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A NOTE ON FEEBLY COMPACT SEMITOPOLOGICAL SYMMETRIC INVERSE SEMIGROUPS OF A BOUNDED FINITE RANK

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We study feebly compact shift-continuous T_1 -topologies on the symmetric inverse semigroup \mathcal{S}_λ^n of finite transformations of the rank $\leq n$. It is proved that such T_1 -topology is sequentially precompact if and only if it is feebly compact. Also, we show that every shift-continuous feebly ω -bounded T_1 -topology on \mathcal{S}_λ^n is compact.

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1. INTRODUCTION AND PRELIMINARIES

We follow the terminology of the monographs [4, 6, 10, 29, 32, 33]. If X is a topological space and $A \subseteq X$, then by $\text{cl}_X(A)$ and $\text{int}_X(A)$ we denote the topological closure and interior of A in X , respectively. By $|A|$ we denote the cardinality of a set A , by $A\Delta B$ the symmetric difference of sets A and B , by \mathbb{N} the set of positive integers, and by ω the first infinite cardinal. By $\mathfrak{D}(\omega)$ and \mathbb{R} we denote an infinite countable discrete space and the real numbers with the usual topology, respectively.

A semigroup S is called *inverse* if every a in S possesses a unique inverse a^{-1} , i.e., if there exists a unique element a^{-1} in S such that

$$aa^{-1}a = a \quad \text{and} \quad a^{-1}aa^{-1} = a^{-1}.$$

A map which associates to any element of an inverse semigroup its inverse is called the *inversion*.

If S is a semigroup, then by $E(S)$ we denote the subset of all idempotents of S . On the set of idempotents $E(S)$ there exists a natural partial order: $e \leq f$ if and only if $ef = fe = e$. A *semilattice* is a commutative semigroup of idempotents. We observe that the set of idempotents of an inverse semigroup is a semilattice [34].

Every inverse semigroup S admits a partial order:

$$a \preceq b \quad \text{if and only if there exists } e \in E(S) \text{ such that } a = eb.$$

We shall say that \preceq is the *natural partial order* on S (see [4, 34]).

Let λ be an arbitrary nonzero cardinal. A map α from a subset D of λ into λ is called a *partial transformation* of λ . In this case the set D is called the *domain* of α and is denoted by $\text{dom } \alpha$. The image of an element $x \in \text{dom } \alpha$ under α is denoted by $x\alpha$. Also, the set $\{x \in \lambda: y\alpha = x \text{ for some } y \in Y\}$ is called the *range* of α and is denoted by $\text{ran } \alpha$. For convenience we denote by \emptyset the empty transformation, a partial mapping with $\text{dom } \emptyset = \text{ran } \emptyset = \emptyset$.

Let \mathcal{S}_λ denote the set of all partial one-to-one transformations of λ together with the following semigroup operation:

$$x(\alpha\beta) = (x\alpha)\beta \quad \text{if } x \in \text{dom}(\alpha\beta) = \{y \in \text{dom } \alpha: y\alpha \in \text{dom } \beta\}, \quad \text{for } \alpha, \beta \in \mathcal{S}_\lambda.$$

The semigroup \mathcal{S}_λ is called the *symmetric inverse semigroup* over the cardinal λ (see [6]). For any $\alpha \in \mathcal{S}_\lambda$ the cardinality of $\text{dom } \alpha$ is called the *rank* of α and it is denoted by $\text{rank } \alpha$. The symmetric inverse semigroup was introduced by V. V. Wagner [34] and it plays a major role in the theory of semigroups.

Put $\mathcal{S}_\lambda^n = \{\alpha \in \mathcal{S}_\lambda: \text{rank } \alpha \leq n\}$, for $n = 1, 2, 3, \dots$. Obviously, \mathcal{S}_λ^n ($n = 1, 2, 3, \dots$) are inverse semigroups, \mathcal{S}_λ^n is an ideal of \mathcal{S}_λ , for each $n = 1, 2, 3, \dots$. The semigroup \mathcal{S}_λ^n is called the *symmetric inverse semigroup of finite transformations of the rank $\leq n$* [21].

By

$$\begin{pmatrix} x_1 & x_2 & \cdots & x_n \\ y_1 & y_2 & \cdots & y_n \end{pmatrix}$$

we denote a partial one-to-one transformation which maps x_1 onto y_1 , x_2 onto y_2 , \dots , and x_n onto y_n . Obviously, in such case we have $x_i \neq x_j$ and $y_i \neq y_j$ for $i \neq j$ ($i, j = 1, 2, 3, \dots, n$). The empty partial map $\emptyset: \lambda \rightarrow \lambda$ is denoted by $\mathbf{0}$. It is obvious that $\mathbf{0}$ is zero of the semigroup \mathcal{S}_λ^n .

Let λ be a nonzero cardinal. On the set $B_\lambda = (\lambda \times \lambda) \cup \{0\}$, where $0 \notin \lambda \times \lambda$, we define the semigroup operation “ \cdot ” as follows

$$(a, b) \cdot (c, d) = \begin{cases} (a, d), & \text{if } b = c; \\ 0, & \text{if } b \neq c, \end{cases}$$

and $(a, b) \cdot 0 = 0 \cdot (a, b) = 0 \cdot 0 = 0$ for $a, b, c, d \in \lambda$. The semigroup B_λ is called the *semigroup of $\lambda \times \lambda$ -matrix units* (see [6]). Obviously, for any cardinal $\lambda > 0$, the semigroup of $\lambda \times \lambda$ -matrix units B_λ is isomorphic to \mathcal{S}_λ^1 .

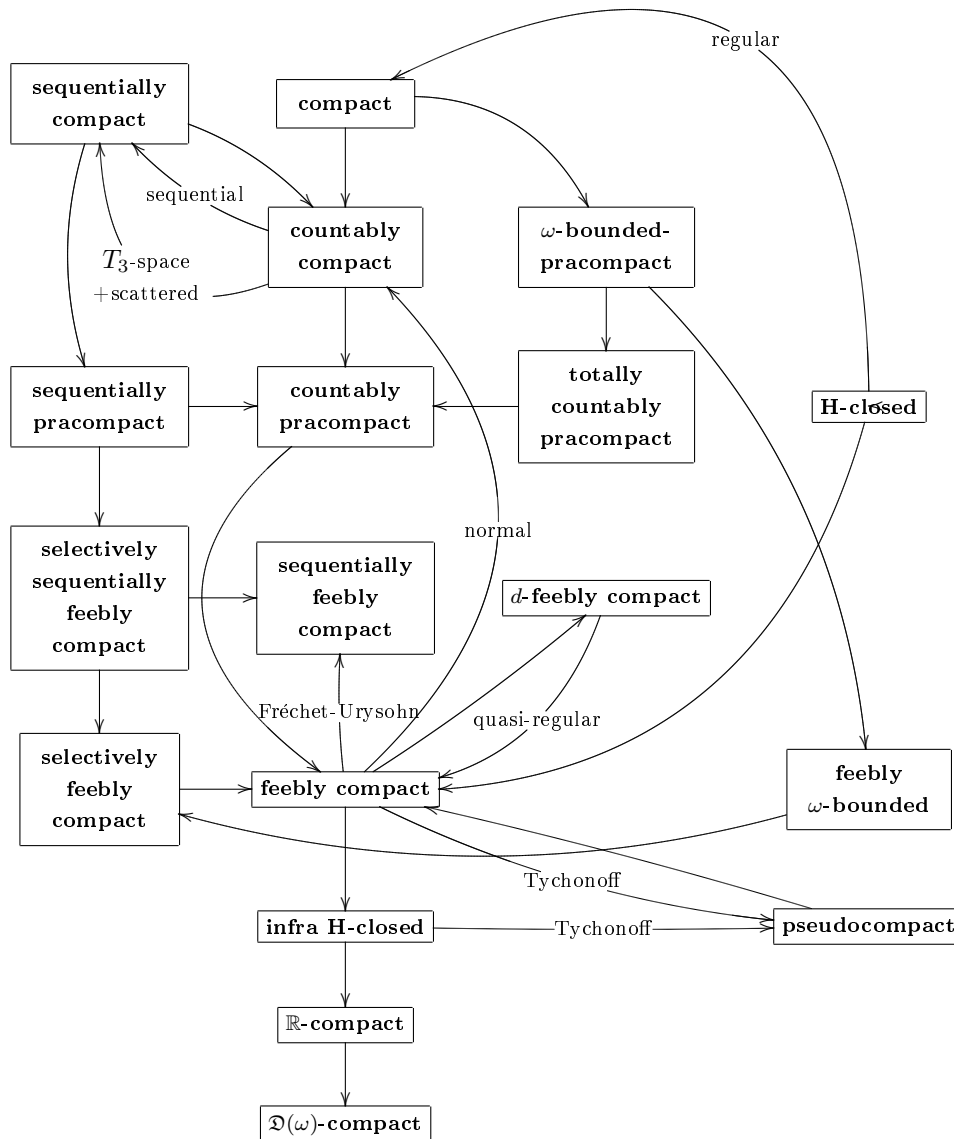
A subset A of a topological space X is called *regular open* if $\text{int}_X(\text{cl}_X(A)) = A$.

We recall that a topological space X is said to be

- *semiregular* if X has a base consisting of regular open subsets;
- *compact* if each open cover of X has a finite subcover;
- *sequentially compact* if each sequence $\{x_i\}_{i \in \mathbb{N}}$ of X has a convergent subsequence in X ;

- *countably compact* if each open countable cover of X has a finite subcover;
- *H-closed* if X is a closed subspace of every Hausdorff topological space in which it is contained;
- *ω -bounded-pracompact* if X contains a dense subset D such that each countable subset of D has the compact closure in X [20];
- *infra H-closed* provided that any continuous image of X into any first countable Hausdorff space is closed (see [27]);
- *totally countably pracompact* if there exists a dense subset D of the space X such that each sequence of points of the set D has a subsequence with the compact closure in X [20];
- *sequentially pracompact* if there exists a dense subset D of the space X such that each sequence of points of the set D has a convergent subsequence [20];
- *countably compact at a subset* $A \subseteq X$ if every infinite subset $B \subseteq A$ has an accumulation point x in X [1];
- *countably pracompact* if there exists a dense subset A in X such that X is countably compact at A [1];
- *feebly ω -bounded* if for each sequence $\{U_n\}_{n \in \mathbb{N}}$ of nonempty open subsets of X there is a compact subset K of X such that $K \cap U_n \neq \emptyset$ for each n [20];
- *selectively sequentially feebly compact* if for every family $\{U_n: n \in \mathbb{N}\}$ of nonempty open subsets of X , one can choose a point $x_n \in U_n$ for every $n \in \mathbb{N}$ in such a way that the sequence $\{x_n: n \in \mathbb{N}\}$ has a convergent subsequence ([8]);
- *sequentially feebly compact* if for every family $\{U_n: n \in \mathbb{N}\}$ of nonempty open subsets of X , there exists an infinite set $J \subseteq \mathbb{N}$ and a point $x \in X$ such that the set $\{n \in J: W \cap U_n = \emptyset\}$ is finite for every open neighborhood W of x (see [9]);
- *selectively feebly compact* for each sequence $\{U_n: n \in \mathbb{N}\}$ of nonempty open subsets of X , one can choose a point $x \in X$ and a point $x_n \in U_n$ for each $n \in \mathbb{N}$ such that the set $\{n \in \mathbb{N}: x_n \in W\}$ is infinite for every open neighborhood W of x ([8]);
- *feebly compact* (or *lightly compact*) if each locally finite open cover of X is finite [3];
- *d-feebly compact* (or *DFCC*) if every discrete family of open subsets in X is finite (see [31]);
- *pseudocompact* if X is Tychonoff and each continuous real-valued function on X is bounded;
- *Y-compact* for some topological space Y , if $f(X)$ is compact, for any continuous map $f: X \rightarrow Y$.

According to Theorem 3.10.22 of [10], a Tychonoff topological space X is feebly compact if and only if X is pseudocompact. Also, a Hausdorff topological space X is feebly compact if and only if every locally finite family of nonempty open subsets of X is finite. Every compact space and every sequentially compact space are countably compact, every countably compact space is countably pracompact, every countably pracompact space is feebly compact (see [1]), every H-closed space is feebly compact too (see [19]). Also, every space feebly compact is infra H-closed by Proposition 2 and Theorem 3 of [27]. Using results of other authors we get that the following diagram which describes relations between the above defined classes of topological spaces.



A *topological (semitopological) semigroup* is a topological space together with a continuous (separately continuous) semigroup operation. If S is a semigroup and τ is a topology on S such that (S, τ) is a semitopological semigroup, then we shall call τ a *shift-continuous topology* on S . An inverse topological semigroup with the continuous inversion is called a *topological inverse semigroup*.

Topological properties of an infinite (semi)topological semigroup $\lambda \times \lambda$ -matrix units were studied in [15, 17]. In [15] it was shown that on the infinite semitopological semigroup of $\lambda \times \lambda$ -matrix units B_λ there exists a unique compact shift-continuous Hausdorff topology τ_c and also it is shown that every pseudocompact Hausdorff shift-continuous topology τ on B_λ is compact. Also, in [15] it is proved that every nonzero element of a Hausdorff semitopological semigroup of $\lambda \times \lambda$ -matrix units B_λ is an isolated point in the topological space B_λ . In [15] it is shown that the infinite semigroup of $\lambda \times \lambda$ -matrix units B_λ cannot be embedded into a compact Hausdorff topological semigroup, every Hausdorff topological inverse semigroup S that contains B_λ as a subsemigroup, contains B_λ as a closed subsemigroup, i.e., B_λ is *algebraically complete* in the class of Hausdorff topological inverse semigroups. This result in [14] is extended onto the called inverse semigroups with *tight ideal series* and, as a corollary, onto the semigroup \mathcal{S}_λ^n . Also, in [21] it was proved that for every positive integer n the semigroup \mathcal{S}_λ^n is *algebraically h-complete* in the class of Hausdorff topological inverse semigroups, i.e., every homomorphic image of \mathcal{S}_λ^n is algebraically complete in the class of Hausdorff topological inverse semigroups. In the paper [22] this result is extended onto the class of Hausdorff semitopological inverse semigroups and it is shown therein that for an infinite cardinal λ the semigroup \mathcal{S}_λ^n admits a unique Hausdorff topology τ_c such that $(\mathcal{S}_\lambda^n, \tau_c)$ is a compact semitopological semigroup. Also, it was proved in [22] that every countably compact Hausdorff shift-continuous topology τ on B_λ is compact. In [17] it was shown that a topological semigroup of finite partial bijections \mathcal{S}_λ^n with a compact subsemigroup of idempotents is absolutely H-closed (i.e., every homomorphic image of \mathcal{S}_λ^n is algebraically complete in the class of Hausdorff topological semigroups) and any Hausdorff countably compact topological semigroup does not contain \mathcal{S}_λ^n as a subsemigroup for an arbitrary infinite cardinal λ and any positive integer n . In [17] there were given sufficient conditions onto a topological semigroup \mathcal{S}_λ^1 to be non-H-closed. Also in [11] it is proved that an infinite semitopological semigroup of $\lambda \times \lambda$ -matrix units B_λ is H-closed in the class of semitopological semigroups if and only if the space B_λ is compact. In the paper [12] we studied feebly compact shift-continuous T_1 -topologies on the semigroup \mathcal{S}_λ^n . For any positive integer $n \geq 2$ and any infinite cardinal λ a Hausdorff countably precompact non-compact shift-continuous topology on \mathcal{S}_λ^n is constructed there. In [12] it is shown that for an arbitrary positive integer n and an arbitrary infinite cardinal λ for a shift-continuous T_1 -topology τ on \mathcal{S}_λ^n the following conditions are equivalent: (i) τ is countably precompact; (ii) τ is feebly compact; (iii) τ is d -feebly compact; (iv) $(\mathcal{S}_\lambda^n, \tau)$ is H-closed; (v) $(\mathcal{S}_\lambda^n, \tau)$ is $\mathfrak{D}(\omega)$ -compact; (vi) $(\mathcal{S}_\lambda^n, \tau)$ is \mathbb{R} -compact; (vii) $(\mathcal{S}_\lambda^n, \tau)$ is infra H-closed. Also in [12] we proved that for an arbitrary positive integer n and an arbitrary infinite cardinal λ every shift-continuous semiregular feebly compact T_1 -topology τ on \mathcal{S}_λ^n is compact. Similar results were obtained for a semitopological semilattice $(\exp_n \lambda, \cap)$ in [23, 24, 25]. Also, in [26, 30] it is proved that feeble compactness implies compactness for semitopological bicyclic extensions.

In this paper we study feebly compact shift-continuous T_1 -topologies on the symmetric inverse semigroup \mathcal{S}_λ^n of finite transformations of the rank $\leq n$. It is proved that such T_1 -topology is sequentially precompact if and only if it is feebly compact. Also, we show that every shift-continuous feebly ω -bounded T_1 -topology on \mathcal{S}_λ^n is compact. The results of this paper are announced in [13].

2. ON FEEBLY COMPACT SHIFT CONTINUOUS TOPOLOGIES ON THE SEMIGROUP \mathcal{S}_λ^n

Later we shall assume that n is an arbitrary positive integer.

For every element α of the semigroup \mathcal{S}_λ^n we put

$$\uparrow_l \alpha = \{\beta \in \mathcal{S}_\lambda^n : \alpha \alpha^{-1} \beta = \alpha\} \quad \text{and} \quad \uparrow_r \alpha = \{\beta \in \mathcal{S}_\lambda^n : \beta \alpha^{-1} \alpha = \alpha\}.$$

Then Proposition 5 of [22] implies that $\uparrow_l \alpha = \uparrow_r \alpha$ and by Lemma 6 of [29, Section 1.4] we have that $\alpha \preceq \beta$ if and only if $\beta \in \uparrow_l \alpha$ for $\alpha, \beta \in \mathcal{S}_\lambda^n$. Hence we put $\uparrow_{\preceq} \alpha = \uparrow_l \alpha = \uparrow_r \alpha$ for any $\alpha \in \mathcal{S}_\lambda^n$.

Remark 1. Later we identify every element α of the semigroup \mathcal{S}_λ^n with the graph $\text{graph}(\alpha)$ of the partial map $\alpha: \lambda \rightarrow \lambda$ (see [29]). Then according to this identification we have that $\alpha \preceq \beta$ if and only if $\alpha \subseteq \beta$.

Lemma 1. *Let n be an arbitrary positive integer and λ be any infinite cardinal. Let α be any nonzero element of the semigroup \mathcal{S}_λ^n with $\text{rank } \alpha = m \leq n$. Then the poset $(\uparrow_{\preceq} \alpha, \preceq)$ is order isomorphic to the poset $(\mathcal{S}_\lambda^{n-m}, \preceq)$.*

Proof. Suppose that

$$\alpha = \begin{pmatrix} x_1 & \cdots & x_m \\ y_1 & \cdots & y_m \end{pmatrix}$$

for some $x_1, \dots, x_m, y_1, \dots, y_m \in \lambda$. If $m = n$ then the inequality $\alpha \preceq \beta$ in $(\mathcal{S}_\lambda^n, \preceq)$ implies $\alpha = \beta$, and hence later we assume that $m < n$. Then for any $\beta \in \mathcal{S}_\lambda^n$ such that $\alpha \preceq \beta$ by Remark 1 we have that

$$\beta = \begin{pmatrix} x_1 & \cdots & x_m & x_{m+1} & \cdots & x_n \\ y_1 & \cdots & y_m & y_{m+1} & \cdots & y_n \end{pmatrix}$$

for some $x_{m+1}, \dots, x_n, y_{m+1}, \dots, y_n \in \lambda$. Since λ is infinite,

$$|\lambda| = |\lambda \setminus \{x_1, \dots, x_m\}| = |\lambda \setminus \{y_1, \dots, y_m\}|,$$

and hence there exist bijective maps $\mathbf{u}: \lambda \setminus \{x_1, \dots, x_m\} \rightarrow \lambda$ and $\mathbf{v}: \lambda \setminus \{y_1, \dots, y_m\} \rightarrow \lambda$. Simple verifications show that the map $\mathcal{J}: (\uparrow_{\preceq} \alpha, \preceq) \rightarrow (\mathcal{S}_\lambda^{n-m}, \preceq)$ defined in the following way $\alpha \mapsto \mathbf{0}$ and

$$\begin{pmatrix} x_1 & \cdots & x_m & x_{m+1} & \cdots & x_n \\ y_1 & \cdots & y_m & y_{m+1} & \cdots & y_n \end{pmatrix} \mapsto \begin{pmatrix} (x_{m+1})\mathbf{u} & \cdots & (x_n)\mathbf{u} \\ (y_{m+1})\mathbf{v} & \cdots & (y_n)\mathbf{v} \end{pmatrix}$$

is an order isomorphism. □

Later we need the following technical lemma from [12].

Lemma 2 ([12, Lemma 3]). *Let n be an arbitrary positive integer and λ be an arbitrary infinite cardinal. Let τ be a feebly compact shift-continuous T_1 -topology on the semigroup \mathcal{S}_λ^n . Then for every $\alpha \in \mathcal{S}_\lambda^n$ and any open neighbourhood $U(\alpha)$ of α in $(\mathcal{S}_\lambda^n, \tau)$ there exist finitely many $\alpha_1, \dots, \alpha_k \in \uparrow_{\preceq} \alpha \setminus \{\alpha\}$ such that*

$$\mathcal{S}_\lambda^n \setminus \mathcal{S}_\lambda^{n-1} \cap \uparrow_{\preceq} \alpha \subseteq U(\alpha) \cup \uparrow_{\preceq} \alpha_1 \cup \cdots \cup \uparrow_{\preceq} \alpha_k.$$

Lemma 3. *Let τ be a feebly compact topology on \mathcal{S}_λ^1 such that $\uparrow_{\preceq} \alpha$ is closed-and-open for any $\alpha \in \mathcal{S}_\lambda^1$. Then τ is compact.*

The statement of Lemma 3 follows from the fact that all nonzero elements of the semigroup \mathcal{S}_λ^1 are closed-and-open in $(\mathcal{S}_\lambda^1, \tau)$.

A family of non-empty sets $\{A_i : i \in \mathcal{I}\}$ is called a Δ -system (a *sunflower* or a Δ -family) if the pairwise intersections of its members are the same, i.e., $A_i \cap A_j = S$ for some set S (for $i \neq j$ in \mathcal{I}) [28]. The following statement is well known as the *Sunflower Lemma* or the *Lemma about a Δ -system* (see [28, p. 107]).

Lemma 4. *Every infinite family of n -element sets ($n < \omega$) contains an infinite Δ -subfamily.*

Proposition 1. *Let n be an arbitrary positive integer and λ be an arbitrary infinite cardinal. Then every feebly compact shift-continuous T_1 -topology τ on \mathcal{S}_λ^n is sequentially precompact.*

Proof. Suppose to the contrary that there exists a feebly compact shift-continuous T_1 -topology τ on \mathcal{S}_λ^n which is not sequentially countably precompact. Then every dense subset D of $(\mathcal{S}_\lambda^n, \tau)$ contains a sequence of points from D which has no a convergent subsequence.

By Proposition 2 of [12] the subset $\mathcal{S}_\lambda^n \setminus \mathcal{S}_\lambda^{n-1}$ is dense in $(\mathcal{S}_\lambda^n, \tau)$ and by Lemma 2 from [12] every point of the set $\mathcal{S}_\lambda^n \setminus \mathcal{S}_\lambda^{n-1}$ is isolated in $(\mathcal{S}_\lambda^n, \tau)$. Then the set $\mathcal{S}_\lambda^n \setminus \mathcal{S}_\lambda^{n-1}$ contains an infinite sequence of points $\{\chi_p : p \in \mathbb{N}\}$ which has no a convergent subsequence. If we identify elements of the semigroups with their graphs then by Lemma 4 the sequence $\{\chi_p : p \in \mathbb{N}\}$ contains an infinite Δ -subfamily, that is an infinite subsequence $\{\chi_{p_i} : i \in \mathbb{N}\}$ such that there exists $\chi \in \mathcal{S}_\lambda^n$ such that $\chi_{p_i} \cap \chi_{p_j} = \chi$ for any distinct $i, j \in \mathbb{N}$.

Suppose that $\chi = \mathbf{0}$ is the zero of the semigroup \mathcal{S}_λ^n . Since the sequence $\{\chi_{p_i} : i \in \mathbb{N}\}$ is an infinite Δ -subfamily, the intersection $\{\chi_{p_i} : i \in \mathbb{N}\} \cap \uparrow_{\preceq} \gamma$ contains at most one set for every non-zero element $\gamma \in \mathcal{S}_\lambda^n$. Thus $(\mathcal{S}_\lambda^n, \tau)$ contains an infinite locally finite family of open non-empty subsets which contradicts the feeble compactness of $(\mathcal{S}_\lambda^n, \tau)$.

If χ is a non-zero element of the semigroup \mathcal{S}_λ^n then by Lemma 2 from [12], $\uparrow_{\preceq} \chi$ is an open-and-closed subspace of $(\mathcal{S}_\lambda^n, \tau)$, and hence by Theorem 14 from [3] the space $\uparrow_{\preceq} \chi$ is feebly compact. We observe that the element χ is the minimum of the poset $\uparrow_{\preceq} \chi$. Since the sequence $\{\chi_{p_i} : i \in \mathbb{N}\}$ is an infinite Δ -subfamily, the intersection $\{\chi_{p_i} : i \in \mathbb{N}\} \cap \uparrow_{\preceq} \gamma$ contains at most one set for every element $\gamma \in \uparrow_{\preceq} \chi \setminus \{\chi\}$. Thus the subspace $\uparrow_{\preceq} \chi$ of $(\mathcal{S}_\lambda^n, \tau)$ contains an infinite locally finite family of open non-empty subsets which contradicts the feeble compactness of $(\mathcal{S}_\lambda^n, \tau)$. \square

Proposition 2. *Let n be an arbitrary positive integer and λ be an arbitrary infinite cardinal. Then every feebly compact shift-continuous T_1 -topology τ on \mathcal{S}_λ^n is totally countably precompact.*

Proof. By Proposition 2 of [12] the subset $\mathcal{S}_\lambda^n \setminus \mathcal{S}_\lambda^{n-1}$ is dense in $(\mathcal{S}_\lambda^n, \tau)$ and by Lemma 2 from [12] every point of the set $\mathcal{S}_\lambda^n \setminus \mathcal{S}_\lambda^{n-1}$ is isolated in $(\mathcal{S}_\lambda^n, \tau)$. We put $D = \mathcal{S}_\lambda^n \setminus \mathcal{S}_\lambda^{n-1}$. Fix an arbitrary sequence $\{\chi_p : p \in \mathbb{N}\}$ of points of D .

It is obvious that at least one of the following conditions holds:

- (1) for any $\eta \in \mathcal{S}_\lambda^n \setminus \{\mathbf{0}\}$ the set $\uparrow_{\preceq} \eta \cap \{\chi_p : p \in \mathbb{N}\}$ is finite;
- (2) there exists $\eta \in \mathcal{S}_\lambda^n \setminus \{\mathbf{0}\}$ such that the set $\uparrow_{\preceq} \eta \cap \{\chi_p : p \in \mathbb{N}\}$ is infinite.

Suppose that case **(1)** holds. By Lemma 2 of [12] for every point $\alpha \in \mathcal{S}_\lambda^n \setminus \{0\}$ there exists an open neighbourhood $U(\alpha)$ of α in $(\mathcal{S}_\lambda^n, \tau)$ such that $U(\alpha) \subseteq \uparrow_{\preceq} \alpha$ and hence our assumption implies that zero $\mathbf{0}$ is a unique accumulation point of the sequence $\{\chi_p: p \in \mathbb{N}\}$. By Lemma 2 for an arbitrary open neighbourhood $W(\mathbf{0})$ of zero $\mathbf{0}$ in $(\mathcal{S}_\lambda^n, \tau)$ there exist finitely many nonzero elements $\eta_1, \dots, \eta_k \in \mathcal{S}_\lambda^n$ such that

$$(\mathcal{S}_\lambda^n \setminus \mathcal{S}_\lambda^{n-1}) \subseteq W(\mathbf{0}) \cup \uparrow_{\preceq} \eta_1 \cup \dots \cup \uparrow_{\preceq} \eta_k,$$

and hence we get that $\{\mathbf{0}\} \cup \{\chi_p: p \in \mathbb{N}\}$ is a compact subset of $(\mathcal{S}_\lambda^n, \tau)$.

Suppose that case **(2)** holds: there exists $\eta^1 \in \mathcal{S}_\lambda^n \setminus \{\mathbf{0}\}$ such that the set $\uparrow_{\preceq} \eta^1 \cap \{\chi_p: p \in \mathbb{N}\}$ is infinite. Then by Lemma 2 of [12], $\uparrow_{\preceq} \eta^1$ is an open-and-closed subset of $(\mathcal{S}_\lambda^n, \tau)$ and hence by Theorem 14 from [3] the subspace $\uparrow_{\preceq} \eta^1$ of $(\mathcal{S}_\lambda^n, \tau)$ is feebly compact. By Lemma 1 the poset $(\uparrow_{\preceq} \eta^1, \preceq)$ is order isomorphic to the poset $(\mathcal{S}_\lambda^{m_1}, \preceq)$ for some positive integer $m_1 = 2, \dots, n-1$.

Let $\{\chi_p^1: p \in \mathbb{N}\}$ be a subsequence of $\{\chi_p: p \in \mathbb{N}\}$ such that

$$\{\chi_p^1: p \in \mathbb{N}\} = \uparrow_{\preceq} \eta^1 \cap \{\chi_p: p \in \mathbb{N}\}.$$

Then for the feebly compact poset $(\uparrow_{\preceq} \eta^1, \preceq)$ and the sequence $\{\chi_p^1: p \in \mathbb{N}\}$ at least one of the following conditions holds:

- (1)*** for any $\eta \in \uparrow_{\preceq} \eta^1 \setminus \{\eta^1\}$ the set $\uparrow_{\preceq} \eta \cap \{\chi_p^1: p \in \mathbb{N}\}$ is finite;
- (2)*** there exists $\eta \in \uparrow_{\preceq} \eta^1 \setminus \{\eta^1\}$ such that the set $\uparrow_{\preceq} \eta \cap \{\chi_p^1: p \in \mathbb{N}\}$ is infinite.

Since every chain in the poset $(\uparrow_{\preceq} \eta^1, \preceq)$ is finite, repeating finitely many times our above procedure we obtain two chains of the length $s \leq n$:

- (i) the chain $\mathbf{0} \preceq \eta^1 \preceq \dots \preceq \eta^s$ of distinct elements of the poset $(\uparrow_{\preceq} \eta^1, \preceq)$; and
- (ii) the chain

$$\{\chi_p: p \in \mathbb{N}\} \supseteq \{\chi_p^1: p \in \mathbb{N}\} \supseteq \dots \supseteq \{\chi_p^s: p \in \mathbb{N}\}$$

of infinite subsequences of the sequence $\{\chi_p: p \in \mathbb{N}\}$,

such that the following conditions hold:

- (a) $\{\chi_p^j: p \in \mathbb{N}\} \subseteq \uparrow_{\preceq} \eta^j$ for every $j = 1, \dots, s$;
- (b) either $\{\chi_p^s: p \in \mathbb{N}\} \cup \{\eta^s\}$ is a compact subset of the poset $(\uparrow_{\preceq} \eta^1, \preceq)$ or the poset $(\uparrow_{\preceq} \eta^s, \preceq)$ is order isomorphic to the poset $(\mathcal{S}_\lambda^1, \preceq)$.

If $\{\chi_p^s: p \in \mathbb{N}\} \cup \{\eta^s\}$ is a compact subset of $(\mathcal{S}_\lambda^n, \tau)$ then our above part of the proof implies that the sequence $\{\chi_p: p \in \mathbb{N}\}$ has the subsequence $\{\chi_p^s: p \in \mathbb{N}\}$ with the compact closure.

If the poset $(\uparrow_{\preceq} \eta^s, \preceq)$ is order isomorphic to the poset $(\mathcal{S}_\lambda^1, \preceq)$, then by Lemma 2 of [12] the subspace $\uparrow_{\preceq} \eta^s$ of $(\mathcal{S}_\lambda^n, \tau)$ is open-and-closed and hence by Lemmas 1 and 3 the poset $(\uparrow_{\preceq} \eta^s, \preceq)$ is compact. Then the inclusion $\{\chi_p^s: p \in \mathbb{N}\} \subseteq \uparrow_{\preceq} \eta^s$ implies that the sequence $\{\chi_p: p \in \mathbb{N}\}$ has the subsequence $\{\chi_p^s: p \in \mathbb{N}\}$ with the compact closure. This completes the proof of the proposition. \square

We summarise our results in the following theorem.

Theorem 1. *Let n be any positive integer and λ be any infinite cardinal. Then for any T_1 -semitopological semigroup \mathcal{S}_λ^n the following conditions are equivalent:*

- (i) \mathcal{S}_λ^n is sequentially precompact;

- (ii) \mathcal{S}_λ^n is totally countably pracomact;
 (iii) \mathcal{S}_λ^n is feebly compact.

Proof. Implications (i) \Rightarrow (iii) and (ii) \Rightarrow (iii) are trivial. The corresponding their converse implications (iii) \Rightarrow (i) and (iii) \Rightarrow (ii) follow from Propositions 1 and 2, respectively. \square

It is well known that the (Tychonoff) product of pseudocompact spaces is not necessarily pseudocompact (see [10, Section 3.10]). On the other hand Comfort and Ross in [7] proved that the Tychonoff product of an arbitrary family of pseudocompact topological groups is a pseudocompact topological group. The Comfort–Ross Theorem is generalized in [2] and it is proved that a Tychonoff product of an arbitrary non-empty family of feebly compact paratopological groups is feebly compact. Also, a counterpart of the Comfort–Ross Theorem for pseudocompact primitive topological inverse semigroups and primitive inverse semiregular feebly compact semitopological semigroups with closed maximal subgroups was proved in [16] and [18], respectively.

Since the Tychonoff product of H-closed spaces is H-closed (see [5, Theorem 3] or [10, 3.12.5 (d)]) Theorem 1 implies a counterpart of the Comfort–Ross Theorem for feebly compact semitopological semigroups \mathcal{S}_λ^n :

Corollary 1. *Let $\{\mathcal{S}_{\lambda_i}^{n_i} : i \in \mathcal{I}\}$ be a family of non-empty feebly compact T_1 -semitopological semigroups and $n_i \in \mathbb{N}$ for all $i \in \mathcal{I}$. Then the Tychonoff product $\prod \{\mathcal{S}_{\lambda_i}^{n_i} : i \in \mathcal{I}\}$ is feebly compact.*

Definition 1. If $\{X_i : i \in \mathcal{I}\}$ is an uncountable family of sets, $X = \prod \{X_i : i \in \mathcal{I}\}$ is their Cartesian product and p is a point in X , then the subset

$$\Sigma(p, X) = \{x \in X : |\{i \in \mathcal{I} : x(i) \neq p(i)\}| \leq \omega\}$$

of X is called the Σ -product of $\{X_i : i \in \mathcal{I}\}$ with the basis point $p \in X$. In the case when $\{X_i : i \in \mathcal{I}\}$ is a family of topological spaces we assume that $\Sigma(p, X)$ is a subspace of the Tychonoff product $X = \prod \{X_i : i \in \mathcal{I}\}$.

It is obvious that if $\{X_i : i \in \mathcal{I}\}$ is a family of semigroups then $X = \prod \{X_i : i \in \mathcal{I}\}$ is a semigroup as well. Moreover $\Sigma(p, X)$ is a subsemigroup of X for arbitrary idempotent $p \in X$. Theorem 1 and Proposition 2.2 of [20] imply the following corollary.

Corollary 2. *Let $\{\mathcal{S}_{\lambda_i}^{n_i} : i \in \mathcal{I}\}$ be a family of non-empty feebly compact T_1 -semitopological semigroups and $n_i \in \mathbb{N}$ for all $i \in \mathcal{I}$. Then for every idempotent p of the product $X = \prod \{\mathcal{S}_{\lambda_i}^{n_i} : i \in \mathcal{I}\}$ the Σ -product $\Sigma(p, X)$ is feebly compact.*

3. ON COMPACT SHIFT CONTINUOUS TOPOLOGIES ON THE SEMIGROUP \mathcal{S}_λ^n

The following example implies that there exists a countable feebly compact Hausdorff semitopological semigroup $(\mathcal{S}_\omega^2, \cdot)$ which is not ω -bounded-pracomact.

Example 1. The following family

$$\mathcal{B}_c = \{U_\alpha(\alpha_1, \dots, \alpha_k) = \uparrow_{\preceq} \alpha \setminus (\uparrow_{\preceq} \alpha_1 \cup \dots \cup \uparrow_{\preceq} \alpha_k) : \\ \alpha_i \in \uparrow_{\preceq} \alpha \setminus \{\alpha\}, \alpha, \alpha_i \in \mathcal{S}_\omega^2, i = 1, \dots, k\}$$

determines a base of the topology τ_c on \mathcal{S}_ω^2 . By Proposition 10 from [22], $(\mathcal{S}_\omega^2, \tau_c)$ is a Hausdorff compact semitopological semigroup with continuous inversion.

We construct a stronger topology τ_{fc}^2 on \mathcal{S}_λ^2 in the following way. For every nonzero element $x \in \mathcal{S}_\lambda^2$ we assume that the base $\mathcal{B}_{fc}^2(x)$ of the topology τ_{fc}^2 at the point x coincides with the base of the topology τ_c^2 at x , and

$$\mathcal{B}_{fc}^2(\mathbf{0}) = \{U_B(\mathbf{0}) = U(\mathbf{0}) \setminus (\mathcal{S}_\lambda^2 \setminus \{\mathbf{0}\}) : U(\mathbf{0}) \in \mathcal{B}_c^2(\mathbf{0})\}$$

form a base of the topology τ_{fc}^2 at zero $\mathbf{0}$ of the semigroup \mathcal{S}_λ^2 . Since $(\mathcal{S}_\omega^2, \tau_{fc}^2)$ is a variant of the semitopological semigroup defined in Example 3 of [12], τ_{fc}^2 is a Hausdorff topology on \mathcal{S}_λ^2 . Moreover, by Proposition 1 of [12], $(\mathcal{S}_\omega^2, \tau_{fc}^2)$ is a countably pracomact semitopological semigroup with continuous inversion.

Proposition 3. *The space $(\mathcal{S}_\omega^2, \tau_{fc}^2)$ is not ω -bounded-pracomact.*

Proof. Since the space $(\mathcal{S}_\omega^2, \tau_{fc}^2)$ is feebly compact and Hausdorff, by Proposition 2 of [12] the subset $\mathcal{S}_\lambda^2 \setminus \mathcal{S}_\lambda^1$ is dense in $(\mathcal{S}_\omega^2, \tau_{fc}^2)$, and by Lemma 2 from [12] every point of the set $\mathcal{S}_\lambda^2 \setminus \mathcal{S}_\lambda^1$ is isolated in $(\mathcal{S}_\omega^2, \tau_{fc}^2)$. This implies that every dense subset D of $(\mathcal{S}_\omega^2, \tau_{fc}^2)$ contains the set $\mathcal{S}_\lambda^n \setminus \mathcal{S}_\lambda^{n-1}$. Then

$$\text{cl}_{(\mathcal{S}_\omega^2, \tau_{fc}^2)}(D) = \text{cl}_{(\mathcal{S}_\omega^2, \tau_{fc}^2)}(\mathcal{S}_\lambda^2 \setminus \mathcal{S}_\lambda^1) = \mathcal{S}_\omega^2$$

for every dense subset D of $(\mathcal{S}_\omega^2, \tau_{fc}^2)$. Since \mathcal{S}_ω^2 is countable, so is D , and hence the space $(\mathcal{S}_\omega^2, \tau_{fc}^2)$ is not ω -bounded-pracomact, because $(\mathcal{S}_\omega^2, \tau_{fc}^2)$ is not compact. \square

Proposition 4. *Let n be any positive integer and λ be any infinite cardinal. If \mathcal{S}_λ^n is a T_1 -semitopological semigroup then the following statements hold:*

- (1) \mathcal{S}_A^n is a closed subsemigroup of \mathcal{S}_λ^n for any subset $A \subseteq \lambda$;
- (2) the band $E(\mathcal{S}_\lambda^n)$ is a closed subset of \mathcal{S}_λ^n .

Proof. (1) Fix an arbitrary $\gamma \in \mathcal{S}_\lambda^n \setminus \mathcal{S}_A^n$. Then $\text{dom } \gamma \not\subseteq A$ or $\text{ran } \gamma \not\subseteq A$. Since $\eta \preceq \delta$ if and only if $\text{graph}(\eta) \subseteq \text{graph}(\delta)$ for $\eta, \delta \in \mathcal{S}_\lambda^n$, the above arguments imply that $\uparrow_{\preceq} \gamma \cap \mathcal{S}_A^n = \emptyset$. By Lemma 2 of [12] the set $\uparrow_{\preceq} \gamma$ is open in \mathcal{S}_λ^n , which implies statement (1).

(2) Fix an arbitrary $\gamma \in \mathcal{S}_\lambda^n \setminus E(\mathcal{S}_\lambda^n)$. Since \mathcal{S}_λ^n is an inverse subsemigroup of the symmetric inverse monoid \mathcal{S}_λ , all idempotents of \mathcal{S}_λ^n are partial identity maps of rank $\leq n$. Then similar arguments as in statement (1) imply that $E(\mathcal{S}_\lambda^n)$ is a closed subset of \mathcal{S}_λ^n . \square

Proposition 4 implies the following corollary.

Corollary 3. *Let n be any positive integer, λ be any infinite cardinal and A be an arbitrary infinite subset of λ . If \mathcal{S}_λ^n is a compact T_1 -semitopological semigroup then \mathcal{S}_A^n with the induced topology from \mathcal{S}_λ^n is a compact semitopological semigroup.*

Lemma 5. *Let n be any positive integer, λ be any infinite cardinal and A be an arbitrary infinite countable subset of λ . If \mathcal{S}_λ^n is an ω -bounded-pracomact T_1 -semitopological semigroup then $\mathcal{S}_A^n \setminus \mathcal{S}_A^{n-1}$ is a dense subset of \mathcal{S}_A^n , and hence \mathcal{S}_A^n is compact.*

Proof. For any $\alpha \in \mathcal{S}_A^n$ we denote $\uparrow_{\approx}^A \alpha = \uparrow_{\approx} \alpha \cap \mathcal{S}_A^n$.

By induction we shall show that the set $\uparrow_{\approx}^A \alpha \cap (\mathcal{S}_A^n \setminus \mathcal{S}_A^{n-1})$ is dense in $\uparrow_{\approx}^A \alpha$ for any $\alpha \in \mathcal{S}_A^n$. In the case when $\text{rank } \alpha = n - 1$ by Lemmas 1 and 3 we have that the set $\uparrow_{\approx} \alpha$ is compact, and hence by Proposition 4(1), $\uparrow_{\approx}^A \alpha$ is compact as well. Since all points of $\mathcal{S}_A^n \setminus \mathcal{S}_A^{n-1}$ are isolated in \mathcal{S}_λ^n , the set $\uparrow_{\approx}^A \alpha \cap (\mathcal{S}_A^n \setminus \mathcal{S}_A^{n-1})$ is dense in $\uparrow_{\approx}^A \alpha$.

Next we show that the statement $\uparrow_{\approx}^A \alpha \cap (\mathcal{S}_A^n \setminus \mathcal{S}_A^{n-1})$ is dense in $\uparrow_{\approx}^A \alpha$ for any $\alpha \in \mathcal{S}_A^n$ with $\text{rank } \alpha = n - k$, for all $k < m$ implies that the same is true for any $\beta \in \mathcal{S}_A^n$ with $\text{rank } \beta = n - m$, where $m \leq n$. Fix an arbitrary $\beta \in \mathcal{S}_A^n$ with $\text{rank } \beta = n - m$. Suppose to the contrary that the set $\uparrow_{\approx}^A \beta \cap (\mathcal{S}_A^n \setminus \mathcal{S}_A^{n-1})$ is not dense in $\uparrow_{\approx}^A \beta$. The assumption of induction implies that $\gamma \in \text{cl}_{\mathcal{S}_A^n}(\uparrow_{\approx}^A \beta \cap (\mathcal{S}_A^n \setminus \mathcal{S}_A^{n-1}))$ for any $\gamma \in \uparrow_{\approx}^A \beta \setminus \{\beta\}$, and hence $\beta \notin \text{cl}_{\mathcal{S}_A^n}(\uparrow_{\approx}^A \beta \cap (\mathcal{S}_A^n \setminus \mathcal{S}_A^{n-1}))$. Then there exists an open neighbourhood $U(\beta)$ of β in \mathcal{S}_A^n such that $U(\beta) \cap (\uparrow_{\approx}^A \beta \cap (\mathcal{S}_A^n \setminus \mathcal{S}_A^{n-1})) = \emptyset$. By Lemma 2 from [12] for any $\delta \in \mathcal{S}_\lambda^n$ the set $\uparrow_{\approx} \delta$ is open-and-closed in $\mathcal{S}_\lambda^n, \tau$, and hence $\uparrow_{\approx}^A \delta$ is open-and-closed in \mathcal{S}_A^n as well. Hence we get that

$$\text{cl}_{\mathcal{S}_A^n}(\uparrow_{\approx}^A \beta \cap (\mathcal{S}_A^n \setminus \mathcal{S}_A^{n-1})) = \uparrow_{\approx}^A \beta \setminus \{\beta\}$$

but the family $\mathcal{U} = \{\uparrow_{\approx}^A \delta : \delta \in \uparrow_{\approx}^A \beta \setminus \{\beta\}\}$ is an open cover of $\uparrow_{\approx}^A \beta$ which has no a finite subcover. This contradicts the condition that \mathcal{S}_λ^n is a ω -bounded-pracompact space, which completes the proof of the first statement of the lemma. The last statement immediately follows from the first statement and the definition of the ω -bounded-pracompact space. \square

Theorem 2 describes feebly ω -bounded shift-continuous T_1 -topologies on the semigroup \mathcal{S}_ω^n .

Theorem 2. *Let n be any positive integer and λ be any infinite cardinal. Then for any T_1 -semitopological semigroup \mathcal{S}_λ^n the following conditions are equivalent:*

- (i) \mathcal{S}_λ^n compact;
- (ii) \mathcal{S}_λ^n is ω -bounded-pracompact;
- (iii) \mathcal{S}_λ^n is feebly ω -bounded.

Proof. Implications (i) \Rightarrow (iii) and (ii) \Rightarrow (iii) are trivial.

(iii) \Rightarrow (ii) Let \mathcal{S}_λ^n be a feebly ω -bounded T_1 -semitopological semigroup. By Proposition 2 of [12] the set $\mathcal{S}_\lambda^n \setminus \mathcal{S}_\lambda^{n-1}$ is dense in \mathcal{S}_λ^n . Fix an arbitrary infinite countable subset $D = \{\alpha_i : i \in \mathbb{N}\}$ in $\mathcal{S}_\lambda^n \setminus \mathcal{S}_\lambda^{n-1}$. By Lemma 2 from [12] every point of D is isolated in \mathcal{S}_ω^n , and hence by feeble ω -boundedness of \mathcal{S}_λ^n we get that there exists a compact subset $K \subseteq \mathcal{S}_\lambda^n$ such that $D \subseteq K$. Since the closure of a subset in compact space is compact, so is the closure of D . Hence the space \mathcal{S}_λ^n is ω -bounded-pracompact.

(ii) \Rightarrow (i) Suppose the contrary: there exists a noncompact ω -bounded-pracompact T_1 -semitopological semigroup \mathcal{S}_λ^n . By Theorem 1 of [12] the space \mathcal{S}_λ^n is not countably compact. Then by Theorem 3.10.3 of [10] the space \mathcal{S}_λ^n has an infinite countable closed discrete subspace D . We put

$$A = \{x \in \lambda : x \in \text{dom } \alpha \cup \text{ran } \alpha \text{ for some } \alpha \in D\}.$$

Since the set D is countable, $\bigcup_{\alpha \in D} (\text{dom } \alpha \cup \text{ran } \alpha)$ is countable, and hence A is countable, too. Then \mathcal{S}_A^n contains D . By Proposition 4(1), \mathcal{S}_A^n is a closed subspace of \mathcal{S}_λ^n , which implies that D is an infinite countable closed discrete subspace of \mathcal{S}_A^n . This contradicts Lemma 5, and hence \mathcal{S}_λ^n is compact. \square

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Вивчаємо слабко компактні трансляційно-неперервні T_1 -топології на симетричній інверсній напівгрупі \mathcal{S}_λ^n скінчених перетворень кардинала λ обмеженого рангу $\leq n$. Доведено, що така T_1 -топологія секвенціально пракомпактна тоді і тільки тоді, коли вона слабко компактна. Також, ми довели, що кожна трансляційно-неперервна слабко ω -обмежена T_1 -топологія на напівгрупі \mathcal{S}_λ^n компактна.

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