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TOPIC: On the duality of semilattices

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1. Locally convex semilattices.

We consider semilattices which we tentatively call locally convex; in order not to commit ourselves too much we will simply speak of \underline{L} -semilattices.

1.1. DEFINITION. An \underline{L} -semilattice is a semilattice S with identity 1 and with a topology $O(S)$ which is linked with the semilattice structure as follows:

i) All $U \in O(S)$ are upper sets.

ii) $O(S)$ has a basis of filters (i.e. $O(S) \cap \text{Filt } S$ is a basis of $O(S)$).

A morphism of \underline{L} -semilattices is a continuous semilattice morphism preserving identities.

Of course \underline{L} denotes the category of \underline{L} -semilattices and \underline{L} -semilattice morphisms. \square

1.2. EXAMPLES. 1. Every semilattice with identity is an \underline{L} -semilattice w.r.t. the indiscrete topology. This is not a particularly interesting one, and all the more interesting \underline{L} -semilattices will have a T_0 -topology, but for the moment we do not demand this.

2. Every semilattice with identity is an \underline{L} -semilattice w.r.t. the Alexandroff-discrete topology $\alpha(S)$ which consists of all upper sets.

This gives the finest \underline{L} -semilattice structure which a semilattice with identity can carry. In particular, the distinguished semilattice $2 = \{0, 1\}$ has one and only one \underline{L} -semilattice structure. We denote $(S, \alpha(S))$ with AS .

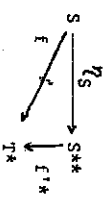
3. Let S be any up-complete semilattice and let $\phi(S)$ be the topology generated by all Scott open filters. Then $(S, \phi(S))$ is an \underline{L} -semilattice. If S is continuous, then $\phi(S) = \sigma(S)$ and the topology $\phi(S)$ is T_0 . We denote $(S, \phi(S))$ with ϕS . \square

1.3. REMARK. The assignment A is a functor from the category of all semilattices with identity into \underline{L} , and ϕ is a functor from the category of up-complete semilattices and Scott continuous semilattice morphisms preserving identities into \underline{L} . Both are left adjoints for the respective grounding functors. \square

Now let S be an \underline{L} -semilattice. We consider the set $S^* = \underline{L}(S, 2)$ and observe that it is a subset of $2^{|S|}$. It is closed in the algebraic lattice $2^{|S|}$ under pointwise multiplication and pointwise directed sups. The topology of $2^{|S|}$ is generated by open filters, and hence so is the induced topology on S^* .

Thus if we equip S^* with the pointwise inf and the induced topology from the Scott topology of $2^{|S|}$, then S^* is an \underline{L} -semilattice. The topology on S^* is called \star -topology. If $f: S \rightarrow T$ is a morphism of \underline{L} -semilattices, then the morphism $f^*: T^* \rightarrow S^*$ of semilattices with identity which we define by $f^*(X) = \bigcap \{ \phi \in \text{Filt } T \mid f(\phi) \in \text{Filt } S \}$ is continuous w.r.t. the \star -topologies. Hence $\star \underline{L} \rightarrow \star \underline{L}$ is a contravariant functor.

1.4. REMARK. The category \underline{L} is selfadjoint on the right via the functor \star . Specifically, there is a natural isomorphism $\underline{L}(S, T^*) \cong \underline{L}(T, S^*)$ which is implemented as follows: If $f: S \rightarrow T^*$ is an arbitrary \underline{L} -morphism from S to T^* , then the morphism $f^*: T \rightarrow S^*$ given by $f^*(\phi) = f(\phi)$ is the unique one which makes the diagram



commutative, where η_S is the front adjunction which is given by $\eta_S(\phi) = \chi(\phi)$ for $\chi \in S^*$. \square

This is fairly routine. Our interest will of course concentrate on specific properties of the dual S^* and on conditions on S which would ensure that η_S is an isomorphism. In this case we would say that S had duality.

1.5. EXAMPLES. 1. If S is an \underline{L} -semilattice for which $O(S)$ is indiscrete, then S^* is singleton.

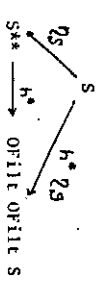
2. If S is an arbitrary semilattice with 1 , then $(AS)^*$, the dual of S w.r.t. the Alexandroff discrete topology is simply $\text{Hom}(S, 2)$, the character-semilattice of S in the sense of HNS-duality (Compendium p. 184: S-AL-duality), and S^* may be canonically identified with $\text{Filt } S$, the semilattice of all filters.

3. If S is an up-complete semilattice, then $(\phi S)^*$ is the Lawson dual of S which may be identified with the semilattice $\text{OFilt } S$ of all (Scott-)open filters. (Compendium p. 191.) \square

We have seen in these examples and in many circumstances that it is essential to our intuition to have a geometric interpretation of the dual S^* as a semilattice of filters. This is what we discuss next.

1.6. PROPOSITION. Let S be an \underline{L} -semilattice and $\text{OFilt } S = O(S) \cap \text{Filt } S$. Then the assignment $\chi \mapsto \chi^{-1}(\{1\}) : S^* \rightarrow \text{OFilt } S$ is an isomorphism whose inverse is given by $R \mapsto c_R$ where c_R is the characteristic function of R .

If $h: S \rightarrow T$ is this isomorphism, then for any element $s \in S$ we have $h^* \eta_S(s) = \{ \phi \in \text{OFilt } S \mid s \in \phi \}$



Proof straightforward.

1.7. DEFINITION. We will often identify S^* and $\text{OFilt } S$ under the natural isomorphism of Proposition 1.6. The set $h^* \eta_S(s)$ is called the polar of s in $S^* = \text{OFilt } S$ and is written s° . The polar topology on S^* is the topology generated by all polars s° , $s \in S$. \square

1.8. PROPOSITION. The polar topology agrees on S^* with the topology established on the dual S^* as the topology induced from 2^{SL} .

Proof. The topology on $S^* = \underline{L}(S, 2)$ is generated by the sets $U(s) = \{x \in S^* : \chi(s) = 1\}$. But $h(U(s)) = s^\circ$. \square

The dual of an \underline{L} -semlattice is in many respects better behaved than the original semlattice.

1.9. PROPOSITION. The dual S^* of an \underline{L} -semlattice S is up-complete and its topology is T_0 .

Proof. A directed sup of open filters is a directed union of open filters and is therefore an open filter. Thus $\text{OFilt } S$ is up-complete. If $F \not\leq G$, then there is an $s \in G \setminus F$ and then $G \in s^\circ$ and $F \notin s^\circ$. Thus the polar topology is T_0 . \square

1.10. PROPOSITION. Let S be an \underline{L} -semlattice. Then the following statements are equivalent:

- (1) $\eta_S: S \rightarrow S^{**}$ is injective.
- (2) The characters in $\underline{L}(S, 2)$ separate the points of S .

(3) The open filters of S separate the points, i.e. if $s \not\leq t$ in S , then there is an open filter F with $s \in F$ and $t \notin F$.

(4) The topology $O(S)$ is T_0 .

(5) $\{s\}^\circ = \perp$ for all $s \in S$.
Proof. (1) \Leftrightarrow (2) is standard: Injectivity of η_S means that $\eta_S(s) = \eta_S(t)$ implies $s = t$; but $\eta_S(s) = \eta_T(t)$ means $\chi(s) = \chi(t)$ for all $\chi \in \underline{L}(S, 2)$.

(2) \Leftrightarrow (3) is clear from Proposition 1.6.

(3) \Leftrightarrow (4) follows from the fact that $\text{OFilt } S$ is a basis for $O(S)$. \square
(4) \Leftrightarrow (5) is straightforward. An \underline{L} -semlattice S is called separated, if the equivalent conditions of 1.10 are satisfied, and the full subcategory in \underline{L} of all separated \underline{L} -semlattices will be called SL. \square

1.12. PROPOSITION. Let S be an up-complete \underline{L} -semlattice. Consider the following two conditions:

- (1) The set $\text{IRR } S$ of irreducibles separate the points of S (i.e. if $s \not\leq t$, then there is a $p \in \text{IRR } S$ with $s \not\leq p$ and $t \leq p$).

(2) S is separated.

Then (2) implies (1), and if S is a distributive semlattice, then (1) and (2) are equivalent if $O(S) = \varphi(S)$.

Proof. (2) \Rightarrow (1) Suppose $s \not\leq t$. Since S is separated, there is an open filter U of S containing s , but not containing t . Since S is up-complete, by Zorn's Lemma there is a maximal element p above t in $S \setminus U$. This p is irreducible (Compendium p.79).

(1) \Rightarrow (2). Suppose that S is distributive. (Cf. Compendium p.77) Then every irreducible is prime. Thus if $s \not\leq t$ we find a prime p with $s \not\leq p$ and $t \leq p$. Then $U = S \setminus p$ is a Scott-open filter, hence a $\varphi(S)$ -open filter. This shows that $\varphi(S)$ is T_0 . \square

Recall: Condition (1) in Proposition 1.12 is equivalent to

- (1') The set $\text{IRR } S$ order generates S . (Cf. Compendium p.70)

1.13. REMARK. Let S be an \underline{L} -semlattice and R the equivalence relation $\{(x, y) : \text{For all } F \in \text{OFilt } S \text{ we have } x \in F \text{ iff } y \in F\}$. Then R is a congruence, and in fact the kernel congruence of η_S . The quotient semlattice S/R is the universal T_0 -quotient of S and the assignment $S \mapsto S/R$ is a left adjoint of the inclusion functor of SL into \underline{L} . \square

2. Complete Heyting algebras with enough primes and coprimes.

2.1. DEFINITION. Let L be a cHa (complete Heyting algebra). Then cHa has enough primes iff $\text{Spec } L$ separates the points, i.e. order generates L . Likewise we say that L has enough coprimes iff $\text{CospSpec } L = \text{Spec } L^{\text{op}}$ order-cogenerates L . If L has enough primes and coprimes, we say that L is bigenenerated. \square

2.2. LEMMA. Let S be a separated \underline{L} -semlattice. Then $O(S)$ is a cHa with enough primes and coprimes, i.e. $O(S)$ is bigenerated.

Proof. a) For each $s \in S$ the open set $S \setminus \{s\}^\circ = S \setminus \{s\}$ is in $\text{Spec } O(S)$ as is the case for all topological spaces. Every open set is the intersection of these, whence $\text{Spec } O(S)$ order generates $O(S)$.

b) The proof, Compendium I-1.11 p.105, applies to show that $U \in O(S)$ is a cogtime iff $U \in \text{OFilt } S$. By 1.1.ii this means that $\text{CospSpec } O(S)$ is order cogenerating.

2.3. DEFINITION. We let bHa denote the category of bigenerated complete Heyting algebras with morphisms which preserve

- i) arbitrary sups,
- ii) finite infs,
- iii) Cospecs.

2.4. REMARK. If $d: L \rightarrow M$ is a map between bHa -algebras preserving arbitrary sups, and if $g: N \rightarrow L$ is its upper adjoint, then d is a bHa map iff g preserves finite sups and Specs.

Proof. See Compendium p.188. \square

2.5. REMARK. The assignment $S \mapsto O(S)$ is a contravariant functor $O: \underline{L} \rightarrow \text{bHa}$. Proof. This is clear from 2.2. \square

It is, of course, understood, that O acts on \underline{L} -semlattices as on topological spaces.

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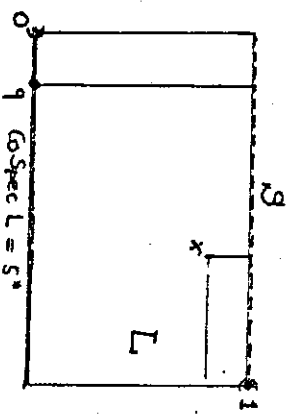
Conversely, we make the following observation:

2.6. PROPOSITION. Let L be a bigenerated complete Heyting algebra.

Suppose that S is an order generating subset of $\text{Spec } L$ which is closed in L under finite sups. Then, with the hull-kernel topology, S is a separated L -semilattice such that $O(S)$ is isomorphic to L under the map $x \mapsto S \setminus x: L \rightarrow O(S)$. Moreover, the map $q \mapsto S \setminus \uparrow q: \text{Cospec } L \rightarrow \text{OFilt } S$ is an isomorphism which identifies $\text{Cospec } L$ with the dual S^* of S .

Proof. By the spectral theory of continuous distributive lattices by Hofmann and Lawson we know that $x \mapsto S \setminus x: L \rightarrow O(S)$ is an isomorphism of Heyting algebras and that the hull-kernel topology consists precisely of the sets $S \setminus \uparrow x, x \in L$. Since L is bigenerated, $\text{Cospec } L$ order cogenerated L and this means that the hull kernel topology on S has a basis of sets $S \setminus \uparrow q, q \in \text{Cospec } L$, and all of these are open filters in (S, \sup) w.r.t. the hull kernel topology. Thus $S = (S, \sup)$ is an L -semigroup, and it is clearly separated since the hull-kernel topology is T_0 . In order to complete the proof we have to show that whenever $S \setminus \uparrow q$ is a filter on (S, \sup) , then $q \in \text{Cospec}$. But by 2.2, $S \setminus \uparrow q$ is a coprime of $O(S)$, and by what we saw before $x \mapsto S \setminus \uparrow x: L \rightarrow O(S)$ is an isomorphism. Hence $q \in \text{Cospec } L$. \square

Thus the bigenerated Heyting algebras provide another way of looking at separated L -semilattices, and in fact a way which simultaneously exhibits the dual S^* in the same picture.



We continue the train of thought in Proposition 2.6 a bit further.

2.7. PROPOSITION. Under the conditions of Proposition 2.6, the \ast -topology on the dual S^* corresponds to the spectral topology on $\text{Cospec } L$. If $s \in S$, then the polar corresponds to the set $\{q \in \text{Cospec } L: q \not\leq s\}$ co-hull s . The map $x \mapsto \text{Cospec } L \setminus \uparrow x: L \rightarrow O(\text{Cospec } L) \cong O(S^*)$ is an isomorphism of Heyting algebras.

Proof. From the definitions it follows directly that for $s \in S$, the polar s° consists of all those filters $S \setminus \uparrow q$ containing s . The set of coprimers q which is so determined is precisely the co-hull $\text{Cospec } L \setminus \uparrow s$. Also, by the spectral theory of Hofmann and Lawson, $x \mapsto \text{Cospec } L \setminus \uparrow x: L \rightarrow O(\text{Cospec } L)$ is an isomorphism of Heyting algebras, where $O(\text{Cospec } L)$ is the spectral topology (the

hull-kernel topology w.r.t. L^{OP}) on $\text{Cospec } L$. Since every element of L is an inf of elements $s \in S$, then every open set in $O(\text{Cospec } L)$ is a union of open sets of the form $\text{Cospec } L \setminus \uparrow s$ which correspond to the polars. Thus the Spectral topology on $\text{Cospec } L$ corresponds to the polar topology under the isomorphism $\text{Cospec } L \rightarrow S^*$. \square

The symmetry of bigenerated Heyting algebras now allows us to identify $\text{Spec } L$ as the bidual of S and hence as its sobrification.

2.8. THEOREM.

Let L be a bigenerated Heyting algebra and S an order generating subset of $\text{Spec } L$ which is closed under finite sups. Then $\text{Spec } L$ is naturally isomorphic to the bidual $S^{\ast\ast}$ of the semigroup (S, \sup) and the inclusion map corresponds to the front adjunction.

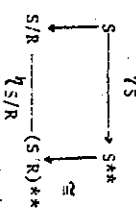
Proof. From Propositions 2.6 and 2.7 we know that $\text{Spec } L$ may be identified with the dual $(\text{Cospec } L)^*$ of $\text{Cospec } L$ under the isomorphism

$p \mapsto \text{Cospec } L \setminus \uparrow p: \text{Spec } L \rightarrow \text{OFilt } \text{Cospec } L$. Moreover, $\text{Cospec } L$ may be identified with S^* , so that $\text{Spec } L$ is naturally isomorphic to the bidual of S^* . The front adjunction $\eta_S: S \rightarrow S^{\ast\ast}$ by 1.7 may be described in terms of the polar $s \rightarrow s^\circ$. The open filters of $\text{Cospec } L$ correspond to the elements of $\text{Spec } L$ under the map $p \mapsto \text{Cospec } L \setminus \uparrow p$. The open filter on $\text{Cospec } L$ corresponding to s thus is $\text{Cospec } L \setminus \uparrow s$ which is precisely that set of coprimers which correspond to the polar s° under the identification of coprimers and open filters of S . Thus the front adjunction is equivalent to the inclusion map $S \rightarrow \text{Spec } L$. \square

We know from Lemma 2.2 that every separated L -semigroup is obtained as one of the semigroups S in the Theorem (with $L = O(S)$). Thus we immediately have a number of corollaries which directly impinge on the duality of L -semigroups.

2.9. COROLLARY. Let S be an L -semigroup. Then we have the following conclusions:

- (i) S^* is sober in the \ast -topology.
 - (ii) $\eta_S: S \rightarrow S^{\ast\ast}$ is the sobrification of S .
 - (iii) S has duality iff it is sober.
- Proof. First we observe that it is no loss of generality to assume that S is separated: The natural quotient $S \rightarrow S/R$ of 1.13 induces an isomorphism $(S/R)^* \rightarrow S^*$ since every character $\chi: S \rightarrow 2$ factors through $S \rightarrow S/R$, since 2 is T_0 . We thus have a commutative diagram



Moreover, the sobrification of S will always factor through $S \xrightarrow{\eta_S} S/R$, since S/R is sober spaces are T_0 . Thus, from here on out we will assume that S is separated.

By Proposition 2.6 we know that S^* is isomorphic to $\text{Cospec } L$ where $L = O(S)$.

But spectra (hence cospectra) of complete Heyting algebras are sober. This shows (i). Next we know from the spectral theory of Hofmann and Lawson, that for each order generating subspace S in $\text{Spec } L$ of a complete Heyting algebra L, the inclusion map $S \rightarrow \text{Spec } L$ is the sobrification map. Thus (ii) follows from 2.8.

But (iii) is now an immediate consequence of (ii). \square

Our Proposition 2.9 overlaps Proposition 1.10 of R.-E. Hoffman's in [3].

2.10. COROLLARY. If S is an L-semilattice, then S^* has duality, i.e. $\eta_{S^*}: S^* \rightarrow S^{***}$ is an isomorphism.

Proof. Immediate from 2.9. \square

It may be useful to record a resumé:

2.11. SCHOLIUM. Let S be an L-semilattice.

A) The following statements are equivalent:

(1) S is sober.

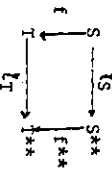
(2) S is a dual (i.e. has a pre-dual, i.e. is of the form T^* for some L-semilattice T)

(3) S has duality (i.e. $\eta_S: S \rightarrow S^{***}$ is an isomorphism).

B) The duals in the category \underline{L} (i.e. the objects satisfying (1), (2), (3) above span a full subcategory \underline{DL} of \underline{L} and $** : \underline{L} \rightarrow \underline{DL}$ is a left reflection (i.e. is left adjoint to the inclusion).

Proof. A) is just a summary of previous results.

B) Suppose that T is in \underline{DL} and $f: S \rightarrow T$ is a morphism. Then there is a commutative diagram



in which η_T is an isomorphism. Thus $\eta_T^{-1} f^{***}$ is the required unique cap.

$f': S^{***} \rightarrow T$ with $f = f' \eta_S$. Alternatively, we could have just as well invoked the fact that the sobrification is a left reflection. \square

We wish to point out now that Example 1.2.3 has a much more general background.

2.12. PROPOSITION. Let \underline{N} be the category of all semilattices with 1 together

with a topology and morphisms being continuous semilattice maps preserving identities.

(\underline{N} stands for "nothing links topology and semilattice structure") For S in \underline{N} we

let $\eta(S)$ denote the topology generated by $\text{OFilt } S = \text{Filt } S \cup O(S)$, and set

$\Phi S = (S, \eta(S))$. Then Φ is a functor $\underline{N} \rightarrow \underline{L}$ and is indeed a left reflection. The front adjunction $j_S: S \rightarrow \Phi S$ is the identity map which induces an isomorphism

$$j_S^*: (\Phi S)^* \rightarrow S^*$$

Proof. Let S be in \underline{N} and T in \underline{L} , and let $f: S \rightarrow T$ be an \underline{N} -morphism. The topology of T is generated by $\text{OFilt } T$; if U is an open filter of T then $f^{-1}U$ is an open filter of S, hence is a member of $\eta(S)$. Thus f factors through j_S . Thus Φ is a left reflection, as asserted. Since 2 is in \underline{L} it follows that every character $\chi: S \rightarrow 2$ factors through j_S , hence j_S^* is bijective. \square

Some additional information on $*$:

2.13. PROPOSITION. Let $f: S \rightarrow T$ be a surjective morphism of \underline{N} -semigroups.

Then $f^*: T^* \rightarrow S^*$ is an embedding.

Proof. We know that f^* is injective as a consequence of the surjectivity of f, and we know that it is continuous. We must show that it is relatively open. For this purpose we show that for any element $t \in T$ and any $s \in S$ with $f(s) = t$ (such s exists since f is surjective) we have

$$(a) \quad s \circ \text{OFilt } f = (\text{OFilt } f)(c^0)$$

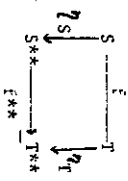
Take an open filter F in the left side of (a). Then $s \in F = f^{-1}G$ for some open filter G on T. Then $t \in f(s) \in G$, i.e. $G \in \text{OFilt } T$. Thus $F = f^{-1}G \in (\text{OFilt } f)(c^0)$.

Next take an open filter F in the right side of (a). This means $F = f^{-1}G$ with $t \in G$. Then $s = f(t) \in F$, i.e. $F \in s^0$, but also $F = f^{-1}G \in \text{Im}(\text{OFilt } f)$.

Thus (a) is established. \square

2.14. COROLLARY. Let S and T be two L-semilattices. Then any injective morphism $f: S \rightarrow T$ which induces a surjective dual $f^*: T^* \rightarrow S^*$ and for which T is sober, is an embedding.

Proof. By 2.11, $\eta_T: T \rightarrow T^{***}$ is an isomorphism. The map $\eta_S: S \rightarrow S^{***}$ is an embedding since S is separated, being injected into a sober space. By 2.13, $f^*: S^{***} \rightarrow T^{***}$ is an embedding. The commutative diagram



proves the claim.

3. - On the projective limit of sober spaces

R.-E. Hoffmann points out [4] that products of sober spaces are sober. We will show in this section that projective limits of sober spaces are sober.

One might surmise that in fact a stronger statement is true, namely, that the sobriification function $X \rightarrow S_X: \text{TOP} \rightarrow \text{SOB}$ from the category of topological spaces to the category of sober spaces preserves projective limits. The following example shows that this is not the case:

3.1. EXAMPLE. We let $X_n, n = 0, 1, \dots$ be the set $N_0 = \{0, 1, 2, \dots\}$ with the Scott topology. Then $S_{X_n} = N_0 \setminus \{\omega\}$ with a maximal element attached and with the Scott topology. The maps of the inverse system of the X_n are generated by the maps $f_{n-1, n}: X_n \rightarrow X_{n-1}, n = 1, 2, \dots$ given by $f_{n-1, n}(x) = 0$ for $x = 0$ and by $f_{n-1, n}(x) = x+1$, otherwise. Then $\lim X_n$ is the singleton $\{0\}$ with the limit maps f_n given by $f_n(0) = 0$. However, $\lim S_{X_n} = \{0, \omega\}$ with the limit maps sending 0 to 0 and ω to ω .

This example also illustrates the fact, that the functor $0: \text{TOP} \rightarrow \text{ch}_2 \text{Op}$ does not transform projective limits into direct limits. \square

In the proof we need a few facts, whose proof we leave to the reader:

3.2. LEMMA. For any continuous function $f: X \rightarrow Y$ and any subset $A \subseteq X$ we have $f(A)^- = f(A^-)^-$. \square

3.3. LEMMA. Let X be a space, A a subset of X and $f: X \rightarrow Y$ a continuous function.

- i) If A is irreducible (i.e. cannot be the union of two proper closed subsets of A), then A^- is irreducible.
- ii) If A is irreducible, then $f(A)$ is irreducible. \square

3.4. LEMMA. Let X be the projective limit of an inverse system X_j of spaces in TOP and let $f_j: X \rightarrow X_j$ be the limit maps. Then for any subset A of X we have

$$A^- = \bigcap_j f_j^{-1}(\{f_j(A)^-\}). \square$$

Now we prove the following proposition:

3.5. PROPOSITION. Projective limits of sober spaces are sober.

Proof. Let $X = \lim X_j$ for a projective system of sober spaces, and let $f_j: X \rightarrow X_j$ be the limit maps. We take an irreducible closed set A in X and show the existence

of an $a \in X$ with $A = \{a\}^-$.

Firstly, by Lemma 3.3, $f_j(A)^-$ is a closed irreducible set in X_j for all j . Since X_j is sober, we obtain an $a_j \in X_j$ with $f_j(A)^- = \{a_j\}^-$.

Secondly we claim that there is an $a \in X$ with $f_j a = a_j$ for all j . For a proof of this claim we have to show that $f_{ij} a_j = a_i$ for all $i < j$. But now we have

$$\{a_j\}^- = (f_j A)^- = (f_{ij} f_i A)^- = (f_{ij} (f_i A)^-)^- \quad (\text{by Lemma 3.2}) = (f_{ij} \{a_i\}^-)^- = \{a_j\}^- \quad (\text{by Lemma 3.2}),$$

and since the dense point in a singleton closure in a sober space is unique, the claim $a_i = f_{ij} a_j$ and thus the existence of the wanted a is established.

Thirdly, we finish the proof by showing $A = \{a\}^-$. According to Lemma 3.4, we have $A = \bigcap_j f_j^{-1}(\{f_j(A)^-\})$, but this is equal to $\bigcap_j f_j^{-1}(\{a_j\}^-)$

$$= \bigcap_j f_j^{-1}(\{f_j a\}^-) = \bigcap_j f_j^{-1}(f_j(\{a\}^-)) \quad (\text{by Lemma 3.2});$$

and by Lemma 3.4 again the last expression is equal to $\{a\}^-$. \square

COROLLARY 3.6. The category DL of L-semilattices with duality is closed in L under the formation of projective limits.

Proof. This is a consequence of 2.9.ii and 3.5 above

4. More about bigenerated complete Heyting algebras. We need more information on bigenerated Heyting algebras. We start with a more general situation.

4.1. LEMMA. Let L be a lattice which is order cogenerated by $P = \text{Cospec } L$. Let $p \in \text{Spec } L$. Then
 (i) $U = P \setminus \downarrow p$ is a filter on P .
 (ii) $\uparrow U = L \setminus \downarrow p$.

Proof. (i) Clearly U is an upper set in P . Let $a, b \in U$. Then $a, b \notin \downarrow p$ and so $ab \notin \downarrow p$, since p is prime. Because of $ab = \sup \{ab \cap p, \text{ there must be a } q \in P \text{ with } q \notin \downarrow p \text{ and } q \leq ab \leq a \text{ and } b. \text{ But } q \in P \setminus \downarrow p = U.$

(ii) Since $U = P \setminus \downarrow p$, clearly $\uparrow U \subseteq L \setminus \downarrow p$. Now let $x \in L \setminus \downarrow p$. Since $x = \sup \{x \cap p, \text{ there is a } q \in P \text{ with } q \notin \downarrow p, \text{ and } q \leq x. \text{ But } q \in P \setminus \downarrow p = U, \text{ and so } x \in \uparrow U. \square$

4.2. LEMMA. Under the hypotheses of Lemma 2.15, $P \setminus \downarrow p = P \setminus \downarrow p'$ implies $p = p'$ for any $p, p' \in \text{Spec } L$.

Proof. Suppose $p \neq p'$, say $p \not\leq p'$. Since $p = \sup \downarrow p \cap P$, there is a $q \in P$ with $q \not\leq p'$ but $q \leq p$. This is a contradiction to $P \setminus \downarrow p = P \setminus \downarrow p'$. \square

This leads us to the following observation:

4.3. PROPOSITION. On any complete lattice which is order cogenerated by its cospectrum $\text{Cospec } L$, there is a canonical injection of up-complete posets

$$\pi_L : (\text{Spec } L, \geq) \longrightarrow \text{OFilt}(\text{Cospec } L, \leq), \quad \pi_L(p) = (\text{Cospec } L) \setminus \downarrow p.$$

This injection is Scott continuous.

Proof. Lemmas 2.15 and 2.16 show that π_L is well-defined and injective. If $\{p_j\}$ is a filtered family of primes, then $p = \inf p_j$ exists in $\text{Spec } L$, and $\downarrow p = \bigcap \downarrow p_j$. Then $\pi_L(p) = P \setminus \downarrow p = \bigcup (P \setminus \downarrow p_j) = \sup \pi_L(p_j)$. \square

The question is when is π_L surjective? Whenever U is an open filter in $P = \text{Cospec } L$, we consider the set $\uparrow U$. For any filter F on P , its upper set $\uparrow F$ in L is a prime filter, i.e. $L \setminus \uparrow F$ is an ideal. Thus if $\uparrow U$ is Scott open in L , then $p = \max L \setminus \uparrow U$ is a prime in L and $\pi_L(p)$ has a chance to be the required U . We formalize that as follows:

- 4.4. PROPOSITION. Let L be a complete lattice which is cogenerated by its cospectrum. Then the following conditions are equivalent:
- (1) π_L is an isomorphism of posets.
 - (2) For each Scott open filter U in $\text{Cospec } L$ the set $\uparrow U$ is Scott open in L .
 - (3) The function $U \mapsto U \cap \text{Cospec } L$ maps the set of Scott open prime filters of L onto the set of Scott open filters of $\text{Cospec } L$.

Morover, if these conditions are satisfied, then $\pi_L^{-1}(U) = \max L \setminus \uparrow U$.

Proof. Since $\uparrow F$ is a prime filter of L for every filter of $P = \text{Cospec } L$, it is clear that (2) implies (3). We claim that (3) \Rightarrow (2): First we establish the claim: If U and V are open prime filters of L then $U \cap P = V \cap P$ implies $U = V$. Indeed we show more accurately that for an open prime filter U and a prime filter V with $U \setminus V \neq \emptyset$, suppose that $U \setminus V \neq \emptyset$, say $x \in U \setminus V$. Since $x = \sup \{x \cap p \text{ and since } U \text{ is open, there is a finite subset } F \subseteq \downarrow x \cap P \text{ with } \sup F \in U; \text{ since } U \text{ is prime, there is a } q \in F \text{ with } q \in U; \text{ but since } q \leq x \text{ we cannot have } q \in V; \text{ thus } q \in (P \setminus U) \cap (P \setminus V).$

Thus condition (3) in fact is equivalent to

- (3') The function $U \mapsto U \cap P$ maps the set of open prime filters of L bijectively onto the set of open filters of P .

If this condition is satisfied, the for every open filter U of P there is one and only one prime filter U' of L with $U = U' \cap P$. Clearly $\uparrow U \subseteq U'$. Since U' is an open prime filter and $\uparrow U$ is a prime filter, the argument above shows that $\uparrow U = U'$ since $U' \cap P = U = \uparrow U \cap P$.

Thus (2) and (3) are equivalent.

For each open prime filter U of L the set $L \setminus \uparrow U$ is a closed ideal, whose maximal element is a prime p , and conversely, if $p \in \text{Spec } L$, then $L \setminus \downarrow p$ is an open prime filter. Thus $p \mapsto L \setminus \downarrow p : (\text{Spec } L, \geq) \longrightarrow (\text{open prime filters of } L, \subseteq)$ is an order isomorphism. In view of this fact, (1) and (3') are clearly equivalent, and if these conditions are satisfied, then $\pi_L^{-1}(U) = \bigwedge_{x \in U} x$ follows.

4.5. DEFINITION. We say that a complete lattice L is strongly cogenerated iff it is cogenerated by its cospectrum and the equivalent conditions of Proposition 4.4' are satisfied.

4.6. REMARK. If S is an L-semigroup. Then $O(S)$ is strongly cogenerated iff the following condition is satisfied:

If \mathcal{F} is a filterbasis on S whose members are open filters of S and which is Scott open in the semilattice of open filters on S , then the filter \mathcal{G} of open sets generated by \mathcal{F} on S is Scott open in $O(S)$.

4.7. COROLLARY. Suppose that S is an L-semigroup. Then the following conditions are equivalent:

- (1) $O(S)$ is strongly cogenerated (see 4.5).
 - (2) The open filters on S^* and the Scott open filters on S^* agree.
- Proof. We let $L = O(S)$; then S may be identified with an order generating subset of $\text{Spec } L = L^{**}$ and S^* may be identified with $\text{Cospec } L$. The open filters of S^* correspond bijectively to the elements $p \in \text{Spec } L$ via $\pi_L : \text{Spec } L \rightarrow \text{Filt}^* \text{Cospec } L$.

where $\text{Ofilt}^* \text{Cospec } L$ is the semilattice of $*$ -open filters on $\text{Cospec } L = S^*$.
 Now condition (1) is equivalent to

- (1) $\pi_1: \text{Spec } L \rightarrow \text{Ofilt}^* \text{Cospec } L$ is bijective
- (2) $\text{Ofilt}^* \text{Cospec } L = \text{Ofilt}^* \text{Cospec } L$.

But now it is clear that (1') and (2') are equivalent. \square

Let us remark that among all filters F of L the ones of the form $L \setminus \downarrow p$ for a prime p are precisely the completely prime filters.

4.8. DEFINITION. Let L be a lattice and F a filter. A $p \in \text{Spec } L$ is called a limit point of F iff $L = \downarrow p \vee F$, and $\text{lim } F$ is the set of all limit points.

4.9. LEMMA. For a lattice L and a filter F the following statements are equivalent:

- (1) F is completely prime (i.e. $\max L \setminus F$ exists in $\text{Spec } L$ and $F = L \setminus \downarrow p$.)
- (2) $\text{lim } F$ has a smallest element.
- (3) $\text{lim } F$ is filtered.

Proof. (1) \Leftrightarrow (2) For each $x \in F$ there is a $p \in \text{lim } F$ with $x \notin \downarrow p$. (3) is trivial. If (3) holds, then $\text{inf } \text{lim } F$ is a prime p . The following lemma shows that $p \in \text{lim } F$. (2) \Leftrightarrow (3) is clear. If (4) is satisfied, then (in view of 4.10 below) $\text{lim } F$ is a closed \uparrow -lattice. $\text{lim } F$ is hull-kernel closed.

Proof. Let $p \in (\text{lim } F)^-$. We must show $L \setminus \downarrow p \subseteq F$. Let $x \notin \downarrow p$; then, since $p \in (\text{lim } F)^-$ there is a $q \in \text{lim } F$ such that $x \notin \downarrow q$. But $\downarrow q \cup F = L$, whence $x \in F$. \square

These concepts allow us yet another equivalent formulation of the conditions in 4.4.

4.11. PROPOSITION. Let L be a complete lattice which is cogenerated by its cospectrum. Then the equivalent conditions of 4.4 are also equivalent to

- (3) For each open filter U on $\text{Cospec } L$ and each $u \in U$ there is a $p \in \text{lim } \uparrow u$ with $u \notin \downarrow p$.

Proof. Since Cospec cogenerated L , condition (4) above is equivalent to condition (4) of lemma 4.9. Thus (4) above is equivalent to the condition that for all open filters U of $\text{Cospec } L$ the filter U is completely prime, and this is equivalent to (1) of 4.4. \square

4.12. COROLLARY. Assume that, under the conditions of 4.11, S is an order generating subset of $\text{Spec } L$. Then (4) in 4.11 is also equivalent to

- (4') For each open filter U on $\text{Cospec } L$ and each $u \in U$ there is a $p \in (\text{lim } \uparrow u) \cap S$ with $u \notin \downarrow p$. \square

We obtain sufficient conditions for the validity of (1)-(4) in 4.4 and 4.11. These conditions will play an important role in the next section.

4.13. DEFINITION. We say that an element s in a poset $S = \text{Cospec } L$ (for a distributive lattice L) has the refinement property, if $s = \sup X$ in L for a set $X \subseteq S$ entails the existence of a directed set $D \subseteq \downarrow X \cap S$ with $s = \sup D$. \square

4.14. PROPOSITION. Let L be a complete lattice which is cogenerated by its cospectrum. Then conditions (1)-(4) of 4.4 and 4.11, and, in case $\text{Spec } L$ contains an order generating subset S , condition (4') of 4.12 are satisfied provided that the following hypothesis holds:

- (r) Every point of $\text{Cospec } L$ has the refinement property.

Proof. We verify (4'). Suppose that (4') does not hold. Then there is an open filter U of $\text{Cospec } L$ and a $u \in U$ such that for all $p \in S \cap \text{lim } \uparrow u$ one has $u \leq \downarrow p$, i.e. that $S \cap \text{lim } \uparrow u \notin \uparrow u$. In other words, $(S \setminus \uparrow u) \cap \text{lim } \uparrow u = \emptyset$.

Thus no $x \in S \setminus \uparrow u$ can be a limit point of U ; hence there is a $u_x \notin \downarrow x$ with $u_x \in U$. We may assume $u_x \leq u$. We claim that $\sup \{u : x \in S \setminus \uparrow u\} = u$, for otherwise one would find a $y \in S \setminus \uparrow u$ with $\sup u_x \leq y$; then in particular $u_x \leq y$, which is impossible.

By (r) there is a directed set $D \subseteq \downarrow \{u_x : x \in S \setminus \uparrow u\}$ with $\sup D = u \in U$. Since U is open, there is a $d \in D$ with $d \in U$; then there is an $x \in S \setminus \uparrow u$ with $d \leq u_x$, which implies $u_x \in U$, a contradiction. \square

4.16. LEMMA. Suppose that $U \in \text{Ofilt } S$ has a countable basis (i.e. a countable subset C with $U = \uparrow C$). Then U has the refinement property in $\text{Ofilt } S = \text{Cospec } S$.

Proof. We may assume that $C = \{c_n : n = 1, 2, \dots\}$ with $c_{n+1} \leq c_n$. Let

\mathcal{Z} be a collection of open filters with $U = \bigcup \mathcal{Z}$. For each n we pick a U_n with $c_n \in U_n$ and set $V_n = \bigcap \{U : n \leq m\}$. Then V_n is a filter; we show that it is open: Let D be a directed set with $\sup D \in V_n$. Then $\sup D \in U$ and since U is open, there is a $d \in D$ with $d \in U = \bigcup \uparrow c_k$. Hence there is an N such that $c_N \leq d$. For each k with $n \leq k < N$ there is a $d_k \in D$ with $d_k \in U_k$, since U_k is open. As D is directed, we find an $e \in D$ with $d \leq e$ and $d_k \leq e$ for all k with $n \leq k < N$. Then $e \in U_k$ with $n \leq k < N$ and $e \in \uparrow c_m \subseteq U_m$ for $m \geq N$. Hence $e \in V_n$. This shows that V_n is open. Now we have $V_n \subseteq V_{n+1}$ and $U = \bigcup \uparrow c_n \subseteq \bigcup V_n \subseteq U$. Clearly $V_n \in \mathcal{Z}$. \square

We will utilize this lemma in Section 7.

5.1. DEFINITION. We denote with \underline{U} the category of all up-complete semilattices with identity and Scott continuous identity preserving semilattice morphisms. For S in \underline{U} we define

$$S^* = \underline{U}(S, 2) \text{ with the semilattice structure induced from } 2^{|S|} \\ \text{OFilt } S = \text{Filt } S \cap \mathcal{G}(S). \quad \square$$

Note that S^* is well-defined since $\underline{U}(S, 2)$ is multiplicatively closed in $2^{|S|}$.

5.2. PROPOSITION. i. For S in \underline{U} , the function $\chi \mapsto \chi^{-1}(1): S^* \rightarrow \text{OFilt } S$ is an isomorphism of semilattices.

ii. S^* is up-complete and $\hat{\cdot}: \underline{U} \rightarrow \underline{U}$ is a contravariant functor which is an adjoint on the right. The front adjunction $\epsilon_S: S \rightarrow S^{**}$ is defined by $\epsilon_S(s)(\chi) = \chi(s)$ (resp., by $s \mapsto s^0: S \rightarrow \text{OFilt } S$ defined by $s^0 = \{f \in \text{OFilt } S: s \in f\}$).

Proof. Exercise. \square We would like to see how $\hat{\cdot}$ and $*$ relate.

5.3. REMARK. Let S be an up-complete semilattice. Then S^* is the underlying semilattice of $(S, \varphi(S))^*$. \square

Here $\varphi(S)$ is the filter topology associated with the Scott topology $\sigma(S)$, i.e. the topology generated by $\text{OFilt } S$. We will denote the \underline{L} -semilattice $(S, \varphi(S))$ by $\hat{\phi}S$.

5.4. PROPOSITION. Let S be an up-complete poset. Then the following conditions are equivalent:

- (1) The equivalent conditions of 1.10 hold for $\hat{\phi}S$.
- (2) $\epsilon_S: S \rightarrow S^*$ is injective.

Note that these conditions say that the Scott open filters separate the points. \square

5.5. PROPOSITION. Let S be an up-complete semilattice. Then the identity function $i_S: \hat{\phi}S^* \rightarrow \hat{\phi}S$ is continuous and induces an embedding

$$i_S^*: (\hat{\phi}S)^* \rightarrow (\hat{\phi}S^*)^*.$$

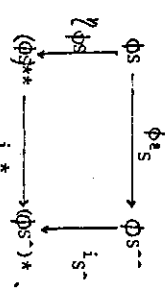
Proof. The topology of $(\hat{\phi}S)^*$ is generated by the polars s^0 (where we identify $\hat{\phi}S^*$ and $\text{OFilt } S$). These polars are Scott open filters on $\text{OFilt } S = S^*$. Hence they are open on $\hat{\phi}(S^*) = (S^*, \varphi(S^*))$. The remainder then follows from 2.13. \square

We say that an up-complete semilattice S has duality iff $\epsilon_S: S \rightarrow S^*$ is an isomorphism.

5.6. THEOREM. For an up-complete poset S , the following conditions are equivalent:

- (1) S has duality.
- (2) $\hat{\phi}S$ is sober and $i_S: \hat{\phi}S^* \rightarrow \hat{\phi}S$ is a homeomorphism.

Proof. We consider the following commutative diagram



We know that the right vertical arrow is a bijection and the lower horizontal one embedding by 5.5. The other two arrows are injective precisely when the open filters separate points on S .

If S has duality, then the top horizontal arrow is an isomorphism, hence the diagonal $i_S^*(\hat{\phi}S) = i_S^*(\hat{\phi}S)$ is bijective. Hence i_S^* must be surjective and hence an isomorphism, whence $\hat{\phi}S$ is an isomorphism, too. This means that $\hat{\phi}S$ is sober by 2.9. We have to show that i_S is open: If we take a Scott open filter on S^* , then since i_S^* is surjective, this filter is also $*$ -open. Hence i_S is open since the open filters generate the respective topologies.

Conversely, suppose that condition (2) is satisfied. Since $\hat{\phi}S$ is sober, the left vertical arrow is an isomorphism by 2.9. Since i_S is an isomorphism, then the lower horizontal arrow is an isomorphism. Thus the diagonal is an isomorphism, and since i_S is bijective, it follows that ϵ_S must be bijective. \square

We have actually shown the following additional information.

5.7. REMARK. If the conditions of Theorem 5.6 are satisfied, then

$$i_S: \hat{\phi}S^* \rightarrow (\hat{\phi}S^*)^*$$

is a homeomorphism, i.e. the $*$ -topology and the filter topology agree on $\hat{\phi}S^*$. \square

It is perhaps useful to isolate once more the condition involving i_S :

5.8. PROPOSITION. Let S be an up-complete poset. Then the following conditions are equivalent, where $L \neq \varphi(S)$:

- (1) $i_S: \hat{\phi}S^* \rightarrow (\hat{\phi}S^*)^*$ is a homeomorphism.
- (2) On Cospec L the cospectral topology agrees with the filter topology associated with the Scott topology of Cospec L .
- (3) The open filter of $(\hat{\phi}S)^*$ and the Scott open filters of S^* agree.
- (4) $\hat{\phi}(S)$ is strongly cogenerated (see 4.5').
- (5) i_S^* is surjective. $(\hat{\phi}S)^*$ with Cospec L , the $*$ -topology

Proof. Under the identification of $(\hat{\phi}S)^*$ with Cospec L , the $*$ -topology corresponds to the cospectral topology (induced by the upper topology $\hat{\phi}(1)$). Then (1) \Leftrightarrow (2) is clear. (3) is a translation of (2) and (3) \Leftrightarrow (4) is 4.7. (3) is equivalent to (5) (see diagram in 5.6). \square

5.9. COROLLARY. Let S be an up-complete poset. Then (1)-(5) of 5.8 are also equivalent to (6) $\mathcal{E}_S: S \rightarrow S^{\text{sc}}$ is the sobrification map of Φ_S with the specialisation order considered on its domain and codomain.
 Proof. Recall that (5) is equivalent to (5'): i_S^* is a homeomorphism. The equivalence of (6) and (5) is then clear from the diagram in 5.6. \square

Let us observe some functorial aspects of the assignment $S \mapsto \mathcal{E}_S(S)$.

5.11 PROPOSITION. The assignment $S \mapsto \mathcal{E}_S(S)$ is a contravariant functor

$$\mathcal{E}: \underline{U} \longrightarrow \text{bha} \quad (\text{see 2.3})$$

(with $\mathcal{E}(f)(V) = f^{-1}V$ for $f: S \rightarrow T$ as usual). If S 's is identified with $\text{Cospec } \mathcal{E}(S)$, then f^* becomes identified with $\mathcal{E}(f): \text{Cospec } T$ for $f: S \rightarrow T$ in \underline{U} . \square

5.10. COROLLARY. Let S be an up-complete poset. Then (1)-(6) of 5.8 and 5.9 are also equivalent to the following condition:

(7) Let \mathcal{Z} be an Scott open filter on $\text{OFilt } S$ and let $U \in \mathcal{Z}$. Then U contains a limit point of \mathcal{Z} .

Proof. We apply 4.12 with $L = \mathcal{E}(S)$. Then condition (4') of 4.12 is equivalent to condition (7) above. Then 4.12 proves the claim. \square

We recall the important diagram from the proof of 5.6:

6.1. RECALL. For an up-complete semi-lattice S in \underline{U} we have a commutative diagram

$$(1) \quad \begin{array}{ccc} \Phi_S & \xrightarrow{\Phi_S} & \Phi_S^{\text{sc}} \\ \downarrow \gamma_{\Phi_S} & & \downarrow i_S \\ \langle \Phi_S \rangle^* & \xrightarrow{i_S^*} & \langle \Phi_S^{\text{sc}} \rangle^* \end{array}$$

in which i_S is bijective and i_S^* an embedding. Φ_S is an isomorphism iff Φ_S is sober. In this case, \mathcal{E}_S is an isomorphism iff i_S^* is surjective, and for this we have the 7 equivalent conditions of 5.8, 5.9 and 5.10. \square

In this section we will consider an inverse system S_j of \underline{U} -objects with their projective limit $S = \lim_j S_j$ in \underline{U} . The limit maps are denoted $f_j: S \rightarrow S_j$

6.2. DEFINITION. If $T = \lim_j S_j$ is the projective limit of the inverse system $\Phi_j S_j$ in \underline{L} , then the unique morphism $S \rightarrow T$ in the diagram

$$S = \Phi(\lim_j S_j) \longrightarrow \lim_j \Phi S_j = T$$

$$\begin{array}{ccc} \searrow \phi_{f_j} & & \searrow \phi_j \\ & \Phi S_j & \\ \searrow \phi_{S_j} & & \searrow \phi_j \end{array}$$

with the limit maps $g_j: T \rightarrow S_j$ will be denoted $\alpha: S \rightarrow T$.

This morphism will play a crucial role, as we see in the following theorem:

6.3. THEOREM. Let $S = \lim_j S_j$ be a projective limit in \underline{U} and suppose that the following two conditions are satisfied:

- i) $\mathcal{E}_{S_j}: S_j \rightarrow S_j^{\text{sc}}$ is an isomorphism for all j (i.e. all S_j have duality).
- ii) $\alpha: \Phi(\lim_j S_j) \rightarrow \lim_j \Phi S_j$ is an isomorphism.

i.e., the filter topology associated with the Scott topology of $\lim_j S_j$ is the limit topology of the filter topologies of the S_j .

Then $\mathcal{E}_S: S \rightarrow S^{\text{sc}}$ is an isomorphism, i.e. S has duality.

Proof. We apply diagram (1) above to S_j : from i) we know that $i_{S_j}^*(\phi_{S_j})$ is bijective, whence i_S^* is surjective, hence an isomorphism. Then $\gamma_{\Phi S_j}$ is necessarily bijective. Now we can apply Theorem 3.6 and conclude that

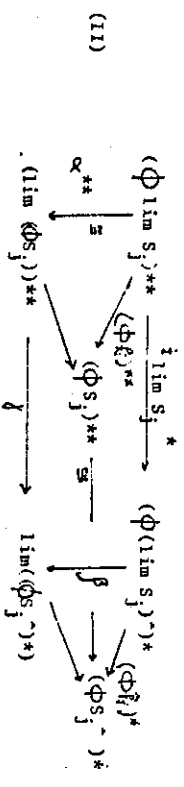
$\lim \phi_{S_j} : \lim \phi_{S_j} \longrightarrow \lim \phi_{S_j}^{**}$ is an isomorphism. Hypothesis ii) then tells us that

$$\lim \phi_{S_j} : \lim \phi_{S_j} \longrightarrow \lim \phi_{S_j}^{**} \text{ is an isomorphism.}$$

From diagram (I), applied to $S = \lim S_j$ we observe that, in order to prove the claim we have to show that

$$(1) \quad \lim S_j^* : (\lim S_j)^{**} \longrightarrow \lim (\lim S_j)^* \text{ is surjective.}$$

is surjective. In order to prove this claim, we consider the diagram

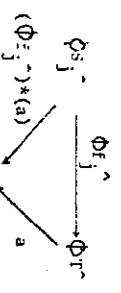


where α is the natural map given by the limit. Also γ is induced by the limit, and since $i_{S_j}^* : (\phi_{S_j})^{**} \longrightarrow \phi_{S_j}^*$ is an isomorphism, it follows that λ is an isomorphism, too.

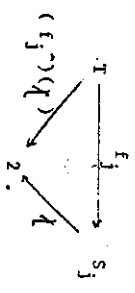
We now notice that condition (1) is equivalent to the following

- (2) $\lim S_j^*$ is bijective.
 - (3) β is injective.
 - (4) β is bijective.
 - (5) The family of maps $(\phi_{S_j}^*)^*$ separates the points of $(\lim S_j)^*$.
- Indeed (1) \Leftrightarrow (2) by 6.1, (2) \Leftrightarrow (3) \Leftrightarrow (4) from the rectangle in (11), and (3) \Leftrightarrow (5) is a basic and elementary fact on limits. For the following discussion we recall the abbreviation $T = \lim S_j$. Now we reformulate (5):
- (6) For any pair a, b of characters in $(\lim S_j)^*$, the relations $(\phi_{S_j}^*)^*(a) = (\phi_{S_j}^*)^*(b)$ for all j imply $a = b$.

In order to understand this condition we have to analyze the expression $(\phi_{S_j}^*)^*(a)$, which is an element of $(\phi_{S_j}^*)^*$. Its definition is given in the diagram



Next we have to be able to evaluate $(\phi_{S_j}^*)^*(a)$ at a character $\chi \in \hat{S}_j$. Here we have a similar diagram:



Thus $(\phi_{S_j}^*)^*(\chi) = \chi \circ f_j = \chi \circ \phi_{S_j}^*$. Now we can reformulate the equality $(\phi_{S_j}^*)^*(a) = (\phi_{S_j}^*)^*(b)$ as

$$(*) \quad a(\chi \circ f_j) = b(\chi \circ \phi_{S_j}^*) \quad \text{for all } \chi \in \hat{S}_j.$$

We now get a better feeling if we translate this statement from characters into open filters. The T is identified with $\text{OFilt } T$ (the semilattice of Scott-open filters on T), further S_j is identified with $\text{OFilt } S_j$; then χ becomes replaced by the open filter $V = \chi^{-1}(1)$ and $\chi \circ f_j$ by $f_j^{-1}V$. We then reformulate (6) once more

$$(7) \quad \text{For any pair of characters } a, b \in (\text{OFilt } T)^*, \text{ the relations } a(f_j^{-1}V) = b(f_j^{-1}V) \text{ for all } j \text{ and all } V \in \text{OFilt } S_j \text{ imply } a(U) = b(U) \text{ for all } U \in \text{OFilt } T.$$

Now the family of all $f_j^{-1}V$, where j ranges through all indices and V through all open filters of S_j is a basis B for a topology on $T = \lim S_j$, namely the basis topology of the Scott topology of $\lim S_j$. The filter can reformulate condition (7) once again:

$$(8) \quad \text{If two characters in } \text{OFilt } T^* \text{ (i.e. two filter topology continuous characters of } \text{OFilt } T) \text{ agree on the basis } B \text{ of } \text{OFilt } T \text{ then they agree on the basis } \text{OFilt } T \text{ of } \text{OFilt } T, \quad T = \lim S_j.$$

Now we recall that $B \subseteq \text{OFilt } T$ and that therefore $\text{OFilt } T \subseteq \text{OFilt } T$. However, by Hypothesis ii) of the Theorem we have $\text{OFilt } T = \text{OFilt } T$. Thus B is also a basis of $\text{OFilt } T$. In particular, every element of $\text{OFilt } T$ is a directed sup of elements in B . However, a ϕ -continuous character on an up-complete semilattice

is Scott continuous. (See 5.5: bijectivity of i_j). Thus the characters considered in (8) preserve directed sups, and this condition (8) is satisfied. This completes the proof.

6.4. COROLLARY. Let S_j be an inverse system in \underline{U} and let $S = \lim S_j$ in \underline{U} . Assume that

- i) all S_j have duality (i.e. $\mathcal{E}_{S_j}: S_j \rightarrow S_j^*$ is an isomorphism for all j)
- ii) on all S_j the Scott topology is generated by its open filters

(i.e. $\mathcal{F}(S_j) = \mathcal{G}(S_j)$ for all j)

- iii) The topology on $\lim S_j$ is generated by its open filters (i.e. $O(\lim S_j) = \mathcal{F}(\lim S_j)$)

Then S has duality.

Proof. Immediate from the previous Theorem. \square

6.5. COROLLARY. Under otherwise unchanged conditions in 6.4, in lieu of condition iii) the following condition is sufficient:

- iii') The Scott of the limit is the limit of the Scott. (i.e. $\mathcal{G}(\lim S_j) = O(\lim S_j)$).

Proof. By ii) we have $O(\lim S_j) = O(\lim \mathcal{F}(S_j)) \subseteq \mathcal{F}(\lim S_j) \subseteq \mathcal{G}(\lim S_j)$. Hence (iii') implies (iii). \square

6.6. COROLLARY. Let S_j be an inverse system of continuous semilattices with $S = \lim S_j$. If $O(\lim S_j) = \mathcal{G}(\lim S_j)$, then S has duality. This is satisfied in particular if $O(\lim S_j) = \mathcal{G}(\lim S_j)$.

Proof. Continuous semilattices have duality, and their Scott topology is generated by open filters. \square

6.7. COROLLARY. Let S_j be an inverse system of continuous semilattices with $S = \lim S_j$. Suppose that each of the limit maps $d_j: S_j \rightarrow S$ has a Scott lower adjoint $d_j^*: S \rightarrow S_j$. Then S has duality.

Proof. Let U be Scott open in S , and let $x \in U$. Now we know

(i) $x = \sup d_j f_j x$

(cf. Compendium p. 209, 3.4). Since U is Scott open and the family $d_j f_j x$ is directed, there is a j with $d_j f_j x \in U$. But S_j is continuous, whence

$f_j x = \sup \downarrow f_j x$, and so

(ii) $d_j f_j x = \sup d_j \downarrow f_j x$.

Once more since U is Scott open, there is an element $u_j \in \downarrow f_j x$ such that

(iii) $u_j \in U$.

Let V_j be an open filter in S_j with $v_j \in \uparrow u_j$ and $f_j v_j \in V_j$.

Now we have $x \in f_j^{-1} V_j = \uparrow d_j v_j \subseteq d_j \uparrow u_j \subseteq U$.

This proves $\mathcal{G}(\lim S_j) \subseteq O(\lim S_j)$. The other inclusion is always true. \square

The formalism of Compendium p. 209, 3.4 ff. applies and allows the following Corollary, since it guarantees that a projective limit of an inverse system in which all bonding maps have lower adjoints has limit maps with lower adjoints:

6.8. COROLLARY. Let S be a projective limit in \underline{L} of an inverse system/in which all bonding maps have lower adjoints. Then S has duality. of continuous semilattices

We give a further sufficient condition for duality:

6.9. PROPOSITION. Let S be a projective limit of an inverse system of continuous semilattices S_j and suppose that the following condition is satisfied for the limit maps $f_j: S \rightarrow S_j$:

- (*) For each open filter U of S and each $u \in U$ there is an index j and an open filter V_j in S_j such that $f_j u \in V_j$ and $f_j^{-1} V_j \subseteq U$.

Proof. We apply Corollary 6.6: Hypothesis (*) says precisely that $\mathcal{G}(\lim S_j) \subseteq O(\lim S_j)$. The other inclusion is always true in the situation that $\mathcal{G}(\lim S_j) \subseteq O(\lim S_j)$.

compact in Y . The its neighborhood filter \mathcal{U} (of open sets) is Scott open in $O(Y)$. If $U \in \mathcal{U}$ then $q \subseteq U$ and so $t^{-1}q \subseteq t^{-1}U = f(U)$, and so $f(U) \in \mathcal{U}$. Furthermore, if $V \in f^{-1}\mathcal{U}$, then $f(V) \in \mathcal{U}$, i.e. $t^{-1}q \subseteq t^{-1}V$ and thus $q = tt^{-1}q \subseteq V$, i.e. $V \in \mathcal{U}$. For the conclusion $q = tt^{-1}q$ we used $q \subseteq tY$.

The proof of the Theorem now follows from Proposition 6.9.

There is one caveat: We have argued that the cone $t: X \rightarrow X$ of which X is a direct limit has a small basis or even a (small) cofinal set. An inspection of the arguments in the proof of the main theorem 6.3 show that only universal properties were used and no use was made that the index category for the j was a small set. \square

7.9. PROPOSITION. Any compactly generated Hausdorff space satisfies the conditions of Theorem 7.7 and is, therefore, a k -space in the sense of 7.1.

Proof. A space X is called weakly Hausdorff and compactly generated iff all quasi compact subsets of X are closed and a set U in X is open iff $U \cap K$ is open in K for all compact Hausdorff subspaces K of X .

The collection of all inclusion maps $t: K \rightarrow X$, K compact Hausdorff, is a family of test maps satisfying the conditions of 7.7. \square

After Proposition 7.9, the classical k -space theory is subsumed under the k -space theory proposed in Definition 7.1.

7.10. PROPOSITION. Let X be a k -space. Then the following statements are equivalent:

- (1) $Q(X)$ is a continuous semilattice.
- (2) X is locally quasicompact.

Proof. (2) \Rightarrow (1) is a result of Hofmann and Mislav [5]. (1) \Rightarrow (2). If (1), then $Q(X)^*$ is a continuous semilattice. Since X is a k -space, $Q(X)^* \cong O(X)$. Thus $O(X)$ is a continuous cfa and thus X is locally quasicompact. \square

7.11. PROPOSITION. Let X be a sober space with a countable basis for its topology. Then the following statements are equivalent:

- (1) $O(X)$ has duality.
- (2) X is a k -space.
- (3) $\Phi O(X)$ is sober.

Proof. By Definition 7.1 we have (1) = (2). If X has a countable basis for its topology, then every Scott open filter of $O(X)$ has a countable basis in the sense of 4.15; this follows readily from the fact that any Scott open filter on $O(X)$ is the neighborhood filter of a quasicompact saturated set. By 4.15, every Scott open filter has the refinement property, and thus, by 4.14 and 4.12, the equivalent conditions of 5.8, 5.9 and 5.10 are satisfied with $S = O(X)$. By Theorem 5.6 we then conclude that (1) and (3) are equivalent. \square

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