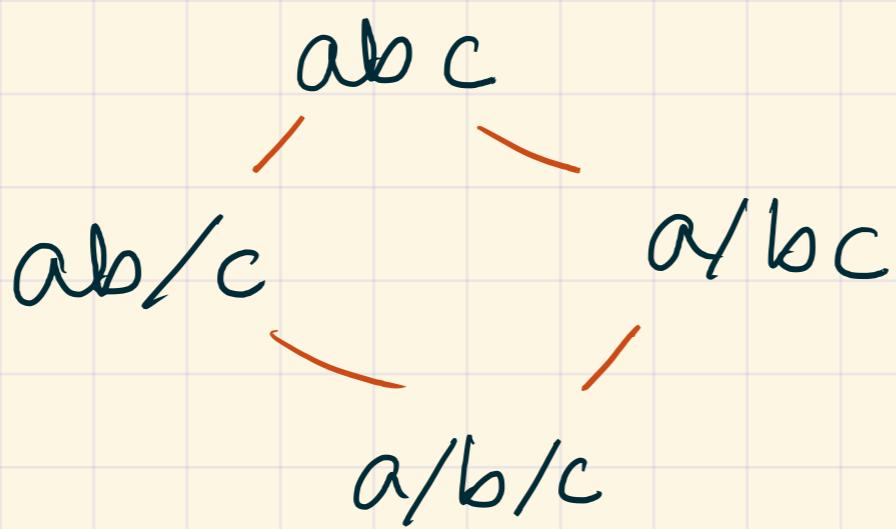


\* Recap: Given a graph  $(V, E)$  [undirected w/o self loops]  
we can write down its bond poset:

A bond  $B = \{V_1, \dots, V_k\}$  is  $\leq$  a bond  $C = \{W_1, \dots, W_e\}$   
if every  $V_i$  is entirely contained within a single  $W_j$ .  
Equivalently, each  $W_j$  is a union of some number of  
pieces  $V_i$ .

\* Example:  $\textcircled{a} - \textcircled{b} - \textcircled{c}$



\* Rmk: In fact, the bond poset is a lattice.

Exercise: Figure out the lub/glb in this poset

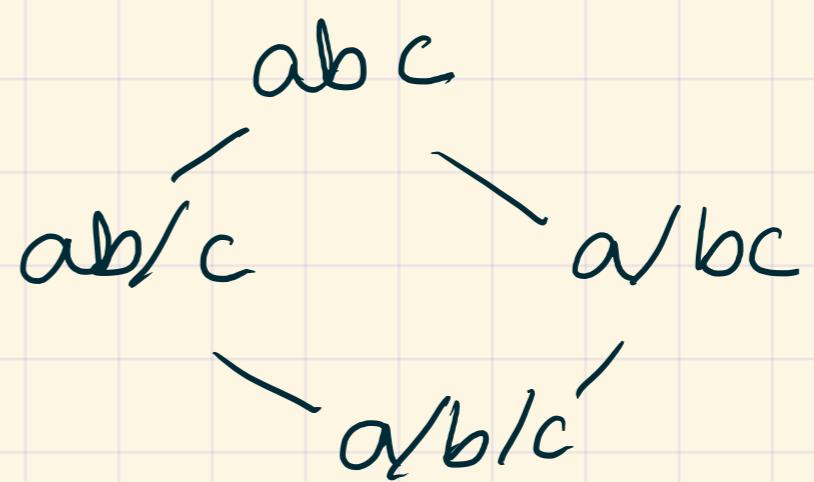
E.g.  $\textcircled{a} - \textcircled{b} - \textcircled{c} - \textcircled{e}$  (ad/b/ce) & (a/b/cd/e)

$\textcircled{d}$  glb is a/b/c/d/e

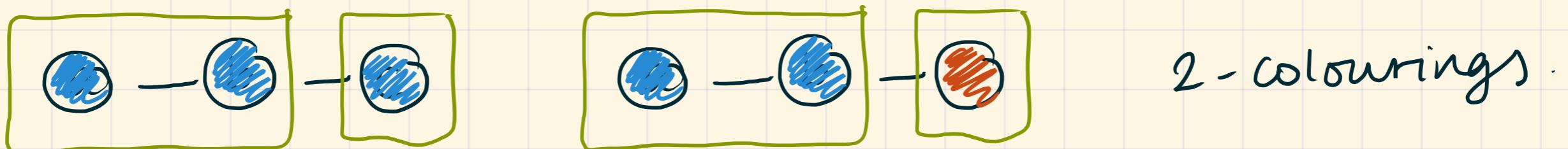
lub? ad & cd must be clubbed & ce is also clubbed

|| acde/b

E.g.  $\textcircled{a} - \textcircled{b} - \textcircled{c}$



Recall: A  $k$ -colouring of a bond  $B = \{v_1, \dots, v_k\}$  means that you assign one of  $k$  different colours to each  $v_i$ , such that all vertices in  $V_i$  are coloured with that colour.



A proper  $k$ -colouring is one where if  $v_i$  &  $v_j$  are connected by an edge, they get different colours.

\* Notation: Let  $B_0$  be the smallest bond  
 $\{ \{v_g \mid v \in V\} \}$

Note: A proper  $k$ -colouring of  $B_0$  is exactly a proper  $k$ -colouring of the graph  $G$ .

Defn: Let  $P_t(B) =$  number of  $t$ -colourings of a bond  $B$   
 $q_t(B) =$  number of proper  $t$ -colourings of a bond  $B$ .

We want to compute  $q_t(B_0) = \#$  of proper  $t$ -colourings of the graph  $G$ .

Note:  $P_t(B) = t^{\# \text{parts in } B}$

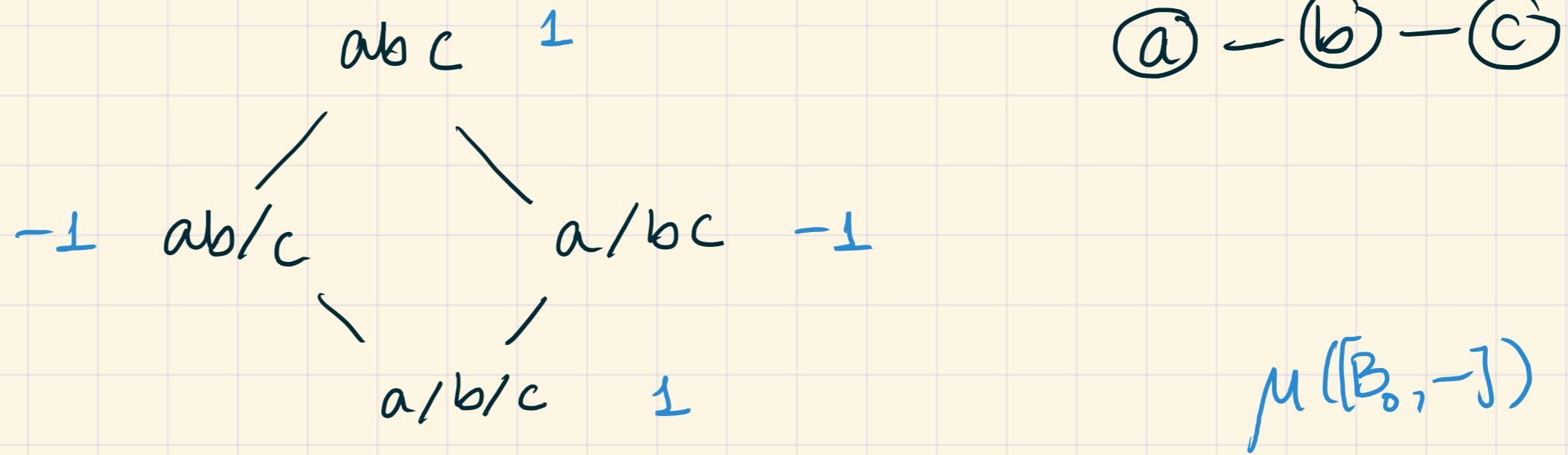
And:  $P_t(B) = \sum_{B \leq C} q_t(C)$  Convince yourself!

$$P_t(B) = (\mathcal{Z} * q_t)(B)$$

$$\text{M\"obius inversion} \Rightarrow q_t(B) = (\mu * P_t)(B)$$

$$q_t(B_0) = \sum_C \mu([B_0, C]) \cdot P_t(C)$$

Example:



$$\begin{aligned} q_t(B_0) &= 1 \cdot t^3 - 1 \cdot t^2 - 1 \cdot t^2 + 1 \cdot t \\ &= t^3 - 2t^2 + t = t(t-1)^2 \end{aligned}$$

Theorem: The chromatic polynomial of  $G$  has the following formula:

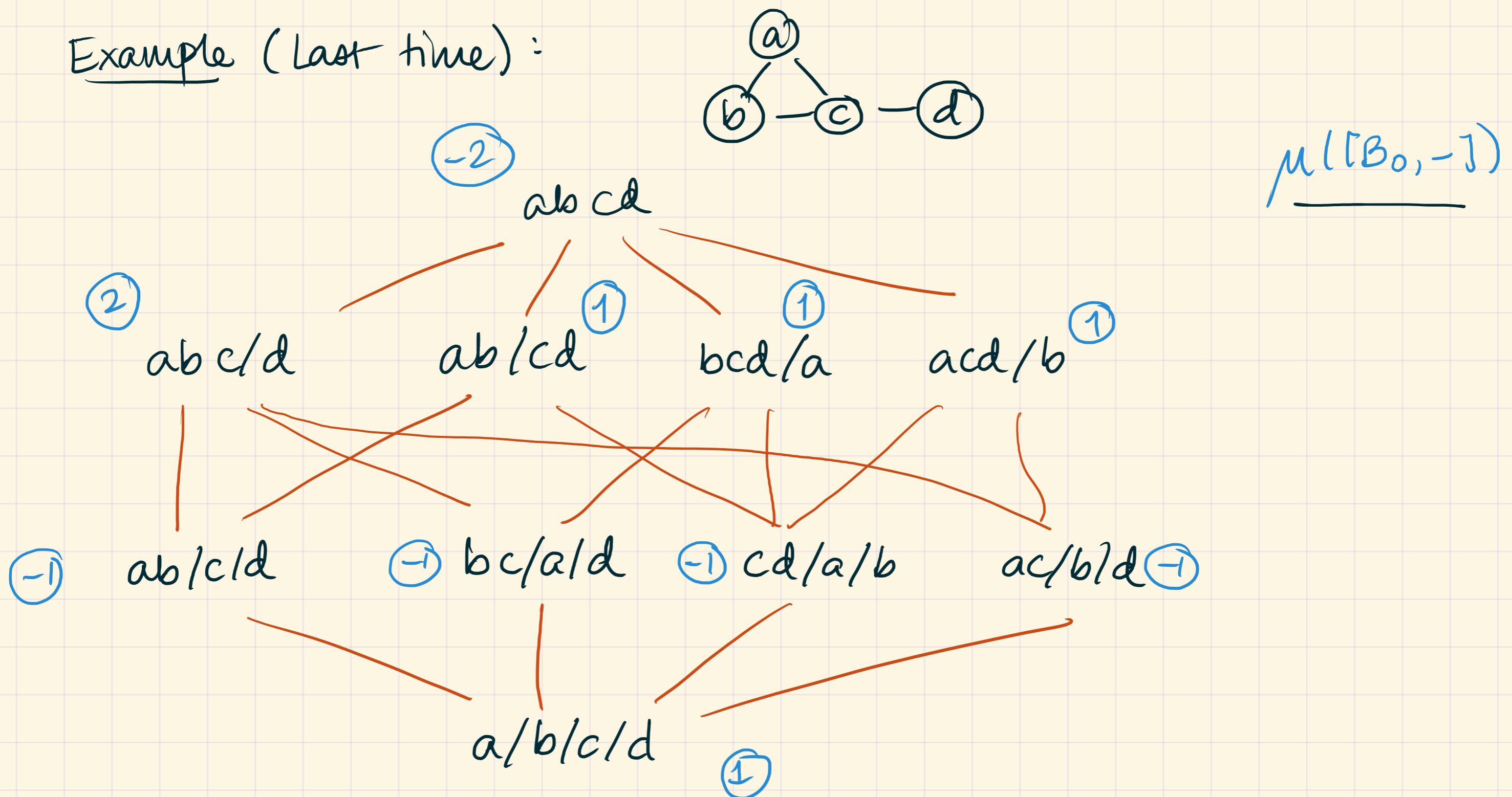
$$\begin{aligned} P_G(t) &= \sum_{C \text{ bond}} \mu([B_0, C]) \cdot P_t(C) \\ &= \sum_{C \text{ bond}} \mu([B_0, C]) \cdot t^{(\# \text{ parts of } B)} \end{aligned}$$

\* Rmk: This method also proves that  $P_G(t)$  is a polynomial!

$$\text{Recall: } \mu([x, x]) = 1 + x.$$

$$\mu([x, y]) = -\sum_{x \leq z \leq y} \mu([x, z])$$

Example (last time):



$$P_G(t) = t^4 - 4t^3 + 5t^2 - 2t$$

$$= t(t-1)^2(t-2)$$

or can check directly in this case

Exercise: Do this for the graph in the worksheet!

\* Done with posets for this course "

"Machines" — Regular expressions &  
finite automata.

A way of pattern-matching, for example for English words.

Defn: An alphabet is a finite set of symbols, typically denoted  $\Sigma$ . (sigma)

E.g.  $\Sigma = \{a, b, c\}$  or  $\Sigma = \{0, 1\}$

$$\Sigma = \{a, b, c, \dots, z\}$$

Defn : A word in an alphabet  $\Sigma$  is a finite ordered list of elements in  $\Sigma$ , written without punctuation next to each other.

E.g. if  $\Sigma = \{0, 1\}$  then 000, 111, 101011 are words

The "empty word" is also a word; it is denoted  $\epsilon$ .  
(So as a convention,  $\Sigma$  should not contain the symbol  $\epsilon$ )

The set of all possible words of  $\Sigma$ , including the empty word, is denoted  $\Sigma^*$ .

( $\Sigma^*$  is infinite unless  $\Sigma = \emptyset$ ; in that case,  $\Sigma^* = \{\epsilon\}$ )

Defn : A language  $L$  is just a subset of  $\Sigma^*$ .

( $L$  tells you which words are valid words in that language)