
Zbl 1154.06006**Gutiérrez García, Javier; Kubiak, Tomasz; Picado, Jorge****Pointfree forms of Dowker's and Michael's insertion theorems.** (English)

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The authors prove two strict insertion theorems for frame homomorphisms.

When applied to the frame of all open subsets of a topological space, they are equivalent to the following insertion theorems of Dowker and Michael regarding, respectively, normal countably paracompact spaces and perfectly normal spaces.

(Dowker) A topological space X is normal and countably paracompact if and only if, given $h, g : X \rightarrow \mathbb{R}$ such that $h < g$, h is upper semicontinuous and g is lower semicontinuous, there is a continuous $f : X \rightarrow \mathbb{R}$ such that $h < f < g$.

(Michael) A topological space X is perfectly normal if and only if, given $h, g : X \rightarrow \mathbb{R}$ such that $h \leq g$, h is upper semicontinuous and g is lower semicontinuous, there is a continuous $f : X \rightarrow \mathbb{R}$ such that $h \leq f \leq g$ and $h(x) < f(x) < g(x)$ whenever $h(x) < g(x)$.

The authors state that, however, in the pointfree context they have been unable to provide pointfree assertions corresponding exactly to these two classical insertion results. Furthermore, they present a study of the concept of perfect normality for frames.

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