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A unified view of the Dedekind completion of pointfree function rings. (English summary)

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Very often, when pointfree results generalize their pointed counterparts, not only is the scope broadened, but the proofs are more penetrating and lucid. Such was the case when the authors constructed the Dedekind completion of the pointfree function ring $C(L)$ in their previous papers [Forum Math. **27** (2015), no. 5, 2551–2585; [MR3393371](#); Algebra Universalis **75** (2016), no. 3, 301–330; [MR3515402](#)]. There they presented the construction in three different ways. In the present paper they take another look at the Dedekind completion of $C(L)$, and provide an appropriate unifying framework for the three different descriptions in the earlier papers. The new view is achieved along the following lines. The authors first isolate a certain suitable collection of scales, then construct Galois connections between this collection of scales and each of the three lattices that were used in the earlier constructions of the Dedekind completion. The technique that the authors develop in the present paper enables them to give a much simpler proof of Lemma 3.1 than in their first-stated paper above. The proof in that paper occupies two and half pages and is certainly not for the faint-hearted. The new proof is more elegant, less than half as long, and (unlike the earlier one) does not invoke the ℓ -ring structure of $C(L)$. *Themba Dube*

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