

MODAL INFORMATION LOGIC OF INCOMPARABLE FUSIONS

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Outline of the talk

- Introduction and motivation
- Proof (outline) of main theorem
- Conclusion

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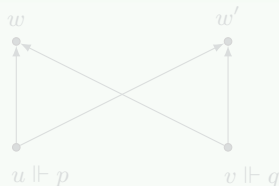
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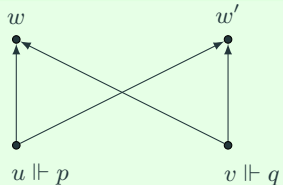
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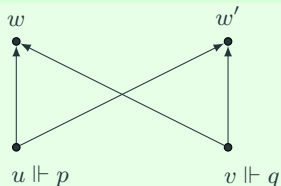
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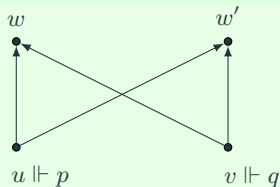
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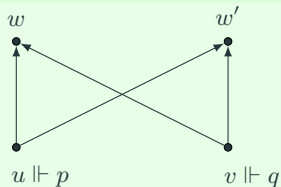
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However, the main concern for the rest of the talk is to show that, in fact, $MIL = MIL^{Min}$

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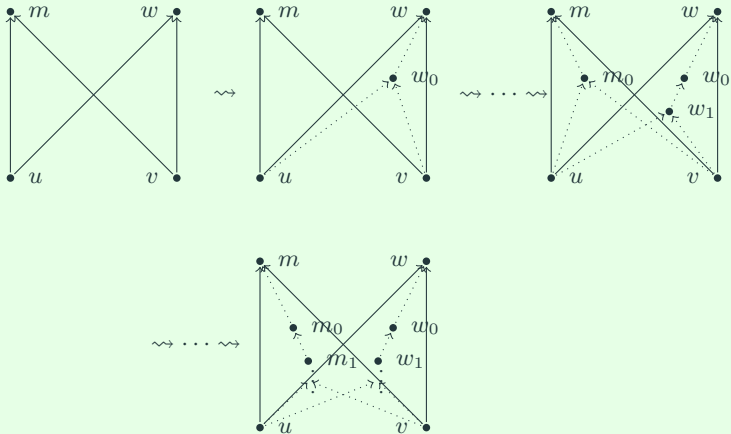
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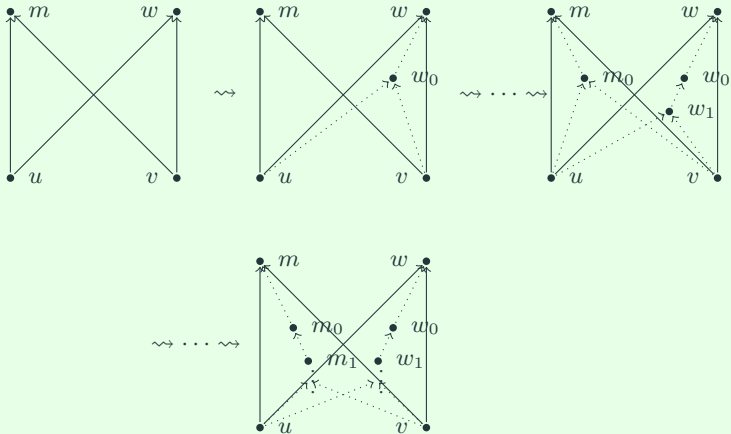


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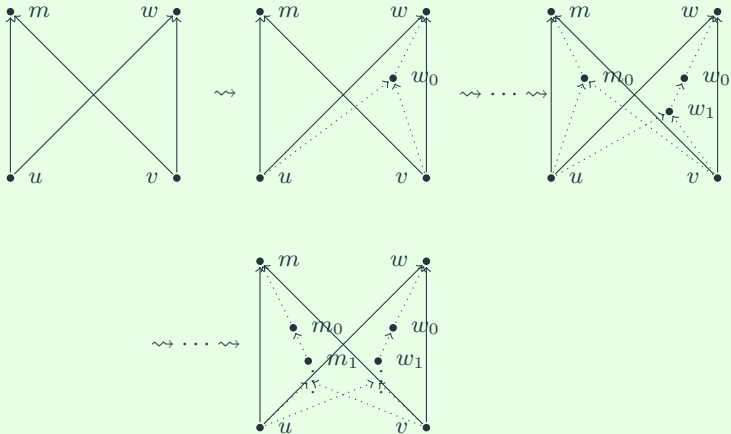


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- $i = 0$ and $y \leq x$, or
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To show: (1) (W', \leq') is a poset frame; (2) 1.-4. are satisfied; and (3) f is an onto p-morphism. □

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