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I have announced to circulate in a preprint volume both H<sub>3</sub> and H<sub>4</sub>. I will not. (I have been promised that the volume - containing the material sent to me after the second Bremen workshop - will be ready for mailing soon.) What happened?

M.W. Nislove discovered a serious error in H<sub>3</sub> 3.14: "(Every continuous poset has an injective hull, in  $T_0$ ) in its Scott topology, but) there are non-continuous posets with the Scott topology sober which have an injective hull in  $T_0$ ". The relevant error is in Ba, Corollary 2, p240. The proof of this is reduced to the observation that it may be seen from the proof (for Corollary 1 which is indeed correct (for a more detailed analysis see below)). Unfortunately this error affects much of the wording of H<sub>2</sub> and, partly, also H<sub>4</sub> ("X has an injective hull" has

to be replaced by "X has  $S_X$ , the soberification space of X, projective-sober or, equivalently,  $S_X$  is a continuous poset in the Scott topology", but the results are not intrinsically affected.

However, ~~see~~ a basic claim of  $H_3$  is false:

The  $\underline{CL}$ -compactification  $C$  of a continuous poset  $P$  need not be a continuous poset

If  $e: (P, \sigma_P) \hookrightarrow (L, \sigma_L)$  denotes the injective hull for the continuous poset  $P$ , the  $\underline{CL}$ -compactification of  $P$  is defined to be the order-extension

$$P \hookrightarrow C$$

with  $C = \text{closure of } e[P] \text{ in } L$  with regard to the  $\underline{CL}$ -topology of  $L$ , endowed with the partial order inherited from  $L$ .

It is shown in  $H_3$  that

$$(C, \sigma_L|_C)$$

is a sober space with an injective hull (viz.  $(C, \sigma_L|_C) \hookrightarrow (L, \sigma_L)$ ).

Indeed, in Hofmann and M. W. Mislove provide a continuous poset  $P$  whose

$\underline{CL}$ -compactification (carries the Scott topology  $\sigma_C = \sigma_L|_C$ , but) fails to be

a continuous poset. ~~non-continuous~~ poset  $P$  is constructed

on  $H_0$  a ~~continuous~~ <sup>sober</sup> poset  $P$  is constructed together with a topology  $\tau$  such that

- a)  $(P, \tau)$  has an injective hull
- b)  $(P, \sigma_P)$  fails to have an injective hull

The following continuous poset  $P$

~~has~~ answers a natural problem:  $C$  of  $P$

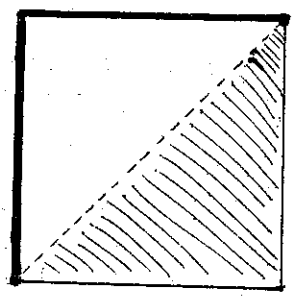
The  $\underline{CL}$ -compactification  $C$  of  $P$  does not have an injective hull with regard to the Scott topology  $\sigma_C$

~~is~~  $(P, \sigma_P) \in \mathcal{R}^2 \text{ Dof}$

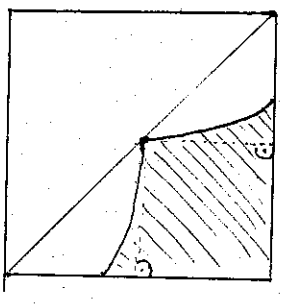
$$P = \{ (x, y) \in \mathbb{I}^2 \mid x + y > 1 \} \cup (\{0\} \times \mathbb{I}) \cup (\mathbb{I} \times \{0\})$$

where  $\mathbb{I}$  denotes the unit interval and  $P$  receives the natural order from  $\mathbb{I}^2$ , then

$$C = P \cup \{ (x, y) \in \mathbb{I}^2 \mid x + y = 1 \}$$



A  $G_C$ -open neighborhood of  $(x, y)$  with  $x + y = 1$  ( $x \neq 0, 1$ ) is



quite similar to K.H. Hofmann's example

in  $H_0$  and it results from the corrected Banaschewski's criterion (cf.  $H_0$  or the included "appendix" 8.1 (iii)) that  $(C, \leq_C)$  fails to have an injective hull.

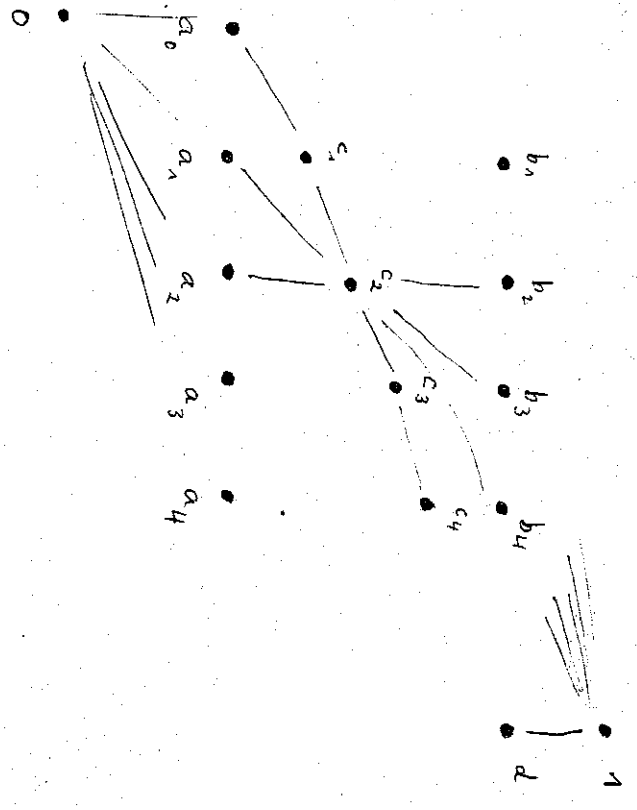
We construct a continuous poset  $P$  which has particularly remarkable properties. Let

$$L = \{ a_n \mid n \in \mathbb{N} \} \cup \{ b_m \mid m \in \mathbb{N} \} \cup \{ a_0 \} \cup \{ c_n \mid n \in \mathbb{N} \} \cup \{ d, 0, 1 \}$$

with  $\mathbb{N} = \{ 1, 2, 3, \dots \}$  ordered by the partially ordered by  $a_0 < b_m$  (all  $n$ ) iff  $k \leq \ell \leq m$  and  $a_k < c_\ell < b_m$  iff  $k \leq \ell \leq m$  and  $c_m \leq c_n$  iff  $m \leq n$

$a_n < c_m < d$  (for natural numbers  $k, \ell, m, n$ ) such that  $0, 1$  are the smallest and greatest element of  $L$ , respectively.

This is a continuous lattice, indeed an algebraic lattice.



The only non-empty up-directed subset which does not contain its supremum is a cofinal subset of

$$\downarrow c_1 \cup \downarrow c_2 \cup \dots$$

and has  $d$  as a supremum.

All elements of  $L$  are compact except for  $d$ .

$$\{c_n\} = \uparrow c_n - (\uparrow b_n \cup \uparrow c_{n+1})$$

Thus  $c_n$  is isolated in the  $\underline{CL}$ -topology of  $L$ .

A basic  $\underline{CL}$ -open neighborhood

of  $d$  in  $L$  is <sup>w.l.o.g.</sup> of the form

$$\uparrow c_n - (\uparrow b_{k_1} \cup \dots \cup \uparrow b_{k_j})$$

for natural numbers  $n, k_1, \dots, k_j$  (finitely many).

A basic  $\underline{CL}$ -open neighborhood of  $0$  is of the form

$$L - (\uparrow a_{k_1} \cup \dots \cup \uparrow a_{k_n})$$

Thus the  $\underline{CL}$ -compactifications

~~of the subset~~

We consider the subset  $P$  of  $L$ :

$$P = \{a_n \mid n \in \mathbb{N}\} \cup \{b_n \mid n \in \mathbb{N}\} \cup \{0\}$$

Clearly,  $P$  satisfies the a.c.c. (ascending chain condition), hence is a continuous poset.

$$(P, \sigma_P) \hookrightarrow (L, \sigma_L)$$

is an injective hull by  $H_3$ , since

1.  $P \hookrightarrow L$  preserves non-emptiness up-directed suprema
2.  $P \hookrightarrow L$  preserves the way below

relation ( $x \leq y$  in  $P$  iff  $x \leq y$ )

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3.  $P$  generates  $L$ :

$$c_n = b_n \wedge b_{n+1}$$

$$0 = a_0 \wedge a_1$$

$$1 = \inf \emptyset$$

and  $d$  is the supremum of the chain

$$(c_n)_{n \in \mathbb{N}}$$

4.  $P$  is join-dense in  $L$ :

$$c_n = a_n \vee a_{n-1}$$

$$d = \sup \{c_n \mid n \in \mathbb{N}\}$$

$$1 = \sup \{b_n \mid n \in \mathbb{N}\}$$

$$0 = \sup \emptyset$$

The  $CL$ -compactification of  $P$ , i.e. the closure of  $P$  in  $L$  with regard to the  $CL$ -topology of  $L$

is

$$C = P \cup \{0, d\}.$$

Note that

1.  $C$  has the a.c.c., hence

$$(C, \mathcal{C}_C) \text{ has an injective hull}$$

2.  $\mathcal{C}_L \upharpoonright C \neq \mathcal{C}_C$

Every  $\mathcal{C}_L$ -neighborhood of  $d \in L$  contains some  $\uparrow c_n$ , hence it contains

$$\{b_n, b_{n+1}, \dots\}$$

for some  $n$ . Thus the  $\mathcal{C}_C$ -open

set  $\{d\}$  (since  $d$  is compact in  $C$ ) is

not the trace of any  $\mathcal{C}_L$ -open set.

Thus a (continuous) poset with a.c.c. may carry

a compatible sober topologies different from the Scott topology which has an injective hull.

By 8.5 (enclosed appendix) this phenomenon cannot arise for continuous lattices.

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However it may be noted that although

$$E_L / C \neq E_C$$

in general,  $E_L / C$  is an intrinsic

topology of  $C$ , the  $E_L$ -compactification

of the continuous presert  $P$ , since - as observed in  $H_3$  -

$$C \hookrightarrow L$$

is the MacNeille completion of  $C$ .

(By the way, the MacNeille completion  $M = L$ -Id $\{$  of  $P$ , fails to be a continuous lattice; related examples are discussed in E.)

Endreep find an appendix to  $H_3$

which is a revised version of a draft which I wrote before I had received the memo  $H_0$  of K.Hofmann who also

proved 8.1 (iii). 8.1 (iv) can be also

deduced from a more recent result

of T. D. Lawson L. (The references

refer to the bibliography of  $H_3$ .)

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§ 8 Appendix

Correcting a mistake in [Ba<sub>2</sub>] cor.2, p.240, we provide necessary and sufficient conditions in order that the greatest essential extension space  $\lambda X$  of a  $T_0$ -space  $X$  be an injective  $T_0$ -space: Counterexamples to the claim made in [Ba<sub>2</sub>] were recently obtained by K.H.Hofmann and M.W.Misllove [HM<sub>2</sub>]. We take [Ba<sub>2</sub>] section 2 for granted, but no information from [Ba<sub>2</sub>] section 3 will be used. (See [Ho<sub>2</sub>] for a somewhat different approach.)

Also, some additional comments are given correcting the statements of the results in [H<sub>6</sub>] and [H<sub>9</sub>] which are based upon [Ba<sub>2</sub>] cor.2, p.240.

8.0 For a  $T_0$ -space  $X$ ,  $\lambda X$  is - by the very construction - stable in  $\phi X$  under the formation of arbitrary joins (=suprema). Thus there is a "kernel operator"  $k: \phi X \rightarrow \lambda X$  assigning to every open filter  $F$  of  $X$  the greatest join filter

$$\bigvee \{ \underline{O}(x) \mid x \in X, \underline{O}(x) \in F \}$$

contained in  $F$ . This map  $k$  is left inverse to the embedding  $\lambda X \hookrightarrow \phi X$ . (Indeed, by [Ba<sub>2</sub>] prop.3, p.239,  $k: \phi X \rightarrow \lambda X$  is the only continuous left inverse of the embedding  $\lambda X \hookrightarrow \phi X$  if there exists any.)

Note that

$$\bigvee \{ \underline{O}(x) \mid x \in S \} = \{ v \in \underline{O}(X) \mid \text{there are } x_1, \dots, x_n \in S \text{ (n} > 0 \text{) and open neighborhoods } U_1, \dots, U_n \text{ of } x_1, \dots, x_n \text{ respectively with } U_1 \cap \dots \cap U_n \in S \}$$

for every subset  $S$  of  $X$ .

8.1 THEOREM:

For a  $T_0$ -space  $X$ , the following are equivalent:

- (i) The essential hull  $\lambda X$  of  $X$  is an injective  $T_0$ -space.
- (ii) There is a (topological) embedding  $e: X \hookrightarrow J$  into an injective  $T_0$ -space  $J$  which is join-dense with regard to the specialization of partial order of  $J$ .

(iii) For every  $x \in X$  and every open neighborhood  $V$  of  $x$  in  $X$  there exists an open neighborhood  $W$  of  $x$  in  $X$ , finitely many elements  $Y_1, Y_2, \dots, Y_n$  ( $n \geq 0$ ) of  $X$  and open neighborhoods  $U_1, U_2, \dots, U_n$  of  $Y_1, \dots, Y_n$ , respectively, such that

$$W \subseteq \{z \in X \mid Y_i \in c1\{z\}\}$$

for every  $i=1, \dots, n$ , and  $U_1 \cap \dots \cap U_n \subseteq V$ .

Proof:

(i) implies (ii): Evidently,  $\lambda_X: X \rightarrow \lambda X$  is - by the very construction - join-dense with regard to specialization order (which coincides with the inclusion relation of  $\lambda X$  and  $\tilde{\Phi}X$ , respectively).

(ii) implies (iii): By Scott's result, [sc2] 2.12 ([c] II-3.8),  $J$  is a continuous lattice  $L$  endowed with its Scott topology  $\mathcal{C}_L$ . The sets

$$\hat{q} = \{p \in L \mid q \ll p\} \quad (q \in L)$$

form an open basis of  $\mathcal{C}_L$  ([c] II-1.10(i)). We may clearly restrict ourselves to the basic open subsets of  $X$ ,

$$V = X \cap \hat{q}$$

with  $q$  ranging through  $L$ .

Suppose  $x \in V = X \cap \hat{q}$  for some  $q \in L$ . By the interpolation property of  $\ll$  in a continuous lattice (C I-1.18), there is some  $p \in L$  with  $q \ll p \ll x$  in  $L$ , hence

$$x \in W := X \cap \hat{p} \subseteq V.$$

Since, by hypothesis,  $e: X \rightarrow J$  is join-dense, we have  $p = \sup\{s \in X \mid s \leq p\}$ .

On the other hand,

$$y = \sup\{t \in L \mid t \ll y\}$$

for every  $y \in L$  (since  $L$  is a continuous lattice). Consequently (by the associativity law for the operation "sup"),  $p = \sup\{t \in L \mid t \ll y \leq p\}$  for some  $y \in X$ .

Since  $q \ll p$ , it results that there are finitely many  $t_1, \dots, t_n \in L$  ( $n \geq 0$ ) and  $Y_1, \dots, Y_n \in X$  with

$$q \leq \sup\{t_1, \dots, t_n\}$$

and

$$t_1 \ll y_1 \leq p$$

for  $i=1, \dots, n$ . It results that every neighborhood, in  $X$ , of  $Y_i$  contains  $W = X \cap \hat{p}$ , and there are open (in  $X$ ) neighborhoods  $U_i = X \cap \hat{t}_i$  of  $Y_i$  ( $i=1, \dots, n$ ) with  $U_1 \cap \dots \cap U_n \subseteq V = X \cap \hat{q}$ .

(iii) implies (i): We shall prove that the kernel operator  $k: \tilde{\Phi}X \rightarrow \lambda X$  is a continuous map, hence a retraction in  $\mathbb{T}_0$ . Since  $\tilde{\Phi}X$  is an injective  $\mathbb{T}_0$ -space, then so is its retract  $\lambda X$ .

Suppose  $F$  is any open filter of  $X$  and

$$k(F) \subseteq \tilde{\Phi}V.$$

Then there are  $x_1, \dots, x_m \in X_m$  ( $m \geq 0$ ) and open neighborhoods  $V_1, \dots, V_m$  of  $x_1, \dots, x_m$  respectively with  $\bigcap_{i=1}^m V_i \subseteq F$ .

For every  $i=1, \dots, m$  and

$$V_i \cap \dots \cap V_m \subseteq V.$$

By (iii), for every  $i=1, \dots, m$  there is an open neighborhood  $W_i$  of  $x_i$  and finitely many elements  $Y_1^i, \dots, Y_n^i$  and open neighborhoods  $U_1^i, \dots, U_n^i$  of  $Y_1^i, \dots, Y_n^i$  respectively with

$$W_i \subseteq \{z \in X \mid Y_j^i \in c1\{z\}\}$$

or, equivalently,

$$\bigcap_{j=1}^n \hat{Y}_j^i \subseteq W_i$$

(where  $W^i = \{W \in \mathcal{Q}(X) \mid W \subseteq M\}$  denotes the smallest member of  $\tilde{\Phi}W^i$ , the open filter generated by  $W$ )

for every  $j=1, \dots, n(1)$ , and

$$\bigcap_{i=1}^m \bigcap_{j=1}^n \hat{Y}_j^i \subseteq V_1.$$

It results that

$$\bigcap_{i=1}^m \bigcap_{j=1}^n \hat{Y}_j^i \subseteq (W_1 \cap \dots \cap W_m)^i$$

for every  $i=1, \dots, m$  and every  $j=1, \dots, n(1)$ , and

$$\bigcap_{i=1}^m \bigcap_{j=1}^n \hat{Y}_j^i \subseteq V_1 \cap \dots \cap V_m \subseteq V.$$

Thus

$$k(W^i) = \bigvee \{\hat{Q}(y) \mid y \in X, \hat{Q}(y) \subseteq W^i\}$$

for  $W := W_1 \cap \dots \cap W_m$  contains  $V$ . Consequently, (because

$k$  is isotone and  $\hat{\phi}_V$  is an upper set, we have  
 $k(g) \in \hat{\phi}_V$

for every  $g \in \hat{\phi}_W$ .

Since  

$$\bigcup_i e_{\mathcal{O}(Y_i)} \subseteq W_i^{\mathcal{O}}$$

$$= W_1^{\mathcal{O}} \vee \dots \vee W_m^{\mathcal{O}} \subseteq \mathcal{O}(x_1) \vee \dots \vee \mathcal{O}(x_m)$$

$\subseteq F$ ,

we can also infer that  $k(x) \in \hat{\phi}_V$ , hence  
 $k: \hat{\phi}_X \rightarrow \lambda X$  is continuous (at  $F$ ).

This completes the proof.

8.2 REMARKS:

1) Note that in 8.1(1ii) necessarily  
 $W \subseteq V$ .

ii) Suppose  $e: X \rightarrow J$  is a join-dense topological embedding into an injective  $\mathcal{T}_0$ -space  $J = (L, \delta_L)$ . Let  $L'$  be the continuous lattice generated by  $e[X]$  in  $J$  (in the sense that it is the smallest subset of  $J$  containing  $e[X]$  closed under arbitrary infima and suprema of non-empty up-directed subsets). Then the induced map  

$$e': X \rightarrow J' := (L', \delta_{L'})$$
is the injective hull of  $X$ . (The arguments given in section 1 go through.)

8.3 DEFINITION:

Suppose  $X$  is a  $\mathcal{T}_0$ -space with an injective hull  $X \hookrightarrow \lambda X$ . We say that

$\text{deg} X \leq r$ ,

i.e.  $X$  has degree at most  $r$  (a natural number  $\geq 0$ ) iff 8.1(1ii) can be fulfilled for every point  $x$  in  $X$  and every open neighborhood  $V$  of  $x$  in  $X$  by some  $n \leq r$ .

8.4 REMARK:

A  $\mathcal{T}_0$ -space  $X$  with an injective hull satisfies  $\text{deg}(X) \leq 1$  iff for every  $x \in X$  and every open neighborhood  $V$  of  $x$  there is some open neighborhood  $W$  of  $x$  and some  $y \in V$  with

$W \subseteq \{z \in X \mid y \in \text{cl}\{z\}\}$ .

B. Banaschewski ([Ba<sub>2</sub>] cor. 2, p. 240) observes that this class of  $\mathcal{T}_0$ -spaces has an injective hull in  $\mathcal{T}_0$ , and he claims the other implication to be true, too. The error is hidden in the proof of [Ba<sub>2</sub>] cor. 1, p. 239 (line 3 from below)

$\mathcal{O}(x) = \bigvee k(\{E\cup\})$

need not be a set-theoretic union if  $\lambda X$  is injective (but this is true if every join filter of  $X$  is a neighborhood filter, as it is assumed there).

In [H<sub>6</sub>] 3.14 it is established that the continuous posets in their Scott topology are precisely those sober spaces  $X$  with an injective hull satisfying  $\text{deg}(X) \leq 1$ . All the statements in [H<sub>6</sub>] on spaces  $X$  with an injective hull (except for 4.3) require the additional hypothesis  $\text{deg}(X) \leq 1$ . In this regard, the following is certainly of interest.

8.5 PROPOSITION:

Suppose a  $\mathcal{T}_0$ -space  $X$  is a conditional  $\mathcal{O}, \mathcal{V}$ -semilattice with regard to its specialization order. If  $X$  has an injective hull, then  $\text{deg}(X) \leq 1$ .

PROOF:

A poset is a conditional  $\mathcal{O}, \mathcal{V}$ -semilattice if every finite subset which has an upper bound has a supremum.

In 8.1(1ii) one may put

$y = \sup\{y_1, \dots, y_n\}$ .

where the "sup" is taken in  $(X, \leq)$ . Then

$y \in \bigcup_1 \bigcap_n \mathcal{O} y_n \subseteq V$ ,

and

$W \subseteq \uparrow y$ .



8.6 COROLLARY:

A  $T_0$ -space  $X$  is injective iff

- i)  $X$  is sober,
- ii)  $X$  has an injective hull in  $T_0$ , and
- iii)  $X$  is a  $0, \vee$ -semilattice in its specialization order.

Proof:

See [H<sub>g</sub>] 2.8.

8.7 COROLLARY:

If a  $T_1$ -space  $X$  has an injective hull, then  $X$  is discrete.

Proof:

Suppose  $X$  has at least two points. For  $x \in X$  choose some neighborhood  $V \neq X$  of  $x$ . Then let  $W \in \underline{Q}(X)$  and  $y_1, \dots, y_n \in X$  ( $n \geq 0$ ) and  $U_1, \dots, U_n$  be chosen as in 8.1(iii). Since every point-closure in a  $T_1$ -space is a singleton,

$$x \in W \subseteq \{z \in X \mid y_i \in \text{cl}\{z\}\}$$

implies - if  $n \neq 0$  - that  $y_1, \dots, y_n = x$ , hence  $W = \{x\}$  is open. If  $n=0$ , then

$$X = U_1 \cup \dots \cup U_n \subseteq V$$

contradicting the hypothesis that  $X \neq V$ .

8.8 COROLLARY:

Suppose  $A$  is a closed subspace of a  $T_0$ -space  $X$ . If  $X$  has an injective hull in  $T_0$ , then so has  $A$ .

Proof:

In order to verify 8.1(iii) let  $x \in V' \in \underline{Q}(A)$ . Then  $V' = V \cap A$  for some  $V \in \underline{Q}(X)$ , and we may choose  $W \in \underline{Q}(X)$ , some points  $y_1, y_2, \dots, y_n$  ( $n \geq 0$ ) in  $X$  and open neighborhoods  $U_1, \dots, U_n$  (in  $X$ ) of  $y_1, \dots, y_n$  respectively satisfying 8.1(iii). The requirement

$$x \in W \subseteq \{z \in X \mid y_i \in \text{cl}\{z\}\} \quad (i=1, \dots, n) \text{ guarantees}$$

$$y_i \in \text{cl}\{x\} \subseteq A$$

so that we may use  $W' = W \cap A$  and  $U_i' = U_i \cap A$  in order to fulfill 8.1(iii) for  $A$  instead of  $X$ .

8.9 PROPOSITION:

Suppose  $(X_i)_{i \in I}$  is a family of  $T_0$ -spaces which have an injective hull in  $T_0$ . Then  $\prod_{i \in I} X_i$  has an injective hull provided that

$$K(I) = \{i \in I \mid X_i \text{ does not have a smallest element in its specialization order}\}$$

is finite.

Proof:

(1) First note that if  $X$  and  $Y$  have an injective hull, then so has  $X * Y$  (use 8.1(iii)).

(2) Suppose now  $K(I) \neq \emptyset$  and let  $o_i$  denote the smallest element of  $X_i$  in its specialization order. By 8.1(ii), there are injective  $T_0$ -spaces  $J_i$  and join-dense (topological) embeddings  $X_i \hookrightarrow J_i$ . Clearly,  $\prod J_i$  is injective. Let

$$a_i \in J_i \quad (i \in I),$$

then, by hypothesis,

$$a_i = \sup A_i$$

for some subset  $A_i$  of  $X_i$ . We may assume that  $o_i \in A_i$ , hence  $A_i \neq \emptyset$ . Then

$$(a_i)_{i \in I} = (\sup A_i)_{i \in I} = \sup (\prod A_i).$$

This proves that  $\prod X_i$  is join-dense in  $\prod J_i$ , hence it has an injective hull in  $T_0$  by 8.1(ii).

Combining (1) and (2), we establish the assertion.

A product of discrete spaces may fail to be discrete, but it is always  $T_1$ . Thus (by 8.7) the class of all  $T_0$ -spaces with an injective hull in  $T_0$  fails to be productive.

8.10 REMARKS:

The non-validity of one implication of [Ba<sub>2</sub>] cor.2, p.240 makes several results questionable which were based on this claim, e.g.: Is every  $T_0$ -space (=  $T_{1/2}$ -space, [Br]II p.7; "points are locally closed") with an injective hull in  $T_0$  Alexandrov-discrete? (Cf. [H<sub>5</sub>] 4.3.)

K.H.Hofmann observes that the class of  $T_0$ -spaces with an injective hull is not open-hereditary (disproving [Ba<sub>2</sub>] cor.4, p.240).

8.11 REMARK:

The requirement to have an injective hull in  $T_0$  does not impose any restriction on the specialization partial order: For every poset  $P$ ,  $(P, \alpha_P)$  has an injective hull in  $T_0$  ([H<sub>5</sub>] 4.2).

However, a sober space  $X$  with an injective hull in  $T_0$  yields always an "almost-continuous" poset  $(|X|, \leq_X)$  in the specialization order  $\leq_X$  in the sense that it is up-complete (by sobriety, cf. [WY]) and, for every  $x \in X$ ,

$$x = \sup\{y \in X \mid y \ll x\}$$

where  $\ll$  denotes the way below relation of  $(X, \leq_X)$ . (The latter assertion results from the fact that (1)  $X$  is join-dense in  $\lambda X$ , by 1.0(1), and (2) every element  $f$  of  $\lambda X$  is, by injectivity of  $\lambda X$ , a supremum of elements way below  $f$  in  $\lambda X$ , since the embedding  $\lambda_X: X \hookrightarrow \lambda X$  is an order-embedding preserving suprema of non-empty up-directed subsets, hence reflecting the way below relation, by 1.2(b)). Note however that the set

$$\{y \in X \mid y \ll x\}$$

need not be up-directed, as K.H.Hofmann and M.W.Mislove [HM<sub>2</sub>] demonstrate. K.H.Hofmann [Ho<sub>2</sub>] observes that the topology of  $X$  need not be the Scott topology (this may even fail to have an injective hull).

8.12 REMARK:

The notion of a degree for injective hulls leads to a natural (new) dimension function  $i\text{-dim}$  for continuous lattices  $L$  themselves ("injectivity dimension"):  $i\text{-dim} L$  is at least  $n$  ( $n \geq 0$ ) iff  $(L, \epsilon_L)$  is the injective hull of a sober space  $X$  of degree at least  $n$ .

The unit interval  $I$  has  $i\text{-dimension } 1$ . The example provided by K.H.Hofmann and M.W.Mislove [HM<sub>2</sub>] shows that  $i\text{-dim} I \geq 2$  and, analogously,  $i\text{-dim} I^n \geq n$ . Is it true that  $i\text{-dim} I^n = n$ ? Are there continuous lattices  $L$  with  $i\text{-dim} L = \infty$  ?

8.13 PROBLEMS:

~~Is there a continuous poset  $P$  which carries a sober topology  $\tau_P$  inducing the given partial order such that  $(P, \tau_P)$  has an injective hull? Does every almost-continuous poset carry a (unique?) sober topology inducing the order and having an injective hull?~~

One easily sees that for a given poset  $P$  the supremum of every non-empty family of compatible topologies with an injective hull also has an injective hull. Is there always a coarsest compatible topology on a poset which has an injective hull (yielding the empty-indexed supremum)? The finest such topology is the Alexandrov-discrete topology ([H<sub>5</sub>] 4.3).