# How bad could it be? The semilattice of definable sets in continuous logic

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Almost any two points are separated by disjoint definable neighborhoods.
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