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Abstract

Computing the Puiseux expansions of a plane algebraic curve defined by an affine equation over an algebraically closed field is a an important algorithm in algebraic geometry. This is the so-called Newton–Puiseux Theorem. The termination of this algorithm, however, is usually justified by non-constructive means. By adding a separability condition we obtain a variant of the algorithm, the termination of which is justified constructively in characteristic 0. Furthermore, we present a possible constructive interpretation of the existence of the separable closure of a field by building, in a constructive metatheory, a suitable site model where there is such separable closure. Consequently, one can dispense with the assumption of separable closure and extract computational content from proofs involving this assumption. The theorem of Newton–Puiseux is one example where we use the sheaf model to extract computational content. We then can find Puiseux expansions of an algebraic curve defined over a non-algebraically closed field K of characteristic 0. The expansions are given as a fractional power series over a finite dimensional K-algebra.

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Introduction

Newton–Puiseux Theorem states that, for an algebraically closed field K of zero characteristic, given a polynomial $F \in K[[X]][Y]$ there exist a positive integer m and a factorization $F = \prod_{i=1}^{n}(Y - \eta_i)$ where each $\eta_i \in K[[X^{1/m}]][Y]$. These roots η_i are called the *Puiseux expansions* of F. The theorem was first proved by Newton [1736] with the use of Newton polygon. Later, Puiseux [1850] gave an analytic proof. It is worth mentioning that while the proof by Puiseux [1850] deals only with convergent power series over the field of complex numbers, the much earlier proof by Newton [1736] was algorithmic in nature and applies to both convergent and non-convergent power series [Abhyankar, 1976].

Newton–Puiseux Theorem is usually state as: *The field of fractional power series (also known as the field of Puiseux series), i.e. the field* $K\langle\langle X\rangle\rangle = \bigcup_{m\in\mathbb{Z}^+} K((X^{1/m}))$, *is algebraically closed* [Walker, 1978].

Abhyankar [1990] presents another proof of this result, the "Shreedharacharya's Proof of Newton's Theorem". This proof is not constructive as it stands. Indeed it assumes decidable equality on the ring $K[[X]]$ of power series over a field, but given two arbitrary power series we cannot decide whether they are equal in *finite* number of steps. We explain in Chapter I how to modify his argument by adding a separability assumption to provide a constructive proof of the result: The field of fractional power series is *separably* closed. In particular, the termination of Newton–Puiseux algorithm is justified constructively in this case. This termination is justified by a non constructive reasoning in most references [Walker, 1978; Duval, 1989; Abhyankar, 1990], with the exception of [Edwards, 2005]. Following that, we show that the field of fractional power series algebraic over $K(X)$ is algebraically closed.

The remainder of this monograph is dedicated to analyzing in a constructive framework what happens if the field K is not supposed to be algebraically closed. This is achieved through the method of *dynamic evaluation* [Della Dora et al., 1985], which replaces factorization by gcd computations. The reference [Coste et al., 2001] provides a proof theo-

retic analysis of this method. In Chapter III, we build a sheaf theoretic model of dynamic evaluation. The site is given by the category of étale algebras over the base field with an appropriate Grothendieck topology. We prove constructively that the topos of sheaves on this site contains a separably closed extension of the base field. We also show that in characteristic 0 the *axiom of choice* fails to hold in this topos.

With this model we obtain, as presented in Chapter IV, a dynamic version of Newton–Puiseux theorem, where we compute the Puiseux expansions of a polynomial $F \in K[X, Y]$ where K is not necessarily algebraically closed. The Puiseux expansions in this case are fractional power series over an étale K-algebra. We then present a characterization of the minimal algebra extension of K required for factorization of F and we show that while there is more than one such minimal extension, any two of them are powers of a common K-algebra.

I

Constructive Newton–Puiseux Theorem

A polynomial over a ring is said to be *separable* if it is coprime with its derivative. A field K is *algebraically closed* if any polynomial over K has a root in K. A field K is *separably closed* if every separable polynomial over K has a root in K. The goal in this chapter is to prove using only constructive reasoning the statement:

Claim 0.1. *For an algebraically closed field K, the field $K\langle\langle X\rangle\rangle$ of franctional power series over K*

$$K\langle\langle X\rangle\rangle = \bigcup_{m\in\mathbb{Z}^+} K((X^{1/m}))$$

is separably closed.

The proof we present is based on a non-constructive proof by Abhyankar [1990].

1 Algebraic preliminaries

A (discrete) field is defined to be a non trivial ring in which any element is 0 or invertible. For a ring R, the formal power series ring $R[[X]]$ is the set of sequences $\alpha = \alpha(0) + \alpha(1)X + \alpha(2)X^2 + ...$, with $\alpha(i) \in R$ [Mines et al., 1988].

Definition 1.1 (Apartness)**.** A binary relation $R \subset S \times S$ on a set S is an *apartness* if for all $x, y, z \in S$

(i.) $\neg xRx$.

(ii.) $xRy \Rightarrow yRx$.

(iii.) $xRy \Rightarrow xRz \vee yRz$.

We write $x \# y$ to mean xRy where R is an apartness relation on the set of which x and y are elements. As is the case with equality, the set on which the apartness is defined it is usually clear from the context . An apartness is *tight* if it satisfies $\neg x \# y \Rightarrow x = y$.

Definition 1.2 (Ring with apartness)**.** A ring with apartness is a ring R equipped with an apartness relation # such that

(i.) $0 \# 1$.

(ii.) $x_1 + y_1 \# x_2 + y_2 \Rightarrow x_1 \# x_2 \vee y_1 \# y_2$.

(iii.) $x_1 y_1 \# x_2 y_2 \Rightarrow x_1 \# x_2 \vee y_1 \# y_2$.

See [Mines et al., 1988; Troelstra and van Dalen, 1988].

Next we define the apartness relation on power series as in [Troelstra and van Dalen, 1988, Ch 8].

Definition 1.3. Let R be a ring with apartness. For $\alpha, \beta \in R[[X]]$ we define $\alpha \# \beta$ if $\exists n\ \alpha(n) \# \beta(n)$.

The relation # on $R[[X]]$ as defined above is an apartness relation and makes $R[[X]]$ into a ring with apartness [Troelstra and van Dalen, 1988]. The relation # on $R[[X]]$ restricts to an apartness relation on the ring of polynomials $R[X] \subset R[[X]]$.

We note that, if K is a discrete field then for $\alpha \in K[[X]]$ we have $\alpha \# 0$ iff $\alpha(j)$ is invertible for some j. For $F = \alpha_0 Y^n + ... + \alpha_n \in K[[X]][Y]$, we have $F \# 0$ iff $\alpha_i(j)$ is invertible for some j and $0 \leq i \leq n$.

Let R be a commutative ring with apartness. Then R is an *integral domain* if it satisfies $x \# 0 \wedge y \# 0 \Rightarrow xy \# 0$ for all $x, y \in R$. A *Heyting* field is an integral domain satisfying $x \# 0 \Rightarrow \exists y\ xy = 1$. The Heyting field of fractions of R is the Heyting field obtained by inverting the elements $c \# 0$ in R and taking the quotient by the appropriate equivalence relation, see [Troelstra and van Dalen, 1988, Ch 8,Theorem 3.12]. For a and $b \# 0$ in R we have $a/b \# 0$ iff $a \# 0$.

For a discrete field K, an element $\alpha \# 0$ in $K[[X]]$ can be written as $X^m \sum_{i \in \mathbb{N}} a_i X^i$ with $m \in \mathbb{N}$ and $a_0 \neq 0$. It follows that the ring $K[[X]]$ is an integral domain. If $a_0 \neq 0$ we have that $\sum_{i \in \mathbb{N}} a_i X^i$ is invertible in

$K[[X]]$. We denote by $K((X))$, the Heyting field of fractions of $K[[X]]$, we also call it the Heyting field of Laurent series over K. Thus an element apart from 0 in $K((X))$ can be written as $X^n \sum_{i\in\mathbb{N}} a_i X^i$ with $a_0 \neq 0$ and $n \in \mathbb{Z}$, i.e. as a series where finitely many terms have negative exponents.

Unless otherwise qualified, in what follows, a field will always denote a discrete field.

Definition 1.4 (Separable polynomial)**.** Let R be a ring. A polynomial $p \in R[X]$ is separable if there exist $r, s \in R[X]$ such that $rp + sp' = 1$, where $p' \in R[X]$ is the derivative of p.

Lemma 1.5. *Let R be a ring and $p \in R[X]$ separable. If $p = fg$ then both f and g are separable.*

Proof. Let $rp + sp' = 1$ for $r, s \in R[X]$. Then $rfg + s(fg' + f'g) = (rf + sf')g + sfg' = 1$, thus g is separable. Similarly for f. □

Lemma 1.6. *Let R be a ring. If $p(X) \in R[X]$ is separable and $u \in R$ is a unit then $p(uY) \in R[Y]$ is separable.*

The following result is usually proved with the assumption that a polynomial over a field can be decomposed into irreducible factors. This assumption cannot be shown to hold constructively, see [Fröhlich and Shepherdson, 1956]. We give a proof without this assumption. It works over a field of any characteristic.

Lemma 1.7. *Let f be a monic polynomial in $K[X]$ where K is a field. If f' is the derivative of f and g monic is the gcd of f and f' then writing $f = hg$ we have that h is separable. We call h the separable associate of f.*

Proof. Let a be the gcd of h and h'. We have $h = l_1 a$. Let d be the gcd of a and a'. We have $a = l_2 d$ and $a' = m_2 d$, with l_2 and m_2 coprime.

The polynomial a divides $h' = l_1 a' + l_1' a$ and hence that $a = l_2 d$ divides $l_1 a' = l_1 m_2 d$. It follows that l_2 divides $l_1 m_2$ and since l_2 and m_2 are coprime, that l_2 divides l_1.

Also, if a^n divides p then $p = qa^n$ and $p' = q'a^n + nqa'a^{n-1}$. Hence da^{n-1} divides p'. Since l_2 divides l_1, this implies that $a^n = l_2 da^{n-1}$ divides $l_1 p'$. So a^{n+1} divides $al_1 p' = hp'$.

Since a divides f and f', a divides g. We show that a^n divides g for all n by induction on n. If a^n divides g we have just seen that a^{n+1} divides $g'h$. Also a^{n+1} divides $h'g$ since a divides h'. So a^{n+1} divides $g'h + h'g = f'$. On the other hand, a^{n+1} divides $f = hg = l_1 ag$. So a^{n+1} divides g which is the gcd of f and f'.

This implies that a is a unit. □

If F is in $R[[X]][Y]$, by F_Y we mean the derivative of F with respect to Y.

Lemma 1.8. *Let K be a field and let $F = \sum_{i=0}^{n} \alpha_i Y^{n-i} \in K[[X]][Y]$ be separable over $K((X))$, then $\alpha_n \# 0 \vee \alpha_{n-1} \# 0$*

Proof. Since F is separable over $K((X))$ we have $PF + QF_Y = \gamma \# 0$ for $P, Q \in K[[X]][Y]$ and $\gamma \in K[[X]]$. From this we get that γ is equal to the constant term on the left hand side, i.e. $P(0)\alpha_n + Q(0)\alpha_{n-1} = \gamma \# 0$. Thus $\alpha_n \# 0 \vee \alpha_{n-1} \# 0$. □

2 Newton–Puiseux theorem

One key of Abhyankar's proof is Hensel's Lemma. Here we formulate a little more general version than the one in [Abhyankar, 1990] by dropping the assumption that the base ring is a field.

Lemma 2.1 (Hensel's Lemma)**.** *Let R be a ring and $F(X,Y) = Y^n + \sum_{i=1}^{n} a_i(X)\, Y^{n-i}$ be a monic polynomial in $R[[X]][Y]$ of degree $n > 1$. Given monic non-constant polynomials $G_0, H_0 \in R[Y]$ of degrees r and s respectively. Given $H^*, G^* \in R[Y]$ such that $F(0,Y) = G_0 H_0$, $r + s = n$ and $G_0 H^* + H_0 G^* = 1$. We can find $G(X,Y), H(X,Y) \in R[[X]][Y]$ of degrees r and s respectively, such that $F(X,Y) = G(X,Y)H(X,Y)$, $G(0,Y) = G_0$ and $H(0,Y) = H_0$.*

Proof. The proof is almost the same as Abhyankar's [Abhyankar, 1990], we present it here for completeness.
Since $R[[X]][Y] \subsetneq R[Y][[X]]$, we can rewrite $F(X,Y)$ as a power series in X with coefficients in $R[Y]$. Let

$$F(X,Y) = F_0(Y) + F_1(Y)X + \ldots + F_q(Y)X^q + \ldots$$

with $F_i(Y) \in R[Y]$. Now we want to find $G(X,Y), H(X,Y) \in R[Y][[X]]$ such that $F = GH$. If we let $G = G_0 + \sum_{i=1}^{\infty} G_i(Y)X^i$ and $H = H_0 + \sum_{i=1}^{\infty} H_i(Y)X^i$, then for each q we need to find $G_i(Y), H_j(Y)$ for $i, j \leq q$ such that $F_q = \sum_{i+j=q} G_i H_j$. We also need $\deg G_k < r$ and $\deg G_\ell < s$ for $k, \ell > 0$.
We find such G_i, H_j by induction on q. We have that $F_0 = G_0 H_0$. Assume that for some $q > 0$ we have found all G_i, H_j with $\deg G_i < r$ and $\deg H_i < s$ for $1 \leq i < q$ and $1 \leq j < q$. Now we need to find H_q, G_q

such that

$$F_q = G_0 H_q + H_0 G_q + \sum_{\substack{i+j=q \\ i<q, j<q}} G_i H_j$$

We let

$$U_q = F_q - \sum_{\substack{i+j=q \\ i<q, j<q}} G_i H_j$$

One can see that $\deg U_q < n$. We are given that $G_0 H^* + H_0 G^* = 1$. Multiplying by U_q we get $G_0 H^* U_q + H_0 G^* U_q = U_q$. By Euclidean division we can write $U_q H^* = E_q H_0 + H_q$ for some E_q, H_q with $\deg H_q < s$. Thus we write $U_q = G_0 H_q + H_0(E_q G_0 + G^* U_q)$. One can see that $\deg H_0(E_q G_0 + G^* U_q) < n$ since $\deg(U_q - G_0 H_q) < n$. Since H_0 is monic of degree s , $\deg(E_q G_0 + G^* U_q) < r$. We take $G_q = E_q G_0 + G^* U_q$. Now, we can write $G(X, Y)$ and $H(X, Y)$ as monic polynomials in Y with coefficients in $R[[X]]$, with degrees r and s respectively. □

It should be noted that the uniqueness of the factors G and H proven in [Abhyankar, 1990] may not necessarily hold when R is not an integral domain.

If $\alpha = \sum \alpha(i) X^i$ is an element of $R[[X]]$ we write $m \leqslant \operatorname{ord} \alpha$ to mean that $\alpha(i) = 0$ for $i < m$ and we write $m = \operatorname{ord} \alpha$ to mean furthermore that $\alpha(m)$ is invertible.

Lemma 2.2. *Let K be an algebraically closed field of characteristic zero. Let $F(X, Y) = Y^n + \sum_{i=1}^{n} \alpha_i(X) Y^{n-i} \in K[[X]][Y]$ be a monic non-constant polynomial of degree $n \geq 2$ separable over $K((X))$. Then there exist $m > 0$ and a proper factorization $F(T^m, Y) = G(T, Y) H(T, Y)$ with G and H in $K[[T]][Y]$.*

Proof. Assume w.l.o.g. that $\alpha_1(X) = 0$. This is Shreedharacharya's[1] trick [Abhyankar, 1990] (a simple change of variable $F(X, W - \alpha_1/n)$). The simple case is if we have $\operatorname{ord} \alpha_i = 0$ for some $1 < i \leq n$. In this case $F(0, Y) = Y^n + d_2 Y^{n-1} + \ldots + d_n \in K[Y]$ and $d_i \neq 0$. Thus $\forall a \in K \; F(0, Y) \neq (Y - a)^n$. For any root b of $F(0, b) = 0$ we have then a proper decomposition $F(0, Y) = (Y - b)^p H$ with $Y - b$ and H coprime, and we can use Hensel's Lemma 2.1 to conclude (In this case we can take $m = 1$).

[1] Shreedharacharya's trick is also known as Tschirnhaus's trick [von Tschirnhaus and Green, 2003]. The technique of removing the second term of a polynomial equation was also known to Descartes [Descartes, 1637].

In general, we know by Lemma 1.8 that for $k = n$ or $k = n-1$ we have $\alpha_k(X)$ is apart from 0. We then have $\alpha_k(\ell)$ invertible for some ℓ. We can then find p and m, $1 < m \leq n$, such that $\alpha_m(p)$ is invertible and $\alpha_i(j) = 0$ whenever $j/i < p/m$. We can then write

$$F(T^m, T^p Z) = T^{np}(Z^n + c_2(T)Z^{n-2} + \cdots + c_n(T))$$

with ord $c_m = 0$. As in the simple case, we have a proper decomposition

$$Z^n + c_2(T)Z^{n-2} + \cdots + c_n(T) = G_1(T,Z)H_1(T,Z)$$

with $G_1(T,Z)$ monic of degree l in Z and $H_1(T,Z)$ monic of degree q in Z, with $l + q = n$, $l < n$, $q < n$. We then take

$$G(T,Y) = T^{lp} G_1(T, Y/T^p)$$
$$H(T,Y) = T^{qp} H_1(T, Y/T^p)$$

□

Theorem 2.3. *Let K be an algebraically closed field of characteristic zero. Let $F(X,Y) = Y^n + \sum_{i=1}^n \alpha_i(X)Y^{n-i} \in K[[X]][Y]$ be a monic non-constant polynomial separable over $K((X))$. Then there exist a positive integer m and factorization*

$$F(T^m, Y) = \prod_{i=1}^{n} (Y - \eta_i) \qquad \eta_i \in K[[T]]$$

Proof. If $F(X,Y)$ is separable over $K((X))$ then $F(T^m, Y)$ for some positive integer m is separable over $K((T))$. The proof follows directly from Lemma 1.5 and Lemma 2.2 by induction. □

Corollary 2.4. *Let K be an algebraically closed field of characteristic zero. The Heyting field of fractional power series over K is separably closed.*

Proof. Let $F(X,Y) \in K((X))[Y]$ be a monic separable polynomial of degree $n > 1$. Let $\beta \# 0$ be the product of the denominators of the coefficients of F. Then we can write $F(X, \beta^{-1}Z) = \beta^{-n}G$ for $G \in K[[X]][Z]$. By Lemma 1.6 we get that F, hence G, is separable in Z over $K((X))$. By Theorem 2.3, $G(T^m, Z)$ factors linearly over $K[[T]]$ for some positive integer m. Consequently we get that $F(T^m, Y)$ factors linearly over $K((T))$. □

3 Related results

In the following we show that the elements in $K\langle\langle X\rangle\rangle$ algebraic over $K(X)$ form a discrete algebraically closed field.

Lemma 3.1. *Let K be a field and*

$$F(X,Y) = Y^n + b_1 Y^{n-1} + ... + b_n \in K(X)[Y]$$

be a non-constant monic polynomial such that $b_n \neq 0$. If $\gamma \in K((T))$ is a root of $F(T^q, Y)$, then ord $\gamma \leq d$ *for some positive integer d.*

Proof. We can find $h \in K[X]$ such that

$$G = hF = a_0(X)Y^n + a_1(X)Y^{n-1} + ... + a_n(X) \in K[X][Y]$$

with $a_n \neq 0$. Let $d =$ ord $a_n(T^q)$. If ord $\gamma > d$ then so is ord $a_i\gamma^{n-i}$ for $0 \leq i < n$. But we know that in a_n there is a non-zero term with T-degree d. Thus $G(T^q, \gamma)$ # 0; Consequently $F(T^q, \gamma)$ # 0 □

Note that if $\alpha, \beta \in K\langle\langle X\rangle\rangle$ are algebraic over $K(X)$ then $\alpha + \beta$ and $\alpha\beta$ are algebraic over $K(X)$ [Mines et al., 1988, Ch 6, Corollary 1.4].

Lemma 3.2. *Let K be a field. The set of elements in $K\langle\langle X\rangle\rangle$ algebraic over $K(X)$ is a discrete set; More precisely # is decidable on this set.*

Proof. It suffices to show that for an element γ in this set γ # 0 is decidable. Let $F = Y^n + a_1(X)Y^{n-1} + ... + a_n \in K(X)[Y]$ be a monic non-constant polynomial. Let $\gamma \in K((T))$ be a root of $F(T^q, Y)$. If $F = Y^n$ then $\neg\gamma$ # 0. Otherwise, F can be written as $Y^m(Y^{n-m} + ... + a_m)$ with $0 \leq m < n$ and $a_m \neq 0$. By Lemma 3.1 we can find d such that any element in $K((T))$ that is a root of $Y^{n-m} + ... + a_m$ has an order less than or equal to d. Thus γ # 0 if an only if ord $\gamma \leq d$. □

If α # $0 \in K\langle\langle X\rangle\rangle$ is algebraic over $K(X)$ then $1/\alpha$ is algebraic over $K(X)$. Thus the set of elements in $K\langle\langle X\rangle\rangle$ algebraic over $K(X)$ form a field $K\langle\langle X\rangle\rangle^{alg} \subset K\langle\langle X\rangle\rangle$. This field is in fact algebraically closed *in* $K\langle\langle X\rangle\rangle$ [Mines et al., 1988, Ch 6, Corollary 1.5].

Since for an algebraically closed field K we have shown $K\langle\langle X\rangle\rangle$ to be only *separably* algebraically closed, we need a stronger argument to show that $K\langle\langle X\rangle\rangle^{alg}$ is algebraically closed.

Lemma 3.3. *For an algebraically closed field K of characteristic zero, the field $K\langle\langle X\rangle\rangle^{alg}$ is algebraically closed.*

Proof. Let $F \in K\langle\langle X\rangle\rangle^{alg}[Y]$ be a monic non-constant polynomial of degree n. By Lemma 3.2 $K\langle\langle X\rangle\rangle^{alg}$ is a discrete field. By Lemma 1.7 we can decompose F as $F = HG$ with $H \in K\langle\langle X\rangle\rangle^{alg}[Y]$ a non-constant monic separable polynomial. By Corollary 2.4, H has a root η in $K\langle\langle X\rangle\rangle$. Since $K\langle\langle X\rangle\rangle^{alg}$ is algebraically closed in $K\langle\langle X\rangle\rangle$ we have that $\eta \in K\langle\langle X\rangle\rangle^{alg}$. □

We can draw similar conclusions in the case of real closed fields [2].

Lemma 3.4. *Let R be a real closed field. Then*

(i.) For any $\alpha \# 0 \in R\langle\langle X\rangle\rangle$ we can find $\beta \in R\langle\langle X\rangle\rangle$ such that $\beta^2 = \alpha$ or $-\beta^2 = \alpha$.

(ii.) A separable monic polynomial of odd degree in $R\langle\langle X\rangle\rangle[Y]$ has a root in $R\langle\langle X\rangle\rangle$.

Proof. Since R is real closed, the first statement follows from the fact an element $a_0 + a_1X + ... \in R[[X]]$ with $a_0 > 0$ has a square root in $R[[X]]$. Let $F(X,Y) = Y^n + \alpha_1 Y^{n-1} + ... + \alpha_n \in R[[X]][Y]$ be a monic polynomial of odd degree $n > 1$ separable over $R((X))$. We can assume w.l.o.g. that $\alpha_1 = 0$. Since F is separable, i.e. $PF + QF_Y = 1$ for some $P, Q \in R((X))[Y]$, then by a similar construction to that in Lemma 2.2 we can write $F(T^m, T^pZ) = T^{np}V$ for $V \in R[[T]][Z]$ such that $V(0,Z) \neq (Z+a)^n$ for all $a \in R$. Since R is real closed and $V(0,Z)$ has odd degree, $V(0,Z)$ has a root r in R. We can find proper decomposition into coprime factors $V(0,Z) = (Z-r)^\ell q$. By Hensel's Lemma 2.1, we lift those factors to factors of V in $R[[T]][Z]$ thus we can write $F = GH$ for monic non-constant $G, H \in R[[T]][Y]$. By Lemma 1.5 both G and H are separable. Either G or H has odd degree. Assuming G has odd degree greater than 1, we can further factor G into non-constant factors. The statement follows by induction. □

Let R be a real closed field. By Lemma 3.2 we see that $R\langle\langle X\rangle\rangle^{alg}$ is discrete. A non-zero element in $\alpha \in R\langle\langle X\rangle\rangle^{alg}$ can be written $\alpha = X^{m/n}(a_0 + a_1X^{1/n} + ...)$ for $n > 0, m \in \mathbb{Z}$ with $a_0 \neq 0$. Then α is positive iff its initial coefficient a_0 is positive [Basu et al., 2006]. We can then see that this makes $R\langle\langle X\rangle\rangle^{alg}$ an ordered field.

Lemma 3.5. *For a real closed field R, the field $R\langle\langle X\rangle\rangle^{alg}$ is real closed.*

Proof. Let $\alpha \in R\langle\langle X\rangle\rangle^{alg}$. Since $R\langle\langle X\rangle\rangle^{alg}$ is discrete, by Lemma 3.4 we can find $\beta \in R\langle\langle X\rangle\rangle^{alg}$ such that $\beta^2 = \alpha$ or $-\beta^2 = \alpha$.

[2] We reiterate that by a field we mean a discrete field.

Let $F \in R\langle\langle X\rangle\rangle^{alg}[Y]$ be a monic polynomial of odd degree n. Applying Lemma 1.7 several times, by induction we have $F = H_1H_2..H_m$ with $H_i \in R\langle\langle X\rangle\rangle^{alg}[Y]$ separable non-constant monic polynomial. For some i we have H_i of odd degree. By Lemma 3.4, H_i has a root in $R\langle\langle X\rangle\rangle^{alg}$. Thus F has a root in $R\langle\langle X\rangle\rangle^{alg}$. □

II

Categorical Preliminaries

In this chapter we give a brief outline of some of the notions and results that will be used in Chapter III. We assume that the reader is familiar with basic notions from category theory used in general algebra.

1 Functors and presheaves

A (covariant) *functor* $\mathbf{F} : \mathcal{C} \to \mathcal{D}$ between two categories $\mathcal{C}$ and $\mathcal{D}$ assigns to each object C of $\mathcal{C}$ an object $\mathbf{F}(C)$ of $\mathcal{D}$ and to each arrow $f : C \to B$ of $\mathcal{C}$ an arrow $\mathbf{F}(f) : \mathbf{F}(C) \to \mathbf{F}(B)$ of $\mathcal{D}$ such that $\mathbf{F}(1_C) = 1_{\mathbf{F}(C)}$ and $\mathbf{F}(fg) = \mathbf{F}(f)\mathbf{F}(g)$. A *natural transformation* Θ between two functors $\mathbf{F} : \mathcal{C} \to \mathcal{D}$ and $\mathbf{G} : \mathcal{C} \to \mathcal{D}$ is collection of arrows, indexed by objects of $\mathcal{C}$, of the form $\Theta_C : \mathbf{F}(C) \to \mathbf{G}(C)$ such that for each arrow $f : C \to A$ of $\mathcal{C}$ the diagram

$$\begin{array}{ccc} \mathbf{F}(C) & \xrightarrow{\Theta_C} & \mathbf{G}(C) \\ \Big\downarrow{\scriptstyle \mathbf{F}(f)} & & {\scriptstyle \mathbf{G}(f)}\Big\downarrow \\ \mathbf{F}(A) & \xrightarrow{\Theta_A} & \mathbf{G}(A) \end{array}$$

commutes.

A contravariant functor $\mathbf{G}$ between $\mathcal{C}$ and $\mathcal{D}$ is a covariant functor $\mathbf{G} : \mathcal{C}^{op} \to \mathcal{D}$. Thus for $f : C \to B$ of $\mathcal{C}$ we have $\mathbf{G}(f) : \mathbf{G}(B) \to \mathbf{G}(C)$ in $\mathcal{D}$ and $\mathbf{G}(fg) = \mathbf{G}(g)\mathbf{G}(f)$. The collection of functors between two categories $\mathcal{C}$ and $\mathcal{D}$ and natural transformation between them form a category $\mathcal{D}^{\mathcal{C}}$.

A functor $\mathbf{F} \in \mathbf{Set}^{\mathcal{C}^{op}}$ is called a *presheaf* of sets over/on the category $\mathcal{C}$. For an arrow $f : A \to B$ of $\mathcal{C}$ the map $\mathbf{F}(f) : \mathbf{F}(B) \to \mathbf{F}(A)$ is called a *restriction* map between the sets $\mathbf{F}(B)$ and $\mathbf{F}(A)$. An element $x \in \mathbf{F}(B)$

has a restriction $xf = (\mathbf{F}(f))(x) \in \mathbf{F}(A)$ called the restriction of x *along* f.

A category is *small* if the collection of objects in the category form a set. A category is *locally small* if the collection of morphisms between any two objects in the category is a set. The presheaf $\mathbf{y}_C := \mathbf{Hom}(-, C)$ of $\mathbf{Set}^{\mathcal{C}^{op}}$ associates to each object A of $\mathcal{C}$ the set $\mathbf{Hom}(A, C)$ of arrows $A \to C$ of $\mathcal{C}$. Let $g \in y_C(B)$ and let $f : A \to B$ be a morphism of $\mathcal{C}$ then $gf \in \mathbf{y}_C(A)$ is the restriction of g along f. The presheaf $\mathbf{y}_C$ is called the *Yoneda embedding* of C.

Fact 1.1 (Yoneda Lemma)**.** *Let $\mathcal{C}$ be a locally small category and $\mathbf{F} \in \mathbf{Set}^{\mathcal{C}^{op}}$. We have an isomorphism $\mathrm{Nat}(\mathbf{y}_C, \mathbf{F}) \cong \mathbf{F}(C)$. Where $\mathrm{Nat}(\mathbf{y}_C, \mathbf{F})$ is the set of natural transformations $\mathbf{Hom}_{\mathbf{Set}^{\mathcal{C}^{op}}}(\mathbf{y}_C, \mathbf{F})$ between the presheaves $\mathbf{y}_C$ and $\mathbf{F}$.*

A *sieve* S on an object C of a small category $\mathcal{C}$ is a set of morphisms with codomain C such that if $f : D \to C \in S$ then for any g with codomain D we have $fg \in S$. Given a set S of morphisms with codomain C we define the sieve generated by S to be $(S) = \{fg \mid f \in S, \mathrm{cod}(g) = \mathrm{dom}(f)\}$. Note that in $\mathbf{Set}^{\mathcal{C}^{op}}$ a sieve uniquely determines a subobject of $\mathbf{y}_C$. Given $f : D \to C$ and S a collection of arrows with codomain C then $f^*(S) = \{g \mid \mathrm{cod}(g) = D, fg \in S\}$. When S is a sieve $f^*(S) = Sf$ is a sieve on D, the restriction of S along f in $\mathbf{Set}^{\mathcal{C}^{op}}$. Dually, given $g : C \to D$ and M a collection of arrows with domain C then $g_*(M) = \{h \mid \mathrm{dom}(h) = D, hg \in M\}$. The presheaf $\mathbf{\Omega}$ is the presheaf assigning to each object C the set $\mathbf{\Omega}(C)$ of sieves on C with restriction maps f^* for each morphism $f : D \to C$ of $\mathcal{C}$.

2 Elementary topos

An *elementary topos* [Lawvere, 1970] is a category $\mathcal{C}$ such that

1. $\mathcal{C}$ has all finite limits and colimits.

2. $\mathcal{C}$ is cartesian closed. In particular for any two objects C and D of $\mathcal{C}$ there is an object D^C such that there is a one-to-one correspondence between the arrows $A \to D^C$ and the arrows $A \times C \to D$ for any object A of $\mathcal{C}$. For a locally small category this is expressed as $\mathbf{Hom}(A \times C, D) \cong \mathbf{Hom}(A, D^C)$.

3. $\mathcal{C}$ has a subobject classifier. That is, there is an object Ω and a map $1 \xrightarrow{true} \Omega$ such that for any object C of $\mathcal{C}$ there is a one-to-one

correspondence between the subobjects of C given by monomorphisms with codomain C and the maps from C to Ω (called classifying/characteristic maps). A subobject is uniquely determined by the pullback of the map $1 \xrightarrow{true} \Omega$ along the characteristic map.

An elementary topos can be considered as a generalization of the category **Set** of sets. The category $\mathbf{Set}^{\mathcal{C}^{op}}$ of presheaves on a small category $\mathcal{C}$ is an elementary topos. The lattice of subobjects of an object C in an elementary topos $\mathcal{E}$ (monomorphisms with codomain C) is a *Heyting algebra*.

3 Grothendieck topos

In this section we define the notions of site, coverage, and sheaf following [Johnstone, 2002*b*,*a*].

Definition 3.1 (Coverage)**.** By a coverage on a category $\mathcal{C}$ we mean a function $\mathbf{J}$ assigning to each object C of $\mathcal{C}$ a collection $\mathbf{J}(C)$ of families of morphisms of the form $\{f_i : C_i \to C \mid i \in I\}$ such that :
If $\{f_i : C_i \to C \mid i \in I\} \in \mathbf{J}(C)$ and $g : D \to C$ is a morphism, then there exist $\{h_j : D_j \to D \mid j \in J\} \in \mathbf{J}(D)$ such that for any $j \in J$ we have $gh_j = f_i k$ for some $i \in I$ and some $k : D_j \to C_i$.

A *site* $(\mathcal{C}, \mathbf{J})$ is a small category $\mathcal{C}$ equipped with a coverage $\mathbf{J}$. A family $\{f_i : C_i \to C \mid i \in I\} \in \mathbf{J}(C)$ is called elementary cover or elementary covering family of C.

Definition 3.2 (Compatible family)**.** Let $\mathcal{C}$ be a category and $\mathbf{F} : \mathcal{C}^{op} \to$ **Set** a presheaf. Let $\{f_i : C_i \to C \mid i \in I\}$ be a family of morphisms in $\mathcal{C}$. A family $\{s_i \in \mathbf{F}(C_i) \mid i \in I\}$ is compatible if for all $\ell, j \in I$ whenever we have $g : D \to C_\ell$ and $h : D \to C_j$ satisfying $f_\ell g = f_j h$ we have $\mathbf{F}(g)(s_\ell) = \mathbf{F}(h)(s_j)$.

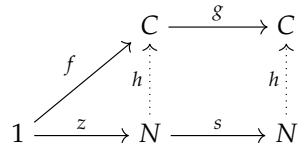
Definition 3.3 (The sheaf axiom)**.** Let $\mathcal{C}$ be a category. A presheaf $\mathbf{F} : \mathcal{C}^{op} \to$ **Set** satisfies the sheaf axiom for a family of morphisms $\{f_i : C_i \to C \mid i \in I\}$ if whenever $\{s_i \in \mathbf{F}(C_i) \mid i \in I\}$ is a compatible family then there exist a unique $s \in \mathbf{F}(C)$ restricting to s_i along f_i for all $i \in I$. That is to say when there exist a unique s such that for all $i \in I$, $\mathbf{F}(f_i)(s) = s_i$. One usually refers to s as the *amalgamation* of $\{s_i\}_{i \in I}$.

Let $(\mathcal{C}, \mathbf{J})$ be a site. A presheaf $\mathbf{F} \in \mathbf{Set}^{\mathcal{C}^{op}}$ is a sheaf on $(\mathcal{C}, \mathbf{J})$ if it satisfies the sheaf axiom for each object C of $\mathcal{C}$ and each family of morphisms in $\mathbf{J}(C)$, i.e. if it satisfies the sheaf axiom for elementary covers.

The category of sheaves on a small site $\mathrm{Sh}(\mathcal{C},\mathbf{J})$ is an elementary topos.

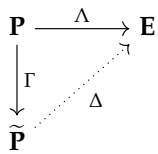
3.1 Natural numbers object and sheafification

A natural numbers object in a category with a terminal object is an object N along with two morphisms $z : 1 \to N$ and $s : N \to N$ such that for any diagram of the form $1 \xrightarrow{f} C \xrightarrow{g} C$ there is a unique morphism $h : N \to C$ making the diagram below commute.



Fact 3.4. *In* $\mathbf{Set}^{\mathcal{C}^{op}}$ *the constant presheaf* $\mathbf{N}$ *such that* $\mathbf{N}(C) = \mathbb{N}$ *and* $\mathbf{N}(f) = 1_{\mathbb{N}}$ *for every object* C *and morphism* f *of* $\mathcal{C}$ *is a natural numbers object.*

Let $(\mathcal{C},\mathbf{J})$ be a site. The sheaf topos $\mathrm{Sh}(\mathcal{C},\mathbf{J})$ is a full subcategory of the presheaf category $\mathbf{Set}^{\mathcal{C}^{op}}$. By the *sheafification* of a presheaf $\mathbf{P} \in \mathbf{Set}^{\mathcal{C}^{op}}$ we mean a sheaf $\widetilde{\mathbf{P}}$ of $\mathrm{Sh}(\mathcal{C},\mathbf{J})$ along with a presheaf morphism $\Gamma : \mathbf{P} \to \widetilde{\mathbf{P}}$ such that for any sheaf $\mathbf{E}$ and any presheaf morphism $\Lambda : \mathbf{P} \to \mathbf{E}$ there is a unique sheaf morphism $\Delta : \mathbf{P} \to \mathbf{E}$ making the following diagram commute.



Fact 3.5. *Let* $(\mathcal{C},\mathbf{J})$ *be a site. The sheaf topos* $\mathrm{Sh}(\mathcal{C},\mathbf{J})$ *contains a natural numbers object* $\widetilde{\mathbf{N}}$ *where* $\widetilde{\mathbf{N}}$ *is the sheafification of the natural numbers presheaf* $\mathbf{N}$.

3.2 Kripke–Joyal sheaf semantics

We work with a typed language with equality $\mathcal{L}[V_1,...,V_n]$ having the basic types $V_1,...,V_n$ and type formers $-\times-, (-)^-, \mathcal{P}(-)$. The language $\mathcal{L}[V_1,...,V_n]$ has typed constants and function symbols. For any type Y one has a stock of variables $y_1, y_2, ...$ of type Y. Terms and formulas of the language are defined as usual. We work within the proof theory of intuitionistic higher-order logic (IHOL). A detailed description of this deduction system is given in [Awodey, 1997].

The language $\mathcal{L}[V_1, ..., V_n]$ along with deduction system IHOL can be interpreted in an elementary topos in what is referred to as *topos semantics*. For a sheaf topos this interpretation takes a simpler form reminiscent of Beth semantics, usually referred to as *Kripke–Joyal sheaf semantics*. We describe this semantics here briefly following [Ščedrov, 1984]. Let $\mathcal{E} = \mathrm{Sh}(\mathcal{C}, \mathbf{J})$ be a sheaf topos. First we define a closure $\mathbf{J}^*$ of $\mathbf{J}$ as follows.

Definition 3.6 (Closure of a coverage)**.**

(i.) $\{C \xrightarrow{1_c} C\} \in \mathbf{J}^*(C)$ for all objects C in $\mathcal{C}$.

(ii.) If $\{C_i \xrightarrow{f_i} C\}_{i\in I} \in \mathbf{J}(C)$ then $\{C_i \xrightarrow{f_i} C\}_{i\in I} \in \mathbf{J}^*(C)$.

(iii.) If $\{C_i \xrightarrow{f_i} C\}_{i\in I} \in \mathbf{J}^*(C)$ and for each $i \in I$ we have $\{C_{ij} \xrightarrow{g_{ij}} C_i\}_{j\in J_i} \in \mathbf{J}^*(C_i)$ then $\{C_{ij} \xrightarrow{f_i g_{ij}} C\}_{i\in I, j\in J_i} \in \mathbf{J}^*(C)$.

An family $S \in \mathbf{J}^*(C)$ is called cover or covering family of C.

An interpretation of the language $\mathcal{L}[V_1, ..., V_n]$ in the topos $\mathcal{E}$ is given as follows: Associate to each basic type V_i of $\mathcal{L}[V_1, ..., V_n]$ an object $\mathbf{V}_i$ of $\mathcal{E}$. If Y and Z are types of $\mathcal{L}[V_1, ..., V_n]$ interpreted by objects $\mathbf{Y}$ and $\mathbf{Z}$, respectively, then the types $Y \times Z, Y^Z, \mathcal{P}(Z)$ are interpreted by $\mathbf{Y} \times \mathbf{Z}, \mathbf{Y}^\mathbf{Z}, \Omega^\mathbf{Z}$, respectively, where Ω is the subobject classifier of $\mathcal{E}$. A constant e of type E is interpreted by an arrow $\mathbf{1} \xrightarrow{\mathbf{e}} \mathbf{E}$ where $\mathbf{E}$ is the interpretation of E. For a term τ and an object $\mathbf{X}$ of $\mathcal{E}$, we write $\tau : \mathbf{X}$ to mean τ has a type X interpreted by the object $\mathbf{X}$.

Let $\phi(x_1, ..., x_n)$ be a formula with variables $x_1 : \mathbf{X}_1, ..., x_n : \mathbf{X}_n$. Let $c_1 \in \mathbf{X}_j(C), ..., c_n \in \mathbf{X}_n(C)$ for some object C of $\mathcal{C}$. We define the relation C *forces* $\phi(x_1, ..., x_n)[c_1, ..., c_n]$ written $C \Vdash \phi(x_1, ..., x_n)[c_1, ..., c_n]$ by induction on the structure of ϕ.

Definition 3.7 (Forcing)**.** First we replace the constants in ϕ by variables of the same type as follows: Let $e_1 : \mathbf{E}_1, ..., e_m : \mathbf{E}_m$ be the constants in $\phi(x_1, ..., x_n)$ then $C \Vdash \phi(x_1, ..., x_n)[c_1, ..., c_n]$ iff

$$C \Vdash \phi[y_1/e_1, ..., y_m/e_m](y_1, ..., y_m, x_1, ..., x_n)[\mathbf{e}_{1_C}(*), ..., \mathbf{e}_{m_C}(*), c_1, ..., c_n]$$

where $y_i : \mathbf{E}_i$ and $\mathbf{e}_i : \mathbf{1} \to \mathbf{E}_i$ is the interpretation of e_i.

Now it suffices to define the forcing relation for formulas free of constants by induction as follows:

$\boxed{\top}$ $C \Vdash \top$.

$\boxed{\bot}$ $C \Vdash \bot$ iff the empty family is a cover of C.

$\boxed{=}$ $C \Vdash (x_1 = x_2)[c_1, c_2]$ iff $c_1 = c_2$.

$\boxed{\wedge}$ $C \Vdash (\phi \wedge \psi)(x_1, ..., x_n)[c_1, ..., c_n]$ iff $C \Vdash \phi(x_1, ..., x_n)[c_1, ..., c_n]$ and $C \Vdash \psi(x_1, ..., x_n)[c_1, ..., c_n]$.

$\boxed{\vee}$ $C \Vdash (\phi \vee \psi)(x_1, ..., x_n)[c_1, ..., c_n]$ iff there exist a cover $\{C_i \xrightarrow{f_i} C\}_{i \in I} \in \mathbf{J}^*(C)$ such that for each $i \in I$ one has $C_i \Vdash \phi(x_1, ..., x_n)[c_1 f_i, ..., c_n f_i]$ or $C_i \Vdash \psi(x_1, ..., x_n)[c_1 f_i, ..., c_n f_i]$.

$\boxed{\Rightarrow}$ $C \Vdash (\phi \Rightarrow \psi)(x_1, ..., x_n)[c_1, ..., c_n]$ iff for all morphisms $f : D \to C$ whenever $D \Vdash \phi(x_1, ..., x_n)[c_1 f, ..., c_n f]$ then $D \Vdash \psi(x_1, ..., x_n)[c_1 f, ..., c_n f]$.

Let y be a variable of the type Y interpreted by the object $\mathbf{Y}$ of $\mathcal{E}$.

$\boxed{\exists}$ $C \Vdash (\exists y \phi(x_1, ..., x_n, y))[c_1, ..., c_n]$ iff there exist a cover $\{C_i \xrightarrow{f_i} C\}_{i \in I} \in \mathbf{J}^*(C)$ such that for each $i \in I$ one has $C_i \Vdash \phi(x_1, ..., x_n, y)[c_1 f_i, ..., c_n f_i, d]$ for some $d \in \mathbf{Y}(C_i)$.

$\boxed{\forall}$ $C \Vdash (\forall y \phi(x_1, ..., x_n, y))[c_1, ..., c_n]$ iff for all morphisms $f : D \to C$ and all $d \in \mathbf{Y}(D)$ one has $D \Vdash \phi(x_1, ..., x_n, y)[c_1 f, ..., c_n f, d]$.

We have the following derivable *local character* and *monotonicity* laws

$\boxed{\text{LC}}$ If $\{C_i \xrightarrow{f_i} C\}_{i \in I} \in \mathbf{J}^*(C)$ and $C_i \Vdash \phi(x_1, ..., x_n)[c_1 f_i, ..., c_n f_i]$ for all $i \in I$, then $C \Vdash \phi(x_1, ..., x_n)[c_1, ..., c_n]$.

$\boxed{\text{M}}$ If $C \Vdash \phi(x_1, ..., x_n)[c_1, ..., c_n]$ and $f : D \to C$ then $D \Vdash \phi(x_1, ..., x_n)[c_1 f, ..., c_n f]$.

Let T be a theory in the language $\mathcal{L}[V_1, ..., V_n]$ a model of a theory T in the topos $\mathcal{E}$ is given by an interpretation of $\mathcal{L}[V_1, ..., V_n]$ such that for all objects C of $\mathcal{C}$ one has $C \Vdash \phi$ for every sentence ϕ of T.

Fact 3.8. *The deduction system IHOL is sound with respect to topos semantics.* [Awodey, 1997]

Since Kripke–Joyal sheaf semantics is a special case of topos semantics [MacLane and Moerdijk, 1992, Ch. 6], this implies soundness of the deduction system with respect to Kripke–Joyal sheaf semantics.

III

Separably Closed Field Extension

In Section 1 we describe the category $\mathcal{A}_K$ of étale K-algebras. In Section 2 we specify a coverage $\mathbf{J}$ on the category $\mathcal{A}_K^{op}$. In Section 3 we demonstrate that the topos $\mathrm{Sh}(\mathcal{A}_K^{op}, \mathbf{J})$ contains a separably closed extension of K. In Section 5 and Section 6 we look at the logical properties of the topos $\mathrm{Sh}(\mathcal{A}_K^{op}, \mathbf{J})$ with respect to choice axioms and booleanness.

1 The category of Étale K-Algebras

We recall the definition of separable polynomial from Chapter I.

Definition 1.1 (Separable polynomial)**.** Let R be a ring. A polynomial $p \in R[X]$ is separable if there exist $r, s \in R[X]$ such that $rp + sp' = 1$, where $p' \in R[X]$ is the derivative of p.

Let K be a discrete field and A a K-algebra. An element $a \in A$ is *separable algebraic* if it is the root of a separable polynomial over K. The algebra A is *separable algebraic* if all elements of A are separable algebraic. An algebra over a field is said to be *finite* if it has finite dimension as a vector space over K. We note that if A is a finite K-algebra then we have a finite basis of A as a vector space over K.

Definition 1.2. An algebra A over a field K is *étale* if it is finite and separable algebraic.

It is worth mentioning that there is an elementary characterization of étale K-algebras given as follows: Let A be a finite K-algebra with basis

$(a_1, ..., a_n)$. We associate to each element $a \in A$ the matrix representation $[m_a] \in \mathrm{M}(n, K)$ of the K-linear map $x \mapsto ax$. Let $\mathrm{Tr}_{A/K}(a)$ be the trace of $[m_a]$. Let $\mathrm{disc}_{A/K}(x_1, ..., x_n) = \det((\mathrm{Tr}_{A/K}(x_i x_j))_{1 \leq i,j \leq n})$. The algebra A is étale if $\mathrm{disc}_{A/K}(a_1, ..., a_n)$ is a unit. The equivalence between Definition 1.2 and this characterization is shown in [Lombardi and Quitté, 2011, Ch. 6, Theorem 1.7].

Definition 1.3 (Regular ring)**.** A commutative ring R is *(von Neumann)* regular if for every element $a \in R$ there exist $b \in R$ such that $aba = a$ and $bab = b$. This element b is called the quasi-inverse of a.

The quasi-inverse b of an element a is unique for a [Lombardi and Quitté, 2011, Ch 4]. We thus use the notation a^* to refer to the quasi-inverse of a. A ring is regular iff it is zero-dimensional, i.e. any prime ideal is maximal, and reduced, i.e. $a^n = 0 \Rightarrow a = 0$. To be von Neumann regular is equivalent to the fact that any principal ideal (and hence any finitely generated ideal) is generated by an idempotent. If a is an element in R then the element $e = aa^*$ is an idempotent such that $\langle e \rangle = \langle a \rangle$ and R is isomorphic to $R_0 \times R_1$ with $R_0 = R/\langle e \rangle$ and $R_1 = R/\langle 1 - e \rangle$. Furthermore a is 0 on the component R_0 and invertible on the component R_1.

Definition 1.4 (Fundamental system of orthogonal idempotents)**.** A family $(e_i)_{i \in I}$ of idempotents in a ring R is a fundamental system of orthogonal idempotents if $\sum_{i \in I} e_i = 1$ and $\forall i, j [i \neq j \Rightarrow e_i e_j = 0]$.

Lemma 1.5. *Given a fundamental system of orthogonal idempotents $(e_i)_{i \in I}$ in a ring A we have a decomposition $A \cong \prod_{i \in I} A/\langle 1 - e_i \rangle$.*

Proof. Follows directly by induction from the fact that $A \cong A/\langle e \rangle \times A/\langle 1 - e \rangle$ for an idempotent $e \in A$. □

Fact 1.6.

1. *An étale algebra over a field K is zero-dimensional and reduced, i.e. regular.*
2. *Let A be a finite K-algebra and $(e_i)_{i \in I}$ a fundamental system of orthogonal idempotents of A. Then A is étale if and only if $A/\langle 1 - e_i \rangle$ is étale for each $i \in I$.*

[Lombardi and Quitté, 2011, Ch 6, Fact 1.3].

Note that an étale K-algebra A is finitely presented, i.e. can be written as $K[X_1, ..., X_n]/\langle f_1, ..., f_m \rangle$.
We define strict Bézout rings as in [Lombardi and Quitté, 2011, Ch 4].

Definition 1.7. A ring R is a (strict) Bézout ring if for all $a, b \in R$ we can find $g, a_1, b_1, c, d \in R$ such that $a = a_1 g$, $b = b_1 g$ and $ca_1 + db_1 = 1$.

If R is a regular ring then $R[X]$ is a strict Bézout ring (and the converse is true [Lombardi and Quitté, 2011]). Intuitively we can compute the gcd as if R was a field, but we may need to split R when deciding if an element is invertible or 0. Using this, we see that given a, b in $R[X]$ we can find a decomposition $R_1, \ldots, R_n$ of R and for each i we have g, a_1, b_1, c, d in $R_i[X]$ such that $a = a_1 g$, $b = b_1 g$ and $ca_1 + db_1 = 1$ with g monic. The degree of g may depend on i.

Lemma 1.8. *If A is an étale K-algebra and p in $A[X]$ is a separable polynomial then $A[a] = A[X]/\langle p \rangle$ is an étale K-algebra.*

Proof. See [Lombardi and Quitté, 2011, Ch 6, Lemma 1.5]. □

By a *separable extension* of a ring R we mean a ring $R[a] = R[X]/\langle p \rangle$ where $p \in R[X]$ is non-constant, monic and separable.

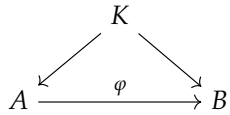
In order to build the classifying topos of a coherent theory T it is customary in the literature to consider the category of all finitely presented T_0 algebras where T_0 is an equational subtheory of T. The axioms of T then give rise to a coverage on the dual category [Makkai and Reyes, 1977, Ch. 9]. For our purpose consider the category $\mathcal{C}$ of finitely presented K-algebras. Given an object R of $\mathcal{C}$, the axiom schema of separable closure and the field axiom give rise to families

(i.) $R \to R[X]/\langle p \rangle$ where $p \in R[X]$ is monic and separable.

(ii.) $R \to R/\langle a \rangle$, $R \to R[\frac{1}{a}]$, for $a \in R$.

Dualized, these are covering families of R in $\mathcal{C}^{op}$. We observe however that we can limit our consideration only to étale K-algebras. In this case we can assume a is an idempotent.

We study the small category $\mathcal{A}_K$ of étale K-algebras over a fixed field K and K-homomorphisms. First we fix an infinite set of names S. An object of $\mathcal{A}_K$ is an étale algebra of the form $K[X_1, ..., X_n]/\langle f_1, ..., f_m \rangle$ where $X_i \in S$ for all $1 \leq i \leq n$. Note that for each object R, there is a unique morphism $K \to R$. If A and B are objects of $\mathcal{A}_K$ and $\varphi : A \to B$

is a morphism of $\mathcal{A}_K$, the diagram  commutes.The

trivial ring 0 is the terminal object in the category $\mathcal{A}_K$ and K is its initial object.

2 A topology for $\mathcal{A}_K^{op}$

Next we specify a coverage $\mathbf{J}$ on the category $\mathcal{A}_K^{op}$ per Definition II.3.1. A coverage is specified by a collection $\mathbf{J}(A)$ of families of morphisms of $\mathcal{A}_K^{op}$ with codomain A for each object A. Rather than describing the collection $\mathbf{J}(A)$ directly, we define for each object A a collection $\mathbf{J}^{op}(A)$ of families of morphisms of $\mathcal{A}_K$ with domain A. Then we take $\mathbf{J}(A)$ to be the dual of $\mathbf{J}^{op}(A)$ in the sense that for any object A we have $\{\overline{\varphi_i} : A_i \to A\}_{i\in I} \in \mathbf{J}(A)$ *if and only if* $\{\varphi_i : A \to A_i\}_{i\in I} \in \mathbf{J}^{op}(A)$ where the morphism φ_i of $\mathcal{A}_K$ is the dual of the morphism $\overline{\varphi}_i$ of $\mathcal{A}_K^{op}$. We call $\mathbf{J}^{op}$ cocoverage and elements of $\mathbf{J}^{op}(A)$ elementary cocovers (elementary cocovering families) of A. Analogously we define the closure $\mathbf{J}^{*op}$ to be the dual of the closure $\mathbf{J}^*$(See Definition II.3.6). We call a family $T \in \mathbf{J}^{*op}(A)$ a cocover (cocovering family) of A.

Definition 2.1 (Topology for $\mathcal{A}_K^{op}$)**.** Let A be an object of $\mathcal{A}_K$.

(i.) If $(e_i)_{i\in I}$ is a fundamental system of orthogonal idempotents of A, then

$$\{A \xrightarrow{\varphi_i} A/\langle 1 - e_i\rangle\}_{i\in I} \in \mathbf{J}^{op}(A)$$

where for each $i \in I$, φ_i is the canonical homomorphism.

(ii.) Let $A[a]$ be a separable extension of A. We have

$$\{A \xrightarrow{\psi} A[a]\} \in \mathbf{J}^{op}(A)$$

where ψ is the canonical homomorphism.

Note that in particular 2.1.(i.) implies that the trivial algebra 0 is covered by the empty family of morphisms since an empty family of elements in this ring form a fundamental system of orthogonal idempotents (The empty sum equals $0 = 1$ and the empty product equals $1 = 0$). Also note that 2.1.(ii.) implies that $\{A \xrightarrow{1_A} A\} \in \mathbf{J}^{op}(A)$.

Lemma 2.2. *The collections* $\mathbf{J}$ *of Definition 2.1 is a coverage on* $\mathcal{A}_K^{op}$.

Proof. Let $\eta : R \to A$ be a morphism of $\mathcal{A}_K$ and let

$$S = \{\varphi_i : R \to R_i\}_{i\in I} \in \mathbf{J}^{op}(R)$$

We show that there exist a family $\{\psi_j : A \to A_j\}_{j\in J} \in \mathbf{J}^{op}(A)$ such that for each $j \in J$, $\psi_j\eta$ factors through φ_i for some $i \in I$. By duality, this implies $\mathbf{J}$ is a coverage on $\mathcal{A}_K^{op}$.

By case analysis on the clauses of Definition 2.1

(i.) If $S = \{\varphi_i : R \to R/\langle 1 - e_i\rangle\}_{i\in I}$, where $(e_i)_{i\in I}$ is a fundamental system of orthogonal idempotents of R. In A, the family $(\eta(e_i))_{i\in I}$ is fundamental system of orthogonal idempotents. We have an elementary cocover

$$\{\psi_i : A \to A/\langle 1 - \eta(e_i)\rangle\}_{i\in I} \in \mathbf{J}^{op}(A)$$

For each $i \in I$, the homomorphism η induces a K-homomorphism $\eta_{e_i} : R/\langle 1 - e_i\rangle \to A/\langle 1 - \eta(e_i)\rangle$ where $\eta_{e_i}(r + \langle 1 - e_i\rangle) = \eta(r) + \langle 1 - \eta(e_i)\rangle$. Since $\psi_i(\eta(r)) = \eta(r) + \langle 1 - \eta(e_i)\rangle$ we have that $\psi_i\eta$ factors through φ_i as illustrated in the commuting diagram below.

$$\begin{array}{ccc} R/\langle 1 - e_i\rangle & \xrightarrow{\eta_{e_i}} & A/\langle 1 - \eta(e_i)\rangle \\ {\scriptstyle\varphi_i}\uparrow & & \uparrow{\scriptstyle\psi_i} \\ R & \xrightarrow{\eta} & A \end{array}$$

(ii.) If $S = \{\varphi : R \to R[r]\}$ with $R[r]$ a separable extension, that is $R[r] = R[X]/\langle p\rangle$, with $p \in R[X]$ monic, non-constant, and separable. Let $sp + tp' = 1$. We have

$$\eta(s)\eta(p) + \eta(t)\eta(p') = \eta(s)\eta(p) + \eta(t)\eta(p)' = 1$$

Then $q = \eta(p) \in A[X]$ is separable. Let $A[a] = A[X]/\langle q\rangle$. We have an elementary cocover

$$\{\psi : A \to A[a]\} \in \mathbf{J}^{op}(A)$$

where ψ is the canonical embedding. Let $\zeta : R[r] \to A[a]$ be the K-homomorphism such that $\zeta|_R = \eta$ and $\zeta(r) = a$. For $b \in R$, we have $\psi(\eta(b)) = \zeta(\varphi(b))$, i.e. a commuting diagram

$$\begin{array}{ccc} R[r] & \xrightarrow{\zeta} & A[a] \\ {\scriptstyle\varphi}\uparrow & & \uparrow{\scriptstyle\psi} \\ R & \xrightarrow{\eta} & A \end{array}$$

□

Lemma 2.3. *Let* $\mathbf{P} : \mathcal{A}_K \to \mathbf{Set}$ *be a presheaf on* $\mathcal{A}_K^{op}$ *such that* $\mathbf{P}(0) = 1$. *Let* R *be an object of* $\mathcal{A}_K$ *and let* $(e_i)_{i\in I}$ *be a fundamental system of orthogonal idempotents of* R. *For each* $i \in I$, *let* $R_i = R/\langle 1 - e_i\rangle$ *and let* $\varphi_i : R \to R_i$ *be the canonical homomorphism. Any family* $\{s_i \in \mathbf{P}(R_i)\}$ *is a compatible family with respect to the family morphisms* $\{\varphi_i : R \to R_i\}_{i\in I}$.

Proof. For $i, j \in I$, let B be an object and let $\vartheta : R_i \to B$ and $\psi : R_j \to B$ be two morphisms such that $\vartheta\varphi_i = \psi\varphi_j$, i.e. we have a commuting diagram

$$\begin{array}{ccc} R/\langle 1-e_i\rangle & \xrightarrow{\ \vartheta\ } & B \\ {\scriptstyle\varphi_i}\uparrow & & \uparrow{\scriptstyle\psi} \\ R & \xrightarrow{\ \varphi_j\ } & R/\langle 1-e_j\rangle \end{array}$$

We will show that $\mathbf{P}(\vartheta)(s_i) = \mathbf{P}(\psi)(s_j)$.

(i.) If $i = j$, then since φ_i is surjective we have $\vartheta = \psi$ and $\mathbf{P}(\vartheta) = \mathbf{P}(\psi)$.

(ii.) If $i \neq j$, then since $e_ie_j = 0$, $\varphi_i(e_i) = 1$ and $\varphi_j(e_j) = 1$ we have $\varphi_j(e_ie_j) = \varphi_j(e_i) = 0$. But then

$$1 = \vartheta(1) = \vartheta(\varphi_i(e_i)) = \psi(\varphi_j(e_i)) = \psi(0) = 0$$

Hence B is the trivial algebra 0. By assumption $\mathbf{P}(0) = 1$, hence $\mathbf{P}(\vartheta)(s_i) = \mathbf{P}(\psi)(s_j) = *$.

□

Corollary 2.4. *Let* $\mathbf{F}$ *be a sheaf on* $(\mathcal{A}_K^{op}, \mathbf{J})$. *Let* R *be an object of* $\mathcal{A}_K$ *and* $(e_i)_{i\in I}$ *a fundamental system of orthogonal idempotents of* R. *Let* $R_i = R/\langle 1 - e_i\rangle$ *and* $\varphi_i : R \to R_i$ *be the canonical homomorphism. The map* $f : \mathbf{F}(R) \to \prod_{i\in I} \mathbf{F}(R_i)$ *such that* $f(s) = (\mathbf{F}(\varphi_i)s)_{i\in I}$ *is an isomorphism.*

Proof. Since $\mathbf{F}(0) = 1$, by Lemma 2.3 any family of elements of the form $\{s_i \in \mathbf{F}(R_i) \mid i \in I\}$ is compatible. Since $\mathbf{F}$ is a sheaf satisfying the sheaf axiom II.3.3, the family $\{s_i \in \mathbf{F}(R_i)\}_{i\in I}$ has a unique amalgamation $s \in \mathbf{F}(R)$ with restrictions $s\varphi_i = s_i$. The isomorphism is given by $fs = (s\varphi_i)_{i\in I}$. We can then use the tuple notation $(s_i)_{i\in I}$ to denote the element s in $\mathbf{F}(R)$. □

One say that a polynomial $f \in R[X]$ has a *formal degree* n if f can be written as $f = a_nX^n + ... + a_0$ which is to express that for any $m > n$

the coefficient of X^m is known to be 0. One, on the other hand, say that a polynomial f has a degree $n > 0$ if f has a formal degree n and the coefficient of X^n is not 0.

Lemma 2.5. *Let R be a regular ring and $p_1, p_2 \in R[X]$ be monic polynomials of degrees n_1 and n_2 respectively. Let $R[a,b] = R[X,Y]/\langle p_1(X), p_2(Y)\rangle$. Let $q_1, q_2 \in R[Z]$ be of formal degrees $m_1 < n_1$ and $m_2 < n_2$ respectively. If $q_1(a) = q_2(b)$ then $q_1 = q_2 = r \in R$.*

Proof. Let $q_1(a) = q_2(b)$, then in $R[X,Y]$

$$q_1(X) - q_2(Y) = f(X,Y)p_1(X) + g(X,Y)p_2(Y)$$

for some $f, g \in R[X,Y]$.

In $R[a][Y] = R[X,Y]/\langle p_1(X)\rangle$ we have $q_1(a) - q_2(Y) = g(a,Y)p_2(Y)$. But $p_2(Y)$ is monic of Y-degree n_2 while $q_2(Y) - q_1(a)$ has formal Y-degree $m_2 < n_2$, hence, the coefficients of $g(a,Y) \in R[a][Y]$ are all equal to 0 in $R[a]$. We have then that all coefficient of Y^ℓ with $\ell > 0$ in $q_2(Y)$ are equal 0. That is, $q_2 = r \in R$ and that $q_1(a)$ is equal to the constant coefficient r of $q_2(Y)$. Thus in $R[X]$ we have $q_1(X) - r = h(X)p_1(X)$ for some $h \in R[X]$. Similarly, since $(q_1(X) - r)$ has a formal X-degree m_1 and p_1 is monic of degree $n_1 > m_1$ we get that $q_1 = r \in R$. □

Corollary 2.6. *Let R be an object of $\mathcal{A}_K$ and $p \in R[X]$ separable and monic. Let $R[a] = R[X]/\langle p\rangle$ and $\varphi : R \to R[a]$ the canonical morphism. Let $R[b,c] = R[X,Y]/\langle p(X), p(Y)\rangle$. The commuting diagram*

$$\begin{array}{ccc} R[a] & \xrightarrow{\vartheta} & R[b,c] \\ {\scriptstyle\varphi}\uparrow & & \uparrow{\scriptstyle\zeta} \\ R & \xrightarrow{\varphi} & R[a] \end{array} \qquad \vartheta|_R(r) = \zeta|_R(r) = r,\ \vartheta(a) = b,\ \zeta(a) = c$$

is a pushout diagram of $\mathcal{A}_K$. Moreover, φ is the equalizer of ζ and ϑ.

Proof. Let $R[a] \underset{\psi}{\overset{\eta}{\rightrightarrows}} B$ be morphisms of $\mathcal{A}_K$ such that $\eta\varphi = \psi\varphi$. Then for all $r \in R$ we have $\eta(r) = \psi(r)$.

Let $\gamma : R[c,d] \to B$ be the homomorphism such that $\gamma(r) = \eta(r) = \psi(r)$ for all $r \in R$ while $\gamma(b) = \eta(a), \gamma(c) = \psi(a)$. Then γ is the unique map such that $\gamma\vartheta = \eta$ and $\gamma\zeta = \psi$ and we have proved that the above diagram is a pushout diagram.

Let A be an object of $\mathcal{A}_K$ and let $\varrho : A \to R[a]$ be a map such that $\zeta\varrho = \vartheta\varrho$. By Lemma 2.5 if for $f \in R[a]$ one has $\zeta(f) = \vartheta(f)$ then $f \in R$

(i.e. f is of degree 0 as a polynomial in a over R). Thus $\varrho(A) \subset R$ and we can factor ϱ uniquely (since φ is injective) as $\varrho = \varphi\eta$ for $\eta : A \to R$. □

Now let $\{\varphi : R \to R[a]\}$ be a singleton elementary cocover. Since one can form the pushout of φ with itself, the compatibility condition on a singleton family $\{s \in \mathbf{P}(R[a])\}$ can be simplified as follows : Let $R \xrightarrow{\varphi} R[a] \underset{\vartheta}{\overset{\eta}{\rightrightarrows}} A$ be a pushout diagram. A family $\{s \in \mathbf{P}(R[a])\}$ is compatible if and only if $s\vartheta = s\eta$.

Corollary 2.7. *The coverage* $\mathbf{J}$ *is subcanonical. That is, all representable presheaves are sheaves on* $(\mathcal{A}_K^{op}, \mathbf{J})$.

Proof. Consider the presheaf $\mathbf{y}_A = \mathbf{Hom}_{\mathcal{A}_K}(A, -)$ for some object A of $\mathcal{A}_K^{op}$.

(i.) Given $(e_i)_{i\in I}$ a fundamental system of orthogonal idempotents, an elementary cocover $\{\varphi_i : R \to R/\langle 1 - e_i\rangle\}_{i\in I} \in \mathbf{J}^{op}(R)$ and a family $\{\eta_i : A \to R/\langle 1 - e_i\rangle\}_{i\in I}$. By the isomorphism $R \cong \prod_{i\in I} R/\langle 1 - e_i\rangle$ there is a unique $\eta : A \to R$ such that $\varphi_i\eta = \eta_i$.

(ii.) Let $R[a]$ be a separable extension of R. Consider the elementary cocover $\{R \xrightarrow{\varphi} R[a]\} \in \mathbf{J}^{op}(R)$ and let $\{A \xrightarrow{\psi} R[a]\}$ be a compatible family. By Corollary 2.6, one has a pushout diagram $R \xrightarrow{\varphi} R[a] \underset{\zeta}{\overset{\vartheta}{\rightrightarrows}} R[b, c]$. Compatibility implies that $\vartheta\psi = \zeta\psi$. But by Corollary 2.6 the canonical embedding φ is the equalizer of ϑ and ζ. Thus there exist a unique $A \xrightarrow{\eta} R \in \mathbf{y}_A(R)$ such that $\varphi\eta = \psi$.

□

The terminal object in the category $\mathrm{Sh}(\mathcal{A}_K^{op}, J)$ is the sheaf sending each object to the set $\{*\} = 1$. This is the sheaf $\mathbf{y}_K$ since in $\mathcal{A}_K^{op}$ there is only one morphism between any object and the object K.

3 The separable closure

We define the presheaf $\mathbf{F} : \mathcal{A}_K \to \mathbf{Set}$ to be the forgetful functor. That is, for an object A of $\mathcal{A}_K$, $\mathbf{F}(A) = A$ and for a morphism $\varphi : A \to C$ of $\mathcal{A}_K$, $\mathbf{F}(\varphi) = \varphi$.

Lemma 3.1. **F** *is a sheaf of sets on the site* $(\mathcal{A}_K^{op}, \mathbf{J})$

Proof. We will show that the presheaf **F** satisfies the sheaf axiom (Definition II.3.3) for the elementary covers of any object of $\mathcal{A}_K^{op}$ by case analysis on the clauses of Definition 2.1. Again, we'll work directly with the category $\mathcal{A}_K$ rather than $\mathcal{A}_K^{op}$ with the definition of compatible family and the sheaf axiom translated accordingly.

(i.) Let R be an object of $\mathcal{A}_K$ and $(e_i)_{i\in I}$ a fundamental system of orthogonal idempotents of R. The presheaf **F** has the property $\mathbf{F}(0) = 1$. By Lemma 2.3 a family $\{a_i \in R/\langle 1 - e_i\rangle\}_{i\in I}$ is a compatible family for the elementary cocover $\{\varphi_i : R \to R/\langle 1 - e_i\rangle\}_{i\in I} \in \mathbf{J}^{op}(R)$. By the isomorphism $R \xrightarrow{(\varphi_i)_{i\in I}} \prod_{i\in I} R/\langle 1 - e_i\rangle$ the element $a = (a_i)_{i\in I} \in R$ is the unique element such that $\varphi_i(a) = a_i$.

(ii.) Let R be an object of $\mathcal{A}_K$ and let $p \in R[X]$ be a monic, non-constant and separable polynomial. Let $R[a] = R[X]/\langle p\rangle$ and let $\{r \in R[a]\}$ be a compatible family for the elementary cocover $\{\varphi : R \to R[a]\} \in \mathbf{J}^{op}(R)$. Let $R \xrightarrow{\varphi} R[a] \underset{\zeta}{\overset{\vartheta}{\rightrightarrows}} R[b,c]$ be the pushout diagram of Corollary 2.6. Compatibility then implies $\vartheta(r) = \zeta(r)$ which by the same Corollary is true only if the element r is in R. We then have that r is the unique element restricting to itself along the embedding φ.

□

We fix a field K of any characteristic. Our goal is to show that the object $\mathbf{F} \in \mathrm{Sh}(\mathcal{A}_K^{op}, \mathbf{J})$ described above is a separably closed field containing the base field K, i.e. we shall show that **F** is a model, in Kripke–Joyal semantics, of an separably closed field containing K.

Let $\mathcal{L}[F, +, .]$ be a language with basic type F and function symbols $+ : F \times F \to F$ and $. : F \times F \to F$. We extend the language $\mathcal{L}[F, +, .]$ by adding to it a constant symbol $a : F$ for each element of $a \in K$, we then obtain an extended language $\mathcal{L}[F, +, .]_K$. Define $\mathrm{Diag}(K)$ as : if ϕ is an atomic $\mathcal{L}[F, +, .]_K$-formula or the negation of one such that $K \models \phi(a_1, ..., a_n)$ then $\phi(a_1, ..., a_n) \in \mathrm{Diag}(K)$. The theory T equips the type F with the geometric axioms of a separably closed field containing K.

Definition 3.2. The theory T has the following sentences (with all the variables having the type F).

1. $\mathrm{Diag}(K)$.

2. The axioms for commutative group.
   1. $\forall x\ [0 + x = x + 0 = x]$
   2. $\forall x \forall y \forall z\ [x + (y + z) = (x + y) + z]$
   3. $\forall x \exists y\ [x + y = 0]$
   4. $\forall x \forall y\ [x + y = y + x]$
3. The axioms for commutative ring.
   3.1. $\forall x\ [x1 = x]$
   3.2. $\forall x\ [x0 = 0]$
   3.3. $\forall x \forall y\ [xy = yx]$
   3.4. $\forall x \forall y \forall z\ [x(yz) = (xy)z]$
   3.5. $\forall x \forall y \forall z\ [x(y + z) = xy + xz]$
4. The field axioms.
   4.1. $\forall x\ [x = 0 \vee \exists y\ [xy = 1]]$
   4.2. $1 \neq 0$
5. The axiom schema for separable closure.
   5.1. $\forall a_1 \ldots \forall a_n [\mathrm{sep}_F(Z^n + \sum_{i=1}^{n} Z^{n-i} a_i) \Rightarrow \exists x\ [x^n + \sum_{i=1}^{n} x^{n-i} a_i = 0]]$
   , where $\mathrm{sep}_F(p)$ holds iff $p \in F[Z]$ is separable.
6. The axiom of separable algebraic extension.
   Let $K[Y]_{sep}$ be the set of separable polynomials in $K[Y]$.
   6.1. $\forall x [\bigvee_{p \in K[Y]_{sep}} p(x) = 0]$.

With these axioms the type F becomes the type of separable closure of K. We proceed to show that the object $\mathbf{F}$ is an interpretation of the type F, i.e. $\mathbf{F}$ is a model of the separable closure of K.

First note that since there is a unique map $K \to C$ for any object C of $\mathcal{A}_K$, an element $a \in K$ gives rise to a unique map $\mathbf{1} \xrightarrow{a} \mathbf{F}$, that is the map $* \mapsto a \in \mathbf{F}(K)$. Every constant $a \in K$ of the language is then interpreted by the corresponding unique arrow $\mathbf{1} \xrightarrow{a} \mathbf{F}$. (we used the same symbol for constants and their interpretation to avoid cumbersome notation). That $\mathbf{F}$ satisfy $\mathrm{Diag}(K)$ then follows directly.

Lemma 3.3. $\mathbf{F}$ *is a ring object.*

Proof. For an object C of $\mathcal{A}_K$ the object $\mathbf{F}(C)$ is a commutative ring. We can easily verify that C forces the axioms for commutative ring. □

Lemma 3.4. **F** *is a field.*

Proof. For any object R of $\mathcal{A}_K$ one has $R \Vdash 1 \neq 0$ since for any $R \xrightarrow{\varphi} C$ such that $C \Vdash 1 = 0$ one has that C is trivial and thus $C \Vdash \bot$.
We show that for x and y of type **F** and any object R of $\mathcal{A}_K^{op}$ we have

$$R \Vdash \forall x\ [x = 0 \vee \exists y\ [xy = 1]]$$

Let $\varphi : A \to R$ be a morphism of $\mathcal{A}_K^{op}$ and let $a \in \mathbf{F}(A) = A$. We need to show that $A \Vdash a = 0 \vee \exists y[ya = 1]$. The element $e = aa^*$ is an idempotent and we have a cover

$$\{\varphi_1 : A/\langle e\rangle \to A, \varphi_2 : A/\langle 1-e\rangle \to A\} \in \mathbf{J}(A)$$

We have

$$A/\langle e\rangle \Vdash a\varphi_1 = 0$$
$$A/\langle 1-e\rangle \Vdash (a\varphi_2)(a^*\varphi_2) = e\varphi_2 = 1$$

Hence by $\boxed{\exists}$ we have $A/\langle 1-e\rangle \Vdash \exists y(a\varphi_2)y = 1$. By $\boxed{\vee}$ we have that $A/\langle 1-e\rangle \Vdash a\varphi_2 = 0 \vee \exists y[(a\varphi_2)y = 1]$. Similarly, we have $A/\langle e\rangle \Vdash a\varphi_1 = 0 \vee \exists y[(a\varphi_1)y = 1]$. By $\boxed{\text{LC}}$ and $\boxed{\forall}$ we get $R \Vdash \forall x\ [x = 0 \vee \exists y\ [xy = 1]]$. □

Lemma 3.5. *The field object* $\mathbf{F} \in \mathrm{Sh}(\mathcal{A}_K^{op}, \mathbf{J})$ *is separably closed.*

Proof. We prove that for all n and all $(a_1, ..., a_n) \in \mathbf{F}^n(R) = R^n$, if $p = Z^n + \sum_{i=1}^n Z^{n-i}a_i$ is separable then one has

$$R \Vdash \exists x\ [x^n + \sum_{i=1}^{n} x^{n-i}a_i = 0].$$

Let $R[b] = R[Z]/\langle p\rangle$. We have a singleton cover $\{\varphi : R[b] \to R\}$ and $R[b] \Vdash b^n + \sum_{i=1}^{n} b^{n-i}(a_i\varphi) = 0$. By $\boxed{\exists}$ we conclude that $R \Vdash \exists x\ [x^n + \sum_{i=1}^{n} x^{n-i}a_i = 0]$ □

Lemma 3.6. **F** *is separable algebraic over K.*

Proof. Let R be an object of $\mathcal{A}_K$ and $r \in R$. Since R is étale then by definition r is separable algebraic over K, i.e. we have a separable $q \in K[X]$ with $q(r) = 0$. By $\boxed{\vee}$ we get $R \Vdash \bigvee_{p \in K[X]_{sep}} p(r) = 0$. □

Since **F** is a field we have that Lemma I.1.7 holds for polynomials over **F**. This means that for all objects R of $\mathcal{A}_K^{op}$ we have $R \Vdash$ Lemma I.1.7. Thus we have the following Corollary of Lemma I.1.7.

Corollary 3.7. *Let R be an object of $\mathcal{A}_K$ and Let f be a monic polynomial in $R[X]$. If f' is the derivative of f then there exist a cocover $\{\varphi_i : R \to R_i\}_{i\in I} \in \mathbf{J}^{*op}(R)$ and for each R_i we have $h, g, q, r, s \in R_i[X]$ such that $\varphi_i(f) = hg$, $\varphi_i(f') = qg$ and $rh + sq = 1$. Moreover, h is monic and separable. We call h the separable associate of f.*

Lemma 3.8. *Let K be a field of characteristic 0. The sheaf $\mathbf{F} \in \mathrm{Sh}(\mathcal{A}_K^{op}, \mathbf{J})$ is algebraically closed.*

Proof. Let R be an object of $\mathcal{A}_K^{op}$ and $(a_1, ..., a_n) \in \mathbf{F}^n(R) = R^n$ and let $p = Z^n + \sum_{i=1}^n Z^{n-i}a_i$. By Corollary 3.7 we have a cover $\{\varphi_j : R_j \to R\}_{j\in J}$ with separable associates $h_j \in R_j[Z]$ of p. That is, h_j is monic and separable dividing $Z^n + \sum_{i=1}^n Z^{n-i}a_i\varphi_j$. We note that since R_j has characteristic 0, whenever p is non-constant then so is h_j. By Lemma 3.5 we have that $R_j \Vdash \exists x h_j(x) = 0$. Consequently, $R_j \Vdash \exists x\ [x^n + \sum_{i=1}^n x^{n-i}a_i\varphi_j = 0]$. By $\boxed{\text{LC}}$ we get that $R \Vdash \exists x\ [x^n + \sum_{i=1}^n x^{n-i}a_i = 0]$ □

4 The power series object

To describe the object of power series over **F** we need to specify the natural numbers object in the topos $\mathrm{Sh}(\mathcal{A}_K^{op}, \mathbf{J})$ first. One typically obtains this natural numbers object by sheafification of the constant presheaf of natural numbers. Here we describe this sheaf.

4.1 The constant sheaves of $\mathrm{Sh}(\mathcal{A}_K^{op}, \mathbf{J})$

Let $\mathbf{P} : \mathcal{A}_K \to$ **Set** be a constant presheaf associating to each object A of $\mathcal{A}_K$ a discrete set B. That is, $\mathbf{P}(A) = B$ and $\mathbf{P}(A \xrightarrow{\varphi} R) = 1_B$ for all objects A and all morphism φ of $\mathcal{A}_K$.

Let $\widetilde{\mathbf{P}} : \mathcal{A}_K \to$ **Set** be the presheaf such that $\widetilde{\mathbf{P}}(A)$ is the set of elements of the form $\{(e_i, b_i) \mid i \in I\}$ where $(e_i)_{i\in I}$ is a fundamental system of orthogonal idempotents of A and for each i, $b_i \in B$. We express such an element as a formal sum $\sum_{i\in I} e_i b_i$.

Let $\varphi : A \to R$ be a morphism of $\mathcal{A}_K$, the restriction of $\sum_{i\in I} e_i b_i \in \widetilde{\mathbf{P}}(A)$ along φ is given by $(\sum_{i\in I} e_i b_i)\varphi = \sum_{i\in I} \varphi(e_i) b_i \in \widetilde{\mathbf{P}}(R)$.

Two elements $\sum_{i\in I} e_i b_i \in \widetilde{\mathbf{P}}(A)$ and $\sum_{j\in J} d_j c_j \in \widetilde{\mathbf{P}}(A)$ are equal if and only if $\forall i \in I, j \in J[b_i \neq c_j \Rightarrow e_i d_j = 0]$. This relation is indeed reflexive since $\forall i, \ell \in I[i \neq \ell \Rightarrow e_i e_\ell = 0]$. Symmetry is immediate. To show transitivity, assume we are given $\sum_{i\in I} e_i b_i$, $\sum_{j\in J} d_j c_j$ and $\sum_{\ell\in L} u_\ell a_\ell$ in $\widetilde{\mathbf{P}}(A)$ such that

$$\forall i \in I, j \in J\ [b_i \neq c_j \Rightarrow e_i d_j = 0]$$
$$\forall j \in J, \ell \in L\ [c_j \neq a_\ell \Rightarrow d_j u_\ell = 0]$$

Let $k \in I$ and $t \in L$ such that $a_t \neq b_k$. Since B is discrete, one can split the sum $\sum_{j\in J} d_j = 1$ into three sums of those d_j such that $c_j = b_k$ and those d_h such that $c_h = a_t$ and those d_m such that c_m is different from both a_t and b_k. Hence we have

$$e_k u_t = e_k u_t \sum_{j\in J} d_j = e_k u_t \Big(\sum_{j\in J}^{c_j=b_k} d_j + \sum_{h\in J}^{c_h=a_t} d_h + \sum_{m\in J}^{c_m\neq a_t, c_m\neq b_k} d_m \Big) = 0$$

Note in particular that for $\sum_{i\in I} e_i b_i \in \widetilde{\mathbf{P}}(A)$ and canonical morphisms $\varphi_i : A \to A/\langle 1 - e_i\rangle$, one has for any $j \in I$ that

$$(\sum_{i\in I} e_i b_i)\varphi_j = b_j \in \widetilde{\mathbf{P}}(A/\langle 1 - e_j\rangle).$$

To prove that $\widetilde{\mathbf{P}}$ is a sheaf we will need the following lemmas.

Lemma 4.1. *Let R be a regular ring and let $(e_i)_{i\in I}$ be a fundamental system of orthogonal idempotents of R. Let $R_i = R/\langle 1 - e_i\rangle$ and let $([d_j])_{j\in J_i}$ be a fundamental system of orthogonal idempotents of R_i, where $[d_j] = d_j + \langle 1 - e_i\rangle$. We have that $(e_i d_j)_{i\in I, j\in J_i}$ is a fundamental system of orthogonal idempotents of R.*

Proof. In R one has $\sum_{j\in J_i} e_i d_j = e_i \sum_{j\in J_i} d_j = e_i(1 + \langle 1 - e_i\rangle) = e_i$. Hence, $\sum_{i\in I, j\in J_i} e_i d_j = \sum_{i\in I} e_i = 1$. For some $i \in I$ and $t, k \in J_i$ we have $(e_i d_t)(e_i d_k) = e_i(0 + \langle 1 - e_i\rangle) = 0$ in R. Thus for $i, \ell \in I$, $j \in J_i$ and $s \in J_\ell$ one has $i \neq \ell \vee j \neq s \Rightarrow (e_i d_j)(e_\ell d_s) = 0$. □

Lemma 4.2. *Let R be a regular ring, $f \in R[Z]$ a polynomial of formal degree n and $p \in R[Z]$ a monic polynomial of degree $m > n$. If in $R[X, Y]$ one has*

$$f(Y)(1 - f(X)) = 0 \mod \langle p(X), p(Y)\rangle$$

then $f = e \in R$ with e an idempotent.

Proof. Let $f(Z) = \sum_{i=0}^{n} r_i Z^i$. By the assumption, for some $q, g \in R[X, Y]$

$$f(Y)(1 - f(X)) = \sum_{i=0}^{n} r_i (1 - \sum_{j=0}^{n} r_j X^j) Y^i = qp(X) + gp(Y)$$

One has $\sum_{i=0}^{n} r_i (1 - \sum_{j=0}^{n} r_j X^j) Y^i = g(X, Y)p(Y) \mod \langle p(X) \rangle$. Since $p(Y)$ is monic of Y-degree greater than n, one has that for all $0 \leq i \leq n$

$$r_i (1 - \sum_{j=0}^{n} r_j X^j) = 0 \mod \langle p(X) \rangle$$

But this means that $r_i r_n X^n + r_i r_{n-1} X^{n-1} + ... + r_i r_0 - r_i$ is divisible by $p(X)$ for all $0 \leq i \leq n$ which because $p(X)$ is monic of degree $m > n$ implies that all coefficients are equal to 0. In particular, for $1 \leq i \leq n$ one gets that $r_i^2 = 0$ and hence $r_i = 0$ since R is reduced. For $i = 0$ one gets that the constant coefficient $r_0 r_0 - r_0 = 0$ and thus r_0 is an idempotent of R. □

Lemma 4.3. *The presheaf $\widetilde{\mathbf{P}}$ described above is a sheaf on $(\mathcal{A}_K^{op}, \mathbf{J})$.*

Proof. We show that $\widetilde{\mathbf{P}}$ satisfy the sheaf axiom (Definition II.3.3) for the coverage $\mathbf{J}$ described in Definition 2.1.

(i.) Let $(e_i)_{i \in I}$ be a fundamental system of orthogonal idempotents of an object R of $\mathcal{A}_K$ with $R_i = R/\langle 1 - e_i \rangle$ and canonical morphisms $\varphi_i : R \to R_i$. Since $\widetilde{\mathbf{P}}(0) = 1$ by Lemma 2.3 any set of elements $\{s_i \in \widetilde{\mathbf{P}}(R_i)\}_{i \in I}$ is a compatible family on the elementary cocover $\{\varphi_i\}_{i \in I} \in \mathbf{J}^{op}(R)$. For each i, Let $s_i = \sum_{j \in J_i} [d_j] b_j$. By Lemma 4.1 we have an element $s = \sum_{i \in I, j \in J_i} (e_i d_j) b_j \in \widetilde{\mathbf{P}}(R)$ the restriction of which along φ_i is the element $\sum_{j \in J_i} [d_j] b_j \in \widetilde{\mathbf{P}}(R_i)$. It remains to show that this is the only such element.

Let there be an element $\sum_{\ell \in L} c_\ell a_\ell \in \widetilde{\mathbf{P}}(R)$ that restricts to $u_i = s_i$ along φ_i. We have $u_i = \sum_{\ell \in L} [c_\ell] a_\ell$. One has that for any $j \in J_i$ and $\ell \in L$, $b_j \neq a_\ell \Rightarrow [c_\ell d_j] = 0$ in R_i, hence, in R one has $b_j \neq a_\ell \Rightarrow c_\ell d_j = r(1 - e_i)$. Multiplying both sides of $c_\ell d_j = r(1 - e_i)$ by e_i we get $b_j \neq a_\ell \Rightarrow c_\ell (e_i d_j) = 0$. Thus proving $s = \sum_{\ell \in L} c_\ell a_\ell$.

(ii.) Let $p \in R[X]$ be a monic non-constant separable polynomial. One has an elementary cocover $\{\varphi : R \to R[a] = R[X]/\langle p \rangle\}$. Let the singleton $\{s \in \widetilde{\mathbf{P}}(R[a])\}$ be a compatible family on this

cocover. Let $s = \sum_{i\in i} e_i b_i \in \widetilde{\mathbf{P}}(R[a])$. We can assume w.l.o.g. that $\forall i, j \in I\ [i \neq j \Rightarrow b_i \neq b_j]$ since if $b_k = b_\ell$ one has that

$$(e_k + e_\ell)b_l + \sum_{j\in I}^{j\neq \ell, j\neq k} e_j b_j = s$$

Note that an idempotent e_i of $R[a]$ is a polynomial $e_i(a)$ in a of formal degree less than $\deg p$. Let $R[c,d] = R[X,Y]/\langle p(X), p(Y)\rangle$, by Corollary 2.6, one has a pushout diagram

$$\begin{array}{ccc} a & \longmapsto & c \\ R[a] & \xrightarrow{\vartheta} & R[c,d] \quad d \\ \varphi\uparrow & & \uparrow\zeta \quad \uparrow \\ R & \xrightarrow{\varphi} & R[a] \quad a \end{array}$$

That the singleton $\{s\}$ is compatible then means

$$s\vartheta = \sum_{i\in I} e_i(c)b_i = s\zeta = \sum_{i\in I} e_i(d)b_i$$

i.e. $\forall i, j \in I\ [b_i \neq b_j \Rightarrow e_i(c)e_j(d) = 0]$. By the assumption that $b_i \neq b_j$ whenever $i \neq j$ this means that in $R[c,d]$ for any $i \neq j \in I$

$$e_j(d)e_i(c) = 0$$

Thus

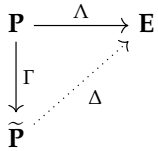
$$e_j(d)\sum_{i\neq j} e_i(c) = e_j(d)(1 - e_j(c)) = 0$$

i.e. in $R[X,Y]$ one has $e_j(Y)(1 - e_j(X)) = 0 \mod \langle p(X), p(Y)\rangle$. By Lemma 4.2 we have that $e_j \in R$. Thus we proved that for the singleton family $\{s \in \widetilde{\mathbf{P}}(R[a])\}$ to be compatible, s is equal to $\sum_{j\in J} d_j b_j \in \widetilde{\mathbf{P}}(R[a])$ such that $d_j \in R$ for $j \in J$. That is $\sum_{j\in J} d_j b_j \in \widetilde{\mathbf{P}}(R)$. Thus we have found a unique (since $\widetilde{\mathbf{P}}(\varphi)$ is injective) element in $\widetilde{\mathbf{P}}(R)$ restricting to s along φ.

□

Lemma 4.4. *Let* $\mathbf{P}$ *and* $\widetilde{\mathbf{P}}$ *be as described above. Let* $\Gamma : \mathbf{P} \to \widetilde{\mathbf{P}}$ *be the presheaf morphism such that* $\Gamma_R(b) = b \in \widetilde{\mathbf{P}}(R)$ *for any object* R *and* $b \in B$. *If* $\mathbf{E}$ *is a sheaf and* $\Lambda : \mathbf{P} \to \mathbf{E}$ *is a morphism of presheaves, then there exist a unique*

sheave morphism $\Delta : \widetilde{\mathbf{P}} \to \mathbf{E}$ *such that the following diagram (of* $\mathbf{Set}^{\mathcal{A}_K}$*) commutes.*



That is to say $\Gamma : \mathbf{P} \to \widetilde{\mathbf{P}}$ *is the sheafification of* $\mathbf{P}$*.*

Proof. Let $a = \sum_{i\in I} e_i b_i \in \widetilde{\mathbf{P}}(A)$ and let $A_i = A/\langle 1 - e_i\rangle$ with canonical morphisms $\varphi_i : A \to A_i$.

Let $\mathbf{E}$ and Λ be as in the statement of the lemma. If there exist a sheaf morphism $\Delta : \widetilde{\mathbf{P}} \to \mathbf{E}$, then Δ being a natural transformation forces us to have for all $i \in I$, $\mathbf{E}(\varphi_i)\Delta_A = \Delta_{A_i}\widetilde{\mathbf{P}}(\varphi_i)$. By Lemma 2.4, we know that the map $\mathbf{E}(A) \ni d \mapsto (\mathbf{E}(\varphi_i)d \in \mathbf{E}(A_i))_{i\in I}$ is an isomorphism. Thus it must be that $\Delta_A(a) = (\Delta_{A_i}\widetilde{\mathbf{P}}(\varphi_i)a)_{i\in I} = (\Delta_{A_i}(b_i))_{i\in I}$. But $\Delta_{A_i}(b_i) = \Delta_{A_i}\Gamma_{A_i}(b_i)$[1]. To have $\Delta\Gamma = \Lambda$ we must have $\Delta_{A_i}(b_i) = \Lambda_{A_i}(b_i)$. Hence, we are forced to have $\Delta_A(a) = (\Lambda_{A_i}(b_i))_{i\in I}$. Note that Δ is unique since its value $\Delta_A(a)$ at any A and a is forced by the commuting diagram above. □

The constant presheaf of natural numbers $\mathbf{N}$ is the natural numbers object in $\mathbf{Set}^{\mathcal{A}_K}$. We associate to $\mathbf{N}$ a sheaf $\widetilde{\mathbf{N}}$ as described above. As noted in Chapter II, this is the natural numbers object in $\mathrm{Sh}(\mathcal{A}_K^{op}, \mathbf{J})$. Alternatively, from Lemma 4.4 one can easily show that $\widetilde{\mathbf{N}}$ satisfies the axioms of a natural numbers object.

Definition 4.5. Let $\mathbf{F}[[X]]$ be the presheaf mapping each object R of $\mathcal{A}_K$ to $\mathbf{F}[[X]](R) = R[[X]] = R^{\mathbb{N}}$ with the obvious restriction maps.

Lemma 4.6. $\mathbf{F}[[X]]$ *is a sheaf.*

Proof. The proof is immediate as a corollary of Lemma 3.1. □

Lemma 4.7. *The sheaf* $\mathbf{F}[[X]]$ *is naturally isomorphic to the sheaf* $\mathbf{F}^{\widetilde{\mathbf{N}}}$*.*

Proof. Let C be an object of $\mathcal{A}_K^{op}$. Since $\mathbf{F}^{\widetilde{\mathbf{N}}}(C) \cong \mathbf{y}_C \times \widetilde{\mathbf{N}} \to \mathbf{F}$, an element $\alpha_C \in \mathbf{F}^{\widetilde{\mathbf{N}}}(C)$ is a family (indexed by object of $\mathcal{A}_K^{op}$) of elements of the form $\alpha_{C,D} : \mathbf{y}_C(D) \times \widetilde{\mathbf{N}}(D) \to \mathbf{F}(D)$ where D is an object of $\mathcal{A}_K^{op}$.

[1]Note that the b_i in the expression $\Delta_{A_i}(b_i)$ is an element of $\widetilde{\mathbf{P}}(A_i)$ while the b_i in the expression $\Gamma_{A_i}(b_i)$ is an element of $\mathbf{P}(A_i) = B$.

Define $\Theta : \mathbf{F}^{\tilde{\mathbf{N}}} \to \mathbf{F}[[X]]$ as $(\Theta\alpha)_C(n) = \alpha_{C,C}(1_C, n)$. Define $\Lambda : \mathbf{F}[[X]] \to \mathbf{F}^{\tilde{\mathbf{N}}}$ as

$$(\Lambda\beta)_{C,D}(C \xrightarrow{\varphi} D, \sum_{i\in I} e_i n_i) = (\vartheta_i \varphi(\beta_C(n_i)))_{i\in I} \in \mathbf{F}(D)$$

where $D \xrightarrow{\vartheta_i} D/\langle 1 - e_i \rangle$ is the canonical morphism. Note that by Lemma 2.4 one indeed has that $(\vartheta_i \varphi(\beta_C(n_i)))_{i\in I} \in \prod_{i\in I} \mathbf{F}(D_i) \cong \mathbf{F}(D)$. One can easily verify that Θ and Λ are natural. To show the isomorphism we will show $\Lambda\Theta = 1_{\mathbf{F}^{\tilde{\mathbf{N}}}}$ and $\Theta\Lambda = 1_{\mathbf{F}[[X]]}$. We have

$$\begin{aligned}(\Lambda\Theta\alpha)_{C,D}(\varphi, \sum_{i\in I} e_i n_i) &= (\vartheta_i \varphi((\Theta\alpha)_C(n_i)))_{i\in I} \\ &= (\vartheta_i \varphi(\alpha_{C,C}(1_C, n_i)))_{i\in I} \\ &= ((\alpha_{C,D_i}(\vartheta_i \varphi, n_i)))_{i\in I} \\ &= \alpha_{C,D}(\varphi, \sum_{i\in I} e_i n_i)\end{aligned}$$

Thus showing $\Lambda\Theta = 1_{\mathbf{F}^{\tilde{\mathbf{N}}}}$. Next we show $\Theta\Lambda = 1_{\mathbf{F}[[X]]}$.

$$\begin{aligned}(\Theta\Lambda\beta)_C(n) &= (\Lambda\beta)_{C,C}(1_C, n) \\ &= 1_C 1_C(\beta_C(n)) = \beta_C(n)\end{aligned}$$

□

Lemma 4.8. *The power series object $\mathbf{F}[[X]]$ is a ring object.*

Proof. A Corollary to Lemma 3.3. □

5 Choice axioms

The axiom of choice fails to hold (even in a classical metatheory) in the topos $\mathrm{Sh}(\mathcal{A}_K^{op}, \mathbf{J})$ whenever the field K has characteristic 0 and is not algebraically closed. To show this we will show that there is an epimorphism in $\mathrm{Sh}(\mathcal{A}_K^{op}, \mathbf{J})$ with no section.

Fact 5.1. *Let $\Theta : \mathbf{P} \to \mathbf{G}$ be a morphism of sheaves on a site $(\mathcal{C}, \mathbf{J})$. Then Θ is an epimorphism if for each object C of $\mathcal{C}$ and each element $c \in \mathbf{G}(C)$ there is a cover S of C such that for all $f : D \to C$ in the cover S the element cf is in the image of Θ_D.* [MacLane and Moerdijk, 1992, Ch 3].

Let the base field K be of characteristic 0. First we consider a simple case when there exist an element in the base field K which has no square root in K. Consider the algebraically closed sheaf $\mathbf{F}$ and the natural transformation $\Theta : \mathbf{F} \to \mathbf{F}$ where for $c \in C$ we have $\Theta_C(c) = c^2$. Consider an element $y \in \mathbf{F}(C)$ and let $\{\varphi_i : C_i \to C\}_{i\in I}$ be a cover with $p_i \in C_i[X]$ the separable associate of $X^2 - y$. Since K has characteristic 0, p_i is non-constant. Let $C_i[x_i] = C_i[X]/\langle p_i\rangle$. We have a cover $\{\vartheta_i : C_i[x_i] \to C\}_{i\in I}$ of C and $\Theta_{C_i[x_i]}(x_i) = {x_i}^2$. By construction, $p_i(x_i) = 0$ and since p_i divides $X^2 - y\vartheta_i$ we have ${x_i}^2 - y\vartheta_i = 0$, that is $\Theta_{C_i[x_i]}(x_i) = y\vartheta_i$. Thus Θ is an epimorphism of $\mathrm{Sh}(\mathcal{A}_K^{op}, \mathbf{J})$.

Lemma 5.2. *The epimorphism Θ have no section.*

Proof. Suppose Θ have a section Δ. Then for an object C of $\mathcal{A}_K^{op}$, $\Delta_C : \mathbf{F}(C) \to \mathbf{F}(C)$ would need to map an element $y \in \mathbf{F}(C)$ to its square root in $\mathbf{F}(C)$ which is not in general possible since C doesn't necessarily contain the square root of each of its elements. In particular, by assumption there is an element $a \in K$ with no square root in K. For example, let the base field be $\mathbb{Q}$ and take $C = \mathbb{Q}$. We need Δ such that $\Theta_C\Delta_C(2) = (\Delta_C(2))^2 = 2$ but there no element $a \in \mathbb{Q}$ such that $a^2 = 2$. □

This construction can be easily generalized to show that the axiom of choice does not hold in $\mathrm{Sh}(\mathcal{A}_K^{op}, \mathbf{J})$ for any non-algebraically closed field K of characteristic 0.

Lemma 5.3. *Let K be a field of characteristic 0 not algebraically closed. There is an epimorphism in $\mathrm{Sh}(\mathcal{A}_K^{op}, \mathbf{J})$ with no section.*

Proof. Let $f = X^n + \sum_{i=1}^{n} r_i X^{n-i} \in K[X]$ be a non-constant polynomial for which no root in K exist. w.l.o.g. we assume f separable. One can construct $\Lambda : \mathbf{F} \to \mathbf{F}$ defined by $\Lambda_C(c) = c^n + \sum_{i=1}^{n-1} r_i c^{n-i} \in C$ (note the upper index of the sum). Given $d \in \mathbf{F}(C)$, let $g = X^n + \sum_{i=1}^{n-1} r_i X^{n-i} - d$. By Corollary 3.7 there is a cover $\{C_\ell \xrightarrow{\varphi_\ell} C\}_{\ell\in L} \in \mathbf{J}^*(C)$ with $h_\ell \in C_\ell[X]$ a separable non-constant polynomial dividing g. Let $C_\ell[x_\ell] = C_\ell[X]/\langle h_\ell\rangle$ one has a singleton cover $\{C_\ell[x_\ell] \xrightarrow{\vartheta_\ell} C_\ell\}$ and thus a composite cover $\{C_\ell[x_\ell] \xrightarrow{\varphi_\ell\vartheta_\ell} C\}_{\ell\in L} \in \mathbf{J}^*(C)$. Since x_ℓ is a root of $h_\ell \mid g$ we have $\Lambda_{C_\ell[x_\ell]}(x_\ell) = x_\ell^n + \sum_{i=1}^{n-1} r_i x_\ell^{n-i} = d$ or more precisely $\Lambda_{C_\ell[x_\ell]}(x_\ell) = d\varphi_\ell\vartheta_\ell$. Thus, Λ is an epimorphism (by Fact 5.1) and it has no section, for if it had a section $\Psi : \mathbf{F} \to \mathbf{F}$ then one would have $\Psi_K(-r_n) = a \in K$ such that $a^n + \sum_{i=1}^{n} r_i a^{n-i} = 0$ which is not true by assumption. □

Theorem 5.4. *Let K be a field of characteristic 0 not algebraically closed. The axiom of choice fails to hold in the topos* $\mathrm{Sh}(\mathcal{A}_K^{op}, \mathbf{J})$. □

We note that in Per Martin-Löf type theory one can show that

$$(\prod x \in A)(\sum y \in B[x])C[x,y]$$
$$\Rightarrow (\sum f \in (\prod x \in A)B[x])(\prod x \in A)C[x, f(x)]$$

See [Martin-Löf and Sambin, 1984; Martin-Löf, 1972]. As demonstrated in the topos $\mathrm{Sh}(\mathcal{A}_K^{op}, \mathbf{J})$ we have an example of an intuitionistically valid formula of the form $\forall x \exists y \phi(x,y)$ where no function f exist for which $\exists f \forall x \phi(x, f(x))$ holds.

We demonstrate further that when the base field is $\mathbb{Q}$ the weaker axiom of *dependent choice* does not hold (internally) in the topos $\mathrm{Sh}(\mathcal{A}_{\mathbb{Q}}^{op}, \mathbf{J})$. For a relation $R \subset Y \times Y$ the axiom of dependent choice is stated as

$$\text{(ADC)}\ \ \forall x \exists y R(x,y) \Rightarrow \forall x \exists g \in Y^N [g(0) = x \wedge \forall n R(g(n), g(n+1))]$$

Theorem 5.5. $\mathrm{Sh}(\mathcal{A}_{\mathbb{Q}}^{op}, \mathbf{J}) \Vdash \neg\text{ADC}$.

Proof. Consider the binary relation on the algebraically closed object $\mathbf{F}$ defined by the characteristic function $\phi(x,y) := y^2 - x = 0$. Assume $C \Vdash$ ADC for some object C of $\mathcal{A}_K$. Since $C \Vdash \forall x \exists y [y^2 - x = 0]$ we have $C \Vdash \forall x \exists g \in \mathbf{F}^{\tilde{\mathbf{N}}}[g(0) = x \wedge \forall n [g(n)^2 = g(n+1)]]$. That is for all morphisms $C \xrightarrow{\zeta} A$ of $\mathcal{A}_K$ and elements $a \in \mathbf{F}(A)$ one has $A \Vdash \exists g \in \mathbf{F}^{\tilde{\mathbf{N}}}[g(0) = a \wedge \forall n [g(n)^2 = g(n+1)]]$. Taking $a = 2$ we have $A \Vdash \exists g \in \mathbf{F}^{\tilde{\mathbf{N}}}[g(0) = 2 \wedge \forall n [g(n)^2 = g(n+1)]]$. Which by $\boxed{\exists}$ implies the existence of a cocover $\{\eta_i : A \to A_i\}_{i \in I}$ and power series $\alpha_i \in \mathbf{F}^{\tilde{\mathbf{N}}}(A_i)$ such that $A_i \Vdash \alpha_i(0) = 2 \wedge \forall n [\alpha_i(n)^2 = \alpha_i(n+1)]]$. By Lemma 4.7 we have $\mathbf{F}^{\tilde{\mathbf{N}}}(A_i) \cong A_i[[X]]$ and thus the above forcing implies the existence of a series $\alpha_i = 2 + 2^{1/2} + ... + 2^{1/2^j} + ... \in A_i[[X]]$. But this holds only if A_i contains a root of $X^{2^j} - 2$ for all j which implies A_i is trivial as will shortly show after the following remark.

Consider an algebra R over $\mathbb{Q}$. Assume R contains a root of $X^{2^n} - 2$ for some n. Then letting $\mathbb{Q}[x] = \mathbb{Q}[X]/\langle X^{2^n} - 2 \rangle$, one will have a homomorphism $\xi : \mathbb{Q}[x] \to R$. By Eisenstein's criterion the polynomial $X^{2^n} - 2$ is irreducible over $\mathbb{Q}$, making $\mathbb{Q}[x]$ a field of dimension 2^n and ξ either an injection with a trivial kernel or $\xi = \mathbb{Q}[x] \to 0$.

Now we continue with the proof. Until now we have shown that for all $i \in I$, the algebra A_i contains a root of $X^{2^j} - 2$ for all j. For each $i \in I$, let A_i be of dimension m_i over $\mathbb{Q}$. We have that A_i contains a root of

$X^{2^{m_i}} - 2$ and we have a homomorphism $\mathbb{Q}(\sqrt[2^{m_i}]{2}) \to A_i$ which since A_i has dimension $m_i < 2^{m_i}$ means that A_i is trivial for all $i \in I$. Hence, $A_i \Vdash \bot$ and consequently $C \Vdash \bot$. We have shown that for any object D of $\mathcal{A}_{\mathbb{Q}}^{op}$ if $D \Vdash \mathrm{ADC}$ then $D \Vdash \bot$. Hence $\mathrm{Sh}(\mathcal{A}_{\mathbb{Q}}^{op}, \mathbf{J}) \Vdash \neg\mathrm{ADC}$. □

As a consequence we get that the *internal* axiom of choice does not hold in $\mathrm{Sh}(\mathcal{A}_{\mathbb{Q}}^{op}, \mathbf{J})$.

6 The logic of $\mathrm{Sh}(\mathcal{A}_K^{op}, \mathbf{J})$

In this section we will demonstrate that in a classical metatheory one can show that the topos $\mathrm{Sh}(\mathcal{A}_K^{op}, \mathbf{J})$ is boolean. In fact we will show that, in a classical metatheory, the boolean algebra structure of the subobject classifier is the one specified by the boolean algebra of idempotents of the algebras in $\mathcal{A}_K$. Except for Theorem 6.8 the reasoning in this section is classical.

Recall that the idempotents of a commutative ring form a boolean algebra. In terms of ring operations the logical operators are defined as follows.

1. $e_1 \wedge e_2 = e_1 e_2$
2. $e_1 \vee e_2 = e_1 + e_2 - e_1 e_2$
3. $\neg e = 1 - e$
4. $e_1 \leq e_2$ iff $e_1 \wedge e_2 = e_1$ and $e_1 \vee e_2 = e_2$
5. $\top = 1$
6. $\bot = 0$

A sieve S on an object C is said to cover a morphism $f : D \to C$ if $f^*(S)$ contains a cover of D. Dually, a cosieve M on C is said to cover a morphism $g : C \to D$ if the sieve dual to M covers the morphism dual to g. i.e. a morphism is covered by a sieve (cosieve) when there is a cover of its domain (cocover of its codomain) such that its composition with each element in the cover (cocover) lies in the sieve (cosieve).

Definition 6.1 (Closed cosieve)**.** A sieve M on an object C of $\mathcal{C}$ is closed if $\forall f : D \to C[M \text{ covers } f \Rightarrow f \in M]$. A closed cosieve on an object C of $\mathcal{C}^{op}$ is the dual of a closed sieve in $\mathcal{C}$.

Fact 6.2 (Subobject classifier)**.** *The subobject classifier in the category of sheaves on a site* $(\mathcal{C}, \mathbf{J})$ *is the presheaf* $\mathbf{\Omega}$ *where for an object* C *of* $\mathcal{C}$ *the set* $\mathbf{\Omega}(\mathbf{C})$ *is the set of closed sieves on* C *and for each* $f : D \to C$ *we have a restriction map* $M \mapsto \{h \mid \mathrm{cod}(h) = D, fh \in M\}$.

Lemma 6.3. *Let* R *be an object of* $\mathcal{A}_K$*. If* R *is a field the closed cosieves on* R *are the maximal cosieve generated by the singleton* $\{1_R : R \to R\}$ *and the minimal cosieve* $\{R \to 0\}$.

Proof. Let S be a closed cosieve on R and let $\varphi : R \to A \in S$ and let I be a maximal ideal of A. If A is nontrivial we have a field morphism $R \to A/I$ in S where A/I is a finite field extension of R. Let $A/I = R[a_1, ..., a_n]$. But then the morphism $\vartheta : R \to R[a_1, ..., a_{n-1}]$ is covered by S. Thus $\vartheta \in S$ since S is closed. By induction on n we get that a field morphism $\eta : R \to R$ is in S but η in turn covers the identity $R \xrightarrow{1_R} R$. Thus $1_R \in S$. □

Corollary 6.4. *For an object* R *of* $\mathcal{A}_K$*. If* R *is a field* $\mathbf{\Omega}(R)$ *is a 2-valued boolean algebra.*

Proof. This is a direct Corollary of Lemma 6.3. The maximal cosieve (1_R) correspond to the idempotent 1 of R, that is the idempotent e such that, $\ker 1_R = \langle 1 - e \rangle$. Similarly the cosieve $\{R \to 1\}$ correspond to the idempotent 0. □

Corollary 6.5. *For an object* A *of* $\mathcal{A}_K$*,* $\mathbf{\Omega}(A)$ *is isomorphic to the set of idempotents of* A *and the Heyting algebra structure of* $\mathbf{\Omega}(A)$ *is the boolean algebra of idempotents of* A.

Proof. Classically an étale algebra over K is isomorphic to a product of field extensions of K. Let A be an object of $\mathcal{A}_K$, then $A \cong F_1 \times ... \times F_n$ where F_i is a finite field extension of K. The set of idempotents of A is $\{(d_1, ..., d_n) \mid 1 \leq j \leq n, d_j \in F_j, d_j = 0 \text{ or } d_j = 1\}$. But this is exactly the set $\mathbf{\Omega}(F_1) \times ... \times \mathbf{\Omega}(F_n) \cong \mathbf{\Omega}(A)$. It is obvious that since $\mathbf{\Omega}(A)$ is isomorphic to a product of boolean algebras, it is a boolean algebra with the operators defined pointwise. □

Corollary 6.6. *The topos* $\mathrm{Sh}(\mathcal{A}_K^{op}, \mathbf{J})$ *is boolean.*

Proof. The subobject classifier of $\mathrm{Sh}(\mathcal{A}_K^{op}, \mathbf{J})$ is $1 \xrightarrow{\text{true}} \mathbf{\Omega}$ where for an object A of $\mathcal{A}_K$ one has $\text{true}_A(*) = 1 \in A$. □

It is not possible to show that the topos $\mathrm{Sh}(\mathcal{A}_K^{op}, \mathbf{J})$ is boolean in an intuitionistic metatheory as we shall demonstrate here. First we recall the definition of the *Limited principle of omniscience* (LPO for short).

Definition 6.7 (LPO)**.** For any binary sequence α the following statement holds

$$\forall n[\alpha(n) = 0] \vee \exists n[\alpha(n) = 1]$$

LPO cannot be shown to hold intuitionistically. One can, nevertheless, show that it is weaker than the law of excluded middle [Bridges and Richman, 1987].

Theorem 6.8. *Intuitionistically, if* $\mathrm{Sh}(\mathcal{A}_K^{op}, \mathbf{J})$ *is boolean then* LPO *holds.*

Proof. Let $\alpha \in K[[X]]$ be a binary sequence. By Lemma 4.7 one has an isomorphism $\Lambda : \mathbf{F}[[X]] \xrightarrow{\sim} \mathbf{F}^{\widetilde{\mathbf{N}}}$. Let $\Lambda_K(\alpha) = \beta \in \mathbf{F}^{\widetilde{\mathbf{N}}}(K)$. Assume the topos $\mathrm{Sh}(\mathcal{A}_K^{op}, \mathbf{J})$ is boolean. Then one has $K \Vdash \forall n[\beta(n) = 0] \vee \exists n[\beta(n) = 1]$. By $\boxed{\vee}$ this holds only if there exist a cocover of K

$$\{\vartheta_i : K \to A_i \mid i \in I\} \cup \{\xi_j : K \to B_j \mid j \in J\}$$

such that $B_j \Vdash \forall n[(\beta\xi_j)(n) = 0]$ for all $j \in J$ and $A_i \Vdash \exists n[(\beta\vartheta_i)(n) = 1]$ for all $i \in I$. Note that at least one of I or J is nonempty since K is not covered by the empty cover.

For each $i \in I$ there exist a cocover $\{\eta_\ell : A_i \to D_\ell\}_{\ell \in L}$ of A_i such that for all $\ell \in L$, we have $D_\ell \Vdash (\beta\vartheta_i\eta_\ell)(m) = 1$ for some $m \in \widetilde{\mathbf{N}}(D_\ell)$. Let $m = \sum_{t \in T} e_t n_t$ then we have a cocover $\{\xi_t : D_\ell \to C_t = D_\ell/\langle 1 - e_t \rangle\}_{t \in T}$ such that $C_t \Vdash (\beta\vartheta_i\eta_\ell\xi_t)(n_t) = 1$ which implies $\xi_t\eta_\ell\vartheta_i(\alpha(n_t)) = 1$. For each t we can check whether $\alpha(n_t) = 1$. If $\alpha(n_t) = 1$ then we have witness for $\exists n[\alpha(n) = 1]$. Otherwise, we have $\alpha(n_t) = 0$ and $\xi_t\eta_\ell\vartheta_i(0) = 1$. Thus the map $\xi_t\eta_\ell\vartheta_i : K \to C_t$ from the field K cannot be injective, which leaves us with the conclusion that C_t is trivial. If for all $t \in T$, C_t is trivial then D_ℓ is trivial as well. Similarly, if for every $\ell \in L$, D_ℓ is trivial then A_i is trivial as well. At this point one either have either (i) a natural number m such that $\alpha(m) = 1$ in which case we have a witness for $\exists n[\alpha(n) = 0]$. Or (ii) we have shown that for all $i \in I$, A_i is trivial in which case we have a cocover $\{\xi_j : K \to B_j \mid j \in J\}$ such that $B_j \Vdash \forall n[(\beta\xi_j)(n) = 0]$ for all $j \in J$. Which by $\boxed{\mathrm{LC}}$ means $K \Vdash \forall n[\beta(n) = 0]$ which by $\boxed{\forall}$ means that for all arrows $K \to R$ and elements $d \in \widetilde{\mathbf{N}}(R)$, $R \Vdash \beta(d) = 0$. In particular for the arrow $K \xrightarrow{1_K} K$ and every natural number m one has $K \Vdash \beta(m) = 0$ which implies $K \Vdash \alpha(m) = 0$. By $\boxed{=}$ we get that $\forall m \in \mathbb{N}[\alpha(m) = 0]$. Thus we have shown that LPO holds. □

Corollary 6.9. *It cannot be shown in an intuitionistic metatheory that the topos* $\mathrm{Sh}(\mathcal{A}_K^{op}, \mathbf{J})$ *is boolean.*

7 Eliminating the assumption of algebraic closure

Let K be a field of characteristic 0. We consider a typed language $\mathcal{L}[N,F]_K$ of the form described in Section II.3.2 with two basic types N and F and the elements of the field K as its set of constants. Consider a theory T in the language $\mathcal{L}[N,F]_K$, such that T has as an axiom every atomic formula or the negation of one valid in the field K, T equips N with the (Peano) axioms of natural numbers and equips F with the axioms of a field containing K. If we interpret the types N and F by the objects $\tilde{\mathbf{N}}$ and $\mathbf{F}$, respectively, in the topos $\mathrm{Sh}(\mathcal{A}_K^{op}, \mathbf{J})$ then we have, by the results proved earlier, a model of T in $\mathrm{Sh}(\mathcal{A}_K^{op}, \mathbf{J})$.

Let AlgCl be the axiom schema of separable closure with quantification over the type F, then one has that $T + \mathrm{AlgCl}$ has a model in $\mathrm{Sh}(\mathcal{A}_K^{op}, \mathbf{J})$ with the same interpretation. Let ϕ be a sentence in the language such that $T + \mathrm{AlgCl} \vdash \phi$ in IHOL deduction system. By soundness (See II.3.2) one has that $\mathrm{Sh}(\mathcal{A}_K^{op}, \mathbf{J}) \Vdash \phi$, i.e. for all étale algebras R over K, $R \Vdash \phi$ which can be seen as a constructive interpretation of the existence of the separable closure of K.

In the next Chapter we will give an example of the application of this model to Newton–Puiseux theorem. Here we discuss another example briefly. Suppose one want to show that

"For a discrete field K of characteristic 0, if $f \in K[X,Y]$ is smooth, i.e. $1 \in \langle f, f_X, f_Y \rangle$, then $K[X,Y]/\langle f \rangle$ is a Prüfer ring."

To prove that a ring is Prüfer one needs to prove that it is arithmetical, that is $\forall x, y \exists u, v, w [yu = vx \wedge yw = (1-u)x]$. Proving that $K[X,Y]/\langle f \rangle$ is arithmetical is easier in the case where K is algebraically closed [Coquand et al., 2010]. Let $\mathbf{F}$ be the algebraic closure of K in $\mathrm{Sh}(\mathcal{A}_K^{op}, \mathbf{J})$. Now $\mathbf{F}[X,Y]/\langle f \rangle$ being arithmetical amounts to having a solution u,v, and w to a linear system $yu = vx$, $yw = (1-u)x$. Having obtained such solution, by Rouché–Capelli–Fontene theorem we can then conclude that the system have a solution in $K[X,Y]/\langle f \rangle$.

IV

Dynamic Newton–Puiseux Theorem

1 Dynamic Newton–Puiseux Theorem

The proof of Newton–Puiseux theorem in Chapter I depended on the assumption that we have an algebraically closed field at our disposal. In Chapter III we have shown that if assuming the existence of an algebraic closure of fields of characteristic 0 one has a sentence ϕ valid in the system of higher order intuitionistic logic then $\mathrm{Sh}(\mathcal{A}_K^{op}, \mathbf{J}) \Vdash \phi$. The statement of Newton–Puiseux theorem of Lemma I.2.3 is one such sentence. Thus we have:

Theorem 1.1. *Let* $\mathbf{F}$ *be the algebraically closed field object of characteristic* 0 *as described in Section III.3.*
Let $G(X,Y) = Y^n + \sum_{i=1}^{n} \alpha_i(X) Y^{n-i} \in \mathbf{F}[[X]][Y]$ *be a monic non-constant polynomial separable over* $\mathbf{F}((X))$*. Then there exist a positive integer* m *and factorization*

$$G(T^m, Y) = \prod_{i=1}^{n} \left(Y - \eta_i\right) \qquad \eta_i \in \mathbf{F}[[T]]$$

If we consider only polynomials over the base field, we get the simpler statement:

Theorem 1.2. *In the topos* $\mathrm{Sh}(\mathcal{A}_K^{op}, \mathbf{J})$*, let* $G(X,Y) \in K[[X]][Y]$ *be a monic non-constant polynomial of degree* n *separable over* $K((X))$*. Then there exist*

a positive integer m and a factorization

$$G(T^m, Y) = \prod_{i=1}^{n} (Y - \eta_i) \qquad \eta_i \in \mathbf{F}[[T]]$$

One surprising aspect of Newton–Puiseux algorithm is that one needs only to find a finite number of roots during the execution of the algorithm. Classically, if one starts with a monic polynomial $G(X, Y) \in K[[X]][Y]$ of degree n, where K, a field of characteristic 0, is not algebraically closed then one can find a finite algebraic extension L/K and a factorization $G(T^m, Y) = \prod_{i=1}^{n}(Y - \eta_i)$ with $\eta_i \in L[[T]]$. This aspect of the algorithm becomes clearer in the sheaf model. We have seen for instance that, in the model, a power series over the algebraically closed field $\mathbf{F}$ is given at each object A of $\mathcal{A}_K^{op}$ as a power series over A. By the forcing conditions, the meaning of the existential quantifier is given locally, that is to say by existence on a finite cover. Thus if a statement asserting the existence of a power series with certain properties is forced, e.g. $K \Vdash \exists \alpha\ \phi(\alpha)$, then the witness of this existential quantifier is a power series $\alpha \in A[[X]]$ where the algebra A is a finite extension of K. The failure of the axiom of dependent choice clarifies the matter even more, by showing that one cannot form power series with infinitely increasing order of roots.

The Newton–Puiseux theorem (Theorem 1.2) has the following computational content.

Theorem 1.3. *Let K be a field of characteristic* 0 *and let Let* $G(X, Y) = Y^n + \sum_{i=1}^{n} \alpha_i(X) Y^{n-i} \in K[[X]][Y]$ *be a monic non-constant polynomial separable over* $K((X))$. *Then there exist an étale algebra R over K and a positive integer m such that*

$$G(T^m, Y) = \prod_{i=1}^{n} (Y - \eta_i) \qquad \eta_i \in R[[T]]$$

2 Analysis of the algorithm

Theorem 1.3, as will become apparent from the examples at the end of this section, is not deterministic, in the sense that the étale algebra R is one of several over which the polynomial $G(X, Y)$ factors linearly. On one hand this is not surprising since one can easily see that for any $R \to A$ one has a factorization of $G(X, Y)$ over $A[[X^{1/r}]]$ for some r. On the other hand, one can postulate the existence of a minimal étale algebra(s) B such that $G(X, Y)$ factors linearly over $B[[X^{1/m}]]$ and if $G(X, Y)$ factors linearly over $A[[X^{1/r}]]$, where A is étale, then one has

a morphism $B \to A$[1]. In this section we will see that such an algebra indeed exists. We will also show that the morphism $B \to A$ satisfies a stronger condition. Since the examples from the Haskell program will make it clear that there is more than one such minimal algebra. We will also look at the relation between two such algebras.

In order to achieve our task we will consider an arbitrary regular K-algebra A such that the polynomial under consideration $G(X, Y)$ factors linearly over $A[[X^{1/r}]]$ for some r. Then starting from the base field K we will build an algebra R by repetitive extensions and quotients. At each new algebra we obtain by extension or quotient we will show we have a morphism from this algebra to A satisfying certain property. We note that while we can state the dynamic version of Newton–Puiseux directly with the aid of the sheaf model as was done in the previous section, the model is of no help to us here. The reason is that, when presented with a forcing $R \Vdash \phi$ we have no way of knowing how it was constructed and certainly we cannot, without inspecting the algorithm, know whether R is minimal in the above sense. In the following we will be working solely in characteristic 0.

We consider a polynomial $G(X, Y) \in K[[X]][Y]$. Since we start from the base field, we will only need to adjoin roots of monic polynomials. Thus we need not consider the full class of étale K-algebras. It will be sufficient to consider only the triangular separable ones, which we define here:

A *triangular separable K-algebra*

$$R = K[a_1, \ldots, a_n],\ p_1(a_1) = 0,\ p_2(a_1, a_2) = 0, \ldots$$

is a sequence of separable extension starting from a field K, with p_1 in $K[X]$, p_2 in $K[a_1][X]$, ... all monic and separable polynomials. It follows immediately by Lemma III.1.8 that a triangular separable algebra is étale, hence regular. In this case however, the idempotent elements have a simpler direct description. If we have a decomposition $p_l(a_1, \ldots, a_{l-1}, X) = g(X)q(X)$ with g, q in $K[a_1, \ldots, a_{l-1}, X]$ then since p_l is separable, we have a relation $rg + sq = 1$ and $e = r(a_l)g(a_l)$, $1 - e = s(a_l)q(a_l)$ are then idempotent element. We then have a decomposition of R in two triangular separable algebras $p_1, \ldots, p_{l-1}, g, p_{l+1}, \ldots$ and $p_1, \ldots, p_{l-1}, q, p_{l+1}, \ldots$. If we iterate this process we obtain the notion of *decomposition* of a triangular separable algebra R into finitely many triangular separable algebra $R_1, \ldots, R_n$.

This decomposition stops when all the polynomials $p_1, \ldots, p_l$ are irre-

[1]One can say that in some sense B is initial among the étale algebras forcing the Newton–Puiseux statement.

ducible, i.e. when R is a field. For a triangular separable K-algebra R and an ideal I of R, if R/I is a triangular separable K-algebra then we describe R/I as being a *refinement* of R. Thus a refinement of $K[a_1, ..., a_n], p_1, ..., p_n$ is of the form $K[b_1, ..., b_n], q_1, ..., q_n$ with $q_i \mid p_i$.

Now we are ready to begin our analysis. In the following we refer to the elementary symmetric polynomials in n variables by $\sigma_1, ..., \sigma_n$ taking $\sigma_i(X_1, ..., X_n) = \sum_{1 \leq j_1 < ... j_i \leq n} X_{j_1} ... X_{j_i}$.

Lemma 2.1. *Let R be a reduced ring. Given $a_1, ..., a_n \in R$, if $\sigma_i(a_1, ..., a_n) = 0$ for $0 < i \leqslant n$ then $a_1 = a_2 = ... = a_n = 0$.*

Proof. We have $\prod_{i=1}^{n} (X - a_i) = X^n$. Hence, $a_i^n = 0$ for $0 < i \leqslant n$ and since R is reduced, $a_i = 0$. □

Lemma 2.2. *Let R be a reduced ring. Given $\alpha_1, ..., \alpha_n \in R[[X]]$ such that for some positive rational number d we have $\operatorname{ord}(\sigma_i(\alpha_1, ..., \alpha_n)) \geqslant di$ for $0 < i \leqslant n$. Then $\operatorname{ord}(\alpha_i) \geqslant d$ for $0 < i \leqslant n$.*

Proof. Let $\alpha_i = \sum_{j=0}^{\infty} \alpha_i(j) X^j$. We show that $\alpha_i(j) = 0$ if $j < d$. Assume that we have $\alpha_i(j) = 0$ for $j < m < d$. We show then $\alpha_i(m) = 0$ for $i = 1, \ldots, n$. The coefficient of X^{im} in $\sigma_i(\alpha_1, ..., \alpha_n)$ is $\sigma_i(\alpha_1(m), \ldots, \alpha_n(m))$. Since $\operatorname{ord}(\sigma_i(\alpha_1, ..., \alpha_n)) > mi$ we get that $\sigma_i(\alpha_1(m), \ldots, \alpha_n(m)) = 0$ and hence by Lemma 2.1 we get that $\alpha_i(m) = 0$ for $i = 1, \ldots, n$. □

Lemma 2.3. *For a ring R and a reduced extension $R \to A$, let $F = Y^n + \sum_{i=1}^{n} \alpha_i Y^{n-i}$ be an element of $R[[X]][Y]$ such that $F(T^q, T^p Z) = T^{np} F_1(T, Z)$ with F_1 in $R[[T]][Z]$ for some $q > 0, p$. If $F(U^m, Y)$ factors linearly over $A[[U]]$ for some $m > 0$ then $F_1(0, Z)$ factors linearly over A.*

Proof. We have $F(U^m, Y) = \prod_{i=1}^{n} (Y - \eta_i)$, $\eta_i \in A[[U]]$
and hence we have $F(V^{mq}, V^{mp} Z) = \prod_{i=1}^{n} (V^{mp} Z - \eta_i(V^q))$, $\eta_i(U) \in A[[U]]$ and

$$F_1(V^m, Z) = \prod_{i=1}^{n} (Z - V^{-mp} \eta_i(V^q)) = Z^n + \sum_{i=1}^{n} V^{-imp} \beta_i(V^q) Z^{n-i}$$

Since $F_1(T, Z)$ is in $R[[T]][Z]$ we have $imp \leqslant \operatorname{ord} \beta_i(V^q)$.
Since $\beta_i(V^q) = \sigma_i(\eta_1(V^q), \ldots, \eta_n(V^q))$, Lemma 2.2 shows that $mp \leqslant \operatorname{ord} \eta_i(V^q)$ for $0 < i \leqslant n$. Hence $\mu_i(V) = V^{-mp} \eta_i(V^q)$ is in $A[[V]]$ and since $F_1(V, Z) = \prod_{i=1}^{n} (Z - \mu_i(V))$, we have that $F_1(0, Z)$ factors linearly over A, of roots $\mu_i(0)$. □

Definition 2.4. Let $R = K[b_1, ..., b_n], p_1, ..., p_n$ be a triangular separable algebra with p_i of degree m_i and A an algebra over K. Then A splits R if there exist a family of elements $\{a_{i_1,...,i_l} \in A \mid 0 < l \leq n, 0 < i_j \leq m_j\}$ such that

$$p_1 = \prod_{d=0}^{m_1}(X - a_{d_1})$$

$$p_{l+1}(a_{i_1}, a_{i_1,i_2}, ..., a_{i_1,...,i_l}, X) = \prod_{d=0}^{m_{l+1}}(X - a_{i_1,...,i_l,d})$$

for $0 < l < n$

We can view the previous definition as that of a tree of homomorphisms from the subalgebras of R to A. At the root we have the identity homomorphism from K to A under which p_1 factors linearly, i.e. $p_1 = \prod_{j_1=0}^{m_1}(X - a_{j_1})$. From this we obtain m_1 homomorphisms $\varphi_1, ..., \varphi_{m_1}$ from $K[b_1]$ to A each taking b_1 to a different a_{j_1}. If p_2 factors linearly under say φ_1, i.e. $\varphi_1(p_2) = \prod_{j_2=0}^{m_2}(X - a_{1_1,j_2})$ then we obtain m_2 different (since p_2 is separable) homomorphisms $\varphi_{11}, ..., \varphi_{1m_2}$ from $K[b_1, b_2]$ to A. Similarly we obtain m_2 different homomorphisms from $K[b_1, b_2]$ to A by extending $\varphi_2, \varphi_3, ...etc$, thus having m_1m_2 homomorphism in total. Continuing in this fashion we obtain the m different homomorphisms of the family $\mathcal{S}$.

We note that if an K-algebra A splits a triangular separable K-algebra Rthen $A \otimes_K R \cong A^{[R:K]}$. If A is a field then the converse is also true as the following lemma shows.

Lemma 2.5. *Let L/K be a field and $R = K[a_1, ..., a_n], p_1, ..., p_n$ a triangular separable algebra. Then $L \otimes_K R \cong L^{[R:K]}$ only if L splits R.*

Proof. Let $\deg p_i = m_i$, $[R : K] = m = \prod_{i=1}^{n} m_i$ and let $L \otimes_K R \cong L^{[R:K]}$. Then there exist a system of orthogonal idempotents $e_1, ..., e_m$ such that $A = L \otimes_K R \cong A/(1 - e_1) \times .... \times A/(1 - e_m) = L^m$. Let a_{ij} be the image of a_i in $A/(1 - e_j)$. Then we have $(a_{11}, ..., a_{n1}) \neq (a_{12}, ..., a_{n2}) \neq ... \neq (a_{1m}, ..., a_{nm})$ since otherwise we will have the ideals $\langle 1 - e_i \rangle = \langle 1 - e_j \rangle$ for some $i \neq j$. Since p_1 is separable there are up to m_1 different images a_{1j} of a_1. Thus the size of the set $\{a_{1j} \mid 0 < j \leq m\}$ is equal to m_1 only if p_1 factors linearly over L. Similarly, for each different image $\bar{a}_1$ of a_1 there are up to m_2 possible images of a_2 in L since the polynomial $p_2(\bar{a}_1, X)$ is separable. Thus the size of the set $\{(a_{1j}, a_{2j}) \mid 0 < j \leq m\}$ is equal m_1m_2 only if p_1 factors linearly over L and for each root $\bar{a}_1$ of p_1 the polynomial $p_2(\bar{a}_1, X)$ factors linearly over L. Continuing in this fashion we find that the size of the set $\{(a_{1j}, ..., a_{nj}) \mid 0 < j \leq m\}$ is equal to $m_1...m_n = m$ only if L splits R. □

Lemma 2.6. *Let A be a regular algebra over a field K and let p be a monic non-constant polynomial of degree m in $A[X]$ such that $p = \prod_{i=1}^{m}(X - a_i)$ with $a_i \in A$. If g is a monic non-constant polynomial of degree n such that $g \mid p$ then we have a decomposition $A \cong R_1 \times ... \times R_l$ such that for any R_j in the product $g = \prod_{i=1}^{n}(X - \bar{a}_i)$ with $\bar{a}_i \in R_j$ the image in R_j of some $a_k, 0 < k \leq m$.*

Proof. Let $p = (X - a_1)...(X - a_n)$ for $a_1, ..., a_n \in A$. Let $p = gq$. Then $p(a_1) = g(a_1)q(a_1) = 0$. We can find a decomposition of A into regular algebras $A_1 \times ... \times A_t \times B_1 \times B_s$ such that $g(a_1) = 0$ in $A_i, 0 < i \leq t$ and $g(a_1)$ is a unit in $B_i, 0 < i \leq s$ in which case $q(a_1) = 0$ in B_i. By induction we can find a decomposition of A into a product of regular algebras $R_1, \ldots, R_l$ such that g factors linearly over R_i. □

From Definition 2.4 it is obvious that if an algebra A splits a triangular separable algebra R then A/I splits R for any ideal I of A.

Lemma 2.7. *Let A be a regular K-algebra and R a triangular separable K-algebra such that A splits R. Let B be a refinement of R. Then we can find a decomposition $A \cong A_1 \times ... \times A_m$ such that A_i splits B for $0 < i \leq m$.*

Proof. Let $R = K[a_1, ..., a_n], p_1, ..., p_n$. Then $B = K[\bar{a}_1, ..., \bar{a}_n], g_1, ..., g_n$ where $g_j \mid p_j$ for $0 < j \leq n$. Let $\deg p_j = m_j$ and $\deg g_j = \ell_j$ for $0 < j \leq n$. Since A splits R we have a family of elements $\{a_{i_1,...,i_l} \in A \mid 0 < l \leq n, 0 < i_j \leq m_j\}$ satisfying the condition of Definition 2.4. we have $p_1 = \prod_{i=1}^{m_1}(X - a_{i_1})$. By Lemma 2.6 we decompose A into the product $A_1 \times ... \times A_t$ such that for any given A_k in the product we have $p_1 = \prod_{i=1}^{m_1}(X - \bar{a}_{i_1})$ and $g_1 = \prod_{i=1}^{\ell_1}(X - \bar{a}_{i_1})$ with $\bar{a}_{i_1} \in A_k$ for $0 < i \leq m_1$. Since each $\bar{a}_{i_1}$ is an image of some a_{j_1} and $p_2(a_{j_1}, X)$ factors linearly over A we have that $p_2(\bar{a}_{i_1}, X)$ factors linearly over A_k but then $g_2(\bar{a}_{i_1}, X)$ divides $p_2(\bar{a}_{i_1}, X)$ and thus by Lemma 2.6 we can decompose A_k into the product $B_1 \times ... \times B_s$ such that for a given B_r in the product we have $p_2(\bar{a}_{i_1}, X) = \prod_{j=1}^{m_2}(X - \bar{a}_{i_1,j_2})$ and $g_2(\bar{a}_{i_1}, X) = \prod_{j=1}^{\ell_2}(X - \bar{a}_{i_1,j_2})$. By induction on the m_1 values of $\bar{a}_{i_1}$ we can find a decomposition $D_1 \times ... \times D_l$ such that in each D_i we have $g_1(X) = \prod_{i=1}^{\ell_1}(X - \bar{a}_{i_1})$ and $g_2(\bar{a}_{i_1}, X) = \prod_{j=1}^{\ell_2}(X - \bar{a}_{i_1,j_2})$ for $0 < i \leq \ell_1$. Continuing in this fashion we can find a decomposition of A such that each algebra in the decomposition splits B. □

Lemma 2.8. *Let A be a regular K-algebra with decomposition $A \cong A_1 \times ... \times A_t$. Let B a triangular separable algebra. If A_i splits B for all $1 \leq i \leq t$ then A splits B.*

Proof. Let $B = K[a_1, ..., a_n], g_1, ..., g_n$ with $\deg g_i = m_i$. Then we have a family of elements $\{a^{(i)}_{k_1,...,k_l} \mid 0 < k_j \leq m_j, 0 < j \leq n\}$ in A_i satisfying the conditions of Definition 2.4. We claim that the family

$$\mathcal{S} = \{a_{k_1,...,k_l} \mid a_{k_1,...,k_l} = (a^{(1)}_{k_1,...,k_l}, ..., a^{(t)}_{k_1,...,k_l}), 0 < k_j \leq m_j, 0 < j \leq n\}$$

of A elements satisfy the conditions of Definition 2.4. Since we have a factorization $g_1 = \prod_{l=1}^{m_1}(X - a^{(i)}_l)$ over A_i, we have a factorization $g_1 = \prod_{l=1}^{m_1}(X - (a^{(1)}_l, ..., a^{(t)}_l)) = \prod_{l=1}^{m_1}(X - a_l)$ over A. Since for $0 < l \leq m_1$ we have a factorization $g_2(a^{(i)}_l, X) = \prod_{j=1}^{m_2}(X - a^{(i)}_{l,j})$ of in A_i, we have a factorization $g_2(a_l, X) = \prod_{j=1}^{m_2}(X - (a^{(1)}_{l,j}, ..., a^{(t)}_{l,j})) = \prod_{j=1}^{m_2}(X - a_{l,j})$. Continuing in this fashion we verify that the family $\mathcal{S}$ satisfy the requirements of Definition 2.4. □

Corollary 2.9. *Let A be a regular K-algebra and B be a triangular separable K-algebra such that A splits B. Then A splits any refinement of B.*

Lemma 2.10. *Let R be a regular ring and let $a_1, ..., a_n \in R$ such that $1 \in \langle a_1, ..., a_n\rangle$. Then we can find a decomposition $R \cong R_1 \times ... \times R_m$ such that for each R_i we have a_j a unit in R_i for some $1 \leq j \leq n$.*

Proof. We have a decomposition $R \cong A \times B$ with a_n unit in A and zero in B. We have $1 \in \langle a_1, ..., a_{n-1}\rangle$ in B. The statement follows by induction. □

Going back to Newton–Puiseux theorem.

Lemma 2.11. *Let R be a triangular separable algebra over a field K. Let $F(X, Y) = \sum_{i=0}^{n} \alpha_i(X)Y^{n-i} \in R[[X]][Y]$ be a monic polynomial such that $PF + QF_Y = \gamma$ for some $P, Q \in R[[X]][Y]$ and $\gamma \# 0$ in $K[[X]]$. Then we can find a decomposition $R_1, ...$ of R such that in each R_i we have $\alpha_k(m)$ a unit for some m and $k = n$ or $k = n - 1$.*

Proof. Since $\gamma \# 0 \in K[[X]]$ we have $\gamma(\ell)$ a unit for some ℓ. Since $PF + QF_Y = \gamma$, we have $\eta\alpha_n + \theta\alpha_{n-1} = \gamma$ with $\eta = P(0)$ and $\theta = Q(0)$. Then we have $\sum_{i+j=\ell} \eta(i)\alpha_n(j) + \theta(i)\alpha_{n-1}(j) = \gamma(\ell)$. By Lemma 2.10 we have a decomposition $R_1, ...$ of R such that in R_i we have $\alpha_k(m)$ is a unit for some m and $k = n \vee k = n - 1$. □

With the help of Lemma 2.3, Lemma 2.8 and Corollary 2.9 we have the following result.

Lemma 2.12. *Let $R = K[a_1, ..., a_n], p_1, ..., p_n$ be a triangular separable algebra with $\deg p_i = m_i$. Let $F(a_1, ..., a_n, X, Y) = Y^n + \sum_{i=1}^{n} \alpha_i(X)Y^{n-i} \in R[[X]][Y]$ be a monic non-constant polynomial of degree $n \geq 2$ such that $PF + QF_Y = \gamma$ for some $P, Q \in R[[X]][Y]$, $\gamma \in R[[X]]$ with $\gamma \# 0$. There exists then a decomposition $R_1, \ldots$ of R and for each i there exist $m > 0$ and a proper factorization $F(T^m, Y) = G(T, Y)H(T, Y)$ with G and H in $S_i[[T]][Y]$ where $S_i = R_i[b], q$ is a separable extension of R_i.*
Moreover, Let A be a regular K-algebra such that A splits R and let $\{a_{i_1,...,i_l} \mid 0 < l \leq n, 0 < i \leq m_i\}$ be the family of elements in A satisfying the conditions in Definition 2.4. If $F(a_{i_1}, ..., a_{i_1,...,i_n}, X, Y)$ factors linearly over $A[[U]]$ for $0 < i \leq m_i$ where $U^v = X$ for some positive integer v then A splits S_i.

Proof. By Lemma 2.11 we have a decomposition $A_1, ...$ of R such that in each A_i we have $\alpha_k(m)$ a unit for some m and $k = n$ or $k = n - 1$. The rest of the proof proceeds as the proof of Lemma I.2.2, assuming w.l.o.g. $\alpha_1 = 0$. We first find a decomposition $R_1, \ldots$ of R and for each l we can then find m and p such that $\alpha_m(p)$ is invertible and $\alpha_i(j) = 0$ whenever $j/i < p/m$ in R_l. We can then write

$$F(T^m, T^p Z) = T^{np}(Z^n + c_2(T)Z^{n-2} + \cdots + c_n(T))$$

with ord $c_m = 0$. Since A splits R then by Lemma 2.7 we can find a decomposition $A_1, \ldots$ of A such that each A_i splits R_l for each l. We then find a further decomposition $R_{l1}, R_{l2}, \ldots$ of R_l and for each t a number s and a separable extension $R_{lt}[a]$ of R_{lt} such that

$$q = Z^n + c_2(0)Z^{n-2} + \cdots + c_n(0) = (Z - a)^s L(Z)$$

with $L(a)$ invertible. Similarly, we can decompose each A_i further into $B_1, \ldots$ such that each B_i splits each R_{lt} for all l, t. Let the family $\mathcal{F} = \{b_{i_1,...,i_l} \mid 0 < l \leq m, 0 < i \leq m_i\}$ be the image of the family $\{a_{i_1,...,i_l} \mid 0 < l \leq n, 0 < i \leq m_i\}$ in B_i. Then B_i splits R with $\mathcal{F}$ as the family of elements of B_i satisfying Definition 2.4. But then $F(b_{i_1}, ..., b_{i_1,...,i_n}, X, Y)$ factors linearly over B_i. For some subfamily $\{c_{i_1}, ..., c_{i_1,...,i_l} \mid 0 < l \leq n, 0 < i_j \leq \bar{m}_j \leq m_j\} \subset \mathcal{F}$ of elements in B_i we have that B_i splits R_{lt}. Thus $F(c_{i_1}, ..., c_{i_1,...,i_n}, X, Y)$ factors linearly over B_i for all $c_{i_1}, ..., c_{i_1,...,i_n}$ in the family. By Lemma 2.3 we have that $q(c_{i_1}, ..., c_{i_1,...,i_n}, Z)$ factors linearly over B_i for all $c_{i_1}, ..., c_{i_1,...,i_n}$. Thus B_i splits the extension $R_{lt}[a]$. But then by Lemma 2.8 we have that A splits $R_{lt}[a]$. Using Hensel's Lemma I.2.1, we can lift this to a proper decomposition $Z^n + c_2(T)Z^{n-2} + \cdots + c_n(T) = G_1(T, Z)H_1(T, Z)$ with $G_1(T, Z)$ monic of degree t and $H_1(T, Z)$ monic of degree u. We take $G(T, Y) = T^{tp} G_1(T, Y/T^p)$ and $H(T, Y) = T^{up} H_1(T, Y/T^p)$. □

As a corollary we get the following version of Newton–Puiseux theorem which follows by induction from Lemma 2.12.

Theorem 2.13. *Let* $F(X,Y) = Y^n + \sum_{i=1}^{n} a_i(X)Y^{n-i} \in K[[X]][Y]$ *be a monic non-constant polynomial separable over* $K((X))$. *There exists then a triangular separable algebra* R *over* K *and* $m > 0$ *and a factorization*

$$F(T^m, Y) = \prod_{i=1}^{n} (Y - \eta_i) \qquad \eta_i \in R[[T]]$$

Moreover, if A *is a regular algebra over* K *such that* $F(X,Y)$ *factors linearly over* $A[[X^{1/s}]]$ *for some positive integer* s *then* A *splits* R.

We note that the algebra R above is not unique.

Corollary 2.14. *Let* A *and* B *be two triangular separable algebras obtained by the algorithm of Theorem 2.13, i.e. minimal in the sense expressed in the theorem. Then* A *splits* B *and* B *splits* A. *Consequently, a triangular separable algebra obtained by this algorithm splits itself.*

Thus given any two algebras $R_1$and R_2 obtained by the algorithm and two prime ideals $P_1 \in \mathrm{Spec}(R_1)$ and $P_2 \in \mathrm{Spec}(R_2)$ we have a field isomorphism $R_1/P_1 \cong R_2/P_2$. Therefore all the algebras obtained are approximations of the same field L. Since L splits all the algebras and itself is a refinement, L splits itself, i.e. $L \otimes_K L \cong L^{[L:K]}$ and L is a normal, in fact a Galois extension of K.

Classically, this field L is the field of constants generated over K by the set of coefficients of the Puiseux expansions of F. The set of Puiseux expansions of F is closed under the action of $\mathrm{Gal}(\bar{K}/K)$, where $\bar{K}$ is the algebraic closure of K. Thus the field of constants generated by the coefficients of the expansions of F is a Galois extension. The algebras generated by our algorithm are powers of this field of constants, hence are in some sense minimal extensions.

Even without the notion of prime ideals we can still show interesting relationship between the algebras produced by the algorithm of Theorem 2.13. The plan is to show that any two such algebras A and B are essentially isomorphic in the sense that each of them is equal to the power of some common triangular separable algebra R, i.e. $A \cong R^m$ and $B \cong R^n$ for some positive integers m, n. To show that $A \cong R^m$ we have to be able to decompose A. To do this we need to constructively obtain a system of orthogonal nontrivial (unless $A \cong R$ already) idempotents $e_1, ..., e_m$. Since A and B split each other, the composition of these maps gives a homomorphism from A to itself. We know that a homomorphism between a field and itself is an automorphism thus as we would

expect if there is a homomorphism from a triangular separable algebra A to itself that is not an automorphism we can decompose this algebra non trivially. We use the composition of the split maps from A to B and vice versa as our homomorphism this will enable us to repeat the process after the initial decomposition, that is if $A/e_1, B/e_2$ are algebras in the decompositions of A and B, respectively, we know that they split each other. This process of decomposition stops once we reach the common algebra R.

Lemma 2.15. *Let A be a triangular separable algebra over a field K and let $\pi : A \to A$ be K-homomorphism. Then π is either an automorphism of A or we can find a non-trivial decomposition $A \cong A_1 \times ... \times A_t$.*

Proof. Let $A = K[a_1, ..., a_l], p_1, ..., p_l$ with $\deg p_i = n_i$. Let π map a_i to $\bar{a}_i$, for $0 < i \leq l$. Then $\bar{a}_i$ is a root of $\pi(p_i) = p_i(\bar{a}_1, ..., \bar{a}_{i-1}, X)$. The set of vectors $\mathcal{S} = \{a_1^{i_1}...a_l^{i_l} \mid 0 \leq i_j < n_j, 0 < j \leq l\}$ is a basis for the vector space A over K. If the image $\pi(\mathcal{S}) = \{\bar{a}_1^{i_1}...\bar{a}_l^{i_l} \mid 0 \leq i_j < n_j, 0 < j \leq l\}$ is a basis for A, i.e. $\pi(\mathcal{S})$ is a linearly independent set then π is surjective and thus an automorphism.
Assuming π is not an automorphism, then the kernel of π is non-trivial, i.e. we have a non-zero non-unit element in $\ker \pi$, thus we have a non-trivial decomposition of A. □

Theorem 2.16. *Let A and B be triangular separable algebras over a field K such that A splits B and B splits A. Then there exist a triangular separable algebra R over K and two positive integers m, n such that $A \cong R^n$ and $B \cong R^m$.*

Proof. First we note that by Corollary 2.9 if A splits B then A splits any refinement of B. Trivially if A splits B then any refinement of A splits B. Since A and B split each other then there is K-homomorphisms $\vartheta : B \to A$ and $\varphi : A \to B$. The maps $\pi = \vartheta \circ \varphi$ and $\varepsilon = \varphi \circ \vartheta$ are K-homomorphisms from A to A and B to B respectively. If both π and ε are automorphisms then we are done. Otherwise, by Lemma 2.15 we can find a decomposition of either A or B. By induction on $\dim(A) + \dim(B)$ the statement follows. □

Theorems 2.16 and 2.13 show that the algebras obtained by the algorithm of Theorem 2.13 are equal to the power of some common algebra. This common triangular separable algebra is an approximation, for lack of irreducibility test for polynomials, of the normal field extension of K generated by the coefficients of the Puiseux expansions $\eta_i \in \bar{K}[[X^{1/m}]]$ of F, where $\bar{K}$ is the algebraic closure of K.

The following are examples from a Haskell implementation of the algorithm. We truncate the different factors unevenly for readability.

Example 2.1. Applying the algorithm to $F(X,Y) = Y^4 - 3Y^2 + XY + X^2 \in Q[X][Y]$ we get.

- $Q[a,b,c], a = 0,\ b^2 - 13/36 = 0,\ c^2 - 3 = 0$

$F(X,Y) =$

$(Y + (-b - \frac{1}{6})X + (-\frac{31}{351}b - \frac{7}{162})X^3 + (-\frac{1415}{41067}b - \frac{29}{1458})X^5 + ...)$
$(Y + (b - \frac{1}{6})X + (\frac{31}{351}b - \frac{7}{162})X^3 + (\frac{1415}{41067}b - \frac{29}{1458})X^5 + ...)$
$(Y - c + \frac{1}{6}X + \frac{5}{72}cX^2 + \frac{7}{162}X^3 + \frac{185}{10368}cX^4 + \frac{29}{1458}X^5 + ...)$
$(Y + c + \frac{1}{6}X - \frac{5}{72}cX^2 + \frac{7}{162}X^3 - \frac{185}{10368}cX^4 + \frac{29}{1458}X^5 + ...)$

- $Q[a,b,c], a^2 - 3 = 0, b - a/3 = 0, c^2 - 13/36 = 0$

$F(X,Y) =$

$(Y - a + \frac{1}{6}X + \frac{5}{72}aX^2 + \frac{7}{162}X^3 + \frac{185}{10368}aX^4 + \frac{29}{1458}X^5 + ...)$
$(Y + (-c - \frac{1}{6})X + (-\frac{31}{351}c - \frac{7}{162})X^3 + (-\frac{1415}{41067}c - \frac{29}{1458})X^5 + ...)$
$(Y + (c - \frac{1}{6})X + (\frac{31}{351}c - \frac{7}{162})X^3 + (\frac{1415}{41067}c - \frac{29}{1458})X^5 + ...)$
$(Y + a + \frac{1}{6}X - \frac{5}{72}aX^2 + \frac{7}{162}X^3 - \frac{185}{10368}aX^4 + \frac{29}{1458}X^5 + ...)$

- $Q[a,b,c], a^2 - 3 = 0, b + 2a/3 = 0, c^2 - 13/36 = 0$

$F(X,Y) =$

$(Y - a + \frac{1}{6}X + \frac{5}{72}aX^2 + \frac{7}{162}X^3 + \frac{185}{10368}aX^4 + \frac{29}{1458}X^5 + ...)$
$(Y + a + \frac{1}{6}X - \frac{5}{72}aX^2 + \frac{7}{162}X^3 - \frac{185}{10368}aX^4 + \frac{29}{1458}X^5 + ...)$
$(Y + (-c - \frac{1}{6})X + (-\frac{31}{351}c - \frac{7}{162})X^3 + (-\frac{1415}{41067}c - \frac{29}{1458})X^5 + ...)$
$(Y + (c - \frac{1}{6})X + (\frac{31}{351}c - \frac{7}{162})X^3 + (\frac{1415}{41067}c - \frac{29}{1458})X^5 + ...)$

The algebras in the above example can be readily seen to be isomorphic. However, as we will show next, this is not always the case.

Example 2.2. To illustrate Theorem 2.16 we show how it works in the context of an example computation. The polynomial is $F(X,Y) = Y^6 + X^6 + 3X^2Y^4 + 3X^4Y^2 - 4X^2Y^2$. The following are two of the several triangular separable algebras obtained by our algorithm along with their respective factorization of $F(X,Y)$.

$$
\begin{aligned}
&A = Q[a,b,c,d,e], p_1, p_2, p_3, p_5\\
&p_1 = Y^4 - 4,\ p_2 = Y - \tfrac{1}{5}a,\ p_3 = Y^2 - \tfrac{1}{4},\\
&p_4 = Y^3 + \tfrac{2}{3}a^2Y + \tfrac{20}{27}a^3,\ p_5 = Y^2 + \tfrac{3}{4}d^2 + \tfrac{2}{3}a^2\\
&F(X,Y) =\\
&\quad \big(Y - aX^{\frac{1}{2}} + \frac{3}{16}a^3X^{\frac{3}{2}} + ...\big)\big(Y - cX^2 + ...\big)\big(Y + cX^2 + ...\big)\\
&\quad \big(Y + (-d + \tfrac{1}{3}a)X^{\frac{1}{2}} + (-\tfrac{3}{16}ad^2 - \tfrac{1}{16}a^2d - \tfrac{7}{48}a^3)X^{\frac{3}{2}} + ...\big)\\
&\quad \big(Y + (-e + \tfrac{1}{2}d + a/3)X^{\frac{1}{2}} +\\
&\qquad (\tfrac{3}{16}ade - \tfrac{1}{16}a^2e + \tfrac{3}{32}ad^2 + \tfrac{1}{32}a^2d - \tfrac{1}{48}a^3)X^{\frac{3}{2}} + ...\big)\\
&\quad \big(Y + (e + \tfrac{1}{2}d + \tfrac{1}{3}a)X^{\frac{1}{2}} +\\
&\qquad (-\tfrac{3}{16}ade + \tfrac{1}{16}a^2e + \tfrac{3}{32}ad^2 + \tfrac{1}{32}a^2d - \tfrac{1}{48}a^3)X^{\frac{3}{2}} + ...\big)
\end{aligned}
$$

$$
\begin{aligned}
&B = Q[r,t,u,v,w], q_1, q_2, q_3, q_5\\
&q_1 = Y^4 - 4,\ q_2 = Y + \tfrac{4}{5}r,\ q_3 = Y,\ q_4 = Y^2 - \tfrac{1}{4},\ q_5 = Y^2 + r^2\\
&F(X,Y) = (Y - rX^{\frac{1}{2}} + \tfrac{3}{16}r^3X^{\frac{3}{2}} + ...)(Y + rX^{\frac{1}{2}} - \tfrac{3}{16}r^3X^{\frac{3}{2}} + ...)\\
&\quad (Y - vX^2 + ...)(Y + vX^2 + ...)\\
&\quad (Y - wX^{\frac{1}{2}} - \tfrac{3}{16}r^2wX^{\frac{3}{2}} + ...)(Y + wX^{\frac{1}{2}} + \tfrac{3}{16}r^2wX^{\frac{3}{2}} + ...)
\end{aligned}
$$

We now show that the two algebras indeed split each other. Over B the polynomial p_1 factors as $p_1 = (Y-r)(Y+r)(Y-w)(Y+w)$. Each of these factors partly specify a homomorphism taking a to a zero of p_1 in B. For each we get a factorization of p_4 over B.

- $a \mapsto r$
  $p_4 = (Y + 2r/3)(Y - w - r/3)(Y + w - r/3)$
- $a \mapsto -r$
  $p_4 = (Y - 2r/3)(Y - w + r/3)(Y + w + r/3)$
- $a \mapsto w$
  $p_4 = (Y - r - w/3)(Y + r - w/3)(Y + 2w/3)$
- $a \mapsto -w$
  $p_4 = (Y - r + w/3)(Y + r + w/3)(Y - 2w/3)$

For each of the 4 mappings of a we get 3 mappings of d. Now we see we have 12 different mappings arising from the different mappings of a and d. Each of these 12 mappings will give rise to 2 different mappings of e (factorization of p_5)...etc. Thus we have a number of homomorphisms equal to the dimension of the algebra, that is 48 homomorphisms. We avoid listing all these homomorphisms here. In conclusion, we see that B splits A. Similarly, we have that A splits B. We show only one of the 16 homomorphisms below. The polynomial q_1 factors linearly over A as $q_1 = (Y - a)(Y - d + a/3)(Y - e + d/2 + a/3)(Y + e + d/2 + a/3)$. Under the map $r \mapsto a$ we get a factorization of q_5 over A as

$$
\begin{aligned}
&q_5 = Y^2 + a^2 = \\
&(Y - a^2d^2e/8 + a^3de/12 - 5e/9 - a^3d^2/8 - 2d/3 - 2a/9) \\
&(Y + a^2d^2e/8 - a^3de/12 + 5e/9 + a^3d^2/8 + 2d/3 + 2a/9)
\end{aligned}
$$

Now to the application of Theorem 2.16. Under the map above we have an endomorphism $a \mapsto r \mapsto a$ and $d \mapsto -2r/3 \mapsto -2a/3$. Thus in the kernel we have the non-zero element $d + 2a/3$ and as expected $Y + 2a/3$ divides p_4. Using this we obtain a decomposition of $A \cong A_1 \times A_2$. We have $A_1 = Q[a, b, c, d, e], p_1, p_2, p_3, g_4, p_5$ with $g_4 = Y + 2a/3$ and $A_2 = Q[a, b, c, d, e], p_1, p_2, p_3, h_4, p_5$ with $h_4 = Y^2 - 2aY/3 + 10a^2/9$. With $d + 2a/3 = 0$ in A_1, $p_5 = Y^2 + 3d^2/4 + 2a^2/3 = Y^2 + a^2$ and we can see immediately that $A_1 \cong B$. Similarly, we can decompose the algebra $A_2 \cong C_1 \times C_2$, where $C_1 = Q[a, b, c, d, e], p_1, p_2, p_3, h_4, g_5$ with $g_5 = Y - d/2 + 2a/3$ and $C_2 = Q[a, b, c, d, e], p_1, p_2, p_3, h_4, h_5$ with $h_5 = Y + d/2 - 2a/3$. The polynomial q_5 factors linearly over both C_1 and C_2 as $q_5 = (Y - d + a/3)(Y + d - a/3)$. We can readily see that both C_1 and C_2 are isomorphic to B, through the C_1 automorphism $a \mapsto r \mapsto a, d \mapsto w + r/3 \mapsto d$. Thus proving $A \cong B^3$.

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