# The Connectedness and Local Connectedness in Induced I(L)-Fuzzy Topological Spaces\*

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Abstract: The main purpose of this paper is to prove that the induced I(L)-fuzzy topological space preserves the connectedness and the local connectedness.

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### 1. Introduction

In [4], Wang introduced the concept of induced I(L)-fuzzy topological spaces by using the I(L)-valued lower semicontinuous mappings (Kubiak [2]) and proved that this kind of induced space preserves the Cartesian product and the N-compactness. In this paper, we continue with investigation of induced I(L)- fuzzy topological spaces. we prove that the L-fuzzy topological space  $(L^X, \delta)$  is connected (locally connected) if and only if the induced I(L)-fuzzy topological space  $(I(L)^X, \omega(\delta))$  is connected (locally connected).

## 2. Induced I(L)-fuzzy topological spaces and some lemmas

Throughout this paper L denotes a fuzzy lattice, i.e., a completely distributive lattice with an order-reversing involution  $\alpha \to \alpha'$ , 0 and 1 are its smallest and greatest elements, respectively. Given a nonempty set X,  $(L^X, \delta)$  denotes an L-fuzzy topological space, briefly L-fts. Let I = [0, 1], and I(L) denotes the L-fuzzy

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unit interval [1]. A partial order on I(L) is naturally defined by  $[\lambda] \leq [\mu]$  iff  $\lambda(t-) \leq \mu(t-)$  and  $\lambda(t+) \leq \mu(t+)$  for all  $t \in I$ . For any  $[\lambda]$ ,  $[\mu] \in I(L)$ , define  $[\lambda] \vee [\mu] = [\lambda \vee \mu]$  and  $[\lambda] \wedge [\mu] = [\lambda \wedge \mu]$ . Moreover, let  $\overline{\lambda} : R \to L$  satisfying  $\overline{\lambda}(t) = \lambda(1-t)'$  for all  $t \in R$  and define  $[\lambda]' = [\overline{\lambda}]$ . To simplify notation, we shall identify equivalence classes  $[\lambda]$ ,  $[\mu]$  with their representatives in the sequel. By [4] we know that  $(I(L), \leq, \vee, \wedge,')$  is a fuzzy lattice, and  $\lambda$  is an irreducible element in I(L) iff there exist an irreducible element  $\alpha \in L$  and  $t \in I$  such that  $\lambda = \lambda_{\alpha,t}$ , where  $\lambda_{\alpha,t} \in I(L)$  is defined as follows:

$$\lambda_{\alpha, t}(s+) = \begin{cases} 1, & s < 0, \\ \alpha, & 0 \le s < t, \\ 0, & t \le s. \end{cases}$$

Definition 2.1 (Wang [4]). Let  $t \in I$ . Define mappings  $\sigma_t$ ,  $\omega_t : I(L)^X \to L^X$  satisfying  $\sigma_t(\mu) = \mu^{-1}(R_t) = R_t \circ \mu$ ,  $\omega_t(\mu) = \mu^{-1}(L_t') = L_t' \circ \mu$  for each  $\mu \in I(L)^X$ , where  $L_t[\lambda] = \lambda(t-)'$ ,  $R_t[\lambda] = \lambda(t+)$ .

Definition 2.2 (Kubiak [2]). Let  $(L^X, \delta)$  be an L-fts. A mapping  $\mu: X \to I(L)$  is called I(L)-valued lower semicontinuous if  $\sigma_t(\mu) \in \delta$  for each  $t \in I$ .

Definition 2.3 (Wang [4]). Let  $(L^X, \delta)$  be an L-fts. The set of all I(L)-valued lower semicontinuous mappings on X, being an I(L)-fuzzy topology, is called an induced I(L)-fuzzy topology which is denoted by  $\omega(\delta)$ .  $(I(L)^X, \omega(\delta))$  is called an induced I(L)-fuzzy topological space, or simply induced I(L)-fts.

Definition 2.4 (Wang [4]). Define the mapping •:  $L^X \to I(L)^X$  satisfying

$$A^{*}(x)(t+) = \begin{cases} 1, & t < 0, \\ A(x), & 0 \le t < 1, \\ 0, & t \ge 1, \end{cases}$$

for each  $A \in L^X$  and each  $x \in X$ . Moreover, for each  $t \in \mathbb{R}$ , define a constant mapping  $t^{\bullet}: X \to I(L)$  by letting

$$t^{*}(x)(s+) = \begin{cases} 1, & s < t, \\ 0, & s \ge t. \end{cases} \text{ for each } x \in X.$$

Obviously,  $0^{\bullet}$  is the smallest element in  $I(L)^{X}$ . It is easy to prove that the operators  $\omega_{t}$ ,  $\sigma_{t}$ ,  $\omega$  and  $^{\bullet}$  have the following properties:

Proposition 2.1 (1)  $\omega_t$  preserves finite sups and arbitrary infs;

- (2) σι preserves arbitrary sups and finite infs;
- (3) \* preserves arbitrary sups and arbitrary infs.

Proposition 2.2 Let  $\mu \in I(L)^X$ ,  $A \in L^X$ . Then

(1)  $\mu \in \omega(\delta)'$  iff  $\omega_t(\mu) \in \delta'$  for each  $t \in I$ ;

(2)  $A \in \delta'$  iff  $A^* \in \omega(\delta)'$ .

Proposition 2.3 Let  $\mu \in I(L)^X$ ,  $A \in L^X$  and  $t \in I$ . Then the following equalities hold:

- $(1) (\sigma_{i}(\mu))' = \omega_{1-i}(\mu'), (\omega_{i}(\mu))' = \sigma_{1-i}(\mu');$
- (2)  $(A^{\bullet})' = (A')^{\bullet};$
- (3)  $(t^*)' = (1-t)^*$  for all  $t \in I$ ;
- (4)  $\sigma_t(A^{\bullet}) = A$  for  $t \neq 1$ ,  $\omega(A^{\bullet}) = A$ .

To verify our main results, we need several lemmas:

Lemma 2.1 Let  $\lambda$ ,  $\mu \in I(L)$ . Then the following statements are equivalent:

- (1)  $\lambda = \mu \ (\lambda \leq \mu);$
- (2)  $\lambda(t+) = \mu(t+) \ (\lambda(t+) \le \mu(t+))$  for all  $t \in I$ ;
- (3)  $\lambda(t-) = \mu(t-) \ (\lambda(t-) \le \mu(t-))$  for all  $t \in I$ .

**Proof.** Only note that  $\lambda(t-) = \Lambda\{\lambda(s+) \mid s < t\}$ ,  $\lambda(t+) = V\{\lambda(s-) \mid s > t\}$  for all  $\lambda \in I(L)$  and all  $t \in \mathbb{R}$ .

Lemma 2.2 Let  $\eta(x_{\alpha})$  denotes the set of all closed R-neighborhoods of a molecule  $x_{\alpha}$  in  $(L^X, \delta)$ , and  $\eta(x_{\lambda_{\alpha,1}})$  denotes the set of all closed R-neighborhoods of a molecule  $x_{\lambda_{\alpha,1}}$  in  $(I(L)^X, \omega(\delta))$ .

- (1) If  $P \in \eta(x_{\alpha})$ , then  $P^* \vee s^* \in \eta(x_{\lambda_{\alpha},t})$  for all  $t \in (0,1]$  and all  $s \in [0,t)$ .
- (2) If  $P \in \eta(x_{\alpha})$ , then  $P^{\bullet} \in \eta(x_{\lambda_{\alpha},t})$  for all  $t \in (0,1]$ .
- (3) If  $P \in \eta(x_{\lambda_{\alpha,t}})$ , then there exists an  $s \in (0,t)$  such that  $\omega_s(P) \in \eta(x_{\alpha})$ .

**Proof.** (1) Let  $P \in \eta(x_{\alpha})$ . Then for any  $t \in (0,1]$  and  $s \in [0,t)$  we have

$$\lambda_{\alpha,t}(s+)=\alpha \not\leq P(x)=P^*(x)(s+)=(P^*\vee s^*)(x)(s+),$$

and so  $\lambda_{\alpha,i} \not\leq (P^* \vee s^*)(x)$ , i.e.,  $x_{\lambda_{\alpha,i}} \not\leq P^* \vee s^*$ . Since  $P \in \delta'$ ,  $(P')^* \wedge (1-s)^* \in \omega(\delta)$  by [4, Lemma 3.1]. This implies  $P^* \vee s^* \in \omega(\delta)'$ . Therefore  $P^* \vee s^* \in \eta(x_{\lambda_{\alpha,i}})$ .

- (2) Immediate from (1).
- (3) Let  $P \in \eta(x_{\lambda_{\alpha,t}})$ . Then  $\lambda_{\alpha,t} \not\leq P(x)$ , and so there exists an  $s_0 \in [0,t)$  such that  $\alpha = \lambda_{\alpha,t}(s_0+) \not\leq P(x)(s_0+)$ . Taking  $s \in (s_0,t)$ , we have  $P(x)(s-) \leq P(s_0+)$ . Hence  $\alpha \not\leq P(x)(s-) = \omega_s(P)(x)$ . Since  $P \in \omega(\delta)'$ , by Proposition 2.2  $\omega_s(P) \in \delta'$ . Therefore  $\omega_s(P) \in \eta(x_{\alpha})$ .

Lemma 2.3 The mapping  $\sigma_0: (I(L)^X, \omega(\delta)) \to (L^X, \delta)$  is a continuous order-homomorphism.

### 3. Main Results

Definition 3.1 (Wang [5]). Let  $(L^X, \delta)$  be an L-fts, and A,  $B \in L^X$ . A and B is said to be disjoint if  $A^- \wedge B = A \wedge B^- = 0$ .

Definition 3.2 (Wang [5]). Let  $(L^X, \delta)$  be an L-fts, and  $A \in L^X$ . A is called a connected set if it is not the union of two disjoint nonzero L-fuzzy sets. In particular, if  $1 \in L^X$  is a connected set, then  $(L^X, \delta)$  is called a connected L-fts.

Definition 3.2 (Wang and Shi [6]). L-fts  $(L^X, \delta)$  is called locally connected, if for each  $x_{\alpha} \in M^{\bullet}(L^X)$  and  $P \in \eta(x_{\alpha})$  there exists  $Q \in \eta(x_{\alpha})$  such that  $P \leq Q$  and Q' is connected.

Theorem 3.1. Let  $(L^X, \delta)$  be an L-fts, and  $A \in L^X$ . Then A is connected in  $(L^X, \delta)$  iff  $A^*$  is connected in  $(I(L)^X, \omega(\delta))$ .

Proof. Necessity. Assume that  $A^{\bullet}$  is not connected. Then there exist two nonzero elements  $B, C \in I(L)^X$ , such that  $A^{\bullet} = B \vee C$  and  $B^- \wedge C = B \wedge C^- = 0$ . We choose  $x, y \in X$  and  $r, s \in (0,1]$  such that  $B(x)(r-) \neq 0$ ,  $C(y)(s-) \neq 0$ . Taking  $t = \min\{r, s\}$ , then  $A = \omega_t(A^{\bullet}) = \omega_t(B) \vee \omega_t(C)$ , where  $\omega_t(B)$  and  $\omega_t(C)$  are nonzero. By Proposition 2.2,  $\omega_t(B^-) \in \delta'$ . Hence, by Proposition 2.1 we have

$$\omega_t(B)^- \wedge \omega_t(C) \leq \omega_t(B^-) \wedge \omega_t(C) = \omega_t(B^- \wedge C) = 0.$$

Similarly, we can prove  $\omega_t(B) \wedge \omega_t(C)^- = 0$ . Therefore A is not connected.

Sufficiency. Assume that A is not connected. Then there exist two nonzero elements B,  $C \in L^X$ , such that  $A = B \vee C$  and  $B^- \wedge C = B \wedge C^- = 0$ . Obviously,  $B^{\bullet}$ ,  $C^{\bullet}$  are also nonzero, and  $A^{\bullet} = B^{\bullet} \vee C^{\bullet}$ . By Proposition 2.2 and 2.1, it is easy to prove that  $(B^{\bullet})^- \wedge C^{\bullet} = B^{\bullet} \wedge (C^{\bullet})^- = 0^{\bullet}$ . Therefore  $A^{\bullet}$  is not connected.

Corollary 3.1.  $(L^X, \delta)$  is connected iff  $(I(L)^X, \omega(\delta))$  is connected.

Theorem 3.2. Let  $(L^X, \delta)$  be an L-fts, and A be a connected L-fuzzy set in  $(L^X, \delta)$ . Then for each  $t \in (0, 1]$ ,  $A^{\bullet} \wedge t^{\bullet}$  is a connected I(L)-fuzzy set in  $(I(L)^X, \omega(\delta))$ .

**Proof.** Analogous to necessity of Theorem 3.1 and note that  $\omega_s(A^{\bullet} \wedge t^{\bullet}) = A$  for all  $s \in (0, t]$ .

Theorem 3.3. Let A be a connected I(L)-fuzzy set in  $(I(L)^X, \omega(\delta))$ . Then  $\sigma_0(A)$  is a connected L-fuzzy set.

Proof. Assume that  $\sigma_0(A)$  is not connected. Then there exist nonzero  $B_0$ ,  $C_0 \in L^X$  such that  $\sigma_0(A) = B_0 \vee C_0$ , and  $B_0^- \wedge C_0 = B_0 \wedge C_0^- = 0$ . Define  $B, C \in I(L)^X$  as follows:

$$B(x)(t+) = \sigma_t(B)(x), \quad C(x)(t+) = \sigma_t(C)(x).$$

for all  $x \in X$  and all  $t \in [0, 1)$ . By Lemma 2.1, it is easy to know that  $A = B \vee C$ . Since  $\sigma_0$  is a continuous order-homomorphism (Lemma 2.3), we have  $\sigma_0(B^-) \leq \overline{\sigma_0(B)}$  and  $\sigma_0(C^-) \leq \overline{\sigma_0(C)}$ . Thus we can prove that  $B^- \wedge C = B \wedge C^- = 0^{\circ}$ . This shows that A is not connected.

Theorem 3.4.  $(L^X, \delta)$  is locally connected iff  $(I(L)^X, \omega(\delta))$  is locally connected.

Proof. Necessity. Let  $(L^X, \delta)$  is locally connected and  $x_{\lambda_{\alpha,i}} \in M^*(I(L)^X)$ . For any  $P \in \eta(x_{\lambda_{\alpha,i}})$ , there exists an  $s \in (0,t)$  such that  $\omega_s(P) \in \eta(x_{\alpha})$  by Lemma 2.2. Since  $(L^X, \delta)$  is locally connected, there exists  $Q \in \eta(x_{\alpha})$  such that  $\omega_s(P) \leq Q$ , and Q' is connected. It is easy to see that  $P \leq Q^* \vee s^*$  and  $Q^* \vee s^* \in \eta(x_{\lambda_{\alpha,i}})$ . By Proposition 2.3,  $(Q^* \vee s^*)' = (Q')^* \wedge (1-s)^*$ . Note that Q' is connected, from Theorem 3.2 we know that  $(Q^* \vee s^*)'$  is connected in  $(I(L)^X, \omega(\delta))$ . Hence  $(I(L)^X, \omega(\delta))$  is locally connected.

Sufficiency. Let  $(I(L)^X, \omega(\delta))$  is locally connected and  $x_{\alpha} \in M^{\bullet}(L^X)$ . For any  $P \in \eta(x_{\alpha})$ , we know that  $P^{\bullet} \in \eta(x_{\lambda_{\alpha,1}})$  by Lemma 2.2. Since  $(I(L)^X, \omega(\delta))$  is locally connected, there exists  $Q \in \eta(x_{\lambda_{\alpha,1}})$  such that  $P^{\bullet} \leq Q$  and Q' is connected. For  $Q \in \eta(x_{\lambda_{\alpha,1}})$ , by Lemma 2.2 there exists  $s \in (0,1)$  such that  $\omega_s(Q) \in \eta(x_{\alpha})$ . Notice that  $P^{\bullet} \leq Q$  implies  $P \leq \omega_t(Q)$  for all  $t \in (0,1]$ . Hence  $\bigwedge_{t \in (0,1]} \omega_t(Q) \in \eta(x_{\alpha})$ . By Proposition 2.3 and Theorem 3.3, we know that

$$\left(\bigwedge_{t\in(0,1]}\omega_t(Q)\right)'=\bigvee_{t\in(0,1]}\sigma_{1-t}(Q')=\sigma_0(Q')$$

is connected in  $(L^X, \delta)$ . Therefore  $(L^X, \delta)$  is locally connected.

Corollary 3.2 The connectedness (local connectedness) is a good extension in the sence of Lowen [3].

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