On Coalgebraic Logic over Posets

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Abstract. We relate the abstract coalgebraic logic for finitary **Set**-functors with the corresponding logic for their **Pos**-extensions.

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This contribution continues the previous work of [3] and [1].

We start by recalling the following adjunction between the category of sets and the category of Boolean algebras, namely

$$T^{op} \bigoplus \mathsf{Set}^{op} \underbrace{\overset{S}{\longleftarrow}}_{P} \mathsf{BoolAlg} \bigoplus L \tag{1}$$

where P maps a set to its powerset, while S maps a Boolean algebra to its set of ultrafilters. T is a (finitary) Set-functor coalgebraically modeling the semantics of some transition systems and L stands for the T-associated abstract Boolean logic, as in [4]. Remember that L preserves sifted colimits and coincides with $PT^{op}S$ on finitely generated free algebras.⁴

Denote by Pos the category of posets and monotone functions and by D: Set \rightarrow Pos the functor endowing each set with the discrete order. One has a chain of adjunctions $U \vdash D \vdash C$: Pos \rightarrow Set, where U is the forgetful functor and C maps a poset to the set of its connected components. If one regards Set as discretely enriched over Pos, then D and C form an enriched adjunction, while U fails to be locally monotone.

Following [1], for a given $T : \mathsf{Set} \to \mathsf{Set}$, we shall call the enriched⁵ left Kan extension $\mathsf{Lan}_D(DT)$ of DT along T the posetification of T. For example, it was

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⁴ Or, equivalently, $L = \text{Lan}_J(PT^{op}SJ)$, where $J : \text{BoolAlg}_{\omega} \to \text{BoolAlg}$ is the inclusion functor from the category BoolAlg_{ω} of finite Boolean algebras.

⁵ Over Pos, 'enriched' means that all functors involved, in particular $Lan_D(DT)$, are locally monotone, that is, they preserve the order on the homsets.

shown in [5] that the posetification of the finite powerset functor is the finitely generated convex powerset with convex subsets ordered by the Egli-Milner order.

We recall the (Pos-enriched) adjunction between Pos and DLat, the category of distributive lattices,

$$\mathsf{Pos}^{op} \underbrace{\overset{S'}{\underbrace{\qquad}}}_{P'} \mathsf{DLat} \tag{2}$$

where P' maps a poset to the distributive lattice of its uppersets, and S' associates to each distributive lattice the poset of prime filters.

For each finitary locally monotone functor T' on Pos, one can build as in [3] a dual functor $L' : \mathsf{DLat} \to \mathsf{DLat}$, also locally monotone. Specifically, L'is $P'T'^{op}S'$ on finitely generated free distributive lattices and extended to all distributive lattices using sifted colimits.

Denote by W the forgetful functor $\mathsf{BoolAlg} \to \mathsf{DLat}$.

Theorem. Let T be a Set-functor preserving weak pullbacks and T' its posetification. Let L and L' be the associated logic functors given by $PT^{op}S$ and $P'T'^{op}S'$ on finitely generated free algebras.

$$T^{op} \bigoplus \operatorname{Set}^{op} \underbrace{\xrightarrow{S}}_{D \bigvee} \operatorname{BoolAlg} \bigoplus L \qquad (3)$$

$$T'^{op} \bigoplus \operatorname{Pos}^{op} \underbrace{\xrightarrow{L'}}_{P'} \operatorname{DLat} \bigoplus L'$$

Then L' is the positive fragment of L in the sense that $L'W \cong WL$.

For the special case where T is the powerset functor, we have that L is the functor associated with Kripke's modal logic **K** and L' the functor associated with Dunn's positive modal logic [2]. Then $L'W \cong WL$ is an abstract formulation of the following well-known facts: 1) every formula ϕ in **K** can be written as a positive formula ϕ^+ with negation only appearing on atomic propositions. 2) ϕ and ψ are provably equivalent in **K** iff ϕ^+ and ψ^+ are provably equivalent in positive modal logic.

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