

# Canonical extensions and the frame of fitted sublocales

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## 1 Sublocales of the frame of strongly exact filters

When we see a frame  $L$  as a pointfree space its *sublocales* are its pointfree subspaces. Sublocales are certain subsets of  $L$ , and these form a coframe  $S(L)$  when ordered under set inclusion. We have open sublocales, closed sublocales, and fitted sublocales; they correspond, respectively, to open, closed, and saturated subsets of a space. For a frame  $L$  we have an order anti-isomorphism between the collection of fitted sublocales  $\text{Fitt}(L)$  and the frame  $\text{SEFilt}(L)$  of the *strongly exact* filters (see [3]).

I will show in this talk that the frame of strongly exact filters has some distinguished sublocales, which correspond to special subcolocales of  $\text{Fitt}(L)$  because of the result above. We have a diagram of sublocale inclusions as follows.

$$\begin{array}{ccccc}
 \text{MCFilt}(L) & \xrightarrow{\subseteq} & \text{EFilt}(L) & & \\
 & & \searrow \subseteq & & \\
 & & & \text{SEFilt}(L) & \xrightarrow{\subseteq} & \text{Filt}(L) \\
 & & \nearrow \subseteq & & & \\
 \text{MCPFilt}(L) & \xrightarrow{\subseteq} & \text{MSOFilt}(L) & & & 
 \end{array}$$

Here  $\text{MCFilt}(L)$  is the frame of meets of *closed* filters, that is, filters of the form  $\{x \in L : x \vee a = 1\}$  for some  $a \in L$ . The frame  $\text{EFilt}(L)$  is the frame of *exact* filters, a notion that appears in [3] and is in a certain sense dual to that of strongly exact filter. The frame  $\text{MCPFilt}(L)$  is the frame of meets of completely prime filters, and the frame  $\text{MSOFilt}(L)$  is the frame of meets of Scott-open filters.

The diagram above corresponds to the following diagram of subcolocale inclusions.

$$\begin{array}{ccc}
 \text{fit}[S_c(L)] & \xrightarrow{\subseteq} & \text{fit}[S_b(L)] \\
 & & \searrow \subseteq \\
 & & \text{Fitt}(L) \\
 & & \nearrow \subseteq \\
 \text{fit}[\text{sp}[S(L)]] & \xrightarrow{\subseteq} & \text{fit}[S_k(L)]
 \end{array}$$

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Here  $S_c(L)$  is the collection of joins of closed sublocales (see [4]);  $S_b(L)$  is the coframe of joins of complemented sublocales (whose structure has been recently studied in [5]).  $S_k(L)$  is the collection of joins of compact sublocales, and  $\text{sp}[S(L)]$  is the coframe of spatial sublocales. Finally,  $\text{fitt} : S(L) \rightarrow S(L)$  denotes the *fitting* operator (see [2]), which is the closure coming from  $\text{Fitt}(L) \subseteq S(L)$  seen as a closure system.

## 2 The connection with canonical extensions

Canonical extensions for frames have been recently studied in [1]. The canonical extension of a frame is got as a *polarity*. A *polarity* is a complete lattice  $\text{Pol}(X, Y, R)$  such that  $X$  and  $Y$  are sets and  $R \subseteq X \times Y$  is a relation, and such that we have two canonical maps  $f_X : X \rightarrow \text{Pol}(X, Y, R)$  and  $f_Y : Y \rightarrow \text{Pol}(X, Y, R)$  satisfying a certain universal property. The sublocales of  $\text{Fitt}(L)$  above are all instances of polarities. In general, in fact, we have that for a collection  $\mathcal{S} \subseteq S(L)$  of sublocales and for the collection  $\text{Op}(L)$  of open sublocales

$$\text{Pol}(\mathcal{S}, \text{Op}(L), \subseteq) = \text{fitt}[\mathfrak{J}(\mathcal{S})],$$

where  $\mathfrak{J}$  denotes closure under all joins. The theory of polarities also helps us see a symmetry between fitted and closed sublocales. We have in general that

$$\text{Pol}(\mathcal{S}, \text{Cl}(L), \subseteq) = \text{cl}[\mathfrak{J}(\mathcal{S})].$$

This means that the structures above all enjoy a universal property, all variations of the defining universal property of the canonical extension of a frame. This also leads to the following result exhibiting a symmetry between the closures  $\text{fit}$  and  $\text{cl}$ , which were recently compared in [2]. Here for a frame  $L$  the expression  $\mathfrak{B}(L)$  denotes the Booleanization of  $L$ . For a frame  $L$  we have:

1.  $\text{Pol}(\text{Cl}(L), \text{Op}(L), \subseteq) \cong \text{fit}[S_c(L)] = \mathfrak{B}(\text{Fitt}(L))$ ;
2.  $\text{Pol}(\text{Op}(L), \text{Cl}(L), \subseteq) \cong \text{cl}[\text{Op}(L)] = \mathfrak{B}(\text{Cl}(L)) \cong \mathfrak{B}(L)$ .

Since this is work in progress, in the end of the talk I will outline some open questions, especially related to how much more interaction we can find between the theory of polarities and the closure systems within  $S(L)$ .

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