

## LINDELÖFICATION OF BIFRAMES

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ABSTRACT. We introduce countably strong inclusions  $\triangleleft = (\triangleleft_1, \triangleleft_2)$  on a biframe  $L = (L_0, L_1, L_2)$  and  $i$ -strongly regular  $\sigma$ -ideals ( $i = 1, 2$ ) and then using them, we construct biframe Lindelöfication of  $L$ . Furthermore, we obtain a sufficient condition for which  $L$  has a unique countably strong inclusion.

### 1. Introduction and preliminaries

This section is a collection of basic definitions and results on frames. For general notions and facts concerning frames, we refer to Johnstone[9] and Khang[10], and for compactifications to [1], [2], [3], [5].

#### 1.1. Frames.

- DEFINITION 1.1. (1) A frame is a complete lattice  $L$  in which binary meet distributes over arbitrary join, that is,  $x \wedge \bigvee S = \bigvee \{x \wedge s \in S\}$  for any  $x$  in  $L$  and any subset  $S$  of  $L$ .
- (2) A frame homomorphism is a map  $h : L \rightarrow M$  between frames  $L$  and  $M$  preserving all finitary meets and binary joins.

We will denote the bottom element of a frame  $L$  by  $0$  or  $0_L$  and the top element by  $e$  or  $e_L$ .

For any element  $a$  of a frame  $L$ , the map  $a \wedge \_ : L \rightarrow L$  preserves arbitrary joins; hence it has a right adjoint, which will be denoted by  $a \rightarrow \_ : L \rightarrow L$ . In particular,  $a \rightarrow 0$  exists for any  $a$  in  $L$  and we write  $a \rightarrow 0 = a^*$ , called the pseudocomplement of  $a$ .

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- DEFINITION 1.2. (1) Let  $L$  be a frame and  $a, b$  in  $L$ . We say that  $a$  is rather below  $b$  if there exists  $c$  in  $L$  such that  $a \wedge c = 0$  and  $b \vee c = e$ , equivalently,  $a^* \vee b = e$ . In this case, we write  $a \prec b$ .
- (2) A frame  $L$  is said to be regular if for any  $a$  in  $L$ ,  $a = \bigvee \{b \in L \mid b \prec a\}$ .

We note that  $u \prec v$  in  $\Omega(X)$  means  $\bar{u} \subseteq v$ , for a topological space  $(X, \Omega(X))$  and it is clear that a topological space  $(X, \Omega(X))$  is regular if and only if  $\Omega(X)$  is a regular frame.

DEFINITION 1.3. ([7], [11]) Let  $L$  be a complete lattice and  $a, b$  in  $L$ . We say that  $a$  is way below (countably way below, resp.)  $b$  and write  $a \ll b$  ( $a \ll_c b$ , resp.) if for any subset  $S$  of  $L$ ,  $b \leq \bigvee S$  implies  $a \leq \bigvee C$  for some finite (countable, resp.) subset  $C$  of  $S$ .

- EXAMPLE 1.4. (1) Let  $A$  and  $B$  be subsets of a set  $X$ . Then  $A \ll_c B$  in the frame  $\wp(X)$  of the power set of  $X$  if and only if there is a countable subset  $C$  of  $X$  with  $A \subseteq C \subseteq B$ .
- (2) In  $\Omega(X)$  of a topological space  $(X, \Omega(X))$ ,  $u \ll_c v$  if there is a Lindelöf subset  $w$  of  $X$  with  $u \subseteq w \subseteq v$ . If  $X$  is locally Lindelöf, then the converse also holds.

PROPOSITION 1.5. Let  $L$  be a frame and  $a, b, x, y$  in  $L$ . Then

- (1)  $0 \ll_c a$ .
- (2)  $a \ll_c b$  implies  $a \leq b$ .
- (3) If  $x \leq a \ll_c b \leq y$ , then  $x \ll_c y$ .
- (4) If  $a_n \ll_c b$  for all  $n \in N$ , then  $\bigvee_{n \in N} a_n \ll_c b$ .
- (5) If  $a \ll b$ , then  $a \ll_c b$ .

DEFINITION 1.6. ([11]) A complete lattice  $L$  is said to be countably approximating if for any  $x$  in  $L$ ,  $x = \bigvee \{a \in L \mid a \ll_c x\}$ .

The following definition is a natural generalization of compact frames.

DEFINITION 1.7. A frame  $L$  is said to be a Lindelöf frame if for any subset  $S$  of  $L$  with  $\bigvee S = e$ , there is a countable subset  $C$  of  $S$  with  $\bigvee C = e$ .

A 1-1 frame homomorphism is clearly codense and therefore the following is immediate :

PROPOSITION 1.8. If  $h : L \rightarrow M$  is a 1-1 frame homomorphism and  $M$  is a Lindelöf frame, then  $L$  is a Lindelöf frame.

DEFINITION 1.9. ([6]) A frame  $L$  is said to be a  $D(\aleph_1)$  frame if for any  $a$  in  $L$  and any sequence  $(b_n)_{n \in \mathbb{N}}$  in  $L$ ,  $a \vee (\bigwedge_{n \in \mathbb{N}} b_n) = \bigwedge_{n \in \mathbb{N}} (a \vee b_n)$ .

PROPOSITION 1.10. If  $x_n \prec y$  for all  $n$  in  $\mathbb{N}$  in a  $D(\aleph_1)$  frame  $L$ , then  $\bigvee_{n \in \mathbb{N}} x_n \prec y$  in  $L$ .

**1.2. Lindelöfication of a Frame.**

Using a concept of countably strong inclusions, we have obtained a Lindelöfication of a frame  $L$ , i.e. a dense, onto frame homomorphism  $h : L \rightarrow M$  such that  $M$  is a Lindelöf regular frame.([10])

DEFINITION 1.11. A binary relation  $\triangleleft$  on a frame  $L$  is said to be a countably strong inclusion, if it satisfies :

- (1) if  $x \leq a \triangleleft b \leq y$ , then  $x \triangleleft y$ .
- (2)  $\triangleleft$  is closed under finite meets and countable joins.
- (3)  $a \triangleleft b$  implies  $a \prec b$ .
- (4)  $\triangleleft$  interpolates.
- (5)  $a \triangleleft b$  implies  $b^* \triangleleft a^*$ .
- (6)  $a = \bigvee \{x \in L \mid x \triangleleft a\}$  for any  $a$  in  $L$ .

PROPOSITION 1.12. ([10]) If  $L$  is a Lindelöf regular  $D(\aleph_1)$  frame, then  $\prec$  is a countably strong inclusion.

DEFINITION 1.13. A subset  $I$  of a frame  $L$  is said to be a  $\sigma$ -ideal if it is a countably directed lower set, equivalently, it is a lower set and closed under countable joins.

Let  $\sigma IdL$  denote the set of all  $\sigma$ -ideals in  $L$ . Then  $\sigma IdL$  is clearly closed under arbitrary intersections in the power set lattice  $\wp(L)$  of  $L$  and therefore it is a complete lattice.

Using the fact that for  $(I_\lambda)_{\lambda \in \Lambda} \subseteq \sigma IdL$ ,  $\bigvee_{\lambda \in \Lambda} I_\lambda = \{ \bigvee_{k \in \mathbb{N}} x_k \mid (x_k)_{k \in \mathbb{N}} \text{ is a sequence in } \bigcup_{\lambda \in \Lambda} I_\lambda \}$  in  $\sigma IdL$ , one has :

PROPOSITION 1.14.  $\sigma IdL$  is a Lindelöf frame.

DEFINITION 1.15. Let  $\triangleleft$  be a countably strong inclusion on a frame  $L$ . Then a  $\sigma$ -ideal  $I$  is said to be a  $\triangleleft$ - $\sigma$ -ideal if for any  $a$  in  $I$ , there is  $b$  in  $I$  such that  $a \triangleleft b$ .

Let  $S(\triangleleft)$  denote the subframe of  $\sigma IdL$  determined by  $\triangleleft$ - $\sigma$ -ideals, then the join map  $j_0 : S(\triangleleft) \rightarrow L$  is indeed a Lindelöfication of  $L$  ([10]).

## 2. Lindelöfication of Biframes

In order to set up a frame version for bitopological spaces, a concept of biframes was introduced ([4]).

In this chapter, we deal with Lindelöfications of biframes.

- DEFINITION 2.1. (1) A biframe is a triple  $L = (L_0, L_1, L_2)$  where  $L_1$  and  $L_2$  are subframes of a frame  $L_0$  such that  $L_0$  is generated by  $L_1 \cup L_2$ .
- (2) Let  $L = (L_0, L_1, L_2)$  and  $M = (M_0, M_1, M_2)$  be biframes. A map  $h : L \rightarrow M$  is said to be a biframe homomorphism, if  $h : L_0 \rightarrow M_0$  is a frame homomorphism and satisfies  $h(L_i) \subseteq M_i$  for  $i = 1, 2$ .

- EXAMPLE 2.2. (1) Let  $L_0 = \Omega(R)$  the open set lattice of the real line  $R$ ,  $L_1$  all open downsets and  $L_2$  all open upsets in  $R$ . Then  $L = (L_0, L_1, L_2)$  is a biframe.
- (2) If we let  $L_0 = L_1 = L_2 = L$  for a frame  $L$ , then  $L = (L_0, L_1, L_2)$  is a biframe.

DEFINITION 2.3. Let  $L = (L_0, L_1, L_2)$  be a biframe.

- (1)  $L$  is said to be a Lindelöf biframe if  $L_0$  is a Lindelöf frame.
- (2) Let  $i, k = 1, 2$  and  $i \neq k$ ,
- a)  $x \prec_i y$  if  $x, y \in L_i$  and there is  $c$  in  $L_k$  with  $x \wedge c = 0$  and  $y \vee c = e$ .
  - b)  $L$  is said to be regular if for any  $x$  in  $L_i$ ,  $x = \bigvee \{y \mid y \prec_i x\}$ .
  - c) For any  $x \in L_i$  ( $i = 1, 2$ ), let  $x^\bullet = \bigvee \{z \in L_k \mid z \wedge x = 0\}$ .
- (3)  $L$  is said to be  $D(\aleph_1)$  if  $L_0$  is a  $D(\aleph_1)$  frame.

In the above example (1),  $u \prec_i v$  if and only if  $u \subseteq v$  such that one of the following holds :

- i)  $u \neq v$ ,
- ii)  $u = v = \emptyset$ ,
- iii)  $u = v = R$ .

REMARK. Let  $L$  be a biframe and  $a, b \in L_0$ . For any  $i = 1, 2$ ,

- (1)  $a \prec_i b$  implies  $a \leq b$ .
- (2)  $a \prec_i b$  if and only if  $a^\bullet \vee b = e$ .

DEFINITION 2.4. A biframe homomorphism  $h : L \rightarrow M$  is said to be :

- (1) dense if  $h : L_0 \rightarrow M_0$  is dense.
- (2) onto if  $h|_{L_1}$  and  $h|_{L_2}$  are both onto.

DEFINITION 2.5. A Lindelöfication of a biframe  $L$  is a dense, onto biframe homomorphism  $h : M \rightarrow L$  such that  $M$  is a Lindelöf regular biframe.

We now introduce a concept of countably strong inclusion on a biframe.

DEFINITION 2.6. Let  $L = (L_0, L_1, L_2)$  be a biframe and  $\triangleleft_i \subseteq L_i \times L_i$ , for  $i = 1, 2$ . Then  $\triangleleft = (\triangleleft_1, \triangleleft_2)$  is said to be a countably strong inclusion on  $L$  if  $\triangleleft$  satisfies the following, where  $i, k = 1, 2$  and  $i \neq k$ .

- 1) If  $x \leq a \triangleleft_i b \leq y$ , then  $x \triangleleft_i y$ .
- 2)  $\triangleleft_i$  is closed under finite meets and countable joins.
- 3) If  $a \triangleleft_i b$ , then  $a \prec_i b$ .
- 4)  $\triangleleft_i$  interpolates.
- 5) If  $a \triangleleft_i b$ , then there are  $u, v$  in  $L_k$  such that  $u \triangleleft_k v$ ,  $a \wedge v = 0$  and  $b \vee u = e$ .
- 6) For any  $a \in L_i$ ,  $a = \bigvee \{x \in L_i \mid x \triangleleft_i a\}$ .

REMARK. (1) The condition 5) in the above definition may be replaced by the following :  $a \triangleleft_i b$  implies  $b^\bullet \triangleleft_k a^\bullet$ .

Indeed, suppose  $a \triangleleft_i b$ , then there are  $u, v$  in  $L_k$  such that  $u \triangleleft_k v$ ,  $a \wedge v = 0$  and  $b \vee u = e$ . Thus  $v \leq a^\bullet$  and  $b^\bullet = b^\bullet \wedge e = b^\bullet \wedge (b \vee u) = b^\bullet \wedge u$ ; hence  $b^\bullet \leq u$ . Therefore  $b^\bullet \leq u \triangleleft_k v \leq a^\bullet$ , so that  $b^\bullet \triangleleft_k a^\bullet$ . Conversely, suppose  $a \triangleleft_i b$  then by 4), there is  $x$  in  $L_i$  such that  $a \triangleleft_i x \triangleleft_i b$ . Thus  $x^\bullet \triangleleft_k a^\bullet$ , so that  $x^\bullet \triangleleft_k a^\bullet$ ,  $a \wedge a^\bullet = 0$ . Moreover  $x^\bullet \vee b = e$ , for  $x \triangleleft_i b$  implies  $x \prec_i b$ .

- (2) By the exactly same arguments as those in Proposition 1.12,  $\prec = (\prec_1, \prec_2)$  in a Lindelöf regular  $D(\aleph_1)$  biframe  $L$  is a countably strong inclusion on  $L$ .

Proof for the following lemma is straightforward and hence we omit it.

LEMMA 2.7. Let  $h : N \rightarrow L$  be an onto biframe homomorphism. If  $\triangleleft = (\triangleleft_1, \triangleleft_2)$  is a countably strong inclusion on  $N$ , then  $\hat{\triangleleft} = (\overset{2}{h}(\triangleleft_1), \overset{2}{h}(\triangleleft_2))$  is a countably strong inclusion on  $L$ .

We now have the following by the above Lemma and Remark.

COROLLARY 2.8. If a biframe  $L$  has a  $D(\aleph_1)$  Lindelöfication, then it has a countably strong inclusion.

For a biframe  $L = (L_0, L_1, L_2)$ , let  $j_i : L_i \rightarrow L_0$  be the inclusion homomorphism and let  $\tilde{j}_i : \sigma\text{Id}L_i \rightarrow \sigma\text{Id}L_0$  be the frame homomorphism induced by  $j_i$  between the frames of  $\sigma$ -ideals of  $L_i$  and  $L_0$  respectively ( $i = 1, 2$ ). Then for any  $J \in \sigma\text{Id}L_i$ ,  $\tilde{j}_i(J) = \downarrow J$ . Moreover,  $\tilde{j}_i(\sigma\text{Id}L_i) = \{\downarrow J \mid J \in \sigma\text{Id}L_i\}$  is a subframe of  $\sigma\text{Id}L_0$ , which will be denoted by  $\sigma\text{Id}_b L_i$ .

**DEFINITION 2.9.** Let  $\triangleleft = (\triangleleft_1, \triangleleft_2)$  be a countably strong inclusion on a biframe  $L = (L_0, L_1, L_2)$  and  $i = 1, 2$ . A  $\sigma$ -ideal  $J$  on  $L_0$  is said to be  $i$ -strongly regular if  $J \in \sigma\text{Id}_b L_i$  and for any  $x$  in  $J \cap L_i$ , there is  $y$  in  $J \cap L_i$  with  $x \triangleleft_i y$ .

Let  $\mathfrak{R}_i$  denote the set of all  $i$ -strongly regular  $\sigma$ -ideals in a biframe  $L = (L_0, L_1, L_2)$  ( $i = 1, 2$ ).

Using these notions, we now have the following immediately :

**PROPOSITION 2.10.**  $\mathfrak{R}_i$  is a subframe of  $\sigma\text{Id}L_0$ .

Now let  $\mathfrak{R}_0$  be the subframe of  $\sigma\text{Id}L_0$  generated by  $\mathfrak{R}_1 \cup \mathfrak{R}_2$ , then  $\mathfrak{R} = (\mathfrak{R}_0, \mathfrak{R}_1, \mathfrak{R}_2)$  is a biframe.

Since  $\sigma\text{Id}L_0$  is a Lindelöf frame, so is  $\mathfrak{R}_0$ . Thus  $\mathfrak{R}$  is a Lindelöf biframe.

Since  $j : \sigma\text{Id}L_0 \rightarrow L_0$  defined by  $j(J) = \bigvee J$  is dense, the restriction  $j_0 : \mathfrak{R}_0 \rightarrow L_0$  of  $j$  to  $\mathfrak{R}_0$  is also dense, so that the biframe homomorphism  $j_0 : \mathfrak{R} \rightarrow L$  is dense.

Consider  $\gamma_i : L_i \rightarrow \mathfrak{R}_i$  defined by  $\gamma_i(a) = \downarrow \{x \in L_i \mid x \triangleleft_i a\}$ . Then  $\gamma_i$  is well-defined, because  $\{x \in L_i \mid x \triangleleft_i a\}$  is a  $\triangleleft_i$ - $\sigma$ -ideal in  $L$  by the definition of countably strong inclusions. Furthermore, for any  $a$  in  $L_i$ ,  $a = \bigvee \gamma_i(a) = j_0(\gamma_i(a))$ ; therefore  $j_0$  is onto.

**LEMMA 2.11.** If  $a \triangleleft_i b$ , then  $\gamma_i(a) \prec_i \gamma_i(b)$  ( $i = 1, 2$ ).

*Proof.* Since  $\triangleleft_i$  interpolates, there is  $c$  in  $L_i$  such that  $a \triangleleft_i c \triangleleft_i b$ . Since  $a \triangleleft_i c$  there are  $u, v$  in  $L_k$  such that  $v \triangleleft_k u$ ,  $a \wedge u = 0$  and  $c \vee v = e$ . For any  $z$  in  $\gamma_i(a) \wedge \gamma_k(u) = \gamma_i(a) \cap \gamma_k(u)$ ,  $z \triangleleft_i a$  and  $z \triangleleft_k u$  and hence  $z \leq a \wedge u = 0$ . Thus  $\gamma_i(a) \wedge \gamma_k(u) = \{0\}$ . Since  $c \vee v = e \in \gamma_i(b) \cap \gamma_k(u)$ ,  $\gamma_i(b) \wedge \gamma_k(u) = L_0$ . So  $\gamma_i(a) \prec_i \gamma_i(b)$ .  $\square$

**LEMMA 2.12.** For any  $J$  in  $\mathfrak{R}_i$ ,  $J = \bigvee_{a \in J \cap L_i} \gamma_i(a)$ , for  $i = 1, 2$ .

*Proof.* Since  $J \in \sigma\text{Id}_b L_i$ ,  $J = \downarrow (J \cap L_i)$  and therefore  $x \in J$  if and only if there are  $a, b$  in  $J \cap L_i$ , such that  $x \leq a \triangleleft_i b$ . Thus we have  $J = \bigvee_{a \in J \cap L_i} \gamma_i(a)$ . □

PROPOSITION 2.13.  $\mathfrak{R}$  is regular.

*Proof.* For any  $J$  in  $\mathfrak{R}_i$  and any  $a$  in  $J \cap L_i$ , there is  $b$  in  $J \cap L_i$  with  $a \triangleleft_i b$ , so that  $\gamma_i(a) \prec \gamma_i(b) \leq J$ . Hence  $J = \bigvee_{a \in J \cap L_i} \gamma_i(a) \leq \bigvee \{I \in \mathfrak{R}_i \mid I \prec_i J\} \leq J$ . Thus  $J = \bigvee \{I \in \mathfrak{R}_i \mid I \prec_i J\}$ . □

Collecting the above results, we have :

THEOREM 2.14. If  $\triangleleft$  is a countably strong inclusion on a biframe  $L$ , then  $j_0 : \mathfrak{R} \rightarrow L$  is a Lindelöfication of  $L$ .

Let  $\text{CS}_b(L)$  be the set of all countably strong inclusions on a biframe  $L$ . Then  $(\text{CS}_b(L), \subseteq)$  is a poset.

DEFINITION 2.15. Let  $f : M \rightarrow L$  and  $g : N \rightarrow L$  be Lindelöfications of a biframe  $L$ . If there is a biframe homomorphism  $h : M \rightarrow N$  with  $g \circ h = f$ , then we say that  $f$  is smaller than  $g$  and write  $f \leq g$ .

Clearly,  $\leq$  is a preoder on the class of Lindelöfications of a biframe  $L$  and the relation  $\leq \cap \leq^{\text{op}}$  is an equivalence relation on the class and let  $\text{Lind}_b(L)$  be the set of all equivalence classes of Lindelöfications of a biframe  $L$ . Then  $(\text{Lind}_b(L), \leq)$  is a poset, where  $[f] \leq [g]$  in  $\text{Lind}_b(L)$  means  $f \leq g$ .

Define  $\varphi : \text{Lind}^*(L) \rightarrow \text{CS}_b(L)$  by  $\varphi(h : M \rightarrow L) = (\overset{2}{h}(\triangleleft_1), \overset{2}{h}(\triangleleft_2))$  and  $\psi : \text{CS}_b(L) \rightarrow \text{Lind}(L)$  by  $\psi(\triangleleft) = (j_0 : \mathfrak{R} \rightarrow L)$ , where  $\text{Lind}^*(L)$  denotes the set of all  $D(\aleph_1)$  Lindelöfications of a biframe  $L$ . Then  $\varphi$  and  $\psi$  are isotones. Using the exactly same arguments as those in section 2 in [10], we have the following :

- THEOREM 2.16.    1) Suppose that  $\triangleleft$  is a countably strong inclusion on a biframe  $L$  such that  $\mathfrak{R}$  is  $D(\aleph_1)$ . Then  $\varphi(\psi(\triangleleft)) = \triangleleft$ .  
 2) For a  $D(\aleph_1)$  Lindelöfication  $h : M \rightarrow L$  of a biframe  $L$ ,  $\psi(\varphi(h)) \cong M$ .

We will introduce stably countably approximating frames and we will then find smallest countably strong inclusion.

DEFINITION 2.17. A frame  $M$  is said to be stably countably approximating if  $M$  is countably approximating and  $\ll_c$  is closed under finite meets in  $M$ .

- EXAMPLE 2.18. (1) If  $M$  is Lindelöf regular  $D(\aleph_1)$ , then  $M$  is stably countably approximating, since  $\ll_c$  and  $\prec$  are same in a Lindelöf regular  $D(\aleph_1)$  frame. ([10])  
 (2) It is known that  $I \ll_c J$  in  $\sigma IdL$  if and only if  $I \subseteq \downarrow a \subseteq J$ , for some  $a$  in  $L$  ([11]). Thus  $\sigma IdL$  is stably countably approximating.

LEMMA 2.19. Let  $L = (L_0, L_1, L_2)$  be a regular  $D(\aleph_1)$  biframe. Then each  $L_i$  is stably countably approximating and  $\ll_{c_i}$  satisfies the condition 5) in Definition 2.6 of countably strong inclusion if and only if  $(\ll_{c_1}, \ll_{c_2})$  is a countably strong inclusion on  $L$ .

*Proof.* ( $\Leftarrow$ ) By the condition 2), 5) and 6) of countably strong inclusion, it is trivial.

( $\Rightarrow$ )

- 1) It follows from (3) in Proposition 1.5.
- 2) Since each  $L_i$  is stably countably approximating, each  $\ll_{c_i}$  is closed under finite meets and by (4) in Proposition 1.5, each  $\ll_{c_i}$  is closed under countably joins.
- 3) Since  $L$  is regular  $D(\aleph_1)$ ,  $x \ll_{c_i} y$  implies  $x \prec_i y$ .
- 4) Since each  $L_i$  is countably approximating, each  $\ll_{c_i}$  interpolates.
- 5) It is trivial by the assumption.
- 6) It follows from the fact that each  $L_i$  is countably approximating. □

PROPOSITION 2.20. If  $L$  is a regular  $D(\aleph_1)$  biframe such that each  $L_i$  is stably countably approximating and  $\ll_{c_i}$  satisfies the condition 5) in Definition 2.6 of countably strong inclusion, then  $(\ll_{c_1}, \ll_{c_2})$  is the smallest countably strong inclusion on  $L$ .

*Proof.* Let  $(\triangleleft_1, \triangleleft_2)$  be any countably strong inclusion on  $L$ . If  $x \ll_{c_i} y$ , then  $x \ll_{c_i} y = \bigvee \{z \in L_i \mid z \triangleleft_i y\}$ . Thus there is a countable subset  $\{z_n \mid n \in N\}$  of  $L_i$  such that for any  $n \in N$ ,  $z_n \triangleleft_i y$  and  $x \leq \bigvee_{n \in N} z_n$  and hence  $x \leq \bigvee_{n \in N} z_n \triangleleft_i y$ , so  $x \triangleleft_i y$ . In all,  $(\ll_{c_1}, \ll_{c_2}) \subseteq (\triangleleft_1, \triangleleft_2)$ . □

LEMMA 2.21. Let  $L$  be a regular  $D(\aleph_1)$  biframe in which each  $L_i$  is countably approximating and  $a \prec_i b$  implies that  $a \ll_{c_i} b$  whenever  $a < e$ . Then  $(\prec_1, \prec_2)$  is a countably strong inclusion on  $L$ .



*Proof.* Conditions 1), 2), 3) are trivial.

- 4) We note that for  $a < e$ ,  $a \prec_i b$  if and only if  $a \ll_{ci} b$  since  $L$  is regular  $D(\aleph_1)$ . Since  $L_i$  is countably approximating, there is  $z$  in  $L_i$  such that  $a \ll_{ci} z \ll_{ci} b$  and hence  $a \prec_i z \prec_i b$ . For  $a = e$ , there is nothing to prove.
- 5) Suppose that  $a \prec_i b$ . Then by 4), there is  $c$  in  $L_i$  such that  $a \prec_i c \prec_i b$ . So there are  $s, t$  in  $L_k$  such that  $a \wedge s = 0$ ,  $c \vee s = e$ ,  $c \wedge t = 0$  and  $b \vee t = e$ . Thus  $a \wedge s = 0$ ,  $t \prec_k s$  and  $b \vee t = e$ .
- 6) It follows from the regularity of  $L_i$ .

□

**THEOREM 2.22.** *Let  $L$  be a regular  $D(\aleph_1)$  biframe in which each  $L_i$  is countably approximating and  $a \prec_i b$  implies that  $a \ll_{ci} b$  whenever  $a < e$ . Then  $L$  has a unique countably strong inclusion.*

*Proof.* By Lemma 2.21,  $(\prec_1, \prec_2)$  is a countably strong inclusion on  $L$ . Let  $(\triangleleft_1, \triangleleft_2)$  be any countably strong inclusion on  $L$ . Then  $(\triangleleft_1, \triangleleft_2) \subseteq (\prec_1, \prec_2)$  by the condition 3) of countably strong inclusion. Note that for  $a < e$ ,  $a \prec_i b$  if and only if  $a \ll_{ci} b$ . Thus by Proposition 2.20,  $(\ll_{c1}, \ll_{c2})$  is the smallest countably strong inclusion, that is,  $(\prec_1, \prec_2)$  is the smallest countably strong inclusion. Hence  $(\triangleleft_1, \triangleleft_2) = (\prec_1, \prec_2)$ . □

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