

## L-FUZZY SEMI-OPEN SETS AND SEMI-CONTINUOUS MAPPINGS\*

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**Abstract** In this paper, a new definition for  $L$ -fuzzy semi-open sets in  $L$ -fuzzy topological spaces is presented. The  $L$ -fuzzy semi-open sets possess almost all properties of usual semi-open sets in crisp topology. The notions of  $L$ -fuzzy semi-continuous mappings and  $L$ -fuzzy semi-open mappings and  $L$ -fuzzy semi-closed mappings are defined, and some characterizations for  $L$ -fuzzy semi-continuous mapping are obtained.

**Keywords:**  $L$ -fuzzy topology,  $L$ -fuzzy semi-open set,  $L$ -fuzzy semi-continuous mapping, Fuzzy lattice

## 1 Introduction

In 1981, K. K. Azad [1] first presented the concepts of fuzzy semi-open sets and fuzzy semi-continuous mappings in fuzzy topological spaces. Based on this, a series of works have been launched [2, 3, 9, 10]. But just as Azad himself pointed out, Azad's fuzzy semi-open sets have some shortcomings; for example, the intersection of a fuzzy semi-open set with a fuzzy open set may fail to be a fuzzy semi-open set, which was quite different from the classical semi-open sets. Trace sth, to its source, Azad's definition is only the simple translation for crisp semi-open sets [4], which it was not considered that the stratification structures of fuzzy sets. Moreover, all works relate to fuzzy semi-open sets were done only for the case of fuzzy topological spaces but not the general  $L$ -fuzzy topological spaces.

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The main purpose of this paper is to define  $L$ -fuzzy semi-open sets in the general  $L$ -fuzzy topological spaces taking the stratification structures of  $L$ -fuzzy sets as the point of departure, and then proceed to build a mathematical sound foundation for to study so-called the theory of  $L$ -fuzzy semi-topological spaces.

## 2. Preliminaries

Throughout this paper, we assume that  $L$  is a fuzzy lattice, i. e., a complete, completely distributive lattice with an order-reversing involution " $'$ ", its largest and smallest element are denoted by 1 and 0 respectively. Let  $M(L)$  denote the set of all the union-irreducible nonzero elements (i. e.,  $p \in L$  is irreducible if  $p \leq a \vee b \Rightarrow p \leq a$  or  $p \leq b$ ). Let  $p(L)$  denote the set of all the prime elements (i. e.,  $p \in L$  is a prime element if  $a \wedge b \leq p \Rightarrow a \leq p$  or  $b \leq p$ ) of  $L$  which are different from 1. It is easy to see that  $a \in M(L) \Leftrightarrow a' \in p(L)$ . Let  $X$  be a nonempty crisp set. If  $A$  is a crisp subset of  $X$ , then we let  $\chi_A$  denote the characteristic function of  $A$  which takes value on  $\{0, 1\} \subset L$ , A mapping from  $X$  into  $L$  is said to be  $L$ -fuzzy set on  $X$ . The collection of all the  $L$ -fuzzy set on  $X$ , denoted by  $LF(X)$ , can be naturally seen as a fuzzy lattice  $(LF(X), \leq, \vee, \wedge, ')$ , its largest and smallest element are denoted by  $1_X$  and  $0_X$  respectively. For  $A \in LF(X)$ ,  $\Psi \subset LF(X)$ ,  $r \in L$ , we write  $\iota_r(A) = \{x \in X; A(x) \leq r\}$ ,  $\Psi' = \{B'; B \in \Psi\}$ . Moreover, the empty crisp set is always denoted by  $\varphi$ .

**2.1. Definition [8].** A pair  $(LF(X), \delta)$  is called an  $L$ -fuzzy topological space, or an  $L$ -fts for short, if  $0_X, 1_X \in \delta$  and  $\delta$  is closed for finite intersection and arbitrary union. Each member of  $\delta$  is called an open set and its complementary set is called an closed set.

**2.2. Definition [8].** Let  $(LF(X), \delta)$  be an  $L$ -fts and  $x \in X, a \in L \setminus \{0\}$ . we let  $x_a$  denote the  $L$ -fuzzy set

$$x_a(y) = \begin{cases} 0, & y \in X \setminus \{x\}, \\ a, & y = x, \end{cases}$$

We call  $x_a$  an  $L$ -fuzzy point, or point for short, and call  $x_a$  a molecule if  $a \in$

$M(L)$ . The set of all molecules of  $LF(X)$  is denoted by  $M(L, X)$ .

A closed set  $P$  is called a  $R$ -neighborhood [11] of a point  $x_a$ , if  $a \notin P(x)$ ,  $\eta(e)$  denotes the collection of all the  $R$ -neighborhood of the point  $e$ .

**2.3. Definition [8].** Let  $(LF(X), \delta)$  be an  $L$ -fts, and  $A \in LF(X)$ . The closure  $A^-$  and the interior  $A^\circ$  of  $A$  are defined respectively, as

$$A^- = \bigwedge \{B : B \geq A, B' \in \delta\}, A^\circ = \bigvee \{B : B \leq A, B \in \delta\}.$$

**2.4. Remark.** For  $A \in LF(X)$ ,  $A'$  will denote the complement of  $A$ .

**2.5. Definition.** Let  $f : X \rightarrow Y$  be an ordinary mapping. We define the  $L$ -fuzzy mapping  $f : LF(X) \rightarrow LF(Y)$  and its inverse mapping  $f^{-1} : LF(Y) \rightarrow LF(X)$  as follows:

$$f(A)(y) = \bigvee \{A(x) : x \in X, f(x) = y\}, \forall A \in LF(X), \forall y \in Y,$$

$$f^{-1}(B)(x) = B(f(x)), \forall B \in LF(Y), \forall x \in X.$$

Notice that we only consider the  $L$ -fuzzy mappings which are induced by crisp mappings as above, and use the same symbol to denote the crisp mapping and its induced mapping. Moreover, in [5, 7], the  $L$ -fuzzy mappings here are called Zadeh's type functions, hence from Theorem 1.1 and 1.2 in [7] we have.

**2.6. Theorem [7].** Let  $f : LF(X) \rightarrow LF(Y)$  be an  $L$ -fuzzy mapping, then

$$(1) f^{-1}(1_Y) = 1_X, f^{-1}(0_Y) = 0_X; (2) f^{-1}(\bigvee B_i) = \bigvee f^{-1}(B_i), f^{-1}(\bigwedge B_i) = \bigwedge f^{-1}(B_i);$$

$$(3) \text{ If } A \leq B, \text{ then } f(A) \leq f(B).; (4) \forall A \in LF(X), A \leq f^{-1}(f(A));$$

$$(5) \forall B \in LF(Y), B \geq f(f^{-1}(B)), f^{-1}(B') = (f^{-1}(B))';$$

$$(6) f(A) \leq B \text{ iff } A \leq f^{-1}(B); (7) \text{ For point } x_a, f(x_a) = (f(x))_a.$$

**2.7. Definition [8]** Let  $(LF(X), \delta)$  be an  $L$ -fts,  $\emptyset \neq Y \subset X$ .

(1) For  $A \in LF(X)$ , we define  $A|Y \in LF(Y)$  as follows:

$$\forall y \in Y, (A|Y)(y) = A(y),$$

and call  $A|Y$  a restriction of  $A$  to  $Y$ .

(2)  $\delta|Y = \{A|Y : A \in \delta\}$  is an  $L$ -fuzzy topology on  $LF(Y)$ , and  $(LF(Y), \delta|Y)$  is called an  $L$ -fuzzy subspace of  $(LF(X), \delta)$ .

(3) For  $B \in LF(Y)$ , we define  $B^* \in LF(X)$  as follows:

$$\forall x \in X, B^*(x) = \begin{cases} B(x), & x \in Y, \\ 0, & x \notin Y, \end{cases}$$

and call  $B^*$  a extension of  $B$  over  $X$ .

**2. 8. Theorem [8].** Let  $(LF(X), \delta)$  be an  $L$ -fts, and  $(LF(Y), \delta|Y)$  be an  $L$ -fuzzy subspace of  $(LF(X), \delta)$ ,  $B \in LF(Y)$ , Then

$$(1) B^*|Y = B; (2) B^\circ \geq (B^*)^\circ|Y.$$

**2. 9. Theorem [8].** Let  $L$  be a fuzzy lattice, then  $\forall a \in L$ ,  $a$  can be represented as the intersection of some prime element of  $L$ .

**2. 10. Theorem** Let  $f: LF(X) \rightarrow LF(Y)$  be an  $L$ -fuzzy mapping,  $A, B \in LF(X)$ ,  $W \in LF(Y)$ ,  $r \in p(L)$ . Then

$$(1) \iota_r(\wedge B) = \iota_r(A) \cap \iota_r(B); \quad (2.1)$$

$$(2) \iota_r(f(A)) = f(\iota_r(A)); \quad (2.2)$$

$$(3) \iota_r(f^{-1}(W)) = f^{-1}(\iota_r(W)); \quad (2.3)$$

$$(4) \iota_r(f^{-1}(W) \wedge f^{-1}(f(A))) \neq \emptyset \Rightarrow \iota_r(f^{-1}(W)) \wedge A \neq \emptyset. \quad (2.4)$$

**Proof.** (1)  $\forall x \in X. x \in \iota_r(A) \cap \iota_r(B) \Leftrightarrow x \in \iota_r(A)$  and  $x \in \iota_r(B) \Leftrightarrow A(x) \leq r$  and  $B(x) \leq r \stackrel{r \in p(L)}{\Leftrightarrow} A(x) \wedge B(x) \leq r \Leftrightarrow (A \wedge B)(x) \leq r \Leftrightarrow x \in \iota_r(A \wedge B)$ .

(2)  $\forall y \in Y, y \in \iota_r(f(A)) \Leftrightarrow f(A)(y) = \vee \{A(x) : x \in X, f(x) = y\} \leq r \Leftrightarrow \exists x \in X$  such that  $f(x) = y, A(x) \leq r \Leftrightarrow \exists x \in X, x \in \iota_r(A), f(x) = y \Leftrightarrow y \in f(\iota_r(A))$ .

(3)  $\forall x \in X, x \in \iota_r(f^{-1}(W)) \Leftrightarrow f^{-1}(W)(x) \leq r \Leftrightarrow W(f(x)) \leq r \Leftrightarrow f(x) \in \iota_r(W) \Leftrightarrow x \in f^{-1}(\iota_r(W))$ .

(4)  $\iota_r(f^{-1}(W) \wedge f^{-1}(f(A))) \neq \emptyset$

$\Rightarrow \iota_r(f^{-1}(W \wedge f(A))) \neq \emptyset$  (by Theorem 2. 6(2))

$\Rightarrow f^{-1}(\iota_r(W \wedge f(A))) \neq \emptyset$  (by Theorem 2. 10(3))

$\Rightarrow \iota_r(W \wedge f(A)) \neq \emptyset$

$\Rightarrow \iota_r(W) \wedge \iota_r(f(A)) \neq \emptyset$  (by Theorem 2. 10(1))

$$\begin{aligned}
&\Rightarrow \exists y \in Y, W(y) \not\leq r, f(A)(y) \not\leq r \\
&\Rightarrow \exists y \in Y, W(y) \not\leq r, f(A)(y) = V\{A(x) : f(x) = y\} \not\leq r \\
&\Rightarrow \exists y \in Y, W(y) \not\leq r, \exists x \in X, f(x) = y, A(x) \neq r \\
&\Rightarrow \exists x \in X, f(x) = y, W(f(x)) = f^{-1}(W)(x) \not\leq r, A(x) \not\leq r \\
&\Rightarrow x \in \iota_r(A) \cap \iota_r(f^{-1}(W)) = \iota_r(f^{-1}(W) \wedge A) \\
&\Rightarrow \iota_r(f^{-1}(W) \wedge A) \neq \emptyset.
\end{aligned}$$

### 3 L-fuzzy semi-open sets

**3.1 Definition.** Let  $(LF(X), \delta)$  be an  $L$ -fts,  $A \in LF(X)$ .  $A$  is called an  $L$ -fuzzy semi-open set, if there exists an  $B \in \delta$  such that  $B \leq A$  and

$$\forall r \in p(L), \forall W \in \delta, \iota_r(W \wedge A) \neq \emptyset \Rightarrow \iota_r(W \wedge B) \neq \emptyset.$$

The set of all  $L$ -fuzzy semi-open sets in  $(LF(X), \delta)$  is denoted by  $SO(LF(X), \delta)$ , or simply  $SO(X)$ .

**3.2. Definition.** Let  $(LF(X), \delta)$  be an  $L$ -fts. If  $A \in SO(X)$ , then  $A'$  is called an  $L$ -fuzzy semi-closed set. The set of all  $L$ -fuzzy semi-closed sets in  $(LF(X), \delta)$  is denoted by  $SC(LF(X), \delta)$ , or simply  $SC(X)$ .

**3.3. Theorem.** Let  $(LF(X), \delta)$  be an  $L$ -fts. Then  $A \in SO(X)$  iff there is an  $B \in \delta$  such that  $B \leq A$  and

$$\forall a (\neq 1) \in L, \forall W \in \delta, \iota_a(W \wedge A) \neq \emptyset \Rightarrow \iota_a(W \wedge B) \neq \emptyset.$$

**Proof.** Sufficiency. It is obvious.

Necessity. Suppose that  $A \in SO(X)$ . For any  $a (\neq 1) \in L$ , from Theorem 2.9 we have  $a = \bigwedge_{i \in T} r_i$ . Where  $r_i \in p(L)$ . It follows from  $A \in SO(X)$  that there exists  $B \in \delta$  such that  $B \leq A$ . If  $\iota_a(W \wedge A) \neq \emptyset$ , then there exist  $x \in X$  such that  $(W \wedge A) \not\leq a$ , and so there is  $t \in T$  such that  $(W \wedge A)(x) \not\leq r_t$ . From definition 3.1 we see that  $(W \wedge B)(x) \not\leq r_t$ , and so  $(W \wedge B)(x) \not\leq a$ . This shows that  $\iota_a(W \wedge B) \neq \emptyset$ .

**3.4. Theorem.** Let  $(LF(X), \delta)$  be an  $L$ -fts. Then  $A \in SO(X)$  iff  $\forall r \in p(L), \forall W \in \delta, \iota_r(A \wedge W) \neq \emptyset \Rightarrow \iota_r(A^\circ \wedge W) \neq \emptyset$ .

**Proof.** Necessity. Suppose that  $A \in SO(X)$ . Then there exists an  $V \in \delta$  such

that  $V \leq A$  and

$$\forall r \in p(L), \forall W \in \delta, \iota_r(W \wedge A) \neq \emptyset \Rightarrow \iota_r(W \wedge V) \neq \emptyset.$$

But  $V \leq A^\circ$ , and so.

$$\forall r \in p(L), \forall W \in \delta, \iota_r(W \wedge A) \neq \emptyset \Rightarrow \iota_r(W \wedge A^\circ) \neq \emptyset$$

Sufficiency. It follows easily from  $A \geq A^\circ \in \delta$ .

**3.5. Theorem.** Let  $(LF(X), \delta)$  be an  $L$ -fts.  $A \in SO(X), B \in \delta$ , Then  $A \wedge B \in SO(X)$ .

**Proof.**  $\forall r \in p(L), \forall V \in \delta$ , if  $\iota_r(V \wedge A \wedge B) \neq \emptyset$ , then from  $V \wedge B \in \delta$  and  $A \in SO(X)$  we have  $\iota_r((V \wedge B) \wedge A^\circ) \neq \emptyset$ , hence  $\iota_r(V \wedge A^\circ \wedge B^\circ) = \iota_r(V \wedge (A \wedge B)^\circ) \neq \emptyset$ , This shows that  $A \wedge B \in SO(X)$ .

**3.6. Theorem** Let  $(LF(X), \delta)$  be an  $L$ -fts. If  $\{A_t; t \in T\} \subset SO(X)$ , then  $\bigvee_{t \in T} A_t \in SO(X)$ .

**Proof:**  $\forall r \in p(L), \forall V \in \delta$ , if  $\iota_r(V \wedge (\bigvee_{t \in T} A_t)) \neq \emptyset$ , then there exists an  $t \in T$  such that  $\iota_r(V \wedge A_t) \neq \emptyset$ . Because  $A_t \in SO(X), \iota_r(V \wedge A_t^\circ) \neq \emptyset$ , and then  $\iota_r(V \wedge (\bigvee_{t \in T} A_t^\circ)) \neq \emptyset$ , But  $(\bigvee_{t \in T} A_t)^\circ \supseteq \bigvee_{t \in T} A_t^\circ$ , thus  $\iota_r(V \wedge (\bigvee_{t \in T} A_t)^\circ) \neq \emptyset$ . This shows that  $\bigvee_{t \in T} A_t \in SO(X)$ .

**3.7. Corollary.** Let  $(LF(X), \delta)$  be an  $L$ -fts.

- (1) If  $A \in SC(X), B \in \delta'$ , then  $A \vee B \in SC(X)$ ;
- (2) If  $\{A_t; t \in T\} \subset SC(X)$ , then  $\bigwedge_{t \in T} A_t \in SC(X)$ .

**3.8. Theorem** Let  $(LF(X), \delta)$  be an  $L$ -fts, and  $(LF(Y), \delta|Y)$  an  $L$ -fuzzy subspace of  $(LF(X), \delta)$ , and  $A \in LF(Y)$ . If  $A^* \in SO(LF(X), \delta)$ , then  $A \in SO(LF(Y), \delta|Y)$ .

**Proof.**  $\forall r \in p(L), \forall V \in \delta|Y$ , we need to prove that  $\iota_r(V \wedge A) \neq \emptyset \Rightarrow \iota_r(V \wedge (A)^\circ_Y) \neq \emptyset$ , where  $(A)^\circ_Y$  denotes the interior of  $A$  in  $(LF(Y), \delta|Y)$ . For  $V \in \delta|Y, \exists U \in \delta$  such that  $V = U|Y$ , and then  $\iota_r((U|Y) \wedge A) \neq \emptyset$ , and so  $\iota_r(U \wedge A^*) \neq \emptyset$ . From  $A^* \in SO(LF(X), \delta)$  we obtain that  $\iota_r(U \wedge (A^*)^\circ_X) \neq \emptyset$  and

thus  $\exists y_0 \in X$  such that  $U(y_0) \not\leq r$ ,  $(A^*)^\circ_X(y_0) \not\leq r$ . Clearly,  $y_0 \in Y$  because  $A^*(y_0) = 0$  for  $y_0 \in X \setminus Y$ . Hence  $(U|_Y)(y_0) = U(y_0) \not\leq r$ .  $((A^*)^\circ_X|_Y)(y_0) = (A^*)^\circ_X(y_0) \not\leq r$ , and so  $\iota_r((U|_Y) \wedge ((A^*)^\circ_X|_Y)) \neq \varphi$ , but  $(A)^\circ_Y \geq (A^*)^\circ_X|_Y$ , and therefore  $\iota_r(V \wedge (A)^\circ_Y) \neq \varphi$ .

The converse of Theorem 3.8 is, in general, false. However we have.

**3.9. Theorem.** Let  $(LF(X), \delta)$  be an  $L$ -fts, and  $(LF(Y), \delta|_Y)$  an  $L$ -fuzzy subspace of  $(LF(X), \delta)$ . If  $A \in LF(Y)$ , and  $\chi_Y \in SO(LF(X), \delta)$ , then  $A^* \in SO(LF(X), \delta)$  iff  $A \in SO(LF(Y), \delta|_Y)$ .

The proof of next Lemma is direct.

**3.10. Lemma** Let  $(LF(X), \delta)$  be an  $L$ -fts, then  $\delta = \{A^\circ : A \in SO(LF(X), \delta)\}$ .

From Lemma 3.10 we have directly the following

**3.11. Theorem.** Let  $(LF(X), \delta)$  and  $(LF(X), \tau)$  be  $L$ -fts's. If  $SO(LF(X), \delta) \subset SO(LF(X), \tau)$ , then  $\delta \subset \tau$ ; If  $SO(LF(X), \delta) = SO(LF(X), \tau)$ , then  $\delta = \tau$ .

#### 4 $L$ -fuzzy semi-continuous mappings

**6.1 Definition** [8, 12]. Let  $(LF(X), \delta)$  and  $(LF(Y), \tau)$  be two  $L$ -fts's, and  $f: (LF(X), \delta) \rightarrow (LF(Y), \tau)$  an  $L$ -fuzzy mapping. Then

(1)  $f$  is called  $L$ -fuzzy semi-continuous (or LFSC, for short), if  $f^{-1}(V) \in SO(LF(X), \delta)$  holds for each  $V \in \tau$ ;

(2)  $f$  is called  $L$ -fuzzy semi-open, if  $f(U) \in SO(LF(Y), \tau)$  holds for any  $U \in \delta$ ;

(3)  $f$  is called  $L$ -fuzzy semi-closed, if  $f(W) \in SC(LF(Y), \tau)$  holds for each  $W \in \delta'$ ;

(4)  $f$  is called  $L$ -fuzzy semi-continuous at  $e \in M(L, X)$ , if  $f^{-1}(P) \in s\eta(e)$  holds for each  $P \in \eta(f(e))$ ;

- (5)  $f$  is called  $L$ -fuzzy continuous, if  $f^{-1}(V) \in \delta$  holds for each  $V \in \tau$ ;  
 (6)  $f$  is called  $L$ -fuzzy open, if  $f(V) \in \tau$  hold for each  $V \in \delta$ .

**4.2. Theorem.** Let  $f: (LF(X), \delta) \longrightarrow (LF(Y), \tau)$  be an  $L$ -fuzzy continuous mapping and an  $L$ -fuzzy semi-open mapping, then  $f(A) \in SO(LF(Y), \tau)$  holds for each  $A \in SO(LF(X), \delta)$ .

**Proof.**  $\forall A \in SO(LF(X), \delta)$  we need to prove that

$$\begin{aligned}
 & \forall r \in p(L), \forall W \in \tau, \iota_r(W \wedge f(A)) \neq \varphi \Rightarrow \iota_r(W \wedge (f(A))^\circ) \neq \varphi, \\
 & \quad \iota_r(W \wedge f(A)) \neq \varphi \\
 & \Rightarrow f^{-1}(\iota_r(W \wedge f(A))) \neq \varphi \\
 & \Rightarrow \iota_r(f^{-1}(W) \wedge f^{-1}(f(A))) \neq \varphi && \text{(by(2.1))} \\
 & \Rightarrow \iota_r(f^{-1}(W) \wedge A) \neq \varphi && \text{(by(2.4))} \\
 & \Rightarrow \iota_r(f^{-1}(W) \wedge A^\circ) \neq \varphi && (f^{-1}(W) \in \delta, A \in SO(X)) \\
 & \Rightarrow f(\iota_r(f^{-1}(W) \wedge A^\circ)) \neq \varphi \\
 & \Rightarrow \iota_r(f(f^{-1}(W) \wedge A^\circ)) \neq \varphi && \text{(by(2.2))} \\
 & \Rightarrow \iota_r(f(f^{-1}(W)) \wedge f(A^\circ)) \neq \varphi \\
 & \Rightarrow \iota_r(W \wedge f(A^\circ)) \neq \varphi \\
 & \Rightarrow \iota_r(W \wedge (f(A^\circ))^\circ) \neq \varphi && (f(A^\circ) \in SO(Y)) \\
 & \Rightarrow \iota_r(W \wedge (f(A))^\circ) \neq \varphi.
 \end{aligned}$$

**4.3. Theorem.** Let  $f: (LF(X), \delta) \longrightarrow (LF(Y), \tau)$  be an  $L$ -fuzzy open mapping and an LFSC. Then  $f^{-1}(V) \in SO(LF(X), \delta)$  holds for each  $V \in SO(LF(Y), \tau)$ .

**Proof.**  $\forall V \in SO(LF(Y), \tau)$ , we need to prove that

$$\begin{aligned}
 & \forall r \in p(L), \forall W \in \delta, \iota_r(W \wedge f^{-1}(V)) \neq \varphi \Rightarrow \iota_r(W \wedge (f^{-1}(V))^\circ) \neq \varphi \\
 & \quad \iota_r(W \wedge f^{-1}(V)) \neq \varphi \\
 & \Rightarrow f(\iota_r(W \wedge f^{-1}(V))) \neq \varphi \\
 & \Rightarrow \iota_r(f(W \wedge f^{-1}(V))) \neq \varphi && \text{(by(2.2))} \\
 & \Rightarrow \iota_r(f(W) \wedge f(f^{-1}(V))) \neq \varphi \\
 & \Rightarrow \iota_r(f(W) \wedge V) \neq \varphi \\
 & \Rightarrow \iota_r(f(W) \wedge V^\circ) \neq \varphi && (f(W) \in \tau, V \in SO(Y))
 \end{aligned}$$



$$\begin{aligned}
& (f(W) \wedge V^\circ) \neq \varphi \\
& (f(W) \wedge V^\circ) \neq \varphi && \text{(by(2.3))} \\
& (f(W) \wedge f^{-1}(V^\circ)) \neq \varphi \\
& \setminus f^{-1}(V^\circ) \neq \varphi && \text{(by(2.4))} \\
& \wedge (f^{-1}(V^\circ))^\circ \neq \varphi && (f^{-1}(V^\circ) \in SO(X)) \\
& \wedge (f^{-1}(V))^\circ \neq \varphi.
\end{aligned}$$

**4.4. Theorem.** Let  $f: (LF(X), \delta) \longrightarrow (LF(Y), \tau)$  be an  $L$ -fuzzy mapping, then  $f$  is  $L$ -fuzzy semi-closed iff for each  $B \in LF(Y)$  and any  $A \in SO(X)$  with  $A \geq f^{-1}(B)$  there exists  $C \in SO(Y)$  such that  $C \geq B$  and  $A \geq f^{-1}(C)$ .

**Proof.** Suppose that  $f$  is  $L$ -fuzzy semi-closed and  $A \in SO(X), A \geq f^{-1}(B)$ . Now  $C = (f(A'))' \in SO(Y)$ , and from  $A' \leq (f^{-1}(B))' = f^{-1}(B')$  we have  $f(A') \leq f(f^{-1}(B')) \leq B'$ , hence  $B \leq (f(A'))' = C$  and  $f^{-1}(C) = f^{-1}((f(A'))') = (f^{-1}(f(A')))' \leq (A')' = A$

Conversely, suppose that the condition of the theorem is satisfied and  $D \in SC(LF(X), \delta)$ , Put  $B = (f(D))'$ , then

$$f^{-1}(B) = f^{-1}((f(D))') = (f^{-1}(f(D)))' \leq D' \triangleq A \in SO(LF(X), \delta)$$

Hence there exists  $C \in SO(LF(Y), \tau)$  such that  $C \geq B = (f(D))'$  and  $f^{-1}(C) \leq A = D'$ , i. e.,  $f^{-1}((C')) \geq D$ , and thus  $f(D) \leq f(f^{-1}(C')) \leq C'$ . Hence  $f(D) = C' \in SC(LF(Y), \tau)$ . This shows that  $f$  is  $L$ -fuzzy semi-closed.

Similarly, we can prove

**4.5. Theorem.** Suppose that  $f: (LF(X), \delta) \longrightarrow (LF(Y), \tau)$  is an  $L$ -fuzzy mapping, then  $f$  is  $L$ -fuzzy semi-open iff for each  $B \in LF(Y)$  and any  $A \in SC(LF(X), \delta)$  with  $A \geq f^{-1}(B)$  there exists  $C \in SC(LF(Y), \tau)$  such that  $C \geq B$  and  $A \geq f^{-1}(C)$ .

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