# 1 The categories

- Pos is the category of posets and monotone maps.
- RelPos is the category of posets and monotone relations.
- **PosInv** is the category of posets equipped with an antitone involution and involution preserving maps.
- **RelPosInv** is the category of posets equipped with an antitone involution and monotone relations.

#### 2 Pos

- Pos is cartesian closed.
- There is a functor  $^{op}$ : **Pos**  $\rightarrow$  **Pos** that takes a poset to an opposite poset.
- There is a monad D: Pos → Pos that takes every poset to its poset of downsets ordered by inclusion.
- $\mathbf{Pos}^D \simeq \mathbf{Sup}$  -- the Eilenberg-Moore category.

## 3 RelPos

- RelPos is a compact category.
- The dual object is the dual poset, which is in this context denoted by \*.
- RelPos is Pos-enriched.
- RelPos  $\simeq$  Pos<sub>D</sub> -- the Kleisli category.

#### 4 PosInv

- The objects of **PosInv** can be represented as isomorphisms ':  $P \to P^{op}$ .
- The morphisms are then commutative squares.
- **PosInv** is cartesian closed.<sup>1</sup>
- The forgetful functor  $U : \mathbf{Pos} \to \mathbf{PosInv}$  is both left and right adjoint.
- The left adjoint to U is  $P \mapsto D(P) \oplus (D(P))^{op}$ , where  $\oplus$  is the coproduct in **Pos**.
- The right adjoint to U is  $P \mapsto D(P) \times (D(P))^{op}$ .

 $<sup>^1\</sup>mathrm{What}$  was the exponential object? I forgot.

## 5 RelPosInv

- The objects may be represented as **RelPos**-isomorphisms  $P \to P^*$ , morphisms remain the same.
- The contravariance of \* then gives us a dagger: if ':  $P \to P^*$ , ':  $Q \to Q^*$  are objects of **RelPosInv** and  $f: P \to Q$  is a morphism (a monotone relation), then  $f^{\dagger}: Q \to P$  is just  $(')^{-1} \circ f^* \circ '$ .
- This is a dagger-compact category.
- Effect algebras are certain dagger-Frobenius algebras in **RelPosInv**. <sup>2</sup>.
- There is a chain of adjunctions  $\mathbf{RelPos} \leftrightarrow \mathbf{Pos} \leftrightarrow \mathbf{PosInv}$ , inducing a monad T given by  $T(P) = D(P) \times (D(P))^{op}$  on  $\mathbf{PosInv}$ .
- $PosInv_T \simeq RelPosInv$
- $\mathbf{PosInv}^T \simeq \mathbf{Sup}$

<sup>&</sup>lt;sup>2</sup>This was the original motivation to look at **RelPosInv**