

Bohrification: topos theory and quantum theory

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Barr's Theorem: If a **geometric sentence** is deducible from a geometric theory in classical logic, with the axiom of choice, then it is also deducible from it constructively.

Classifying topos can often be constructed explicitly.

Adjunction

Frame: complete lattice where \wedge distributes over \vee .

Morphisms preserve \wedge, \vee .

Locales are the opposite category of frames

There is an adjunction between spaces and locales.

With choice this restrict to an equivalence on compact Hausdorff spaces and compact regular locales.

A formula is **positive** when it uses only \wedge, \vee .

A **geometric** formula is an implication between to positive formulas.

Geometric type theory

We want to avoid infinitary logic(\bigvee), not absolute.

Generalise to predicate logic.

Instead, define some geometric types (Vickers):

- ▶ free algebras: \mathbb{N} , $\text{list}(A)$, $\mathcal{F}A$, ...
- ▶ coproducts, coequalizers, e.g. quotients: \mathbb{Z} , \mathbb{Q} , ...
- ▶ free models of Cartesian theories (=partial Horn logic), e.g. syntax of type theory, ...
- ▶ ...

Those constructions are preserved by geometric morphisms.

Importantly, not the power set!

Dedekind reals

Reals as a geometric theory with the **natural topology**

- ▶ $(\exists q : Q)L(q)$
- ▶ $(\forall q, q' : Q)(q < q' \wedge L(q') \rightarrow L(q))$
- ▶ $(\forall q : Q)(L(q) \rightarrow (\exists q' : Q)(q < q' \wedge L(q')))$
- ▶ $(\exists r : Q)R(r)$
- ▶ $(\forall r, r' : Q)(r' < r \wedge R(r') \rightarrow R(r))$
- ▶ $(\forall r : Q)(R(r) \rightarrow (\exists r' : Q)(r' < r \wedge R(r')))$
- ▶ $(\forall q : Q)(L(q) \wedge R(q) \rightarrow \perp)$
- ▶ $(\forall q, r : Q)(q < r \rightarrow L(q) \vee R(r))$

Commutative C^* -algebras

For $X \in \mathbf{CptHd}$, consider $C(X, \mathbb{C})$.

It is a complex vector space:

$$(f + g)(x) := f(x) + g(x),$$

$$(z \cdot f)(x) := z \cdot f(x).$$

It is a complex associative algebra:

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It is a Banach algebra:

$$\|f\| := \sup\{|f(x)| : x \in X\}.$$

It has an involution:

$$f^*(x) := \overline{f(x)}.$$

It is a C^* -algebra:

$$\|f^* \cdot f\| = \|f\|^2.$$

It is a **commutative C^* -algebra**:

$$f \cdot g = g \cdot f.$$

In fact, X can be reconstructed from $C(X)$:

one can trade topological structure for algebraic structure.

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To avoid choice want to define the spectrum geometrically.

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A representation of a Riesz space is a Riesz homomorphism to \mathbb{R} .

The representations of the Riesz space $C(X, \mathbb{R})$ are $\hat{x}(f) := f(x)$.

Theorem (Classical Stone-Yosida)

Let R be a Riesz space. Let $Max(R)$ be the space of representations. The space $Max(R)$ is compact Hausdorff and there is a Riesz embedding $\hat{\cdot} : R \rightarrow C(Max(R))$. The uniform norm of \hat{a} equals the norm of a .

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4. $D(1) = 1$;
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6. $D(a) = \bigvee_{r>0} D(a - r)$.

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Above: The interpretation $D(a) := \bigvee_{r>0} D(a - r)$ defines an embedding $g : Y \rightarrow X$ in Frm validating axiom 6

Finitary proof of Stone-Yosida and Gelfand duality.

Bohr toposes

Relate algebraic quantum mechanics to topos theory
to construct new kind of quantum spaces.
— A spectral invariant for non-commutative algebras —

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An observable a and an interval $\Delta \subseteq \mathbb{R}$ together define a *proposition* ' $a \in \Delta$ ' by the set $a^{-1}\Delta$.

Classical (sets) or geometric (spaces) logic

Quantum

How to generalize to the quantum setting?

1. Identifying a quantum **phase space** Σ .
2. Defining subsets of Σ acting as **propositions** of quantum mechanics.
3. Describing **states** in terms of Σ .

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Von Neumann later abandoned this.

No implication, no deductive system.

Bohrification

In classical physics we have a **spatial** logic.

Want the same for quantum physics. So we consider two generalizations of topological spaces:

- ▶ C*-algebras (Connes' non-commutative geometry)
- ▶ toposes and locales (Grothendieck)

We connect the two generalizations by:

1. *Algebraic quantum theory*
2. *Constructive Gelfand duality*
3. *Bohr's doctrine of classical concepts*

[Heunen, Landsman, S]

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has an involution: $\langle fx, y \rangle = \langle x, f^*y \rangle$

satisfies: $\|f^* \cdot f\| = \|f\|^2,$

but **not** necessarily: $f \cdot g = g \cdot f.$

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A is not entirely determined by $\mathcal{C}(A)$: $\mathcal{C}(A) = \mathcal{C}(A^{\text{op}})$

Doering and Harding, Hamhalter
the Jordan structure can be retrieved.

Internal C^* -algebra

Internal reasoning: topological group = group object in \mathbf{Top} .

Internal C^* -algebras in $\mathbf{Set}^{\mathbf{C}}$ are functors of the form $\mathbf{C} \rightarrow \mathbf{CStar}$.
 ‘Bundle of C^* -algebras’.

We define the **Bohrification** of A as the internal C^* -algebra

$$\underline{A} : \mathcal{C}(A) \rightarrow \mathbf{Set},$$

$$V \mapsto V.$$

in the topos $\mathcal{T}(A) = \mathbf{Set}^{\mathcal{C}(A)}$, where

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The internal C^* -algebra \underline{A} is commutative!

This reflects our Bohrian perspective.

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In quantum gravity there can be no external observer.

In fact, **algebraic quantum field theory** provides a topos with an *internal* C^* -algebra.

Phase object in a topos

Apply constructive Gelfand duality (Banachewski, Mulvey) to the Bohrification to obtain the **(internal) spectrum** Σ .

This is our phase object. (motivated by Döring-Isham).

Kochen-Specker = Σ has no (global) point.

However, Σ is a well-defined interesting compact regular locale.

Pointless topological space of hidden variables.

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Our definition of the spectrum is *geometric*.

Hence, Σ can be computed fiberwise: points (C, σ)

Points

Is Σ spatial (have enough points)?

1. Yes, frame of a topological space
2. It is constructively locally compact!
 - 2a. Σ is compact regular in $\text{Sh}(\text{Idl}(\mathcal{C}(A)))$
 - 2b. $\text{Idl}(\mathcal{C}(A))$ is locally compact (Scott domain)
 - 2c. Locally compact maps compose
 - 2d. Locally compact locales are classically spatial

S/Vickers/Wolters

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Hyland TFAE:

- ▶ Y locally compact
- ▶ The exponential \mathbb{S}^Y exists; \mathbb{S} =Sierpiński locale
- ▶ Y is exponentiable

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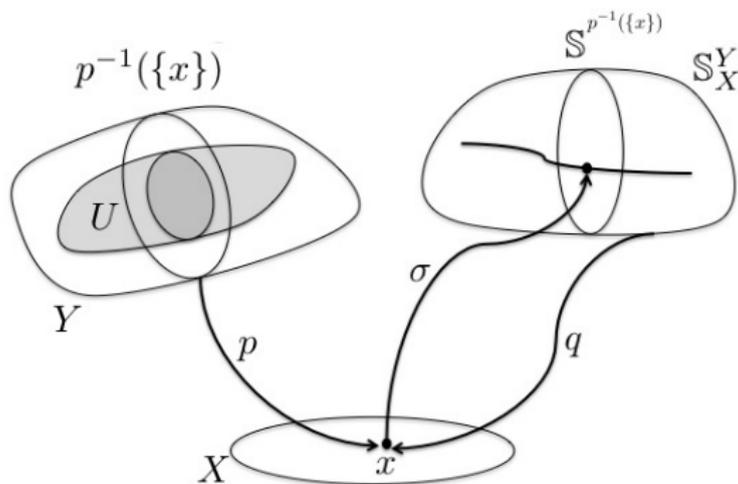
Geometric logic

Constructive transformation of points from X to Y gives a locale map from X to Y , **even** if X, Y are not spatial.

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Proof: Need to construct \mathbb{S}^Y (opens of Y).



Locales by geometric theories

Continuous map: constructive transformations of points

Continuous map as a bundle

Locally perfect

Perfect maps correspond to internal compact locales

Locally perfect maps correspond to internal locally compact locales

[New theorem in topology:](#)

Locally perfect maps compose (needs some separation).

Corollary:

the external spectrum is locally compact and hence spatial

Conclusions

Application of constructive algebra to QM via topos theory.
Bohr's doctrine suggests a topos making a C^* -algebra commutative

- ▶ Spatial quantum logic via topos logic
- ▶ Phase space via internal Gelfand duality
- ▶ Spectral invariant for non-commutative algebras.
- ▶ States (non-commutative integrals) become internal integrals.
- ▶ Recent connections to MBQC

Geometric mathematics makes computations manageable.

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Theorem: There is a one-to-one correspondence between (quasi)-states on A and integrals on $C(\Sigma)$ in \underline{A} .

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Other example: Dirac measure $\delta_t(f) := f(t)$.

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Once we have first-order formulation (no DC), we obtain a transparent constructive proof by 'cut-elimination'.

Non-commutative state on a C^* -algebra become internal integrals