

# **Quantal sets, quantale modules, and groupoid actions**

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- Non-equivalent alternative: sheaves on quotient space  $X/G$ ; or on the orbit space of a groupoid; or on the primitive spectrum of a  $C^*$ -algebra, etc.

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- Question: how do equivariant sheaves of groupoids translate to the quantale language?

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- For an étale groupoid  $G$  (at least if  $G_0$  is, say, T1): classifying topos  $\mathcal{B}G \sim$  category of (...)- $\mathcal{O}(G)$ -modules
- Ok for the étale groupoids arising in geometry and analysis

# Notation and terminology

If  $X$  is a locale we refer to  $\mathcal{O}(X)$  as itself in the dual category  $Frm = Loc^{\text{op}}$  of frames.

A *map of locales*  $p : X \rightarrow B$  is defined by its *inverse image* frame homomorphism  $p^* : \mathcal{O}(B) \rightarrow \mathcal{O}(X)$  in  $Frm$ .

Then  $\mathcal{O}(X)$  is an  $\mathcal{O}(B)$ -module by “change of ring” along  $p^*$ ; the action is given by, for  $b \in \mathcal{O}(B)$  and  $x \in \mathcal{O}(X)$ ,

$$bx = p^*(b) \wedge x .$$

Hence,  $b1 = p^*(b)$ , and thus the action satisfies  $bx = b1 \wedge x$ .

A frame  $\mathcal{O}(X)$  equipped with such a module structure is called an  *$\mathcal{O}(B)$ -locale*.

# Notation and terminology

The category  $\mathcal{O}(B)\text{-Loc}$  of  $\mathcal{O}(B)$ -locales is the opposite of the category whose objects are the  $\mathcal{O}(B)$ -locales and whose arrows are the  $\mathcal{O}(B)$ -equivariant frame homomorphisms.

Recall that  $p : X \rightarrow B$  is *open* if  $p^*$  has a left adjoint  $p_!$  (the *direct image* of  $p$ ) which is  $\mathcal{O}(B)$ -equivariant. Then we say that  $\mathcal{O}(X)$  is an *open*  $\mathcal{O}(B)$ -locale.

If  $p$  is a local homeomorphism then  $\mathcal{O}(X)$  is an *étale*  $\mathcal{O}(B)$ -locale.

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**Definition.** Let  $\mathcal{O}(X)$  be an open  $B$ -locale. A *local section* of  $\mathcal{O}(X)$  is an element  $s \in \mathcal{O}(X)$  such that for all  $x \leq s$  we have  $(\varsigma x)s = x$ . The set of local sections is  $\Gamma_X$ .

**Theorem.** An open  $\mathcal{O}(B)$ -locale  $\mathcal{O}(X)$  is étale if and only if  $\bigvee \Gamma_X = 1$ .

# Local sections as “basis vectors”

$$x = x \wedge 1 = x \wedge \bigvee \Gamma_X = \bigvee_{s \in \Gamma_X} x \wedge s = \bigvee_{s \in \Gamma_X} \varsigma(x \wedge s)s = \bigvee_{s \in \Gamma_X} \langle x, s \rangle s$$

where  $\langle x, y \rangle$ , defined to be  $\varsigma(x \wedge y)$ , is a symmetric “bilinear” form

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**Theorem.**  $\mathcal{O}(X)$  is an étale  $\mathcal{O}(B)$ -locale if and only if there is a symmetric bilinear form (the “inner product”)

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and a subset  $\Gamma \subset X$  (the “Hilbert basis”) such that for all  $x \in \mathcal{O}(X)$  we have

$$x = \bigvee_{s \in \Gamma} \langle x, s \rangle s$$

The homomorphisms of such modules are adjointable (for any homomorphism  $f : \mathcal{O}(X) \rightarrow \mathcal{O}(Y)$  there is a unique  $f^\dagger : \mathcal{O}(Y) \rightarrow \mathcal{O}(X)$  such that  $\langle f(x), y \rangle = \langle x, f^\dagger(y) \rangle$ ) and the resulting category  $B\text{-HB}$  has two subcategories, resp. isomorphic to  $LH/B$  and to  $(LH/B)^{op}$ .

**Theorem.** *B-HB is equivalent to the category whose objects are the projection matrices over  $\mathcal{O}(B)$ ,*

$$E : \Gamma \times \Gamma \rightarrow \mathcal{O}(B)$$

$$E = E^2 = E^T$$

*and whose morphisms  $T : E \rightarrow F$  are the matrices such that*

$$ET = T = TF$$

# Groupoids

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# Étale groupoids

$$\mathcal{O}(G_1) \otimes \mathcal{O}(G_1) \longrightarrow \mathcal{O}(G_2) \xrightarrow{m_!} \mathcal{O}(G_1)$$

$$\mathcal{O}(G_1) \xrightarrow[\cong]{i_!} \mathcal{O}(G_1)$$

$\mathcal{O}(G_1)$  is an involutive quantale. It is unital if and only if  $G$  is étale:

$$e = G_0 \in \mathcal{O}(G_1)$$

We denote this quantale by  $\mathcal{O}(G)$ .

# Involutive quantales

**Definition.** A *unital involutive quantale*  $Q$  is an involutive monoid,

$$(ab)c = a(bc)$$

$$ae = a$$

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$$a^{**} = a$$

$$(ab)^* = b^*a^*,$$

in the monoidal category of sup-lattices:

$$(\bigvee a_i)b = \bigvee a_i b$$

$$b(\bigvee a_i) = \bigvee ba_i$$

$$(\bigvee a_i)^* = \bigvee a_i^*.$$

**Notation.**  $1 = \bigvee Q$      $0 = \bigvee \emptyset$

# Groupoid quantales

**Theorem.** (R 2007) Let  $Q$  be an inverse quantal frame, i.e., a unital involutive quantale that is also a locale satisfying simple properties, in particular

$$1 = \bigvee \mathcal{I}(Q)$$

where

$$\begin{aligned} \mathcal{I}(Q) &= \{a \in Q \mid aa^* \leq e, a^*a \leq e\} \quad (\text{"partial units" of } Q) \\ &\quad (= \text{inverse semigroup}) \end{aligned}$$

Then  $Q \cong \mathcal{O}(G)$  for an étale groupoid  $G$ .

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$$m^* = \mu_* \quad (\text{Tricky!})$$

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The functor is also full for some groupoids (for instance if  $G_0$  is a T1 space).

# Hilbert modules

**Definition.** Let  $Q$  be an involutive quantale. A *Hilbert  $Q$ -module* with a *Hilbert basis* is a left  $Q$ -module  $M$  equipped with a  $Q$ -valued “inner product”

$$\langle -, - \rangle : M \times M \rightarrow Q$$

$$\left\langle \bigvee S, y \right\rangle = \bigvee_{x \in S} \langle x, y \rangle$$

$$\langle ax, y \rangle = a \langle x, y \rangle$$

$$\langle y, x \rangle = \langle x, y \rangle^*$$

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From such a matrix construct Hilbert  $Q$ -module  $M$ :

$$M = Q^T E$$

The Hilbert basis of  $M$  can be identified with the set of rows of  $E$ .

Equivalence of categories!

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Define matrix  $A : \Gamma_X \times \Gamma_X \rightarrow \mathcal{O}(G)$  as follows:

For each pair  $s, t \in \Gamma_X$  let

$$a_{st} = \bigvee \{f \in \mathcal{I}(\mathcal{O}(G)) \mid ff^* \leq \varsigma s, f^*f \leq \varsigma t, ft \leq s\}$$

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**Theorem.** *There is a (unique up to iso) l.h.  $X \rightarrow G_0$  with a  $G$ -action such that*

$$M \cong \mathcal{O}(X)$$

as *left  $Q$ -modules*.

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- General comment: in [Joyal & Tierney 1984] locales are the “commutative algebra” of topos theory; but the complete ring-theoretic analogy requires more general quantales:

Non-local geometry  $\sim$  non-commutative (and non-idempotent) algebra