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Hedgehog frames and a cardinal extension of normality. (English summary)

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We recall from [R. Engelking, *General topology*, translated from the Polish by the author, second edition, Sigma Ser. Pure Math., 6, Heldermann, Berlin, 1989; MR1039321] that for each set  $I$  of cardinality  $\kappa$ , the classical metric hedgehog  $J(\kappa)$  is the disjoint union  $\bigcup_{i \in I} [0, 1] \times \{i\}$  of  $\kappa$  copies (the spines) of the real unit interval identified at the origin, with the topology generated by the metric  $d: J(\kappa) \times J(\kappa) \rightarrow [0, +\infty)$  given by

$$d([(t, i)], [(s, j)]) = \begin{cases} |t - s| & \text{if } j = i, \\ t + s & \text{if } j \neq i, \end{cases}$$

where  $[(t, i)] := \{(t', i') \in J(\kappa) : t = 0 = t' \text{ or } (t, i) = (t', i')\}$ .

In the article under review, the authors generalize a major portion of the theory of the classical metric hedgehog to the setting of pointfree topology as follows. Let  $I$  be a set of cardinality  $\kappa$ . The frame of *the metric hedgehog with  $\kappa$  spines* (or simply *the hedgehog frame*) is the frame  $\mathfrak{L}(J(\kappa))$  presented by generators  $(r, -)_i$  and  $(-, r)$  for  $r \in \mathbb{Q}$  and  $i \in I$ , subject to the defining relations:

- (h0)  $(r, -)_i \wedge (s, -)_j = 0$  whenever  $i \neq j$ ;
- (h1)  $(r, -)_i \wedge (-, s) = 0$  whenever  $r \geq s$  and  $i \in I$ ;
- (h2)  $\bigvee_{i \in I} (r_i, -)_i \vee (-, s) = 1$  whenever  $r_i < s$  for every  $i \in I$ ;
- (h3)  $(r, -)_i = \bigvee_{s > r} (s, -)_i$  for every  $r \in \mathbb{Q}$  and  $i \in I$ ; and
- (h4)  $(-, r) = \bigvee_{s < r} (-, s)$  for every  $r \in \mathbb{Q}$ .

They prove that for each cardinal  $\kappa$ , the hedgehog frame  $\mathfrak{L}(J(\kappa))$  is a metric frame of weight  $\kappa \cdot \aleph_0$ , complete in its metric uniformity. Then the authors show that the countable coproduct of the hedgehog frame with  $\kappa$  spines is universal in the class of metric frames of weight  $\kappa \cdot \aleph_0$ , that is, every metrizable frame of weight  $\kappa \cdot \aleph_0$  is embeddable into a countable cartesian power of the hedgehog frame.

A. Pultr [Rend. Circ. Mat. Palermo (2) **1984**, Suppl. No. 6, 247–258; MR0782722] introduced the concept of collectionwise normality in frames, and the authors show that  $\kappa$ -collectionwise normality is hereditary with respect to  $F_\sigma$ -sublocales and invariant under closed maps. Then they present the counterparts of Urysohn's separation and Tietze's extension theorems for continuous hedgehog-valued functions. The paper ends by establishing that  $\mathfrak{L}(J(\kappa)) \cong \mathfrak{O}(J(\kappa))$  as frames, where the latter is the lattice of open subsets of  $J(\kappa)$ .

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