THE E-BASE OF FINITE SEMIDISTRIBUTIVE LATTICES*

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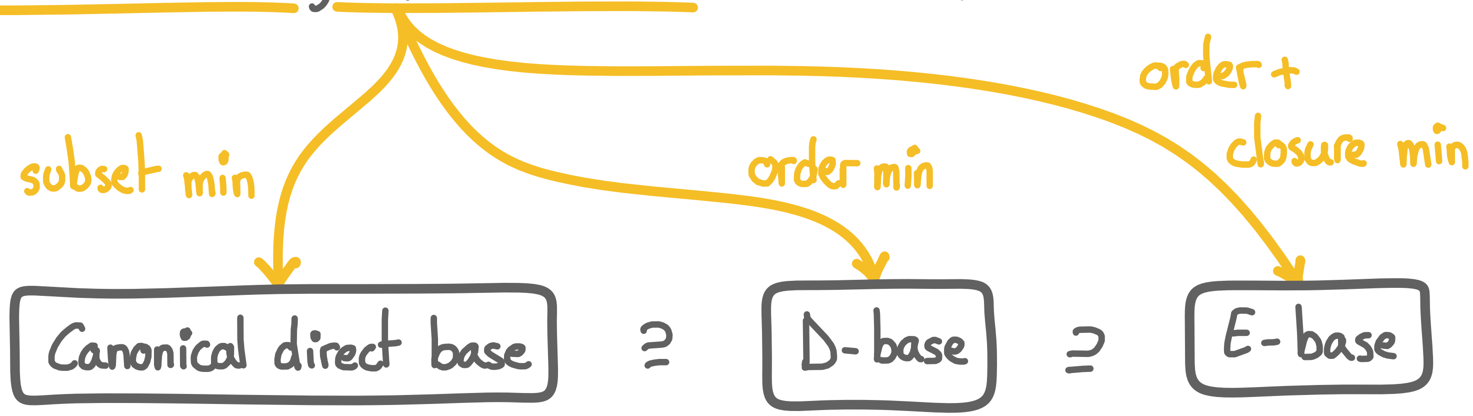

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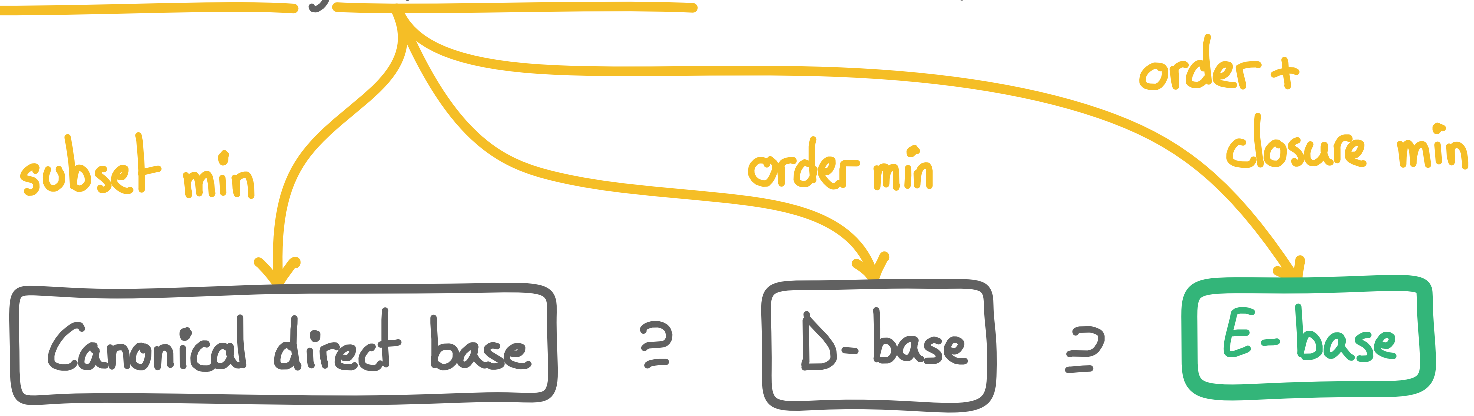

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THM (Adaricheva, V., 25+): the E-base of a closure system with semidistributive lattice is valid and minimum

PART 1: what is the $\mathcal{E}$-base ?

- some notations
- meanings of minimality
- the $\mathcal{E}$-base

PART 2: is the $\mathcal{E}$-base valid ?

- related work and results
- $\mathcal{E}$-base against canonical base
- $\mathcal{E}$-generators and prime elements

PART 1 : what is the E-base ?

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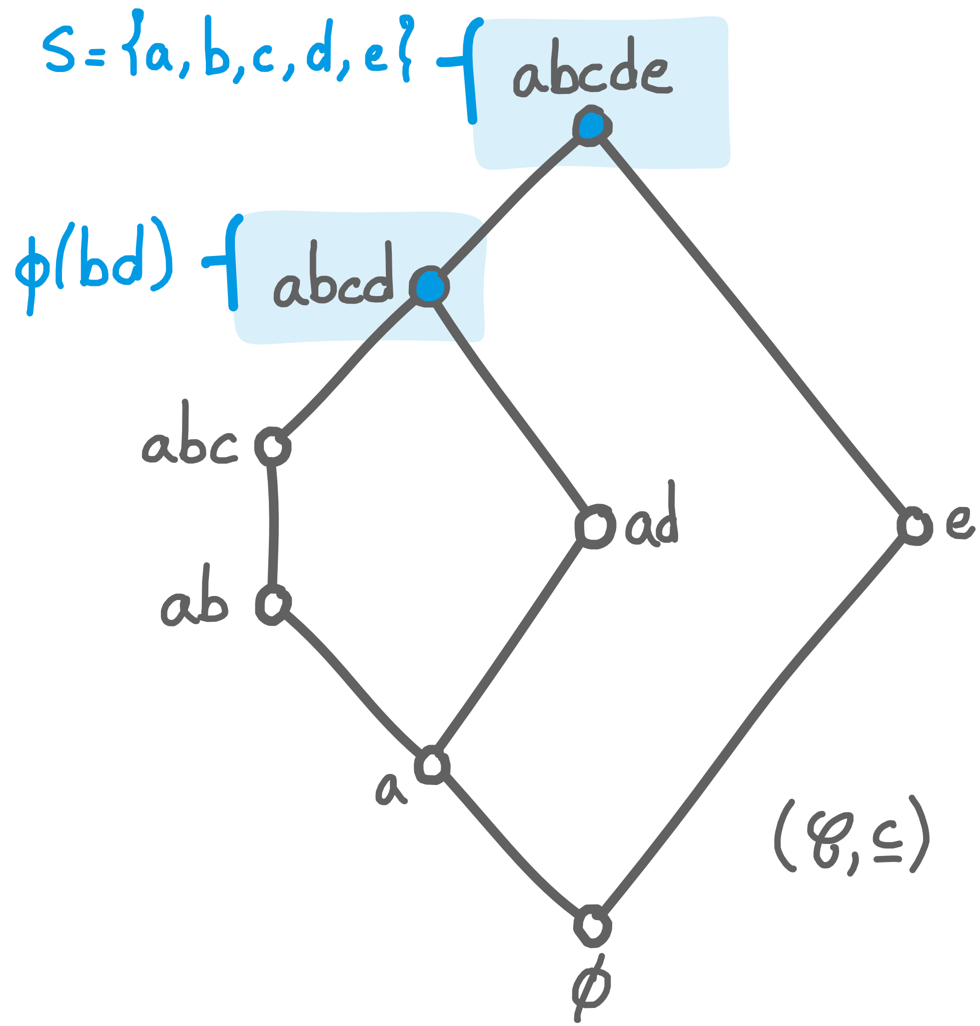

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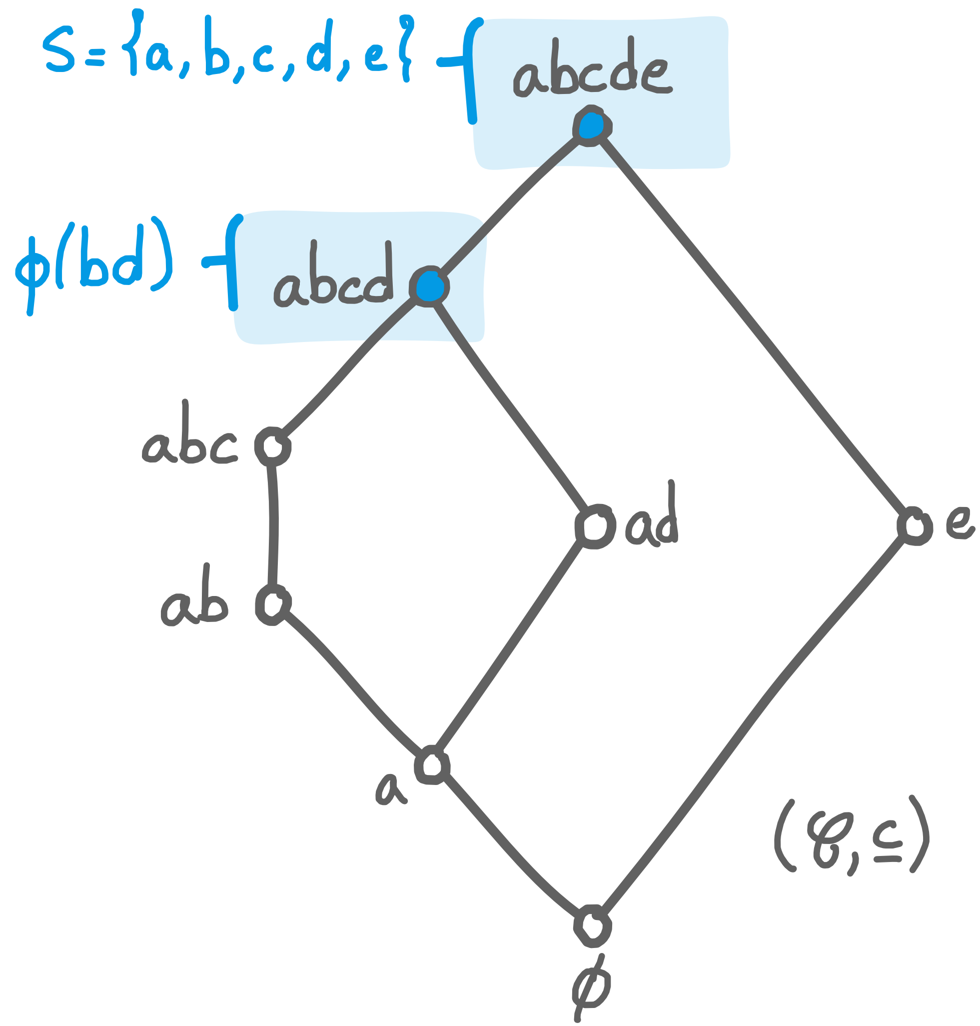
$C = \phi(A)$: A spans C

$X \subseteq \phi(A)$: A generates X



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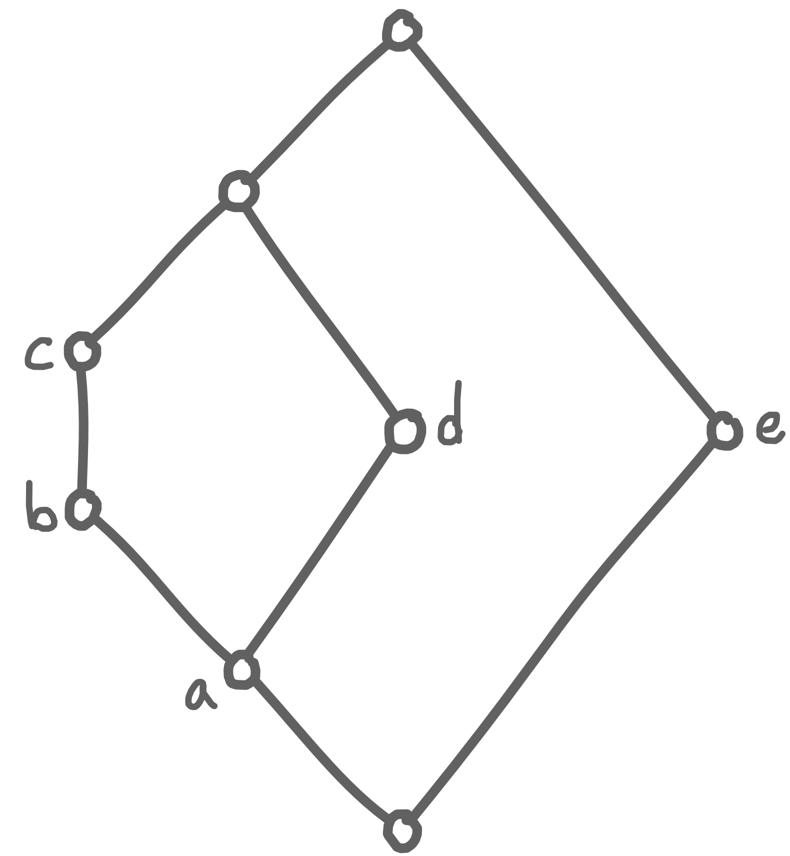

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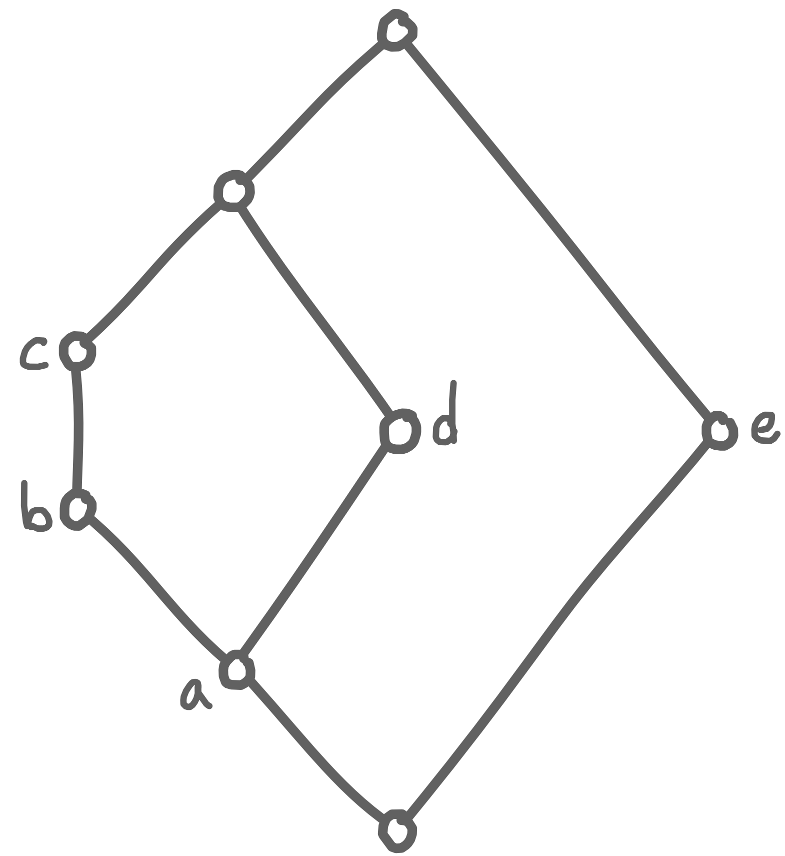

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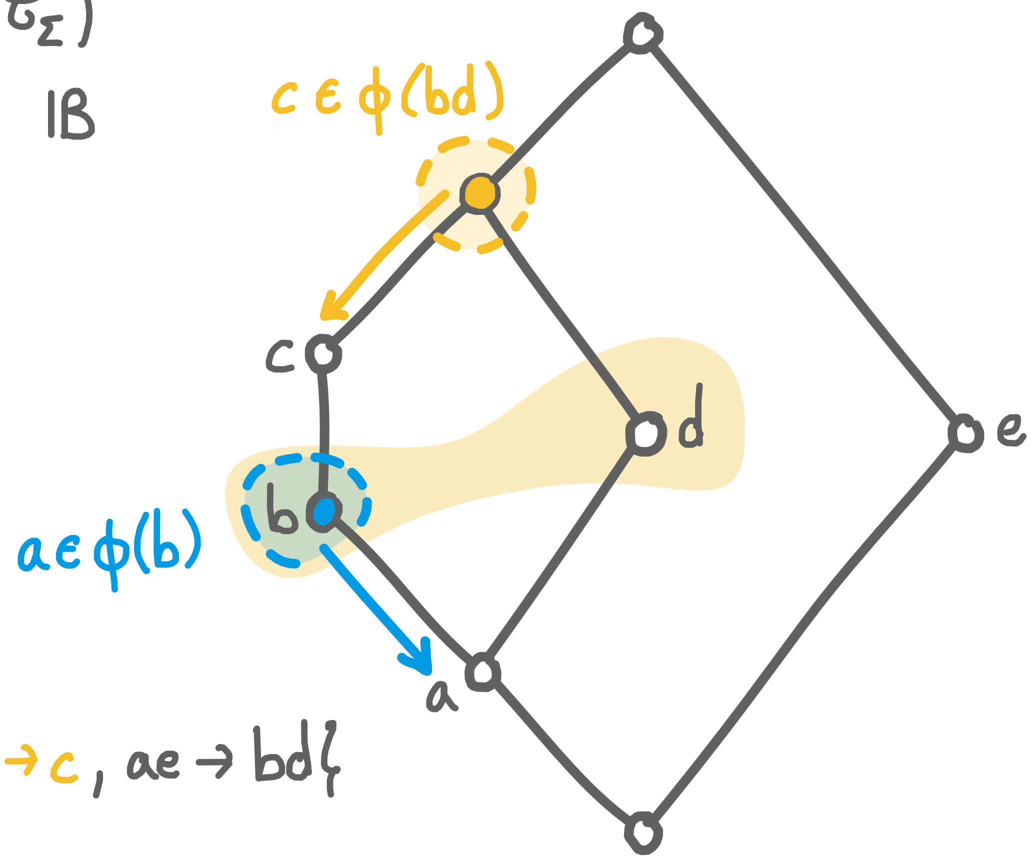

$\Sigma = \{c \to b,\ b \to a,\ d \to a,\ bd \to c,\ ae \to bd\}$

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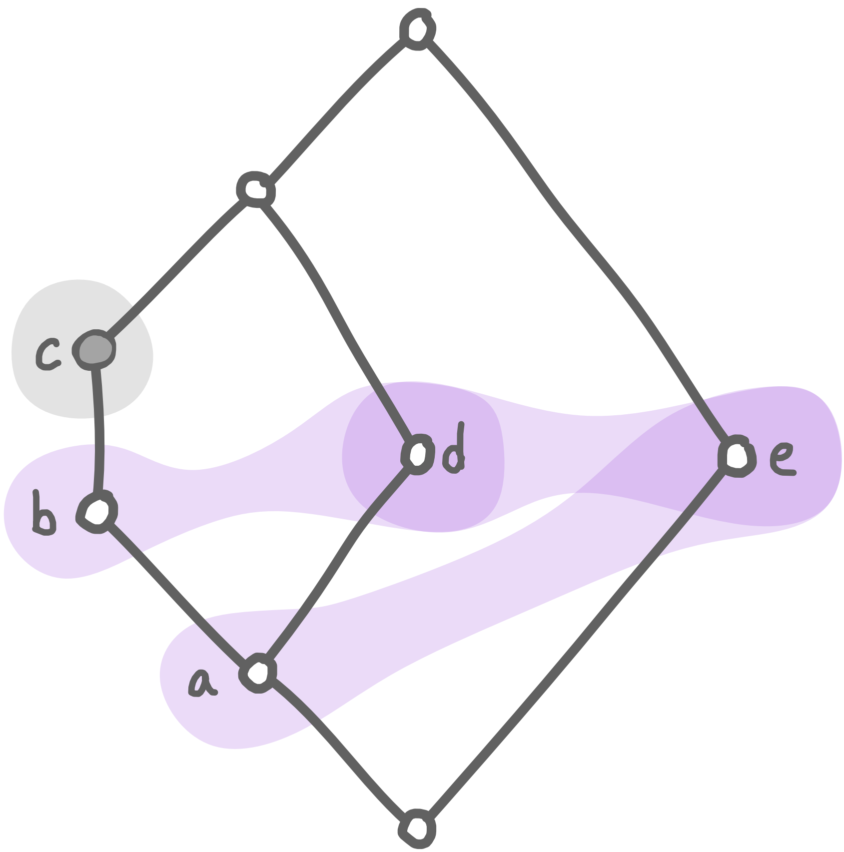

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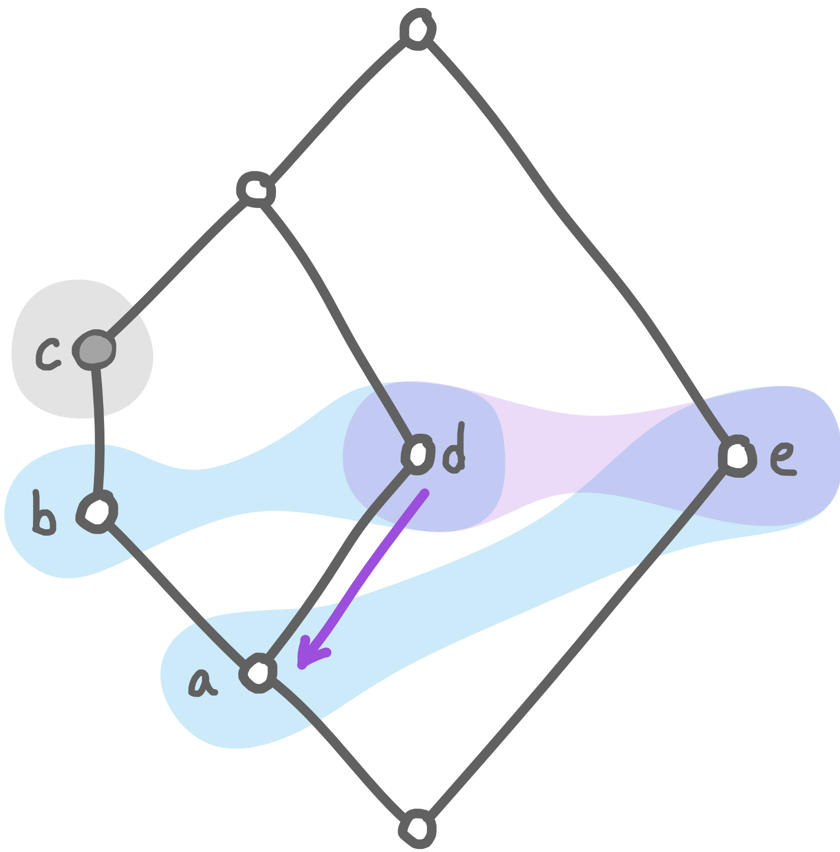

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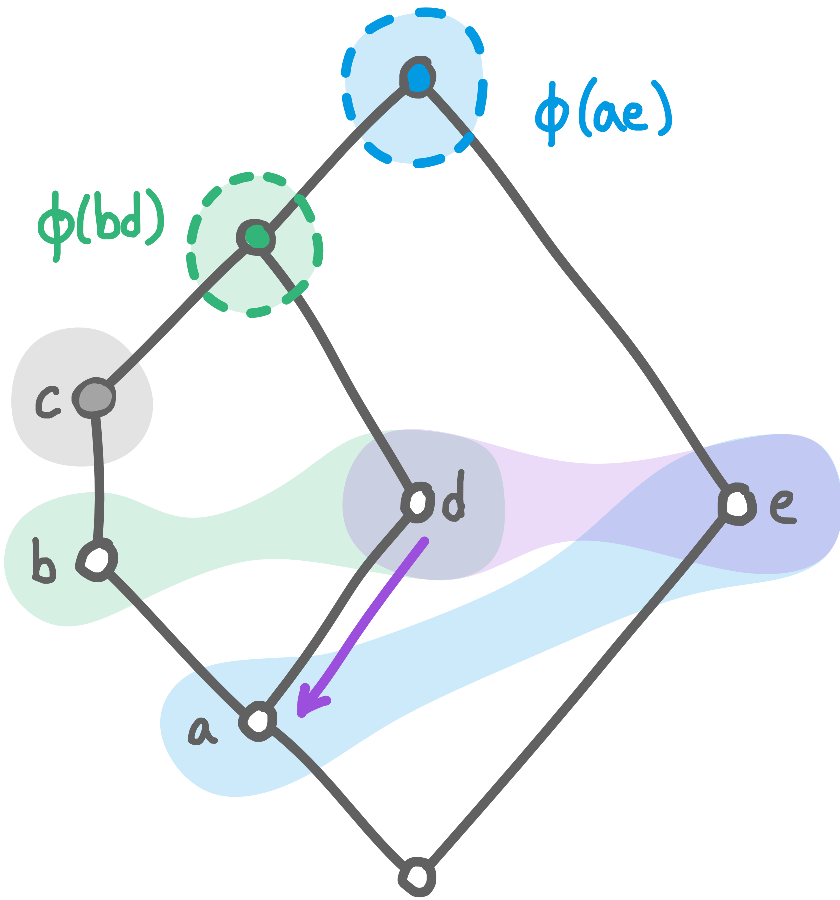

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$\phi(bd) \subset \phi(ae)$

bd — order + closure min *

* minimal generators   * Δ-generators   * E-generators

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$$\Sigma_E = \{ a \to b : b \in \phi(a) \}$$
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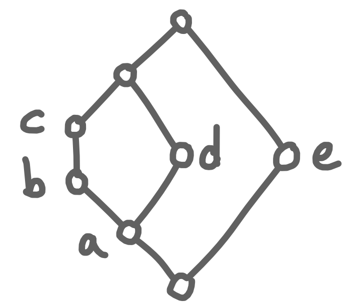

E-base

$c \to b$

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$bd \to c$

$ae \to b$

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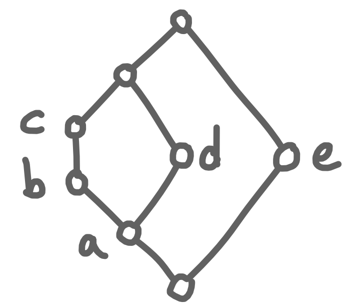

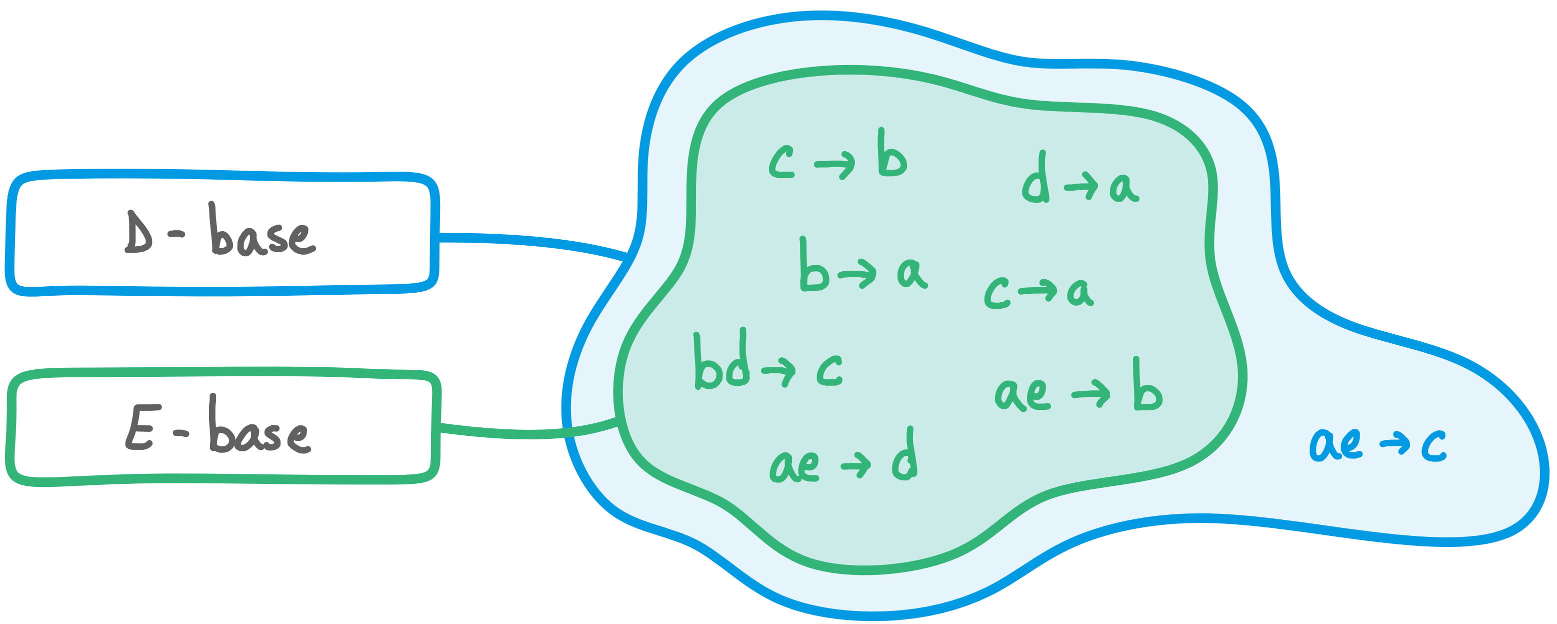

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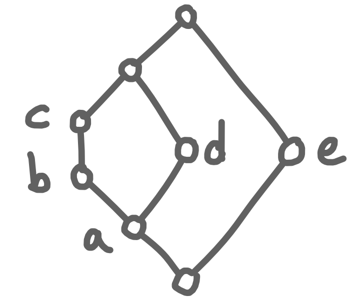

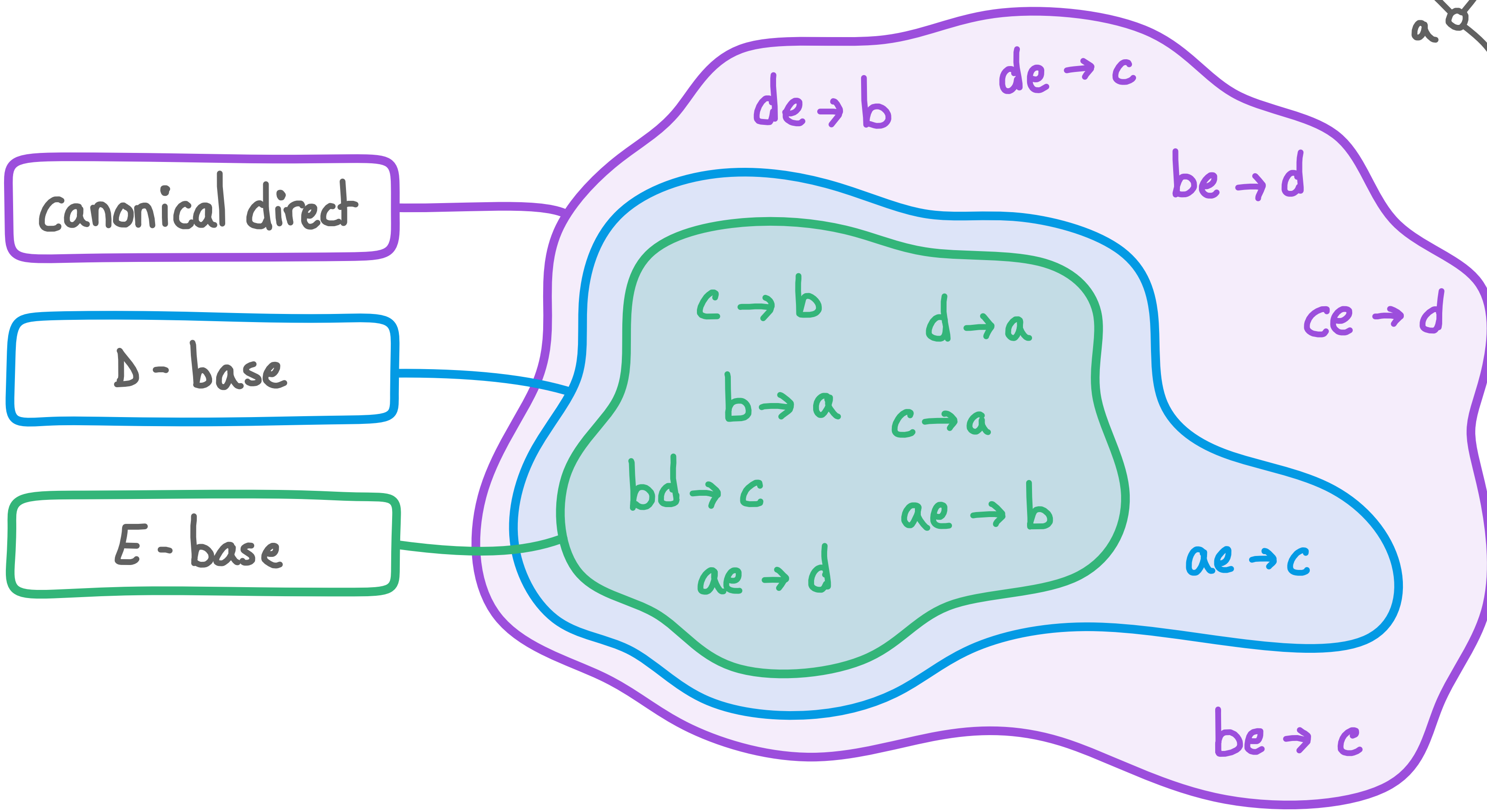

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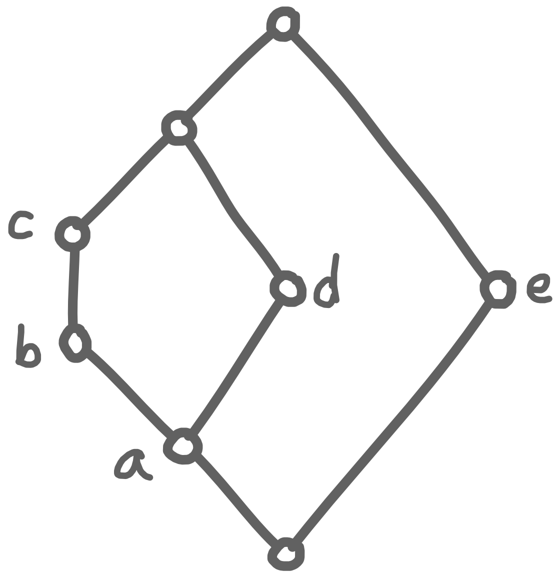


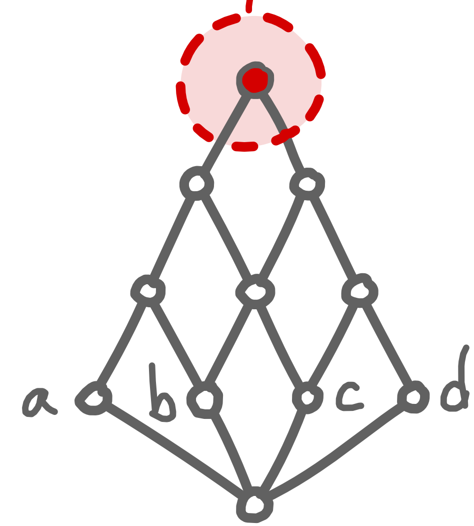
$$\Sigma_E = \{c \to b,\ c \to a,\ b \to a,\ d \to a\}$$
$$\cup \{ae \to b,\ ae \to d,\ bd \to c\}$$

Valid implicational base

$\Sigma_E = \{ac \to b,\ bd \to c\}$ $ad \to bc$?

Non-valid implicational base

not correctly described



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Deduced from earlier works (mostly Wild, 1994, Wild, 2000)

- valid in atomistic modular lattices and binary matroids

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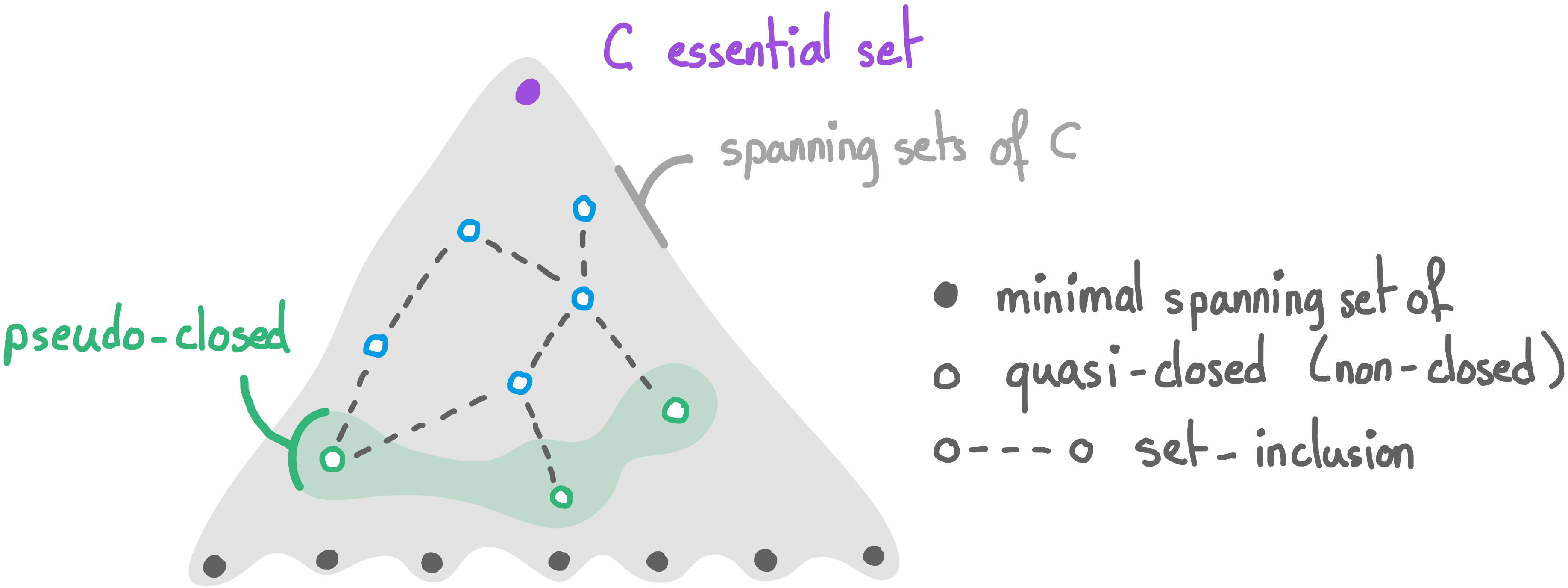
Two ideas :

(1) compare the E-base with the canonical base

(2) find the meaning of E-generators in the lattice in terms of prime elements

Quasi-closed, pseudo-closed, essential sets

- $Q \subseteq S$ **quasi-closed**: for $Y \subseteq Q$, $\phi(Y) \subset \phi(Q)$ implies $\phi(Y) \subseteq Q$
- $P \subseteq S$ **pseudo-closed**: $\subseteq$-min quasi-closed spanning sets of $\phi(P)$
- $C \subseteq S$ **essential set**: $C = \phi(P)$ for some pseudo-closed set P



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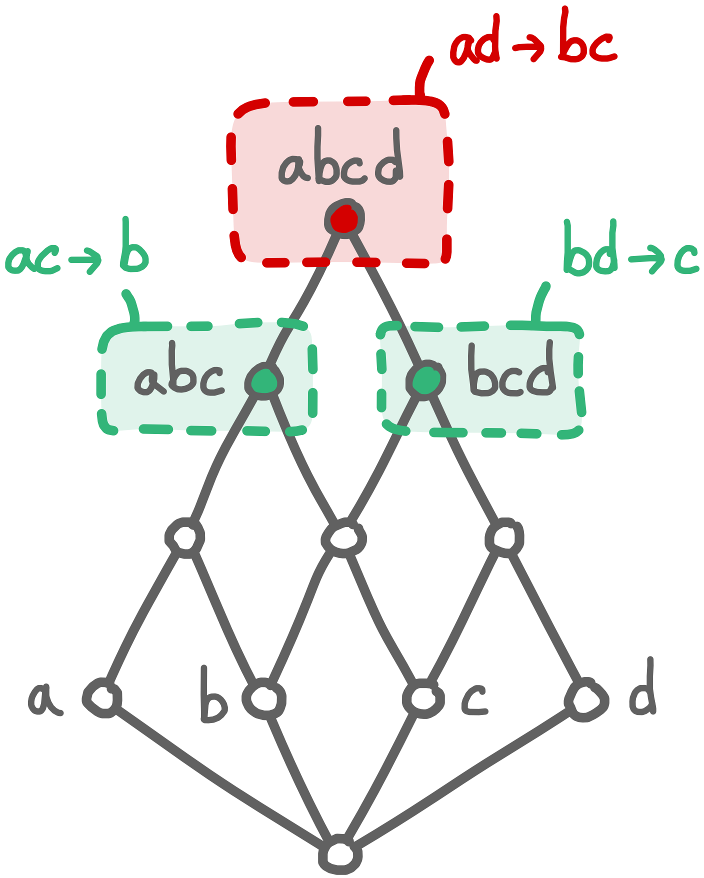

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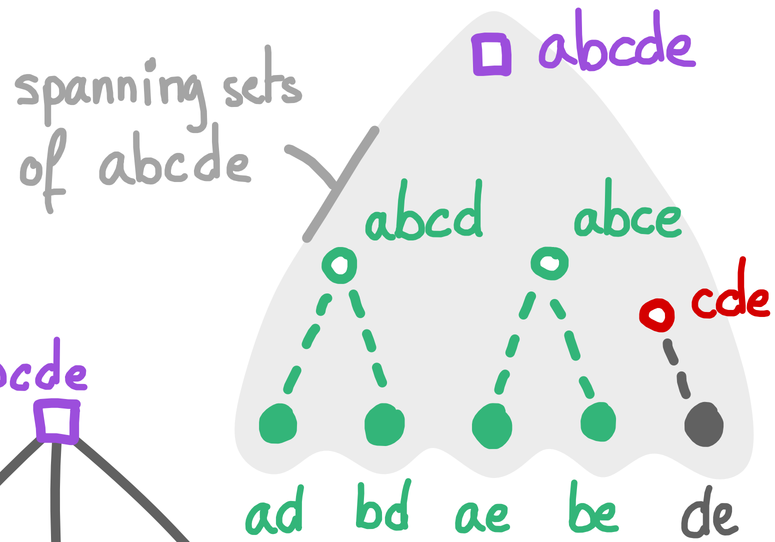

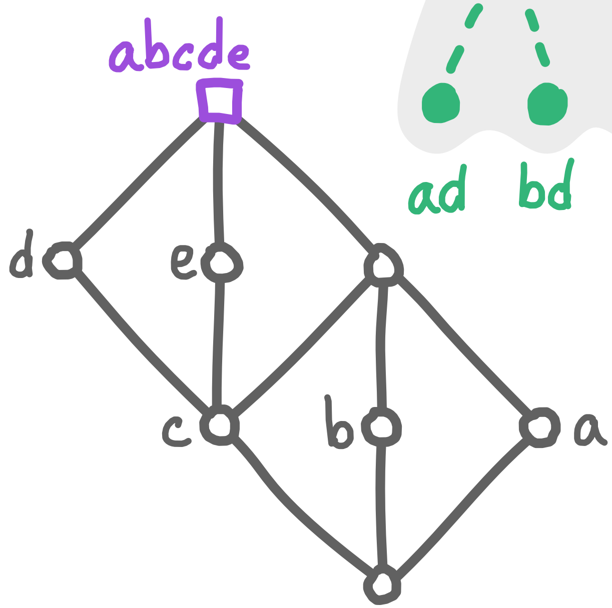

- Each essential set is spanned by some E-generator

- essential set abcde

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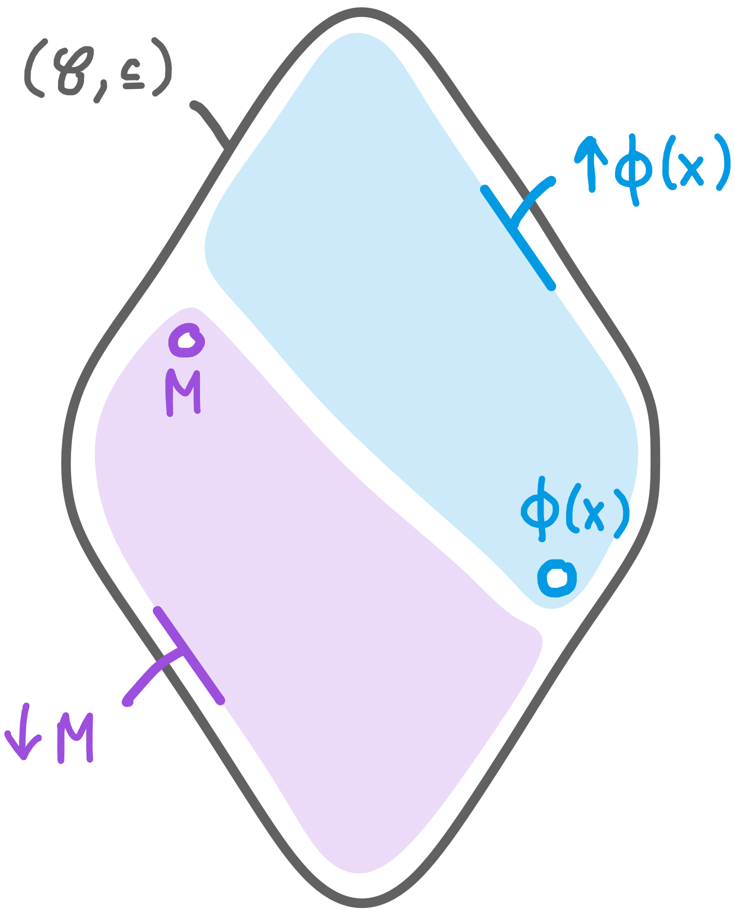
$abce \to d$	$ae \to d$, $be \to d$
$abcd \to e$	$ad \to e$, $bd \to e$
$cde \to ab$	

PROB: pseudo-closed set cde not subsumed by any E-generator spanning abcde

Prime elements

DEF: $x \in S$ is **prime** in $(S, \mathcal{C})$ if it has **no minimal generators** of size $\geqslant 2$.



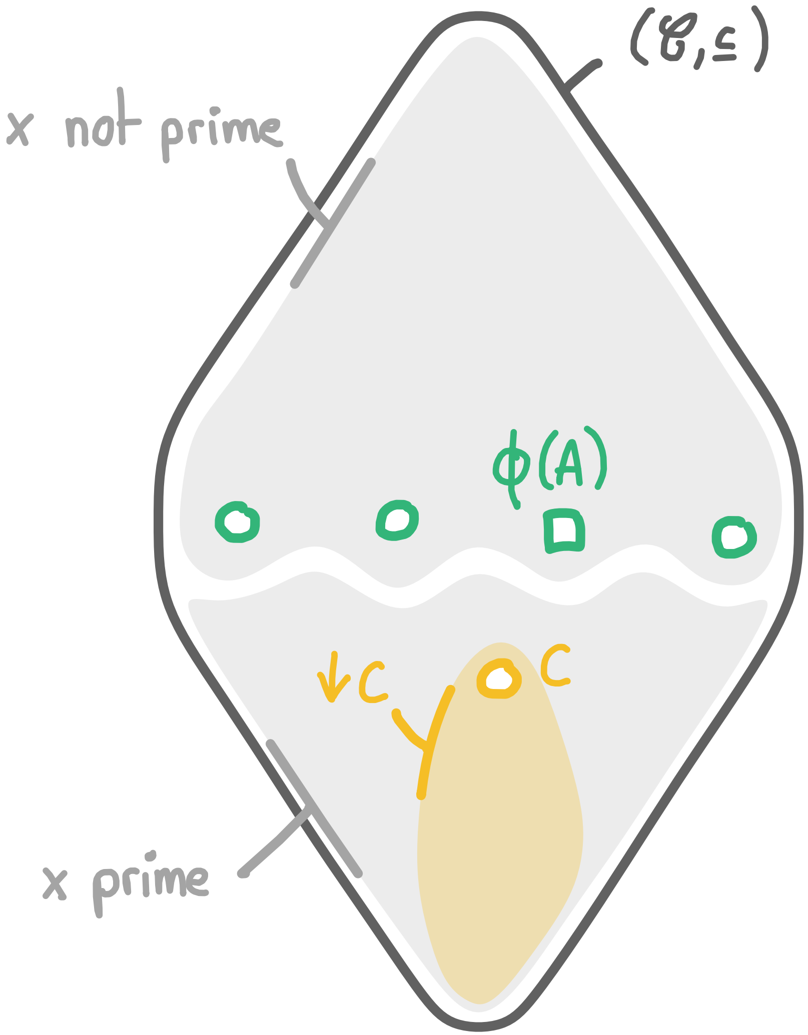
x is prime

$\Leftrightarrow$ x has no E-generators

$\Leftrightarrow$ $\phi(x)$ is join-prime in $(\mathcal{C}, \subseteq)$

$\Leftrightarrow$ there is a unique maximal closed set M in $\{C : C \in \mathcal{C}, x \notin C\}$

$\mathcal{E}$-generators and primality



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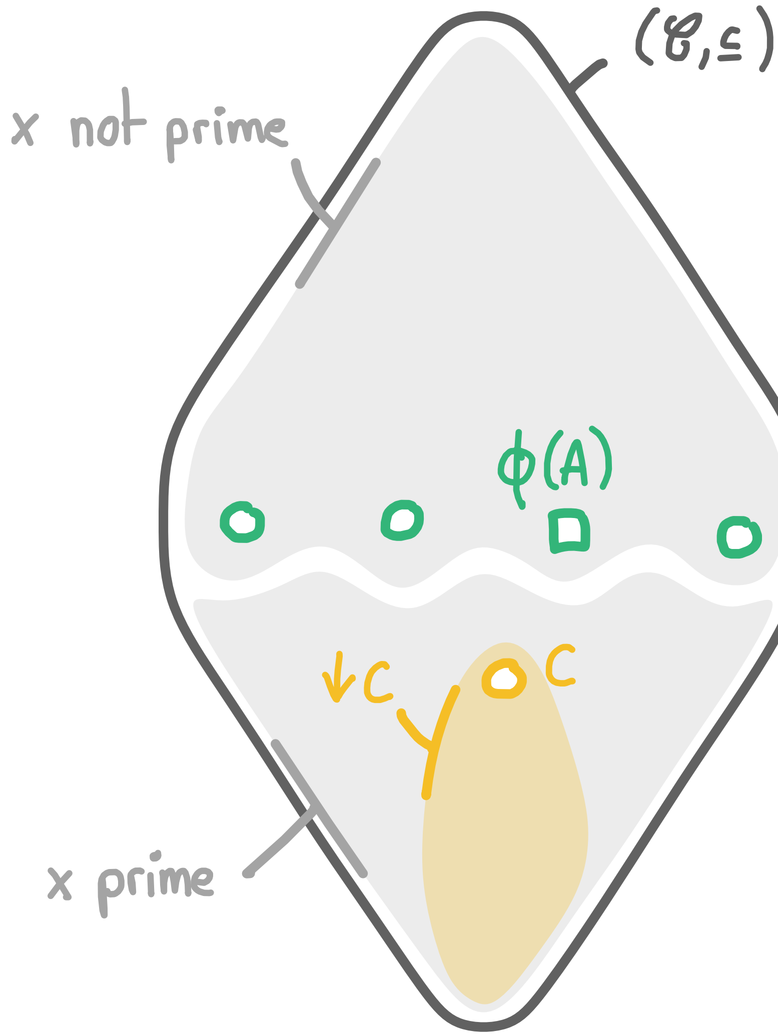

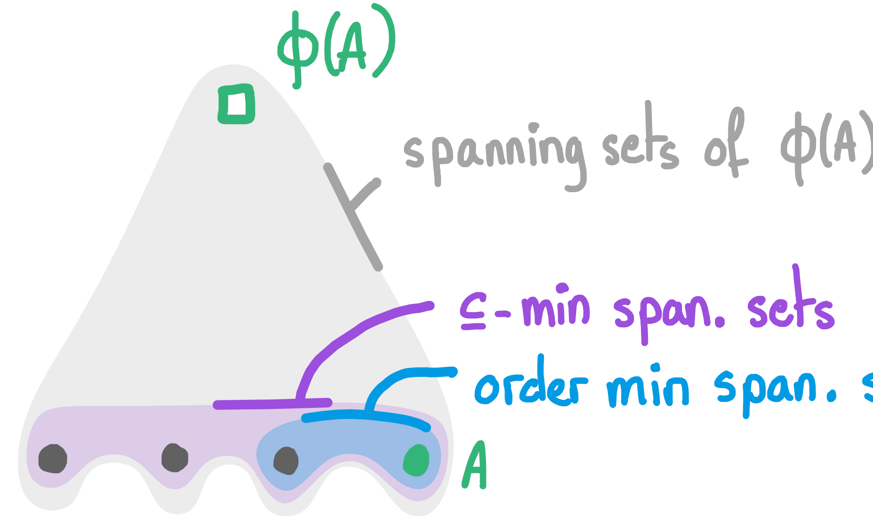

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(3) A is an order-min span set of $\phi(A)$

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- SD_m adds : each pseudo-closed set P reduces to a joint E-gen of enough prime elements of predessors of $\phi(P)$

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Playing with prime elements, quasi-closed, pseudo-closed and essential sets we can show that :

- the E-base reflects in the canonical base
- the E-base of SD lattices is valid and minimum

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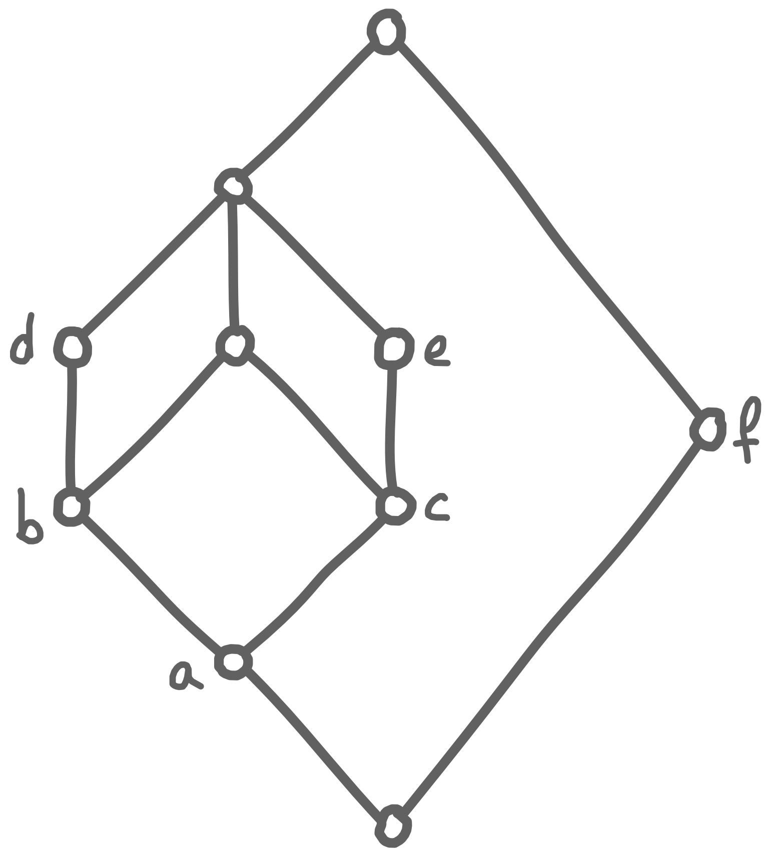
E-base vs. canonical: not reaching enough elements



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  Σ_E = e → ca, d → ba, b → a, c → a,
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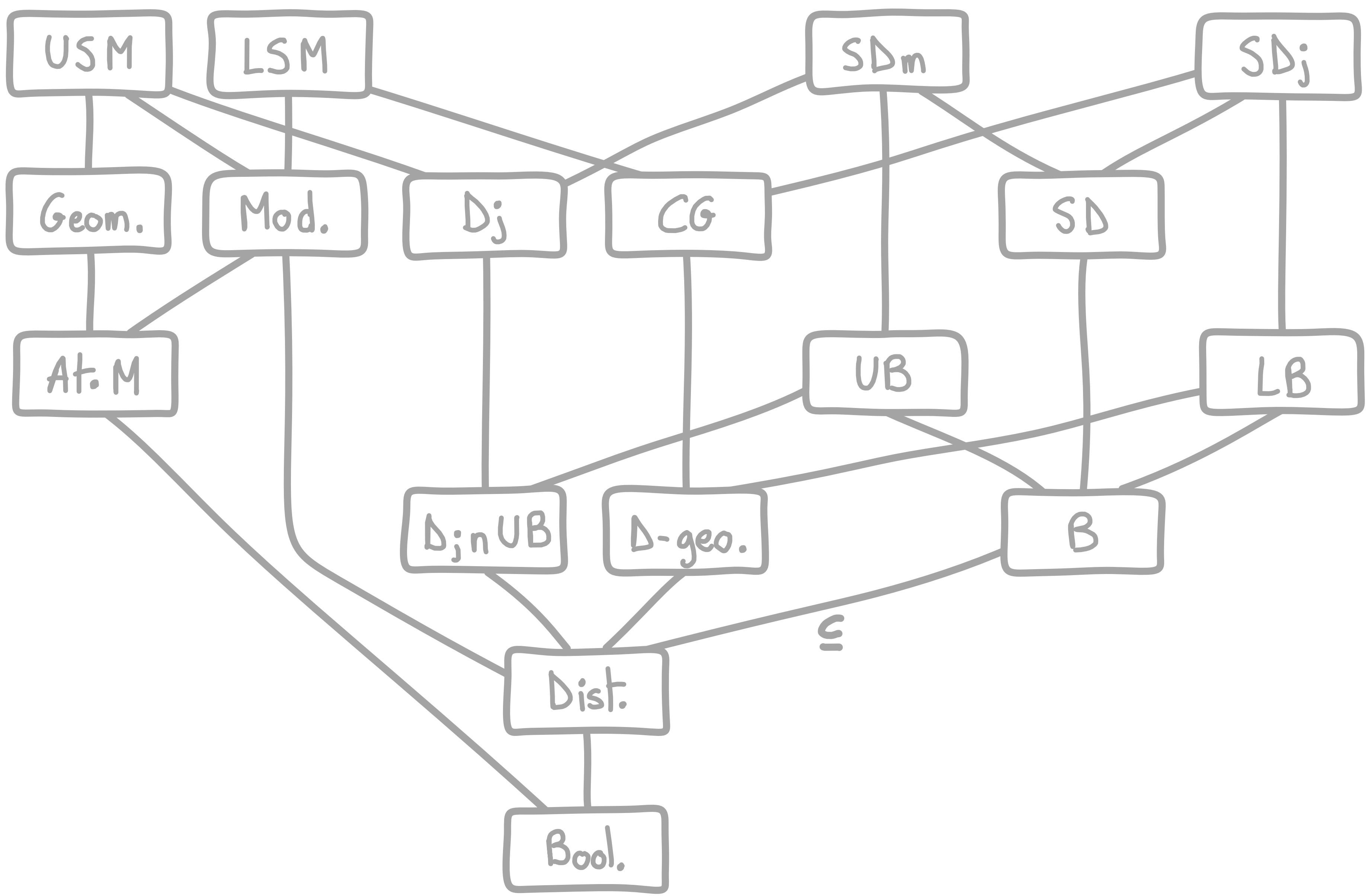
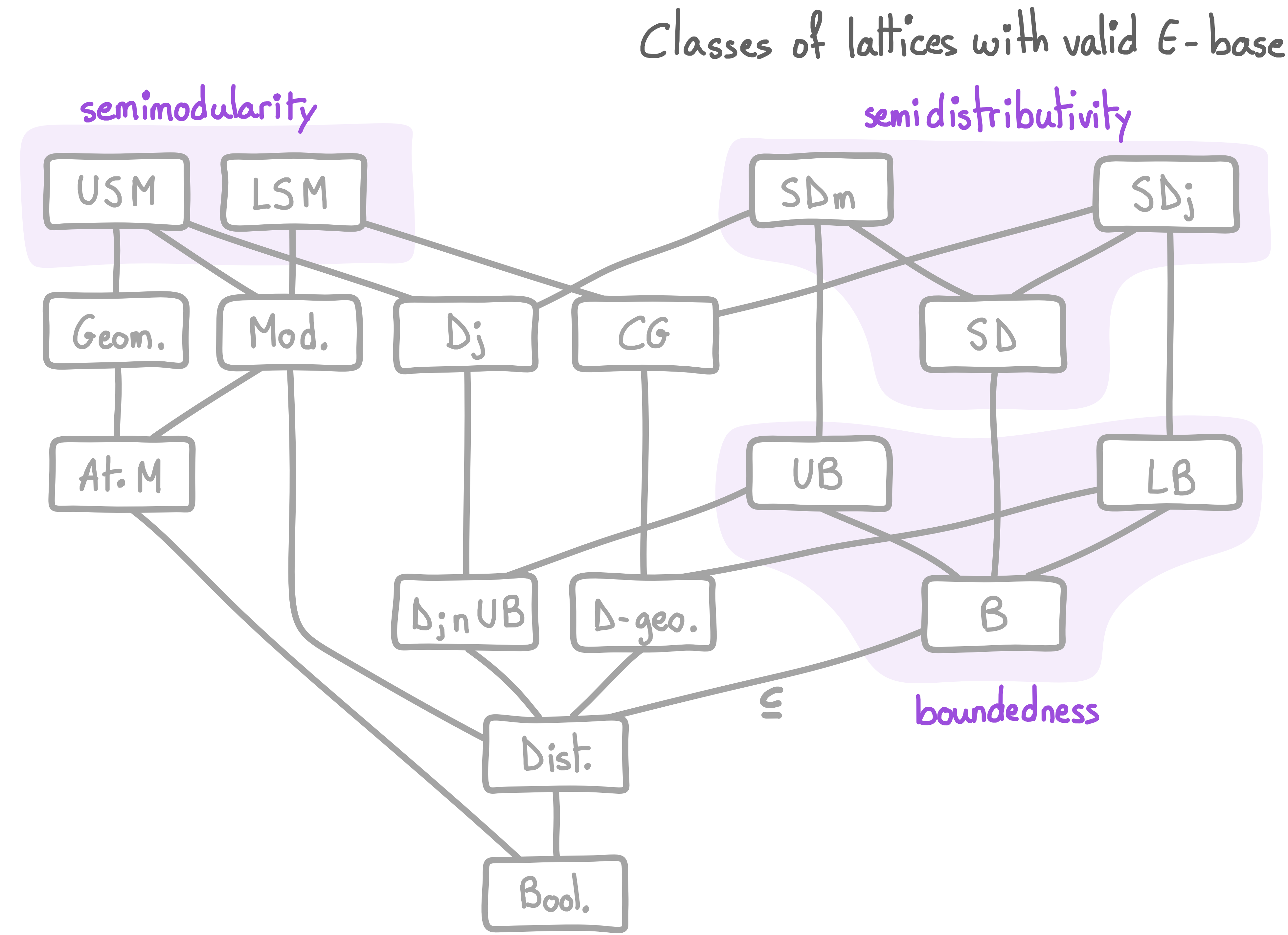
af → de is not true in Σ_E

PROB: the E-base does not generate enough elements

Classes of lattices with valid $\mathcal{E}$-base

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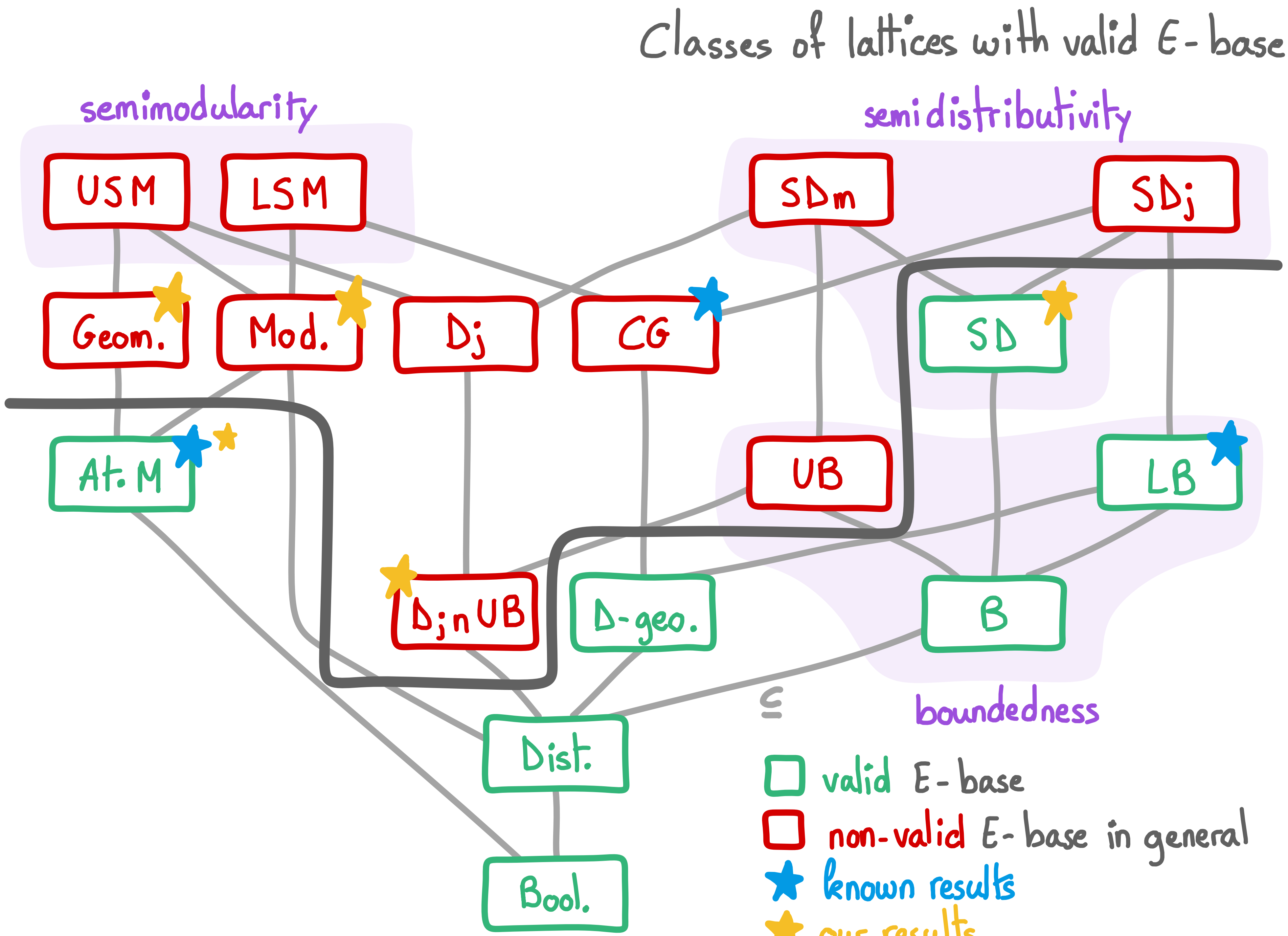

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