

# DIRECTED ALGEBRAIC TOPOLOGY

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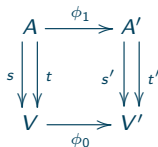
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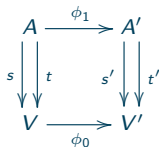
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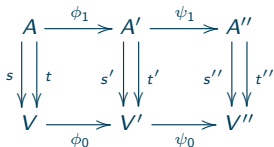
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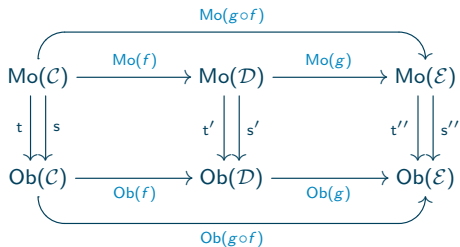
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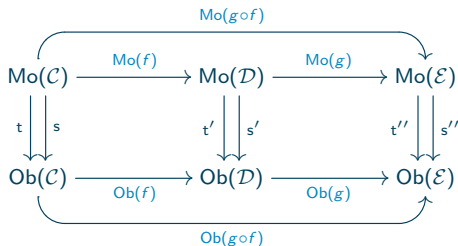
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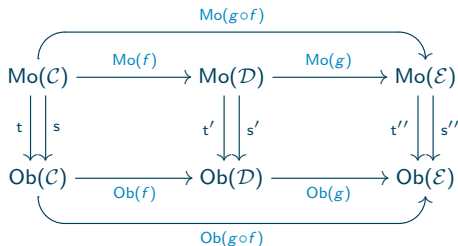


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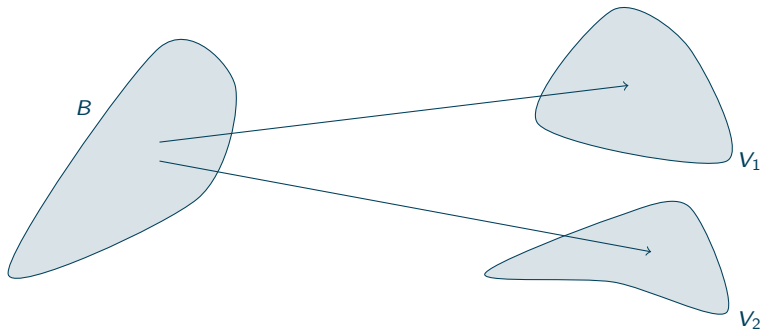
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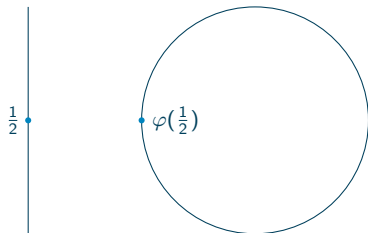
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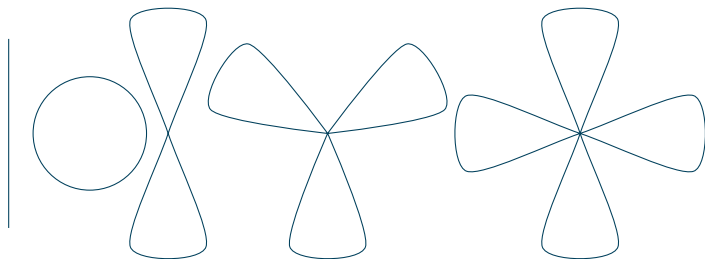




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These topological spaces are pairwise not homeomorphic. Why ?



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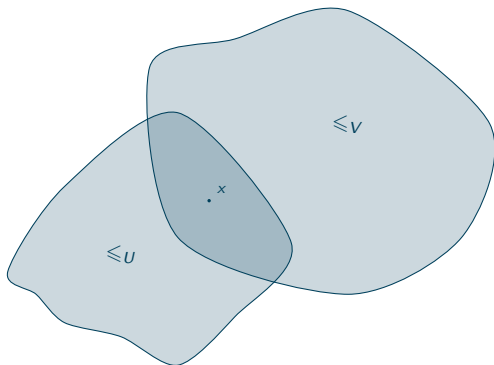
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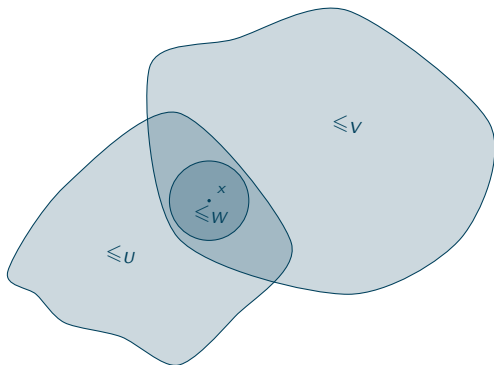
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