

# JÓNSSON-TARSKI TOPOSES

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# Terminology

Let  $\mathbb{A}$  and  $\mathbb{B}$  be small categories.

$$\hat{\mathbb{A}} = [\mathbb{A}^{\text{op}}, \text{Set}] \quad (= \text{"right } \mathbb{A}\text{-modules"}).$$

An  $(\mathbb{A}, \mathbb{B})$ -module  $M$  is a functor  $\mathbb{B}^{\text{op}} \times \mathbb{A} \xrightarrow{M} \text{Set}$ .

Then  $M$  induces an adjunction

$$\hat{\mathbb{A}} \begin{array}{c} \xrightarrow{- \otimes M} \\ \xleftarrow{[M, -]} \end{array} \hat{\mathbb{B}}$$

where for  $Y \in \hat{\mathbb{B}}$  and  $a \in \mathbb{A}$ ,

$$[M, Y](a) = \text{Hom}(M(-, a), Y).$$

A two-sided  $\mathbb{A}$ -module is an  $(\mathbb{A}, \mathbb{A})$ -module.

# Big Picture

Any two-sided module  
gives rise to  
an object of topology

... in at least two ways.

① **Self similarity** To a first approximation:

$M$  gives rise to

a functor  $I_M: \mathcal{A} \rightarrow \mathbf{Top}$

the terminal coalgebra for  $[\mathcal{A}, \mathbf{Top}] \stackrel{M}{\circlearrowleft}$ .

② **This talk**  $M$  gives rise to

a topos  $\mathcal{J}T_M$ ,

the "Jónsson-Tarski topos of  $M$ ". (Uses  $\hat{\mathcal{A}} \circlearrowleft [M, -]$ .)

# The classical Jónsson-Tarski topos (1961)

A Jónsson-Tarski algebra  $(X, \xi)$  is a set  $X$  with a bijection

$$\xi: X \xrightarrow{\sim} X \times X.$$

They form a category  $\mathbf{JT}_2$ .

Three surprising things:

1. Jónsson-Tarski algebras are an algebraic theory
2. (free algebra on 1)  $\cong$  (free algebra on 2)
3.  $\mathbf{JT}_2$  is a topos.

Proofs:

1. A Jónsson-Tarski algebra is a set  $X$  with operations
 
$$l, r: X \rightarrow X, \quad \cdot: X^2 \rightarrow X$$
 satisfying certain equations.

2.



3. (Freyd) Site is free monoid on 2 generators  $\lambda, \rho$ ;  $\{\lambda, \rho\}$  is a cover.

## General Jónsson Tarski toposes

Let  $\mathcal{A}$  be a small category and  $M$  a two-sided  $\mathcal{A}$ -module.

A **Jónsson-Tarski  $M$ -algebra** is a pair  $(X, \xi)$

where  $X \in \hat{\mathcal{A}}$  and

$$\xi: X \xrightarrow{\sim} [M, X].$$

They form a category  $\mathbf{JT}_M$ .

**E.g.:**  $\mathcal{A} = \mathbb{1}$ ,  $M = 2$ : then  $\mathbf{JT}_M = \mathbf{JT}_2$ .

No-longer-surprising things:

1.  $\mathbf{JT}_M$  is monadic over  $\hat{\mathcal{A}}$
2. For  $X \in \hat{\mathcal{A}}$ ,  
(free JT  $M$ -algebra on  $X$ )  
 $\cong$  (free JT  $M$ -algebra on  $X \otimes M$ )
3.  $\mathbf{JT}_M$  is a topos.

**Proof of 3:** define a site  $\mathcal{A}_M$  by adjoining to  $\mathcal{A}$  one new arrow  $b \rightarrow a$  for each  $b, a \in \mathcal{A}$  and  $m \in M(b, a)$ .

For each  $a$ , the family of such arrows covers  $a$ .

Then  $\mathbf{JT}_M = \mathbf{Sh}(\mathcal{A}_M)$ .

## Finite discrete case

Take  $A = \{1, \dots, n\}$ , discrete cat, and  $M: A^{\text{op}} \times A \rightarrow \text{FinSet}$ .

Then  $M$  is an  $n \times n$  matrix  $(\mu_{ij})$  of natural numbers, or equivalently a finite directed graph with  $n$  vertices.

A Jónsson-Tarski  $M$ -algebra consists of sets  $X_1, \dots, X_n$  with bijections

$$\xi_1: X_1 \xrightarrow{\sim} X_1^{\mu_{11}} \times \dots \times X_n^{\mu_{1n}}$$

⋮

$$\xi_n: X_n \xrightarrow{\sim} X_1^{\mu_{n1}} \times \dots \times X_n^{\mu_{nn}}$$

The site  $A_M$  is the free category on the directed graph that "is"  $M$ .

## Some non-discrete examples

- "Real interval"

Let  $A = (0 \rightrightarrows 1)$ ; then  $\hat{A} = \text{Dir Gph}$ .

There is an  $(A, A)$ -module  $M$  such that if  $X = (X_1 \rightrightarrows X_0) \in \hat{A}$  then

$$[M, X] = (X_1 \times_{X_0} X_1 \rightrightarrows X_0).$$

A Jónsson-TarSKI  $M$ -algebra is a graph  $X$  with an iso

$$\xi: \begin{pmatrix} X_1 \\ \Downarrow \\ X_0 \end{pmatrix} \xrightarrow{\sim} \begin{pmatrix} X_1 \times_{X_0} X_1 \\ \Downarrow \\ X_0 \end{pmatrix}.$$

(When  $\xi_0 = 1_{X_0}$ , this is a "bijective composition" on  $X$ .)

Have lifting

$$\begin{array}{ccc} & & \text{JT}_M \\ & \nearrow & \downarrow u \\ \text{Top} & \xrightarrow{\pi_1} & \hat{A} = \text{Dir Gph} \end{array}$$

- "Singular complex"

Let  $\Delta_{\text{face}} = (\text{order-preserving injections}) \subset \Delta$ ;

then  $\hat{\Delta}_{\text{face}} = (\text{semi-simplicial sets})$ .

There is an  $(A, A)$ -module  $M$  such that

$$[M, X] = (\text{barycentric subdivision of } X).$$

Have lifting

$$\begin{array}{ccc} & & \text{JT}_M \\ & \nearrow & \downarrow u \\ \text{Top} & \xrightarrow{\text{singular}} & \hat{\Delta}_{\text{face}} = \text{ssSet}. \end{array}$$

# Open questions

- Which toposes are Jónsson-Tarski?

**Thm:** Every presheaf topos is Jónsson-Tarski.

**Thm:**  $\text{Sh}(X)$  is Jónsson-Tarski for every compact metric totally disconnected  $X$ .

**Thm: (Lack)** If  $\mathcal{E}$  is Jónsson-Tarski and  $E \in \mathcal{E}$  then  $\mathcal{E}/E$  is Jónsson-Tarski.

- Is  $\text{JT}_M$  an étendue relative to  $\hat{A}$ ?

- A two-sided module  $M$  gives rise to two topological objects, the topos  $\text{JT}_M$  and the functor  $I_M: \mathcal{A} \rightarrow \text{Top}$  ( $\cong$  terminal coalgebra for  $[\mathcal{A}, \text{Top}] \hookrightarrow \mathbf{M} \circ -$ ).

How are they related?

**E.g.:**  $\text{JT}_2 / F(1) \cong \text{Sh}(2^{\mathbb{N}})$ .