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In the paper we describe the structure of $\mathcal{A}\mathcal{H}$ -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 $\mathcal{A}\mathcal{H}$ -complete. Also for an arbitrary infinite cardinal λ we construct an \mathcal{H} -complete topological semilattice of cardinality λ which has 2^λ 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 $\mathcal{A}\mathcal{H}$ -пополнений и \mathcal{H} -пополнений дискретных полурешеток (\mathbb{N}, \min) и (\mathbb{N}, \max) . Приводится пример \mathcal{H} -полной топологической полурешетки, не являющейся $\mathcal{A}\mathcal{H}$ -полной. Для произвольного бесконечного кардинала λ строится \mathcal{H} -полная топологическая полурешетка мощности λ , имеющая 2^λ 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 λ which has 2^λ 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

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

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 $\mathcal{A}\mathcal{H}$ -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 λ 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 λ 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_κ with the quotient topology is discrete and not \mathcal{H} -complete;*
- (iii) *the semilattice E is not $\mathcal{A}\mathcal{H}$ -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_κ with the quotient topology is a discrete topological semilattice. Also, E/I_κ is topologically isomorphic to the orthogonal sum of λ infinitely many of (\mathbb{N}, \max) with isolated zero. This implies that the semilattice E/I_κ is not \mathcal{H} -complete.

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

Remark 2. The topological semilattices E and I_κ 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 λ there exist 2^λ 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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