

On scattered convex geometries

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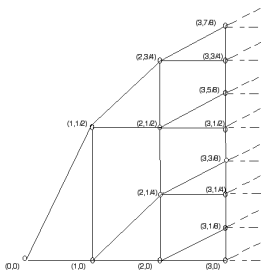


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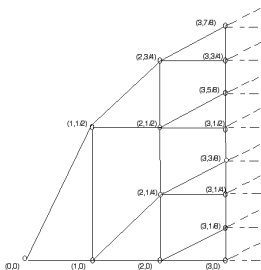


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For a semilattice S , show that $L = \text{Id}(S)$ is order-scattered iff S is order-scattered and does not contain either $\mathfrak{P}^{<\omega}(\mathbb{N})$ or $\Omega(\eta)$ as a sub-semilattice.

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Representation

Lemma. For any duplex $C = \text{Id}(E, \mathcal{L}_1) \vee \text{Id}(E, \mathcal{L}_2)$, $\Omega(\eta)$ is a sub-semilattice of the semilattice of compact elements of C .

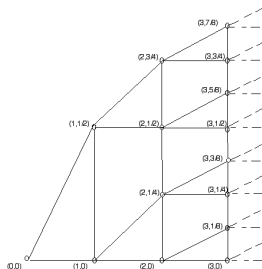


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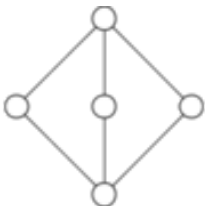


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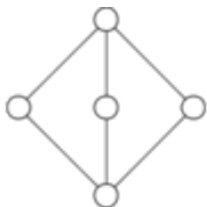


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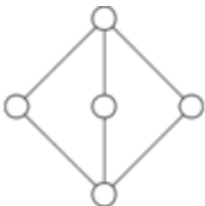


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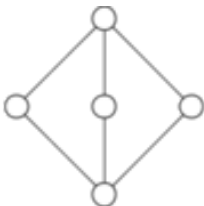


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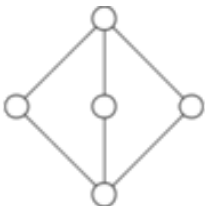


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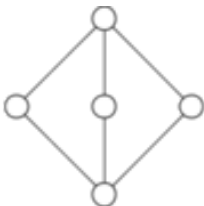


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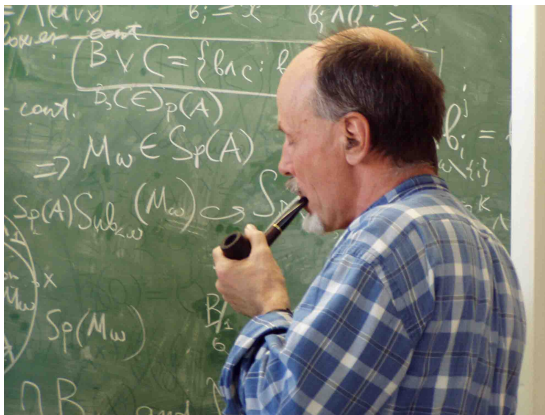


Figure: At the moment of thought

Greetings from New York State

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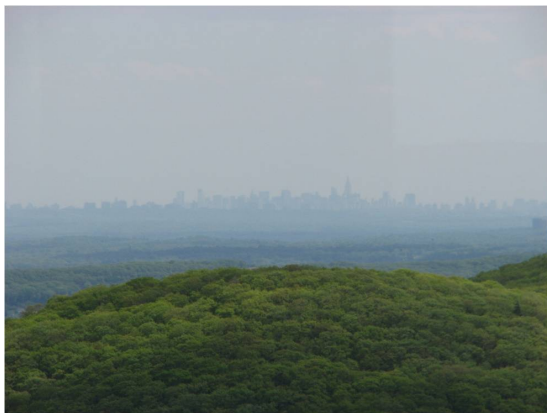


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