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## PSEUDOCOMPACTNESS, PRODUCTS AND TOPOLOGICAL BRANDT $\lambda^0$ -EXTENSIONS OF SEMITOPOLOGICAL MONOIDS

In the paper we study the preservation of pseudocompactness (respectively, countable compactness, sequential compactness,  $\omega$ -boundedness, totally countable compactness, countable pracompactness, sequential pseudocompactness) by Tychonoff products of pseudocompact (and countably compact) topological Brandt  $\lambda_i^0$ -extensions of semitopological monoids with zero. In particular we show that if  $\{(B_{\lambda_i}^0(S_i), \tau_{B(S_i)}^0) : i \in \mathcal{I}\}$  is a family of Hausdorff pseudocompact topological Brandt  $\lambda_i^0$ -extensions of pseudocompact semitopological monoids with zero such that the Tychonoff product  $\prod\{S_i : i \in \mathcal{I}\}$  is a pseudocompact space then the direct product  $\prod\{(B_{\lambda_i}^0(S_i), \tau_{B(S_i)}^0) : i \in \mathcal{I}\}$  endowed with the Tychonoff topology is a Hausdorff pseudocompact semitopological semigroup.

**Introduction and preliminaries**. Further we shall follow the terminology of [7, 9, 12, 25, 27]. Via  $\mathbb{N}$  we shall denote the set of all positive integers.

A semigroup is a non-empty set with a binary associative operation. A semigroup S is called *inverse* if for any  $x \in S$  there exists a unique  $y \in S$  such that  $x \cdot y \cdot x = x$  and  $y \cdot x \cdot y = y$ . Such the element y in S is called *inverse* of x and is denoted by  $x^{-1}$ . The map assigning to each element x of an inverse semigroup S its inverse  $x^{-1}$  is called the *inversion*.

For a semigroup S by E(S) we denote the subset of idempotents of S, and by  $S^1$  (respectively,  $S^0$ ) we denote the semigroup S with the adjoined unit (respectively, zero) (see [9, Section 1.1]). Also if a semigroup S has zero  $0_S$ , then for any  $A \subseteq S$  we denote  $A^* = A \setminus \{0_S\}$ .

For a semilattice E the semilattice operation on E determines the partial order  $\leq$  on E:

 $e \leq f$  if and only if ef = fe = e.

This order is called *natural*. An element e of a partially ordered set X is called *minimal* if  $f \le e$  implies f = e for  $f \in X$ . An idempotent e of a semigroup S without zero (with zero) is called *primitive* if e is a minimal element in E(S) (in  $(E(S))^*$ ).

Let *S* be a semigroup with zero and  $\lambda \ge 1$  be a cardinal. On the set  $B_{\lambda}(S) = (\lambda \times S \times \lambda) \sqcup \{0\}$  we define a semigroup operation as follows

$$(\alpha, a, \beta) \cdot (\gamma, b, \delta) = \begin{cases} (\alpha, ab, \delta), & \beta = \gamma, \\ 0, & \beta \neq \gamma, \end{cases}$$

and  $(\alpha, a, \beta) \cdot 0 = 0 \cdot (\alpha, a, \beta) = 0 \cdot 0 = 0$ , for all  $\alpha, \beta, \gamma, \delta \in \lambda$  and  $a, b \in S$ . If S is a monoid, then the semigroup  $B_{\lambda}(S)$  is called the *Brandt*  $\lambda$ -extension of the semigroup S [1]. Obviously,  $\mathcal{J} = \{0\} \cup \{(\alpha, \mathcal{O}, \beta) : \mathcal{O} \text{ is the zero of } S\}$  is an ideal of  $B_{\lambda}(S)$ . We put  $B_{\lambda}^{0}(S) = B_{\lambda}(S)/\mathcal{J}$  and we shall call  $B_{\lambda}^{0}(S)$  the *Brandt*  $\lambda^{0}$ -extension of the semigroup S with zero [16]. Further, if  $A \subseteq S$  then we shall denote  $A_{\alpha,\beta} = \{(\alpha, s, \beta) : s \in A\}$  if A does not contain zero, and  $A_{\alpha,\beta} =$  = { $(\alpha, s, \beta) : s \in A \setminus \{0\}$ }  $\bigcup \{0\}$  if  $0 \in A$ , for  $\alpha, \beta \in \lambda$ . If  $\mathcal{I}$  is a trivial semigroup  $\mathcal{I}$  (i.e.,  $\mathcal{I}$  contains only one element), then by  $\mathcal{I}^0$  we denote the semigroup  $\mathcal{I}$  with the adjoined zero. Obviously, for any  $\lambda \geq 2$  the Brandt  $\lambda^0$ -extension of the semigroup  $\mathcal{I}^0$  is isomorphic to the semigroup of  $\lambda \times \lambda$ -matrix units and any Brandt  $\lambda^0$ -extension of a semigroup with zero contains the semigroup of  $\lambda \times \lambda$ -matrix units. Further by  $B_{\lambda}$  we shall denote the semigroup of  $\lambda \times \lambda$ -matrix units of the Brandt  $\lambda^0$ -extension of a monoid S with zero.

A semigroup S with zero is called 0-simple if  $\{0\}$  and S are its only ideals and  $S^2 \neq \{0\}$ , and completely 0-simple if it is 0-simple and has a primitive idempotent [9]. A completely 0-simple inverse semigroup is called a *Brandt semigroup* [25]. By Theorem II.3.5 of [25], a semigroup S is a Brandt semigroup if and only if S is isomorphic to a Brandt  $\lambda$ -extension  $B_{\lambda}(G)$  of a group G.

A non-trivial inverse semigroup is called a *primitive inverse semigroup* if all its non-zero idempotents are primitive [25]. A semigroup S is a primitive inverse semigroup if and only if S is an orthogonal sum of Brandt semigroups [25, Theorem II.4.3].

In this paper all topological spaces are Hausdorff. If Y is a subspace of a topological space X and  $A \subseteq Y$ , then by  $cl_Y(A)$  and  $int_Y(A)$  we denote the topological closure and interior of A in Y, respectively.

A subset A of a topological space X is called *regular open* if  $int_X(cl_X(A)) = A$ .

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<sub>i</sub>}<sub>i∈ℕ</sub> of X has a convergent subsequence in X;
- ω-bounded if every countably infinite set in X has the compact closure [15];
- totally countably compact if every countably infinite set in X contains an infinite subset with the compact closure [14];
- *countably compact* if each open countable cover of X has a finite subcover;
- countably compact at a subset A ⊆ X if every infinite subset B ⊆ A has an accumulation point x in X;
- countably pracompact if there exists a dense subset A in X such that X is countably compact at A [4];
- sequentially pseudocompact if for each sequence  $\{U_n : n \in \mathbb{N}\}$  of nonempty open subsets of the space X there exist a point  $x \in X$  and an infinite set  $S \subset \mathbb{N}$  such that for each neighborhood U of the point x the set  $\{n \in S : U_n \cap U = \emptyset\}$  is finite [21];
- H-closed if X is Hausdorff and X is a closed subspace of every Hausdorff space in which it is contained [3];
- pseudocompact if each locally finite open cover of X is finite.

According to Theorem 3.10.22 of [12], a Tychonoff topological space X is pseudocompact if and only if each continuous real-valued function on X is bounded. Also, a Hausdorff topological space X is pseudocompact if and only if every locally finite family of non-empty open subsets of X is finite. Every compact space and every sequentially compact space are countably compact, every countably compact space is countably pracompact, and every countably pracompact space is pseudocompact (see [4]). We observe that pseudocompact spaces in topological literature also are called *lightly compact* or *feebly compact* (see [5, 13. 28]).

We recall that the Stone – Čech compactification of a Tychonoff space X is a compact Hausdorff space  $\beta X$  containing X as a dense subspace so that each continuous map  $f: X \to Y$  to a compact Hausdorff space Y extends to a continuous map  $\overline{f}: \beta X \to Y$  [12].

A (semi)topological semigroup is a Hausdorff topological space with a (separately) continuous semigroup operation. A topological semigroup which is an inverse semigroup is called an *inverse topological semigroup*. A topological inverse semigroup is an inverse topological semigroup with continuous inversion. We observe that the inversion on a topological inverse semigroup is a homeomorphism (see [11, Proposition II.1]). A Hausdorff topology  $\tau$  on a (inverse) semigroup S is called (*inverse*) semigroup if  $(S, \tau)$  is a topological (inverse) semigroup. A paratopological (semitopological) group is a Hausdorff topological space with a jointly (separately) continuous group operation. A paratopological group with continuous inversion is a topological group.

Let  $\mathfrak{STGG}_0$  be a class of semitopological semigroups.

**Definition 1** [1]. Let  $\lambda \ge 1$  be a cardinal and  $(S, \tau) \in \mathfrak{STSG}_0$  be a semitopological monoid with zero. Let  $\tau_B$  be a topology on  $B_{\lambda}(S)$  such that

- (a)  $(B_{\lambda}(S), \tau_B) \in \mathfrak{STSG}_0;$
- (b) for some  $\alpha \in \lambda$  the topological subspace  $(S_{\alpha,\alpha}, \tau_B|_{S_{\alpha,\alpha}})$  is naturally homeomorphic to  $(S, \tau)$ .

Then  $(B_{\lambda}(S), \tau_B)$  is called a topological Brandt  $\lambda$ -extension of  $(S, \tau)$  in  $\mathfrak{STSG}_0$ .

**Definition 2** [16]. Let  $\lambda \ge 1$  be a cardinal and  $(S, \tau) \in \mathfrak{STGG}_0$ . Let  $\tau_B$  be a topology on  $B_1^0(S)$  such that

- (a)  $(B^0_{\lambda}(S), \tau_B) \in \mathfrak{STSG}_0;$
- (b) the topological subspace  $(S_{\alpha,\alpha}, \tau_B|_{S_{\alpha,\alpha}})$  is naturally homeomorphic to  $(S, \tau)$  for some  $\alpha \in \lambda$ .

Then  $(B^0_{\lambda}(S), \tau_B)$  is called a topological Brandt  $\lambda^0$ -extension of  $(S, \tau)$  in  $\mathfrak{STSG}_0$ .

Later, if  $\mathfrak{STSG}_0$  coincides with the class of all semitopological semigroups we shall say that  $(B^0_{\lambda}(S), \tau_B)$  (respectively,  $(B_{\lambda}(S), \tau_B)$ ) is called a topological Brandt  $\lambda^0$ -extension (respectively, a topological Brandt  $\lambda$ -extension) of  $(S, \tau)$ .

Algebraic properties of Brandt  $\lambda^0$ -extensions of monoids with zero, nontrivial homomorphisms between them, and a category whose objects are ingredients of the construction of such extensions were described in [22]. Also, in [19] and [22] a category whose objects are ingredients in the constructions of finite (respectively, compact, countably compact) topological Brandt  $\lambda^0$ -extensions of topological monoids with zeros were described.

Gutik and Repovš proved that any 0-simple countably compact topological inverse semigroup is topologically isomorphic to a topological Brandt  $\lambda$ -22 extension  $B_{\lambda}(H)$  of a countably compact topological group H in the class of all topological inverse semigroups for some finite cardinal  $\lambda \ge 1$  [23]. Also, every 0-simple pseudocompact topological inverse semigroup is topologically isomorphic to a topological Brandt  $\lambda$ -extension  $B_{\lambda}(H)$  of a pseudocompact topological group H in the class of all topological inverse semigroups for some finite cardinal  $\lambda \ge 1$  [2]. Next Gutik and Repovš showed in [23] that the Stone – Čech compactification  $\beta(T)$  of a 0-simple countably compact topological inverse semigroup T has a natural structure of a 0-simple compact topological inverse semigroup. It was proved in [2] that the same is true for 0-simple pseudocompact topological inverse semigroups.

In the paper [6] the structure of compact and countably compact primitive topological inverse semigroups was described and was showed that any countably compact primitive topological inverse semigroup embeds into a compact primitive topological inverse semigroup.

Comfort and Ross in [10] proved that a Tychonoff product of an arbitrary non-empty family of pseudocompact topological groups is a pseudocompact topological group. Also, they proved there that the Stone – Čech compactification of a pseudocompact topological group has a natural structure of a compact topological group. Ravsky in [26] generalized Comfort – Ross Theorem and proved that a Tychonoff product of an arbitrary non-empty family of pseudocompact paratopological groups is pseudocompact.

In the paper [17] it is described the structure of pseudocompact primitive topological inverse semigroups and it is shown that the Tychonoff product of an arbitrary non-empty family of pseudocompact primitive topological inverse semigroups is pseudocompact. Also, there is proved that the Stone – Čech compactification of a pseudocompact primitive topological inverse semigroup has a natural structure of a compact primitive topological inverse semigroup.

In the paper [20] we studied the structure of inverse primitive pseudocompact semitopological and topological semigroups. We found conditions when a maximal subgroup of an inverse primitive pseudocompact semitopological semigroup S is a closed subset of S and described the topological structure of such semiregular semigroup. Also there we described structure of pseudocompact topological Brandt  $\lambda^0$ -extensions of topological semigroups and semiregular (quasi-regular) primitive inverse topological semigroups. In [20] we showed that the inversion in a quasi-regular primitive inverse pseudocompact topological semigroup is continuous. Also there, an analogue of Comfort – Ross Theorem is proved for such semigroups: the Tychonoff product of an arbitrary non-empty family of primitive inverse semiregular pseudocompact semitopological semigroups with closed maximal subgroups is a pseudocompact space, and we described the structure of the Stone – Čech compactification of a Hausdorff primitive inverse countably compact semitopological semigroup S such that every maximal subgroup of S is a topological group.

In this paper we study the preserving of Tychonoff products of the pseudocompactness (respectively, countable compactness, sequential compactness,  $\omega$ -boundedness, totally countable compactness, countable pracompactness, sequential pseudocompactness) by pseudocompact (and countably compact) topological Brandt  $\lambda_i^0$ -extensions of semitopological monoids with zero. In particular we show that if  $\{(B_{\lambda_i}^0(S_i), \tau_{B(S_i)}^0) : i \in \mathcal{I}\}$  is a family of Hausdorff pseudocompact topological Brandt  $\lambda_i^0$ -extensions of pseudocompact semitopological monoids with zero such that the Tychonoff product  $\prod\{S_i : i \in \mathcal{I}\}$  is a pseudocompact space, then the direct product  $\prod\{(B_{\lambda_i}^0(S_i), \tau_{B(S_i)}^0) : i \in \mathcal{I}\}$  with the Tychonoff topology is a Hausdorff pseudocompact semitopological semigroup.

Tychonoff products of pseudocompact topological Brandt  $\lambda^0$ -extensions of semitopological semigroups.

Later we need the following

**Theorem 1** [18, Theorem 12]. For any Hausdorff countably compact semitopological monoid  $(S, \tau)$  with zero and for any cardinal  $\lambda \geq 1$  there exists a unique Hausdorff countably compact topological Brandt  $\lambda^0$ -extension  $(B^0_{\lambda}(S), \tau^S_B)$  of  $(S, \tau)$  in the class of semitopological semigroups, and the topology  $\tau^S_B$  is generated by the base  $\mathscr{B}_B = \bigcup \{\mathscr{B}_B(t) : t \in B^0_{\lambda}(S)\}$ , where:

- (i)  $\mathcal{B}_{B}(t) = \{(U(s) \setminus \{0_{S}\})_{\alpha,\beta} : U(s) \in \mathcal{B}_{S}(s)\}, \text{ where } t = (\alpha, s, \beta) \text{ is a non-zero element of } B^{0}_{\lambda}(S), \ \alpha, \beta \in \lambda;$
- $(ii) \ \mathcal{B}_{B}(0) = \left\{ U_{F}(0) = \bigcup_{(\alpha,\beta)\in(\lambda\times\lambda)\setminus F} S_{\alpha,\beta} \cup \bigcup_{(\gamma,\delta)\in F} (U(0_{S}))_{\gamma,\delta} : F \text{ is a finite subset} \right\}$ 
  - of  $\lambda \times \lambda$  and  $U(0_S) \in \mathcal{B}_S(0_S)$ , where 0 is the zero of  $B^0_{\lambda}(S)$ , and

 $\mathscr{B}_{S}(s)$  is a base of the topology  $\tau$  at the point  $s \in S$ .

**Lemma 1.** For any Hausdorff sequentially compact semitopological monoid  $(S, \tau)$  with zero and for any cardinal  $\lambda \ge 1$  the Hausdorff countably compact topological Brandt  $\lambda^0$ -extension  $(B^0_{\lambda}(S), \tau^S_B)$  of  $(S, \tau)$  in the class of semitopological semigroups is a sequentially compact space.

P r o o f. In the case when  $\lambda < \omega$  the statement of the lemma follows from Theorems 3.10.32 and 3.10.34 from [12].

Next we suppose that  $\lambda \geq \omega$ . Let  $\mathcal{A}(\lambda)$  be the one point Alexandroff compactification of the discrete space of cardinality  $\lambda$ . Then  $\mathcal{A}(\lambda)$  is scattered because  $\mathcal{A}(\lambda)$  has only one non-isolated point, and hence by Theorem 5.7 from [30] the space  $\mathcal{A}(\lambda)$  is sequentially compact. Since cardinal  $\lambda$  is infinite without loss of generality we can assume that  $\lambda = \lambda \cdot \lambda$  and hence we can identify the space  $\mathcal{A}(\lambda)$  with  $\mathcal{A}(\lambda \times \lambda)$ . Then by Theorem 3.10.35 from [12] the space  $\mathcal{A}(\lambda \times \lambda) \times S$  is sequentially compact. Later we assume that a is non-isolated point of the space  $\mathcal{A}(\lambda \times \lambda)$ . We define the map  $g : \mathcal{A}(\lambda \times \lambda) \times S \to B^0_{\lambda}(S)$ by the formulae

$$g(a) = 0$$
 and  $g((\alpha, \beta, s)) = \begin{cases} (\alpha, s, \beta), & s \in S \setminus \{0_s\}, \\ 0, & s = 0_s. \end{cases}$ 

Theorem 1 implies that so defined map g is continuous and hence by Theorem 3.10.32 of [12] we get that the topological Brandt  $\lambda^0$ -extension  $(B^0_{\lambda}(S), \tau^S_B)$  of  $(S, \tau)$  in the class of semitopological semigroups is a sequentially compact space.

Lemma 1 and Theorem 3.10.35 from [12] imply the following

**Theorem 2.** Let  $\{B^0_{\lambda_i}(S_i) : i \in \omega\}$  be a countable family of Hausdorff countably compact topological Brandt  $\lambda^0_i$ -extensions of sequentially compact Hausdorff semitopological monoids. Then the direct product  $\prod\{B^0_{\lambda_i}(S_i) : i \in \omega\}$ with the Tychonoff topology is a Hausdorff sequentially compact semitopological semigroup.

**Theorem 3.** Let  $\{B^0_{\lambda_i}(S_i): i \in \mathcal{I}\}$  be a non-empty family of Hausdorff countably compact topological Brandt  $\lambda_i^0$ -extensions of countably compact 24

Hausdorff semitopological monoids such that the Tychonoff product  $\prod\{S_i : i \in \mathcal{I}\}$  is a countably compact space. Then the direct product  $\prod\{B^0_{\lambda_i}(S_i) : i \in \mathcal{I}\}$  with the Tychonoff topology is a Hausdorff countably compact semitopological semigroup.

P r o o f. For every infinite cardinal  $\lambda_i$ ,  $i \in \mathcal{I}$ , we shall repeat the construction proposed in the proof of Lemma 1. Let  $\mathcal{A}(\lambda_i)$  be the one-point Alexandroff compactification of the discrete space of cardinality  $\lambda_i$ . Since cardinal  $\lambda_i$  is infinite without loss of generality we can assume that  $\lambda_i = \lambda_i \cdot \lambda_i$  and hence we can identify the space  $\mathcal{A}(\lambda_i)$  with  $\mathcal{A}(\lambda_i \times \lambda_i)$ . Later we assume that  $a_i$  is a non-isolated point of the space  $\mathcal{A}(\lambda_i \times \lambda_i)$ . We define the map  $g_i : \mathcal{A}(\lambda_i \times \lambda_i) \times S_i \to B^0_{\lambda_i}(S_i)$  by the formulae

$$g_{i}(a_{i}) = 0_{i} \quad \text{and} \quad g_{i}((\alpha_{i}, \beta_{i}, s_{i})) = \begin{cases} (\alpha_{i}, s_{i}, \beta_{i}), & s_{i} \in S \setminus \{0_{S_{i}}\}, \\ 0_{i}, & s = 0_{S_{i}}, \end{cases}$$
(1)

where  $0_i$  and  $0_{S_i}$  are zeros of the semigroup  $B^0_{\lambda_i}(S_i)$  and the monoid  $S_i$ , respectively. Theorem 1 implies that so defined map  $g_i$  is continuous.

In the case when cardinal  $\lambda_i$ ,  $i \in \mathcal{I}$ , is finite we put  $\mathcal{A}(\lambda_i \times \lambda_i)$  is the discrete space of cardinality  $\lambda_i^2 + 1$  with the fixed point  $a_i \in \mathcal{A}(\lambda_i \times \lambda_i)$ . Next we define the map  $g_i : \mathcal{A}(\lambda_i \times \lambda_i) \times S_i \to B_{\lambda_i}^0(S_i)$  by the formulae (1), where  $0_i$  and  $0_{S_i}$  are zeros of the semigroup  $B_{\lambda_i}^0(S_i)$  and the monoid  $S_i$ , respectively. Obviously, such defined map  $g_i$  is continuous. Then the space  $\prod_{i \in \mathcal{I}} \mathcal{A}(\lambda_i \times \lambda_i) \times S_i$  is homeomorphic to  $\prod_{i \in \mathcal{I}} \mathcal{A}(\lambda_i \times \lambda_i) \times \prod_{i \in \mathcal{I}} S_i$  and hence by Theorem 3.2.4 and Corollary 3.10.14 from [12] the Tychonoff product  $\prod_{i \in \mathcal{I}} \mathcal{A}(\lambda_i \times \lambda_i) \times S_i$  is countably compact. Later we define the map  $g : \prod_{i \in \mathcal{I}} \mathcal{A}(\lambda_i \times \lambda_i) \times S_i \to \prod_{i \in \mathcal{I}} B_{\lambda_i}^0(S_i)$  by putting  $g = \prod_{i \in \mathcal{I}} g_i$ . Since for any  $i \in \mathcal{I}$  the map  $g_i : \mathcal{A}(\lambda_i \times \lambda_i) \times S_i \to B_{\lambda_i}^0(S_i)$  is continuous, Theorem 1 and Proposition 2.3.6 of [12] imply that g is continuous too. Therefore by Theorem 3.10.5 from [12] we obtain that the direct product  $\prod_{i \in \mathcal{I}} B_{\lambda_i}^0(S_i) : i \in \mathcal{I}$  with the Tychonoff topology is a Hausdorff countably compact semitopological semigroup.

**Lemma 2.** For any Hausdorff totally countably compact semitopological monoid  $(S, \tau)$  with zero and for any cardinal  $\lambda \ge 1$  the Hausdorff countably compact topological Brandt  $\lambda^0$ -extension  $(B^0_{\lambda}(S), \tau^S_B)$  of  $(S, \tau)$  in the class of semitopological semigroups is a totally countably compact space.

P r o o f. In the case when  $\lambda < \omega$  the statement of the lemma is trivial. So we suppose that  $\lambda \ge \omega$ .

Let A be an arbitrary countably infinite subset of  $(B^0_{\lambda}(S), \tau^S_B)$ . Put  $\mathcal{J} = \{(\alpha, \beta) \in \lambda \times \lambda : A \cap S_{\alpha,\beta} \neq \emptyset\}$ . If the set  $\mathcal{J}$  is finite then total countable compactness of the space  $(S, \tau)$  and Lemma 2 of [18] imply the statement of the lemma. So we suppose that the set  $\mathcal{J}$  is infinite. For each pair of indices  $(\alpha, \beta) \in \mathcal{J}$  we choose a point  $a_{\alpha,\beta} \in A \cap S_{\alpha,\beta}$  and put  $K = \{0\} \cup \{a_{\alpha,\beta} : (\alpha,\beta) \in \mathcal{J}\}$ .

Then the definition of the topology  $\tau_B^S$  on  $B^0_{\lambda}(S)$  implies that K is a compact subset of the  $(B^0_{\lambda}(S), \tau_B^S)$  and  $K \cap A$  is infinite. This completes the proof of the lemma.

Lemma 2 and Theorem 4.3 from [14] imply the following

**Theorem 4.** Let  $\{B^0_{\lambda_i}(S_i) : i \in \omega\}$  be a countable family of Hausdorff countably compact topological Brandt  $\lambda^0_i$ -extensions of totally countably compact Hausdorff semitopological monoids. Then the direct product  $\prod\{B^0_{\lambda_i}(S_i) : i \in \omega\}$  with the Tychonoff topology is a Hausdorff totally countably compact semitopological semigroup.

**Theorem 5.** Let  $\{B^0_{\lambda_i}(S_i): i \in \mathcal{I}\}\$  be a non-empty family of Hausdorff countably compact topological Brandt  $\lambda_i^0$ -extensions of Hausdorff totally countably compact semitopological monoids such that the Tychonoff product  $\prod\{S_i: i \in \mathcal{I}\}\$  is a totally countably compact space. Then the direct product  $\prod\{B^0_{\lambda_i}(S_i): i \in \mathcal{I}\}\$  with the Tychonoff topology is a totally countably compact semitopological semigroup.

Proof. Let for every  $i \in \mathcal{I}$ ,  $\mathcal{A}(\lambda_i \times \lambda_i)$  be a space and  $g_i : \mathcal{A}(\lambda_i \times \lambda_i) \times S_i \to B^0_{\lambda_i}(S_i)$  be a map defined in the proof of Theorem 3. Also, Theorem 1 implies that the map  $g_i$  is continuous for every  $i \in \mathcal{I}$ . Since the space  $\prod_{i \in \mathcal{I}} \mathcal{A}(\lambda_i \times \lambda_i) \times S_i$  is homeomorphic to  $\prod_{i \in \mathcal{I}} \mathcal{A}(\lambda_i \times \lambda_i) \times \prod_{i \in \mathcal{I}} S_i$  and by Theorem 4.3 from [14] we see that the Tychonoff product  $\prod_{i \in \mathcal{I}} \mathcal{A}(\lambda_i \times \lambda_i) \times S_i$  is a totally countably compact space. Then by Theorem 1 and Proposition 2.3.6 of [12] the map  $g: \prod_{i \in \mathcal{I}} \mathcal{A}(\lambda_i \times \lambda_i) \times S_i \to \prod_{i \in \mathcal{I}} B^0_{\lambda_i}(S_i)$  defined by the formula  $g = \prod_{i \in \mathcal{I}} g_i$  is continuous. Simple verification implies that a continuous image of a totally countably compact space is a totally countably compact space too. Hence the direct product  $\prod \{B^0_{\lambda_i}(S_i) : i \in \mathcal{I}\}$  with the Tychonoff topology is a totally countably compact semitopological semigroup.

Similarly to the proof of Lemma 2 we can prove the following

**Lemma 3.** For any Hausdorff  $\omega$ -bounded semitopological monoid  $(S, \tau)$  with zero and for any cardinal  $\lambda \geq 1$  the Hausdorff countably compact topological Brandt  $\lambda^0$ -extension  $(B^0_{\lambda}(S), \tau^S_B)$  of  $(S, \tau)$  in the class of semitopological semigroups is an  $\omega$ -bounded space.

Since by Lemma 4 of [15] the Tychonoff product of an arbitrary nonempty family of  $\omega$ -bounded spaces is an  $\omega$ -bounded space, similarly to the proof of Theorem 5 we can prove the following

**Theorem 6.** Let  $\{B^0_{\lambda_i}(S_i): i \in \mathcal{I}\}$  be a non-empty family of Hausdorff countably compact topological Brandt  $\lambda_i^0$ -extensions of Hausdorff  $\omega$ -bounded semitopological monoids. Then the direct product  $\prod\{B^0_{\lambda_i}(S_i): i \in \mathcal{I}\}$  with the Tychonoff topology is an  $\omega$ -bounded semitopological semigroup.

Theorems 1 and 6 imply the following

**Corollary 1.** Let  $\{B^0_{\lambda_i}(S_i): i \in \mathcal{I}\}\$  be a non-empty family of Hausdorff totally countably compact topological Brandt  $\lambda_i^0$ -extensions of Hausdorff  $\omega$ bounded semitopological monoids. Then the direct product  $\prod\{B^0_{\lambda_i}(S_i): i \in \mathcal{I}\}\$ with the Tychonoff topology is an  $\omega$ -bounded semitopological semigroup.

Later we shall use the following

**Theorem 7** [18, Theorem 15]. For any semiregular pseudocompact semitopological monoid  $(S, \tau)$  with zero and for any cardinal  $\lambda \ge 1$  there exists a unique semiregular pseudocompact topological Brandt  $\lambda^0$ -extension  $(B^0_{\lambda}(S), \tau^S_B)$  of  $(S, \tau)$  in the class of semitopological semigroups, and the topology  $\tau^S_B$  is generated by the base  $\mathscr{B}_B = \bigcup \{\mathscr{B}_B(t) : t \in B^0_{\lambda}(S)\}$ , where:

- (i)  $\mathscr{B}_{B}(t) = \{(U(s) \setminus \{0_{S}\})_{\alpha,\beta} : U(s) \in \mathscr{B}_{S}(s)\}, \text{ where } t = (\alpha, s, \beta) \text{ is a non-zero element of } B^{0}_{\lambda}(S), \alpha, \beta \in \lambda;$
- $(ii) \quad \mathcal{B}_{B}(0) = \left\{ U_{F}(0) = \bigcup_{(\alpha,\beta)\in(\lambda\times\lambda)\setminus F} S_{\alpha,\beta} \bigcup_{(\gamma,\delta)\in F} (U(0_{S}))_{\gamma,\delta} : F \text{ is a finite sub-} U(\beta,\beta) \in \mathcal{B}_{S}(0) \right\}$

set of  $\lambda \times \lambda$  and  $U(0_S) \in \mathcal{B}_S(0_S)$ , where 0 is the zero of  $B^0_{\lambda}(S)$ , and  $\mathcal{B}_S(s)$  is a base of the topology  $\tau$  at the point  $s \in S$ .

**Theorem 8.** Let  $\{B_{\lambda_i}^0(S_i): i \in \mathcal{I}\}$  be a non-empty family of semiregular pseudocompact topological Brandt  $\lambda_i^0$ -extensions of semiregular pseudocompact semitopological monoids such that the Tychonoff product  $\prod\{S_i: i \in \mathcal{I}\}$  is a pseudocompact space. Then the direct product  $\prod\{B_{\lambda_i}^0(S_i): i \in \mathcal{I}\}$  with the Tychonoff topology is a semiregular pseudocompact semitopological semigroup.

P r o o f. Since by Lemma 20 from [26] the Tychonoff product of regular open sets is regular open we obtain that the Tychonoff product of semiregular topological spaces is semiregular.

Let for every  $i \in \mathcal{I}$ ,  $\mathcal{A}(\lambda_i \times \lambda_i)$  be a space and  $g_i : \mathcal{A}(\lambda_i \times \lambda_i) \times S_i \to B^0_{\lambda_i}(S_i)$ be the map defined in the proof of Theorem 3. Theorem 7 implies that the map  $g_i$  is continuous for every  $i \in \mathcal{I}$ . Since the space  $\prod_{i \in \mathcal{I}} \mathcal{A}(\lambda_i \times \lambda_i) \times S_i$  is homeomorphic to  $\prod_{i \in \mathcal{I}} \mathcal{A}(\lambda_i \times \lambda_i) \times \prod_{i \in \mathcal{I}} S_i$ , Theorem 3.2.4 from [12] and Corollary 9 from [20] imply that the Tychonoff product  $\prod_{i \in \mathcal{I}} \mathcal{A}(\lambda_i \times \lambda_i) \times S_i$  is a pseudocompact space. Then by Theorem 7 and Proposition 2.3.6 of [12] the map  $g: \prod_{i \in \mathcal{I}} \mathcal{A}(\lambda_i \times \lambda_i) \times S_i \to \prod_{i \in \mathcal{I}} B^0_{\lambda_i}(S_i)$  defined by the formula  $g = \prod_{i \in \mathcal{I}} g_i$  is continuous, and hence the direct product  $\prod \{B^0_{\lambda_i}(S_i) : i \in \mathcal{I}\}$  with the Tychonoff topology is a semiregular pseudocompact semitopological semigroup.

**Proposition 1.** Let X, Y be Hausdorff countably pracompact spaces. Then the product  $X \times Y$  is countably pracompact provided Y is a k-space or sequentially compact.

P r o o f. Let the space X be countably compact at its dense subset  $D_X$ and the space Y be countably compact at its dense subset  $D_Y$ . The set  $D_X \times D_Y$  is a dense subset of the space  $X \times Y$ . We claim that the space  $X \times Y$ is countably compact at the set  $D_X \times D_Y$ . Indeed, let  $A = \{(x_s, y_s) : s \in S\}$  be an infinite subset of the set  $D_X \times D_Y$  such that  $(x_s, y_s) \neq (x_{s'}, y_{s'})$  provided  $s \neq s'$ . Assume that the set A has no accumulation point in the space X. If Y is a k-space then Lemma 3.10.12 from [12] implies that there exists an infinite subset  $S_0 \subset S$  such that either the set  $\{x_s : s \in S_0\}$  or the set  $\{y_s : s \in S_0\}$  has no accumulation point. Then this set is finite. Without loss of generality, we can assume that there are a point  $x \in X$  and an infinite subset  $S_1$  of the set  $S_0$  such that  $x_s = x$  for each index  $s \in S_1$ . Since the space Y is countably compact at the set  $D_Y$ , there exists an accumulation point  $y \in Y$  of the set  $\{y_s : s \in S_1\}$ . Then the point (x, y) is an accumulation point of the set  $\{(x_s, y_s) : s \in S_1\}$ , a contradiction.

If Y is a sequentially compact space then the proof of the claim is similar to the proof of Theorem 3.10.36 from [12].

Proposition 1 implies the following

**Corollary 2.** The product  $X \times Y$  of Hausdorff countably pracompact space X and compactum Y is countably pracompact.

**Theorem 9.** Let  $\{B_{\lambda_i}^0(S_i): i \in \mathcal{I}\}\$  be a non-empty family of semiregular countably pracompact topological Brandt  $\lambda_i^0$ -extensions of countably pracompact semiregular semitopological monoids such that the Tychonoff product  $\prod\{S_i: i \in \mathcal{I}\}\$  is a countably pracompact space. Then the direct product  $\prod\{B_{\lambda_i}^0(S_i): i \in \mathcal{I}\}\$  with the Tychonoff topology is a semiregular countably pracompact semitopological semigroup.

P r o o f. Let for every  $i \in \mathcal{I}$ ,  $\mathcal{A}(\lambda_i \times \lambda_i)$  be a space and  $g_i$  be a map defined in the proof of Theorem 3,  $g_i : \mathcal{A}(\lambda_i \times \lambda_i) \times S_i \to B^0_{\lambda_i}(S_i)$ . Theorem 7 implies that the map  $g_i$  is continuous for every  $i \in \mathcal{I}$ . Since the space  $\prod_{i \in \mathcal{I}} \mathcal{A}(\lambda_i \times \lambda_i) \times S_i$  is homeomorphic to  $\prod_{i \in \mathcal{I}} \mathcal{A}(\lambda_i \times \lambda_i) \times \prod_{i \in \mathcal{I}} S_i$ , Theorem 3.2.4 from [12] and Corollary 2 imply that the Tychonoff product  $\prod_{i \in \mathcal{I}} \mathcal{A}(\lambda_i \times \lambda_i) \times S_i$ is a countably pracompact space. Then by Theorem 7 and Proposition 2.3.6 of [12] the map  $g: \prod_{i \in \mathcal{I}} \mathcal{A}(\lambda_i \times \lambda_i) \times S_i \to \prod_{i \in \mathcal{I}} B^0_{\lambda_i}(S_i)$  defined by the formula  $g = \prod_{i \in \mathcal{I}} g_i$  is continuous, and since by Lemma 8 from [18] every continuous image of a countably pracompact space is countably pracompact, we see that the direct product  $\prod \{B^0_{\lambda_i}(S_i) : i \in \mathcal{I}\}$  with the Tychonoff topology is a semiregular pseudocompact semitopological semigroup.

Since for any semitopological monoid  $(S, \tau)$  with zero and for any finite cardinal  $\lambda \geq 1$  there exists a unique topological Brandt  $\lambda^0$ -extension  $(B^0_{\lambda}(S), \tau_B)$  of  $(S, \tau)$  in the class of semitopological semigroups, the proof of the following theorem is similar to the proofs of Theorems 8 and 9.

**Theorem 10.** Let  $\{B_{\lambda_i}^0(S_i): i \in \mathcal{I}\}\$  be a non-empty family of Hausdorff pseudocompact (countably pracompact) topological Brandt  $\lambda_i^0$ -extensions of Hausdorff pseudocompact (countably pracompact) semitopological monoids such that the Tychonoff product  $\prod\{S_i: i \in \mathcal{I}\}\$  is a Hausdorff pseudocompact (countably pracompact) space and every cardinal  $\lambda_i$ ,  $i \in \mathcal{I}$ , is non-zero and finite. Then the direct product  $\prod\{B_{\lambda_i}^0(S_i): i \in \mathcal{I}\}\$  with the Tychonoff topology is a Hausdorff pseudocompact (countably pracompact) semitopological semigroup. By Theorem 3 of [20] we have that a topological Brandt  $\lambda^0$ -extension  $(B^0_{\lambda}(S), \tau_B)$  of a topological monoid  $(S, \tau_S)$  with zero in the class of Hausdorff topological semigroups is pseudocompact if and only if cardinal  $\lambda$  is finite and the space  $(S, \tau_S)$  is pseudocompact. Hence Theorem 3 of [20] and Theorem 10 imply the following

**Theorem 11.** Let  $\{B^0_{\lambda_i}(S_i): i \in \mathcal{I}\}\$  be a non-empty family of Hausdorff pseudocompact (countably pracompact) topological Brandt  $\lambda^0_i$ -extensions of Hausdorff pseudocompact (countably pracompact) topological monoids in the class of Hausdorff topological semigroups such that the Tychonoff product  $\Pi\{S_i: i \in \mathcal{I}\}\$  is a Hausdorff pseudocompact (countably pracompact) space. Then the direct product  $\Pi\{B^0_{\lambda_i}(S_i): i \in \mathcal{I}\}\$  with the Tychonoff topology is a Hausdorff pseudocompact (countably pracompact) topological semigroup.

The following lemma describes the main property of a base of the topology at zero of a Hausdorff pseudocompact topological Brandt  $\lambda^0$ -extension of a Hausdorff pseudocompact semitopological monoid in the class of Hausdorff semitopological semigroups.

**Lemma 4.** Let  $(B^0_{\lambda}(S), \tau^S_B)$  be any Hausdorff pseudocompact topological Brandt  $\lambda^0$ -extension of a pseudocompact semitopological monoid  $(S, \tau)$  with zero in the class of semitopological semigroups. Then for every open neighborhood U(0) of zero 0 in  $(B^0_{\lambda}(S), \tau^S_B)$  there exist at most finitely many pairs of indices  $(\alpha_1, \beta_1), \ldots, (\alpha_n, \beta_n) \in \lambda \times \lambda$  such that  $S^*_{\alpha_i, \beta_i} \not\subseteq \operatorname{cl}_{B^0_{\lambda}(S)}(U(0))$  for any  $i = 1, \ldots, n$ .

Proof. Suppose the contrary: there exist an open neighborhood V(0) of zero 0 in  $(B^0_{\lambda}(S), \tau^S_B)$  and infinitely many pairs of indices  $(\alpha_1, \beta_1)$ ,  $\ldots, (\alpha_n, \beta_n), \ldots \in \lambda \times \lambda$  such that  $S^*_{\alpha_i, \beta_i} \not\subseteq \operatorname{cl}_{B^0_{\lambda}(S)}(U(0))$  for every positive integer *i*. Then by Proposition 1.1.1 of [12] for every positive integer *i* there exists a non-empty open subset  $W_{\alpha_i, \beta_i}$  in  $(B^0_{\lambda}(S), \tau^S_B)$  such that  $W_{\alpha_i, \beta_i} \subseteq S^*_{\alpha_i, \beta_i}$  and  $V(0) \cap W_{\alpha_i, \beta_i} = \emptyset$ . Hence by Lemma 3 of [18] we have that  $\{W_{\alpha_i, \beta_i} : i = 1, 2, 3, \ldots\}$  is an infinite locally finite family in  $(B^0_{\lambda}(S), \tau^S_B)$ . The obtained contradicts the pseudocompactness of the space  $(B^0_{\lambda}(S), \tau^S_B)$ . The obtained contradiction implies the statement of our lemma.

Given a topological space  $(X, \tau)$  Stone [29] and Katětov [24] consider the topology  $\tau_r$  on X generated by the base consisting of all regular open sets of the space  $(X, \tau)$ . This topology is called the *regularization* of the topology  $\tau$ . It is easy to see that if  $(X, \tau)$  is a Hausdorff topological space then  $(X, \tau_r)$  is a semiregular topological space.

**Example 1.** Let  $(S, \tau)$  be any semitopological monoid with zero. Then for any infinite cardinal  $\lambda$  we define a topology  $\tau_B^S$  on the Brandt  $\lambda^0$ -extension  $(B^0_{\lambda}(S), \tau_B^S)$  of  $(S, \tau)$  in the following way. The topology  $\tau_B^S$  is generated by the base  $\mathscr{B}_B = \bigcup \{\mathscr{B}_B(t) : t \in B^0_{\lambda}(S)\}$ , where

•  $\mathscr{B}_{B}(t) = \{(U(s) \setminus \{0_{S}\})_{\alpha,\beta} : U(s) \in \mathscr{B}_{S}(s)\}, \text{ where } t = (\alpha, s, \beta) \text{ is a non-zero}$ element of  $B_{\lambda}^{0}(S), \alpha, \beta \in \lambda;$  •  $\mathcal{B}_{B}(0) = \{U_{F}(0) = \bigcup_{(\alpha,\beta)\in(\lambda\times\lambda)\setminus F} S_{\alpha,\beta} \cup \bigcup_{(\gamma,\delta)\in F} (U(0_{S}))_{\gamma,\delta} : F \text{ is a finite subset of } \lambda\times\lambda \text{ and } U(0_{S})\in\mathcal{B}_{S}(0_{S})\}, \text{ where } 0 \text{ is the zero of } B_{1}^{0}(S), \text{ and } \mathcal{B}_{S}(s) \text{ is a } 1\}$ 

 $\lambda \times \lambda$  and  $U(0_S) \in \mathcal{B}_S(0_S)$ , where 0 is the zero of  $B_{\lambda}(S)$ , and  $\mathcal{B}_S(s)$  is a base of the topology  $\tau$  at the point  $s \in S$ .

We observe that the space  $(B_{\lambda}^{0}(S), \tau_{B}^{S})$  is Hausdorff (respectively, regular, Tychonoff, normal) if and only if the space  $(S, \tau)$  is Hausdorff (respectively, regular, Tychonoff, normal) (see Propositions 21 and 22 in [18]).

**Proposition 2.** Let  $\lambda$  be any infinite cardinal. If  $(S, \tau)$  is a Hausdorff semitopological monoid with zero then  $(B^0_{\lambda}(S), \tau^S_B)$  is a Hausdorff semitopological semigroup. Moreover, the space  $(S, \tau)$  is pseudocompact if and only if so is  $(B^0_{\lambda}(S), \tau^S_B)$ .

P r o o f. The Hausdorffness of the space  $(B^0_{\lambda}(S), \tau^S_B)$  follows from Proposition 21 from [18].

Let a and b are arbitrary elements of S and W(ab), U(a), V(b) be arbitrary open neighborhoods of the elements ab, a and b, respectively, such that  $U(a) \cdot b \subseteq W(ab)$  and  $a \cdot V(b) \subseteq W(ab)$ . Then we have that the following conditions hold for each  $\alpha, \beta, \gamma, \delta \in \lambda$ :

- (*i*)  $(U(a))_{\alpha,\beta} \cdot (\beta, b, \gamma) \subseteq (W(ab))_{\alpha,\gamma};$
- $(ii) (\alpha, a, \beta) \cdot (V(b))_{\beta, \gamma} \subseteq (W(ab))_{\alpha, \gamma};$
- (*iii*) if  $\beta \neq \gamma$  then  $(U(a))_{\alpha,\beta} \cdot (\gamma, b, \delta) = \{0\} \subseteq W_F(0)$  and  $(\alpha, a, \beta) \cdot (V(b))_{\gamma,\delta} = \{0\} \subseteq W_F(0)$  for every finite subset F of  $\lambda \times \lambda$  and every  $W(0_S) \in \mathcal{B}_S(0_S)$ ;
- $\begin{array}{ll} (\boldsymbol{iv}) \ W_F(0) \cdot 0 = \{0\} \subseteq W_F(0) \quad \text{and} \quad 0 \cdot W_F(0) = \{0\} \subseteq W_F(0) \quad \text{for every finite} \\ \text{subset } F \ \text{of} \ \lambda \times \lambda \ \text{and every } W(0_S) \in \mathscr{B}_S(0_S) \ ; \end{array}$
- $(\boldsymbol{v}) \ (U(a))_{\alpha,\beta} \cdot 0 = \{0\} \subseteq W_F(0) \quad \text{and} \quad 0 \cdot (V(b))_{\beta,\gamma} = \{0\} \subseteq W_F(0) \quad \text{for every}$  finite subset F of  $\lambda \times \lambda$  and every  $W(0_S) \in \mathcal{B}_S(0_S)$ ;
- $\begin{array}{l} (\boldsymbol{vi}) \ (\alpha, a, \beta) \cdot V_{F_1}(0) \subseteq W_F(0) \ \ \text{for every finite subset} \ \left\{\alpha_1, \ldots, \alpha_k\right\} \subset \lambda \ \ \text{and} \\ \text{every} \ \ W(0_S) \in \mathscr{B}_S(0_S) \ , \ \ \text{where} \ \ F = \left\{\alpha, \alpha_1, \ldots, \alpha_k\right\} \times \left\{\alpha_1, \ldots, \alpha_k\right\} \ \ \text{and} \\ F_1 = \left\{(\beta, \alpha_1), \ldots, (\beta, \alpha_k)\right\}; \end{array}$
- $\begin{array}{ll} (\boldsymbol{vii}) \ V_{F_1}(0) \cdot (\alpha, a, \beta) \subseteq W_F(0) \ \ \text{for every finite subset } \{\alpha_1, \dots, \alpha_k\} \subset \lambda \ \ \text{and} \\ \text{every } \ W(0_S) \in \mathscr{B}_S(0_S) \,, \ \ \text{where } \ \ F = \{\alpha_1, \dots, \alpha_k\} \times \{\beta, \alpha_1, \dots, \alpha_k\} \ \ \text{and} \\ F_1 = \{(\alpha_1, \alpha), \dots, (\alpha_k, \alpha)\}. \end{array}$

This completes the proof of separate continuity of the semigroup operation in  $(B^0_{\lambda}(S), \tau^S_B)$ .

The implication ( $\Leftarrow$ ) of the last statement follows from Lemma 9 of [18]. To show the converse implication assume that  $\{U_i : i \in \mathcal{I}\}$  is any locally finite family of open subsets of  $(B^0_{\lambda}(S), \tau^S_B)$ . Without loss of generality we can assume that  $0 \notin U_i$  for any  $i \in \mathcal{I}$ . Then the definition of the base of the topology  $\tau^S_B$  at zero implies that there exists a finite family of pairs of indices  $\{(\alpha_1, \beta_1), \ldots, (\alpha_k, \beta_k)\} \subset \lambda \times \lambda$  such that almost all elements of the family  $\{U_i : i \in \mathcal{I}\}$  are contained in the set  $S^*_{\alpha_1, \beta_1} \cup \ldots \cup S^*_{\alpha_k, \beta_k}$ . Since a union of a finite family of pseudocompact spaces is pseudocompact,  $S_{\alpha_1, \beta_1} \cup \ldots \cup S_{\alpha_k, \beta_k}$  with the topology induced from  $(B^0_{\lambda}(S), \tau^S_B)$  is pseudocompact space. This implies that the family  $\{U_i : i \in \mathcal{I}\}$  is finite.

**Example 2.** Let  $\lambda$  be any infinite cardinal. Let  $(S, \tau_S)$  be a Hausdorff pseudocompact semitopological monoid with zero  $0_S$  and  $(B^0_{\lambda}(S), \tau^0_{B_S})$  be a pseudocompact topological Brandt  $\lambda^0$ -extension of  $(S, \tau_S)$  in the class of Hausdorff semitopological semigroups.

For every open neighborhood U(0) of zero in  $(B^0_{\lambda}(S), \tau^0_{B_S})$  we put

 $F_{U(0)} = \left\{ (\alpha, \beta) \in \lambda \times \lambda : S_{\alpha, \beta} \nsubseteq \operatorname{cl}_{B_{1}^{0}(S)}(U(0)) \right\}.$ 

Let  $\pi_{B_S} : B_{\lambda}(S) \to B_{\lambda}^0(S) = B_{\lambda}(S)/\mathcal{J}$  be the natural homomorphisms, where  $\mathcal{J} = \{0\} \cup \{(\alpha, 0_S, \beta) : 0_S \text{ is zero of } S\}$  is an ideal of the semigroup  $B_{\lambda}(S)$ .

We generate a topology  $\hat{\tau}_{B_S}$  on the Brandt  $\lambda$ -extension  $B_{\lambda}(S)$  by a base

 $\hat{\mathcal{B}}_{\!B} = \bigcup \{\hat{\mathcal{B}}_{\!B}(t) \colon t \in B_{\lambda}(S)\}$  , where

- $\hat{\mathscr{B}}_{B}(\alpha, s, \beta) = \{(U(s))_{\alpha, \beta} : U(s) \in \mathscr{B}_{S}(s)\}, \text{ for all } s \in S \text{ and } \alpha, \beta \in \lambda;$
- $\hat{\mathscr{B}}_{B}(0) = \{U_{\pi}(0) = \pi^{-1}(U(0)) \setminus \bigcup_{(\alpha,\beta) \in F_{U(0)}} S_{\alpha,\beta} : U(0) \text{ is an element of a base of}$ the topology  $\pi^{0}$  at zero 0 of  $\mathbb{R}^{0}(S)$  and  $\mathscr{R}(\alpha)$  is a base of the topo

the topology  $\tau^0_{B_S}$  at zero 0 of  $B^0_{\lambda}(S)$ , and  $\mathscr{B}_S(s)$  is a base of the topology  $\tau$  at the point  $s \in S$ .

**Proposition 3.** Let  $\lambda$  be any infinite cardinal. Let  $(B^0_{\lambda}(S), \tau^0_{B_S})$  be a pseudocompact topological Brandt  $\lambda^0$ -extension of a Hausdorff pseudocompact semitopological monoid with zero  $(S, \tau_S)$  in the class of Hausdorff semitopological semigroup. Then  $(B_{\lambda}(S), \hat{\tau}_{B_S})$  is a Hausdorff semitopological semigroup. Moreover, the space  $(S, \tau)$  is pseudocompact if and only if so is  $(B_{\lambda}(S), \hat{\tau}_{B_S})$ .

P r o o f. We observe that simple verifications show that the natural homomorphism  $\pi_{B_S}$ :  $(B_{\lambda}(S), \hat{\tau}_{B_S}) \rightarrow (B^0_{\lambda}(S), \tau^0_{B_S})$  is a continuous map.

Let *a* and *b* be arbitrary elements of the semitopological semigroup  $(S, \tau_S)$ . Let W(ab), U(a) and V(b) be arbitrary open neighborhoods of the elements ab, *a* and *b*, respectively, such that  $U(a) \cdot b \subseteq W(ab)$  and  $a \cdot V(b) \subseteq W(ab)$ . Then the following conditions hold for each  $\alpha, \beta, \gamma, \delta \in \lambda$ :

- (*i*)  $(U(a))_{\alpha,\beta} \cdot (\beta, b, \gamma) \subseteq (W(ab))_{\alpha,\gamma};$
- $(\boldsymbol{i}\boldsymbol{i}) \ (\alpha, a, \beta) \cdot (V(b))_{\beta, \gamma} \subseteq (W(ab))_{\alpha, \gamma};$
- (*iii*) if  $\beta \neq \gamma$  then  $(U(a))_{\alpha,\beta} \cdot (\gamma, b, \delta) = \{0\} \subseteq U_{\pi}(0)$  and  $(\alpha, a, \beta) \cdot (V(b))_{\gamma,\delta} = \{0\} \subseteq \subseteq U_{\pi}(0)$  for every open neighborhood U(0) of zero in  $(B^{0}_{\lambda}(S), \tau^{0}_{B_{\alpha}});$
- (iv)  $U_{\pi}(0) \cdot 0 = \{0\} \subseteq U_{\pi}(0)$  and  $0 \cdot U_{\pi}(0) = \{0\} \subseteq U_{\pi}(0)$  for every open neighborhood U(0) of zero in  $(B^0_{\lambda}(S), \tau^0_{B_{\Sigma}});$
- $\begin{aligned} (\boldsymbol{v}) \ (U(a))_{\alpha,\beta} \cdot 0 &= \{0\} \subseteq U_{\pi}(0) \quad \text{and} \quad 0 \cdot (V(b))_{\beta,\gamma} &= \{0\} \subseteq U_{\pi}(0) \quad \text{for open} \\ \text{neighborhood} \ U(0) \ \text{of zero in} \ \left(B^{0}_{\lambda}(S), \tau^{0}_{B_{S}}\right); \end{aligned}$
- $(\boldsymbol{v}\boldsymbol{i})$   $(\alpha, a, \beta) \cdot U_{\pi}(0) \subseteq W_{\pi}(0)$  in  $(B_{\lambda}(S), \hat{\tau}_{B_{S}})$  for  $U_{\pi}(0), W_{\pi}(0) \in \hat{\mathscr{B}}_{B}(0)$  where U(0) and W(0) are elements of a base of the topology  $\tau^{0}_{B_{S}}$  at zero 0 of  $B^{0}_{\lambda}(S)$  such that  $(\alpha, a, \beta) \cdot U(0) \subseteq W(0)$ ;

 $(\boldsymbol{vii}) \ U_{\pi}(0) \cdot (\alpha, a, \beta) \subseteq W_{\pi}(0) \ \text{ in } \left(B_{\lambda}(S), \hat{\boldsymbol{\tau}}_{B_{S}}\right) \ \text{ for } \ U_{\pi}(0), W_{\pi}(0) \in \hat{\mathscr{B}}_{B}(0) \ \text{ where } \boldsymbol{\boldsymbol{\psi}}_{M}(0) \in \mathcal{B}_{B}(0) \ \text{ where } \boldsymbol{\boldsymbol{\psi}}_{M}(0) \in \mathcal{B}_{M}(0) = \boldsymbol{\boldsymbol{\psi}}_{M}(0) \ \text{ or } \boldsymbol{\boldsymbol{\psi}}_{M}(0) \in \mathcal{B}_{M}(0) \ \text{ where } \boldsymbol{\boldsymbol{\psi}}_{M}(0) \ \text{ where } \boldsymbol{\boldsymbol{\psi}}_{M}(0) \in \mathcal{B}_{M}(0) \ \text{ where } \boldsymbol{\boldsymbol{\psi}}_{M}(0) \ \text{ where } \boldsymbol{\boldsymbol{\psi}}_{$ 

U(0) and W(0) are elements of a base of the topology  $\tau_{B_c}^0$  at zero 0

of  $B^0_{\lambda}(S)$  such that  $U(0) \cdot (\alpha, a, \beta) \subseteq W(0)$ .

The proof of the last statement is similar to the proof of the second statement of Proposition 2.  $\blacklozenge$ 

**Remark 1.** Also, we may consider the semitopological semigroup  $(B_{\lambda}(S), \hat{\tau}_{B_{S}})$  as a topological Brandt  $\lambda^{0}$ -extension of a Hausdorff pseudo-compact semitopological monoid  $T = S \sqcup 0_{T}$  with « new » isolated zero  $0_{T}$ .

**Theorem 12.** Let  $\{(B^0_{\lambda_i}(S_i), \tau^0_{B(S_i)}) : i \in \mathcal{I}\}$  be a non-empty family of Hausdorff pseudocompact topological Brandt  $\lambda^0_i$ -extensions of Hausdorff pseudocompact semitopological monoids with zero such that the Tychonoff product  $\prod\{S_i : i \in \mathcal{I}\}$  is a pseudocompact space. Then the direct product  $\prod\{(B^0_{\lambda_i}(S_i), \tau^0_{B(S_i)}) : i \in \mathcal{I}\}$  with the Tychonoff topology is a Hausdorff pseudocompact semitopological semigroup.

P r o o f. We consider two cases: 1°)  $\lambda_i$  is an infinite cardinal, and 2°)  $\lambda_i$  is a finite cardinal,  $i \in \mathcal{I}$ .

1°) Let  $i \in \mathcal{I}$  be an index such that  $\lambda_i$  is an infinite cardinal. Then we put  $\hat{\tau}_{B(S_i)}$  is the topology on the Brandt  $\lambda_i$ -extension  $B_{\lambda_i}(S_i)$  defined in *Example 2*. Then by Proposition 3,  $(B_{\lambda_i}(S_i), \hat{\tau}_{B(S_i)})$  is a Hausdorff pseudocompact semitopological semigroup. By Remark 1 we have that the semitopological semigroup  $(B_{\lambda_i}(S_i), \hat{\tau}_{B(S_i)})$  is a topological Brandt  $\lambda_i^0$ -extension of a Hausdorff pseudocompact semitopological monoid  $T_i = S \sqcup 0_{T_i}$  with isolated zero  $0_{T_i}$ . By  $\tau_i$  we denote the topology of the space  $T_i$ . Let  $\tau_B^{T_i}$  be the topology on the Brandt  $\lambda^0$ -extension  $(B_{\lambda_i}^0(T_i), \tau_B^{T_i})$  of  $(T_i, \tau_i)$  defined in *Example 1*. Next we algebraically identify the semigroup  $B_{\lambda_i}^0(T_i)$  with the Brandt  $\lambda_i$ -extension  $B_{\lambda_i}(S_i)$  and the topology  $\tau_B^{T_i}$  on  $B_{\lambda_i}(S_i)$  we shall denote by  $\tau_B^{S_i}$ .

**2°**) Let  $i \in \mathcal{I}$  be an index such that  $\lambda_i$  is a finite cardinal. We put  $T_i = S \sqcup 0_{T_i}$  with isolated zero  $0_{T_i}$ . It is obvious that the semitopological semigroup  $T_i$  is pseudocompact if and only if so is the space  $S_i$ . Then by Theorem 7 from [18] there exists the unique topological Brandt  $\lambda_i^0$ -extension  $(B_{\lambda_i}^0(T_i), \hat{\tau}_{B(T_i)})$  of the semitopological monoid  $T_i$  in the class of semitopological semigroups. Also, Theorem 7 from [18] implies that the topological space  $(B_{\lambda_i}^0(T_i), \hat{\tau}_{B(T_i)})$  is homeomorphic to the topological sum of topological copies of the space  $S_i$  and isolated zero, and hence we obtain that the space  $(B_{\lambda_i}^0(T_i), \hat{\tau}_{B(T_i)})$  is pseudocompact if and only if so is the space  $S_i$ . Next we algebraically identify the semigroup  $B_{\lambda_i}^0(T_i)$  with the Brandt  $\lambda_i$ -extension  $B_{\lambda_i}(S_i)$  and the topology  $\hat{\tau}_{B(T_i)}$  on  $B_{\lambda_i}(S_i)$  we shall denote by  $\hat{\tau}_{B(S_i)}$ . Also in this case (when  $\lambda_i$  is a finite cardinal) we put  $\tau_B^{S_i} = \hat{\tau}_{B(S_i)}$ .

Then the definitions of topologies  $\hat{\tau}_{B(S_i)}$  and  $\tau_B^{S_i}$  on  $B_{\lambda_i}(S_i)$  imply that for every index  $i \in \mathcal{I}$  the identity map  $\widehat{\mathrm{id}}_i : (B_{\lambda_i}(S_i), \hat{\tau}_{B(S_i)}) \rightarrow (B_{\lambda_i}(S_i), \tau_B^{S_i})$  is continuous. Let  $\tau^R_{B(S_i)}$  be the regularization of the topology  $\hat{\tau}_{B(S_i)}$  on  $B_{\lambda_i}(S_i)$ . Then the definition of the topology  $au_B^{S_i}$  on  $B_{\lambda_i}(S_i)$  implies that the identity  $\text{map } \operatorname{id}_{i}^{R}: \left(B_{\lambda_{i}}(S_{i}), \boldsymbol{\tau}_{B}^{S_{i}}\right) \rightarrow \left(B_{\lambda_{i}}(S_{i}), \boldsymbol{\tau}_{B(S_{i})}^{R}\right) \text{ is continuous. Since the pseudocom$ pactness is preserved by continuous maps we obtain that  $(B_{\lambda_i}(S_i), \tau^R_{B(S_i)})$  is a semiregular pseudocompact space (which is not necessarily a semitopological semigroup). Also, repeating the proof of Theorem 8 for our case, we get that the Tychonoff product  $\prod_{i\in\mathcal{I}}(B_{\lambda_i}(S_i), \tau_B^{S_i})$  is a pseudocompact space. Then the  $\prod_{i \in \mathcal{I}} \widehat{\mathrm{id}}_i : \prod_{i \in \mathcal{I}} \left( B_{\lambda_i}(S_i), \widehat{\tau}_{B(S_i)} \right) \to \prod_{i \in \mathcal{I}} \left( B_{\lambda_i}(S_i), \tau_B^{S_i} \right)$ Cartesian products and  $\prod_{i\in\mathcal{I}}\mathrm{id}_{i}^{R}:\prod_{i\in\mathcal{I}}(B_{\lambda_{i}}(S_{i}),\mathfrak{r}_{B}^{S_{i}})\rightarrow\prod_{i\in\mathcal{I}}(B_{\lambda_{i}}(S_{i}),\mathfrak{r}_{B(S_{i})}^{R})\quad\text{are continuous maps.}$ This implies that  $\prod_{i=\tau} (B_{\lambda_i}(S_i), \tau^R_{B(S_i)})$  is a pseudocompact space. Then by Lemma 20 of [26] the regularization of the product  $\prod_{i\in\mathcal{I}} (B_{\lambda_i}(S_i), \hat{\tau}_{B(S_i)})$  coincides with  $\prod_{i\in\mathcal{I}} (B_{\lambda_i}(S_i), \mathfrak{r}^R_{B(S_i)}) \text{ and hence by Lemma 3 of [26] we have that the space$  $\prod_{i \in \mathcal{I}} \bigl( B_{\lambda_i}(S_i), \widehat{\boldsymbol{\tau}}_{B(S_i)} \bigr) \text{ is pseudocompact.}$ 

Let  $\pi_{B_{S}^{i}}: B_{\lambda_{i}}(S_{i}) \to B_{\lambda_{i}}^{0}(S_{i}) = B_{\lambda_{i}}(S_{i})/\mathcal{J}$  be the natural homomorphism, where  $\mathcal{J} = \{0_{i}\} \cup \{(\alpha, 0_{S_{i}}, \beta) : 0_{S_{i}} \text{ is zero of } S_{i}\}$  is an ideal of the semigroup  $B_{\lambda_{i}}(S_{i})$ . Then the natural homomorphism  $\pi_{B_{S}^{i}}: (B_{\lambda_{i}}(S_{i}), \hat{\tau}_{B(S_{i})}) \to (B_{\lambda_{i}}^{0}(S_{i}), \tau_{B(S_{i})}^{0})$ is a continuous map. This implies that the product  $\prod_{i \in \mathcal{I}} \pi_{B_{S}^{i}}: \prod_{i \in \mathcal{I}} (B_{\lambda_{i}}(S_{i}), \hat{\tau}_{B(S_{i})}) \to \prod_{i \in \mathcal{I}} (B_{\lambda_{i}}^{0}(S_{i}), \tau_{B(S_{i})}^{0})$  is a continuous map, and hence we get that the Tychonoff product  $\prod_{i \in \mathcal{I}} (B_{\lambda_{i}}^{0}(S_{i}), \tau_{B(S_{i})}^{0})$  is a pseudocompact space.

**Proposition 4.** Each H -closed space is pseudocompact.

Proof. Let X be an H-closed space. Assume that the space X is not pseudocompact. Then there exists an infinite locally finite family  $\mathcal{U}$  of non-empty open subsets of the space X. Since the family  $\mathcal{U}$  is locally finite, each point  $x \in X$  has an open neighborhood  $U_x$  intersecting only finitely many members of the family  $\mathcal{U}$ . Since the space X is H-closed and  $\{U_x : x \in X\}$  is an open cover of the space X, by Exercise 3.12.5(4) from [12] (also see [3, Chapt. III, Theorem 4]) there exists a finite subset F of the space X such that  $X = \bigcup \{ \operatorname{cl}_X(U_x) : x \in F \}$ . But then the set X, as the union of the finite family  $\{ \operatorname{cl}_X(U_x) : x \in F \}$  intersects only finitely many members of the family  $\mathcal{U}$ , a contradiction.

Let  $\lambda$  be any cardinal  $\geq 1$  and S be any semigroup. We shall say that a subset  $\Phi \subset B^0_{\lambda}(S)$  has the  $\lambda$ -finite property in  $B^0_{\lambda}(S)$ , if  $\Phi \cap S^*_{\alpha,\beta}$  is finite for all  $\alpha, \beta \in \lambda$  and  $\Phi \neq 0$ , where 0 is zero of  $B^0_{\lambda}(S)$ .

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**Example 3.** Let  $\lambda$  be an infinite cardinal and  $\mathbb{T}$  be the unit circle with the usual multiplication of complex numbers and the usual topology  $\tau_{\mathbb{T}}$ . It is obvious that  $(\mathbb{T}, \tau_{\mathbb{T}})$  is a topological group. The base of the topology  $\tau_B^{\text{fin}}$  on the Brandt semigroup  $B_{\lambda}(\mathbb{T})$  we define as follows:

• for every non-zero element  $(\alpha, x, \beta)$  of the semigroup  $B_{\lambda}(\mathbb{T})$  the family  $\mathscr{B}_{(\alpha, x, \beta)} = \{(\alpha, U(x), \beta) : U(x) \in \mathscr{B}_{\mathbb{T}}(x)\},\$ 

where  $\mathscr{B}_{\mathbb{T}}(x)$  is a base of the topology  $\tau_{\mathbb{T}}$  at the point  $x \in \mathbb{T}$ , is the base of the topology  $\tau_B^{\text{fin}}$  at  $(\alpha, x, \beta) \in B_{\lambda}(\mathbb{T})$ ;

• the family  $\mathcal{B}_0 = \{U(\alpha_1, \beta_1; ...; \alpha_n, \beta_n; F) : \alpha_1, \beta_1, ..., \alpha_n, \beta_n \in \lambda, n \in \mathbb{N}, F$ has the  $\lambda$ -finite property in  $B^0_{\lambda}(S)\}$  where  $U(\alpha_1, \beta_1; ...; \alpha_n, \beta_n; F) =$  $= B_{\lambda}(\mathbb{T}) \setminus (\mathbb{T}_{\alpha_1, \beta_1} \cup ... \cup \mathbb{T}_{\alpha_n, \beta_n} \cup F)$ , is the base of the topology  $\tau_B^{\text{fin}}$  at zero  $0 \in B_{\lambda}(\mathbb{T})$ .

Simple verifications show that  $(B_{\lambda}(\mathbb{T}), \tau_B^{\text{fin}})$  is a non-semiregular Hausdorff pseudocompact topological space for every infinite cardinal  $\lambda$ . Next we shall show that the semigroup operation on  $(B_{\lambda}(\mathbb{T}), \tau_B^{\text{fin}})$  is separately continuous. The proof of the separate continuity of the semigroup operation in the cases  $0 \cdot 0$  and  $(\alpha, x, \beta) \cdot (\gamma, y, \delta)$ , where  $\alpha, \beta, \gamma, \delta \in \lambda$  and  $x, y \in \mathbb{T}$ , is trivial, and hence we only consider the following cases:

 $(\alpha, x, \beta) \cdot 0$  and  $0 \cdot (\alpha, x, \beta)$ .

For arbitrary  $\alpha, \beta \in \lambda$  and  $\Phi \subset B_{\lambda}(\mathbb{T})$  we denote  $\Phi^{\alpha,\beta} = \Phi \cap \mathbb{T}^{\alpha,\beta}$  and put  $\Phi_{\mathbb{T}}(\alpha,\beta)$  is a subset of  $\mathbb{T}$  such that  $(\Phi_{\mathbb{T}}(\alpha,\beta))_{\alpha,\beta} = \Phi \cap \mathbb{T}_{\alpha,\beta}$ .

Fix an arbitrary non-zero element  $(\alpha, x, \beta) \in B_{\lambda}(\mathbb{T})$ . Let  $\Phi \subset B_{\lambda}^{0}(S)$  be an arbitrary subset with the  $\lambda$ -finite property in  $B_{\lambda}^{0}(S)$ . Since  $\mathbb{T}$  is a group, there exist subsets  $\Upsilon, \Psi \subset B_{\lambda}^{0}(S)$  with the  $\lambda$ -finite property in  $B_{\lambda}^{0}(S)$  such that

 $(x \cdot \Upsilon_{\mathbb{T}}(\beta, \gamma))_{\alpha, \gamma} = \Phi \cap \mathbb{T}_{\alpha, \gamma}$  and  $(\Psi_{\mathbb{T}}(\gamma, \alpha) \cdot x)_{\gamma, \beta} = \Phi \cap \mathbb{T}_{\gamma, \beta}$ . Then we have that

 $\begin{aligned} (\alpha, x, \beta) \cdot U(\beta, \beta_1; \dots; \beta, \beta_n; \alpha_1, \beta_1; \dots; \alpha_n, \beta_n; \Upsilon) &\subseteq \\ &\subseteq \{0\} \bigcup \bigcup \{\mathbb{T}_{\alpha, \gamma} \setminus \left( (\alpha, x, \beta) \cdot \Upsilon^{\beta, \gamma} \right) : \gamma \in \lambda \setminus \{\beta_1, \dots, \beta_n\} \} \subseteq \\ &\subseteq \{0\} \bigcup \bigcup \{\mathbb{T}_{\alpha, \gamma} \setminus \left( x \cdot \Upsilon_{\mathbb{T}}(\beta, \gamma) \right)_{\alpha, \gamma} : \gamma \in \lambda \setminus \{\beta_1, \dots, \beta_n\} \} \subseteq \\ &\subseteq U(\alpha_1, \beta_1; \dots; \alpha_n, \beta_n; \Phi) \end{aligned}$ 

and similarly

$$\begin{split} U(\alpha_1, \alpha; \dots; \alpha_n, \alpha; \alpha_1, \beta_1; \dots; \alpha_n, \beta_n; \Psi) \cdot (\alpha, x, \beta) &\subseteq \\ &\subseteq \{0\} \bigcup \bigcup \{\mathbb{T}_{\gamma, \beta} \setminus (\Psi^{\gamma, \alpha} \cdot (\alpha, x, \beta)) : \gamma \in \lambda \setminus \{\alpha_1, \dots, \alpha_n\} \} \subseteq \\ &\subseteq \{0\} \bigcup \bigcup \{\mathbb{T}_{\gamma, \beta} \setminus (\Psi_{\mathbb{T}}(\gamma, \alpha) \cdot x)_{\gamma, \beta} : \gamma \in \lambda \setminus \{\alpha_1, \dots, \alpha_n\} \} \subseteq \\ &\subseteq U(\alpha_1, \beta_1; \dots; \alpha_n, \beta_n; \Phi) \,, \end{split}$$

for every  $U(\alpha_1, \beta_1; ...; \alpha_n, \beta_n; \Phi) \in \mathscr{R}_0$ . This completes the proof of separate continuity of the semigroup operation in  $(B_{\lambda}(\mathbb{T}), \tau_B^{\text{fin}})$ .

Next we shall show that the space  $(B_{\lambda}(\mathbb{T}), \tau_B^{\text{fin}})$  is not countably pracompact. Suppose to the contrary: there exists a dense subset A in  $(B_{\lambda}(\mathbb{T}), \tau_B^{\text{fin}})$  such that  $(B_{\lambda}(\mathbb{T}), \tau_B^{\text{fin}})$  is countably compact at A. Then the definition of the 34

topology  $\tau_B^{\text{fin}}$  implies that  $A \cap \mathbb{T}_{\alpha,\beta}$  is a dense subset in  $\mathbb{T}_{\alpha,\beta}$  for all  $\alpha, \beta \in \lambda$ . We construct a subset  $\Phi \subset B_{\lambda}(\mathbb{T})$  in the following way. For all  $\alpha, \beta \in \lambda$  we fix an arbitrary point  $(\alpha, x_{\alpha,\beta}^A, \beta) \in A \cap \mathbb{T}_{\alpha,\beta}$  and put  $\Phi = \{(\alpha, x_{\alpha,\beta}^A, \beta) : \alpha, \beta \in \lambda\}$ . Then  $\Phi$  is the subset with the  $\lambda$ -finite property in  $B_{\lambda}^0(S)$ , and the definition of the topology  $\tau_B^{\text{fin}}$  on  $B_{\lambda}(\mathbb{T})$  implies that  $\Phi$  has no an accumulation point xin  $(B_{\lambda}(\mathbb{T}), \tau_B^{\text{fin}})$ , a contradiction.

Example 3 shows that there exists a Hausdorff non-semiregular pseudocompact topological Brandt  $\lambda^0$ -extension of a Hausdorff compact topological group with adjoined isolated zero which is not a countably pracompact space. Also, Example 18 from [18] shows that there exists a Hausdorff non-semiregular pseudocompact topological Brandt  $\lambda^0$ -extension of a countable Hausdorff compact topological monoid with adjoined isolated zero which is not a countably compact space. But, as a counterpart for the *H*-closed case or the sequentially pseudocompact case we have the following.

**Proposition 5.** Let S be semitopological monoid with zero which is an Hclosed (respectively, a sequentially pseudocompact) space. Then every Hausdorff pseudocompact topological Brandt  $\lambda^0$ -extension  $B^0_{\lambda}(S)$  of S in the class of Hausdorff semitopological semigroup is an H-closed (respectively, a sequentially pseudocompact) space.

P r o o f. First we consider the case when S is an H-closed space. Suppose to the contrary that there exists a Hausdorff pseudocompact topological Brandt  $\lambda^0$ -extension  $(B^0_{\lambda}(S), \tau_B)$  of S in the class of Hausdorff semitopological semigroup such that  $(B^0_{\lambda}(S), \tau_B)$  is not an *H*-closed space. Then there exists a Hausdorff topological space X which contains the topological space  $(B^0_{\lambda}(S), \tau_B)$  as a non-closed subspace. Without loss of generality we may assume that  $(B^0_{\lambda}(S), \tau_B)$  is a dense subspace of X such that  $X \setminus B^0_{\lambda}(S) \neq \emptyset$ . Fix an arbitrary point  $x \in X \setminus B^0_{\lambda}(S)$ . Then we have that  $U(x) \cap B^0_{\lambda}(S) \neq \emptyset$ for any open neighborhood U(x) of the point x in X. Now, the Hausdorffness of X implies that there exist open neighborhoods V(x) and V(0) of x and zero 0 of the semigroup  $B^0_{\lambda}(S)$  such that  $V(x) \cap V(0) = \emptyset$ . Then by Lemma 4 we obtain that there exist at most finitely many pairs of indices  $(\alpha_1,\beta_1),\ldots,(\alpha_n,\beta_n)\in\lambda\times\lambda$  such that  $S^*_{\alpha_i,\beta_i}\nsubseteq \operatorname{cl}_{B^0_*(S)}(V(0))$  for any  $i=1,\ldots,n$ . Hence by Corollary 1.1.2 of [12], the neighborhood V(x) intersects at most finitely many subsets  $S_{\alpha,\beta}$ ,  $\alpha,\beta\in\lambda$ . Then by Lemma 2 of [18] we get that  $S_{\alpha,\beta}$  is a closed subset of X for all  $\alpha,\beta\in\lambda$ , and hence  $B^0_\lambda(S)$  is a closed subspace of X, a contradiction.

Next we suppose that S is a sequentially pseudocompact space. Let  $\{U_n : n \in \mathbb{N}\}$  be any sequence of non-empty open subsets of the space  $B^0_{\lambda}(S)$ . If there exists finitely many pairs of indices  $(\alpha_1, \beta_1), \dots, (\alpha_n, \beta_n) \in \lambda \times \lambda$  such that  $\bigcup \{U_n : n \in \mathbb{N}\} \subseteq S_{\alpha_1, \beta_1} \cup \dots \cup S_{\alpha_n, \beta_n}$  the sequential pseudocompactness of S and Lemma 2 from [18] imply that there exist a point  $x \in S_{\alpha_1, \beta_1} \cup \dots \cup S_{\alpha_n, \beta_n}$  and an infinite set  $S \subset \mathbb{N}$  such that for each neighborhood U(x) of the point x the set  $\{n \in S : U_n \cap U(x) = \emptyset\}$  is finite. In the other case by Lemma 4 we

get that there exists an infinite set  $S \subset \mathbb{N}$  such that for each neighborhood U(0) of zero 0 of the semigroup  $B^0_{\lambda}(S)$  the set  $\{n \in S : U_n \cap U(0) = \emptyset\}$  is finite. This completes the proof of our lemma.

Since by Theorem 3 from [8] (see also Problem 3.12.5(d) in [12]) the Tychonoff product of the non-empty family non-empty H-topological spaces is H-closed, and by Proposition 2.2 from [21], the Tychonoff product of a non-empty family of non-empty sequentially pseudocompact spaces is sequentially pseudocompact Proposition 5 implies the following

**Corollary 3.** Let  $\{(B^0_{\lambda_i}(S_i), \tau^0_{B(S_i)}) : i \in \mathcal{I}\}\$  be a non-empty family of Hausdorff pseudocompact topological Brandt  $\lambda^0_i$ -extensions of Hausdorff H-closed (respectively, a sequentially pseudocompact) semitopological monoids with zero. Then the direct product  $\prod\{(B^0_{\lambda_i}(S_i), \tau^0_{B(S_i)}) : i \in \mathcal{I}\}\$  with the Tychonoff topology is a Hausdorff H-closed (respectively, a sequentially pseudocompact) semitopological semigroup.

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## ПСЕВДОКОМПАКТНІСТЬ, ДОБУТКИ ТА ТОПОЛОГІЧНІ λ<sup>0</sup> -РОЗШИРЕННЯ БРАНДТА НАПІВТОПОЛОГІЧНИХ МОНОЇДІВ

Вивчається збереження псевдокомпактності (відповідно, зліченної компактності, секвенціальної компактності,  $\omega$ -обмеженості, цілком зліченної компактності, зліченної пракомпактності, секвенціальної псевдокомпактності) тихоновськими добутками псевдокомпактних (і зліченно компактних) топологічних  $\lambda_i^0$ -розширень Брандта напівтопологічних моноїдів з нулем. Зокрема, показано, що, якщо  $\{(B^0_{\lambda_i}(S_i), \tau^0_{B(S_i)}): i \in \mathcal{I}\}$  – сім'я гаусдорфових псевдокомпактних топологічних

 $\lambda_i^0$ -розширень Брандта псевдокомпактних напівтопологічних моноїдів з нулем таких, що тиховновський добуток  $\prod \{S_i : i \in \mathcal{I}\}\ \epsilon$  псевдокомпактним простором, то прямий добуток  $\prod \{(B^0_{\lambda_i}(S_i), \tau^0_{B(S_i)}) : i \in \mathcal{I}\}\$ з тихоновською топологією є гаусдорфовою псевдокомпактною напівтопологічною напівгрупою.

## ПСЕВДОКОМПАКТНОСТЬ, ПРОИЗВЕДЕНИЯ И ТОПОЛОГИЧЕСКИЕ $\lambda^0$ -РАСШИРЕНИЯ БРАНДТА ПОЛУТОПОЛОГИЧЕСКИХ МОНОИДОВ

Изучается сохранение псевдокомпактности (соответственно, счетной компактности, секвенциальной компактности,  $\omega$ -ограничености, вполне счетной компактности, счетной пракомпактности, секвенциальной псевдокомпактности) тихоновскими произведениями псевдокомпактных (и счетно компактных) топологических  $\lambda_i^0$ -расширений Брандта полутопологических моноидов с нулем. В частности, показано, что, если  $\{(B_{\lambda_i}^0(S_i), \tau_{B(S_i)}^0): i \in \mathcal{I}\}$  – семья хаусдорфовых псевдокомпактных топологических  $\lambda_i^0$ -расширений Брандта псевдокомпактных полутопологических моноидов с нулем таких, что тихоновское произведение  $\prod\{S_i: i \in \mathcal{I}\}$  является псевдокомпактным пространством, то прямое произведение  $\prod\{(B_{\lambda_i}^0(S_i), \tau_{B(S_i)}^0): i \in \mathcal{I}\}$  с тихоновской топологией является хаусдорфовой псевдокомпактной полутопологической полугруппой.

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