# One-step Closure, Weak One-step Closure and Meet Continuity

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#### Abstract

This paper studies the weak one-step closure and one-step closure properties concerning the structure of Scott closures. We deduce that every quasicontinuous domain has weak one-step closure and show that a quasicontinuous poset need not have weak one-step closure. We also constructed a non-continuous poset with one-step closure, which gives a negative answer to an open problem posed by Zou et al.. Finally, we investigate the relationship between weak one-step closure property and one-step closure property and prove that a poset has one-step closure if and only if it is meet continuous and has weak one-step closure.

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#### 1 Introduction

The Scott topology is an intrinsic topology on posets, which is the most important topology in domain theory. Scott proved that a domain endowed with the Scott topology is sober. It is well known that a poset is continuous if and only if its Scott closed set lattice is a completely distributive lattice. In [7], Zhao introduced the weak one-step closure property in order to obtain some characterizations of Z-continuous posets. In [6], Zou et al. proposed the one-step closure property and proved that every continuous poset has one-step closure. They asked whether all posets with one-step closure are continuous. Since every continuous poset is quasicontinuous, it is natural to wonder whether every quasicontinuous poset also has one-step closure.

In this paper we shall answer the above problems and investigate other aspects of weak one-step closure and one-step closure properties. We give the outline of this paper below.

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In Section 3, we prove that every quasicontinuous domain has weak one-step closure and show, by a counterexample, that a quasicontinuous poset may not have weak one-step closure. In Section 4, we give a negative answer to the problem posed by Zou et al. in [6]. In Section 5, we prove that a poset has one-step closure if and only if it is meet continuous and has weak one-step closure.

Some problems are posed for further investigation.

#### $\mathbf{2}$ **Preliminaries**

We now recall some basic notions and results to be used later. We refer the readers to [3], [2] for more about these.

Let P be a poset. For any subset A of P, let  $\uparrow A = \{y \in P : x \leq y \text{ for some } x \in A\}$  and  $\downarrow A = \{y \in P : x \leq y \text{ for some } x \in A\}$  $P: y \leq x$  for some  $x \in A$ . A nonempty subset D of P is directed, denoted by  $D \subseteq^{\uparrow} P$ , if every finite subset of D has an upper bound in D. The supremum (infimum) of a subset A of P, if exists, means the least upper (greatest lower) bound of A in P and will be denoted by  $\sup A$  (inf A, resp.) A semilattice is a poset in which every nonempty finite subset has an inf; the dual notion is the sup semilattice. A Scott open subset of P is an upper set  $U(U=\uparrow U)$  of P such that, for every directed subset D of P such that  $\sup D$  exists and is in U, there is a  $d \in D$  such that  $d \in U$ . The complements of Scott open sets are called Scott closed sets. The collection of all Scott open subsets of P form a topology on P, which is called the Scott topology of P and denoted by  $\sigma(P)$ . The collection of all Scott closed subsets of P is denoted by  $\Gamma(P)$ . The space  $(P, \sigma(P))$  is simply written as  $\Sigma P$ . For any  $A \subseteq P$ , we write cl(A) as the Scott closure of A (the closure of A with respect to the Scott topology). We denote the set of all finite subsets of a poset P by Fin(P). The Smyth preoder on the set of all subsets of P is given by  $G \leq H$  if  $\uparrow H \subseteq \uparrow G$ . We say that G is way below H and write  $G \ll H$  if for every directed subset  $D \subseteq P$ ,  $\sup D \in \uparrow H$  implies  $D \cap \uparrow G \neq \emptyset$ . We write  $G \ll x$  for  $G \ll \{x\}$  and  $\uparrow G = \{x \in L \mid G \ll x\}$ . For  $x, y \in P$ , x is way-below y, denoted by  $x \ll y$ , if for any directed subset D of P for which sup D exists,  $y \leq \sup D$  implies  $D \cap \uparrow x \neq \emptyset$ . The poset P is continuous if for all  $x \in P$ ,  $\downarrow x = \{y \in L \mid y \ll x\}$  is directed and  $x = \sup \downarrow x$ .

A poset P is directed complete if sup D exists for all  $D \subseteq^{\uparrow} P$ . A directed complete poset will be called a dcpo.

A subset A of a topological space is saturated if A is the intersection of all open sets containing A. For a topological space X, the set of all compact saturated subsets of X is denoted by Q(X). We write  $\mathfrak{K} \subseteq_{flt} Q(X)$  represents that  $\mathfrak{K}$  is filtered. We denote the set of all open sets of space X by  $\mathcal{O}(X)$ . On Q(X), we consider the upper Vietoris topology generated by the sets  $\Box U = \{K \in Q(X) \mid K \subseteq U\}$ , where  $U \in \mathcal{O}(X)$ .

**Definition 2.1** ([6]) A poset P is said to have one-step closure if cl(A) = A' holds for any  $A \subseteq P$ , where  $A' = \{ x \in P \mid \exists D \subseteq \uparrow \downarrow A, x = \sup D \}.$ 

**Definition 2.2** ([2]) A poset P is meet continuous if for any  $x \in P$  and any directed set D of P with  $\sup D$  existing,  $x \leq \sup D$  implies  $x \in cl(\downarrow D \cap \downarrow x)$ .

Remark 2.3 For a semilattice L, one can prove that it is meet continuous if and only if it satisfies  $\inf\{x,\sup D\}=\sup_{d\in D}\inf\{x,d\}$  for any  $x\in L$  and any directed set  $D\subseteq L$  with  $\sup D$  existing.

**Definition 2.4** ([2]) A poset P is quasicontinuous, if for every  $x \in P$ ,

- (1)  $fin(x) = \{F \mid F \in Fin(P), F \ll x\}$  is a directed family;

(2)  $\uparrow x = \bigcap_{F \in fin(x)} \uparrow F$  for any  $x \in P$ . A quasicontinuous dcpo is called a quasicontinuous domain.

For any quasicontinuous domain P, the family  $\{\uparrow F : F \subseteq P \text{ is finite}\}\$  is a base of the Scott topology on P([2]).

**Definition 2.5** ([2]) A space X is well-filtered if for each filter basis  $\mathcal{C}$  of compact saturated sets of X and each open set U with  $\bigcap \mathcal{C} \subseteq U$ , there is a  $K \in \mathcal{C}$  such that  $K \subseteq U$ .

**Definition 2.6** ([1]) The set  $\mathbb{R}$  of all real numbers equipped with the topology having  $\{[x,y) \mid x < y, x, y \in \mathbb{R}\}$  as a base is called the *Sorgenfrey line*, which is denoted by  $\mathbb{R}_l$ .

## 3 Weak one-step closure

By [6], every continuous poset has one-step closure. However, a quasicontinuous poset may not have one-step closure. In this section, we consider a weaker property, called weaker one-step closure. We prove that every quasicontinuous domain has the weak one-step closure, but a quasicontinuous poset need not have this property.

**Definition 3.1** A poset P is said to have the *weak one-step closure* if for any  $A \subseteq P$ , it holds that cl(A) = A'', where  $A'' = \{x \in P \mid \exists D \subseteq \uparrow \downarrow A, x \leq \sup D\}$ 

**Remark 3.2** In [7], Zhao introduced the Definition 3.1 for an arbitrary set system, and called it one-step closure. To be consistent with the paper [6], here we call this property weak one-step closure.

**Theorem 3.3** Every quasicontinuous dcpo has weak one-step closure.

**Proof.** It suffices to show that  $cl(A) \subseteq A''$  for any subset A of L. To this end, let  $x \in cl(A)$ ,  $F \in fin(L)$  with  $x \in {\uparrow}F$ . Then  ${\uparrow}F$  is Scott open as L is quasicontinuous. Hence  ${\uparrow}F \cap A \neq \emptyset$ , which implies that  $F \cap {\downarrow}A \neq \emptyset$ . Thus  $(F \cap {\downarrow}A)_{F \in fin(x)}$  is a filtered family (with respective to the Smyth preorder) of nonempty finite subsets of L. By Rudin's Lemma ([2]), there exists a directed subset D of  $\bigcup_{F \in fin(x)} F \cap {\downarrow}A$  such that  $D \cap (F \cap {\downarrow}A) \neq \emptyset$  for any  $F \in fin(x)$ . Also, since L is a quasicontinuous domain,  $\{{\uparrow}F \mid F \in fin(x)\}$  is a neighborhood basis of x. This indicates that  $x \in cl(D) = {\downarrow}\sup D$ . Note that  $D \subseteq {\downarrow}A$ . We conclude that  $x \in A''$ . Hence  $cl(A) \subseteq A''$ .

The following example shows that the converse conclusion of Theorem 3.3 is not true.

**Example 3.4** Let  $L = (\mathbb{N} \times \mathbb{N}) \cup \{\top\}$ . Define order  $\leq$  on L as follows:

- (i)  $(m, n) \le (s, t)$  if and only if m = s and  $n \le t$ ;
- (ii)  $x \leq \top$  for all  $x \in L$ .

It is well known that L is a dcpo and not quasicontinuous. However, we can easily verify that L has weak one-step closure.

Note that this dcpo L does not have one-step closure.

The dcpo L is illustrated in Figure 1.

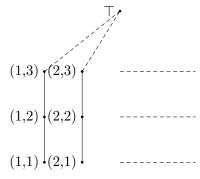


Fig.1. A non-quasicontinuous domain that has weak one-step closure.

The following example shows that a quasicontinuous poset may not have weak one-step closure.

**Example 3.5** Let  $L = (\mathbb{N} \times (\mathbb{N} \cup \{\omega\})) \cup \mathbb{N}$ . We define an order  $\leq$  on L as follows: For any  $x, y \in L$ ,  $x \leq y$  if and only if one of the following holds:

- (i)  $x = (m, n_1), y = (m, n_2), n_1 \le n_2;$
- (ii)  $x = (m, n_1), y = (m, \omega);$
- (iii)  $x, y \in \mathbb{N}$  and  $x \leq y$  in  $\mathbb{N}$ ;
- (iv)  $x = (m, n), y \in \mathbb{N}, y \ge n, m \ge 2;$
- (v)  $x = (1, n_1), y = (m_2, \omega), m_2 \ge n_1;$
- (vi)  $x = (m_1, n), y = (m_2, n), m_1 \le m_2, m_1 \ge 2.$

L can be illustrated in Figure 2. Then L is a quasicontinuous poset, but L does not have weak one-step closure.

To see this, first note that  $(1,\omega) \in cl(\mathbb{N}) = L$  and  $(1,\omega) \notin \mathbb{N}''$ . Hence, L does not have weak one-step closure. It remains to show that L is quasicontinuous.

- (ii) For each  $(1,n) \in L$ . Let  $F_{n,m} = \{\{(1,n),(2,m)\} \mid m \in \mathbb{N}\}$ . Then  $\{F_{n,m} \mid m \in \mathbb{N}\} \subseteq fin(1,n)$  and is a filtered base with  $\uparrow(1,n) = \bigcap_{n \in \mathbb{N}} \uparrow F_{n,m}$ .
- (iii) For each  $(m,n) \in L$  with  $m \in \mathbb{N}$  and  $m \geq 2$ , we see easily that  $(m,n) \ll (m,n)$ . In addition, each  $(m,\omega)$  with  $m \geq 2$  is the supremum of the directed set  $\{(m,n) : n \in \mathbb{N}\}$  of compact elements.

All these together show that L is quasicontinuous.

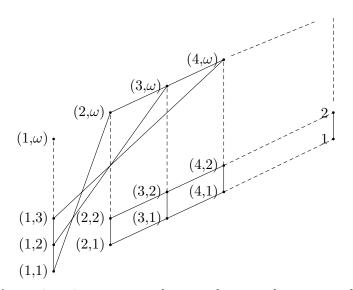


Fig.2. A quasicontinuous poset does not have weak one-step closure.

### 4 One-step closure

In [6], Zou, Li and Ho showed that every continuous poset has one-step closure. They asked whether L is continuous if it has one-step closure. We now give a counterexample for their problem. We begin with a lemma which is crucial for further study.

**Lemma 4.1** If X is a well-filtered space and Q(X) endowed with the upper Vietoris topology is first-countable, then  $(Q(X), \supseteq)$  has one-step closure.

**Proof.** Let  $A \subseteq Q(X)$  and  $K \in cl(A)$ . The fact that Q(X) equipped with the upper Vietoris topology is first-countable implies that there exists a countable neighborhood basis  $\mathcal{B}_K = \{ \Box U_n \mid n \in \mathbb{N} \}$  of K and  $\Box U_{n+1} \subseteq \Box U_n$  for any  $n \in \mathbb{N}$ .

Claim 1:  $\Box U \subseteq \Box V$  implies  $U \subseteq V$  for any  $U, V \in \mathcal{O}(X)$ .

Let  $x \in U$ . Then  $\uparrow x \in \Box U \subseteq \Box V$ . In other words  $\uparrow x \subseteq V$ . So  $U \subseteq V$  holds.

From Theorem 5.8 in [5], we know that the upper Vietoris topology coincides with the Scott topology on  $(Q(X), \supseteq)$ . It follows that  $\Box U_n \cap \mathcal{A} \neq \emptyset$  for any  $\Box U_n \in \mathcal{B}_K$  due to the assumption that  $K \in cl(\mathcal{A})$ . Choose  $K_n \in \Box U_n \cap \mathcal{A}$  for any  $n \in \mathbb{N}$ . We define  $Q_n = K \cup \bigcup_{m > n} K_m$  for any  $n \in \mathbb{N}$ .

Claim 2:  $Q_n \in Q(X)$  for each  $n \in \mathbb{N}$ .

As a union of saturated sets,  $Q_n$  is a saturated. It suffices to verify that  $Q_n$  is compact. Let  $\{W_i : i \in I\}$  be a family of open sets of X such that  $Q_n \subseteq \bigcup_{i \in I} W_i$ . Then  $K \subseteq \bigcup_{i \in I} W_i$ . As K is compact, there exists  $F_1 \in Fin(I)$  such that  $K \subseteq \bigcup_{i \in F_1} W_i$ . Then, there exists  $\Box U_{n_0} \in \mathcal{B}_K$  such that  $K \in \Box U_{n_0} \subseteq \Box \bigcup_{i \in F_1} W_i$ . We consider the following two cases:

Case 1.  $n_0 \le n$ : For any  $m \ge n \ge n_0$ , then  $K_m \subseteq U_m \subseteq U_{n_0}$  by Claim 1. Hence,  $Q_n \subseteq U_{n_0} \subseteq \bigcup_{i \in F_1} W_i$ .

Case 2.  $n_0 > n$ : We can obtain that  $\bigcup_{m \geq n_0} K_m \subseteq U_{n_0} \subseteq \bigcup_{i \in F_1} W_i$  by the similar proof to Case 1. Note that  $\bigcup_{i=n}^{n_0-1} K_i \in Q(X)$  and  $\bigcup_{i=n}^{n_0-1} K_i \subseteq \bigcup_{i \in I} W_i$ . This means that there exists  $F_2 \in Fin(I)$  such that  $\bigcup_{i=n}^{n_0-1} K_i \subseteq \bigcup_{i \in F_2} W_i$ . Therefore,  $Q_n \subseteq \bigcup_{i \in F_1 \cup F_2} W_i$ .

Claim 3:  $K = \sup_{n \in \mathbb{N}} Q_n = \bigcap_{n \in \mathbb{N}} Q_n$ .

It is easy to see that  $K \subseteq \bigcap_{n \in \mathbb{N}} Q_n$ . For the converse, suppose  $x \in \bigcap_{n \in \mathbb{N}} Q_n$ . We claim that  $x \in K$ . Assume  $x \notin K$ . This manifests  $\downarrow x \cap K = \emptyset$ . In other words,  $K \subseteq X \setminus \downarrow x$ . It follows that there exists  $n \in \mathbb{N}$  such that  $K \in \Box U_n \subseteq \Box X \setminus \downarrow x$ . Through Claim 2, we can conclude that  $x \in Q_n \subseteq U_n \subseteq X \setminus \downarrow x$ , which contradicts  $x \in \downarrow x$ .

Note that  $K_n \in \mathcal{A}$  for any  $n \in \mathbb{N}$  and  $Q_n \leq K_n$  (with respect to the reverse inclusion order). So  $(Q_n)_{n \in \mathbb{N}}$  is a directed subset of  $\downarrow \mathcal{A}$  whose supremum equals K. Hence, Q(X) has one-step closure.  $\square$ 

The conclusion given in the next theorem answers the question from Zou et al..

**Theorem 4.2** For the Sorgenfrey line  $\mathbb{R}_l$ ,  $Q(\mathbb{R}_l)$  has one-step closure and  $Q(\mathbb{R}_l)$  is not continuous.

**Proof.** By Example 5.18 of [5], we know that the poset  $Q(\mathbb{R}_l)$  is not continuous. The space  $\mathbb{R}_l$  is Hausdorff, thus well-filtered (every Hausdorff space is sober and every sober space is well-filtered). Hence, by Lemma 4.1,  $Q(\mathbb{R}_l)$  has one-step closure.

### 5 The relationship between weak one-step closure and one-step closure

In this section, we investigate the relationship between weak one-step closure and one-step closure. The following lemma and example justify the term "weak one-step closure".

**Lemma 5.1** If a poset P has one-step closure, then it has weak one-step closure.

**Proof.** It suffices to prove that cl(A) = A'' for any subset A of P. From the definition of one-step closure, we have cl(A) = A'. One sees obviously that  $A'' \subseteq cl(A)$ . Let  $x \in cl(A)$ . Then  $x \in A'$ . It follows that there exists  $D \subseteq \uparrow \downarrow A$  such that  $x = \sup D$ , i.e.,  $x \in A''$ .

The converse of Lemma 5.1 is not true.

**Example 5.2** Let  $L = \mathbb{N} \cup \{\omega, a\}$ , where  $\mathbb{N}$  denotes all natural numbers. We define an order  $\leq$  on L by  $x \leq y$  if and only if:

- (i)  $x, y \in \mathbb{N}$  and  $x \leq y$  holds in  $\mathbb{N}$ , or
- (ii)  $x \in L$  and  $y = \omega$ .

Then L can be easily illustrated in Figure 3. and  $\mathbb{N}' = \mathbb{N} \cup \{\omega\} \subsetneq \mathbb{N}'' = L$ . Thus L does not have one-step closure. But it is easy to check that L has weak one-step closure.

It is then natural to wonder under what conditions, a poset has one-step closure if it has weak one-step closure. We shall prove that if a poset has weak one-step closure, then it has one-step closure if and only if it is meet continuous.

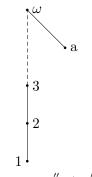


Fig. 3.  $\mathbb{N}'' \neq \mathbb{N}'$ .

**Lemma 5.3** Let L be a poset. Then the following statements are equivalent:

- (1) A' is a lower set for any  $A \subseteq L$ ;
- (2) D' is a lower set for any directed subset D of L.

**Proof.**  $(1) \Rightarrow (2)$  is trivial.

 $(2)\Rightarrow (1)$  Assume  $x\leq y\in A'$ . Then there exists  $D\subseteq^{\uparrow} \downarrow A$  such that  $y=\sup D$ . This means that  $x\leq y\in D'$ . It follows that  $x\in \downarrow D'=D'$ . So we have that there exists a directed subset E of  $\downarrow D$  such that  $x=\sup E$ . Note that  $E\subseteq \downarrow D\subseteq \downarrow A$ . Therefore,  $x\in A'$ .

If L has one-step closure, then for any subset  $A \subseteq L$ , cl(A) = A', so it is a lower set.

In [6], Zou, Li and Ho proved that L is meet continuous if L has one-step closure. We now deduce this result using a weak assumption.

**Lemma 5.4** Let L be a poset. If  $D' = \downarrow D'$  for any  $D \subseteq \uparrow L$ , then L is meet-continuous.

**Proof.** Let  $x \in L$ ,  $D \subseteq^{\uparrow} L$  with  $\sup D$  existing. If  $x \leq \sup D$ , then  $x \in \downarrow D' = D'$ . This means that there exists a directed subset E of  $\downarrow D$  such that  $x = \sup E$ . Note that  $E \subseteq \downarrow x \cap \downarrow D$ . This implies that  $x \in cl(\downarrow x \cap \downarrow D)$ . Therefore, L is meet-continuous.

Corollary 5.5 Every poset with one-step closure is meet continuous.

Corollary 5.6 Let L be a meet continuous semilattice. Then D' is a lower set for any directed subset D of L. Moreover, if L has weak one-step closure, then L has one step closure.

**Proof.** From Lemma 5.8, it suffices to prove that D' is a lower set for any directed subset D of L. Suppose  $x \leq y \in D'$ . Then there exists a directed subset E of  $\downarrow D$  with  $y = \sup E$ . The fact that L is a meet continuous semilattice implies that  $x = \sup_{e \in E} \inf\{x, e\}$ . It is noteworthy that  $\{\inf\{x, e\} \mid e \in E\}$  is a directed subset of  $\downarrow D$ . This means that  $x \in D'$ . Therefore, D' is a lower set.

Corollary 5.7 Let L be a meet continuous sup-semilattice. Then D' is a lower set for any directed subset D of L.

**Proof.** Let  $x \leq y \in D'$ . This means that there exists a directed subset E of  $\downarrow D$  such that  $y = \sup E$ . Since L is meet continuous,  $x \in cl(\downarrow x \cap \downarrow E)$ . It follows that  $\downarrow x = cl(\downarrow x \cap \downarrow E)$ , and hence  $x = \sup(\downarrow x \cap \downarrow E)$ . Let  $G = \{\sup F : F \subseteq (\downarrow x \cap \downarrow E) \text{ and } F \text{ is finite}\}$ . Then G is a directed subset of  $\downarrow x \cap \downarrow E$  with  $\sup G = \sup(\downarrow x \cap \downarrow E) = x$ . Clearly  $G \subseteq \downarrow D$ , thus  $x \in D'$ , showing that D' is lower.

**Lemma 5.8** Let L be a poset with weak one-step closure. If D' is a lower set for any directed subset D of L, then L has one-step closure.

**Proof.** This follows immediately from Definition 3.1, Definition 2.1 and Lemma 5.3.

**Lemma 5.9** Let L be a meet continuous poset with weak one-step closure. Then L has one-step closure.

**Proof.** By Lemma 5.8, it suffices to show that D' is a lower set for any directed  $D \subseteq L$ . Suppose  $x \le y \in D'$ . Then, there exists a directed subset E of  $\downarrow D$  such that  $y = \sup E$ . Since L is meet continuous, we have  $x \in cl(\downarrow x \cap \downarrow E)$ . Since L has weak one-step closure, there is a directed  $K \subseteq \downarrow x \cap \downarrow E$  such that  $x \le \sup K$ . But, trivially  $\sup K \le x$ , hence  $x = \sup K$ . In addition,  $K \subseteq \downarrow E \subseteq \downarrow D$ , so  $x \in D'$ . Therefore D' is a lower set.

From Lemma 5.1 and Lemma 5.9 we deduce the following result.

**Theorem 5.10** A poset has one-step closure if and only if it is meet continuous and has weak one-step closure.

Since every poset having one-step closure is meet continuous, we have the following natural problem.

**Problem 5.11** Is there a meet continuous poset that does not have one-step closure.

We have already given in Section 4 an example of a non-continuous poset that has one-step closure. We now confirm that an exact poset with one-step closure is continuous.

**Definition 5.12** ([4]) Let x, y be elements of a poset P. We say that x is weakly way-below y, denoted by  $x \ll_w y$ , if for any directed subset D of P for which  $\sup D$  exists,  $y = \sup D$  implies  $D \cap \uparrow x \neq \emptyset$ . A poset P is called exact if for any  $x \in P$ ,  $\downarrow_w x = \{y \in P \mid y \ll_w x\}$  is directed and  $\sup \downarrow_w x = x$ .

**Theorem 5.13** Let L be a poset. Then the following statements are equivalent:

- (1) L is continuous;
- (2) L has one-step closure and is exact;
- (3) A' is a lower set for any  $A \subseteq L$  and L is an exact poset.
- (4) D' is a lower set for any directed subset D of L and L is an exact poset.

**Proof.**  $(1) \Rightarrow (2) \Rightarrow (3) \Rightarrow (4)$  are all obvious.

 $(4)\Rightarrow (1)$  From the definition of exact posets and continuous posets, it suffices to prove that  $x\ll_w y$  implies that  $x\ll y$  for any  $x,y\in L$ . Let D be a directed subset of L with  $y\leq\sup D$ , it follows that  $\sup D\in D'$ . We have that  $y\in D'$  since D' is a lower set. This means that there exists  $E\subseteq \uparrow \downarrow D$  such that  $y=\sup E$ . The assumption that  $x\ll_w y$  reveals that  $\uparrow x\cap E\neq\emptyset$ . Hence,  $\uparrow x\cap D\neq\emptyset$ .

The following is a problem concerning the connections among the concepts of meet continuity, exactness and continuity of posets.

**Problem 5.14** Let L be a meet continuous and exact poset. Must L be continuous?

Although we cannot solve the above problems, we have the following corollary by Corollary 5.6 and Corollary 5.7.

Corollary 5.15 Let L be a meet continuous semilattice or sup-semilattice. Then L is continuous iff L is an exact poset.

**Proposition 5.16** Let L, M be two posets. If L is a Scott retract of M, which has one-step closure, then L has one-step closure.

**Proof.** Since L is a Scott retract of M, we have that there exists two Scott continuous maps  $s: L \to M$  and  $r: M \to L$  such that  $id_L = r \circ s$ . Now let  $x \in L$ ,  $A \subseteq L$  with  $x \in cl(A)$ . It follows that  $s(x) \in cl(s(A))$  by the Scott continuity of s. We know that there exists  $D \subseteq^{\uparrow} \downarrow s(A)$  such that  $s(x) = \sup D$  since M has one-step closure. This implies that  $x = r \circ s(x) = r(\sup D) = \sup r(D)$  from the Scott continuity of r. Note that  $r(D) \subseteq \downarrow r(s(A)) = \downarrow A$ . This means that L has one-step closure.

**Lemma 5.17** Let L, M be two posets. If L is a Scott retract of M, which has weak one-step closure, then L has weak one-step closure.

**Proof.** The proof is similar to Proposition 5.16.

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