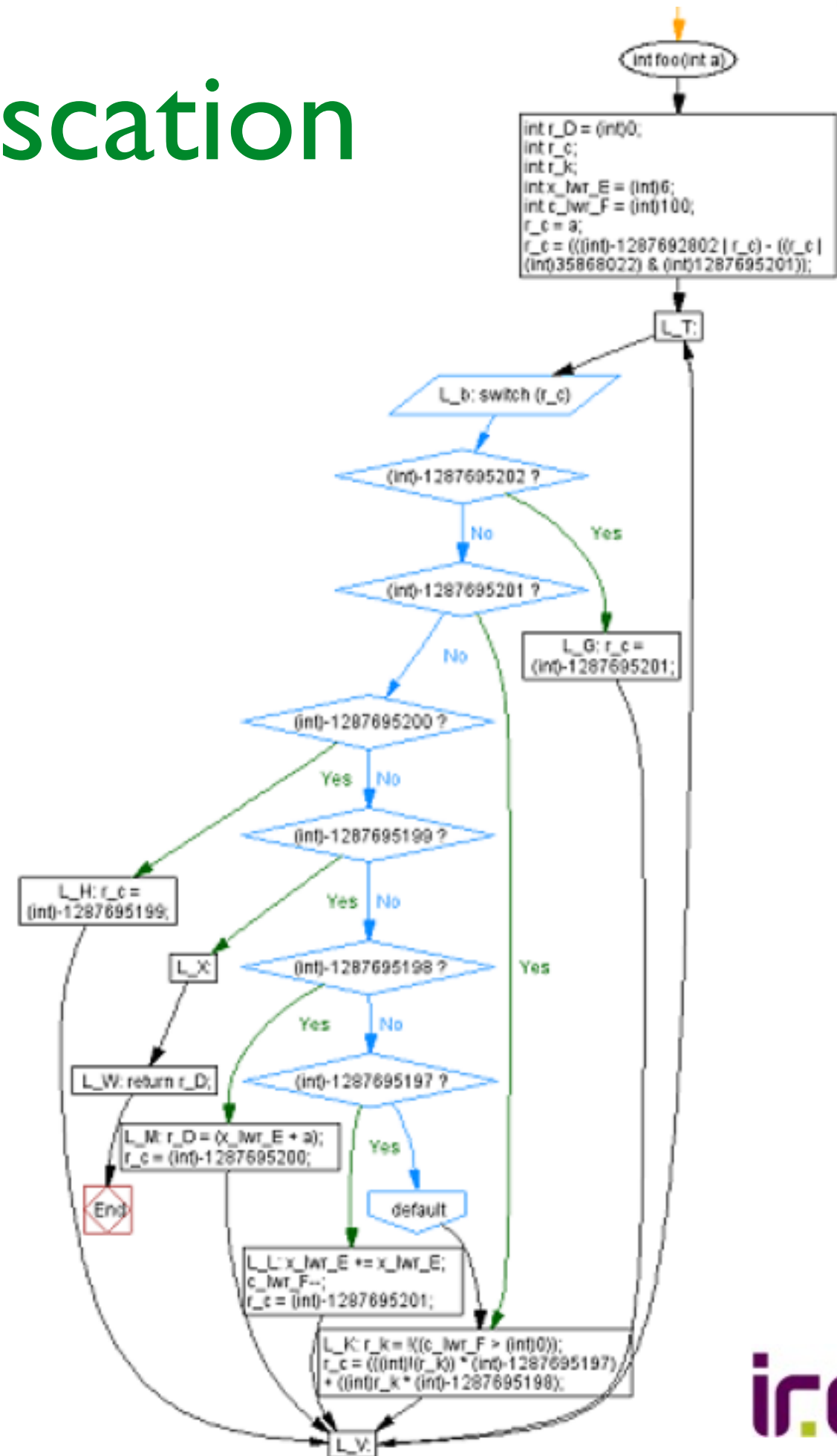
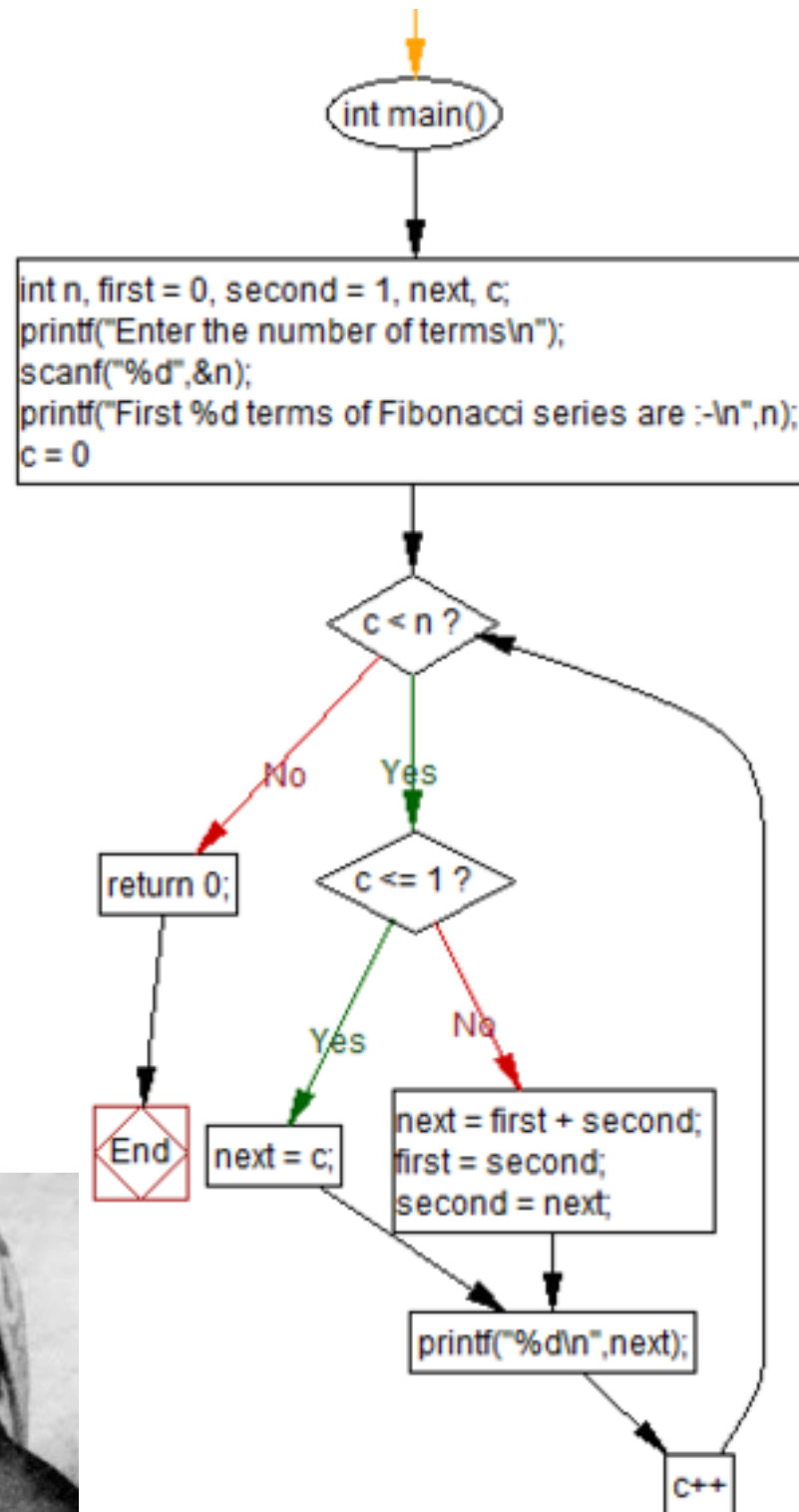
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od





# Obfuscation







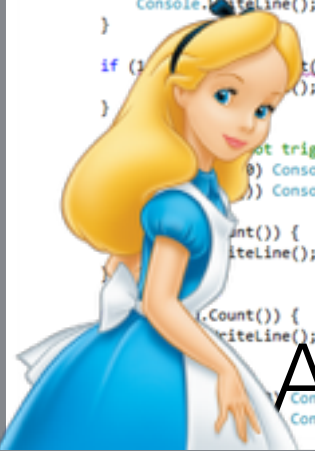
# Security

## (White-Box Crypto Assumption)

Man At The End

**Trusted**

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class Program  
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    }  
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Alice

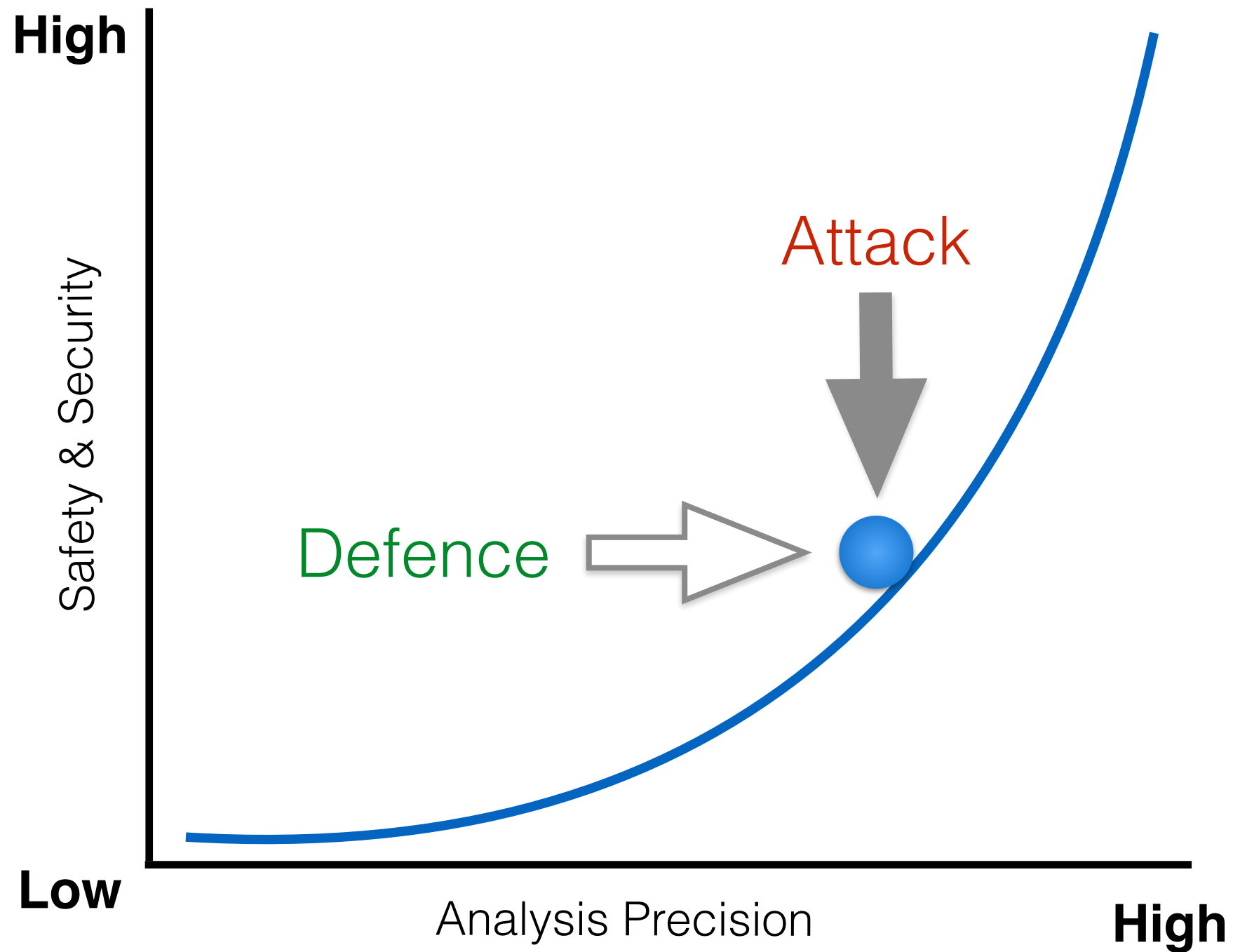


**Untrusted**

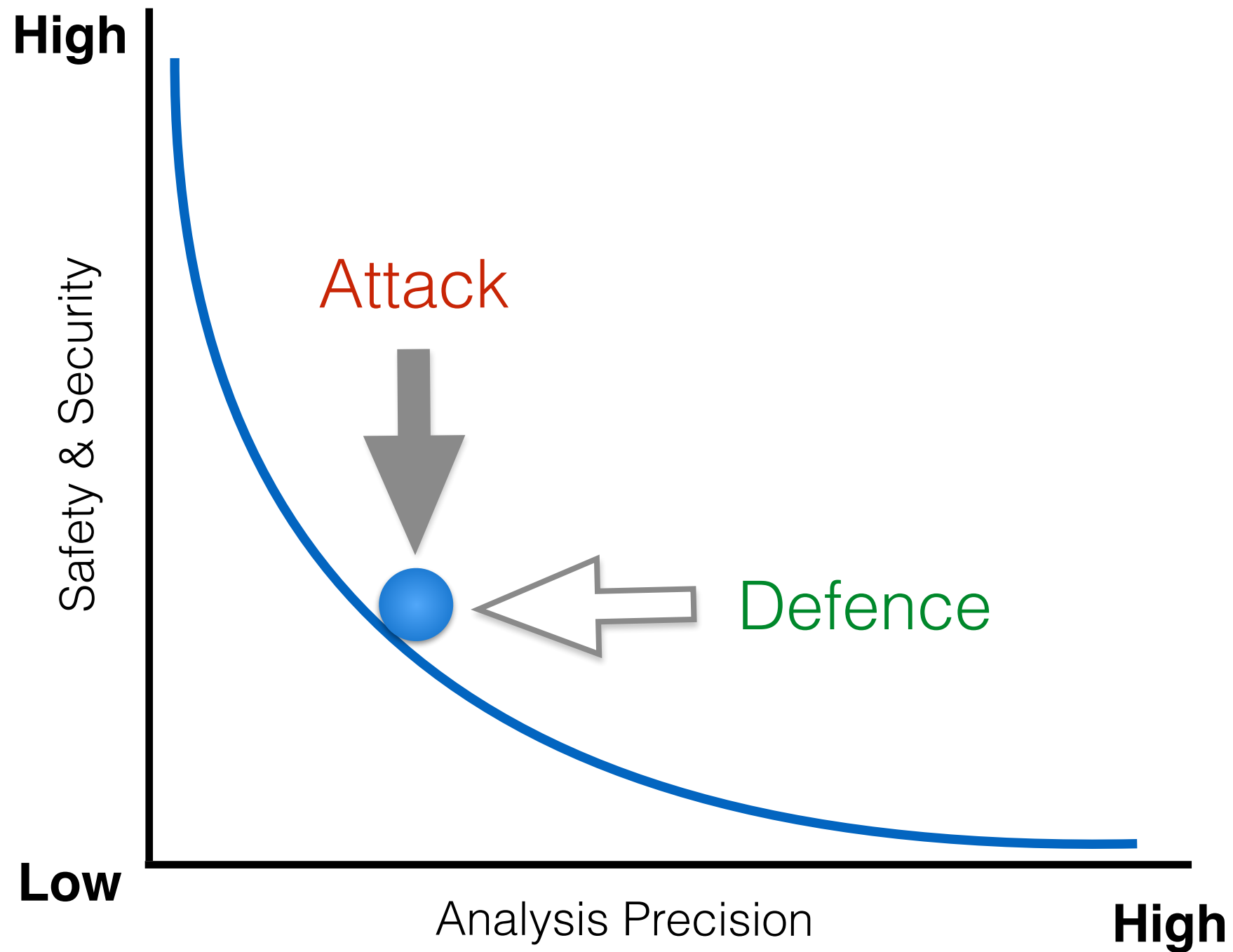
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# Code Debugging

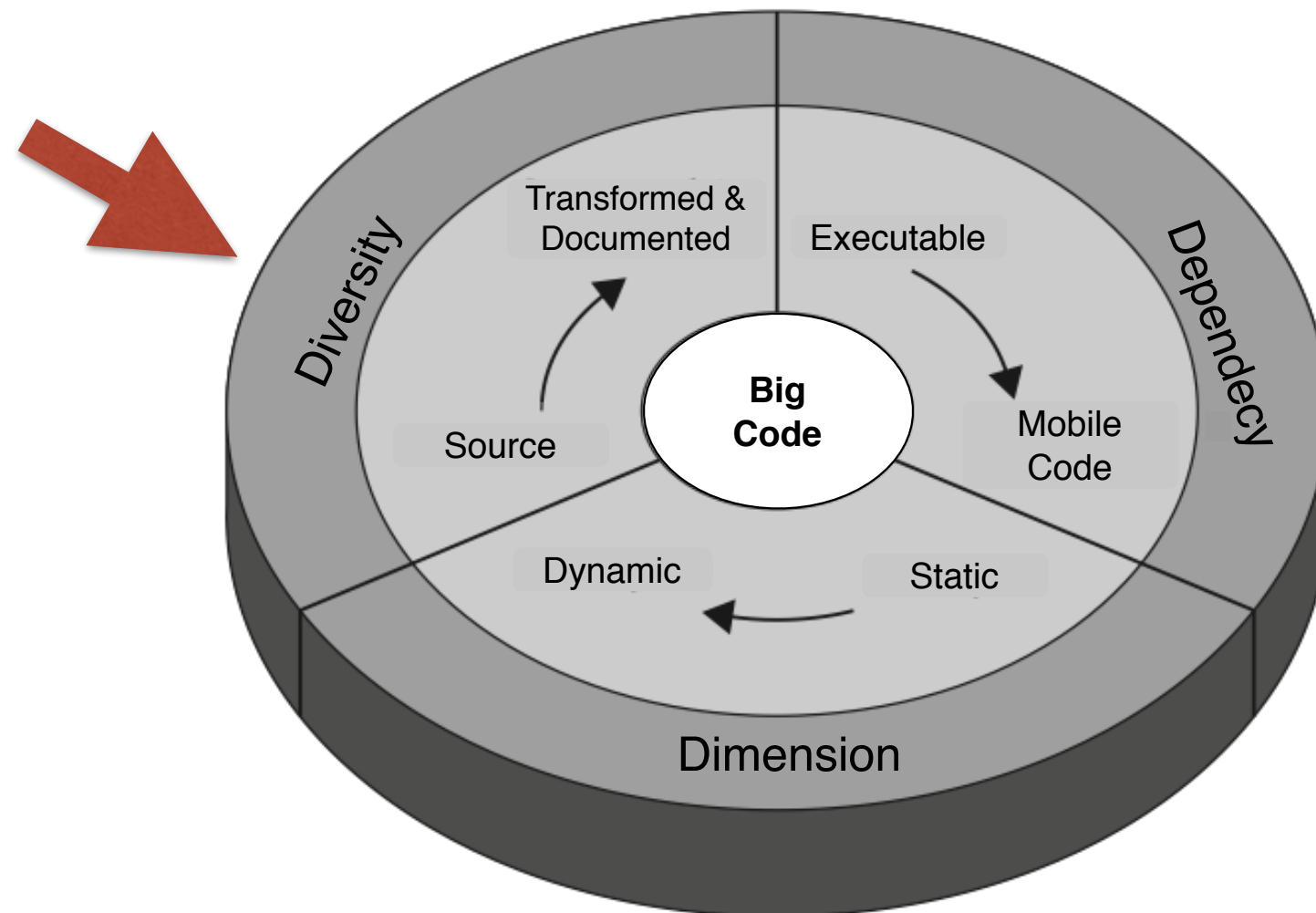


# Code Protection



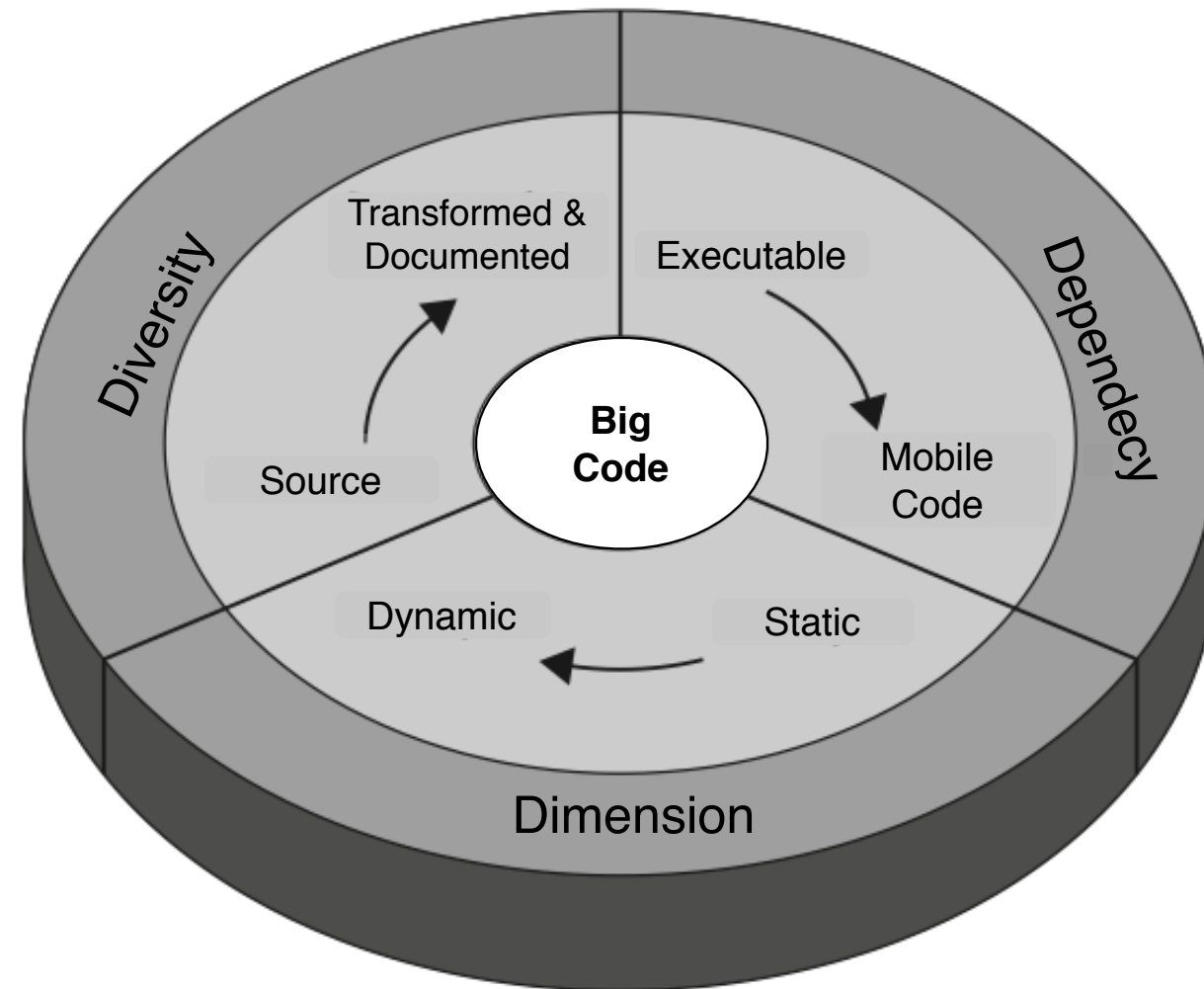


# Towards Big Code



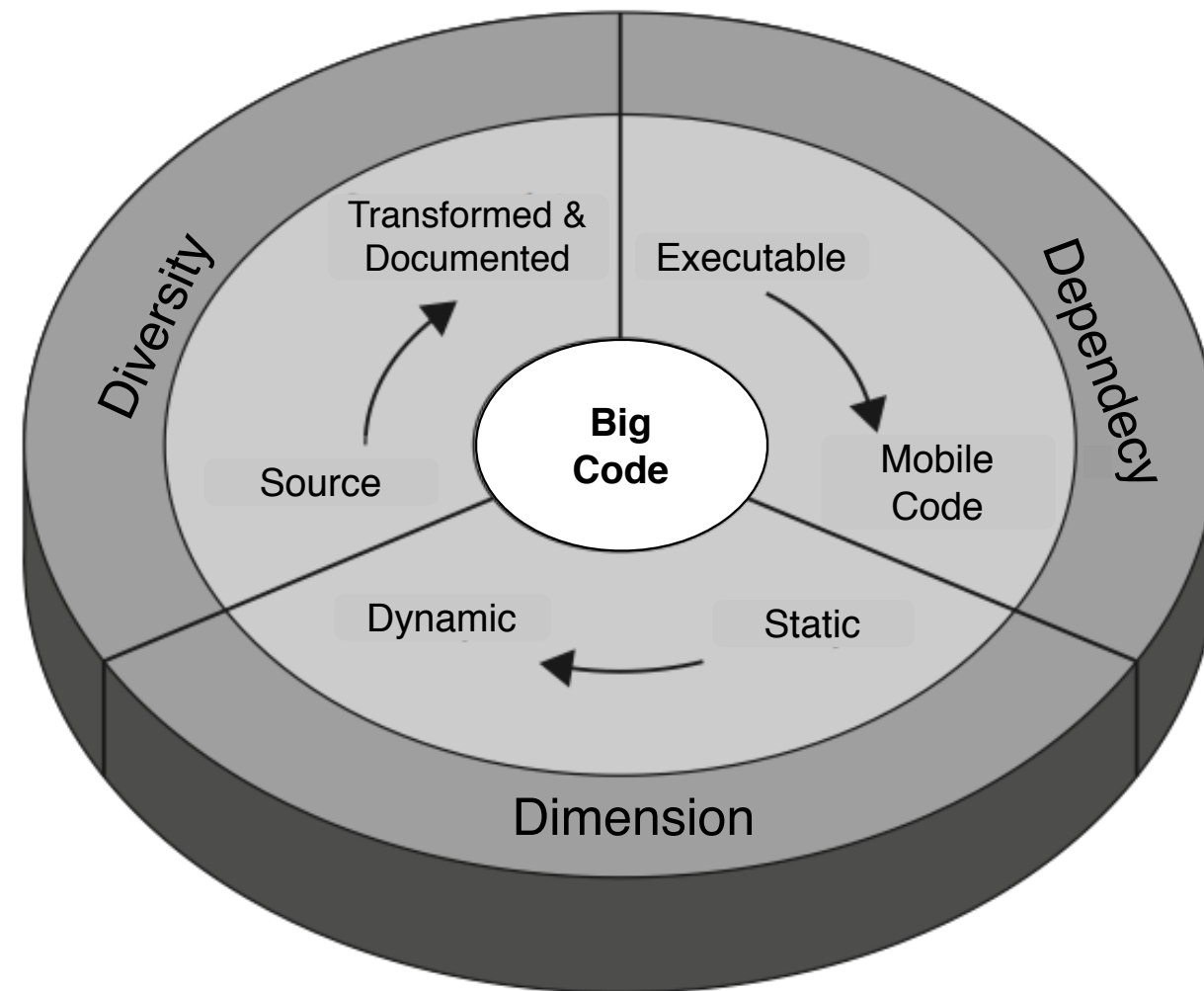
**Perfect (virtual black-box) obfuscation is impossible**

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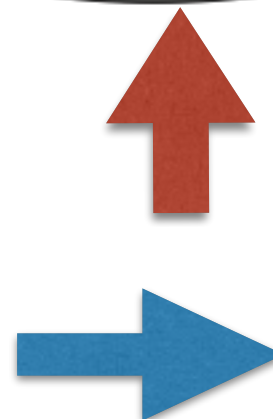


**More and more code is mobile (e.g., malware)**

# Towards Big Code



**fixed programs +  
transient data**



**fixed (big) data +  
transient programs**





How an analysis performs  
on code?

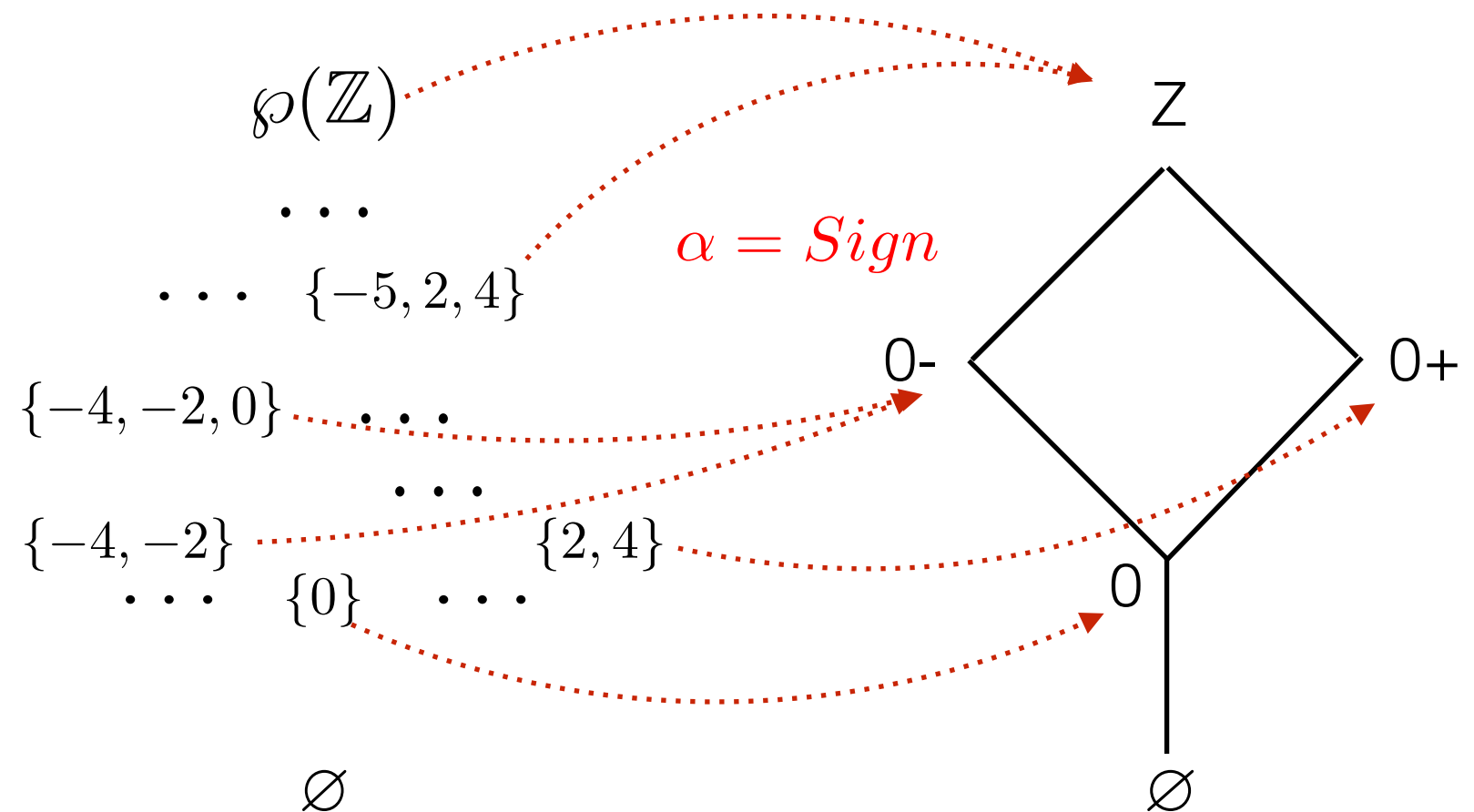
What does it mean being  
Obscure?



# Obscurity is Incompleteness

$P : x := a * b$

| * | + | - |
|---|---|---|
| + | + | - |
| - | - | + |



$$\text{Sign}(\llbracket P \rrbracket) = \llbracket P \rrbracket^{\text{Sign}}$$

Complete!

# Obscurity is Incompleteness

*Failing precision means failing completeness!*

*Obfuscating programs is making abstract interpreters incomplete*

$P : \quad x = a * b \quad \longrightarrow \quad \tau(P) :$ 

$$\begin{array}{l}
 x = 0; \\
 \text{if } b \leq 0 \text{ then } \{a = -a; b = -b\}; \\
 \text{while } b \neq 0 \{x = a + x; b = b - 1\}
 \end{array}$$

*Sign* is complete for  $P$ :

✓  $\llbracket P \rrbracket^{\text{Sign}} = \lambda a, b. \text{Sign}(a * b)$

*Sign* is incomplete for  $\tau(P)$ :

✓  $\llbracket \tau(P) \rrbracket^{\text{Sign}} = \lambda a, b. \begin{cases} 0 & \text{if } a = 0 \vee b = 0 \\ ? = Z & \text{otherwise} \end{cases}$

|   | + | + | - |
|---|---|---|---|
| + | + | + | Z |
| - | Z |   | - |

Incomplete!

# Data Obfuscation

We consider variable splitting:

$v \in \text{Var}(P)$  is split into  $\langle v_1, v_2 \rangle$  such that  
 $v_1 = f_1(v)$ ,  $v_2 = f_2(v)$  and  $v = g(v_1, v_2)$

$$f_1(v) = v \div 10$$

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$$g(v_1, v_2) = 10 \cdot v_1 + v_2$$

And the interval analysis:  $\iota(x) = [\min(x), \max(x)]$

$$P : \left[ \begin{array}{l} v = 0; \\ \mathbf{while} \ v < N \ \{v++\} \end{array} \right. \quad \llbracket P \rrbracket^\iota = \lambda v. [0, N]$$



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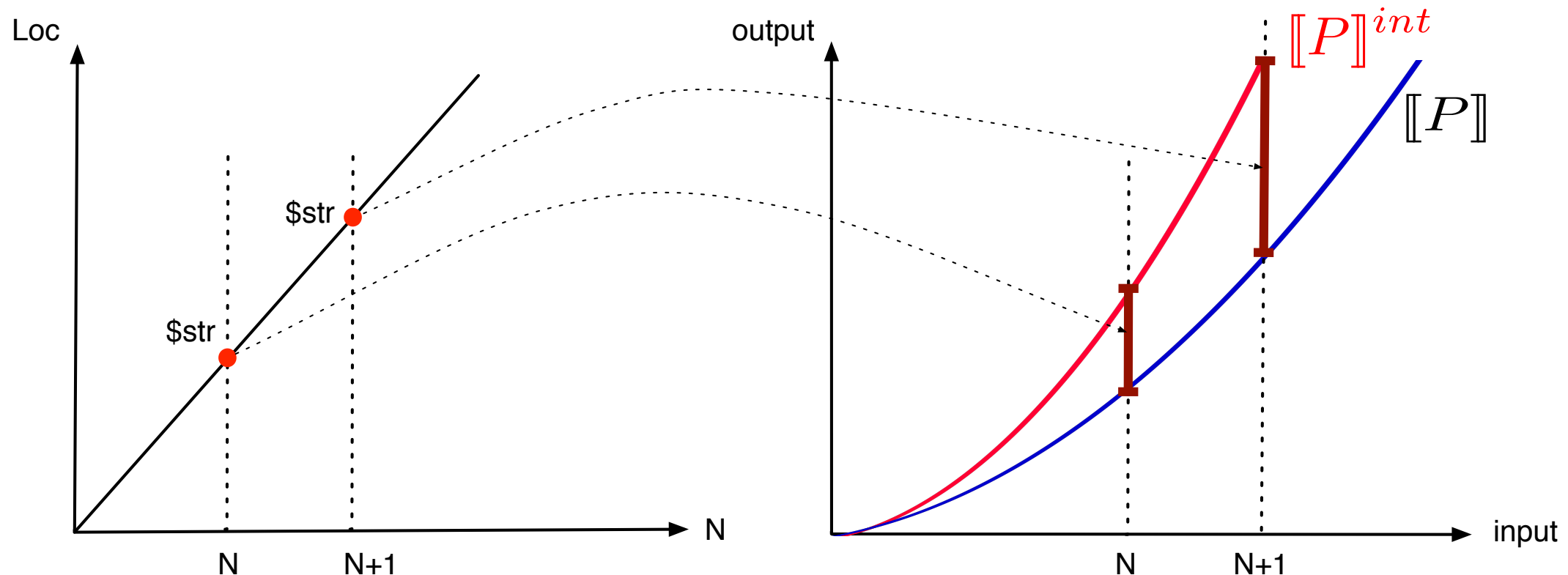
$$\begin{array}{lcl}
 \tau(P) : & \left[ \begin{array}{l} v_1 = 0; \\ v_2 = 0; \\ \mathbf{while} \quad 10 \cdot v_1 + v_2 < N \{ \\ \quad v_1 = v_1 + (v_2 + 1) \div 10 \\ \quad v_2 = (v_2 + 1) \bmod 10 \\ \quad \}; \end{array} \right. & \begin{array}{l} \llbracket \tau(P); c \rrbracket^\iota \\ \lambda v. 10 \odot [0, \frac{N \ominus [0, 9]}{10}] \oplus [0, 9] \\ \lambda v. [0, N] \oplus [0, 9] \\ \lambda v. [0, N+9] \end{array} \\
 c : & v = 10 \cdot v_1 + v_2 &
 \end{array}$$

Obfuscation induces errors

# Dynamic Obfuscation

```
<?php
1: $w = 0; $n=1;
2: while ($n<=N) {
3:   $z = rand(2, 10);
4:   $str = '$x=0;$y=0;
5:     while ('. $z. '*$x+$y+1<=' . $n. ') {
6:       $x=intval(('. $z. '*$x+$y+1)/'. $z. ');
7:       $y=($y+1)%'. $z. ';};
8:       $w=$w+'. $z. '*$x+$y;'. $str; ++$n;};
9: eval($str.';'); echo $w. "\n";
?>
```

$$(N^2 + N)/2$$



# Obscurity is Incompleteness!

The attacker is an abstract interpreter

Failing precision means failing completeness

*Obfuscating is making abstract interpreters incomplete!!*

a compiler

$$\llbracket P \rrbracket = \llbracket \tau(P) \rrbracket$$

a successful attack to  $P$

$$\rho(\llbracket P \rrbracket) = \llbracket P \rrbracket^\rho$$

$\tau$  obfuscates  $P$  if  $\llbracket P \rrbracket^\rho \sqsubset \llbracket \tau(P) \rrbracket^\rho$

$$\llbracket P \rrbracket^\rho \sqsubset \llbracket \tau(P) \rrbracket^\rho \iff \rho(\llbracket \tau(P) \rrbracket) \sqsubset \llbracket \tau(P) \rrbracket^\rho$$

$$\llbracket P \rrbracket^\rho = \rho(\llbracket P \rrbracket) = \rho(\llbracket \tau(P) \rrbracket) \sqsubset \llbracket \tau(P) \rrbracket^\rho$$

# How to make code obscure

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**Programming style**

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**Algorithm**



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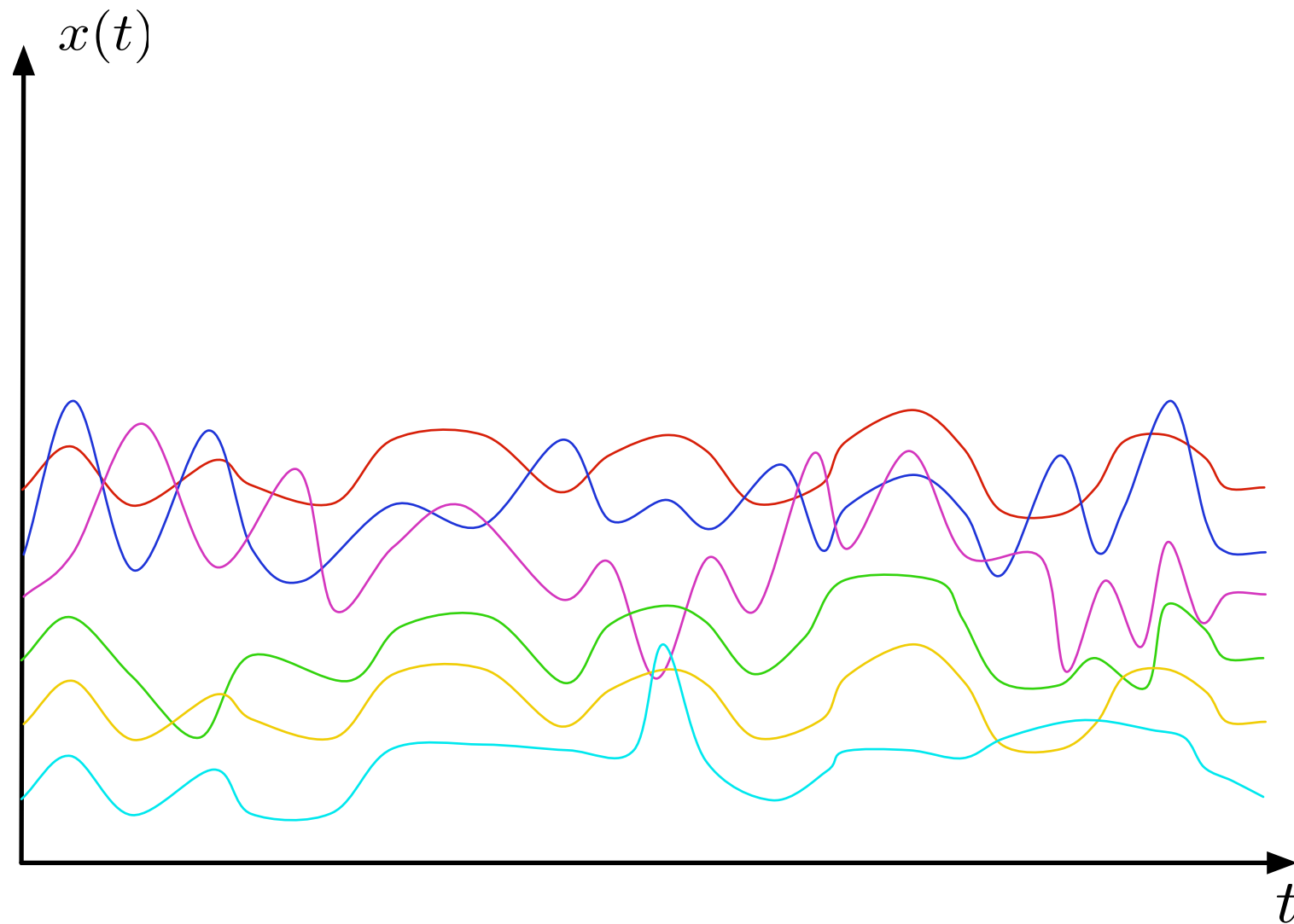
$P \longrightarrow \text{Obf}_{\alpha}(P)$

**Programming style** (points to `interp`)  
**Algorithm** (points to `interp`)

# Main Question

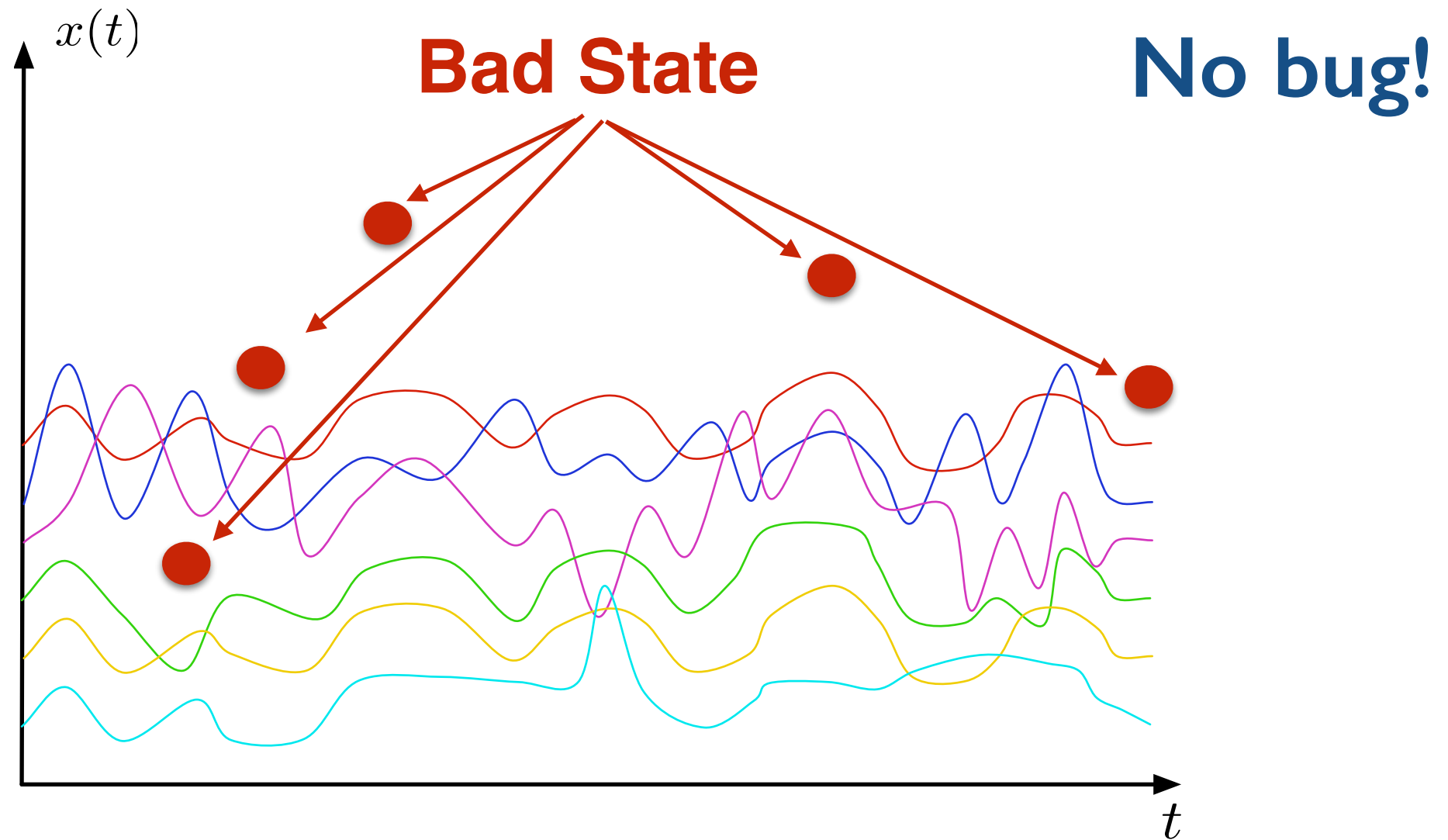
*Can we **prove** that:*  
**a static analysis  $\alpha$  of a program  $P$**   
**does not raise false alarms?**  
*or equivalently*  
 **$P$  is not obscure for  $\alpha$  ?**

# The Model



**Concrete Semantics**  
**Too complex and/or undecidable**

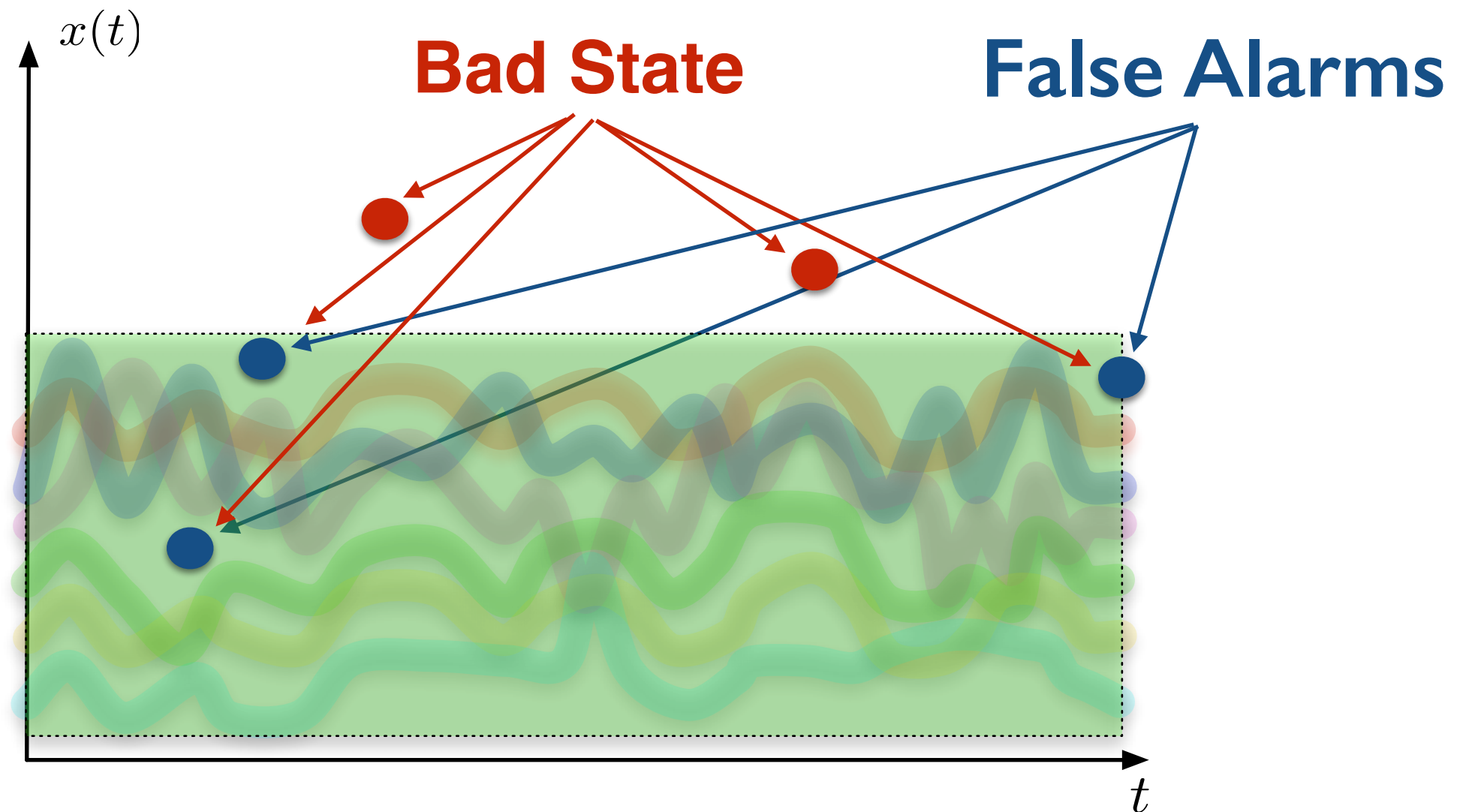
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# False Alarms



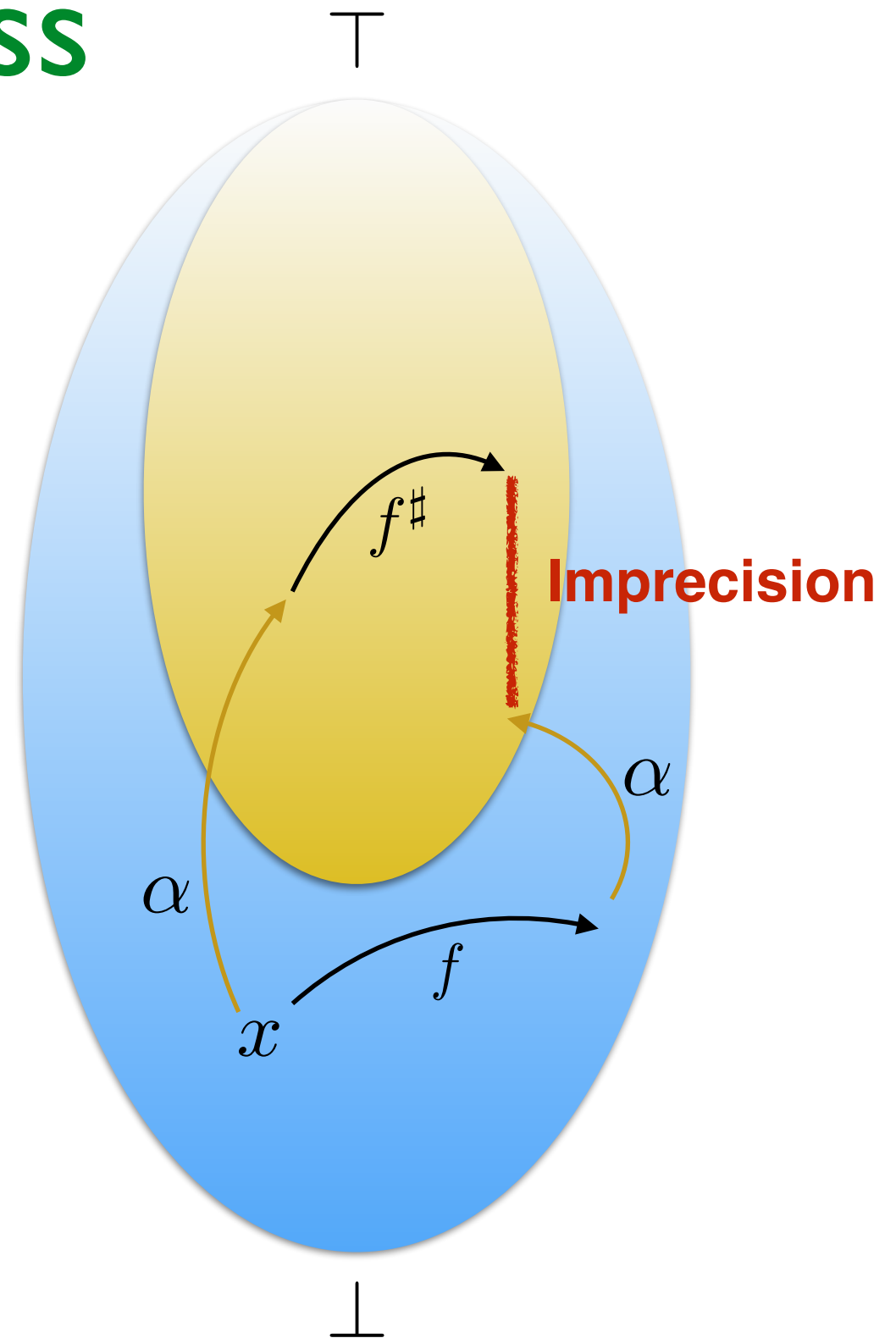
False alarms may happen with soundness

# Soundness

- Analyses are designed to be **sound**

$$\alpha(f(x)) \leq f^\#(\alpha(x))$$

- False alarms are due to **imprecision**

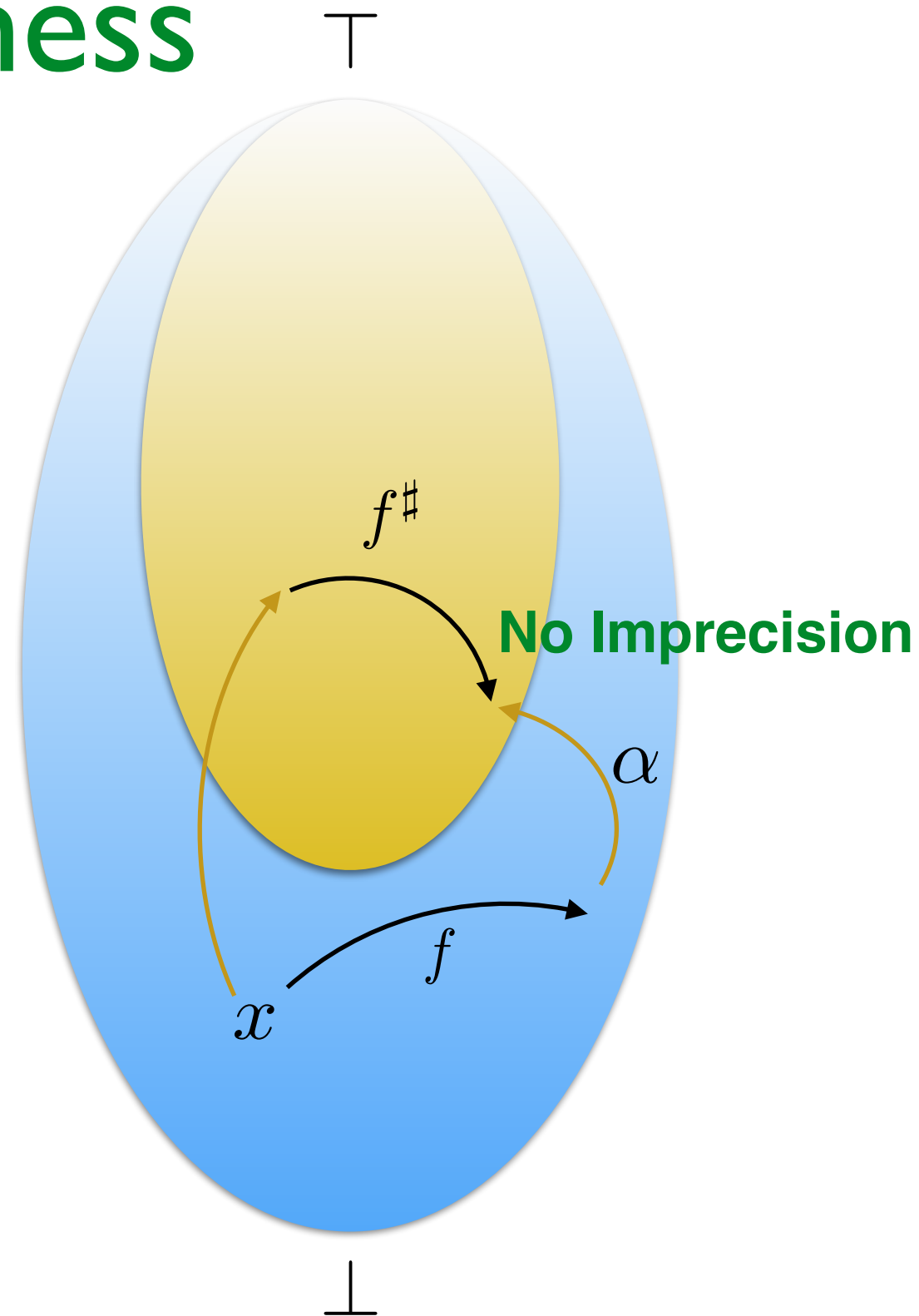


# Completeness

- Some analyses may be **complete**

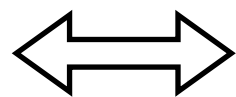
$$\alpha(f(x)) = f^\#(\alpha(x))$$

- Completeness **may happen!**



# Which analysis?

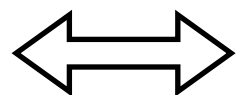
$$\alpha(f(x)) = f^\#(\alpha(x))$$



$f^\#$  best correct approximation

$$f^\# = \alpha \circ f \circ \gamma \stackrel{\text{def}}{=} f^\alpha$$

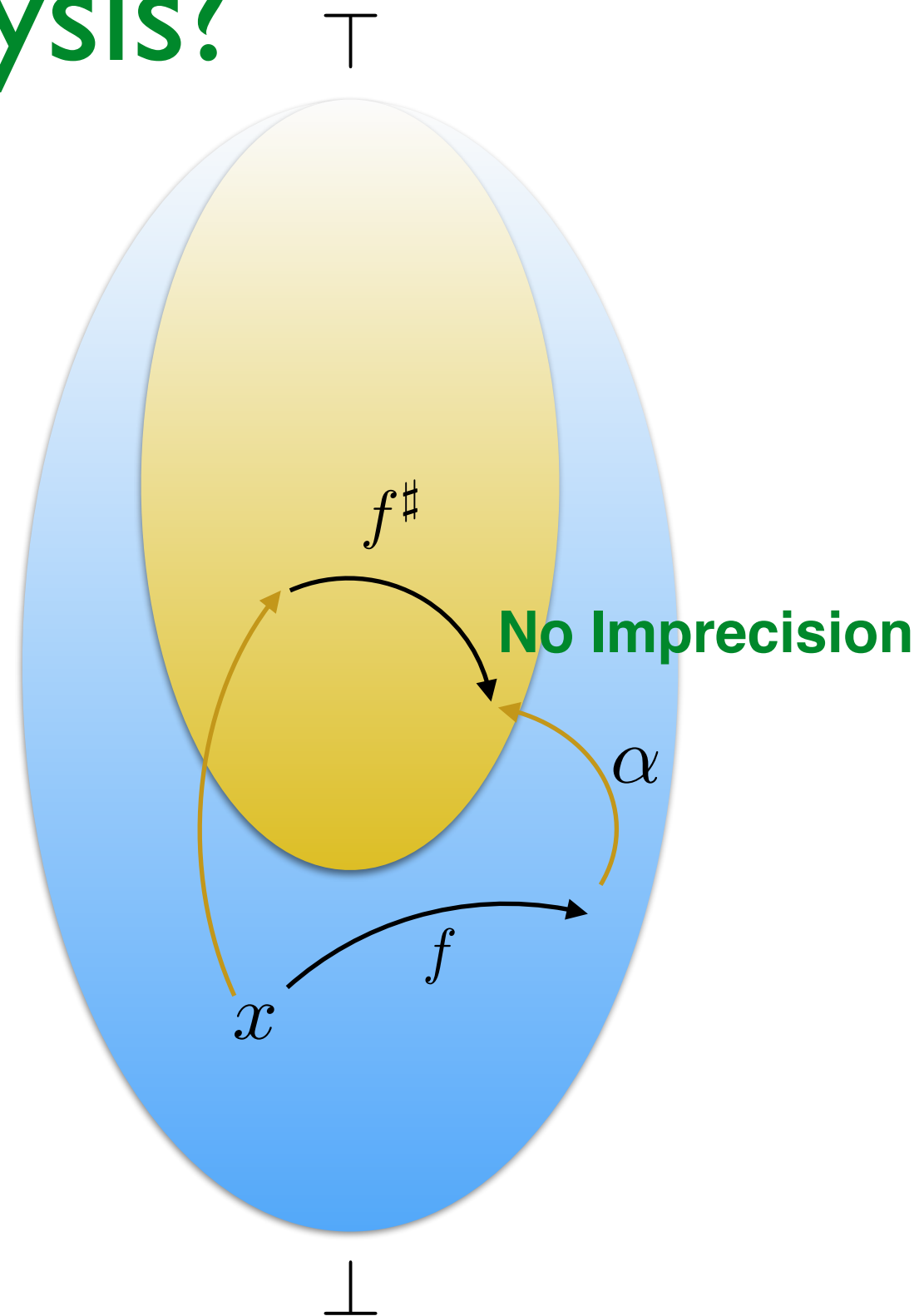
is complete



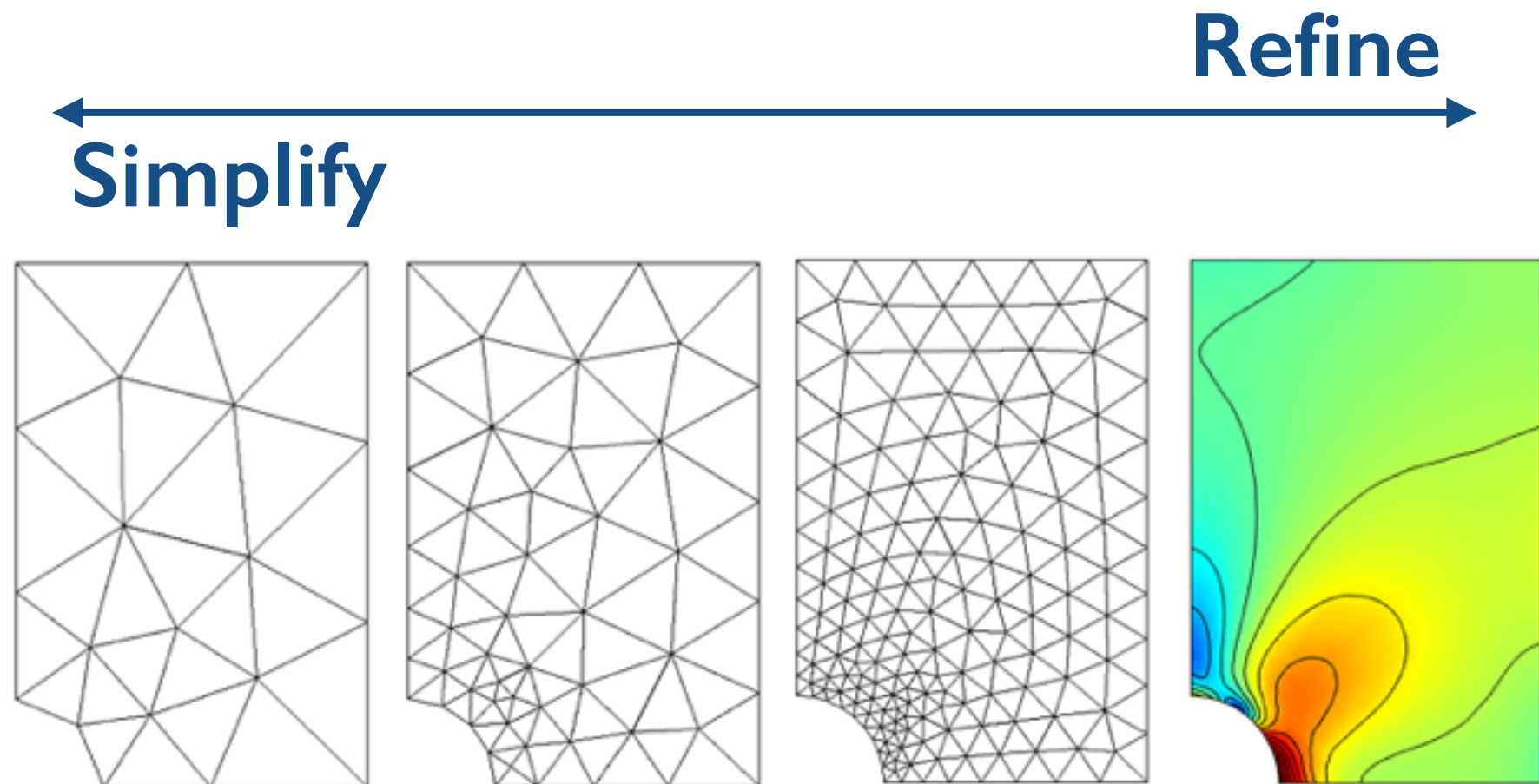
$$\alpha(f(x)) = \alpha(f(\gamma(\alpha(x))))$$

## A property of domains

$\langle \alpha, \gamma \rangle$

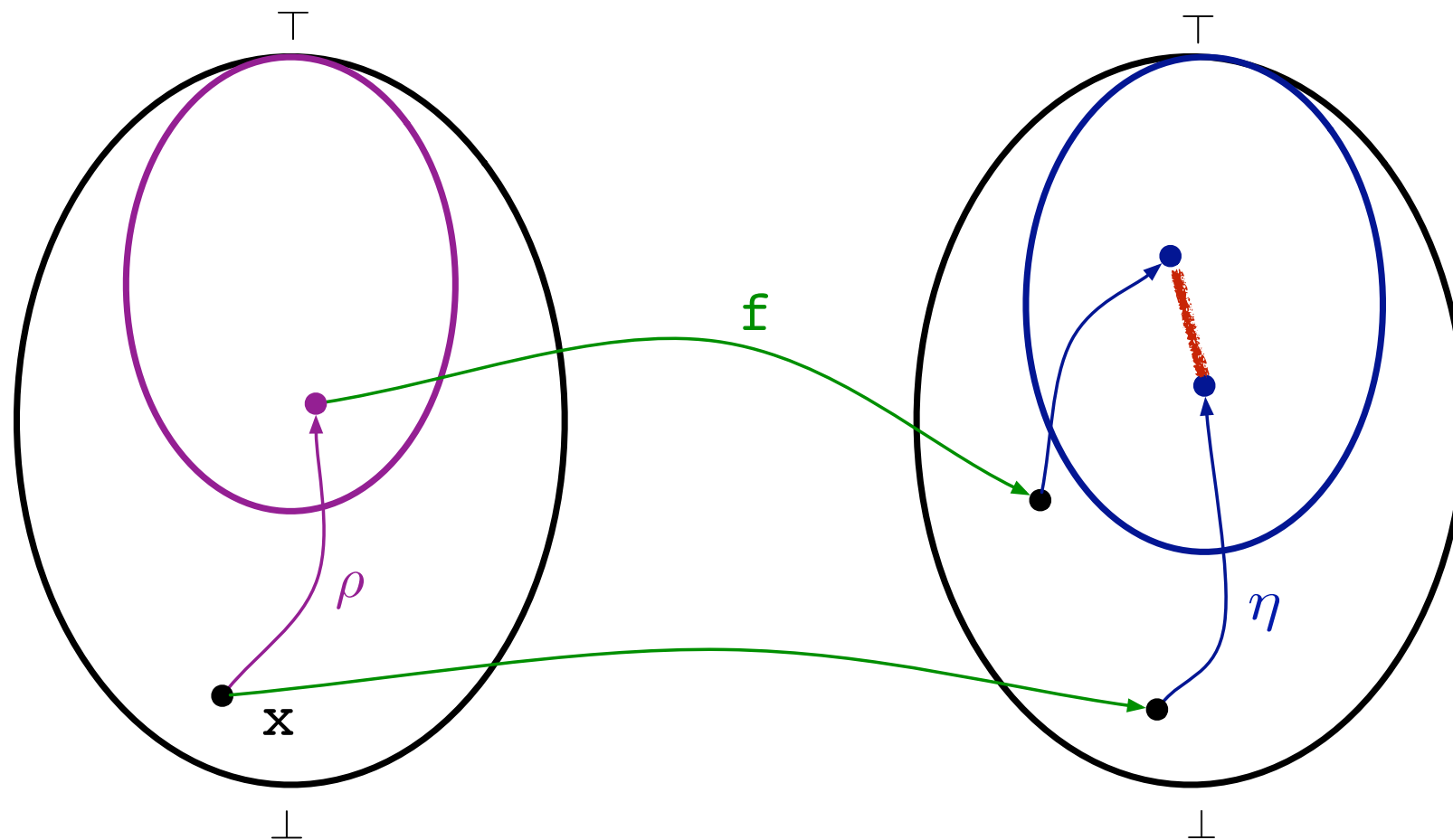


# Standard ways to achieve completeness in “*Small Code*”

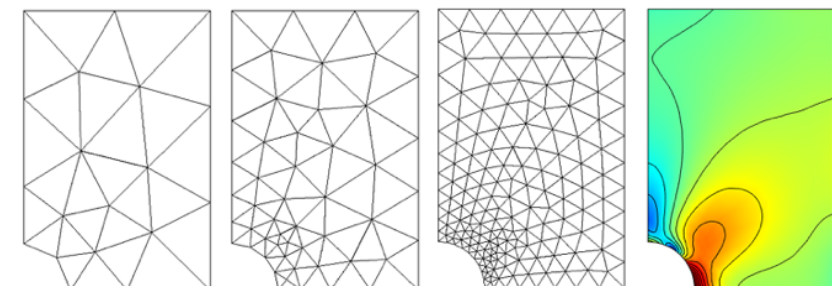




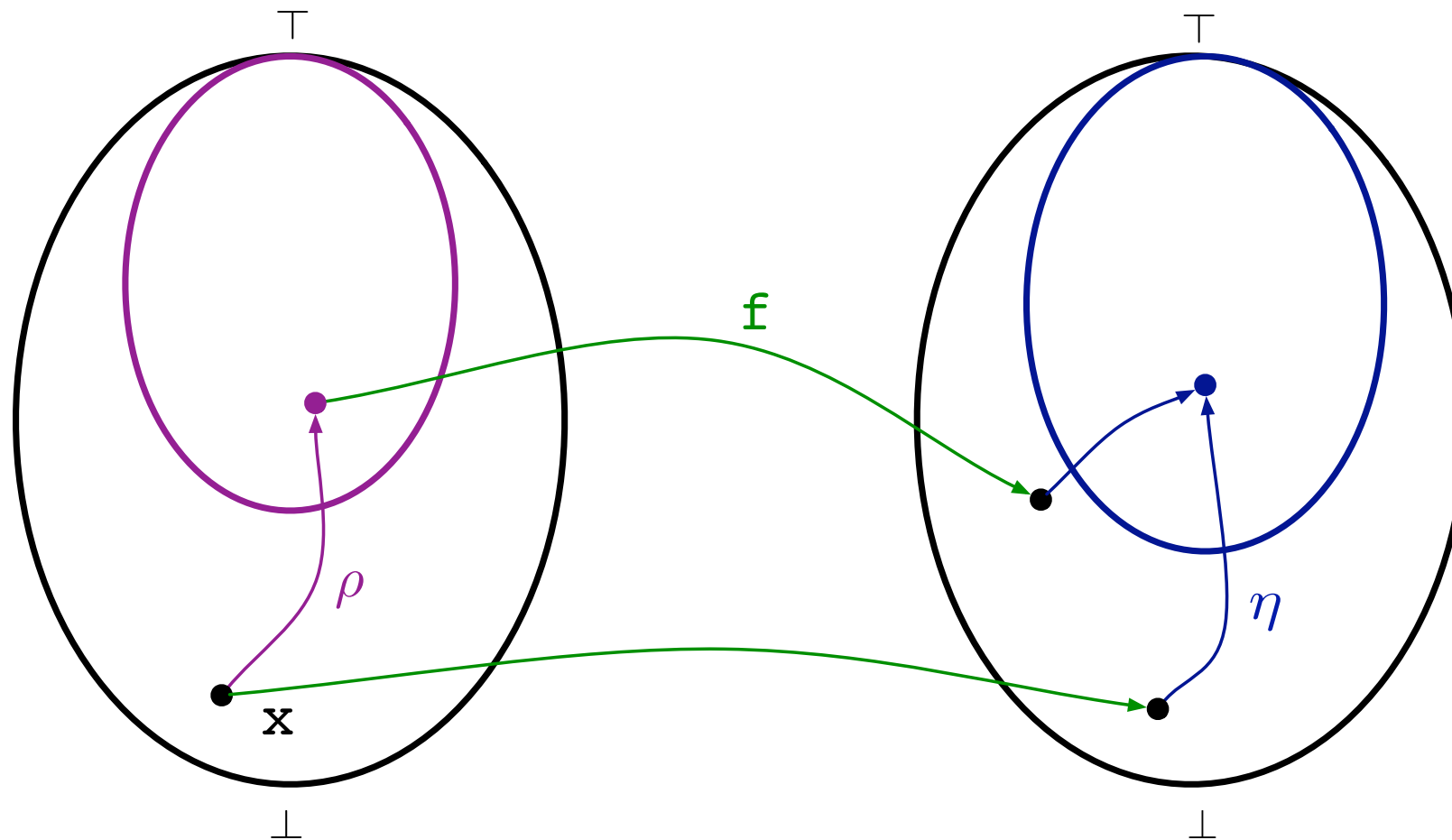
# Completeness



IN-COMPLETENESS:  $\eta \circ f \circ \rho \geq \eta \circ f$

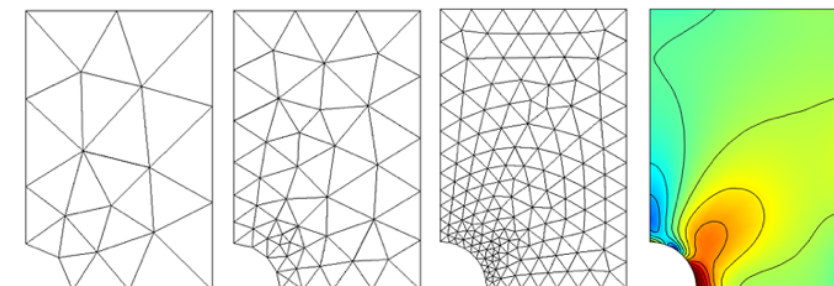


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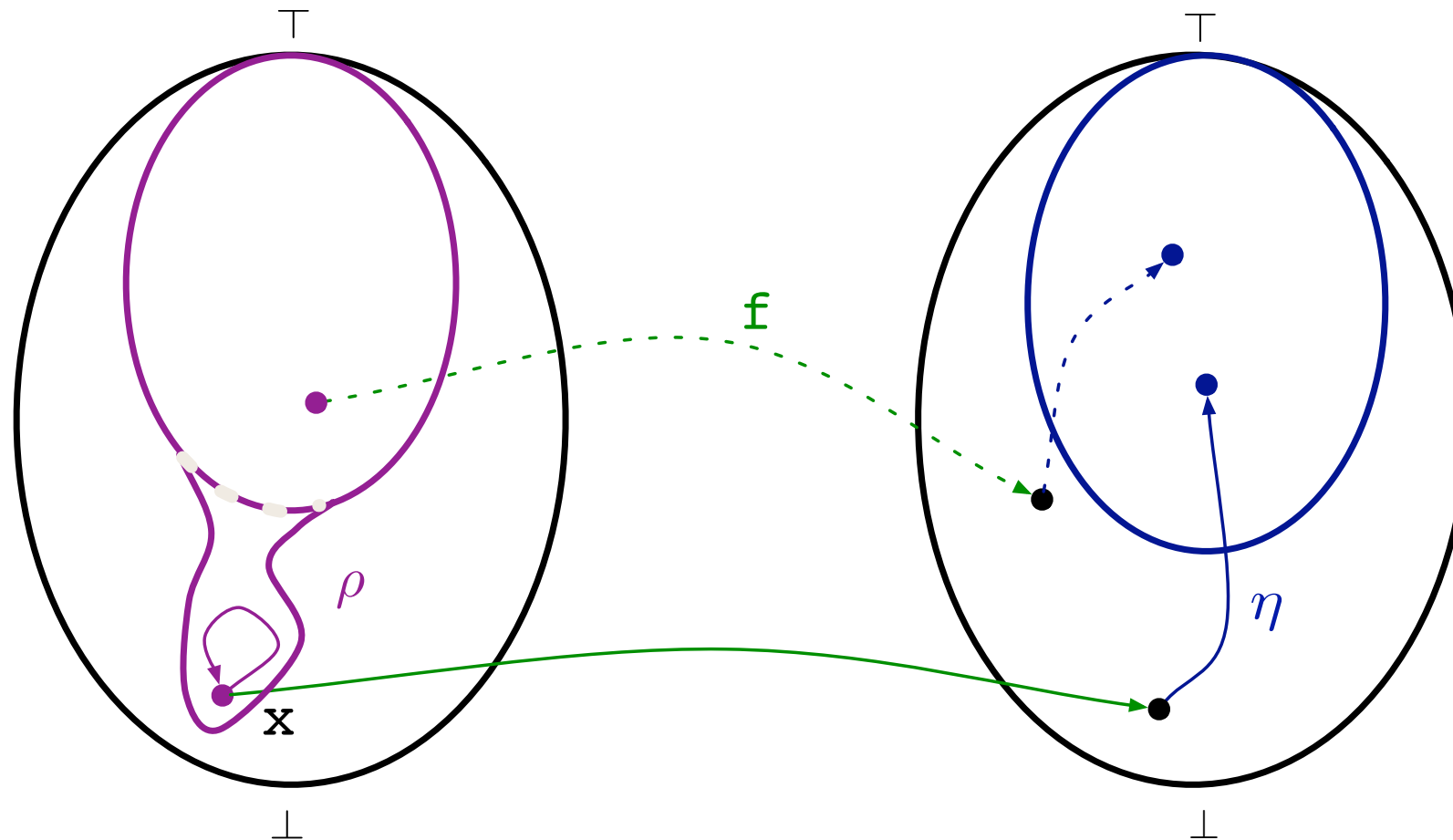


COMPLETENESS:  $\eta \circ f \circ \rho = \eta \circ f$

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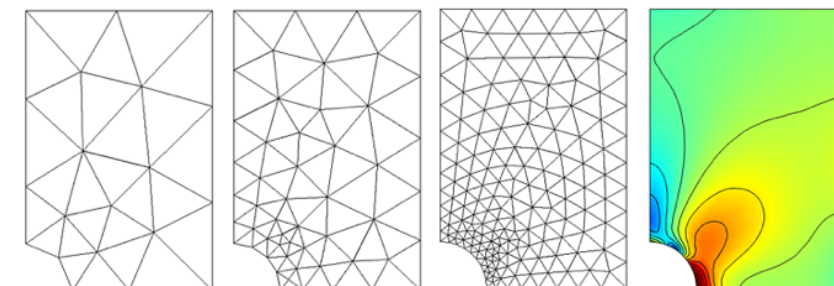
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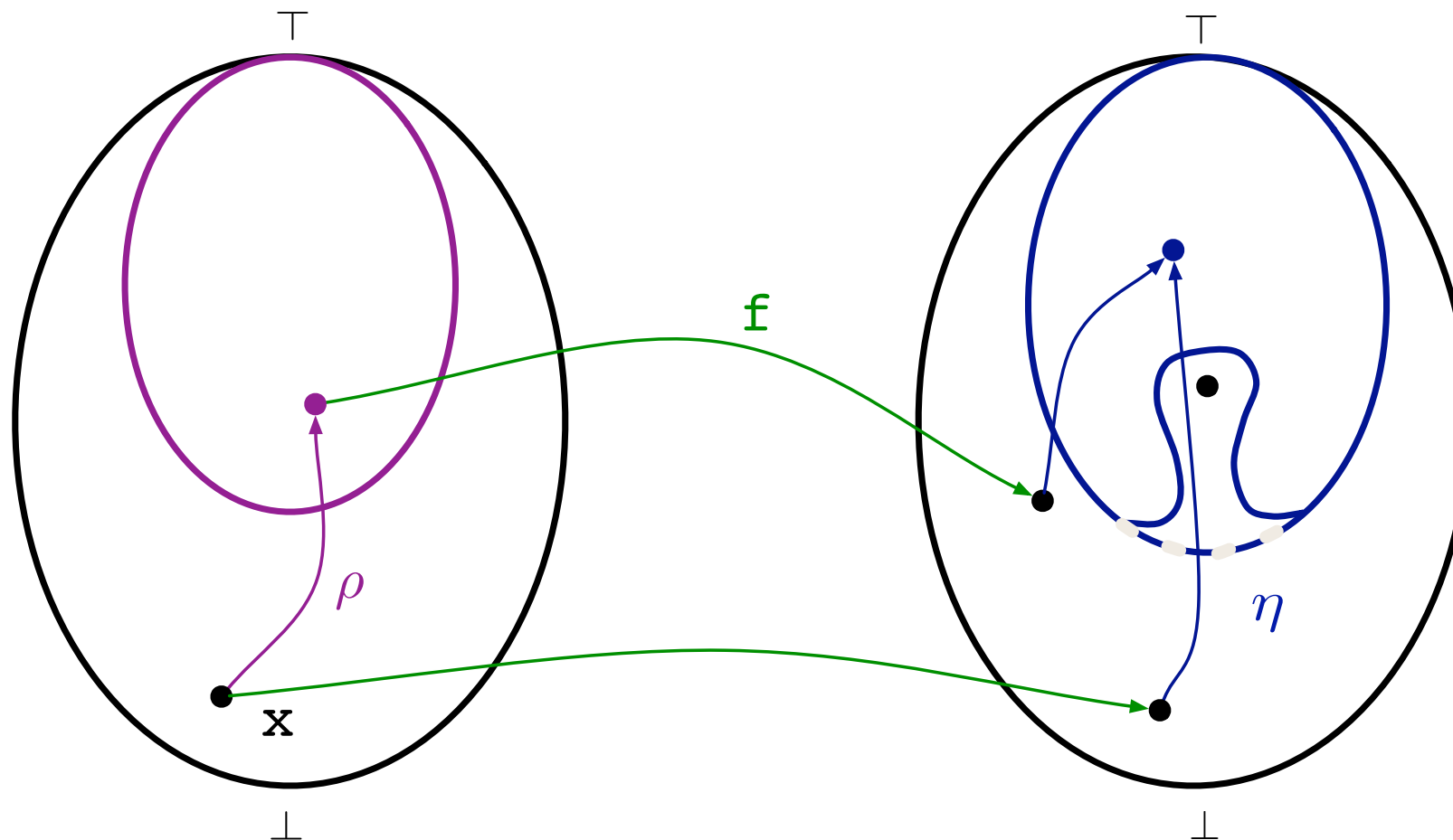
*Making* ABSTRACTIONS COMPLETE: Refining input domains

Giacobazzi et al, JACM2000

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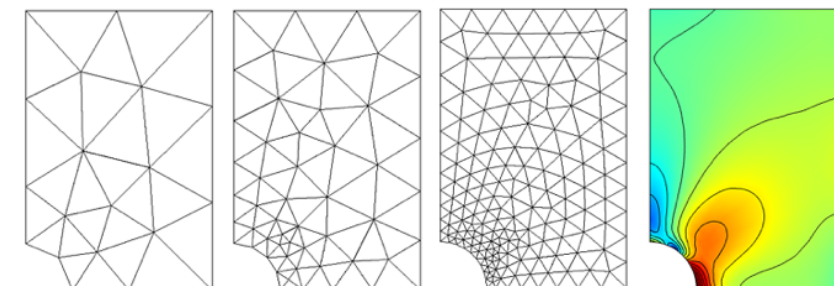
# Making Completeness



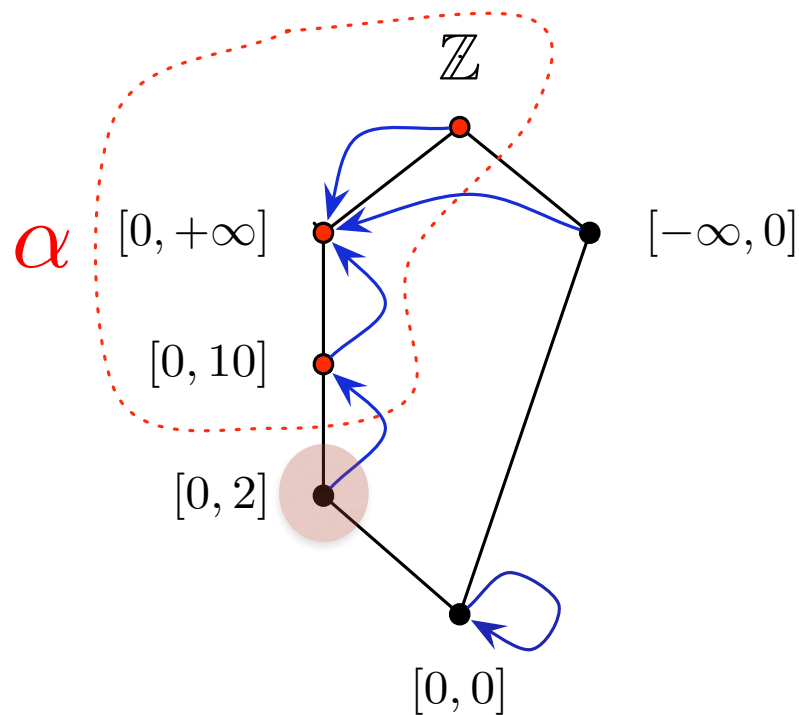
*Making* ABSTRACTIONS COMPLETE: Simplifying output domains

Giacobazzi et al, JACM2000

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# Making Completeness



A simple domain of intervals



$$sq(X) = \left\{ x^2 \mid x \in X \right\}$$

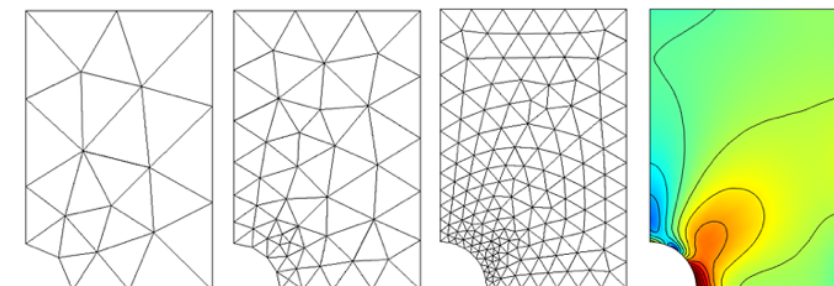


$\{\mathbb{Z}, [0, +\infty], [0, 10]\}$  is **Complete**

Same input & output abstraction = **fix-point domain refinement**  $\mathcal{R}_f(\alpha)$

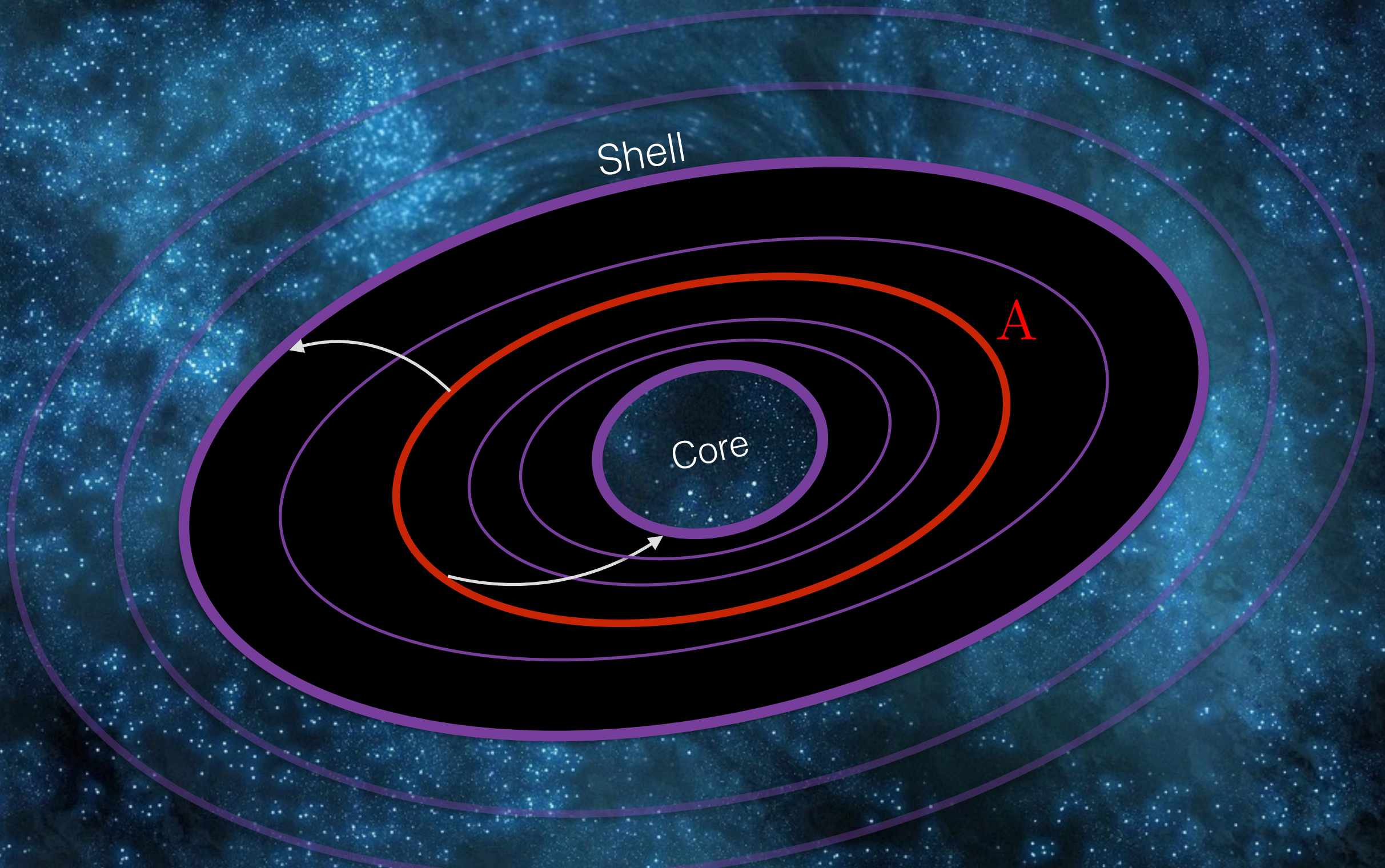
$$\mathcal{R}_f(\alpha) = \text{gfp}(\lambda X. \alpha \sqcap R_f(X))$$

$$R_f \stackrel{\text{def}}{=} \lambda X. \mathcal{M}(\bigcup_{y \in X} \max(f^{-1}(\downarrow y)))$$

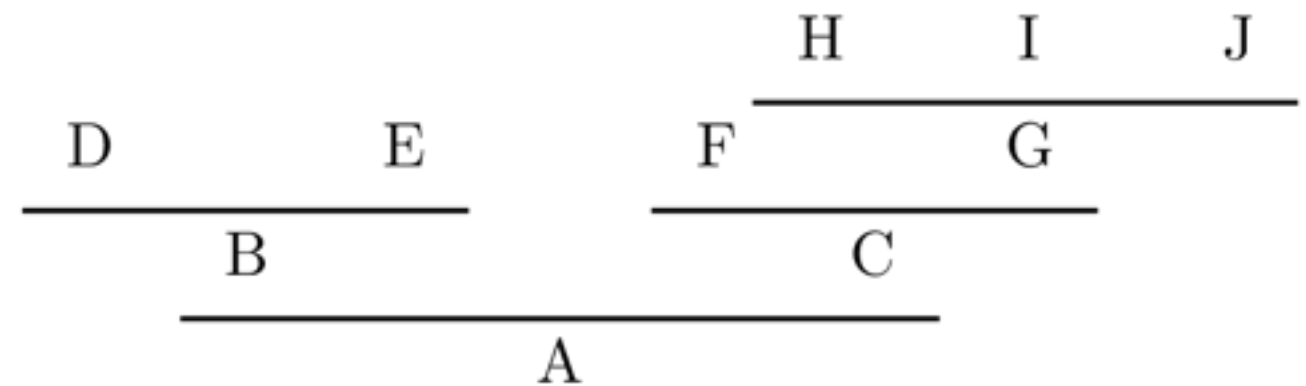




# Completeness in Abstract Domains







We want to prove completeness

From Analysis of **Programs** to Analysis of **Analyses**

# Completeness of ...

$$\alpha(\llbracket a \rrbracket S) = \llbracket a \rrbracket^\alpha \alpha(S)$$

Arithmetic expressions

$$\alpha(\llbracket b \rrbracket S) = \llbracket b \rrbracket^\alpha \alpha(S)$$

Boolean expressions

$$\alpha(\llbracket P \rrbracket S) = \llbracket P \rrbracket^\alpha \alpha(S)$$

Programs

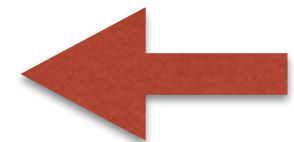
Best correct approximations  
for any set of stores  $S$

# Completeness Classes for $\alpha$

$$\mathbb{A}(\alpha) \stackrel{\text{def}}{=} \{a \text{ arith.exp.} \mid \alpha(\llbracket a \rrbracket) = \llbracket a \rrbracket^\alpha\}$$

$$\mathbb{B}(\alpha) \stackrel{\text{def}}{=} \{b \text{ Bool.exp.} \mid \alpha(\llbracket b \rrbracket) = \llbracket b \rrbracket^\alpha\}$$

$$\mathbb{C}(\alpha) \stackrel{\text{def}}{=} \{P \text{ program} \mid \alpha(\llbracket P \rrbracket) = \llbracket P \rrbracket^\alpha\}$$



# Completeness Class

$$\mathbb{C}(\alpha) \stackrel{\text{def}}{=} \{P \text{ program} \mid \alpha(\llbracket P \rrbracket) = \llbracket P \rrbracket^\alpha\}$$

Infinite

```
skip; skip; skip; skip;  
skip; skip; skip; skip;  
.....
```

Obvious!



# Completeness Class

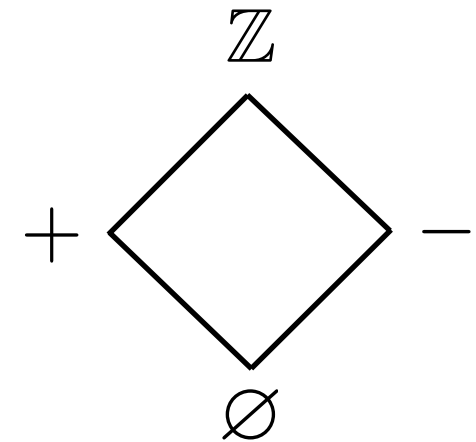
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Non  
Extensional

$P$  complete,  $\llbracket P \rrbracket = \llbracket Q \rrbracket \not\Rightarrow Q$  complete

$P : x := y$

$Q : x := y + 1; x := x - 1$



$$\begin{aligned} \llbracket P \rrbracket^{\text{Sign}} \{y/+\} &= \{x/+, y/+\} \\ \llbracket Q \rrbracket^{\text{Sign}} \{y/+\} &= \{x/\mathbb{Z}, y/+\} \end{aligned}$$

**Well Known!**

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$P : x := y$   $\mathbb{C}(\alpha)$  **and  $\overline{\mathbb{C}(\alpha)}$  cannot be an index set**  
 $Q : x := y$  **for partial recursive functions**



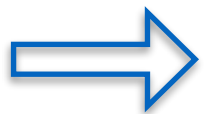
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Non Trivial

$$\mathbb{C}(\alpha) = \text{All Programs} \Leftrightarrow \alpha \in \{\lambda x.x, \lambda x.\top\}$$



For any nontrivial abstraction  $\alpha$   
there exists an **incomplete** program

This incomplete program is defined  
**similarly** as into Rice Theorem's proof [1952]

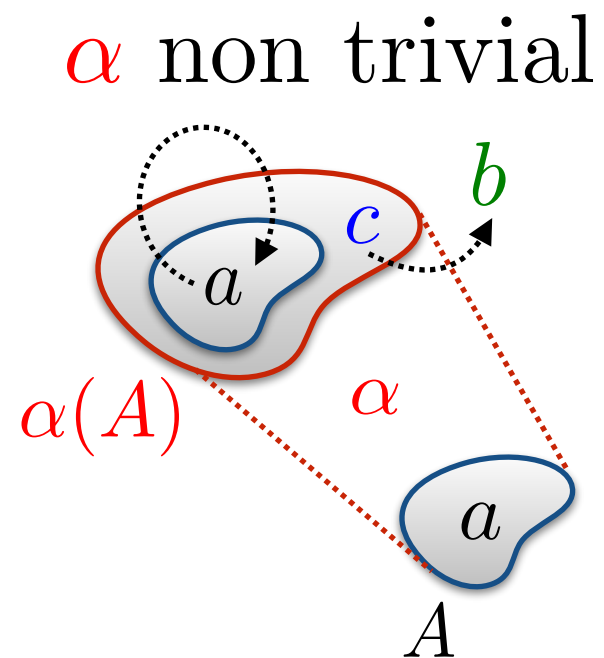
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$\Rightarrow$



$$\psi_{abc}(x) = \begin{cases} a & \text{if } x = a \\ b & \text{if } x = c \\ \perp & \text{otherwise} \end{cases} \quad Q_{abc} \in \text{Imp} \setminus \mathbb{C}_\alpha$$

$$\alpha(\llbracket Q_{abc} \rrbracket(A)) \neq \alpha(\llbracket Q_{abc} \rrbracket(\alpha(A))) \subseteq \llbracket Q_{abc} \rrbracket^\alpha(\alpha(A))$$

$$\{a\} \qquad \{a, b\}$$

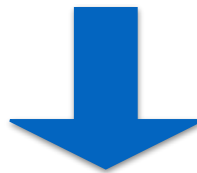
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Rice Theorem **cannot** be used  
for proving that  $\mathbb{C}(\alpha)$  is undecidable

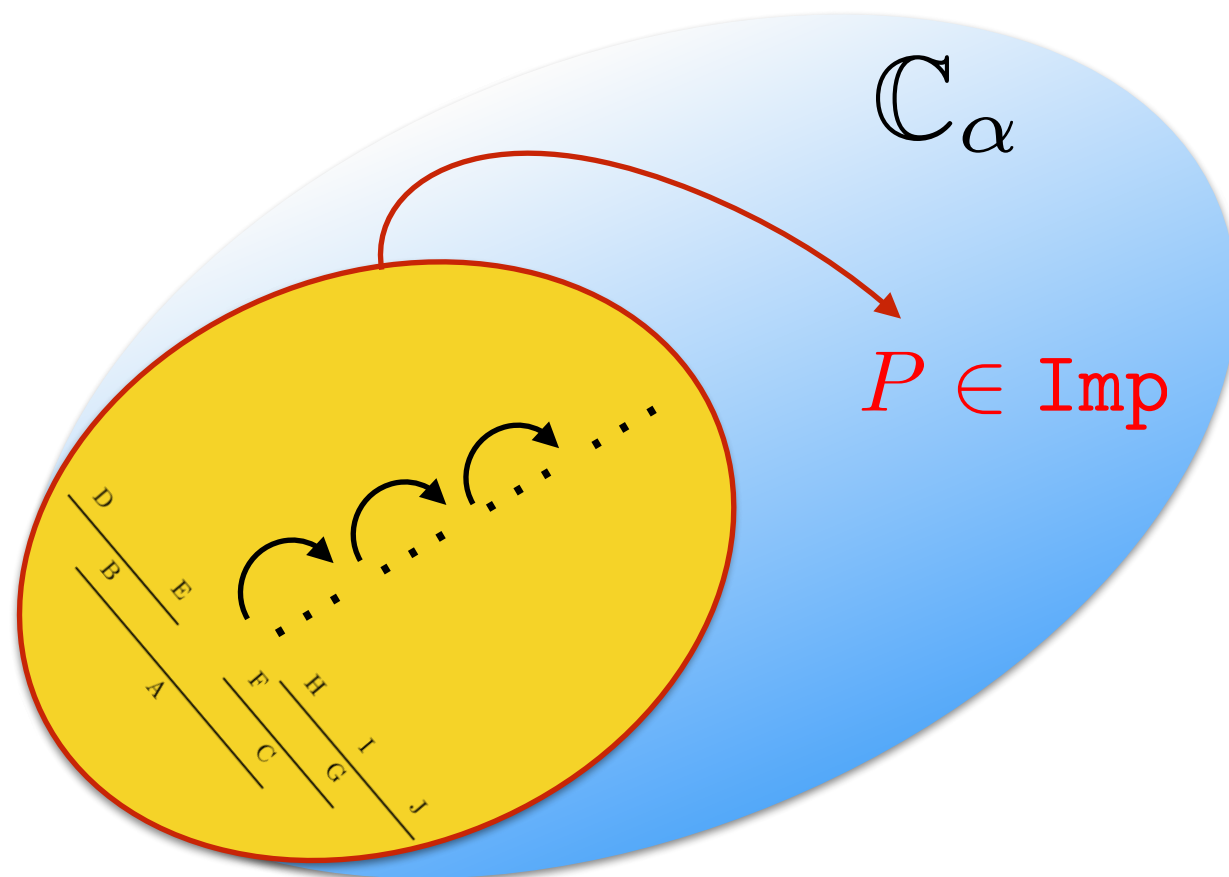


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If  $\alpha$  non trivial ( $\alpha \neq id$  &  $\alpha \neq \top$ )  
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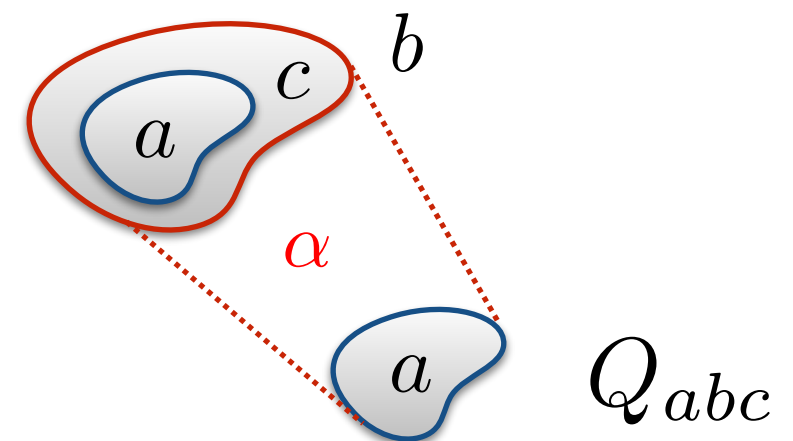
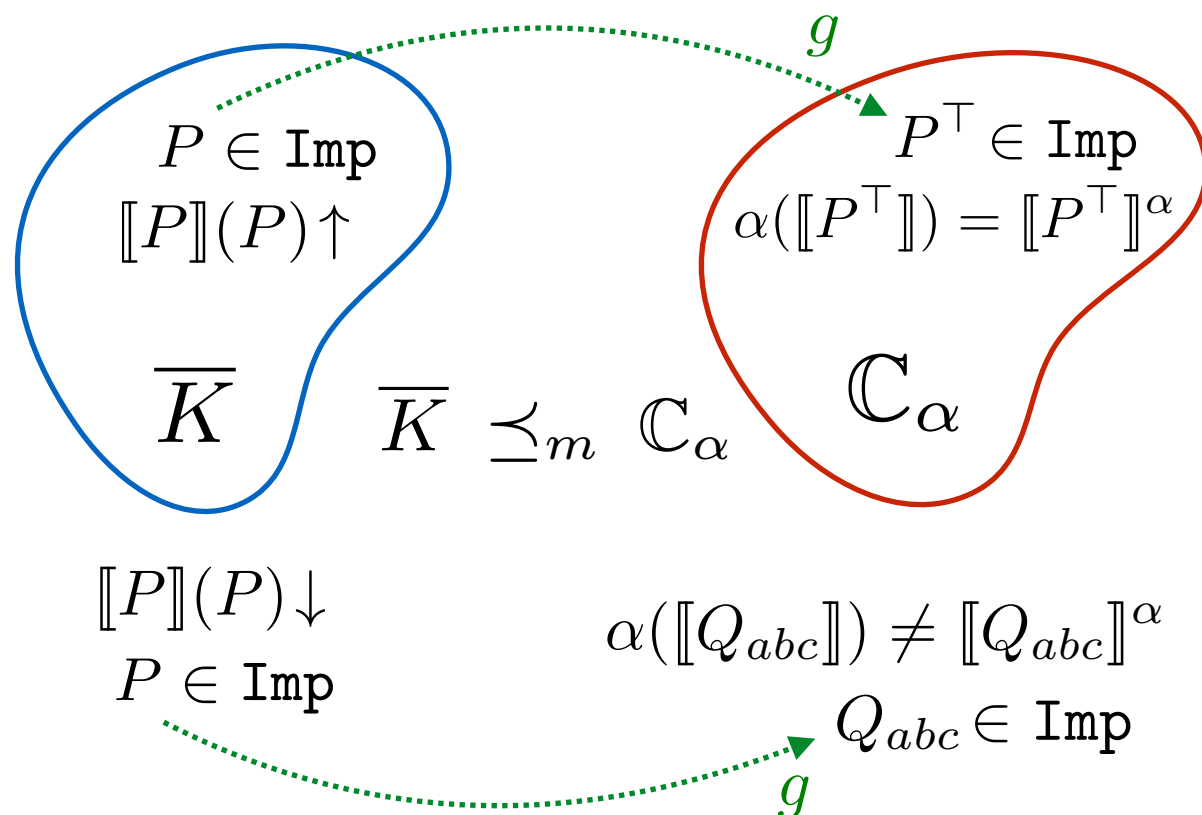


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$$\varphi_g(\psi, P) \stackrel{\text{s-m-n}}{=} \begin{cases} \llbracket Q_{abc} \rrbracket(S) & \text{if } \llbracket P \rrbracket(P) \downarrow \leq |S| \\ \llbracket P^\top \rrbracket(S) & \end{cases}$$

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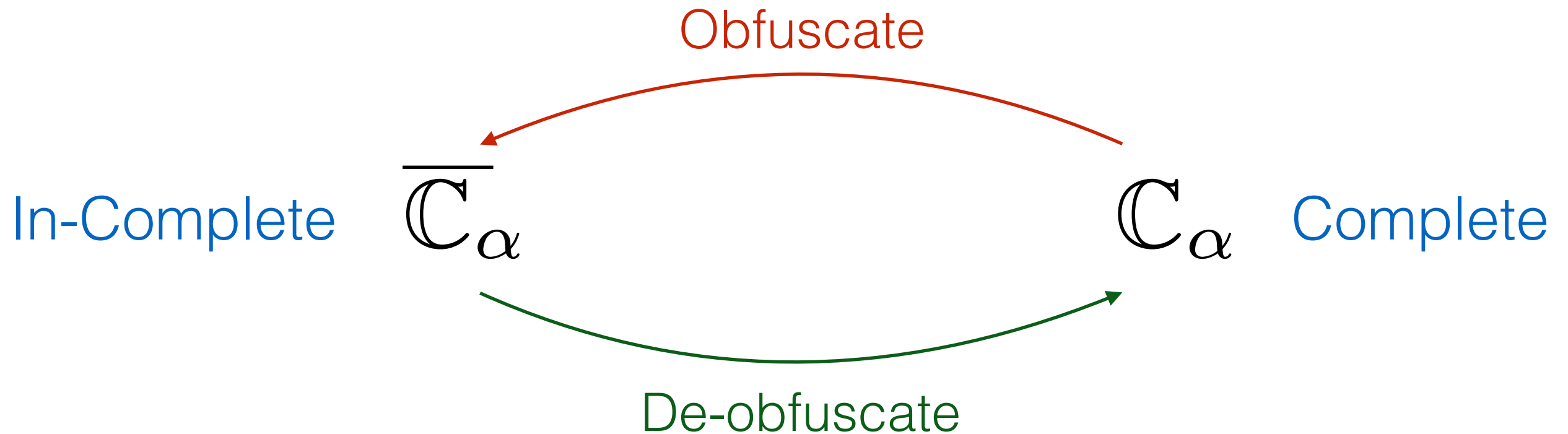
⇒  $\mathbb{C}(\alpha)$  and  $\overline{\mathbb{C}(\alpha)}$  are encodings of first-order arithmetics

⇒ automating the proof that  $\alpha$  is complete for  $P$  is **impossible**

**Completeness is harder to prove than termination**

# Corollary

**Obfuscation/De-obfuscation is compilation between completeness classes**



$$\mathbb{C}_\alpha \stackrel{def}{=} \{ P \in \text{Imp} \mid \alpha(\llbracket P \rrbracket) = \llbracket P \rrbracket^\alpha \}$$

# Corollary

$$\mathbb{C}(\alpha) \stackrel{\text{def}}{=} \{P \text{ program} \mid \alpha(\llbracket P \rrbracket) = \llbracket P \rrbracket^\alpha\}$$

$\alpha$  non trivial

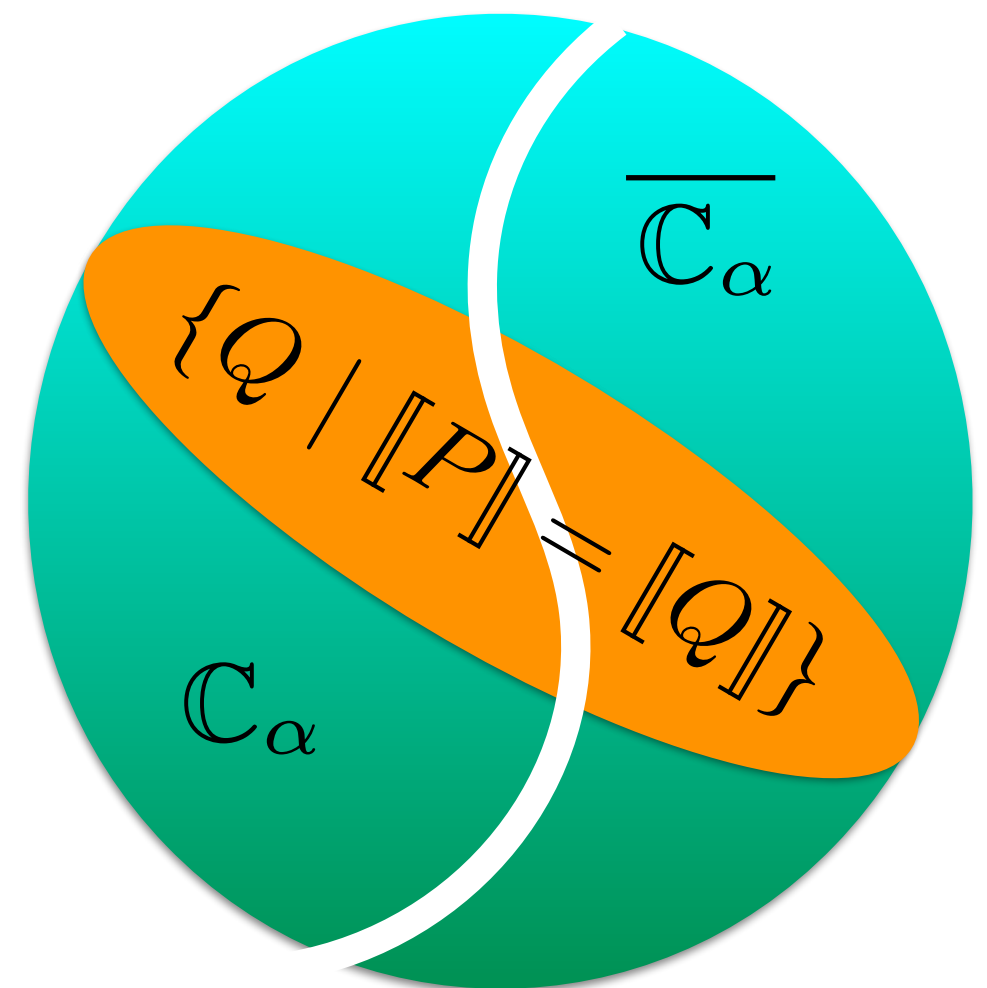


$$\mathbb{C}_\alpha \not\preceq_m \overline{\mathbb{C}_\alpha} \text{ and } \overline{\mathbb{C}_\alpha} \not\preceq_m \mathbb{C}_\alpha$$

Among equivalent programs  $\preceq_m$   
means deciding termination

Completeness in  $\left[ \begin{array}{c} \top \\ | \\ \perp \end{array} \right]$

All Programs





# Technical Question

Can we prove that  
 $P \in \mathbb{C}(\alpha)$ ?



**Idea:** provide a reasonable computable  
under-approximations of  $\mathbb{C}(\alpha)$

# The problem

Given a program  $P$  **can we prove**  
whether an analysis of  $P$  with  $\alpha$  will be complete?



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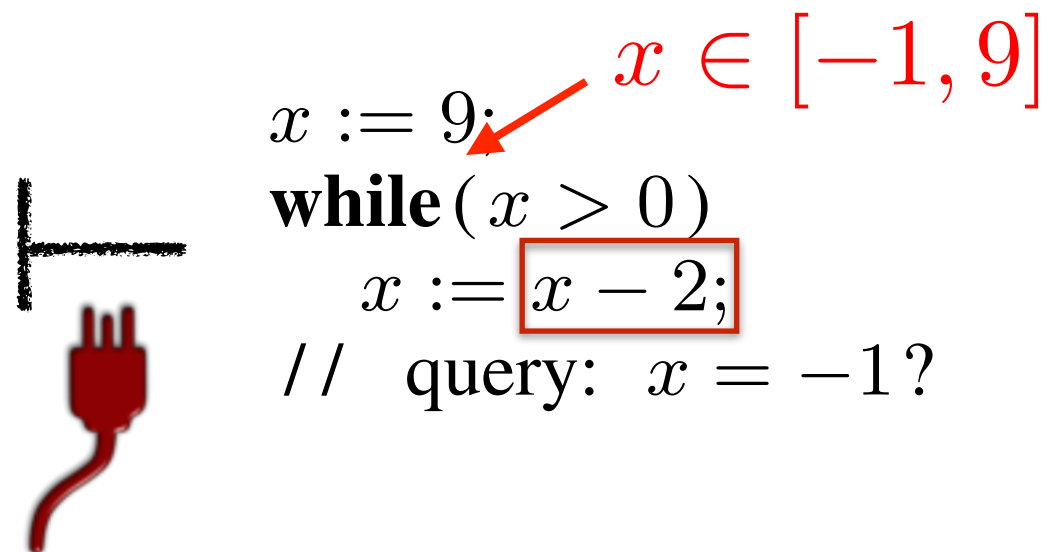
*(A red arrow points from the interval  $x \in [0, 9]$  to the initial assignment  $x := 9$ )*

Intervals

⇒ **Completeness**

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Intervals

# The problem

Given a program  $P$  can we prove whether an analysis of  $P$  with  $\alpha$  will be complete?



```
 $x := 9;$   $x \in [-1, 9]$   
while ( $x > 0$ )  
   $x := x - 2;$   
  // query:  $x = -1$ ?  
 $x \in [-1, 0]$ 
```

Intervals

⇒ Incompleteness



# Recall

- ⇒ Analyses  $\llbracket P \rrbracket^\alpha$  are best correct approximations
- ⇒ Analyses  $\llbracket P \rrbracket^\alpha$  use abstract joins **not** widening !!
- ⇒ Abstract joins are **always** complete in Galois Connection based analyses

$$\begin{aligned}\alpha(c_1 \sqcup c_2) &= \\ \alpha(\gamma(\alpha(c_1)) \sqcup \gamma(\alpha(c_2))) &= \\ \alpha(c_1) \sqcup_\alpha \alpha(c_2)\end{aligned}$$

## Complete

```
 $x := 9;$   
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     $x := x - 1;$   
// query:  $x = 0$ ?
```

## Incomplete

```
 $x := 9;$   
while ( $x > 0$ )  
     $x := x - 2;$   
// query:  $x = -1$ ?
```

## What's wrong?

- ☑ Assignment to a constant is **complete** in Intervals:  $x \in [9, 9]$
- ☑ Both tests  $x > 0$  and  $x \leq 0$  are **exactly represented** in Intervals and therefore are **complete**:  $x \in [1, +\infty]$ ,  $x \in [-\infty, 0]$
- ☑ The decrements  $x-1$  and  $x-2$  are **complete** in Intervals
- ☑ Abstract join is always **complete**

# The problem

Concretely

```
 $x := 9;$   
while ( $x > 0$ )  
     $x := x - 2;$   
// query:  $x = -1$ ?
```

$x=9$   
 $x=7$   
 $x=5$   
 $x=3$   
 $x=1$   
 $x=-1$

Abstractly

$x \in [9, 9]$   
 $x \in [7, 9]$   
 $x \in [5, 9]$   
 $x \in [3, 9]$   
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 $x \in [-1, 9]$

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$$\text{Int}(\llbracket x \leq 0 \rrbracket \{-1, 1, \dots, 9\}) =$$

$$x \in [-1, -1]$$

incomplete Boolean exit

$$\text{Int}(\llbracket x \leq 0 \rrbracket \text{Int}\{-1, 1, \dots, 9\}) =$$

$$x \in [-1, 0]$$

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Both tests  $x > 0$  and  $x \leq 0$  are **incomplete**  
even if they are exactly represented in Intervals!!



# Core Proof System: $\vdash_{\alpha} P$

$$\frac{}{\vdash_{\alpha} \text{skip}} \quad [\text{skip}]$$

$$\frac{\vdash_{\alpha} P \quad \vdash_{\alpha} Q}{\vdash_{\alpha} P; Q} \quad [\text{seq}]$$

$$\frac{\vdash_{\alpha} C \quad \boxed{b \in \mathbb{B}(\alpha) \quad \neg b \in \mathbb{B}(\alpha)}}{\vdash_{\alpha} \text{if } b \text{ then } C} \quad [\text{if}]$$

$$\frac{\vdash_{\alpha} C \quad \boxed{b \in \mathbb{B}(\alpha) \quad \neg b \in \mathbb{B}(\alpha)}}{\vdash_{\alpha} \text{while } b \text{ do } C} \quad [\text{while}]$$

Soundness

$$\vdash_{\alpha} P \Rightarrow P \in \mathbb{C}(\alpha)$$

Completeness

No, ...of course

# Assignments in Non-relational Domains

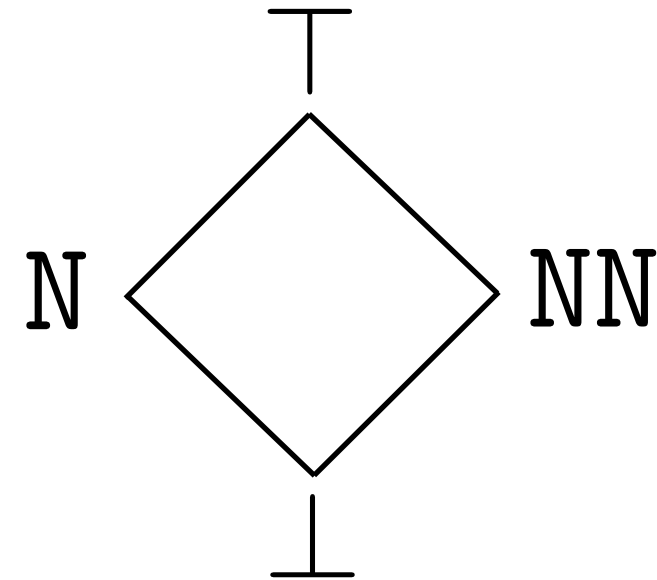
$$\frac{a \in \mathbb{A}(\alpha)}{\vdash_{\alpha} x := a}$$

is sound!!!

# Example in Nullness

Simple **nullness** analysis

$$\text{Null} \stackrel{\text{def}}{=} \{\perp, N, NN, \top\}$$



$$\begin{array}{c}
 \checkmark \quad \frac{\text{null} \in \mathbb{A}(\text{Null})}{\vdash_{\text{Null}} x := \text{null}} \quad \checkmark \quad \frac{(x = \text{null}) \in \mathbb{B}(\text{Null})}{\vdash_{\text{Null}} \text{if } (x = \text{null}) \text{ then } x := \text{new Int}} \quad \checkmark \quad \frac{\neg(x = \text{null}) \in \mathbb{B}(\text{Null})}{\vdash_{\text{Null}} \text{if } (x = \text{null}) \text{ then } x := \text{new Int}} \quad \checkmark \quad \frac{\text{new Int} \in \mathbb{A}(\text{Null})}{\vdash_{\text{Null}} x := \text{new Int}} \\
 \hline
 \vdash_{\text{Null}} x := \text{null; if}(x = \text{null}) \text{ then } x := \text{new Int}
 \end{array}$$

**Proved!**

**We don't make analysis**  
**We analyse analyses**



# What about assignments?

$$\frac{a \in \mathbb{A}(\alpha)}{\vdash_{\alpha} x := a}$$

**is not sound in general**

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$$S = \{(x/2, y/1, z/0), (x/1, y/4, z/2)\}$$



$$\text{Oct}(\llbracket z := x + y \rrbracket S) \subsetneq \text{Oct}(\llbracket z := x + y \rrbracket \text{Oct}(S))$$

$$\nexists$$

$$(x/2, y/3, z/5)$$

$$\cup$$

$$(x/2, y/3, z/5)$$

The problem is that Oct is **relational**

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$$S = \{(2, 1, 0), (1, 4, 2)\} \longrightarrow \text{Oct}(S) = \langle 1 \leq x \leq 2, 1 \leq y \leq 4, 0 \leq z \leq 2, \\ 3 \leq x + y \leq 5, -3 \leq x - y \leq 1, 2 \leq x + z \leq 3, \\ -1 \leq x - z \leq 2, 1 \leq y + z \leq 6, 1 \leq y - z \leq 2 \rangle.$$

$$\llbracket z := x + y \rrbracket S = \{(2, 1, 3), (1, 4, 5)\}$$

$$(2, 3, 1) \in \text{Oct}(S)$$

$$(2, 3, 5) \in \llbracket z := x + y \rrbracket \text{Oct}(S)$$

$$\text{Oct}(\llbracket z := x + y \rrbracket S) = \langle 1 \leq x \leq 2, 1 \leq y \leq 4, 3 \leq z \leq 5, \\ 3 \leq x + y \leq 5, -3 \leq x - y \leq 1, 5 \leq x + z \leq 6, \\ -4 \leq x - z \leq -1, 4 \leq y + z \leq 9, -2 \leq y - z \leq -1 \rangle.$$

$$(2, 3, 5) \notin \text{Oct}(\llbracket z := x + y \rrbracket S)$$

# Assignments for Octagons

**Theorem:** The only complete assignments for Oct are:

$$x := \pm y + k$$

$$x := \pm x + k$$

$$x := k$$

These are precisely the assignments in Oct with  
computable best correct approximations [Minè 2006]

?

# Boolean guards?

## Example in Intervals

$$\begin{array}{c}
 \begin{array}{|c|} \hline 9 \in \mathbb{A}(\text{Int}) \\ \hline \vdash_{\text{Int}} x := 9 \\ \hline \end{array}
 \quad
 \begin{array}{|c|} \hline ? \\ \hline (x > 0) \in \mathbb{B}(\text{Int}) \\ \hline \end{array}
 \quad
 \begin{array}{|c|} \hline ? \\ \hline \neg(x > 0) \in \mathbb{B}(\text{Int}) \\ \hline \end{array}
 \quad
 \begin{array}{|c|} \hline x - 1 \in \mathbb{A}(\text{Int}) \\ \hline \vdash_{\text{Int}} x := x - 1 \\ \hline \end{array}
 \end{array}$$

$$\vdash_{\text{Int}} \mathbf{while} (x > 0) \mathbf{do} x := x - 1$$

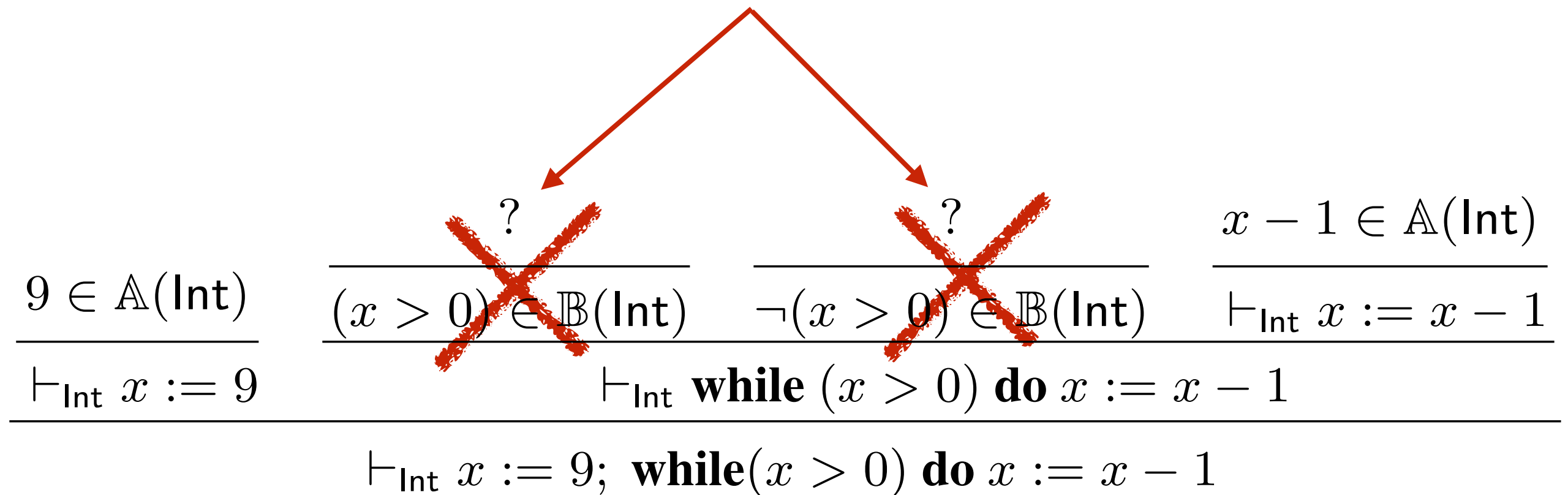

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$$\vdash_{\text{Int}} x := 9; \mathbf{while}(x > 0) \mathbf{do} x := x - 1$$

# Boolean guards?

## Example in Intervals

### Incompleteness



...but the analysis is complete!

# Conditional rules for Boolean Guards

$$\llbracket b \rrbracket^{\mathbf{t}} \stackrel{\text{def}}{=} \{\rho \in \text{Store} \mid \llbracket b \rrbracket \rho = \mathbf{true}\}$$

## Conditional rule

For any possible set  $S$  of input stores for a guard  $b$ :

$$\text{assume}[S : \alpha(\llbracket b \rrbracket^{\mathbf{t}} \cap S) = \alpha(\llbracket b \rrbracket^{\mathbf{t}}) \wedge_A \alpha(S)]$$

$$b \in \mathbb{B}(A)$$





# Conditional Proofs

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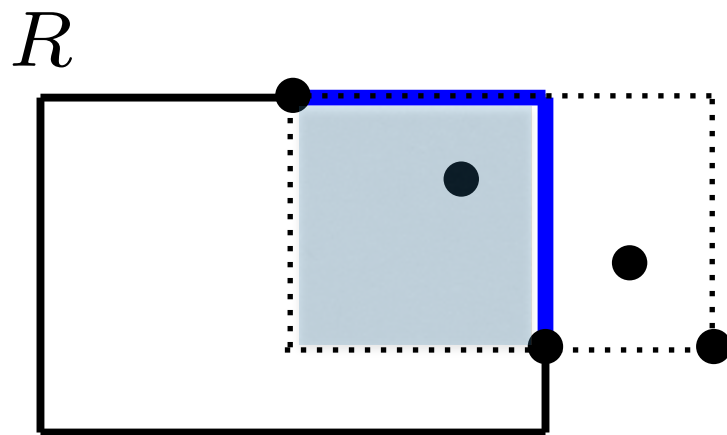


$$\begin{array}{c}
 \frac{9 \in \mathbb{A}(\text{Int})}{\vdash_{\text{Int}} x := 9} \quad \frac{\boxed{\text{assume}[S : \text{Int}\{x \in S \mid x > 0\} = [1, +\infty] \sqcap_{\text{Int}} \text{Int}(S)]}}{(x > 0) \in \mathbb{B}(\text{Int})} \quad \frac{\boxed{\text{assume}[S : \text{Int}\{x \in S \mid x \leq 0\} = [-\infty, 0] \sqcap_{\text{Int}} \text{Int}(S)]}}{\neg(x > 0) \in \mathbb{B}(\text{Int})} \quad \frac{x - 1 \in \mathbb{A}(\text{Int})}{\vdash_{\text{Int}} x := x - 1} \\
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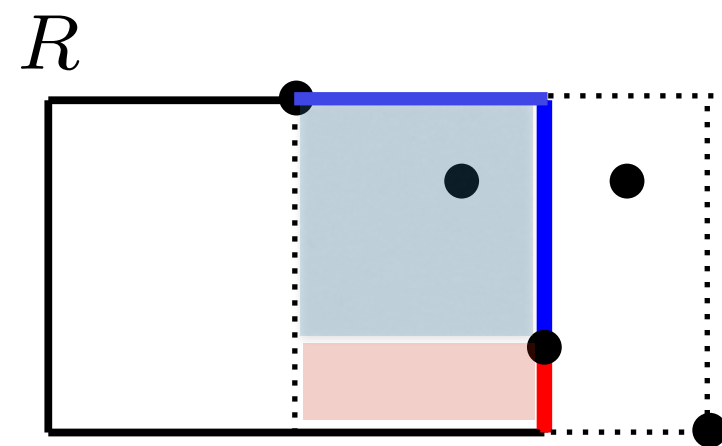
How to verify these assumptions?

# Completeness of guards on $\text{Int}$

Two variables  $x, y$  and a Boolean guard  $R$  representable (by a rectangle) in  $\text{Int}$ , e.g.  $k_1 \leq x \leq k_2 \wedge y > k_3$



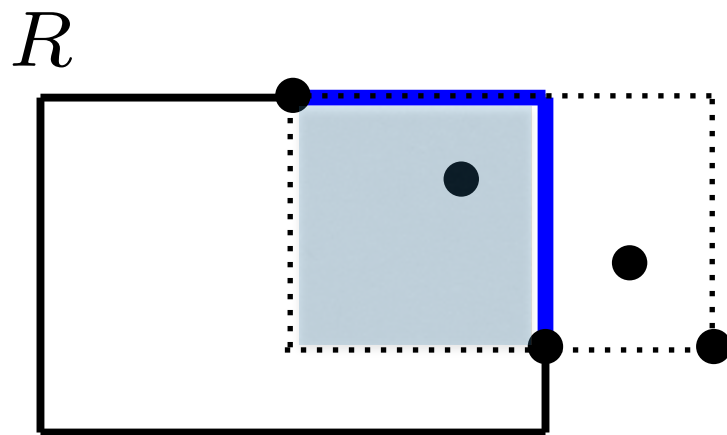
**Completeness**



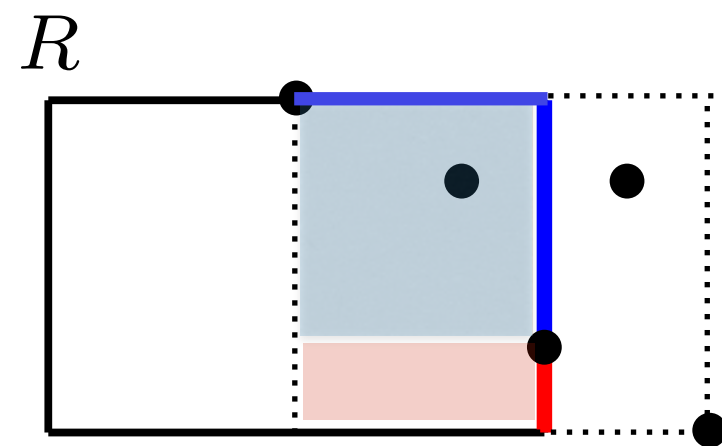
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**Completeness**



**Incompleteness**

## Theorem

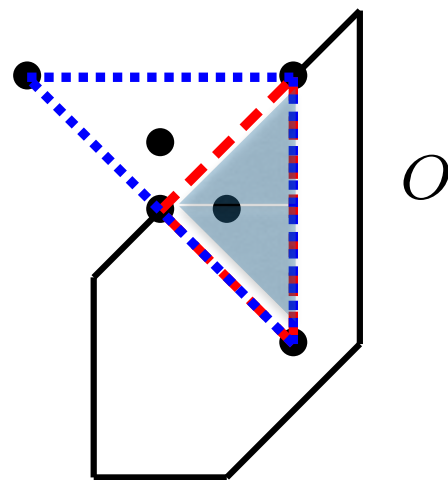
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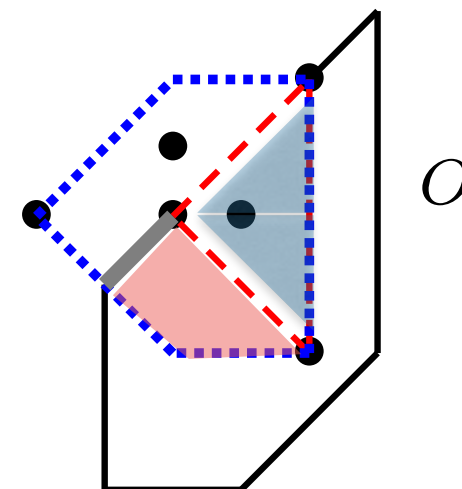
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# Completeness of guards on Oct

Two variables  $x, y$  and a Boolean guard  $O$  representable in Oct, an octagon, e.g.  $k_1 \leq x \leq y \wedge y > k_3$



**Completeness**



**Incompleteness**

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With  $x := x - 1$ ; we don't have "holes" in 0 for  $S$

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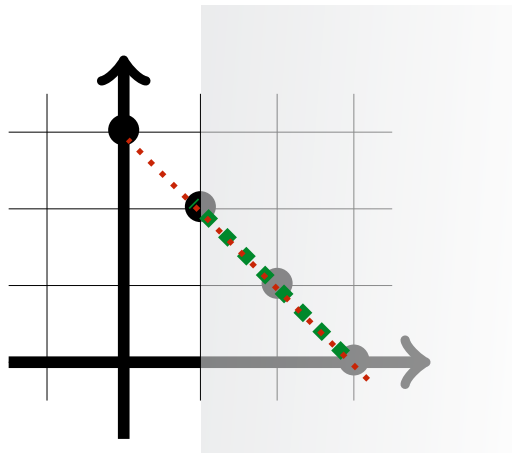
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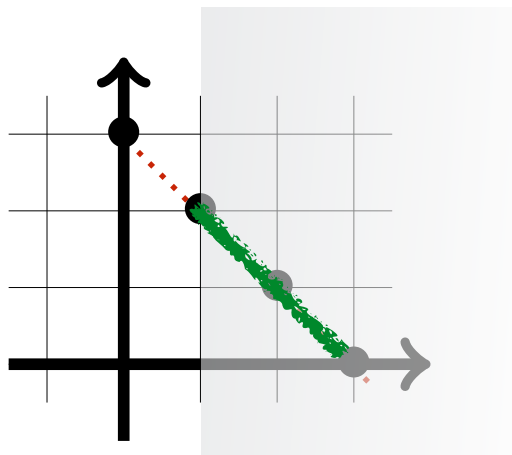
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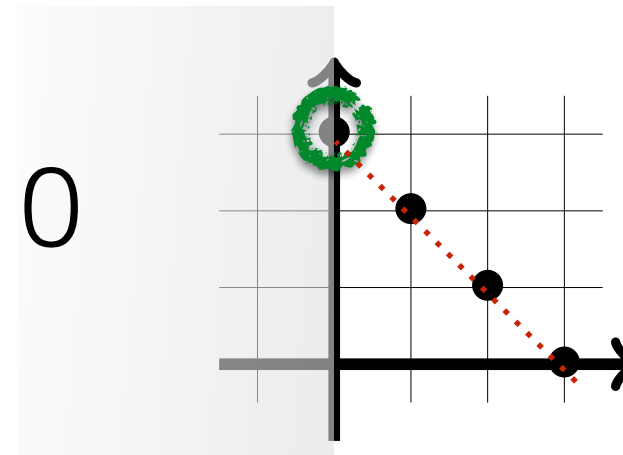
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No **holes** in 0



# Conditional Proofs of Completeness in Oct

$x := 5; y := 0; \text{while } (x > 0) \text{ do } \{x := x - 2; y := y + 2\}$

complete

complete

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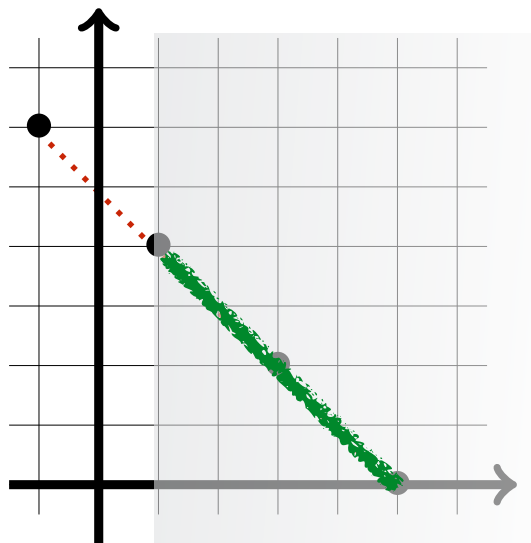
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$S = \{(5, 0), (3, 2), (1, 4), (-1, 6)\}$

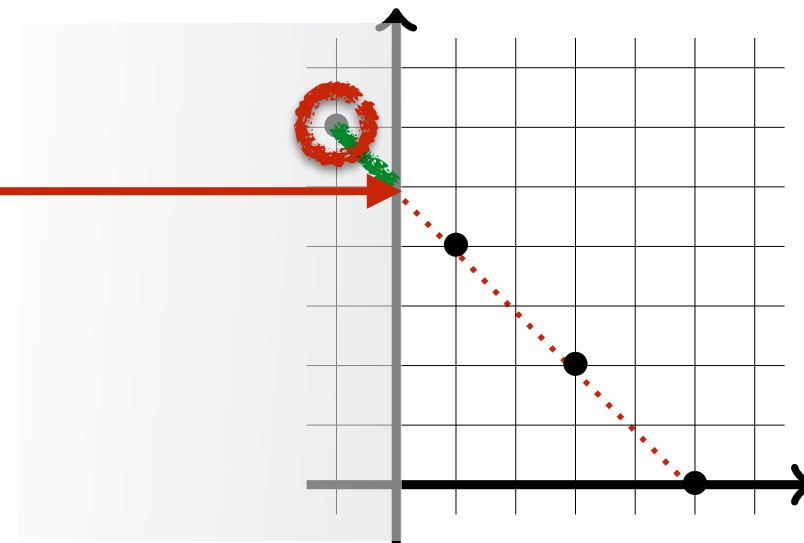
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$\text{Oct}((x > 0) \cap S) = (x > 0) \cap \text{Oct}(S)$

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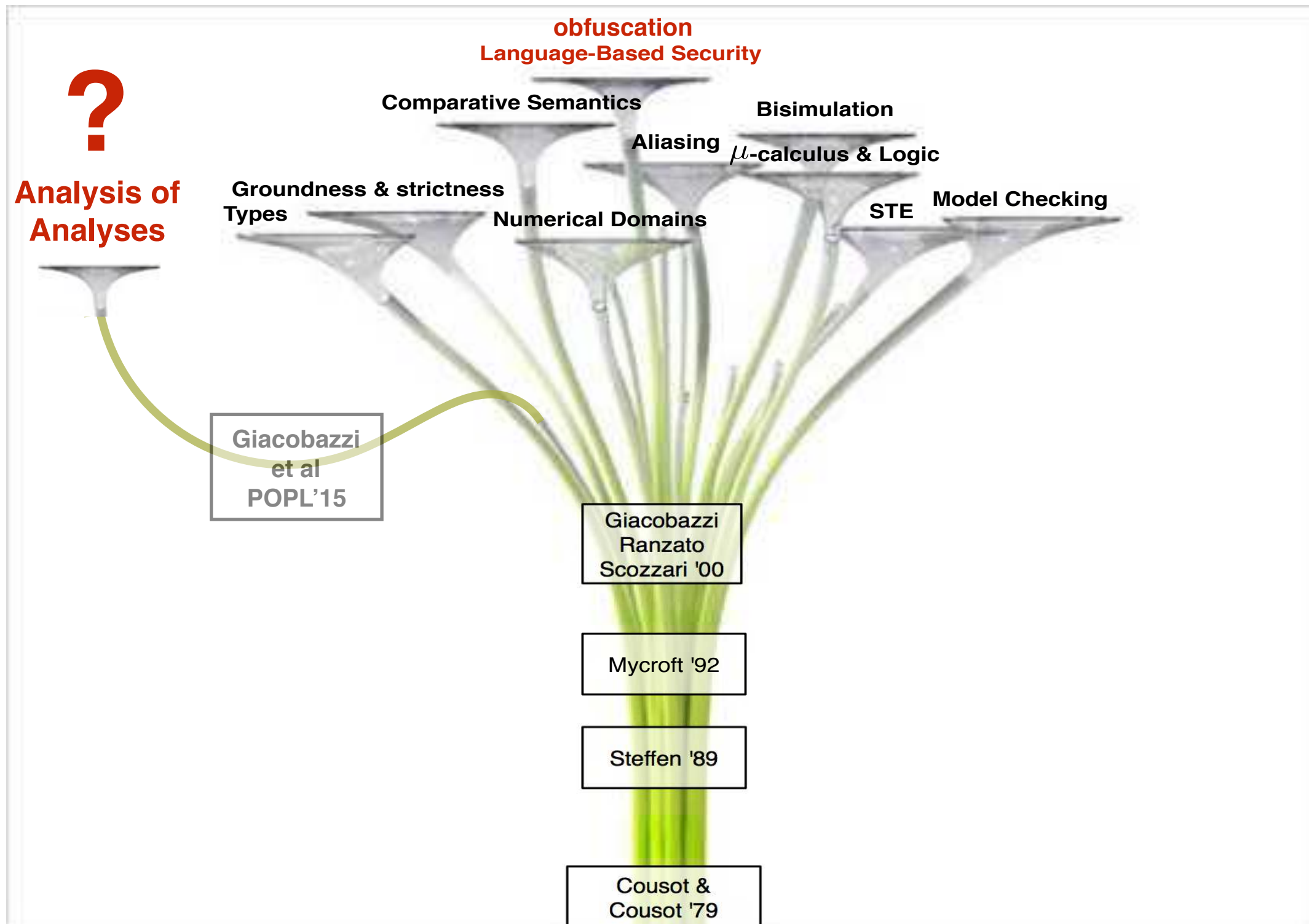


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# Completeness in Abstract Interpretation



# Challenges



- Proving  $P \in \mathbb{C}_\alpha$  is a **really hard** task!
- Only **guards** & **bca assignments** matter!
- Refined proofs can be obtained for **numerical abstractions**
- With **Cousot&Cousot POPL14**, this is the very first **analysis of analyses**
- Can failing proofs be used for (local) **abstract domain refinement** ?
- Can we **type analyses** by precision ?
- Can we **refactor code to achieve completeness** ?

# Thank you!



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