

# Cohesion in Rome

---

Fosco Loregian



December 1, 2019

# Toposes

[...] vi el Aleph, desde todos los puntos,  
vi en el Aleph la tierra, y en la tierra otra  
vez el Aleph y en el Aleph la tierra, vi mi  
cara y mis vísceras, vi tu cara, y sentí  
vértigo y lloré...

---

JLB

Topos theory is a cornerstone of category theory linking together algebra, geometry and logic.

# Toposes

[...] vi el Aleph, desde todos los puntos,  
vi en el Aleph la tierra, y en la tierra otra  
vez el Aleph y en el Aleph la tierra, vi mi  
cara y mis vísceras, vi tu cara, y sentí  
vértigo y lloré...

---

JLB

Topos theory is a cornerstone of category theory linking together algebra, geometry and logic.

Simply said, in each topos it is possible to re-enact the totality of known Mathematics; today we focus on

# Toposes

[...] vi el Aleph, desde todos los puntos,  
vi en el Aleph la tierra, y en la tierra otra  
vez el Aleph y en el Aleph la tierra, vi mi  
cara y mis vísceras, vi tu cara, y sentí  
vértigo y lloré...

---

JLB

Topos theory is a cornerstone of category theory linking together algebra, geometry and logic.

Simply said, in each topos it is possible to re-enact the totality of known Mathematics; today we focus on

- Logic (better said, a fragment of **dependent type theory**)

# Toposes

[...] vi el Aleph, desde todos los puntos,  
vi en el Aleph la tierra, y en la tierra otra  
vez el Aleph y en el Aleph la tierra, vi mi  
cara y mis vísceras, vi tu cara, y sentí  
vértigo y lloré...

---

JLB

Topos theory is a cornerstone of category theory linking together algebra, geometry and logic.

Simply said, in each topos it is possible to re-enact the totality of known Mathematics; today we focus on

- Logic (better said, a fragment of **dependent type theory**)
- Differential geometry

# Toposes

[...] vi el Aleph, desde todos los puntos,  
vi en el Aleph la tierra, y en la tierra otra  
vez el Aleph y en el Aleph la tierra, vi mi  
cara y mis vísceras, vi tu cara, y sentí  
vértigo y lloré...

---

JLB

Topos theory is a cornerstone of category theory linking together algebra, geometry and logic.

Simply said, in each topos it is possible to re-enact the totality of known Mathematics; today we focus on

- Logic (better said, a fragment of **dependent type theory**)
- Differential geometry
- (Algebraic topology)

# Toposes

[...] vi el Aleph, desde todos los puntos,  
vi en el Aleph la tierra, y en la tierra otra  
vez el Aleph y en el Aleph la tierra, vi mi  
cara y mis vísceras, vi tu cara, y sentí  
vértigo y lloré...

---

JLB

Topos theory is a cornerstone of category theory linking together algebra, geometry and logic.

Simply said, in each topos it is possible to re-enact the totality of known Mathematics; today we focus on

- Logic (better said, a fragment of **dependent type theory**)
- Differential geometry
- (Algebraic topology)
- ...

## Definizione di fascio su uno spazio

Let  $(X, \tau)$  be a topological space; a *sheaf on  $X$*  is a functor  $F : \tau^{\text{op}} \rightarrow \underline{\text{Set}}$  such that for every  $U \in \tau$  and every covering  $\{U_i\}$  of  $U$  one has

- if  $s, t \in FU$  are such that  $s|_i = t|_i$  in  $FU_i$  for every  $i \in I$ , then  $s = t$  in  $FU$ .

---

<sup>1</sup>We denote  $s|_i$  the image of  $s \in FU$  under the nmeless map  $FU \rightarrow FU_i$  induced by the inclusion  $U_i \subseteq U$ .

## Definizione di fascio su uno spazio

Let  $(X, \tau)$  be a topological space; a *sheaf on  $X$*  is a functor  $F : \tau^{\text{op}} \rightarrow \underline{\text{Set}}$  such that for every  $U \in \tau$  and every covering  $\{U_i\}$  of  $U$  one has

- if  $s, t \in FU$  are such that  $s|_i = t|_i$  in  $FU_i$  for every  $i \in I$ , then  $s = t$  in  $FU$ .
- if  $s_i \in FU_i$  is a family of elements such that  $s_i|_{ij} = s_j|_{ij}$ , then there exists a  $s \in FU$  such that  $s|_i = s_i$ .<sup>1</sup>

---

<sup>1</sup>We denote  $s|_i$  the image of  $s \in FU$  under the nmeless map  $FU \rightarrow FU_i$  induced by the inclusion  $U_i \subseteq U$ .

## Examples of sheaves

Every construction in Mathematics that exhibits a local character is a sheaf:

- sending  $U \mapsto CU$ , continuous functions with domain  $U$   
(similarly, differentiable,  $C^\infty$ ,  $C^\omega$ , holomorphic...)

## Examples of sheaves

Every construction in Mathematics that exhibits a local character is a sheaf:

- sending  $U \mapsto CU$ , continuous functions with domain  $U$   
(similarly, differentiable,  $C^\infty$ ,  $C^\omega$ , holomorphic...)
- sending  $U \mapsto \Omega^p U$ , differential forms supported on  $U$   
(similarly: distributions, test functions... )

## Examples of sheaves

Every construction in Mathematics that exhibits a local character is a sheaf:

- sending  $U \mapsto CU$ , continuous functions with domain  $U$   
(similarly, differentiable,  $C^\infty$ ,  $C^\omega$ , holomorphic...)
- sending  $U \mapsto \Omega^P U$ , differential forms supported on  $U$   
(similarly: distributions, test functions...)
- ... sending  $U \mapsto \{f : U \rightarrow \mathbb{R} \mid f \text{ has property } P \text{ locally}\}$  for some  $P$ .

## Examples of sheaves

Every construction in Mathematics that exhibits a local character is a sheaf:

- sending  $U \mapsto CU$ , continuous functions with domain  $U$   
(similarly, differentiable,  $C^\infty$ ,  $C^\omega$ , holomorphic...)
- sending  $U \mapsto \Omega^P U$ , differential forms supported on  $U$   
(similarly: distributions, test functions...)
- ... sending  $U \mapsto \{f : U \rightarrow \mathbb{R} \mid f \text{ has property } P \text{ locally}\}$  for some  $P$ .

Every construction that does involve global properties, is not a sheaf:

## Examples of sheaves

Every construction in Mathematics that exhibits a local character is a sheaf:

- sending  $U \mapsto CU$ , continuous functions with domain  $U$   
(similarly, differentiable,  $C^\infty$ ,  $C^\omega$ , holomorphic...)
- sending  $U \mapsto \Omega^P U$ , differential forms supported on  $U$   
(similarly: distributions, test functions...)
- ... sending  $U \mapsto \{f : U \rightarrow \mathbb{R} \mid f \text{ has property } P \text{ locally}\}$  for some  $P$ .

Every construction that does involve global properties, is not a sheaf:

- sending  $U \mapsto \{\text{bounded functions } f : U \rightarrow \mathbb{R}\}$

## Examples of sheaves

Every construction in Mathematics that exhibits a local character is a sheaf:

- sending  $U \mapsto CU$ , continuous functions with domain  $U$   
(similarly, differentiable,  $C^\infty$ ,  $C^\omega$ , holomorphic...)
- sending  $U \mapsto \Omega^P U$ , differential forms supported on  $U$   
(similarly: distributions, test functions...)
- ... sending  $U \mapsto \{f : U \rightarrow \mathbb{R} \mid f \text{ has property } P \text{ locally}\}$  for some  $P$ .

Every construction that does involve global properties, is not a sheaf:

- sending  $U \mapsto \{\text{bounded functions } f : U \rightarrow \mathbb{R}\}$
- sending  $U \mapsto \{L^1 \text{ functions } f : U \rightarrow \mathbb{R}\}$

## Examples of sheaves

Every construction in Mathematics that exhibits a local character is a sheaf:

- sending  $U \mapsto CU$ , continuous functions with domain  $U$   
(similarly, differentiable,  $C^\infty$ ,  $C^\omega$ , holomorphic...)
- sending  $U \mapsto \Omega^P U$ , differential forms supported on  $U$   
(similarly: distributions, test functions...)
- ... sending  $U \mapsto \{f : U \rightarrow \mathbb{R} \mid f \text{ has property } P \text{ locally}\}$  for some  $P$ .

Every construction that does involve global properties, is not a sheaf:

- sending  $U \mapsto \{\text{bounded functions } f : U \rightarrow \mathbb{R}\}$
- sending  $U \mapsto \{L^1 \text{ functions } f : U \rightarrow \mathbb{R}\}$
- ...

## Grothendieck topologies

A *sieve* on an object  $X$  of a category  $\mathcal{C}$  is a subobject  $S$  of the hom functor  $yX = \mathcal{C}(-, X)$ ;

## Grothendieck topologies

A *sieve* on an object  $X$  of a category  $\mathcal{C}$  is a subobject  $S$  of the hom functor  $yX = \mathcal{C}(-, X)$ ;

A *Grothendieck topology* on a category amounts to the choice of a family of *covering sieves* for every object  $X \in \mathcal{C}$ ; this family of sieves is chosen in such a way that

## Grothendieck topologies

A *sieve* on an object  $X$  of a category  $\mathcal{C}$  is a subobject  $S$  of the hom functor  $yX = \mathcal{C}(-, X)$ ;

A *Grothendieck topology* on a category amounts to the choice of a family of *covering sieves* for every object  $X \in \mathcal{C}$ ; this family of sieves is chosen in such a way that

- if  $S \Rightarrow yX$  is a covering sieve and  $f : Y \rightarrow X$  is a morphism of  $\mathcal{C}$ , then the morphism  $f^*S \Rightarrow Y$  obtained in the pullback

$$\begin{array}{ccc} f^*S & \longrightarrow & S \\ \downarrow & \lrcorner & \downarrow \\ Y & \xrightarrow{f} & X \end{array}$$

is again a covering sieve.

## Grothendieck topologies

- Let  $S \Rightarrow yX$  be a covering sieve on  $X$ , and let  $T$  be any sieve on  $X$ . If for each object  $Y$  of  $\mathcal{C}$  and each arrow  $f : Y \rightarrow X$  in  $SY$  the pullback sieve  $f^* T$  is a covering sieve on  $Y$ , then  $T$  is a covering sieve on  $X$ .

## Grothendieck topologies

- Let  $S \Rightarrow yX$  be a covering sieve on  $X$ , and let  $T$  be any sieve on  $X$ . If for each object  $Y$  of  $\mathcal{C}$  and each arrow  $f : Y \rightarrow X$  in  $SY$  the pullback sieve  $f^* T$  is a covering sieve on  $Y$ , then  $T$  is a covering sieve on  $X$ .
- the identity  $1 : yX \Rightarrow yX$  is a covering sieve.

# Grothendieck topologies

- Let  $S \Rightarrow yX$  be a covering sieve on  $X$ , and let  $T$  be any sieve on  $X$ . If for each object  $Y$  of  $\mathcal{C}$  and each arrow  $f : Y \rightarrow X$  in  $SY$  the pullback sieve  $f^* T$  is a covering sieve on  $Y$ , then  $T$  is a covering sieve on  $X$ .
- the identity  $1 : yX \Rightarrow yX$  is a covering sieve.
  - if  $\{U_i\}$  covers  $U$ , then for every  $V \subseteq U$   $V \cap U_i$  covers  $V$ ;

# Grothendieck topologies

- Let  $S \Rightarrow yX$  be a covering sieve on  $X$ , and let  $T$  be any sieve on  $X$ . If for each object  $Y$  of  $\mathcal{C}$  and each arrow  $f : Y \rightarrow X$  in  $SY$  the pullback sieve  $f^* T$  is a covering sieve on  $Y$ , then  $T$  is a covering sieve on  $X$ .
- the identity  $1 : yX \Rightarrow yX$  is a covering sieve.
  - if  $\{U_i\}$  covers  $U$ , then for every  $V \subseteq U$   $V \cap U_i$  covers  $V$ ;
  - if  $\{U_i\}$  covers  $U$  and  $\{V_{ij}\}$  covers  $U_i$ , then  $V_{ij}$  covers  $U$ ;

# Grothendieck topologies

- Let  $S \Rightarrow yX$  be a covering sieve on  $X$ , and let  $T$  be any sieve on  $X$ . If for each object  $Y$  of  $\mathcal{C}$  and each arrow  $f : Y \rightarrow X$  in  $SY$  the pullback sieve  $f^* T$  is a covering sieve on  $Y$ , then  $T$  is a covering sieve on  $X$ .
- the identity  $1 : yX \Rightarrow yX$  is a covering sieve.
  - if  $\{U_i\}$  covers  $U$ , then for every  $V \subseteq U$   $V \cap U_i$  covers  $V$ ;
  - if  $\{U_i\}$  covers  $U$  and  $\{V_{ij}\}$  covers  $U_i$ , then  $V_{ij}$  covers  $U$ ;
  - $\{U\}$  covers  $U$ .

# Grothendieck topologies

- Let  $S \Rightarrow yX$  be a covering sieve on  $X$ , and let  $T$  be any sieve on  $X$ . If for each object  $Y$  of  $\mathcal{C}$  and each arrow  $f : Y \rightarrow X$  in  $SY$  the pullback sieve  $f^* T$  is a covering sieve on  $Y$ , then  $T$  is a covering sieve on  $X$ .
- the identity  $1 : yX \Rightarrow yX$  is a covering sieve.
  - if  $\{U_i\}$  covers  $U$ , then for every  $V \subseteq U$   $V \cap U_i$  covers  $V$ ;
  - if  $\{U_i\}$  covers  $U$  and  $\{V_{ij}\}$  covers  $U_i$ , then  $V_{ij}$  covers  $U$ ;
  - $\{U\}$  covers  $U$ .

A Grothendieck site is a category with a Grothendieck topology, i.e. a function  $j$  that assigns to every object a family of covering sieves.

# Grothendieck topologies

- Let  $S \Rightarrow yX$  be a covering sieve on  $X$ , and let  $T$  be any sieve on  $X$ . If for each object  $Y$  of  $\mathcal{C}$  and each arrow  $f : Y \rightarrow X$  in  $SY$  the pullback sieve  $f^* T$  is a covering sieve on  $Y$ , then  $T$  is a covering sieve on  $X$ .
- the identity  $1 : yX \Rightarrow yX$  is a covering sieve.
  - if  $\{U_i\}$  covers  $U$ , then for every  $V \subseteq U$   $V \cap U_i$  covers  $V$ ;
  - if  $\{U_i\}$  covers  $U$  and  $\{V_{ij}\}$  covers  $U_i$ , then  $V_{ij}$  covers  $U$ ;
  - $\{U\}$  covers  $U$ .

A Grothendieck site is a category with a Grothendieck topology, i.e. a function  $j$  that assigns to every object a family of covering sieves.

We denote a site as the pair  $(\mathcal{C}, j)$ .

## Sheaves on a site

A *sheaf* on a small site  $\mathcal{C}$  is a functor  $F : \mathcal{C}^{\text{op}} \rightarrow \underline{\text{Set}}$  such that for every covering sieve  $R \rightarrow yU$  and every diagram

$$\begin{array}{ccc} R & \xrightarrow{f} & F \\ m \downarrow & \nearrow & \\ yU & & \end{array}$$

there is a unique dotted extension  $yU \Rightarrow F$

## Sheaves on a site

A *sheaf* on a small site  $\mathcal{C}$  is a functor  $F : \mathcal{C}^{\text{op}} \rightarrow \underline{\text{Set}}$  such that for every covering sieve  $R \rightarrow yU$  and every diagram

$$\begin{array}{ccc} R & \xrightarrow{f} & F \\ m \downarrow & \nearrow & \\ yU & & \end{array}$$

there is a unique dotted extension  $yU \Rightarrow F$  (by the Yoneda lemma, this consists of a unique element  $s \in FU$ , **exercise**).

## Sheaves on a site

A *sheaf* on a small site  $\mathcal{C}$  is a functor  $F : \mathcal{C}^{\text{op}} \rightarrow \underline{\text{Set}}$  such that for every covering sieve  $R \rightarrow yU$  and every diagram

$$\begin{array}{ccc} R & \xrightarrow{f} & F \\ m \downarrow & \nearrow & \\ yU & & \end{array}$$

there is a unique dotted extension  $yU \Rightarrow F$  (by the Yoneda lemma, this consists of a unique element  $s \in FU$ , **exercise**).

The full subcategory of sheaves on a site  $(\mathcal{C}, j)$  is denoted  $\text{Sh}(\mathcal{C}, j)$ .

## Giraud Theorem

By general facts on locally presentable categories, the subcategory of sheaves on a site is reflective via a functor

$$r : \text{Cat}(\mathcal{C}^{\text{op}}, \underline{\text{Set}}) \rightarrow \text{Sh}(\mathcal{C}, j)$$

called *sheafification* of a presheaf  $F : \mathcal{C}^{\text{op}} \rightarrow \underline{\text{Set}}$ .

# Giraud Theorem

By general facts on locally presentable categories, the subcategory of sheaves on a site is reflective via a functor

$$r : \text{Cat}(\mathcal{C}^{\text{op}}, \underline{\text{Set}}) \rightarrow \text{Sh}(\mathcal{C}, j)$$

called *sheafification* of a presheaf  $F : \mathcal{C}^{\text{op}} \rightarrow \underline{\text{Set}}$ .

## Historical note

Grothendieck was the first to note that in every topos of sheaves the **internal language** is sufficiently expressive to concoct **higher-order logic** and he strived to advertise his intuitions to an audience of logicians.

But it wasn't until Lawvere devised the notion of **elementary topos** that the community agreed on the potential of this theory.

# Elementary toposes

An *elementary topos* is a category  $\mathcal{E}$  that

- it has finite limits;

# Elementary toposes

An *elementary topos* is a category  $\mathcal{E}$  that

- it has finite limits;
- is cartesian closed;

# Elementary toposes

An *elementary topos* is a category  $\mathcal{E}$  that

- it has finite limits;
- is cartesian closed;
- has a *subobject classifier*, i.e. an object  $\Omega \in \mathcal{E}$  such that the functor  $\text{Sub} : \mathcal{E}^{\text{op}} \rightarrow \underline{\text{Set}}$  sending  $A$  into the set of isomorphism classes of monomorphisms  $\begin{smallmatrix} U \\ \downarrow \\ A \end{smallmatrix}$  is representable by the object  $\Omega$ .

## Elementary toposes

The natural bijection  $\mathcal{E}(A, \Omega) \cong \text{Sub}(A)$  is obtained pulling back a “characteristic arrow”  $\chi_U : A \rightarrow \Omega$  along a *universal arrow*  $t : 1 \rightarrow \Omega$  to obtain the monic  $U$ , as in the diagram

$$\begin{array}{ccc} U & \longrightarrow & 1 \\ m \downarrow & \lrcorner & \downarrow t \\ A & \xrightarrow{\chi_m} & \Omega \end{array}$$

so, the bijection is induced by the maps

- $\chi_- : \left[ \begin{smallmatrix} U \\ \downarrow \\ A \end{smallmatrix} \right] \mapsto \chi_m$  and

## Elementary toposes

The natural bijection  $\mathcal{E}(A, \Omega) \cong \text{Sub}(A)$  is obtained pulling back a “characteristic arrow”  $\chi_U : A \rightarrow \Omega$  along a *universal arrow*  $t : 1 \rightarrow \Omega$  to obtain the monic  $U$ , as in the diagram

$$\begin{array}{ccc} U & \longrightarrow & 1 \\ m \downarrow & \lrcorner & \downarrow t \\ A & \xrightarrow{\chi_m} & \Omega \end{array}$$

so, the bijection is induced by the maps

- $\chi_- : \begin{bmatrix} U \\ \downarrow \\ A \end{bmatrix} \mapsto \chi_m$  and
- $- \times_{\Omega} t : \chi_U \mapsto \chi_U \times_{\Omega} t.$

# Grothendieck $\subset$ elementary

En los libros herméticos está escrito que lo que hay abajo es igual a lo que hay arriba, y lo que hay arriba, igual a lo que hay abajo; en el Zohar, que el mundo inferior es reflejo del superior.<sup>†</sup>

---

JLB

- Every Grothendieck topos is elementary;

# Grothendieck $\subset$ elementary

En los libros herméticos está escrito que lo que hay abajo es igual a lo que hay arriba, y lo que hay arriba, igual a lo que hay abajo; en el Zohar, que el mundo inferior es reflejo del superior.<sup>†</sup>

---

JLB

- Every Grothendieck topos is elementary;
- An elementary topos is Grothendieck if and only if it is a locally finitely presentable category.

En los libros herméticos está escrito que lo que hay abajo es igual a lo que hay arriba, y lo que hay arriba, igual a lo que hay abajo; en el Zohar, que el mundo inferior es reflejo del superior.<sup>†</sup>

---

JLB

- Every Grothendieck topos is elementary;
- An elementary topos is Grothendieck if and only if it is a locally finitely presentable category.

Giraud theorem characterises Grothendieck toposes as such elementary toposes.

En los libros herméticos está escrito que lo que hay abajo es igual a lo que hay arriba, y lo que hay arriba, igual a lo que hay abajo; en el Zohar, que el mundo inferior es reflejo del superior.<sup>†</sup>

---

JLB

- Every Grothendieck topos is elementary;
- An elementary topos is Grothendieck if and only if it is a locally finitely presentable category.

Giraud theorem characterises Grothendieck toposes as such elementary toposes.

<sup>†</sup>Microcosm principle: a topos, i.e. a place where subobjects are well-behaved, is but a well-behaved subobject in the 2-category of presheaf categories.

# Logic of categories

What is the internal logic of a category?

This would have deserved a dedicated seminar but:

- Every category  $\mathcal{C}$  is a universe in which we can interpret type theory;

This can be made precise in various ways:

<https://ncatlab.org/nlab/show/relation+between+type+theory+and+category+theory>

# Logic of categories

What is the internal logic of a category?

This would have deserved a dedicated seminar but:

- Every category  $\mathcal{C}$  is a universe in which we can interpret type theory;
- every object  $A \in \mathcal{C}$  is a type – a term in the type of types:

This can be made precise in various ways:

<https://ncatlab.org/nlab/show/relation+between+type+theory+and+category+theory>

# Logic of categories

What is the internal logic of a category?

This would have deserved a dedicated seminar but:

- Every category  $\mathcal{C}$  is a universe in which we can interpret type theory;
- every object  $A \in \mathcal{C}$  is a type – a term in the type of types;
- every morphism  $X \rightarrow A$  is a (generalised) term of type  $A$ , in a context  $X$ .

This can be made precise in various ways:

<https://ncatlab.org/nlab/show/relation+between+type+theory+and+category+theory>

# Logic of toposes

flavor of type theory	equivalent to	flavor of category theory	
<a href="#">intuitionistic propositional logic/simply-typed lambda calculus</a>		<a href="#">cartesian closed category</a>	
<a href="#">multiplicative intuitionistic linear logic</a>		<a href="#">symmetric closed monoidal category</a>	(various authors since ~68)
<a href="#">first-order logic</a>		<a href="#">hyperdoctrine</a>	(Seely 1984a)
<a href="#">classical linear logic</a>		<a href="#">star-autonomous category</a>	(Seely 89)
<a href="#">extensional dependent type theory</a>		<a href="#">locally cartesian closed category</a>	(Seely 1984b)
<a href="#">homotopy type theory without univalence</a> (intensional M-L dependent type theory)		<a href="#">locally cartesian closed <math>(\infty, 1)</math>-category</a>	(Cisinski 12- (Shulman 12))
<a href="#">homotopy type theory with higher inductive types</a> and <a href="#">univalence</a>		<a href="#">elementary <math>(\infty, 1)</math>-topos</a>	see <a href="#">here</a>
<a href="#">dependent linear type theory</a>		<a href="#">indexed monoidal category</a> (with comprehension)	(Vákár 14)

# Axiomatic Cohesion

## What is cohesion

Cohesion is the mutual attraction of molecules sticking together to form *droplets*, caused by mild electrical attraction between them.

**Figure 1:** Droplets of mercury “exhibiting cohesion”

## What is cohesion

Classes of geometric spaces exhibit similar coagulation properties,

## What is cohesion

Classes of geometric spaces exhibit similar coagulation properties, similar to internal forces leading them to adhere and form **coherent conglomerates**.

## What is cohesion

Classes of geometric spaces exhibit similar coagulation properties, similar to internal forces leading them to adhere and form **coherent conglomerates**. This behaviour is typical of **smooth spaces**.

# What is cohesion

Classes of geometric spaces exhibit similar coagulation properties, similar to internal forces leading them to adhere and form **coherent conglomerates**. This behaviour is typical of **smooth spaces**.

## Example

**Smooth manifolds** can be probed via smooth open balls and every smooth space is a “coherent conglomerate” of *cohesive pieces*.

# What is cohesion

Classes of geometric spaces exhibit similar coagulation properties, similar to internal forces leading them to adhere and form **coherent conglomerates**. This behaviour is typical of **smooth spaces**.

## Example

**Smooth manifolds** can be probed via smooth open balls and every smooth space is a “coherent conglomerate” of *cohesive pieces*.

## Question

Which formal axioms describe the mathematics behind this intuition? What is *axiomatic cohesion*?

Axioms to answer this question have been devised by Lawvere [Law1] (worth reading, but quite mystical!).

## Desiderata

---

We would like to operate in a *category* (a **topos**) of “cohesive spaces”, such that

## Desiderata

We would like to operate in a *category* (a **topos**) of “cohesive spaces”, such that

- there is a functor  $\Pi: \mathcal{H} \rightarrow \underline{\text{Set}}$  that sends every cohesive space  $X \in \mathcal{H}$  into its set of **connected components**.

## Desiderata

We would like to operate in a *category* (a **topos**) of “cohesive spaces”, such that

- there is a functor  $\Pi: \mathcal{H} \rightarrow \underline{\text{Set}}$  that sends every cohesive space  $X \in \mathcal{H}$  into its set of **connected components**.
- Every set  $S \in \underline{\text{Set}}$  can be regarded as a cohesive space in two complementary ways:

## Desiderata

We would like to operate in a *category* (a **topos**) of “cohesive spaces”, such that

- there is a functor  $\Pi: \mathcal{H} \rightarrow \underline{\text{Set}}$  that sends every cohesive space  $X \in \mathcal{H}$  into its set of **connected components**.
- Every set  $S \in \underline{\text{Set}}$  can be regarded as a cohesive space in two complementary ways:
  - *discretely*, with a functor  $\underline{\text{Set}} \rightarrow \mathcal{H}$  that regards every singleton of  $S$  as a cohesive droplet;

## Desiderata

We would like to operate in a *category* (a **topos**) of “cohesive spaces”, such that

- there is a functor  $\Pi: \mathcal{H} \rightarrow \underline{\text{Set}}$  that sends every cohesive space  $X \in \mathcal{H}$  into its set of **connected components**.
- Every set  $S \in \underline{\text{Set}}$  can be regarded as a cohesive space in two complementary ways:
  - *discretely*, with a functor  $\underline{\text{Set}} \rightarrow \mathcal{H}$  that regards every singleton of  $S$  as a cohesive droplet;
  - *codiscretely*, with a functor  $\underline{\text{Set}} \rightarrow \mathcal{H}$  that regards the whole  $S$  as an unseparable cohesive droplet.

## Desiderata

We would like to operate in a *category* (a **topos**) of “cohesive spaces”, such that

- there is a functor  $\Pi: \mathcal{H} \rightarrow \underline{\text{Set}}$  that sends every cohesive space  $X \in \mathcal{H}$  into its set of **connected components**.
- Every set  $S \in \underline{\text{Set}}$  can be regarded as a cohesive space in two complementary ways:
  - *discretely*, with a functor  $\underline{\text{Set}} \rightarrow \mathcal{H}$  that regards every singleton of  $S$  as a cohesive droplet;
  - *codiscretely*, with a functor  $\underline{\text{Set}} \rightarrow \mathcal{H}$  that regards the whole  $S$  as an unseparable cohesive droplet.
- Discretely and codiscretely cohesive spaces embed in  $\mathcal{H}$ , with fully faithful functors: in that

$$\mathcal{H}(\text{disc}(S), \text{disc}(T)) \cong \underline{\text{Set}}(S, T)$$

$$\mathcal{H}(\text{codisc}(S), \text{codisc}(T)) \cong \underline{\text{Set}}(S, T)$$

# Axiomatic cohesion

An adjunction

$$\Pi \dashv \text{disc} \dashv \Gamma \dashv \text{codisc} : \mathcal{H}$$
$$\begin{array}{ccccc} & & \xrightarrow{\Pi} & & \\ & \xleftarrow{\text{disc}} & \perp & \xrightarrow{\perp} & \text{Set} \\ \xleftarrow{\Gamma} & & \perp & & \perp \\ & \xleftarrow{\text{codisc}} & & & \end{array}$$

exhibits the cohesion of  $\mathcal{H}$  over Set if

# Axiomatic cohesion

An adjunction

$$\Pi \dashv \text{disc} \dashv \Gamma \dashv \text{codisc} : \mathcal{H} \begin{array}{c} \xrightarrow{\Pi} \\ \xleftarrow{\text{disc}} \quad \xrightarrow{\perp} \\ \xleftarrow{\Gamma} \quad \xrightarrow{\perp} \\ \xleftarrow{\text{codisc}} \end{array} \underline{\text{Set}}$$

exhibits the cohesion of  $\mathcal{H}$  over Set if

- disc and codisc are fully faithful;

# Axiomatic cohesion

An adjunction

$$\Pi \dashv \text{disc} \dashv \Gamma \dashv \text{codisc} : \mathcal{H} \begin{array}{c} \xrightarrow{\quad \Pi \quad} \\ \xleftarrow{\quad \text{disc} \quad} \quad \perp \quad \xrightarrow{\quad \perp \quad} \\ \xleftarrow{\quad \Gamma \quad} \quad \perp \quad \xrightarrow{\quad \perp \quad} \\ \xleftarrow{\quad \text{codisc} \quad} \end{array} \underline{\text{Set}}$$

exhibits the cohesion of  $\mathcal{H}$  over Set if

- disc and codisc are fully faithful;
- the leftmost adjoint  $\Pi$  preserves finite products.

# Axiomatic cohesion

An adjunction

$$\Pi \dashv \text{disc} \dashv \Gamma \dashv \text{codisc} : \mathcal{H} \begin{array}{c} \xrightarrow{\Pi} \\ \xleftarrow{\text{disc}} \quad \xrightarrow{\perp} \\ \xleftarrow{\Gamma} \quad \xrightarrow{\perp} \\ \xleftarrow{\text{codisc}} \end{array} \underline{\text{Set}}$$

exhibits the cohesion of  $\mathcal{H}$  over Set if

- disc and codisc are fully faithful;
- the leftmost adjoint  $\Pi$  preserves finite products.

( $\Gamma$  “forgets cohesion”: it sends a space to its underlying set of points)

**Formal fact.** Every quadruple of adjoints induces a triple of adjoints.

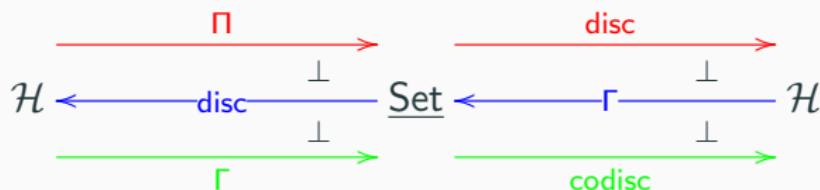
**Formal fact.** Every quadruple of adjoints induces a triple of adjoints.

- There is an adjoint triple of idempotent co/monads on  $\mathcal{H}$ , induced by the cohesion:

$$\begin{array}{ccccc} & \xrightarrow{\Pi} & & \xrightarrow{\text{disc}} & \\ \mathcal{H} & \xleftarrow{\text{disc}} & \perp & \perp & \mathcal{H} \\ & \xleftarrow{\perp} & \text{Set} & \xleftarrow{\Gamma} & \perp \\ & \xrightarrow{\Gamma} & & \xrightarrow{\perp} & \perp \\ & & & \xrightarrow{\text{codisc}} & \end{array}$$

**Formal fact.** Every quadruple of adjoints induces a triple of adjoints.

- There is an adjoint triple of idempotent co/monads on  $\mathcal{H}$ , induced by the cohesion:



monad	comonad	monad
$\int$	$(-)^b$	$(-)^{\sharp}$
$\text{disc} \circ \Pi$	$\text{disc} \circ \Gamma$	$\text{codisc} \circ \Gamma$
pron.: <i>shape</i>	pron.: <i>flat</i>	pron.: <i>sharp</i>

# Modalities, pieces

The triple of adjoints

$$\begin{array}{ccc} & \lrcorner & \\ \mathcal{H} & \xrightleftharpoons{\quad} & \mathcal{H} \\ & \sharp & \end{array}$$

is called the **shape, flat, sharp** string of “co/modalities”  
(idempotent co/monads) for the cohesive topos  $\mathcal{H}$ .

The **shape** of  $X \in \mathcal{H}$  is the discrete object on the “fundamental groupoid” of  $X$ . The adjunction  $\Pi \dashv \text{disc}$  has something to do with (topological) Galois theory.

# Modalities, pieces

1. The **flat** functor corresponds to the **object of flat connections** on  $X \in \mathcal{H}$ : if  $G$  is a group,

$$\left\{ \begin{array}{c} \text{principal} \\ \text{bundles on } X \end{array} \right\} \cong [X \rightarrow BG] \quad \left\{ \begin{array}{c} \text{flat con-} \\ \text{nections on } X \end{array} \right\} \cong \left\{ \begin{array}{c} \nearrow \text{flat} \\ X \xrightarrow{\quad} BG \end{array} \right\}$$

(keep in mind these equivalences: they will reappear later)

# Modalities, pieces

1. The **flat** functor corresponds to the **object of flat connections** on  $X \in \mathcal{H}$ : if  $G$  is a group,

$$\left\{ \begin{array}{c} \text{principal} \\ \text{bundles on } X \end{array} \right\} \cong [X \rightarrow BG] \quad \left\{ \begin{array}{c} \text{flat con-} \\ \text{nections on } X \end{array} \right\} \cong \left\{ \begin{array}{c} \nearrow bBG \\ X \longrightarrow BG \\ \downarrow \end{array} \right\}$$

(keep in mind these equivalences: they will reappear later)

2. **sharp** of  $X$ ,  $\sharp X$ , corresponds to the codiscrete object on the sets of **points**  $\Gamma X$  of  $X$ .

# Modalities, pieces

1. The **flat** functor corresponds to the **object of flat connections** on  $X \in \mathcal{H}$ : if  $G$  is a group,

$$\left\{ \begin{array}{c} \text{principal} \\ \text{bundles on } X \end{array} \right\} \cong [X \rightarrow BG] \quad \left\{ \begin{array}{c} \text{flat con-} \\ \text{nections on } X \end{array} \right\} \cong \left\{ \begin{array}{c} \nearrow bBG \\ X \rightarrow BG \downarrow \end{array} \right\}$$

(keep in mind these equivalences: they will reappear later)

2. **sharp** of  $X$ ,  $\sharp X$ , corresponds to the codiscrete object on the sets of **points**  $\Gamma X$  of  $X$ .
3. Co/discrete objects are precisely the objects for which  $bX \cong X$ , resp.  $\sharp Y \cong Y$ .

Every object fits in a “complex”:

## Definition

There is a canonical natural transformation

$$\sharp X \xrightarrow{\epsilon_{(\text{disc} \dashv \Gamma), X}} X \xrightarrow{\eta_{(\Pi \dashv \text{disc}), X}} \int X$$

called the “points to pieces” map;

Every object fits in a “complex”:

## Definition

There is a canonical natural transformation

$$\sharp X \xrightarrow{\epsilon_{(\text{disc} \dashv \Gamma), X}} X \xrightarrow{\eta_{(\Pi \dashv \text{disc}), X}} \int X$$

called the “**points to pieces**” map; this map comes from a natural transformation

$$\alpha : \Gamma \Rightarrow \Pi$$

$$\alpha_X : \Gamma X \rightarrow \Pi X$$

Every object fits in a “complex”:

## Definition

There is a canonical natural transformation

$$\sharp X \xrightarrow{\epsilon_{(\text{disc} \dashv \Gamma), X}} X \xrightarrow{\eta_{(\Pi \dashv \text{disc}), X}} \int X$$

called the “**points to pieces**” map; this map comes from a natural transformation

$$\alpha : \Gamma \Rightarrow \Pi$$

$$\alpha_X : \Gamma X \rightarrow \Pi X$$

It is a “comparison” between the action of  $\Gamma$  (send  $X$  into its “sections” or “set of points”) and  $\Pi$  (send  $X$  into its “pieces” or “components”).

- We say that **pieces have points** in the cohesive topos  $\mathcal{H}$  (or that “ $\mathcal{H}$  satisfies *Nullstellensatz*”) if the points-to-pieces transformation  $\alpha_X : \Gamma X \rightarrow \Pi X$  is surjective for all  $X \in \mathcal{H}$ .

- We say that **pieces have points** in the cohesive topos  $\mathcal{H}$  (or that “ $\mathcal{H}$  satisfies *Nullstellensatz*”) if the points-to-pieces transformation  $\alpha_X : \Gamma X \rightarrow \Pi X$  is surjective for all  $X \in \mathcal{H}$ .
- We say that **discrete is concrete** in  $\mathcal{H}$  if natural transformation whose components are

$$\text{disc}(S) \rightarrow \text{codisc}(\Gamma(\text{disc}(S))) \cong \text{codisc}(S)$$

is a monomorphism (discrete cohesion sits into codiscrete cohesion).

- We say that **pieces have points** in the cohesive topos  $\mathcal{H}$  (or that “ $\mathcal{H}$  satisfies *Nullstellensatz*”) if the points-to-pieces transformation  $\alpha_X : \Gamma X \rightarrow \Pi X$  is surjective for all  $X \in \mathcal{H}$ .
- We say that **discrete is concrete** in  $\mathcal{H}$  if natural transformation whose components are

$$\text{disc}(S) \rightarrow \text{codisc}(\Gamma(\text{disc}(S))) \cong \text{codisc}(S)$$

is a monomorphism (discrete cohesion sits into codiscrete cohesion).

- We say that  $\mathcal{H}$  has **contractible subobjects** or has **sufficient cohesion** if  $\Pi(\Omega) \cong *$ . This implies that for all  $X \in \mathcal{H}$  also  $\Pi(\Omega^X) \cong *$ .

- We say that **pieces have points** in the cohesive topos  $\mathcal{H}$  (or that “ $\mathcal{H}$  satisfies *Nullstellensatz*”) if the points-to-pieces transformation  $\alpha_X : \Gamma X \rightarrow \Pi X$  is surjective for all  $X \in \mathcal{H}$ .
- We say that **discrete is concrete** in  $\mathcal{H}$  if natural transformation whose components are

$$\text{disc}(S) \rightarrow \text{codisc}(\Gamma(\text{disc}(S))) \cong \text{codisc}(S)$$

is a monomorphism (discrete cohesion sits into codiscrete cohesion).

- We say that  $\mathcal{H}$  has **contractible subobjects** or has **sufficient cohesion** if  $\Pi(\Omega) \cong *$ . This implies that for all  $X \in \mathcal{H}$  also  $\Pi(\Omega^X) \cong *$ .
- ... and many others (see [Law]).

## Proposition

- The adjunctions  $\Pi \dashv \text{disc}$  and  $\Gamma \dashv \text{codisc}$  exhibit the subcategories of discrete and codiscrete objects as reflective subcategories of  $\mathcal{H}$ ; these subcategories form **exponential ideals** in  $\mathcal{H}$ .
- If  $\mathcal{H}$  exhibits cohesion, then Set is equivalent to the full subcategory of  $\mathcal{H}$  whose objects are the  $X$  such that  $\eta_{(\Gamma \dashv \text{codisc}), X} : X \rightarrow \text{codisc}(\Gamma(X))$  is an isomorphism.

Equivalently: every cohesive topos “contains the trivial cohesion of disconnected pieces ( $= \underline{\text{Set}}$ )”.

## Non-trivial fact

Whenever a topos arises, there's an interaction between logic and geometry.

### Definition

A monomorphism  $\psi: S \rightarrow A$  in a cohesive topos  $\mathcal{H}$  is a proposition of type  $A$  in the internal logic of  $\mathcal{H}$ . We say that  $\psi$  is *discretely true* if the pullback  $\psi^*(S) \rightarrow A$

$$\begin{array}{ccc} \psi^*(S) & \rightarrow & \flat S \\ \downarrow & \lrcorner & \downarrow \flat \psi \\ A & \xrightarrow{\eta} & \flat A \end{array}$$

is an isomorphism in  $\mathcal{H}$ , where  $\eta: A \rightarrow \flat A$  is the  $\flat$ -unit of the flat monad.

- Discrete truth specifies a mode/modality in which a proposition can be true. Propositions true over all discrete objects (i.e., such that  $b\psi$  is an iso) are discretely true.

- Discrete truth specifies a mode/modality in which a proposition can be true. Propositions true over all discrete objects (i.e., such that  $b\psi$  is an iso) are discretely true.
- Let  $\mathcal{H} = \text{Sh}(\text{Cart}, J)$  be the topos of sheaves over cartesian spaces ( $\text{hom}(m, n) = \text{smooth maps } \mathbb{R}^n \rightarrow \mathbb{R}^m$ ) is cohesive.

- Discrete truth specifies a mode/modality in which a proposition can be true. Propositions true over all discrete objects (i.e., such that  $b\psi$  is an iso) are discretely true.
- Let  $\mathcal{H} = \text{Sh}(\text{Cart}, J)$  be the topos of sheaves over cartesian spaces ( $\text{hom}(m, n) = \text{smooth maps } \mathbb{R}^n \rightarrow \mathbb{R}^m$ ) is cohesive.
- Let  $\psi: Z^p(U) \hookrightarrow \Omega^p(U)$  be the proposition in  $\mathcal{H}$  given by “the  $p$ -form  $\omega$  is closed on a neighbourhood  $U_x$  of a point”. Then  $\psi$  is discretely true (“every form is closed over a discrete space”).

# Examples

# The Sierpiński topos

Let  $\mathcal{C} = \{0 \rightarrow 1\}$  be the interval category with a unique non-identity arrow.

The category of **presheaves** on  $\mathcal{C}$  forms a topos  $\mathcal{H} = \underline{\text{Set}}^{\mathcal{C}}$  = arrows in Set, that exhibits cohesion:

# The Sierpiński topos

Let  $\mathcal{C} = \{0 \rightarrow 1\}$  be the interval category with a unique non-identity arrow.

The category of presheaves on  $\mathcal{C}$  forms a topos  $\mathcal{H} = \underline{\text{Set}}^{\mathcal{C}}$  = arrows in Set, that exhibits cohesion:

- the functor  $\sqcap$  sends an object  $S \rightarrow I$  to its codomain  $I$ ;

# The Sierpiński topos

Let  $\mathcal{C} = \{0 \rightarrow 1\}$  be the interval category with a unique non-identity arrow.

The category of presheaves on  $\mathcal{C}$  forms a topos  $\mathcal{H} = \underline{\text{Set}}^{\mathcal{C}}$  = arrows in Set, that exhibits cohesion:

- the functor  $\Pi$  sends an object  $S \rightarrow I$  to its codomain  $I$ ;
- the functor  $\Gamma$  sends an object  $S \rightarrow I$  to its domain  $S$ ;

# The Sierpiński topos

Let  $\mathcal{C} = \{0 \rightarrow 1\}$  be the interval category with a unique non-identity arrow.

The category of presheaves on  $\mathcal{C}$  forms a topos  $\mathcal{H} = \underline{\text{Set}}^{\mathcal{C}}$  = arrows in Set, that exhibits cohesion:

- the functor  $\Pi$  sends an object  $S \rightarrow I$  to its codomain  $I$ ;
- the functor  $\Gamma$  sends an object  $S \rightarrow I$  to its domain  $S$ ;
- the functor  $\text{disc}$  sends a set  $K$  into the identity  $1: K \rightarrow K$ ;

# The Sierpiński topos

Let  $\mathcal{C} = \{0 \rightarrow 1\}$  be the interval category with a unique non-identity arrow.

The category of presheaves on  $\mathcal{C}$  forms a topos  $\mathcal{H} = \underline{\text{Set}}^{\mathcal{C}}$  = arrows in Set, that exhibits cohesion:

- the functor  $\Pi$  sends an object  $S \rightarrow I$  to its codomain  $I$ ;
- the functor  $\Gamma$  sends an object  $S \rightarrow I$  to its domain  $S$ ;
- the functor  $\text{disc}$  sends a set  $K$  into the identity  $1: K \rightarrow K$ ;
- the functor  $\text{codisc}$  sends a set  $K$  into its terminal morphism  $K \rightarrow *$ .

## The Sierpiński topos

Evidently these functors form an adjunction ( $\Pi \dashv \text{disc} \dashv \Gamma \dashv \text{codisc}$ ) so that  $\mathcal{H}$  exhibits cohesion; this matches our intuition, in that

- The “points to pieces” transformation sends  $f : S \rightarrow I$  into  $S = \Gamma(f) \rightarrow \Pi(f) = I$ ;
- $\text{disc}(K)$  “keeps all the pieces of  $K$  maximally distinguished” and
- $\text{codisc}(K)$  “lumps all the pieces of  $K$  together”.

## Pointed categories exhibit cohesion

Let  $\mathcal{C}$  small and with a terminal object. Then there exists a triple

$$\begin{array}{ccc} & \xrightarrow{\lim\limits_{\longrightarrow}} & \\ [\mathcal{C}^{\text{op}}, \underline{\text{Set}}] & \xleftarrow{\text{const}} & \underline{\text{Set}} \\ & \xrightarrow{\lim\limits_{\longleftarrow}} & \end{array}$$

that extends to  $\lim\limits_{\longleftarrow} \dashv \mathcal{K}$ :

$$S \xrightarrow{\mathcal{K}} \left( c \mapsto \underline{\text{Set}}(\mathcal{C}(*, c), S) \right)$$

(Dually, if  $\mathcal{C}$  has an initial object...)

## Pointed categories exhibit cohesion

Let  $\mathcal{C}$  small and with a terminal object. Then there exists a triple

$$\begin{array}{ccc} & \xrightarrow{\lim\limits_{\longrightarrow}} & \\ [\mathcal{C}^{\text{op}}, \underline{\text{Set}}] & \xleftarrow{\text{const}} & \underline{\text{Set}} \\ & \xrightarrow{\lim\limits_{\longleftarrow}} & \end{array}$$

that extends to  $\lim\limits_{\longleftarrow} \dashv \aleph$ :

$$S \xrightarrow{\aleph} \left( c \mapsto \underline{\text{Set}}(\mathcal{C}(*, c), S) \right)$$

(Dually, if  $\mathcal{C}$  has an initial object...)

### Proposition

If  $\mathcal{C}$  has both an initial and a terminal object (e.g. it is pointed) then  $[\mathcal{C}^{\text{op}}, \underline{\text{Set}}]$  exhibits cohesion with

$$(\lim\limits_{\longrightarrow} \dashv \text{const} \dashv \lim\limits_{\longleftarrow} \dashv \aleph) : [\mathcal{C}^{\text{op}}, \underline{\text{Set}}] \xrightleftharpoons{\text{const}} \underline{\text{Set}}$$

# Reflexive directed graphs

Consider the category  $\mathcal{C}$

$$\begin{array}{ccc} & s & \\ 0 & \xrightleftharpoons[q]{\quad} & 1 \\ & t & \end{array}$$

such that  $0 \rightrightarrows 1 \rightarrow 0$  is a reflexive coequalizer;

The category  $[\mathcal{C}^{\text{op}}, \underline{\text{Set}}]$  is the category of **reflexive directed graphs** RDGph, and it exhibits cohesion, since the terminal geometric morphism

$$(\text{disc} \dashv \Gamma): \text{RDGph} \leftrightarrows \underline{\text{Set}}$$

extends on the left with  $\Pi: X \mapsto \text{coeq}(X_1 \rightrightarrows X_0)$  (simply the connected components of the graph).

Since this is a reflexive coequalizer, it preserves products.

(exercise: define disc, codisc)

# Simplicial sets

## Proposition

Let  $\Delta$  be the simplex category having objects nonempty finite ordinals and morphisms monotone maps. The topos

$\mathcal{H} = [\Delta^{\text{op}}, \underline{\text{Set}}]$  exhibits cohesion, and in  $\mathcal{H}$  pieces have points.

- $\Gamma = (-)_0$  sends a simplicial set  $X$  into its set of 0-simplices  $X_0$

# Simplicial sets

## Proposition

Let  $\Delta$  be the simplex category having objects nonempty finite ordinals and morphisms monotone maps. The topos

$\mathcal{H} = [\Delta^{\text{op}}, \underline{\text{Set}}]$  exhibits cohesion, and in  $\mathcal{H}$  pieces have points.

- $\Gamma = (-)_0$  sends a simplicial set  $X$  into its set of 0-simplices  $X_0$
- $\Pi = \pi_0$  sends a simplicial set  $X$  into its set of connected components  $\text{coeq}(X_1 \rightrightarrows X_0)$ .

# Simplicial sets

## Proposition

Let  $\Delta$  be the simplex category having objects nonempty finite ordinals and morphisms monotone maps. The topos

$\mathcal{H} = [\Delta^{\text{op}}, \underline{\text{Set}}]$  exhibits cohesion, and in  $\mathcal{H}$  pieces have points.

- $\Gamma = (-)_0$  sends a simplicial set  $X$  into its set of 0-simplices  $X_0$
- $\Pi = \pi_0$  sends a simplicial set  $X$  into its set of connected components  $\text{coeq}(X_1 \rightrightarrows X_0)$ .
- disc sends a set  $S$  into the constant simplicial set in  $S$  having constant set of simplices and identities as faces and degeneracies.

# Simplicial sets

## Proposition

Let  $\Delta$  be the simplex category having objects nonempty finite ordinals and morphisms monotone maps. The topos

$\mathcal{H} = [\Delta^{\text{op}}, \underline{\text{Set}}]$  exhibits cohesion, and in  $\mathcal{H}$  pieces have points.

- $\Gamma = (-)_0$  sends a simplicial set  $X$  into its set of 0-simplices  $X_0$
- $\Pi = \pi_0$  sends a simplicial set  $X$  into its set of connected components  $\text{coeq}(X_1 \rightrightarrows X_0)$ .
- disc sends a set  $S$  into the constant simplicial set in  $S$  having constant set of simplices and identities as faces and degeneracies.
- codisc sends a set  $S$  into the simplicial set whose  $n$ -simplices are  $(n + 1)$ -tuples of elements of  $S$  (and faces and degeneracies forget and add elements accordingly).

## Tangent cohesion

Consider the codomain fibration

$$\mathcal{C}^{\rightarrow} \xrightarrow{p} \mathcal{C}$$

of a finitely complete category  $\mathcal{C}$ , sending an arrow  $f: X \rightarrow Y$  to its codomain. The fiber  $p^{-1}(Y)$  is canonically isomorphic to the category  $\mathcal{C}/Y$  of arrows over  $Y$ .

There exists a fibration  $T\mathcal{C} \rightarrow \mathcal{C}$  having typical fiber the fiberwise abelianization of  $\mathcal{C}/Y$ , i.e. the category  $\text{Ab}(\mathcal{C}/Y)$  of abelian groups in  $\mathcal{C}/Y$ .

## Tangent cohesion

Consider the codomain fibration

$$\mathcal{C}^{\rightarrow} \xrightarrow{p} \mathcal{C}$$

of a finitely complete category  $\mathcal{C}$ , sending an arrow  $f: X \rightarrow Y$  to its codomain. The fiber  $p^{\leftarrow}(Y)$  is canonically isomorphic to the category  $\mathcal{C}/Y$  of arrows over  $Y$ .

There exists a fibration  $T\mathcal{C} \rightarrow \mathcal{C}$  having typical fiber the fiberwise abelianization of  $\mathcal{C}/Y$ , i.e. the category  $\text{Ab}(\mathcal{C}/Y)$  of abelian groups in  $\mathcal{C}/Y$ .

(hint: un/straighten the prestack  $\mathcal{C} \rightarrow \text{Cat}: Y \mapsto \text{Ab}(\mathcal{C}/Y)$ ).

# Tangent cohesion

Consider the codomain fibration

$$\mathcal{C}^{\rightarrow} \xrightarrow{p} \mathcal{C}$$

of a finitely complete category  $\mathcal{C}$ , sending an arrow  $f: X \rightarrow Y$  to its codomain. The fiber  $p^{-1}(Y)$  is canonically isomorphic to the category  $\mathcal{C}/Y$  of arrows over  $Y$ .

There exists a fibration  $T\mathcal{C} \rightarrow \mathcal{C}$  having typical fiber the fiberwise abelianization of  $\mathcal{C}/Y$ , i.e. the category  $\text{Ab}(\mathcal{C}/Y)$  of abelian groups in  $\mathcal{C}/Y$ .

(hint: un/straighten the prestack  $\mathcal{C} \rightarrow \text{Cat}: Y \mapsto \text{Ab}(\mathcal{C}/Y)$ ).

## Proposition

If  $\mathcal{C}$  is locally presentable, then so is  $T\mathcal{C}$ ; moreover, the projection  $q: T\mathcal{C} \rightarrow \mathcal{C}$  creates co/limits.

# Tangent cohesion

Consider the **codomain fibration**

$$\mathcal{C}^{\rightarrow} \xrightarrow{p} \mathcal{C}$$

of a finitely complete category  $\mathcal{C}$ , sending an arrow  $f: X \rightarrow Y$  to its codomain. The fiber  $p^{\leftarrow}(Y)$  is canonically isomorphic to the category  $\mathcal{C}/Y$  of arrows over  $Y$ .

There exists a fibration  $T\mathcal{C} \rightarrow \mathcal{C}$  having typical fiber the fiberwise abelianization of  $\mathcal{C}/Y$ , i.e. the category  $\text{Ab}(\mathcal{C}/Y)$  of abelian groups in  $\mathcal{C}/Y$ .

(hint: un/straighten the prestack  $\mathcal{C} \rightarrow \text{Cat}: Y \mapsto \text{Ab}(\mathcal{C}/Y)$ ).

## Proposition

If  $\mathcal{C}$  is a **topos** over  $\mathcal{S}$ , then so is  $T\mathcal{C}$ ; moreover, the projection  $q: T\mathcal{C} \rightarrow \mathcal{C}$  creates co/limits.

## Tangent cohesion

### Proposition

There is a functor  $\delta: T\mathcal{C} \rightarrow \mathcal{C}$  giving for each morphism in  $T\mathcal{C}$  its domain. This functor is a right adjoint to a functor  $\Omega: \mathcal{C} \rightarrow T\mathcal{C}$  that is also a *section* for  $q$ .

The object  $\Omega(A)$  can be thought as the complex of **differential forms** on an internal abelian group  $A \in \text{Ab}(\mathcal{C}/X)$ .

## Proposition

There is a functor  $\delta: T\mathcal{C} \rightarrow \mathcal{C}$  giving for each morphism in  $T\mathcal{C}$  its domain. This functor is a right adjoint to a functor  $\Omega: \mathcal{C} \rightarrow T\mathcal{C}$  that is also a *section* for  $q$ .

The object  $\Omega(A)$  can be thought as the complex of **differential forms** on an internal abelian group  $A \in \text{Ab}(\mathcal{C}/X)$ .

In classical differential geometry a leading theorem is that the co/tangent bundle to a smooth manifold is itself a smooth manifold. Here we can prove that

# Tangent cohesion

## Proposition

There is a functor  $\delta: T\mathcal{C} \rightarrow \mathcal{C}$  giving for each morphism in  $T\mathcal{C}$  its domain. This functor is a right adjoint to a functor  $\Omega: \mathcal{C} \rightarrow T\mathcal{C}$  that is also a *section* for  $q$ .

The object  $\Omega(A)$  can be thought as the complex of **differential forms** on an internal abelian group  $A \in \text{Ab}(\mathcal{C}/X)$ .

In classical differential geometry a leading theorem is that the co/tangent bundle to a smooth manifold is itself a smooth manifold. Here we can prove that

## Proposition

If  $\mathcal{H}$  is a cohesive topos with cohesion  $(\Pi \dashv \text{disc} \dashv \Gamma \dashv \text{codisc})$ , then the tangent category is itself a cohesive topos.

## Infinitesimal cohesion

Neighbourhoods of some spaces are “infintesimally extended around a single (global) point”. Cohesive structure can be refined to capture this phenomenon.

## Infinitesimal cohesion

Let  $\mathcal{H}$  be cohesive. An **infinitesimal thickening** of  $\mathcal{H}$  is a new cohesive topos  $\tilde{\mathcal{H}}$  linked to the previous by a quadruple of adjoints

$$\begin{array}{ccc} & \mathcal{H} & \\ (i_! \dashv i^* \dashv i_! \dashv i^!) & \downarrow & \\ & \tilde{\mathcal{H}} & \end{array}$$

## Infinitesimal cohesion

Let  $\mathcal{H}$  be cohesive. An **infinitesimal thickening** of  $\mathcal{H}$  is a new cohesive topos  $\tilde{\mathcal{H}}$  linked to the previous by a quadruple of adjoints

$$\begin{array}{ccc} & \mathcal{H} & \\ (i_! \dashv i^* \dashv i_! \dashv i^!) & \swarrow \quad \uparrow & \\ & \tilde{\mathcal{H}} & \end{array}$$

## Infinitesimal cohesion

Let  $\mathcal{H}$  be cohesive. An **infinitesimal thickening** of  $\mathcal{H}$  is a new cohesive topos  $\tilde{\mathcal{H}}$  linked to the previous by a quadruple of adjoints

$$\begin{array}{ccc} & \mathcal{H} & \\ (i_! \dashv i^* \dashv i_! \dashv i^!) & \Downarrow & \Updownarrow \\ & \tilde{\mathcal{H}} & \end{array}$$

## Infinitesimal cohesion

Let  $\mathcal{H}$  be cohesive. An **infinitesimal thickening** of  $\mathcal{H}$  is a new cohesive topos  $\tilde{\mathcal{H}}$  linked to the previous by a quadruple of adjoints

$$\begin{array}{ccc} & \mathcal{H} & \\ (i_! \dashv i^* \dashv i_! \dashv i^!) & \Downarrow & \Downarrow \\ & \tilde{\mathcal{H}} & \end{array}$$

## Infinitesimal cohesion

Let  $\mathcal{H}$  be cohesive. An **infinitesimal thickening** of  $\mathcal{H}$  is a new cohesive topos  $\tilde{\mathcal{H}}$  linked to the previous by a quadruple of adjoints

$$\begin{array}{ccc} & \mathcal{H} & \\ (i_! \dashv i^* \dashv i_! \dashv i^!) & \Downarrow & \Updownarrow \\ & \tilde{\mathcal{H}} & \end{array}$$

such that  $i_*$ ,  $i_!$  are fully faithful and  $i_!$  commutes with finite products.

If such a structure exists,  $\mathcal{H}$  “exhibits **infinitesimal cohesion**”.

## Infinitesimal cohesion

Let  $\mathcal{H}$  be cohesive. An **infinitesimal thickening** of  $\mathcal{H}$  is a new cohesive topos  $\tilde{\mathcal{H}}$  linked to the previous by a quadruple of adjoints

$$\begin{array}{ccc} & \mathcal{H} & \\ (i_! \dashv i^* \dashv i_* \dashv i^!) & \Downarrow & \Upsilon \\ & \mathcal{H} & \\ & \Downarrow & \Upsilon \\ & \tilde{\mathcal{H}} & \end{array}$$

such that  $i_*$ ,  $i_!$  are fully faithful and  $i_!$  commutes with finite products.

If such a structure exists,  $\mathcal{H}$  “exhibits **infinitesimal cohesion**”.

The functor  $i_*$  is fully faithful as well, and then we can consider  $\mathcal{H}$  “sitting nicely” inside its thickening  $\tilde{\mathcal{H}}$ .

# Infinitesimal cohesion

- The cohesion exhibited by  $\tilde{\mathcal{H}}$  factors through that of  $\mathcal{H}$ , in that

$$(\Pi_{\tilde{\mathcal{H}}} \dashv \text{disc}_{\tilde{\mathcal{H}}} \dashv \Gamma_{\tilde{\mathcal{H}}}) : \quad \begin{array}{ccccc} \tilde{\mathcal{H}} & \xrightleftharpoons[i^*]{\hspace{-1cm}} & \mathcal{H} & \xrightleftharpoons[\hspace{-1cm}]{} & \underline{\text{Set}} \\ & \xleftarrow[i_*]{\hspace{-1cm}} & & \xleftarrow[\text{disc}]{\hspace{-1cm}} & \\ & \xrightarrow[i^!]{\hspace{-1cm}} & & \xrightarrow[\Gamma]{\hspace{-1cm}} & \end{array}$$

# Infinitesimal cohesion

- The cohesion exhibited by  $\tilde{\mathcal{H}}$  factors through that of  $\mathcal{H}$ , in that

$$(\Pi_{\tilde{\mathcal{H}}} \dashv \text{disc}_{\tilde{\mathcal{H}}} \dashv \Gamma_{\tilde{\mathcal{H}}}) : \tilde{\mathcal{H}} \begin{array}{c} \xrightarrow{i^*} \\[-1ex] \xleftarrow{i_*} \\[-1ex] \xrightarrow{i^!} \end{array} \mathcal{H} \begin{array}{c} \xrightarrow{\Pi} \\[-1ex] \xleftarrow{\text{disc}} \\[-1ex] \xrightarrow{\Gamma} \end{array} \underline{\text{Set}}$$

- Infinitesimal cohesion describes formally infinitesimally extended neighbourhoods: if the functor  $i^*$  is interpreted as a contraction of a fat point onto its singleton, then  $X \in \tilde{\mathcal{H}}$  is infinitesimal if  $i^*(X) \cong *$ .

# Infinitesimal cohesion

- The cohesion exhibited by  $\tilde{\mathcal{H}}$  factors through that of  $\mathcal{H}$ , in that

$$(\Pi_{\tilde{\mathcal{H}}} \dashv \text{disc}_{\tilde{\mathcal{H}}} \dashv \Gamma_{\tilde{\mathcal{H}}}) : \tilde{\mathcal{H}} \begin{array}{c} \xrightarrow{i^*} \\[-1ex] \xleftarrow{i_*} \\[-1ex] \xrightarrow{i^!} \end{array} \mathcal{H} \begin{array}{c} \xrightarrow{\Pi} \\[-1ex] \xleftarrow{\text{disc}} \\[-1ex] \xrightarrow{\Gamma} \end{array} \underline{\text{Set}}$$

- Infinitesimal cohesion describes formally infinitesimally extended neighbourhoods: if the functor  $i^*$  is interpreted as a contraction of a fat point onto its singleton, then  $X \in \tilde{\mathcal{H}}$  is infinitesimal if  $i^*(X) \cong *$ . This motivates the fact that

$$\tilde{\mathcal{H}}(*, X) \cong \tilde{\mathcal{H}}(i_!(*), X) \cong \mathcal{H}(*, i^*(X)) \cong \mathcal{H}(*, *) \cong *$$

so that  $\mathcal{H}$  sees  $X$  as a “small neighbourhood concentrated around a single point  $*_X$ ”.

## Higher order cohesion: jet spaces

Most examples of infinitesimal cohesion come equipped with an infinite chain of thickening approximations.

Consider the **infinitesimal shape modality**  $\Im := i_* i^*$   
(it comes equipped with other two adjoints,  $\Re \dashv \Im \dashv \&$ )<sup>2</sup>

---

<sup>2</sup>This is the same general fact inducing  $\int \dashv b \dashv \sharp$  adjunction.

## Higher order cohesion: jet spaces

Most examples of infinitesimal cohensions come equipped with an infinite chain of thickening approximations.

Consider the **infinitesimal shape modality**  $\Im := i_* i^*$   
(it comes equipped with other two adjoints,  $\Re \dashv \Im \dashv \&$ )<sup>2</sup>

In several cases (like **smooth manifolds**) we have a **chain** of infinitesimal thickenings

$$\begin{array}{ccccccc} \widetilde{\mathcal{H}}_0 & \xrightarrow{i^{*(0)}} & \widetilde{\mathcal{H}}_1 & \xrightarrow{i^{*(1)}} & \widetilde{\mathcal{H}}_2 & \xrightarrow{i^{*(2)}} & \dots \\ \xleftarrow{i_{*,(0)}} & & \xleftarrow{i_{*,(1)}} & & \xleftarrow{i_{*,(2)}} & & \\ & & & & & & \\ \widetilde{\mathcal{H}}_\infty & \xrightarrow{i^{*(\infty)}} & \mathcal{H} & & \mathcal{H} & & \end{array}$$

---

<sup>2</sup>This is the same general fact inducing  $\int \dashv \flat \dashv \sharp$  adjunction.

## Higher order cohesion: jet spaces

Most examples of infinitesimal cohensions come equipped with an infinite chain of thickening approximations.

Consider the **infinitesimal shape modality**  $\Im := i_* i^*$   
(it comes equipped with other two adjoints,  $\Re \dashv \Im \dashv \&$ )<sup>2</sup>

In several cases (like **smooth manifolds**) we have a **chain** of infinitesimal thickenings

$$\begin{array}{ccccccc} \widetilde{\mathcal{H}}_0 & \xrightarrow{i^{*(0)}} & \widetilde{\mathcal{H}}_1 & \xrightarrow{i^{*(1)}} & \widetilde{\mathcal{H}}_2 & \xrightarrow{i^{*(2)}} & \dots \\ \xleftarrow{i_{*,(0)}} & & \xleftarrow{i_{*,(1)}} & & \xleftarrow{i_{*,(2)}} & & \\ & & & & & & \\ \widetilde{\mathcal{H}}_\infty & \xrightarrow{i^{*(\infty)}} & \mathcal{H} & & \mathcal{H} & & \end{array}$$

here we speak of a **sequence of orders of differential structures**.

---

<sup>2</sup>This is the same general fact inducing  $\int \dashv \flat \dashv \sharp$  adjunction.

## Higher order cohesion: jet spaces

Each of these approximations comes equipped with an *order k infinitesimal shape modality*  $\Im^{(k)} X$  in a sequence

$$X \rightarrow \Im X = \Im^{(0)} X \rightarrow \Im^{(1)} X \rightarrow \Im^{(2)} X \rightarrow \dots$$

**Example:** Every cohesive topos exhibits infinitesimal cohesion via its **tangent** cohesive topos. This cohesion extends to any order of differential structure (“cohesive jet spaces”).

One can go **way** further, but the terminology becomes pretty dire:

**Remark 2.2.13.** The perspective of def. 2.2.12 has been highlighted in [Law91], where it is proposed (p. 7) that adjunctions of this form usefully formalize “many instances of the *Unity and Identity of Opposites*” that control Hegelian metaphysics [He1841].

[DCCT170811], 1040 pages of Hegel-ish mathematics

uses axiomatic cohesion of  $\infty$ -toposes to axiomatise string theory.

One can go **way** further, but the terminology becomes pretty dire:

**Remark 2.2.13.** The perspective of def. 2.2.12 has been highlighted in [Law91], where it is proposed (p. 7) that adjunctions of this form usefully formalize “many instances of the *Unity and Identity of Opposites*” that control Hegelian metaphysics [He1841].

[DCCT170811], 1040 pages of Hegel-ish mathematics

uses axiomatic cohesion of  $\infty$ -toposes to axiomatise string theory.

With Aufhebung.

## Supergroupoids: rheonomy

We can speak of **supergroupoids** and show that certain categories of supersmooth manifolds exhibit cohesion (but not over Set...):

$$\begin{array}{c} \text{SuperSmoothS} \\ \uparrow d \quad \uparrow \Gamma \quad \uparrow c \\ \Pi \downarrow \quad \downarrow \quad \downarrow \\ \text{SuperS} \end{array}$$

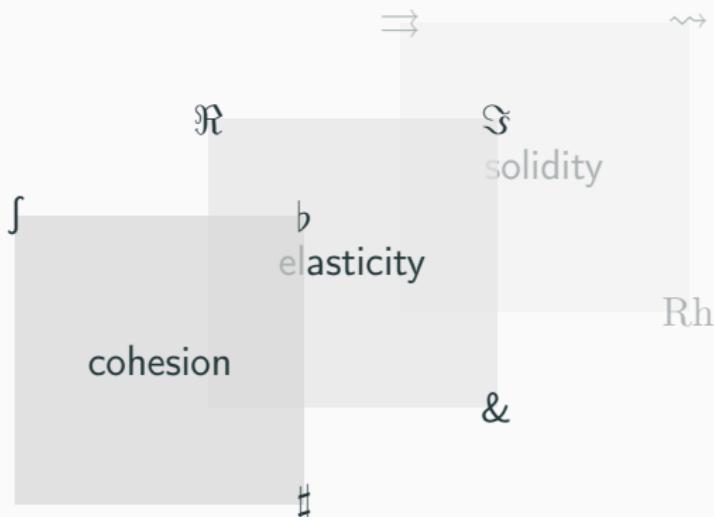
The quadruple of adjoints generates the triple

$$\Rightarrow \dashv \rightsquigarrow \dashv \text{Rh}$$

(in some sense “fermions”  $\dashv$  “bosons”)

# Supergroup: rheonomy

There is a “quadruple-to-triple” pattern here:



## de Rham cohomology in cohesion

- Let  $\mathcal{H}$  be a cohesive topos, and  $0 \rightarrow A$  a pointed object (e.g. an internal abelian group); then,  $A$  fits into a pullback square

$$\begin{array}{ccc} b_{dR}A & \longrightarrow & bA \\ \downarrow & \lrcorner & \downarrow \\ 0 & \longrightarrow & A \end{array}$$

where  $b_{dR}A$  is the **object of coefficients** for de Rham cohomology.

- Let  $X \in \mathcal{H}$  any object; we define  $\int_{dR} X$  to be the pushout

$$\begin{array}{ccc} X & \longrightarrow & 0 \\ \downarrow & & \downarrow \\ \int X & \longrightarrow & \int_{dR} X \end{array}$$

where  $\int_{dR} X$  is the **de Rham object** associated to  $X$ .

## de Rham cohomology in cohesion

There is an adjunction

$$\begin{array}{ccc} */\mathcal{H} & \xrightarrow{\flat_{dR}} & \mathcal{H} \\ & \xleftarrow{\sharp_{dR}} & \end{array}$$

The mapping space  $*/\mathcal{H}(\sharp_{dR} X, A) \cong \mathcal{H}(X, \flat_{dR} A)$  is called the de Rham space of  $X$  with coefficients in  $A$  and denoted  $\mathbf{H}_{dR}^0(X, A)$ .

## de Rham cohomology in cohesion

Consider the pullback defining  $\flat_{dR} A$  and apply the limit-preserving functor  $\mathcal{H}(X, -)$ : the square

$$\begin{array}{ccc} \mathcal{H}(X, \flat_{dR} A) & \longrightarrow & \mathcal{H}(X, \flat A) \\ \downarrow & \lrcorner & \downarrow \\ 0 & \longrightarrow & \mathcal{H}(X, A) \end{array}$$

remains a pullback and the object  $\mathcal{H}(X, \flat A)$  identifies to **A-valued differential forms**, and the maps  $X \rightarrow \flat_{dR} A$  are the **flat** ones: under the  $\int \dashv \flat$  adjunction, a map  $X \rightarrow \flat A$  mates to a smooth map

$$\int X \rightarrow A, \text{ corresponding to a square } \begin{array}{ccc} X & \xrightarrow{\quad} & 0 \\ \downarrow & & \downarrow \\ \int X & \rightarrow & A \end{array}$$

# (minimal) Bibliography

- Law1 Lawvere, F. William. *Axiomatic cohesion*. Theory Appl. Categ 19.3 (2007): 41-49.
- Law2 Lawvere, F. William. *Categorical dynamics*. Topos theoretic methods in geometry 30 (1979): 1-28.
- Law3 Lawvere, F. William. *Toposes of laws of motion*. American Mathematical Society, Transcript from video, Montreal-September 27 (1997): 1997.
- Urs Schreiber, Urs. *Differential cohomology in a cohesive infinity-topos*. arXiv:1310.7930 (2013).
- Men Menni, Matias. *Continuous cohesion over sets*. Theory and Applications of Categories 29.20 (2014): 542-568.
- MLM MacLane, Saunders, and Ieke Moerdijk. *Sheaves in geometry and logic: A first introduction to topos theory*. Springer Science & Business Media, 2012.