

Title: The Conway-Kochen-Specker Theorems

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The Kochen-Specker Theorem

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Condemned to indeterminism?

- **Borel space** $(X, \Sigma(X) \subseteq P(X))$; probability measure $\mu: \Sigma(X) \rightarrow [0,1]$
 μ is “ σ -Boolean map” (morphism of Boolean algebras, countable sups)
 $x \in X$ defines point measure $\delta_x: \Sigma(X) \rightarrow \{0, 1\}$, $U \mapsto 1$ iff $x \in U$
- **Hilbert space** H ; “quantum analogue” of Boolean lattice $\Sigma(X)$ is orthomodular lattice $P(H)$ of closed linear subspaces of H , $\leq = \subseteq$
 $P(H) \cong$ lattice of projections $p: H \rightarrow H$, $p^* = p^2 = p$, $p \leq q$ iff $pq = p$
- Unit vector $\psi \in H$ defines map $\underline{\psi}: P(H) \rightarrow [0, 1]$, $p \mapsto (\psi, p\psi)$
Extension: $p \mapsto \text{Tr}(qp) = \sum_i \lambda_i (\psi_i, p\psi_i)$, with $0 \leq \lambda_i \leq 1$, $\sum_i \lambda_i = 1$
is “locally σ -Boolean” (σ -Boolean on each Boolean part of $P(H)$)
- **Are there any locally σ -Boolean maps $P(H) \rightarrow \{0, 1\}$?** (Hidden variables)

Gleason & Kochen-Specker

- **Gleason (1957)**: If $\dim(H) > 2$, then each locally σ -Boolean map $P(H) \rightarrow [0, 1]$ is of the form $p \mapsto \text{Tr}(\rho p)$ for some density matrix ρ
Corollary: there is no locally (σ -) Boolean map $V: P(H) \rightarrow \{0, 1\}$
- **Kochen-Specker Theorem (1967)** = this corollary (with direct proof)
 $P(H)$ has no local points/models, QM has no non-contextual hidden variables
- **Proof** for $H = \mathbb{R}^3$ (implies result for all complex Hilbert spaces H):
If p, q, r orthogonal 1-dimensional projections with $p + q + r = 1$,
then $(V(p), V(q), V(r)) = (1, 0, 0)$ or $(0, 1, 0)$ or $(0, 0, 1)$

This leads to contradiction for specific choice of 33 frames built from
16 different projections (Kochen-Specker, Penrose, Peres, ...)

Enter topos theory

$P(H)$ = lattice of projections on H (\cong closed linear subspaces of H)

$C(H)$ = poset of Boolean sublattices of $P(H)$

Can add conditions to relate to operator algebras: W^* , AW^* , Rickart, spectral ..

$W(H)$ = topos of **contravariant** functors $C(H) \rightarrow \mathbf{Sets}$

$Pt: C(H) \rightarrow \mathbf{Sets}$ (“dual presheaf”), $Pt(B) = \text{Hom}(B, \{0,1\})$

- Isham-Butterfield’s Kochen-Specker Theorem (1998):

D has no “global” points, i.e. there is no arrow $1 \rightarrow Pt$ in $W(H)$

- Follow-up by Hamilton-Isham-Butterfield (2000), Döring (2005)

General framework for “topos physics”: Döring-Isham (2007)

Logic behind Kochen-Specker

Goal: clarify role of (intuitionistic) logic in topos quantum theory

- Will construct **Heyting algebra** $\Sigma(H)$ in topos $Sh(\mathbf{C}(H))$ so that

Kochen-Specker Theorem $\Leftrightarrow \Sigma(H)$ has no standard models in $Sh(\mathbf{C}(H))$

- **Complication:** $\Sigma(H)$ and its models live in topos $Sh(\mathbf{C}(H))$ - not in **Sets**

Remedy: “external description” of $\Sigma(H)$ in **Sets**: Heyting algebra $\Sigma(H)$

Kochen-Specker Theorem $\Leftrightarrow \Sigma(H)$ has no Kripke models on $\mathbf{C}(H)$

- Kochen-Specker already excluded true/false semantics of $\mathbf{P}(H)$

Reformulation also excludes “natural” possible world semantics

- **Positive turn:** road open for other types of models of quantum logic



Heyting algebras

Heyting algebra: Distributive lattice Σ (i.e. with top \top , bottom \perp)

with map $\Rightarrow: \Sigma \rightarrow \Sigma$ such that $x \leq (y \Rightarrow z)$ iff $(x \wedge y) \leq z$

\Leftrightarrow **Intuitionistic propositional logic** with negation $\neg x := (x \Rightarrow \perp)$

Examples: 1) Boolean algebras with $(x \Rightarrow y) = \neg x \vee y$ (“classical”)

2) Poset P (Kripke frame); $\Sigma = \{\text{upper sets in } P\}$, $\leq = \subseteq$

3) Topology $\Sigma = O(X)$ with $\leq = \subseteq$ (Tarski)

4) Locale = complete distributive lattice where $x \wedge \bigvee_i \{y_i\} = \bigvee_i \{x \wedge y_i\}$

\Leftrightarrow **Complete Heyting algebra** with implication $(y \Rightarrow z) = \bigvee \{x \mid (x \wedge y) \leq z\}$

5) Heyting algebra of “intuitionistic quantum logic” (pointwise ordering):

$$\Sigma(H) = \{S: C(H) \rightarrow P(H) \mid S(B) \in B, S(C) \leq S(D) \text{ if } C \subseteq D\}$$

Models of locales (in Sets)

Locales are Lindenbaum algebras of “geometric” propositional theories
(signature Σ ; \top , \wedge , \vee ; axioms $\psi \rightarrow \phi$); “Algebraic” models \leftrightarrow “logical” models

- **Standard model** of locale Σ is (\wedge, \vee) -map $\Sigma \rightarrow \{0, 1\} = O(\text{pt})$
Topology $O(X)$ has standard models $\delta_x: O(X) \rightarrow \{0, 1\}$, $x \in X$
- **Kripke model** on poset (“frame”) P is (\wedge, \vee) -map $\Sigma \rightarrow O_A(P)$
locale $O_A(P) = \text{Alexandrov topology on } P = \{\text{upper sets in } P\}$
- $\Sigma(H) = \{S: \mathbf{C}(H) \rightarrow \mathbf{P}(H) \mid S(B) \in B, S(C) \leq S(D) \text{ if } C \subseteq D\}$
would like to have Kripke models δ_ψ on frame $\mathbf{C}(H)$ for $\psi \in H_1$
 $\delta_\psi: S \mapsto \{B \in \mathbf{C}(H) \mid (\psi, S(B) \psi) = 1\} = \{\text{worlds } B \text{ in which } S(B) \text{ is true}\}$

Models of locales in topoi

Can define Heyting algebras, locales and their models in any topos

- $Sh(\mathbf{C}(H)) \simeq \mathbf{Sets}^{\mathbf{C}(H)} = \text{topos of covariant functors } \mathbf{C}(H) \rightarrow \mathbf{Sets}$

*Functor $\underline{P}: B \mapsto B$ is internal **Boolean** lattice in $Sh(\mathbf{C}(H))$*

Stone spectrum $Pt(B)$ of Boolean lattice B in \mathbf{Sets} ; $B \hookrightarrow O(Pt(B)), U \mapsto \{p: B \rightarrow \{0,1\} \mid p(U) = 1\}$

$B \hookrightarrow O(Pt(B))$ isomorphic to $B \hookrightarrow Idl(B) = \{I \subseteq B \mid x, y \in I \Rightarrow x \vee y \in I, x \leq y \in I \Rightarrow x \in I\}$

“Stone spectrum” of \underline{P} in $Sh(\mathbf{C}(H))$ is functor $\underline{Idl}(\underline{P}): B \mapsto \Sigma(H) \upharpoonright B$

$\Sigma(H) = \{S: \mathbf{C}(H) \rightarrow \mathbf{P}(H) \mid S(B) \in B, S(C) \leq S(D) \text{ if } C \subseteq D\}$ ($\dim(H) < \infty$)

- $\underline{Idl}(\underline{P})$ is internal locale/complete Heyting algebra in $Sh(\mathbf{C}(H))$

***Standard models** of $\underline{Idl}(\underline{P})$ in $Sh(\mathbf{C}(H))$ are (\wedge, \vee) - maps $\underline{Idl}(\underline{P}) \rightarrow \underline{\Omega}$*

locale $\underline{\Omega} = O_A(\mathbf{C}(H))$ is subobject classifier/ “truth object” in $Sh(\mathbf{C}(H))$; cf. $\{0, 1\}$ in \mathbf{Sets}

From models to models

Theorem: *There are bijective correspondences between:*

1. **Standard models** $\underline{\text{Idl}}(\underline{\mathbf{P}}) \rightarrow \underline{\Omega}$ in $\text{Sh}(\mathbf{C}(H))$ of Stone spectrum
 $\underline{\text{Idl}}(\underline{\mathbf{P}}): B \mapsto \Sigma(H) \upharpoonright B$ of (internally) Boolean projection lattice $\underline{\mathbf{P}}: B \mapsto B$
2. **Kripke models** $\Sigma(H) \rightarrow O_A(\mathbf{C}(H))$ of “quantum logic” Heyting algebra
 $\Sigma(H) = \{S: \mathbf{C}(H) \rightarrow \mathbf{P}(H) \mid S(B) \in B, S(C) \leq S(D) \text{ if } C \subseteq D\}$ in **Sets**
3. **Locally Boolean maps** $\mathbf{P}(H) \rightarrow \{0, 1\}$

Idea of proof: $1 \Leftrightarrow 3$: $\underline{\mathbf{P}}$ is basis of “clopens” for locale $\underline{\text{Idl}}(\underline{\mathbf{P}})$; map $\underline{\mathbf{P}} \hookrightarrow \underline{\Sigma}(\underline{\mathbf{P}})$ composes with $\underline{\Sigma}(\underline{\mathbf{P}}) \rightarrow \underline{\Omega}$ to natural transformation $\underline{\mathbf{P}} \rightarrow \underline{\Omega}$; components yield locally Boolean $\mathbf{P}(H) \rightarrow \{0, 1\}$

$1 \Leftrightarrow 2$: $\text{Maps}(X, Y) = \text{Geom}(\text{Sh}(Y), \text{Sh}(X))$; interpret this first in **Sets**, then in $\text{Sh}(\mathbf{C}(H))$, and use equivalences $\text{Sh}(\mathbf{C}(H)) = \underline{\text{Sh}}(\underline{\Omega})$ and $\text{Sh}(\Sigma(H)) = \underline{\text{Sh}}(\underline{\text{Idl}}(\underline{\mathbf{P}}))$ (Joyal-Tierney, Moerdijk, Johnstone):

$$\text{Maps}(\Sigma(H), \mathbf{C}(H)) = \text{Geom}(\text{Sh}(\mathbf{C}(H)), \text{Sh}(\Sigma(H))) = \text{Geom}(\underline{\text{Sh}}(\underline{\Omega}), \underline{\text{Sh}}(\underline{\text{Idl}}(\underline{\mathbf{P}}))) = \text{Maps}(\underline{\text{Idl}}(\underline{\mathbf{P}}), \underline{\Omega})$$

Kochen & Specker strike back

1. *Locally Boolean maps $\mathbf{P}(H) \rightarrow \{0, 1\}$ do not exist (Kochen-Specker)*
2. *Stone spectrum $\underline{\text{Idl}}(\underline{\mathbf{P}})$ of $\underline{\mathbf{P}}$ has no standard models in $\text{Sh}(\mathbf{C}(H))$*
3. *Heyting algebra $\Sigma(H)$ has no Kripke models on frame $\mathbf{C}(H)$ in **Sets***

Locales $\Sigma(H)$ and $\underline{\text{Idl}}(\underline{\mathbf{P}})$ may have other models (also in other topoi)

***Interpretation:** such models would correspond to unusual hidden variables constructed by forcing, as in unusual models of set theory in which continuum hypothesis holds/fails (cf. Boos, 1996; Van Wesep, 2006)*

Have we just proved $\emptyset \cong \emptyset$?

Replace Hilbert space H [really: $B(H)$] by unital C^* -algebra A

Replace $\mathbf{C}(H) = \text{poset of Boolean sublattices of } \mathbf{P}(H)$

by $\mathbf{C}(A) = \text{poset of unital commutative } C^*\text{-subalgebras of } A$

for $\dim(H) < \infty$, $\mathbf{C}(B(H)) \cong \mathbf{C}(H)$, for general H need special classes of C^* -(sub)algebras

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$\Sigma(A) = \underline{\Sigma}(\underline{A})(\mathbf{C}(A))$ of $\underline{\Sigma}(\underline{A})$ in **Sets**

3. *Valuations* $A_{sa} \rightarrow \mathbb{R}$ i.e. maps that are linear and multiplicative on commutative C^* -subalgebras of A
 - Kochen-Specker situation recovered for $A = B(H)$
 - New phenomena for general C^* -algebras A , for example:

$\Sigma(\mathbf{C}(X)) \cong O(X)$ and hence $A \mapsto Sh(\Sigma(A))$ is noncommutative

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