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The frame of reals, $\mathfrak{L}(\mathbb{R})$, is generated by pairs (p, q) of all rationals subject to certain relations that include the relation (R2) which states that $(p, q) \vee (r, s) = (p, s)$ whenever $p \leq r < q \leq s$. The ℓ -ring of real continuous functions on a frame L consists of frame homomorphisms $\mathfrak{L}(\mathbb{R}) \rightarrow L$, and is in this paper (and elsewhere) denoted by $C(L)$. The axiom (R2) is, in general, an obstacle to the completeness (as an ℓ -ring) of CL . Indeed, this ℓ -ring is order complete precisely when L is extremally disconnected [B. Banaschewski and S. S. Hong, Commentat. Math. Univ. Carol. 44, No. 2, 245–259 (2003; Zbl 1098.06006)]. In order to obviate the obstacle (R2), the authors of the present paper delete it from the list of relations required for $\mathfrak{L}(\mathbb{R})$. They thus construct a new device, denoted $\mathfrak{L}(\mathbb{IR})$, that they call the frame of partially defined real numbers. It is a frame presented by the same generators as $\mathfrak{L}(\mathbb{R})$, and by all relations except (R2). They then use this device to construct the order completion of $C(L)$. The construction goes in various steps, each of which involves some heavy nontrivial calculations in the frame $\mathfrak{L}(\mathbb{IR})$. The authors also investigate the cases of bounded real functions as well as integer-valued functions. Often pointfree topology techniques enrich classical topology not only by extending its breadth, but also by providing more lucid and transparent reasons for why things happen the way they do. This paper bears further testimony to that. As an application of their tools, the authors give a new construction of the Dedekind completion of the ℓ -ring $C(X)$ that is, to echo their words, “more direct and natural than the known procedure using Hausdorff continuous functions”.

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- 54C30 Real-valued functions on topological spaces
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