# Lawson topology as the space of located subsets

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We are interested in spaces of the located subsets of some structures.

## Examples

• Extended Dedekind reals (L, U), i.e. extended with  $+\infty, -\infty$ .

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An extended Dedekind reals (L, U) is equivalent to a located (possibly unbounded) upper real U.

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- $\blacktriangleright \ p < q \implies p \notin U \lor q \in U \quad ({\sf locatedness})$
- ► Compact (including Ø) subsets of a compact metric space (X, d) with the Hausdorff metric whose values are in the extended reals.

$$d(A,B) = \max\left\{\sup_{a \in A} \inf_{b \in B} d(a,b), \sup_{b \in B} \inf_{a \in A} d(a,b)\right\}.$$

## Questions

- 1. Is there a geometric theory (over some given structure) whose models are the located subsets of that structure?
- 2. If so, what is the locale presented by the theory?

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- 1. Located subsets of continuous lattices
- 2. Examples of located subsets
- 3. Spaces of located subsets
- 4. Lawson topologies

## **Continuous covers (Continuous lattices)**

An **continuous cover** is a structure  $S = (S, \lhd, wb)$  where  $\lhd \subseteq S \times Pow(S)$  is a **cover** satisfying

$$\begin{array}{l} \displaystyle \frac{a \in U}{a \lhd U}, \quad \frac{a \lhd U \quad U \lhd V}{a \lhd V}, \\ \displaystyle U \lhd V \xleftarrow{\mathsf{def}} (\forall a \in U) \, a \lhd V, \end{array}$$

and wb is function wb:  $S \rightarrow Pow(S)$  such that

**1.**  $a \triangleleft wb(a)$ ,

**2.** 
$$(\forall b \in \mathsf{wb}(a)) b \ll a$$
.

Here,  $\ll$  is the **way-below** relation:

$$a \ll b \stackrel{\mathsf{def}}{\Longleftrightarrow} (\forall U \subseteq S) \left[ b \lhd U \implies (\exists A \in \mathsf{Fin}(U)) \, a \lhd A \right].$$

We have  $a \ll b \iff (\exists A \in \operatorname{Fin}(S)) a \lhd A \& A \subseteq \operatorname{wb}(b).$ 

The  $Sat(S) \stackrel{\text{def}}{=} \{A U \mid U \subseteq S\}$  where  $A U = \{a \in S \mid a \lhd U\}$  forms a **continuous lattice** with a base  $\{AB \mid B \in Fin(S)\}$ .

A perfect map between continuous covers  $S = (S, \lhd, wb)$  and  $S' = (S', \lhd', wb')$  is a relation  $r \subseteq S \times S'$  such that 1.  $a \lhd' U \implies r^- \{a\} \lhd r^- U$ ,

**2.** 
$$a \ll' b \implies r^- \{a\} \ll r^- \{b\}.$$

Let **CCov** be the category of continuous covers and perfect maps.

## Remark

A perfect map  $S \to S'$  between continuous covers corresponds to a Scott continuous map  $f : Sat(S) \to Sat(S')$  that has a left adjoint.

Fix a continuous cover  $S = (S, \lhd, \mathsf{wb})$ . A subset  $V \subseteq S$  is **splitting** if

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**Proposition.** "The located subsets of S" = CCov(1, S).

# **Examples**

## Example (Scott topology on $\text{Pow}(\mathbb{N})$ )

 $\mathcal{P}\omega=(\mathrm{Fin}(\mathbb{N}),\,\lhd_{\,\omega},\mathrm{wb})$  where

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$$\begin{array}{l} A \lhd_{\omega} U & \stackrel{\mathsf{def}}{\Longleftrightarrow} (\exists B \in U) B \subseteq A, \\ \mathsf{wb}(A) \stackrel{\mathsf{def}}{=} \{B \in \mathsf{Fin}(S) \mid A \subseteq B\} \,. \end{array}$$

- $V \subseteq \operatorname{Fin}(\mathbb{N})$  is splitting iff it is closed downwards w.r.t.  $\subseteq$ .
- A splitting subset V is located iff it is detachable (NB.  $A \ll A$ ).

Example (Scott topology on the bounded upper reals)  $\mathcal{R}^u = (\mathbb{Q}, \lhd_u, \mathsf{wb})$  where

$$\begin{split} q \lhd_u U & \stackrel{\text{def}}{\longleftrightarrow} (\forall p < q) \left( \exists q' \in U \right) p < q', \\ \mathsf{wb}(q) \stackrel{\text{def}}{=} \left\{ p \in \mathbb{Q} \mid p < q \right\}. \end{split}$$

•  $V \subseteq \mathbb{Q}$  is splitting iff it is an upper real, i.e.

$$q \in V \iff (\exists p < q) \, p \in V.$$

A splitting subset V is located iff it is a located upper real (extended real), i.e. p < q ⇒ p ∉ V ∨ q ∈ V.</p> Example (Binary tree  ${\cal C}$  (Formal Cantor space))  ${\cal C}=(\{0,1\}^*,\lhd_{\cal C},{\sf wb}) \text{ where }$ 

$$\begin{aligned} a \vartriangleleft_{\mathcal{C}} U & \Longleftrightarrow^{\mathsf{def}} \ (\exists k \in \mathbb{N}) \left( \forall c \in a[k] \right) \left( \exists b \in U \right) b \preccurlyeq c \\ & \longleftrightarrow \ U \text{ is a uniform bar of } a. \end{aligned}$$

$$\begin{split} a[k] \stackrel{\text{def}}{=} & \{a \ast b \mid |b| = k\} \,, \\ \text{wb}(a) \stackrel{\text{def}}{=} & \{b \in \{0,1\}^* \mid a \preccurlyeq b\} \,. \end{split}$$

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► A splitting subset V is located iff it is detachable (NB. a ≪ a), i.e. it is a (possibly empty) "spread".

#### Example (Locally compact metric spaces, Palmgren (2007))

Given a (Bishop) locally compact metric space (X, d), its **localic** completion is the continuous cover  $\mathcal{M}(X) = (M_X, \triangleleft_X, \mathsf{wb})$  where

## Proposition

• A splitting subset  $V \subseteq M_X$  corresponds to a closed subset

 $X_V \stackrel{\text{def}}{=} \left\{ x \in X \mid \left( \forall \, \mathsf{b}(y,\delta) \in M_X \right) d(x,y) < \delta \rightarrow \mathsf{b}(y,\delta) \in V \right\}.$ 

A closed subset  $Y \subseteq X$  corresponds to a splitting subset

$$V_Y \stackrel{\text{def}}{=} \left\{ \mathsf{b}(x,\varepsilon) \in M_X \mid (\exists y \in Y) \, d(x,y) < \varepsilon \right\}.$$

The correspondence is bijective.

(Coquand, Palmgren, and Spitters (2011)) A splitting subset
 V ⊆ M<sub>X</sub> is located iff X<sub>V</sub> ⊆ X is semi-located, i.e. for each x ∈ X, the distance

$$d(x, X_V) \stackrel{\text{def}}{=} \left\{ q \in \mathbb{Q}^{>0} \mid (\exists y \in X_V) \, d(x, y) < q \right\}$$

is a located upper real.

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**Problem.** Given a continuous cover S, find a geometric theory  $T_{\mathcal{L}}$  whose models are the located subsets of S.

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## Non-example (Located subsets)

A locatedness  $a \ll b \implies a \notin V \lor b \in V$  is not geometric.

A naive approach requires non-geometric axiom:

$$\top \vdash (a \to \bot) \lor b \qquad (a \ll b)$$

where  $\top \stackrel{\text{def}}{=} \land \emptyset$ .

## But there is a way out

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Extended Dedekind reals are the models of a theory  $T_D$  over the propositional symbols  $\{(p, +\infty) \mid p \in \mathbb{Q}\} \cup \{(-\infty, q) \mid q \in \mathbb{Q}\}$  with the following axioms:

$$(-\infty, q) \vdash \bigvee_{q' < q} (-\infty, q')$$
$$(-\infty, q) \vdash (-\infty, q') \qquad (q < q')$$

Dual axioms for  $(p, +\infty) \dots$ 

$$\begin{split} (q,+\infty) \wedge (-\infty,q) \vdash \bot \\ & \top \vdash (p,+\infty) \wedge (-\infty,q) \\ & \top \stackrel{\mathrm{def}}{=} \wedge \emptyset, \quad \bot \stackrel{\mathrm{def}}{=} \vee \emptyset. \end{split}$$

## Cuts of a continuous cover

Let  $S = (S, \lhd, wb)$  be a continuous cover. A cut of S is a pair (L, U) of subsets of S such that

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$$a \triangleleft \{a_0, \ldots, a_{n-1}\}$$
 &  $a \in U \implies (\exists k < n) a_k \in U$ ,  
2.  $a \in U \implies (\exists b \ll a) b \in U$ ,  
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5.  $L \cap U = \emptyset$ ,  
6.  $a \ll b \implies a \in L \lor b \in U$ .

#### Proposition

There exists a bijective correspondence between the located subsets of S and the cuts of S given by

$$V \mapsto (L_V, V) ,$$
  
$$L_V \stackrel{\mathsf{def}}{=} \{ a \in S \mid (\exists \{a_0, \dots, a_{n-1}\} \gg a) \, (\forall k < n) \, a_k \notin V \} .$$

## The theory of located subsets

Given a continuous cover S, define a geometric theory  $T_{\mathcal{L}}$  over a propositional symbols  $P = \{\mathbf{l}(a) \mid a \in S\} \cup \{\mathbf{u}(a) \mid a \in S\}$  consisting of axioms:

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A model  $\alpha \subseteq P$  corresponds to a cut of S via

$$\alpha \mapsto \left( \left\{ a \mid \mathbf{l}(a) \in \alpha \right\}, \left\{ a \mid \mathbf{u}(a) \in \alpha \right\} \right).$$

Lawson topologies

A formal topology S is a triple  $S = (S, \lhd, \le)$  where  $(S, \le)$  is a preorder and  $\lhd \subseteq S \times Pow(S)$  is called a **cover** on *S* such that

$$\frac{a \in U}{a \lhd U}, \quad \frac{a \leq b}{a \lhd b}, \quad \frac{a \lhd U \quad U \lhd V}{a \lhd V}, \quad \frac{a \lhd U \quad a \lhd V}{a \lhd U \downarrow V},$$

for all  $a, b \in S$  and  $U, V \subseteq S$  where

$$U \downarrow V \stackrel{\mathsf{def}}{=} \downarrow U \cap \downarrow V = \{ c \in S \mid (\exists a \in U) \ (\exists b \in V) \ c \leq a \ \& \ c \leq b \} \,.$$

A geometric theory *T* over propositional symbols *P* determines a formal topology  $S_T$  that corresponds to the frame presented by the theory *T*.

Let S be a continuous cover, and let  $\mathcal{L}(S)$  be the formal topology associated with the geometric theory  $T_{\mathcal{L}}$ ; call  $\mathcal{L}(S)$  the space of located subsets of S.

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## **Compact regular formal topologies**

A formal topology  $S = (S, \lhd, \le)$  is regular if  $a \lhd \{b \in S \mid b \ll a\},$ where  $a \ll b \stackrel{\text{def}}{\iff} S \lhd a^* \cup \{b\}$  and  $b^* \stackrel{\text{def}}{=} \{c \in S \mid b \downarrow c \lhd \emptyset\}.$ A formal topology S is compact if

$$S \lhd U \implies (\exists A \in \mathsf{Fin}(U)) S \lhd A.$$

## Lemma (Johnstone (1982))

Every compact regular formal topology  $S = (S, \lhd, \le)$  is a continuous cover  $(S, \lhd, \mathsf{wb})$  with  $\mathsf{wb}(a) \stackrel{\text{def}}{=} \{b \in S \mid b \lll a\}$ .

#### Lemma

Continuous maps between compact regular formal topologies are perfect. Hence, the category **KReg** of compact regular formal topologies and continuous maps is a full subcategory of **CCov**.

## Proposition

- **1.**  $\mathcal{L}(\mathcal{S})$  is a compact regular formal topology.
- There exists a perfect map *ι*<sub>S</sub>: *L*(S) → S such that for any compact regular formal topology S' and a perfect map *r*: S' → S, there exists a unique continuous map *r*: S' → *L*(S) such that



#### Theorem

The construction  $\mathcal{L}(\mathcal{S})$  is the right adjoint to the forgetful functor **KReg**  $\rightarrow$  **CCov**.

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- The notion located subset for continuous cover captures well-known examples of located subsets.
- Located subsets can be characterised geometrically by the notion of cuts.
- ► The space L(S) of located subsets of a continuous cover S is the Lawson topology on S.
- ► The monad on KReg induced by the construction L(-) is the Vietoris monad on KReg.

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