

# ON PONTRYAGIN DUALITY

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**Introduction.** The main aim of this article is to discuss the relationship between Pontryagin duality and pro-objects. The basic idea arises from K. H. Hofmann's articles [7] and [8] where it is shown that the elementary abelian (Lie) groups are "dense" in the category of locally compact hausdorff abelian groups.

We commence with a good symmetric monoidal closed category  $\mathcal{V}$  and a full sub- $\mathcal{V}$ -category  $\mathcal{A} \subset \mathcal{V}$  of "elementary" objects. We then build pro- $\mathcal{A}$ -objects as suitable projective limits of these elementary objects. This is done with a view to extending Pontryagin duality to pro- $\mathcal{A}$ -objects once it holds in  $\mathcal{A}$  with respect to some basic dualising object which we call  $\Omega$ . The actual pro- $\mathcal{A}$ -objects constructed are relative to a subcategory  $\mathcal{E}$  of  $\mathcal{V}_0$  which, in practice, is usually taken to be some good class of epimorphisms in  $\mathcal{V}_0$ . This is done in Sections 2 and 3.

In Section 4 we discuss to what extent projective limits of pro- $\mathcal{A}$ -objects are again pro- $\mathcal{A}$ -objects. This at least explains one of Kaplan's results [10]; namely, that the product of locally compact hausdorff abelian groups satisfies Pontryagin duality. Kaplan's second result [11] remains to be fitted into this context.

In the examples of Section 5 we apply the results of the preceding sections to prove that Pontryagin duality holds for any abelian group object in the category of compactly generated spaces which is a suitable projective limit of its elementary Lie quotients. We also reproduce the duality of Hofman, Mislove and Stralka [9] between semilattices and compact zero-dimensional semilattices.

For basic notation and terminology we refer the reader to Day and Kelly [3], Eilenberg and Kelly [5] and Mac Lane [12].

**1. Preliminaries.** Let  $\mathcal{V} = (\mathcal{V}_0, V, \otimes, I, [-, -], \dots)$  be a complete and cocomplete symmetric monoidal closed category in the sense of Eilenberg and Kelly [5]. This means that we have at our disposal the calculus of  $\mathcal{V}$ -ends discussed in Day and Kelly [3] and in Dubuc [4].

Let  $\mathcal{E}ns$  denote "the" category of small sets and set maps. We denote the  $X$ -fold power, respectively copower, of  $X \in \mathcal{E}ns$  with  $C \in \mathcal{V}$  by  $\{X, C\}$ , respectively  $X \cdot C$ .

We now assume that  $V: \mathcal{V}_0 \rightarrow \mathcal{E}ns$  is faithful. The effect of this assumption is the following.

LEMMA 1.1. Suppose  $\mathcal{A}$  is a small  $\mathcal{V}$ -category and  $S: \mathcal{A}^{op} \otimes \mathcal{A} \rightarrow \mathcal{V}$  is a  $\mathcal{V}$ -functor. Let  $S'$  denote the composite.

$$V_* \mathcal{A}^{op} \times V_* \mathcal{A} \xrightarrow{V_*} V_*(\mathcal{A}^{op} \otimes \mathcal{A}) \xrightarrow{V_* S} V_* \mathcal{V} = \mathcal{V}_0.$$

Then

$$\int_{A \in V_* \mathcal{A}} S'(AA) \cong \int_{A \in \mathcal{A}} S(AA).$$

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*Proof.* Following the notation of Eilenberg and Kelly [5] we write  $\mathcal{A}_0 = V_*\mathcal{A}$ . Because  $V: \mathcal{V}_0 \rightarrow \mathcal{E}no$  is faithful a family  $\alpha_A: C \rightarrow S(AA)$  is  $\mathcal{V}$ -natural in  $A \in \mathcal{A}$  if and only if it is  $\mathcal{E}no$ -natural in  $A \in \mathcal{A}_0$  since

$$\begin{array}{ccc} \mathcal{A}(AB) & \xrightarrow{S(A-)} & [S(AA), S(AB)] \\ \downarrow S(-B) & & \downarrow [\alpha_A, 1] \\ [S(BB), S(AB)] & \xrightarrow{[\alpha_B, 1]} & [C, S(AB)] \end{array}$$

commutes if and only if

$$\begin{array}{ccc} \mathcal{A}_0(AB) & \xrightarrow{VS(A-)} & \mathcal{V}_0(S(AA), S(AB)) \\ \downarrow VS(-B) & & \downarrow \mathcal{V}_0(\alpha_A, 1) \\ \mathcal{V}_0(S(BB), S(AB)) & \xrightarrow{\mathcal{V}_0(\alpha_B, 1)} & \mathcal{V}_0(C, S(AB)) \end{array}$$

commutes. Thus the equaliser of the canonical pair

$$\prod_{A \in \mathcal{A}} S(AA) \rightrightarrows \prod_{A, B \in \mathcal{A}} [\mathcal{A}(A, B), S(AB)]$$

which is, by definition,  $\int_{A \in \mathcal{A}} S(AA)$  coincides with the equaliser of the canonical pair

$$\prod_{A \in \mathcal{A}_0} S(AA) \rightrightarrows \prod_{A, B \in \mathcal{A}_0} \{\mathcal{A}_0(A, B), S(AB)\}$$

which is, by definition,  $\int_{A \in \mathcal{A}_0} S'(AA)$ .

Henceforth we shall denote  $S'(AB)$  simply by  $S(AB)$ .

The assumption that  $V: \mathcal{V}_0 \rightarrow \mathcal{E}no$  is faithful allows us, in effect, to “mix”  $\mathcal{V}$ -ends with ordinary  $\mathcal{E}no$ -ends.

**2. Pro- $\mathcal{A}$ -objects.** Let  $\mathcal{A} \subset \mathcal{V}$  be a full sub- $\mathcal{V}$ -category of  $\mathcal{V}$ . Let  $\mathcal{E}$  be a subcategory of  $\mathcal{V}_0$  and let  $\mathcal{H} = \mathcal{E} \cap \mathcal{A}_0$ .

DEFINITION 2.1. (i) A *pro- $\mathcal{A}$ -object* in  $\mathcal{V}$  relative to  $\mathcal{E}$  is an object  $C \in \mathcal{V}$  such that  $C \cong \int_{A \in \mathcal{H}} \{\mathcal{E}(C, A), A\}$ .

(ii) A *strong pro- $\mathcal{A}$ -object* in  $\mathcal{V}$  relative to  $\mathcal{E}$  is a pro- $\mathcal{A}$ -object  $C \in \mathcal{V}$  such that  $\int^{A \in \mathcal{H}} \mathcal{E}(C, A) \cdot [A, B] \rightarrow [C, B]$  is an epimorphism for all  $B \in \mathcal{A}$ .

The  $\mathcal{V}$ -category of pro- $\mathcal{A}$ -objects is denoted by  $\mathcal{P}\mathcal{A}(\mathcal{E})$  while the  $\mathcal{V}$ -category of strong pro- $\mathcal{A}$ -objects is denoted by  $\mathcal{S}\mathcal{P}\mathcal{A}(\mathcal{E})$ .

LEMMA 2.2.  $\mathcal{A} \subset \mathcal{S}\mathcal{P}\mathcal{A}(\mathcal{E})$ .

*Proof.* If  $A' \in \mathcal{A}$  then  $A' \cong \int_{A \in \mathcal{H}} \{\mathcal{H}(A', A), A\}$  by the representation theorem applied to  $A \in \mathcal{H}$ ,  $\cong \int_{A \in \mathcal{H}} \{\mathcal{E}(A', A), A\}$ . Similarly  $\int^{A \in \mathcal{H}} \mathcal{E}(A', A) \cdot [A, B] = \int^{A \in \mathcal{H}} \mathcal{H}(A', A) \cdot [A, B] \cong [A', B]$  by the representation theorem applied to  $A \in \mathcal{H}$ .

THEOREM 2.3. The inclusion  $\mathcal{A} \subset \mathcal{S}\mathcal{P}\mathcal{A}(\mathcal{E})$  is  $\mathcal{V}$ -codense (=  $\mathcal{V}$ -coadequate).



where  $*$  commutes for obvious reasons (project both legs at  $A \in \mathcal{H}$  and  $f \in \mathcal{E}(C, A)$ ). Thus  $C \cong \int_{B \in \mathcal{A}_0} [[C, B], B] \cong \int_{B \in \mathcal{A}} [[C, B], B]$  by Lemma 1.1, as required.

**3. Duality.** Given  $\mathcal{A} \subset \mathcal{V}$  we can form the Pontryagin closure of  $\mathcal{A}$ :

$$\overset{\cdot}{\mathcal{A}} = \left\{ C \in \mathcal{V}; C \cong \int_{A \in \mathcal{A}} [[C, A], A] \text{ in } \mathcal{V} \right\}.$$

PROPOSITION 3.1.  $\mathcal{A} \subset \bar{\mathcal{A}}$  and  $\bar{\bar{\mathcal{A}}} = \bar{\mathcal{A}}$ .

*Proof.* If  $B \in \mathcal{A}$  then  $B \cong \int_{A \in \mathcal{A}} [[B, A], A]$  by the  $\mathcal{V}$ -representation theorem applied to  $A \in \mathcal{A}$ . Thus  $\mathcal{A} \subset \bar{\mathcal{A}}$  so  $\bar{\mathcal{A}} \subset \bar{\bar{\mathcal{A}}}$ . But  $C \in \bar{\mathcal{A}}$  implies  $C \cong \int_{A' \in \bar{\mathcal{A}}} [[C, A'], A']$  where  $A' \in \bar{\mathcal{A}}$  implies  $A' \cong \int_{A \in \mathcal{A}} [[A', A], A]$ . So

$$\begin{aligned} C &\cong \int_{A' \in \bar{\mathcal{A}}} \left[ [C, A'], \int_{A \in \mathcal{A}} [[A', A], A] \right] \\ &\cong \int_{A \in \mathcal{A}} \left[ \int_{A' \in \bar{\mathcal{A}}} [C, A'] \otimes [A', A], A \right] \\ &\cong \int_{A \in \mathcal{A}} [[C, A], A] \end{aligned}$$

by the  $\mathcal{V}$ -representation theorem applied to  $A' \in \bar{\mathcal{A}}$ .

COROLLARY 3.2. The inclusion  $\mathcal{A} \subset \bar{\mathcal{A}}$  is  $\mathcal{V}$ -codense and if  $\mathcal{C} \subset \mathcal{V}$  with  $\mathcal{A} \subset \mathcal{C}$  being  $\mathcal{V}$ -codense then  $\mathcal{C} \subset \bar{\mathcal{A}}$ .

Given  $\mathcal{A} \subset \mathcal{V}$  and  $\Omega \in \mathcal{A}$  such that  $[[A, \Omega], \Omega] \cong A$  we have:

PROPOSITION 3.3. Pontryagin duality with respect to  $\Omega \in \mathcal{A}$  holds in  $\bar{\mathcal{A}}$ .

*Proof.* If  $C \in \bar{\mathcal{A}}$  then

$$\begin{aligned} C &\cong \int_{A \in \mathcal{A}} [[C, A], A] \\ &\cong \int_{A \in \mathcal{A}} [[C, A], [[A, \Omega], \Omega]] \\ &\cong \left[ \int_{A \in \mathcal{A}} [C, A] \otimes [A, \Omega], \Omega \right] \\ &\cong [[C, \Omega], \Omega] \end{aligned}$$

by the  $\mathcal{V}$ -representation theorem applied to  $A \in \mathcal{A}$ .

COROLLARY 3.4. Pontryagin duality with respect to  $\Omega$  holds in  $\mathcal{PPA}(\mathcal{E})$ .

*Proof.* By Theorem 2.3.

We now examine the case where  $\int_{A \in \mathcal{X}} \mathcal{E}(C, A) \cdot [A, B] \rightarrow [C, B]$  is an isomorphism for

all  $C \in \mathcal{V}$  and  $B \in \mathcal{A}$ . When this is so  $\mathcal{P}\mathcal{A}(\mathcal{E})$  and  $\mathcal{S}\mathcal{P}\mathcal{A}(\mathcal{E})$  coincide and we can define an endofunctor  $P: \mathcal{V} \rightarrow \mathcal{V}$  by any one of the formulas

$$PC = \int_{A \in \mathcal{A}} \{\mathcal{E}(C, A), A\} \cong \int_{A \in \mathcal{A}} [[C, A], A] \cong [[C, \Omega], \Omega].$$

We recall from Day [1] that a category  $\mathcal{C}$  is  $\mathcal{M}$ -complete if  $\mathcal{M}$  is a subcategory of monomorphisms in  $\mathcal{C}$  such that  $\mathcal{C}$  has the following inverse limits and  $\mathcal{M}$  contains each monomorphism so formed:

- (a) equalisers of pairs of morphisms,
- (b) pullbacks of  $\mathcal{M}$ -monomorphisms,
- (c) the intersection of any family of  $\mathcal{M}$ -monomorphisms with a common codomain.

A functor  $T: \mathcal{C} \rightarrow \mathcal{B}$  is  $\mathcal{M}$ -continuous if it preserves these inverse limits in  $\mathcal{C}$ .

**PROPOSITION 3.5.** *If  $\mathcal{V}$  is  $\mathcal{M}$ -complete for some system  $\mathcal{M}$  of monomorphisms then  $\mathcal{P}\mathcal{A}(\mathcal{E}) \subset \mathcal{V}$  is reflective if  $[-, \Omega]: \mathcal{V}^{\text{op}} \rightarrow \mathcal{V}$  preserves suitable colimits.*

*Proof.* Basically we require that  $[-, \Omega]^{\text{op}}: \mathcal{V} \rightarrow \mathcal{V}^{\text{op}}$  be  $\mathcal{M}$ -continuous and that  $[-, \Omega]: \mathcal{V}^{\text{op}} \rightarrow \mathcal{V}$  preserve linear colimits. The effect of the first requirement is that  $\mathcal{P}\mathcal{A}(\mathcal{E})$  is  $\mathcal{M}$ -complete and the inclusion  $\mathcal{P}\mathcal{A}(\mathcal{E}) \subset \mathcal{V}$  is  $\mathcal{M}$ -continuous. Thus we can apply Day [1, Theorem 2.2] provided  $P: \mathcal{V} \rightarrow \mathcal{V}$  is a suitable boundary functor. But the canonical morphism  $\eta_C: C \rightarrow PC$  gives us:

$$C \xrightarrow{\eta_C} PC \xrightarrow{\eta_{PC}} P^2C \longrightarrow \dots \longrightarrow P^n C \longrightarrow \dots$$

where  $P^{n+1}C = [[P^n C, \Omega], \Omega]$ . If  $[-, \Omega]$  preserves linear colimits then  $P^\omega C = \text{colim } P^{n+1}C = \text{colim}[[P^n C, \Omega], \Omega] = [\text{lim}[P^n C, \Omega], \Omega] = [[\text{colim } P^n C, \Omega], \Omega] = [[P^\omega C, \Omega], \Omega]$ . Thus  $P^\omega C$  lies in  $\mathcal{P}\mathcal{A}(\mathcal{E})$  for all  $C \in \mathcal{V}$ . This implies (by Day [1, Theorem 2.2]) that  $\mathcal{P}\mathcal{A}(\mathcal{E}) \subset \mathcal{V}$  is reflective and the reflection of  $C \in \mathcal{V}$  is the intersection in  $\mathcal{V}$  of all the  $\mathcal{P}\mathcal{A}(\mathcal{E})$ - $\mathcal{M}$ -subobjects of  $P^\omega C$  through which the resultant canonical transformation  $\beta_C: C \rightarrow P^\omega C$  factors.

We recall that  $\Omega \in \mathcal{V}$  is said to be a strong  $\mathcal{V}$ -cogenerator for  $\mathcal{V}$  if  $[-, \Omega]: \mathcal{V}^{\text{op}} \rightarrow \mathcal{V}$  reflects isomorphisms.

**COROLLARY 3.6.** *If  $\Omega$  is a strong  $\mathcal{V}$ -cogenerator for  $\mathcal{V}$  then  $\mathcal{P}\mathcal{A}(\mathcal{E}) = \mathcal{V}$  if and only if  $[-, \Omega]: \mathcal{V}^{\text{op}} \rightarrow \mathcal{V}$  preserves colimits.*

*Proof.* If  $[-, \Omega]$  preserves colimits then  $\mathcal{P}\mathcal{A}(\mathcal{E}) \subset \mathcal{V}$  is  $\mathcal{V}$ -reflective hence is closed under  $\mathcal{V}$ -limits. Thus, if  $\Omega$  is a strong  $\mathcal{V}$ -cogenerator then every object of  $\mathcal{V}$  is a  $\mathcal{V}$ -limit of copies of  $\Omega$ . Thus  $\mathcal{P}\mathcal{A}(\mathcal{E}) = \mathcal{V}$ . Conversely, if  $\mathcal{P}\mathcal{A}(\mathcal{E}) = \mathcal{V}$  then Pontryagin duality holds in  $\mathcal{V}$  with respect to  $\Omega$ . Thus  $\text{colim}[A_\lambda, \Omega] \cong [\text{lim } A_\lambda, \Omega]$  because  $[\text{colim}[A_\lambda, \Omega], \Omega] \cong \text{lim}[[A_\lambda, \Omega], \Omega] \cong \text{lim } A_\lambda \cong [[\text{lim } A_\lambda, \Omega], \Omega]$  where  $\Omega$  is a strong  $\mathcal{V}$ -cogenerator so that  $[-, \Omega]$  reflects isomorphisms.

**4. Strong  $\mathcal{A}$ -limits.** A strong  $\mathcal{A}$ -limit relative to  $\mathcal{E}$  is a limit  $\lim C_\lambda$  in  $\mathcal{V}_0$  such that the canonical morphisms

$$\sum \mathcal{E}(C_\lambda, A) \rightarrow \mathcal{E}(\lim C_\lambda, A), \quad \sum [C_\lambda, A] \rightarrow [\lim C_\lambda, A]$$

are *epimorphisms* for all  $A \in \mathcal{A}$ .

**PROPOSITION 4.1.** A strong  $\mathcal{A}$ -limit of strong pro- $\mathcal{A}$ -objects is a strong pro- $\mathcal{A}$ -object.

*Proof.* The morphism  $\sum \mathcal{E}(C_\lambda, A) \rightarrow \mathcal{E}(\lim C_\lambda, A)$  is a surjection if and only if the canonical morphism  $\text{colim } \mathcal{E}(C_\lambda, A) \rightarrow \mathcal{E}(\lim C_\lambda, A)$  is an epimorphism. This gives a monomorphism

$$\begin{aligned} \int_{A \in \mathcal{X}} \{ \mathcal{E}(\lim C_\lambda, A), A \} &\rightarrow \int_{A \in \mathcal{X}} \{ \text{colim } \mathcal{E}(C_\lambda, A), A \} \\ &\cong \lim \int_{A \in \mathcal{X}} \{ \mathcal{E}(C_\lambda, A), A \} \\ &\cong \lim C_\lambda. \end{aligned}$$

Moreover, this monomorphism is left inverse to the canonical morphism from  $\lim C_\lambda$  to  $\int_{A \in \mathcal{X}} \{ \mathcal{E}(\lim C_\lambda, A), A \}$  hence it is an isomorphism. The fact that  $\lim C_\lambda$  is a strong pro- $\mathcal{A}$ -object now follows from consideration of the following diagram:

$$\begin{array}{ccc} \int^{A \in \mathcal{X}} \sum \mathcal{E}(C_\lambda, A) \cdot [A, B] & \longrightarrow & \sum [C_\lambda, B] \\ \downarrow & & \downarrow \\ \int^{A \in \mathcal{X}} \mathcal{E}(\lim C_\lambda, A) \cdot [A, B] & \cdots \cdots \cdots & [\lim C_\lambda, B]. \end{array}$$

Here the dotted arrow is an epimorphism because the diagonal is an epimorphism.

**5. Examples.**

**EXAMPLE 5.1.** Let  $\mathcal{V}$  be the symmetric monoidal closed category  $\mathcal{CAb}$  of abelian group objects in the category  $\mathcal{C}$  of all convergence spaces (i.e. limit spaces). Let  $\mathcal{A} = \{ \mathbf{R}^m \oplus (\mathbf{R}/\mathbf{Z})^n \oplus G; m, n \in \mathbf{N} \text{ and } G \text{ discrete} \}$ . Let  $\Omega = \mathbf{R}/\mathbf{Z}$  and let  $\mathcal{E}$  be the category of identification maps.

**PROPOSITION 5.1.1.** Each locally compact hausdorff abelian group is a strong pro- $\mathcal{A}$ -object.

*Proof.* Each locally compact hausdorff abelian group  $C$  is a pro- $\mathcal{A}$ -object by the Lie-group approximation theorem: see Hofmann [7]. Secondly, each continuous

homomorphism  $f: C \rightarrow B$ ,  $B \in \mathcal{A}$ , factors as

$$C \xrightarrow{e} C/\ker f \xrightarrow{m} B$$

where  $C/\ker f$  is a locally compact hausdorff group, hence is a Lie group (see Hochschild [6, Chapter VIII]), so  $C/\ker f \in \mathcal{A}$ . This implies that  $\int^{A \in \mathcal{X}} \mathcal{E}(C, A) \cdot [A, B] \rightarrow [C, B]$  is a surjection, as required.

**COROLLARY 5.1.2.** *Pontryagin duality in  $\mathcal{C}\mathcal{A}\mathcal{b}$  holds for locally compact hausdorff abelian groups.*

A strong projective limit in  $\mathcal{T}$ , the category of topological spaces and continuous maps, is a limit  $\lim_{\lambda \in \Lambda} C_\lambda$  over a cofiltered index category  $\Lambda$  such that each projection  $p_\lambda: \lim_{\lambda \in \Lambda} C_\lambda \rightarrow C_\lambda$  is an identification map. For example, a product  $\prod C_\lambda$  may be regarded as a strong limit cofiltered by the set of finite subsets of  $\Lambda$ .

**LEMMA 5.1.3.** *Given a strong projective limit in  $\mathcal{T}\mathcal{A}\mathcal{b}$ , with projections  $p_\lambda: \lim_{\lambda \in \Lambda} C_\lambda \rightarrow C_\lambda$ , the collection  $\{\ker p_\lambda; \lambda \in \Lambda\}$  is a filter base on  $\lim_{\lambda \in \Lambda} C_\lambda$  which converges to zero.*

*Proof.* Since  $\Lambda$  is cofiltered the collection  $\{p_\lambda^{-1}(V); V \text{ open in } C_\lambda\}$  is a base for the topology on  $\lim_{\lambda \in \Lambda} C_\lambda$  in  $\mathcal{T}\mathcal{A}\mathcal{b}$ . Thus  $\{\ker p_\lambda\} \rightarrow 0$ .

**PROPOSITION 5.1.4.** *A strong projective limit  $\lim_{\lambda \in \Lambda} C_\lambda$  in  $\mathcal{T}\mathcal{A}\mathcal{b}$  is a strong  $\mathcal{A}$ -limit in  $\mathcal{C}\mathcal{A}\mathcal{b}$ .*

*Proof.* For each  $A \in \mathcal{A}$ , the canonical morphisms  $\sum \mathcal{E}(C_\lambda, A) \rightarrow \mathcal{E}(\lim_{\lambda \in \Lambda} C_\lambda, A)$  and  $\sum [C_\lambda, A] \rightarrow [\lim_{\lambda \in \Lambda} C_\lambda, A]$  are epimorphisms by Lemma 5.1.3 and the fact that each  $A \in \mathcal{A}$  has no small subgroups.

**COROLLARY 5.1.5.** *A product of locally compact hausdorff groups satisfies Pontryagin duality in  $\mathcal{C}\mathcal{A}\mathcal{b}$ .*

**EXAMPLE 5.2.** Let  $\mathcal{V} = \mathcal{H}\mathcal{A}\mathcal{b}_2$  be the category of hausdorff abelian group objects in the category  $\mathcal{H}$  of  $k$ -spaces. With  $\mathcal{A}$  and  $\Omega$  as in Example 5.1 let  $\mathcal{E}$  consist of all epimorphisms in  $\mathcal{H}\mathcal{A}\mathcal{b}_2$ .

**PROPOSITION 5.2.1.** *Pontryagin duality holds for pro- $\mathcal{A}$ -objects*

*Proof.* Each pro- $\mathcal{A}$ -object is now strong because any morphism  $f: C \rightarrow B$  factors as

$$C \xrightarrow{e} \overline{C/\ker f} \xrightarrow{m} B$$

where  $e$  is an epimorphism and  $m$  is a closed subspace. Thus  $\overline{C/\ker f} \in \mathcal{A}$ .

It is actually possible to show that each locally compact hausdorff abelian group is a pro- $\mathcal{A}$ -object for this  $\mathcal{E}$  on  $\mathcal{H}\mathcal{A}\mathcal{b}_2$ ; this we leave to the reader.

**EXAMPLE 5.3.** Let  $K$  be a discrete field and let  $\mathcal{V}$  be the category of  $K$ -vector spaces in  $\mathcal{H}$ . Let  $\mathcal{A} \subset \mathcal{V}$  be the full subcategory determined by  $\{K^n; n \in \mathbf{N}\}$ . Then Pontryagin

duality holds in  $\mathcal{A}$  with respect to  $\Omega = K$ . Let  $\mathcal{E}$  be the category of strong epimorphisms in  $\mathcal{V}$ . Then each map  $f: C \rightarrow K^n$  factors as

$$C \xrightarrow{e} C/\ker f \xrightarrow{m} K^n$$

where  $e$  is a strong epimorphism and  $C/\ker f$  is of the form  $K^p$  for some  $p \in \mathbb{N}$ . Thus  $\int^{A \in \mathcal{K}} \mathcal{E}(C, A) \cdot [A, B] \rightarrow [C, B]$  is an epimorphism for all  $C \in \mathcal{V}$  and  $B \in \mathcal{A}$ .

PROPOSITION 5.3.1. *Pontryagin duality with respect to  $\Omega = K$  holds for pro- $\mathcal{A}$ -objects.*

EXAMPLE 5.4. Let  $K$  be a topological field in  $\mathcal{K}$  and let  $\mathcal{V}$  be the category of  $K$ -vector spaces in  $\mathcal{K}$ . Let  $\mathcal{A}$  consist of  $0$  and  $K$  and let  $\Omega = K$ . Let  $\mathcal{E}$  be the category of epimorphisms in  $\mathcal{V}$ . Now each map  $f: C \rightarrow B$ ,  $B \in \mathcal{A}$ , factors

$$C \xrightarrow{e} C/\ker f \xrightarrow{m} B$$

where  $e$  is an epimorphism and  $C/\ker f$  is either  $0$  or  $K$ .

PROPOSITION 5.4.1. *Pontryagin duality with respect to  $\Omega = K$  holds for pro- $\mathcal{A}$ -objects.*

EXAMPLE 5.5. Let  $\mathcal{V}$  be the symmetric monoidal closed category of semilattices in  $\mathcal{K}$  (see Hofmann, Mislove and Stralka [9]). Let  $\mathcal{A}$  be the finite discrete semilattices in  $\mathcal{V}$  and let  $\mathcal{E}$  be the category of strong epimorphisms. Also let  $\Omega = 2 \in \mathcal{A}$ .

Once again every pro- $\mathcal{A}$ -object is strong because any morphism  $f: C \rightarrow B$  in  $\mathcal{V}$  factors as

$$C \xrightarrow{e} C/\ker f \xrightarrow{m} B$$

where  $C/\ker f$  is finite since  $B$  is finite.

For any compact zero-dimensional semilattice  $C$  in  $\mathcal{K}$  we have

$$C \cong \int_{A \in \mathcal{K}} \{\mathcal{E}(C, A), A\}$$

because this is true in the category of topological semilattices (see Numakura [13] and Hofmann, Mislove and Stralka [9]). Thus, if  $\mathcal{X}$  denotes the category of compact zero-dimensional semilattices we have:

PROPOSITION 5.5.1. *Pontryagin duality with respect to  $\Omega = 2$  holds for each object of  $\mathcal{X}$ .*

*Proof.* Pontryagin duality with respect to  $\Omega = 2$  holds in  $\mathcal{A}$  by [9, Chapter I, Lemma 3.8].

In his example  $\mathcal{X}$  has an explicit dual category, namely the category  $\mathcal{S}$  of semilattices and semilattice morphisms (see [9, Chapter I]). This is so because we have  $(\epsilon, \eta): F \leftarrow R \cdot \mathcal{X}^{\text{op}} \rightarrow \mathcal{S}$  given by  $R = [-, \Omega]$  and  $F = [-, \Omega]^{\text{op}}$ . Because Pontryagin duality holds in  $\mathcal{X}$

we have  $\varepsilon: FR \cong 1: \mathcal{X} \rightarrow \mathcal{X}$ . To prove  $\eta: 1 \rightarrow RF: \mathcal{S} \rightarrow \mathcal{S}$  is an isomorphism note that  $F: \mathcal{S} \rightarrow \mathcal{X}^{op}$  reflects isomorphisms because  $\Omega = 2$  is a (strong) cogenerator in  $\mathcal{S}$  (see [9, Chapter I, Proposition 1.4]). Thus it suffices to prove that  $F\eta: F \rightarrow FRF$  is an isomorphism. But this follows from the triangle identity

$$\begin{array}{ccc}
 F & \xrightarrow{F\eta} & FRF \\
 & \searrow^{1_F} & \downarrow \varepsilon F \\
 & & F
 \end{array}$$

In [9, Chapter I] it is shown that  $\mathcal{S}$  is symmetric monoidal closed. This puts us in the situation of Proposition 3.5 and Corollary 3.6 because  $\int^{A \in \mathcal{X}} \mathcal{G}(C, A) \times \mathcal{S}(A, B) \rightarrow \mathcal{S}(C, B)$  is easily seen to be an isomorphism for all  $B \in \mathcal{A}$  (as before) and  $C \in \mathcal{S}$ ;  $\mathcal{G}$  denotes the category of (strong) epimorphisms. Noting again that  $2$  is a strong cogenerator of  $\mathcal{S}$  we have that  $\mathcal{P}\mathcal{A}(\mathcal{G}) = \mathcal{S}$ . Thus Pontryagin duality for  $\mathcal{S}$  could be shown directly by proving that  $[-, 2]: \mathcal{S}^{op} \rightarrow \mathcal{S}$  preserves colimits; as it is, this is a consequence of duality in  $\mathcal{S}$  as derived from the duality in  $\mathcal{X}$ .

EXAMPLE 5.6. Let  $\mathcal{V} = R\text{-Mod}$  be the category of  $R$ -modules over a principal ideal domain  $R$ . Let  $\mathcal{A}$  be determined by the free  $R$ -modules of finite rank, and let  $\Omega = R$ . Then Pontryagin duality holds in  $\mathcal{A}$  with respect to  $\Omega = R$ . If  $\mathcal{G}$  is the category of (strong) epimorphisms in  $\mathcal{V} = R\text{-Mod}$  then  $\int^{A \in \mathcal{X}} \mathcal{G}(C, A) \cdot [A, B] \rightarrow [C, B]$  is an epimorphism for all  $C \in R\text{-Mod}$  and  $B \in \mathcal{A}$ . A pro- $\mathcal{A}$ -object (= a strong pro- $\mathcal{A}$ -object) is called a pro-free  $R$ -module.

PROPOSITION 5.6.1. *Pontryagin duality with respect to  $\Omega = R$  holds for pro-free  $R$ -modules.*

EXAMPLE 5.7. It is clear that the calculations in Sections 1, 2, 3 and 4 can be carried out with  $\mathcal{E}ns$  replaced by an arbitrary base category  $\mathcal{W}$  which is symmetric monoidal closed and complete and cocomplete. As an example, let  $\mathcal{W}$  be  $\mathcal{Ab}$ , the category of abelian groups. Now let  $R$  be a commutative topological ring in  $\mathcal{K}$ . Let  $\mathcal{V}$  be  $R$ -modules in  $\mathcal{K}$  and let  $\mathcal{A}$  comprise  $R$  alone as a full subcategory of  $\mathcal{V}$ . Let  $\mathcal{G}$  be all ‘‘maps’’ in  $\mathcal{V}_0$  (now a  $\mathcal{W}$ -category). Then every pro- $\mathcal{A}$ -object is strong and  $R^n$  is a pro- $\mathcal{A}$ -object for all  $n \in \mathbb{N}$  because

$$R^n \cong \int_{A \in \mathcal{X}} \{\mathcal{V}_0(R^n, A), A\}$$

since  $\mathcal{V}_0(R^n, A) \cong \bigoplus_n \mathcal{V}_0(R, A)$ . Here of course  $\{X, A\}$  denotes  $\mathcal{Ab}$ -cotensoring of  $X \in \mathcal{Ab}$  with  $A \in \mathcal{V}$ .

EXAMPLE 5.8. It is worth noting to what extent Example 5.5 can be generalised. Let  $\mathcal{V}$  be the category of algebras in  $\mathcal{K}$  for some commutative algebraic  $\mathcal{K}$ -theory and let  $\mathcal{A}$  be the category of finite discrete algebras in  $\mathcal{V}$ . Then, by Theorem 2.3,  $\mathcal{A}$  is  $\mathcal{V}$ -codense in

the full sub- $\mathcal{V}$ -category  $\mathcal{P}\mathcal{A}(\mathcal{E})$  of pro-finite algebras in  $\mathcal{V}$  ( $\mathcal{E}$  is the category of strong epimorphisms and all pro- $\mathcal{A}$ -objects relative to this  $\mathcal{E}$  are strong). Thus  $C \cong \int_n [[C, n], n]$  for  $C$  pro-finite. This may be regarded as a form of Pontryagin duality in which there is generally no basic dualising object  $\Omega$  in  $\mathcal{A}$ . The actual duality is between  $\mathcal{P}\mathcal{A}(\mathcal{E})$  and a full sub- $\mathcal{V}$ -category of the  $\mathcal{V}$ -functor category  $[\mathcal{A}, \mathcal{V}]$ .

Examples are easily obtained. For instance let  $\mathcal{V}$  be the category of algebras for the theory of commutative semigroups or the theory of distributive lattices. Then, by Numakura [13], this form of Pontryagin duality holds for the compact zero-dimensional objects of  $\mathcal{V}$ . For further examples see Hofmann [8].

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