

Every join semilattice with 0 is isomorphic to the semilattice of compact open sets of some space

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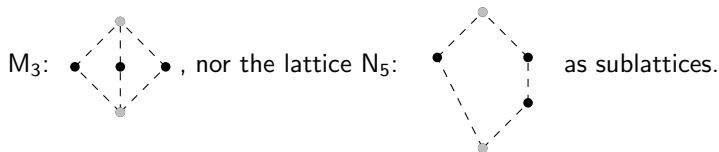
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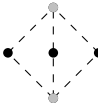
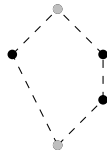


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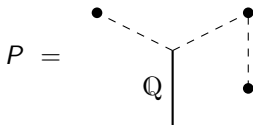
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M_3 : , nor the lattice N_5 :  as sublattices.

Solution for N_5 : The lattice N_5 is isomorphic to $\mathring{\mathcal{K}}(P, \tau^\ell)$, where τ^ℓ is the (coarse) **lower topology** of the following poset P :

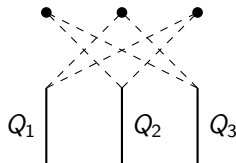
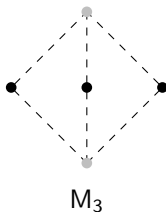


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A poset P with $M_3 \cong \overset{\circ}{\mathcal{K}}(P, \tau^\ell)$

The Q_i here are disjoint copies of the chain $\mathbb{Q}$, or in fact any dense linear order without endpoints.



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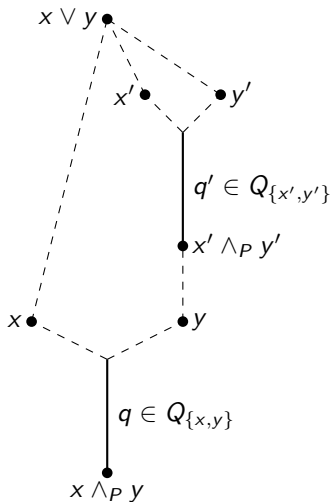
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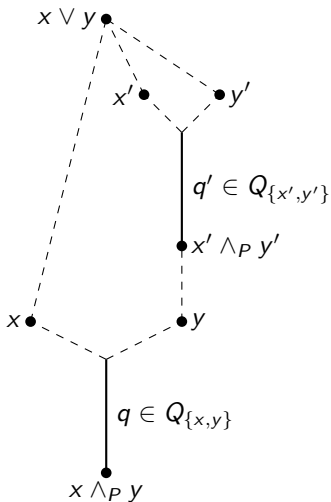
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Caveat: We still need to restrict morphisms in the category of semilattices. We may take the 'exact' ones (Rick Ball's name [Bal84] for a gadget derived from the construction of the injective hull of J due to Bruns and Lakser [BL70; HK71]).



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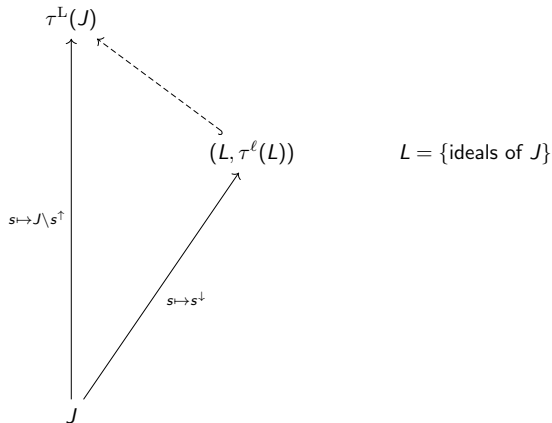


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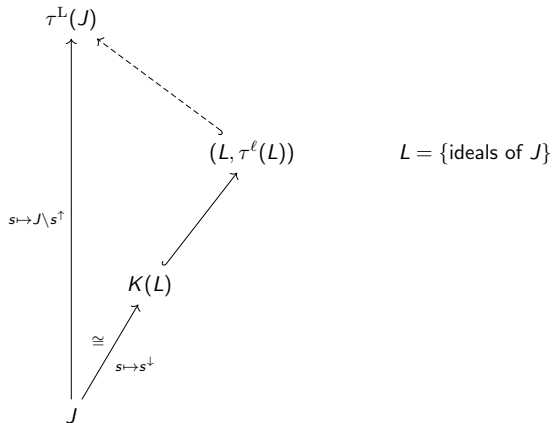
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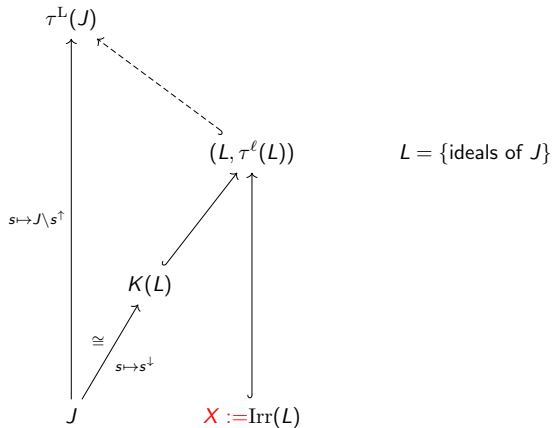
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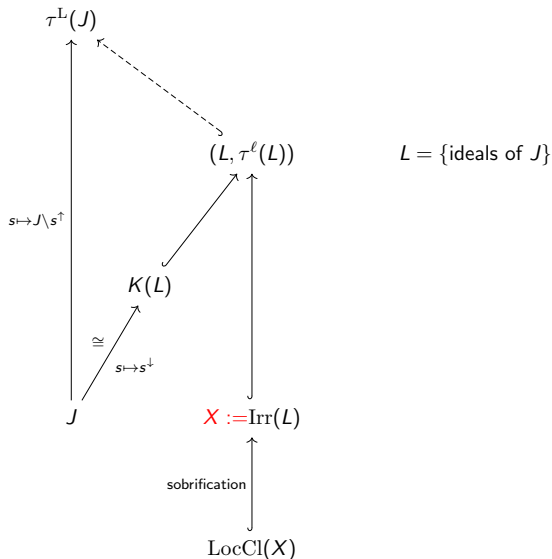
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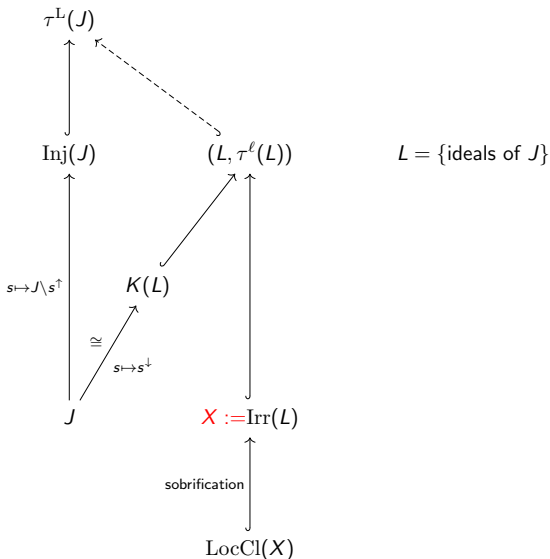
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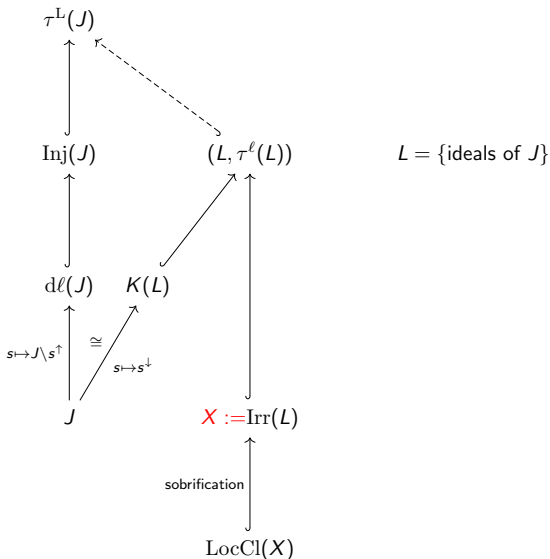
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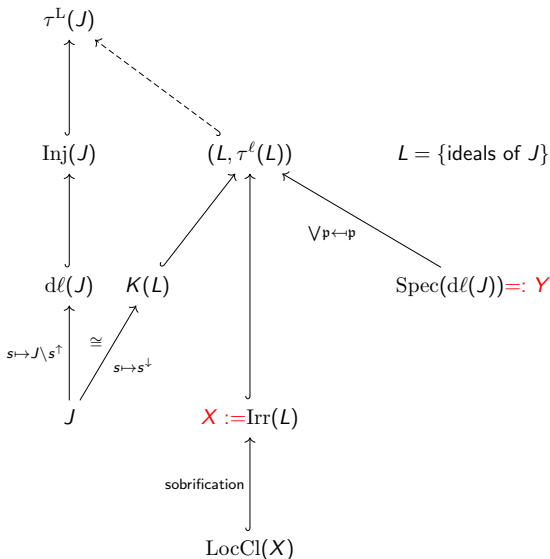
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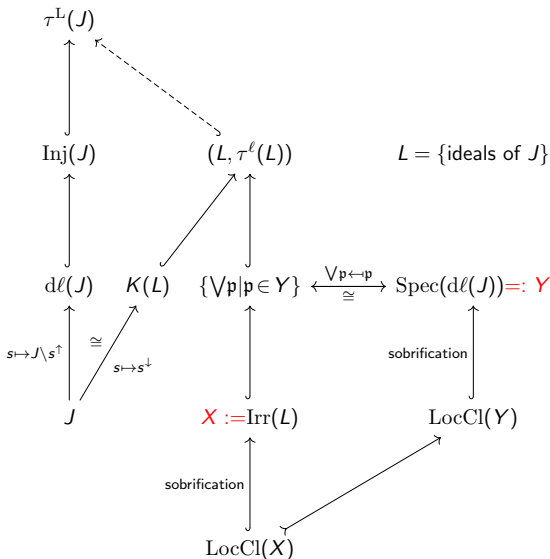
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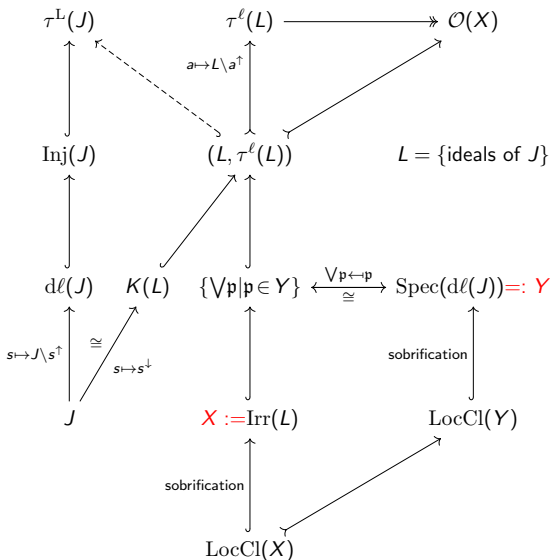
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