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**Actions of étale-covered groupoids.** (English) Zbl 07268491

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We know well [*A. Kumjian*, Pac. J. Math. 112, 141–192 (1984; [Zbl 0574.46046](#)); *A. L. T. Paterson*, Groupoids, inverse semigroups, and their operator algebras. Boston, MA: Birkhäuser (1999; [Zbl 0913.22001](#)); *J. Renault*, A groupoid approach to  $C^*$ -algebras. Springer, Cham (1980; [Zbl 0433.46049](#))] that inverse semigroups are intimately related to étale groupoids. Quantales, more specifically inverse quantal frames, were put forward as meditating objects between semigroups and groupoids in [*J. P. Quijano* and *P. Resende*, “Functoriality of groupoid quantales. II”, Preprint, [arXiv:1803.01075](#)]. This encouraged mathematicians not only to bring the correspondence to bear on localic groupoids rather than just topological groupoids, in particular making it constructive in a topos-theoretic sense, but also, independently, to provide an alternative algebraic language with which to describe étale groupoids, with the quantales being regarded as ring-like objects, which developed naturally into a program where various constructions for étale groupoids such as actions and sheaves are translated into quantale modules [*P. Resende*, J. Pure Appl. Algebra 216, No. 1, 41–70 (2012; [Zbl 1231.06020](#)); *P. Resende* and *E. Rodrigues*, Appl. Categ. Struct. 18, No. 2, 199–217 (2010; [Zbl 1200.18008](#))]. The correspondence between étale groupoids and their quantales were made well behaved from a viewpoint of functoriality by considering bicategories and functoriality in the form of a bi-equivalence where the morphisms (1-cells) are groupoid bi-actions and quantale bimodules [*P. Resende*, J. Pure Appl. Algebra 219, No. 8, 3089–3109 (2015; [Zbl 1343.06007](#))]. Another possible direction of research pertains to more general groupoids.

This paper aims to recover the good behavior of actions, sheaves and functoriality of étale groupoids by restricting to a smaller class of open groupoids introduced in [*M. C. Protin* and *P. Resende*, J. Noncommut. Geom. 6, No. 2, 199–247 (2012; [Zbl 1253.06019](#))]. Such groupoids  $G$  are endowed with good pseudogroups of local bisections, leading to a certain notion of cover  $J : \widehat{G} \rightarrow G$  by an étale groupoid so that they are called *étale-covered groupoids*. Dually, to such groupoids, there is the notion of *inverse-embedded quantale frame*, consisting of an inverse quantale frame  $\widehat{\mathcal{O}}$  with a suitable embedding  $j : \mathcal{O} \rightarrow \widehat{\mathcal{O}}$  of a non-unital quantale.

A synopsis of the paper, consisting of four sections, goes as follows. §2 fixes terminology and notation, mostly following [*J. P. Quijano* and *P. Resende*, “Functoriality of groupoid quantales. II”, Preprint, [arXiv:1803.01075](#); *J. P. Quijano* and *P. Resende*, Semigroup Forum 99, No. 3, 754–787 (2019; [Zbl 07138719](#)); *P. Resende*, Adv. Math. 208, No. 1, 147–209 (2007; [Zbl 1116.06014](#)); *P. Resende*, J. Pure Appl. Algebra 216, No. 1, 41–70 (2012; [Zbl 1231.06020](#))]. §3 introduces the main definitions of the paper, namely, inverse-embedded quantales and their étale-covered groupoids. The main results are presented in §4, relating the actions of an étale-covered groupoid  $G$  to the modules of the quantale  $\mathcal{O}(\widehat{G})$  which behave well with respect to the embedding  $j : \mathcal{O}(G) \rightarrow \mathcal{O}(\widehat{G})$ , and leading to an equivalence between the category of  $G$ -actions and the category of such  $\mathcal{O}(\widehat{G})$ -modules with extending the equivalence of categories that exists if  $G$  is étale. §4 contains two applications of these results. The first application is a description of  $G$ -sheaves in terms of  $\mathcal{O}(\widehat{G})$ -modules extending that of the étale case, whereby a  $G$ -sheaf  $X$  is shown to correspond to an  $\mathcal{O}(\widehat{G})$ -sheaf whose inner product  $(-, -) : X \times X \rightarrow \mathcal{O}(\widehat{G})$  is valued in the image  $j(\mathcal{O}(G))$ . The second application is an extension of the functoriality results in [*P. Resende*, J. Pure Appl. Algebra 219, No. 8, 3089–3109 (2015; [Zbl 1343.06007](#))], ultimately yielding a biequivalence between the bicategory of étale-covered groupoids and that of inverse-embedded quantale frames.

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**MSC:**

- 18F10 Grothendieck topologies and Grothendieck topoi
- 18F20 Presheaves and sheaves, stacks, descent conditions (category-theoretic aspects)
- 18F70 Frames and locales, pointfree topology, Stone duality
- 18F75 Quantaes
- 18N10 2-categories, bicategories, double categories
- 22A22 Topological groupoids (including differentiable and Lie groupoids)

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