

# A domain theory for statistical probabilistic programming

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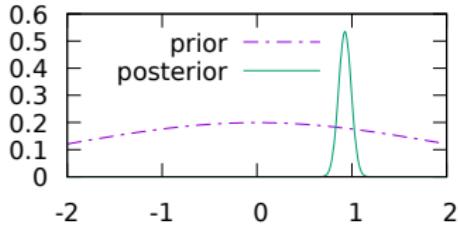
# Statistical probabilistic programming

$\llbracket - \rrbracket : \text{programs} \rightarrow \text{distributions}$

- ▶ Continuous types:  $\mathbb{R}, [0, \infty]$
- ▶ Probabilistic effects:

normally distributed sample  
 $\text{sample}(\mu, \sigma) : \mathbb{R}$

$\llbracket \text{sample}(0, 2) \rrbracket$



scale distribution by  $r$   
 $r : [0, \infty]$   
 $\text{score}(r) : 1$

conditioning/fitting to observed data

prior  
 $\llbracket \begin{array}{l} \text{let } x = \text{sample}(0, 2) \\ \text{in } \text{score}(\text{normalPdf}(1.1 | x, \frac{1}{4})) \\ \text{score}(\text{normalPdf}(1.9 | 2x, \frac{1}{4})) \\ \text{score}(\text{normalPdf}(2.7 | 3x, \frac{1}{4})) \\ x \end{array} \rrbracket$

posterior

# Statistical probabilistic programming

Exact Bayesian inference  
using disintegration  
[Shan-Ramsey'17]

- ▶ Commutativity/exchangability/Fubini

$$\llbracket \begin{array}{l} \text{let } x = K \text{ in} \\ \text{let } y = L \text{ in} \\ f(x, y) \end{array} \rrbracket = \llbracket \begin{array}{l} \text{let } y = L \text{ in} \\ \text{let } x = K \text{ in} \\ f(x, y) \end{array} \rrbracket$$

$$\int \llbracket K \rrbracket(dx) \int \llbracket L \rrbracket(dy) f(x, y) = \int \llbracket L \rrbracket(dy) \int \llbracket K \rrbracket(dx) f(x, y)$$

probability  
distributions

$\sigma$ -finite  
distributions

arbitrary  
distributions

✓  
not closed under  
push-forward

✓  
s-finite  
distributions

✗  
full definability  
[Staton'17]

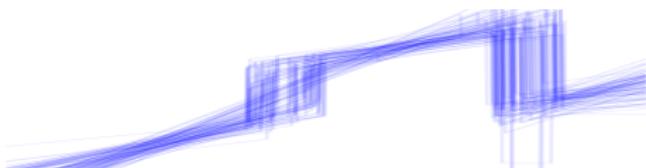
# Statistical probabilistic programming

Express continuous distributions using:

- ▶ Higher-order functions



*piecewise(random-constant)*



*piecewise(random-linear)*

example: generative random function models

measure theory



Theorem (Aumann '61)

measurable cones  
and stable  
measurable functions



[Heunen et al.'17]

quasi-Borel spaces



[Ehrhard-Pagani-Tasson '18]

No  $\sigma$ -algebra over  $\text{Meas}(\mathbb{R}, \mathbb{R})$  with measurable evaluation:

$$\text{eval} : \text{Meas}(\mathbb{R}, \mathbb{R}) \times \mathbb{R} \rightarrow \mathbb{R}$$

# Statistical probabilistic programming

## Express continuous distributions using:

Ścibior et al.'18a+b

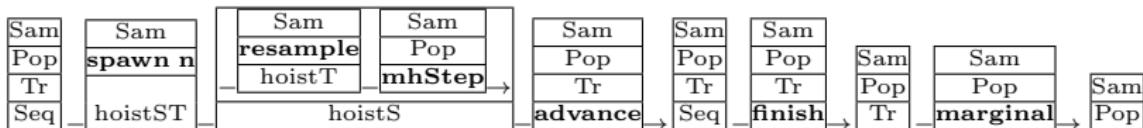
- ## ▶ Inductive types and bounded iteration

## resamples

particles

moves

```
rmsmc k n t =  
    marginal . finish . compose k (   
        advance . hoistS (   
            compose t mhStep . hoistT resample  
        )  
    ) . hoistST (spawn n >>)
```



see Adam Ścibior's talk

Monday 17:02–17:25

*Functional Programming for Modular Bayesian Inference*

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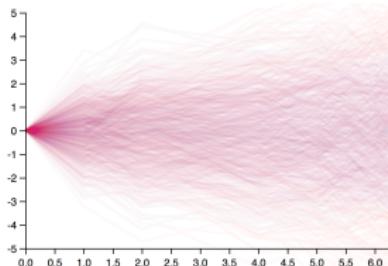
Express continuous distributions using:

[Ehrhard-Pagani-Tasson'18]

- ▶ Term recursion

$rw(x, \sigma) = \lambda(). \quad // \text{ thunk}$

```
let y = sample(x, σ)
in (x, rw(y, σ))
```



Gaussian random walk

- ▶ Type recursion and dynamic types

Church  WebPPL  
Venture

this talk

# Iso-recursive types: FPC

type variable contexts

$$\Delta = \{\alpha_1, \dots, \alpha_n\}$$

[Fiore-Plotkin'94]

$$\frac{\Delta, \alpha \vdash_k \tau : \text{type}}{\Delta \vdash_k \mu\alpha.\tau : \text{type}}$$

$$Lam = \mu\alpha.\{\text{Bool}\{\text{True} \mid \text{False}\}$$

type recursion

$$| \text{App}(\alpha * \alpha)$$

$$| \text{Abs}(\alpha \rightarrow \alpha)\}$$

$$\frac{}{\Gamma \vdash t : \sigma[\alpha \mapsto \tau]}$$

$$\frac{\Gamma \vdash t : \tau \quad \Gamma, x : \sigma[\alpha \mapsto \tau] \vdash s : \rho}{\Gamma \vdash \text{match } t \text{ with roll } x \Rightarrow s : \rho}$$

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$\omega$ Cpo-enriched  
category of  
domains

type recursion

$$[\![\Delta \vdash_k \tau : \text{type}]\!] : (\mathcal{C}^{\text{op}})^n \times \mathcal{C}^n \rightarrow \mathcal{C}$$

$$[\![\Delta \vdash_k \mu\alpha.\tau : \text{type}]\!] = \text{minimal invariants}$$

[Freyd'91,92,  
Pitts'96]

locally continuous  
functor

# Challenge

- ▶ probabilistic powerdomain

- ▶ commutativity/Fubini

- ▶ domain theory

- ▶ higher-order functions

continuous domains  
[Jones-Plotkin'89]

open problem  
[Jung-Tix'98]

traditional approach:

domain  $\mapsto$  Scott-open sets  $\mapsto$  Borel sets  $\mapsto$  distributions/valuations

our approach: as in  
[Ehrhard-Pagani-Tasson'18]

(domain, quasi-Borel space)  $\mapsto$  distributions

separate  
but compatible

# Summary

## Contribution

- ▶  $\omega\mathbf{Qbs}$ : a category of pre-domain quasi-Borel spaces
- ▶  $M$ : commutative probabilistic powerdomain over  $\omega\mathbf{Qbs}$

## Theorem (adequacy)

$M$  adequately interprets:

- ▶ Statistical FPC
- ▶ Untyped Statistical  $\lambda$ -calculus

## This talk

- ▶  $\omega\mathbf{Qbs}$
- ▶ a powerdomain over  $\omega\mathbf{Qbs}$
- ▶ a domain theory for  $\omega\mathbf{Qbs}$

# Rudimentary measure theory

Borel sets

1 dimensional

Example

- ▶  $[a, b]$  Borel
- ▶  $A$  Borel  $\implies A^c$  Borel
- ▶  $(A_n)_{n \in \mathbb{N}}$  Borel  $\implies \bigcup_{n \in \mathbb{N}} A_n$  Borel

Lebesgue measures:

$$\lambda[a, b] = b - a \text{ on } \mathbb{R}$$

$$(\lambda \otimes \lambda)([a, b] \times [c, d]) =$$

$$(b - a)(d - c) \quad \text{on } \mathbb{R}^2$$

Measurable functions  $f : \mathbb{R} \rightarrow \mathbb{R}$

$$f^{-1}[A] \text{ Borel} \iff A \text{ Borel}$$

Measures  $\mu : \text{Borel} \rightarrow [0, \infty]$

- ▶ monotone:  
 $A \subseteq B \implies \mu(A) \leq \mu(B)$
- ▶ Scott-continuous:  
 $A_0 \subseteq A_1 \subseteq \dots \implies \mu\left(\bigcup_n A_n\right) = \bigvee_n \mu(A_n)$

Push-forward measure

$$f_*\mu(A) := \mu(f^{-1}[A])$$

Borel set  
measure

$$f : \mathbb{R} \rightarrow \mathbb{R}$$

## Quasi-Borel pre-domains

ω-qbs:

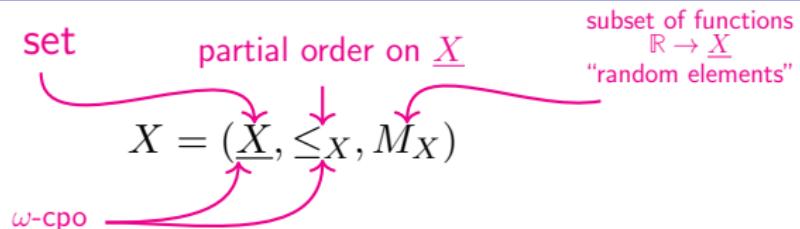
$$X = (\underline{X}, \leq_X, M_X)$$

partial order on  $\underline{X}$

subset of functions  
 $\mathbb{R} \rightarrow \underline{X}$   
 "random elements"

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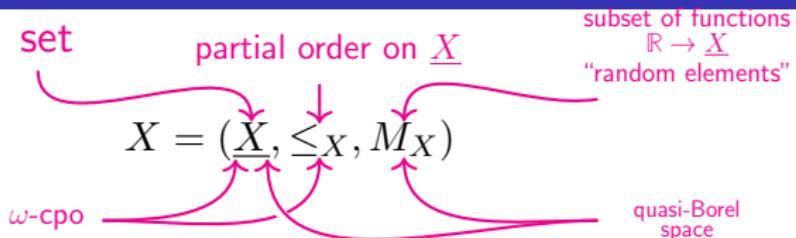
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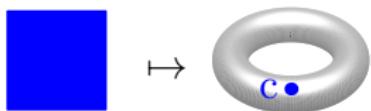
$$\bullet x_0 \leq x_1 \leq x_2 \leq \dots \implies \exists \bigvee_n x_n$$

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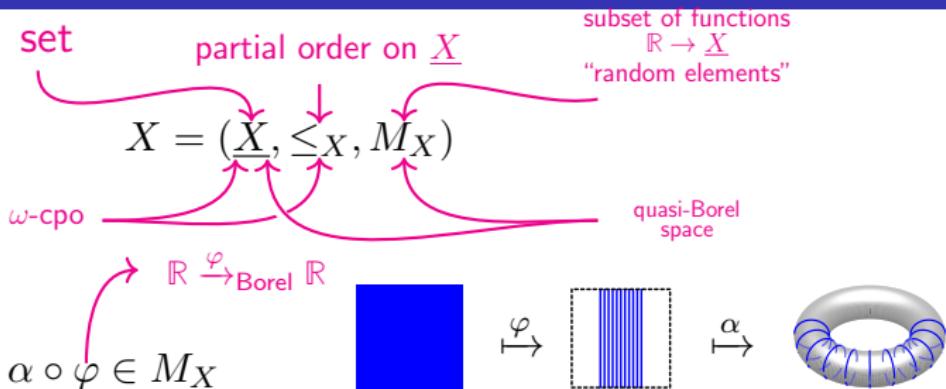


- $\lambda\_x \in M_X$



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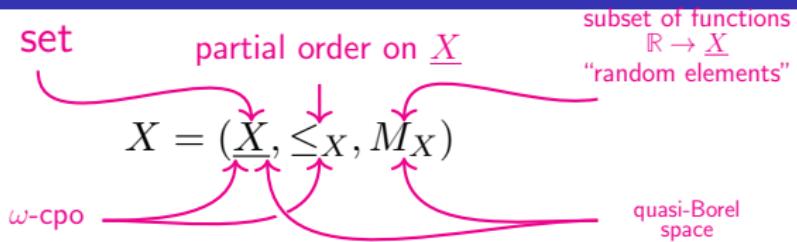
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  - $\alpha \in M_X \implies \alpha \circ \varphi \in M_X$

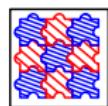
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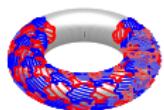


- $\lambda\_.x \in M_X$
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- $(\alpha_n \in M_X)_{n \in \mathbb{N}} \implies [r \in S_n. \alpha(r)] \in M_X$

$$\mathbb{R} \xrightarrow{\varphi} \text{Borel } \mathbb{R}$$



$$[S_n. \alpha_n]$$

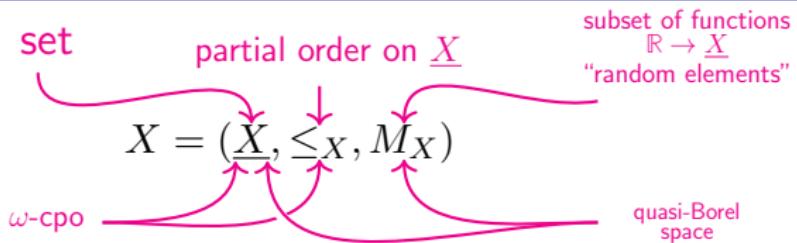


Borel measurable  
countable partition

$$\mathbb{R} = \biguplus_{n \in \mathbb{N}} S_n$$

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s.t.:

pointwise  
 $\omega$ -chain

$$(\alpha_n) \in M_X^\omega$$

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pointwise  
lub

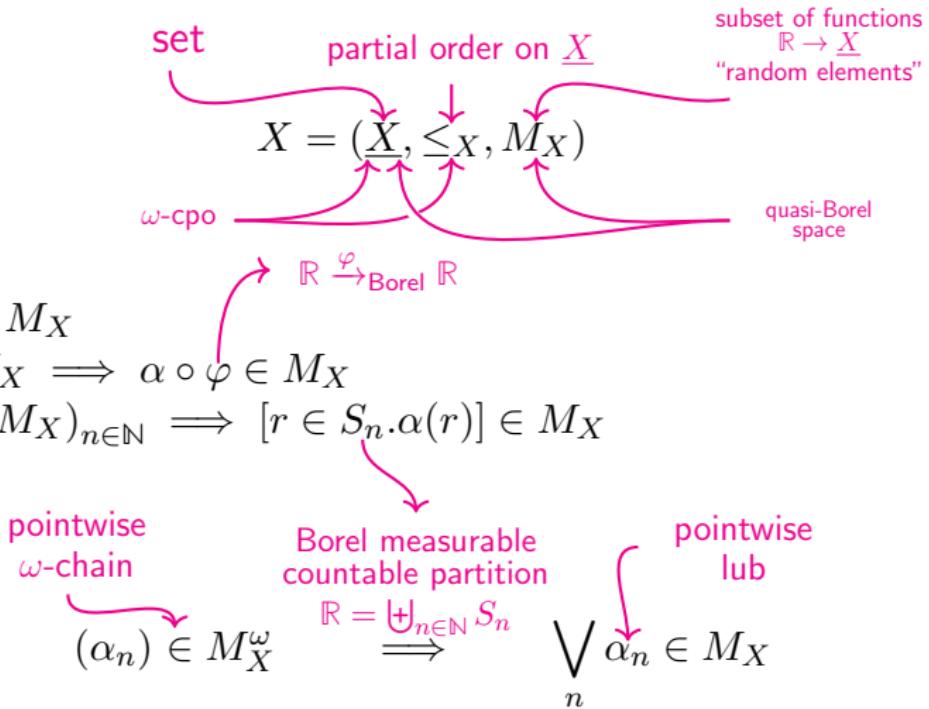
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Morphisms  $f : X \rightarrow Y$ : Scott continuous qbs maps

monotone and  
 $f \bigvee_n x_n = \bigvee_n f x_n$

$\forall \alpha \in M_X.$   
 $f \circ \alpha \in M_Y$

# Quasi-Borel pre-domains

## Example

$S = (\underline{S}, \Sigma_S)$  measurable space

$$(\underline{S}, =, \{\alpha : \mathbb{R} \rightarrow \underline{S} \mid \alpha \text{ Borel measurable}\})$$

so  $\mathbb{R} \in \omega\mathbf{Qbs}$

## Reminder

wqbs:  $X = (\underline{X}, \leq_X, M_X)$

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## Example

$P = (\underline{P}, \leq_P)$   $\omega$ -cpo

$$\left( \underline{P}, \leq_P, \left\{ \bigvee_k [- \in S_n^k . a_n^k] \middle| \forall k. \mathbb{R} = \bigcup_n S_n^k \right\} \right)$$

lubs of  
step functions

so  $\mathbb{L} = ([0, \infty], \leq, \{\alpha : \mathbb{R} \rightarrow [0, \infty] | \alpha \text{ Borel measurable}\}) \in \omega\mathbf{Qbs}$

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# Quasi-Borel pre-domains

## Example

$X$   $\omega$ -qbs

$$X_{\perp} := \left( \{\perp\} + \underline{X}, \perp \leq \underline{X}, \left\{ [S.\perp, S^{\complement}.\alpha] \middle| \alpha \in M_X, S \text{ Borel} \right\} \right)$$

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# Quasi-Borel pre-domains

## Products

$$\underline{X_1 \times X_2} = \underline{X}_1 \times \underline{X}_2 \quad x \leq y \iff \forall i.x_i \leq y_i$$

$$M_{X_1 \times X_2} = \{(\alpha_1, \alpha_2) : \mathbb{R} \rightarrow \underline{X}_1 \times \underline{X}_2 \mid \forall i.\alpha_i \in M_{X_i}\}$$



correlated  
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Theorem

$\omega\mathbf{Qbs} \rightarrow \omega\mathbf{Cpo} \times \mathbf{Qbs}$  creates limits

correlated  
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↑  
correlated  
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## Exponentials

- ▶  $\underline{Y^X} = \{f : \underline{X} \rightarrow \underline{Y} \mid f \text{ Scott continuous qbs morphism}\}$   
 $= \mathbf{Qbs}(X, Y)$
- ▶  $f \leq g \iff \forall x \in \underline{X}. f(x) \leq g(x)$
- ▶  $M_{Y^X} = \left\{ \alpha : \mathbb{R} \rightarrow \underline{Y^X} \middle| \begin{array}{l} \text{uncurry } \alpha : \mathbb{R} \times X \rightarrow Y \\ \text{Scott continuous qbs morphism} \end{array} \right\}$   
so  $\underline{Y^\mathbb{R}} = M_Y$

# Fundamentals of measure theory

## s-finite measures

- ▶  $\mu$  **bounded**:  $\mu(\mathbb{R}) < \infty$
- ▶  $\mu$  **s-finite**:  $\mu = \sum_n \mu_n$ ,  $\mu_n$  bounded

## Randomisation Theorem

Every s-finite measure is a push-forward of Lebesgue:

$$\mu \text{ s-finite} \implies \mu = f_*\lambda \text{ for some } f : \mathbb{R} \rightarrow \mathbb{R}_\perp$$

## Transfer principle

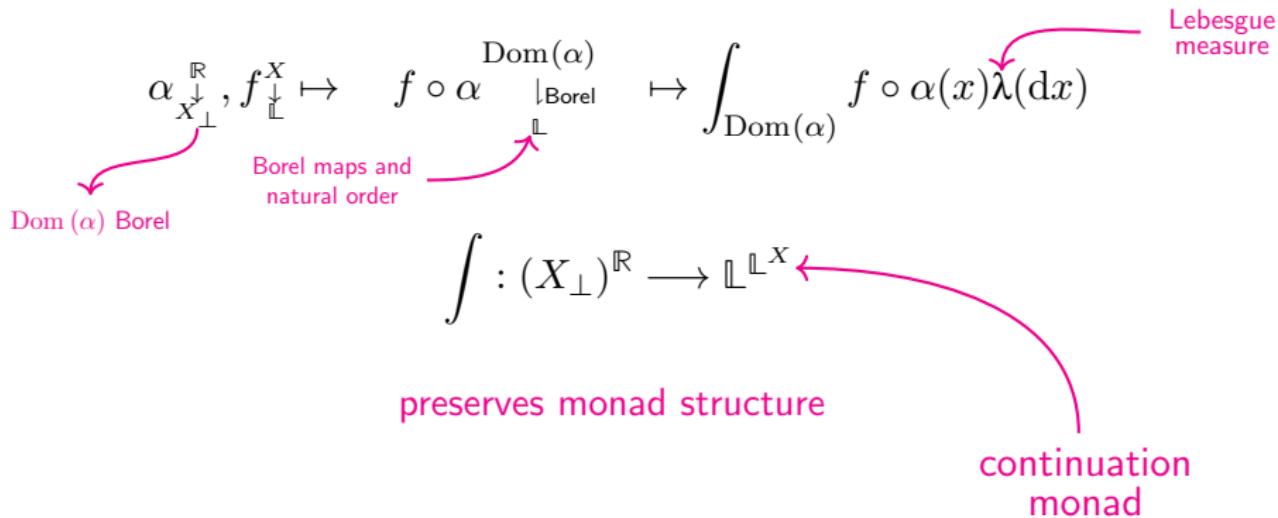
$$\tau_*\lambda = \lambda \otimes \lambda \text{ for some measurable } \tau : \mathbb{R} \xrightarrow{\cong} \mathbb{R} \times \mathbb{R}$$

# Randomisation monad structure

- ▶  $(X_\perp)^\mathbb{R}$
  - ▶  $\text{return}_X : r \in [0, 1] \mapsto x$
  - ▶  $(\alpha \gg= f) : \mathbb{R} \xrightarrow{\tau} \mathbb{R} \times \mathbb{R} \multimap \alpha \times \text{id} \xrightarrow{\text{eval}f \times \text{id}} (Y_\perp)^\mathbb{R} \times \mathbb{R} \xrightarrow{\text{eval}} Y$
- 
- $\mathbb{R} \rightarrow X_\perp$        $X \rightarrow (X_\perp)^\mathbb{R}$

monad laws fail  
(associativity)

# Lebesgue integration

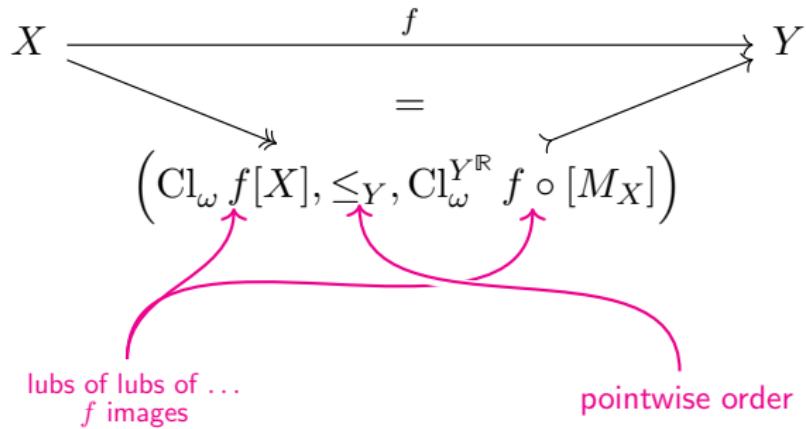


# A probabilistic powerdomain

$$(X_\perp)^\mathbb{R} \xrightarrow{\int} \mathbb{L}^{\mathbb{L}^X}$$
$$MX$$

$MX$ : randomisable integration operators

# A probabilistic powerdomain



$(\mathcal{E}, \mathcal{M}) := (\text{densely strong epi, full mono}) \text{ factorisation system}$

# A probabilistic powerdomain

$\mathcal{E}$  = densely strong epis closed under:

► products:

$$e_1, e_2 \in \mathcal{E} \implies e_1 \times e_2 \in \mathcal{E}$$

► lifting:

$$e \in \mathcal{E} \implies e_{\perp} \in \mathcal{E}$$

► random elements:

$$e \in \mathcal{E} \implies e^{\mathbb{R}} \in \mathcal{E}$$

$\implies M$  strong monad for sampling + conditioning

[Kammar-McDermott'18]

# A probabilistic powerdomain

$$(X_{\perp})^{\mathbb{R}} \xrightarrow{\quad} \mathbb{L}^{\mathbb{L}^X}$$

↓ = ↗

$$MX$$

- $M$  locally continuous  $\implies$  may appear in domain equations

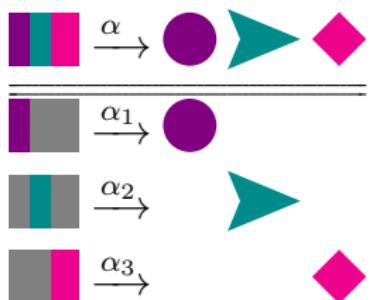
- $M$  commutative

$\implies$  satisfies Fubini

- $M$  models synthetic measure theory

$$M \sum_{n \in \mathbb{N}} X_n \cong \prod_{n \in \mathbb{N}} MX_n$$

[Kock'12,  
Ścibior et al.'18]



- $MX \cong \left\{ \mu \middle| \text{Scott opens } \mu \text{ is s-finite} \right\}$  generalises valuations

standard Borel space

# Axiomatic domain theory

## Structure

[Fiore-Plotkin'94, Fiore'96]

- ▶ Total map category:  $\omega\mathbf{Qbs}$

- ▶ Admissible monos: **Borel-open** map  $m : X \rightarrow Y$ :

$$\forall \beta \in M_Y. \quad \beta^{-1}[m[X]] \in \mathcal{B}(\mathbb{R})$$



take Borel-Scott open maps as admissible monos

- ▶ **Pos**-enrichment: pointwise order
- ▶ Pointed monad on total maps: the powerdomain

⇒ model axiomatic domain theory

⇒ solve recursive domain equations

# Axiomatic domain theory

## Structure

- $\mathfrak{D}$  total map category
- $\omega\mathbf{Qbs}$
- $f \leq g$  Pos-enrichment pointwise order
- $\mathcal{M}_{\mathfrak{D}}$  admissible monos Borel-Scott opens
- $T$  monad for effects power-domain
- $m$  partiality encoding  $m : -_{\perp} \rightarrow T, \perp \mapsto \underline{0}$

## Derived axioms/structure

- $p\mathfrak{D}$  partial map category
- $-_{\perp}$  partiality monad
- $(\dashv_V)$  the adjunction  $J \dashv L$  is locally continuous
- $(p_V)$   $p\mathfrak{D}$  is  $\omega\mathbf{Cpo}$ -enriched
- $(\mathbb{1}_{\leq})$   $p\mathfrak{D}$  has a partial terminal

## Axioms

- $(\dashv)$  every object has a partial map classifier  $\downarrow_X : X \rightarrow X_{\perp}$
- $(fup)$  every admissible mono is full (+) and upper-closed
- $(\dashv_{\leq})$   $\lfloor - \rfloor$  is locally monotone
- $(V)$   $\mathfrak{D}$  is  $\omega\mathbf{Cpo}$ -enriched
- $(U)$   $\omega$ -colimits behave uniformly
- $(\mathbb{1})$   $\mathfrak{D}$  has a terminal object
- $(\rightarrow_{\leq})$   $\mathfrak{D}$  has locally monotone exponentials
- $(+)$  locally continuous total coproducts
- $(?!)$   $\emptyset \rightarrow \mathbb{1}$  is admissible
- $(\times_V)$   $\mathfrak{D}$  has a locally continuous products
- $(CL)$   $\mathfrak{D}$  is cocomplete
- $(T_V)$   $T$  is locally continuous

- $(\otimes)$   $p\mathfrak{D}$  has partial products
- $(\otimes_V)$   $(\otimes)$  is locally continuous
- $(\rightarrow_V)$   $\mathfrak{D}$  has locally continuous exponentials
- $(\Rightarrow_V)$   $p\mathfrak{D}$  has locally continuous partial exponentials

- $(pCL)$   $p\mathfrak{D}$  is cocomplete
- $(p+V)$   $p\mathfrak{D}$  has locally continuous partial coproducts
- $(BC)$   $J : \hookrightarrow p\mathfrak{D}$  is a bilimit compact expansion

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## This talk

- ▶  $\omega\mathbf{Qbs}$
- ▶ a powerdomain over  $\omega\mathbf{Qbs}$
- ▶ a domain theory for  $\omega\mathbf{Qbs}$

## Not in this talk

- ▶ Operational semantics  
à la Borgström et al. [’16]
- ▶ Characterising  $\omega\mathbf{Qbs}$