

Tutorial on Quasi-Polish Spaces¹

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- Quasi-Polish spaces are a generalization of Polish spaces that includes non-metrizable spaces
 - “Quasi-Polish”
 - = “countably based & completely quasi-metrizable”

(The original characterization used Smyth-complete quasi-metrics, but [J. Goubault-Larrecq](#) showed they can also be characterized using Yoneda-complete quasi-metrics).

Who cares about non-metrizable spaces?

- Descriptive set theory (DST) rarely needs metrizability.
 - Polish and quasi-Polish spaces have essentially the same DST.
 - Many (but not all) proofs that use complete metrics can be replaced with complete quasi-metrics or other proof methods.
- Non-metrizable spaces have many important applications.
 - The Gandy-Harrington space (effective descriptive set theory).
 - Non-trivial solutions to domain equations such as $D \cong D^D$.
 - Spectrums of commutative rings with the Zariski topology.
- You need non-metrizable spaces to topologize topology.
 - There is no Hausdorff topology on $\mathbf{O}(1)$ (the open subsets of the singleton space $1 = \{*\}$) that makes countable unions $\bigcup: \mathbf{O}(1)^{\mathbb{N}} \rightarrow \mathbf{O}(1)$ a continuous function.
 - Topologizing the powerset of the natural numbers as $2^{\mathbb{N}}$ (Cantor space) is a topological representation of $\Delta_1^0(\mathbb{N})$, but not $\Sigma_1^0(\mathbb{N})$, since the latter is closed under countable joins.

Borel Hierarchy

The following is a modification of the Borel Hierarchy, due to V. Selivanov, which is needed for non-metrizable spaces.

Definition (Borel - Selivanov)

Let X be a topological space. For each ordinal α ($1 \leq \alpha < \omega_1$) define $\Sigma_\alpha^0(X)$ inductively as follows:

- $\Sigma_1^0(X)$ is the set of open subsets of X ,
- For $\alpha > 1$, $A \in \Sigma_\alpha^0(X)$ iff A can be expressed in the form

$$A = \bigcup_{i \in \mathbb{N}} U_i \setminus V_i,$$

where $U_i, V_i \in \Sigma_{\beta_i}^0(X)$ for some $\beta_i < \alpha$.

Furthermore, $A \in \Pi_\alpha^0(X) \iff X \setminus A \in \Sigma_\alpha^0(X)$ and
 $A \in \Delta_\alpha^0(X) \iff A \in \Sigma_\alpha^0(X) \cap \Pi_\alpha^0(X)$

$\mathbf{B}(X) = \bigcup_{\alpha < \omega_1} \Sigma_\alpha^0(X)$ is the set of **Borel subsets** of X .

Borel Hierarchy

- Traditionally, the Σ_2^0 -sets are defined as \mathcal{F}_σ (countable unions of closed sets), and the Π_2^0 -sets are defined as \mathcal{G}_δ (countable intersections of open sets).
- However, this is problematic for non-metrizable spaces:
 - Define the Sierpinski space to be the set $\mathbb{S} = \{\perp, \top\}$ with topology $\mathbf{O}(\mathbb{S}) = \{\emptyset, \{\top\}, \mathbb{S}\}$.
 - Then $\{\top\} \in \Sigma_1^0$ but $\{\top\} \notin \mathcal{F}_\sigma$, and $\{\perp\} \in \Pi_1^0$ but $\{\perp\} \notin \mathcal{G}_\delta$. (so under the traditional definition, $\{\top\} \notin \Delta_n^0$ for all $n < \omega$.)
- Using [V. Selivanov's](#) modified definition we obtain an actual hierarchy (which still agrees with the classical definition for metrizable spaces).

Definition

A topological space is **quasi-Polish** iff it satisfies any of the following **equivalent** properties:

- It is a countably based space with a topology generated by a (Smyth-) complete quasi-metric
- It is homeomorphic to a $\mathbf{\Pi}_2^0$ -subspace of $\mathbb{S}^{\mathbb{N}}$
 - $\mathbb{S}^{\mathbb{N}} \cong \mathcal{P}(\mathbb{N})$, the powerset of the natural numbers with the Scott-topology
- It is a T_0 -space and the image of a Polish space under an open continuous function
- It is countably based and has an admissible representation with Polish domain
- **and more...**

The following are quasi-Polish:

- Polish spaces
 - \mathbb{N} , \mathbb{R} , \mathbb{C} , $\mathbb{N}^{\mathbb{N}}$, etc.
- Countably based spaces that are locally homeomorphic to some Polish space
 - the line with two origins
 - countably based non-Hausdorff topological manifolds
 - etc.
- ω -continuous domains
 - \mathbb{S} , \mathbb{N}_{\perp} , $\mathcal{P}(\mathbb{N})$, etc.
- Countably based spectral spaces
 - $\text{Spec}(\mathbb{Z})$, $\text{Spec}(\mathbb{Q}[x_1, \dots, x_n])$, etc.
- Countably based locally compact sober spaces
 - (Contains the last two categories)

(There are quasi-Polish spaces which do not fit into any of the above categories).

The following are **not** quasi-Polish:

- Non-Polish metric spaces
 - S_2 : \mathbb{Q} with the subspace topology inherited from \mathbb{R}
 - etc.
- Non-sober spaces
 - S_1 : \mathbb{N} with the cofinite topology
 - S_D : $(\mathbb{N}, <)$ with the Scott-topology
 - etc.
- And some others
 - S_0 : $(\mathbb{N}^{<\infty}, \preceq_{\text{prefix}})$ with the lower topology
 - the Gandy-Harrington space
 - etc.

Theorem (Generalized Hurewicz Theorem)

Any $\mathbf{\Pi}_1^1$ subspace of a quasi-Polish space which is **not** quasi-Polish will contain a $\mathbf{\Pi}_2^0$ -subset homeomorphic to one of the four spaces (S_2 , S_1 , S_D , or S_0) highlighted above.

Some basic DST results

- A space is Polish if and only if it is a metrizable quasi-Polish space.
- Every countably based T_0 -space embeds into a quasi-Polish space.
- If X is quasi-Polish, then $A \subseteq X$ is quasi-Polish iff $A \in \mathbf{\Pi}_2^0(X)$.
- QPol is the smallest (up to equivalence) full subcategory of Top that contains \mathbb{S} and is closed under countable limits.
- Every quasi-Polish space is a Baire space, which means that the intersection of countably many dense open sets is dense.
 - They are completely Baire: every closed subspace is Baire.
- A partial continuous function into a quasi-Polish space can be extended to a continuous function with $\mathbf{\Pi}_2^0$ -domain.
- Extending a quasi-Polish topology with countably many Δ_2^0 -sets results in a quasi-Polish topology.
- If X is quasi-Polish and $A \subseteq X$ is Borel, then there is a quasi-Polish topology that refines the topology on X and such that A is open in the refinement.

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- Quasi-Polish spaces are a generalization of ω -continuous domains
 - A space is quasi-Polish iff it is homeomorphic to the non-compact elements of an ω -continuous domain.
 - A space is quasi-Polish iff it is a convergent approximation space (V. Becher & S. Grigorieff, 2014).
 - They can also be characterized as spaces of ideals, similar to the “abstract basis” characterization of domains, but without the finite interpolation requirement.

Definition

Let \prec be a transitive relation on \mathbb{N} . A subset $I \subseteq \mathbb{N}$ is an **ideal** (with respect to \prec) if and only if:

- 1 $I \neq \emptyset$, *(I is non-empty)*
- 2 $(\forall a \in I)(\forall b \in \mathbb{N})(b \prec a \Rightarrow b \in I)$, *(I is a lower set)*
- 3 $(\forall a, b \in I)(\exists c \in I)(a \prec c \& b \prec c)$. *(I is directed)*

The collection $\mathbf{I}(\prec)$ of all ideals has the topology generated by basic open sets of the form $[n]_{\prec} = \{I \in \mathbf{I}(\prec) \mid n \in I\}$ for $n \in \mathbb{N}$.

- \mathbb{N} encodes pieces of information about points in an abstract space.
 - The relation $a \prec b$ means b contains more information than a .
 - A **point** (i.e., an ideal $I \in \mathbf{I}(\prec)$) is any consistent collection of arbitrarily precise information.

The following was shown in joint work with [A. Pauly](#) & [M. Schröder](#) when investigating *computable* quasi-Polish spaces.

Theorem (d., A. Pauly, & M. Schröder, 2019)

A space is quasi-Polish if and only if it is homeomorphic to a space of the form $\mathbf{I}(\prec)$ for some transitive relation \prec on \mathbb{N} .

- If \prec is a partial order, then we get ω -algebraic domains.
- If \prec satisfies the following *finite interpolation property*, then we get ω -continuous domains.
 - For every finite $F \subseteq \mathbb{N}$ and $z \in \mathbb{N}$,

$$F \prec z \text{ implies } (\exists y \in \mathbb{N}) F \prec y \prec z$$

where $F \prec z$ is shorthand for $(\forall x \in F) x \prec z$.

Example

If $=$ is the equality relation on \mathbb{N} , then $\mathbf{I}(=)$ is homeomorphic to \mathbb{N} with the discrete topology.

We also consider relations on other countable sets (encoded by \mathbb{N})

Example

If \prec is the strict prefix relation on the set $\mathbb{N}^{<\infty}$ of finite sequences of natural numbers, then $\mathbf{I}(\prec)$ is homeomorphic to the Baire space $\mathbb{N}^{\mathbb{N}}$.

Example

If \subseteq is the usual subset relation on the set $\mathcal{P}_{\text{fin}}(\mathbb{N})$ of finite subsets of \mathbb{N} , then $\mathbf{I}(\subseteq)$ is homeomorphic to $\mathcal{P}(\mathbb{N})$, the powerset of the natural numbers with the Scott-topology.

Examples: Completion of separable metric spaces

- Let (X, d) be a separable metric space. Fix a countable dense subset $D \subseteq X$, and define a transitive relation \prec on $P = D \times \mathbb{N}$ as

$$\langle x, n \rangle \prec \langle y, m \rangle \iff d(x, y) < 2^{-n} - 2^{-m}.$$

- This definition guarantees that the open ball with center x and radius 2^{-n} contains the closed ball with center y and radius 2^{-m} .
- **$\mathbf{I}(\prec)$ is homeomorphic to the metric completion of (X, d) .**
 - This is related to the *formal ball* models in domain theory.
 - (Note that the metrizable spaces of ideals are precisely the Polish spaces)

Upper and lower powerspaces

The upper and lower powerspaces are used for

- (Topology) Constructing multi-valued functions
- (Computer science) Modeling non-deterministic programs
- (Logic) Providing semantics for modal logics

Definition

Given a topological space X with topology $\mathbf{O}(X)$, define the topological spaces $\mathbf{A}(X)$ and $\mathbf{K}(X)$ as follows:

- $\mathbf{A}(X)$ (Lower powerspace):
 - Set of closed subsets of X with lower Vietoris topology, which has subbasis $\diamond U := \{A \in \mathbf{A}(X) \mid A \cap U \neq \emptyset\}$ for $U \in \mathbf{O}(X)$
- $\mathbf{K}(X)$ (Upper powerspace):
 - Set of saturated compact subsets of X with upper Vietoris topology, which has subbasis $\square U := \{K \in \mathbf{K}(X) \mid K \subseteq U\}$ for $U \in \mathbf{O}(X)$

Note: $S \subseteq X$ is saturated iff $S = \bigcap \{W \in \mathbf{O}(X) \mid S \subseteq W\}$.
(Every subset of a T_1 -space is saturated).

Somewhat surprisingly, several constructions on ω -algebraic domains due to [M. Smyth](#) still apply in this generality.

Theorem

Let \prec be a binary transitive relation on \mathbb{N} . Define binary transitive relations \prec_L, \prec_U on $\mathcal{P}_{\text{fin}}(\mathbb{N})$ as follows:

- $A \prec_L B$ iff $(\forall a \in A)(\exists b \in B) a \prec b$,
- $A \prec_U B$ iff $(\forall b \in B)(\exists a \in A) a \prec b$.

Then

- $\mathbf{I}(\prec_L) \cong \mathbf{A}(\mathbf{I}(\prec))$, the lower powerspace of $\mathbf{I}(\prec)$
(i.e. the set of closed sets with the lower Vietoris topology)
- $\mathbf{I}(\prec_U) \cong \mathbf{K}(\mathbf{I}(\prec))$, the upper powerspace of $\mathbf{I}(\prec)$
(i.e. the set of saturated compact sets with the upper Vietoris topology)

Definition (Double powerspace)

- $\mathbb{S}^{\mathbb{S}^X}$ is the space of continuous functions from \mathbb{S}^X to \mathbb{S} (The notation can be justified by embedding \mathbf{QPol} into the cartesian closed category \mathbf{QCB}_0 .)
 - The exponentials \mathbb{S}^X and $\mathbb{S}^{\mathbb{S}^X}$ in \mathbf{QCB}_0 both have the Scott-topology, which is equivalent to the compact-open topology when X is quasi-Polish. If X is quasi-Polish then \mathbb{S}^X is quasi-Polish if and only if X is locally compact.
- This is realized by composing \mathbf{A} and \mathbf{K} , because $\mathbb{S}^{\mathbb{S}^X} \cong \mathbf{A}(\mathbf{K}(X)) \cong \mathbf{K}(\mathbf{A}(X))$ when X is quasi-Polish (d. & T. Kawai, 2019).
 - This is closely related to work by S. Vickers on the double powerlocale and work by P. Taylor on Abstract Stone Duality.
 - See also recent work by E. Neumann investigating applications of the upper, lower, and double powerspace functors on effective represented spaces.

Definition (Valuations)

- A **valuation** on X is a continuous function $\nu: \mathbf{O}(X) \rightarrow \overline{\mathbb{R}}_+$ satisfying:
 - 1 $\nu(\emptyset) = 0$, and *(strictness)*
 - 2 $\nu(U) + \nu(V) = \nu(U \cup V) + \nu(U \cap V)$. *(modularity)*
 - $\mathbf{V}(X)$ (**valuations powerspace**) is the set of all valuations on X with the topology induced by subbasic opens of the form $\langle U, q \rangle := \{\nu \in \mathbf{V}(X) \mid \nu(U) > q\}$ with $U \in \mathbf{O}(X)$ and $q \in \overline{\mathbb{R}}_+ \setminus \{\infty\}$.
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- $\mathbf{O}(X)$ and $\overline{\mathbb{R}}_+ = [0, \infty]$ are assumed to have the Scott-topology.
 - Valuations are commonly used instead of Borel measures in computable topology and constructive logic.
 - Every (locally finite) valuation on a quasi-Polish space extends (uniquely) to a Borel measure. Conversely, restricting any Borel measure to the open subsets results in a valuation.

Theorem

Let \prec be a binary transitive relation on \mathbb{N} . Define the binary transitive relation \prec_V on the (countable) set

$\{r : \subseteq \mathbb{N} \rightarrow \mathbb{Q}_{>0} \mid \text{dom}(r) \text{ is finite}\}$ as $r \prec_V s$ iff

$\sum_{b \in F} r(b) < \sum \{s(c) \mid c \in \text{dom}(s) \ \& \ (\exists b \in F) b \prec c\}$ for every non-empty $F \subseteq \text{dom}(r)$.

Then $\mathbf{I}(\prec_V) \cong \mathbf{V}(\mathbf{I}(\prec))$.

- This is related to work by [C. Jones](#) on the probabilistic powerdomain in domain theory, which is used to model probabilistic computations.

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- Quasi-Polish spaces are “complete” computable topological spaces
 - The *effective* part of the definition of a computable topological space uniquely determines a *complete* computable topological space, which is computably equivalent to a space of ideals over a c.e. relation.
 - This leads to effective notions of quasi-Polish spaces that are equivalent to earlier proposals.
 - The advantage of the “spaces of ideals” approach to computable topology is that it requires fewer assumptions on the mathematical foundations.
 - For example, it can be formalized within second-order arithmetic.

Theorem (d., A. Pauly, & M. Schröder, 2019)

The following are equivalent for a represented space \mathbf{X} :

- \mathbf{X} is computably isomorphic to $\mathbf{I}(\prec)$ for some c.e. transitive relation \prec on \mathbb{N} .
 - \mathbf{X} is computably isomorphic to a Π_2^0 -subspace of $\mathbf{O}(\mathbb{N})$.
 - \mathbf{X} has an effectively fiber-overt computably admissible representation with domain in $\Pi_2^0(\mathbb{N}^{\mathbb{N}})$.
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- This is equivalent to what M. Korovina & O. Kudinov (2017) called *computable quasi-Polish spaces*.
 - It is also related to the *effective convergent approximation spaces* considered by V. Selivanov (2015).
 - d., A. Pauly, & M. Schröder (2019) called them *precomputable quasi-Polish spaces*.

Effective version of overt quasi-Polish spaces

The following is from d., A. Pauly, & M. Schröder (2019) and M. Hoyrup, C. Rojas, V. Selivanov, & D. Stull (2019).

Theorem

The following are equivalent for an admissibly represented space \mathbf{X} :

- $\mathbf{X} \cong \mathbf{I}(\prec)$, where \prec and $E_\prec = \{n \in \mathbb{N} \mid [n]_\prec \neq \emptyset\}$ are both c.e.
 - \mathbf{X} is computably isomorphic to an overt Π_2^0 -subspace of $\mathbf{O}(\mathbb{N})$.
 - \mathbf{X} is empty or has an effectively fiber-overt computably admissible total representation.
 - \mathbf{X} is empty or it is the image of $\mathbb{N}^{\mathbb{N}}$ under a computable effectively open map.
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- d., A. Pauly, & M. Schröder (2019) called them *computable quasi-Polish spaces*.
 - M. Hoyrup, C. Rojas, V. Selivanov, & D. Stull (2019) called them *effective quasi-Polish spaces*.
 - They correspond to *effectively enumerable computable quasi-Polish spaces* in the terminology of M. Korovina & O. Kudinov (2017).

Definition

Let \prec and \sqsubset be transitive relations on \mathbb{N} .

- A **code** for a partial function is any subset $R \subseteq \mathbb{N} \times \mathbb{N}$.
- Each code R represents the partial function $\ulcorner R \urcorner : \subseteq \mathbf{I}(\prec) \rightarrow \mathbf{I}(\sqsubset)$ defined as

$$\begin{aligned}\ulcorner R \urcorner(I) &= \{n \in \mathbb{N} \mid (\exists m \in I) \langle m, n \rangle \in R\}, \\ \text{dom}(\ulcorner R \urcorner) &= \{I \in \mathbf{I}(\prec) \mid \ulcorner R \urcorner(I) \in \mathbf{I}(\sqsubset)\}.\end{aligned}$$

Note that $\text{dom}(\ulcorner R \urcorner)$ is a $\mathbf{\Pi}_2^0$ -subset of $\mathbf{I}(\prec)$.

- Computability of functions between spaces of ideals can be easily defined in a way that is compatible with TTE.
 - An admissible representation $\delta : \subseteq \mathbb{N}^{\mathbb{N}} \rightarrow \mathbf{I}(\prec)$ is given by defining $\delta(p) = I \iff \text{range}(p) = I$. In other words, a name of an ideal in $\mathbf{I}(\prec)$ is just an enumeration of its elements.

Theorem

Let \prec and \sqsubset be c.e. transitive relations on \mathbb{N} . A total function $f: \mathbf{I}(\prec) \rightarrow \mathbf{I}(\sqsubset)$ is computable if and only if there is a c.e. code $R \subseteq \mathbb{N} \times \mathbb{N}$ such that $f = \ulcorner R \urcorner$.

Intuitively, a function $f: \mathbf{I}(\prec) \rightarrow \mathbf{I}(\sqsubset)$ is computable if and only if there is an algorithm that produces an enumeration of $f(I) \in \mathbf{I}(\sqsubset)$ when given an enumeration of $I \in \mathbf{I}(\prec)$.

Compatibility with the powerspace functors

For any total $\mathbf{I}(\prec) \xrightarrow{\ulcorner R \urcorner} \mathbf{I}(\sqsubset)$ and $\mathbf{P} \in \{\mathbf{A}, \mathbf{K}, \mathbf{V}\}$, the composition

$\mathbf{P}(\mathbf{I}(\prec)) \cong \mathbf{I}(\prec_P) \xrightarrow{\ulcorner R_P \urcorner} \mathbf{I}(\sqsubset_P) \cong \mathbf{P}(\mathbf{I}(\sqsubset))$ is equal to $\mathbf{P}(\ulcorner R \urcorner)$.

- Lower powerspace:

- $\mathbf{A}(f)(A) = Cl_Y(\{f(x) \mid x \in A\})$.
- $A \prec_L B \iff (\forall a \in A)(\exists b \in B) a \prec b$ for $A, B \in \mathcal{P}_{\text{fin}}(\mathbb{N})$.
- $R_L = \{\langle A, B \rangle \mid (\forall b \in B)(\exists a \in A) \langle a, b \rangle \in R\}$.

- Upper powerspace:

- $\mathbf{K}(f)(K) = Sat_Y(\{f(x) \mid x \in K\})$.
- $A \prec_U B \iff (\forall b \in B)(\exists a \in A) a \prec b$ for $A, B \in \mathcal{P}_{\text{fin}}(\mathbb{N})$.
- $R_U = \{\langle A, B \rangle \mid (\forall a \in A)(\exists b \in B) \langle a, b \rangle \in R\}$.

- Valuations powerspace:

- $\mathbf{V}(f)(\nu) = \lambda U. \nu(f^{-1}(U))$
- $R_V = \left\{ \langle r, s \rangle \mid (\forall G \subseteq \text{dom}(s)) \left[G \neq \emptyset \Rightarrow \sum_{a \in A_G} r(a) > \sum_{b \in G} s(b) \right] \right\}$
where
 $A_G = \{a \in \text{dom}(r) \mid (\exists a_0 \in \mathbb{N})(\exists b \in G) [a_0 \prec a \ \& \ \langle a_0, b \rangle \in R]\}$.

Definition

A (countably based) **computable topological space** is a tuple (X, φ, S) where:

- 1 X is a T_0 -space,
- 2 $\varphi: \mathbb{N} \rightarrow \mathbf{O}(X)$ is an enumeration of a basis for X ,
- 3 $S \subseteq \mathbb{N}^3$ is a c.e. set satisfying $\varphi(n) \cap \varphi(m) = \bigcup \{ \varphi(k) \mid \langle n, m, k \rangle \in S \}$ for each $n, m \in \mathbb{N}$.

- The only effective aspect of this definition is the c.e. set S .
- In particular, if (X, φ, S) is a computable topological space, and $e: Y \rightarrow X$ is *any* embedding, then (Y, ψ, S) is also a computable topological space, where $\psi = \mathbf{O}(e) \circ \varphi$.
 - $\mathbf{O}(e): \mathbf{O}(X) \rightarrow \mathbf{O}(Y)$ maps $U \mapsto e^{-1}(U)$
(ψ just restricts the basic open subsets of X enumerated by φ to the subspace Y)

Definition

Let $S \subseteq \mathbb{N}^3$ be a c.e. set. A computable topological space (X, φ, S) is **complete** if and only if for any computable topological space (Y, ψ, S) there is a *unique* computable embedding $e: Y \rightarrow X$ satisfying $\psi = \mathbf{O}(e) \circ \varphi$.

Intuitively, (X, φ, S) is a complete computable topological space if and only if all other computable topological spaces associated to S are essentially just subspace embeddings $e: Y \rightarrow X$ on the previous slide.

Theorem

- For every c.e. subset $S \subseteq \mathbb{N}^3$, there is a Π_2^0 -subspace $X \subseteq \mathcal{P}(\mathbb{N})$ such that $(X, \lambda n. \{x \in X \mid n \in x\}, S)$ is a complete computable topological space.
 - Hence X is computably homeomorphic to a space of the form $\mathbf{I}(\prec)$ for some transitive c.e. relation \prec on \mathbb{N} .
- Conversely, for every transitive c.e. relation \prec on \mathbb{N} , there is a c.e. $S \subseteq \mathbb{N}^3$ such that $(\mathbf{I}(\prec), \lambda n. [n]_{\prec}, S)$ is a complete computable topological space.
- As a corollary, we get a (computably) equivalent notion of *computable topological space* if we defined them to be a pair (\prec, X) , where \prec is a transitive c.e. relation and $X \subseteq \mathbf{I}(\prec)$.
- In other words, the effective aspect of the definition of a computable topological space determines a quasi-Polish space. The non-effective aspect of the definition corresponds to some subspace of the quasi-Polish space.

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- Quasi-Polish spaces are countably axiomatized propositional geometric theories
 - Dual perspective due to [R. Heckmann](#).
 - Points of the space are models of the theory.
 - Topological completeness corresponds to logical completeness.

Propositional geometric logic

- **Propositional geometric formulas** are built from propositional variables, constants \perp and \top , finite conjunctions, and infinitary disjunctions, but **not negation nor implication**.
 - **S. Abramsky, S. Vickers** and others have described it as the logic of “observable properties”
- A **propositional geometric theory** is a set of sequents of the form $\phi \vdash \psi$, where ϕ and ψ are propositional geometric formulas.
- Rules of inference (see **P. Johnstone** or **S. Vickers**):
 - $\phi \vdash \phi$ (identity)
 - $$\frac{\phi \vdash \psi \quad \psi \vdash \chi}{\phi \vdash \chi}$$
 (cut)
 - $\phi \vdash \top$, $\phi \wedge \psi \vdash \phi$, $\phi \wedge \psi \vdash \psi$,
$$\frac{\phi \vdash \psi \quad \phi \vdash \chi}{\phi \vdash \psi \wedge \chi}$$
 - $\perp \vdash \psi$, $\phi \vdash \bigvee S$ ($\phi \in S$),
$$\frac{\phi \vdash \psi \text{ (all } \phi \in S)}{\bigvee S \vdash \psi}$$
 - $\phi \wedge \bigvee S \vdash \bigvee \{\phi \wedge \psi \mid \psi \in S\}$

The Lindenbaum algebra of a propositional geometric theory is a frame.

Definition

A **frame** is a complete lattice satisfying $a \wedge \bigvee_{i \in I} b_i = \bigvee_{i \in I} (a \wedge b_i)$ for arbitrary index sets I .

- (Equivalently, a frame is a complete Heyting algebra)

A **frame homomorphism** is a function between frames that preserves finite meets and arbitrary joins.

- (But it need not preserve implication)

Example

- If X is a topological space then $\mathbf{O}(X)$ is a frame.
- If $f: X \rightarrow Y$ is a continuous function between topological spaces then $f^{-1}: \mathbf{O}(Y) \rightarrow \mathbf{O}(X)$ is a frame homomorphism.

Frame presentations

A **frame presentation** consists of

- a set G of **generators** (= **propositional variables**), and
- a set R of **relations** (= **axioms**) of the form " $\phi \vdash \psi$ ", where ϕ and ψ are frame expressions involving the constants \top, \perp , elements of G , and the operators \wedge, \vee .

A presentation uniquely determines a frame $\langle G \mid R \rangle$ satisfying:

- There is $i: G \rightarrow \langle G \mid R \rangle$ that preserves the relations in R
 - If $p_0 \wedge \dots \wedge p_m \vdash \bigvee_{i \in I} q_0^i \wedge \dots \wedge q_{n_i}^i$ is in R , then $i(p_0) \wedge \dots \wedge i(p_m) \leq \bigvee_{i \in I} i(q_0^i) \wedge \dots \wedge i(q_{n_i}^i)$ holds in $\langle G \mid R \rangle$
- If Y is any frame and $j: G \rightarrow Y$ preserves R , then there is a unique frame homomorphism $F: \langle G \mid R \rangle \rightarrow Y$ such that $F \circ i = j$

$$\begin{array}{ccc} \langle G \mid R \rangle & \overset{F}{\dashrightarrow} & Y \\ \uparrow i & \nearrow j \text{ (} R \text{ preserving)} & \\ G & & \end{array}$$

(The frame $\langle G \mid R \rangle$ is the Lindenbaum algebra of the theory with variables G and axioms R)

Theorem (R. Heckmann)

A frame has a countable presentation (i.e., G and R are both countable) if and only if it is isomorphic to the open set lattice of a quasi-Polish space.

Quasi-Polish space = countable propositional geometric theory

- Open set lattice \approx Lindenbaum algebra
- Open sets \approx Propositions
- Points \approx Models of the theory

Note: Recent work by [R. Chen](#) extends [R. Heckmann's](#) results to predicate logic and further develops connections between descriptive set theory and locale theory.

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- Quasi-Polish spaces are coPolish-presented locales
 - Putting the topology back into locale theory
 - Dual relationship with the coPolish spaces that were proposed by [M. Schröder](#).

Proposition (d. & T. Kawai, 2019)

If X is quasi-Polish then the following are continuous:

- $\bigvee: \mathbf{A}(\mathbb{S}^X) \rightarrow \mathbb{S}^X, \mathcal{A} \mapsto \bigcup_{U \in \mathcal{A}} U.$
- $\bigwedge: \mathbf{K}(\mathbb{S}^X) \rightarrow \mathbb{S}^X, \mathcal{K} \mapsto \bigcap_{U \in \mathcal{K}} U.$
- \mathbb{S}^X is an Eilenberg-Moore algebra of the monads \mathbf{K} and \mathbf{A} with the above structure maps.
 - Algebras of these monads were studied in depth by [A. Schalk](#).
 - \mathbb{S}^X is also an algebra of the double powerspace monad with structure map $\mathbb{S}^{\eta_X}: \mathbb{S}^{\mathbb{S}^X} \rightarrow \mathbb{S}^X$ (see [P. Taylor's](#) work on ASD).
- The observation that a compact intersection of opens is open is due to [M. Escardó \(2004\)](#). The above proposition holds for all represented spaces ([A. Pauly, 2015](#)) if the QCB_0 -version of the powerspaces are used ([M. Schröder, 2002](#)).

\mathbb{S}^X as a topological frame

- By R. Heckmann's result, the spaces \mathbb{S}^X for quasi-Polish X are precisely the countably presented frames with the Scott-topology.
- Since \mathbb{S}^X is an algebra of both \mathbf{A} and \mathbf{K} , we can view it as a topological frame with **overt joins** and **compact meets**.
 - This allows a precise connection between **open sets** and **c.e.-sets**, since it avoids the problematic "arbitrary" unions.
- Beck distributivity holds for \mathbf{A} and \mathbf{K} in this case, which implies overt joins and compact meets distribute over each other.
 - The maps below are equivalent to $\mathbb{S}^{\eta X}$.

$$\begin{array}{ccc} \mathbf{A}(\mathbf{K}(\mathbb{S}^X)) & \xleftarrow{\cong} & \mathbf{K}(\mathbf{A}(\mathbb{S}^X)) \\ \mathbf{A}(\wedge) \downarrow & & \downarrow \mathbf{K}(\vee) \\ \mathbf{A}(\mathbb{S}^X) & & \mathbf{K}(\mathbb{S}^X) \\ & \searrow \vee & \swarrow \wedge \\ & \mathbb{S}^X & \end{array}$$

Countably presented frames as spaces

- Let G and R be countable sets (discrete spaces).
- Each pair of functions $\varphi, \psi: R \rightarrow \mathbb{S}^{\mathbb{S}^G} \cong \mathbf{A}(\mathbf{K}(G))$ determines the frame presentation with generators G and relations

$$\bigvee_{F \in \varphi(r)} \wedge F = \bigvee_{F' \in \psi(r)} \wedge F'$$

for each $r \in R$ ($F, F' \in \mathbf{K}(G)$ are finite because G is discrete).

- Conversely, every countable frame presentation can be viewed as a pair of functions $\varphi, \psi: R \rightarrow \mathbb{S}^{\mathbb{S}^G} \cong \mathbf{A}(\mathbf{K}(G))$ for suitable G and R .

Countably presented frames as spaces

- We obtain the frame presented by $\varphi, \psi: R \rightarrow \mathbb{S}^{\mathbb{S}^G}$ as follows:
 - Let $\hat{\varphi}, \hat{\psi}: \mathbb{S}^G \rightarrow \mathbb{S}^R$ be the double transpose of φ, ψ .
(i.e., $\hat{\varphi}(U)(r) = \varphi(r)(U)$ and $\hat{\psi}(U)(r) = \psi(r)(U)$)
 - The equalizer $e: X \rightarrow \mathbb{S}^G$ of $\hat{\varphi}$ and $\hat{\psi}$ is quasi-Polish.
 - Then \mathbb{S}^X is the frame presented by φ, ψ .
- If we interpret “frame” to mean “double powerspace algebra”, then we get the same result if G (or R) is any *space* such that \mathbb{S}^G is a quasi-Polish double powerspace algebra.
 - It follows that **quasi-Polish spaces are exactly the coPolish-presented locales**.

Example: If X is quasi-Polish then

$$\mathbf{O}(\mathbf{A}(X)) \cong \langle \diamond U (U \in \mathbf{O}(X)) \mid \diamond \perp = \perp, \diamond(U \vee V) = \diamond U \vee \diamond V \rangle$$

$$\mathbf{O}(\mathbf{K}(X)) \cong \langle \square U (U \in \mathbf{O}(X)) \mid \square \top = \top, \square(U \wedge V) = \square U \wedge \square V \rangle$$

(Relations for preserving directed joins are unnecessary if all maps in the ambient category are continuous)

Since countably presented frames are topological frames, it makes sense to look at quasi-Polish frames.

Definition

- A frame X is **regular** iff each $x \in X$ satisfies

$$x = \bigvee \{y \in X \mid (\exists z \in X)[y \wedge z = \perp \text{ and } x \vee z = \top]\}.$$

- A **quasi-Polish (regular) frame** is a quasi-Polish space whose specialization order is a (regular) frame and such that binary joins and binary meets are continuous functions.

Note: If X is a sober space, then $\mathbf{O}(X)$ is a regular frame iff X is a regular Hausdorff space.

Definition

A space is **coPolish** iff it is the direct limit of an increasing sequence of its compact metrizable subspaces.

M. Schröder introduced coPolish spaces when investigating Type-2 complexity theory, and has found many characterizations and natural examples of them.

Proposition (M. Schröder)

Every coPolish space is a regular Hausdorff QCB_0 -space.

Example: The polynomial ring $\mathbb{R}[X]$ is coPolish but not countably based.

- $(p_i)_{i \in \mathbb{N}} \rightarrow p$ in $\mathbb{R}[X]$ iff $\{\deg(p_i) \mid i \in \mathbb{N}\}$ is bounded and the coefficients of the p_i converge to the coefficients of p .

It was known early on from [M. Schröder's](#) original work on coPolish spaces that the frame of a coPolish space (with the Scott-topology) is quasi-Polish. The following spatiality result is a converse to this observation.

Theorem

The following are equivalent for a quasi-Polish regular frame Y :

- 1 Y is an algebra of the double powerspace monad,
- 2 Y is homeomorphic to $\mathbf{O}(X)$ (with the Scott-topology) for some coPolish space X .

Just as Polish spaces have many applications in analysis, coPolish spaces have many applications in topological algebra.

Proposition

If X is coPolish, then $\mathbf{G}(X)$, the free topological group generated by X , is coPolish.

(Other free algebra constructions are possible, such as $\mathbb{R}[X]$, which is the free commutative \mathbb{R} -algebra generated by a single indeterminate X .)

Proof: Every coPolish space is a k_ω -space, and it is known that $\mathbf{G}(-)$ preserves k_ω -spaces. Most constructions of $\mathbf{G}(X)$ in the literature are highly non-constructive, so it can be difficult to see that the size constraint is satisfied. A more constructive construction can be found in the [J. Isbell et al.](#) paper “Remarks on localic groups”, which only requires frame coproducts and countable frame limits, so it can be carried out with quasi-Polish frames. The same [J. Isbell et al.](#) paper shows that localic products of k_ω -spaces are spatial, and that if the localic free group is spatial then it corresponds with the topological free group, so the localic and topological constructions agree.

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Quasi-Polish = Enough compact sets?

- It is well-known that the completely Baire property characterizes Polish spaces among “definable” countably based metrizable spaces.
- This does not extend to quasi-Polish spaces, because S_0 is a countably based completely Baire non-quasi-Polish space.
- However, $\mathbf{K}(X)$ is completely Baire iff X is quasi-Polish, whenever X is a “definable” countably based sober space.
- Consonance also says a space has “enough” compact sets, so does this also characterize quasi-Polish spaces?
 - A space X is **consonant** iff the Scott-topology and compact-open topology agree on \mathbb{S}^X .

Open Problem

Is it consistent with **ZF + DC** that every countably based sober consonant space is quasi-Polish?

(It is known that a co-analytic countably based sober space is quasi-Polish iff every $\mathbf{\Pi}_2^0$ -subspace is consonant).

Cartesian closed subcategories?

- For more comparisons with domains and other applications to computation, it is important to know more about the cartesian closed subcategories of \mathbf{QPol} .
 - I am mainly interested in full sub-CCCs of \mathbf{QCB}_0 that are contained in \mathbf{QPol} , so exponentials will have the compact-open topology.
- $X \in \mathbf{QPol}$ is exponentiable (i.e., $Y^X \in \mathbf{QPol}$ for all $Y \in \mathbf{QPol}$) if and only if X is locally compact. However, the locally compact spaces do not form a cartesian closed subcategory.
- ω FS-domains (the largest cartesian closed full subcategory of ω -continuous domains) is a full sub-CCC of \mathbf{QCB}_0 contained in \mathbf{QPol} , but it is unknown if it is maximal in \mathbf{QPol} .

Open Problem

Are ω FS-domains a maximal cartesian closed subcategory of \mathbf{QPol} ?

Spaces vs. Locales

- **Locales** are a generalization of quasi-Polish spaces, where uncountable sets of generators and relations are allowed.
 - **R. Chen's** work shows how locale theory is in many ways a generalization of descriptive set theory, but without the countability restrictions.
- Spatial locales and sober spaces have some similarities, until you start doing mathematics with them.
 - The theories of countably presented locales and quasi-Polish spaces are equivalent if you assume classical logic, but:
 - **Quiz:** Is **addition** on the subobject \mathbb{Q} of \mathbb{R} computable?

Open Problem

Is it consistent with **ZF** + **DC** that **QPol** is the largest full subcategory of countably based sober spaces where localic products are spatial?

Some initial progress on this problem was presented at “Computability, Continuity, Constructivity (CCC 2019)”.