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Frame monomorphisms and a feature of the l -group of Baire functions on a topological space

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Abstract: The “kernel functor” $W \xrightarrow{k} \text{LFrm}$ from the category W of archimedean lattice-ordered groups with distinguished weak unit onto LFrm , of Lindelöf completely regular frames, preserves and reflects monics. In W , monics are one-to-one, but not necessarily so in LFrm . An embedding $\varphi \in W$ for which $k\varphi$ is one-to-one is termed kernel-injective, or KI; these are the topic of this paper. The situation is contrasted with kernel-surjective and -preserving (KS and KP). The W -objects every embedding of which is KI are characterized; this identifies the LFrm -objects out of which every monic is one-to-one. The issue of when a W -map $G \xrightarrow{\varphi} \cdot$ is KI is reduced to when a related epicompletion of G is KI. The poset $EC(G)$ of epicompletions of G is reasonably well-understood; in particular, it has the functorial maximum denoted βG , and for $G = C(X)$, the Baire functions $B(X) \in EC(C(X))$. The main theorem is: $E \in EC(C(X))$ is KI iff $B(X) \stackrel{*}{\leq} E \stackrel{*}{\leq} \beta C(X)$ in the order of $EC(C(X))$. This further identifies in a concrete way many LFrm -monics which are/are not one-to-one.

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