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A Boolean extension of a frame and a representation of discontinuity. (English summary)

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The authors take advantage of their previous work on the frame of closedly generated sublocales in order to model arbitrary real functions, mappings that are not necessarily continuous, in the pointfree setting. Doing so, they mend certain disadvantages of the previous approach, which has otherwise shown to be very successful. Specifically, they replace the frame L by a discretization $S_c(L)$ that turns out to be Boolean when L is subfit. Further, when $L = \mathcal{O}X$ for a T_1 -space X , $S_c(L)$ is isomorphic to the power set of the underlying set of X . In consequence, arbitrary real functions on a T_1 -space are in one-to-one correspondence with arbitrary real functions on its frame of open subsets. This new approach does not introduce any obstacles in developing the theory of rings of real functions. Furthermore, the new ring of arbitrary real functions is always Dedekind complete, just like in the classical case. Finally, they show that their approach yields the desired results in the treatment of semicontinuity and regularization of discontinuous functions.

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