

Topping Topoi

An introduction to sheaf and Grothendieck topoi

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Introduction to Sheaf

How do we study structures of spaces?

Given a topological space (X, \mathcal{T}) . We assign to each open set U a set of elements s which satisfy certain property ϕ within U :

$$U \longmapsto F(U) = \{s \mid U \models \phi(s)\}$$

Examples:

- $F(U) = C^0(U, \mathbb{R})$ (continuous real-valued functions on U)
- $F(U) = B(U, \mathbb{R})$ (bounded real-valued functions on U)
- $F(U) = K(U, \mathbb{R})$ (constant real-valued functions on U)

Section of F over U

$$s \in F(U)$$

What do we want the assignment to conform to?

For any open sets $U, V \in \mathcal{T}$ such that $U \subseteq V$, there is a restriction map $\rho_U^V : F(V) \rightarrow F(U)$ such that

1. for all open set U , $\rho_U^U = id_{F(U)}$
2. for all open sets $U \subseteq V \subseteq W$, $\rho_U^V \circ \rho_V^W = \rho_U^W$

The restriction maps for the previous examples are simply restricting the domain of functions.

Notation: for open sets $U \subseteq V$ and $s \in F(V)$, $s|_U := \rho_U^V(s)$

Presheaf on a topological space

A pair $(F, (\rho_U^V)_{U \subseteq V})$ where F is a map from \mathcal{T} to **Sets** and $(\rho_U^V : F(V) \rightarrow F(U))$ is a collection of maps satisfying the above conditions

Relation between a section and its restrictions

Given a presheaf (F, ρ) and open set U . It would be nice that we can reconstruct a section of U by assembling its restrictions on an open cover of U . This property could be formalised as

Sheaf condition

Given an open set U and an open cover $(U_i)_{i \in I}$ of it.

1. For $s, t \in F(U)$, if $s|_{U_i} = t|_{U_i}$ for all $i \in I$, then $s = t$.
2. For any family of sections $(s_i \in F(U_i))_{i \in I}$ such that $s_i|_{U_i \cap U_j} = s_j|_{U_i \cap U_j}$ for all $i, j \in I$, there is an $s \in F(U)$ such that $s|_{U_i} = s_i$ for all $i \in I$.

Sheaf of a topolocial space

A sheaf is a presheaf satisfying sheaf property.

Rephrasing definitions in the language of category theory

A topology \mathcal{T} on X is a poset ordered by \subseteq , which can be seen as a category where there is at most one morphism between any two objects.

Presheaf on (X, \mathcal{T})

A functor $F \in [\mathcal{T}^{op}, \text{Sets}]$

Sheaf on (X, \mathcal{T})

A presheaf $F \in [\mathcal{T}^{op}, \text{Sets}]$ such that for each open set U and open cover $(U_i)_{i \in I}$ of U , the diagram

$$F(U) \xrightarrow{\langle F(U \hookrightarrow U_i) \rangle_{i \in I}} \prod_{i \in I} F(U_i) \rightrightarrows^{\begin{matrix} F(U_i \cap U_j \hookrightarrow U_i) \circ \pi_i \\ F(U_i \cap U_j \hookrightarrow U_j) \circ \pi_j \end{matrix}} \prod_{(i,j) \in I \times I} F(U_i \cap U_j)$$

forms an equalizer.

Generalizing Open Covers - Sieves

- Recall that in topological space (X, \mathcal{T}) , the collection of all open subsets of U is all the inclusion maps from some object to U .
- In fact, this forms a presheaf $\text{Hom}_{\mathcal{T}}(-, U)$.
- So categorically, we think of a collection of open subsets of U as a “*subpresheaf*” of $\text{Hom}_{\mathcal{T}}(-, U)$.
- In order for these collections to be a presheaf, they must be downward closed, and they are so-called “*sieves*.”

Sieve

A sieve S on an object C of category \mathcal{C} is a subpresheaf of $\text{Hom}_{\mathcal{C}}(-, C)$. That is, $S \subseteq \{f \mid \text{cod}(f) = C\}$ such that

$$f \in S \implies f \circ g \in S$$

for all g composable with f .

Generalizing Open Covers - Pullback Sieve

- Given an open set U , a collection of its subsets $\{U_i\}_{i \in I}$, and an open subset $V \subseteq U$.
- If the collection is a sieve on U , then the collection of intersections $\{U_i \cap V\}_{i \in I}$ is a subcollection of $\{U_i\}_{i \in I}$ that forms a sieve on V .
- So we can generalize the notion of intersection with a subset as follows.

Pullback of Sieve

Given a sieve S on C and a morphism $f: D \rightarrow C$. The pullback of S along f is a sieve on D given by

$$f^*(S) := \{g : E \rightarrow D \mid f \circ g \in S\}.$$

Generalizing Open Covers - Grothendieck Topology

Grothendieck topology [1]

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It can be verified that the usual notion of open cover in topological space (X, \mathcal{T}) gives a Grothendieck topology: if $S = \{U_i \hookrightarrow U\}_{i \in I}$ is a sieve on U , then

$$S \in \text{Cov}(U) \iff \bigcup_{i \in I} U_i = U.$$

An example of a presheaf that fails sheaf condition

Example. (bounded functions)

- Consider $(\mathbb{R}, \mathcal{T}_{Euc})$ and $B \in [\mathcal{T}_{Euc}^{op}, \mathbf{Sets}]$ (the presheaf of bounded functions on \mathbb{R} .)
- Let $(U_i = (i - 1, i + 1))_{i \in \mathbb{Z}}$ which is an open cover of \mathbb{R} .
- For each $i \in \mathbb{Z}$, define $f_i : U_i \rightarrow \mathbb{R}$ by $f_i(x) = x$, then it is obvious that $f_i \in B(U_i)$.
- Moreover, we have $f_i|_{U_i \cap U_j} = f_j|_{U_i \cap U_j}$ for all $i, j \in \mathbb{Z}$.
- However, the only function f on \mathbb{R} such $f|_{U_i} = f_i$ for all i is the identity function, which is not in $B(\mathbb{R})$.

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The example shows that not all local property can be "*glued*" together to form a global property.

Question

Is there a canonical way to turn a presheaf into sheaf?

Sheafification !

Sheafifying Presheaves

Stalks

Given a presheaf $F \in \text{PSh}(\mathcal{T})$

Stalk

The stalk of F at x is the filtered colimit

$$F_x := \underset{U \ni x}{\operatorname{colim}} F(U) \quad .$$

(Note that $\{U \in \mathcal{T} \mid x \in U\}$ is indeed a prime filter.)

Remark.

$$F_x \cong \left(\bigsqcup_{U \ni x} F(U) \right) / \sim_x$$

where $s \in F(U) \sim_x t \in F(V)$ iff there is some open set $W \subseteq U \cap V$ such that $x \in W$ and $s|_W = t|_W$.

Germs

Germ

Given a presheaf F , an open set U , and a point $x \in U$. There is a mapping

$$F(U) \longrightarrow F_x$$

$$s \longmapsto s_x$$

sending a section to an equivalence class of sections over \sim_x . Such s_x is called the germ of s at x .

Properties about germs and stalks

Let (X, \mathcal{T}) be a topological space, and $F \in \text{Sh}(\mathcal{T})$.

Lemma

1. The map

$$\begin{aligned} F(U) &\rightarrow \prod_{x \in U} F_x \\ s &\mapsto (s_x)_{x \in U} \end{aligned}$$

is injective.

2. Suppose $U \in \mathcal{T}$ and $s, t \in F(U)$. If $s_x = t_x \in F_x$ for all $x \in U$, then $s = t \in F(U)$.

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Properties about germs and stalks

Let (X, \mathcal{T}) be a topological space, $F, G \in \text{Sh}(\mathcal{T})$, and $\varphi : F \rightarrow G$ be a morphism of sheaves (i.e. a natural transformation.)

Proposition

If the induced map

$$\varphi_x : F_x \longrightarrow G_x$$

$$s_x = [(U, s)] \longmapsto [(U, \varphi_U(s))] = \varphi_U(s)_x$$

is an bijection for all $x \in X$, then φ is an isomorphism.

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Sheafification

Let (X, \mathcal{T}) be a topological space.

Theorem (Sheafification)

The inclusion $\iota : \text{Sh}(\mathcal{T}) \hookrightarrow \text{PSh}(\mathcal{T})$ admits a left adjoint
 $L : \text{PSh}(\mathcal{T}) \rightarrow \text{Sh}(\mathcal{T})$ called the *sheafification*.

Universal Property of Sheafification

Given a presheaf F , a sheaf G , and a morphism $\sigma : F \rightarrow \iota(G)$. There is a unique $\eta : L(F) \rightarrow G$ such that the diagram

$$\begin{array}{ccc} F & \xrightarrow{\quad} & \iota(L(F)) \\ \sigma \searrow & & \downarrow \exists! \eta \\ & & \iota(G) \end{array}$$

commutes.

This can be understood as that $L(F)$ is a certain kind of "best approximation of F " in the sheaf category.

Constructing Sheafification

Construction of L

Given a presheaf $F \in \text{PSh}(\mathcal{T})$.

$$L(F)(U) := \left\{ (s_x)_{x \in U} \in \prod_{x \in U} F_x \middle| \begin{array}{l} \text{for all } x \in U, \\ \text{there is some } U_x \subseteq U \text{ containing } x \\ \text{such that there is some } s' \in F(U_x) \\ \text{such that } s_y = s'_y \text{ for all } y \in U_x \end{array} \right\}$$

- By taking the elements of stalks, we ensure that the sheafification satisfies the locality condition of sheaf.
- By requiring the RHS condition, we make these elements “glueable”.

From Sheaves to Topoi

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Site

A pair $(\mathcal{C}, \text{Cov})$ where \mathcal{C} is a category and Cov is a Grothendieck topology on \mathcal{C} .

A site is *small* if \mathcal{C} is small.

Sheaves on a site [2]

Given a presheaf $F \in [\mathcal{C}^{op}, \text{Sets}]$.

Matching family

Given a sieve S on object C in \mathcal{C} . A matching family assigns to each $f : D \rightarrow C$ in S an $x_f \in F(D)$ such that

$$F(g)(x_f) = x_{f \circ g} \quad \forall g : E \rightarrow D.$$

Amalgamation

An amalgamation for the above matching family is an element $x \in F(C)$ such that $F(f)(x) = x_f$ for all $f \in S$.

Sheaf on a site

F is a sheaf on site $(\mathcal{C}, \text{Cov})$ iff for all object $C \in \mathcal{C}$ and $S \in \text{Cov}(C)$, every matching family of S has a unique amalgamation.

Reformulating Sheaves via Limits

- Let S be a covering sieve on C .
- Notice that the set of "matching families" for S is precisely the limit of \mathcal{F} restricted to the sieve.
- The "amalgamation" condition says the map from $\mathcal{F}(C)$ to this limit is a bijection.

Limit Definition of a Sheaf

A presheaf \mathcal{F} is a sheaf if and only if for every object C and every covering sieve $S \in \text{Cov}(C)$, the canonical map is a bijection:

$$\mathcal{F}(C) \xrightarrow{\cong} \lim_{\substack{D \rightarrow C \\ f}} \mathcal{F}(D)$$

This perspective allows us to "force" the sheaf condition using limits and colimits.

The Plus Construction (\mathcal{F}^\dagger)

To turn a presheaf into a sheaf, we construct a new presheaf \mathcal{F}^\dagger that "fixes" the failure of the limit condition.

Construction

For any presheaf \mathcal{F} and object C , define:

$$\mathcal{F}^\dagger(C) := \operatorname{colim}_{S \in \operatorname{Cov}(C)} \left(\lim_{\substack{D \rightarrow C \\ f}} \mathcal{F}(D) \right)$$

where the colimit is taken over the poset of covering sieves (ordered by reverse inclusion).

- **Inner Limit:** Constructs "potential sections" (matching families) for a specific cover S .
- **Outer Colimit:** Identifies matching families that agree on a finer cover (germs of sections).

Step 1: Separated Presheaves

The first application of the plus construction ensures uniqueness of amalgamations, but not necessarily existence.

Separated Presheaf

A presheaf \mathcal{F} is **separated** if the map $\mathcal{F}(C) \rightarrow \prod_{f \in S} \mathcal{F}(\text{dom}(f))$ is injective for every cover S . (Equivalently, matching families have *at most one* amalgamation).

First Application

For any presheaf \mathcal{F} , the presheaf \mathcal{F}^\dagger is separated.

The plus construction removes "ghost elements" that vanish locally.

Step 2: The Sheafification Theorem

Second Application

If \mathcal{F} is already a **separated** presheaf, then \mathcal{F}^\dagger is a **sheaf**.

- Therefore, applying the construction twice yields the sheafification.

Theorem (Sheafification Theorem)

The inclusion functor $\text{Sh}(\mathcal{C}) \hookrightarrow \text{Fun}(\mathcal{C}^{\text{op}}, \text{Set})$ has a left adjoint L , called **sheafification**. It is given by:

$$L(\mathcal{F}) := (\mathcal{F}^\dagger)^\dagger$$

Furthermore, L preserves finite limits (is left exact).

Grothendieck topos

The collection of sheaves on $(\mathcal{C}, \text{Cov})$ together with natural transformations between them forms a category $\text{Sh}(\mathcal{C}, \text{Cov})$.

A Grothendieck topos is a category that is equivalent to $\text{Sh}(\mathcal{C}, \text{Cov})$ for some small site $(\mathcal{C}, \text{Cov})$.

Giraud's Theorem: Characterization of Topoi

Theorem (Giraud)

Let \mathcal{X} be a category. The following conditions are equivalent:

1. \mathcal{X} is a Grothendieck topos (i.e., $\mathcal{X} \simeq \text{Sh}(\mathcal{C}, \text{Cov})$ for a small site $(\mathcal{C}, \text{Cov})$).
2. There exists a small category \mathcal{C} and a fully faithful embedding $\mathcal{X} \hookrightarrow \text{Fun}(\mathcal{C}^{\text{op}}, \text{Set})$ admitting a left adjoint L that preserves finite limits.
3. \mathcal{X} satisfies **Giraud's Axioms**:
 - (G1) \mathcal{X} admits finite limits.
 - (G2) Every equivalence relation in \mathcal{X} is effective.
 - (G3) \mathcal{X} has disjoint small coproducts.
 - (G4) Effective epimorphisms are stable under pullback.
 - (G5) Coproducts differ commute with pullback (universality).
 - (G6) \mathcal{X} has a set of generators.

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Characterization (2): Topos as a Localization

- We can interpret the left adjoint $L : \text{Fun}(\mathcal{C}^{\text{op}}, \text{Set}) \rightarrow \mathcal{X}$ as a **localization functor**.
- The sheafification process essentially "forces" certain morphisms to become isomorphisms.

Inverting Local Isomorphisms

Let Σ be the collection of **local isomorphisms** (morphisms $\alpha : \mathcal{F} \rightarrow \mathcal{G}$ that become isomorphisms locally on a cover).

- The functor L maps every $\alpha \in \Sigma$ to an isomorphism in \mathcal{X} .
 - Conversely, any functor inverting Σ factors uniquely through L .
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- Thus, we view the topos \mathcal{X} as the category obtained from presheaves by **formally inverting** all locally equivalent morphisms.
 - **Summary:** A Grothendieck topos is a *left exact localization* of a presheaf category.

Generalization to ∞ -Topoi

- The characterization of a topos as a **left exact localization** (Condition 2) is the most robust definition for generalization.
- It allows us to pass from "sets" to "spaces" (homotopy types) seamlessly.

The ∞ -Categorical Analogy

- **1-Topos:** A category \mathcal{X} is a Grothendieck topos if it is a left exact localization of a presheaf category $\text{Fun}(\mathcal{C}^{\text{op}}, \text{Set})$.
- **∞ -Topos:** An ∞ -category \mathcal{X} is an ∞ -topos if it is a left exact localization of an ∞ -category of presheaves $\text{Fun}(\mathcal{C}^{\text{op}}, \mathcal{S})$, where \mathcal{S} is the ∞ -category of spaces (animas).

- In this framework, "sheafification" becomes a localization functor L that enforces **homotopical descent**.
- This definition avoids the immediate complexity of "sites with homotopy coherent covers," making the theory much cleaner to set up.

∞ -Topoi: Descent for Sheaves of Spaces

Let \mathcal{X} be a small ∞ -category equipped with a Grothendieck topology, and $F : \mathcal{X}^{op} \rightarrow \mathcal{S}$ be a presheaf of spaces.

The Cech Cosimplicial Object: Given a cover $\mathcal{U} = \{U_i \rightarrow X\}$ in \mathcal{X} , the evaluation of F on the Cech nerve $\check{C}(\mathcal{U})$ yields a cosimplicial diagram in \mathcal{S} :

$$F(X) \longrightarrow \prod_i F(U_i) \rightrightarrows \prod_{i,j} F(U_{ij}) \rightrightarrows \dots$$

The Descent Condition (Sheaf Property)

The presheaf F is a **sheaf** if for every cover \mathcal{U} , the map to the (homotopy) limit is a (weak) homotopy equivalence of spaces:

$$F(X) \xrightarrow{\sim} \lim_{\Delta} F(\check{C}(\mathcal{U}))$$

(Here, the limit is taken in the ∞ -category \mathcal{S})

Topos as a Semantics for Logic

- Giraud's theorem tells us exactly what categorical structures exist in every topos.
- Remarkably, these structures correspond one-to-one with the operations of first-order intuitionistic logic.
- This allows us to view a topos not just as a "generalized space," but as a "mathematical universe" where logic can be performed.

Categorical Structure (Giraud)	Logical Operation
Finite Limits (G1)	Conjunction (\wedge), Truth (\top), Substitution
Coproducts (G3)	Disjunction (\vee), Falsehood (\perp)
Subobject Lattices	Propositional Logic
Adjoints to Pullback	Quantifiers (\exists, \forall)

Interpreting IPL in topos

Fix propositional variables $\text{Var} = \{p, q, \dots\}$. Formulas:

$$\varphi ::= p \mid \top \mid \perp \mid (\varphi \wedge \psi) \mid (\varphi \vee \psi) \mid (\varphi \rightarrow \psi), \quad \neg \varphi := (\varphi \rightarrow \perp).$$

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$$[\![\varphi]\!] \in \text{Sub}(1) \cong \mathcal{E}(1, \Omega),$$

$\text{Sub}(1)$: poset of subobjects of 1, with $A \leq B$ if $A \hookrightarrow B$

In $\mathcal{E} = \text{PSh}(\mathcal{C})$:

- 1 is the stage-wise terminal object, i.e. sending each $C \in \mathcal{C}$ to singleton $\{*\}$ (with unique restriction).
- A subobject of 1 (a subterminal) is a subpresheaf P of 1 with each section either $\{*\}$ or \emptyset stable under restriction, meaning:

$$P(C) = \{*\} \text{ and } \alpha : D \rightarrow C \implies P(D) = \{*\}.$$

2. How should the “truth object” of propositions interact with connectives? –What operations do we have on $\text{Sub}(1)$?

Proposition

In any topos (in particular in $\text{PSh}(\mathcal{C})$ or $\text{Sh}(\mathcal{C})$), the poset $\text{Sub}(1)$ forms a Heyting algebra. Concretely, for subobjects $A \hookrightarrow 1$ and $B \hookrightarrow 1$:

- $\top := 1 \hookrightarrow 1$, $\perp := 0 \hookrightarrow 1$.
- $A \sqcap B := A \times B \hookrightarrow 1$ (pullback / intersection).
- $A \sqcup B := \text{im}(A \amalg B \rightarrow 1) \hookrightarrow 1$ (join / union).
- $A \Rightarrow B$ is the *largest* subobject $C \hookrightarrow 1$ such that $C \sqcap A \leq B$, i.e. for all $D \hookrightarrow 1$,

$$D \leq (A \Rightarrow B) \iff (D \sqcap A) \leq B.$$

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Then the valuation v can be extended to all formulas, i.e.

$\llbracket - \rrbracket : \text{Form}_{\text{IPL}} \rightarrow \text{Sub}(1)$, via the algebraic operations on $\text{Sub}(1)$ inductively. For example:

$$\llbracket \varphi \wedge \psi \rrbracket = \llbracket \varphi \rrbracket \sqcap \llbracket \psi \rrbracket, \quad \llbracket \varphi \vee \psi \rrbracket = \llbracket \varphi \rrbracket \sqcup \llbracket \psi \rrbracket,$$

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$$C \Vdash P \iff P(C) = \{*\}$$

Since subterminals are stable under restriction, presheaf forcing is *persistent*: if $C \Vdash P$ and $\alpha : D \rightarrow C$ then $D \Vdash P$.

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$$\begin{aligned} (A \sqcup B)(C) &\cong \text{im}(A(C) \amalg B(C) \rightarrow 1(C)) \subseteq \{*\} \\ (A \sqcup B)(C) = \{*\} &\iff A(C) \amalg B(C) \neq \emptyset \\ &\iff A(C) = \{*\} \text{ or } B(C) = \{*\} \\ &\iff C \Vdash A \text{ or } C \Vdash B \end{aligned}$$

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$$C \Vdash \llbracket \varphi \rightarrow \psi \rrbracket \iff C \Vdash \llbracket \varphi \rrbracket \Rightarrow \llbracket \psi \rrbracket$$

for Heyting implication in $\text{Sub}(1)$.

$$\begin{aligned} (A \Rightarrow B)(C) = \{*\} &\iff \forall f : D \rightarrow C, (A(D) = \{*\} \Rightarrow B(D) = \{*\}) \\ &\iff \forall f : D \rightarrow C, (D \Vdash A \Rightarrow D \Vdash B). \end{aligned}$$

Presheaf semantics: forcing clauses

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$$\mathcal{E}, C, v \models \top \text{ always, } \mathcal{E}, C, v \models \perp \text{ never}$$

$$\mathcal{E}, C, v \models p \iff C \Vdash v(p) = \llbracket p \rrbracket^v, \quad p \in \text{Var}$$

Inductively:

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Soundness

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Stability under restriction implies the persistence of presheaf forcing, i.e.

$$v(p)(w) = \{\ast\} \text{ and } u \rightarrow w \implies v(p)(u) = \{\ast\}$$

Therefore, $V(p) := \{w \in W \mid v(p)(w) = \{\ast\}\}$ is a R -upset (a valuation in a Kripke model for **IPC**).

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So presheaf semantics on poset presheaves is just Kripke semantics for intuitionistic logic.

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Corollary

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- Heyting operations on $\text{Sub}(1)$?
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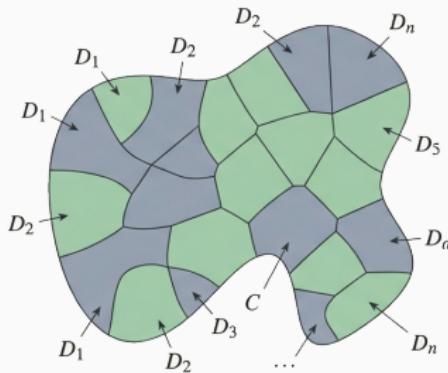


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In $\text{Sh}(\mathcal{C}, \text{Cov})$ the join in Sub(1) is computed as the image of a coproduct (involving colimits), but colimits in $\text{Sh}(\mathcal{C}, \text{Cov})$ are obtained by sheafifying presheaf colimits. Therefore \vee becomes local (witnessed only after passing to a cover).

Sheaf on a space

Recall: For a topological space (X, τ) , $\text{Sh}(\tau)$ denotes the sheaf on (τ, \subseteq) . A covering sieve in $\text{Cov}(U)$ is exactly the \subseteq -downward closure of an open over of U .

Proposition

For any $\text{Sh}(\tau)$, there is a bijection $\Theta : \text{Sub}(1) \rightarrow \tau$.

For each open $U \in \tau$, define the subterminal sheaf $1_U \hookrightarrow 1$ by

$$1_U(V) := \begin{cases} \{*\} & \text{if } V \subseteq U, \\ \emptyset & \text{otherwise.} \end{cases}$$

Conversely, for a subobject $A \hookrightarrow 1$ in $\text{Sh}(X)$, let

$$U_A := \bigcup \{ V \in \tau \mid A(V) = \{*\} \}.$$

$U \mapsto (1_U \hookrightarrow 1)$ and $(A \hookrightarrow 1) \mapsto U_A$ are mutually inverse.

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There's more!

Θ is a Heyting isomorphism between $(\text{Sub}_{\text{Sh}(\mathcal{T})}(1), \top, \perp, \sqcup, \sqcap, \Rightarrow)$ and $(\mathcal{T}, X, \emptyset, \cup, \cap, \Rightarrow)$.

Topological semantics for IPC

Valuation

A valuation o assigns each propositional variable an open set:

$$o : \text{Var} \rightarrow \mathcal{T} :: p \mapsto o(p) = \llbracket p \rrbracket^o$$

Extend inductively to all formulas, i.e. define $\llbracket - \rrbracket : \text{Form}_{\text{IPC}} \rightarrow \mathcal{T}$ by

$$\llbracket \top \rrbracket = X, \quad \llbracket \perp \rrbracket = \emptyset, \quad \llbracket \varphi \wedge \psi \rrbracket = \llbracket \varphi \rrbracket \cap \llbracket \psi \rrbracket, \quad \llbracket \varphi \vee \psi \rrbracket = \llbracket \varphi \rrbracket \cup \llbracket \psi \rrbracket,$$

$$\llbracket \varphi \rightarrow \psi \rrbracket = \text{int}\left((X \setminus \llbracket \varphi \rrbracket) \cup \llbracket \psi \rrbracket\right), \quad \llbracket \neg \varphi \rrbracket = \text{int}(X \setminus \llbracket \varphi \rrbracket).$$

For an open set $U \in \mathcal{T}$,

$$U, o \models \varphi \text{ iff } U \subseteq \llbracket \varphi \rrbracket.$$

A formula φ is *valid in* (X, \mathcal{T}) iff $\llbracket \varphi \rrbracket = X$ for every valuation.

Sheaf semantics on spaces = topological semantics

Using the Heyting isomorphism $\text{Sub}_{\mathcal{E}}(1) \cong \mathcal{T}$, every sheaf valuation v in $\text{Sub}_{\mathcal{E}}(1)$ naturally corresponds to a topological valuation o in \mathcal{T} .

Then for every $\varphi \in \text{IPL}$ and every open stage $U \in \mathcal{T}$,

$$U, o \models_{tp} \varphi \iff U \subseteq \llbracket \varphi \rrbracket^o \iff \mathcal{E}, U, v \models_{\text{Sh}} \varphi.$$

For the inductive step for \vee , we make use of the local feature of covers.

For any $A, B \in \mathcal{T}$, $U \subseteq A \cup B$ iff:

there is an open cover $(U_i)_{i \in I}$ of U s.t. $\forall i \in I$: $U_i \subseteq A$ or $U_i \subseteq B$

which matches the sheaf semantic clause for \vee .

In particular, taking $U = X$, for each valuation o (equivalently the induced v), we have $\llbracket \varphi \rrbracket^o = X \iff \llbracket \varphi \rrbracket^v(X) = \{*\}$; hence $(X, \mathcal{T}) \models \varphi$ iff $\text{Sh}(\mathcal{T}) \models \varphi$.

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Theorem (Tarski)

IPC = Log($\{\text{Sh}(X, \mathcal{T}) \mid (X, \mathcal{T}) \text{ is a topological space } \}$)

Kripke–Joyal semantics

In any (elementary) topos \mathcal{E} , the truth values $\text{Sub}_{\mathcal{E}}(1)$ form a Heyting algebra, so the internal propositional logic of \mathcal{E} is intuitionistic.

- classical only when $\text{Sub}_{\mathcal{E}}(1)$ is Boolean ($\neg\neg = \text{id}$), e.g. when the Grothendieck topology is the dense/double-negation topology, defined by

$$\text{Cov}(C) = \{R \in \Omega(C) : (\forall f : C' \rightarrow C) (\exists g : C'' \rightarrow C') (fg \in R)\}$$

Kripke-Joyal semantics

More generally, every elementary topos \mathcal{E} carries an internal first-order intuitionistic logic with logical connectives/quantifiers interpreted by the corresponding categorical constructions (pullbacks, images, exponentials, adjoints). Kripke–Joyal semantics is the standard “external” forcing presentation that lets us read off this internal logic stagewise.

Set structure:

- Domain: a set M
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- Assignment: elements $\vec{x} \mapsto \vec{a}$
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Questions?

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