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In the paper we describe the structure of  $\mathcal{AH}$ -completions and  $\mathcal{H}$ -completions of the discrete semilattices  $(\mathbb{N}, \min)$  and  $(\mathbb{N}, \max)$ . We give an example of an  $\mathcal{H}$ -complete topological semilattice which is not  $\mathcal{AH}$ -complete. Also for an arbitrary infinite cardinal  $\lambda$  we construct an  $\mathcal{H}$ -complete topological semilattice of cardinality  $\lambda$  which has  $2^\lambda$  many open-and-closed continuous homomorphic images which are not  $\mathcal{H}$ -complete topological semilattices. The constructed examples give a negative answer to Question 17 in the paper J. W. Stepp, *Algebraic maximal semilattices*, Pacific J. Math., **58** (1975), no.1, 243–248.

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Описывается структура  $\mathcal{AH}$ -пополнений и  $\mathcal{H}$ -пополнений дискретных полурешеток  $(\mathbb{N}, \min)$  и  $(\mathbb{N}, \max)$ . Приводится пример  $\mathcal{H}$ -полной топологической полурешетки, не являющейся  $\mathcal{AH}$ -полной. Для произвольного бесконечного кардинала  $\lambda$  строится  $\mathcal{H}$ -полная топологическая полурешетка мощности  $\lambda$ , имеющая  $2^\lambda$  открыто-замкнутых непрерывных гомоморфных образов, не являющихся  $\mathcal{H}$ -полными топологическими полурешетками. Построенные примеры дают отрицательный ответ на вопрос 17, сформулированный в работе J. W. Stepp, *Algebraic maximal semilattices*, Pacific J. Math., **58** (1975), №1, 243–248.

In this paper all topological spaces will be assumed to be Hausdorff. We shall follow the terminology of [1, 3], and [4]. For a subset  $A$  of a topological space  $X$  by  $\text{cl}_X(A)$  we denote the closure of  $A$  in  $X$ . A filter  $\mathcal{F}$  on a set  $S$  is called *free* if  $\bigcap \mathcal{F} = \emptyset$ .

A *semilattice* is a set endowed with a commutative idempotent associative operation. If  $E$  is a semilattice, then the semilattice operation on  $E$  determines the partial order  $\leq$  on  $E$

$$e \leq f \quad \text{if and only if} \quad ef = fe = e.$$

This order is called *natural*. An element  $e$  of a semilattice  $E$  is called *minimal* (*maximal*) if  $f \leq e$  ( $e \geq f$ ) implies  $f = e$  for  $f \in E$ . A semilattice  $E$  is said to be *linearly ordered* or a *chain* if the natural order on  $E$  is linear.

If  $S$  is a topological space equipped with a continuous semigroup operation then  $S$  is called a *topological semigroup*. A *topological semilattice* is a topological semigroup which is algebraically a semilattice.

Let  $\mathcal{TS}$  be a category whose objects are topological semigroups and morphisms are homomorphisms between topological semigroups. A topological semigroup  $X \in \text{Ob } \mathcal{TS}$  is called  $\mathcal{TS}$ -*complete* if for each object  $Y \in \text{Ob } \mathcal{TS}$  and a morphism  $f: X \rightarrow Y$  of the category  $\mathcal{TS}$  the image  $f(X)$  is closed in  $Y$ .

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By a  $\mathcal{TS}$ -completion of a topological semigroup  $X$  we understand any  $\mathcal{TS}$ -complete topological semigroup  $\tilde{X} \in \text{Ob } \mathcal{TS}$  containing  $X$  as a dense subsemigroup. A  $\mathcal{TS}$ -completion  $\tilde{X}$  of  $X$  is called *universal* if each continuous homomorphism  $h: X \rightarrow Y$  to a  $\mathcal{TS}$ -complete topological semigroup  $Y \in \text{Ob } \mathcal{TS}$  extends to a continuous homomorphism  $\tilde{h}: \tilde{X} \rightarrow Y$ .

It is well-known that for the category  $\mathcal{TG}$  of topological groups and their continuous homomorphisms, each object  $G \in \text{Ob } \mathcal{TG}$  has a  $\mathcal{TG}$ -completion and each  $\mathcal{TG}$ -completion of  $G$  is universal ([8]).

In the category of topological semigroups the situation is totally different. We show this on the example of the discrete topological semigroups  $(\mathbb{N}, \min)$  and  $(\mathbb{N}, \max)$ . We shall study  $\mathcal{H}$ -completions and  $\mathcal{AH}$ -completions of discrete topological semigroup  $(\mathbb{N}, \min)$  and  $(\mathbb{N}, \max)$  in the category  $\mathcal{AH}$  (resp.  $\mathcal{H}$ ) whose objects are Hausdorff topological semigroups and morphisms are continuous homomorphisms (resp. isomorphic topological embeddings) between topological semigroups.

The notion of  $\mathcal{H}$ -completion was introduced by J. W. Stepp in [9], where he showed that for each locally compact topological semigroup  $S$  there exists an  $\mathcal{H}$ -complete topological semigroup  $T$  which contains  $S$  as a dense subsemigroup.

J. W. Stepp ([10]) proved that a discrete semilattice  $E$  is  $\mathcal{H}$ -complete if and only if any maximal chain in  $E$  is finite. In [6] O. Gutik and K. Pavlyk remarked that a topological semilattice is  $\mathcal{H}$ -complete ( $\mathcal{AH}$ -complete) if and only if it is  $\mathcal{H}$ -complete ( $\mathcal{AH}$ -complete) as a topological semigroup. In [7] O. Gutik and D. Repovš studied properties of linearly ordered  $\mathcal{H}$ -complete topological semilattices and proved the following characterization theorem.

**Theorem 1** ([7, Theorem 2]). *A linearly ordered topological semilattice  $E$  is  $\mathcal{H}$ -complete if and only if the following conditions hold:*

- (i)  $E$  is complete;
- (ii)  $x = \sup A$  for  $A = \downarrow A$  implies  $x \in \text{cl}_E A$ ;
- (iii)  $x = \inf B$  for  $B = \uparrow B$  implies  $x \in \text{cl}_E B$ .

Also, in [7] O. Gutik and D. Repovš proved that each linearly ordered  $\mathcal{H}$ -complete topological semilattice is  $\mathcal{AH}$ -complete and showed that every linearly ordered semilattice is a dense subsemilattice of an  $\mathcal{H}$ -complete topological semilattice. In [2] I. Chuchman and O. Gutik proved that any  $\mathcal{H}$ -complete locally compact topological semilattice and any  $\mathcal{H}$ -complete topological weakly U-semilattice contain minimal idempotents.

In [10, Question 17] J. W. Stepp asked the following question: *Is each  $\mathcal{H}$ -complete topological semilattice  $\mathcal{AH}$ -complete?* In the present paper we answer this Stepp's question in the negative by constructing an example of an  $\mathcal{H}$ -complete topological semilattice which is not  $\mathcal{AH}$ -complete. Also we construct an  $\mathcal{H}$ -complete topological semilattice of arbitrary infinite cardinality  $\lambda$  which has  $2^\lambda$  many open-and-closed continuous homomorphic images which are not  $\mathcal{H}$ -complete topological semilattices.

Let  $\mathbb{N}$  denote the set of positive integers. For each free filter  $\mathcal{F}$  on  $\mathbb{N}$  consider the topological space  $\mathbb{N}_{\mathcal{F}} = \mathbb{N} \cup \{\mathcal{F}\}$  in which all points  $x \in \mathbb{N}$  are isolated while the sets  $F \cup \{\mathcal{F}\}$ ,  $F \in \mathcal{F}$ , form a neighborhood base at the unique non-isolated point  $\mathcal{F}$ .

The semilattice operation  $\min$  (resp.,  $\max$ ) of  $\mathbb{N}$  extends to a continuous semilattice operation  $\min$  (resp.,  $\max$ ) on  $\mathbb{N}_{\mathcal{F}}$  such that  $\min\{n, \mathcal{F}\} = \min\{\mathcal{F}, n\} = n$  and  $\min\{\mathcal{F}, \mathcal{F}\} = \mathcal{F}$  (resp.,  $\max\{n, \mathcal{F}\} = \max\{\mathcal{F}, n\} = \mathcal{F} = \max\{\mathcal{F}, \mathcal{F}\}$ ) for all  $n \in \mathbb{N}$ . By  $\mathbb{N}_{\mathcal{F}, \min}$  (resp.,  $\mathbb{N}_{\mathcal{F}, \max}$ ) we shall denote the topological space  $\mathbb{N}_{\mathcal{F}}$  with the semilattice operation  $\min$  (resp.,  $\max$ ). Simple verifications show that  $\mathbb{N}_{\mathcal{F}, \min}$  and  $\mathbb{N}_{\mathcal{F}, \max}$  are topological semilattices.

**Theorem 2.** (i) For each free filter  $\mathcal{F}$  on  $\mathbb{N}$  the topological semilattices  $\mathbb{N}_{\mathcal{F},\min}$  and  $\mathbb{N}_{\mathcal{F},\max}$  are  $\mathcal{AH}$ -complete.  
(ii) Each  $\mathcal{H}$ -completion of the discrete semilattice  $(\mathbb{N}, \min)$  (resp.,  $(\mathbb{N}, \max)$ ) is topologically isomorphic to the topological semilattice  $\mathbb{N}_{\mathcal{F},\min}$  (resp.,  $\mathbb{N}_{\mathcal{F},\max}$ ) for some free filter  $\mathcal{F}$  on  $\mathbb{N}$ .  
(iii) The topological semilattice  $(\mathbb{N}, \min)$  (resp.,  $(\mathbb{N}, \max)$ ) has no universal  $\mathcal{AH}$ -completion.

*Proof.* (i) By Theorem 1, we have that the topological semilattices  $\mathbb{N}_{\mathcal{F},\min}$  and  $\mathbb{N}_{\mathcal{F},\max}$  are  $\mathcal{H}$ -complete. Since  $\mathbb{N}_{\mathcal{F},\min}$  and  $\mathbb{N}_{\mathcal{F},\max}$  are linearly ordered semilattices, Theorem 3 of [7] implies that the topological semilattices  $\mathbb{N}_{\mathcal{F},\min}$  and  $\mathbb{N}_{\mathcal{F},\max}$  are  $\mathcal{AH}$ -complete.

(ii) We shall prove the statement for the semilattice  $(\mathbb{N}, \min)$ . In the case of  $(\mathbb{N}, \max)$  the proof is similar. Let  $S$  be an  $\mathcal{H}$ -complete topological semilattice containing  $(\mathbb{N}, \min)$  as a dense subsemilattice. Since the closure of a linearly ordered subsemilattice in a Hausdorff topological semigroup is a linearly ordered topological semilattice (see [6, Corollary 19] and [7, Lemma 1]), we conclude that  $S$  is linearly ordered and  $S \setminus \mathbb{N}$  is a singleton  $\{a\}$ . Then since  $(\mathbb{N}, \min)$  is a dense subsemilattice of  $S$ , the continuity of the semilattice operation in  $S$  implies that  $a \cdot a = a$  and  $a \cdot n = n \cdot a = n$  for any  $n \in \mathbb{N}$ . Let  $\mathcal{B}(a)$  be the filter of neighborhoods of the point  $a$  in  $S$ . This filter induces the free filter  $\mathcal{F} = \{F \subset \mathbb{N} : F \cup \{a\} \in \mathcal{B}(a)\}$ . Then we can identify the topological semilattice  $S$  with  $\mathbb{N}_{\mathcal{F},\min}$  by the topological isomorphism  $f: S \rightarrow \mathbb{N}_{\mathcal{F},\min}$  such that  $f(a) = \mathcal{F}$  and  $f(n) = n$  for every  $n \in \mathbb{N}$ .

(iii) Suppose the contrary: there exists a universal  $\mathcal{AH}$ -completion  $S$  of the discrete semilattice  $(\mathbb{N}, \max)$ . Then by statement (ii), the semilattice  $S$  can be identified with the semilattice  $\mathbb{N}_{\mathcal{F},\max}$  for some free filter  $\mathcal{F}$  on  $\mathbb{N}$ . Let  $\mathcal{F}'$  be any free filter on  $\mathbb{N}$  such that  $\mathcal{F}' \not\subseteq \mathcal{F}$ . Then the identity embedding  $\text{id}_{\mathbb{N}}: (\mathbb{N}, \max) \rightarrow \mathbb{N}_{\mathcal{F}',\max}$  cannot be extended to a continuous homomorphism  $h: \mathbb{N}_{\mathcal{F},\max} \rightarrow \mathbb{N}_{\mathcal{F}',\max}$ , witnessing that the  $\mathcal{AH}$ -completion  $S$  of  $(\mathbb{N}, \min)$  is not universal.  $\square$

Later on, by  $E_2 = \{0, 1\}$  we denote the discrete topological semilattice with the semilattice operation  $\min$ .

**Theorem 3.** Let  $\mathcal{F}$  be a free filter on  $\mathbb{N}$  and  $F \in \mathcal{F}$  be a set with infinite complement  $\mathbb{N} \setminus F$ . Then the following statements hold:

- (i) the closed subsemilattice  $E = (\mathbb{N}_{\mathcal{F},\min} \times \{0\}) \cup ((\mathbb{N} \setminus F) \times \{1\})$  of the direct product  $\mathbb{N}_{\mathcal{F},\min} \times E_2$  is  $\mathcal{H}$ -complete;
- (ii) the subset  $I = \mathbb{N}_{\mathcal{F},\min} \times \{0\}$  is an open-and-closed ideal in  $E$ , and the quotient semilattice  $E/I$  with the quotient topology is discrete and not  $\mathcal{H}$ -complete;
- (iii) the semilattice  $E$  is not  $\mathcal{AH}$ -complete.

*Proof.* (i) The definition of the topological semilattice  $\mathbb{N}_{\mathcal{F},\min} \times E_2$  implies that  $E$  is a closed subsemilattice of  $\mathbb{N}_{\mathcal{F},\min} \times E_2$ . Suppose the contrary: the topological semilattice  $E$  is not  $\mathcal{H}$ -complete. Since the closure of a subsemilattice in a topological semigroup is a semilattice (see Corollary 19 of [6]), we conclude that there exists a topological semilattice  $S$  which contains  $E$  as a dense subsemilattice and  $S \setminus E \neq \emptyset$ . We fix an arbitrary  $a \in S \setminus E$ . Then for every open neighborhood  $U(a)$  of the point  $a$  in  $S$  we have that the set  $U(a) \cap E$  is infinite. By Theorem 2, the subspace  $\mathbb{N}_{\mathcal{F},\min} \times \{0\}$  of  $E$  with the induced semilattice operation from  $E$  is an  $\mathcal{H}$ -complete topological semilattice. Therefore, there exists an open neighborhood  $U(a)$  of the point  $a$  in  $S$  such that  $U(a) \cap E \subseteq (\mathbb{N} \setminus F) \times \{1\}$  and hence the set  $U(a) \cap ((\mathbb{N} \setminus F) \times \{1\})$  is infinite.

Next we shall show that  $a \cdot x = x$  for any  $x \in E \setminus \{(\mathcal{F}, 0)\}$ . Since the set  $U(x) \cap ((\mathbb{N} \setminus F) \times \{1\})$  is infinite, the continuity of the semilattice operation in  $E$  implies that  $a \cdot x = x$  for any  $x \in (\mathbb{N} \setminus F) \times \{1\}$ . Now fix any point  $y \in \mathbb{N} \times \{0\} \subset E$ . By the definition of the semilattice operation on  $E$ , we can find a point  $x_y \in (\mathbb{N} \setminus F) \times \{1\}$  with  $x_y \cdot y = y$  and conclude that

$$a \cdot y = a \cdot (x_y \cdot y) = (a \cdot x_y) \cdot y = x_y \cdot y = y.$$

Since  $(\mathcal{F}, 0)$  is a cluster point of the set  $\mathbb{N} \times \{0\}$ , the continuity of the semilattice operation implies that  $a \cdot (\mathcal{F}, 0) = (\mathcal{F}, 0)$ .

Since  $W(\mathcal{F}, 0) = (F \cup \{\mathcal{F}\}) \times \{0\}$  is a neighborhood of the point  $(\mathcal{F}, 0) = a \cdot (\mathcal{F}, 0)$ , the continuity of the semilattice operation yields the existence of neighborhoods  $U(a)$  and  $V(\mathcal{F}, 0)$  of the points  $a$  and  $(\mathcal{F}, 0)$  in  $S$  such that  $U(a) \cdot V(\mathcal{F}, 0) \subset W(\mathcal{F}, 0)$ . Now choose any point  $(n, 1) \in U(a) \cap ((\mathbb{N} \setminus F) \times \{1\})$  and find a point  $(m, 0) \in V(\mathcal{F}, 0)$  such that  $m \geq n$ . Then

$$(n, 0) = (n, 1) \cdot (m, 1) \in U(a) \cdot U(\mathcal{F}, 0) \subset W(\mathcal{F}, 0) = (F \cup \{\mathcal{F}\}) \times \{0\},$$

which contradicts the choice of  $n \in \mathbb{N} \setminus F$ .

(ii) The definition of the semilattice  $E$  implies that  $I = \mathbb{N}_{\mathcal{F}, \min} \times \{0\}$  is an open-and-closed ideal in  $E$ . Then the quotient semilattice  $E/I$  (endowed with the quotient topology) is a discrete topological semilattice, topologically isomorphic to the discrete semilattice  $(\mathbb{N}, \min)$ . By Theorem 1, the semilattice  $E/I$  is not  $\mathcal{H}$ -complete.

Statement (iii) follows from statement (ii).  $\square$

**Corollary 1.** *For a free filter  $\mathcal{F}$  on  $\mathbb{N}$ , each closed subsemilattice of the semilattice  $\mathbb{N}_{\mathcal{F}, \min} \times E_2$  is  $\mathcal{AH}$ -complete if and only if  $\mathcal{F}$  is the filter of cofinite subsets of  $\mathbb{N}$ .*

*Proof.* ( $\Leftarrow$ ) If  $\mathcal{F}$  is the filter of cofinite subsets of  $\mathbb{N}$ , then the space  $\mathbb{N}_{\mathcal{F}, \min} \times E_2$  is compact. Then each closed subset of  $\mathbb{N}_{\mathcal{F}, \min} \times E_2$  is compact and hence each closed subsemilattice of the semilattice  $\mathbb{N}_{\mathcal{F}, \min} \times E_2$  is  $\mathcal{AH}$ -complete.

( $\Rightarrow$ ) If  $\mathcal{F}$  is a free filter on  $\mathbb{N}$  containing a set  $F \subseteq \mathbb{N}$  with the infinite complement  $\mathbb{N} \setminus F$ , then  $E = (\mathbb{N}_{\mathcal{F}, \min} \times \{0\}) \cup ((\mathbb{N} \setminus F) \times \{1\})$  is a closed subsemilattice of the topological semilattice  $\mathbb{N}_{\mathcal{F}, \min} \times E_2$  and Theorem 3 implies that  $E$  is not  $\mathcal{AH}$ -complete.  $\square$

The proof of the following theorem is similar to the proof of Theorem 3 with some simple modifications.

**Theorem 4.** *Let  $\mathcal{F}$  be a free filter on  $\mathbb{N}$  and  $F \in \mathcal{F}$  be a set with infinite complement  $\mathbb{N} \setminus F$ . Then the following assertions hold:*

- (i) *the closed subsemilattice  $E = (\mathbb{N}_{\mathcal{F}, \max} \times \{0\}) \cup ((\mathbb{N} \setminus F) \times \{1\})$  of the direct product  $\mathbb{N}_{\mathcal{F}, \max} \times E_2$  is  $\mathcal{H}$ -complete;*
- (ii) *the subset  $I = \mathbb{N}_{\mathcal{F}, \max} \times \{0\}$  is an open-and-closed ideal in  $E$ , and the quotient semilattice  $E/I$  with the quotient topology is discrete and not  $\mathcal{H}$ -complete;*
- (iii) *the semilattice  $E$  is not  $\mathcal{AH}$ -complete.*

The proof of the following corollary is similar to Corollary 1 and it follows from Theorem 4.

**Corollary 2.** *For a free filter  $\mathcal{F}$  on  $\mathbb{N}$ , each closed subsemilattice of the semilattice  $\mathbb{N}_{\mathcal{F}, \max} \times E_2$  is  $\mathcal{AH}$ -complete if and only if  $\mathcal{F}$  is the filter of cofinite subsets of  $\mathbb{N}$ .*

We remark that Theorems 3 and 4 give a negative answer on Question 17 from [10].

Also, Theorems 3 and 4 imply the following corollary.

**Corollary 3.** *There exists a countable locally compact  $\mathcal{H}$ -complete topological semilattice  $E$  with an open-and-closed ideal  $I$  such that  $I$  is an  $\mathcal{AH}$ -complete semilattice and the Rees quotient semigroup  $E/I$  with the quotient topology is not  $\mathcal{H}$ -complete.*

**Remark 1.** A Hausdorff partially ordered space  $X$  is called  $\mathcal{H}$ -complete if  $X$  is a closed subspace of every Hausdorff partially ordered space in which it is contained ([5]). A linearly ordered topological semilattice  $E$  is  $\mathcal{H}$ -complete if and only if  $E$  is an  $\mathcal{H}$ -complete partially ordered space ([5]). In [11] Yokoyama showed that a partially ordered space  $X$  without an infinite antichain is an  $\mathcal{H}$ -complete partially ordered space if and only if  $X$  is a directed complete and down-complete poset such that  $\sup L$  and  $\inf L$  are contained in the closure of  $L$  for any nonempty chain  $L$  in  $X$ . Theorems 3 and 4 imply that there exists an  $\mathcal{H}$ -complete topological semilattice without an infinite antichain which is not an  $\mathcal{H}$ -complete partially ordered space. Also Theorem 3 implies that there exists a countable  $\mathcal{H}$ -complete locally compact topological semilattice  $E$  without an infinite antichain which contains a maximal chain  $L$  which is not directed complete, and  $L$  does not have a maximal element.

Let  $\lambda$  be any infinite cardinal and let  $0 \notin \lambda$ . On the set  $E_\lambda = \{0\} \cup \lambda$  endowed with the discrete topology we define the semilattice operation by the formula  $x \cdot y = \begin{cases} x, & \text{if } x = y, \\ 0, & \text{if } x \neq y. \end{cases}$

**Theorem 5.** *Let  $\mathcal{F}$  be a free filter on  $\mathbb{N}$  and  $F \in \mathcal{F}$  be a set with infinite complement  $\mathbb{N} \setminus F$ . Then for each infinite cardinal  $\lambda$  the following statements hold :*

- (i) *the closed subsemilattice  $E = (\mathbb{N}_{\mathcal{F}, \max} \times \{0\}) \cup ((\mathbb{N} \setminus F) \times \lambda)$  of the direct product  $\mathbb{N}_{\mathcal{F}, \max} \times E_\lambda$  is  $\mathcal{H}$ -complete;*
- (ii) *for each subset  $\kappa \subset \lambda$  the subset  $I_\kappa = (\mathbb{N}_{\mathcal{F}, \max} \times \{0\}) \cup ((\mathbb{N} \setminus F) \times \kappa)$  is an open-and-closed ideal in  $E$ , and the quotient semilattice  $E/I_\kappa$  with the quotient topology is discrete and not  $\mathcal{H}$ -complete;*
- (iii) *the semilattice  $E$  is not  $\mathcal{AH}$ -complete.*

*Proof.* (i) Assuming that the topological semilattice  $E$  is not  $\mathcal{H}$ -complete, find a topological semilattice  $T$  containing  $E$  as a dense subsemilattice with non-empty complement  $T \setminus E$ . Fix any element  $e \in T \setminus E$ . By Theorem 1, the topological semilattice  $E^0 = \mathbb{N}_{\mathcal{F}, \max} \times \{0\}$  is  $\mathcal{H}$ -complete and hence is closed in  $T$ . Then there exists an open neighborhood  $U(e)$  of the point  $e$  in  $T$  such that  $U(e) \cap E^0 = \emptyset$ . By the continuity of the semilattice operation in  $T$ , there exists an open neighborhood  $V(e) \subseteq U(e)$  of the point  $e$  in  $T$  such that  $V(e) \cdot V(e) \subseteq U(e)$ . By Theorem 4, for each  $a \in \lambda$ , the subsemilattice  $E_a = (\mathbb{N}_{\mathcal{F}, \max} \times \{0\}) \cup ((\mathbb{N} \setminus F) \times \{a\})$  of the direct product  $\mathbb{N}_{\mathcal{F}, \max} \times E_\lambda$  is  $\mathcal{H}$ -complete and hence is closed in  $T$ . This implies that  $V(e) \cap E_a \neq \emptyset$  for infinitely many points  $a \in \lambda$ , and hence  $(V(e) \cdot V(e)) \cap E^0 \neq \emptyset$ . This contradicts the choice of the neighborhood  $U(e)$ . The obtained contradiction implies that the topological semilattice  $E$  is  $\mathcal{H}$ -complete.

(ii) The definition of the semilattice  $E$  implies that  $I_\kappa = (\mathbb{N}_{\mathcal{F}, \max} \times \{0\}) \cup ((\mathbb{N} \setminus F) \times \kappa)$  is an open-and-closed ideal in  $E$ . Then we have that the quotient semilattice  $E/I_\kappa$  with the quotient topology is a discrete topological semilattice. Also,  $E/I_\kappa$  is topologically isomorphic to the orthogonal sum of  $\lambda$  infinitely many of  $(\mathbb{N}, \max)$  with isolated zero. This implies that the semilattice  $E/I_\kappa$  is not  $\mathcal{H}$ -complete.

Statement (iii) follows from statement (ii). □

**Remark 2.** The topological semilattices  $E$  and  $I_\kappa$  from Theorem 5 are metrizable locally compact spaces for each free countably generated filter  $\mathcal{F}$  on  $\mathbb{N}$  and any  $\kappa \subset \lambda$ .

**Remark 3.** It can be shown that continuous homomorphisms into the discrete semilattice  $(\{0, 1\}, \min)$  separate points of the topological semilattices  $E$  considered in Theorems 4 and 5.

Since for each subset  $\kappa \subset \lambda$  the natural homomorphism  $\pi: E \rightarrow E/I_\kappa$  is an open-and-closed map, Theorem 5 implies the following corollary.

**Corollary 4.** *Let  $\mathcal{F}$  be a free filter on  $\mathbb{N}$  containing a set  $F \in \mathcal{F}$  with infinite complement  $\mathbb{N} \setminus F$ . Then for each infinite cardinal  $\lambda$  there exist  $2^\lambda$  many continuous open-and-closed surjective homomorphic images of the topological semilattice*

$$E = (\mathbb{N}_{\mathcal{F}, \max} \times \{0\}) \cup ((\mathbb{N} \setminus F) \times \lambda) \subset \mathbb{N}_{\mathcal{F}, \max} \times E_\lambda,$$

*which are not  $\mathcal{H}$ -complete.*

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