# Modal operators on rings of continuous functions 

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- Similar dualities were investigated by the Krein brothers, Kakutani, and Yosida (vector lattices or Riesz spaces) and later by Henriksen and Johnson.


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## Theorem (Representation)

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$$
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Since every closed subset of $Y_{A}$ is intersection of a downward directed family of sets of the form $Z_{\ell}(a)$ with $a \geq 0$, the previous lemma yields

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- The dual adjunction becomes a dual equivalence once restricted to the full subcategory $\boldsymbol{A l g}^{\mathbf{u}}(\mathcal{H})$ of $\boldsymbol{A} \lg (\mathcal{H})$ given by the algebras $\mathcal{H}(A) \rightarrow A$ with $A \in \boldsymbol{u b a} \boldsymbol{\ell}$.

This yields an alternate proof of the dual adjunction between mbal and $K H F$, and of the dual equivalence between muba $\ell$ and KHF.

## Adjunction and duality via algebras/coalgebras

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Thanks for your attention!

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## Basic algebras

## Definition

- $\boldsymbol{A} \in \boldsymbol{b} \boldsymbol{a} \boldsymbol{\ell}$ is Dedekind complete if each subset bounded above has a least upper bound, and hence each subset bounded below has a greatest lower bound.
- For $A \in \boldsymbol{b} \boldsymbol{a} \boldsymbol{\ell}$ let $\operatorname{ld}(A)$ be the boolean algebra of idempotents of $A$.
- We call $A \in \boldsymbol{b a} \boldsymbol{\ell}$ a basic algebra if $A$ is Dedekind complete and $\operatorname{Id}(A)$ is atomic.
- Let balg be the category of basic algebras and normal homomorphisms, i.e. the morphisms in bal preserving all the existing joins and meets.


## Proposition

Every basic algebra is uniformly complete.

## balg and Sets

## Definition <br> Let $A \in$ balg and $X \in$ Sets. <br> - let $X_{A}$ be the set of co-atoms of $\operatorname{Id}(A)$. This yields a contravariant functor balg $\rightarrow$ Sets. <br> - the set $B(X)$ of all bounded functions on $X$ form naturally a basic algebra. This yields a contravariant functor Sets $\rightarrow$ balg.

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- $(A, \square) \in \boldsymbol{m b} \boldsymbol{a} \boldsymbol{\ell}$ is a modal basic algebra if $A \in \boldsymbol{b a l g}$ and $\square$ preserves all the existing meets.
- Let mbalg be the category of modal basic algebras and normal homomorphisms preserving the modal operator.
- A Kripke frame $(X, R)$ is a set $X$ together with a binary relation $R$ on $X$.
- We denote the category of Kripke frames and p-morphisms by KF

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## Duality between mbalg and $\mathbf{K F}$

The duality can be obtained in two ways:

- by adapting the proof for mbal, or
- by using algebraic/coalgebraic methods.


## Definition

- For $(X, R) \in \boldsymbol{K} \boldsymbol{F}$ we define $\square_{R}$ on $B(X)$ as before. This defines a contravariant functor $\mathbf{K F} \rightarrow \boldsymbol{m b a l g}$.
- For $A \in \boldsymbol{m b a l g}$, we define $R_{\square}$ on $X_{A}$ by $x R_{\square} y$ iff $\square y \leq x$. This defines a contravariant functor mbalg $\rightarrow \boldsymbol{K F}$.

These two functors yield a dual equivalence between mbalg and $\boldsymbol{K F}$.

## Duality between mbalg and KF using algebras and coalgebras

- KF is isomorphic to the category of coalgebras for the powerset endofunctor $\mathcal{P}$ on Sets.


## Theorem

- There is an endofunctor $\mathcal{H}$ on balg so that mbalg is isomorphic to the category of algebras for $\mathcal{H}$.
- Coalg $(\mathcal{P})$ is dually equivalent to $\operatorname{Alg}(\mathcal{H})$.

