

## H-CLOSED EXTENSIONS AND ABSOLUTE OF INVERSE LIMIT SPACE

The main purpose of this paper is the application of the Katetov extension  $kX$  to an inverse system and its limit.

By the method of the extension theory the theorems concerning continuity of the Katetov functor, H-closedness and nearly-compactness of an inverse limit space are given.

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## 1. KATETOV EXTENSION OF A LIMIT SPACE

If  $X$  is a topological space, then the closure and the interior of a subset  $A \subseteq X$  is denoted by  $C1_X A$  and  $Int_X A$  or by  $C1A$  and  $IntA$ .

A Hausdorff space  $X$  is *H-closed* if for every open cover  $U$  of  $X$  there exists a finite subfamily  $\{U_1, \dots, U_k\}$  of  $U$  such that  $X = C1U_1 \cup \dots \cup C1U_k$  ([17]).

A continuous mapping  $f: X \rightarrow Y$  is said to be *proper* [17]. If for each  $y \in Y$  and each  $V \ni y$  open in  $Y$  there exists a  $V' \ni y$  which is open in  $Y$  and such that  $Intf^{-1}(C1V') \subseteq C1f^{-1}(V)$  [17].

An inclusion  $A \subseteq Y$  is *proper* if for each  $y \in Y$  and each  $V \ni y$  open in  $Y$  there exists a  $V' \ni y$  open in  $Y$  and such that  $Int_A(A \cap C1_V V') \subseteq C1_A(A \cap V)$ .

1.1. LEMMA. [17]. Let  $f: X \rightarrow Y$  be a continuous mapping. Then:

- (i)  $f$  is proper, if  $Y$  is regular;
- (ii)  $f$  is proper if  $X$  is H-closed and if  $Y$  is a Hausdorff space;
- (iii) a closed subspace  $A$  of H-closed  $X$  is H-closed iff the inclusion  $A \subseteq X$  is proper;
- (iv) each open and dense embedding is proper.

Let  $F$  be a family of all open free ultrafilters on a Hausdorff space  $X$ . The Katetov extension  $kX$  of  $X$  [17] is the set  $X \cup F$  with topology consisting of all open subsets of  $X$  and all sets of the form  $\{x\} \cup U$ , where  $x \in F$  and  $U \in x$ .

1.2. LEMMA. ([16]), ([6]). Let  $X$  be a Hausdorff space. Then:

- (i)  $kX$  is H-closed;
- (ii)  $X$  is open and dense (i.e. proper) embedded in  $kX$ ;
- (iii)  $kX - X$  is discrete in the topology induced by the topology on  $kX$ ;
- (iv) a mapping  $f: X \rightarrow Y$  into H-closed space  $Y$  has a unique continuous extension  $kf: kX \rightarrow Y$  if and only if  $f$  is proper;

(v) if  $U$  and  $V$  are disjoint open subsets of  $X$  then  $C1_{kx} U \cap C1_{kx} V \subseteq X$ .

We say that an extension  $Y$  of  $X$  is *majorizable* if there exists an extension  $Z$  of  $X$  and a map  $F: Z \rightarrow Y$  which is an extension of the identity  $i: X \rightarrow X$ .

An extension will be called *r.o.-free* if for each regularly open subset  $U$  of  $X$  the boundary  $Bd_X U$  in  $X$  is the same as the boundary  $Bd_Y V$  of  $V$  in  $Y$ , where  $V$  is an arbitrary open subset of  $Y$  such that  $U = V \cap X$  [17 : I.3.].

**1.3. LEMMA.** [17: I.3.1]. If an H-closed extension  $X \subset Y$  is such that:

- $X$  is open in  $Y$ ,
- The remainder  $Y-X$  is discrete in the topology induced from  $Y$ ,
- $X \subset Y$  is r.o. - free

then  $X \subset Y$  is non-majorizable.

**1.4. LEMMA.** An extension  $X \subset Y$  which satisfies a) and b) of Lemma 1.3. is r.o.-free iff the following condition (K) is satisfied: (K) If  $U, V$  is a pair of disjoint open subsets of  $X$  then  $C1_U \cap C1_V \subseteq X$ , where  $U', V'$  are arbitrary open subsets of  $Y$  such that  $U=U' \cap X$  and  $V=V' \cap X$ .

A *p-cover* of  $X$  is an open cover of  $X$  possessing a finite subfamily which is dense in  $X$  [26]. A map  $f: X \rightarrow Y$  is *p-map* if for each *p-cover*  $U$  of  $Y$  a cover  $f^{-1}(U) = \{f^{-1}(U) : U \in U\}$  is a *p-cover* of  $X$  [26].

A continuous mapping  $f: X \rightarrow Y$  is a *p-mapping* iff  $f$  can be continuously extended to  $kf: kX \rightarrow kY$  [26].

**1.5. LEMMA.** ([11], [22]). Let  $X_\alpha$  be non-empty spaces for each  $\alpha \in A$ .

Then  $k(P_\alpha X_\alpha) = P_\alpha kX$  iff at least one of the following two conditions is satisfied.

- $X_\alpha$  is H-closed for each  $\alpha \in A$ .
- There exists  $X_{\alpha_0}$  which is not H-closed.  $X_\alpha$  is finite for all  $\alpha \neq \alpha_0$ . Moreover, all but finitely many  $X_\alpha$ 's have only one point.

In contrast of the above Lemma we show that the functor  $k$  is continuous in some non-trivial cases i.e. that  $k(\lim X) = \lim kX$ .

Now we start with the key lemma of this Section.

**1.6. LEMMA.** Let  $X = \{X_\alpha, f_{\alpha\beta}, A\}$  be an inverse system of a Hausdorff spaces  $X_\alpha, \beta \in A$ . Then:

(i) if the mappings  $f_{\alpha\beta}$  are *p-map* then there exists inverse system  $kX = \{kX_\alpha, kf_{\alpha\beta}, A\}$ ;

(ii) if  $\lim X$  is non-empty and if the projections  $f_\alpha: \lim X \rightarrow X_\alpha, \alpha \in A$ , are *p-map*, then there exists a continuous mapping  $K: k(\lim X) \rightarrow \lim kX$  which is an extension of the identity  $i: \lim X \rightarrow \lim kX$ ;

(iii) if the projections  $f_\alpha$  are *p-map* and onto, then  $K$  is onto and  $\lim kX$  is an H-closed extension of  $\lim X$  such that  $\lim X$  is open in  $\lim kX$ .

*Proof.* (i) Apply Lemma 1.2. (iv).

(ii) Now we have the  $p$ -map mappings  $f_\alpha : \lim X \dashrightarrow kX_\alpha$ ,  $\alpha \in A$ . By virtue of Lemma 1.2. (iv) there exist a continuous mappings  $kf_\alpha : k(\lim X) \dashrightarrow kX_\alpha$ ,  $\alpha \in A$ . A family  $\{kf_\alpha : \alpha \in A\}$  induces a continuous mapping  $K : k(\lim X) \dashrightarrow \lim kX$  [2:138]. The proof is completed.

(iii) Let us prove that  $K$  is onto. For each  $x \in \lim kX$  we consider a point  $x_\alpha = f_\alpha^{-1}(x)$ ,  $\alpha \in A$ , where  $f'_\alpha : \lim kX \dashrightarrow kX_\alpha$ ,  $\alpha \in A$ , are the projections. For each  $x_\alpha$  we have  $\{x_\alpha\} = \{C1U_\alpha : U_\alpha \text{ is the open neighborhood of } x_\alpha\}$ . A family  $\{(kf_\alpha)^{-1}(U_\alpha) : \alpha \in A\}$  is a centred family of open subsets in  $H$ -closed space  $k(\lim X)$ . This means that there exists a point  $y \in \bigcap \{(kf_\alpha)^{-1}(U_\alpha) : \alpha \in A\}$ . Clearly  $kf_\alpha(y) = x_\alpha$  for each  $\alpha \in A$ . Thus,  $K(y) = x$ . This means that  $K$  is onto and that  $\lim kX$  is  $H$ -closed as a continuous image of  $H$ -closed space  $k(\lim X)$ . In order to complete the proof it suffices to prove that  $\lim kX$  is dense in  $X$ . This is an immediate consequence of the definition of a base of the inverse limit space and the assumption that  $f_\alpha$  are onto.

**1.7. LEMMA.** Let  $X = \{X_\alpha, f_{\alpha\beta}, A\}$  be an inverse system with projections  $f_\alpha$  which are onto  $p$ -map. For each  $x \in k(\lim X) - \lim X$  there exists a  $\alpha \in A$  such that  $kf_\alpha(x) \in kX_\alpha - X_\alpha$ .

*Proof.* An immediate consequence of the fact that  $x$  is free ultrafilter and the definition of a base on inverse limit space. From Lemmas 1.3. and 1.7. we obtain the following.

**1.8. LEMMA.** Let  $X$  be an inverse system with projections  $f_\alpha$  which are  $p$ -map onto. Then  $\lim kX = k(\lim X)$  if and only if the following conditions are satisfied:

- $\lim kX - \lim X$  is discrete in the topology induced by the topology on  $\lim kX$ ,
- each open subset  $U \subseteq \lim X$  is  $r.o.$ -free in  $\lim kX$ .

A mapping  $f : X \dashrightarrow Y$  is said to be  $p$ -perfect if  $f$  is a  $p$ -map and  $f(kX - X) = kY - Y$  [26].

**1.9. LEMMA.** Let  $X$  be an inverse system with  $p$ -perfect onto mappings  $f_{\alpha\beta}$  such that  $f_\alpha$  are  $p$ -perfect and onto. Then  $f_\alpha(\lim kX - \lim X) \subseteq kX_\alpha - X_\alpha$ ,  $\alpha \in A$ .

**1.10. LEMMA.** Let  $X$  be an inverse system as in Lemma 1.9. A subspace  $\lim kX - \lim X$  is discrete iff the following condition is satisfied: (D) For each point  $x_\alpha \in kX_\alpha - X_\alpha$  there exists a  $\beta \in A$ ,  $\beta \geq \alpha$ , such that for each  $\gamma \in A$ ,  $\alpha \leq \beta \leq \gamma$ , the fiber  $(kf_{\beta\gamma})^{-1}(x_\beta)$  contains a single point for each  $x_\beta \in (kf_{\alpha\beta})^{-1}(x_\alpha)$ .

*Proof.* The "only if" part. Now the subspace  $\lim kX - \lim X = Y$  of the space  $\lim kX$  is the limit of inverse subsystem  $Y = \{kX_\alpha - X_\alpha, kf_{\alpha\beta} / (kX_\beta - X_\beta), A\}$ . Each point  $y \in Y$  is an open subset of  $Y$ . This means that  $\{y\}$  contains the fiber  $(kf_\alpha)^{-1}(U_\alpha)$  for some

open subset  $U_\alpha$  of  $kX_\alpha - X_\alpha$ . Thus (D) is satisfied.

The proof of the "if" part is similar.

**1.11. THEOREM.** Let  $X = \{X_\alpha, f_{\alpha\beta}, A\}$  be an inverse system such that  $f_{\alpha\beta}$  are  $p$ -perfect mappings. If the projections  $f_\alpha : \text{lim}X \rightarrow X_\alpha$ ,  $\alpha \in A$ , are onto  $p$ -map, then  $\text{lim}X$  and  $k(\text{lim}X)$  are homeomorphic iff  $X$  satisfies the condition (D) and  $\text{lim}X$  satisfies the condition (K).

*Proof.* The "if" part. By virtue of Lemmas 1.8. and 1.10. it follows that  $\text{lim}X$  satisfies the conditions of Lemma 1.3. Thus, the mapping  $K$  is a homeomorphism.

The "only if" part follows from the fact that  $kX$  satisfies the conditions of Lemma 1.3.

**1.12. DEFINITION.** A mapping  $f: X \rightarrow Y$  is said to be  $\theta$ -continuous if for each  $x \in X$  and each open  $V \ni f(x)$  there is an open  $U \ni x$  such that  $f(ClU) \subseteq ClV$ .

If  $Y$  is regular, then each  $\theta$ -continuous mapping  $f: X \rightarrow Y$  is continuous.

**1.13. DEFINITION.** A mapping  $f: X \rightarrow Y$  is a  $\theta$ -homeomorphism if  $f$  is 1-1 onto such that  $f$  and  $f^{-1}$  are both  $\theta$ -continuous. We say that two extensions  $Y$  and  $Z$  of a space  $X$  are  $\theta$ -equivalent if there exists a  $\theta$ -homeomorphism  $H: Z \rightarrow Y$  which is the extension of identity  $i: X \rightarrow X$ .

**1.14. LEMMA.** Let  $X$  be an inverse system with  $p$ -perfect bonding mappings and proper onto projections. The space  $\text{lim}X$  is  $\theta$ -equivalent to the space  $k(\text{lim}X)$  iff the condition (K) is satisfied.

*Proof.* The "if" part. Apply the Fomin modification  $(\text{lim}X)$ , [9:46] which is homeomorphic to  $k(\text{lim}X)$ . Moreover,  $(\text{lim}X)$  is  $\theta$ -homeomorphic to  $\text{lim}X$  [2:46m Lemma 7.] since  $K$  is 1-1.

The "only if" part is obvious since  $K$  is  $\theta$ -homeomorphism.

For an inverse system of a regular spaces we have the following corollary of Theorem 1.11.

**1.15. COROLLARY.** Let  $X$  be an inverse system of a regular spaces and perfect onto bonding mappings. The spaces  $k(\text{lim}X)$  and  $\text{lim}X$  are equivalent iff the conditions (D) and (K) are satisfied.

Now we define some special kinds of the proper mappings.

A mapping  $f: X \rightarrow Y$  is said to be *skeletal (HJ)* if for each open (regularly open)  $U \subseteq X$  we have  $\text{Int}f^{-1}(ClU) \subseteq Clf^{-1}(U)$  [17].

**1.16. LEMMA.** [17]. Each HJ-mapping is a proper mapping.

A mapping  $f: X \rightarrow Y$  is *semi-open* if  $\text{Int}f(U)$  is non-empty for each non-empty open subset  $U \subseteq X$ .

Each semi-open mapping is HJ and proper. Each open mapping is semi-open.

We say that a mapping  $f: X \rightarrow Y$  is *irreducible* if the set  $f^*(U) = \{y: f^{-1}(y) \subseteq U\}$  is non-empty for any non-empty open subset  $U \subseteq X$ .

Every closed irreducible mapping is a semi-open mapping.

A mapping  $f: X \rightarrow Y$  has the *inverse property* if  $f^{-1}(ClV) = Clf^{-1}(V)$  for any open set  $V \subseteq Y$ .

Every open mapping has the inverse property and every mapping with the inverse property is HJ-mapping.

In the paper [15] it was proved the following theorem.

**1.17. THEOREM.** Let  $X = \{X_\alpha, f_{\alpha\beta}, A\}$  be an inverse system with

HJ-mapping  $f_{\alpha\beta}$ . If the projections  $f_{\alpha}: L \lim X \dashrightarrow X_{\alpha}$ ,  $\alpha \in A$ , are onto, then the projections  $f_{\alpha}$  are HJ-mapping.

A mapping  $f: X \dashrightarrow Y$  is *absolutely closed* if there do not exists a proper extension  $T$  of  $X$  and an extension  $f: T \dashrightarrow Y$  of  $f$  [26:211].

1.18. **LEMMA.** [26]. Let  $f: X \dashrightarrow Y$  be a continuous mapping. The following are equivalent:

(1)  $f$  is absolutely closed.

(2) (a) If  $A \subseteq X$  is regularly closed, then  $f(A)$  is closed,

(b) If  $x \in kX - X$  and  $y \in Y$ , then there exists  $U \in x$  such that  $f^{-1}(y) \cap ClU = \emptyset$

1.19. **LEMMA.** [26:211]. A  $p$ -mapping  $f: X \dashrightarrow Y$  is  $p$ -perfect iff  $f$  is absolutely closed.

Now we have the following corollary of Theorem 1.11.

1.20. **COROLLARY.** Let  $X = \{X_{\alpha}, f_{\alpha\beta}, A\}$  be an inverse system with absolutely closed HJ-mapping  $f_{\alpha\beta}$  and onto projections  $f_{\alpha}: \lim X \dashrightarrow X_{\alpha}$ ,  $\alpha \in A$ . The space  $k(\lim X)$  is equivalent to the space  $\lim kX$  iff the conditions (K) and (D) are satisfied.

A special role play a closed irreducible mapping since we have the following

1.21. **LEMMA.** If  $f: X \dashrightarrow Y$  is  $p$ -perfect closed irreducible mapping, then the restriction  $kf/(kX - X)$  is one-to-one i.e.  $kf/(kX - X)$  is a homeomorphism the space  $kX - X$  onto  $kY - Y$ .

*Proff.* If  $x = (U_{\alpha} : \alpha \in A)$  is a free ultrafilter, then  $(f\#(U) : U \in x)$  is a free ultrafilter. It is easy to prove that for  $y = \{V_{\mu} : \mu \in M\}$   $y \neq x$  it follows that  $\{f\#(U_{\alpha}) : \alpha \in A\} \neq \{f^{-1}(V_{\mu}) : \mu \in M\}$ . This means that  $kf/(kX - X)$  is one-to-one. The proof is completed.

1.22. **THEOREM.** Let  $X = \{X_{\alpha}, f_{\alpha\beta}, A\}$  be an inverse system with perfect irreducible onto mapping  $f_{\alpha\beta}$ . Then  $\lim kX = k(\lim X)$ .

*Proof.* The projections  $f_{\alpha}: \lim X \dashrightarrow X_{\alpha}$ ,  $\alpha \in A$ , are perfect (=closed with compact fiber  $f_{\alpha}^{-1}(x_{\alpha})$ ). It is easy to prove that  $f_{\alpha}$ ,  $\alpha \in A$ , are irreducible. We infer that  $\lim kX - \lim X$  is homeomorphic to each  $kX_{\alpha} - X_{\alpha}$ ,  $\alpha \in A$ . Thus the condition (D) is satisfied. Let us prove that the condition (K) is satisfied. Let  $U, V$  be a pair of disjoint open subsets of  $\lim X$ . A sets  $f\#(U)$  and  $f\#(V)$  are disjoint open subsets of  $X_{\alpha}$ ,  $\alpha \in A$ , since  $f_{\alpha}$ ,  $\alpha \in A$ , are perfect and irreducible. Since  $X_{\alpha}$  satisfies the condition (K) we have the following relation in  $kX_{\alpha}$ :  $Cl f\#_{\alpha}(U) \cap Cl f\#_{\alpha}(V) \subseteq X_{\alpha}$ . By virtue of the irreducibility of  $f_{\alpha}$  it follows that in  $\lim kX$  we have the relation  $ClU \cap ClV \lim X$ . The condition (K) is satisfied. By 1.11. the proof is completed.

We close this Section with theorems concernig the inverse systems of H-closed spaces. The "only if" part of the following

theorem is new.

1.23. **THEOREM.** Let  $X = \{X_\alpha, f_{\alpha\beta}, A\}$  be an inverse system of H-closed spaces  $X_\alpha$ . A space  $\lim X$  is H-closed iff the projections  $f_\alpha$  are proper.

*Proof.* The "only if" part. If  $\lim X$  is H-closed, then by Lemma 1.1. (ii) the projections  $f_\alpha$  are proper.

The "if" part. Now  $kX = \{kX_\alpha, kf_{\alpha\beta}, A\} = \{X_\alpha, f_{\alpha\beta}, A\} = X$  since the mapping defined in the proof of Lemma 1.6. We have  $\lim X \subseteq K[k(\lim X)] \subseteq \text{lim} kX$ . Since  $\text{lim} kX = \lim X$  we infer that  $\lim X = K[k(\lim X)] = \text{lim} kX$ . As a continuous image of H-closed space  $k(\lim X)$  the space  $K[k(\lim X)]$  is H-closed. The proof is completed.

1.24. **REMARK:** The "if" part of Theorem 1.23. has been proved in the paper [3].

A space  $X$  is said to be *nearly-compact* [7] if for each open cover  $U = \{U_\alpha : \alpha \in A\}$  of  $X$  there exists a finite subfamily  $\{U_1, \dots, U_k\}$  of such that  $X = \text{IntCl}U_1 \cup \dots \cup \text{IntCl}U_k$ .

It is known that  $X$  is nearly-compact iff  $X$  is H-closed and completely Hausdorff [7]. Let us recall that a space  $X$  is *completely Hausdorff* if each two distinct point of  $X$  have a neighborhoods with disjoint closures.

1.25. **LEMMA.** Let  $X = \{X_\alpha, f_{\alpha\beta}, A\}$  be an inverse system of a completely Hausdorff spaces  $X_\alpha$ . A limit  $\lim X$  is completely Hausdorff.

*Proof.* Trivial.

1.26. **THEOREM.** Let  $X = \{X_\alpha, f_{\alpha\beta}, A\}$  be an inverse system. A space  $\lim X$  is nearly-compact iff the spaces  $X_\alpha$ ,  $\alpha \in A$ , are nearly-compact and if the projections  $f_\alpha$ ,  $\alpha \in A$ , are proper.

*Proof.* Apply Theorem 1.23. and Lemma 1.25.

## 2. FOMIN EXTENSION $\partial X$

Let  $X$  be a Hausdorff space. We now define a topology on the set  $X \cup F$  as follows. For each  $U$  open in  $X$  let  $O_U$  be the union of  $U$  and all ultrafilters of  $F$  which contain  $U$ . It is easy to prove that

$$O_U \cap O_V = O_U \cap O_V \quad (1)$$

This means that a family  $\{O_U : U \text{ is open in } X\}$  is a base for topology on  $X \cup F$ . We denote the set  $X \cup F$  equipped with this topology by  $\partial X$ . The space  $\partial X$  is called the *Fomin extension* of a space  $X$  [9].

2.1. **LEMMA.** [9]. The space  $\partial X$  is H-closed extension of a Hausdorff space  $X$ . If  $Y$  is any H-closed extension of  $X$ , then there exists a  $\epsilon$ -continuous extension of  $f: X \rightarrow Y$  of the identity  $i: X \rightarrow X \subset Y$ .

Let  $f: X \rightarrow Y$  be a continuous mapping. For each ultrafilter  $x = \{U_\alpha : U_\alpha \text{ is open in } X\} \in \partial X - X$  we consider a

filter-base  $\partial f(x) = \{V: V \text{ is open in } Y \text{ such that there exists a } U_\alpha \in x \text{ with } f(U_\alpha) \subseteq V\}$ . It is easy to prove that if  $f$  is a  $p$ -map, then  $\partial f(x)$  is an open ultrafilter in  $Y$ . By virtue of H-closedness of  $\partial Y$  the intersection  $Z = \bigcap \{CIV : V \in \partial f(x)\}$  is non-empty. As in the case of the Katetov extension  $kX$  it is easy to prove the following Lemma.

2.2. LEMMA. (a) If  $f: X \dashrightarrow Y$  is a  $p$ -mapping, then  $\partial f(x)$  contains a single point of  $Y$ ,

(b) The mapping  $\partial f: \partial X \dashrightarrow \partial Y$  is  $\theta$ -continuous,

(c) If  $f$  is  $p$ -perfect then  $\partial f$  is continuous,

(d) If  $Y$  is regular and if  $f$  is  $p$ -mapping then  $\partial f$  is continuous.

By the proof similar to proof of Lemma 1.6. we obtain

2.3. LEMMA. Let  $X = \{X_\alpha, f_{\alpha\beta}, A\}$  be an inverse system of a

Hausdorff spaces  $X_\alpha$  and a  $p$ -mapping  $f_{\alpha\beta}$ . Then:

(i) There exists inverse system  $\partial X = \{\partial X_\alpha, \partial f_{\alpha\beta}, A\}$  with  $\theta$ -continuous mappings  $\partial f_{\alpha\beta}$ .

(ii) If the mappings  $f_{\alpha\beta}$  are  $p$ -perfect or if  $X_\alpha, \alpha \in A$ , are regular, then the mappings  $\partial f_{\alpha\beta}$  are continuous. Moreover, there exists a continuous mapping  $S: \partial(\lim X) \dashrightarrow \lim \partial X$ .

(iii) If in (ii)  $f_{\alpha\beta}$  are onto then  $S$  is onto.

2.4. PROBLEM. Under what conditions the mapping  $S$  is a homeomorphism?

If the bonding mappings are perfect and irreducible then we have

2.5. THEOREM. Let  $X = \{X_\alpha, f_{\alpha\beta}, A\}$  be an inverse system of a Hausdorff spaces  $X_\alpha$  and perfect closed irreducible onto mapping  $f_{\alpha\beta}$ . Then the mapping  $S: \partial(\lim X) \dashrightarrow \lim \partial X$  is a homeomorphism.

Proof. By virtue of Lemma 1.21. the mapping  $S$  is onto and 1-1. It remains to prove that  $S$  is an open mapping. A subspace  $\partial(\lim X) - \lim X$  is homeomorphic to each  $\partial X_\alpha - X_\alpha, \alpha \in A$ , since the projections  $f_{\alpha\beta}$  are perfect onto and irreducible. This means that the subspace  $\partial(\lim X) - \lim X$  is homeomorphic to the subspace  $\lim \partial X$ . The proof is completed.

### 3. ABSOLUTE OF AN INVERSE LIMIT SPACE

The space  $\theta X$ . Let  $\theta X$  denotes a family of all open (fixed or free) ultrafilters on a Hausdorff space  $X$ . We introduce a topology into  $\theta X$  in the following way. Let  $O_U$  be the set of all ultrafilters that contain  $U$ , where  $U$  is open in  $X$  [9];  $O_U$  is to be a base on  $\theta X$ . That this definition is correct it follows from the relation

$$O_{\bigcup v} = O_U \cup O_v \quad (2)$$

It is easy to prove that

$$O_U = eX - O_{x-clU} \quad (3)$$

This means that  $O_U$  is open and closed subset of  $eX$ .

**3.1. LEMMA.** If  $X$  is a Hausdorff space then  $eX$  is zero-dimensional and compact.

*Proof.* See [9].

A space  $X$  is called *extremally disconnected* if for each disjoint open sets  $U, V \subseteq X$  we have  $clU \cap clV = \emptyset$

If  $X$  is extremally disconnected and  $Y$  is dense in  $X$ , then  $Y$  is extremally disconnected [9].

**3.2. LEMMA.** [9:41]. If  $X$  is a Hausdorff space, then  $eX$  is extremally disconnected zero-dimensional compact space. The equation  $X = eX$  holds iff  $X$  is a compact extremally disconnected Hausdorff space.

*The absolute  $wX$  of a space  $x$ .* A subspace  $wX$  of  $eX$  containing all fixed open ultrafilters on  $X$  is called the *absolute* (in the sense of Iliadis) of the space  $X$  or the *extremally disconnected resolution* of the space  $X$ .

**3.3. LEMMA.** The absolute  $wX$  is dense in  $eX$  and, consequently,  $wX$  is extremally disconnected.

*Proof.* See [9:41]

**3.4. LEMMA.** [9:44]. The absolute  $wX$  is  $\theta$ -homeomorphic to  $X$  iff  $X$  is extremally disconnected. If  $X$  is regular extremally disconnected, then  $wX$  is homeomorphic to  $X$ .

For each  $x \in wX$  we define a point  $p_x(x)$  such that  $p_x(x) = \cap \{cl_x U : U \in x\}$ .

**3.5. LEMMA.** [9:55]. The natural projection  $p_x: wX \rightarrow X$  is  $\theta$ -continuous, irreducible and perfect. It is continuous iff  $X$  is regular.

**3.6. THEOREM.** [9:56]. Let  $f: X \rightarrow Y$  be a  $\theta$ -continuous irreducible perfect mapping of a Hausdorff space  $X$  onto a Hausdorff space  $Y$ . Then there exists a homeomorphism  $wf: wX \rightarrow wY$  onto  $wY$  such that  $f p_x = p_y wf$ .

*The absolute  $wX$  and the extensions of a space  $X$ .*

**3.7. LEMMA.** [9:60] Let  $\gamma X$  be an arbitrary extension of a Hausdorff space  $X$ . Then there exists a homeomorphism  $h: \theta(\gamma X) \rightarrow eX$  such that  $h(p_x^{-1}(x)) = p_x^{-1}(x)$  for each  $x \in X$ .

**3.8. COROLLARY.** [9].  $\theta(\beta X) = \theta(kX) = eX$ .

**3.9. COROLLARY.** [9]. If  $\beta X$  is an arbitrary extension of  $X$ , then  $w(\beta X) = \beta(wX)$ . In particular:  $w(\beta X) = \beta(wX)$ .

*The absolute in the sense of Mioduszewski.* Now we enlarge the Iliadis topology defined at the begin of this Section by adding sets of the form  $p_x^{-1}(U)$ ,  $U$  being an open subset of  $X$ . It is easy to verify that the sets of the form  $O_U \cap p_x^{-1}(V)$  may be taken as a members of a topology on the set  $wX$ . We denote this space by  $aX$ .

**3.10. LEMMA.** The space  $aX$  is extremally disconnected and the mapping  $p_x: aX \rightarrow X$  is continuous, irreducible and perfect.

The space  $aX$  is minimal in the following sense:



3.11. **LEMMA.** [17:33] For any extremally disconnected space  $E$  and any HJ-mapping  $h: E \rightarrow X$  there exists a unique mapping  $ah: E \rightarrow aX$  such that  $h = p_x(ah)$ .

The following theorem plays a special role in our investigation of the absolute of an inverse limit space.

3.12. **THEOREM.** Let  $f: X \rightarrow Y$  be a continuous mapping. A mapping  $f$  has a unique absolute  $af$  such that  $p_\nu af = fp_x$  iff the mapping  $f$  is

HJ.

3.13. **REMARK.** A) The "if" part of Theorem 3.12. has been proved in the paper [17:24] and the "only if" part in the paper: Shapiro L.B., Ob absoltjulah topologiceskih prostranstv i nepreryvnyh otobrazenijah, DAN SSSR 226:3(1976), 523-526.

B) Let us note that the absolute of a continuous mapping always exists but need not be unique.

C) From the proof of the "if" part of Theorem 3.12. it follows that the "if" part holds for the absolute  $wX$  in the sense of Iliadis.

D) Another construction of the absolute for regular spaces can be found from [1:363-370]

3.14. **LEMMA.** ([18:124] or [1:363-370]). Let  $f: X \rightarrow Y$  be a continuous mapping. Then there exists the absolute  $af: aX \rightarrow aY$ . Moreover:

a) If  $f$  is bicomact, then  $af$  is bicomact;

b) If  $f$  is irreducible and perfect (into, onto)  $Y$ , then  $af$  is a homomorphism (into, onto)  $aY$ .

3.15. **LEMMA.** {18}. If  $f: X \rightarrow Y$  is an open onto mapping, then  $af: aX \rightarrow aY$  is onto.

#### The absolute of the inverse limit space

Now we apply this expository material to the inverse systems and their limits.

3.16. **THEOREM.** Let  $X = \{X_\alpha, f_{\alpha\beta}, A\}$  be an inverse system of a Hausdorff spaces  $X_\alpha$ . If the mappings  $f_{\alpha\beta}$  are HJ-mapping then there exists an inverse system  $wX = \{wX_\alpha, wf_{\alpha\beta}, A\}$  and a mapping  $W: w(\lim X) \rightarrow \lim wX$ .

*Proof.* Apply Remark 3.13. C) and the fact that the projections  $f_\alpha$  are HJ-mappings. Then modify the proof of Theorem 1.6.

3.17. **REMARK.** A) Similarly from Theorem 3.12. it follows that there exists an inverse system  $aX = \{aX_\alpha, af_{\alpha\beta}, A\}$  for an inverse system as in Theorem 3.16.

B) There exists inverse system  $\emptyset X = \{\emptyset X_\alpha, \emptyset f_{\alpha\beta}, A\}$  if  $X$  is the inverse system of Hausdorff spaces and HJ bonding mappings.

C) If  $X$  is an inverse sequence then by total induction one can construct the inverse systems  $wX$  ( $aX$ ,  $\emptyset X$ ) without the assumption that the absolute  $wf$  ( $af$ ,  $\emptyset f$ ) are unique.

3.18. **THEOREM.** Let  $X = \{X_\alpha, f_{\alpha\beta}, A\}$  be an inverse system of a Hausdorff spaces  $X_\alpha$  with irreducible perfect mappings  $f_{\alpha\beta}$  such

that the projections  $f_\alpha$  are onto. Then the mapping  $W: w(\lim X) \dashrightarrow \lim wX$  is a homeomorphism.

*Proof.* From Theorem 3.6. it follows that  $wf_{\alpha\beta}$  are homeomorphisms. Similarly we infer that  $wf_\alpha$  are homeomorphisms. This means that the spaces  $w(\lim X)$  and  $\lim wX$  are homeomorphic to  $wX_\alpha$ ,  $\alpha \in A$ . The proof is completed.

**3.19. THEOREM.** Let  $X = \{X_\alpha, f_{\alpha\beta}, A\}$  be an inverse system of Hausdorff spaces  $X_\alpha$  and HJ bonding mappings  $f_{\alpha\beta}$  such that the projections  $f_\alpha$  are onto. Then the spaces  $\mathfrak{o}(\lim X)$  and  $\lim \mathfrak{o}X$  are homeomorphic iff the following condition (S) is satisfied:

(S) For each two disjoint open subsets  $U$  and  $V$  of  $\lim X$  there is a  $\alpha \in A$  such that  $f_\alpha(U)$  and  $f_\alpha(V)$  have a disjoint neighborhoods.

*Proof.* The "if" part. Let  $x$  and  $y$  be two distinct points in the space  $\mathfrak{o}(\lim X)$ . This means that there exists a pair  $U, V$  of disjoint open subsets of  $\lim X$  such that  $U \in x, V \in y$ . From the condition (S) it follows that  $ef_\alpha(x) = \{W: W \text{ open in } X_\alpha \text{ and there exists } U' \in x \text{ such that } f_\alpha(U') \subseteq W\}$  is not equal to  $ef_\alpha(y) = \{W: W \text{ is open in } X \text{ and there exists } V' \in y \text{ such that } f_\alpha(V') \subseteq W\}$ . This means that the mapping  $\mathfrak{o}: \mathfrak{o}(\lim X) \dashrightarrow \lim \mathfrak{o}X$  is 1-1. Since  $\mathfrak{o}$  is onto and  $\mathfrak{o}(\lim X)$  is compact we infer that  $\mathfrak{o}$  is a homeomorphism. The proof of the "if" part is completed. The proof of the "only if" part is similar.

**3.20. LEMMA.** The condition (S) is satisfied: (a) if the projections  $f_\alpha$  are closed irreducible or (b) if for each open subset  $U \subseteq \lim X$  there exists a  $\alpha \in A$  and an open subset  $U_\alpha$  of  $X$  such that  $f_\alpha^{-1}(U_\alpha) = U$ .

*Proof.* Obvious.

**3.21. THEOREM.** Let  $X = \{X_\alpha, f_{\alpha\beta}, A\}$  be an inverse system of a Hausdorff spaces  $X_\alpha$  such that  $f_{\alpha\beta}$  are closed irreducible and the projections  $f_\alpha$  are closed onto (or the condition (b) of 3.20. is satisfied), then  $\mathfrak{o}(\lim X) = \lim \mathfrak{o}X$ .

*Proof.* Apply Lemma 3.20. and Theorem 3.19.

**3.22. COROLLARY.** Let  $X = \{X_n, f_n, N\}$  be an inverse sequence of a Hausdorff spaces  $X_n$  with closed irreducible onto mappings  $f_{mn}$ . Then the spaces  $\mathfrak{o}(\lim X)$  and  $\lim \mathfrak{o}X$  are homeomorphic.

*Proof.* It is well known that the projections  $f_{mn}$  are closed and irreducible onto mappings. Now apply Theorem 3.21.

If the mappings  $f_{\alpha\beta}$  and the projections  $f_\alpha$  in Theorem 3.21. are  $p$ -perfect then a restrictions of  $ef_{\alpha\beta}/wX_\beta$ ,  $\beta \in A$ , are identical with  $wf_{\alpha\beta}$ . Similarly a restriction of  $ef_\alpha/w(\lim X)$  is identical with  $wf_\alpha$ . Thus we have

**3.23. THEOREM.** Let  $X = \{X_\alpha, f_{\alpha\beta}, A\}$  be an inverse system as in 3.21. If the mappings  $f_{\alpha\beta}$  and the projections  $f_\alpha$  are  $p$ -perfect, then the spaces  $w(\lim X)$  and  $\lim wX$  are homeomorphic.

If the bonding mappings  $f_{\alpha\beta}$  are perfect irreducible then from 3.23. holds Theorem 3.18.

For the absolute  $aX$  in the sense of Mioduszewski we now prove

**3.24. THEOREM.** Let  $X = \{X_\alpha, f_{\alpha\beta}, A\}$  be an inverse system of a Hausdorff spaces  $X_\alpha$ . If the spaces  $w(\lim X)$  and  $\lim wX$  are homeomorphic, then the spaces  $a(\lim X)$  and  $\lim aX$  are homeomorphic.

*Proof.* Let  $G$  be any open neighborhoods of  $x \in a(\lim X)$ . By the definition of a base in  $a(\lim X)$  there exist a neighborhood of  $x$  of the form  $O_U \cap p_{\lim}^{-1}(V)$  contained in  $G$ , where  $V$  is open in  $\lim X$  and  $O_U$  is open in  $w(\lim X)$ . From the relations  $w(\lim X) = \lim wX$  and  $x \in O_U$  it follows there exists an open  $U_\alpha \subset X_\alpha$  such that a set  $(wf_\alpha)^{-1}(O_{U_\alpha})$  is a neighborhood of  $x$  contained in  $O_U$ . Similarly there exists an open  $V_\alpha \subset X$  such that  $f_\alpha^{-1}(V_\alpha) \subseteq V$  is a neighborhood of  $x$ . This means that a set  $p_{\lim}^{-1} f_\alpha^{-1}(V) \cap (wf_\alpha)^{-1}(O_{U_\alpha})$  is a neighborhood of  $x$  which is contained in  $O_U \cap p_{\lim}^{-1}(V)$ . From the relation  $p_{\lim}^{-1} f_\alpha^{-1}(V_\alpha) = (wf_\alpha)^{-1} p_{x\alpha}^{-1}(V_\alpha)$  we infer that there exists a neighborhood  $p_{x\alpha}^{-1}(V_\alpha) \cap O_{U_\alpha} = G_\alpha \subset aX_\alpha$  such that  $(wf_\alpha)^{-1}(G_\alpha) = (af_\alpha)$  is contained in  $G$ . This means that  $G$  is open in  $\lim aX$ . Thus the mapping  $A: a(\lim X) \rightarrow \lim aX$  is 1-1 continuous and open mapping onto  $\lim aX$  i.e.  $A$  is a homeomorphism. The proof is completed.

We closed this Section with some theorems concerning the non-emptiness of the inverse limit space.

**3.25. LEMMA.** A Hausdorff space is H-closed iff  $eX = wX$ .

*Proof.* If  $X$  is H-closed, then each open ultrafilter on  $X$  is fixed. Thus  $eX = wX$ . Conversely, if  $eX = wX$ , then  $X$  is H-closed since the mapping  $p_x: wX = eX \rightarrow X$  is  $e$ -continuous and  $eX$  is compact. The proof is completed.

**3.26. THEOREM.** Let  $X = \{X_\alpha, f_{\alpha\beta}, A\}$  be an inverse system of H-closed spaces  $X_\alpha$  and HJ-mapping  $f_{\alpha\beta}$ . The space  $\lim X$  is non-empty iff the spaces  $X_\alpha$ ,  $\alpha \in A$ , are non-empty. Moreover, if the mappings  $f_{\alpha\beta}$  are onto, then the projections  $f_\alpha$  are onto.

*Proof.* By Theorem 3.16. we obtain the inverse system  $wX = \{wX_\alpha, wf_{\alpha\beta}, A\}$  which is the inverse system of compact spaces  $wX_\alpha = eX_\alpha$ . It is well known that  $\lim wX$  is non-empty. This means that  $\lim X$  is non-empty since there is a mapping  $p: wX \rightarrow X$ ,  $p = \{p_{x\alpha}: \alpha \in A\}$

**3.27. COROLLARY.** Let  $X = \{X_\alpha, f_{\alpha\beta}, A\}$  be an inverse system of a Hausdorff spaces  $X_\alpha$  and  $p$ -maps  $f_{\alpha\beta}$  such that  $kf_{\alpha\beta}: kX_\beta \rightarrow kX_\alpha$  are

HJ onto mappings. Then  $\lim X$  is non-empty.

3.28. COROLLARY. Let  $X = \{X_\alpha, f_{\alpha\beta}, A\}$  be an inverse system of a Hausdorff spaces  $X_\alpha$  such that for each  $x_\alpha \in X_\alpha$  and each  $\beta \geq \alpha$   $f_{\alpha\beta}^{-1}(x_\alpha) = Y_\beta$  is non-empty H-closed subspace of  $X_\beta$ . If the restrictions  $f_{\beta\gamma} / Y_\gamma$  are HJ, then  $\lim X$  is non-empty.

If the mappings  $f_{\alpha\beta}$  are open, then the restrictions  $f_{\beta\gamma} / Y_\gamma$  are open [2:95]. Thus we have

3.29. COROLLARY. If  $X$  is an inverse system of a Hausdorff spaces  $X_\alpha$  and open onto mappings  $f_{\alpha\beta}$  such that each  $f_{\alpha\beta}^{-1}(x_\alpha)$  is H-closed, then  $\lim X$  is non-empty.

#### 4. ALMOST REALCOMPACTIFICATION $rX$

A class of almost realcompact spaces was introduced by Frolik (see [26]).

We say that an open ultrafilter  $U = \{U_\mu : \mu \in M, U_\mu \subseteq X\}$  is *countably almost centred* if each countable subfamily  $\{U_1, \dots, U_n, \dots\}$  of  $U$  has the property that  $\cap \{Cl_{X_1} U_i : i \in \mathbb{N}\}$  is non-empty.

4.1. DEFINITION. A Hausdorff space  $X$  is *almost realcompact* if each countably almost centred open ultrafilter on  $X$  is fixed.

Frolik has been proved the followings theorems.

4.2. THEOREM. The Cartesian product of almost realcompact spaces is almost realcompact.

4.3. THEOREM. Each closed subset of a regular almost realcompact space  $X$  is almost realcompact.

It is well-known that an inverse limit of a Hausdorff spaces is closed in the Cartesian product [2]. Thus we have the following theorem.

4.4. THEOREM. Let  $X = \{X_\alpha, f_{\alpha\beta}, A\}$  be an inverse system of a regular almost realcompact spaces  $X_\alpha$ , then  $\lim X$  is a regular almost realcompact space.

4.5. THEOREM. [26]. For each completely regular space  $X$  there exists an almost realcompact space  $rX$  with the following properties:

- $X \subseteq rX \subseteq \beta X$ , where  $\beta X$  is the Stone-Cech's compactification of  $X$ ;
- If  $f: X \rightarrow Y$  is a mapping into any almost realcompact completely regular space, then there exist  $rf: rX \rightarrow Y$  such that  $f = rf/X$ .

Let us note that  $rf$  is the restriction of  $\beta f$  onto  $rX$ .

4.6. THEOREM. Let  $X = \{X_\alpha, f_{\alpha\beta}, A\}$  be an inverse system of a completely regular spaces  $X_\alpha$  such that the projections  $f_\alpha$  are onto. If  $\beta(\lim X) = \lim \beta X$  then  $r(\lim X) = \lim rX$ .

*Proof.* From the properties of the Stone-Cech's compactification and from Theorem 4.5. b) it follows that there exist inverse systems  $\beta X = \{\beta X_\alpha, \beta f_{\alpha\beta}, A\}$  and  $rX = \{rX_\alpha, rf_{\alpha\beta}, A\}$ . The inverse system  $rX$  is the subsystem of the system  $\beta X$ . By virtue of the

surjectivity of the mappings  $f_{\alpha\beta}$  we infer that  $\lim X$  is densely embedded in  $\lim rX$  and  $\lim \beta X$ . One can also construct a mappings  $R: r(\lim X) \rightarrow \lim rX$  and  $B: \beta(\lim X) \rightarrow \lim \beta X$ . Moreover,  $R$  is the restriction of  $B$  onto  $\lim X$ . It is clear that if  $B$  is the homeomorphism, then  $R$  is the homeomorphism. The proof is completed.

**4.7. REMARK.** The notion of the almost realcompactification is a generalization of the Hewitt realcompactification  $\nu X$  of a completely regular space  $X$  [2:277]. The space  $\nu X$  is the subspace of  $\beta X$  such that each real-valued function  $f: X \rightarrow R$  has an extension on  $X$ . It is evident that Theorem 4.7. holds also for the spaces  $\nu(\lim X)$  and  $\lim \nu X$ .

**4.8. THEOREM.** Let  $X$  be an inverse system as in 4.6. The spaces  $\lim rX$  and  $r(\lim X)$  are homeomorphic if the following condition (CS) is satisfied:

(CS) For every pair  $F_1, F_2$  of completely separated subsets of  $\lim X$  there exists a  $\alpha \in A$  such that  $f_\alpha(F_1)$  and  $f_\alpha(F_2)$  are completely separated subsets of  $X_\alpha$ .

*Proof.* Apply theorem 4.6. and Lemma 1.1. of the paper [7].

If the spaces  $\lim X$  and  $X_\alpha$ ,  $\alpha \in A$ , are normal then each pair of a closed subsets of these spaces are completely separated. Thus the condition (CS) can be replaced by the following condition:

(S) For each pair  $F_1, F_2$  of disjoint closed subsets of  $\lim X$  there exists a  $\alpha \in A$  such that  $\text{Cl}_x f_\alpha(F_1) \cap \text{Cl}_x f_\alpha(F_2) = \emptyset$ .

There condition (CS) is satisfied if the inverse system  $X$  is a factorizable or  $f$ -system [17]. This means that for each real-valued function  $f: \lim X \rightarrow R$  there exists a  $\alpha \in A$  and a real-valued function  $g_\alpha: X_\alpha \rightarrow R$  such that  $f = g_\alpha f_\alpha$ .

**4.9. THEOREM.** If  $X$  is an  $f$ -system with onto projections  $f_\alpha: \lim X \rightarrow X_\alpha$ ,  $\alpha \in A$ , then  $r(\lim X) = \lim rX$ .

*Proof.* Each  $f$ -system satisfies the condition (CS). Apply Theorem 4.8.

**4.10. THEOREM.** Let  $X$  be an  $\partial$ -directed inverse system with onto projections  $f_\alpha$  such that a space  $\lim X$  is a Lindelof space. Then  $r(\lim X) = \lim rX$ .

*Proof.* From [17: Theorem 1.10] it follows that  $\beta(\lim X) = \lim \beta X$ . Apply Theorem 4.8.

**4.11. THEOREM.** Let  $X = \{X_n, f_{nm}, N\}$  be an inverse sequence of a normal spaces  $X_n$  and onto bonding mappings  $f_{nm}$ . If a space  $\lim X$  is countably compact, then  $r(\lim X) = \lim rX$ .

*Proof.* By virtue of Theorem 1.3. of the paper [17] it follows that  $\beta(\lim X) = \lim \beta X$ . Apply Theorem 4.8. replacing the condition (CS) by the condition (S).

If the spaces  $X_n$  are countably compact and if the mappings  $f_{nm}$  are closed, then  $\lim X$  is countably compact [13]. Thus we have

**4.12. THEOREM.** Let  $X = \{X_n, f_{nm}, N\}$  be an inverse sequence of a normal countably compact spaces  $X_n$  and a closed onto mappings  $f_{nm}$ . Then  $r(\lim X) = \lim rX$ .

By the same method of proof one can prove for a sequentially compact (strongly countably compact, D-compact) spaces the following

**4.13. THEOREM.** Let  $X$  be an inverse sequence of a normal sequentially compact (strongly countably compact, D-compact) spaces. Then  $r(\lim X) = \lim rX$ .

**4.14. THEOREM.** Let  $X = \{X_\alpha, f_{\alpha\beta}, A\}$  be an inverse system with a perfect fully closed onto mappings  $f_{\alpha\beta}$ . If the spaces  $X_\alpha$ ,  $\alpha \in A$ , are normal countably compact, then  $r(\lim X) = \lim rX$ .

*Proof.* Let us recall that a mapping  $f: X \rightarrow Y$  [17] is fully closed if for each point  $y \in Y$  and each finite open cover  $\{U_i: i = 1, \dots, s\}$  of  $f^{-1}(y)$  by open sets  $U_i$ ,  $i = 1, \dots, s$ , the set  $\{y\} \cup \{f \# (U_1 \cup \dots \cup U_s)\}$  is an open set in  $Y$ . Now from Theorem 1.16. of [17] it follows that  $\beta(\lim X) = \lim \beta X$ . Theorem 4.8. completes the proof.

We say that a Hausdorff space  $X$  is  $m$ -compact,  $m \geq \aleph_0^S$ , if each open cover  $U$  of  $X$  has a subcover  $W$  of the cardinality  $|W| < m$ .

Each countably compact space  $X$  is an  $\aleph_0^S$ -compact space.

**4.15. THEOREM.** Let  $X = \{X_\alpha, f_{\alpha\beta}, A\}$  be an well-ordered inverse system of  $\aleph_m^S$ -compact normal spaces  $X_\alpha$  such that  $f_{\alpha\beta}$  are closed onto mappings and  $cf(A) < \aleph_m^S$ . Then  $r(\lim X) = \lim rX$ .

*Proof.* Let us recall that  $cf(A)$  is the smallest ordinal number which is cofinal in  $A$ . Now the condition (S) is satisfied [13]. Theorem 4.8. completes the proof.

**4.16. REMARK.** By the same method of proof one can see that Theorems 4.6. - 4.15. holds for the realcompactification  $\nu(\lim X)$ .

We close this Section by the consideration of the almost realcompactification  $r(\lim X)$  of an inverse system of a Hausdorff spaces.

If  $X$  is a Hausdorff space then an almost realcompactification  $rX$  has been defined by Liu and Strecker [12] as follows. Let  $rX$  be a subspace of the Katětov extension  $kX$  containing a points of  $X$  and all countably almost centred open ultrafilters on  $X$ . The topology on  $rX$  is the subspace topology.

Liu and Strecker was proved the following lemma.

**4.17. LEMMA.** [12]. a) The space  $rX$  is the almost realcompact Hausdorff space in which  $X$  is densely embedded.

b) If  $Y$  is any almost realcompactification of  $X$  then there exists an extension  $f: rX \rightarrow Y$  of the identity  $i: X \rightarrow Y$ .

**4.18. THEOREM.** Let  $X = \{X_\alpha, f_{\alpha\beta}, A\}$  be an inverse system of a Hausdorff spaces  $X_\alpha$  and  $p$ -perfect onto  $f_{\alpha\beta}$  such that the mapping  $r f_\alpha$  are onto. If  $k(\lim X) = \lim kX$  then  $r(\lim X) = \lim rX$ .

*Proof.* There exists the inverse system  $kX$  since  $f_{\alpha\beta}$  are perfect.

The inverse system  $rX$  is the subsystem of  $kX$ . Clearly, if the spaces  $k(\lim X)$  and  $\lim kX$  are homeomorphic, then the spaces  $r(\lim X)$  and  $\lim rX$  are homeomorphic. The proof is completed.

4.19. *REMARK.* Now on cannot be proved that the inverse limit of any almost realcompact spaces is almost realcompact since a closed subset of any nonregular almost realcompact space need not be almost realcompact.

4.20. *THEOREM.* Let  $X$  be an inverse system as in theorem 4.18. If the spaces  $X_\alpha$ ,  $\alpha \in A$ , are almost realcompact, then  $\lim X$  is almost realcompact.

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Lončar I. H-zatvorena proširenja i apsolut inverznog limesa

#### S A D R Ź A J

U radu su istraživana H-zatvorena proširenja inverznog limesa. Pri tome je posebna pažnja posvećena nužnim i dovoljnim uvjetima koje mora ispunjavati inverzni sistem da bi Katetovljevo proširenje  $k(\lim X)$  bilo ekvivalentno limesu inverznog sistema  $kX$  (Theorem 1.11.). pomoću ovog teorema dobiveni su neki teoremi za H-zatvorenost i blisku kompaktnost inverznog limesa (Theoremi 1.23. - 1.26.). Za Fominovo proširenje  $\theta(\lim X)$  dobiven je Teorem 2.5. Teorem 3.19. daje nužne i dovoljne uvjete da bi apsolut inverznog limesa bio ekvivalentan inverznom limesu apsoluta. Pomoću pridruženog inverznog sistema  $aX$  moguće je dobiti neke teoreme za nepraznost inverznog limesa (Theoremi 3.25. - 3.29.)