

## The Appeal of Pointfree Topology (to classical topologists): M These are a few of my favorite things M

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## The Appeal of Pointfree Topology

These are a few of my favorite things:

- 1 Isbell's density theorem
- 2 Cozero "tree rings" of a completely regular frame
- 3 Scaffolding of a frame
- 4 Paracompactness
- 5 Bruns-Lakser completion of a meet-semilattice
- 6 Coz inclusions
- 7 ... paddling with dolphins.



## Some basic concepts in frame theory

#### Categories: Frm and Loc

A *frame* is a complete lattice *L* which satisfies

 $x \land \bigvee x_i = \bigvee (x \land x_i)$  for all  $x, x_i \in L$ 

A *frame map* preserves finite meets and arbitrary joins. preimage of continuous maps

 $Loc = Frm^{op}$ 

Examples: Complete Boolean algebras For  $X \in \mathbf{Top}$ , open sets  $\mathcal{O}X$  of X



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Opens of  $X \in \mathbf{Top}$ 

## Sublocales/quotient frames/nuclei/congruences

Every frame is a complete Heyting algebra:  $x \to y = \bigvee \{z : z \land x \le y\}$ Note that  $z \land x \le y$  iff  $z \le x \to y$  Galois connection

A subset S of L is a sublocale if

subspace

1 S is closed under  $\wedge$ 

$$x \to s \in S$$
 for all  $s \in S$  and  $x \in L$ .

- *S* has the same meets as *L*
- $1 \in S$
- joins in S may be different from joins in L

The collection of all sublocales form a coframe: (arbitrary) meet is intersection.



## Sublocales/quotient frames/nuclei/congruences

A frame map  $h: L \longrightarrow M$  has a right adjoint:

- $h_*(x) = \bigvee \{a \in L \mid h(a) = x\}$  largest element mapped to x
- $h(h_*(x)) = x$

If h is onto,  $h_*[M] \cong M$ ,

•  $h_*[M]$  is a sublocale of L

 $h_* \circ h$  is a nucleus

If S is a sublocale of L, define a frame map  $h: L \longrightarrow S$ 

$$h(a) = \bigwedge \{s \in S \mid s \ge a\}$$

• *h* is an onto i.e. a frame quotient

## Open sublocale vs. open quotient

In general, an element *a* in *L* can be "removed" by collapsing the frame:

• frame quotient

$$L \twoheadrightarrow \downarrow a$$
$$b \mapsto a \land b$$

• corresponding sublocale: each b in L is mapped to  $a \rightarrow b$ 

$$\mathfrak{o}(a) = \{a \to b : b \in L\}$$

"subspace induced by an open set"

#### How to remove a point?

Consider  $X \setminus \{x\}$ : Topological inclusion  $X \setminus \{x\} \hookrightarrow X$  is represented by  $\mathfrak{o}(a)$  where  $a = X \setminus \{x\}$ 

## Skeleton a.k.a. Booleanization $\mathfrak{B}L$



- sublocale of *L*
- has no proper dense elements

## Isbell's Density Theorem



#### Dense sublocales/quotient frames

S is a dense sublocale of L if  $0 \in S$ 

- the frame morphism maps only 0 to 0;
- $0 = 0^{**}$  so  $0 \in \mathfrak{B}L$

"closure" of S is L

#### Theorem (Isbell)

Every locale has a smallest dense sublocale namely  $\mathfrak{B}L = \{x^{**} : x \in L\}$ .

#### S is dense iff $\mathfrak{B}L \subseteq S$

No spatial analog

## The skeleton of the (natural) topology on the Reals



 $\mathfrak{BOR}$ , the skeleton of the reals: all regular opens (a.k.a. open domains)

- every open interval is a regular open
- union of two "separated" open intervals where (p,q) is "separated" from (r,s) if q < r "not touching"

Each real number r corresponds to the open set  $(-\infty, r) \cup (r, \infty)$ 

- not regular opens
- dense in  $\mathcal{O}\mathbb{R}$
- $\mathfrak{o}((-\infty, r) \cup (r, \infty))$  is a dense sublocale of  $\mathscr{O}\mathbb{R}$  skeleton has no points

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\mathfrak{BOR} \subseteq \bigcap_{r \in \mathbb{R}} \mathfrak{o}((-\infty, r) \cup (r, \infty))
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## Pointfree view of the rationals $\mathbb Q$ and irrationals $\mathbb P$





$$\mathbb{Q}=\mathbb{R}\smallsetminus\mathbb{P}$$

## Sublocale of the rationals: $\mathcal{O}\mathbb{Q}$ irrationals: $\mathcal{O}\mathbb{P}$

Remove all the irrational points: rational points:  $\mathcal{O}\mathbb{Q} = \bigcap_{r \in \mathbb{P}} \mathfrak{o}((-\infty, r) \cup (r, \infty))$  $\mathcal{O}\mathbb{P} = \bigcap_{r \in \mathbb{Q}} \mathfrak{o}((-\infty, r) \cup (r, \infty))$   $\mathbb{P} = \mathbb{R} \smallsetminus \mathbb{Q}$ 

Sublocale of the

Remove all the

Dense sublocale of  $\mathcal{O}\mathbb{R}$  $\mathcal{O}\mathbb{R}$  Dense sublocale of

$$\mathfrak{BOR} \subseteq \bigcap_{r \in \mathbb{R}} \mathfrak{o}((-\infty, r) \cup (r, \infty)) = \mathcal{OQ} \cap \mathcal{OP}$$



## Some other special elements of a frame

Rather below relation: b < a means that  $b^* \lor a = 1$ 

#### CozL: cozero elements

- $a \in L$  is cozero if  $a = \bigvee_{n} \{a_n | a_n \prec a\}$  "cozero subset"
- largest regular sub- $\sigma$ -frame of L

A frame L is completely regular if it is join-generated by  $\operatorname{Coz} L$ 

#### **CL: complemented elements**

•  $a \in L$  is complemented if  $a \prec a$ 

"clopen subset"

• boolean sub-lattice of *L* 

A frame L is zero-dimensional if it is join-generated by CL

#### **Cozeros vs. Skeleton**



perfectly normal iff  $L = \operatorname{Coz} L$  oz iff  $\mathfrak{B}L \subseteq \operatorname{Coz} L$  $\omega_1$ -hollow (almost P) iff  $\operatorname{Coz} L \subseteq \mathfrak{B}L$  P-frame iff  $\operatorname{Coz} L = CL$ extremally disconnected iff  $\mathfrak{B}L = CL$ almost Boolean iff  $\operatorname{Coz} L = \mathfrak{B}L (= CL)$ 



### Summary of $\operatorname{Coz} L$ vs $\mathfrak{B}L$





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# **2** The tree rings of a (completely regular) frame determined by Coz





## Kappa cozeros: Perfectly normal degree



#### $\operatorname{Coz}_{\kappa} L$ : $\kappa$ -joins of cozeros

- completely regular  $\kappa$ -frames
- Ascending sequence of completely regular sub-κ-frames of *L*: Cozero tower

$$\operatorname{Coz} L \subseteq \cdots \subseteq \operatorname{Coz}_{\kappa} L \subseteq \cdots \subseteq \operatorname{Coz}_{\rho} L = L$$

The least such cardinal is called the perfectly normal degree of L

• L is perfectly normal iff PN degree is  $\omega_1$  for example,  $\mathcal{O}\mathbb{R}$ 



## Lindelöf coreflection



#### Theorem (Madden & Vermeer)

Lindelöf completely regular frames are a coreflective (full) subcategory of completely regular frames

No spatial analogue!

- denoted by  $\mathscr{L}_{\omega_1}L$  : all  $\omega_1$ -ideals of  $\operatorname{Coz} L$  (downsets closed under countable joins)
- "free" frame over  $\operatorname{Coz} L$  (as a  $\omega_1$ -frame)
- coreflection map is given by join and is a frame quotient, so L may be identified as a sublocale of  $\mathscr{L}_{\omega,1}L$

• 
$$\operatorname{Coz} L = \operatorname{Coz} \mathscr{L}_{\omega_1} L$$

## $\kappa$ -Lindelöf coreflections



#### Theorem (Madden & Vermeer)

 $\kappa$ -Lindelöf completely regular frames are a coreflective (full) subcategory of completely regular frames

- denoted by L<sub>κ</sub>L: all κ-ideals of Coz<sub>κ</sub>L (downsets closed under κ-joins)
- "free" frame over  $\operatorname{Coz}_{\kappa} L$  (as a  $\kappa$ -frame)
- coreflection map is given by join and is a frame quotient, so L may be identified as a sublocale of  $\mathscr{L}_{\kappa}L$
- $\operatorname{Coz}_{\kappa} L = \operatorname{Coz}_{\kappa} \mathscr{L}_{\kappa} L$



## The "Lindelöf" tower



- $\operatorname{Coz} L = \operatorname{Coz} \mathscr{L}_{\kappa} L$  for all  $\kappa$
- $\operatorname{Coz}_{\kappa} L = \operatorname{Coz}_{\kappa} \mathscr{L}_{\gamma} L$  for all  $\gamma \ge \kappa$

Ascending sequence of sublocales:

Lindelöf tower

$$L = \mathscr{L}_{\mu}L \subseteq \cdots \subseteq \mathscr{L}_{\gamma}L \subseteq \cdots \subseteq \mathscr{L}_{\kappa}L \subseteq \cdots \subseteq \mathscr{L}_{\omega_{1}}L$$

where  $\mu \geq \gamma \geq \kappa \geq \omega_1$ 

The least such cardinal is called the Lindelöf degree of L

• *L* is Lindelöf iff the Lindelöf degree  $\mu \le \omega_1$  For example, the Lindelöf degree of  $\mathcal{O}\mathbb{R}$  is  $\omega_1$ 



## Building the cozero "tree rings"



 $\operatorname{Coz} L \subseteq L \subseteq \mathscr{L}L$ 

$$\operatorname{Coz} L \subseteq \cdots \subseteq \operatorname{Coz}_{\kappa} L \subseteq \cdots \subseteq \operatorname{Coz}_{\rho} L = L$$

$$L = \mathscr{L}_{\mu}L \subseteq \dots \subseteq \mathscr{L}_{\gamma}L \subseteq \dots \subseteq \mathscr{L}_{\kappa}L \subseteq \dots \subseteq \mathscr{L}_{\omega_1}L$$

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## Hollowing out of a frame

A frame is  $\lambda$ -hollow if it has no proper dense  $\lambda$ -cozero elements

- $\lambda$ -hollow  $\Leftrightarrow \operatorname{Coz}_{\lambda} L \subseteq \mathfrak{B}L$
- $\omega_1$ -hollow  $\Leftrightarrow$  Coz  $L \subseteq \mathfrak{B}L$ , that is L is an almost P-frame
- hollow (if  $\lambda$ -hollow for all  $\lambda$ )  $\Leftrightarrow L = \mathfrak{B}L$ , that is L is its skeleton.

#### Theorem (Ball, Hager, WW)

 $\lambda$  -hollow completely regular frames are a reflective (non-full) subcategory of completely regular frames

- denoted by  $\mathcal{H}_{\lambda}L$
- intersection of all the dense λ-cozero sublocales of L remove all dense λ-cozeros

$$\mathcal{H}_{\lambda}L = \bigcap_{\text{dense}a \in \text{Coz}_{\lambda}L} \mathfrak{o}(a)$$

Hollowing sequence (descending):

$$L \supseteq \mathcal{H}_{\omega_1} L \supseteq \cdots \supseteq \mathcal{H}_{\lambda} L \subseteq \cdots \supseteq \mathcal{H}_{\rho} L = \mathfrak{B} L$$



## Building the scaffolding of a completely regular frame L



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## The scaffolding of the reals

Recall:

- $\mathcal{O}\mathbb{R}$  is perfectly normal so  $\mathcal{O}\mathbb{R} = \operatorname{Coz}\mathcal{O}\mathbb{R}$
- $\mathfrak{BOR} = \mathfrak{B}_{\kappa} \mathfrak{OR}$  for all  $\kappa \ge \omega_1$
- $\mathcal{O}\mathbb{R}$  is Lindelöf so  $\mathcal{O}\mathbb{R} = \mathscr{L}_{\kappa}\mathcal{O}\mathbb{R}$  for all  $\kappa \geq \omega_1$

 $\mathscr{O}\mathbb{R} \longrightarrow \mathfrak{B}\mathscr{O}\mathbb{R}$ 



## The scaffolding of $\beta \mathbb{R}$

Recall:

- $\mathscr{O}\beta\mathbb{R}$  is compact, hence Lindelöf
- $\mathcal{O}\beta\mathbb{R}$  is NOT perfectly normal so  $\operatorname{Coz}\mathcal{O}\beta\mathbb{R} \subset \mathcal{O}\beta\mathbb{R}$
- but,  $\mathfrak{BOR} \cong \mathfrak{BOPR} = \mathfrak{B}_{\kappa} \mathcal{OPR}$  for all  $\kappa \ge \omega_1$





## Some other favorites...

#### 4 Paracompactness

- Coreflective subcategory of completely regular frames
- No spatial analog
- Uses the completion of the fine uniformity...

#### 5 Bruns-Lakser completion of a meet-semilattice

- injective hull of the meet-semilattice
- always a frame (cf. Dedekind-McNeille completion)

## 6 Coz inclusions

• use interaction of cozeros and sublocales to understand weakenings of *C*-embeddings that are different from *C*\*-embeddings, but are also stronger than *Z*-embeddings.

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