

# Scott Co-topology and Sober Scott Spaces

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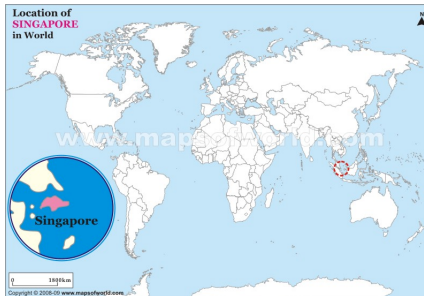


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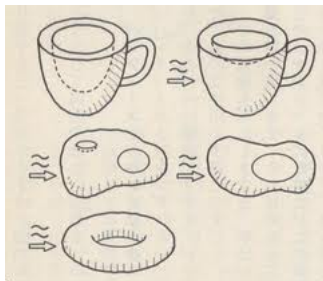
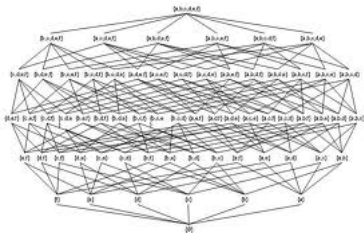
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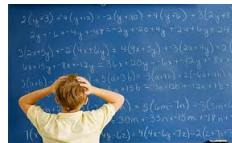
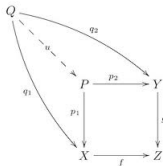
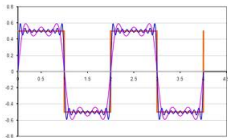
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# My Ph.D. Genealogy

Here are my ascending chains of supervisors:



**Figure:** M.H. Escardó, D.S. Scott, A. Church, E. Moore



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Then the powerset

$$(\mathcal{P}(X), \subseteq),$$

the set of all subsets of  $X$ , is a poset.

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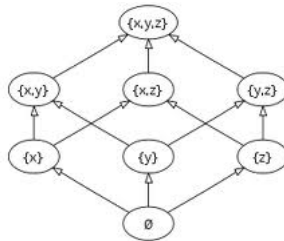


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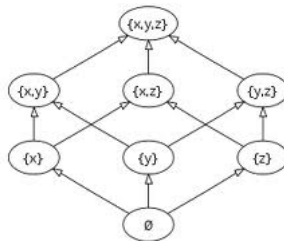


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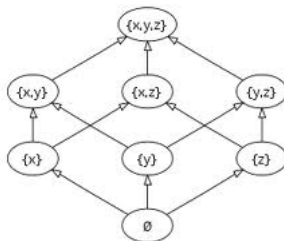


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Number theorists use the well-known symbol  $a \mid b$  for  $a < b$ .

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Let  $\mathcal{P}[a, b]$  be the collection of all partitions on  $[a, b]$ . Define  $\leq$  on this set as follows:

$$P \leq Q$$

if  $P$  contains all the points of  $Q$  and possibly some other points.

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We shall add one more important example later.

# Order isomorphism

We regard two posets to be the 'same' if they have the same structure.

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Posets  $P$  and  $Q$  are isomorphic, denoted by

$$P \cong Q$$

if there is an order-preserving bijection between them.

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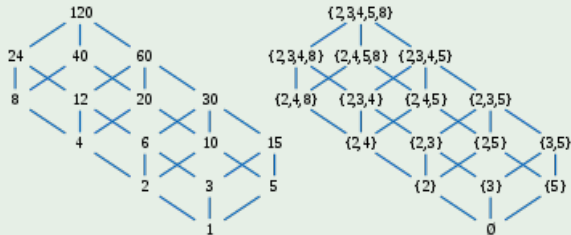


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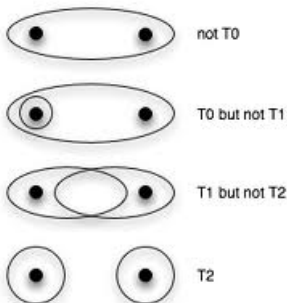
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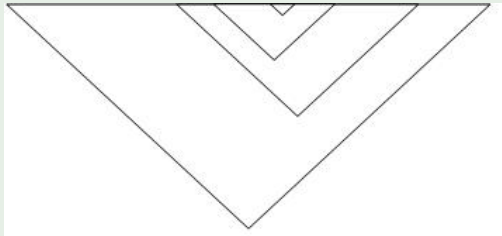
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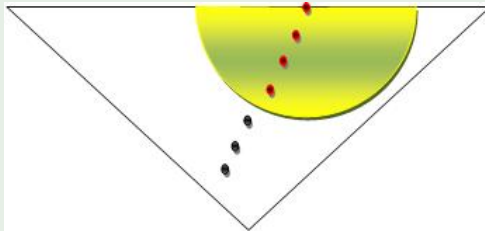
The interval domain  $\mathbb{IR}$  consists of elements the closed intervals  $[a, b] \subseteq \mathbb{R}$ , ordered by reverse inclusion.



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A Scott-open set looks like this:



## Example of a Scott open set

### Example (Decimal representations not equal to $\pi$ )

Think of real numbers in decimal representations as streams of natural numbers.

Consider the observation (by a machine or computer program) that can decide that an input stream (real number) **is not equal to  $\pi$** .

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*With respect to the Scott topology, the closure of singleton  $x$  is precisely the principal ideal generated by it, i.e.,*

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## Definition ( $\Gamma(P)$ )

We denote the lattice of Scott-closed sets, ordered by inclusion, of  $P$  by

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A sober space is automatically  $T_0$  because  $\text{cl}(\{x\}) = \text{cl}(\{y\})$  always implies  $x = y$ .



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The specialization order of the Scott topology coincides with the underlying order.

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## Question

Is the Scott topology on a dcpo always sober?

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In December 1978, P.T. Johnstone discovered a counterexample that answers this question in the negative.

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## Open Problem

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– Continuous lattices and domains, p.155



# Where I started

## Previous work

Characterize those complete lattices of the form:

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for a complete semi-lattice  $P$ .

# Where I started

In other words,

Representation theory of Scott co-topology

Which exactly are those complete lattices  $M$  that are isomorphic to

$$\Gamma(P)$$

for some complete semi-lattice  $P$ ?

# Parallel theories

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# Representation theory

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– **Continuous lattices and domains**, p.155

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$\bigcup \mathcal{D}$  is  $X$ -dominated.

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*Every dominated poset is a dcpo.*

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# Characterization of $H(P)$

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Thank you for your patience!

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