# Joyal's representation theorem for Heyting categories

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A model theoretic proof has been presented by Makkai and Reyes in 1977.

Goal : to provide a categorical approach

#### • Posetal case : Heyting algebras

For any Heyting algebra  $\mathcal{H}$ , there is a poset X and an injective homomorphism of Heyting algebras  $\mathcal{H} \hookrightarrow 2^X$ 

#### Stone representation theorem

For any Boolean algebra  $\mathcal{B}$ , there is a set X and an injective Boolean homomorphism  $\mathcal{B} \hookrightarrow 2^X$ 

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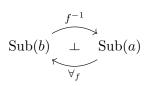
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 $\bullet\,$  For any coherent theory  $\mathbb T,$  there is a coherent category  $\mathcal C_{\mathbb T}$  such that

 $\mathrm{Coh}\left(\mathcal{C}_{\mathbb{T}},\mathbf{Set}\right)\simeq\mathrm{Mod}(\mathbb{T})$ 

- A finitely complete category  ${\mathcal C}$  is regular if and only if :
  - $\bullet\,$  any arrow in  ${\mathcal C}$  factorizes as a regular epimorphism followed by a monomorphism;
  - these factorizations are pullback-stable.
- A coherent category is a regular category in which posets of subobjects Sub(a) have finite unions (i.e coproducts) and each pullback functor f<sup>-1</sup>: Sub(b) → Sub(a) preserves them.

• A *Heyting category* is a coherent category in which for each map  $f: a \to b$ , the pullback functor  $f^{-1}: \operatorname{Sub}(b) \to \operatorname{Sub}(a)$  has a right adjoint  $\forall_f$ :



**Example :** Any presheaf category. In particular,  $PSh(\mathbb{C}^{op}) = \mathbf{Set}^{\mathbb{C}}$ 

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 $\Rightarrow$  Gödel completeness for first-order logic

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#### **Notations :**

- $\cdot~ Lex(\mathcal{C},\mathcal{D})$  : category of left exact functors between finitely complete categories  $\mathcal C$  and  $\mathcal D$
- $\cdot~{\rm Coh}(\mathcal{C},\mathcal{D})$  : category of coherent functors between coherent categories  $\mathcal C$  and  $\mathcal D$

# Theorem (Joyal)

For any small Heyting category  $\mathcal{H}$ , there is a small category  $\mathbb{C}$  and a conservative Heyting functor  $\mathcal{H} \hookrightarrow \mathbf{Set}^{\mathbb{C}}$ .

For the proof, we show that  $\mathbb{C}$  can be taken to be the category of coherent functors  $\operatorname{Coh}(\mathcal{H}, \mathbf{Set})$  and that the functor is given by :

$$ev: \mathcal{H} \longrightarrow \operatorname{Set}^{\mathbb{C}}$$

$$a \longmapsto (F \mapsto F(a))$$

$$\downarrow f \qquad \qquad \downarrow^{ev(f)_F = Ff}$$

$$b \longmapsto (F \mapsto F(b))$$

- Conservativity of the functor : Deligne's theorem
- Coherence of the functor :  $\mathbb{C}=\mathrm{Coh}(\mathcal{H},\mathbf{Set})$
- Preservation of the Heyting structure : we need to show that for any  $f: a \to b$ , and for any  $u \in Sub(a)$ ,

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$$\forall_{ev(f)}(ev(u))(M) = M(\forall_f(u))$$

• Using the definition of the universal quantification in presheaves and the definition of ev :

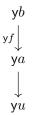
 $\forall_{ev(f)}(ev(u))(M) = \{ x \in M(b) \mid \text{ for all } h : M \to N \text{ in } \operatorname{Coh}(\mathcal{H}, \mathbf{Set}),$  for all  $y \in N(a)$ , if  $Nf(y) = h_b(x)$  then  $y \in N(u) \}$ 

• Therefore, to show  $\forall_{ev(f)}(ev(u))(M) \subseteq M(\forall_f(u))$ , we assume  $x \in M(b)$ ,  $x \notin M(\forall_f u)$  and we need to show that :

there exists  $N \in Coh(\mathcal{H}, \mathbf{Set})$ ,  $h: M \to N$  and  $y \in N(a)$  such that  $Nf(y) = h_b(x)$  but  $y \notin N(u)$ 

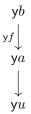
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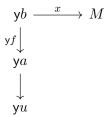
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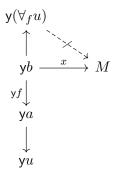
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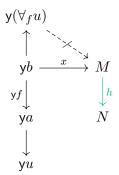
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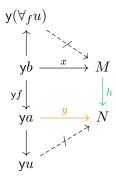
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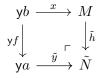
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#### First step : Finite limit preserving functors

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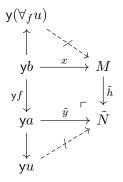


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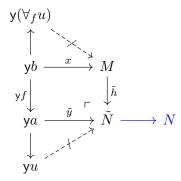
$$\begin{array}{ccc} \mathsf{y}b & \xrightarrow{x} & M \\ \mathsf{y}f & & & \downarrow \\ \mathsf{y}a & \xrightarrow{\tilde{y}} & \tilde{N} \end{array}$$

- $\tilde{N}f(\tilde{y}) = \tilde{h}_b(x)$  by commutation of the diagram
- $\tilde{y} \notin \tilde{N}(u)$  by our assumption  $x \notin M(\forall_f u)$  and the adjunction  $f^{-1} \dashv \forall_f$

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## Second step : A new category $\mathcal{H}(\tilde{N})$

- $\mathcal{H}(\tilde{N})^{op} \hookrightarrow \tilde{N}/\operatorname{Lex}(\mathcal{H},\mathbf{Set})$  is the full subcategory
- $\bullet$  Its object are pushouts of maps in  $\mathcal H,$  e.g. :



for a map  $c \to d$  in  $\mathcal{H}$ .

- $\tilde{N} \in \text{Lex}(\mathcal{H}, \mathbf{Set}) \Rightarrow \tilde{N} \cong \text{colim}_{i \in I} \, \mathsf{y} \tilde{N}_i$  for I a filtered category.
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• There exists  $N \in \operatorname{Coh}(\mathcal{H}(\tilde{N}), \mathbf{Set})$  such that  $N(Y) \ncong N(\tilde{N})$ 

• There is an object Y in  $\mathcal{H}(\tilde{N})$  :  $\begin{array}{c} ya \xrightarrow{\tilde{y}} \tilde{N} \\ \downarrow & & \downarrow \\ & & \downarrow \\ & & & \downarrow \end{array}$ 

such that 
$$Y \ncong \tilde{N}$$
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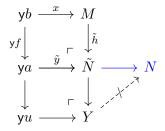
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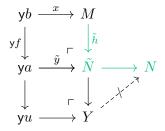
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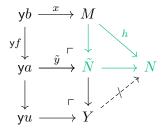
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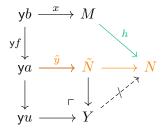




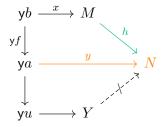
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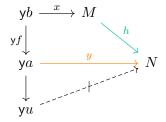


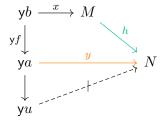
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# Completeness results

 For any intuitionistic first-order theory  $\mathbb T,$  one can construct its syntactic category  $\mathcal C_{\mathbb T}.$ 

- $\mathcal{C}_{\mathbb{T}}$  is a Heyting category.
- $\mathcal{C}_{\mathbb{T}}$  contains a *universal model* U such that a formula (of IFOL) is provable from the axioms of  $\mathbb{T}$  if and only if this formula holds in U.

$$\mathbb{T}$$
 proves  $(\Gamma \mid \varphi)$  iff  $U \models (\Gamma \mid \varphi)$ 

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- Diaconescu cover : There exists a poset K and a conservative, Heyting functor Set<sup>C</sup> → Set<sup>K</sup>

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- By conservativity of ev: if a formula holds in the model ev(U) it also holds in the model U, and therefore is provable.

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