

# The reflectivity of some categories of $T_0$ spaces

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In the paper, J.F. Kennison<sup>1</sup> gives three types of full reflective subcategories of all topological spaces **Top** called **simple**, **identifying**, and **embedding**, as follows:

### Definition (Kennison 1965)

Let **P** be a full subcategory of TOP, and  $F : \mathbf{Top} \longrightarrow \mathbf{P}$  be a reflector from the category of topology.  $F$  is called

- (1) **simple**: if  $e_X : X \longrightarrow F(X)$  is bijective for all  $X$ ;
- (2) **identifying**: if  $e_X(X) = F(X)$  for all  $X$ ;
- (3) **embedding**: if each object of **P** is a Hausdorff space and if  $e_X(X)$  is a dense subset of  $F(X)$  for all  $X$ .

The full category **P** is **simple** (resp., **identifying** or **embedding**) if there exists a **simple** (resp., **identifying** or **embedding**) reflector  $F : \mathbf{Top} \longrightarrow \mathbf{P}$ .

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<sup>1</sup>J.F. Kennison, Reflective functors in general topology and elsewhere, Trans. Amer. Math. Soc. 118 (1965), 303–315.

In the paper<sup>2</sup>, Kennison gave the characterizations of the three reflectors:

### Theorem (A)

*A topological property  $\mathbf{P}$  is simple iff  $\mathbf{P}$  is hereditary, productive and contains every indiscrete space.*

### Theorem (B)

*A topological property  $\mathbf{P}$  is identifying iff  $\mathbf{P}$  is hereditary and productive.*

### Theorem (C)

*A topological property  $\mathbf{P}$  is embedding iff  $\mathbf{P}$  is closed-hereditary, productive and contains only Hausdorff spaces.*

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<sup>2</sup>J.F. Kennison, Reflective functors in general topology and elsewhere, Trans. Amer. Math. Soc. 118 (1965), 303–315.

In the paper, J.F. Kennison<sup>3</sup> gives three types of full reflective subcategories of all topological spaces, but

- he doesn't know whether these three types include all the full reflective subcategories of all topological spaces.

In the paper<sup>4</sup>, L. Skula gave an Negative answer, and proposed another type called *b-embedding* NOT mentioned by Kennison. Then he show that

### Theorem (Skula 1969)

*If  $\mathbf{P}$  is a full reflective subcategory of the category of  $\mathbf{Top}$  containing at least one non- $T_1$  space, then  $\mathbf{P}$  is a subcategory of one of the above-mentioned 4 types.*

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<sup>3</sup>J.F. Kennison, Reflective functors in general topology and elsewhere, Trans. Amer. Math. Soc. 118 (1965), 303–315.

<sup>4</sup>L. Skula, On a reflective subcategory of the category of all topological spaces, Trans. Amer. Math. Soc. 142 (1969) 37–41.

# Why Skula topology?

Let  $A \subseteq X \in \mathbf{Top}$ ,  $Y \in \mathbf{Top}_0$ , and  $f: A \rightarrow Y$  a continuous map.

$$\begin{array}{ccc} A & \xrightarrow{i} & X \\ & \searrow f & \downarrow g \\ & & Y \end{array}$$

It requires that there is **at most one** continuous extension  $g$  of  $f$ .  
Otherwise,  $\exists$  conti. map  $g_1 \neq g_2$  s.t.  $g_1|_A = g_2|_A = f$ . Then  $\exists x_0 \in X$  s.t.

- $g_1(x_0) \neq g_2(x_0)$  in  $Y$ .
- $\exists V_0 \in \mathcal{O}(Y)$ ,  $g_1(x_0) \in V_0$  and  $g_2(x_0) \notin V_0$  (without loss of generality).
- $\exists U_1, U_2 \in \mathcal{O}(X)$ ,  $x_0 \in U_1 - U_2$  and  $U_1 \cap A = U_2 \cap A$ . (take  $U_i = g_i^{-1}(V_0)$ ).

As a consequence, we obtain

## Proposition (Skula 1969)

*The extension is at most one for all  $Y \in \mathbf{Top}_0$  iff  $\forall x \in X$ ,  $\nexists U_1, U_2 \in \mathcal{O}(X)$  s.t.  $x \in U_1 - U_2$  and  $U_1 \cap A = U_2 \cap A$ .*

Let  $A \subseteq X \in \mathbf{Top}$ , and define

- $x \in \hat{A} \Leftrightarrow \nexists U_1, U_2 \in \mathcal{O}(X)$  s.t.  $x \in U_1 - U_2$  and  $U_1 \cap A = U_2 \cap A$ .

### Proposition (Skula 1969)

*The following assertion holds:*

- 1  $A \subseteq \hat{A} \subseteq \bar{A}$ ;
- 2  $A \subseteq B \Rightarrow \hat{A} \subseteq \hat{B}$ ;
- 3  $\hat{A} = \widehat{\hat{A}}$ ;
- 4  $\widehat{A \cup B} = \hat{A} \cup \hat{B}$ .

*This new topology is the so called **b-topology**, denoted by  $bX$ .*

### Proposition

*$A$  is  $b$ -dense in  $X$  iff  $U_1 \cap A = U_2 \cap A$  implies  $U_1 = U_2$  for all  $U_1, U_2 \in \mathcal{O}(X)$ . Hence,  $\mathcal{O}(A) \cong \mathcal{O}(X)$ .*

In the paper, Hoffmann<sup>5</sup> showed some properties on  $b$ -topology.

### Theorem (Hoffmann)

For  $x \in X$ ,  $\mathcal{U}_b^o(x) = \{\downarrow x \cap U : x \in U \in \mathcal{B}\}$  is a nbd of  $x$  in  $bX$ .

### Proposition (Hoffmann)

The topology of  $bX$  is generated by

- $\mathcal{O}(X) \cup \mathcal{C}(X)$  (consequently, the  $b$ -topology is **finer** than the origin);
- or equivalently, by  $\mathcal{O}(X) \cup \{A \subseteq X : A = \downarrow A\}$ .

### Lemma (Hoffmann)

For each  $x \in U \in \mathcal{O}(X)$ ,  $\downarrow x \cap U$  is both  $b$ -closed and  $b$ -open, so  $bX$  is zero-dimensional, hence is completely regular.

### Theorem (Hoffmann)

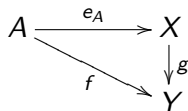
For each  $X \in \mathbf{Top}_0$ ,  $bX$  is Hausdorff, hence is a Tychonoff space.

<sup>5</sup>R.E Hoffmann, On the sobrification remainder  $X^s - X$ , Pacific J. Math. 83(1), 1979



Using the  $b$ -topology, we see that

- Let  $A \subseteq X \in \mathbf{Top}$ ,  $Y \in \mathbf{Top}_0$ ,  $f: A \rightarrow Y$ :

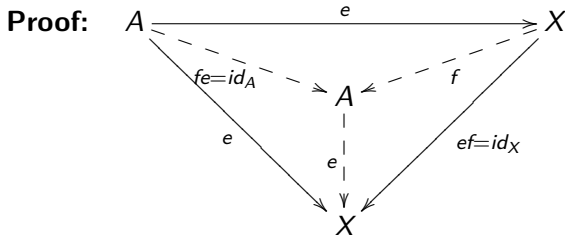


### Proposition (Skula 1969)

*The extension is at most one for all  $Y \in \mathbf{Top}_0$  iff  $A$  is  $b$ -dense in  $X$ .*

### Proposition (Skula 1969)

*If  $A \subseteq X \in \mathbf{Top}_0$  s.t.  $A$  is a  $b$ -dense retract of  $X$ , then  $A = X$ .*



# $b$ -embedding reflector

## Definition (Skula 1969)

- Let  $F: \mathbf{Top} \rightarrow \mathbf{P}$  be a reflector.  $F$  is called a  $b$ -embedding reflector iff  $\mathbf{P} \subseteq \mathbf{Top}_0$  and if  $e_X(X)$  is a  $b$ -dense subset of  $F(X)$  for all  $X \in \mathbf{Top}$ .
- A topological property  $\mathbf{P}$  is called a  $b$ -embedding iff there exists a  $b$ -embedding reflector  $F: \mathbf{Top} \rightarrow \mathbf{P}$ .
- A topological property  $\mathbf{P}$  is  $b$ -closed-hereditary if  $Y \in \mathbf{P}$  whenever  $Y$  is a  $b$ -closed subspace of some  $X \in \mathbf{P}$ .

## Theorem (Skula 1969)

*A topological property  $\mathbf{P}$  is  $b$ -embedding iff  $\mathbf{P}$  is productive,  $b$ -closed-hereditary and  $\mathbf{P} \subseteq \mathbf{Top}_0$ .*

## Theorem (Skula 1969)

*Let  $\mathbf{P}$  be a topological property, which is a reflective subcategory of  $\mathbf{Top}$ . If  $\mathbf{P} \subseteq \mathbf{Top}_0$ ,  $\mathbf{P} \not\subseteq \mathbf{Top}_1$ , then  $\mathbf{P}$  is  $b$ -embedding.*

# Skula's example

The Sierpinski space  $\mathbb{S} = \Sigma 2$ , where  $2 = \{0, 1\}$  with open sets  $\emptyset, 2, \{1\}$ . Then the power  $\prod_{i \in I} \mathbb{S} = \Sigma(2^I, \subseteq)$ , since  $\uparrow \chi_F = \bigcap_{i \in F} p^{-1}(\{1\})$ .

**P'** the class of all spaces of the type  $\prod_{i \in I} \mathbb{S}$  ( $I \neq \emptyset$ ).

**P** the class of all b-closed subspaces of a space from **P'** of all spaces homeomorphic to these spaces.

## Example (Skula 1969)

Let  $X = \prod_{i=1}^{+\infty} \mathbb{S} = \Sigma 2^{\mathbb{N}}$  and  $A = X - \{N\}$ . Note that each open set in  $X$  contains  $N$ , so  $\hat{A} = X$ , which implies that  $X$  is the reflection of  $A$  in **P**. Also, **P** is a topological property such that

- **P** is b-embedding.
- $e_A$  is not surjective, so **P** not simple.
- $e_A(A) \neq X$  so not identifying.
- **P**  $\not\subseteq \mathbf{Top}_2$ , so not embedding.

# Characterize sobriety via $b$ -topology

## Definition

A nonempty subset  $A$  of a  $T_0$  space is called **irreducible** if for any closed sets  $F_1, F_2$ ,  $A \subseteq F_1 \cup F_2$  implies  $A \subseteq F_1$  or  $A \subseteq F_2$ . A  $T_0$  space  $X$  is called **sober**, if for any irreducible closed set  $F$  of  $X$  there is a (unique) point  $x \in X$  such that  $F = \text{cl}(\{x\})$ .<sup>a</sup>

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<sup>a</sup>G. Gierz, K. Hofmann, K. Keimel, J. Lawson, M. Mislove, D. Scott, Continuous lattices and Domains, Encyclopedia of Mathematics and Its Applications, Vol. 93, Cambridge University Press, 2003.

The  $b$ -topology is a very effective tool for studying sober spaces.

## Theorem (Keimel and Lawson 2009)

Let  $A \subseteq X \in \mathbf{Sober}$ . TFAE:

- (1)  $A$  is sober iff  $A$  is  $b$ -closed.
- (2)  $A^s \cong \text{cl}_b(A)$ .<sup>a</sup>

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<sup>a</sup>K. Keimel, J.D. Lawson,  $D$ -completions and the  $d$ -topology, Ann. Pure Appl. Logic 159 (2009) 292–306.

For  $d$ -spaces (also called monotone convergence spaces), Kemmel and Lawson <sup>6</sup> presented the notion of  $d$ -topology (see also Zhao and Fan <sup>7</sup>), a natural question is that


- what about the well-filtered spaces?

More precisely,

- whether the class of all well-filtered subspaces of a well-filtered spaces forms a (co-)topology?

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<sup>6</sup>K. Keimel, J.D. Lawson,  $D$ -completions and the  $d$ -topology, Ann. Pure Appl. Logic 159 (2009) 292–306.

<sup>7</sup>D. Zhao, T. Fan, Dcpo-completion of posets, Theor. Comp. Sci. 411 (2010) 2167–2173 

In domain theory, the mostly concerned topological spaces are usually just  $T_0$ . We use

**Top<sub>0</sub>** all  $T_0$  spaces + continuous maps.

It is a popular topic for studying the reflectivity of subcategories of  $T_0$ , for example:

- well-filtered spaces ✓, solved by Wu, Xu, Xi, Zhao (2019)
- $k$ -bounded sober spaces ✗, solved by Lu, Wang, Wu, Zhao (2020)
- strong- $d$ -spaces ✗, solved by Jin, Miao, Li (2021)

The following problem are still open:

- open well-filtered spaces ? introduced by Shen, Xi, Xu, Zhao (2020)
- co-sober spaces ? asked by Xu, Zhao (2020)

Next, using Skula's  $b$ -topology, we give negative answers for the last two questions. Also, the non-reflectivity of  $k$ -bounded sober spaces and strong  $d$ -spaces are easily obtained <sup>8</sup>.

<sup>8</sup>C. Shen, X. Xi, D. Zhao, the reflectivity of some categories of  $T_0$  spaces in domain theory, arXiv:submit/3952036 [math.GN].

- 1 G. Wu, X. Xi, X. Xu, D. Zhao, Existence of well-filtered reflections of  $T_0$  topological spaces, *Topol. Appl.* 267 (2019) 107044.
- 2 X. Xu, D. Zhao, Some open problems on well-filtered spaces and sober spaces, *Topol. Appl.* (2020) 107540.
- 3 M. Jin, H. Miao, Q. Li, On some open problems concerning strong d-spaces and super H-sober spaces, *arXiv:2109.11299 [math.GN]*.
- 4 C. Shen, X. Xi, X. Xu, D. Zhao, On open well-filtered spaces, *Logic Meth. Computer Sci.* 16 (4) (2020) 4–18.

## Definition

A subcategory  $\mathbf{K}$  of  $\mathbf{Top}_0$  is called **reflective**, if  $\forall X \in \mathbf{Top}_0$ ,  $\exists X^k \in \mathbf{K}$  (the **K-completion**) and a continuous map  $\mu_X: X \rightarrow X^k$  (the **K-reflection**) s.t. for any conti. map  $f: X \rightarrow Z \in \mathbf{K}$ ,  $\exists$  a unique conti. map  $g: X^k \rightarrow Z$  such that  $g \circ \mu_X = f$ .

$$\begin{array}{ccc} X & \xrightarrow{\mu_X} & X^k \\ & \searrow f & \downarrow g \\ & & Z \end{array}$$

## Definition

Let  $f: X \rightarrow Y$  be a map between topological spaces. We call  $f$  a **b-dense embedding**, if it is a topological embedding such that  $e(X)$  is  $b$ -dense in  $Y$ .

## Theorem

Let  $\mathbf{K}$  be a reflective subcategory of  $\mathbf{Top}_0$  such that  $\mathbf{K} \not\subseteq \mathbf{Top}_1$ . Then each  $\mathbf{K}$ -reflection is a  $b$ -dense embedding.



## Theorem

Let  $\mathbf{K}$  be a reflective subcategory of  $\mathbf{Top}_0$  such that  $\mathbf{K} \not\subseteq \mathbf{Top}_1$ . Then the following statements hold.

- (1)  $\mathbf{K}$  is *b-closed-hereditary*.
- (2) The Sierpiński space  $\Sigma 2 \in \mathbf{K}$ . Hence, for any set  $M$ , the product  $(\Sigma 2)^M \in \mathbf{K}$ .
- (3)  $\mathbf{Sob} \subseteq \mathbf{K}$ .

## Corollary

Let  $\mathbf{K}$  be a reflective subcategory of  $\mathbf{Top}_0$  such that  $\mathbf{K} \not\subseteq \mathbf{Top}_1$ . Suppose  $A \subseteq X \in \mathbf{K}$ . If  $A = \uparrow A$ , then  $A$  as a subspace of  $X$  is in  $\mathbf{K}$ .

Let  $\mathbf{Sier}$  be the full subcategory of  $\mathbf{Top}_0$  consisting of all spaces  $X \cong \Sigma 2$ .

## Corollary (Nel, Wilson 1972)

The reflective hull of  $\mathbf{Sier}$  in  $\mathbf{Top}_0$  is  $\mathbf{Sob}^a$ .

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<sup>a</sup>L.D. Nel, R.G. Wilson, Epireflections in the category of  $T_0$ -spaces, Fund. Math. 75 (1972) 69–74.

## Theorem ((A))

Let  $\mathbf{K}$  be a subcategory of  $\mathbf{Top}_0$  such that  $\mathbf{K} \not\subseteq \mathbf{Top}_1$ . Then  $\mathbf{K}$  is reflective if and only if it is productive and  $b$ -closed-hereditary.

## Definition

A category  $\mathbf{K}$  **has equalizers** if for any morphisms  $f, g: X \longrightarrow Y$  in  $\mathbf{K}$ , the equalizer  $E_{f,g} = \{x \in X : f(x) = g(x)\}$  of  $f$  and  $g$  belongs to  $\mathbf{K}$ .

## Lemma

Let  $X \in \mathbf{Top}_0$  and  $E \subseteq X$ . TFAE:

- (1)  $E$  is  $b$ -closed in  $X$ ;
- (2) there exist continuous maps  $f, g: X \longrightarrow (\Sigma 2)^M$  for some set  $M$  such that  $E = \{x \in X : f(x) = g(x)\}$ ;
- (3) there exist continuous maps  $f, g: X \longrightarrow Y$  for some  $Y \in \mathbf{Top}_0$  such that  $E = \{x \in X : f(x) = g(x)\}$ .

## Theorem

*Let  $\mathbf{K}$  be a subcategory of  $\mathbf{Top}_0$  s.t.  $\{(\Sigma 2)^M : M \text{ is a set}\} \subseteq \mathbf{K}$ . Then  $\mathbf{K}$  has equalizers iff  $\mathbf{K}$  is b-closed-hereditary.*

As an immediate result, we deduce the following.

## Theorem (B)

*Let  $\mathbf{K}$  be a reflective subcategory of  $\mathbf{Top}_0$  such that  $\mathbf{K} \not\subseteq \mathbf{Top}_1$ . Then  $\mathbf{K}$  is reflective if and only if it is productive and has equalizers.*

The above theorem was given by Nel and Wilson <sup>9</sup>.

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<sup>9</sup>L.D. Nel, R.G. Wilson, Epireflections in the category of  $T_0$ -spaces, Fund. Math. 75 (1972) 69–74.

In 2009, Keimel and Lawson<sup>10</sup> showed that a subcategory  $\mathbf{K}$  of  $T_0$  spaces is reflective in the category  $\mathbf{Top}_0$  of all  $T_0$  spaces if it satisfies the following **four conditions**:

- (K1)  $\mathbf{K}$  contains all sober spaces;
- (K2) If  $X \in \mathbf{K}$  and  $Y$  is homeomorphic to  $X$ , then  $Y \in \mathbf{K}$ ;
- (K3) If  $\{X_i : i \in I\} \subseteq \mathbf{K}$  is a family of subspaces of a sober space, then the subspace  $\bigcap_{i \in I} X_i \in \mathbf{K}$ .
- (K4) If  $f: X \rightarrow Y$  is a continuous map from a sober space  $X$  to a sober space  $Y$ , then for any subspace  $Y_1$  of  $Y$ ,  $Y_1 \in \mathbf{K}$  implies that  $f^{-1}(Y_1) \in \mathbf{K}$ .

Using the above conditions, Wu, Xi, Xu, Zhao<sup>11</sup> firstly proved that the category of well-filtered spaces are reflective in  $\mathbf{Top}_0$ .

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<sup>10</sup>K. Keimel, J.D. Lawson,  $D$ -completions and the  $d$ -topology, Ann. Pure Appl. Logic 159 (2009) 292–306.

<sup>11</sup>G. Wu, X. Xi, X. Xu and D. Zhao, Existence of well-filterification, Topol. Appl. 267 (2019) 107044.

## Theorem (C)

*Let  $\mathbf{K}$  be a subcategory of  $\mathbf{Top}_0$  such that  $\mathbf{K} \not\subseteq \mathbf{Top}_1$ . Then  $\mathbf{K}$  is reflective in  $\mathbf{Top}_0$  if and only if  $\mathbf{K}$  satisfies the conditions (K1)–(K4).*

From the above results, the characterizations for the reflectivity of  $\mathbf{K}$  can be summarized as follows:

## Theorem

*Let  $\mathbf{K}$  be a subcategory of  $\mathbf{Top}_0$  such that  $\mathbf{K} \not\subseteq \mathbf{Top}_1$ . Then the following statements are equivalent:*

- (1)  $\mathbf{K}$  is reflective in  $\mathbf{Top}_0$ ;
- (2)  $\mathbf{K}$  satisfies conditions (K1)–(K4);
- (3)  $\mathbf{K}$  is productive and  $b$ -closed-hereditary;
- (4)  $\mathbf{K}$  is productive and has equalizers.

# The category of open well-filtered spaces

In 2020, Shen, Xi, Xu and Zhao<sup>12</sup> introducing the notion of open well-filtered spaces for providing a more natural proof of Jia-Jung problem: core-compact + well-filtered  $\Rightarrow$  sober, which was firstly solved by Lawson, Wu and Xi<sup>13</sup>.

## Definition (Shen-Xi-Xu-Zhao 2020)

Let  $X$  be a  $T_0$  space.

- (1)  $\forall U, V \in \mathcal{O}(X)$ , define  $U \ll V$  iff each open cover of  $V$  has a finite subfamily that covers  $U$ .
- (2) A subfamily  $\mathcal{F} \subseteq \mathcal{O}(X)$  is called a  $\ll$ -filtered family if  $\forall U_1, U_2 \in \mathcal{F}$ ,  $\exists U_3 \in \mathcal{F}$  s.t.  $U_3 \ll U_1, U_2$  in  $(\mathcal{O}(X), \subseteq)$ .
- (3)  $X$  is called open well-filtered if for each  $\ll$ -filtered family  $\mathcal{F} \subseteq \mathcal{O}(X)$  and  $U \in \mathcal{O}(X)$ ,  $\bigcap \mathcal{F} \subseteq U \Rightarrow \bigcup V \subseteq U$  for some  $V \in \mathcal{F}$ .

<sup>12</sup>C. Shen, X. Xi, X. Xu, D. Zhao, On open well-filtered spaces, Logic Meth. Computer Sci. 16 (4) (2020) 4–18.

<sup>13</sup>J. Lawson, G. Wu and X. Xi, Well-filtered spaces, compactness, and the lower topology, Houston J. Math. 46 (2020) 283–294.

Let  $\mathbb{J} = \mathbb{N} \times (\mathbb{N} \cup \{\infty\})$  be the Johnstone's dcpo<sup>14</sup>, which is ordered by  $(m, n) \leq (m', n')$  iff either  $m = m'$  and  $n \leq n' \leq \infty$  or  $n' = \infty$  and  $n \leq m'$ , shown in Figure 1:

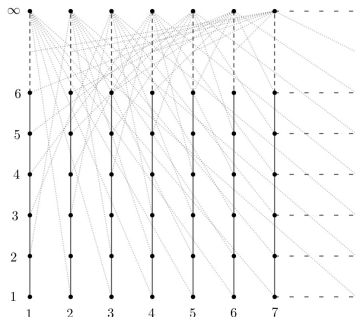


Figure: The Johnstone's dcpo  $\mathbb{J}$

<sup>14</sup>P.T. Johnstone, Scott is not always sober, In: Banaschewski B., Hoffmann RE. (eds) Continuous Lattices. Lecture Notes in Mathematics, vol. 871 (1981) 282-283. Springer, Berlin, Heidelberg, <https://doi.org/10.1007/BFb0089911>.

## Proposition

*The Scott space  $\Sigma\mathbb{J}$  is open well-filtered, and clearly not  $T_1$ .*

## Proposition

*The maximal points space  $\text{Max}_\sigma\mathbb{J}$  (homeomorphic to  $\mathbb{N}_{\text{cof}}$ ) is not open well-filtered.*

## Corollary

*The category of open well-filtered spaces is not reflective in **Top**<sub>0</sub>.*



# The category of $k$ -bounded sober spaces

In 2015, Zhao and Ho<sup>15</sup> introduced another weaker notion of sobriety:

## Definition (Zhao-Ho 2015)

A  $T_0$  space  $X$  is  **$k$ -bounded sober** if for any irreducible closed subset  $F$  of  $X$  whose  $\bigvee F$  exists, there is a unique point  $x \in X$  such that  $F = \downarrow x$ .

The category of all  $k$ -bounded sober spaces with continuous maps is denoted by **KSob**. Then

$$\mathbf{Sob} \subseteq \mathbf{KSob} \subseteq \mathbf{Top}_0,$$

and since  $\mathbf{Sob} \not\subseteq \mathbf{Top}_1$ , it follows

$$\mathbf{KSob} \not\subseteq \mathbf{Top}_1.$$

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<sup>15</sup>D. Zhao, W. Ho, On topologies defined by irreducible sets, J. Log. Algebr. Methods Program 84 (1) (2015) 185–195.

## Example

Let  $X = \Sigma[0, 3]$  (i.e., the open sets are  $\emptyset$ ,  $[0, 3]$  and all sets of the form  $(x, 3]$ ,  $x \in [0, 3]$ ). For each  $n \geq 2$ , let

$$X_n = [0, 1) \cup (2 - \frac{1}{n}, 2 + \frac{1}{n}).$$

- (1)  $X$  is sober, hence is  $k$ -bounded sober.
- (2) Each  $X_n$  is a  $k$ -bounded sober subspace of  $X$ .
- (3) The intersection  $\bigcap_{n \geq 2} X_n = [0, 1) \cup \{2\}$  is not  $k$ -bounded sober.

## Corollary (Lu-Wang-Wu-Zhao 2020)

*The category of  $k$ -bounded sober spaces is not reflective in **Top**<sub>0</sub>.*<sup>a</sup>

<sup>a</sup>J. Lu, K. Wang, G. Wu, B. Zhao, Nonexistence of  $k$ -bounded sobrification, Topol. Appl. (2020), arXiv:2011.11606 [math.GN].

# The category of co-sober spaces

To study the dual Hofmann-Mislove Theorem, Escardó, Lawson and Simpson introduced the co-sober spaces<sup>16</sup>, which are defined below.


## Definition (Escardó-Lawson-Simpson 2004)

Let  $X$  be a  $T_0$  space. and  $Q$  be a compact saturated subset of  $X$ .

- (1)  $Q$  is called *k-irreducible* if for any compact saturated subsets  $Q_1, Q_2$  of  $X$ ,  $Q = Q_1 \cup Q_2$  implies  $Q = Q_1$  or  $Q = Q_2$ .
- (2)  $X$  is called *co-sober* if for each  $k$ -irreducible set  $Q$ , there exists a unique  $x \in X$  such that  $Q = \uparrow x$ .

The category of all co-sober spaces with continuous maps is denoted by **Co-Sob**. Note that **Co-Sob** is a subcategory of **Top**<sub>0</sub>.

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<sup>16</sup>M. Escardó, J. Lawson, A. Simpson, Comparing Cartesian closed categories of (core) compactly generated spaces, *Topol. Appl.* 143 (2004) 105–145. 

Let  $\mathbb{N}_\alpha$  be the set  $\mathbb{N}$  of all natural numbers with the Alexandorff topology (the open sets are  $\emptyset$ ,  $\mathbb{N}$  and all the sets of form  $\uparrow n$ ,  $n \in \mathbb{N}$ ).

### Lemma

*The space  $\mathbb{N}_\alpha$  is co-sober, and not  $T_1$ .*

### Theorem (Wen-Xu 2018)

*The Isbell's complete lattice equipped with the lower topology is sober but not co-sober.*<sup>a</sup>

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<sup>a</sup>X.P. Wen and X.Q. Xu, Sober is not always co-sober, Topol. Appl. 250 (2018) 48–52.

From the above results, we have that

$$\mathbf{Sob} \not\subseteq \mathbf{Co-Sob} \not\subseteq \mathbf{Top}_1.$$

### Corollary

*The category **Co-Sob** is not reflective in **Top**<sub>0</sub>.*

# The category of strong $d$ -spaces

The strong  $d$ -spaces were introduced by Xu and Zhao <sup>17</sup>, which lie between the classes of  $T_1$  spaces and that of  $d$ -spaces.

## Definition (Xu-Zhao 2020)

A  $T_0$  space  $X$  is called a **strong  $d$ -space** if for any  $x \in X$ , directed subset  $D$  of  $X$  and open subset  $U$  of  $X$ ,  $\bigcap_{d \in D} \uparrow d \cap \uparrow x \subseteq U$  implies  $\uparrow d_0 \cap \uparrow x \subseteq U$  for some  $d_0 \in D$ .

The category of strong  $d$ -spaces with continuous maps is denoted by **StrongD**.

<sup>17</sup>X. Xu, D. Zhao, On topological Rudin's lemma, well-filtered spaces and sober spaces, Topol. Appl. 272 (2020) 107080.

The following results can be found in Xu and Zhao's paper <sup>18</sup>.

### Lemma (Xu-Zhao 2020)

- (1) *There exists a continuous dcpo  $P$  whose Scott topology is not strong  $d$ -space (Example 3.34).*
- (2) *The Scott topology on every continuous lattice is a strong  $d$ -space (Remark 3.21).*

From the above results, we have that

$$\mathbf{Sob} \not\subseteq \mathbf{StrongD} \not\subseteq \mathbf{Top}_1.$$

### Corollary

*The category of strong  $d$ -spaces is not reflective in  $\mathbf{Top}_0$ .*

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<sup>18</sup>X. Xu, D. Zhao, On topological Rudin's lemma, well-filtered spaces and sober spaces, Topol. Appl. 272 (2020) 107080.

# Summary

The reflectivity of some  $T_0$  spaces:

well-filter	✓
$k$ -bounded sober	✗
strong $d$ -space	✗
open well-filter	✗
co-sober	✗

# Thanks