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Transversals and Convex Sets

With Helly's Theorem as the starting point, Transversal Theory has been one of the areas of constant research during the past fifty years in Discrete and Combinatorial Geometry. The central problem is to determine conditions under which there is a line (the transversal) that intersect every member of a family of compact convex sets in the Euclidean plane. We present a very brief history of the subject, concluding with recent developments of the past year.