

## ON MEASURABLE SPACES AND SEMI-TOPOGENOUS SPACES

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We are to present some properties of binary relations by means of categorical method. The concept of semi-topogenous structures is due to Császár.

Using this, we give a new definition of a  $\sigma$ -topogenous structure as a particular type of semi-topogenous structure.

In this paper, we concern with the relationships between Mes (the category of measurable spaces) and subcategories of ST (the category of semi-topogenous spaces), and study some properties of these categories.

Further, it turn out that Mes,  $\sigma$ TS (the category of  $\sigma$ -topologeous spaces) resp. are coreflective subcategories of IST (the category of interpolation semi-topogenous spaces), ST resp..

Also, we construct the category  $\sigma$ ISTG (the category of interpolation symmetrical  $\sigma$ -topogeneous spaces with generating sets) as a coreflective subcategory of IST, which is isomorphic to Mes.

Finally we obtain that the functor  $G : \sigma\text{Latt} \rightarrow \sigma\text{TS}$  is a full embedding, where  $\sigma$ Latt is the category of  $\sigma$ -lattices and isotone maps.

### 1. Preliminaries

In this section we introduce categorical properties of the category Mes of measurable spaces and measurable maps.

DEFINITION 1.1. Let  $X$  be a set. A collection  $\mathcal{A}$  of subsets of  $X$  is called a  $\sigma$ -algebra on  $X$  if the following conditions are satisfied:

- (i)  $X \in \mathcal{A}$ ,
- (ii) for each  $A \in \mathcal{A}$ ,  $A^c \in \mathcal{A}$ ,
- (iii) for each infinite sequence  $(A_i)$  ( $i \in I$ ) of sets such that  $A_i \in \mathcal{A}$ ,  $A_i \in \mathcal{A}$  ( $i \in I$ ), where  $I$  is any countable set of indices.

In this case  $(X, \mathcal{A})$  is called a measurable space.

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DEFINITION 1.2. Let  $(X, \mathcal{A})$  and  $(Y, \mathcal{A}')$  be measurable spaces. A map  $f : X \rightarrow Y$  is said to be measurable if  $f^{-1}(A') \in \mathcal{A}$  for each  $A' \in \mathcal{A}'$ .

NOTATION. The class of all measurable spaces and measurable maps forms a category, which is denoted by Mes.

THEOREM 1.3. The category Mes is topological.

*Proof.* Let  $X$  be a set,  $((X_\alpha, \mathcal{A}_\alpha))_{\alpha \in \Lambda}$  a family of measurable spaces and  $(f_\alpha : X \rightarrow X_\alpha)_{\alpha \in \Lambda}$  a source. Let  $\mathcal{A}$  be the  $\sigma$ -algebra generated by  $\{f_\alpha^{-1}(A_\alpha) | A_\alpha \in \mathcal{A}_\alpha, \alpha \in \Lambda\}$ . Then  $(X, \mathcal{A})$  is a measurable space and  $f_\alpha : (X, \mathcal{A}) \rightarrow (X_\alpha, \mathcal{A}_\alpha)$  is measurable for all  $\alpha \in \Lambda$ . For any measurable space  $(Y, \mathcal{B})$ , let  $g : (Y, \mathcal{B}) \rightarrow (X, \mathcal{A})$  be a map such that for all  $\alpha \in \Lambda$ ,  $f_\alpha \circ g : (Y, \mathcal{B}) \rightarrow (X_\alpha, \mathcal{A}_\alpha)$  is measurable. For any  $\alpha \in \Lambda$  and  $A_\alpha \in \mathcal{A}_\alpha$ ,  $(f_\alpha \circ g)^{-1}(A_\alpha) = g^{-1}(f_\alpha^{-1}(A_\alpha)) \in \mathcal{B}$ . Hence  $g^{-1}(\mathcal{A}) \subseteq \mathcal{B}$ , because  $\mathcal{A}$  is generated by  $\{f_\alpha^{-1}(A_\alpha) | A_\alpha \in \mathcal{A}_\alpha, \alpha \in \Lambda\}$ ; so  $g$  is measurable. This completes the proof.

COROLLARY 1.4. The category Mes is cotopological, complete and cocomplete.

COROLLARY 1.5. The forgetful functor  $U : \underline{\text{Mes}} \rightarrow \underline{\text{Set}}$  has a left adjoint.

*Proof.* Since  $U : \underline{\text{Mes}} \rightarrow \underline{\text{Set}}$  is topological, it has a left adjoint.

## 2. Semi-topogenous spaces

The following definitions are due to Császár [7].

DEFINITION 2.1. Let  $X$  be a set. Then a relation  $<$  on  $\mathcal{P}(X)$  is called a semi-topogenous structure on  $X$  if it satisfies the following conditions:

- (i)  $\phi < \phi$ ,  $X < X$ ;
- (ii)  $A < B$  implies  $A \subset B$ ;
- (iii)  $A \subset A' < B' \subset B$  implies  $A < B$ .

The ordered pair  $(X, <)$  is called a semi-topogenous space.

**DEFINITION 2.2.** Let  $X$  be a set and  $\mathcal{F}$  a family of subsets of  $X$  with  $\phi, X \in \mathcal{F}$ . Then a semi-topogenous structure on  $X$  is said to be generated by  $\mathcal{F}$  (or  $\mathcal{F}$  is the generating system of sets) if it satisfies the following condition;

$A < B$  iff there is a set  $S \in \mathcal{F}$  such that  $A \subset S \subset B$ .

**EXAMPLE 2.3.** For any measurable space  $(X, \mathcal{A})$ , define  $<_{\mathcal{A}}$  on  $\mathcal{P}(X)$  as follows:

$A <_{\mathcal{A}} B$  iff there is  $S \in \mathcal{A}$  such that  $A \subset S \subset B$ . Then  $<_{\mathcal{A}}$  is a semi-topogenous structure on  $X$ .

**DEFINITION 2.4.** Let  $(X, <)$  and  $(Y, <')$  be semi-topogenous spaces and  $f : X \rightarrow Y$  a map.

Then  $f$  is said to be continuous if for  $A' <' B'$ ,  $f^{-1}(A') < f^{-1}(B')$ .

**PROPOSITION 2.5.** 1) If  $(X, <)$  is any semi-topogenous space, then the identity map  $1_X : (X, <) \rightarrow (X, <)$  is continuous.

2) If  $f : (X, <) \rightarrow (Y, <')$  continuous and  $g : (Y, <') \rightarrow (Z, <'')$  continuous, then  $g \circ f : (X, <) \rightarrow (Z, <'')$  is also continuous.

*Proof.* It follows immediately from the definition.

We can easily obtain the following category from Proposition 2.5.

**NOTATION.** The class of all semi-topogenous spaces and continuous maps between them forms a category, which will be denoted by ST.

**PROPOSITION 2.6.** Let  $(X, \mathcal{A})$  and  $(Y, \mathcal{A}')$  be measurable spaces. Then  $f : (X, \mathcal{A}) \rightarrow (Y, \mathcal{A}')$  be measurable iff  $f : (X, <_{\mathcal{A}}) \rightarrow (Y, <_{\mathcal{A}'})$  is continuous.

*Proof.* ( $\Rightarrow$ ) Let  $A' <_{\mathcal{A}'} B'$ . Then there is  $S' \in \mathcal{A}'$  such that  $A' \subset S' \subset B'$ . Since  $f$  is measurable,  $f^{-1}(S') \in \mathcal{A}$  and  $f^{-1}(A') \subset f^{-1}(S') \subset f^{-1}(B')$ . Thus  $f^{-1}(A') <_{\mathcal{A}} f^{-1}(B')$  and hence  $f$  is continuous.

( $\Leftarrow$ ) Let  $A' \in \mathcal{A}'$ . Then  $A' <_{\mathcal{A}'} A'$ .

Since  $f$  is continuous,  $f^{-1}(A') <_{\mathcal{A}} f^{-1}(A')$  and hence  $f^{-1}(A') \in \mathcal{A}$ . Thus  $f$  is measurable.

**COROLLARY 2.7.** The functor  $F : \underline{Mes} \rightarrow \underline{ST}$  defined by  $F(X, \mathcal{A}) = (X, <_{\mathcal{A}})$  and  $F(f) = f$ , is a full embedding.

*Proof.* It is immediate from Proposition 2.6.

DEFINITION 2.8. Let  $(X, <)$  be a semi-topogenous space and define a relation  $<^c$  on  $P(X)$  by  $A <^c B$  iff  $X - B < X - A$ . Then  $<^c$  is called the complement of  $<$ . If  $< = <^c$ , then  $<$  is said to be symmetrical. In this case  $(X, <)$  is called a symmetrical semi-topogenous space.

DEFINITION 2.9. A semi-topogenous structure  $<$  on  $X$  is called a  $\sigma$ -topogenous structure if for  $A_i < B_i (i \in I)$ ,  $\bigcup_{i \in I} A_i < \bigcup_{i \in I} B_i$  and  $\bigcap_{i \in I} A_i < \bigcap_{i \in I} B_i$ , where  $I$  denotes any countable set of indices. In this case,  $(X, <)$  is called a  $\sigma$ -topogenous space.

REMARK 2.10. Let  $(X, \mathcal{A})$  be any measurable space. Then  $(X, <_{\mathcal{A}})$  is a symmetrical  $\sigma$ -topogenous space.

*Proof.* For any  $(X, \mathcal{A}) \in \underline{Mes}$ , we define a relation  $<_{\mathcal{A}}$  on  $P(X)$  by  $A <_{\mathcal{A}} B$  iff there is  $S \in \mathcal{A}$  such that  $A \subset S \subset B$ . Then  $X - B \subset X - S \subset X - A$  for some  $X - S \in \mathcal{A}$ , so that  $(X, <_{\mathcal{A}})$  is symmetrical. In order to show that  $(X, <_{\mathcal{A}})$  is a  $\sigma$ -topogenous space, let  $A_i <_{\mathcal{A}} B_i (i \in I)$ , where  $I$  is any countable index set. Then there is  $S_i \in \mathcal{A} (i \in I)$  such that  $A_i \subset S_i \subset B_i (i \in I)$ , so we have  $\bigcup_{i \in I} A_i \subset \bigcup_{i \in I} S_i \subset \bigcup_{i \in I} B_i$  and  $\bigcap_{i \in I} A_i \subset \bigcap_{i \in I} S_i \subset \bigcap_{i \in I} B_i$ . Thus  $\bigcup_{i \in I} A_i <_{\mathcal{A}} \bigcup_{i \in I} B_i$  and  $\bigcap_{i \in I} A_i <_{\mathcal{A}} \bigcap_{i \in I} B_i$  since  $\bigcup_{i \in I} S_i, \bigcap_{i \in I} S_i \in \mathcal{A}$ .

NOTATION. The full subcategory of  $\underline{ST}$  determined by  $\sigma$ -topogenous spaces will be denoted by  $\underline{\sigma TS}$ .

THEOREM 2.11. The category  $\underline{\sigma TS}$  is coreflective in  $\underline{ST}$ .

*Proof.* Let  $(X, <) \in \underline{ST}$  and define a relation  $<^\sigma$  on  $P(X)$  as follows:

$A <^\sigma B$  iff there are sequence  $(A_i)_{i \in I}$  and  $(B_j)_{j \in J}$  such that  $A = \bigcup_{i \in I} A_i, B = \bigcap_{j \in J} B_j$  and  $A_i < B_j (i \in I, j \in J)$ , where  $I$  and  $J$  are countable sets of indices. Then we can easily get that  $<^\sigma$  is a semi-topogenous structure.

Let us prove that  $<^\sigma$  is a  $\sigma$ -topogenous structure. Suppose  $A_k <^\sigma B_k (k \in K)$  for any countable index set  $K$ .

Then  $A_k = \bigcup_{i \in I} A_{ki}, B_k = \bigcap_{j \in J} B_{kj}$  and  $A_{ki} < B_{kj} (k \in K, i \in I, j \in J)$ ; so  $\bigcup_{k \in K} A_k = \bigcup_{k \in K} (\bigcup_{i \in I} A_{ki}) = \bigcup_{i \in I} (\bigcup_{k \in K} A_{ki})$ ,  $\bigcup_{k \in K} B_k = \bigcup_{k \in K} (\bigcap_{j \in J} B_{kj}) = \bigcap_{\{j_k\} \in J^K} (\bigcup_{k \in K} B_{kj_k})$  and  $\bigcup_{k \in K} A_{ki} < \bigcup_{k \in K} B_{kj_k}$ . It follows that  $\bigcup_{k \in K} A_k <^\sigma \bigcup_{k \in K} B_k$ .

Similarly, we obtain that  $\bigcap_{k \in K} A_k <^\sigma \bigcap_{k \in K} B_k$ . Thus  $<^\sigma$  is a  $\sigma$ -topogenous structure, evidently finer than  $<$ , consequently  $(X, <^\sigma) \in$

$\underline{\sigma TS}$  and the identity map  $1_X : (X, <^\sigma) \rightarrow (X, <)$  is continuous. Take any  $(Y, <') \in \underline{\sigma TS}$  and any continuous  $f : (Y, <') \rightarrow (X, <)$ . Since  $(Y, <') \in \underline{\sigma TS}$ ,  $(Y, <') = (Y, <'^\sigma)$ , and so  $f : (Y, <') \rightarrow (X, <^\sigma)$  is continuous. Moreover, such an  $f$  is unique because  $1_X$  is bijective. Thus  $1_X : (X, <^\sigma) \rightarrow (X, <)$  is the  $\underline{\sigma TS}$ -coreflection of  $(X, <)$ .

**DEFINITION 2.12.** Let  $(X, <)$  be a semi-topogenous space. Then  $<$  is called an interpolation semi-topogenous structure if for  $A < B$ , there is a subset  $S$  of  $X$  such that  $A < S < B$ .

**REMARK 2.13.** For any  $(X, \mathcal{A}) \in \underline{Mes}$ ,  $<_{\mathcal{A}}$  is an interpolation semi-topogenous structure on  $X$ .

*Proof.* Suppose  $A <_{\mathcal{A}} B$ . Since  $<_{\mathcal{A}}$  is a semi-topogenous structure, there is  $S \in \mathcal{A}$  such that  $A \subset S \subset B$ . Hence  $A \subset S \subset S$  and  $S \subset S \subset B$  imply  $A <_{\mathcal{A}} S$  and  $S <_{\mathcal{A}} B$ . Thus the proposition is proved.

**NOTATION.** The full subcategory of  $\underline{ST}$  determined by interpolation semi-topogenous spaces (interpolation  $\sigma$ -topogenous spaces, interpolation symmetrical  $\sigma$ -topogenous spaces, interpolation symmetrical  $\sigma$ -topogenous spaces with generating sets) will be denoted by  $\underline{IST}(\underline{\sigma IT}, \underline{\sigma IST}, \underline{\sigma ISTG})$ .

**THEOREM 2.14.** *The category  $\underline{\sigma IT}$  is coreflective in  $\underline{IST}$ .*

*Proof.* Let  $(X, <) \in \underline{IST}$  and define a relation  $<^\sigma$  on  $P(X)$  as follows:  $A <^\sigma B$  iff there are sequences  $(A_i)_{i \in I}$ ,  $(B_i)_{i \in I}$ ,  $(A_{ij})_{j \in J}$ ,  $(B_{ij})_{j \in J}$  and  $(C_{ij})_{j \in J}$  such that

$$\begin{aligned} A &= \cup_{i \in I} A_i, B = \cup_{i \in I} B_i, C = \cup_{i \in I} C_i, \\ A_i &= \cap_{j \in J} A_{ij}, B_i = \cap_{j \in J} B_{ij}, C_i = \cap_{j \in J} C_{ij}, \\ A_{ij} &< C_{ij} < B_{ij} (i \in I, j \in J) \end{aligned}$$

where  $I$  and  $J$  are countable sets of indices.

By the definition of  $<^\sigma$ , we can easily show that  $<^\sigma$  is an interpolation semi-topogenous structure.

Moreover, as in proof of Theorem 2.11,  $<^\sigma$  is a  $\sigma$ -topogenous structure. Hence  $(X, <^\sigma) \in \underline{\sigma IT}$  and the identity map  $1_X : (X, <^\sigma) \rightarrow (X, <)$  is continuous.

Take any  $(Y, <') \in \underline{\sigma IT}$  and any continuous  $f : (Y, <') \rightarrow (X, <)$ . Since  $(Y, <') \in \underline{\sigma IT}$ ,  $(Y, <') = (Y, <'^\sigma)$ , so that  $f : (Y, <') \rightarrow (X, <^\sigma)$  is continuous. Furthermore, such an  $f$  is unique.

Thus  $1_X : (X, <^\sigma) \rightarrow (X, <)$  is the  $\sigma IT$ -coreflection of  $(X, <)$ .

COROLLARY 2.15. (1) The category  $\sigma IST$  is coreflective in  $\sigma IT$ .

(2) The category  $\sigma ISTG$  is coreflective in  $\sigma IST$ .

THEOREM 2.16. The categories  $\sigma ISTG$  and  $Mes$  are isomorphic.

*Proof.* For any  $(X, <) \in \underline{\sigma ISTG}$ , let  $\mathcal{A}_< = \{A \subset X \mid A < A\}$ . Then it is clear that  $(X, \mathcal{A}_<) \in \underline{Mes}$ . If  $f : (X, <) \rightarrow (Y, <')$  is continuous, then  $f : (X, \mathcal{A}_<) \rightarrow (Y, \mathcal{A}_{<'})$  is measurable. Thus  $G : \underline{\sigma ISTG} \rightarrow \underline{Mes}$  is a functor defined by  $G(X, <) = (X, \mathcal{A}_<)$  and  $G(f) = f$ . Conversely, for any  $(X, \mathcal{A}) \in \underline{Mes}$ , we define a relation  $<_{\mathcal{A}}$  on  $P(X)$  as follows:  $A <_{\mathcal{A}} B$  iff there is  $S \in \mathcal{A}$  such that  $A \subset S \subset B$ . By Remark 2.11 and Theorem 2.14, we have  $(X, <_{\mathcal{A}}) \in \underline{\sigma ISTG}$ . Suppose  $g : (X, \mathcal{A}) \rightarrow (Y, \mathcal{A}')$  is measurable, then  $g : (X, <_{\mathcal{A}}) \rightarrow (Y, <_{\mathcal{A}'})$  is continuous. Thus  $F : \underline{Mes} \rightarrow \underline{\sigma ISTG}$  is a functor defined by  $F(X, \mathcal{A}) = (X, <_{\mathcal{A}})$  and  $F(g) = g$ . Moreover, for any  $(X, <) \in \underline{\sigma ISTG}$ ,  $F(G(X, <)) = F(X, \mathcal{A}_<) = (X, <_{\mathcal{A}_<})$ . Since  $A <_{\mathcal{A}_<} B$  iff there is  $S \in \mathcal{A}_<$  such that  $A \subset S \subset B$  iff  $A \subset S \subset B$  and  $S < S$  iff  $A < B$ ,  $(X, <_{\mathcal{A}_<}) = (X, <)$ . Hence  $F \circ G = 1_{\underline{\sigma ISTG}}$ . For any  $(X, \mathcal{A}) \in \underline{Mes}$ ,  $G(F(X, \mathcal{A})) = F(X, <_{\mathcal{A}}) = (X, \mathcal{A}_{<_{\mathcal{A}}}) = (X, \mathcal{A})$ , so that  $G \circ F = 1_{\underline{Mes}}$ . Therefore  $\sigma ISTG$  and  $Mes$  are isomorphic.

THEOREM 2.17. The category  $Mes$  is coreflective in  $IST$ .

*Proof.* It follows from Theorem 2.14, Corollary 2.15 and Theorem 2.16.

We have the following by the above theorem and Theorem 1.3.

THEOREM 2.18. The category  $\sigma ISTG$  has the following :

- (1)  $\sigma ISTG$  is topological and cotopological.
- (2)  $\sigma ISTG$  is complete and cocomplete.
- (3) The forgetful functor  $U : \underline{\sigma ISTG} \rightarrow \underline{Set}$  has a left adjoint.

**PROPOSITION 2.19.** *Let  $\mathcal{L}$  be a lattice of subsets of a set  $X$  with  $\phi, X \in \mathcal{L}$  and let  $<$  be a semi-topogenous structure generated by  $\mathcal{L}$ . Then  $<$  is a  $\sigma$ -topogenous structure iff  $\mathcal{L}$  is closed under countable unions and intersections.*

*Proof.* ( $\Rightarrow$ ) If  $<$  is a  $\sigma$ -topogenous structure and  $S_i \in \mathcal{L} (i \in I)$  for any countable index set  $I$ , then  $\bigcup_{i \in I} S_i < \bigcup_{i \in I} S_i$  and  $\bigcap_{i \in I} S_i < \bigcap_{i \in I} S_i$ . Hence  $\bigcup_{i \in I} S_i, \bigcap_{i \in I} S_i \in \mathcal{L}$ .

( $\Leftarrow$ ) If  $A_i < B_i (i \in I)$ , then there is  $S_i \in \mathcal{L} (i \in I)$  such that  $A_i \subset S_i \subset B_i, (i \in I)$ . Hence  $\bigcup_{i \in I} A_i < \bigcup_{i \in I} B_i$  and  $\bigcap_{i \in I} A_i < \bigcap_{i \in I} B_i$ , because  $\bigcup_{i \in I} S_i, \bigcap_{i \in I} S_i \in \mathcal{L}$ .

**DEFINITION 2.20.** Let  $X$  be a lattice. Then  $X$  is called a  $\sigma$ -lattice if every countable subset  $D$  of  $X$  has a join  $\bigvee D$  and a meet  $\bigwedge D$ .

**PROPOSITION 2.21.** *Let  $(X, \leq)$  be any  $\sigma$ -lattice and let  $<_{\leq}$  be a relation on  $P(X)$  defined by  $A <_{\leq} B$  iff  $\uparrow A \subset B$ . Then  $<_{\leq}$  is a  $\sigma$ -topogenous structure on  $X$ .*

*Proof.* Since  $\uparrow \phi = \phi$  and  $\uparrow X = X, \phi <_{\leq} \phi$  and  $X <_{\leq} X$ . If  $A <_{\leq} B$ , then  $\uparrow A \subset B$ . Since  $A \subset \uparrow A, A \subset B$ . Suppose  $A' \subset A <_{\leq} B \subset B'$ , then  $\uparrow A \subset B$ . Since  $\uparrow A' \subset \uparrow A, \uparrow A' \subset B'$ , so we have  $A' <_{\leq} B'$ . Thus  $<_{\leq}$  is a semi-topogenous structure. We claim that  $<_{\leq}$  is a  $\sigma$ -topogenous structure. Suppose  $A_i <_{\leq} B_i (i \in I)$  for any countable index set  $I$ , then  $\uparrow A_i \subset B_i (i \in I)$ , so that  $\bigcup_{i \in I} (\uparrow A_i) \subset \bigcup_{i \in I} B_i$  and  $\bigcap_{i \in I} (\uparrow A_i) \subset \bigcap_{i \in I} B_i$  i.e.,  $\uparrow (\bigcup_{i \in I} A_i) \subset \bigcup_{i \in I} B_i$  and  $\uparrow (\bigcap_{i \in I} A_i) \subset \bigcap_{i \in I} B_i$  because  $\uparrow (\bigcup_{i \in I} A_i) = \bigcup_{i \in I} (\uparrow A_i)$  and  $\uparrow (\bigcap_{i \in I} A_i) \subset \bigcap_{i \in I} (\uparrow A_i)$ . Hence  $\bigcup_{i \in I} A_i <_{\leq} \bigcup_{i \in I} B_i$  and  $\bigcap_{i \in I} A_i <_{\leq} \bigcap_{i \in I} B_i$ . This completes the proof.

**THEOREM 2.22.** *Let  $(X, \leq)$  and  $(Y, \leq')$  be  $\sigma$ -lattices. Then  $f : (X, \leq) \rightarrow (Y, \leq')$  is an isotone map iff  $f : (X, <_{\leq}) \rightarrow (Y, <_{\leq'})$  is a continuous map.*

*Proof.* ( $\Rightarrow$ ) Let  $A' <_{\leq'} B'$  and  $x \in \uparrow f^{-1}(A')$ . Then there is  $a \in f^{-1}(A')$  such that  $a \leq x$ , so  $f(a) \in A'$  and  $f(a) \leq f(x)$  because  $f$  is an isotone map. Hence  $f(x) \in \uparrow A'$ . Since  $\uparrow A' \subset B', f(x) \in B'$ , so that  $x \in f^{-1}(B')$ . Consequently,  $\uparrow f^{-1}(A') \subset f^{-1}(B')$ , which implies  $f^{-1}(A') <_{\leq} f^{-1}(B')$ .

( $\Leftarrow$ ) Suppose  $x \leq y$  in  $X$ . Since  $\uparrow \{f(x)\} \subset \uparrow \{f(x)\}, \{f(x)\} <_{\leq'} \uparrow f(x)$ ; therefore  $f^{-1}(f(x)) <_{\leq} f^{-1}(\uparrow f(x))$  because  $f$  is continuous,

then by definition of  $\leq$  we obtain  $\uparrow f^{-1}(f(x)) \subset f^{-1}(\uparrow f(x))$ . Since  $x \in f^{-1}(f(x))$  and  $x \leq y$ ,  $y \in f^{-1}(\uparrow f(x))$ . Thus  $f(x) \leq f(y)$ . This completes the proof.

Using the above theorem, one has the following:

**COROLLARY 2.23.** *The functor  $G : \sigma\text{Latt} \rightarrow \sigma\text{TS}$  is a full embedding, where  $\sigma\text{Latt}$  is the category of  $\sigma$ -lattices and isotone maps.*

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