

Duality for quasi-Nelson algebras with recovery operators

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- **Goal of this talk**: a Priestley-style duality for quasi-Nelson algebras enriched with recovery operators.

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Figure 22—A Half-Nelson. One of Its Many Applications

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Thus, we have four independent operators expressing:

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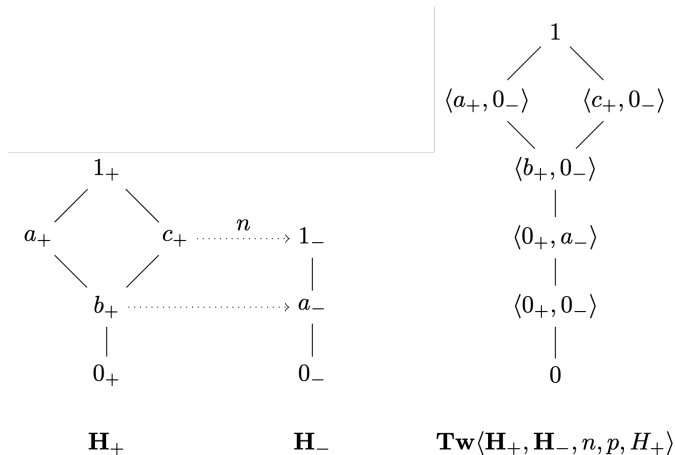
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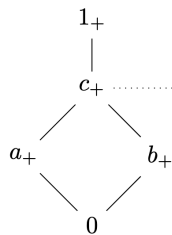
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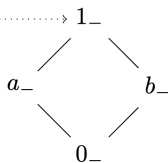
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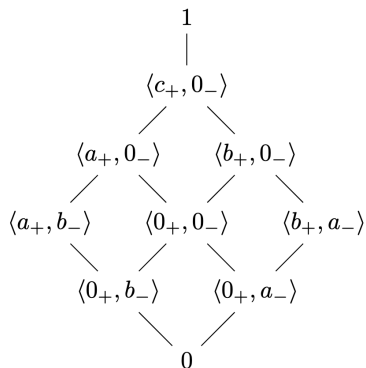


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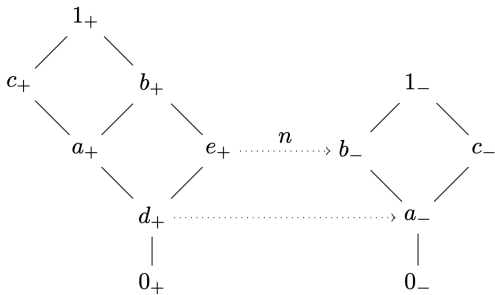
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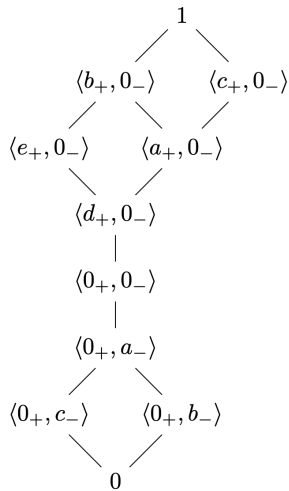
We have two non-isomorphic sub-twist-algebras (for $\nabla := \uparrow a_+$ $\nabla := \uparrow c_+$).

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Given a relation $R \subseteq X \times Y$ (between Priestley spaces), $X' \subseteq X$ and $Y' \subseteq Y$, let:

$$R[X'] := \{y \in Y : \exists x \in X' \text{ s.t. } \langle x, y \rangle \in R\}$$

$$\Box_R Y' := \{x \in X : R[x] \subseteq Y'\}.$$

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A **quasi-Nelson space** is a tuple $X = \langle X_+, X_-, R_n, R_p, \mathcal{C} \rangle$ such that:

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- ❷ The relations $R_n \subseteq X_- \times X_+, R_p \subseteq X_+ \times X_-$ satisfy:
 - (2.1) $R_n[x_-]$ and $R_p[x_+]$ are non-empty closed up-sets, for all x_- and x_+ ;
 - (2.2) for all $U_- \in \mathcal{L}(X_-)$, $U_+ \in \mathcal{L}(X_+)$, $\Box_{R_p} U_- \in \mathcal{L}(X_+)$ and $\Box_{R_n} U_+ \in \mathcal{L}(X_-)$.
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- ❹ R_p is an Esakia relation, i.e., for all $x_+ \in X_+, x_- \in X_-$ s.t. $\langle x_+, x_- \rangle \in R_p$, there is $y_+ \in \uparrow x_+$ such that $R_p[y_+] = \uparrow x_-$.
- ❺ $\mathcal{C} \subseteq X_+$ is a closed set such that $\mathcal{C} \subseteq \max(X_+)$.
- ❻ $\leq_{X_-} = R_p \circ R_n$.
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Morphisms (spatial)

A morphism between QN-spaces $X = \langle X_+, X_-, R_n, R_p, \mathcal{C} \rangle$ and $X' = \langle X'_+, X'_-, R'_n, R'_p, \mathcal{C}' \rangle$ consists of a pair of Esakia functions $f = \langle f_+, f_- \rangle$ with $f_+ : X_+ \rightarrow X'_+$ and $f_- : X_- \rightarrow X'_-$ s.t.:

- ❶ f preserves R_p and R_n , that is, if $\langle x_+, x_- \rangle \in R_p$, then $\langle f_+(x_+), f_-(x_-) \rangle \in R'_p$, etc.
- ❷ f_+ and f_- are bounded morphisms, in the sense that
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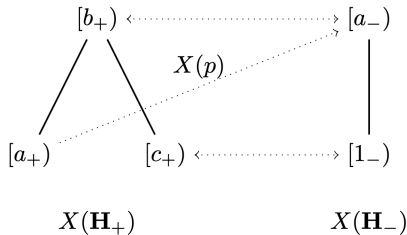
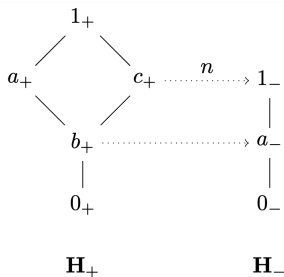


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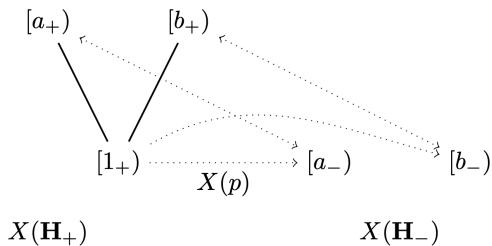
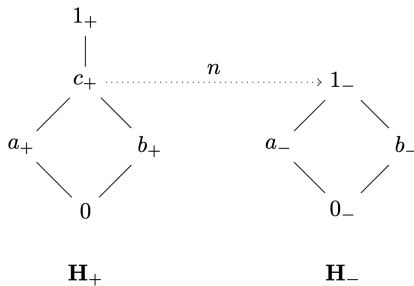
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- Restricting spatial morphisms to (pairs of) Esakia functions that satisfy (dpf).

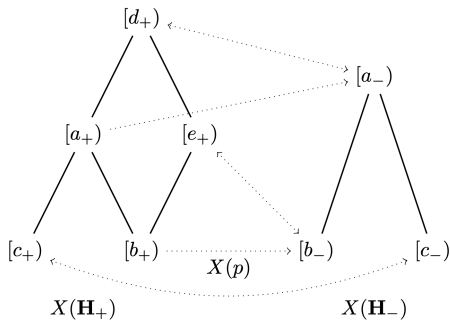
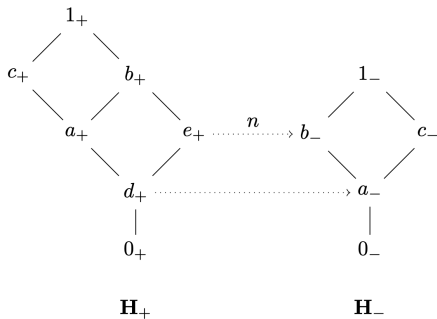
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