# **ON THE SPACES OF THE MAXIMAL POINTS\*\*\***

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#### Abstract

For a continuous domain D, some characterizations that the convex powerdomain CD is a domain hull of Max(CD) is given in terms of compact subsets of D. And in the case, it is proved that the set of the maximal points Max(CD) of CD with the relative Scott topology is homeomorphic to the set of all Scott compact subsets of Max(D) with the topology induced by the Hausdorff metric derived from a metric on Max(D) when Max(D) is metrizable.

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## §1. Introduction

It is an interesting and active research direction to deal with some problems in topology by employing appropriate domain environment. In [8], J. D. Lawson proved that each Polish space can be arise as the set of maximal points of an  $\omega$ -continuous domain; K. Martin<sup>[13]</sup> obtained the similar results by virtue of introducing Lebesgue measurement on continuous domains, and he investigated relations between the maximal points of D and those of the convex powerdomain CD. In this paper a characterization that the convex powerdomain CD is a domain hull of Max(CD) is given in terms of Scott compact subsets of D. And in this case, it is proved that the set of the maximal points Max(CD) of CD with the relative Scott topology is homeomorphic to the set of all Scott compact subsets of Max(D) with the topology induced by the Hausdorff metric if Max(D) is metrizable.

A dcpo D is a partially ordered set such that every directed set E of D has a least upper bound in D, denoted by  $\forall E$ . For  $x, y \in D, x \ll y$  implies that for each directed set

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A subset U of a dcpo D is Scott open provided U is an upper set and  $E \cap U \neq \emptyset$  for each directed set  $E \subseteq D$  with  $\forall E \in U$ . The topology  $\sigma(D)$  formed by all the Scott open sets of D is called the Scott topology. The topology generated by taking  $\sigma(D) \cup \{D \setminus \uparrow x : x \in D\}$  as a subbase is called the Lawson topology, denoted by  $\lambda(D)$ .

**Definition 1.1.**<sup>[1]</sup> An abstract basis is given by a set B with a transitive order  $\prec$  such that

$$M \prec x \Longrightarrow \exists y \in B, M \prec y \prec x$$

for all  $x \in B$  and all nonempty finite sets  $M \subseteq B$ 

Obviously,  $(D, \ll)$  is an abstract basis for a continuous domain D.

A subset I of an abstract basis  $(B, \prec)$  is called an ideal if I is a directed lower set with respect to the transitive order  $\prec$ . The collection of ideals of  $(B, \prec)$  ordered by set-theoretical inclusion is a continuous domain, denoted by  $Id(B, \prec)$  (see [1]).

Let D be a continuous domain and  $A, B \subseteq D$ . We define relations as follows:

$$A \ll_L B \iff \forall a \in A, \exists b \in B, a \ll b,$$
$$A \ll_U B \iff \forall b \in B, \exists a \in A, a \ll b,$$
$$A \ll_{EM} B \iff A \ll_L BA \ll_U B.$$

Similarly we can define the relations  $\leq_L, \leq_U$  and  $\leq_{EM}$ .

Let  $\operatorname{Fin}(D)$  be the collection of all nonempty finite subsets of D. It is easily to see that  $(\operatorname{Fin}(D), \ll_{EM})$  is an abstract basis.

**Definition 1.2.**<sup>[1,13]</sup> let D be a continuous domain.</sup>

(1)  $Id(Fin(D), \ll_{EM})$  is called the convex powerdomain of D, written CD for short.

(2)  $A^* = \{F \in Fin(D) : F \ll_{EM} A\}$  for each nonempty set  $A \subseteq D$ .

For a dcpo D, let Max(D) denote the set of all maximal points of D and Com(Max(D)) the collection of all Scott compact subsets of Max(D).

**Proposition 1.1.**<sup>[12,13]</sup> (1)  $K^* \in CD$  for each Scott compact subset of D.

(2)  $\forall F \in Fin(D), I \in CD, F \in I \Leftrightarrow F^* \ll I.$ 

(3)  $K_I = \cap\{\uparrow F : F \in I\}$  is a Scott compact upper set for each  $I \in CD$ , and  $K_I^* \subseteq I$  for each  $I \in Max(CD)$ .

**Definition 1.3.**<sup>[8]</sup> A continuous domain D is called a domain hull of Max(D) if equation  $\lambda(D) \mid_{\text{Max}(D)} = \sigma(D) \mid_{\text{Max}(D)}$  holds, where  $\lambda(D) \mid_{\text{Max}(D)}$  and  $\sigma(D) \mid_{\text{Max}(D)}$  are the relative Lawson topology and Scott topology respectively.

**Theorem 1.1.**[12] For a continuous domain D, the following are equivalent:

(1) D is a domain hull of Max(D);

(2) For each  $x \in D$ , there is a Scott closed set  $A_x$  of D such that  $\uparrow x \cap \operatorname{Max}(D) = A_x \cap \operatorname{Max}(D)$ ;

(3) For each  $x \in D$  and each  $y \in Max(D), x \not\leq y$  implies that there exist  $x_0 \ll x, y_0 \ll y$ such that  $\uparrow x_0 \cap \uparrow y_0 = \emptyset$ .

### $\S 2.$ Characterization of Max(*CD*)

In [12], we obtained the following results:

**Theorem 2.1.**<sup>[12]</sup> Let D be a continuous domain. Then

(1)  $K = K_{K^*} = \cap \{\uparrow F : F \in K^*\}$  for each Scott compact upper set K of D

(2) If D is a domain hull of Max(D), and  $K \in Com(Max(D))$ , then  $K^* \in Max(CD)$ .

**Lemma 2.1.** If D is a domain hull of Max(D) and  $K_I \subseteq Max(D)$  for each  $I \in Max(CD)$ ,

then  $K \cap Max(D)$  is Scott compact for each Scott compact upper set K of D.

**Proof.** Let  $K_0$  be an arbitrary Scott compact upper set of D. Then  $K_0^* \in CD$  and hence there exists a  $J \in Max(CD)$  such that  $K_0^* \subseteq J$ . Thus by Theorem 2.1(1) we have  $K_J \subseteq K_0 \cap Max(D)$ . To complete the proof, it suffices to show  $K_J = K_0 \cap Max(D)$ .

Suppose that there is a  $k_0 \in K_0 \cap \operatorname{Max}(D) \setminus K_J$ . Then  $k_0 \notin F_0$  for some  $F_0 \in J$ . Note that there is a  $G_a \in K_0^*$  such that  $a \in G_a$  for each  $a \ll k_0$ . We can take an  $F_a \in J$  such that

$$F_0 \ll_{EM} F_a, \quad G_a \ll_{EM} F_a,$$

and hence  $a \ll x_a$  for some  $x_a \in F_a$ . Again by Theorem 2.1, $K_J^* = J$ , and hence  $x_a \ll m_a$  for some  $m_a \in K_J$ . Thus the net  $\{m_a : a \ll k_0\}$  in Max(D) has an cluster  $m_0 \in K_J$  with respect to the relative Scott topology on Max(D) as  $K_J$  is Scott compact. Note that Max(D) with the relative Scott topology is Hausdorff as D is a domain hull of Max(D), there exist  $u_0 \ll k_0, v_0 \ll m_0$  such that  $\uparrow u_0 \cap \uparrow v_0 \cap \text{Max}(D) = \emptyset$ . On the other hand, we can take a  $u_1$  with  $u_0 \ll u_1 \ll k_0$  such that  $m_{u_1} \in \uparrow v_0 \cap \text{Max}(D)$  as  $m_0$  is a cluster of the net  $\{m_a : a \ll k_0\}$  and  $\uparrow v_0 \cap \text{Max}(D)$  is a neighborhood of  $m_0$ . By  $u_1 \ll x_{u_1} \ll m_{u_1}$ , then  $m_{u_1} \in \uparrow u_0 \cap \text{Max}(D)$ , which is contradiction. Thus the proof is completed.

**Theorem 2.2.** If continuous domain D is a domain hull of Max(D), then the following statements are equivalent.

(1) CD is a domain hull of Max(CD);

(2)  $K_I \subseteq \operatorname{Max}(D)$  for each  $I \in \operatorname{Max}(CD)$ ;

(3)  $K \cap \text{Max}(D)$  is Scott compact for each Scott compact upper set K of D and  $I = K_I^*$  for each  $I \in \text{Max}(CD)$ .

**Proof.** (1) $\Rightarrow$ (2): Suppose  $K_I \not\subseteq \operatorname{Max}(D)$  for some  $I \in \operatorname{Max}(CD)$ . Then there exists a  $k_0 \in K_I \setminus \operatorname{Max}(D)$ . We can take  $m_0 \in K_I \cap \operatorname{Max}(D)$  with  $k_0 < m_0$ . For each  $k \in K_I \setminus \downarrow k_0$ , take an  $a_k$  with  $a_k \ll k$  and  $a_k \not\leq k_0$ , and for each  $s \in \downarrow k_0 \cap K_I$ , take an arbitrary  $b_s$  with  $b_s \ll s$ . We obtain a Scott open cover  $\{\uparrow a_k : k \in K_I \setminus \downarrow k_0\} \cup \{\uparrow b_s : s \in \downarrow k_0 \cap K_I\}$  of  $K_I$ , hence there is a finite subcover  $\{\uparrow a_{k_i} : i = 1, 2, \cdots, n_1\} \cup \{\uparrow b_{s_i} : j = 1, 2, \cdots, n_2\}$ . Then

$$G = \{a_{k_i} : i = 1, 2, \cdots, n_1\} \cup \{b_{s_i} : j = 1, 2, \cdots, n_2\} \ll_{EM} K_I.$$

Again we take a  $b_0$  with  $\{b_{s_j} : j = 1, 2, \dots, n_2\} \ll b_0 \ll m_0$  and  $b_0 \not\leq k_0$  and let  $F = \{a_{k_i} : i = 1, 2, \dots, n_1\} \cup \{b_0\}$ . Then it is easy to see  $F^* \not\subseteq I$ . By Theorem 1.1, it suffice to show that  $\uparrow F^* \cap \uparrow H^* \neq \emptyset$  for each  $H \in I$ .

For each  $H \in I$ , take an  $\overline{H} \in I$  with  $G \ll \overline{H}$  and  $H \ll \overline{H}$ . Since  $k_0 \in K_I$ ,

$$\overline{H}_1 = \{h \in \overline{H} : \exists k \in K_I \cap \downarrow m_0, h \ll k\} \neq \emptyset.$$

If  $\overline{H}_1 = \overline{H}$ , then it is not difficult to show  $\{m_0\}^* \in \uparrow F^* \cap \uparrow H^* \neq \emptyset$  and hence the proof is completed.

We now suppose  $\overline{H} \setminus \overline{H}_1 \neq \emptyset$ . For each  $h \in \overline{H} \setminus \overline{H}_1$ , then there is a  $k_h \in K_I \setminus \downarrow m_0$  such that  $h \ll k_h$ . Note  $G \ll_{EM} K_I$ , then  $A_h = \{a_{k_i} \in G : a_{k_i} \ll k_h\} \neq \emptyset$  and we can take a  $u_h$  such that  $A_h \cup \{h\} \ll u_h \ll k_h$ . For each  $h \in \overline{H}_1$ , take a  $u_h$  with  $\{h, b_0\} \ll u_h \ll m_0$ . Thus we can show  $H \ll_{EM} U_H$  and  $F \ll_{EM} U_H$  for  $U_H = \{u_h : h \in \overline{H}\}$ , and hence  $U_H^* \in \uparrow F^* \cap \uparrow H^* \neq \emptyset$ .

 $(2) \Rightarrow (3)$ : Follows from Lemma 2.1, Proposition 1.1 and Theorem 2.1.

(3)  $\Rightarrow$  (1): Take an arbitrary  $I \in CD, J \in Max(CD)$  with  $I \not\subseteq J$ . It suffice to show that there exists a  $G, G \in J$  such that  $\uparrow I \cap \uparrow G^* = \emptyset$  by Theorem 1.1 and Proposition 1.1. By  $I \not\subseteq J$  and Proposition 1.1(3), we can take an  $F \in I \setminus J$  with  $F \not\leq_{EM} K_J$ , which implies  $F \not\leq_U K_J$  or  $F \not\leq_L K_J$ .

(i) If  $F \not\leq_L K_J$ , then there exists an  $x_1 \in F$  such that  $x_1 \not\leq m$  for each  $m \in K_J$ , thus by Theorem 1.1 we can take  $x_m \ll x_1, \overline{a_m} \ll m$  such that  $\uparrow x_m \cap \uparrow \overline{a_m} = \emptyset$ . For each  $m \in K_J$ , take an  $a_m$  satisfying  $\overline{a_m} \ll a_m \ll m$ , then obtain an open cover  $\{\uparrow a_m : m \in K_J\}$  of  $K_J$ . Suppose that  $\{\uparrow a_{m_i} : i = 1, 2, \dots, n\}$  is a finite subcover of  $K_J$ . Then  $G = \{a_{m_i} : i = 1, 2, \dots, n\} \ll E_M K_J$ , and hence  $G \in J$  by Proposition 1.1(3). In the following we show that  $\uparrow I \cap \uparrow G^* = \emptyset$ .

Firstly take an  $\overline{x_1}$  with  $\{x_{m_i} : i = 1, 2, \cdots, n\} \ll \overline{x_1} \ll x_1$ , then take an arbitrary  $y_x$  with  $y_x \ll x$  for each  $x \in F \setminus \{x_1\}$ . Then  $\overline{F} = \{y_x : x \in F \setminus \{x_1\}\} \cup \{\overline{x_1}\} \ll_{EM} F$ , hence  $\overline{F} \in I$ .

Suppose  $I_0 \in \Uparrow I \cap \Uparrow G^*$ , then  $\overline{F} \in I_0$  and  $\overline{G} = \{\overline{a_{m_i}} : i = 1, 2, \dots, n\} \in I_0$ , hence there is an  $H \in I_0$  such that  $\overline{G} \ll_{EM} H, \overline{F} \ll_{EM} H$ . Thus there is an  $h, h \in H$  such that  $\overline{x_1} \ll h$  and  $\overline{a_{m_i}} \ll h$  for some  $\overline{a_{m_i}} \in \overline{G}$ , which contradicts to  $\uparrow x_1 \cap \uparrow \overline{a_{m_i}} = \emptyset$ . Hence  $\Uparrow I \cap \Uparrow G^* = \emptyset$ .

(ii) If  $F \not\leq_U K_J$ , then there exists an  $m_0 \in K_J$  such that  $x \not\leq m_0$  for each  $x \in F$ . From Theorem 1.1, it follows that there are  $a_x \ll x, b_x \ll m_0$  such that  $\uparrow a_x \cap \uparrow b_x = \emptyset$  for each  $x \in F$ . now we can take  $b_F$  and  $\overline{b_F}$  with  $\{b_x : x \in F\} \ll \overline{b_F} \ll b_F \ll m_0$  by the finiteness of F, and take a  $G \in J$  with  $b_F \in G$ . For each  $y \in G \setminus \{b_F\}$ , take an arbitrary  $\overline{b_y}$  with  $\overline{b_y} \ll y$ , then

$$\overline{G} = \{\overline{b_y} : y \in G \setminus \{b_F\} \cup \{\overline{b_F}\} \ll_{EM} G.$$

Suppose  $I_0 \in \uparrow I \cap \uparrow G^*$ . Then  $F_1 = \{a_x : x \in F\} \in I_0, \overline{G} \in I_0$ . Take an  $H \in I_0$  with  $\{F_1, \overline{G}\} \ll_{EM} H$ , it will, similarly to the proof of (i), induce a contradiction.

In view of the above, the proof is completed.

## §3. Metric Topology on Max(CD)

From the characterization theorem above and Theorem 2.1(1), it follows that the mapping

$$g: \operatorname{Com}(\operatorname{Max}(D)) \to \operatorname{Max}(CD),$$
$$K \longmapsto K^*$$

is a bijection when D and CD are domain hulls of Max(D) and Max(CD) respectively. In addition if Max(D) with the relative Scott topology is metrizable, then a interesting question is posed<sup>[13]</sup>:

Is Max(CD) with the relative Scott topology homeomorphic to Com(Max(D)) with the topology induced by the Hausdorff metric derived from a metric on Max(D)?

In the following we will show that the answer to the question is yes. Now suppose that d is a metric on Max(D), then the Hausdorff metric  $\overline{d}$  on Com(Max(D)) derived from d as follows:

$$d(K_1, K_2) = \inf\{r : K_1 \subseteq B_d^r(K_2), K_2 \subseteq B_d^r(K_1)\},\$$

where  $B_d^r(K_1) = \{x \in Max(D) : d(x, K_1) < r\}$  and  $d(x, K_1) = \inf\{d(x, y) : y \in K_1\}.$ 

**Theorem 3.1.** Let continuous domain D and its convex powerdomain CD be domain hulls of Max(D) and Max(CD) respectively, and Max(D) metrizable. Then

$$g: (Com(\operatorname{Max}(D), T_{\overline{d}}) \to (\operatorname{Max}(CD), \sigma(CD) | \operatorname{Max}(CD))$$

is a continuous and open mapping and hence is a homeomorphism, where  $T_{\overline{d}}$  is the topology induced by the Hausdorff metric  $\overline{d}$ .

**Proof.** (i) g is continuous. Suppose that  $J \in \operatorname{Max}(CD)$  and  $\Uparrow I \cap \operatorname{Max}(CD)$  is an arbitrary Scott open neighborhood of J. By  $I \ll J$ , there are  $G_1, G_2 \in Fin(D)$  with  $G_1 \ll_{EM} G_2$  such that  $I \subseteq G_1^* \subseteq G_2^* \subseteq J$ , which implies  $G_1 \ll_{EM} K_J$ , and hence  $K_J \subseteq \Uparrow G_1$  by Theorem 2.3(3). Since  $K_J$  is compact subset of metric space  $\operatorname{Max}(D)$ , there exists a positive real number r such that for each  $k \in K_J$ ,

$$B_d^r(k) \subseteq \Uparrow x_{i_k} \cap \operatorname{Max}(D)$$

for some  $x_{i_k} \in G_1$ . By  $G_1 \ll_{EM} K_J$ , for each  $x \in G_1$  there is a  $k_x \in K_J$  such that

$$B^{r_x}_d(k_x) \subseteq \Uparrow x \cap \operatorname{Max}(D) \subseteq \Uparrow x$$

for some positive real number  $r_x$ . Let  $r_0 = \min\{r, r_x : x \in G_1\}/2$ , we claim

$$B^{r_0}_{\overline{d}}(K_J) = \{ K \in \operatorname{Com}(\operatorname{Max}(D) : \overline{d}(K_J, K) < r_0 \} \subseteq g^{-1} [\Uparrow I \cap \operatorname{Max}(CD)],$$

hence g is continuous.

In fact, from  $K \in B_{\overline{d}}^{r_0}(K_J)$ , it follows that for each  $k \in K$  there is a  $y_k \in K_J$  such that  $k \in B_d^{r_0}(y_k) \subseteq \Uparrow G_1$ , hence  $G_1 \ll_U K$ . Now let  $x \in G_1$ . From  $K_J \subseteq B_d^{r_0}(K)$ , it follows that there is a  $u_x \in K$  such that  $d(k_x, u_x) < r_0$ , which implies  $u_x \in B_d^{r_0}(k_x) \subseteq \Uparrow x$ . Thus we have  $x \ll u_x$ , and hence  $G_1 \ll_L K$ . By  $G_1 \ll_{EM} K$  and  $I \subseteq G_1^*$ , we know that  $K \in g^{-1}[\Uparrow I \cap \operatorname{Max}(CD)]$ . Hence g is continuous.

(ii) To prove that g is an open mapping, it suffices to prove that for each  $K \in \operatorname{Max}(D)$  and for  $r > 0, g[B_{\overline{d}}^{r}(K)]$  is an open set. Suppose  $K_1 \in B_{\overline{d}}^{r}(K)$ , then  $K_1 \subseteq B_{\overline{d}}^{r_0}(K), K \subseteq B_{\overline{d}}^{r_0}(K_1)$ for some  $r_0 < r$ . For each  $k \in K_1$  there is an  $x_k \in K$  such that  $d(k, x_k) < r_0$ . We can take an  $s_k$  with  $0 < s_k < \inf\{(r - r_0)/3, r_0\}$  such that  $B_{\overline{d}}^{s_k}(k) \subseteq B_{\overline{d}}^{r_0}(x_k)$ , and take an  $a_k \ll k$ such that

$$k \in \Uparrow a_k \cap \operatorname{Max}(D) \subseteq B_d^{s_k}(k).$$

Thus we obtain an open cover  $\{ \Uparrow a_k : k \in K_1 \}$  of  $K_1$  which has a finite subcover  $\{ \Uparrow a_{k_i} : k \in K_1 \}$ 

 $i = 1, 2, \dots, n$ , then  $F = \{a_{k_1}, a_{k_2}, \dots, a_{k_n}\} \in K_1^*$ , i.e.  $K_1^* \in U = \Uparrow F^* \cap \operatorname{Max}(CD)$ . To complete the proof, it suffices to show  $U \subseteq g[B_{\overline{d}}^r(K)]$ .

Suppose  $K_2^* \in U$ , then  $F \ll_{EM} K_2$  and hence

$$K_2 \subseteq \Uparrow F \cap \operatorname{Max}(D) \subseteq \bigcup \{B_d^{s_{k_i}}(k_i) : i = 1, 2, \cdots, n\}$$
$$\subseteq \bigcup \{B_d^{r_0}(x_{k_i}) : i = 1, 2, \cdots, n\}$$
$$\subseteq B_d^{r_0}(K).$$

For each  $u \in K$ , again by  $K \subseteq B_d^{r_0}(K_1)$  and  $F \ll_{EM} K_1$ , there is a  $y_u \in K_1$  such that  $d(u, y_u) < r_0$ , and there is a  $a_{k_{i_u}} \in F$  such that  $a_{k_{i_u}} \ll y_u$ , which means  $d(y_u, k_{i_u}) < s_{k_{i_u}}$ . Again by  $F \ll_{EM} K_2$ , there is a  $z_u \in K_2$  such that  $a_{k_{i_u}} \ll z_u$ , which implies  $d(k_{i_u}, z_u) < s_{k_{i_u}}$ . Thus we have

$$\begin{aligned} d(u, z_u) &\leq d(u, y_u) + d(y_u, k_{i_u}) + d(k_{i_u}, z_u) \\ &< r_0 + 2s_{k_i} < r_0 + 2(r - r_0)/3 < r, \end{aligned}$$

which means  $\overline{d}(K, K_2) < r$ , hence  $K_2^* \in g[B_{\overline{d}}^r(K)]$ .

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