

A metrizable Lawson semitopological semilattice with non-closed partial order

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Abstract. We construct a metrizable Lawson semitopological semilattice X whose partial order $\leq_X = \{(x, y) \in X \times X : xy = x\}$ is not closed in $X \times X$. This resolves a problem posed earlier by the authors.

Анотація. Побудовано лусонівську напівтопологічну напівґратку з незамкненим частковим порядком. Це розв'язує одну (раніше сформульовану авторами) проблему.

In this paper we shall construct an example of a metrizable Lawson semitopological semilattice with non-closed partial order, thus answering a problem posed by the authors in [2].

A *semilattice* is a commutative semigroup X whose any element $x \in X$ is an *idempotent* in the sense that $xx = x$. An example of a semilattice is any partially ordered set X in which any finite non-empty set $F \subseteq X$ has the greatest lower bound $\inf(F)$. In this case the binary operation $X \times X \rightarrow X$, $(x, y) \mapsto \inf\{x, y\}$, turns X into a semilattice.

Each semilattice X carries a partial order \leq defined by $x \leq y$ iff $xy = x$. For this partial order we have $xy = \inf\{x, y\}$.

A semilattice X is called

- \uparrow -finite if for every element $x \in X$ its upper set $\uparrow x := \{y \in X : x \leq y\}$ is finite;
- \downarrow -finite if for every element $x \in X$ its lower set $\downarrow x := \{y \in X : y \leq x\}$ is finite.

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A *(semi)topological semilattice* is a semilattice X endowed with a topology such that the binary operation $X \times X \rightarrow X$, $(x, y) \mapsto xy$, is (separately) continuous. A semitopological semilattice is called *Lawson* if it has a base of the topology consisting of open subsemilattices.

The continuity of the semilattice operation in a Hausdorff topological semilattice implies the following well-known fact, see [4, VI-1.14].

Proposition 1. For any Hausdorff topological semilattice X the partial order

$$\leq_X := \{(x, y) \in X \times X : xy = x\}$$

is a closed subset of $X \times X$.

Also we have the following closedness result, proved in [1, 7.10].

Proposition 2. For any \downarrow -finite Hausdorff semitopological semilattice X the partial order \leq_X is closed in $X \times X$.

More conditions implying the closedness of the partial order of a Hausdorff semitopological semilattice can be found in [1, §7].

On the other hand, the following example constructed in [2] shows that Proposition 2 does not have counterparts for \uparrow -finite semitopological semilattices.

Example 3. There exists a \uparrow -finite metrizable semitopological semilattice X whose partial order is dense and non-closed in $X \times X$.

At the end of the paper [2] the authors asked whether there exists a *Lawson* Hausdorff semitopological semilattice X with non-closed partial order. In this paper we shall give an affirmative answer to this question. Moreover, for any cardinal κ we shall construct a Lawson semitopological semilattice X with non-closed partial order such that the topological space of X is a P_κ -space.

A topological space (X, τ) is called a P_κ -space if for any family $\mathcal{U} \subseteq \tau$ of cardinality $|\mathcal{U}| \leq \kappa$ the intersection $\bigcap \mathcal{U}$ belongs to the topology τ . Each topological space is a P_κ -space for any finite cardinal κ .

A topological space X is called *zero-dimensional* if it has a base of the topology, consisting of clopen sets. A subset of a topological space is *clopen* if it is both closed and open. It is easy to see that every regular P_ω -space is zero-dimensional. The *weight* of a topological space (X, τ) is the smallest cardinality of a base of the topology τ .

The following example (answering [2, Problem 1]) is the main result of this paper.

Example 4. For any infinite cardinal λ there exists a Lawson semitopological semilattice X having the following properties:

- (1) the partial order $\{(x, y) \in X \times X : xy = x\}$ of X is not closed in $X \times X$;
- (2) the semilattice X is \uparrow -finite;
- (3) the cardinality and the weight of the space X both are equal to λ ;
- (4) X is a Hausdorff zero-dimensional space;
- (5) X is a P_κ -space for any cardinal $\kappa < \text{cf}(\lambda)$;
- (6) if $\lambda = \omega$, then the countable space X is metrizable.

Proof. We identify the cardinal λ with the set $[0, \lambda)$ of ordinals, smaller than λ . For two ordinals $\alpha < \beta$ in λ by $[\alpha, \beta)$ we denote the order interval consisting of ordinals γ such that $\alpha \leq \gamma < \beta$.

Consider the semilattice $\{0, 1, 2\}$, endowed with the operation of minimum. In its power $\{0, 1, 2\}^\lambda$ consider the subsemilattice X consisting of the functions $x : \lambda \rightarrow \{0, 1, 2\}$ having finite support $\text{supp}(x) := x^{-1}(\{0, 1\})$.

For a function $x \in X$ let $\|x\|$ denote the smallest ordinal $\alpha \in \lambda$ such that $\text{supp}(x) \cap [\alpha, \lambda) = \emptyset$. If $\text{supp}(x) \neq \emptyset$, then $\|x\| = \max(\text{supp}(x)) + 1$ and hence the ordinal $\|x\| - 1$ is well-defined and equals $\max(\text{supp}(x))$.

The following property of the semilattice X easily follows from the definition of X .

Claim 5. The semilattice X has cardinality $|X| = \lambda$ and is \uparrow -finite. More precisely, for every $x \in X$ its upper set $\uparrow x$ has cardinality $|\uparrow x| \leq 3^{|\text{supp}(x)|}$.

Now we shall define a topology τ on X turning the semilattice X into a Lawson semitopological semilattice with non-closed partial order.

Write the semilattice X as the union $X_0 \cup X_1 \cup X_2$ of the subsemilattices

$$X_i := \{x \in X : x(0) = i\} \text{ for } i \in \{0, 1, 2\}.$$

For every function $x \in X$ and ordinal $\alpha \in [\|x\|, \lambda)$ we shall define a subsemilattice $V_\alpha(x)$ of X as follows.

If $x \in X_2$, then we put $V_\alpha(x) := \{x\}$.

If $x \in X_1$, then we put

$$V_\alpha(x) := \{y \in X_1 : y \upharpoonright [1, \alpha) = x \upharpoonright [1, \alpha) \text{ and } y([\alpha, \lambda)) \subseteq \{0, 2\}\} \cup \\ \{y \in X_2 : y \upharpoonright [1, \alpha) = x \upharpoonright [1, \alpha), y([\alpha, \lambda)) \subseteq \{0, 2\}, \text{ and } \|y\| > \alpha\}.$$

If $x \in X_0$, then we put

$$V_\alpha(x) := \{y \in X_0 : y \upharpoonright [1, \alpha) = x \upharpoonright [1, \alpha)\} \cup \\ \{y \in X_2 : y \upharpoonright [1, \alpha) = x \upharpoonright [1, \alpha), \|y\| > \alpha \text{ and } y(\|y\| - 1) = 1\}.$$

It is easy to see that $x \in V_\beta(x) \subseteq V_\alpha(x)$ for any $x \in X$ and ordinals $\alpha, \beta \in \lambda$ with $\|x\| \leq \alpha \leq \beta$.

Endow X with the topology τ consisting of the sets $U \subseteq X$ such that for any $x \in U$ there exists an ordinal $\alpha \in [\|x\|, \lambda)$ such that $V_\alpha(x) \subseteq U$.

Claim 6. For every $x \in X$ and $\alpha \in [\|x\|, \lambda)$, the set $V_\alpha(x)$ is open in the topological space (X, τ) .

Proof. Given any element $y \in V_\alpha(x)$, we should find an ordinal $\beta \in [\|y\|, \lambda)$ such that $V_\beta(y) \subseteq V_\alpha(x)$. Choose any ordinal $\beta \in [\alpha, \lambda)$ such that $\beta \geq \|y\|$. If $y \in X_2$, then $V_\beta(y) = \{y\} \subseteq V_\alpha(x)$ and we are done. So, we assume that $y \notin X_2$. In this case $x \notin X_2$.

If $x \in X_1$, then $y \in V_\alpha(x) \setminus X_2 \subseteq X_1$ and hence $y \uparrow[1, \alpha) = x \uparrow[1, \alpha)$ and $y([\alpha, \lambda)) \subseteq \{0, 2\}$. To prove that $V_\beta(y) \subseteq V_\alpha(x)$, take any $z \in V_\beta(y)$. The definition of $V_\beta(y)$ for $y \in X_1$ ensures that $z \in X_1 \cup X_2$. If $z \in X_1$, then

$$z \uparrow[1, \beta) = y \uparrow[1, \beta) \quad \text{and} \quad z([\beta, \lambda)) \subseteq \{0, 2\}.$$

Taking into account that $\alpha \leq \beta$, we conclude that

$$z \uparrow[1, \alpha) = y \uparrow[1, \alpha) = x \uparrow[1, \alpha)$$

and

$$\begin{aligned} z([\alpha, \lambda)) &= z([\alpha, \beta)) \cup z([\beta, \lambda)) \\ &= y([\alpha, \beta)) \cup z([\beta, \lambda)) \subseteq y([\alpha, \lambda)) \cup z([\beta, \lambda)) \subseteq \{0, 2\}, \end{aligned}$$

witnessing that $z \in V_\alpha(x) \cap X_1$.

If $z \in X_2$, then the definition of $V_\beta(y)$ ensures that $z \uparrow[1, \beta) = y \uparrow[1, \beta)$, $z([\beta, \lambda)) \subseteq \{0, 2\}$ and $\|z\| > \beta$. Then

$$\begin{aligned} z \uparrow[1, \alpha) &= y \uparrow[1, \alpha) = x \uparrow[1, \alpha), \\ z([\alpha, \lambda)) &= z([\alpha, \beta)) \cup z([\beta, \lambda)) = y([\alpha, \beta)) \cup z([\beta, \lambda)) \subseteq \{0, 2\} \end{aligned}$$

and $\|z\| > \beta \geq \alpha$, witnessing that $z \in V_\alpha(x) \cap X_2$.

Next, assume that $x \in X_0$. In this case $y \in V_\alpha(x) \setminus X_2 \subseteq X_0$ and

$$y \uparrow[1, \alpha) = x \uparrow[1, \alpha).$$

To prove that $V_\beta(y) \subseteq V_\alpha(x)$, take any $z \in V_\beta(y)$. The definition of $V_\beta(y)$ ensures that $z \in X_0 \cup X_2$. If $z \in X_0$, then $z \uparrow[1, \alpha) = y \uparrow[1, \alpha) = x \uparrow[1, \alpha)$ and $z \in V_\alpha(x)$ by the definition of $V_\alpha(x)$. If $z \in X_2$, then $z \uparrow[1, \beta) = y \uparrow[1, \beta)$, $\|z\| > \beta$ and $z(\|z\| - 1) = 1$. Then

$$z \uparrow[1, \alpha) = y \uparrow[1, \alpha) = x \uparrow[1, \alpha),$$

$\|z\| > \beta \geq \alpha$, and $z(\|z\| - 1) = 1$, witnessing that $z \in V_\alpha(x)$. \square

Claim 6 implies

Claim 7. The family $\mathcal{B} := \{V_\alpha(x) : x \in X, \alpha \in [\|x\|, \lambda)\}$ is a base of the topology τ .

Claim 8. The weight $w(X, \tau)$ of the topological space (X, τ) equals λ .

Proof. Claim 7 implies that $w(X, \tau) \leq |\mathcal{B}| \leq \lambda$. Taking to account that X_2 is a discrete subspace of (X, τ) , we conclude that $w(X, \tau) \geq |X_2| = \lambda$. \square

The following claim implies that the topological space (X, τ) is zero-dimensional.

Claim 9. For every $x \in X$ and a non-zero ordinal $\alpha \in [\|x\|, \lambda)$ the set $V_\alpha(x)$ is closed in the topological space (X, τ) .

Proof. Given any $y \in X \setminus V_\alpha(x)$, we should find an ordinal $\beta \in [\|y\|, \lambda)$ such that $V_\beta(y) \cap V_\alpha(x) = \emptyset$. We claim that the ordinal $\beta = \max\{\alpha, \|y\|\}$ has the desired property.

Six cases are possible.

1) If $y \in X_2$, then

$$V_\alpha(x) \cap V_\beta(y) = V_\alpha(x) \cap \{y\} = \emptyset$$

and we are done.

2) If $y \in X_0 \cup X_1$ and $x \in X_2$, then $V_\alpha(x) \cap V_\beta(y) = \{x\} \cap V_\beta(y) = \emptyset$ as $\|x\| \leq \alpha \leq \beta$.

3) $x, y \in X_0$. In this case $y \in X_0 \setminus V_\alpha(x)$ implies $y \upharpoonright [1, \alpha) \neq x \upharpoonright [1, \alpha)$ and hence

$$V_\alpha(x) \cap V_\beta(y) \subseteq V_\alpha(x) \cap V_\alpha(y) = \emptyset.$$

4) $x, y \in X_1$. In this case $y \in X_1 \setminus V_\alpha(x)$ implies $y \upharpoonright [1, \alpha) \neq x \upharpoonright [1, \alpha)$ or $y([\alpha, \lambda)) \not\subseteq \{0, 2\}$. If $y \upharpoonright [1, \alpha) \neq x \upharpoonright [1, \alpha)$, then

$$V_\alpha(x) \cap V_\beta(y) \subseteq V_\alpha(x) \cap V_\alpha(y) = \emptyset.$$

If $y \upharpoonright [1, \alpha) = x \upharpoonright [1, \alpha)$, then $y([\alpha, \lambda)) \not\subseteq \{0, 2\}$ and the choice of the ordinal $\beta \geq \|y\|$ guarantees that $y([\alpha, \beta)) \not\subseteq \{0, 2\}$. Then for any $z \in V_\beta(y)$ we get

$$z([\alpha, \beta)) = y([\alpha, \beta)) \not\subseteq \{0, 2\}$$

and hence $z \notin V_\alpha(x)$, which implies $V_\alpha(x) \cap V_\beta(y) = \emptyset$.

5) $x \in X_0$ and $y \in X_1$. In this case for any

$$z \in V_\alpha(x) \cap V_\beta(y),$$

we have $z \in X_2$. The inclusion $z \in X_2 \cap V_\beta(y)$ ensures that $\|z\| > \beta$ and $z([\beta, \lambda)) \subseteq \{0, 2\}$. On the other hand, $z \in X_2 \cap V_\alpha(x)$ implies

$$1 = z(\|z\| - 1) \in z([\beta, \lambda)) \subseteq \{0, 2\},$$

which is a contradiction witnessing that $V_\alpha(x) \cap V_\beta(y) = \emptyset$.

6) $x \in X_1$ and $y \in X_0$. In this case for any $z \in V_\alpha(x) \cap V_\beta(y)$, we have $z \in X_2$. The inclusion $z \in X_2 \cap V_\alpha(x)$ implies $z([\alpha, \lambda)) \subseteq \{0, 2\}$ and the inclusion $z \in X_2 \cap V_\beta(y)$ ensures that $\|z\| > \beta$ and

$$1 = z(\|z\| - 1) \in z([\beta, \lambda)) \subseteq z([\alpha, \lambda)) \subseteq \{0, 2\},$$

which is a contradiction witnessing that $V_\alpha(x) \cap V_\beta(y) = \emptyset$. \square

Claim 10. The topological space (X, τ) is Hausdorff.

Proof. Given two distinct points $x, y \in X$, put $\alpha := \max\{\|x\|, \|y\|\}$ and consider four possible cases.

1) If $x \in X_2$, then by Claims 6 and 9, $O_x := \{x\}$ and $O_y := X \setminus \{x\}$ are disjoint clopen neighborhoods of the points x, y , respectively.

2) If $y \in X_2$, then $O_x := X \setminus \{y\}$ and $O_y := \{y\}$ are disjoint clopen neighborhoods of the points x, y , respectively.

3) If $x, y \in X_0$ or $x, y \in X_1$, then $x \neq y$ implies $x \upharpoonright [1, \alpha) \neq y \upharpoonright [1, \alpha)$. Consequently, $V_\alpha(x)$ and $V_\alpha(y)$ are disjoint clopen neighborhoods of the points x, y , respectively.

4) If the doubleton $\{x, y\}$ intersects both sets X_0 and X_1 , then

$$O_x := V_\alpha(x) \quad \text{and} \quad O_y := X \setminus V_\alpha(x)$$

are disjoint clopen neighborhoods of the points x, y , respectively. \square

Claim 11. For any cardinal $\kappa < \text{cf}(\lambda)$, the space (X, τ) is a P_κ -space.

Proof. Given any family $\mathcal{U} \subset \tau$ of cardinality

$$|\mathcal{U}| \leq \kappa < \text{cf}(\lambda),$$

we should prove that the intersection $\bigcap \mathcal{U}$ belongs to the topology τ . Fix any point $x \in \bigcap \mathcal{U}$. By the definition of the topology τ , for every set $U \in \mathcal{U} \subset \tau$ there exists an ordinal $\alpha_U \in [\|x\|, \lambda)$ such that $V_{\alpha_U}(x) \subseteq U$. Since $|\mathcal{U}| \leq \kappa < \text{cf}(\lambda)$, the ordinal $\alpha = \sup\{\alpha_U : U \in \mathcal{U}\}$ is strictly smaller than λ . Since $V_\alpha(x) \subset \bigcap \mathcal{U}$, the set $\bigcap \mathcal{U}$ belongs to the topology τ by the definition of τ . \square

Claim 12. If $\lambda = \omega$, then the countable space (X, τ) is metrizable.

Proof. Being Hausdorff and zero-dimensional, the space (X, τ) is regular. If $\lambda = \omega$, then by Claim 8, the space (X, τ) is second-countable. By the Urysohn Metrization Theorem 4.2.9 [3], the space (X, τ) is metrizable. \square

Claim 13. (X, τ) is a Lawson semitopological semilattice.

Proof. Given any element $a \in X$, we first prove the continuity of the shift $s_a : X \rightarrow X$, $s_a : x \mapsto ax$, at any point $x \in X$. Given any neighborhood $O_{ax} \in \tau$ of ax , we need to find a neighborhood $O_x \in \tau$ of x such that $aO_x \subseteq O_{ax}$. Using Claim 7, find an ordinal $\alpha \in \lambda$ such that $\alpha \geq \|ax\| = \max\{\|a\|, \|x\|\}$ and $V_\alpha(ax) \subseteq O_{ax}$. It remains to prove that $aV_\alpha(x) \subseteq V_\alpha(ax)$.

Four cases are possible.

1) $x \in X_2$. In this case $aV_\alpha(x) = a\{x\} = \{ax\} \subseteq V_\alpha(ax)$.

2) $a \in X_0$ or $x \in X_0$. In this case $ax \in X_0$ and for any $z \in V_\alpha(x)$ we have $z \uparrow [1, \alpha) = x \uparrow [1, \alpha)$, which implies $az \uparrow [1, \alpha) = ax \uparrow [1, \alpha)$ and finally $az \in V_\alpha(ax) \cap X_0$. Therefore, $aV_\alpha(x) \subseteq V_\alpha(ax)$.

3) $a \in X_1$ and $x \in X_1$. In this case $ax \in X_1$ and for any $z \in V_\alpha(x)$ we have

$$z \uparrow [1, \alpha) = x \uparrow [1, \alpha) \quad \text{and} \quad z([\alpha, \lambda)) \subseteq \{0, 2\}.$$

Taking into account that $\|a\| \leq \alpha$, we conclude that

$$az \uparrow [1, \alpha) = ax \uparrow [1, \alpha) \quad \text{and} \quad (az)([\alpha, \lambda)) = z([\alpha, \lambda)) \subseteq \{0, 2\},$$

which implies $az \in V_\alpha(ax) \cap X_1$ and $aV_\alpha(x) \subseteq V_\alpha(ax)$.

4) $a \in X_2$ and $x \in X_1$. In this case $ax \in X_1$ and $V_\alpha(x) \subseteq X_1 \cup X_2$. Observe that for any $z \in V_\alpha(x)$ we have

$$z \uparrow [1, \alpha) = x \uparrow [1, \alpha) \quad \text{and} \quad z([\alpha, \lambda)) \subseteq \{0, 2\}.$$

Taking into account that $\|a\| \leq \alpha$, we conclude that

$$az \uparrow [1, \alpha) = ax \uparrow [1, \alpha) \quad \text{and} \quad (az)([\alpha, \lambda)) = z([\alpha, \lambda)) \subseteq \{0, 2\}.$$

If $z \in X_1$, then $az \in X_1$ and $az \in V_\alpha(ax) \cap X_1$. If $z \in X_2$, then $\|z\| > \alpha$ and $\|az\| \geq \|z\| > \alpha$ witnessing that $az \in V_\alpha(az) \cap X_2$. In both cases we get $az \in V_\alpha(ax)$ and hence $aV_\alpha(x) \subseteq V_\alpha(ax)$.

Therefore, (X, τ) is semitopological semilattice. Since the base

$$\mathcal{B} = \{V_\alpha(x) : x \in X, \alpha \in [\|x\|, \lambda)\}$$

of the topology τ consists of open subsemilattices of X , the semitopological semilattice (X, τ) is Lawson. \square

Claim 14. The partial order $\leq_X := \{(x, y) \in X \times X : xy = x\}$ of X is not closed in $X \times X$.

Proof. For every $\alpha \in \lambda$ consider the elements

$$\mathbf{0}_\alpha : \lambda \rightarrow \{0, 2\} \quad \text{and} \quad \mathbf{1}_\alpha : \lambda \rightarrow \{1, 2\}$$

of X , uniquely determined by the conditions $\mathbf{0}_\alpha^{-1}(0) = \{\alpha\} = \mathbf{1}_\alpha^{-1}(1)$. It is clear that $\mathbf{0}_\alpha \leq \mathbf{1}_\alpha$ and hence $(\mathbf{1}_0, \mathbf{0}_0) \notin \leq_X$. On the other hand, for any ordinal $\alpha \in [1, \lambda)$ we have

$$\{(\mathbf{0}_\beta, \mathbf{1}_\beta) : \beta \in [\alpha, \lambda)\} \subseteq (V_\alpha(\mathbf{1}_0) \times V_\alpha(\mathbf{0}_0)) \cap (\leq_X),$$

which means that the pair $(\mathbf{1}_0, \mathbf{0}_0) \notin \leq_X$ belongs to the closure of \leq_X . Consequently, the partial order \leq_X of X is not closed in $X \times X$. \square

Claims 5–14 imply that (X, τ) is a Lawson semitopological semilattice possessing the properties (1)–(6) of Example 4. \square

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