

# BOHR COMPACTIFICATIONS OF ALGEBRAS AND STRUCTURES

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**ABSTRACT.** This paper provides a unifying framework for a range of categorical constructions characterised by universal mapping properties, within the realm of compactifications of discrete structures. Some classic examples fit within this broad picture: the Bohr compactification of an abelian group via Pontryagin duality, the zero-dimensional Bohr compactification of a semilattice, and the Nachbin order-compactification of an ordered set.

The notion of a natural extension functor is extended to suitable categories of structures and such a functor is shown to yield a reflection into an associated category of topological structures. Our principal results address reconciliation of the natural extension with the Bohr compactification or its zero-dimensional variant. In certain cases the natural extension functor and a Bohr compactification functor are the same; in others the functors have different codomains but may agree on all objects. Coincidence in the stronger sense occurs in the zero-dimensional setting precisely when the domain is a category of structures whose associated topological prevariety is standard. It occurs, in the weaker sense only, for the class of ordered sets and, as we show, also for infinitely many classes of ordered structures.

Coincidence results aid understanding of Bohr-type compactifications, which are defined abstractly. Ideas from natural duality theory lead to an explicit description of the natural extension which is particularly amenable for any prevariety of algebras with a finite, dualisable, generator. Examples of such classes—often varieties—are plentiful and varied, and in many cases the associated topological prevariety is standard.

## 1. INTRODUCTION

Our purpose is to bring within a common framework a range of apparently rather disparate universal constructions. In all cases the objects constructed are topological structures and the construction is performed by applying the left adjoint to a functor which forgets the topology. Constructions of this type arise widely in algebra and in topology, under various guises. Specific examples include

- the Bohr compactification of an abelian group [34];
- the Bohr compactification of a unital meet semilattice [33];
- the Stone–Čech compactification of a set;
- the Nachbin order-compactification of an ordered set [41, 7].

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Here the categories on which the left adjoint functors act have as objects a suitable class either of algebras or of relational structures.

The Bohr compactification is best known, and first received attention, in the context of topological abelian groups. Somewhat later, the ideas were extended to semigroups, semilattices and rings by Holm [34], suggesting that a theory of Bohr compactifications could be developed for algebraic structures more widely. This was taken forward by Hart and Kunen [32]. However they work with an algebraic first-order language, so that the discrete structures of their title are less general than those we shall consider. (It is immaterial whether one chooses overtly to include the discrete topology or, as we shall do, suppress it.) The Bohr construction comes in two distinct flavours, depending on whether one seeks a reflection into a category of topological structures which has objects which carry a compact Hausdorff topology or one in which the objects are compact and zero-dimensional. These functors are customarily denoted, respectively, by  $b$  and  $b_0$ .

Bohr compactifications may be considered alongside other generic constructions one may perform on suitable classes:

- Bohr compactifications and zero-dimensional Bohr compactifications, of algebraic structures, as studied in [32];
- the natural extension of an algebra in any internally residually finite prevariety, abbreviated IRF-prevariety, that is, a class of the form  $\text{ISP}(\mathcal{M})$ , where  $\mathcal{M}$  is a set of finite algebras of common signature [17];
- the profinite completion of an algebra in a residually finite variety or more generally an IRF-prevariety, in general and in particular cases (see [43, 5, 18, 25] and references therein);
- the canonical extension of an algebra in a finitely generated variety of lattice-based algebras (see [25] and references therein).

In each of these cases we start from a category  $\mathcal{A}$  of algebras and consider a category  $\mathcal{B}$  of topological structures in which each object has a topology-free reduct in  $\mathcal{A}$  and we have a functor  $F: \mathcal{A} \rightarrow \mathcal{B}$  which is left adjoint to the functor from  $\mathcal{B}$  to  $\mathcal{A}$  which forgets the topology. The constructions differ in their scope (that is, in the conditions on the domain category  $\mathcal{A}$  on which they operate) and in the manner in which they are customarily formulated. Where the same category  $\mathcal{A}$  supports more than one of the constructions, the codomain category  $\mathcal{B}$  may vary. In some instances existence is initially established abstractly; in others, and for the natural extension in particular, a concrete description is presented at the outset, or can be derived. A recurrent theme however is that the constructions can be characterised by an appropriate universal mapping property.

Our presentation of an overarching framework for compactifications of Bohr type relies on widening the scope of the natural extension construction. We consider prevarieties of the form  $\mathcal{A} = \text{ISP}(\mathcal{M})$ , where  $\mathcal{M}$  is a set of structures and each  $\mathbf{M} \in \mathcal{M}$  has an associated compact Hausdorff topology  $\mathcal{T}$  that is compatible with the structure; we call such a class a *compactly-topologisable prevariety*, or CT-prevariety for short. We then define the associated topological prevariety  $\mathcal{A}_{\mathcal{T}} := \text{IS}_c\text{P}(\mathcal{M}_{\mathcal{T}})$ , where  $\mathcal{M}_{\mathcal{T}} = \{\mathbf{M}_{\mathcal{T}} \mid \mathbf{M} \in \mathcal{M}\}$  and  $\mathbf{M}_{\mathcal{T}}$  denotes  $\mathbf{M}$  endowed with the topology  $\mathcal{T}$ . We make both  $\mathcal{A}$  and  $\mathcal{A}_{\mathcal{T}}$  into categories in the obvious way (see Sections 2 and 3 for more details). Frequently we shall present theoretical results only for the case  $|\mathcal{M}| = 1$ ; this simplifies the presentation and covers the specific classes we target in this paper.

A natural extension functor  $n_{\mathcal{A}}$  exists on any CT-prevariety  $\mathcal{A}$  and so is available in particular on all four of the categories in our initial list: abelian groups, unital meet semilattices, sets, and ordered sets. We demonstrate in Section 3 that many of the good features of the natural extension revealed in [17] extend to the wider setting: most notably we have a well-defined functor which is a reflection and so acts as the left adjoint to the forgetful functor from  $\mathcal{A}_{\mathcal{T}}$  into  $\mathcal{A}$ . (We note, by contrast, that the profinite completion construction cannot be expected to extend beyond the setting of IRF-prevarieties of algebras.) The natural extension construction has an important virtue. The formalism of traditional natural duality theory, as presented in the text of Clark and Davey [8], enables an explicit description to be given in general of  $n_{\mathcal{A}}(\mathbf{A})$ , for  $\mathbf{A}$  in an IRF-prevariety  $\mathcal{A}$  of algebras, and in a more refined and amenable form, for classes which admit a natural duality [17]. Drawing similarly on duality theory ideas that extend to IRF-prevarieties of structures [16] and to certain CT-prevarieties of structures [20], we are able explicitly to describe natural extensions in the wider setting, though there are impediments: structures must not contain partial operations and, for prevarieties with infinite generators, the results we obtain are less complete than those for IRF-prevarieties.

The Bohr compactification functor  $b$  on a prevariety  $\mathcal{A}$  of structures (as presented in Section 2) maps  $\mathcal{A}$  into the category  $\mathcal{A}^{\text{ct}}$  of compact topological structures with non-topological reduct in  $\mathcal{A}$  and is left adjoint to the natural forgetful functor. The zero-dimensional Bohr compactification functor  $b_0$  is defined similarly, with  $\mathcal{A}^{\text{ct}}$  replaced by the category  $\mathcal{A}^{\text{Bt}}$  of Boolean topological structures with reduct in  $\mathcal{A}$ . Thus a Bohr compactification has an abstract characterisation, and so is hard to describe explicitly. It is therefore advantageous to know when it coincides with the more readily accessible natural extension. In Section 4 we elucidate the relationship between the natural extension functor  $n_{\mathcal{A}}$  on a class  $\mathcal{A}$  of structures and the functor  $b$  and, when the objects of  $\mathcal{A}_{\mathcal{T}}$  are zero-dimensional, the functor  $b_0$ ; see Proposition 4.1. The situation is illustrated in Figure 1; each of the functors is left adjoint to the corresponding forgetful functor.

$$\begin{array}{ccccc}
 \mathcal{A}_{\mathcal{T}} & \hookrightarrow & \mathcal{A}^{\text{Bt}} & \hookrightarrow & \mathcal{A}^{\text{ct}} \\
 & \nwarrow n_{\mathcal{A}} & \uparrow b_0 & \nearrow b & \\
 & & \mathcal{A} & & 
 \end{array}$$

FIGURE 1. The functors  $n_{\mathcal{A}}$ ,  $b_0$  and  $b$  (in the case that  $\mathcal{A}_{\mathcal{T}} \subseteq \mathcal{A}^{\text{Bt}}$ )

The coincidence results we present are a core constituent of the paper. They are of two types. *Strong coincidence* occurs when the functors under consideration can be shown to have the same codomain, from which it follows that the functors are identical, having the same domain, codomain and values. *Weak coincidence* arises when the codomain categories are different but the image of the functor into the larger of the categories lies in the smaller one: for example, if  $b_0$  maps  $\mathcal{A}$  into  $\mathcal{A}_{\mathcal{T}}$ , then  $b_0(\mathbf{A}) = n_{\mathcal{A}}(\mathbf{A})$ , for all  $\mathbf{A} \in \mathcal{A}$ , and hence  $b_0$  and  $n_{\mathcal{A}}$  coincide except for their codomains.

Given an IRF-prevariety  $\mathcal{A}$ , strong coincidence of  $b_0$  and  $n_{\mathcal{A}}$  occurs exactly when the associated topological prevariety  $\mathcal{A}_{\mathcal{T}}$  is standard. The notion of a *standard topological prevariety* has received considerable attention in its own right [10, 9, 12, 11, 26, 35]. This literature enables us to present an extensive list of IRF-prevarieties of algebras (all of which are in fact varieties) for which the zero-dimensional Bohr compactification coincides strongly with the natural extension and can thereby be explicitly described with the aid of known dualities (see Theorems 5.2 and 5.3). We also consider briefly, with examples, new notions of standardness appropriate to a CT-prevariety which has an infinite generator.

We can draw on two famous examples from the literature to highlight instances of non-coincidence which arise in different ways. The IRF-prevariety  $\mathcal{S}$  of unital meet semilattices is standard, so that strong coincidence occurs for  $n_{\mathcal{S}}$  and  $b_0$ . However weak coincidence of  $b_0$  and  $b$  fails; see Theorem 4.4. Now consider the IRF-prevariety  $\mathcal{P}$  of ordered sets. Here standardness fails (see Example 4.3) and strong coincidences are ruled out. However weak coincidence of  $b$  (the Nachbin order compactification functor) and  $n_{\mathcal{P}}$  does occur, and so, even though they have three different codomains, the functors  $b$ ,  $b_0$  and  $n_{\mathcal{P}}$  take the same values on  $\mathcal{A}$ : so  $b(\mathbf{Y}) = b_0(\mathbf{Y}) = n_{\mathcal{A}}(\mathbf{Y})$ , for each ordered set  $\mathbf{Y}$ ; see Proposition 6.4. Building on this example, Theorem 6.8 supplies a countably infinite family of IRF-prevarieties  $\mathcal{X}$  of ordered structures exhibiting the same behaviours as does  $\mathcal{P}$ . Underpinning our discovery of these prevarieties is the method of topology-swapping, originating in [19] and applied in Section 6 to the description of natural extensions in linked pairs of categories; see Corollary 6.2.

We should issue a reassurance that readers of this paper are not assumed to have a working knowledge of natural duality theory. As we have indicated, our key tools for identifying zero-dimensional Bohr compactifications are the natural extension construction and the notion of a standard topological prevariety. These tools are an adjunct to, rather than a part of, duality theory and our presentation of the theory we require is self-contained. We do however refer to the literature for results concerning dualisability or otherwise of particular classes of structures, and for details of particular dualities, where these exist.

We conclude this introduction by stressing that our objective is to analyse in a uniform manner compactifications in a range of specific categories. Our focus is very different from that of the treatment of universal constructions within an abstract categorical framework, as presented in such sources as [38] or [1]. Our account, by contrast, does have some affinity with the free-wheeling introduction to universal constructions in algebra and topology given, in textbook style, by Bergman [4], in particular Section 3.17.

## 2. THE BOHR COMPACTIFICATION OF A STRUCTURE

The Bohr compactification has a honourable place in the theory of topological groups, and has important connections with harmonic analysis and almost periodic functions. For background on the construction in this context, and on its applications, see for example [34, 27]. The ideas were extended to certain other classes of algebras with compatible topology; see for example [34], and the wide-ranging survey by Hart and Kunen [32]. We warn once again, however, that the term ‘structure’ is used in a narrower sense in [32] than in the present paper. In the former the setting is provided by a first-order language  $\mathcal{L}$  with operation symbols and

equality but without other relation symbols; the authors suggest that the theory would be ‘a little messier’ if  $\mathcal{L}$  were to include predicates (see [32, 2.1 and 2.3.13]). This is in sharp contrast to our treatment. We work in a context that encompasses algebraic structures, purely relational structures, and hybrid structures within a common framework. We will consider the Bohr compactification of these more general structures and connect it, where possible, to the natural extension. Hart and Kunen make no a priori assumption that the classes of structures with which they deal are varieties or prevarieties, though this is the case with their most significant examples.

Within the theory of compactifications of topological algebras, or of more general types of topological structures, an important special case arises when one restricts to the situation in which the objects being compactified carry the discrete topology, or equivalently no topology. This is the case on which we shall exclusively focus. In most of our examples, the Bohr compactifications will be zero-dimensional.

We recall that a topological space  $X$  is said to be *zero-dimensional* if it has a basis of clopen sets. This is a convenient point at which to draw attention to the alternative formulations of the concept of zero-dimensionality in the context of compact spaces. A compact Hausdorff space  $X$  is zero-dimensional if and only if it is a *Boolean space* in the sense that the clopen sets separate the points (that is, if it is *totally disconnected*). For brevity we shall usually adopt the term Boolean space subsequently.

Our task in this section is to set up the definition of the Bohr compactification, in either variant, in the context of structures. First we need to specify precisely what we mean by a (topological) structure.

**Definition 2.1.** A *structure*  $\mathbf{A} = \langle A; G^{\mathbf{A}}, H^{\mathbf{A}}, R^{\mathbf{A}} \rangle$  is a set  $A$  equipped with a set  $G^{\mathbf{A}}$  of finitary total operations, a set  $H^{\mathbf{A}}$  of finitary partial operations and a set  $R^{\mathbf{A}}$  of finitary relations. If  $H^{\mathbf{A}}$  is empty we refer to  $\mathbf{A}$  as a *total structure*, if both  $G^{\mathbf{A}}$  and  $H^{\mathbf{A}}$  are empty we refer to  $\mathbf{A}$  as a *purely relational structure* and if both  $H^{\mathbf{A}}$  and  $R^{\mathbf{A}}$  are empty we refer to  $\mathbf{A}$  as an *algebra*. A *structure with topology*  $\mathbf{A} = \langle A; G^{\mathbf{A}}, H^{\mathbf{A}}, R^{\mathbf{A}}, \mathcal{T}^{\mathbf{A}} \rangle$  is simply a structure equipped with a topology  $\mathcal{T}^{\mathbf{A}}$ , and  $\mathbf{A}^{\flat} := \langle A; G^{\mathbf{A}}, H^{\mathbf{A}}, R^{\mathbf{A}} \rangle$  will denote its underlying structure. We say that the topology is *compatible* with the underlying structure if the relations in  $R^{\mathbf{A}}$  and the domains of the partial operations in  $H^{\mathbf{A}}$  are topologically closed and the operations in  $G^{\mathbf{A}}$  and the partial operations in  $H^{\mathbf{A}}$  are continuous; when this holds we refer to  $\mathbf{A} = \langle A; G^{\mathbf{A}}, H^{\mathbf{A}}, R^{\mathbf{A}}, \mathcal{T}^{\mathbf{A}} \rangle$  as a *topological structure* (of signature  $(G, H, R)$ ). Given a structure  $\mathbf{M}$  with a compatible topology  $\mathcal{T}$ , we denote by  $\mathbf{M}_{\mathcal{T}}$  the topological structure obtained by endowing  $\mathbf{M}$  with the topology  $\mathcal{T}$ . We shall sometimes use a superscript  $\mathcal{T}$  rather than a subscript to avoid bracketing; for example, we write  $\mathbf{M}_1^{\mathcal{T}}$  rather than  $(\mathbf{M}_1)_{\mathcal{T}}$ .

Our principal concern will be with total structures, but we do not disallow partial operations until this is necessary. A class of structures will always be converted into a category by adding all homomorphisms as morphisms of the category, and similarly, for a class of structures with topology, the morphisms of the corresponding category will be the continuous homomorphisms.

**Definition 2.2.** Assume that  $\mathcal{A}$  is a class of structures. Then we may consider both the category  $\mathcal{A}^{\text{ct}}$  of compact Hausdorff topological structures having  $\mathcal{A}$ -reducts and its full subcategory  $\mathcal{A}^{\text{Bt}}$  consisting of those compact topological structures

whose topology is zero-dimensional. The *Bohr compactification* of  $\mathbf{A}$ , denoted  $b(\mathbf{A})$ , is required to be a member of  $\mathcal{A}^{\text{ct}}$  into which  $\mathbf{A}$  embeds as a structure, via an embedding we denote by  $\iota_{\mathbf{A}}$ , with the property that the closed substructure of  $b(\mathbf{A})$  generated by  $\iota_{\mathbf{A}}(A)$  is  $b(\mathbf{A})$  itself. If the signature of the structures includes no partial operations, so  $H = \emptyset$ , then we simply require  $\iota_{\mathbf{A}}(A)$  to be topologically dense in  $b(\mathbf{A})$ . The compact topological structure  $b(\mathbf{A})$  is required to satisfy, and is uniquely determined, up to a  $\mathcal{A}^{\text{ct}}$ -isomorphism, by the following universal mapping property:

given any compact Hausdorff structure  $\mathbf{B} \in \mathcal{A}^{\text{ct}}$  and any  $\mathcal{A}$ -morphism  $g: \mathbf{A} \rightarrow \mathbf{B}$ , there exists a unique  $\mathcal{A}^{\text{ct}}$ -morphism  $h: b(\mathbf{A}) \rightarrow \mathbf{B}$  such that  $h \circ \iota_{\mathbf{A}} = g$ .

Replacing ‘Hausdorff’ by ‘zero-dimensional’ and  $b(\mathbf{A})$  by  $b_0(\mathbf{A})$  throughout, so working within the realm of Boolean-topological structures, we obtain the *zero-dimensional Bohr compactification*  $b_0(\mathbf{A})$  of  $\mathbf{A}$ . (Henceforth all compact topological spaces will be assumed to be Hausdorff.)

It is a very simple exercise to check that the (zero-dimensional) Bohr compactification is uniquely determined and that the specification in terms of a universal mapping property agrees with that given in [32]. If  $\mathcal{A}$  is closed under forming substructures, then, in the universal mapping property, the  $\mathcal{A}^{\text{ct}}$ -morphism  $h$  is uniquely determined by  $g$ , for all  $\mathcal{A}$ -morphisms  $g$ , if and only if the closed substructure of  $b(\mathbf{A})$  generated by  $\iota_{\mathbf{A}}(A)$  is  $b(\mathbf{A})$  itself—the argument is completely standard, using only the universal mapping property and the fact that an equaliser of two continuous homomorphisms forms a closed substructure.

Thus for  $\mathbf{A} \in \mathcal{A}$  both  $b(\mathbf{A})$  and  $b_0(\mathbf{A})$  are indeed defined and are characterised by their respective universal mapping properties. If it happens that  $b(\mathbf{A})$  is in fact a Boolean-topological structure, then  $b(\mathbf{A}) = b_0(\mathbf{A})$ , since  $b(\mathbf{A})$  satisfies the universal property characterising  $b_0(\mathbf{A})$ . Of course, the universal mapping properties defining  $b(\mathbf{A})$  and  $b_0(\mathbf{A})$  say precisely that  $b: \mathcal{A} \rightarrow \mathcal{A}^{\text{ct}}$  and  $b_0: \mathcal{A} \rightarrow \mathcal{A}^{\text{Bt}}$  are reflections, that is, they are left adjoint functors to the natural forgetful functors, provided  $b(\mathbf{A})$  and  $b_0(\mathbf{A})$  exist, for all  $\mathbf{A} \in \mathcal{A}$ .

### 3. THE NATURAL EXTENSION OF A STRUCTURE

In this section we introduce, in the context of CT-prevarieties of structures, the natural extension which plays a central and unifying role in this paper. The theory we shall present principally concerns categories of the two forms:

$$\mathcal{A} = \text{ISP}(\mathcal{M}) \quad \text{and} \quad \mathcal{A}_{\mathcal{T}} = \text{IS}_{\text{cP}}(\mathcal{M}_{\mathcal{T}}).$$

Here and below  $\mathcal{M}$  is a set of structures of common signature;  $\mathcal{M}$  is not required to be finite (but in the examples we shall give  $\mathcal{M}$  will contain only a single structure). The *prevariety*  $\mathcal{A} := \text{ISP}(\mathcal{M})$  generated by  $\mathcal{M}$  is the class of isomorphic copies of non-empty substructures of products of structures in  $\mathcal{M}$ , where products are structured coordinatewise. Extending the usage in [17, Section 2], if all of the structures in  $\mathcal{M}$  are finite we shall refer to the class  $\mathcal{A}$  as an *internally residually finite prevariety (of structures)* or *IRF-prevariety* for short. We shall assume that each  $\mathbf{M}$  in  $\mathcal{M}$  has a fixed associated compact topology  $\mathcal{T}$  that is compatible with  $\mathbf{M}$  and we denote the corresponding topological structure by  $\mathbf{M}_{\mathcal{T}}$ . Let  $\mathcal{M}_{\mathcal{T}} := \{\mathbf{M}_{\mathcal{T}} \mid \mathbf{M} \in \mathcal{M}\}$ ; then the *topological prevariety*  $\mathcal{A}_{\mathcal{T}} := \text{IS}_{\text{cP}}(\mathcal{M}_{\mathcal{T}})$  generated by

$\mathcal{M}_{\mathcal{T}}$  consists of isomorphic copies of non-empty topologically closed substructures of products of members of  $\mathcal{M}_{\mathcal{T}}$ .

**Remark 3.1.** If we prefer we may replace the class operator  $\mathbf{P}$  by  $\mathbf{P}^+$ , thereby excluding the empty indexed product. Similarly, we can allow the possibility of including the empty structures in both  $\mathcal{A}$  and  $\mathcal{A}_{\mathcal{T}}$  by replacing  $\mathbf{S}$  and  $\mathbf{S}_c$  with the operators  $\mathbf{S}^0$  and  $\mathbf{S}_c^0$  that include empty substructures (when the signature does not include nullary operations). We have chosen one of the four possibilities as our primary setting, but will have need of several of the others along the way. All of the theory presented below carries over to the other three with trivial changes. To avoid a proliferation of names, we shall refer to each of  $\mathbf{IS}_c\mathbf{P}(\mathcal{M}_{\mathcal{T}})$ ,  $\mathbf{IS}_c\mathbf{P}^+(\mathcal{M}_{\mathcal{T}})$ ,  $\mathbf{IS}_c^0\mathbf{P}(\mathcal{M}_{\mathcal{T}})$  and  $\mathbf{IS}_c^0\mathbf{P}^+(\mathcal{M}_{\mathcal{T}})$  as the topological prevariety generated by  $\mathcal{M}_{\mathcal{T}}$  as it will always be clear from the context which is intended.

In the case of an IRF-prevariety  $\mathbf{ISP}(\mathcal{M})$ , each  $\mathbf{M} \in \mathcal{M}$  is finite and hence the topology  $\mathcal{T}$  associated with  $\mathbf{M}$  is discrete and is the unique topology making  $\mathbf{M}_{\mathcal{T}}$  compact Hausdorff (in fact zero-dimensional). The objects in  $\mathcal{A}_{\mathcal{T}} = \mathbf{IS}_c\mathbf{P}(\mathcal{M}_{\mathcal{T}})$  are then Boolean-topological structures; hence  $\mathcal{A}_{\mathcal{T}} \subseteq \mathcal{A}^{\text{Bt}}$ .

Now let  $\mathcal{A}$  be a CT-prevariety of structures, so  $\mathcal{A} = \mathbf{ISP}(\mathcal{M})$  for a set  $\mathcal{M}$  of structures in  $\mathcal{A}$  each having an associated compatible compact topology. Let  $\mathcal{A}_{\mathcal{T}} := \mathbf{IS}_c\mathbf{P}(\mathcal{M}_{\mathcal{T}})$  be the associated topological prevariety. We are ready to extend to CT-prevarieties of structures the concept of a *natural extension* which was introduced for IRF-prevarieties of algebras in [17, Section 3]. Let  $\mathbf{A} \in \mathcal{A}$  and define

$$X_{\mathbf{A}} := \bigcup \{ \mathcal{A}(\mathbf{A}, \mathbf{M}) \mid \mathbf{M} \in \mathcal{M} \}.$$

Further, let  $\mathbf{Y}_x := \mathbf{M}_{\mathcal{T}}$ , for each  $\mathbf{M} \in \mathcal{M}$  and  $x \in \mathcal{A}(\mathbf{A}, \mathbf{M})$ , that is,  $\mathbf{Y}_x$  is the codomain  $\mathbf{M}$  of the map  $x$  with the discrete topology  $\mathcal{T}$  added. The homomorphism

$$e_{\mathbf{A}}: \mathbf{A} \rightarrow \prod \{ \mathbf{Y}_x \mid x \in X_{\mathbf{A}} \}$$

given by evaluation,  $e_{\mathbf{A}}(a)(x) := x(a)$ , for all  $a \in A$  and  $x \in X_{\mathbf{A}}$ , is an embedding of structures since  $\mathbf{A} \in \mathbf{ISP}(\mathcal{M})$ . We also observe that  $\prod \{ \mathbf{Y}_x \mid x \in X_{\mathbf{A}} \} \in \mathcal{A}_{\mathcal{T}}$ .

**Definition 3.2.** Let  $\mathcal{A} = \mathbf{ISP}(\mathcal{M})$  be a CT-prevariety of structures generated by a set  $\mathcal{M}$  of structures each with a fixed associated compact topology and let  $\mathbf{A} \in \mathcal{A}$ . Then the topologically closed substructure generated by  $e_{\mathbf{A}}(\mathbf{A})$  in  $\prod \{ \mathbf{Y}_x \mid x \in X_{\mathbf{A}} \}$  is said to be the *natural extension*  $n_{\mathcal{A}}(\mathbf{A})$  of  $\mathbf{A}$  in  $\mathcal{A}_{\mathcal{T}}$  (relative to  $\mathcal{M}_{\mathcal{T}}$ ).

We notice that, in the case of total structures, the natural extension  $n_{\mathcal{A}}(\mathbf{A})$  coincides with the topological closure of  $e_{\mathbf{A}}(\mathbf{A})$  in  $\prod \{ \mathbf{Y}_x \mid x \in X_{\mathbf{A}} \}$ . For a CT-prevariety of structures,  $\mathcal{A} = \mathbf{ISP}(\mathcal{M})$ , we have constructed a map  $\mathbf{A} \mapsto n_{\mathcal{A}}(\mathbf{A})$  from  $\mathcal{A}$  into  $\mathcal{A}_{\mathcal{T}}$ . Though this seems to depend upon the choice of the generating set  $\mathcal{M}$  of structures for the prevariety  $\mathcal{A}$ , we shall show later that  $n_{\mathcal{A}}(\mathbf{A})$  is independent of the choice of the generating set  $\mathcal{M}$  of the prevariety  $\mathcal{A}$  in the case of an IRF-prevariety. More generally, the natural extension on a CT-prevariety  $\mathcal{A} = \mathbf{ISP}(\mathcal{M})$  is independent of the chosen generating set  $\mathcal{M}_{\mathcal{T}}$  of the associated topological prevariety (Corollary 3.9).

The map  $n_{\mathcal{A}}$  is defined on morphisms just as in [17]. Let  $u: \mathbf{A} \rightarrow \mathbf{B}$  be a morphism with  $\mathbf{A}, \mathbf{B} \in \mathcal{A}$ . For  $y \in X_{\mathbf{B}}$  we have  $y \circ u \in X_{\mathbf{A}}$ , and for each  $y \in X_{\mathbf{B}}$  we have the map

$$u_y: \prod \{ \mathbf{Y}_x \mid x \in X_{\mathbf{A}} \} \rightarrow \mathbf{Y}_y$$

defined by  $u_y(f) := f(y \circ u)$ . Further,  $\mathbf{Y}_y = \mathbf{Y}_{y \circ u}$  and  $u_y$  (as the projection at  $y \circ u$ ) is continuous. The map

$$\hat{u}: \prod \{ \mathbf{Y}_x \mid x \in X_{\mathbf{A}} \} \rightarrow \prod \{ \mathbf{Y}_y \mid y \in X_{\mathbf{B}} \}$$

is then defined as the natural product map, that is,

$$(\hat{u}(f))(y) := u_y(f) = f(y \circ u), \quad \text{for } f \in \prod \{ \mathbf{Y}_x \mid x \in X_{\mathbf{A}} \} \text{ and } y \in X_{\mathbf{B}}.$$

As each  $u_y$  is continuous,  $\hat{u}$  is continuous too. The following properties of  $\hat{u}$  are similar to those presented in [17, Lemma 3.1]. While the proof of the first one is analogous to the proof in the case of algebras, the second one requires slightly more careful definition chasing.

**Lemma 3.3.** *Let  $u: \mathbf{A} \rightarrow \mathbf{B}$  be a morphism with  $\mathbf{A}, \mathbf{B} \in \mathcal{A}$ .*

- (i)  $\hat{u} \circ e_{\mathbf{A}} = e_{\mathbf{B}} \circ u$ , and consequently,  $\hat{u}(e_{\mathbf{A}}(A)) \subseteq e_{\mathbf{B}}(B)$ .
- (ii)  $\hat{u}(n_{\mathcal{A}}(\mathbf{A})) \subseteq n_{\mathcal{A}}(\mathbf{B})$ .

*Proof.* To prove (i) we proceed as follows. Let  $a \in A$ . Then, for all  $y \in X_{\mathbf{B}}$ ,

$$\begin{aligned} (\hat{u} \circ e_{\mathbf{A}})(a)(y) &= \hat{u}(e_{\mathbf{A}}(a))(y) := u_y(e_{\mathbf{A}}(a)) = e_{\mathbf{A}}(a)(y \circ u) \\ &= y(u(a)) = e_{\mathbf{B}}(u(a))(y) = (e_{\mathbf{B}} \circ u)(a)(y). \end{aligned}$$

Hence  $\hat{u} \circ e_{\mathbf{A}} = e_{\mathbf{B}} \circ u$ , and it follows at once that  $\hat{u}(e_{\mathbf{A}}(A)) \subseteq e_{\mathbf{B}}(B)$ .

For (ii), we first note that, by (i),

$$e_{\mathbf{A}}(A) \subseteq \hat{u}^{-1}(\hat{u}(e_{\mathbf{A}}(A))) \subseteq \hat{u}^{-1}(e_{\mathbf{B}}(B)) \subseteq \hat{u}^{-1}(n_{\mathcal{A}}(\mathbf{B})).$$

Since  $\hat{u}^{-1}(n_{\mathcal{A}}(\mathbf{B}))$  is a closed substructure of  $\prod \{ \mathbf{Y}_x \mid x \in X_{\mathbf{A}} \}$ , it follows that  $n_{\mathcal{A}}(\mathbf{A}) \subseteq \hat{u}^{-1}(n_{\mathcal{A}}(\mathbf{B}))$ , and thus  $\hat{u}(n_{\mathcal{A}}(\mathbf{A})) \subseteq \hat{u}(\hat{u}^{-1}(n_{\mathcal{A}}(\mathbf{B}))) \subseteq n_{\mathcal{A}}(\mathbf{B})$ .  $\square$

For structures  $\mathbf{A}, \mathbf{B} \in \mathcal{A}$  and a morphism  $u: \mathbf{A} \rightarrow \mathbf{B}$ , we define a continuous morphism  $n_{\mathcal{A}}(u): n_{\mathcal{A}}(\mathbf{A}) \rightarrow n_{\mathcal{A}}(\mathbf{B})$  by  $n_{\mathcal{A}}(u) := \hat{u}|_{n_{\mathcal{A}}(\mathbf{A})}$ , and the first part of the following proposition follows by a routine calculation. The second is a consequence of Lemma 3.3 where  ${}^b: \mathcal{A}_{\mathcal{T}} \rightarrow \mathcal{A}$  denotes the natural forgetful functor.

**Proposition 3.4.** (i)  $n_{\mathcal{A}}: \mathcal{A} \rightarrow \mathcal{A}_{\mathcal{T}}$  is a well-defined functor.

- (ii)  $e: \text{id}_{\mathcal{A}} \rightarrow n_{\mathcal{A}}^b$  is a natural transformation, where  $n_{\mathcal{A}}^b := (n_{\mathcal{A}})^b: \mathcal{A} \rightarrow \mathcal{A}$ .

Lemma 3.5 below presents an alternative view of the natural extension of a structure in the CT-prevariety  $\mathcal{A} = \text{ISP}(\mathcal{M})$ . We shall need this result shortly in order to prove that the natural extension functor is a reflection. The lemma extends to the setting of CT-prevarieties of structures an analogous result for IRF-prevarieties of algebras given in [17].

We adopt the same notation as above. The product  $\prod \{ \mathbf{Y}_x \mid x \in X_{\mathbf{A}} \}$ , the codomain of the map  $e_{\mathbf{A}}$ , may be viewed as an iterated product

$$\prod \{ \prod \{ Y_x \mid x \in \mathcal{A}(\mathbf{A}, \mathbf{M}) \} \mid \mathbf{M} \in \mathcal{M} \}.$$

We then write  $e_{\mathbf{A}}(a)(\mathbf{M})(x) = x(a)$ , for any fixed  $a \in A$  and for  $\mathbf{M} \in \mathcal{M}$  and  $x \in \mathcal{A}(\mathbf{A}, \mathbf{M})$ , and refer to each  $e_{\mathbf{A}}(a)$  as a *multisorted evaluation map*. We have

$$e_{\mathbf{A}}: \mathbf{A} \rightarrow \prod \{ \mathbf{M}_{\mathcal{T}}^{\mathcal{A}(\mathbf{A}, \mathbf{M})} \mid \mathbf{M} \in \mathcal{M} \}.$$

The set  $\mathcal{A}(\mathbf{A}, \mathbf{M})$  can be regarded as a closed subspace of the topological product  $\mathbf{M}_{\mathcal{T}}^{\mathcal{A}}$ , in which case we denote it by  $\mathcal{A}(\mathbf{A}, \mathbf{M})_{\mathcal{T}}$ . (Notice we are not claiming that  $\mathcal{A}(\mathbf{A}, \mathbf{M})_{\mathcal{T}} \in \mathcal{A}_{\mathcal{T}}$ ; in general it is not a substructure of  $\mathbf{M}_{\mathcal{T}}^{\mathcal{A}}$ .) It now makes sense to



consider the set  $C(\mathcal{A}(\mathbf{A}, \mathbf{M})_{\mathcal{T}}, \mathbf{M}_{\mathcal{T}})$  of continuous maps from  $\mathcal{A}(\mathbf{A}, \mathbf{M})_{\mathcal{T}}$  into  $\mathbf{M}_{\mathcal{T}}$ . As the map

$$e_{\mathbf{A}}(a)(\mathbf{M}): \mathcal{A}(\mathbf{A}, \mathbf{M})_{\mathcal{T}} \rightarrow \mathbf{M}_{\mathcal{T}}$$

is continuous, for all  $\mathbf{M} \in \mathcal{M}$ , we can restrict the codomain of  $e_{\mathbf{A}}$  and write

$$e_{\mathbf{A}}: \mathbf{A} \rightarrow \prod \{ C(\mathcal{A}(\mathbf{A}, \mathbf{M})_{\mathcal{T}}, \mathbf{M}_{\mathcal{T}}) \mid \mathbf{M} \in \mathcal{M} \}.$$

**Lemma 3.5.** *Let  $\mathcal{A} = \text{ISP}(\mathcal{M})$  be a CT-prevariety of structures and let  $\mathbf{A} \in \mathcal{A}$ . Then the natural extension  $n_{\mathcal{A}}(\mathbf{A})$  is the closed substructure generated by  $e_{\mathbf{A}}(\mathbf{A})$  within the product  $\prod \{ C(\mathcal{A}(\mathbf{A}, \mathbf{M})_{\mathcal{T}}, \mathbf{M}_{\mathcal{T}}) \mid \mathbf{M} \in \mathcal{M} \}$ .*

We can provide a quite explicit, if unwieldy, description of the elements of the natural extension in the context of an IRF-prevariety of structures. This generalises the description given by [17, Theorem 4.1] and is proved in the same way. We present this in the single-sorted case (so that  $|\mathcal{M}| = 1$ ) since this covers our future needs in this paper and simplifies the statement; a multi-sorted version could be obtained, as in [17].

**Proposition 3.6.** *Let  $\mathbf{M} = \langle M; G, R \rangle$  be a finite total structure, let  $\mathcal{A} := \text{ISP}(\mathbf{M})$ , let  $\mathbf{A}$  belong to  $\mathcal{A}$ , and let  $b: \mathcal{A}(\mathbf{A}, \mathbf{M}) \rightarrow M$  be a map. Then the following conditions are equivalent:*

- (i)  *$b$  belongs to  $n_{\mathcal{A}}(\mathbf{A})$ , that is,  $b$  belongs to the topological closure of  $e_{\mathbf{A}}(\mathbf{A})$  in  $\mathbf{M}_{\mathcal{T}}^{\mathcal{A}(\mathbf{A}, \mathbf{M})}$ ;*
- (ii)  *$b$  is locally an evaluation, that is, for every finite subset  $Y$  of  $\mathcal{A}(\mathbf{A}, \mathbf{M})$ , there exists  $a \in A$  such that  $b(y) = y(a)$ , for all  $y \in Y$ ;*
- (iii)  *$b$  preserves every finitary relation on  $M$  that forms a substructure of the appropriate power of  $\mathbf{M}$ ;*
- (iv)  *$b$  preserves every finitary relation on  $M$  of the form*

$$r_F := \{ (x_1(a), \dots, x_n(a)) \mid a \in A \},$$

*where  $F = \{x_1, \dots, x_n\}$  is a finite subset of  $\mathcal{A}(\mathbf{A}, \mathbf{M})$ .*

We now revert to the assumption that  $\mathcal{A} = \text{ISP}(\mathcal{M})$  is a CT-prevariety of structures. With the construction of the natural extension in place we are ready to move on to establish its key properties.

We wish to prove that the natural extension functor is a reflection. To do this we exploit the alternative description of the natural extension given in Lemma 3.5. This theorem, proved for the algebra case in [17, Proposition 3.4], was not exploited in that paper. Here, extended to structures and slightly rephrased, it will play an important role (see Section 4). We note that the statement in Theorem 3.7(i) is slightly stronger than asking for  $\mathbf{B}^b$  to be a retract of  $n_{\mathcal{A}}(\mathbf{B}^b)^b$  in  $\mathcal{A}$ .

**Theorem 3.7.** *Let  $\mathcal{A}$  be a CT-prevariety of structures.*

- (i) *For each  $\mathbf{B} \in \mathcal{A}_{\mathcal{T}}$  there exists a continuous homomorphism  $\gamma: n_{\mathcal{A}}(\mathbf{B}^b) \rightarrow \mathbf{B}$  with  $\gamma \circ e_{\mathbf{B}^b} = \text{id}_{\mathbf{B}}$ .*
- (ii) *The natural extension functor  $n_{\mathcal{A}}: \mathcal{A} \rightarrow \mathcal{A}_{\mathcal{T}}$  is a reflection of  $\mathcal{A}$  into the (non-full) subcategory  $\mathcal{A}_{\mathcal{T}}$ . Specifically, for each  $\mathbf{A} \in \mathcal{A}$ , each  $\mathbf{B} \in \mathcal{A}_{\mathcal{T}}$  and every homomorphism  $g: \mathbf{A} \rightarrow \mathbf{B}^b$ , there exists a unique continuous homomorphism  $h: n_{\mathcal{A}}(\mathbf{A}) \rightarrow \mathbf{B}$  with  $h \circ e_{\mathbf{A}} = g$ .*

*Proof.* Consider (i). Let  $\mathbf{B} \in \mathcal{A}_{\mathcal{T}}$  and consider the natural map

$$c: \mathbf{B} \rightarrow \prod \{ \mathbf{M}_{\mathcal{T}}^{\mathcal{A}(\mathbf{B}, \mathbf{M}_{\mathcal{T}})} \mid \mathbf{M} \in \mathcal{M} \} \quad \text{given by} \quad c(b)(\mathbf{M})(x) := x(b),$$

for all  $b \in B$  and  $x \in \mathcal{A}_{\mathcal{T}}(\mathbf{B}, \mathbf{M}_{\mathcal{T}})$ . Since  $\mathbf{B} \in \mathcal{A}_{\mathcal{T}}$ , the map  $c$  is a continuous embedding. Let

$$\pi: \prod \{ \mathbf{M}_{\mathcal{T}}^{\mathcal{A}(\mathbf{B}^b, \mathbf{M})} \mid \mathbf{M} \in \mathcal{M} \} \rightarrow \prod \{ \mathbf{M}_{\mathcal{T}}^{\mathcal{A}(\mathbf{B}, \mathbf{M}_{\mathcal{T}})} \mid \mathbf{M} \in \mathcal{M} \}$$

be the obvious projection. Clearly,  $\pi \circ e_{\mathbf{B}^b} = c$  and  $\pi$  maps  $e_{\mathbf{B}^b}(B)$  bijectively to  $c(B)$ . Since  $e_{\mathbf{B}^b}(B) \subseteq \pi^{-1}(\pi(e_{\mathbf{B}^b}(B))) = \pi^{-1}(c(B))$ , and since  $\pi^{-1}(c(B))$  is a closed substructure of  $\prod \{ \mathbf{M}_{\mathcal{T}}^{\mathcal{A}(\mathbf{B}^b, \mathbf{M})} \mid \mathbf{M} \in \mathcal{M} \}$ , we have  $n_{\mathcal{A}}(\mathbf{B}^b) \subseteq \pi^{-1}(c(B))$ , whence  $\pi(n_{\mathcal{A}}(\mathbf{B}^b)) \subseteq c(B)$ .

Hence we can restrict both the domain and the codomain of  $\pi$  and define

$$\rho := \pi|_{n_{\mathcal{A}}(\mathbf{B}^b)}: n_{\mathcal{A}}(\mathbf{B}^b) \rightarrow c(B).$$

Finally, define  $\gamma := c^{-1} \circ \rho$ . Then we have

$$\gamma \circ e_{\mathbf{B}^b} = c^{-1} \circ \rho \circ e_{\mathbf{B}^b} = c^{-1} \circ c = \text{id}_B,$$

completing the proof of (i).

Now consider (ii). We first prove the uniqueness of the continuous homomorphism  $h$ . Assume that continuous homomorphisms  $h, h': n_{\mathcal{A}}(\mathbf{A}) \rightarrow \mathbf{B}$  satisfy  $h \circ e_{\mathbf{A}} = h' \circ e_{\mathbf{A}} = g$ . Then the equaliser  $\mathbf{Y} := \text{eq}(h, h')$  is a closed substructure of  $\prod \{ \mathbf{Y}_x \mid x \in X_{\mathbf{A}} \}$  containing  $e_{\mathbf{A}}(\mathbf{A})$  and hence  $\mathbf{Y} = n_{\mathcal{A}}(\mathbf{A})$ ; it follows at once that  $h = h'$ .

To prove the existence assertion, we apply (i) to find  $\gamma: n_{\mathcal{A}}(\mathbf{B}^b) \rightarrow \mathbf{B}$  with  $\gamma \circ e_{\mathbf{B}^b} = \text{id}_B$ . Note that  $n_{\mathcal{A}}(g): n_{\mathcal{A}}(\mathbf{A}) \rightarrow n_{\mathcal{A}}(\mathbf{B}^b)$  is a continuous homomorphism with  $n_{\mathcal{A}}(g) \circ e_{\mathbf{A}} = e_{\mathbf{B}^b} \circ g$ . Now take  $h = \gamma \circ n_{\mathcal{A}}(g)$ .  $\square$

It is very easy to check that the definition of  $n_{\mathcal{A}}(\mathbf{A})$  requires only that  $\mathbf{A}$  be a structure of the appropriate signature. Proposition 3.4 and Theorem 3.7 then show that  $n_{\mathcal{A}}$  provides a reflection functor from the category of all structures of the appropriate type into  $\mathcal{A}_{\mathcal{T}}$ .

The fact that Theorem 3.7 supplies a reflection has the following important corollary.

**Corollary 3.8.** *For each CT-prevariety of structures  $\mathcal{A}$ , the functor  $n_{\mathcal{A}}: \mathcal{A} \rightarrow \mathcal{A}_{\mathcal{T}}$  is left adjoint to the functor  $^b: \mathcal{A}_{\mathcal{T}} \rightarrow \mathcal{A}$  forgetting the topology.*

Since the left adjoint to the forgetful functor is unique and depends only upon  $\mathcal{A}$  and the subcategory  $\mathcal{A}_{\mathcal{T}}$ , we obtain the following important consequence for the natural-extension perspective we adopt in the remainder of the paper.

**Corollary 3.9.**

- (i) *Let  $\mathcal{M}$  and  $\mathcal{M}'$  be sets consisting of structures each of which has a fixed associated compact topology. Define  $\mathcal{A} = \text{ISP}(\mathcal{M})$  and assume that  $\text{IS}_{\text{cP}}(\mathcal{M}_{\mathcal{T}}) = \text{IS}_{\text{cP}}(\mathcal{M}'_{\mathcal{T}})$ . Then  $\mathcal{A} = \text{ISP}(\mathcal{M}')$  and, for all  $\mathbf{A} \in \mathcal{A}$ , the natural extensions of  $\mathbf{A}$  relative to  $\mathcal{M}$  and relative to  $\mathcal{M}'$  agree.*
- (ii) *Let  $\mathcal{A}$  be an IRF-prevariety of structures. Then, for each  $\mathbf{A} \in \mathcal{A}$ , the natural extension  $n_{\mathcal{A}}(\mathbf{A})$  of  $\mathbf{A}$  is independent of the set  $\mathcal{M}$  of finite structures chosen to generate  $\mathcal{A}$ .*

*Proof.* By Corollary 3.8, we only need to see that our assumptions guarantee that  $\text{ISP}(\mathcal{M}) = \text{ISP}(\mathcal{M}')$ , so that the categories are not changed when we pass from  $\mathcal{M}$  to  $\mathcal{M}'$ . We have  $\text{IS}_c\text{P}(\mathcal{M}_{\mathcal{T}}) = \text{IS}_c\text{P}(\mathcal{M}'_{\mathcal{T}})$  by assumption. It follows that  $\mathcal{M}_{\mathcal{T}} \subseteq \text{IS}_c\text{P}(\mathcal{M}'_{\mathcal{T}})$ , whence  $\mathcal{M} \subseteq \text{ISP}(\mathcal{M}')$  and so  $\text{ISP}(\mathcal{M}) \subseteq \text{ISP}(\mathcal{M}')$ . By symmetry we have the reverse inclusion and so  $\text{ISP}(\mathcal{M}) = \text{ISP}(\mathcal{M}')$ . This proves (i).

To prove (ii), it suffices to show that, if  $\mathcal{M}$  and  $\mathcal{M}'$  consist of finite structures, then  $\text{ISP}(\mathcal{M}) = \text{ISP}(\mathcal{M}')$  implies that  $\text{IS}_c\text{P}(\mathcal{M}_{\mathcal{T}}) = \text{IS}_c\text{P}(\mathcal{M}'_{\mathcal{T}})$ . Assume that  $\text{ISP}(\mathcal{M}) = \text{ISP}(\mathcal{M}')$ . Since the topologies involved are discrete, it follows easily from this that  $\mathcal{M}_{\mathcal{T}} \subseteq \text{IS}_c\text{P}(\mathcal{M}'_{\mathcal{T}})$  and  $\mathcal{M}'_{\mathcal{T}} \subseteq \text{IS}_c\text{P}(\mathcal{M}_{\mathcal{T}})$ , whence  $\text{IS}_c\text{P}(\mathcal{M}_{\mathcal{T}}) = \text{IS}_c\text{P}(\mathcal{M}'_{\mathcal{T}})$ .  $\square$

#### 4. THE BOHR COMPACTIFICATION VERSUS THE NATURAL EXTENSION: THE ROLE OF STANDARDNESS

Our goal in this section is to compare Bohr compactifications to the natural extension in situations where the latter is defined.

Consider until further notice the situation in which we have a CT-prevariety  $\mathcal{A} = \text{ISP}(\mathcal{M})$  of structures and its associated topological prevariety  $\mathcal{A}_{\mathcal{T}} = \text{IS}_c\text{P}(\mathcal{M}_{\mathcal{T}})$ . Note that we always have  $\mathcal{A}_{\mathcal{T}} \subseteq \mathcal{A}^{\text{ct}}$ , and if the topologies on the members of  $\mathcal{M}$  are Boolean, in particular if  $\mathcal{A}$  is an IRF-prevariety, then we have  $\mathcal{A}_{\mathcal{T}} \subseteq \mathcal{A}^{\text{Bt}}$ . Observe that it is the category  $\mathcal{A}_{\mathcal{T}}$  that appears in Theorem 3.7, rather than either of the potentially larger categories  $\mathcal{A}^{\text{Bt}}$  and  $\mathcal{A}^{\text{ct}}$ .

The Bohr compactification (in both zero-dimensional and compact Hausdorff versions) and the natural extension of a structure are characterised by universal mapping properties; Definition 2.2 and Theorem 3.7. Thus we have reflection functors into three possibly different categories (see Figure 1):

- the natural extension functor, providing a reflection into  $\mathcal{A}_{\mathcal{T}}$ ;
- the zero-dimensional Bohr compactification functor  $b_0$ , giving a reflection into the category  $\mathcal{A}^{\text{Bt}}$ ;
- the Bohr compactification functor  $b$ , giving a reflection into the category  $\mathcal{A}^{\text{ct}}$ .

In each case the functor is uniquely determined by its characteristic universal mapping property. We recall from Section 1 that *strong coincidence* occurs when two of the functors  $n_{\mathcal{A}}$ ,  $b_0$  and  $b$  on  $\mathcal{A}$  coincide because their codomains are the same, and that *weak coincidence* arises when the codomain categories are different but the image of the functor into the larger of the categories lies in the smaller one. The following proposition is immediate.

**Proposition 4.1.** *Let  $\mathcal{A} = \text{ISP}(\mathcal{M})$  be a CT-prevariety of structures and define  $\mathcal{A}_{\mathcal{T}} := \text{IS}_c\text{P}(\mathcal{M}_{\mathcal{T}})$ . Then the following statements hold.*

- (i) *If  $\mathcal{A}_{\mathcal{T}} = \mathcal{A}^{\text{ct}}$ , then  $b(\mathbf{A}) = n_{\mathcal{A}}(\mathbf{A})$  for each  $\mathbf{A} \in \mathcal{A}$ .*
- (ii) *If  $\mathcal{A}_{\mathcal{T}} = \mathcal{A}^{\text{Bt}}$ , then  $b_0(\mathbf{A}) = n_{\mathcal{A}}(\mathbf{A})$  for each  $\mathbf{A} \in \mathcal{A}$ .*
- (iii) *Let  $\mathbf{A} \in \mathcal{A}$ . Then*
  - (a)  *$b_0(\mathbf{A}) = n_{\mathcal{A}}(\mathbf{A})$  if and only if  $b_0(\mathbf{A}) \in \mathcal{A}_{\mathcal{T}}$ ;*
  - (b)  *$b(\mathbf{A}) = b_0(\mathbf{A})$  if and only if  $b(\mathbf{A}) \in \mathcal{A}^{\text{Bt}}$ .*

Suppose that  $\mathcal{A}$  is such that we have an explicit description of each  $n_{\mathcal{A}}(\mathbf{A})$ . Then strong or weak coincidence of  $b_0$  with  $n_{\mathcal{A}}$  allows us to describe  $b_0$ , and likewise with  $b$  in place of  $b_0$ . To exploit the above observations we need to know more about  $\mathcal{A}_{\mathcal{T}}$ . We are fortunate that a wealth of information is already available, or is easy to

obtain, in the special case that most interests us: that in which  $\mathbf{M}$  contains a single structure  $\mathbf{M}$ .

In the case that  $\mathbf{M}$  is finite, the assumption  $\mathcal{A}_{\mathcal{T}} = \mathcal{A}^{\text{Bt}}$  in Proposition 4.1(ii) is exactly the condition that the topological prevariety  $\mathcal{A}_{\mathcal{T}}$  is *standard*, in the sense that  $\mathcal{A}_{\mathcal{T}}$  consists precisely of the structures which are Boolean-topological models of the quasi-equations defining  $\mathcal{A}$ . We then have the following theorem concerning strong coincidence of  $b_0$  and  $n_{\mathcal{A}}$ .

**Theorem 4.2.** *Let  $\mathbf{M}$  be a finite structure, define  $\mathcal{A} := \text{ISP}(\mathbf{M})$  and assume that the associated topological prevariety  $\mathcal{A}_{\mathcal{T}} := \text{IS}_c\text{P}(\mathbf{M}_{\mathcal{T}})$  is standard. Then, for every  $\mathbf{A} \in \mathcal{A}$ , the zero-dimensional Bohr compactification  $b_0(\mathbf{A})$  of the structure  $\mathbf{A}$  coincides with its natural extension  $n_{\mathcal{A}}(\mathbf{A})$ .*

Our linkage of standardness to the coincidence of structures characterised by universal mapping properties is new. However the notion of standardness has received a lot of attention in its own right, principally in the case that  $\mathbf{M}$  is an algebra, but to a limited extent when  $\mathbf{M}$  is a structure (we consider the latter case later). The systematic study of standardness of a topological prevariety  $\text{IS}_c^0\text{P}^+(\mathbf{M}_{\mathcal{T}})$  was initiated in [10, 9]. In these papers  $\mathbf{M}$  is taken to be a finite structure (not necessarily an algebra and not necessarily total). While the theory of standardness was developed for topological prevarieties of the form  $\text{IS}_c^0\text{P}^+(\mathbf{M}_{\mathcal{T}})$ , the results apply with almost no change to all four settings described in Remark 3.1; in particular they apply to the class  $\text{IS}_c\text{P}(\mathbf{M}_{\mathcal{T}})$  of interest here.

There are interesting and substantial results available ‘off-the-peg’ when  $\mathbf{M}$  is a finite algebra. Assume this, and assume moreover that  $\text{ISP}(\mathbf{M}) = \text{HSP}(\mathbf{M})$  so that  $\text{ISP}(\mathbf{M})$  is a variety. The principal general result of [9], the FDSC-HSP Theorem, reveals that a rather natural algebraic condition ensures standardness of  $\text{IS}_c\text{P}(\mathbf{M}_{\mathcal{T}})$ . This property—having finitely determined syntactic congruences—holds in particular if  $\text{HSP}(\mathbf{M})$  has the more familiar property of having definable principal congruences (see [9, Section 2] for the definitions and discussion, and [12, Theorem 2.13] for an extension of the FDSC-HSP Theorem to total structures). In some cases the FDSC condition will hold for an entire variety of algebras, and hence for its finitely generated subvarieties; in others, in particular lattices, restriction to finite generation is critical if FDSC is to hold. The FDSC-HSP Theorem implies that the topological prevariety  $\text{IS}_c\text{P}(\mathbf{M}_{\mathcal{T}})$  is standard in each of the following cases:  $\mathbf{M}$  is a finite Boolean algebra, distributive lattice or implication algebra, or  $\mathbf{M}$  is a finite group, semigroup, ring, lattice, Ockham algebra, or unary algebra such that  $\text{HSP}(\mathbf{M}) = \text{ISP}(\mathbf{M})$ . This catalogue is not exhaustive. For additional examples, and verifications of the claims above, see [9, Section 6] and also [26]. We should however warn that standardness is a subtle property in general, and can fail: there exist finite algebras  $\mathbf{M}$  for which  $\text{IS}_c\text{P}(\mathbf{M}_{\mathcal{T}})$  is not standard. An example is given in [12, Example 4.3] in which  $\mathbf{M}$  is a 10-element modular lattice. Further insight into when and why standardness occurs is provided by [12, 11] and, for structures, [16, Section 3]. On the positive side, then, Theorem 4.2 is rather widely applicable. Moreover, in many cases when it is, we shall confirm below that the natural extension has an appealingly simple description, so that the zero-dimensional Bohr compactification does too.

We draw attention to a well-known instance of non-standardness in the context of structures.

**Example 4.3.** Consider the category of ordered sets,  $\mathcal{P} = \mathbf{IS}^0\mathbf{P}(2)$ , and the associated topological prevariety  $\mathcal{P}_{\mathcal{T}} = \mathbf{IS}^0\mathbf{P}(2_{\mathcal{T}})$  of Priestley spaces, where  $2 = \langle\{0, 1\}; \leq\rangle$  is the two-element chain. Stralka [48] exhibited two examples of Boolean spaces with a closed order relation that fail to be Priestley spaces, whence  $\mathcal{P}_{\mathcal{T}}$  is non-standard. (For further analysis of this phenomenon, see [6].)

We shall show in Proposition 6.4 that  $b_0$  and  $n_{\mathcal{P}}$  do coincide (in fact  $b$  coincides with  $n_{\mathcal{P}}$  too). Here we have an instance of coincidence occurring in the weak sense but not in the strong sense. We deduce that none of the examples witnessing non-standardness of  $\mathcal{P}_{\mathcal{T}}$  belongs to the image of the class  $\mathcal{P}$  under  $b_0$  (or equivalently  $b$ ).

It is not always the case that the Bohr compactification and its zero-dimensional variant coincide in the weak sense. This was established for meet semilattices by Hart and Kunen [32, Section 3.4], in particular [32, Corollary 3.4.13], drawing on pioneering work by Lawson (see [32] and [29, Chapter VI] for references). We present a proof which takes full advantage of the theory of continuous lattices, as presented in a mature form in [29], as well as results we have to hand. Hart and Kunen work with non-unital meet semilattices. For convenience we work with the variety  $\mathcal{S}$  of unital meet semilattices. When, as in [32], the unit 1 is not included in the signature, one may pass to semilattices which do have 1; see [29, p. 452].

We shall draw on the Fundamental Theorem on Compact Totally Disconnected Semilattices [29, Theorem VI-3.13]. In outline this asserts that the objects of  $\mathcal{S}^{\text{Bt}}$  are those compact topological unital meet semilattices that have small semilattices, meaning that there exists a neighbourhood basis of subsemilattices at each point. Moreover there is an isomorphism of categories between  $\mathcal{S}^{\text{Bt}}$  and the category of algebraic lattices equipped with the Lawson topology and with the Lawson-continuous maps preserving 1 as morphisms; these morphisms can alternatively be described as the maps which preserve arbitrary meets and directed joins.

**Theorem 4.4.** *Let  $\mathcal{S}$  be the class of unital meet semilattices. Then there exists  $\mathbf{A}$  in  $\mathcal{S}$  such that  $b(\mathbf{A}) \neq b_0(\mathbf{A})$ .*

*Proof.* There exists a compact topological unital meet semilattice  $\mathbf{B}$  which fails to have small semilattices. See [29, VI-4.5] for the statement, and the definitions and lemmas which precede it for the construction. Let  $\mathbf{A} = \mathbf{B}^b$  so that  $\mathbf{A} \in \mathcal{S}$ . Suppose for a contradiction that  $b(\mathbf{A}) = b_0(\mathbf{A})$ . Then  $b(\mathbf{A})$  is a compact zero-dimensional unital meet semilattice and hence is an algebraic lattice. Moreover,  $b(\mathbf{A}) = b_0(\mathbf{A}) = n_{\mathcal{S}}(\mathbf{A})$ , by the standardness of  $\mathcal{S}_{\mathcal{T}}$ .

By Theorem 3.7(i) there exists a continuous homomorphism  $\gamma: n_{\mathcal{S}}(\mathbf{B}^b) \rightarrow \mathbf{B}$  such that  $\gamma \circ e_{\mathbf{A}} = \text{id}_{\mathbf{B}}$ . This implies that  $\mathbf{B}$  is the image under a continuous homomorphism of a compact (totally disconnected) topological unital meet semilattice. Since the domain of this map has small semilattices, the same is true of the image, by [29, VI-3.5] (or by the specialisation of this result to the totally disconnected case). It follows by the Fundamental Theorem [29, Theorem VI-3.13] that  $\mathbf{B} \in \mathcal{S}^{\text{Bt}}$ . This provides the required contradiction.  $\square$

We now turn to the case in which  $\mathbf{M}$  is an infinite structure and  $\mathbf{M}_{\mathcal{T}}$  is a compact topological structure.

Standardness has been studied almost exclusively in the case where  $\mathcal{A}$  is a universal Horn class generated by its finite members. Nevertheless, by analogy, in the case that  $\mathbf{M}_{\mathcal{T}}$  is an infinite compact topological structure, it is natural to define

$\mathcal{A} := \text{ISP}(\mathbf{M})$  and say that the topological prevariety  $\mathcal{A}_{\mathcal{T}} := \text{IS}_c\text{P}(\mathbf{M}_{\mathcal{T}})$  is *compact-standard* if  $\mathcal{A}_{\mathcal{T}} = \mathcal{A}^{\text{ct}}$  and is *Boolean-standard* if  $\mathcal{A}_{\mathcal{T}} = \mathcal{A}^{\text{Bt}}$ . Since  $\mathcal{A}_{\mathcal{T}} \subseteq \mathcal{A}^{\text{ct}}$  always holds, it follows that  $\mathcal{A}_{\mathcal{T}}$  is compact-standard precisely when every compact topological structure whose non-topological reduct is in  $\mathcal{A}$  can be embedded as a topological structure into a power of  $\mathbf{M}_{\mathcal{T}}$ . For example, the (highly non-trivial) fact that every compact topological abelian group embeds into a power of the circle group  $\mathbb{T}$  tells us that the topological prevariety  $\text{IS}_c\text{P}(\mathbb{T}_{\mathcal{T}})$  is the class of compact topological abelian groups (see [45, C, p. 241]) and so is compact-standard. Similarly, if  $\mathcal{T}$  is a Boolean topology, then  $\mathcal{A}_{\mathcal{T}}$  is Boolean-standard precisely when every Boolean topological structure whose non-topological reduct is in  $\mathcal{A}$  can be embedded as a topological structure into a power of  $\mathbf{M}_{\mathcal{T}}$ . We now give an example of a Boolean-standard prevariety with infinite generator.

**Example 4.5** (Semilattices with automorphism). We consider the variety of semilattices with automorphism, as introduced by Ježek [37]; see [21, Section 8] for further details. We let  $\mathbf{P}$  have universe  $2^{\mathbb{Z}}$ , the set of all functions from the integers into the set  $2 := \{0, 1\}$ . The meet operation is defined pointwise, relative to the two-element semilattice  $\langle 2; \wedge \rangle$ . We let  $s: \mathbb{Z} \rightarrow \mathbb{Z}$  be the successor function given by  $s(i) := i + 1$ , for all  $i \in \mathbb{Z}$  and let  $\mathbf{0}$  be the function on  $\mathbb{Z}$  with constant value 0. We add the shift operations  $f$  and  $f^{-1}$  to the signature, where  $f(a) = a \circ s$  and  $f^{-1}(a) = a \circ s^{-1}$  for  $a \in 2^{\mathbb{Z}}$ . Thus  $\mathbf{P} = \langle \{0, 1\}^{\mathbb{Z}}; \wedge, f, f^{-1}, \mathbf{0} \rangle$ . Define  $\mathcal{A} := \text{ISP}(\mathbf{P})$  and let  $\mathbf{P}_{\mathcal{T}}$  denote  $\mathbf{P}$  equipped with the product topology obtained from the discrete topology on  $\{0, 1\}$ . We claim that  $\mathcal{A}_{\mathcal{T}} := \text{IS}_c\text{P}(\mathbf{P}_{\mathcal{T}})$  is Boolean-standard.

Consider a Boolean-topological algebra  $\mathbf{A}$  having algebraic reduct in  $\mathcal{A}$ . We must show that  $\mathbf{A}$  embeds into a power of  $\mathbf{P}_{\mathcal{T}}$  via a continuous  $\mathcal{A}$ -homomorphism. The algebra  $\mathbf{A}^{\top}$ , which denotes  $\mathbf{A}$  with a top element  $\top$  adjoined as a topologically isolated point, has a semilattice reduct which is a unital meet semilattice. The Fundamental Theorem for Compact Totally Disconnected Semilattices [29, Theorem VI-3.13] tells us that  $\mathbf{A}^{\top}$  is an algebraic lattice and that its topology is the Lawson topology. Extend  $f$  to  $\mathbf{A}^{\top}$  by letting  $f(\top) = \top$ . Then  $f$ , so extended, is a semilattice homomorphism of  $\mathbf{A}^{\top}$  preserving  $\top$ . We define a family of maps from  $\mathbf{A}^{\top}$  into  $\mathbf{P}$  indexed by the compact elements  $k$  (excluding  $\top$ ) of  $\mathbf{A}^{\top}$  as follows:

$$h_k(x)(i) = 1 \iff f^i(k) \leq x.$$

Then, for each fixed  $j \in \mathbb{Z}$ , the set  $\{x \mid h_k(x)(j) = 1\}$  is equal to  $\uparrow f^j(k)$ . Now note that because the extended maps  $f$ ,  $f^{-1}$  and their iterates are semilattice automorphisms, and hence order-isomorphisms, of  $\mathbf{A}^{\top}$ , the element  $f^j(k)$  is compact whenever  $k$  is. It follows from properties of the Lawson topology on an algebraic lattice that each set  $\{x \mid h_k(x)(j) = 1\}$  is clopen in  $\mathbf{A}^{\top}$  (see for example [29, Exercise III-1.4]). This proves that the inverse image under  $h_k$  of each member of a clopen subbasis in  $\mathbf{P}$  is clopen in  $\mathbf{A}^{\top}$ . Since  $\top$  is an isolated point with  $h_k^{-1}(\top) = \{\top\}$ , the restriction  $h_k \upharpoonright_{\mathbf{A}}$  is a continuous map of  $\mathbf{A}$  into  $\mathbf{P}$ . As shown in [37, Proposition 1.1], each  $h_k$  is an  $\mathcal{A}$ -homomorphism.

To show that  $\mathbf{A}$  embeds into a power of  $\mathbf{P}_{\mathcal{T}}$ , it suffices to show that the maps  $h_k$  separate the points of  $\mathbf{A}$ . Take  $a \not\leq b$  in  $\mathbf{A}$ . Since  $\mathbf{A}^{\top}$  is an algebraic lattice, there exists a compact element  $k \neq \top$  of  $\mathbf{A}^{\top}$  with  $k \leq a$  and  $k \not\leq b$ . Then  $h_k$  separates  $a$  and  $b$ .

It follows that  $\text{IS}_c\text{P}(\mathbf{P}_{\mathcal{T}})$  is Boolean-standard, as claimed.

We now present the infinite-generator version of Theorem 4.2.

**Theorem 4.6.** *Let  $\mathbf{M}$  be an infinite structure and let  $\mathcal{T}$  be a compact topology on  $M$  that is compatible with  $\mathbf{M}$ . Define  $\mathcal{A} = \text{ISP}(\mathbf{M})$  and  $\mathcal{A}_{\mathcal{T}} := \text{IS}_c\text{P}(\mathbf{M}_{\mathcal{T}})$ .*

- (i) *If the topological prevariety  $\mathcal{A}_{\mathcal{T}}$  is compact-standard, then, for every  $\mathbf{A} \in \mathcal{A}$ , the Bohr compactification  $b(\mathbf{A})$  of the structure  $\mathbf{A}$  coincides with its natural extension  $n_{\mathcal{A}}(\mathbf{A})$ .*
- (ii) *If the topology  $\mathcal{T}$  is Boolean, and the topological prevariety  $\mathcal{A}_{\mathcal{T}}$  is Boolean-standard, then, for every  $\mathbf{A} \in \mathcal{A}$ , the zero-dimensional Bohr compactification  $b_0(\mathbf{A})$  of the structure  $\mathbf{A}$  coincides with its natural extension  $n_{\mathcal{A}}(\mathbf{A})$ .*

This is an opportune point at which to make some background comments on topological prevarieties and their generating sets and to relate our exposition to an aspect of that of Hart and Kunen [32, Section 2.6]. Our presentation of the natural extension construction works with CT-prevarieties  $\mathcal{A} = \text{ISP}(\mathbf{M})$ , where usually  $\mathbf{M}$  has a single element though this is not essential. The ‘home’ of  $n_{\mathcal{A}}(\mathbf{A})$ , for each  $\mathbf{A} \in \mathcal{A}$ , is then the topological prevariety  $\text{IS}_c\text{P}(\mathbf{M}_{\mathcal{T}})$ . Our first comment is that  $n_{\mathcal{A}}(\mathbf{A})$  is uniquely determined by  $\mathbf{M}_{\mathcal{T}}$ . On the other hand, the universal property characterising a Bohr compactification for a general class of algebras,  $\mathcal{C}$  say, involves *all* members of  $\mathcal{C}^{\text{Bt}}$  or of  $\mathcal{C}^{\text{ct}}$ , as appropriate. This—and knowledge of Pontryagin duality and of the duality for semilattices—encourages Hart and Kunen to introduce the notion of adequacy of a subclass  $\mathcal{K}$  of a class  $\mathcal{C}_{\mathcal{T}}$  (of topological algebras): this amounts to saying that the continuous homomorphisms from any element of  $\mathcal{C}_{\mathcal{T}}$  into structures in  $\mathcal{K}$  separate points. They do not, however, pursue this idea much further. We draw parallels here with the Boolean-topological version given by Jackson [35, Lemma 2.2] of the classic Separation Theorem for quasivarieties as recalled in [35, Lemma 2.1]. This separation result is elementary, but more significantly [35] throws light on the standardness problem from the perspective of topological residual bounds as compared to non-topological residual bounds and presents some interesting examples in the context of IRF-prevarieties of finite type.

## 5. DESCRIBING THE NATURAL EXTENSION AND BOHR COMPACTIFICATIONS: THE ROLE OF DUALITY

Our principal objective in this section is to demonstrate that Bohr compactifications can be concretely described for many classes  $\mathcal{A} = \text{ISP}(\mathbf{M})$  of algebras and, potentially, of structures. To this end we shall bring together two strands of theory. The first of these strands comes from Section 4. There we revealed that, when  $\mathcal{A}$  is an IRF-prevariety, strong coincidence of  $b_0$  and  $n_{\mathcal{A}}$  is equivalent to standardness of the associated topological prevariety  $\mathcal{A}_{\mathcal{T}}$  (Theorem 4.2), and we gave an analogous result when  $\mathcal{A}$  is an infinitely generated CT-prevariety (Theorem 4.6). Our second strand of theory concentrates on the description of the natural extension. We shall exploit duality theory to refine the ‘brute force’ description supplied by Proposition 3.6: Theorem 5.2, drawing on Theorem 5.1, gives an amenable description of the natural extension in case  $\mathbf{M}$  is a finite total structure which is dualisable. Theorem 5.3 presents a catalogue of classes of algebras to which Theorems 4.2 and 5.2 both apply, and for which thereby  $b_0$  can be explicitly described. The case when  $\mathbf{M}$  is infinite is more challenging, but Proposition 5.4 is noteworthy. It embraces all cases in which  $\mathbf{M}$ , finite or infinite, is self-dualising and, in combination with existing standardness results, sets in context known descriptions of the Bohr

compactification  $b$  for abelian groups (via Pontryagin duality) and of  $b_0$  for semilattices (via Hofmann–Mislove–Stralka duality). In this section we are concerned with strong coincidence; in Section 6 our examples will focus on weak coincidence.

We preface our new results with a very brief introduction to natural dualities for structures, as developed in [16], and follow this with a broad brush summary of known dualisability results for algebras.

We shall have two structures on the same set  $M$  in play at the same time and it is convenient to adapt our notation to reflect this. Let  $\mathbf{M}_1 = \langle M; G_1, H_1, R_1 \rangle$  and  $\mathbf{M}_2 = \langle M; G_2, H_2, R_2 \rangle$  be structures on  $M$ . Let  $\mathbf{M}_2$  be *compatible with*  $\mathbf{M}_1$ , meaning that each (partial) operation in  $G_2$  ( $H_2$ ) is a homomorphism (where defined) and each relation  $r \in R_2$  as well as the domain of each partial operation  $h \in H_2$  form substructures of appropriate powers of  $\mathbf{M}_1$ , and let  $\mathcal{T}$  be a compact topology on  $M$  that is compatible with  $\mathbf{M}_1$ . Let  $\mathbf{M}_2^\mathcal{T}$  be the corresponding *alter ego* of  $\mathbf{M}_1$ , that is,  $\mathbf{M}_2^\mathcal{T}$  is the structure with topology  $(\mathbf{M}_2)_\mathcal{T}$  obtained by adding the topology  $\mathcal{T}$  to  $\mathbf{M}_2$ . Finally, let  $\mathcal{A} := \text{ISP}(\mathbf{M}_1)$  and  $\mathcal{X}_\mathcal{T} := \text{IS}_c^0\text{P}^+(\mathbf{M}_2^\mathcal{T})$  be respectively the prevariety of structures generated by  $\mathbf{M}_1$  and the topological prevariety of structures with topology generated by  $\mathbf{M}_2^\mathcal{T}$ . In almost every case below,  $M$  is finite, in which case  $\mathcal{X}_\mathcal{T}$  consists of Boolean-topological structures.

Note that we have switched here from  $\text{IS}_c\text{P}(\mathbf{M}_2^\mathcal{T})$  to  $\text{IS}_c^0\text{P}^+(\mathbf{M}_2^\mathcal{T})$ . This is necessary as in general the dual of a one-element structure can be empty, for example when  $\mathbf{M}_1$  is the two-element lattice with both bounds as nullary operations, and there might be no structure with a one-element dual, for example when  $\mathbf{M}_1$  is the two-element lattice without nullary operations. If  $\mathbf{M}_2$  has a total one-element substructure, then the  $^+$  has no effect and we will use  $\text{IS}_c^0\text{P}(\mathbf{M}_2^\mathcal{T})$  instead.

There are well-defined contravariant hom-functors  $D: \mathcal{A} \rightarrow \mathcal{X}_\mathcal{T}$  and  $E: \mathcal{X}_\mathcal{T} \rightarrow \mathcal{A}$  given on objects by

$$D(\mathbf{A}) := \mathcal{A}(\mathbf{A}, \mathbf{M}_1) \leq (\mathbf{M}_2^\mathcal{T})^{\mathbf{A}} \text{ and } E(\mathbf{X}) := \mathcal{X}_\mathcal{T}(\mathbf{X}, \mathbf{M}_2^\mathcal{T}) \leq \mathbf{M}_1^{\mathbf{X}},$$

for all  $\mathbf{A} \in \mathcal{A}$  and all  $\mathbf{X} \in \mathcal{X}_\mathcal{T}$ . The construction of  $\mathcal{A}$  and  $\mathcal{X}_\mathcal{T}$  guarantees that the maps given by evaluation

$$e_{\mathbf{A}}: \mathbf{A} \rightarrow ED(\mathbf{A}) \text{ and } \varepsilon_{\mathbf{X}}: \mathbf{X} \rightarrow DE(\mathbf{X})$$

are embeddings. Then  $\langle D, E, e, \varepsilon \rangle$  is a dual adjunction between  $\mathcal{A}$  and  $\mathcal{X}_\mathcal{T}$ . If, for all  $\mathbf{A} \in \mathcal{A}$ , the map  $e_{\mathbf{A}}$  is an isomorphism, then  $\mathbf{M}_2^\mathcal{T}$  is said to yield a *duality* on  $\mathcal{A}$  or we say that  $\mathbf{M}_2^\mathcal{T}$  yields a *duality between*  $\mathcal{A}$  and  $\mathcal{X}_\mathcal{T}$ . Alternatively, we may say that  $\mathbf{M}_2^\mathcal{T}$  *dualises*  $\mathbf{M}_1$ . Also  $\mathbf{M}_2^\mathcal{T}$  yields a *full duality* between  $\mathcal{A}$  and  $\mathcal{X}_\mathcal{T}$  if, in addition, for all  $\mathbf{X} \in \mathcal{X}_\mathcal{T}$ , the map  $\varepsilon_{\mathbf{X}}$  is an isomorphism; then the functors  $D$  and  $E$  give a dual equivalence between the categories  $\mathcal{A}$  and  $\mathcal{X}_\mathcal{T}$ .

The following theorem, as it applies to an IRF-prevariety of algebras, appears in [17, Theorem 4.3]. The proof given in [17] extends immediately to total structures but not to structures in general.

**Theorem 5.1.** *Let  $\mathbf{M}_1$  be a finite total structure. Assume that  $\mathbf{M}_2$  is a structure compatible with  $\mathbf{M}_1$  and that the topological structure  $\mathbf{M}_2^\mathcal{T}$  acts as a dualising alter ego for  $\mathbf{M}_1$ . Let  $\mathcal{A} := \text{ISP}(\mathbf{M}_1)$ , let  $\mathbf{A}$  belong to  $\mathcal{A}$ , and let  $b: \mathcal{A}(\mathbf{A}, \mathbf{M}_1) \rightarrow M$  be a map. Then  $b$  belongs to  $n_{\mathcal{A}}(\mathbf{A})$  if and only if  $b$  preserves the structure on  $\mathbf{M}_2$ .*

When a duality for  $\mathcal{A}$  is known, Theorem 5.1 describes the elements of  $n_{\mathcal{A}}(\mathbf{A})$ , which is defined topologically, in a way which is not overtly topological. But this



description is defective:  $n_{\mathcal{A}}(\mathbf{A})$  is a topological structure and not merely a set. Hence we seek a more categorical answer to the description problem.

Suppose we have compatible structures  $\mathbf{M}_1$  and  $\mathbf{M}_2$  on the same finite set  $M$  and define  $\mathcal{A} = \text{ISP}(\mathbf{M}_1)$ ,  $\mathcal{X}_{\mathcal{T}} = \text{IS}_c^0\text{P}^+(\mathbf{M}_2^{\mathcal{T}})$  and hom-functors  $D: \mathcal{A} \rightarrow \mathcal{X}_{\mathcal{T}}$  and  $E: \mathcal{X}_{\mathcal{T}} \rightarrow \mathcal{A}$  as above. We do not yet assume that we have a duality. The compatibility relation between two structures is symmetric, so that  $\mathbf{M}_2$  compatible with  $\mathbf{M}_1$  implies that  $\mathbf{M}_1$  is compatible with  $\mathbf{M}_2$ . Thus we may swap the discrete topology to the other side and repeat the construction using the alter ego  $\mathbf{M}_1^{\mathcal{T}}$  of the structure  $\mathbf{M}_2$  to obtain new categories  $\mathcal{A}_{\mathcal{T}} := \text{IS}_c\text{P}(\mathbf{M}_1^{\mathcal{T}})$  of Boolean-topological structures and  $\mathcal{X} := \text{IS}^0\text{P}^+(\mathbf{M}_2)$  of structures. Now the contravariant hom-functors  $F: \mathcal{A}_{\mathcal{T}} \rightarrow \mathcal{X}$  and  $G: \mathcal{X} \rightarrow \mathcal{A}_{\mathcal{T}}$  are given by

$$F(\mathbf{A}) := \mathcal{A}_{\mathcal{T}}(\mathbf{A}, \mathbf{M}_1^{\mathcal{T}}) \leq \mathbf{M}_2^{\mathcal{A}} \text{ and } G(\mathbf{X}) := \mathcal{X}(\mathbf{X}, \mathbf{M}_2) \leq (\mathbf{M}_1^{\mathcal{T}})^{\mathcal{X}}.$$

We have maps given by evaluation  $e'_{\mathbf{A}}: \mathbf{A} \rightarrow GF(\mathbf{A})$  and  $\varepsilon'_{\mathbf{X}}: \mathbf{X} \rightarrow FG(\mathbf{X})$ , for all  $\mathbf{A} \in \mathcal{A}_{\mathcal{T}}$  and all  $\mathbf{X} \in \mathcal{X}$ , and we obtain a new dual adjunction  $\langle F, G, e', \varepsilon' \rangle$  between  $\mathcal{A}_{\mathcal{T}}$  and  $\mathcal{X}$ . Then we refer to  $\langle D, E, e, \varepsilon \rangle$  and  $\langle F, G, e', \varepsilon' \rangle$  as *paired adjunctions* (see [19, p. 587]). If  $e'_{\mathbf{A}}: \mathbf{A} \rightarrow GF(\mathbf{A})$  is an isomorphism, for all  $\mathbf{A} \in \mathcal{A}_{\mathcal{T}}$ , then we say that  $\mathbf{M}_2$  *yields a duality between  $\mathcal{A}_{\mathcal{T}}$  and  $\mathcal{X}$* . If, in addition,  $\varepsilon'_{\mathbf{X}}: \mathbf{X} \rightarrow FG(\mathbf{X})$  is an isomorphism, for all  $\mathbf{X} \in \mathcal{X}$ , then we say that  $\mathbf{M}_2$  *yields a full duality between  $\mathcal{A}_{\mathcal{T}}$  and  $\mathcal{X}$* .

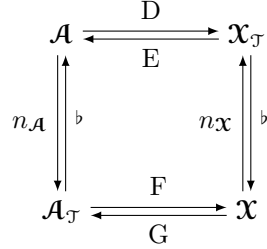


FIGURE 2. Paired adjunctions

The following theorem extracts from [19, Theorem 2.3] only the assertions we shall need. The generalisation from algebras to total structures is completely straightforward.

**Theorem 5.2.** *Let  $\mathbf{M}_1$  be a finite total structure, let  $\mathbf{M}_2$  be a structure compatible with  $\mathbf{M}_1$  and define  $\mathcal{A}$  and  $\mathcal{X}_{\mathcal{T}}$  as above. Of the following conditions, (2) and (3) are equivalent and implied by (1).*

- (1)  $\mathbf{M}_2^{\mathcal{T}}$  yields a duality between  $\mathcal{A}$  and  $\mathcal{X}_{\mathcal{T}}$ ;
- (2) the outer square of Figure 2 commutes, that is,  $n_{\mathcal{A}}(\mathbf{A}) = G(D(\mathbf{A})^b)$ , for all  $\mathbf{A} \in \mathcal{A}$ ;
- (3)  $n_{\mathcal{A}}(\mathbf{A})$  consists of all maps  $\alpha: \mathcal{A}(\mathbf{A}, \mathbf{M}_1) \rightarrow M$  that preserve the structure on  $\mathbf{M}_2$ , for all  $\mathbf{A} \in \mathcal{A}$ .

We now give our promised summary of dualisability results, concentrating on algebras rather than total structures more widely. We have to acknowledge that a number of important varieties of algebras are not CT-prevarieties and cannot be brought within the scope of natural duality theory. As Hart and Kunen show, Bohr compactifications, abstractly defined, will exist for such varieties, but neither they,

nor we, have machinery to access such compactifications concretely. The classes of lattices, semigroups, and rings, in particular, fall under this heading. However all these classes have interesting subvarieties which we may profitably consider.

We can draw on a very extensive literature for examples of finitely generated prevarieties for which explicit dualities are known and for confirmation that others fail to have a natural duality (see [8, 44] and the references therein). For the benefit of those unfamiliar with this literature we give the briefest possible summary. We initially consider a quasivariety  $\mathcal{A} = \text{ISP}(\mathbf{M})$ , where  $\mathbf{M}$  is a finite algebra.

**Two-element algebras.** Taking  $\mathbf{M}$  to be the 2-element algebra in the following varieties (where  $\text{HSP}(\mathbf{M}) = \text{ISP}(\mathbf{M})$ ), we encompass important classic dualities:

- **Stone duality** for Boolean algebras;
- **Priestley duality** for distributive lattices, with or without bounds, depending on whether bounds of  $\mathbf{M}$  are included in the signature as nullary operations;
- **Hofmann–Mislove–Stralka duality** for (meet) semilattices, with or without bounds.

Not all 2-element algebras are dualisable; the implication algebra  $\langle\{0, 1\}; \rightarrow\rangle$  provides a classic example. The case  $|\mathbf{M}| = 2$  is fully analysed in [8, Section 10.7].

**Lattices and lattice-based algebras.** Assume that  $\mathbf{M}$  is a lattice or has a lattice reduct. Then  $\mathbf{M}$  is dualisable and the alter ego can be taken to be purely relational, with relations of arity no greater than 2. The situation in which  $\mathbf{M}$  has a (bounded) distributive lattice reduct has been thoroughly researched: very amenable dualities have been found for many familiar varieties, assisted by the theory of optimal dualities and by the piggyback method.

**Semilattice-based algebras.** In contrast to the lattice-based case, a semilattice-based algebra may or may not be dualisable (see [21, 13]).

**Groups and semigroups.** Modulo an unpublished proof, the dualisable groups have been classified. There is only fragmentary information on dualisability of semigroups, which form a large and diverse class, with only certain subclasses (for example bands) analysed in depth. (See [36] for a detailed discussion of dualisability for both groups and semigroups.)

**Commutative rings.** Here we note the characterisation by Clark *et al.* [14] of those finite commutative rings which are dualisable and of the amenable dualities available in some particular cases.

**Unary algebras.** Such algebras exhibit very varied behaviour. Particularly for small  $|M|$ , they have been comprehensively studied, most notably in [44], as pathfinder examples for general theory.

A miscellany of sporadic examples of dualisable finite algebras could be added to the above list. Examples of dualisable finite structures which are not algebras can be found in [16, 19, 20, 39]. Our focus in this section is on the finitely generated case, but for completeness we draw attention to our recent paper [20] which provides theory embracing the possibility of an infinite generator.

Let us now pull together threads from this section and the previous one to present a theorem on zero-dimensional Bohr compactifications.

**Theorem 5.3.** *Let  $\mathcal{A} = \text{ISP}(\mathbf{M}_1)$ , where  $\mathbf{M}_1$  is a finite algebra, with associated topological prevariety  $\mathcal{A}_{\mathcal{T}} = \text{IS}_c\text{P}(\mathbf{M}_1^{\mathcal{T}})$ . Assume that  $\mathbf{M}_1$  is a lattice, or a dualisable semigroup, group, ring, or unary algebra, or any other dualisable algebra, and assume that  $\mathcal{A}_{\mathcal{T}}$  is standard. Let  $\mathbf{M}_2^{\mathcal{T}}$  be a dualising alter ego of  $\mathbf{M}_1$ . Then*

- (i)  $b_0(\mathbf{A}) = n_{\mathcal{A}}(\mathbf{A})$  for each  $\mathbf{A} \in \mathcal{A}$ , and hence
- (ii)  $b_0(\mathbf{A})$  is given by Theorem 5.2.

A small number of familiar examples fit into the scheme envisaged in Theorem 5.2 in a rather special way. Assume that we have a finite *self-dualising* structure  $\mathbf{M}$ , that is,  $\mathbf{M}_{\mathcal{T}}$  acts as a dualising alter ego for the prevariety  $\mathcal{A} = \text{ISP}(\mathbf{M})$ . In this situation we have a natural extension which has a particularly simple, indeed perhaps deceptively simple, description. By Theorem 5.2, the natural extension  $n_{\mathcal{A}}(\mathbf{A})$  is then just  $D(D(\mathbf{A})^b)$ . Significantly, this description of the natural extension via the iterated duality functor applies even if the self-dualising algebra is infinite; but this requires a different argument (cf. [34, p. 36]).

**Proposition 5.4.** *Let  $\mathbf{M}$  be a structure (finite or infinite) and define  $\mathcal{A} := \text{ISP}(\mathbf{M})$ . Assume that  $\mathcal{T}$  is a compatible compact topology on  $\mathbf{M}$  such that  $\mathbf{M}_{\mathcal{T}}$  fully dualises  $\mathbf{M}$ . Then, for each  $\mathbf{A} \in \mathcal{A}$ , the natural extension  $n_{\mathcal{A}}(\mathbf{A})$  of  $\mathbf{A}$  is isomorphic to  $D(D(\mathbf{A})^b)$ .*

*Proof.* Let  $\mathbf{A} \in \mathcal{A}$ . The universal property (cf. Theorem 3.7) implies that every homomorphism  $g: \mathbf{A} \rightarrow \mathbf{M}$  has a unique lifting to a continuous homomorphism  $h: n_{\mathcal{A}}(\mathbf{A}) \rightarrow \mathbf{M}_{\mathcal{T}}$  such that  $h \circ e_{\mathbf{A}} = g$ . Since  $\mathbf{M}$  is self dualising, it follows easily that  $D(\mathbf{A})^b$  and  $E(n_{\mathcal{A}}(\mathbf{A}))$  are isomorphic as structures. As  $\mathbf{M}$  is fully self-dualising, we conclude that  $n_{\mathcal{A}}(\mathbf{A}) \cong DE(n_{\mathcal{A}}(\mathbf{A})) \cong D(D(\mathbf{A})^b)$ .  $\square$

The following varieties are covered by Proposition 5.4.

- **Meet semilattices with 1.** In this case, Hofmann–Mislove–Stralka duality [33] (or see [8, 4.4.7]) applies: here we have dual equivalences between

$$\mathcal{S} = \text{ISP}(\mathbf{2}) \quad [\wedge\text{-semilattices with } 1],$$

$$\mathcal{S}_{\mathcal{T}} = \text{IS}_c\text{P}(\mathbf{2}_{\mathcal{T}}) \quad [\text{compact zero-dimensional } \wedge\text{-semilattices with } 1],$$

where  $\mathbf{2} = \langle \{0, 1\}; \wedge, 1 \rangle$ . It is easy to see that, for  $\mathbf{S} \in \mathcal{S}$ , the natural extension  $n_{\mathcal{S}}(\mathbf{S})$  can be identified with the repeated filter lattice  $\text{Filt}(\text{Filt}(\mathbf{S}))$ , equipped with the unique topology making it a member of  $\mathcal{S}_{\mathcal{T}}$ , *viz.* the Lawson topology. Discussion of the natural extension from this perspective is given in [31].

- **Abelian groups of exponent  $n$**  [8, Theorem 4.4.2]. Here we have a full duality between the categories  $\mathcal{A}^n = \text{ISP}(\mathbb{Z}_n)$  of abelian groups of exponent  $n$  and  $\mathcal{A}_{\mathcal{T}}^n = \text{IS}_c\text{P}(\mathbb{Z}_n^{\mathcal{T}})$  of Boolean topological abelian groups of exponent  $n$ .
- **Abelian groups.** Pontryagin’s famous dual equivalence between the categories  $\mathcal{A} = \text{ISP}(\mathbb{T})$  of abelian groups and  $\mathcal{A}_{\mathcal{T}} = \text{IS}_c\text{P}(\mathbb{T}_{\mathcal{T}})$  of compact topological abelian groups was brought within the scope of natural duality theory from the beginning [15, Theorem 4.1.1]. Here  $\mathbb{T}$  is the circle group and  $\mathcal{T}$  is the Euclidean topology.
- **Semilattices with automorphism.** The variety we considered in Example 4.5 is self-dualising [21, Theorem 8.2(3)].

In each of these examples, the dual category  $\text{IS}_c\text{P}(\mathbf{M}_{\mathcal{T}})$  is standard, or compact-standard (in the case of abelian groups), or Boolean standard (in the case of semilattices with automorphism). Thus, in each case we can combine Theorem 4.2 with Proposition 5.4 to conclude that the Bohr compactification or zero-dimensional

Bohr compactification of  $\mathbf{A}$  is isomorphic to  $D(D(\mathbf{A})^b)$ . This description is well known in the case of abelian groups (see [34]) and the case of meet semilattices with 1 (see [33, Theorem I-3.10 and Definition I-3.11]).

Further examples of the same type are: Boolean groups; meet semilattices with 0 and join-semilattices with 0 or with 1 (see [8, Table 10.2]); certain semilattice-based algebras (see the Semilattice-Based Self-Duality Theorem 7.4 in [21]); and other self-dualising situations in which the machinery of [20, Section 2] applies.

In traditional duality theory, one often encounters dual equivalences between categories  $\mathcal{A}$  and  $\mathcal{X}_{\mathcal{T}}$  where one of  $\mathcal{A}$  and  $\mathcal{X}$  is a category of algebras and the other is a category of structures which are often purely relational. We shall focus on Bohr compactifications of purely relational structures in the next section. Here we wish to highlight with some examples the way in which both operations and relations can arise on each side in a duality. We shall consider ordered (but not lattice-ordered) algebras  $\mathbf{M}_1$  such that the dualising structure  $\mathbf{M}_2^{\mathcal{T}}$  is not an algebra. The theorem below providing examples of such dualities comes, as usual, by observing that a known theorem for algebras extends to total structures. The only proof that is required is an instruction to read the old proof and note that it still works. (One needs to know that the Preservation Lemma [44, 1.4.4] still holds, which it does provided  $\mathbf{M}_1$  has no partial operations.) The result for algebras can be found in [44, 2.1.1].

**Theorem 5.5.** *Let  $\mathbf{M}_1 = \langle M; F, R \rangle$  be a finite total structure that has binary homomorphisms  $\vee$  and  $\wedge$  such that  $\langle M; \vee, \wedge \rangle$  is a lattice. Then  $\mathbf{M}_2^{\mathcal{T}} := \langle M; \vee, \wedge, R_{2|M|}, \mathcal{T} \rangle$  yields a duality on  $\text{ISP}(\mathbf{M}_1)$ , where  $R_{2|M|}$  is the set of  $2|M|$ -ary relations compatible with  $\mathbf{M}_1$ .*

As an immediate corollary we get the following nice result.

**Theorem 5.6** (Lattice Endomorphism Theorem [44, 2.1.2]). *Endomorphisms and compatible orders of finite lattices yield dualisable ordered unary algebras. More precisely, let  $\mathbf{M} = \langle M; \vee, \wedge \rangle$  be a finite lattice, let  $F \subseteq \text{End}(\mathbf{M})$  and let  $\leq$  be an order on  $M$  that is preserved by both  $\vee$  and  $\wedge$ . Then  $\mathbf{M}_2^{\mathcal{T}} := \langle M; \vee, \wedge, R_{2|M|}, \mathcal{T} \rangle$  dualises  $\mathbf{M}_1 := \langle M; F, \leq \rangle$ , where  $R_{2|M|}$  is the set of  $2|M|$ -ary relations compatible with  $\mathbf{M}_1$ .*

**Example 5.7.** Let  $\mathbf{M}_1 = \langle \{0, 1, 2\}; u, d, \leq \rangle$  be a unary algebra with  $u(0) = 1$ ,  $u(1) = u(2) = 2$  and  $d(2) = 1$ ,  $d(1) = d(0) = 0$ , enriched with either the usual order  $0 < 1 < 2$ , the uncertainty order  $0 < 1 > 2$  of Kleene algebra duality fame or the order whose only proper comparability is  $1 < 2$  of Stone algebra duality fame. Since each of these orders is compatible with the  $\vee$  and  $\wedge$  of the three-element lattice, the Lattice Endomorphism Theorem 5.6 tells us that the alter ego  $\mathbf{M}_2^{\mathcal{T}} := \langle M; \vee, \wedge, R_6, \mathcal{T} \rangle$  yields a duality on  $\mathcal{A} = \text{ISP}(\mathbf{M}_1)$ . By Theorem 5.1, the natural extension  $n_{\mathcal{A}}(\mathbf{A})$  of an ordered algebra  $\mathbf{A} \in \mathcal{A}$  is simply described as the algebra consisting of all  $\{\vee, \wedge\} \cup R_6$ -preserving maps from  $\mathcal{A}(\mathbf{A}, \mathbf{M}_1)$  to  $\mathbf{M}_2$ . We have not investigated whether the natural extension will provide a concrete realisation of the zero-dimensional Bohr compactification in this case.

## 6. NATURAL EXTENSIONS AND BOHR COMPACTIFICATIONS: MAKING USE OF TOPOLOGY-SWAPPING

We consider once again the scenario presented in Figure 2, retaining the notation from Section 5. So assume that  $\mathbf{M}_1 = \langle M; G_1, R_1 \rangle$  and  $\mathbf{M}_2 = \langle M; G_2, H_2, R_2 \rangle$  are

compatible structures on the finite set  $M$ , with  $\mathbf{M}_1$  total. We define

$$\begin{aligned}\mathcal{A} &= \text{ISP}(\mathbf{M}_1), & \mathcal{X}_{\mathcal{T}} &= \text{IS}_c^0 \text{P}^+(\mathbf{M}_2^{\mathcal{T}}), \\ \mathcal{A}_{\mathcal{T}} &= \text{IS}_c \text{P}(\mathbf{M}_1^{\mathcal{T}}), & \mathcal{X} &= \text{IS}^0 \text{P}(\mathbf{M}_2).\end{aligned}$$

We set up the hom-functors  $D$ ,  $E$ ,  $F$  and  $G$  as before. Thus we envisage trying to swap the topology from  $\mathbf{M}_2$  to  $\mathbf{M}_1$ . We seek conditions under which we can upgrade the statement of Theorem 5.2 so as to assert that both adjunctions are dual equivalences. When this occurs we shall say we have *paired full dualities*.

We shall highlight two theorems which yield paired full dualities. The first is the TopSwap Theorem for (total) structures. This was obtained for algebras in [19, Theorem 2.4]. We preface its statement with a technical observation. We follow [19] in indicating that it is only necessary that we have a duality, or full duality, at the finite level (that is, on the full subcategory of  $\mathcal{A}$  consisting of the finite objects). For the theorem as we shall apply it, we do not make use of the weakened assumptions. But it would be disingenuous to exclude them: the core of the proof in [19], which applies equally well to total structures, concerns what happens at the finite level, with the lifting to the whole class relying solely on categorical generalities.

**TopSwap Theorem for Structures 6.1.** *Let  $\mathbf{M}_1$  be a finite total structure of finite type, let  $\mathbf{M}_2$  be a structure compatible with  $\mathbf{M}_1$  and define the categories  $\mathcal{A}$ ,  $\mathcal{A}_{\mathcal{T}}$ ,  $\mathcal{X}$  and  $\mathcal{X}_{\mathcal{T}}$  as above.*

- (1) *If  $\mathbf{M}_2^{\mathcal{T}}$  yields a finite-level duality between  $\mathcal{A}$  and  $\mathcal{X}_{\mathcal{T}}$ , then  $\mathbf{M}_2$  yields a duality between  $\mathcal{A}_{\mathcal{T}}$  and  $\mathcal{X}$ .*
- (2) *If  $\mathbf{M}_2^{\mathcal{T}}$  yields a finite-level full duality between  $\mathcal{A}$  and  $\mathcal{X}_{\mathcal{T}}$ , then the adjunction  $\langle F, G, e', \varepsilon' \rangle$  is a dual equivalence between the categories  $\mathcal{A}_{\mathcal{T}}$  and  $\mathcal{X}$ .*

Combining the TopSwap Theorem for Structures with Theorem 5.2 we obtain natural extensions in partnership in the manner described in the next result.

**Corollary 6.2.** *Let  $\mathbf{M}_1$  be a finite total structure of finite type, let  $\mathbf{M}_2$  be a total structure compatible with  $\mathbf{M}_1$  and define the categories  $\mathcal{A}$ ,  $\mathcal{A}_{\mathcal{T}}$ ,  $\mathcal{X}$  and  $\mathcal{X}_{\mathcal{T}}$  as above. Assume that  $\mathbf{M}_2^{\mathcal{T}}$  yields a full duality between  $\mathcal{A}$  and  $\mathcal{X}_{\mathcal{T}}$ . Then  $\mathbf{M}_2$  yields a full duality between  $\mathcal{A}_{\mathcal{T}}$  and  $\mathcal{X}$  and*

- (1)  $n_{\mathcal{A}}(\mathbf{A}) = G(D(\mathbf{A})^b)$ , for all  $\mathbf{A} \in \mathcal{A}$  and  
 $n_{\mathcal{X}}(\mathbf{X}) = D(G(\mathbf{X})^b)$ , for all  $\mathbf{X} \in \mathcal{X}$ ,  
*so that Figure 2 combines two commuting squares;*
- (2)  $n_{\mathcal{A}}(\mathbf{A})$  consists of all maps  $\mathcal{A}(\mathbf{A}, \mathbf{M}_1) \rightarrow M$  that preserve the structure on  $\mathbf{M}_2$ , for all  $\mathbf{A} \in \mathcal{A}$ ;
- (3)  $n_{\mathcal{X}}(\mathbf{X})$  consists of all maps  $\mathcal{X}(\mathbf{X}, \mathbf{M}_2) \rightarrow M$  that preserve the structure on  $\mathbf{M}_1$ , for all  $\mathbf{X} \in \mathcal{X}$ .

We warn that the requirement that  $\mathbf{M}_2$  be a total structure means that topology-swapping cannot be applied to obtain paired natural extensions in circumstances where partial operations have to be included in a dualising alter ego  $\mathbf{M}_2^{\mathcal{T}}$  for  $\mathbf{M}_1$  in order to upgrade a duality to a full (in fact, a strong) duality (see [8, Chapter 3]), or where partial operations are present in a dualising alter ego (as happens, for example for dualisable commutative rings [14] and for dualisable non-abelian groups [46]).

We have seen that the natural extension provides a common framework for a range of universal constructions on algebras and purely relational structures, so

indicating that these do not relate to quite different worlds. But Corollary 6.2 gives us more. Not only does  $\mathbf{M}_2$  yield a description of natural extensions in  $\mathcal{A}$ , but it also yields a duality on the category  $\mathcal{A}_{\mathcal{T}}$  within which these natural extensions live. Moreover a corresponding statement also holds for  $\mathbf{M}_1$  and  $\mathcal{X}$ .

We now present two examples of paired full dualities between categories of total structures. These examples show that certain famous compactifications arise as paired natural extensions and that useful information stems from the linkage. Here the natural extension functor is, or generalises, a Stone–Čech compactification functor. In this setting, the functor is, or may be, *defined* as in Definition 3.2 above.

**Example 6.3** (Boolean algebras and the Stone–Čech compactification). Here we have a well-known classic. It arises from Stone duality between Boolean algebras and Boolean spaces and its topology-swapped counterpart, the duality between sets and Boolean-topological Boolean algebras. The categories involved are

$$\begin{aligned} \mathcal{B} &= \text{ISP}(\mathbf{2}) \quad [\text{Boolean algebras}], & \mathcal{Z}_{\mathcal{T}} &= \text{IS}_c^0\mathcal{P}(\mathbf{2}_{\mathcal{T}}) \quad [\text{Boolean spaces}], \\ \mathcal{B}_{\mathcal{T}} &= \text{ISP}(\mathbf{2}_{\mathcal{T}}) \quad [\text{Boolean topological BAs}], & \mathcal{Z} &= \text{IS}_c^0\mathcal{P}(\mathbf{2}) \quad [\text{Sets}], \end{aligned}$$

where the generating objects are the unique two-element structures, with or without topology as appropriate, in the categories concerned. Theorem 5.2 asserts that the functor  $n_{\mathcal{B}}$  sends a Boolean algebra to the powerset of its dual space. For any set  $Z$ , the Stone–Čech compactification  $\beta Z$  is well known to be zero-dimensional, and so is a member of  $\mathcal{Z}_{\mathcal{T}}$ . Therefore by Proposition 4.1 the Stone–Čech compactification *alias* the (zero-dimensional) Bohr compactification coincides with the natural extension. Thus, we have

$$\beta Z = b(Z) = b_0(Z) = n_{\mathcal{Z}}(Z).$$

Corollary 6.2 now tells us that  $\beta Z$  is the dual space of the powerset Boolean algebra  $\mathcal{P}(Z)$ . Thus we may, should we so choose, regard our construction here as a way to obtain the dual space of a powerset algebra. The relationship between the dual of a powerset algebra and the Stone–Čech compactification is of course very well known and can be obtained by a variety of methods different from ours; see for example [40, Section 8.3], [28, pp. 230–232] or [47, 16.2.5].

We now consider the natural extension on the category  $\mathcal{P}$  of ordered sets. We may regard  $n_{\mathcal{P}}$  as a compactification functor on  $\mathcal{P}$ , paralleling that of the Stone–Čech compactification functor on sets. Compactifications of ordered sets, and more generally of ordered topological spaces, has been extensively studied, following the introduction by Nachbin of the order-compactification which now bears his name [41]. This construction provides a reflection of  $\mathcal{P}$  into the category of compact ordered spaces. Let  $\mathbf{Y} = \langle Y; \leq \rangle$  belong to  $\mathcal{P}$ . Then the topological structure  $\langle Y; \leq, \mathcal{T} \rangle$  is *compact ordered* (an alternative term is *compact order-Hausdorff*) if  $\mathcal{T}$  is compact and  $\leq$  is closed in  $Y \times Y$ , from which it follows that the topology is Hausdorff. Thus the Bohr compactification  $b(\mathbf{Y})$  coincides with the Nachbin order-compactification of  $\mathbf{Y}$ , which we shall denote by  $\beta_{\leq}(\mathbf{Y})$ . But more is true. In [7], Bezhanishvili and Morandi study what they call *Priestley order-compactifications* for a suitable class of ordered spaces, which includes those that are discretely topologised. Crucially for our purposes they demonstrate that  $\beta_{\leq}(\mathbf{Y})$  is a Priestley space for any  $\mathbf{Y} \in \mathcal{P}$  [7, Corollary 4.7]; this result was also proved, by a different method, by Nailana

[42]. As a consequence, Proposition 4.1 now provides the following noteworthy result. The topological prevariety  $\mathbf{ISP}^+(\mathbf{2})$  of Priestley spaces is non-standard; recall Example 4.3. Nevertheless weak coincidence does occur.

**Proposition 6.4.** *For any ordered set  $\mathbf{Y}$ ,*

$$\beta_{\leq}(\mathbf{Y}) = b(\mathbf{Y}) = b_0(\mathbf{Y}) = n_{\mathcal{P}}(\mathbf{Y}).$$

We now discuss the paired full dualities between  $\mathcal{P}_{\mathcal{T}}$  (Priestley spaces) and  $\mathcal{D}$  (bounded distributive lattices) and the ramifications of this partnership.

**Example 6.5** (Bounded distributive lattices and the Nachbin order-compactification). Here we build on the partnership between Priestley duality for bounded distributive lattices and the duality, due to Banaschewski [2], between ordered sets and Boolean-topological bounded distributive lattices. Accounts of this partnership are given in [19, Example 4.1] and [20, Section 4].

The categories involved are

$$\begin{aligned} \mathcal{D} &= \mathbf{ISP}(\mathbf{2}) \quad [\text{bounded DLs}], & \mathcal{P}_{\mathcal{T}} &= \mathbf{IS}_c^0\mathbf{P}(\mathbf{2}_{\mathcal{T}}) \quad [\text{Priestley spaces}], \\ \mathcal{D}_{\mathcal{T}} &= \mathbf{IS}_c\mathbf{P}(\mathbf{2}_{\mathcal{T}}) \quad [\text{Bt bounded DLs}], & \mathcal{P} &= \mathbf{IS}^0\mathbf{P}(\mathbf{2}) \quad [\text{ordered sets}]; \end{aligned}$$

once again the generators in the four cases are given by two-element objects in the categories concerned. Corollary 6.2 tells us that the natural extension  $n_{\mathcal{D}}(\mathbf{L})$  of a bounded distributive lattice  $\mathbf{L}$  is the Boolean-topological lattice consisting of all order-preserving maps from  $\mathcal{D}(\mathbf{L}, \mathbf{2})$  to  $\mathbf{2}$ . Moreover, for any  $\mathbf{Y} \in \mathcal{P}$  the set of elements of  $n_{\mathcal{P}}(\mathbf{Y})$  consists of all lattice homomorphisms from  $\mathcal{P}(\mathbf{Y}, \mathbf{2})$  to  $\mathbf{2}$ .

There is more to be said about the Nachbin order-compactification, *alias* Bohr compactification, in relation to duality. Drawing on Corollary 6.2, we see that for any  $\mathbf{Y} \in \mathcal{P}$  we have  $n_{\mathcal{P}}(\mathbf{Y}) = \mathbf{D}(\mathbf{G}(\mathbf{Y})^b)$  and for any  $\mathbf{L} \in \mathcal{D}$  we have  $n_{\mathcal{D}}(\mathbf{L}) = \mathbf{G}(\mathbf{D}(\mathbf{L})^b)$ . The first of these gives immediately that, for any ordered set  $\mathbf{Y}$ , the Priestley dual space of an up-set lattice  $\mathcal{U}(\mathbf{Y})$  is the Nachbin order compactification  $\beta_{\leq}(\mathbf{Y})$ .

It is well known, and has been proved in various ways (see [5, 17, 25]), that for a bounded distributive lattice  $\mathbf{L}$  we have  $n_{\mathcal{D}}(\mathbf{L}) \cong \text{pro}_{\mathcal{D}}(\mathbf{L}) \cong \mathbf{L}^{\delta}$ , where  $\text{pro}_{\mathcal{D}}(\mathbf{L})$  and  $\mathbf{L}^{\delta}$  denote respectively the profinite completion and the canonical extension of  $\mathbf{L}$ . It follows that the Priestley dual space of  $\mathbf{L}^{\delta}$  is  $\beta_{\leq}(\mathbf{D}(\mathbf{L})^b)$ . This recaptures [7, Corollary 5.4] (see also [5, Proposition 3.4]). Our proof is different from that in [7] and separates the component parts of the argument in a transparent way.

The piggyback technique is a time-honoured way to find amenable natural dualities for prevarieties of algebras having reducts in dualisable prevarieties, in particular, in  $\mathcal{D}$  or  $\mathcal{S}$  (see [8, Chapter 7]). This technique has been extended and refined in [20] so as to apply to CT-prevarieties. Moreover under a variety of conditions, albeit stringent, the piggyback technique can be used directly to yield paired full dualities: see the Two-for-one Piggyback Strong Duality Theorem, [20, Theorem 3.8]. This result differs from Theorem 6.1 in several respects. As the name implies, it produces paired dualities both of which are strong (strongness, as opposed to fullness, is not relevant in this paper but is important in other contexts). The theorem is not *a priori* restricted to the finitely generated case, and even there it bypasses the finite type restriction of the TopSwap Theorem. When applicable, the specialisation to  $\mathcal{D}$ -based prevarieties, [20, Theorem 4.5], yields paired dualities very tightly tied to the paired dualities for the base categories  $\mathcal{D}$  and  $\mathcal{P}$  discussed in

Example 6.5. We mention one particular application, to the variety  $\mathbf{O}$  of Ockham algebras [20, Theorem 4.6]. Here there are mutually compatible structures on the infinite set  $M = \{0, 1\}^{\mathbb{N}_0}$ , with  $\mathbf{M}_1$  generating  $\mathbf{O}$  and  $\mathbf{M}_2$  carrying an order and an operation which is order-reversing with respect to the order.

Over more than 30 years the variety of Ockham algebras and its finitely generated subvarieties have provided a rich source of examples which have been influential in driving forward the general theory of natural dualities. Below we consider paired full dualities for certain very special prevarieties of  $\mathbf{O}$  (in fact they are varieties, as we confirm in Remark 6.9). Moving to the dual side we shall identify an infinite family of classes  $\mathfrak{X}$  which exhibit the same behaviour for compactifications as does our hitherto isolated example  $\mathcal{P}$ : weak coincidence of  $n_{\mathfrak{X}}$ ,  $b_0$  and  $b$ , with, Stralka-fashion, the associated topological prevariety non-standard. Our purpose is to demonstrate that such behaviour is not a rare phenomenon rather than to investigate Ockham algebra varieties *per se* and we shall accordingly not attempt to make our account self-contained, referring any interested reader to [8, 22], and references therein, for background. In particular we shall make use of the well-known restricted Priestley duality for Ockham algebras and its subvarieties; see for example [30] and [8, Section 7.4]. The varieties we shall consider are covered by [20, Theorem 4.6] but we shall sidestep this. The dualities can be found in [24, Section 3] or in [22]; the latter provides the axiomatisations of the dual categories which we shall crucially need.

In preparation for Theorem 6.8 we present some facts about prevarieties and topological prevarieties whose objects have reducts in  $\mathcal{P}$  and  $\mathcal{P}_{\mathcal{T}}$ , respectively.

- Lemma 6.6.** (i) *Let  $\mathbf{Y}$  be an ordered set. Then  $\beta_{\leq}(\mathbf{Y}^{\partial}) = \beta_{\leq}(\mathbf{Y})^{\partial}$ , where  $\mathbf{Y}^{\partial}$  denotes the order-theoretic dual of  $\mathbf{Y}$ .*  
(ii) *Let  $\mathbf{Y}_1, \mathbf{Y}_2$  be ordered sets and  $f: \mathbf{Y}_1 \rightarrow \mathbf{Y}_2$  be a map which is order-preserving (respectively, order-reversing). Then  $f$  has an extension to a map  $\bar{f}: \beta_{\leq}(\mathbf{Y}_1) \rightarrow \beta_{\leq}(\mathbf{Y}_2)$  which is continuous and order-preserving (respectively, order-reversing).*

*Proof.* Consider (i). Let  $\mathbf{Y}$  be an ordered set. From above,  $\beta_{\leq}(\mathbf{Y})$  is the Priestley dual space of the up-set lattice  $\mathcal{U}(\mathbf{Y})$ . Likewise,  $\beta_{\leq}(\mathbf{Y}^{\partial})$  is the dual space of  $\mathcal{U}(\mathbf{Y}^{\partial})$ , which is order anti-isomorphic to  $\mathcal{U}(\mathbf{Y})$ , via the complementation map. Now use the well-known fact about Priestley duality that, for any  $\mathbf{L} \in \mathcal{D}$ , we have  $D(\mathbf{L}^{\partial})$  homeomorphic and order anti-isomorphic to  $D(\mathbf{L})$ . Putting all this together we obtain  $(\beta_{\leq}(\mathbf{Y}^{\partial}))^{\partial} = \beta_{\leq}(\mathbf{Y})$  (up to order homeomorphism in  $\mathcal{P}_{\mathcal{T}}$ ). By uniqueness, and then flipping the order, we deduce that  $\beta_{\leq}(\mathbf{Y}^{\partial}) = (\beta_{\leq}(\mathbf{Y}))^{\partial}$ .

The proof of (ii) is an almost immediate consequence of the fact that  $\beta_{\leq}$  is a functor, with use being made of (i) when  $f$  is order-reversing.  $\square$

In the proof of the following lemma the claim concerning the lifting of atomic formulas holds quite generally for total structures. For the application we shall make of the lemma, the proof of the claim is entirely elementary as the atomic formulas have a very simple form:  $g(x_1) \leq h(x_2)$  or  $g(x_1) = h(x_2)$ , where  $x_1, x_2 \in \{x, y\}$  with  $g$  and  $h$  in the monoid of self maps of  $M$  generated by  $F$ .

**Lemma 6.7.** *Let  $\mathbf{M} = \langle M; F, \leq \rangle$  where  $\langle M; \leq \rangle$  is a finite ordered set that is not an antichain and  $F$  is a set of unary operations on  $M$  each of which is order-preserving or order-reversing, and define  $\mathfrak{X} := \text{ISP}(\mathbf{M})$  and  $\mathfrak{X}_{\mathcal{T}} := \text{IS}_c^0\text{P}(\mathbf{M}_{\mathcal{T}})$ . Assume that there is a set  $\Sigma$  of atomic formulas in the language of  $\mathbf{M}$  such that a structure with*



topology  $\mathbf{X} = \langle X; F, \leq, \mathcal{T} \rangle$ , with the same signature as  $\mathbf{M}$ , belongs to  $\mathcal{X}_{\mathcal{T}}$  if and only if

- (i)  $\langle X; \leq, \mathcal{T} \rangle$  is a Priestley space,
- (ii) for all  $f \in F$ , if  $f$  is order-preserving (respectively, order-reversing) on  $\mathbf{M}$ , then  $f$  is continuous and order-preserving (respectively, order-reversing) on  $\mathbf{X}$ ,
- (iii)  $\mathbf{X}$  satisfies  $\sigma$ , for all  $\sigma \in \Sigma$ .

Then  $b(\mathbf{X}) = b_0(\mathbf{X}) = n_{\mathcal{X}}(\mathbf{X})$ , for all  $\mathbf{X} \in \mathcal{X}$ .

*Proof.* Let  $\mathbf{X} \in \mathcal{X}$  and form the Nachbin order compactification  $\mathbf{Y} := \beta_{\leq}(\mathbf{X}^{\nabla})$ , where  $\nabla$  forgets the maps in  $F$ . This is a Priestley space. In addition, by Lemma 6.6, each order-preserving (respectively, order-reversing) map  $f \in F$  on  $\mathbf{X}$  has a unique lifting to a continuous order-preserving (respectively, order-reversing) map, which we also denote by  $f$ , on  $\mathbf{Y}$ . It is an easy exercise to show that any atomic formula holding on  $\mathbf{X}$  also holds on  $\mathbf{Y}$  (since  $\iota_{\mathbf{X}^{\nabla}}(\mathbf{X}^{\nabla})$  is dense in  $\mathbf{Y}$ , each  $g \in F$  is continuous and  $\leq$  is closed). We have shown that  $\mathbf{Y}$  enriched with  $f$ , for each  $f \in F$ , satisfies (i)–(iii) and so belongs to  $\mathcal{X}_{\mathcal{T}}$ , by our assumptions. We claim that this topological structure serves as  $b(\mathbf{X})$ .

Let  $\mathbf{Z} \in \mathcal{X}^{\text{ct}}$  and take a homomorphism  $g: \mathbf{X} \rightarrow \mathbf{Z}^b$ . Then  $g^{\nabla}: \mathbf{X}^{\nabla} \rightarrow (\mathbf{Z}^b)^{\nabla}$  lifts uniquely to a Priestley space morphism  $h$  from  $\beta_{\leq}(\mathbf{X}^{\nabla}) = b(\mathbf{X}^{\nabla})$  to  $\mathbf{Z}^{\nabla}$ . Since  $h$  commutes with each  $f \in F$  when restricted to a dense subset, continuity guarantees that  $h$  commutes with each  $f \in F$  on  $\beta_{\leq}(\mathbf{X}^{\nabla})$ . This yields the universal property demanded of  $b(\mathbf{X})$ . By Proposition 4.1(ii), since  $b(\mathbf{X}) \in \mathcal{X}_{\mathcal{T}}$  and  $\mathcal{X}_{\mathcal{T}} \subseteq \mathcal{X}^{\text{Bt}}$ , we conclude that  $b(\mathbf{X}) = b_0(\mathbf{X}) = n_{\mathcal{X}}(\mathbf{X})$ .  $\square$

The topological prevarieties  $\mathcal{X}_{\mathcal{T}}$  we shall consider in Theorem 6.8 are non-standard. This follows from a very general, but unpublished, result concerning ordered unary algebras [3]. Therefore Theorem 4.2 does not apply and hence we need instead to exploit Lemma 6.7 in order to prove our theorem.

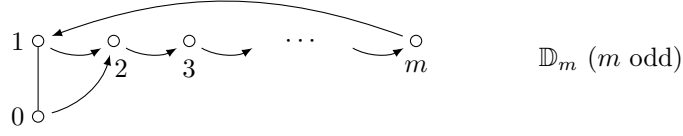
**Theorem 6.8.** *There exists a countably infinite family  $\mathcal{M}$  of finite pairwise non-isomorphic subdirectly irreducible Ockham algebras such that each  $\mathbf{M}_1 \in \mathcal{M}$  has the following properties:*

- (1) *there exists a total structure  $\mathbf{M}_2 = \langle M; u, \preceq \rangle$ , with  $\preceq$  an order on  $M$  and  $u: M \rightarrow M$  an order-reversing map, such that  $\mathbf{M}_2$  is compatible with  $\mathbf{M}_1$  and  $\mathbf{M}_2^{\mathcal{T}}$  yields a full duality between  $\mathcal{A} := \text{ISP}(\mathbf{M}_1)$  and  $\text{IS}_c^0\text{P}(\mathbf{M}_2^{\mathcal{T}})$ ;*
- (2)  *$b(\mathbf{X}) = b_0(\mathbf{X}) = n_{\mathcal{X}}(\mathbf{X})$ , for all  $\mathbf{X}$  in  $\mathcal{X} := \text{IS}^0\text{P}(\mathbf{M}_2)$ .*

*Proof.* (Outline) We use, without further detail, the restricted Priestley duality for Ockham algebras under which each finite Ockham algebra corresponds to a finite Ockham space, that is, a finite ordered set equipped with an order-reversing self-map  $g$ . For all odd  $m \in \mathbb{N}$ , let  $\mathbb{D}_m$  be the Ockham space shown in Figure 3 and let  $\mathbf{S}_m$  be the corresponding Ockham algebra. Define  $\mathcal{M} := \{\mathbf{S}_m \mid m \text{ odd}\}$ .

Consider a fixed  $\mathbf{M}_1$  in our chosen family  $\mathcal{M}$ . We take the alter ego  $\mathbf{M}_2 = \langle M; u, \preceq, \mathcal{T} \rangle$  supplied by [24, Theorem 3.7] in the simplified form described in [22, Theorem 5.4]. By [22, Theorem 5.7], if  $\mathbf{M}_1 = \mathbf{S}_m$ , then a structure  $\mathbf{X} = \langle X; u, \preceq \rangle$  belongs to  $\text{IS}_c^0\text{P}(\mathbf{M}_2^{\mathcal{T}})$  if and only if

- (i)  $\langle X; \preceq, \mathcal{T} \rangle$  is a Priestley space,
- (ii)  $\mathbf{X}$  satisfies  $x \preceq y \implies u(x) = u(y)$ , and
- (iii)  $\mathbf{X}$  satisfies  $x \preceq u^m(x)$ .

FIGURE 3. The Ockham space  $\mathbb{D}_m$ 

Since (ii) says that  $u$  is both order-preserving and order-reversing and (iii) is an atomic formula, it follows immediately from Lemma 6.7 that (2) holds.  $\square$

**Remark 6.9.** We may also ask whether coincidence occurs for the classes  $\text{ISP}(\mathbf{M}_1)$ , with  $\mathbf{M}_1$  in our chosen family  $\mathcal{M}$ . Each  $\mathbf{M}_1 \in \mathcal{M}$  has the property that  $\mathcal{A} := \text{ISP}(\mathbf{M}_1)$  is a variety (see [19, Example 4.6] or [24, p. 183]). As  $\mathcal{A}$  satisfies FDSC, the corresponding topological prevariety  $\text{ISP}(\mathbf{M}_1^T)$  is standard by [9, Example 5.9]—see the discussion following Theorem 4.2 above. Consequently,  $b_0(\mathbf{A}) = n_{\mathcal{A}}(\mathbf{A})$ , for all  $\mathbf{A} \in \mathcal{A}$ , by Theorem 4.2.

We note that the first element,  $\mathbf{S}_1$ , in our sequence of varieties is the much-studied variety of Stone algebras.

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