

# Introduction to Categorical Logic

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# Chapter 3

## Cartesian Closed Categories and the $\lambda$ -Calculus

### 3.1 Categorification and the Curry-Howard correspondence

Consider the following natural deduction proof in propositional calculus.

$$\frac{\frac{\frac{[(A \wedge B) \wedge (A \Rightarrow B)]^1}{A \wedge B}}{A} \quad \frac{[(A \wedge B) \wedge (A \Rightarrow B)]^1}{A \Rightarrow B}}{B} \quad \frac{}{(A \wedge B) \wedge (A \Rightarrow B) \Rightarrow B}^{(1)}$$

This deduction shows that

$$\vdash (A \wedge B) \wedge (A \Rightarrow B) \Rightarrow B.$$

But so does the following:

$$\frac{\frac{[(A \wedge B) \wedge (A \Rightarrow B)]^1}{A \Rightarrow B} \quad \frac{\frac{[(A \wedge B) \wedge (A \Rightarrow B)]^1}{A \wedge B}}{A}}{B} \quad \frac{}{(A \wedge B) \wedge (A \Rightarrow B) \Rightarrow B}^{(1)}$$

As does:

$$\frac{\frac{[(A \wedge B) \wedge (A \Rightarrow B)]^1}{A \wedge B}}{B} \quad \frac{}{(A \wedge B) \wedge (A \Rightarrow B) \Rightarrow B}^{(1)}$$

There is a sense in which the first two proofs are “equivalent”, but not the first and the third. The relation (or property) of *provability* in propositional calculus  $\vdash \phi$  discards such differences in the proofs that witness it. According to the “proof-relevant” point of view, sometimes called *propositions as types*, one retains as relevant some information about the way in which a proposition is proved. This is effected by annotating the proofs with *proof-terms* as they are constructed, as follows:

$$\frac{\frac{[x : (A \wedge B) \wedge (A \Rightarrow B)]^1}{\pi_2(x) : A \Rightarrow B} \quad \frac{\frac{[x : (A \wedge B) \wedge (A \Rightarrow B)]^1}{\pi_1(x) : A \wedge B} \quad \frac{\pi_1(x) : A \wedge B}{\pi_1(\pi_1(x)) : A}}{\pi_2(x)(\pi_1(\pi_1(x))) : B} \quad \frac{\pi_2(x)(\pi_1(\pi_1(x))) : B}{\lambda x. \pi_2(x)(\pi_1(\pi_1(x))) : (A \wedge B) \wedge (A \Rightarrow B) \Rightarrow B}^{(1)}$$

$$\frac{\frac{[x : (A \wedge B) \wedge (A \Rightarrow B)]^1}{\pi_1(x) : A \wedge B} \quad \frac{\pi_1(x) : A \wedge B}{\pi_1(\pi_1(x)) : A} \quad \frac{[x : (A \wedge B) \wedge (A \Rightarrow B)]^1}{\pi_2(x) : A \Rightarrow B}}{\pi_2(x)(\pi_1(\pi_1(x))) : B} \quad \frac{\pi_2(x)(\pi_1(\pi_1(x))) : B}{\lambda x. \pi_2(x)(\pi_1(\pi_1(x))) : (A \wedge B) \wedge (A \Rightarrow B) \Rightarrow B}^{(1)}$$

$$\frac{\frac{[x : (A \wedge B) \wedge (A \Rightarrow B)]^1}{\pi_1(x) : A \wedge B} \quad \frac{\pi_1(x) : A \wedge B}{\pi_2(\pi_1(x)) : B}}{\lambda x. \pi_2(\pi_1(x)) : (A \wedge B) \wedge (A \Rightarrow B) \Rightarrow B}^{(1)}$$

The proof terms for the first two proofs are the same, namely  $\lambda x. \pi_2(x)(\pi_1(\pi_1(x)))$ , but the term for the third one is  $\lambda x. \pi_2(\pi_1(x))$ , reflecting the difference in the proofs. The assignment works by labelling assumptions as variables, and then associating term-constructors to the different rules of inference: pairing and projection to conjunction introduction and elimination, function application and  $\lambda$ -abstraction to implication elimination (*modus ponens*) and introduction. The use of variable binding to represent cancellation of premisses is a particularly effective device.

From the categorical point of view, the relation of deducibility  $\phi \vdash \psi$  is a mere preorder. The addition of proof terms  $x : \phi \vdash t : \psi$  results in a *categorification* of this preorder, in the sense that it is a “proper” category, the preordered reflection of which is the deducibility preorder. And now the following remarkable fact emerges: it is hardly surprising that the deducibility preorder has, say, finite products  $\phi \wedge \psi$  or even exponentials  $\phi \Rightarrow \psi$ ; but it is *amazing* that the category with proof terms  $x : \phi \vdash t : \psi$  as arrows, also turns out to be a cartesian closed category, and indeed a proper one, with distinct parallel arrows, such as

$$\begin{aligned} \pi_2(x)(\pi_1(\pi_1(x))) : (A \wedge B) \wedge (A \Rightarrow B) &\longrightarrow B, \\ \pi_2(\pi_1(x)) : (A \wedge B) \wedge (A \Rightarrow B) &\longrightarrow B. \end{aligned}$$

This *category of proofs* contains information about the “proof theory” of the propositional calculus, as opposed to its mere relation of deducibility. The calculus of proof terms can be presented formally in a system of *simple type theory*, with an alternate interpretation as a formal system of function application and abstraction. This dual interpretation—as the proof theory of propositional logic, and as a system of type theory for the specification of functions—is called the *Curry-Howard correspondence* []. From the categorical point of view, it expresses the structural equivalence between the cartesian closed categories of proofs in propositional logic and terms in simple type theory. Both of these can be seen as categorifications of their preorder reflection, the deducibility preorder of propositional logic.

In the following sections, we shall consider this remarkable correspondence in detail, as well as some extensions of the basic case represented by cartesian closed categories: categories with coproducts, cocomplete categories, and categories equipped with modal operators. In the next chapter, it will be seen that this correspondence even extends to proofs in quantified predicate logic and terms in dependent type theory, and beyond.

## 3.2 Cartesian closed categories

### Exponentials

We begin with the notion of an exponential  $B^A$  of two objects  $A, B$  in a category, motivated by a couple of important examples. Consider first the category **Pos** of posets and monotone functions. For posets  $P$  and  $Q$  the set  $\mathbf{Hom}(P, Q)$  of all monotone functions between them is again a poset, with the pointwise order:

$$f \leq g \iff fx \leq gx \quad \text{for all } x \in P. \quad (f, g : P \rightarrow Q)$$

Thus  $\mathbf{Hom}(P, Q)$  is again an object of **Pos**, when equipped with a suitable order.

Similarly, given monoids  $K, M \in \mathbf{Mon}$ , there is a natural monoid structure on the set  $\mathbf{Hom}(K, M)$ , defined pointwise by

$$(f \cdot g)x = fx \cdot gx. \quad (f, g : K \rightarrow M, x \in K)$$

Thus the category **Mon** also admits such “internal **Hom**”s. The same thing works in the category **Group** of groups and group homomorphisms, where the set  $\mathbf{Hom}(G, H)$  of all homomorphisms between groups  $G$  and  $H$  can be given a pointwise group structure.

These examples suggest a general notion of “internal **Hom**” in a category: an “object of morphisms  $A \rightarrow B$ ” which corresponds to the hom-set  $\mathbf{Hom}(A, B)$ . The other ingredient needed is an “evaluation” operation  $\epsilon : B^A \times A \rightarrow B$  which evaluates a morphism  $f \in B^A$  at an argument  $x \in A$  to give a value  $\epsilon \circ \langle f, x \rangle \in B$ . This is always going to be present for the underlying functions if we’re starting from a set of functions  $\mathbf{Hom}(A, B)$ , but it needs to be an actual morphism in the category. Finally, we need an operation of “transposition”, taking a morphism  $f : C \times A \rightarrow B$  to one  $\tilde{f} : C \rightarrow B^A$ . We shall see that this in fact separates the previous two examples.

**Definition 3.2.1.** In a category  $\mathcal{C}$  with binary products, an *exponential*  $(B^A, \epsilon)$  of objects  $A$  and  $B$  is an object  $B^A$  together with a morphism  $\epsilon : B^A \times A \rightarrow B$ , called the *evaluation* morphism, such that for every  $f : C \times A \rightarrow B$  there exists a *unique* morphism  $\tilde{f} : C \rightarrow B^A$ , called the *transpose*<sup>1</sup> of  $f$ , for which the following diagram commutes.

$$\begin{array}{ccc}
 B^A & & B^A \times A \xrightarrow{\epsilon} B \\
 \tilde{f} \uparrow & \tilde{f} \times 1_A \uparrow & \nearrow f \\
 C & C \times A & 
 \end{array}$$

Commutativity of the diagram of course means that  $f = \epsilon \circ (\tilde{f} \times 1_A)$ .

Definition 3.2.1 is called the *universal property of the exponential*. It is just the category-theoretic way of saying that a function  $f : C \times A \rightarrow B$  of two variables can be viewed as a function  $\tilde{f} : C \rightarrow B^A$  of one variable that maps  $z \in C$  to a function  $\tilde{f}z = f\langle z, - \rangle : A \rightarrow B$  that maps  $x \in A$  to  $f\langle z, x \rangle$ . The relationship between  $f$  and  $\tilde{f}$  is then

$$f\langle z, x \rangle = (\tilde{f}z)x.$$

That is all there is to it, really, except that variables and elements never need to be mentioned. The benefit of this is that the definition is applicable also in categories whose objects are not *sets* and whose morphisms are not *functions*—even though some of the basic examples are of that sort.

In **Poset** the exponential  $Q^P$  of posets  $P$  and  $Q$  is the set of all monotone maps  $P \rightarrow Q$ , ordered pointwise, as above. The evaluation map  $\epsilon : Q^P \times P \rightarrow Q$  is just the usual evaluation of a function at an argument. The transpose of a monotone map  $f : R \times P \rightarrow Q$  is the map  $\tilde{f} : R \rightarrow Q^P$ , defined by,  $(\tilde{f}z)x = f\langle z, x \rangle$ , i.e. the transposed *function*. We say that the category **Pos** has all exponentials.

**Definition 3.2.2.** Suppose  $\mathcal{C}$  has all finite products. An object  $A \in \mathcal{C}$  is *exponentiable* when the exponential  $B^A$  exists for every  $B \in \mathcal{C}$ . We say that  $\mathcal{C}$  has *exponentials* if every object is exponentiable. A *cartesian closed category* (ccc) is a category that has all finite products and exponentials.

**Example 3.2.3.** Consider again the example of the set  $\mathbf{Hom}(M, N)$  of homomorphisms between two monoids  $M, N$ , equipped with the pointwise monoid structure. To be a monoid homomorphism, the transpose  $\tilde{h} : 1 \rightarrow \mathbf{Hom}(M, N)$  of a homomorphism  $h : 1 \times M \rightarrow N$  would have to take the unit element  $u \in 1$  to the unit homomorphism  $u : M \rightarrow N$ , which is the constant function at the unit  $u \in N$ . Since  $1 \times M \cong \tilde{M}$ , that would mean that *all* homomorphisms  $h : M \rightarrow N$  would have the same transpose  $\tilde{h} = u : 1 \rightarrow \mathbf{Hom}(M, N)$ . So **Mon** cannot be cartesian closed. The same argument works in the category **Group**, and in many related ones. (But see ?? below on one way of embedding **Group** into a CCC.)

**Exercise 3.2.4.** Is the evaluation function  $\text{eval} : \mathbf{Hom}(M, N) \times M \rightarrow N$  a homomorphism of monoids?

<sup>1</sup>Also,  $f$  is called the transpose of  $\tilde{f}$ , so that  $f$  and  $\tilde{f}$  are each other's transpose.



## Two characterizations of CCCs

**Proposition 3.2.5.** *In a category  $\mathcal{C}$  with binary products an object  $A$  is exponentiable if, and only if, the functor*

$$- \times A : \mathcal{C} \rightarrow \mathcal{C}$$

*has a right adjoint*

$$-^A : \mathcal{C} \rightarrow \mathcal{C} .$$

*Proof.* If such a right adjoint exists then the exponential of  $A$  and  $B$  is  $(B^A, \epsilon_B)$ , where  $\epsilon : -^A \times A \Rightarrow 1_{\mathcal{C}}$  is the counit of the adjunction. The universal property of the exponential is precisely the universal property of the counit  $\epsilon$ .

Conversely, suppose for every  $B$  there is an exponential  $(B^A, \epsilon_B)$ . As the object part of the right adjoint we then take  $B^A$ . For the morphism part, given  $g : B \rightarrow C$ , we can define  $g^A : B^A \rightarrow C^A$  to be the transpose of  $g \circ \epsilon_B$ ,

$$g^A = (g \circ \epsilon_B)^\sim$$

as indicated below.

$$\begin{array}{ccc} B^A \times A & \xrightarrow{\epsilon_B} & B \\ g^A \times 1_A \downarrow & & \downarrow g \\ C^A \times A & \xrightarrow{\epsilon_C} & C \end{array} \quad (3.1)$$

The counit  $\epsilon : -^A \times A \Rightarrow 1_{\mathcal{C}}$  at  $B$  is then  $\epsilon_B$  itself, and the naturality square for  $\epsilon$  is then exactly (3.1), i.e. the defining property of  $(f \circ \epsilon_B)^\sim$ :

$$\epsilon_C \circ (g^A \times 1_A) = \epsilon_C \circ ((g \circ \epsilon_B)^\sim \times 1_A) = g \circ \epsilon_B .$$

The universal property of the counit  $\epsilon$  is precisely the universal property of the exponential  $(B^A, \epsilon_B)$   $\square$

Note that because exponentials can be expressed as right adjoints to binary products, they are determined uniquely up to isomorphism. Moreover, the definition of a cartesian closed category can then be phrased entirely in terms of adjoint functors: we just need to require the existence of the terminal object, binary products, and exponentials.

**Proposition 3.2.6.** *A category  $\mathcal{C}$  is cartesian closed if, and only if, the following functors have right adjoints:*

$$\begin{aligned} !_{\mathcal{C}} : \mathcal{C} &\rightarrow 1 , \\ \Delta : \mathcal{C} &\rightarrow \mathcal{C} \times \mathcal{C} , \\ (- \times A) : \mathcal{C} &\rightarrow \mathcal{C} . \end{aligned} \quad (A \in \mathcal{C})$$

Here  $!_{\mathcal{C}}$  is the unique functor from  $\mathcal{C}$  to the terminal category  $1$  and  $\Delta$  is the diagonal functor  $\Delta A = \langle A, A \rangle$ , and the right adjoint of  $- \times A$  is exponentiation by  $A$ .

□

The significance of the adjoint formulation is that it implies the possibility of a purely *equational* specification (adjoint structure on a category is “equational” in a sense that can be made precise; see [?]). We can therefore give an explicit, equational formulation of cartesian closed categories.

**Proposition 3.2.7** (Equational version of CCC). *A category  $\mathcal{C}$  is cartesian closed if, and only if, it has the following structure:*

1. An object  $1 \in \mathcal{C}$  and a morphism  $!_A : A \rightarrow 1$  for every  $A \in \mathcal{C}$ .
2. An object  $A \times B$  for all  $A, B \in \mathcal{C}$  together with morphisms  $\pi_0 : A \times B \rightarrow A$  and  $\pi_1 : A \times B \rightarrow B$ , and for every pair of morphisms  $f : C \rightarrow A$ ,  $g : C \rightarrow B$  a morphism  $\langle f, g \rangle : C \rightarrow A \times B$ .
3. An object  $B^A$  for all  $A, B \in \mathcal{C}$  together with a morphism  $\epsilon : B^A \times A \rightarrow B$ , and a morphism  $\tilde{f} : C \rightarrow B^A$  for every morphism  $f : C \times A \rightarrow B$ .

These new objects and morphisms are required to satisfy the following equations:

1. For every  $f : A \rightarrow 1$ ,

$$f = !_A .$$

2. For all  $f : C \rightarrow A$ ,  $g : C \rightarrow B$ ,  $h : C \rightarrow A \times B$ ,

$$\pi_0 \circ \langle f, g \rangle = f , \quad \pi_1 \circ \langle f, g \rangle = g , \quad \langle \pi_0 \circ h, \pi_1 \circ h \rangle = h .$$

3. For all  $f : C \times A \rightarrow B$ ,  $g : C \rightarrow B^A$ ,

$$\epsilon \circ (\tilde{f} \times 1_A) = f , \quad (\epsilon \circ (g \times 1_A))^\sim = g .$$

where for  $e : E \rightarrow E'$  and  $f : F \rightarrow F'$  we define

$$e \times f := \langle e\pi_0, f\pi_1 \rangle : E \times F \rightarrow E' \times F' .$$

These equations ensure that certain diagrams commute and that the morphisms that are required to exist are unique. For example, let us prove that  $(A \times B, \pi_0, \pi_1)$  is the product of  $A$  and  $B$ . For  $f : C \rightarrow A$  and  $g : C \rightarrow B$  there exists a morphism  $\langle f, g \rangle : C \rightarrow A \times B$ . Equations

$$\pi_0 \circ \langle f, g \rangle = f \quad \text{and} \quad \pi_1 \circ \langle f, g \rangle = g$$

enforce the commutativity of the two triangles in the following diagram:

$$\begin{array}{ccccc}
 & & C & & \\
 & g \swarrow & \downarrow \langle f, g \rangle & \searrow f & \\
 A & \xleftarrow{\pi_0} & A \times B & \xrightarrow{\pi_1} & B
 \end{array}$$

Suppose  $h : C \rightarrow A \times B$  is another morphism such that  $f = \pi_0 \circ h$  and  $g = \pi_1 \circ h$ . Then by the third equation for products we get

$$h = \langle \pi_0 \circ h, \pi_1 \circ h \rangle = \langle f, g \rangle ,$$

and so  $\langle f, g \rangle$  is unique.

**Exercise 3.2.8.** Use the equational characterization of CCCs, Proposition 3.2.7, to show that the category **Pos** of posets and monotone functions is cartesian closed, as claimed. Also verify that **Mon** is not. Which parts of the definition fail in **Mon**?

### 3.3 Positive propositional calculus

We begin with the example of a cartesian closed poset and a first application to propositional logic.

**Example 3.3.1.** Consider the *positive propositional calculus* PPC with conjunction and implication, as in Subsection ???. Recall that PPC is the set of all propositional formulas  $\phi$  constructed from propositional variables  $p_1, p_2, \dots$ , a constant  $\top$  for truth, and binary connectives for conjunction  $\phi \wedge \psi$ , and implication  $\phi \Rightarrow \psi$ .

As a category, PPC is a preorder under the relation  $\phi \vdash \psi$  of logical entailment, determined for instance by the natural deduction system ??? of section ???. As usual, it will be convenient to pass to the poset reflection of the preorder, which we shall denote by

$$\mathcal{C}_{\text{PPC}}$$

by identifying  $\phi$  and  $\psi$  when  $\phi \dashv\vdash \psi$ . (This is just the usual *Lindenbaum-Tarski* algebra of the system of propositional logic, as in ???.)

The conjunction  $\phi \wedge \psi$  is a greatest lower bound of  $\phi$  and  $\psi$  in  $\mathcal{C}_{\text{PPC}}$ , because we have  $\phi \wedge \psi \vdash \phi$  and  $\phi \wedge \psi \vdash \psi$  and for all  $\vartheta$ , if  $\vartheta \vdash \phi$  and  $\vartheta \vdash \psi$  then  $\vartheta \vdash \phi \wedge \psi$ . Since binary products in a poset are the same thing as greatest lower bounds, we see that  $\mathcal{C}_{\text{PPC}}$  has all binary products; and of course  $\top$  is a terminal object.

We have already remarked that implication is right adjoint to conjunction in propositional calculus,

$$(-) \wedge \phi \dashv \phi \Rightarrow (-) . \tag{3.2}$$

Therefore  $\phi \Rightarrow \psi$  is an exponential in  $\mathcal{C}_{\text{PPC}}$ . The counit of the adjunction (the “evaluation” arrow) is the entailment

$$(\phi \Rightarrow \psi) \wedge \phi \vdash \psi ,$$

i.e. the familiar logical rule of *modus ponens*.

**Exercise 3.3.2.** What is the unit of adjunction (3.2), in logical terms?

We have now shown:

**Proposition 3.3.3.** *The poset  $\mathcal{C}_{\text{PPC}}$  of positive propositional calculus is cartesian closed.*

Let us now use this fact to show that the positive propositional calculus is *deductively complete* with respect to the following notion of *Kripke semantics*  $\sqcup$ .

**Definition 3.3.4** (Kripke model). Let  $K$  be a poset. Suppose we have a relation

$$k \Vdash p$$

between elements  $k \in K$  and propositional variables  $p$ , such that

$$j \leq k, k \Vdash p \quad \text{implies} \quad j \Vdash p. \quad (3.3)$$

Extend  $\Vdash$  to all formulas  $\phi$  in PPC by defining

$$\begin{aligned} k \Vdash \top & \quad \text{always,} \\ k \Vdash \phi \wedge \psi & \quad \text{iff} \quad k \Vdash \phi \text{ and } k \Vdash \psi, \\ k \Vdash \phi \Rightarrow \psi & \quad \text{iff} \quad \text{for all } j \leq k, \text{ if } j \Vdash \phi, \text{ then } j \Vdash \psi. \end{aligned} \quad (3.4)$$

Finally, say that  $\phi$  *holds on*  $K$ , written

$$K \Vdash \phi$$

if  $k \Vdash \phi$  for all  $k \in K$  (for all such relations  $\Vdash$ ).

**Theorem 3.3.5** (Kripke completeness for PPC). *A propositional formulas  $\phi$  is provable from the rules of deduction for PPC if, and only if,  $K \Vdash \phi$  for all posets  $K$ . Briefly:*

$$\text{PPC} \vdash \phi \quad \text{iff} \quad K \Vdash \phi \text{ for all } K.$$

We require the following.

**Lemma 3.3.6.** *For any poset  $P$ , the poset  $\downarrow P$  of all downsets in  $P$ , ordered by inclusion, is cartesian closed. Moreover, the downset embedding,*

$$\downarrow(-) : P \rightarrow \downarrow P$$

*preserves any CCC structure that exists in  $P$ .*

*Proof.* The total downset  $P$  is obviously terminal, and for any downsets  $S, T \in \downarrow P$ , the intersection  $S \cap T$  is also closed down, so we have the products  $S \wedge T = S \cap T$ . For the exponential, set

$$S \Rightarrow T = \{p \in P \mid \downarrow(p) \cap S \subseteq T\}.$$

Then for any downset  $Q$  we have

$$Q \subseteq S \Rightarrow T \quad \text{iff} \quad \downarrow(q) \cap S \subseteq T, \text{ for all } q \in Q. \quad (3.5)$$

But that means that

$$\bigcup_{q \in Q} (\downarrow(q) \cap S) \subseteq T,$$

which is equivalent to  $Q \cap S \subseteq T$ , since  $\bigcup_{q \in Q} (\downarrow(q) \cap S) = (\bigcup_{q \in Q} \downarrow(q)) \cap S = Q \cap S$ .

The preservation of CCC structure by  $\downarrow(-) : P \rightarrow \downarrow \mathbf{P}$  follows from its preservation by the Yoneda embedding, of which  $\downarrow(-)$  is a factor,

$$\begin{array}{ccc} & & \mathbf{Set}^{P^{\text{op}}} \\ & \nearrow y & \uparrow \\ P & \xrightarrow{\downarrow(-)} & \downarrow \mathbf{P} \end{array}$$

But it is also easy enough to check directly: preservation of any limits  $1, p \wedge q$  that exist in  $P$  are clear. Suppose  $p \Rightarrow q$  is an exponential; then for any downset  $D$  we have:

$$\begin{aligned} D \subseteq \downarrow(p \Rightarrow q) & \text{ iff } & \downarrow(d) \subseteq \downarrow(p \Rightarrow q), \text{ for all } d \in D \\ & \text{ iff } & d \leq p \Rightarrow q, \text{ for all } d \in D \\ & \text{ iff } & d \wedge p \leq q, \text{ for all } d \in D \\ & \text{ iff } & \downarrow(d \wedge p) \subseteq \downarrow(q), \text{ for all } d \in D \\ & \text{ iff } & \downarrow(d) \cap \downarrow(p) \subseteq \downarrow(q), \text{ for all } d \in D \\ & \text{ iff } & D \subseteq \downarrow(p) \Rightarrow \downarrow(q) \end{aligned}$$

where the last line is by (3.5). □

*Proof.* (of Theorem 3.3.5) The proof follows a now-familiar pattern, which we only sketch:

1. The syntactic category  $\mathcal{C}_{\text{PPC}}$  is a CCC, with  $\top = 1$ ,  $\phi \times \psi = \phi \wedge \psi$ , and  $\psi^\phi = \phi \Rightarrow \psi$ . In fact, it is the free cartesian closed poset on the generating set  $\mathbf{Var} = \{p_1, p_2, \dots\}$  of propositional variables.
2. A (Kripke) model  $(K, \Vdash)$  is the same thing as a CCC functor  $\mathcal{C}_{\text{PPC}} \rightarrow \downarrow \mathbf{K}$ , which by Step 1 is an arbitrary map  $\mathbf{Var} \rightarrow \downarrow \mathbf{K}$ , as in (3.3). Indeed, we have a bijective correspondence between CCC functors  $\llbracket - \rrbracket$  and Kripke relations  $\Vdash$ , as in:

$$\frac{\llbracket - \rrbracket : \mathcal{C}_{\text{PPC}} \longrightarrow \downarrow \mathbf{K} \cong \mathbf{2}^{K^{\text{op}}}}{\Vdash : K^{\text{op}} \times \mathcal{C}_{\text{PPC}} \longrightarrow \mathbf{2}}$$

where we use the poset  $\mathbf{2}$  to classify downsets in a poset  $P$  (via upsets in  $P^{\text{op}}$ ),

$$\downarrow \mathbf{P} \cong \mathbf{2}^{P^{\text{op}}} \cong \mathbf{Pos}(P^{\text{op}}, \mathbf{2}),$$

by taking the 1-kernel  $f^{-1}(1) \subseteq P$  of a monotone map  $f : P^{\text{op}} \rightarrow \mathbf{2}$ . (The contravariance will be convenient in Step 3). Note that the monotonicity of  $\Vdash$  yields the conditions

$$p \leq q, q \Vdash \phi \implies p \Vdash \phi$$

and

$$p \Vdash \phi, \phi \vdash \psi \implies p \Vdash \psi.$$

and the CCC preservation of the transpose  $\llbracket - \rrbracket$  yields the Kripke forcing conditions (3.4) (exercise!).

3. For any model  $(K, \Vdash)$ , we have  $K \Vdash \phi$  iff  $\llbracket \phi \rrbracket = K$ , the total downset.
4. Because the downset/Yoneda embedding  $\downarrow$  preserves the CCC structure (by Lemma 3.3.6),  $\mathcal{C}_{\text{PPC}}$  admits a canonical model, namely  $(\mathcal{C}_{\text{PPC}}, \Vdash)$ , where:

$$\frac{\llbracket - \rrbracket := \downarrow(-) : \mathcal{C}_{\text{PPC}} \longrightarrow \downarrow \mathcal{C}_{\text{PPC}} \cong \mathcal{D}^{\mathcal{C}_{\text{PPC}}^{\text{op}}} \hookrightarrow \mathbf{Set}^{\mathcal{C}_{\text{PPC}}^{\text{op}}}}{\Vdash := \vdash : \mathcal{C}_{\text{PPC}}^{\text{op}} \times \mathcal{C}_{\text{PPC}} \longrightarrow \mathcal{D} \hookrightarrow \mathbf{Set}}$$

5. Since  $\downarrow$  is conservative (it reflects isos), the canonical model from Step 4 is logically generic, in the sense that  $\mathcal{C}_{\text{PPC}} \Vdash \phi$  iff  $\text{PPC} \vdash \phi$ .

□

**Exercise 3.3.7.** Verify the claim that CCC preservation of the transpose  $\llbracket - \rrbracket$  of  $\vdash$  yields the Kripke forcing conditions (3.4).

## 3.4 Heyting algebras

We now extend positive propositional calculus to the full intuitionistic propositional calculus. This involves adding the finite coproducts  $0$  and  $p \vee q$  to the free cartesian closed poset  $\mathcal{C}_{\text{PPC}}$  to arrive at the notion of a Heyting algebra. In order to give the Kripke semantics for this extended system, we will need an alternative to Lemma 3.3.6, because the Yoneda embedding does not in general preserve coproducts.

Heyting algebras are to intuitionistic logic as Boolean algebras are to classical logic — namely, each is an algebraic description of the corresponding logical calculus. As we shall see, only some aspects of the theory of Boolean algebras carry over to Heyting algebras.

Recall that a (bounded) *lattice* is a poset that has finite limits and colimits. In other words, a lattice  $(L, \leq, \wedge, \vee, 1, 0)$  is a poset  $(L, \leq)$  with distinguished elements  $1, 0 \in L$ , and binary operations meet  $\wedge$  and join  $\vee$ , satisfying for all  $x, y, z \in L$ ,

$$0 \leq x \leq 1 \qquad \frac{z \leq x \quad z \leq y}{z \leq x \wedge y} \qquad \frac{x \leq z \quad x \leq y}{x \vee y \leq z}$$

A *lattice homomorphism* is a function  $f : L \rightarrow K$  between lattices which preserves finite limits and colimits, i.e.,  $f0 = 0$ ,  $f1 = 1$ ,  $f(x \wedge y) = fx \wedge fy$ , and  $f(x \vee y) = fx \vee fy$ . The category of lattices and lattice homomorphisms is denoted by  $\mathbf{Lat}$ .

A lattice can be axiomatized equationally as a set with two distinguished elements 0 and 1 and two binary operations  $\wedge$  and  $\vee$ , satisfying the following equations:

$$\begin{aligned}
 (x \wedge y) \wedge z &= x \wedge (y \wedge z) , & (x \vee y) \vee z &= x \vee (y \vee z) , \\
 x \wedge y &= y \wedge x , & x \vee y &= y \vee x , \\
 x \wedge x &= x , & x \vee x &= x , \\
 1 \wedge x &= x , & 0 \vee x &= x , \\
 x \wedge (y \vee x) &= x = (x \wedge y) \vee x .
 \end{aligned} \tag{3.6}$$

The partial order on  $L$  is then determined by

$$x \leq y \iff x \wedge y = x .$$

**Exercise 3.4.1.** Show that in a lattice  $x \leq y$  if, and only if,  $x \wedge y = x$  if, and only if,  $x \vee y = y$ .

A lattice is *distributive* if the following distributive laws hold in it:

$$\begin{aligned}
 (x \vee y) \wedge z &= (x \wedge z) \vee (y \wedge z) , \\
 (x \wedge y) \vee z &= (x \vee z) \wedge (y \vee z) .
 \end{aligned} \tag{3.7}$$

It turns out that if one distributive law holds then so does the other [Joh82, I.1.5].

A *Heyting algebra* is a cartesian closed lattice  $H$ . This means that it has an operation  $\Rightarrow$ , satisfying for all  $x, y, z \in H$

$$\frac{z \wedge x \leq y}{z \leq x \Rightarrow y}$$

A *Heyting algebra homomorphism* is a lattice homomorphism  $f : K \rightarrow H$  between Heyting algebras that preserves implication, i.e.,  $f(x \Rightarrow y) = (fx \Rightarrow fy)$ . The category of Heyting algebras and their homomorphisms is denoted by **Heyt**.

A Heyting algebra can be axiomatized equationally as a set  $H$  with two distinguished elements 0 and 1 and three binary operations  $\wedge$ ,  $\vee$  and  $\Rightarrow$ . The axioms for a Heyting algebra are the ones listed in (3.6), as well as the following ones for  $\Rightarrow$ :

$$\begin{aligned}
 (x \Rightarrow x) &= 1 , \\
 x \wedge (x \Rightarrow y) &= x \wedge y , \\
 y \wedge (x \Rightarrow y) &= y , \\
 (x \Rightarrow (y \wedge z)) &= (x \Rightarrow y) \wedge (x \Rightarrow z) .
 \end{aligned} \tag{3.8}$$

For a proof, see [Joh82, I.1], where one can also find a proof that every Heyting algebra is distributive (exercise!).

## Intuitionistic propositional calculus

There is a forgetful functor  $U : \mathbf{Heyt} \rightarrow \mathbf{Set}$  which maps a Heyting algebra to its underlying set, and a homomorphism of Heyting algebras to the underlying function. Because Heyting algebras are an equational theory, there is a left adjoint  $H \dashv U$ , which is the usual “free” construction mapping a set  $S$  to the free Heyting algebra  $HS$  generated by it. As for all algebraic strictures, the construction of  $HS$  can be performed in two steps: first we define a set  $HS$  of formal expressions, and then we quotient it by an equivalence relation generated by the axioms for Heyting algebras.

So let  $HS$  be the set of formal expressions generated inductively by the following rules:

1. Constants:  $\perp, \top \in HS$ .
2. Generators: if  $x \in S$  then  $x \in HS$ .
3. Connectives: if  $\phi, \psi \in HS$  then  $\phi \wedge \psi, \phi \vee \psi, \phi \Rightarrow \psi \in HS$ .

We impose an equivalence relation on  $HS$ , which we write as equality  $=$  and think of as such; it is defined to be the smallest equivalence relation satisfying axioms (3.6) and (3.8). This forces  $HS$  to be a Heyting algebra. We still need to define the action of  $H$  on morphisms: a function  $f : S \rightarrow T$  is mapped to the Heyting algebra morphism  $Hf : HS \rightarrow HT$  defined by

$$(Hf)\perp = \perp, \quad (Hf)\top = \top, \quad (Hf)x = fx, \\ (Hf)(\phi \star \psi) = ((Hf)\phi) \star ((Hf)\psi),$$

where  $\star$  stands for  $\wedge, \vee$  or  $\Rightarrow$ .

The inclusion  $\eta_S : S \rightarrow U(HS)$  of generators into the underlying set of the free Heyting algebra  $HS$  is the component at  $S$  of a natural transformation  $\eta : \mathbf{1}_{\mathbf{Set}} \Rightarrow U \circ H$ , which is of course the unit of the adjunction  $H \dashv U$ . To see this, consider a Heyting algebra  $K$  and an arbitrary function  $f : S \rightarrow UK$ . Then the Heyting algebra homomorphism  $\bar{f} : HS \rightarrow K$  defined by

$$\bar{f}\perp = \perp, \quad \bar{f}\top = \top, \quad \bar{f}x = fx, \\ \bar{f}(\phi \star \psi) = (\bar{f}\phi) \star (\bar{f}\psi),$$

where  $\star$  stands for  $\wedge, \vee$  or  $\Rightarrow$ , makes the following triangle commute:

$$\begin{array}{ccc} S & \xrightarrow{\eta_S} & U(HS) \\ & \searrow f & \downarrow U\bar{f} \\ & & K \end{array}$$

It is the unique such morphism because any two homomorphisms from  $HS$  which agree on generators must be equal. This is proved by induction on the structure of the formal expressions in  $HS$ .



We may now define the *intuitionistic propositional calculus* IPC to be the free Heyting algebra IPC on countably many generators  $p_0, p_1, \dots$ , called *atomic propositions* or *propositional variables*. This is a somewhat unorthodox definition from a logical point of view—normally we would start from a *calculus* consists of a formal language, judgements, and rules of inference—but of course, by now, we realize that the two approaches are essentially equivalent.

Having said that, let us also describe IPC in the conventional way. The formulas of IPC are built inductively from propositional variables  $p_0, p_1, \dots$ , constants falsehood  $\perp$  and truth  $\top$ , and binary operations conjunction  $\wedge$ , disjunction  $\vee$  and implication  $\Rightarrow$ . The basic judgment of IPC is *logical entailment*

$$u_1 : A_1, \dots, u_k : A_k \vdash B$$

which means “hypotheses  $A_1, \dots, A_k$  entail proposition  $B$ ”. The hypotheses are labeled with distinct labels  $u_1, \dots, u_k$  so that we can distinguish them, which is important when the same hypothesis appears more than once. Because the hypotheses are labeled it is irrelevant in what order they are listed, as long as the labels are not getting mixed up. Thus, the hypotheses  $u_1 : A \vee B, u_2 : B$  are the same as the hypotheses  $u_2 : B, u_1 : A \vee B$ , but different from the hypotheses  $u_1 : B, u_2 : A \vee B$ . Sometimes we do not bother to label the hypotheses.

The left-hand side of a logical entailment is called the *context* and the right-hand side is the *conclusion*. Thus logical entailment is a relation between contexts and conclusions. The context may be empty. If  $\Gamma$  is a context,  $u$  is a label which does not occur in  $\Gamma$ , and  $A$  is a formula, then we write  $\Gamma, u : A$  for the context  $\Gamma$  extended by the hypothesis  $u : A$ . Logical entailment is the smallest relation satisfying the following rules:

1. Conclusion from a hypothesis:

$$\frac{}{\Gamma \vdash A} \text{ if } u : A \text{ occurs in } \Gamma$$

2. Truth:

$$\frac{}{\Gamma \vdash \top}$$

3. Falsehood:

$$\frac{\Gamma \vdash \perp}{\Gamma \vdash A}$$

4. Conjunction:

$$\frac{\Gamma \vdash A \quad \Gamma \vdash B}{\Gamma \vdash A \wedge B} \quad \frac{\Gamma \vdash A \wedge B}{\Gamma \vdash A} \quad \frac{\Gamma \vdash A \wedge B}{\Gamma \vdash B}$$

5. Disjunction:

$$\frac{\Gamma \vdash A}{\Gamma \vdash A \vee B} \quad \frac{\Gamma \vdash B}{\Gamma \vdash A \vee B} \quad \frac{\Gamma \vdash A \vee B \quad \Gamma, u : A \vdash C \quad \Gamma, v : B \vdash C}{\Gamma \vdash C}$$

6. Implication:

$$\frac{\Gamma, u : A \vdash B}{\Gamma \vdash A \Rightarrow B} \quad \frac{\Gamma \vdash A \Rightarrow B \quad \Gamma \vdash A}{\Gamma \vdash B}$$

A *proof* of  $\Gamma \vdash A$  is a *finite* tree built from the above inference rules whose root is  $\Gamma \vdash A$ . For example, here is a proof of  $A \vee B \vdash B \vee A$ : We did not bother to label the hypotheses. A judgment  $\Gamma \vdash A$  is *provable* if there exists a proof of it. Observe that every proof has at its leaves either the rule for  $\top$  or a conclusion from a hypothesis.

You may wonder what happened to negation. In intuitionistic propositional calculus, negation is defined in terms of implication and falsehood as

$$\neg A \equiv A \Rightarrow \perp .$$

Properties of negation are then derived from the rules for implication and falsehood, see Exercise 3.4.5

Let  $P$  be the set of all formulas of IPC, preordered by the relation

$$A \vdash B , \quad (A, B \in P)$$

where we did not bother to label the hypothesis  $A$ . Clearly, it is the case that  $A \vdash A$ . To see that  $\vdash$  is transitive, suppose  $\Pi_1$  is a proof of  $A \vdash B$  and  $\Pi_2$  is a proof of  $B \vdash C$ . Then we can obtain a proof of  $A \vdash C$  from a proof  $\Pi_2$  of  $B \vdash C$  by replacing in it each use of the hypothesis  $B$  by the proof  $\Pi_1$  of  $A \vdash B$ . This is worked out in detail in the next two exercises.

**Exercise 3.4.2.** Prove the following statement by induction on the structure of the proof  $\Pi$ : if  $\Pi$  is a proof of  $\Gamma, u : A, v : A \vdash B$  then there is a proof of  $\Gamma, u : A \vdash B$ .

**Exercise 3.4.3.** Prove the following statement by induction on the structure of the proof  $\Pi_2$ : if  $\Pi_1$  is a proof of  $\Gamma \vdash A$  and  $\Pi_2$  is a proof of  $\Gamma, u : A \vdash B$ , then there is a proof of  $\Gamma \vdash B$ .

Let  $\text{IPC}$  be the poset reflection of the preorder  $(P, \vdash)$ . The elements of  $\text{IPC}$  are equivalence classes  $[A]$  of formulas, where two formulas  $A$  and  $B$  are equivalent if both  $A \vdash B$  and  $B \vdash A$  are provable. The poset  $\text{IPC}$  is just the free Heyting algebra on countably many generators  $p_0, p_1, \dots$

## Classical propositional calculus

Another look:

An element  $x \in L$  of a lattice  $L$  is said to be *complemented* when there exists  $y \in L$  such that

$$x \vee y = 1 , \quad x \wedge y = 0 .$$

We say that  $y$  is the *complement* of  $x$ .

In a distributive lattice, the complement of  $x$  is unique if it exists. Indeed, if both  $y$  and  $z$  are complements of  $x$  then

$$y \wedge z = (y \wedge z) \vee 0 = (y \wedge z) \vee (y \wedge x) = y \wedge (z \vee x) = y \wedge 1 = y ,$$

hence  $y \leq z$ . A symmetric argument shows that  $z \leq y$ , therefore  $y = z$ . The complement of  $x$ , if it exists, is denoted by  $\neg x$ .

A *Boolean algebra* is a distributive lattice in which every element is complemented. In other words, a Boolean algebra  $B$  has the *complementation* operation  $\neg$  which satisfies, for all  $x \in B$ ,

$$x \wedge \neg x = 0 , \quad x \vee \neg x = 1 . \quad (3.9)$$

The full subcategory of **Lat** consisting of Boolean algebras is denoted by **Bool**.

**Exercise 3.4.4.** Prove that every Boolean algebra is a Heyting algebra. Hint: how is implication encoded in terms of negation and disjunction in classical logic?

In a Heyting algebra not every element is complemented. However, we can still define a *pseudo complement* or *negation* operation  $\neg$  by

$$\neg x = (x \Rightarrow 0) ,$$

Then  $\neg x$  is the largest element for which  $x \wedge \neg x = 0$ . While in a Boolean algebra  $\neg \neg x = x$ , in a Heyting algebra we only have  $\neg \neg x \leq x$  in general. An element  $x$  of a Heyting algebra for which  $\neg \neg x = x$  is called a *regular* element.

**Exercise 3.4.5.** Derive the following properties of negation in a *Heyting* algebra:

$$\begin{aligned} x &\leq \neg \neg x , \\ \neg x &= \neg \neg \neg x , \\ x \leq y &\Rightarrow \neg y \leq \neg x , \\ \neg \neg (x \wedge y) &= \neg \neg x \wedge \neg \neg y . \end{aligned}$$

**Exercise 3.4.6.** The topology  $\mathcal{O}X$  of a topological space  $X$  is a frame, therefore a Heyting algebra. Describe in topological language negation on  $\mathcal{O}X$  and regular elements in  $\mathcal{O}X$ .

**Exercise 3.4.7.** Show that for a Heyting algebra  $H$ , the regular elements of  $H$  form a Boolean algebra  $H_{\neg \neg} = \{x \in H \mid x = \neg \neg x\}$ . Here  $H_{\neg \neg}$  is viewed as a subposet of  $H$ . Hint: negation  $\neg'$ , conjunction  $\wedge'$ , and disjunction  $\vee'$  in  $H_{\neg \neg}$  are expressed as follows in terms of negation, conjunction and disjunction in  $H$ , for  $x, y \in H_{\neg \neg}$ :

$$\neg' x = \neg x , \quad x \wedge' y = \neg \neg (x \wedge y) , \quad x \vee' y = \neg \neg (x \vee y) .$$

The *classical propositional calculus (CPC)* is obtained from the intuitionistic propositional calculus by the addition of the logical rule known as *tertium non datur*, or the *law of excluded middle*:

$$\frac{}{\Gamma \vdash A \vee \neg A}$$

Alternatively, we could add the law known as *reductio ad absurdum*, or *proof by contradiction*:

$$\frac{\Gamma \vdash \neg \neg A}{\Gamma \vdash A}.$$

If we identify logically equivalent formulas of CPC we obtain a poset **CPC** ordered by logical entailment. This poset can be described by a universal property: it is the free Boolean algebra on countably many generators. The construction of a free Boolean algebra is performed just like the construction of a free Heyting algebra. The equational axioms for a Boolean algebra are the axioms for a lattice (3.6), the distributive laws (3.7), and the complement laws (3.9).

**Exercise\* 3.4.8.** Is **CPC** isomorphic to the Boolean algebra  $\text{IPC}_{\neg\neg}$  of the regular elements of **IPC**?

**Exercise 3.4.9.** Show that in a Heyting algebra  $H$ ,  $\neg\neg x = x$  for all  $x \in H$  if, and only if,  $y \vee \neg y = 1$  for all  $y \in H$ . Hint: half of the equivalence is easy. For the other half, observe that the assumption  $\forall x : H. \neg\neg x = x$  means that double negation is an order-reversing bijection  $H \rightarrow H$ . Therefore it transforms joins into meets and vice versa, and so *De Morgan laws* hold:

$$\neg(x \wedge y) = \neg x \vee \neg y, \quad \neg(x \vee y) = \neg x \wedge \neg y.$$

De Morgan laws together with  $y \wedge \neg y = 0$  easily imply  $y \vee \neg y = 1$ . See [Joh82, I.1.11].

## Frames

A poset  $(P, \leq)$ , viewed as a category, is *cocomplete* when it has suprema (least upper bounds) of arbitrary subsets. This is so because coequalizers in a poset always exist, and coproducts are precisely least upper bounds. Recall that the supremum of  $S \subseteq P$  is an element  $\bigvee S \in P$  such that, for all  $y \in S$ ,

$$\bigvee S \leq y \iff \forall x : S. x \leq y.$$

In particular,  $\bigvee \emptyset$  is the least element of  $P$  and  $\bigvee P$  is the greatest element of  $P$ . Similarly, a poset is *complete* when it has infima (greatest lower bounds) of arbitrary subsets; the infimum of  $S \subseteq P$  is an element  $\bigwedge S \in P$  such that, for all  $y \in S$ ,

$$y \leq \bigwedge S \iff \forall x : S. y \leq x.$$

**Proposition 3.4.10.** *A poset is complete if, and only if, it is cocomplete.*

*Proof.* Infima and suprema are expressed in terms of each other as follows:

$$\begin{aligned}\bigwedge S &= \bigvee \{y \in P \mid \forall x : S . y \leq x\} , \\ \bigvee S &= \bigwedge \{y \in P \mid \forall x : S . x \leq y\} .\end{aligned}$$

□

Thus, we usually speak of *complete* posets only, even when we work with arbitrary suprema.

Suppose  $P$  is a complete poset. When is it cartesian closed? Being a complete poset, it has the terminal object, namely the greatest element  $1 \in P$ , and it has binary products which are binary infima. If  $P$  is cartesian closed then for all  $x, y \in P$  there exists an exponential  $(x \Rightarrow y) \in P$ , which satisfies, for all  $z \in P$ ,

$$\frac{z \wedge x \leq y}{z \leq x \Rightarrow y} .$$

With the help of this adjunction we derive the *infinite distributive law*, for an arbitrary family  $\{y_i \in P \mid i \in I\}$ ,

$$x \wedge \bigvee_{i \in I} y_i = \bigvee_{i \in I} (x \wedge y_i) \quad (3.10)$$

as follows:

$$\begin{aligned}& \frac{x \wedge \bigvee_{i \in I} y_i \leq z}{\bigvee_{i \in I} y_i \leq (x \Rightarrow z)} \\& \frac{\bigvee_{i \in I} y_i \leq (x \Rightarrow z)}{\forall i : I . (y_i \leq (x \Rightarrow z))} \\& \frac{\forall i : I . (y_i \leq (x \Rightarrow z))}{\forall i : I . (x \wedge y_i \leq z)} \\& \frac{\forall i : I . (x \wedge y_i \leq z)}{\bigvee_{i \in I} (x \wedge y_i) \leq z}\end{aligned}$$

Now since  $x \wedge \bigvee_{i \in I} y_i$  and  $\bigvee_{i \in I} (x \wedge y_i)$  have the same upper bounds they must be equal.

Conversely, suppose the distributive law (3.10) holds. Then we can *define*  $x \Rightarrow y$  to be

$$(x \Rightarrow y) = \bigvee \{z \in P \mid x \wedge z \leq y\} . \quad (3.11)$$

The best way to show that  $x \Rightarrow y$  is the exponential of  $x$  and  $y$  is to use the characterization of adjoints by counit, as in Proposition ???. In the case of  $\wedge$  and  $\Rightarrow$  this amounts to showing that, for all  $x, y \in P$ ,

$$x \wedge (x \Rightarrow y) \leq y , \quad (3.12)$$

and that, for  $z \in P$ ,

$$(x \wedge z \leq y) \Rightarrow (z \leq x \Rightarrow y) .$$

This implication follows directly from (3.11), and (3.12) follows from the distributive law:

$$x \wedge (x \Rightarrow y) = x \wedge \bigvee \{z \in P \mid x \wedge z \leq y\} = \bigvee \{x \wedge z \mid x \wedge z \leq y\} \leq y .$$

Complete cartesian closed posets are called *frames*.

**Definition 3.4.11.** A *frame* is a poset that is complete and cartesian closed, thus a frame is a complete Heyting algebra. Equivalently, a frame is a complete poset satisfying the (infinite) distributive law

$$x \wedge \bigvee_{i \in I} y_i = \bigvee_{i \in I} (x \wedge y_i) .$$

A *frame morphism* is a function  $f : L \rightarrow M$  between frames that preserves finite infima and arbitrary suprema. The category of frames and frame morphisms is denoted by **Frame**.

Warning: a frame morphism need not preserve exponentials!

**Example 3.4.12.** The topology  $\mathcal{O}X$  of a topological space  $X$ , ordered by inclusion, is a frame because finite intersections and arbitrary unions of open sets are open. The distributive law holds because intersections distribute over unions. If  $f : X \rightarrow Y$  is a continuous map between topological spaces, the inverse image map  $f^* : \mathcal{O}Y \rightarrow \mathcal{O}X$  is a frame homomorphism. Thus, there is a functor

$$\mathcal{O} : \mathbf{Top} \rightarrow \mathbf{Frame}^{\text{op}}$$

which maps a space  $X$  to its topology  $\mathcal{O}X$  and a continuous map  $f : X \rightarrow Y$  to the inverse image map  $f^* : \mathcal{O}Y \rightarrow \mathcal{O}X$ .

The category  $\mathbf{Frame}^{\text{op}}$  is called the category of *locales* and is denoted by **Loc**. When we think of a frame as an object of **Loc** we call it a locale.

**Exercise\* 3.4.13.** This exercise is meant for students with some background in topology. For a topological space  $X$  and a point  $x \in X$ , let  $N(x)$  be the neighborhood filter of  $x$ ,

$$N(x) = \{U \in \mathcal{O}X \mid x \in U\} .$$

Recall that a  $T_0$ -space is a topological space  $X$  in which points are determined by their neighborhood filters,

$$N(x) = N(y) \Rightarrow x = y . \quad (x, y \in X)$$

Let  $\mathbf{Top}_0$  be the full subcategory of **Top** on  $T_0$ -spaces. The functor  $\mathcal{O} : \mathbf{Top} \rightarrow \mathbf{Loc}$  restricts to a functor  $\mathcal{O} : \mathbf{Top}_0 \rightarrow \mathbf{Loc}$ . Prove that  $\mathcal{O} : \mathbf{Top}_0 \rightarrow \mathbf{Loc}$  is a faithful functor. Is it full?

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