



A representation theorem for integral rigs and its applications to residuated lattices



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ABSTRACT

We generalize the Dubuc–Poveda representation theorem for MV-algebras so that it applies to other algebraic categories of residuated join-semilattices. In particular, as a corollary, we obtain a representation result for pre-linear residuated join-semilattices in terms of totally ordered fibers. The main result is analogous to the Zariski representation of (commutative) rings and it is proved using tools from topos theory.

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1. Introduction and background

From theories of representation of rings by sheaves, due to Grothendieck and Dieudonné [14], Pierce [23] and Dauns and Hoffman [5], general constructions of sheaves to universal algebras [6] evolved. All these representations were developed using toposes of local homeomorphisms over adequate spaces. A concrete example of the method employed in the case of bounded distributive lattices can be found in [1].

Along this line, in [12], Filipoiu and Georgescu find an equivalence between MV-algebras and certain type of sheaves of MV-algebras over compact Hausdorff spaces. In the same line, a presentation closer to the construction given by Davey in [6], is given by Dubuc and Poveda in [10]. They find an adjunction between MV-algebras and another version of MV-spaces. In [11] a third kind of representation for MV-algebras is proposed using fibers that are certain local MV-algebras.

As examples of representation by sheaves of other classes of residuated structures, we can quote the Grothendieck-type duality for Heyting algebras proposed in [7] and the one given by Di Nola and Leuştean in [8] for BL-algebras.

A more explicit use of topos theory is exemplified by the representation theorems for rings and lattices proved by Johnstone [15] and Coste [4]. See also [3].

The present work is motivated by the Dubuc–Poveda representation theorem for MV-algebras [10,9] and Lawvere’s strategic ideas about the topos-theoretic analysis of coextensive algebraic categories hinted at on

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page 5 of [18] and also in [20]. For our main result we will borrow the notion of *really local rig* introduced in the unpublished [19]. (Recall that a *rig* is a set A equipped with two commutative monoid structures $(A, +, 0)$ and $(A, \cdot, 1)$ such that multiplication distributes over addition. Roughly speaking, it is a ‘riNg without Negatives’. See Schanuel’s [25] or Definition 2.3 below. Alternatively, depending on what is meant by a semi-ring, rigs may be defined as a ‘commutative semi-rings with unit’. For the definition of really local rig the reader is referred to Definition 2.7.)

The main result of this paper is a representation theorem for integral rigs (i.e. rigs satisfying that $1 + x = 1$ for all x , see Definition 3.1). It shows that every integral rig is (functorially) the rig of global sections of an internal really local integral rig in a topos of sheaves over a bounded distributive lattice (Theorem 11.3). The applications are mainly concerned with *residuated* integral rigs (Section 13). We show that our representation of integral rigs may be lifted to residuated integral rigs and then restricted to varieties of these. In particular, as a corollary, we obtain a representation theorem for pre-linear residuated join-semilattices in terms of totally ordered fibers. The restriction of this result to the level of MV-algebras coincides with the Dubuc–Poveda representation theorem.

We stress that our main results do not use topological spaces. Instead, we use the well-known equivalence between the topos of sheaves over a topological space X and the topos of local homeomorphisms over X in order to translate our results to the language of bundles. This translation allows us to compare our results with related work.

Sections 2 to 4 introduce the category of integral rigs. Sections 5 to 12 recall the necessary background on topos theory and proves the main theorem, a representation result for integral rigs. Section 13 shows how to apply our result to prove representation results for different categories of residuated join-semilattices. In order to make our results more accessible to a wider audience we explain, in Section 14, how to express our results in terms of local homeomorphisms over spectral spaces. Finally, in Section 15, we compare our corollary for MV-algebras with the motivating Dubuc–Poveda representation.

The reader is assumed to be familiar with some standard topos theory as presented in [22] and [17].

2. The coextensive category of rigs

In this section we recall the notion of extensive category [18] and we introduce the coextensive category of rigs [25,20].

Definition 2.1. A category \mathcal{C} is called *extensive* if it has finite coproducts and the canonical functors $1 \rightarrow \mathcal{C}/0$ and $\mathcal{C}/X \times \mathcal{C}/Y \rightarrow \mathcal{C}/(X + Y)$ are equivalences.

For example, any topos and the category of topological spaces are extensive. In contrast, an Abelian category is extensive if and only if it is trivial. If the opposite \mathcal{C}^{op} of a category \mathcal{C} is extensive then we may say that \mathcal{C} is *coextensive*. For example, the categories **Ring** and **dLat** of (commutative) rings and (bounded) distributive lattices are coextensive. We will use the following characterization proved in [2].

Proposition 2.2. *A category with finite limits \mathcal{C} is extensive if and only if the following two conditions hold:*

1. (Coproducts are disjoint.) For every X and Y the square below is a pullback

$$\begin{array}{ccc}
 0 & \xrightarrow{!} & Y \\
 \downarrow ! & & \downarrow in_1 \\
 X & \xrightarrow{in_0} & X + Y
 \end{array}$$

2. (Coproducts are universal.) For every $f : X \rightarrow 1 + 1$, if the squares below are pullbacks

$$\begin{array}{ccccc}
 X_0 & \longrightarrow & X & \longleftarrow & X_1 \\
 \downarrow & & \downarrow f & & \downarrow \\
 1 & \xrightarrow{\text{in}_0} & 1 + 1 & \xleftarrow{\text{in}_1} & 1
 \end{array}$$

then the top cospan $X_0 \rightarrow X \leftarrow X_1$ is a coproduct diagram.

The fact that **Ring** is coextensive rests on the fact that product decompositions of a ring are in correspondence with idempotents. Something analogous happens for **dLat**. This analogy can be better explained by considering **Ring** and **dLat** as subcategories of the category of rigs introduced in [25].

Definition 2.3. A *rig* is a structure $(A, \cdot, 1, +, 0)$ such that $(A, \cdot, 1)$ and $(A, +, 0)$ are commutative monoids and distributivity holds in the sense that $a \cdot 0 = 0$ and $(a + b) \cdot c = a \cdot c + b \cdot c$ for all $a, b, c \in A$.

As usual, we may avoid to write \cdot in calculations and simply use juxtaposition.

From Definition 2.3 it is trivial to read off the presentation of an algebraic theory. We emphasize this because it is fundamental for our work that we can consider algebras in categories with finite products that are not necessarily the category **Set** of sets functions. In particular, we will consider rigs in toposes of sheaves over spectral spaces.

For the moment let **Rig** be the algebraic category of rigs in **Set**. As already suggested, **Rig** embeds the categories **Ring** and **dLat** and, moreover, shares with them the property of coextensivity [20]. The proof of this fact rests on the following concept:

Definition 2.4. An element a in a rig A is called *Boolean* if there exists an $a' \in A$ such that $a + a' = 1$ and $aa' = 0$.

Every Boolean element is idempotent and, in the case of rings, the converse holds. Just as in that case, Boolean elements in a rig correspond to its product decompositions. It follows from this that **Rig** is coextensive.

Definition 2.5 (The canonical pre-order of a rig). Every rig A is naturally equipped with a pre-order \leq defined by $x \leq y$ if and only if there is a $w \in A$ such that $w + x = y$. Addition and multiplication are easily seen to be monotone with respect to this pre-order.

The equation $1 + 1 = 1$ holds in a rig A if and only if addition is idempotent. In this case the canonical pre-order is a poset and coincides with that making the semilattice $(A, +, 0)$ into a join semilattice.

Let \mathcal{E} be a category with finite limits. For any rig A in \mathcal{E} we define the subobject $\text{Inv}(A) \rightarrow A \times A$ by declaring that the diagram below

$$\begin{array}{ccc}
 \text{Inv}(A) & \xrightarrow{!} & 1 \\
 \downarrow & & \downarrow 1 \\
 A \times A & \longrightarrow & A
 \end{array}$$

is a pullback. The two projections $\text{Inv}(A) \rightarrow A$ are mono in \mathcal{E} and induce the same subobject of A . Of course, the multiplicative unit $1 : 1 \rightarrow A$ always factors through $\text{Inv}A \rightarrow A$. In particular, if A is a distributive lattice then the factorization $1 : 1 \rightarrow \text{Inv}A$ is an iso.

Definition 2.6. A rig morphism $f : A \rightarrow B$ between rigs in \mathcal{E} is *local* if the following diagram

$$\begin{array}{ccc} \text{Inv}A & \longrightarrow & \text{Inv}B \\ \downarrow & & \downarrow \\ A & \xrightarrow{f} & B \end{array}$$

is a pullback.

If \mathcal{E} is a topos with subobject classifier $\top : 1 \rightarrow \Omega$ then there exists a unique map $\iota : A \rightarrow \Omega$ such that the square below

$$\begin{array}{ccc} \text{Inv}(A) & \xrightarrow{!} & 1 \\ \downarrow & & \downarrow \top \\ A & \xrightarrow{\iota} & \Omega \end{array}$$

is a pullback. It is well-known that the object Ω is an internal Heyting algebra and so, in particular, a distributive lattice. The basic properties of invertible elements imply that $\iota : A \rightarrow \Omega$ is a morphism of multiplicative monoids. The following definition is borrowed from [19].

Definition 2.7. The rig A in \mathcal{E} is *really local* if $\iota : A \rightarrow \Omega$ is a morphism of rigs.

In other words, A is really local if ι is a map of additive monoids. For example, a distributive lattice D in **Set** is really local if and only if it is non-trivial and, for any $x, y \in D$, $x \vee y = \top$ implies $x = \top$ or $y = \top$.

The pullback above Definition 2.7 implies that if A is really local then the morphism $\iota : A \rightarrow \Omega$ is local in the sense of Definition 2.6. So, a rig A is really local if and only if there is a (necessarily unique) local map of rigs $A \rightarrow \Omega$.

3. The coextensive category of integral rigs

As observed in Section 8 of [20], distributive lattices are exactly the rigs satisfying $x^2 = x$ and $1 + x = 1$. The first equation says the multiplication is idempotent. It will be convenient to introduce some terminology for the second.

Definition 3.1. A rig A is called *integral* if $1 + x = 1$ holds for all $x \in A$.

If A is an integral rig then, in particular, $1 + 1 = 1$ and so the canonical pre-order is a join-semilattice $(A, +, 0)$ such that $x \leq 1$ for all x . Let us emphasize the following fact, stated in page 502 of [20]. Say that b divides a in a rig if there exists u such that $bu = a$.

Lemma 3.2. *If b divides a in an integral rig then $a \leq b$. In particular, $xy \leq x$ and $xy \leq y$ for any $x, y \in A$.*

Proof. The equality $bu = a$ implies that $a + b = bu + b = b(u + 1) = b$. \square

This is, of course, a generalization of the implication $(b \wedge u = a) \Rightarrow (a \leq b)$ that holds in distributive lattices. Another relevant fact is the following:

Lemma 3.3. *If A is integral then the canonical $1 \rightarrow \text{Inv}(A)$ is an iso.*

Proof. If x is invertible then x divides 1 and so $1 \leq x$ by [Lemma 3.2](#). \square

It follows that the problem of inverting elements in integral rigs is equivalent to the problem of forcing these elements to be 1. For any subset $S \subseteq A$ let us write $A \rightarrow A[S^{-1}]$ for any solution to the universal problem of inverting all the elements of S . The notation is chosen so as to emphasize the relation with localizations in the case of classical commutative algebra.

Fix an integral rig A and let $F \rightarrow A$ be a multiplicative submonoid. For any $x, y \in A$ write $x \mid_F y$ if there exists $w \in F$ such that $w x \leq y$. It is easy to check that \mid_F is a pre-order.

Lemma 3.4. *If A is integral and $F \rightarrow A$ is a multiplicative submonoid then the equivalence relation \equiv_F determined by the pre-order \mid_F is a congruence and the quotient $A \rightarrow A/\equiv_F$ has the universal property of $A \rightarrow A[F^{-1}]$.*

Proof. It is easy to check that the pre-order \mid_F is compatible with multiplication and then so is the induced equivalence relation \equiv_F . To prove that \mid_F is compatible with addition assume that $x \mid_F x'$ and $y \mid_F y'$ so that there are $w, v \in F$ such that $w x \leq x'$ and $v y \leq y'$. Then $v w(x + y) = v w x + w v y \leq v x' + w y' \leq x' + y'$. (Notice the importance of integrality in the last step.) This completes the proof that \equiv_F is a congruence. To prove that the quotient $A \rightarrow A/\equiv_F$ collapses F to 1 notice that for any $u \in F$, $u 1 \leq u$ and so $1 \mid_F u$. Finally assume that B is integral and that $f : A \rightarrow B$ is a morphism that sends every element in F to 1. We claim that f sends congruent elements in A to the same element in B . It is enough to check that $x \mid_F y$ implies that $f x \leq f y$; but if $w x \leq y$ for some $w \in F$ then $f x = (f w)(f x) = f(w x) \leq f y$. \square

In particular, for any $a \in A$, the subset $F = \{a^n \mid n \in \mathbb{N}\} \subseteq A$ is a multiplicative submonoid. In this case the universal $A \rightarrow A[F^{-1}]$ will be denoted by $A \rightarrow A[a^{-1}]$.

Lemma 3.5. *If A is integral and $a \in A$ is idempotent then $A \rightarrow A[a^{-1}]$ may be identified with the quotient of A by the congruence that identifies x and y exactly when $a x = a y$.*

Proof. Consider the relation \mid_F defined in [Lemma 3.4](#) for the particular case of the submonoid $F = \{a^n \mid n \in \mathbb{N}\} = \{1, a\} \subseteq A$. Then $x \mid_F y$ if and only if $x \leq y$ or $a x \leq y$; and this holds if and only if $a x \leq a y$. \square

An element a in a rig A is called *nilpotent* if $a^n = 0$ for some $n \in \mathbb{N}$.

Lemma 3.6. *For any integral rig A and $a \in A$, $0 = 1 \in A[a^{-1}]$ if and only if a is nilpotent.*

Proof. One direction is trivial. For the other assume that $0 = 1 \in A[a^{-1}]$. Then $1 \mid_F 0$ in A where $F = \{a^n \mid n \in \mathbb{N}\} \subseteq A$. That is, there exists some $n \in \mathbb{N}$ such that $a^n \cdot 1 \leq 0$. \square

For certain special submonoids the construction of [Lemma 3.4](#) can be simplified. In order to explain this we introduce some notation. For any rig A and subset $S \subseteq A$, we write $(\downarrow S) \subseteq A$ for the subset $\{x \mid (\exists s \in S)(x \leq s)\} \subseteq A$. If $a \in A$ then we write $(\downarrow a)$ instead of $(\downarrow \{a\})$. For example, $(\downarrow 0) \subseteq A$ consists of the elements that have a negative.

If A is integral then $(\downarrow a) \subseteq A$ is closed under addition and multiplication.

Definition 3.7. An element $a \in A$ is called *strongly idempotent* if $a x = x$ for every $x \leq a$.

For instance, Boolean elements are strongly idempotent and, of course, every strongly idempotent element is idempotent. Also, every element in a distributive lattice is strongly idempotent.

Lemma 3.8. *If A is integral and $a \in A$ is strongly idempotent then addition and multiplication in $(\downarrow a)$ may be extended to the structure of a rig, the function $A \rightarrow (\downarrow a)$ that sends $x \in A$ to $ax \in (\downarrow a)$ is a rig morphism and has the universal property of $A \rightarrow A[a^{-1}]$.*

Proof. If a is strongly idempotent then a is the unit for the restricted multiplication in $(\downarrow a)$ and the function $A \rightarrow (\downarrow a)$ that sends $x \in A$ to $ax \in (\downarrow a)$ clearly preserves addition and multiplication, and it sends a to $1 \in (\downarrow a)$, so there exists a unique morphism $A[a^{-1}] \rightarrow (\downarrow a)$ such that the following diagram

$$\begin{array}{ccc} A & \longrightarrow & A[a^{-1}] \\ & \searrow & \downarrow \\ & & (\downarrow a) \end{array}$$

commutes. We prove that $A[a^{-1}] \rightarrow (\downarrow a)$ is bijective using the description of the domain given in Lemma 3.5. It is clearly injective. On the other hand, if $x \leq a$ then $ax = x$ because a is strongly idempotent. \square

Let $\mathbf{iRig} \rightarrow \mathbf{Rig}$ be the full subcategory of integral rigs in \mathbf{Set} . As explained in [20], the inclusion $\mathbf{iRig} \rightarrow \mathbf{Rig}$ has a right adjoint and so it follows that \mathbf{iRig} is coextensive. Since we have not proved that \mathbf{Rig} is coextensive we give below a direct proof that \mathbf{iRig} is. The result is not needed for our representation theorem but it is an essential part of the conceptual path that leads to it.

Proposition 3.9. *The category \mathbf{iRig} is coextensive.*

Proof. We use the dual of Proposition 2.2. For any pair of integral rigs A, B , the pushout of the projections $A \leftarrow A \times B \rightarrow B$ is the terminal object because the element $(1, 0) \in A \times B$ is sent to 1 in A and to 0 in B so $1 = 0$ must hold in the pushout.

The initial distributive lattice 2 is also initial in \mathbf{iRig} . So consider a map $g : 2 \times 2 \rightarrow A$ and assume the squares below

$$\begin{array}{ccccc} 2 & \xleftarrow{\pi_0} & 2 \times 2 & \xrightarrow{\pi_1} & 2 \\ \downarrow & & \downarrow g & & \downarrow \\ A_0 & \longleftarrow & A & \longrightarrow & A_1 \end{array}$$

are pushouts. The element $(1, 0)$ in 2×2 has complement $(0, 1)$ and so g is determined by $a_0 = g(1, 0)$ and also by $a_1 = g(0, 1)$. The universal property of the pushouts implies that $A \rightarrow A_0$ coincides with $A \rightarrow A[a_0^{-1}]$ and that $A \rightarrow A_1$ coincides with $A \rightarrow A[a_1^{-1}]$. So, to complete the proof, it is enough to show that if a is complemented in A then the canonical $A \rightarrow A[a^{-1}] \times A[b^{-1}] = (\downarrow a) \times (\downarrow b)$ is an iso, where b is the complement of a . Surjectivity is easy because if $x \leq a$ and $y \leq b$ then $x + y \in A$ is sent to $(ax, by) = (x, y) \in (\downarrow a) \times (\downarrow b)$. To prove injectivity assume that $u, v \in A$ are such that $(au, bu) = (av, bv)$. Then the following calculation

$$u = (a + b)u = au + bu = av + bv = (a + b)v = v$$

completes the proof. \square

We will need a further general fact about localizations. Again, let A be an integral rig and $F \rightarrow A$ be a multiplicative submonoid. Consider F equipped with the partial order inherited from A . As a poset, F is cofiltered because for every $x, y \in F$, $xy \leq x$ and $xy \leq y$ by integrality. The assignment that sends $x \in F$

to $A[x^{-1}]$ in **iRig** determines a functor $F^{\text{op}} \rightarrow \mathbf{iRig}$ because if $x \leq y$ in F then there exists a unique map $A[y^{-1}] \rightarrow A[x^{-1}]$ such that the triangle on the left below

$$\begin{array}{ccccc}
 A & \longrightarrow & A[y^{-1}] & \longrightarrow & A[F^{-1}] \\
 & \searrow & \downarrow & \nearrow & \\
 & & A[x^{-1}] & &
 \end{array}$$

commutes. Also, the universal map $A \rightarrow A[F^{-1}]$ determines maps $A[y^{-1}] \rightarrow A[F^{-1}]$ and $A[x^{-1}] \rightarrow A[F^{-1}]$ and, moreover, the universal property of $A \rightarrow A[y^{-1}]$ implies that the triangle on the right above commutes. In other words, we have a cocone from the functor $F^{\text{op}} \rightarrow \mathbf{iRig}$ to $A[F^{-1}]$. We claim that it is colimiting. To prove this, consider a cocone g from the functor $F^{\text{op}} \rightarrow \mathbf{iRig}$ to an integral rig B . Then there exists a diagram as on the left below

$$\begin{array}{ccc}
 A \longrightarrow A[y^{-1}] \xrightarrow{g_y} B \\
 \searrow \quad \downarrow \quad \nearrow g_x \\
 A[x^{-1}]
 \end{array}
 \qquad
 \begin{array}{ccc}
 A \longrightarrow A[F^{-1}] \\
 \searrow \quad \downarrow \bar{g} \\
 B
 \end{array}$$

which shows that we have a map $g' : A \rightarrow B$ that inverts every element of F . Hence, there exists a unique $\bar{g} : A[F^{-1}] \rightarrow B$ such that the diagram on the right above commutes. For each $x \in F$, the universal property of $A \rightarrow A[x^{-1}]$ implies that the following diagram

$$\begin{array}{ccc}
 A[x^{-1}] & \longrightarrow & A[F^{-1}] \\
 & \searrow g_x & \downarrow \bar{g} \\
 & & B
 \end{array}$$

commutes. Moreover, this \bar{g} is the unique one with this property, so the above claim is true. Alternatively, if we denote the colimit of the functor $F^{\text{op}} \rightarrow \mathbf{iRig}$ by $\varinjlim_{x \in F^{\text{op}}} A[x^{-1}]$ then the above argument implies the following:

Lemma 3.10. *For any multiplicative submonoid $F \rightarrow A$ there exists a unique isomorphism $A[F^{-1}] \rightarrow \varinjlim_{x \in F^{\text{op}}} A[x^{-1}]$ such that the following diagram*

$$\begin{array}{ccc}
 A & \longrightarrow & A[F^{-1}] \\
 \downarrow & & \downarrow \\
 A[x^{-1}] & \longrightarrow & \varinjlim_{x \in F^{\text{op}}} A[x^{-1}]
 \end{array}$$

commutes for every $x \in F$.

4. Chinese remainder and reticulation

In this section we prove a generalization of the Dubuc–Poveda ‘pushout–pullback’ lemma [10] and give an explicit simple description of the left adjoint to the inclusion $\mathbf{dLat} \rightarrow \mathbf{iRig}$ of the category of distributive lattices into that of integral rigs. These results play an important role in the proof of our representation result.

Lemma 4.1. *If A is an integral rig then, $(x + y)^m \leq x^m + xy + y^m$ for any $x, y \in A$ and any $m \in \mathbb{N}$. Therefore, for any $m, n \in \mathbb{N}$, $(x + y)^{mn} \leq x^m + y^n$.*

Proof. The result is clear for $m = 0$ and $m = 1$, so let $m \geq 2$. Since addition is idempotent,

$$(x + y)^m = \sum_{i=0}^m \binom{m}{i} x^{m-i} y^i = \sum_{i=0}^m x^{m-i} y^i$$

and since $m \geq 2$ and A is integral,

$$(x + y)^m = x^m + \left(\sum_{i=1}^{m-1} x^{m-i} y^i \right) + y^m = x^m + xy \left(\sum_{i=1}^{m-1} x^{m-i-1} y^{i-1} \right) + y^m \leq x^m + xy + y^m$$

so the first part of the result holds. We now claim that $(x + y)^m \leq x + y^m$ for every $m \in \mathbb{N}$. It certainly holds for $m = 0$. Now, if $m \geq 1$ then

$$(x + y)^m \leq x^m + xy + y^m = x(x^{m-1} + y) + y^m \leq x + y^m$$

holds. Commutativity implies that $(x + y)^m \leq x^m + y$ for every $m \in \mathbb{N}$. Finally,

$$(x + y)^{mn} = ((x + y)^m)^n \leq (x^m + y)^n \leq x^m + y^n$$

completes the proof. \square

Let A be an integral rig and let $a, b \in A$. If $f : A \rightarrow R$ in \mathbf{iRig} is such that $fa = 1$ then $f(a+b) = 1+fb = 1$. So there exists a unique map $A[(a + b)^{-1}] \rightarrow R$ such that the composite $A \rightarrow A[(a + b)^{-1}] \rightarrow R$ equals f . Similarly, if f inverts b . On the other hand, if $f : A \rightarrow R$ inverts ab then there is a canonical cospan $A[a^{-1}] \rightarrow R \leftarrow A[b^{-1}]$.

Lemma 4.2 (*The pushout–pullback lemma*). *If A is integral then for every $a, b \in A$ the canonical maps make the following diagram commute*

$$\begin{array}{ccc} A[(a + b)^{-1}] & \longrightarrow & A[b^{-1}] \\ \downarrow & & \downarrow \\ A[a^{-1}] & \longrightarrow & A[(ab)^{-1}] \end{array}$$

and, moreover, the square is both a pullback and a pushout.

Proof. The fact that the square commutes may be checked by pre-composing with the universal $A \rightarrow A[(a + b)^{-1}]$. Similarly, to prove that the square is a pushout, it is enough to pre-composite it with that map and show that the square on the left below

$$\begin{array}{ccc} A & \longrightarrow & A[b^{-1}] \\ \downarrow & & \downarrow \\ A[a^{-1}] & \longrightarrow & A[(ab)^{-1}] \end{array} \qquad \begin{array}{ccc} A & \longrightarrow & A[b^{-1}] \\ \downarrow & & \downarrow \\ A[a^{-1}] & \longrightarrow & R \end{array}$$

is a pushout. Now, a cospan $A[a^{-1}] \rightarrow R \leftarrow A[b^{-1}]$ making the square on the right above commute is, essentially, the same thing as a map $A \rightarrow R$ that inverts a and b . Hence, the map $A \rightarrow R$ inverts ab and the induced $A[(ab)^{-1}] \rightarrow R$ can be used to complete the proof that the square on the left above is indeed a pushout.

To prove that the diagram is a pullback it seems convenient to introduce some notation. For any $x \in A$, we write $(x \bmod a)$ for the associated element in $A[a^{-1}]$; and similarly for b , $a + b$ and ab . For example, the left vertical map of the diagram in the statement sends $(z \bmod (a + b))$ to $(z \bmod a)$. Consider the actual pullback $A[a^{-1}] \leftarrow P \rightarrow A[b^{-1}]$ and the induced canonical morphism $A[(a + b)^{-1}] \rightarrow P$. We need to show that this map is bijective.

To prove that $A[(a + b)^{-1}] \rightarrow P$ is surjective let $(x \bmod a)$ and $(y \bmod b)$ be such that $(x \bmod ab) = (y \bmod ab)$. This means that there exists an $m \in \mathbb{N}$ such that $(ab)^m x \leq y$ and $(ab)^m y \leq x$. Consider now $((a^m x + b^m y) \bmod (a + b))$. Clearly, $a^m x \leq a^m x + b^m y$ and, on the other hand, calculate

$$a^m(a^m x + b^m y) = a^{2m} x + (ab)^m y \leq a^{2m} x + x = (a^{2m} + 1)x = x$$

to conclude that $((a^m x + b^m y) \bmod a) = (x \bmod a)$. An analogous calculation shows that $((a^m x + b^m y) \bmod b) = (y \bmod b)$.

To prove that $A[(a + b)^{-1}] \rightarrow P$ is injective it is enough to show that the canonical $A[(a + b)^{-1}] \rightarrow A[a^{-1}] \times A[b^{-1}]$ is injective. So let $(u \bmod (a + b))$ and $(v \bmod (a + b))$ be such that they are sent to the same pair in $A[a^{-1}] \times A[b^{-1}]$. That is: $(u \bmod a) = (v \bmod a)$ and $(u \bmod b) = (v \bmod b)$. In turn, this means that there are $k, l \in \mathbb{N}$ such that

$$a^k u \leq v \quad a^k v \leq u \quad b^l u \leq v \quad b^l v \leq u$$

so, using [Lemma 4.1](#), we can calculate

$$(a + b)^{kl} u \leq (a^k + b^l)u \leq a^k u + b^l u \leq v + v \leq v$$

and, similarly, $(a + b)^{kl} v \leq u$. Therefore, $(u \bmod (a + b)) = (v \bmod (a + b))$. \square

Fix an integral rig A and define an auxiliary pre-order \preceq on A by declaring that $x \preceq y$ holds if and only if there exists an $m \in \mathbb{N}$ such that $x^m \leq y$. Since multiplication is monotone with respect to \leq , \preceq is indeed a pre-order. This pre-order determines, as usual, an equivalence relation \sim on A . That is, $x \sim y$ if and only if both $x \preceq y$ and $y \preceq x$.

Lemma 4.3. *If A is an integral rig the relation \sim is a rig congruence and the quotient $\eta_A : A \rightarrow A/\sim$ is universal from A to the inclusion $\mathbf{dLat} \rightarrow \mathbf{iRig}$. Moreover, the map $\eta_A : A \rightarrow A/\sim$ is local.*

Proof. To prove that \sim is a congruence it is enough to show that addition and multiplication are compatible with \preceq . Assume that $u \preceq v$ and $x \preceq y$, so that there are $m, n \in \mathbb{N}$ such that $u^m \leq v$ and $x^n \leq y$. [Lemma 4.1](#) implies that $(u + x)^{mn} \leq u^m + x^n \leq v + y$, so $u + x \preceq v + y$. On the other hand, $(ux)^{\max(m,n)} = u^{\max(m,n)} x^{\max(m,n)} \leq u^m x^n \leq vy$, so $ux \preceq vy$. Therefore, \sim is indeed a congruence.

We now prove that A/\sim is a lattice. Clearly, the surjection $\eta = \eta_A : A \rightarrow A/\sim$ implies that $1 + u = 1$ for every $u \in A/\sim$. To prove that multiplication is idempotent let $x \in A$ and observe that $(\eta x)(\eta x) = \eta(x^2)$. But $x^2 \sim x$ so $(\eta x)^2 = \eta(x^2) = \eta x$.

To prove the universal property let $f : A \rightarrow D$ be a rig morphism with D a distributive lattice. If $x \preceq y$ then there is an $m \in \mathbb{N}$ such that $x^m \leq y$ and, since multiplication is idempotent in D , $fx = f(x^m) \leq fy$. Hence, $x \sim y$ implies $fx = fy$.

To prove $\eta_A : A \rightarrow A/\sim$ is local assume that $\eta x = \eta 1$. Then $1 \preceq x$ and so $1 \leq x$. \square

Let us denote the resulting left adjoint by $L : \mathbf{iRig} \rightarrow \mathbf{dLat}$ and the associated unit by $\eta_A = \eta : A \rightarrow LA$. This unit and its codomain LA may be referred to as the *reticulation* of the rig A .

The next result shows that reticulational interact well with localizations.

Lemma 4.4. *For any integral rig A and $x \in A$ both squares below*

$$\begin{array}{ccc}
 A & \xrightarrow{\eta} & LA \\
 \downarrow & & \downarrow \\
 A[x^{-1}] & \longrightarrow & (LA)[(\eta x)^{-1}]
 \end{array}
 \qquad
 \begin{array}{ccc}
 A & \xrightarrow{\eta} & LA \\
 \downarrow & & \downarrow \\
 A[x^{-1}] & \xrightarrow[\eta]{} & L(A[x^{-1}])
 \end{array}$$

are pushouts in \mathbf{iRig} where the bottom map on the left above is the unique rig map that makes the square commute; and the right square is the obvious naturality square.

Proof. The fact that the left square is a pushout follows from the universal property of the localization $LA \rightarrow (LA)[(\eta x)^{-1}]$ and the fact that $A \rightarrow A[x^{-1}]$ is epi. To complete the proof it is enough to show that the map $A[x^{-1}] \rightarrow (LA)[(\eta x)^{-1}]$ is universal from $A[x^{-1}]$ to distributive lattices. So let D be a distributive lattice and $f : A[x^{-1}] \rightarrow D$ be a morphism of rigs. By the universal property of $\eta : A \rightarrow LA$ there is a unique $f_1 : LA \rightarrow D$ such that the square on the left below

$$\begin{array}{ccc}
 A & \xrightarrow{\eta} & LA \\
 \downarrow & & \downarrow f_1 \\
 A[x^{-1}] & \xrightarrow{f} & D
 \end{array}
 \qquad
 \begin{array}{ccccc}
 A[x^{-1}] & \longrightarrow & (LA)[(\eta x)^{-1}] & \longleftarrow & LA \\
 & \searrow f & \downarrow f_2 \quad \downarrow f_3 & \swarrow f_1 & \\
 & & D & &
 \end{array}$$

commutes. By the pushout property, there exists a unique map $f_2 : (LA)[(\eta x)^{-1}] \rightarrow D$ such that the two triangles on the right above commute. In particular, the left triangle commutes. Finally, if there exists an $f_3 : (LA)[(\eta x)^{-1}] \rightarrow D$ such that the left triangle above commutes then the right triangle also commutes because $\eta : A \rightarrow LA$ is epi. Hence, $f_2 = f_3$. \square

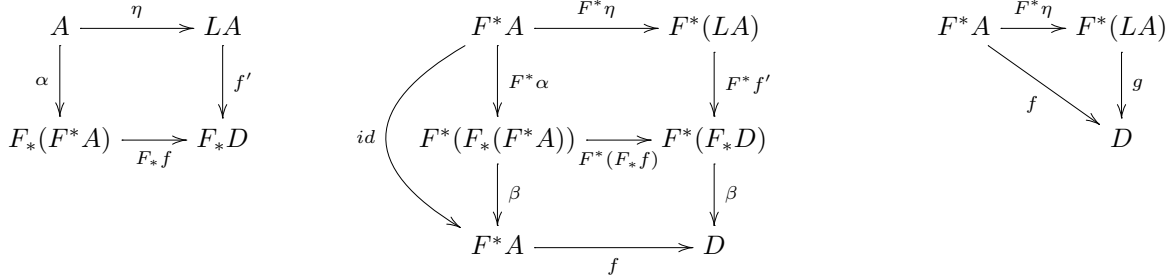
5. Reticulation in Grothendieck toposes

Let \mathcal{E} be a topos and let $\mathbf{iRig}(\mathcal{E})$ be the category of integral rigs in \mathcal{E} . We can consider the full subcategory $\mathbf{dLat}(\mathcal{E}) \rightarrow \mathbf{iRig}(\mathcal{E})$ and wonder about the existence of a left adjoint. If the left adjoint exists then we say that \mathcal{E} has *reticulational* (of integral rigs). In Lemma 4.3 we proved that \mathbf{Set} has reticulational. It should be possible to internalize this result to an elementary \mathcal{E} with a natural numbers object (A2.5.1 in [17]). Also, it is tempting to conjecture that the existence of the left adjoint $\mathbf{iRig}(\mathcal{E}) \rightarrow \mathbf{dLat}(\mathcal{E})$ implies that the unit of the adjunction is epi and local. Since we have not been able to prove this conjecture we lift the adjunction (and the properties of its unit) from \mathbf{Set} to an arbitrary Grothendieck topos. It is convenient to show first that inverse images of geometric morphisms preserve reticulational.

Lemma 5.1. *Let $F : \mathcal{F} \rightarrow \mathcal{E}$ be a geometric morphism. If A is an integral rig in \mathcal{E} and $\eta : A \rightarrow LA$ is its reticulation then $F^*\eta : F^*A \rightarrow F^*(LA)$ is the reticulation (in \mathcal{F}) of the integral rig F^*A . Moreover, if η is epi and local then so is $F^*\eta$.*

Proof. Denote the unit of $F^* \dashv F_*$ by $\alpha : id_{\mathcal{F}} \rightarrow F_*F^*$. Since α is natural and F^* preserves products, $\alpha_A : A \rightarrow F_*(F^*A)$ is a rig map. If D is a distributive lattice in \mathcal{F} and $f : F^*A \rightarrow D$ is a rig map then the

transposition $(F_*f)\alpha : A \rightarrow F_*D$ is a composite of rig maps with codomain F_*D in $\mathbf{dLat}(\mathcal{E})$. Hence, there exists a unique rig morphism $f' : LA \rightarrow F_*D$ in \mathcal{E} such that the diagram on the left below



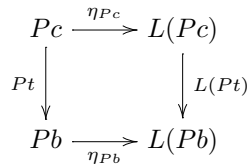
commutes. Then the middle diagram above commutes, where β is the counit of $F^* \dashv F_*$. So the existence part of the universal property holds. To prove the uniqueness part assume that $g : F^*(LA) \rightarrow D$ in \mathcal{F} is a rig map such that the right diagram above commutes and check that the transposition of g equals f' .

The second part of the statement follows because $F^* : \mathcal{E} \rightarrow \mathcal{F}$ is a finite-limit-preserving left adjoint. \square

We now consider how to lift reticulations from **Set** to presheaf toposes. So let \mathcal{C} be a small category and consider an integral rig P in the presheaf topos $\widehat{\mathcal{C}}$. In other words, P is a functor $\mathcal{C}^{\text{op}} \rightarrow \mathbf{iRig}$ so we can consider the composite

$$\mathcal{C}^{\text{op}} \xrightarrow{P} \mathbf{iRig} \xrightarrow{L} \mathbf{dLat}$$

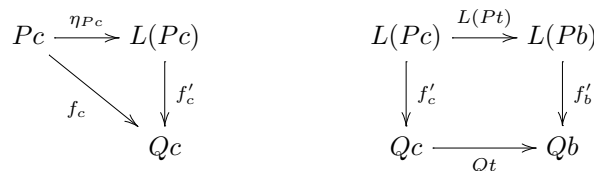
which is a distributive lattice LP in $\widehat{\mathcal{C}}$. Moreover, for every $t : b \rightarrow c$ in \mathcal{C} , the following diagram



commutes, where $\eta_{Pc} : Pc \rightarrow L(Pc)$ is the reticulation of the integral rig Pc in **Set**. So we obtain a natural transformation $\eta_P : P \rightarrow LP$ such that, for each object c in \mathcal{C} , η_{Pc} is a rig morphism. In other words, we have obtained a rig morphism $P \rightarrow LP$ in $\widehat{\mathcal{C}}$.

Lemma 5.2. *The transformation $\eta_P : P \rightarrow LP$ above is the reticulation of P in $\widehat{\mathcal{C}}$. Moreover, η_P is epi and local as a rig map.*

Proof. Let Q be a distributive lattice in $\widehat{\mathcal{C}}$ and let $f : P \rightarrow Q$ be a rig morphism. Then, for each c in \mathcal{C} , there exists a unique rig map $f'_c : L(Pc) \rightarrow Qc$ in **Set** such that the diagram on the left below



commutes. Also, for every $t : b \rightarrow c$ in \mathcal{C} , it is easy to check that the diagram on the right above commutes; just precompose with η_{Pc} . So we obtain a rig map $f' : LP \rightarrow Q$ in $\widehat{\mathcal{C}}$ such that $f'\eta_P = f$. Since each

$\eta_{Pc} : Pc \rightarrow L(Pc)$ is surjective in **Set**, $\eta_P : P \rightarrow LP$ is epi in $\widehat{\mathcal{C}}$, so f' is the unique map satisfying the above equality.

It remains to show that $\eta_P : P \rightarrow LP$ is local; but this follows because each rig morphism $\eta_{Pc} : Pc \rightarrow L(Pc)$ is local in **Set**, and limits in presheaf toposes are calculated ‘as in **Set**’. \square

We can now lift reticulations to bounded toposes over **Set**.

Proposition 5.3. *Grothendieck toposes have reticulations. Moreover, these are epi and local.*

Proof. Let $\mathcal{F} = \mathbf{Sh}(\mathcal{C}, J)$ be a Grothendieck topos. There is a topos inclusion $F : \mathcal{F} \rightarrow \widehat{\mathcal{C}}$ so the counit $\beta : F^*F_* \rightarrow id_{\mathcal{F}}$ is an iso. Now let A be an integral rig in \mathcal{F} . By Lemma 5.2 there is an epi and local reticulation $\eta : F_*A \rightarrow L(F_*A)$ in $\widehat{\mathcal{C}}$ and, by Lemma 5.1, the integral rig $F^*(F_*A)$ in \mathcal{F} , has an epi and local reticulation $F^*\eta : F^*(F_*A) \rightarrow F^*(L(F_*A))$. Since $\beta : F^*(F_*A) \rightarrow A$ is an iso of rigs, the result follows. \square

6. Really local integral rigs

Fix a topos \mathcal{E} and recall ([19] and Section 2) that a rig A in \mathcal{E} is called *really local* if there is a (necessarily unique) local morphism $A \rightarrow \Omega$ of rigs. A basic exercise in the internal logic of toposes shows the following:

Lemma 6.1. *The rig A is really local if and only if the following sequents hold*

$$\begin{aligned} & 0 \in \text{Inv}(A) \vdash \perp \\ & (x + y) \in \text{Inv}(A) \vdash_{x,y} x \in \text{Inv}(A) \quad \vee \quad y \in \text{Inv}(A) \\ & x \in \text{Inv}(A) \quad \vee \quad y \in \text{Inv}(A) \vdash_{x,y} (x + y) \in \text{Inv}(A) \end{aligned}$$

in the internal logic of \mathcal{E} .

Proof. For example, the composite $1 \xrightarrow{0} A \xrightarrow{\iota} \Omega$ equals the bottom element $\perp : 1 \rightarrow \Omega$ if and only if the following rectangle

$$\begin{array}{ccccc} 0 & \xrightarrow{!} & \text{Inv}(A) & \longrightarrow & 1 \\ \downarrow ! & & \downarrow & & \downarrow \top \\ 1 & \xrightarrow{0} & A & \xrightarrow{\iota} & \Omega \end{array}$$

is a pullback. Since the right square is a pullback by definition, the rectangle is a pullback if and only if the left square is a pullback. \square

Notice that if A was a ring then the first two sequents in the statement of the lemma would say that A is local in the usual sense. In other words: “The preservation of addition is a strengthening, possible for positive quantities, of the usual notion of localness (which on truth values was only an inequality)” [19].

Naturally, really local integral rigs have a simpler characterization.

Lemma 6.2. *An integral rig is really local if and only if the following sequents hold*

$$\begin{aligned} & 0 = 1 \vdash \perp \\ & x + y = 1 \vdash_{x,y} x = 1 \quad \vee \quad y = 1 \end{aligned}$$

in the internal logic of \mathcal{E} .

Proof. Recall that the multiplicative unit $1 : 1 \rightarrow A$ factors through $\text{Inv}(A) \rightarrow A$ and, if A is integral, the factorization $1 : 1 \rightarrow \text{Inv}(A)$ is an iso ([Lemma 3.3](#)). In other words, if A is integral then the following square

$$\begin{array}{ccc} 1 & \longrightarrow & 1 \\ \downarrow 1 & & \downarrow \top \\ A & \xrightarrow{\iota} & \Omega \end{array}$$

is a pullback. \square

For any rig A in \mathcal{E} define the object of $\text{BCU}(A) \rightarrow A \times A$ of *Binary Covers of the Unit* by declaring the square below

$$\begin{array}{ccc} \text{BCU}(A) & \longrightarrow & 1 \\ \downarrow & & \downarrow 1 \\ A \times A & \xrightarrow{+} & A \end{array}$$

to be a pullback in \mathcal{E} . If A is integral then there is a unique $\lambda : A \rightarrow \text{BCU}(A)$ such that the diagram on the left below

$$\begin{array}{ccc} A & \xrightarrow{\lambda} & \text{BCU}(A) \\ \langle !, id \rangle \downarrow & & \downarrow \\ 1 \times A & \xrightarrow{1 \times id} & A \times A \end{array} \qquad \begin{array}{ccc} A & \xrightarrow{\rho} & \text{BCU}(A) \\ \langle id, ! \rangle \downarrow & & \downarrow \\ A \times 1 & \xrightarrow{id \times 1} & A \times A \end{array}$$

commutes. Symmetrically, there is a unique $\rho : A \rightarrow \text{BCU}(A)$ such that the diagram on the right above commutes. (In the case $\mathcal{E} = \mathbf{Set}$, $\text{BCU}(A) = \{(x, y) \mid x + y = 1\}$, $\lambda x = (1, x)$ and $\rho x = (x, 1)$ for $x \in A$.) We can now reformulate [Lemma 6.2](#) as follows:

Lemma 6.3. *An integral rig A in \mathcal{E} is really local if and only if the diagram below*

$$0 \xrightarrow{!} 1 \begin{array}{c} \xrightarrow{0} \\ \xrightarrow{1} \end{array} A$$

is an equalizer and $[\lambda, \rho] : A + A \rightarrow \text{BCU}(A)$ is epi.

We now characterize really local integral rigs in presheaf toposes. Let \mathcal{C} be a small category and $\widehat{\mathcal{C}}$ be the associated presheaf topos. Since the theory of integral rigs is clearly algebraic, an integral rig internal to $\widehat{\mathcal{C}}$ is simply a functor $A : \mathcal{C}^{\text{op}} \rightarrow \mathbf{iRig}$.

Lemma 6.4. *An integral rig A in $\widehat{\mathcal{C}}$ is really local if and only if the integral rig Ac is really local in \mathbf{Set} for every c in \mathcal{C} .*

Proof. The fork in [Lemma 6.3](#) is an equalizer in $\widehat{\mathcal{C}}$ if and only if for every $c \in \mathcal{C}$, $0 \neq 1 \in Ac$. Also, for each c in \mathcal{C} , $(\text{BCU}(A))c = \{(x, y) \in (Ac) \times (Ac) \mid x + y = 1 \in Ac\}$. Hence, the map $[\lambda, \rho] : A + A \rightarrow \text{BCU}(A)$ is epi in $\widehat{\mathcal{C}}$ if and only if $[\lambda_c, \rho_c] : (Ac) + (Ac) \rightarrow (\text{BCU}(A))c$ is epi in \mathbf{Set} for each c in \mathcal{C} . In other words, for each $c \in \mathcal{C}$ and every $x, y \in Ac$, $x + y = 1$ implies $x = 1$ or $y = 1$. \square

7. Coherent localic toposes

Although Proposition 5.3 shows that reticulations exist in all Grothendieck toposes we are going to be mainly interested in coherent localic toposes or, equivalently, toposes of sheaves over spectral spaces. See D3.3.14 in [17].

Let D be a distributive lattice seen as a coherent category (A1.4 in [17]). Its *coherent coverage* (A2.1.11(b) in [17]) is the function that sends each $d \in D$ to the set of finite families $(d_i \leq d \mid i \in I)$ such that $\bigvee_{i \in I} d_i = d$. (These will be called *covering families* or simply *covers*.) The resulting topos of sheaves will be denoted by $\mathbf{Sh}(D)$. It is well-known that $\mathbf{Sh}(D)$ is equivalent to the topos of sheaves on the locale corresponding to the frame of ideals of D (see C2.2.4(b) in [17]).

Binary covers $a \vee b = d$ of $d \in D$ will play an important role because in order to check that a presheaf $P : D^{\text{op}} \rightarrow \mathbf{Set}$ is a sheaf, it is enough to check the sheaf condition for binary covers. The empty family covers an object $d \in D$ if and only if $d = \perp$. So, for any $X \in \mathbf{Sh}(D)$, $X\perp$ is terminal in \mathbf{Set} .

Since the theory of integral rigs is algebraic, it is well-known that an integral rig in $\mathbf{Sh}(D)$ is a functor $D^{\text{op}} \rightarrow \mathbf{iRig}$ such that the composite presheaf $D^{\text{op}} \rightarrow \mathbf{iRig} \rightarrow \mathbf{Set}$ is a sheaf. In this section we characterize really local integral rigs in $\mathbf{Sh}(D)$ which requires a little extra effort because the theory of really local rigs is not algebraic. Specifically, we will need explicit descriptions of finite colimits in $\mathbf{Sh}(D)$.

Lemma 7.1 (*Epis in $\mathbf{Sh}(D)$*). *A map $f : X \rightarrow Z$ is epi in $\mathbf{Sh}(D)$ if and only if for every $d \in D$ and $z \in Zd$, there exists a cover $\bigvee_{i \in I} d_i = d$ such that $z \cdot d_i$ is in the image of the function $f_{d_i} : Xd_i \rightarrow Zd_i$.*

Proof. This is an instance of Corollary III.7.5 in [22]. \square

An $f : X \rightarrow Z$ as in Lemma 7.1 is sometimes called ‘locally surjective’.

Consider now the initial object $0 \in \mathbf{Sh}(D)$. As any other sheaf, it must satisfy that $0\perp$ is terminal in \mathbf{Set} . It is easy to check that $0d = 0 \in \mathbf{Set}$ for any $d > \perp$.

Lemma 7.2 (*Binary coproducts in $\mathbf{Sh}(D)$*). *For every X, Y in $\mathbf{Sh}(D)$, the coproduct $X + Y$ may be defined by*

$$(X + Y)d = \{(a, b, x, y) \mid a \vee b = d, a \wedge b = \perp, x \in (Xa), y \in (Yb)\}$$

and, for any $(a, b, x, y) \in (X + Y)d$,

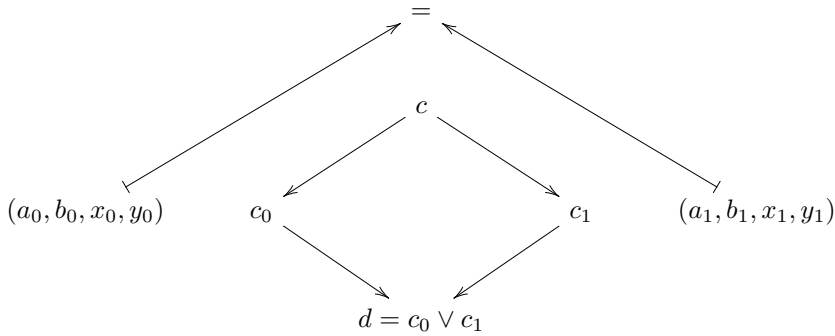
$$((X + Y)(c \leq d))(a, b, x, y) = (a, b, x, y) \cdot c = (a \wedge c, b \wedge c, x \cdot (a \wedge c), y \cdot (b \wedge c))$$

where $x \cdot c = (X(c \leq d))x \in Xc$ and $y \cdot c = (Y(c \leq d))y \in Yc$.

Proof. It is easy to check that, defined as above, $X + Y$ is indeed a presheaf on D . To prove that it is a sheaf assume that $c_0 \vee c_1 = d$ and let $(a_0, b_0, x_0, y_0) \in (X + Y)c_0$ and $(a_1, b_1, x_1, y_1) \in (X + Y)c_1$ be a compatible family. That is, for any $c \leq c_0 \wedge c_1$,

$$(a_0, b_0, x_0, y_0) \cdot c = (a_1, b_1, x_1, y_1) \cdot c$$

which, may be instructive to draw as follows



and means that the following equations

$$a_0 \wedge c = a_1 \wedge c \quad b_0 \wedge c = b_1 \wedge c \quad x_0 \cdot (a_0 \wedge c) = x_1 \cdot (a_1 \wedge c) \quad y_0 \cdot (b_0 \wedge c) = y_1 \cdot (b_1 \wedge c)$$

hold. We have to show that there is a unique amalgamation. First, we claim that the pair $a = a_0 \vee a_1$, $b = b_0 \vee b_1$ is a partition of d . Of course, $a \vee b = d$ so we need only prove that $a \wedge b = \perp$. Since

$$a \wedge b = (a_0 \wedge b_0) \vee (a_0 \wedge b_1) \vee (a_1 \wedge b_0) \vee (a_1 \wedge b_1) = (a_0 \wedge b_1) \vee (a_1 \wedge b_0)$$

we are left to show that $a_0 \wedge b_1 = \perp = a_1 \wedge b_0$. Taking $c = c_0 \wedge c_1$, compatibility means

$$\begin{aligned} a_0 \wedge (c_0 \wedge c_1) &= a_1 \wedge (c_0 \wedge c_1) & b_0 \wedge (c_0 \wedge c_1) &= b_1 \wedge (c_0 \wedge c_1) \\ x_0 \cdot (a_0 \wedge (c_0 \wedge c_1)) &= x_1 \cdot (a_1 \wedge (c_0 \wedge c_1)) & y_0 \cdot (b_0 \wedge (c_0 \wedge c_1)) &= y_1 \cdot (b_1 \wedge (c_0 \wedge c_1)) \end{aligned}$$

which simplifies to

$$\begin{aligned} a_0 \wedge c_1 &= a_1 \wedge c_0 & b_0 \wedge c_1 &= b_1 \wedge c_0 \\ x_0 \cdot (a_0 \wedge c_1) &= x_1 \cdot (a_1 \wedge c_0) & y_0 \cdot (b_0 \wedge c_1) &= y_1 \cdot (b_1 \wedge c_0) \end{aligned}$$

so

$$a_0 \wedge b_1 = a_0 \wedge b_1 \wedge c_1 = a_1 \wedge b_1 \wedge c_0 = \perp \wedge c_0 = \perp$$

and analogously, $a_1 \wedge b_0 = \perp$. This completes the proof that $a, b \leq d$ is a partition of d .

Consider now $x_0 \in Xa_0$ and $x_1 \in Xa_1$. Since

$$x_0 \cdot (a_0 \wedge a_1) = x_0 \cdot (a_0 \wedge c_1) \cdot (a_0 \wedge a_1) = x_1 \cdot (a_1 \wedge c_0) \cdot (a_0 \wedge a_1) = x_1 \cdot (a_0 \wedge a_1)$$

and X is a sheaf, there exists a unique $x \in Xa = X(a_0 \vee a_1)$ such that $x \cdot a_0 = x_0$ and $x \cdot a_1 = x_1$. Similarly, there exists a unique $y \in Yb = Y(b_0 \vee b_1)$ such that $y \cdot b_0 = y_0$ and $y \cdot b_1 = y_1$. Altogether, we have obtained an element $(a, b, x, y) \in (X + Y)d$. Moreover,

$$(a, b, x, y) \cdot c_0 = (a \wedge c_0, b \wedge c_0, x \cdot (a \wedge c_0), y \cdot (b \wedge c_0)) = (a_0, b_0, x_0, y_0)$$

because

$$a \wedge c_0 = (a_0 \vee a_1) \wedge c_0 = (a_0 \wedge c_0) \vee (a_1 \wedge c_0) = a_0 \vee (a_0 \wedge c_1) = a_0$$

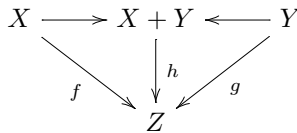
and, analogously, $b \wedge c_0 = b_0$.

Assume now that $(a', b', x', y') \in (X + Y)d$ is such that $(a', b', x', y') \cdot c_0 = (a_0, b_0, x_0, y_0)$ and $(a', b', x', y') \cdot c_1 = (a_1, b_1, x_1, y_1)$. This means that

$$\begin{aligned} a' \wedge c_0 &= a_0 & b' \wedge c_0 &= b_0 & x' \cdot (a' \wedge c_0) &= x_0 & y' \cdot (b' \wedge c_0) &= y_0 \\ a' \wedge c_1 &= a_1 & b' \wedge c_1 &= b_1 & x' \cdot (a' \wedge c_1) &= x_1 & y' \cdot (b' \wedge c_1) &= y_1 \end{aligned}$$

so $a = a_0 \vee a_1 = (a' \wedge c_0) \vee (a' \wedge c_1) = a' \wedge (c_0 \vee c_1) = a' \wedge d = a'$ and, similarly, $b = b'$. The first and third columns above imply $x' \cdot a_0 = x_0$ and $x' \cdot a_1 = x_1$ so x' must be x . The second and fourth columns imply that $y' = y$. This completes the proof that $X + Y$ is a sheaf.

Let \bullet denote the unique element in $Y \perp$ and, for each d in D , consider the function $Xd \rightarrow (X + Y)d$ that sends $x \in Xd$ to (d, \perp, x, \bullet) . It is not difficult to check that this definition is natural in d and so, determines a map $X \rightarrow X + Y$ in $\mathbf{Sh}(D)$. Of course, we have the analogue $Y \rightarrow X + Y$ and we claim that together they form a coproduct diagram. To prove this, consider a cospan $f : X \rightarrow Z \leftarrow Y : g$. Assume that we have a map $h : X + Y \rightarrow Z$ such that the following diagram



commutes. For and $d \in D$ and $(a, b, x, y) \in (X + Y)d$ we have that

$$(h_d(a, b, x, y)) \cdot a = h_a((a, b, x, y) \cdot a) = h_a(a, \perp, x \cdot a, \bullet) = f_a x$$

and, similarly, $(h_d(a, b, x, y)) \cdot b = g_b y$. As Z is a sheaf, $h_d(a, b, x, y)$ is uniquely determined by the last two equations. It is straightforward to check that if we define $h_d(a, b, x, y)$ in this way then the resulting family of functions is natural in d . \square

In particular, $(1 + 1)d = \{(a, b) \mid a \vee b = d, a \wedge b = \perp\}$. Roughly speaking, $1 + 1$ is the ‘object of partitions’ of D .

Proposition 7.3. *An integral rig A in $\mathbf{Sh}(D)$ is really local if and only if, for every $d \in D$ the following two conditions hold:*

1. *If $Ad = 1$ then $d = \perp$. (Equivalently, $0 = 1 \in Ad$ implies $d = \perp$.)*
2. *For all $u, v \in Ad$ such that $u + v = 1$, there is a cover $a \vee b = d$ such that $u \cdot a = 1$ and $v \cdot b = 1$.*

Proof. This is just [Lemma 6.3](#) in the particular case of the topos $\mathbf{Sh}(D)$. Indeed, if we let $E \rightarrow 1$ be the equalizer of $0, 1 : 1 \rightarrow A$ then Ed is terminal or initial in \mathbf{Set} depending on whether $0 = 1$ in Ad or not. So, the unique map $0 \rightarrow E$ is an iso if and only if the first item in the statement holds.

To complete the proof we show that the second condition in the statement is equivalent to epiness of the canonical map $[\lambda, \rho] : A + A \rightarrow \text{BCU}(A)$ defined in [Lemma 6.3](#).

Assume first that the second condition of the present statement holds. To prove that $[\lambda, \rho] : A + A \rightarrow \text{BCU}(A)$ is epi, fix $d \in D$ and $(u, v) \in (\text{BCU}(A))d$. Then $u + v = 1 \in Ad$ and, by hypothesis, there is a cover $a \vee b = d$ such that $u \cdot a = 1 \in Aa$ and $v \cdot b = 1 \in Ab$. So $(u, v) \cdot a = (1, v \cdot a) = \lambda_a(v \cdot a) = [\lambda, \rho]_a(in_{0,a}(v \cdot a))$ where $in_0 : A \rightarrow A + A$ is the ‘left’ coproduct inclusion and, similarly, $(u, v) \cdot b = [\lambda, \rho]_b(in_{1,b}(u \cdot b))$. Hence, we have proved that the map $[\lambda, \rho] : A + A \rightarrow \text{BCU}(A)$ is locally surjective.

For the converse assume that $[\lambda, \rho] : A + A \rightarrow \text{BCU}(A)$ is locally surjective. Again, let $d \in D$ and $u, v \in Ad$ be such that $u + v = 1 \in Ad$. By assumption there is a cover $\bigvee_{i \in I} d_i = d$ and, for each $i \in I$, an element $(a_i, b_i, x_i, y_i) \in (A + A)d_i$ such that the equation $[\lambda, \rho]_{d_i}(a_i, b_i, x_i, y_i) = (u, v) \cdot d_i = (u \cdot d_i, v \cdot d_i)$ holds.

If we let $a = \bigvee_{i \in I} a_i$ and $b = \bigvee_{i \in I} b_i$ then clearly, $a \vee b = d$. Now calculate:

$$\begin{aligned} (u \cdot d_i \cdot a_i, v \cdot d_i \cdot a_i) &= (u \cdot d_i, v \cdot d_i) \cdot a_i = ([\lambda, \rho]_{d_i}(a_i, b_i, x_i, y_i)) \cdot a_i = \\ &= [\lambda, \rho]_{a_i}((a_i, b_i, x_i, y_i) \cdot a_i) = [\lambda, \rho]_{a_i}(a_i, \perp, x_i, 1) = [\lambda, \rho]_{a_i}(in_{0, a_i} x_i) = \lambda_{a_i} x = (1, x_i) \end{aligned}$$

and conclude that $u \cdot a \cdot a_i = u \cdot d_i \cdot a_i = 1$ for every $i \in I$. Since A is a sheaf, $u \cdot a = 1 \in Aa$. A similar calculation shows that $v \cdot b = 1 \in Ab$. \square

8. Principal subobjects

Let D be a distributive lattice. In this section we consider certain subobject $\Lambda \rightarrow \Omega$ in the topos $\mathbf{Sh}(D)$. The existence and role of this subobject is probably folklore but, since we have not found it in the literature, we give some of the details.

Let \widehat{D} be the topos of presheaves on D .

Definition 8.1. For any X in \widehat{D} , a subobject $U \rightarrow X$ is called *principal* if for every $d \in D$ and $x \in Xd$ there exists a largest $c \leq d$ such that $x \cdot c \in Uc$.

We are going to be mainly interested in principal subobjects in $\mathbf{Sh}(D)$.

Lemma 8.2. *If X is a sheaf and $u : U \rightarrow X$ is principal then U is also a sheaf.*

Proof. Let $a \vee b = d$ and let $x \in Ua$ and $y \in Ub$ be a compatible family. Then x and y form also a compatible family for X and hence, there exists a unique $z \in Xd$ such that $z \cdot a = x$ and $z \cdot b = y$. By hypothesis, there exist a largest $e \leq d$ such that $z \cdot e \in Ue$. Then $a \leq e$ and $b \leq e$, so $a \vee b = d \leq e$. Therefore, $d = e$ and U is a sheaf. \square

Let Λ in \widehat{D} be the object that sends $d \in D$ to $(\downarrow d)$. For any $d \in D$, $x \in \Lambda d$ and $c \leq d$, we have that $x \cdot c = x \wedge c \in \Lambda c$.

Lemma 8.3. *The presheaf Λ is a sheaf.*

Proof. Let $a \vee b = d$ and let $x \in \Lambda a = (\downarrow a)$ and $y \in \Lambda b = (\downarrow b)$ be a compatible family, so that $x \cdot (a \wedge b) = y \cdot (a \wedge b)$. That is, $x \wedge b = y \wedge a$. Then $x \vee y \in (\downarrow d)$,

$$(x \vee y) \cdot a = (x \vee y) \wedge a = (x \wedge a) \vee (y \wedge a) = x \vee (x \wedge b) = x$$

and, similarly, $(x \vee y) \cdot b = y$. Finally, assume that $z \in \Lambda d$ is such that $z \cdot a = x$ and $z \cdot b = y$. That is, $z \wedge a = x$ and $z \wedge b = y$, so $(z \wedge a) \vee (z \wedge b) = x \vee y$ and hence,

$$x \vee y = z \wedge (a \vee b) = z \wedge d = z$$

which completes the proof that Λ is a sheaf. \square

There is an obvious point $\top : 1 \rightarrow \Lambda$ that, at stage d , is the top element of $\Lambda d = (\downarrow d)$. Of course, there exists a unique $\iota : \Lambda \rightarrow \Omega$ such that the following diagram

$$\begin{array}{ccc}
 1 & \xrightarrow{id} & 1 \\
 \downarrow \top & & \downarrow \top \\
 \Lambda & \xrightarrow{\iota} & \Omega
 \end{array}$$

is a pullback in $\mathbf{Sh}(D)$. The map $\iota_d : \Lambda d \rightarrow \Omega d$ sends $x \leq d$ to the principal ideal $(\downarrow x) \in \Omega d$.

Lemma 8.4. *The subobject $\top : 1 \rightarrow \Lambda$ in $\mathbf{Sh}(D)$ classifies principal subobjects.*

Proof. Let $u : U \rightarrow X$ be mono in $\mathbf{Sh}(D)$. Its classifying map $\chi : X \rightarrow \Omega$ sends x to the ideal $\chi x = \{c \leq d \mid x \cdot c \in Uc\}$. Hence, χ factors through $\iota : \Lambda \rightarrow \Omega$ if and only if $u : U \rightarrow X$ is principal. \square

In other words, principal subobjects are those whose characteristic maps are valued in principal ideals.

Lemma 8.5. *The object Λ is a really local distributive lattice in $\mathbf{Sh}(D)$ with top element $\top : 1 \rightarrow \Lambda$. Moreover, the mono $\iota : \Lambda \rightarrow \Omega$ is a rig morphism.*

Proof. It is clear that Λd is a lattice for each d and that the action of the presheaf preserves this structure. So Λ is indeed a distributive lattice in $\mathbf{Sh}(D)$. To complete the proof it is enough to check that $\iota_d : (\downarrow d) \rightarrow \Omega d$ is a morphism of rigs. It is clear that $\iota_d : (\downarrow d) \rightarrow \Omega d$ preserves top and bottom element. It is also clear that for $a, b \leq d$,

$$\iota_d(a \wedge b) = (\downarrow(a \wedge b)) = (\downarrow a) \cap (\downarrow b) = (\iota_d a) \wedge (\iota_d b) \in \Omega d$$

and, moreover, $(\downarrow(a \vee b))$ is the least ideal in D containing the lower set $(\downarrow a) \cup (\downarrow b)$ in D so $(\downarrow a) \vee (\downarrow b) = (\downarrow(a \vee b)) \in \Omega d$. Hence, $\iota_d(a \vee b) = (\iota_d a) \vee (\iota_d b) \in \Omega d$. That is, we have a rig morphism $\iota : \Lambda \rightarrow \Omega$. Since it is mono, it is local and hence, Λ is a really local rig. \square

We conjecture that Λ is the internal distributive lattice of compact open sublocales of the internal locale determined by Ω . Regardless of this conjecture, what we need is the following:

Lemma 8.6. *If X is an integral rig in $\mathbf{Sh}(D)$ then the following are equivalent.*

1. *The rig X is really local and $1 : 1 \rightarrow X$ is principal.*
2. *The rig X is really local and for every $d \in D$ and $x \in Xd$ there exists a largest $c \leq d$ such that $x \cdot c = 1 \in Xc$.*
3. *There is a local morphism of rigs $X \rightarrow \Lambda$.*

Moreover, in case the above holds, the map $X \rightarrow \Lambda$ is unique.

Proof. The first two items are clearly equivalent so it is enough to show that the first and third items are equivalent. Let $\chi : X \rightarrow \Omega$ be the characteristic map of $1 : 1 \rightarrow X$. If the subobject $1 : 1 \rightarrow X$ is principal, χ factors through the mono $\Lambda \rightarrow \Omega$ and so there is a (unique) map $X \rightarrow \Lambda$ such that the square on the left below

$$\begin{array}{ccccc}
 1 & \xrightarrow{id} & 1 & \xrightarrow{id} & 1 \\
 \downarrow & & \downarrow \top & & \downarrow \top \\
 X & \xrightarrow{\quad} & \Lambda & \xrightarrow{\quad} & \Omega \\
 & \searrow \chi & & &
 \end{array}$$

is a pullback. Since X is really local, $\chi : X \rightarrow \Omega$ is a morphism of rigs. As the inclusion $\Lambda \rightarrow \Omega$ is also a morphism of rigs then the factorization $X \rightarrow \Lambda$ is also a morphism of rigs and it is local because the left square above is a pullback. On the other hand, if there is a local morphism of rigs $X \rightarrow \Lambda$ then the left square above is a pullback. So the subobject $1 \rightarrow X$ is principal and the rectangle is a pullback. Therefore the composite $X \rightarrow \Lambda \rightarrow \Omega$ morphism of rigs equals χ and hence X is really local. Finally, since $X \rightarrow \Lambda$ is the characteristic map of the principal subobject $1 : 1 \rightarrow X$, it is unique. \square

9. The category of representations

In this section we will write $\top : 1 \rightarrow \Lambda_D$ for the classifier of principal subobjects in $\mathbf{Sh}(D)$, with D a distributive lattice. This more explicit notation is necessary because we need to consider different lattices at the same time.

Definition 9.1. A *representation* (of an integral rig) is a pair (D, X) consisting of a distributive lattice D and an integral rig X in $\mathbf{Sh}(D)$ satisfying the equivalent conditions of Lemma 8.6.

It follows from Lemma 8.6 that every representation (D, X) determines a local map of rigs that we denote by $\chi : X \rightarrow \Lambda_D$. If necessary, to avoid confusion, we may denote it by $\chi_X : X \rightarrow \Lambda_D$.

We now define a category \mathfrak{J} whose objects are representations in the above sense. To describe the arrows in \mathfrak{J} first recall that any rig map $f : D \rightarrow E$ between distributive lattices induces a functor $f_* : \mathbf{Sh}(E) \rightarrow \mathbf{Sh}(D)$ that sends Y in $\mathbf{Sh}(E)$ to the composite

$$D^{\text{op}} \xrightarrow{f^{\text{op}}} E^{\text{op}} \xrightarrow{Y} \mathbf{Set}$$

which lies in $\mathbf{Sh}(D)$. See Theorem VII.10.2 in [22]. Moreover, the functor f_* is the direct image of a geometric morphism $\mathbf{Sh}(E) \rightarrow \mathbf{Sh}(D)$ so it sends integral rigs in the domain to integral rigs in the codomain.

The map $f : D \rightarrow E$ also determines a morphism $f' : \Lambda_D \rightarrow f_*\Lambda_E$ of lattices in $\mathbf{Sh}(D)$ such that for each $d \in D$, $f'_d : \Lambda_D d = (\downarrow d) \rightarrow (f_*\Lambda_E)d = \Lambda_E(fd) = (\downarrow fd)$ sends $a \leq d$ to $fa \leq fd$. Now that we have made this explicit, it is convenient to write $f : \Lambda_D \rightarrow f_*\Lambda_E$ and forget about the f' notation.

We can now define the maps in \mathfrak{J} . For representations (D, X) and (E, Y) , a map $(D, X) \rightarrow (E, Y)$ in \mathfrak{J} is a pair (f, ϕ) with $f : D \rightarrow E$ and $\phi : X \rightarrow f_*Y$ rig maps such that the following diagram

$$\begin{array}{ccc} X & \xrightarrow{\phi} & f_*Y \\ \chi \downarrow & & \downarrow f_*\chi \\ \Lambda_D & \xrightarrow{f} & f_*\Lambda_E \end{array}$$

commutes in $\mathbf{Sh}(D)$. We emphasize that $f : D \rightarrow E$ is a morphism in $\mathbf{dLat}(\mathbf{Set})$ and $\phi : X \rightarrow f_*Y$ is a morphism in $\mathbf{iRig}(\mathbf{Sh}(D))$.

If $(f, \phi) : (D, X) \rightarrow (E, Y)$ and $(g, \gamma) : (C, W) \rightarrow (D, X)$ are maps in \mathfrak{J} then

$$W \xrightarrow{\gamma} g_*X \xrightarrow{g_*\phi} g_*(f_*Y) = (fg)_*Y$$

so we can define the *composite* $(f, \phi)(g, \gamma) : (C, W) \rightarrow (E, Y)$ as the pair $(fg, (g_*\phi)\gamma)$.

Lemma 9.2. *Composites of maps in \mathfrak{J} are maps in \mathfrak{J} .*

Proof. We use the notation above. First notice that the following rectangle

$$\begin{array}{ccccccc}
 W & \xrightarrow{\gamma} & g_*X & \xrightarrow{g_*\phi} & g_*(f_*Y) & \xrightarrow{id} & (fg)_*Y \\
 \chi \downarrow & & \downarrow g_*\chi & & \downarrow g_*(f_*\chi) & & \downarrow (fg)_*\chi \\
 \Lambda_C & \xrightarrow{g} & g_*\Lambda_D & \xrightarrow{g_*f} & g_*(f_*\Lambda_E) & \xrightarrow{id} & (fg)_*\Lambda_E
 \end{array}$$

commutes in $\mathbf{Sh}(C)$. Indeed, the left-most square commutes because (g, γ) is a map in \mathfrak{J} ; the middle square commutes because (f, ϕ) is a map in \mathfrak{J} and g_* is a functor; and the right-most square commutes because $g_*f_* = (fg)_* : \mathbf{Sh}(E) \rightarrow \mathbf{Sh}(C)$. It remains to show that the bottom composite is the map $\Lambda_C \rightarrow (fg)_*\Lambda_E$ induced by $fg : C \rightarrow D$; but this is straightforward. \square

For any object (D, X) in \mathfrak{J} it is easy to check that the pair $(id_D : D \rightarrow D, id_X : X \rightarrow X)$ is a map in \mathfrak{J} that will be called the *identity* on (D, X) .

Lemma 9.3. *Composition of maps as defined above determines a category \mathfrak{J} .*

Proof. It remains to show that composition is associative and that identities are neutral with respect to it. We leave the details for the reader. \square

For each (D, X) in \mathfrak{J} define $\Gamma(D, X) = X\top$ and, for $(f, \phi) : (D, X) \rightarrow (E, Y)$ in \mathfrak{J} , define $\Gamma(f, \phi) = \phi\top : X\top \rightarrow (f_*Y)\top = Y(f\top) = Y\top$. It is very easy to prove that this induces a functor $\Gamma : \mathfrak{J} \rightarrow \mathbf{iRig}$.

10. The representation of integral rigs

Recall that $L : \mathbf{iRig} \rightarrow \mathbf{dLat}$ is the left adjoint to the (nameless) full inclusion in the opposite direction and that the unit of the associated adjunction is denoted by $\eta : Id \rightarrow L$.

Fix an integral rig A in \mathbf{Set} and its reticulation $\eta : A \rightarrow LA$. Let $\widehat{LA} = \mathbf{Set}^{(LA)^{op}}$ be the topos of presheaves on LA . We now explain how the rig A in \mathbf{Set} determines an integral rig \overline{A} in \widehat{LA} .

Lemma 10.1. *For any $x, y \in A$, if $\eta x \leq \eta y \in LA$ then there is a (necessarily unique) map $A[y^{-1}] \rightarrow A[x^{-1}]$ making the following diagram*

$$\begin{array}{ccc}
 A & \longrightarrow & A[y^{-1}] \\
 & \searrow & \downarrow \\
 & & A[x^{-1}]
 \end{array}$$

commute, where the horizontal and diagonal arrows are the respective localizations. Hence, if $\eta x = \eta y$ then $A[x^{-1}]$ is canonically iso to $A[y^{-1}]$.

Proof. If $\eta x \leq \eta y$ in LA , there is a $w \in A$ such that $\eta w + \eta x = \eta y$. That is, $\eta(w + x) = \eta y$ so there exists an $m \in \mathbb{N}$ such that $(w + x)^m \leq y$ and hence $x^m \leq (w + x)^m \leq y$. But then, using the notation of Lemma 4.2, $1 = (x^m \bmod x) \leq (y \bmod x) \in A[x^{-1}]$. \square

It follows that the assignment that sends $\eta x \in LA$ to $A[x^{-1}]$ is well defined. Moreover, if $\eta x \leq \eta y$ then we have a canonical morphism $A[y^{-1}] \rightarrow A[x^{-1}]$ and it easy to check that we obtain a functor $(LA)^{op} \rightarrow \mathbf{iRig}$. In other words, we obtain an integral rig \overline{A} in the presheaf topos \widehat{LA} .

Notice that if A is a distributive lattice then \overline{A} coincides with the classifier Λ_{LA} of principal subobjects in $\mathbf{Sh}(LA)$. So the following result may be seen as a generalization of [Lemma 8.3](#).

Lemma 10.2. *For any integral rig A in \mathbf{Set} , the presheaf \overline{A} in \widehat{LA} is a sheaf (for the coherent coverage on the lattice LA).*

Proof. To prove that \overline{A} is a sheaf consider a cover $(\eta a) \vee (\eta b) = \eta d$ in LA . Consider also a compatible family given by $x \in \overline{A}(\eta a) = A[a^{-1}]$ and $y \in \overline{A}(\eta b) = A[b^{-1}]$. Compatibility means that $x \cdot ((\eta a) \wedge (\eta b)) = y \cdot ((\eta a) \wedge (\eta b))$. Now, since $(\eta a) \wedge (\eta b) = \eta(ab)$, the previous equation simplifies to $x \cdot \eta(ab) = y \cdot \eta(ab) \in \overline{A}(\eta(ab)) = A[(ab)^{-1}]$ as in the diagram below

$$A[a^{-1}] \longrightarrow A[(ab)^{-1}] \longleftarrow A[b^{-1}]$$

$$x \longmapsto \quad \quad \quad \longmapsto y$$

so, by [Lemma 4.2](#), there exists a unique $z \in A[(a + b)^{-1}] = \overline{A}(\eta(a + b)) = \overline{A}(\eta d)$ such that $z \cdot (\eta a) = x$ and $z \cdot (\eta b) = y$. In other words, the pushout–pullback lemma implies that \overline{A} is a sheaf. \square

We now start the proof that the assignment that sends A to \overline{A} may be extended to a functor $\mathbf{iRig} \rightarrow \mathfrak{J}$.

Lemma 10.3. *For any integral rig A in \mathbf{Set} , the pair (LA, \overline{A}) is an object in \mathfrak{J} .*

Proof. We need to prove that there is a local morphism of rigs $\overline{A} \rightarrow \Lambda_{LA} = \Lambda$. We already know that \overline{A} and Λ are sheaves. So it is enough to prove that there is a reticulation $\overline{A} \rightarrow \Lambda$ in \widehat{LA} . By [Lemma 5.2](#) it is enough to show that the composite

$$(LA)^{\text{op}} \xrightarrow{\overline{A}} \mathbf{iRig} \xrightarrow{L} \mathbf{dLat}$$

coincides with Λ . So let $(\eta x) \in LA$ and observe that

$$L(\overline{A}(\eta x)) = L(A[x^{-1}]) = (LA)[(\eta x)^{-1}] = (\downarrow(\eta x)) = \Lambda(\eta x)$$

by [Lemma 4.4](#). \square

Notice that if we apply $\Gamma : \mathfrak{J} \rightarrow \mathbf{iRig}$ we obtain $\Gamma(LA, \overline{A}) = \overline{A}\top = A[1^{-1}] \cong A$. In this sense, every integral rig is the rig of global sections of a sheaf of really local integral rigs (over the spectral space determined by the reticulation of A). In [Section 11](#) we will show that this representation is functorial. Before that, it seems relevant at this point to remark one special sort of example.

Remark 10.4. Let A be an integral rig with reticulation $A \rightarrow LA$. Let $P \rightarrow LA$ be the subposet of (join-)irreducible elements in LA . If LA is finite then, for general reasons ([Lemma C2.2.21](#) in [\[17\]](#)), the inclusion $P \rightarrow LA$ induces an equivalence $\widehat{P} \rightarrow \mathbf{Sh}(LA)$ between the topos of presheaves on P and the topos of sheaves on the lattice LA . The representing sheaf \overline{A} in $\mathbf{Sh}(LA)$ corresponds to a presheaf $B \in \widehat{P}$ which must carry its associated structure of really local integral rig. By [Lemma 6.4](#), this means that for every p in P , Bp is a really local rig. In other words, every integral rig A with finite reticulation may be represented as a functor

$F : P^{\text{op}} \rightarrow \mathbf{iRig}$ for a finite poset P and such that for every $p \in P$, Fp is really local. Details will be treated elsewhere.

11. The adjunction

In this section we show that the functor $\Gamma : \mathfrak{J} \rightarrow \mathbf{iRig}$ has a fully faithful left adjoint.

Lemma 11.1. *Let A be an integral rig in \mathbf{Set} and let R be an integral rig in \widehat{LA} . For any rig map $g : A \rightarrow R\top$ there exists at most one rig map $\phi : \overline{A} \rightarrow R$ such that the following diagram*

$$\begin{array}{ccc} A & \xrightarrow{\cong} & \overline{A}\top \\ & \searrow g & \downarrow \phi_{\top} \\ & & R\top \end{array}$$

commutes. Moreover, such ϕ exists if and only if for all $x \in A$, $(gx) \cdot (\eta x) = 1 \in R(\eta x)$.

Proof. Let $\phi : \overline{A} \rightarrow R$ be such that triangle in the statement commutes. For any ηx in LA the left square below

$$\begin{array}{ccccc} & & g & & \\ & & \curvearrowright & & \\ A & \xrightarrow{\cong} & \overline{A}\top & \xrightarrow{\phi_{\top}} & R\top \\ \downarrow & & \downarrow & & \downarrow \\ A[x^{-1}] & \xrightarrow{=} & \overline{A}(\eta x) & \xrightarrow{\phi_{\eta x}} & R(\eta x) \end{array}$$

commutes by definition of \overline{A} and the right square above commutes by naturality of ϕ . Then $\phi_{\eta x}$ is determined by ϕ_{\top} and the universal property of $A \rightarrow A[x^{-1}]$. This completes the proof of the first part of the statement. Moreover, the rectangle also shows that for every $x \in A$, $(gx) \cdot (\eta x) = 1$. For the converse assume that $(gx) \cdot (\eta x) = 1$ holds for all $x \in A$. Then the universal property of $A \rightarrow A[x^{-1}]$ implies the existence of a unique $\phi_{\eta x} : \overline{A}(\eta x) \rightarrow R(\eta x)$ such that the rectangle above commutes. The universal property of localizations also implies that the collection $(\phi_{\eta x} \mid (\eta x) \in LA)$ is natural. \square

There is an analogous result for maps in \mathfrak{J} .

Lemma 11.2. *Let A be an object in \mathbf{iRig} and (E, Y) in \mathfrak{J} . For every rig map $g : A \rightarrow Y\top$ there exists at most one $(f, \phi) : (LA, \overline{A}) \rightarrow (E, Y)$ in \mathfrak{J} such that the triangle on the left below*

$$\begin{array}{ccc} A & \xrightarrow{\cong} & \overline{A}\top \\ & \searrow g & \downarrow \phi_{\top} \\ & & Y\top \end{array} \qquad \begin{array}{ccc} A & \xrightarrow{g} & Y\top \\ \eta \downarrow & & \downarrow \chi_{\top} \\ LA & \xrightarrow{f} & E \end{array}$$

commutes. Moreover, in this case, $f : LA \rightarrow E$ is the unique rig morphism such that the square on the right above commutes.

Proof. By [Lemma 11.1](#) there exists at most one $\phi : \bar{A} \rightarrow f_*Y$ such that the triangle in the statement commutes. So it is enough to prove that, assuming (f, ϕ) exists, $f : LA \rightarrow E$ makes the right square in the statement commute. By hypothesis, the middle square below

$$\begin{array}{ccccccc}
 & & & g & & & \\
 & & & \curvearrowright & & & \\
 A & \xrightarrow{\cong} & \bar{A}\top & \xrightarrow{\phi\top} & (f_*Y)\top & \xrightarrow{=} & Y\top \\
 \eta \downarrow & & \chi\top \downarrow & & \downarrow (f_*\chi)\top & & \downarrow \chi\top \\
 LA & \xrightarrow{\cong} & \Lambda_{LA}\top & \xrightarrow{f} & (f_*\Lambda_E)\top & \xrightarrow{\cong} & E \\
 & & & \curvearrowleft & & & \\
 & & & f & & &
 \end{array}$$

commutes. Since the rest of the diagram commutes, the result follows. \square

We can now prove the main result of the paper.

Theorem 11.3. *The functor $\Gamma : \mathfrak{J} \rightarrow \mathbf{iRig}$ has a full and faithful left adjoint.*

Proof. Fix an object A in \mathbf{iRig} . By [Lemma 10.3](#), (LA, \bar{A}) is an object in \mathfrak{J} and we can consider the (iso) map $A \rightarrow A[1^{-1}] = \bar{A}\top = \Gamma(LA, \bar{A})$. We claim that this map is universal from A to Γ . To prove this, let (E, Y) in \mathfrak{J} and $g : A \rightarrow \Gamma(E, Y) = Y\top$ in \mathbf{iRig} . By [Lemma 11.2](#), there exists at most one map $(f, \phi) : (LA, \bar{A}) \rightarrow (E, Y)$ in \mathfrak{J} such that the following diagram

$$\begin{array}{ccc}
 A \xrightarrow{\cong} \bar{A}\top & = & \Gamma(LA, \bar{A}) \\
 \searrow g \quad \downarrow \phi\top & & \downarrow \Gamma(f, \phi) \\
 Y\top & = & \Gamma(E, Y)
 \end{array}$$

commutes. So, to complete the proof, it is enough to construct one such (f, ϕ) . Again by [Lemma 11.2](#), $f : LA \rightarrow E$ is forced to be the unique rig morphism such that the square below

$$\begin{array}{ccc}
 A \xrightarrow{g} (f_*Y)\top = Y\top & & \\
 \eta \downarrow & & \downarrow \chi\top \\
 LA \xrightarrow{f} E = \Lambda_E\top & &
 \end{array}$$

commutes. By [Lemma 8.6](#), for any $y \in Y\top$, $y \cdot (\chi\top y) = 1 \in Y(\chi\top y)$. In particular, for every $x \in A$, $\chi\top(gx) = f(\eta x)$; so $(gx) \cdot (f(\eta x)) = 1 \in Y(f(\eta x))$ and hence, $(gx) \cdot (\eta x) = 1$ in $(f_*Y)(\eta x)$. By [Lemma 11.1](#), there exists a unique $\phi : \bar{A} \rightarrow f_*Y$ such that the following diagram

$$\begin{array}{ccc}
 A \xrightarrow{\cong} \bar{A}\top & & \\
 \searrow g \quad \downarrow \phi\top & & \\
 (f_*Y)\top & &
 \end{array}$$

commutes. We claim that (f, ϕ) is a map in \mathfrak{J} from (LA, \bar{A}) to (E, Y) . For this, we must check that the square on the left below

$$\begin{array}{ccc}
 \overline{A} & \xrightarrow{\phi} & f_*Y \\
 \chi \downarrow & & \downarrow f^*\chi \\
 \Lambda_{LA} & \xrightarrow{f} & f_*\Lambda_E
 \end{array}
 \qquad
 \begin{array}{ccccc}
 & & g & & \\
 A & \xrightarrow{\simeq} & \overline{A}\top & \xrightarrow{\phi\top} & (f_*Y)\top & \xrightarrow{=} & Y\top \\
 \eta \downarrow & & \chi\top \downarrow & (*) & \downarrow (f_*\chi)\top & & \downarrow \chi\top \\
 LA & \xrightarrow{\simeq} & \Lambda_{LA}\top & \xrightarrow{f} & (f_*\Lambda_E)\top & \xrightarrow{=} & \Lambda_E\top \simeq E \\
 & & f & & & &
 \end{array}$$

commutes in $\mathbf{Sh}(LA)$. By Lemma 11.1, it is enough to check that the square marked with $(*)$ on the right above commutes. Pre-composing with the iso $A \rightarrow \overline{A}\top$ we obtain the rectangle which commutes by definition of f . This completes the proof that $A \rightarrow \Gamma(LA, \overline{A})$ is universal from A to Γ . Since this map is an iso the left adjoint is full and faithful. \square

The left adjoint $\mathbf{iRig} \rightarrow \mathfrak{J}$ sends $A \in \mathbf{iRig}$ to (LA, \overline{A}) and a map $h : A \rightarrow B$ in \mathbf{iRig} to the \mathfrak{J} -map (Lh, ψ) where $\psi : \overline{A} \rightarrow (Lh)_*\overline{B}$ is the unique rig map in $\mathbf{Sh}(LA)$ such that the following diagram

$$\begin{array}{ccc}
 A & \xrightarrow{\simeq} & \overline{A}\top \\
 h \downarrow & & \downarrow \psi\top \\
 B & \xrightarrow[\simeq]{} & \overline{B}\top = ((Lh)_*\overline{B})\top
 \end{array}$$

commutes.

It is natural to ask if $\Gamma : \mathfrak{J} \rightarrow \mathbf{iRig}$ is an equivalence. The answer seems to be ‘no’. The evidence comes from Lemma 10.3, which shows that the map $\chi : \overline{A} \rightarrow \Lambda_{LA}$ is the reticulation of \overline{A} in $\mathbf{Sh}(LA)$. So we are led to consider the full subcategory of \mathfrak{J} determined by the representations (D, X) such that $\chi : X \rightarrow \Lambda_D$ is a reticulation of X in $\mathbf{Sh}(D)$. Is the restriction of Γ to this subcategory an equivalence?

12. A remark about morphisms of representations

Recall that the objects of the category \mathfrak{J} of representations are pairs (D, X) consisting of a distributive lattice D and an integral rig X in $\mathbf{Sh}(D)$ satisfying the equivalent conditions of Lemma 8.6. Therefore, each such (D, X) determines a local map of rigs that we denote by $\chi_X = \chi : X \rightarrow \Lambda_D$.

For (D, X) and (E, Y) in \mathfrak{J} , a map $(D, X) \rightarrow (E, Y)$ in \mathfrak{J} was defined to be a pair (f, ϕ) with $f : D \rightarrow E$ and $\phi : X \rightarrow f_*Y$ rig maps (i.e. maps in $\mathbf{dLat}(\mathbf{Set})$ and $\mathbf{iRig}(\mathbf{Sh}(D))$ respectively) such that the following diagram

$$\begin{array}{ccc}
 X & \xrightarrow{\phi} & f_*Y \\
 \chi \downarrow & & \downarrow f_*\chi \\
 \Lambda_D & \xrightarrow{f} & f_*\Lambda_E
 \end{array}$$

commutes in $\mathbf{Sh}(D)$. This ‘commutative-square’ condition is probably not immediately recognizable to readers more familiar with sheaf-representations in terms of local homeomorphisms. So, even though it is not necessary for our main results, we think it is worth the effort to explain the meaning of this condition in different terms. That is the purpose of the present section. We will explain it, in terms of the transposition $f^*X \rightarrow Y$ of $\phi : X \rightarrow f_*Y$. For that, we will need a more explicit definition of $f^* : \mathbf{Sh}(D) \rightarrow \mathbf{Sh}(E)$, something that we managed to avoid in the proof of our main result.

Fix a morphism $f : D \rightarrow E$ of distributive lattices. Precomposition with f^{op} induces a functor that we denote by $f^+ : \widehat{E} \rightarrow \widehat{D}$. (This is non-standard notation but we need it to be explicit about the construction of $f^* : \mathbf{Sh}(D) \rightarrow \mathbf{Sh}(E)$.) It is well-known (see e.g. Lemma C2.3.3 in [17]) that $f^+ : \widehat{E} \rightarrow \widehat{D}$ restricts to the functor that we have denoted by $f_* : \mathbf{Sh}(E) \rightarrow \mathbf{Sh}(D)$. In other words, the following diagram commutes

$$\begin{array}{ccc} \mathbf{Sh}(E) & \xrightarrow{f_*} & \mathbf{Sh}(D) \\ \downarrow & & \downarrow \\ \widehat{E} & \xrightarrow{f^+} & \widehat{D} \end{array}$$

where the vertical maps are the evident inclusion functors. The functor f^+ has a left adjoint that we denote by $f_! : \widehat{D} \rightarrow \widehat{E}$. For any X in \widehat{D} and $e \in E$,

$$(f_!X)e = \varinjlim_{e \leq fd} Xd$$

where the colimit is taken over the composite

$$(e/f)^{\text{op}} \longrightarrow D^{\text{op}} \xrightarrow{X} \mathbf{Set}$$

and where e/f is the slice category determined by $e \in E$ and $f : D \rightarrow E$. If $e' \leq e$ in E then there exists a unique function $(f_!X)e \rightarrow (f_!X)e'$ such that the following diagram commutes

$$\begin{array}{ccc} Xd & \longrightarrow & (f_!X)e \\ & \searrow & \downarrow \\ & & (f_!X)e' \end{array}$$

where the horizontal and diagonal maps are the obvious injections into the colimits. This is the action of the presheaf $f_!X$.

Notice that, since e/f is cofiltering, the filtered colimit $(f_!X)e$ has a simple description as a quotient of $\sum_{e \leq fd} Xd$. So the elements of $(f_!X)e$ may be denoted by ‘tensors’ $d \otimes x$ with $e \leq fd$ and $x \in Xd$. Two such tensors $(d_0 \otimes x_0), (d_1 \otimes x_1) \in (f_!X)e$ are equal if and only if there exists a $d \in D$ such that $e \leq fd$, $d \leq d_0 \wedge d_1$ and $x_0 \cdot d = x_1 \cdot d \in Xd$. We illustrate this with a relevant example.

Lemma 12.1. *For any e in E , $(f_!(\Lambda_D))e = D/f^{-1}(\uparrow e)$; where $(\uparrow e)$ is the principal filter in E determined by e and $f^{-1}(\uparrow e)$ is its inverse image along f .*

Proof. For any e in E ,

$$(f_!\Lambda_D)e = \varinjlim_{e \leq fd} \Lambda_D d = \varinjlim_{e \leq fd} (\downarrow d)$$

and it is clear from this description that every $d \otimes x \in (f_!\Lambda_D)e$ with $x \leq d$ equals $1 \otimes x$. Now, for any $x_0, x_1 \in D$, $1 \otimes x_0 = 1 \otimes x_1$ if and only if there is a $d \in D$ such that $e \leq fd$ and $x_0 \wedge d = x_1 \wedge d$. But this holds if and only if the quotient $D \rightarrow D/f^{-1}(\uparrow e)$ determined by the filter $f^{-1}(\uparrow e)$ sends x_0 and x_1 to the same thing. \square

Let us now describe the counit of $f_! \dashv f^+$. For any Y in \widehat{E} and e in E ,

$$(f_!(f^+Y))e = \varinjlim_{e \leq fd} (f^+Y)d = \varinjlim_{e \leq fd} Y(fd)$$

and the component $(f_!(f^+Y))e \rightarrow Ye$ of the counit $(f_!(f^+Y)) \rightarrow Y$ is the unique map such that the diagram below commutes

$$\begin{array}{ccc} Y(fd) & & \\ \downarrow & \searrow & \\ (f_!(f^+Y))e = \varinjlim_{e \leq fd} Y(fd) & \longrightarrow & Ye \end{array}$$

for each d with $e \leq fd$. The vertical map is the obvious inclusion into the colimit and the diagonal map is the action determined by $e \leq fd$. Using the ‘tensor notation’ the counit sends $d \otimes y$ with $y \in Y(fd)$ to $(Y(e \leq fd))y = y \cdot e \in Ye$.

Consider now the map $f : \Lambda_D \rightarrow f_*\Lambda_E$ in $\mathbf{Sh}(D)$. We may see it as a map $f : \Lambda_D \rightarrow f^+\Lambda_E$ in \widehat{D} and calculate its transposition in \widehat{E} .

Lemma 12.2. *The transposition $f_!\Lambda_D \rightarrow \Lambda_E$ of $f : \Lambda_D \rightarrow f^+\Lambda_E$ in \widehat{D} is a local map in \widehat{E} .*

Proof. Using Lemma 12.1, the transposition $f_!\Lambda_D \xrightarrow{f_!f} f_!(f^+\Lambda_E) \longrightarrow \Lambda_E$ at stage $e \in E$ is the bottom composite in the diagram below

$$\begin{array}{ccccc} D & \xrightarrow{f} & E & \longrightarrow & (\downarrow fd) \\ \downarrow & & & & \downarrow \\ D/f^{-1}(\uparrow e) & \xrightarrow{f_!f} & \varinjlim_{e \leq fd} (\downarrow fd) & \longrightarrow & (\downarrow e) \end{array}$$

or, more briefly, it is the unique map $D/f^{-1}(\uparrow e) \rightarrow (\downarrow e)$ that makes the following diagram

$$\begin{array}{ccc} D & \xrightarrow{f} & E \\ \downarrow & & \downarrow \\ D/f^{-1}(\uparrow e) & \cdots \cdots \cdots & (\downarrow e) \end{array}$$

commute. To prove that $D/f^{-1}(\uparrow e) \rightarrow (\downarrow e)$ is local notice that, for any d in D , if $(fd) \wedge e = e$ then $e \leq fd$ so $d \in f^{-1}(\uparrow e)$. \square

By Corollary C2.3.4 in [17], the left adjoint to $f_* : \mathbf{Sh}(E) \rightarrow \mathbf{Sh}(D)$ is the composite

$$\mathbf{Sh}(D) \longrightarrow \widehat{D} \xrightarrow{f_!} \widehat{E} \xrightarrow{\mathbf{a}} \mathbf{Sh}(E)$$

where \mathbf{a} is the left adjoint (‘sheafification’) to the inclusion $\mathbf{Sh}(E) \rightarrow \widehat{E}$.

Lemma 12.3. *The transposition $f^*\Lambda_D \rightarrow \Lambda_E$ of $f : \Lambda_D \rightarrow f_*\Lambda_E$ in $\mathbf{Sh}(D)$ is a local map in $\mathbf{Sh}(E)$.*

Proof. For any X in $\mathbf{Sh}(D)$ and Y in $\mathbf{Sh}(E)$ the natural iso

$$\mathbf{Sh}(D)(X, f_*Y) \cong \widehat{D}(X, f^+Y) \cong \widehat{E}(f_!X, Y) \cong \mathbf{Sh}(E)(\mathbf{a}(f_!X), Y) = \mathbf{Sh}(E)(f^*X, Y)$$

implies that the transposition of a map $\phi : X \rightarrow f_*Y$ in $\mathbf{Sh}(D)$ may be constructed by considering it as a map $\phi : X \rightarrow f^+Y$ in \widehat{D} , then transposing it to a map $\phi' : f_!X \rightarrow Y$ in \widehat{E} and finally transposing again

$$f^*X = \mathbf{a}(f_!X) \xrightarrow{\mathbf{a}\phi'} \mathbf{a}Y \xrightarrow{\cong} Y$$

via the inclusion $\mathbf{Sh}(E) \rightarrow \widehat{E}$. Roughly speaking, transpose the original map as a map of presheaves and then apply $\mathbf{a} : \widehat{E} \rightarrow \mathbf{Sh}(E)$.

Any finite-limit preserving functor preserves local maps. In particular, \mathbf{a} does. So, if ϕ' above is local then the transposition $f^*X \rightarrow Y$ of ϕ is local.

By [Lemma 12.2](#), the transposition $f_!\Lambda_D \rightarrow \Lambda_E$ is local so the result follows. \square

We can now prove the main result of the section.

Proposition 12.4. *Let (D, X) and (E, Y) be objects in \mathfrak{J} . Let $f : D \rightarrow E$ be a map in $\mathbf{dLat}(\mathbf{Set})$ and $\phi : X \rightarrow f_*Y$ be a map in $\mathbf{iRig}(\mathbf{Sh}(D))$. Then (f, ϕ) is a map in \mathfrak{J} from (D, X) to (E, Y) if and only if the transposition $f^*X \rightarrow Y$ of ϕ is a local map in $\mathbf{iRig}(\mathbf{Sh}(E))$.*

Proof. Assume first that (f, ϕ) is a map in \mathfrak{J} so that the diagram on the left below

$$\begin{array}{ccc} X & \xrightarrow{\phi} & f_*Y \\ \chi \downarrow & & \downarrow f_*\chi \\ \Lambda_D & \xrightarrow{f} & f_*\Lambda_E \end{array} \qquad \begin{array}{ccc} f^*X & \xrightarrow{\bar{\phi}} & Y \\ f^*\chi \downarrow & & \downarrow \chi \\ f^*\Lambda_D & \xrightarrow{\quad} & \Lambda_E \end{array}$$

commutes in $\mathbf{Sh}(D)$. Recall that the vertical maps are local. We can transpose the left square to obtain the commutative square on the right above, where $\bar{\phi}$ is the transposition of ϕ , and the bottom map is the transposition of $f : \Lambda_D \rightarrow f_*\Lambda_E$ which is local by [Lemma 12.3](#). The map $f^*\chi_X : f^*X \rightarrow \Lambda_D$ is local because χ_X is and f^* preserves finite limits. Hence, $\chi_Y\bar{\phi}$ is local and, since χ_Y is also local, $\bar{\phi}$ must be local too.

For the converse assume that the map $\bar{\phi} : f^*X \rightarrow Y$ is local and consider the two maps $X \rightarrow f_*\Lambda_E$ in the left square above. We need to prove that they are equal. It is enough to prove that their transpositions $f^*X \rightarrow \Lambda_E$ are equal. That is, it is enough to show that the two composites $f^*X \rightarrow \Lambda_E$ of the right square above are equal. The left-bottom composite is local by [Lemma 12.3](#). The top-right composite is local by hypothesis. By [Lemma 8.6](#) there is at most one local map $f^*X \rightarrow \Lambda_E$. \square

Notice that this is perfectly consistent with the role of local maps between fibers in the Zariski representation of rings (see [\[16\]](#)). It is also consistent with [\[9\]](#) as we further explain at the end of [Section 13](#).

13. The coextensive category of integral residuated rigs

Let A be a rig with canonical pre-order denoted by (A, \leq) . Any $a \in A$ determines a monotone functor $a \cdot (_) : (A, \leq) \rightarrow (A, \leq)$ and it is natural to consider cases where each of these functors has a right adjoint. In general these right adjoints are unique up to iso; but if addition in A is idempotent then the canonical pre-order is a partial order and so the right adjoints are unique. In this case, the resulting category of structures can be equationally presented.

Definition 13.1. A rig A is called *residuated* if its addition is idempotent and for every $a \in A$, $a \cdot (_)$: $A \rightarrow A$ has a right adjoint (that will be denoted by $a \multimap (_)$). If A and B are residuated rigs then a *morphism* $f : A \rightarrow B$ is a map $f : A \rightarrow B$ between the underlying rigs such that for every $x, y \in A$, $f(x \multimap y) = (fx) \multimap (fy)$.

Let **riRig** denote the algebraic category of residuated rigs in **Set** and let **riRig** \rightarrow **riRig** the full subcategory of those residuated rigs that are also integral. For brevity, residuated integral rigs will be referred to as *ri-rigs*.

Lemma 13.2. *If A is a ri-rig and $F \rightarrow A$ is a multiplicative submonoid then the universal $A \rightarrow A[F^{-1}]$ in **iRig** is also the universal solution to inverting F in **riRig**.*

Proof. It is enough to check that the congruence built in [Lemma 3.4](#) is a congruence of residuated rigs. Recall that we defined the congruence \equiv_F on A as that induced by the pre-order $|_F$ which, in turn, was defined by declaring that $x |_F y$ if and only if there exists a $w \in F$ such that $wx \leq y$. So, to prove the present result, it is enough to check that if $x \equiv_F x'$ and $y \equiv_F y'$ then $(x \multimap y) |_F (x' \multimap y')$. Now, if $x' |_F x$ and $y |_F y'$ then there are $u', v \in F$ such that $u'x' \leq x$ and $vy \leq y'$. The product vu' is in F and, as $(x \multimap y) \leq (u'x' \multimap y)$ we have that

$$vu'x'(x \multimap y) \leq vu'x'(u'x' \multimap y) \leq vy \leq y'$$

so $(vu')(x \multimap y) \leq (x' \multimap y')$. \square

Roughly speaking, localizations in **riRig** may be calculated as in **iRig**. This allows us to lift many constructions from the latter category to the former. In fact, we are going to lift [Theorem 11.3](#).

Corollary 13.3. *The category **riRig** is coextensive.*

Proof. The initial integral rig $\mathbf{2}$ is a Heyting algebra and it is also initial in **riRig**. [Lemma 13.2](#) implies that the proof of [Proposition 3.9](#) lifts to a proof that **riRig** is coextensive. \square

The pushout–pullback lemma is essentially about localizations and pullbacks; and these are calculated as in **iRig**.

Corollary 13.4. *If A is in **riRig** then for every $a, b \in A$ the canonical maps make the following diagram commute*

$$\begin{array}{ccc} A[(a + b)^{-1}] & \longrightarrow & A[b^{-1}] \\ \downarrow & & \downarrow \\ A[a^{-1}] & \longrightarrow & A[(ab)^{-1}] \end{array}$$

and, moreover, the square is both a pullback and a pushout.

Let **riJ** be the subcategory of **J** consisting of the objects (D, X) such that X is residuated in **Sh**(D) and whose maps $(f, \phi) : (D, X) \rightarrow (E, Y)$ such that $\phi : X \rightarrow f_*Y$ is a morphism of residuated lattices in **Sh**(D). It follows that we have a functor $\Gamma : \mathbf{riJ} \rightarrow \mathbf{riRig}$ such that the following diagram

$$\begin{array}{ccc}
 \mathfrak{r}\mathfrak{J} & \xrightarrow{\Gamma} & \mathbf{riRig} \\
 \downarrow & & \downarrow \\
 \mathfrak{J} & \xrightarrow{\Gamma} & \mathbf{iRig}
 \end{array}$$

commutes, where the vertical functors are the obvious forgetful functors.

Corollary 13.5. *The functor $\Gamma : \mathfrak{r}\mathfrak{J} \rightarrow \mathbf{riRig}$ has a full and faithful left adjoint.*

Proof. For any A in \mathbf{riRig} , the integral rig \overline{A} is still a sheaf in $\mathbf{Sh}(LA)$ and it is residuated by Lemma 13.2. (We stress that LA is the reticulation of A as an integral rig. The residuated structure plays no role in the construction of the topos where the representing really local algebra lives.) So (LA, \overline{A}) is in $\mathfrak{r}\mathfrak{J}$. Also, given any A in \mathbf{riRig} , (E, Y) in $\mathfrak{r}\mathfrak{J}$ and $g : A \rightarrow \Gamma(E, Y) = Y\top$ in \mathbf{riRig} , the map $(f, \phi) : (LA, \overline{A}) \rightarrow (E, Y)$ is in $\mathfrak{r}\mathfrak{J}$ because ϕ is built using universal properties of localizations and so it must be a morphism of residuated lattices. \square

So every $A \in \mathbf{riRig}$ is the rig of global sections of a sheaf \overline{A} of really local integral residuated rigs.

Definition 13.6. A residuated rig A is *pre-linear* if the equation $(a \multimap b) + (b \multimap a) = 1$ holds for every $a, b \in A$.

The fibers of our representation result now start to look familiar.

Lemma 13.7. *Let A be a non-trivial integral rig. If the canonical pre-order of A is total then A is really local. If A is also pre-linear then the converse holds.*

Proof. If A is pre-linear and really local then, for any $a, b \in A$, $1 = (a \multimap b)$ or $1 = (b \multimap a)$. \square

Let $\mathbf{pliRig} \rightarrow \mathbf{riRig}$ be the variety of pre-linear integral rigs. Of course, localizations in \mathbf{pliRig} are calculated as in \mathbf{riRig} . Let $\mathfrak{pl}\mathfrak{J}$ be the full subcategory of $\mathfrak{r}\mathfrak{J}$ determined by the objects (D, X) such that X is pre-linear in $\mathbf{Sh}(D)$. The functor $R : \mathfrak{r}\mathfrak{J} \rightarrow \mathbf{riRig}$ restricts to a functor $R : \mathfrak{pl}\mathfrak{J} \rightarrow \mathbf{pliRig}$ and Corollary 13.5 restricts to the following result:

Corollary 13.8. *The functor $R : \mathfrak{pl}\mathfrak{J} \rightarrow \mathbf{pliRig}$ has a full and faithful left adjoint.*

That is, every pre-linear integral rig A is, functorially, the rig of global sections of a sheaf \overline{A} in $\mathbf{Sh}(LA)$ with totally ordered fibers. Also, continuing with the idea outlined in Remark 10.4, we may conclude that every pre-linear integral rig with finite reticulation may be represented as a functor from a finite poset to the category of totally ordered integral residuated rig.

Further restrictions on the algebraic theory provide other new representation results in terms of sheaves with totally ordered fibers. For example, one may restrict to pre-linear integral rigs satisfying $\neg\neg x = x$ to obtain a representation result in terms of totally order fibers. (Here, as usual, $\neg x = x \multimap 0$.)

Another case worth mentioning is that of MV-algebras. If one restricts to pre-linear integral residuated rigs satisfying $\neg\neg x = x$ and the Wajsberg condition then we obtain a variant of the Dubuc–Poveda representation theorem, involving only spectral maps between the spectral bases. We give some of the details in Section 15 below.

Finally, notice that the remark in Section 12 about maps in the category of representations also applies to $\mathfrak{r}\mathfrak{J}$ and $\mathfrak{pl}\mathfrak{J}$. But it has a further ingredient.

Lemma 13.9. *Let $\phi : A \rightarrow B$ by a map in $\mathbf{riRig}(\mathcal{E})$ for some topos \mathcal{E} . Then ϕ is local if and only if it is mono.*

Proof. One direction is trivial because mono implies local (for integral rigs). For the converse it is enough to show that a local morphism of integral residuated rigs reflects the partial order. We argue using the internal language. Let $x, y \in A$ and assume that $\phi x \leq \phi y$. That is, $1 = (\phi x) \multimap (\phi y) = \phi(x \multimap y)$. If ϕ is local then $1 = x \multimap y$ and hence $x \leq y$. \square

So there is an analogue of Proposition 12.4 saying that, (f, ϕ) is a map from (D, X) to (E, Y) in \mathbf{rJ} if and only if the transposition $f^*X \rightarrow Y$ of $\phi : X \rightarrow f_*Y$ is mono in $\mathbf{Sh}(E)$. Similarly for \mathbf{pJ} . Compare also with [9].

14. Corollaries in terms of local homeomorphisms

In this section we briefly explain how our results may be expressed in terms of local homeomorphisms with algebraic structure on the fibers. It is a classical result that for any topological space X , the category \mathbf{LH}/X of local homeomorphisms over X is equivalent to the topos $\mathbf{Sh}(X)$ of sheaves over the same space (see Section II.6 in [22]). The equivalence $\mathbf{Sh}(X) \rightarrow \mathbf{LH}/X$ sends a sheaf $P : \mathcal{O}(X)^{\text{op}} \rightarrow \mathbf{Set}$ to the *bundle of germs* of P defined as follows. For each $x \in X$, let $P_x = \varinjlim_{x \in U} PU$ where the colimit is taken over the poset of open neighborhoods of x (ordered by reverse inclusion). The family of P_x 's determines a function $\pi : \sum_{x \in X} P_x \rightarrow X$. Also, each $s \in PU$ determines an obvious function $\dot{s} : U \rightarrow \sum_{x \in X} P_x$ such that $\pi \dot{s} : U \rightarrow X$ is the inclusion $U \rightarrow X$. The set $\sum_{x \in X} P_x$ is topologized by taking as a base of opens all the images of the functions \dot{s} . This topology makes π into a local homeo, the above mentioned bundle of germs.

Any basis B for the topology of X may be considered as a subposet $B \rightarrow \mathcal{O}(X)$. The usual Grothendieck topology on $\mathcal{O}(X)$ restricts along $B \rightarrow \mathcal{O}(X)$ and the resulting morphism of sites determines an equivalence $\mathbf{Sh}(B) \rightarrow \mathbf{Sh}(X)$; see Theorem II.1.3 in [22]. The composite equivalence $\mathbf{Sh}(B) \rightarrow \mathbf{Sh}(X) \rightarrow \mathbf{LH}/X$ is very similar to the previous one because, by finality (in the sense of Section IX.3 of [21]), the colimit $P_x = \varinjlim_{x \in U} PU$ may be calculated using only basic open sets.

We now concentrate on spectral spaces, following [26,16]. The *spectrum* of a distributive lattice D is the topological space σD whose points are the lattice morphisms $D \rightarrow 2$ (where 2 denotes the totally ordered lattice $\{\perp < \top\}$) and whose topology has, as a basis, the subsets $\sigma(a) \subseteq \sigma D$ (with $a \in D$) defined by $\sigma(a) = \{p \in \sigma D \mid pa = \top \in 2\} \subseteq \sigma D$. In this way, we may identify D with the basis of its spectrum and obtain an equivalence $\mathbf{Sh}(D) \rightarrow \mathbf{LH}/\sigma D$. It assigns to each sheaf $P : D^{\text{op}} \rightarrow \mathbf{Set}$ the local homeomorphism whose fiber P_p over the point $p : D \rightarrow 2$ in σD is

$$P_p = \varinjlim_{p \in \sigma(a)} Pa = \varinjlim_{pa = \top} Pa$$

as follows from the more general descriptions above. In other words, the fiber is the colimit of the functor

$$(p^{-1}\top)^{\text{op}} \longrightarrow D^{\text{op}} \xrightarrow{P} \mathbf{Set}$$

where $p^{-1}\top \subseteq D$ is considered as a poset inclusion.

Now let us consider an integral rig A and its reticulation $\eta : A \rightarrow LA$. Precomposition with η gives a bijection between the points of the spectrum $\sigma(LA)$ and the set $\mathbf{iRig}(A, 2)$. Indeed, it is just the bijection $\mathbf{dLat}(LA, 2) \rightarrow \mathbf{iRig}(A, 2)$. Also, for each $x \in A$, the basic open $\sigma(\eta x) \subseteq \sigma(LA)$ is the subset of those $p : LA \rightarrow 2$ such that $p(\eta x) = \top$. So $\sigma(\eta x)$ may be identified with the subset of $\mathbf{iRig}(A, 2)$ given by those $p : A \rightarrow 2$ such that $px = \top$. For this reason it is convenient to define the *spectrum* of the integral rig A as

the topological space σA whose set of points is $\mathbf{iRig}(A, 2)$ and whose topology is determined by the basic open sets of the form $\sigma x = \{p : A \rightarrow 2 \mid px = \top\}$. We stress that for an arbitrary integral rig A there may be different $x, y \in A$ such that $\sigma(x) = \sigma(y)$. On the other hand, if the integral rig A is a distributive lattice then σA is the spectrum of the lattice A as we originally defined it.

Putting things together we obtain an equivalence $\mathbf{Sh}(LA) \rightarrow \mathbf{LH}/\sigma A$. It sends a sheaf $P \in \mathbf{Sh}(LA)$ to a local homeomorphism over σA whose fiber P_p over a point $p : A \rightarrow 2$ in σA may be described as

$$P_p = \varinjlim_{px=\top} P(\eta x)$$

where x ranges over the elements of A . In other words, the fiber is the colimit of the functor

$$(p^{-1}\top)^{\text{op}} \longrightarrow A^{\text{op}} \xrightarrow{\eta} (LA)^{\text{op}} \xrightarrow{P} \mathbf{Set}$$

where $p^{-1}\top \subseteq A$ is considered as a poset inclusion.

Consider now the representing sheaf $\bar{A} \in \mathbf{Sh}(LA)$ of A . The fiber over the point $p : A \rightarrow 2$ is

$$(\bar{A})_p = \varinjlim_{px=\top} \bar{A}(\eta x) = \varinjlim_{px=\top} A[x^{-1}] = A[(p^{-1}\top)^{-1}]$$

using [Lemma 3.10](#) in the last step. In other words, when we look at the representing sheaf $\bar{A} \in \mathbf{Sh}(LA)$ as a local homeomorphism over σA , then the fiber over a point $p : A \rightarrow 2$ in σA is the localization of A at the multiplicative submonoid $p^{-1}\top \rightarrow A$.

Returning to topological spaces, every point $x : 1 \rightarrow X$ of a space X determines a geometric morphism $\mathbf{Set} \rightarrow \mathbf{LH}/X$ whose inverse image $\mathbf{LH}/X \rightarrow \mathbf{Set}$ sends a local homeomorphism to the corresponding fiber over x . Since inverse images of geometric morphisms preserve finite limits and colimits, they preserve really local integral rigs. So, as a byproduct of our main result, we obtain the following.

Corollary 14.1. *Every integral rig may be represented as the algebra of global sections of a local homeomorphism (over the spectral space σA) whose fibers are really local integral rigs.*

We can further restrict the result as follows.

Corollary 14.2. *Every integral rig is a subdirect product of really local integral rigs.*

Proof. Let A be an integral rig and let $\sum_{p \in \sigma A} (\bar{A})_p \rightarrow \sigma A$ be its representing local homeomorphism. We know that its algebra of continuous sections is iso to A ; but the set of all (non-continuous) sections is isomorphic to $\prod_{p \in \sigma A} (\bar{A})_p$. The resulting inclusion $A \rightarrow \prod_{p \in \sigma A} (\bar{A})_p$ is determined by the localizations $A \rightarrow (\bar{A})_p = A[(p^{-1}\top)^{-1}]$. \square

Much as in the case of the main result, the corollaries lift to residuated rigs. So, for example, we obtain the following:

Corollary 14.3. *Every integral pre-linear rig is a subdirect product of totally ordered integral residuated rigs.*

15. The representation of MV-algebras

An *MV-algebra* is usually defined as a structure $(A, \oplus, 0, \neg)$ such that $(A, \oplus, 0)$ is a commutative monoid and $\neg : A \rightarrow A$ is a function such that the following equations hold:

1. $\neg\neg x = x$,
2. $x \oplus (\neg 0) = \neg 0$,
3. $\neg(\neg x \oplus y) \oplus y = \neg(\neg y \oplus x) \oplus x$.

This determines an algebraic category that we denote by $\mathbf{MV} \rightarrow \mathbf{Set}$. It is well-known that every MV-algebra has an associated lattice structure and ‘multiplication’ with residua (see Lemma 1.1.4(iii) in [24] where this multiplication is denoted by \odot). In order to make this more explicit and relate it to our work we introduce the following:

Definition 15.1. An *MV-rig* is an integral residuated rig $(A, \cdot, 1, +, 0, \multimap)$ such that the following (Wajsberg) condition:

$$(x \multimap y) \multimap y = (y \multimap x) \multimap x$$

holds.

This definition also determines an algebraic category $\mathbf{mvRig} \rightarrow \mathbf{Set}$ and there is a functor $\mathbf{mvRig} \rightarrow \mathbf{MV}$ that sends the MV-rig $(A, \cdot, 1, +, 0, \multimap)$ to the MV-algebra (A, \oplus, \neg) where $\neg x = x \multimap 0$ and $x \oplus y = \neg((\neg x) \cdot (\neg y))$. Moreover, it is surely at least folklore that this functor is an equivalence of algebraic categories; in fact, an isomorphism. Its inverse $\mathbf{MV} \rightarrow \mathbf{mvRig}$ sends an MV-algebra (A, \oplus, \neg) to the MV-rig with the same underlying set and operations defined as follows

$$\begin{aligned} x + y &= \neg(\neg x \oplus y) \oplus y & 1 &= \neg 0 \\ x \cdot y &= \neg(\neg x \oplus \neg y) & x \multimap y &= \neg x \oplus y \end{aligned}$$

for every $x, y \in A$. It is relevant to recall that for every MV-algebra A , the semilattice $(A, +, 0)$ extends to lattice structure with $u \wedge v = \neg((\neg u) + (\neg v))$ for every $u, v \in A$.

Every MV-rig is pre-linear so our results imply that every MV-rig is the algebra of global sections of a local homeomorphism whose fibers are totally ordered MV-rigs. In the rest of the section we show that this is essentially the Dubuc–Poveda representation [10].

From now on, until the end of the section, let $M = (A, \oplus, \neg)$ be an MV-algebra and let $R = (A, \cdot, 1, +, 0, \multimap)$ be the associated MV-rig. The *natural order* of M may be defined by declaring that $x \leq_n y$ if $x \cdot (\neg y) = 0$. (See Lemma 1.1.2 in [24].) This is equivalent to $x \leq \neg(\neg y) = y$ where \leq is the canonical order of the rig R . Therefore, $x \leq_n y$ in M if and only if $x \leq y$ in R . In other words, the natural order of A as an MV-algebra coincides with the canonical order of A as a rig. So, from now, we drop the \leq_n notation.

An *ideal* of the MV-algebra M is a submonoid $(I, \oplus, 0) \rightarrow (A, \oplus, 0)$ such that for every $x \in I$ and $y \in A$, $y \leq x$ implies $y \in I$. Such an ideal is called *proper* if $1 \notin I$. It is called *prime* if it is proper and also, for any $x, y \in A$, either $(x \cdot (\neg y)) \in I$ or $(y \cdot (\neg x)) \in I$. We will use the following characterization: a proper ideal $I \rightarrow M$ is prime if and only if, for every $x, y \in M$, $x \wedge y \in I$ implies $x \in I$ or $y \in I$. See, for example, 1.3 in [10].

Lemma 15.2. *For every $p : R \rightarrow 2$ in \mathbf{iRig} , the subset $\neg(p^{-1}\top) = \{\neg x \mid px = \top\} \rightarrow A$ is a prime ideal of M .*

Proof. For brevity let $I = \neg(p^{-1}\top)$. Since $p1 = \top$, $0 = \neg 1 \in I$. Also, if $1 \in I$ then there exists $x \in A$ such that $px = \top$ and $\neg x = 1$. Then $x = 0$ and so $p0 = \top$, absurd. To prove that I is closed under \oplus , let $x, y \in A$ be such that $px = \top = py$. We need to check that $(\neg x) \oplus (\neg y) = \neg(x \cdot y) \in I$; but this holds because $p(x \cdot y) = (px) \wedge (py) = \top$.

Assume now that $x = pu = \top$ and that $y \leq \neg u$. Then $u \leq \neg y$, so $p(\neg y) = \top$ and hence $y \in I$. To complete the proof recall that, in any MV-algebra, $\neg(x \cdot (\neg y)) + \neg((\neg x) \cdot y) = 1$. (See, for example, Proposition 1.1.7

in [24] which shows that $(x \cdot (\neg y)) \wedge (y \cdot (\neg x)) = 0$.) Then we have that $p(\neg(x \cdot (\neg y))) \vee p(\neg((\neg x) \cdot y)) = \top$ and so, either $p(\neg(x \cdot (\neg y))) = \top$ or $p(\neg((\neg x) \cdot y)) = \top$. Therefore, $x \cdot (\neg y) \in I$ or $(\neg x) \cdot y \in I$. \square

Those familiar with Wajsberg algebras may recognize $p^{-1}\top$ as an implicative filter. See Section 4.2 in [24].

Proposition 15.3. *For any prime ideal $I \rightarrow M$ there exists a unique $p : R \rightarrow 2$ in \mathbf{iRig} such that $I = \neg(p^{-1}\top)$.*

Proof. Let $p, q : R \rightarrow 2$ in \mathbf{iRig} be such that the prime ideals $\neg(p^{-1}\top)$ and $\neg(q^{-1}\top)$ coincide. We want to show that $p = q$. For this, it is enough to prove that for every $x \in R$, $px = \top$ if and only if $qx = \top$. It suffices to establish only one implication so let $px = \top$. Then $\neg x \in \neg(p^{-1}\top) = \neg(q^{-1}\top)$. So there exists a $y \in R$ such that $qy = \top$ and $\neg y = \neg x$. Then $x = y$ and $qx = \top$.

To prove the existence part of the statement let $p : A \rightarrow 2$ be the characteristic map (in \mathbf{Set}) of the subset $\neg I = \{\neg x \mid x \in I\} \subseteq A$. In other words, for every $x \in A$, $px = \top$ if and only if $\neg x \in I$. Clearly, $\neg(p^{-1}\top) = \neg(\neg I) = I$, so it only remains to show that p underlies a rig morphism $R \rightarrow 2$. Since $0 \in I$, $p1 = \top$. Since I is proper, $p0 = \perp$. To prove that p preserves the additive structure notice that $p(x + y) = \top$ if and only if $\neg(x + y) = (\neg x) \wedge (\neg y) \in I$. Since I is prime, the previous statement holds if and only if $\neg x \in I$ or $\neg y \in I$, but this is equivalent to $(px) \vee (py) = \top$.

Finally, to prove that $p : A \rightarrow 2$ preserves multiplication, observe that $p(x \cdot y) = \top$ if and only if $\neg(x \cdot y) \in I$ if and only if $(\neg x) \oplus (\neg y) \in I$ if and only if $\neg x \in I$ and $\neg y \in I$ if and only if $(px) \wedge (py) = \top$. \square

We now compare the spectrum σR of the integral rig R (in the sense of Section 14) with the space Z_M for the MV-algebra M considered in [10]. The points of Z_M are exactly the prime ideals of M . The topology on Z_M is determined by the basic opens of the form $W_a = \{I \in Z_M \mid a \in I\}$.

Corollary 15.4. *The bijection of Proposition 15.3 underlies an iso between the spaces σR and Z_M .*

Proof. Recall (Section 14) that the spectrum σR of the integral rig R has $\mathbf{iRig}(R, 2)$ as its set of points. So Proposition 15.3 induces a bijection $\varphi : \sigma R \rightarrow Z_M$. We claim that it is continuous. To see this recall that the topology of σR is given by the basic sets of the form $\sigma(x) = \{p : R \rightarrow 2 \mid px = \top\}$ with $x \in A$. To prove that φ is continuous consider a basic open W_a of Z_M and calculate

$$p \in \varphi^{-1}W_a \iff \varphi p \in W_a \iff a \in \neg(p^{-1}\top) \iff p(\neg a) = \top$$

to conclude that $\varphi^{-1}W_a = \sigma(\neg a)$. To prove that this continuous bijection is an iso it is enough to prove that it is open. Let $\sigma(x)$ be a basic open in σR and calculate

$$\varphi(\sigma(x)) = \{\neg(p^{-1}\top) \mid px = \top\} = \{I \mid \neg x \in I\} = W_{\neg x}$$

to complete the proof. \square

Any continuous function $f : X \rightarrow Y$ between topological spaces induces a geometric morphism $\mathbf{LH}/X \rightarrow \mathbf{LH}/Y$ between the corresponding toposes of sheaves. The inverse image $f^* : \mathbf{LH}/Y \rightarrow \mathbf{LH}/X$ sends a local homeomorphism over Y to its pullback along $f : X \rightarrow Y$ (calculated as in the category of topological spaces). (See Theorem II.9.2 in [22].) So, for any local homeomorphism $E \rightarrow Y$, the fiber $(f^*E)_x$ over $x \in X$ may be identified with the fiber E_{fx} of $E \rightarrow Y$ over fx .

In particular, the iso $\varphi : \sigma R \rightarrow Z_M$ induces an equivalence $\varphi^* : \mathbf{LH}/Z_M \rightarrow \mathbf{LH}/\sigma R$. The Dubuc–Poveda representation of the MV-algebra M consists of a space E_M whose underlying set is the coproduct $\sum_{I \in Z_M} M/I$ where M/I is the quotient of M by the prime ideal I . The topology on E_M is such that

the indexing $E_M \rightarrow Z_M$ is a local homeomorphism whose algebra of global sections is isomorphic to M . Now calculate

$$(\varphi^* E_M)_p = (E_M)_{\varphi p} = M/(\varphi p)$$

and observe that, since $M \rightarrow M/(\varphi p)$ is the universal way of forcing the ideal $\varphi p \rightarrow M$ to be 0, then it also has the universal way of inverting $\neg(\varphi p) = \neg(\neg(p^{-1}\top)) = p^{-1}\top$. Altogether, $(\varphi^* E_M)_p = R[(p^{-1}\top)^{-1}] = (\overline{R})_p$ where $(\overline{R})_p$ is the fiber of our representation as explained in Section 14. Roughly speaking, the representing local homeomorphisms in [10] are essentially the same as ours.

Alternatively, it is proved in 2.3 of [10] that the local homeomorphism $E_M \rightarrow Z_M$ is the result of applying the Godement construction to the presheaf that sends W_a to $M/(a)$ where (a) is the ideal generated by $a \in M$. Again, $M/(a)$ is, up to the equivalence between MV-algebras and MV-rigs, the same as $R[(\neg a)^{-1}]$. So we see again that our construction, restricted to MV-algebras, produces essentially the same result as that by Dubuc and Poveda.

An important difference with the main result in [10] is that our category of representing objects is much smaller. Notice, in particular, that we do not deal with arbitrary continuous maps but only with spectral ones. We leave a more detailed comparison for the reader.

See also [13] for a different approach to sheaf representations of MV-algebras.

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