

Semicontinuous real functions pointfreely

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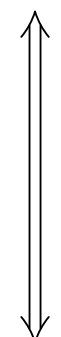
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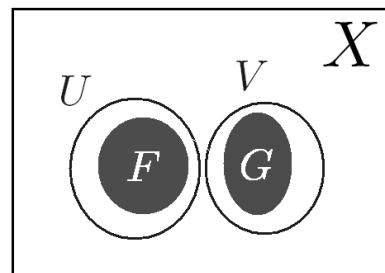
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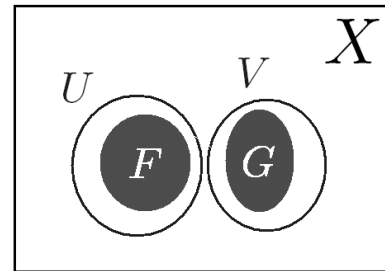


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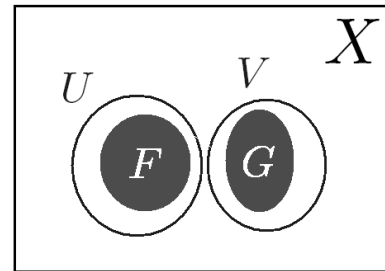
RELEVANCE of the question: it extends **Urysohn's Lemma**

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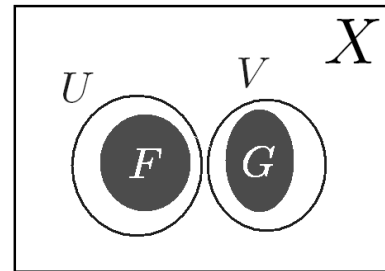


$$\forall F \in \mathcal{F}X, \forall A \in \mathcal{O}X, F \subseteq A, \exists h : X \rightarrow \mathbb{R} : \chi_F \leq h \leq \chi_A$$

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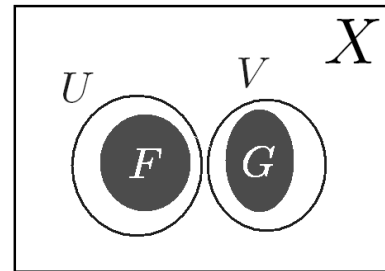
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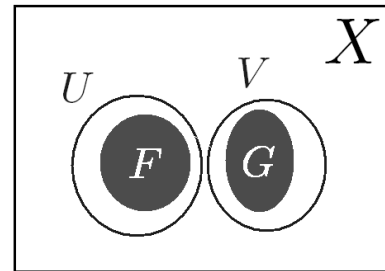
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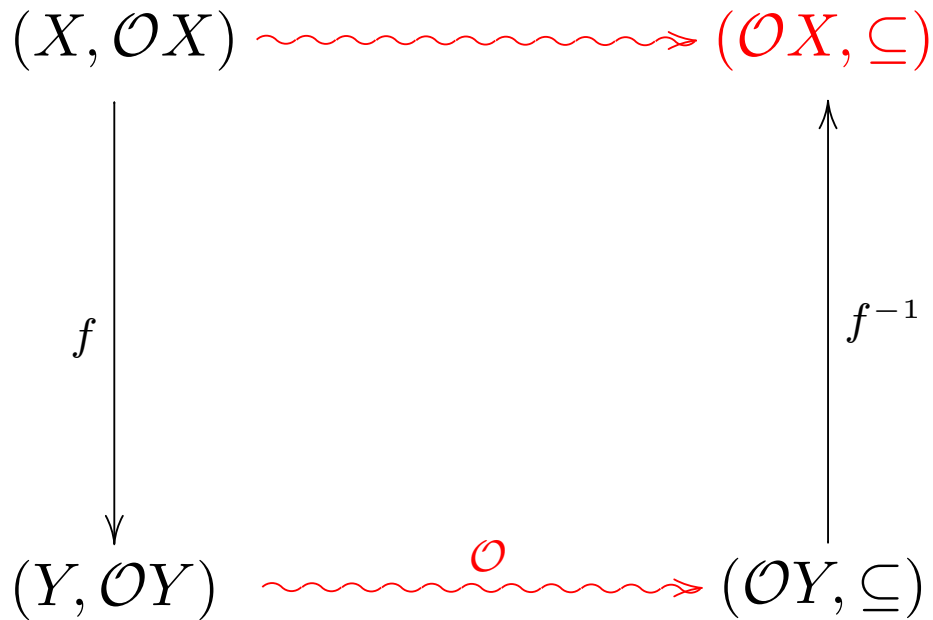
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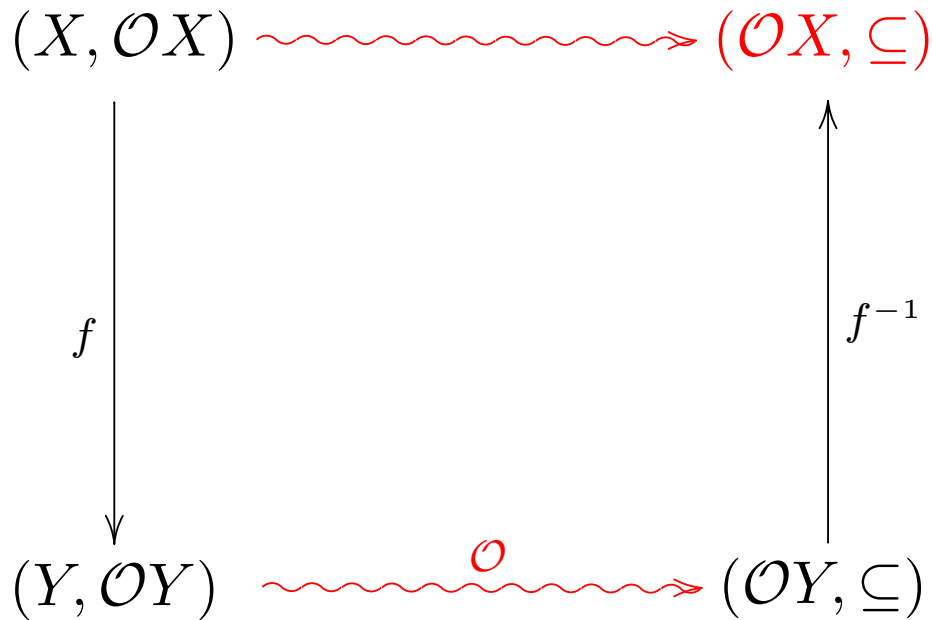
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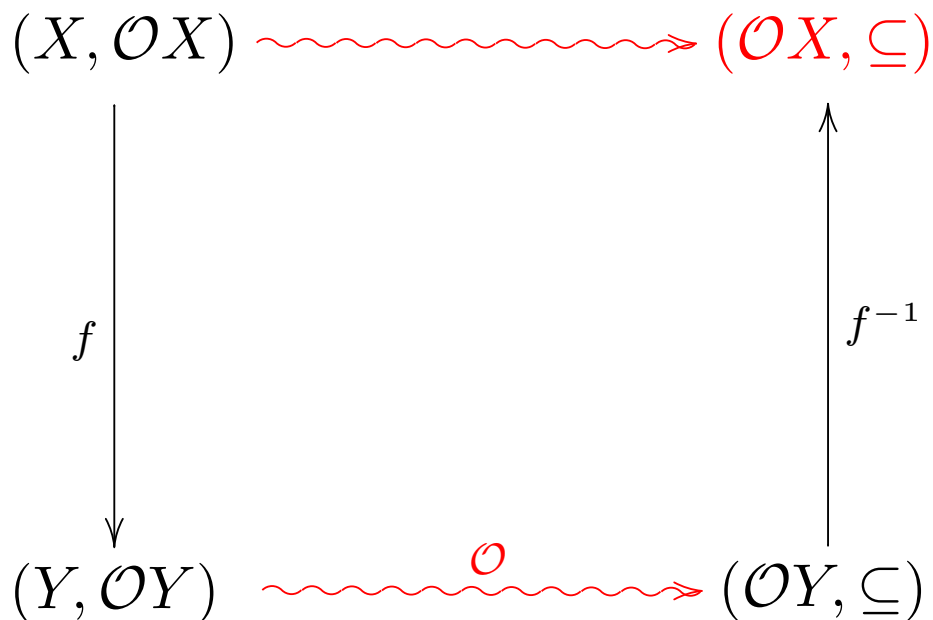


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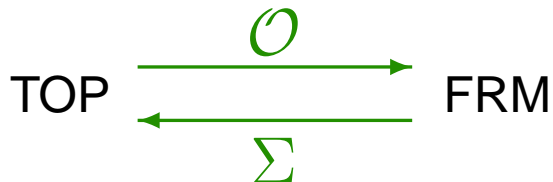
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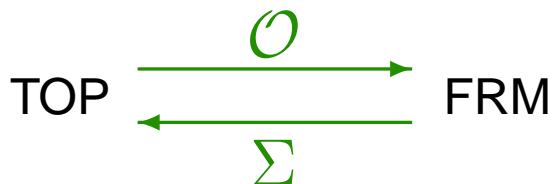
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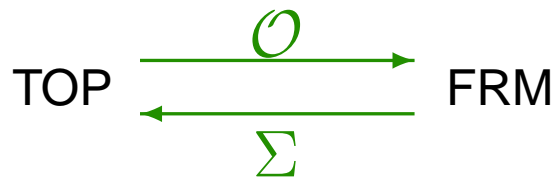
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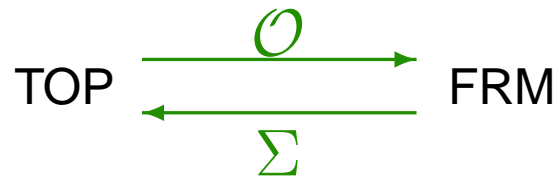
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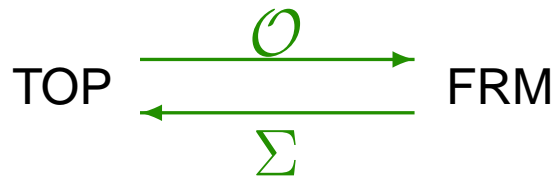
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**but NOT TRUE!!!**

[J.P., *A new look at localic interpolation theorems*, *Topology Appl.*  
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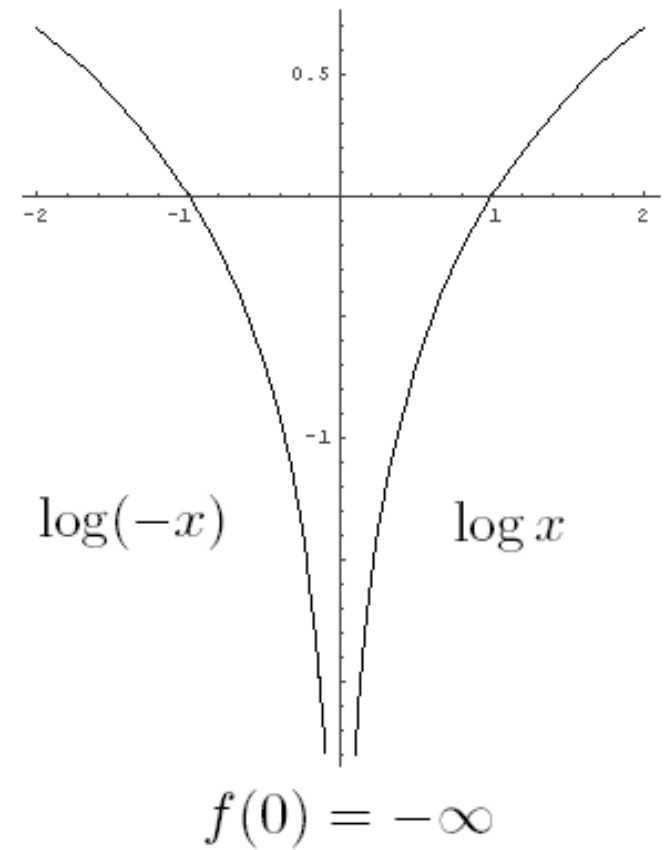
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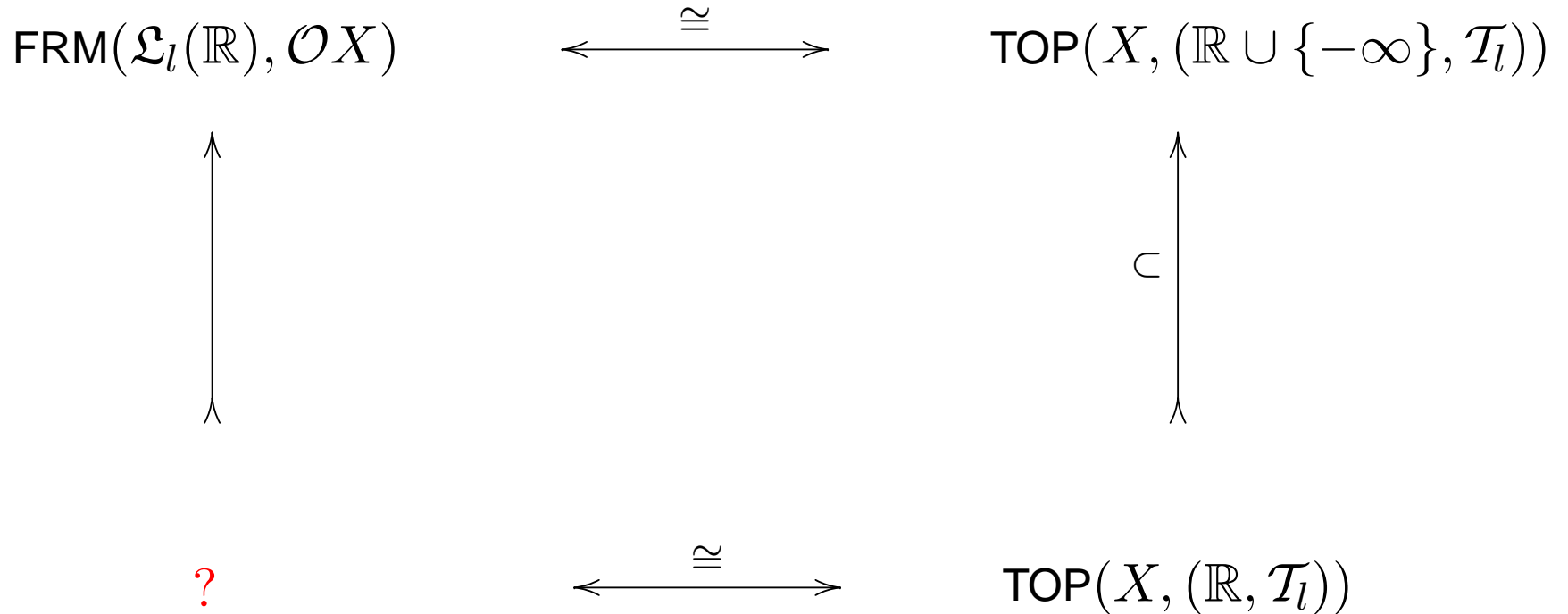


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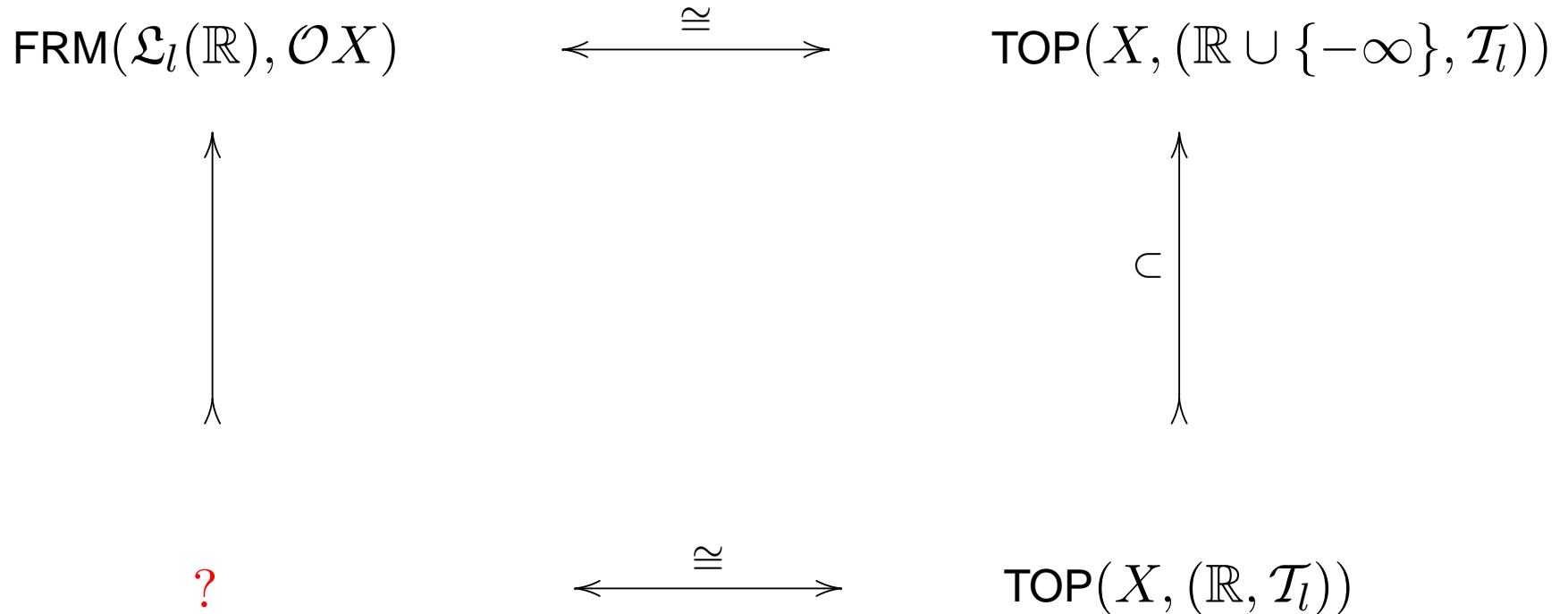
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### Pointfree Katětov-Tong Insertion Theorem:

$L$  is normal iff for every usc real function  $f : \mathfrak{L}_l(\mathbb{R}) \rightarrow L$  and every lsc real function  $g : \mathfrak{L}_u(\mathbb{R}) \rightarrow L$  with  $f \leq g$  there exists a continuous real function  $h : \mathfrak{L}(\mathbb{R}) \rightarrow L$  such that  $f \leq h \leq g$ .

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**WORK IN PROGRESS**

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