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In particular, we get a well-defined continuous map

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The key observation here is that $b \in D_a$ is equivalent to

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Morphisms

For any frame homomorphism $h: L \to M$ with L regular and M compact, the induced map $h^{-1}: \operatorname{Spec}(M) \to \operatorname{Spec}(L)$ is a co-p-morphism.

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