

## CATEGORIES OF SYNTOPOGENOUS SPACES

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This thesis concerns with categorical properties of the following three categories and their subcategories: the category  $ST$  of semi-topogenous spaces and continuous maps, the category  $Syn$  of syntopogenous spaces and continuous maps and category  $OSyn$  of ordered syntopogenous spaces and continuous isotones.

We show that they are all topological categories and that  $ST$  contains the category  $IST$  of interpolation semi-topogenous spaces as a bireflective subcategory.

Using limit-operators, we characterize coreflective subcategories of  $ST$ ,  $IST$  and  $Syn$  and then show that each of  $Top$ ,  $Prox$ ,  $Qunif$ ,  $Qord$  and  $Equiv$  is isomorphic with some coreflective subcategory of  $Syn$ .

It is shown that a completely regular syntopogenous space is compact iff every maximal completely regular filter on the space is convergent.

The category  $Syn$  is shown to be isomorphic with the bireflective hull of the real line  $(\mathbb{R}, \mathbf{R}, \leq)$  in  $OSyn$ . Introducing a concept of feebly  $a$ -convex syntopogenous spaces, we show that they form a bireflective subcategory of  $OSyn$ .

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