Pataraia's Fixpoint Theorem

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A map $f : P \to P$ is called order preserving (or monotone) if for every pair of elements $x, y \in P$ if $x \leq y$ then $f(x) \leq f(y)$.

Theorem Let (P, \leq) be a pointed DCPO and $f : P \rightarrow P$ an order preserving map then *f* has the least fixpoint.

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