

Another Notion of Point in Locale Theory

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We have proposed Pointfree Convex Geometry. Concepts for PCG are compared with those for locale theory as follows.

	pointfree convex geometry	locale theory
space	convexity space	topological space
region	convex sets	open sets
algebra	convexity algebra	frame
prime point	Scott-open prin. filter	completely prime filter
max. point	maximal prin. filter	max. join-comp. ideal

A convexity space is (S, \mathcal{C}) where $\mathcal{C} \subset \mathcal{P}(S)$ such that \mathcal{C} is closed under any intersections and unions of directed sets.

- Reference: "Theory of convex structures" by van de Vel.

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