

## REGULAR $L$ -FUZZY TOPOLOGICAL SPACES AND THEIR TOPOLOGICAL MODIFICATIONS

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**ABSTRACT.** For  $L$  a continuous lattice with its Scott topology, the functor  $\iota_L$  makes every regular  $L$ -topological space into a regular space and so does the functor  $\omega_L$  the other way around. This has previously been known to hold in the restrictive class of the so-called weakly induced spaces. The concepts of  $H$ -Lindelöfness (à la Hutton compactness) is introduced and characterized in terms of certain filters. Regular  $H$ -Lindelöf spaces are shown to be normal.

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**1. Introduction.** The two functors that provide a working link between the category  $\mathbf{TOP}(L)$  of  $L$ -(fuzzy)-topological spaces and  $\mathbf{TOP}$  are the Lowen functors  $\iota_L$  and  $\omega_L$ . For a wide class of lattices  $L$ 's,  $\iota_L$  is a right adjoint and left inverse of  $\omega_L$ . Therefore, it is of interest to know how various  $L$ -topological invariants behave with respect to these functors.

In this paper, we show that when  $L$  is a continuous lattice with its Scott topology then  $\iota_L$  maps the category  $\mathbf{Reg}(L)$  of  $L$ -regular spaces onto the category  $\mathbf{Reg}$  of regular spaces. This improves upon and extends a result of Liu and Luo [6] which showed (with different but equivalent terminology) that  $\iota_L$  maps weakly induced  $L$ -regular spaces to regular spaces (with  $L$  a completely distributive lattice with its upper topology). As a consequence, we have that  $\omega_L(\mathbf{Reg})$  consists precisely of  $L$ -regular spaces of  $\omega_L(\mathbf{TOP})$ . Some generalities about  $L$ -regular spaces are included and stated in a slightly more general situation, viz. for  $L$ -topologies that admit a certain type of approximating relation. This captures complete  $L$ -regularity and zero-dimensionality.

We also introduce the concept of  $H$ -Lindelöfness (compatible with compactness in the sense of Hutton [2]) and characterize it in terms of closed filters. Finally, we prove that  $H$ -Lindelöf and  $L$ -regular spaces are  $L$ -normal.

**2. Notation and some terminology.** All the fuzzy topological concepts that concern us are standard. We nevertheless recall some of them.

Let  $L = (L, ')$  be a complete lattice (bottom denoted 0) endowed with an order-reversing involution  $'$ . Thus  $L$  satisfies the de Morgan laws. For  $X$  a set,  $L^X$  is the set of all maps from  $X$  to  $L$  (called  $L$ -sets). Then  $(L^X, ')$  is a complete lattice under pointwisely defined ordering and the order-reversing involution. The de Morgan laws

are also inherited by  $L^X$ . An  $L$ -topology on  $X$  is a family of elements of  $L^X$  (called open  $L$ -sets) such that any supremum and any finite infimum of open  $L$ -sets are open. The  $L$ -topology of an  $L$ -topological space ( $L$ -ts)  $X$  is denoted  $o(X)$ . Members of  $\kappa(X) = \{k \in L^X : k' \in o(X)\}$  are called closed. For each  $a \in L^X$ , we let  $\text{Int } a = \bigvee \{u \in o(X) : u \leq a\}$  and  $\bar{a} = (\text{Int}(a'))'$ . If  $X$  and  $Y$  are two  $L$ -ts's, then  $f : X \rightarrow Y$  is continuous if  $uf$  (the composition of  $f$  and  $u$ ) is in  $o(X)$  whenever  $u \in o(Y)$ . The weakest  $L$ -topology on  $X$  making  $f$  continuous is denoted by  $f^-(o(Y))$ . We say that  $S \subset L^X$  generates  $o(X)$  if  $o(X) = \bigcap \{T : S \subset T, \text{ an } L\text{-topology on } X\}$ . If  $\mathcal{T}$  is a family of  $L$ -topologies on  $X$ , then the supremum  $L$ -topology  $\bigvee \mathcal{T}$  is generated by  $\bigcup \mathcal{T}$ . In particular,  $\bigvee_{j \in J} \pi_j^-(o(X_j))$  is the product  $L$ -topology on  $\prod_{j \in J} X_j$  ( $\pi_j$  being the  $j$ th projection). The set of all restrictions  $\{u \upharpoonright A : u \in o(X)\}$  is the subspace  $L$ -topology on  $A \subset X$ .

Given  $\alpha, \beta \in L$  we let  $\alpha \ll \beta$  whenever for any  $B \subset L$  with  $\beta \leq \bigvee B$  there is a finite  $B_0 \subset B$  such that  $\alpha \leq \bigvee B_0$ . Then  $L$  is called continuous if  $\alpha = \bigvee \{\beta \in L : \beta \ll \alpha\}$  for every  $\alpha \in L$ . We write  $\downarrow \alpha = \{\beta \in L : \beta \ll \alpha\}$  and dually for  $\uparrow \alpha$ . Each continuous  $L$  has the interpolation property:  $\alpha \ll \beta$  implies  $\alpha \ll \gamma \ll \beta$  for some  $\gamma \in L$ . The Scott topology  $\sigma(L)$  on a continuous  $L$  is one which has  $\{\uparrow \alpha : \alpha \in L\}$  as a base. We write  $\Sigma L$  for  $(L, \sigma(L))$  (see [1] for details).

We also recall that  $L$  is a frame provided  $\alpha \wedge \bigvee B = \bigvee \{\alpha \wedge \beta : \beta \in B\}$  for every  $\alpha \in L$  and  $B \subset L$ .

Given  $a \in L^X$  and  $\alpha \in L$ , we let  $[a \gg \alpha] = \{x \in X : a(x) \gg \alpha\}$ ,  $[a \not\leq \alpha] = \{x \in X : a(x) \not\leq \alpha\}$ , etc. The constant member of  $L^X$  with value  $\alpha$  is denoted  $\alpha$  as well, and  $\alpha 1_A = \alpha \wedge 1_A$ , where  $1_A$  is the characteristic function of  $A \subset X$ . If  $\mathcal{A} \subset L^X$ , we let  $\mathcal{A}' = \{a' : a \in \mathcal{A}\}$ ,  $\bar{\mathcal{A}} = \{\bar{a} : a \in \mathcal{A}\}$ , and similarly for  $\text{Int } \mathcal{A}$ . We include for record.

**REMARK 2.1.** Let  $L$  be a complete lattice and  $X$  a nonempty set. The following statements are equivalent:

- (1)  $L$  is continuous;
- (2)  $a = \bigvee_{\alpha \in L} \alpha 1_{[a \gg \alpha]}$  for every  $a \in L^X$ ;
- (3)  $[a \not\leq \alpha] = \bigcup_{\beta \not\leq \alpha} [a \gg \beta]$  for every  $a \in L^X$  and  $\alpha \in L$ .

**3.  $L$ -topologies with approximating relation.** Let  $L = (L, ')$  be a complete lattice. An  $L$ -ts  $X$  is called  $L$ -regular [3] if for every  $u \in o(X)$  there exists  $\mathcal{V} \subset o(X)$  such that  $u = \bigvee \mathcal{V}$  and  $\bar{v} \leq u$  for all  $v \in \mathcal{V}$ . This is the case if and only if  $u = \bigvee \mathcal{V} = \bigvee \bar{\mathcal{V}}$ .

It is clear that  $X$  is  $L$ -regular if and only if for every basic open  $u$  one has  $u = \bigvee \{v \in o(X) : \bar{v} \leq u\}$ .

To avoid repetitions of some argument used in [5], we introduced an auxiliary relation  $<$  on the  $L$ -topology  $o(X)$  of an  $L$ -ts  $X$ .

**DEFINITION 3.1.** Let  $<$  be a binary relation on  $o(X)$  satisfying the following conditions for all  $u, v, w_1, w_2 \in o(X)$ :

- (1)  $0 < u$ ;
- (2)  $v < u$  implies  $v \leq u$ ;
- (3)  $w_1 \leq v < u \leq w_2$  implies  $w_1 < w_2$ ;
- (4)  $w_1 < u$  and  $w_2 < u$  imply  $w_1 \vee w_2 < u$ ;
- (5)  $u < w_1$  and  $u < w_2$  imply  $u < w_1 \wedge w_2$ .

We say  $X$  is  $\prec$ -regular if for each open  $u$  there exists  $\mathcal{V} \subset o(X)$  such that  $u = \bigvee \mathcal{V}$  and  $v \prec u$  for all  $v \in \mathcal{V}$ .

**EXAMPLES.** (1)  $X$  is  $L$ -regular if and only if it is  $\prec$ -regular with  $v \prec u$  defined by  $\bar{v} \leq u$ .

(2)  $X$  is completely  $L$ -regular [3] if and only if it is  $\prec$ -regular, where  $v \prec u$  if and only if  $v \leq L_1 f \leq R_0 f \leq u$  for some  $f \in C(X, I(L))$ ; see [5] for details and notice that (4) and (5) of Definition 3.1 require  $L$  to be meet-continuous (cf. Section 5).

(3)  $X$  is zero-dimensional if and only if it is  $\prec$ -regular and  $v \prec u$ , whenever  $v \leq w \leq u$  for some closed and open  $w$  (cf. [9]).

**PROPOSITION 3.2.** *Let  $L$  be a complete lattice and let  $X$  be any of  $\prec$ -regular spaces of Example 3. The following hold*

- (1) *If  $f : Y \rightarrow X$  is continuous, then  $Y$  is  $\prec$ -regular with respect to  $f^-(o(X))$ .*
  - (2) *Every subspace of  $X$  is  $\prec$ -regular.*
- If  $L$  is a frame, then*
- (3)  *$u = \bigvee \{v : v \prec u\}$  for every subbasic open  $u \in L^X$ .*
  - (4) *If  $\mathcal{T}$  is a family of  $\prec$ -regular  $L$ -topologies on  $X$ , then  $\bigvee \mathcal{T}$  is  $\prec$ -regular.*
  - (5)  *$\prec$ -regularity is preserved by arbitrary products.*

**PROOF.** The argument given in [5, Remark 2.5 and Lemma 2.3] for the case (2) of Example 3 goes unchanged in the remaining cases. □

**PROPOSITION 3.3.** *Let  $L$  be a continuous lattice. For  $X$  an  $L$ -topological space, the following are equivalent:*

- (1)  *$X$  is  $\prec$ -regular.*
- (2)  *$u = \bigvee \{v : v \prec u\}$  for every (basic) open  $u$ .*
- (3)  *$[u \gg \alpha] = \bigcup_{v \prec u} [v \gg \alpha]$  for every (basic) open  $u$  and  $\alpha \in L$ .*
- (4)  *$[u \not\leq \alpha] = \bigcup_{v \prec u} [v \not\leq \alpha]$  for every (basic) open  $u$  and  $\alpha \in L$ .*

**PROOF.** (1) $\implies$ (2). Obvious.

(2) $\implies$ (3). Let  $\alpha \ll u(x) = \bigvee \{v(x) : v \prec u\}$ . Select  $\beta \in L$  such that  $\alpha \ll \beta \ll u(x)$ . There is a finite family  $\mathcal{V} \subset o(X)$  such that  $\beta \leq (\bigvee \mathcal{V})(x)$  and  $w \prec u$  for every  $w \in \mathcal{V}$ . Put  $v = \bigvee \mathcal{V}$ . Then  $v \prec u$  and  $\alpha \ll \beta \leq v(x)$ . Thus  $\alpha \ll v(x)$  with  $v \prec u$ . This proves the nontrivial inclusion of (3).

(3) $\implies$ (4). If  $u(x) \not\leq \alpha$ , there is a  $\beta$  such that  $\beta \ll u(x)$  and  $\beta \not\leq \alpha$ . By (3),  $\beta \ll v(x)$  for some  $v \prec u$ . Then  $v(x) \not\leq \alpha$ , i.e.,  $[u \not\leq \alpha] \subset \bigcup_{v \prec u} [v \not\leq \alpha]$ . The reverse inclusion is obvious.

(4) $\implies$ (1). Let  $u \neq 0$ . Then  $\Delta = \{(x, \beta) \in X \times L : u(x) \not\leq \beta\} \neq \emptyset$ . For every pair  $(x, \beta) \in \Delta$  select  $v_{x\beta} \prec u$  such that  $v_{x\beta}(x) \not\leq \beta$ . Clearly,  $\bigvee \{v_{x\beta} : (x, \beta) \in \Delta\} \leq u$ . To show the converse, assume there exists  $y \in X$  such that

$$y = \bigvee \{v_{x\beta}(y) : (x, \beta) \in \Delta\} \not\leq u(y). \tag{3.1}$$

Then  $(y, y) \in \Delta$ , hence  $v_{yy}(y) \not\leq y$ . But from (3.1) we have  $v_{x\beta}(y) \leq y$  for all  $(x, \beta) \in \Delta$ , in particular  $v_{yy}(y) \leq y$ , a contradiction. □

**REMARK 3.4.** (1) The proof of (4) $\Rightarrow$ (1) is a complete lattice proof. Since there is a direct and obvious complete lattice argument for (2) $\Rightarrow$ (4), therefore (1) $\Leftrightarrow$ (2) $\Leftrightarrow$ (4) hold true for any complete lattice  $L$ .

(2) With  $L$  a complete chain without elements isolated from below (e.g., with  $L = [0, 1]$ ), conditions (3) and (4) coincide. When expressed in terms of fuzzy points (these are  $L$ -sets of the form  $\alpha 1_{\{x\}}$ ) and with  $v < u$  if and only if  $\bar{v} \leq u$ , these conditions become the definitions of fuzzy regularity given by numerous authors, e.g., [10], thereby showing that all those definitions are equivalent to the one of Hutton-Reilly [3].

(3) For  $L$  a frame, the open  $L$ -set  $u$  in conditions (3) and (4) of Proposition 3.3 can be assumed to be in any family that generates the  $L$ -topology (on account of Proposition 3.2(3)); cf. [8, Lemma 3(iii)].

Now we show that the regularity axiom of Liu and Luo [6] is equivalent to the  $L$ -regularity for any complete  $L$  in which primes are order generating. We recall that  $p \in L$  is called prime whenever  $\alpha \wedge \beta \leq p$  implies  $\alpha \leq p$  or  $\beta \leq p$ . The set of all primes is order generating if  $\alpha = \bigwedge \{p \geq \alpha : p \text{ is prime}\}$  for every  $\alpha \in L$ . The dual concept is that of a coprime element. In our case, i.e., in  $(L, ')$ , an element  $q \in L$  is coprime if and only if  $q'$  is prime. We have the following.

**REMARK 3.5.** Let  $L$  be a complete lattice in which primes are order generating. For  $X$  an  $L$ -ts, the following are equivalent:

- (1)  $X$  is  $L$ -regular.
- (2) (Liu and Luo [6]) for every  $x \in X$ , coprime  $q$ , and  $k \in \kappa(X)$ , whenever  $k(x) \not\leq q$ , there exists  $h \in \kappa(X)$  such that  $h(x) \not\leq q$  and  $k \leq \text{Int } h$ .

**PROOF OF REMARK 3.5(2).** Observe that condition (4) of Proposition 3.3 (cf. also Remark 3.4(1)) can be written as follows (with  $v < u$  if and only if  $\bar{v} \leq u$ ):  $[u \not\leq p] = \bigcup_{\bar{v} \leq u} [v \not\leq p]$  for every open  $u$  and each prime  $p$ . And this is just the dual form of (2). □

**4. The topological modifications of  $L$ -regular spaces.** The main topic of this paper requires the lattice  $L$  to carry a topology such that  $C(Y, L)$  is an  $L$ -topology for every topological space  $Y$ . Among examples of such lattices are the continuous lattices with their Scott topologies.

If  $L$  is a continuous lattice, then  $\Sigma L$  is a topological lattice (see [1, Chapter II, Corollary 4.16, Proposition 4.17]). The family  $[Y, \Sigma L]$  of all continuous functions from a topological space  $Y$  to  $\Sigma L$  is, therefore, closed under finite suprema and finite infima (both formed in  $L^Y$ ). However, by using the interpolation property of the relation  $\ll$ , for every  $\alpha \in L$  and  $\mathcal{U} \subset [Y, \Sigma L]$  one has  $[\bigvee \mathcal{U} \gg \alpha] = \bigcup \{[\bigvee \mathcal{V} \gg \alpha] : \mathcal{V} \subset \mathcal{U} \text{ is finite}\}$ , an open subset of  $Y$ . Thus  $[Y, \Sigma L]$  is an  $L$ -topology on the set  $Y$ . For every topological space  $Y$ ,  $\omega_{\Sigma L} Y$  denotes the set  $Y$  provided with the  $L$ -topology  $[Y, \Sigma L]$ . One then says that  $\omega_{\Sigma L} Y$  is *topologically generated* from  $Y$ .

Now, for  $X$  an  $L$ -topological space, let  $t_{\Sigma L} X$  be the topological space with  $X$  as the underlying set and with the weak topology generated by  $o(X)$  and  $\Sigma L$ , i.e.,  $t_{\Sigma L} X$  has  $\bigvee \{u^-(\sigma(L)) : u \in o(X)\}$  as a topology. It is called the *topological modification* of  $X$ .

Then  $\omega_{\Sigma L} : \mathbf{TOP} \rightarrow \mathbf{TOP}(L)$  and  $t_{\Sigma L} : \mathbf{TOP}(L) \rightarrow \mathbf{TOP}$  (with preservation of mappings) are the Lowen functors (cf. [4, 5]).

We have  $o(X) \subset o(\omega_{\Sigma L} \iota_{\Sigma L} X)$  and  $\iota_{\Sigma L} \omega_{\Sigma L} = \text{id}_{\text{TOP}}$ . Hence  $\omega_{\Sigma L}$  is an injection. We also recall that if  $Y$  is a topological space, then  $\chi Y$  denotes the set  $Y$  endowed with the  $L$ -topology  $\{1_U : U \text{ open in } X\}$ . Clearly,  $\iota_{\Sigma L} \chi Y = Y$ .

Sometimes it may be more convenient to write  $(X, \omega_{\Sigma L}(T))$  for the space topologically generated from  $(X, T)$ , and similarly for  $\iota_{\Sigma L}$ .

**LEMMA 4.1.** *Let  $L$  be a continuous lattice. For every  $L$ -regular space  $X$ ,  $\iota_{\Sigma L} X$  is a regular topological space.*

**PROOF.** It suffices to show that every point of an arbitrary subbasic open set of  $\iota_{\Sigma L} Y$  has an open neighborhood whose closure is in the set (this is Proposition 3.2(3) with  $L = \{0, 1\}$ ). So, let  $u$  be open in  $X$ ,  $\alpha \in L$ , and let  $x \in [u \gg \alpha]$ . By Proposition 3.3(3) there is an open  $v$  in  $X$  such that  $\bar{v} \leq u$  and  $x \in [v \gg \alpha]$ . Select  $\gamma \in L$  such that  $\alpha \ll \gamma \ll v(x)$ . Then

$$x \in [v \gg \gamma] \subset [\bar{v} \geq \gamma] \subset [u \gg \alpha]. \tag{4.1}$$

Now it suffices to note that, by Remark 2.1,

$$[\bar{v} \geq \gamma] = X \setminus [\text{Int}(v') \not\leq \gamma'] = X \setminus \bigcup_{\beta \not\leq \gamma'} [\text{Int}(v') \gg \beta]. \tag{4.2}$$

Thus  $[\bar{v} \geq \gamma]$  is closed, hence  $\iota_{\Sigma L} X$  is regular.

Now it is more convenient to write  $(X, T)$  for an  $L$ -ts  $X$  with the  $L$ -topology  $T$ . In [6],  $(X, T)$  is said to be *weakly induced* if  $1_{[u \not\leq \alpha]} \in T$  for every  $u \in T$  and  $\alpha \in L$ . Let  $[T] = \{U \subset X : 1_U \in T\}$ . In what follows, we write “ $L$ -regular” on account of Remark 3.5. □

**COROLLARY 4.2** [6]. *Let  $L$  be completely distributive. If  $(X, T)$  is a weakly induced  $L$ -regular space, then  $(X, [T])$  is regular.*

**PROOF.** First, recall that a completely distributive  $L$  is continuous and the sets  $\{\beta \in L : \beta \not\leq \alpha\}$  ( $\alpha \in L$ ) form a subbase for its Scott topology (see [1, e.g., Chapter IV, Exercise 2.31 and Chapter III, Exercise 3.23]). Thus  $(X, T)$  is weakly induced if and only if  $\iota_{\Sigma L}(T) \subset [T]$ . Finally, notice that  $[T] \subset \iota_{\Sigma L}(T)$  always since  $[1_U \gg \alpha] \in \{\emptyset, U, X\}$  for every  $\alpha \in L$ . □

**THEOREM 4.3.** *Let  $L$  be a continuous lattice. Then the following hold:*

$$\iota_{\Sigma L}(\mathbf{Reg}(L)) = \mathbf{Reg}. \tag{4.3}$$

$$\omega_{\Sigma L}(\mathbf{Reg}) = \mathbf{Reg}(L) \cap \omega_{\Sigma L}(\mathbf{TOP}). \tag{4.4}$$

**PROOF.** (1) That  $\iota_{\Sigma L}$  maps  $\mathbf{Reg}(L)$  into  $\mathbf{Reg}$  is stated in Lemma 4.1. The mapping is onto since for any topological regular  $X, \chi X$  is  $L$ -regular and  $\iota_{\Sigma L} \chi X = X$ .

(2) If  $X$  is a regular topological space and  $u$  is open in  $\omega_{\Sigma L} X$ , then for every  $\alpha \in L$  there is a family  $\mathcal{W}_\alpha$  of open subsets of  $X$  such that

$$[u \gg \alpha] = \bigcup \mathcal{W}_\alpha = \bigcup \overline{\mathcal{W}_\alpha}. \tag{4.5}$$

By Remark 2.1 and the first equality of (4.5), we obtain

$$\begin{aligned} u &= \bigvee_{\alpha \in L} \alpha 1_{[u \gg \alpha]} = \bigvee_{\alpha \in L} \left( \alpha \wedge \bigvee_{W \in \mathcal{W}_\alpha} 1_W \right) \\ &= \bigvee_{\alpha \in L} \bigvee_{W \in \mathcal{W}_\alpha} \alpha 1_W \leq \bigvee_{\alpha \in L} \bigvee_{W \in \mathcal{W}_\alpha} \overline{\alpha 1_W}. \end{aligned} \tag{4.6}$$

(Note that there is no distributivity used in arriving at the third equality: always  $\alpha \wedge \bigvee B = \bigvee \{\alpha \wedge \beta : \beta \in B\}$  provided  $B \subset \{0, 1\}$  as is the case above).

Since  $\overline{\alpha 1_W} \leq \alpha 1_{\overline{W}}$ , the same argument shows, by using the second equality of (4.5), that we actually have

$$u = \bigvee_{\alpha \in L} \bigvee_{W \in \mathcal{W}_\alpha} \alpha 1_W = \bigvee_{\alpha \in L} \bigvee_{W \in \mathcal{W}_\alpha} \overline{\alpha 1_W}. \tag{4.7}$$

This shows that  $\omega_{\Sigma L} X$  is  $L$ -regular.

Conversely, if  $\omega_{\Sigma L} X$  is  $L$ -regular, then  $X = \iota_{\Sigma L} \chi X$  is regular by Lemma 4.1. □

**REMARK 4.4.** (1) Let  $L$  be a continuous frame (then it becomes completely distributive on account of the order reversing involution; cf. [1, Chapter I, Theorem 3.15]). Then the inclusion  $\omega_{\Sigma L}(\mathbf{Reg}) \subset \mathbf{Reg}(L)$  obviously follows from Proposition 3.2(4). Indeed, for  $X$  a regular space, the  $L$ -topology of  $\omega_{\Sigma L} X$  is the supremum of two  $L$ -regular  $L$ -topologies: the one of  $\chi X$  and the one consisting of all constant  $L$ -sets (cf. [5, Proposition 1.5.1(7)]).

(2) The equality (4.4) of Theorem 4.3 is available in [12] with  $L = [0, 1]$  and in [6] with  $L$  completely distributive. Theorem 4.3 is also a supplement to the discussion about regularity in fuzzy topology given in [7].

(3) We recall that an  $L$ -ts  $X$  is an  $L$ - $T_3$  space if and only if it is  $L$ -regular and points of  $X$  can be separated by open  $L$ -sets. By [5, Remark 8.4], we obtain:  $\iota_{\Sigma L}(L\text{-}T_3) = T_3$  and  $\omega_{\Sigma L}(T_3) = L\text{-}T_3 \cap \omega_{\Sigma L}(\mathbf{TOP})$ .

We close this section with some remarks about maximal  $L$ -regular spaces. Following [11], we say that  $X$  is *maximal*  $L$ -regular if the only  $L$ -regular  $L$ -topology on the set  $X$  which is stronger than the original one is  $L^X$  (the discrete  $L$ -topology).

**PROPOSITION 4.5.** *Let  $L$  be a continuous lattice. Every maximal  $L$ -regular space with a nondiscrete topological modification is topologically generated (from a maximal regular space).*

**PROOF.** Let  $(X, T)$  be maximal  $L$ -regular and let  $\iota_{\Sigma L}(T)$  be nondiscrete. We have  $T \subset \omega_{\Sigma L}(\iota_{\Sigma L}(T))$  and the latter  $L$ -topology is  $L$ -regular by Theorem 4.3. Assume  $\omega_{\Sigma L}(\iota_{\Sigma L}(T)) = L^X$ . Then, by acting with  $\iota_{\Sigma L}$ , we have  $\iota_{\Sigma L}(T) = \iota_{\Sigma L}(L^X)$ , a discrete topology. This contradiction shows that  $T = \omega_{\Sigma L}(\iota_{\Sigma L}(T))$ . Thus  $(X, T)$  is topologically generated from  $(X, \iota_{\Sigma L}(T))$ . The latter space is maximal regular. For, if  $\iota_{\Sigma L}(T) \subsetneq S \subseteq \mathcal{P}(X)$  with  $S$  regular, then  $T = \omega_{\Sigma L}(\iota_{\Sigma L}(T)) \subsetneq \omega_{\Sigma L}(S) \subsetneq \omega_{\Sigma L}(\mathcal{P}(X)) = L^X$ . Since  $\omega_{\Sigma L}(S)$  is  $L$ -regular, this contradicts the maximality of  $T$  (recall that  $\omega_{\Sigma L}$  is injective). □

**REMARK 4.6.** From the above proof it is clear that Proposition 4.5 can be stated for any topological property  $\mathbf{P}$  and any  $L$ -topological property  $L\text{-}\mathbf{P}$  for which there holds a counterpart of Theorem 4.3. This is, for instance, the case of complete  $L$ -regularity by [5, Theorem 8.5]. See also Remark 4.4(3).

**5.  $H$ -Lindelöfness.** An  $L$ -ts  $X$  is called  $H$ -Lindelöf if for every  $k \in \kappa(X)$ , whenever  $k \leq \bigvee \mathcal{U}$  with  $\mathcal{U} \subset \mathcal{o}(X)$ , there exists a countable subfamily  $\mathcal{U}_0 \subset \mathcal{U}$  such that  $k \leq \bigvee \mathcal{U}_0$ . If  $\mathcal{U}_0$  is finite, then  $X$  is called  $H$ -compact [2]. It is clear that  $H$ -Lindelöfness is preserved under continuous surjections. Also, the characterizations of  $H$ -compactness in terms of certain filters have their counterparts for  $H$ -Lindelöf spaces.

**DEFINITION 5.1** (cf. [2]). Let  $\mathcal{F} \subset L^X$  be nonempty and let  $a \in L^X$ . We say that:

- (1)  $\mathcal{F}$  has the countable intersection property relative to  $a$  if  $\bigwedge \mathcal{F}_0 \not\leq a$  for every countable  $\mathcal{F}_0 \subset \mathcal{F}$ ,
- (2)  $\mathcal{F}$  is a filter if it is closed under finite infima and such that if  $f \in \mathcal{F}$  and  $f \leq a$ , then  $a \in \mathcal{F}$ . (A filter  $\mathcal{F}$  is called closed if  $\mathcal{F} \subset \kappa(X)$ .)

**THEOREM 5.2.** Let  $L$  be a complete lattice and let  $X$  be an  $L$ -ts. The following are equivalent:

- (1)  $X$  is  $H$ -Lindelöf.
- (2) Every family  $\mathcal{K} \subset \kappa(X)$  with the countable intersection property relative to an open  $u$  satisfies  $\bigwedge \mathcal{K} \not\leq u$ .
- (3) Every closed filter  $\mathcal{K}$  with the countable intersection property relative to an open  $u$  satisfies  $\bigwedge \mathcal{K} \not\leq u$ .

**PROOF.** (1) $\implies$ (2). Assume  $\bigwedge \mathcal{K} \leq u$ . Then  $u' \leq \bigvee \mathcal{K}'$  and there is a countable  $\mathcal{C} \subset \mathcal{K}'$  such that  $u' \leq \bigvee \mathcal{C}$ , a contradiction with the countable intersection property of  $\mathcal{K}$ .

(2) $\implies$ (3). Obvious.

(3) $\implies$ (1). Let  $k \leq \bigvee \mathcal{U}$ . Assume that  $\mathcal{U}$  does not have a countable subfamily which covers  $k$ . Let  $\langle \mathcal{U}' \rangle$  be the closed filter generated by  $\mathcal{U}'$ , i.e., let

$$\langle \mathcal{U}' \rangle = \{f \in \kappa(X) : \exists \text{ finite } \mathcal{C}_f \subset \mathcal{U}' \text{ s.t. } \bigwedge \mathcal{C}_f \leq f\}. \tag{5.1}$$

We claim that  $\langle \mathcal{U}' \rangle$  has the countable intersection property relative to  $k'$ . Suppose that this is not the case. Then for some countable  $\mathcal{F} \subset \langle \mathcal{U}' \rangle$  one has  $\bigwedge \mathcal{F} \leq k'$ . Thus

$$k \leq \bigvee \mathcal{F}' \leq \bigvee_{f \in \mathcal{F}} \left( \bigwedge \mathcal{C}_f \right)' = \bigvee_{f \in \mathcal{F}} \left( \bigcup_{f \in \mathcal{F}} \mathcal{C}'_f \right) \tag{5.2}$$

and  $\bigcup_{f \in \mathcal{F}} \mathcal{C}'_f$  is a countable subfamily of  $\mathcal{U}$ , a contradiction with our assumption about  $\mathcal{U}$ . Therefore  $\langle \mathcal{U}' \rangle$  has the countable intersection property relative to  $k'$ , i.e.,  $\bigwedge \langle \mathcal{U}' \rangle \not\leq k'$ . Hence  $k \not\leq \bigvee \langle \mathcal{U}' \rangle'$  and since  $\bigvee \mathcal{U} \leq \bigvee \langle \mathcal{U}' \rangle'$ , we conclude that  $k \not\leq \bigvee \mathcal{U}$ . This contradiction completes the proof.  $\square$

**REMARK 5.3.** There is no counterpart of Theorem 4.3 for  $H$ -Lindelöfness and Lindelöfness:

(1) The set  $X = L = [0, 1]$  (with  $\alpha' = 1 - \alpha$ ) equipped with the  $L$ -topology  $[0, 1/4]^X \cup \{1_X\}$  is  $H$ -Lindelöf (as each open cover of a nonzero closed  $L$ -set must contain  $1_X$ ), while  $\iota_{\Sigma L} X$  is an uncountable discrete space.

(2) An  $L$ -ts topologically generated from a Lindelöf space need not be  $H$ -Lindelöf. Indeed, let  $X$  be an uncountable Lindelöf topological space. Put  $L = \mathcal{P}(X)$  with usual complement as its order-reversing involution (note that  $\mathcal{P}(X)$  is a continuous lattice). Then the cover of  $1_X$  consisting of all constant  $L$ -sets having values  $\{x\}$  with  $x \in X$

(these are all open in  $\omega_{\Sigma L}X$ ) does not have a countable subcover. Therefore  $\omega_{\Sigma L}X$  fails to be  $H$ -Lindelöf.

(3) However, if  $\omega_{\Sigma L}X$  is  $H$ -Lindelöf, then  $X$  is Lindelöf. Indeed,  $\chi X$  carries a weaker  $L$ -topology than  $\omega_{\Sigma L}X$ , so that  $\chi X$  is  $H$ -Lindelöf, and the latter is equivalent to the statement that  $X$  is a Lindelöf space.

(4) All the above discussion applies unchanged to the case of  $H$ -compactness and compactness.

It is clear that for any complete  $L$ , every  $H$ -compact and  $L$ -regular space  $X$  is  $L$ -normal, i.e., whenever  $k \leq u$  ( $k$  is closed and  $u$  is open), there exists an open  $v$  with  $k \leq v \leq \bar{v} \leq u$  [3]. In what follows we show that  $H$ -compactness can be replaced by  $H$ -Lindelöfness provided  $L$  is meet-continuous, i.e., for every  $\alpha \in L$  and every directed subset  $\mathcal{D} \subset L$  there holds:  $\alpha \wedge \bigvee \mathcal{D} = \bigvee \{\alpha \wedge \delta : \delta \in \mathcal{D}\}$ . We recall that every continuous  $L$  is meet-continuous [1]. Also, on account of the order-reversing involution, the dual law is valid too.

**THEOREM 5.4.** *Let  $L$  be a meet-continuous lattice. Then every  $L$ -regular and  $H$ -Lindelöf space is  $L$ -normal.*

**PROOF.** Let  $k$  be closed,  $u$  be open, and  $k \leq u$  in an  $L$ -regular  $H$ -Lindelöf space  $X$ . By  $L$ -regularity there exist  $\mathcal{U} \subset \mathcal{O}(X)$  and  $\mathcal{K} \subset \mathcal{K}(X)$  such that  $u = \bigvee \mathcal{U} = \bigvee \bar{\mathcal{U}}$  and  $k = \bigwedge \mathcal{K} = \bigwedge \text{Int} \mathcal{K}$  (the latter on account of the de Morgan laws). By  $H$ -Lindelöfness, there exist two countable subfamilies  $\mathcal{U}_0 \subset \mathcal{U}$  and  $\mathcal{K}_0 \subset \mathcal{K}$  such that  $k \leq \bigvee \mathcal{U}_0$  and (again by the de Morgan laws)  $\bigwedge \mathcal{K}_0 \leq u$ . Thus

$$k \leq \bigvee \mathcal{U}_0 \leq \bigvee \bar{\mathcal{U}}_0 \quad \text{and} \quad k \leq \bigwedge \text{Int} \mathcal{K}_0 \leq \bigwedge \mathcal{K}_0 \leq u. \quad (5.3)$$

The rest of the proof is exactly the same as that of [5, Theorem 9.11] which shows that second countability plus  $L$ -regularity implies  $L$ -normality. Note that the proof in [5] uses a result holding for  $L$  a meet-continuous lattice.  $\square$

**REMARK 5.5.** By [5, Lemma 3.7], every second countable  $L$ -ts is  $H$ -Lindelöf for any complete  $L$ . Therefore Theorem 5.4 extends [5, Theorem 9.11].

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