

σ –Connectivity in L –Topological Spaces

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Abstract

In this paper, the concept of σ –connectivity in L –topological spaces is introduced. Some properties for σ –connectivity in L –topological spaces are characterized systematically. The famous K.Fan’s Theorem holds for σ –connectivity in L –topological spaces.

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1 Introduction

Connectivity is one of the most important notions in topology. Pu and Liu [10] introduced the definition of connectedness in fuzzy topological spaces. Since then, many other authors have presented different kinds of connectivity in fuzzy setting([8], [11], [7], [12]). In [3, 4, 5], Chen proposed the concept of σ –closed L –set in fuzzy lattices and further developed different important topological concepts such as σ –convergence and σ –continuous order homomorphisms by means of fuzzy σ –open L –set.

In this paper, along the line of [4], we introduce the concept of σ –connectivity in L –topological spaces based on σ –open L –sets. σ –connectedness preserves many nice properties of connectedness in general topological spaces. Meanwhile, the famous K.Fan’s Theorem can be generalized to L –topological spaces for σ –connectedness.

2 Preliminaries

Throughout this paper, $(L, \vee, \wedge, ')$ will denote a complete *DeMorgan* algebra. For a nonempty set X , L^X denotes the set of all L –fuzzy sets (L –sets for

short) on X . The smallest element and the largest element in L^X are denoted by $\underline{0}$ and $\underline{1}$ respectively.

A non-null element a in L is called \vee -irreducible element if $a \leq b \vee c$ implies $a \leq b$ or $a \leq c$. The set of all \vee -irreducible elements in L is denoted by $M^*(L)$.

An L -topological space is a pair (L^X, δ) , where δ is a subfamily of L^X which contains $\underline{0}, \underline{1}$ and is closed for any suprema and finite infima. δ is called an L -topology on X . Every member of δ is called an open L -set and its quasicomplementation is called a closed L -set. The interior and closure of $P \in L^X$ will be denoted by $\text{int}(P)$ and $\text{cl}(P)$ respectively.

Definition 2.1 [3] Let (L^X, δ) be an L -topological space, $e \in M^*(L^X)$ and $P, Q \in \delta$. Then P, Q are called an ordered pair of closed remote-neighborhood of e , in symbol $\langle P, Q \rangle \in \eta(e) \times \eta(e)$, if $e \not\leq P$ and $Q \leq \text{int}(P)$.

Definition 2.2 [4] Let (L^X, δ) be an L -topological space, $A \in L^X$ and $e \in M^*(L^X)$.

(1) e is said to be a σ -adherence point of A , if $A \not\leq Q$ for each $\langle P, Q \rangle \in \eta(e) \times \eta(e)$. The union of all σ -adherence points of A is called the σ -closure of A which denoted by $\text{cl}_\sigma(A)$.

(2) A is called a σ -closed set if $\text{cl}_\sigma(A) \leq A$.

(3) A is called a σ -open set if A' is a σ -closed set.

Definition 2.3 [5] Let $(L^{X_i}, \delta_i) (i = 1, 2)$ be L -topological spaces and $f : L^{X_1} \rightarrow L^{X_2}$ an order-homomorphism. Then f is called σ -continuous if $f^{-1}(A)$ is σ -open for each σ -open set A in (L^{X_2}, δ_2) .

3 σ -connectivity in L -topological spaces

In this section, we will introduce the concept of σ -connectivity in L -topological spaces and discuss its basic properties.

Definition 3.1 Let (L^X, δ) be an L -topological space and $A, B \in L^X$. Then A and B are called σ -separated if $\text{cl}_\sigma(A) \wedge B = A \wedge \text{cl}_\sigma(B) = \underline{0}$.

Definition 3.2 Let (L^X, δ) be an L -topological space and $A \in L^X$. A is called σ -connected subset if there do not exist two non-null σ -separated subsets B, C in L^X such that $A = B \vee C$. (L^X, δ) is said to be a σ -connected space if $\underline{1}$ is σ -connected.

Theorem 3.3 Let (L^X, δ) be an L -topological space. Then the following statements are equivalent:

(1) (L^X, δ) is not a σ -connected space.

(2) There exist two non-null σ -closed subsets A, B such that $A \vee B = \underline{1}$ and $A \wedge B = \underline{0}$.

(3) There exist two non-null σ -open subsets A, B such that $A \vee B = \underline{1}$ and $A \wedge B = \underline{0}$.

Proof (1) \Rightarrow (2) Suppose (L^X, δ) is not a σ -connected space. Then there exist two non-null σ -separated subsets A, B such that $A \vee B = \underline{1}$. It is obvious that $A \wedge B = \underline{0}$. The fact that A is σ -closed follows from

$$cl_\sigma(A) = cl_\sigma(A) \wedge (A \vee B) = (cl_\sigma(A) \wedge A) \vee (cl_\sigma(A) \wedge B) = A.$$

Similarly, one can see that B is a σ -closed subset.

(2) \Rightarrow (1) It follows from Definition 3.1 and Definition 3.2.

(2) \Rightarrow (3) Assume that there exist two non-null σ -closed subsets C, D such that $C \vee D = \underline{1}$ and $C \wedge D = \underline{0}$. Then, C', D' are two non-null σ -open sets such that $C' \vee D' = \underline{1}$ and $C' \wedge D' = \underline{0}$. Let $A = C', B = D'$, thereby, A and B satisfy (3). Similarly, one can prove (3) \Rightarrow (2).

Corollary 3.4 Let (L^X, δ) be an L -topological space, then (L^X, δ) is not a σ -connected space if and only if there exist non-null subset A in L^X such that A is both σ -closed and σ -open.

Theorem 3.5 Let (L^X, δ) be an L -topological space and $A \in L^X$. Then the following statements are equivalent:

(1) A is σ -connected.

(2) There do not exist two σ -closed subsets C, D such that

$$C \wedge A \neq \underline{0}, D \wedge A \neq \underline{0}, A \leq C \vee D \text{ and } C \wedge D \wedge A = \underline{0}.$$

(3) There do not exist two σ -closed subsets C, D such that

$$A \not\leq C, A \not\leq D, A \leq C \vee D \text{ and } C \wedge D \wedge A = \underline{0}.$$

Proof (1) \Rightarrow (2) Suppose A is σ -connected and there exist two σ -closed subsets C, D such that

$$C \wedge A \neq \underline{0}, D \wedge A \neq \underline{0}, A \leq C \vee D \text{ and } C \wedge D \wedge A = \underline{0}.$$

Then $(C \wedge A) \vee (D \wedge A) = (C \vee D) \wedge A = A$. One can see that $cl_\sigma(C \wedge A) \wedge (D \wedge A) = \underline{0}$ by

$$cl_\sigma(C \wedge A) \wedge (D \wedge A) \leq cl_\sigma(C) \wedge (D \wedge A) = C \wedge D \wedge A = \underline{0}.$$

Similarly, $cl_\sigma(D \wedge A) \wedge (C \wedge A) = \underline{0}$. Hence, A is not σ -connected which is a contradiction.

(2) \Rightarrow (3) Suppose there exist two σ -closed subsets C, D such that

$$A \not\leq C, A \not\leq D, A \leq C \vee D \text{ and } C \wedge D \wedge A = \underline{0}.$$

One can easily prove that $C \wedge A \neq \underline{0}, D \wedge A \neq \underline{0}$ which is a contradiction.

(3) \Rightarrow (1) Suppose A is not σ -connected. Then there exist two non-null σ -separated subsets E, F in L^X such that $A = E \vee F$. Take $C = cl_\sigma(E)$ and $D = cl_\sigma(F)$. Then $A = E \vee F \leq cl_\sigma(E) \vee cl_\sigma(F) = C \vee D$ and $C \wedge D \wedge A = \underline{0}$ by that

$$\begin{aligned} cl_\sigma(E) \wedge cl_\sigma(F) \wedge A &= cl_\sigma(E) \wedge cl_\sigma(F) \wedge (E \vee F) \\ &= (cl_\sigma(E) \wedge cl_\sigma(F) \wedge E) \vee (cl_\sigma(E) \wedge cl_\sigma(F) \wedge F) \\ &= (cl_\sigma(F) \wedge E) \vee (cl_\sigma(E) \wedge F) = \underline{0}. \end{aligned}$$

Moreover one can get that $A \not\leq C$ and $A \not\leq D$. In fact, if $A \leq C$, then $D \wedge A = D \wedge (A \wedge C) = \underline{0}$, i.e. $cl_\sigma(F) \wedge A = \underline{0}$. Hence, $F = F \wedge A \leq cl_\sigma(F) \wedge A = \underline{0}$. This is a contradiction. Similarly, one can have $A \not\leq D$. By the contradiction to (3), we have that A is σ -connected.

Theorem 3.6 *Let (L^X, δ) be an L -topological space and $A \in L^X$. Then the following statements are equivalent:*

- (1) A is σ -connected.
- (2) For any two non-null points $a, b \leq A$, there exists a σ -connected subset E in (L^X, δ) such that $a, b \leq E \leq A$.
- (3) For any two non-null points $a, b \in M^*(A)$, there exists a σ -connected subset E in (L^X, δ) such that $a, b \leq E \leq A$.

Proof (1) \Rightarrow (2) and (2) \Rightarrow (3) are obvious, we only prove (3) \Rightarrow (1).

Suppose A is not σ -connected in (L^X, δ) , then there exist two σ -closed subsets $C, D \in L^X$ such that

$$A \not\leq C, A \not\leq D, A \leq C \vee D \text{ and } C \wedge D \wedge A = \underline{0}.$$

By $A = \vee M^*(A)$, there exist $a, b \in M^*(A)$ such that $a \not\leq C, b \not\leq D$. Let E be a σ -connected set in (L^X, δ) such that $a, b \leq E \leq A$. Then we have that

$$E \not\leq C, E \not\leq D, E \leq C \vee D \text{ and } C \wedge D \wedge E = \underline{0}.$$

By Theorem 3.5, E is not σ -connected which is a contradiction.

Theorem 3.7 *Let A be σ -connected in an L -topological space (L^X, δ) . If $A \leq B \leq cl_\sigma(A)$, then B is a σ -connected subset in (L^X, δ) .*

Proof Suppose B is not a σ -connected subset in (L^X, δ) . Then there exist two non-null σ -separated subsets C, D in L^X such that $B = C \vee D$. Let $E = A \wedge C$ and $F = A \wedge D$. Then

$$E \vee F = (A \wedge C) \vee (A \wedge D) = A \wedge (C \vee D) = A \wedge B = A$$

and

$$cl_\sigma(E) \wedge F = E \wedge cl_\sigma(F) = \underline{0}.$$

Hence, $E = \underline{0}$ or $F = \underline{0}$ for A is σ -connected. If $E = \underline{0}$, then $A = F = A \wedge D \leq D$, $cl_\sigma(A) \leq cl_\sigma(D)$. On the other hand, $C \leq B \leq cl_\sigma(A)$, $C = C \wedge cl_\sigma(A) \leq C \wedge cl_\sigma(D) = \underline{0}$. That is, $C = \underline{0}$ which leads to a contradiction. Similarly, one can get $D = \underline{0}$ if $F = \underline{0}$. So, B is σ -connected in (L^X, δ) .

Corollary 3.8 *If A is σ -connected in (L^X, δ) , then so is $cl_\sigma(A)$.*

Theorem 3.9 *Let (L^X, δ) be an L -topological space and $A \in L^X$ is σ -connected. If there exist two σ -separated subsets B and C in L^X such that $A \leq B \vee C$, then $A \leq B$ or $A \leq C$.*

Proof Let B and C be two σ -separated subsets in (L^X, δ) such that $A \leq B \vee C$. Then $A \wedge B$ and $A \wedge C$ are two σ -separated subsets by the followings

$$cl_\sigma(A \wedge C) \wedge (A \wedge B) \leq cl_\sigma(C) \wedge B = \underline{0}$$

and

$$cl_\sigma(A \wedge B) \wedge (A \wedge C) \leq cl_\sigma(B) \wedge C = \underline{0}.$$

Since A is σ -connected and $A = A \wedge (B \vee C) = (A \wedge B) \vee (A \wedge C)$, we get $A \wedge B = \underline{0}$ or $A \wedge C = \underline{0}$. If $A \wedge B = \underline{0}$, then $A = A \wedge C \leq C$. Similarly, if $A \wedge C = \underline{0}$, then $A \leq B$.

Theorem 3.10 *Let $\{A_t\}_{t \in T} \subset L^X$ be a family of σ -connected subsets in (L^X, δ) . Suppose there exists $s \in T$ such that A_t and A_s are not σ -separated for each $t \in T \setminus \{s\}$, then $A = \bigvee_{t \in T} A_t$ is σ -connected in (L^X, δ) .*

Proof Let B and C be two σ -separated subsets in (L^X, δ) such that $A = B \vee C$. We will show that $B = \underline{0}$ or $C = \underline{0}$ by Definition 3.2.

Take $B_t = A_t \wedge B$, $C_t = A_t \wedge C$ for each $t \in T$. Then $cl_\sigma(B_t) \wedge C_t = cl_\sigma(C_t) \wedge B_t = \underline{0}$. That is, B_t and C_t are σ -separated for each $t \in T$. One can see that $B_t = \underline{0}$ or $C_t = \underline{0}$ by $A_t = A_t \wedge A = (A_t \wedge B) \vee (A_t \wedge C) = B_t \vee C_t$ and A_t is σ -connected. It follows that $A_t = C_t \leq C$ or $A_t = B_t \leq B$. Especially, $A_s = C_s \leq C$ or $A_s = B_s \leq B$. Without loss of generality, we

may assume that $A_s = C_s \leq C$. Then $A_t \leq C$ for each $t \in T \setminus \{s\}$. In fact, if $A_t \not\leq C$ for some $t \in T \setminus \{s\}$, then $A_t \leq B$ and

$$cl_\sigma(A_t) \bigwedge A_s = cl_\sigma(A_t) \bigwedge C_s \leq cl_\sigma(B) \bigwedge C = \underline{0},$$

$$A_t \bigwedge cl_\sigma(A_s) = A_t \bigwedge cl_\sigma(C_s) \leq B \bigwedge cl_\sigma(C) = \underline{0}.$$

That is, A_t and A_s are σ -separated which is a contradiction. Therefore, $A_t \leq C$ for each $t \in T$. It follows that $A \leq C$ and $B = B \bigwedge A \leq B \bigwedge C \leq B \bigwedge C_\sigma^- = \underline{0}$, i.e., $B = \underline{0}$. Hence, $A = \bigvee_{t \in T} A_t$ is a σ -connected subset in (L^X, δ) .

Corollary 3.11 *Let $\{A_t\}_{t \in T} \subset L^X$ be a family of σ -connected subsets in (L^X, δ) . If $\bigwedge_{t \in T} A_t \neq \underline{0}$, then $A = \bigvee_{t \in T} A_t$ is σ -connected in (L^X, δ) .*

Definition 3.12 *Let (L^X, δ) be an L -topological space and $A \in L^X$. A is called a σ -connected component in (L^X, δ) if A is a maximal σ -connected L -set, i.e., $A = B$ for each σ -connected L -set B in (L^X, δ) such that $A \leq B$.*

Theorem 3.13 *Let (L^X, δ) be an L -topological space, then*

- (1) *The union of all the σ -connected components of (L^X, δ) equals $\underline{1}$.*
- (2) *The intersection of different σ -connected components of (L^X, δ) is empty.*
- (3) *Each σ -connected component of (L^X, δ) is a σ -closed L -set.*

Proof (1) Firstly, for each $e \in M^*(L^X)$, e is a σ -connected subset. In fact, if e is not a σ -connected subset, there exist two non-null σ -separated subsets A and B such that $e = A \vee B$. Since e is a molecule, $e = A$ or $e = B$. Then, $A = \underline{0}$ or $B = \underline{0}$ which is a contradiction.

For each $e \in M^*(L^X)$, define $\mathcal{A} = \{A(e) \in L^X \mid A(e) \text{ is } \sigma\text{-connected such that } e \leq A(e)\}$. Obviously, $\mathcal{A} \neq \emptyset$. Let $A = \bigvee \mathcal{A}$, then A is σ -connected by Corollary 3.11. Clearly, A is a σ -connected component in (L^X, δ) . And $A = \underline{1}$ follows from that $\bigvee M^*(L^X) = \underline{1}$.

(2) Suppose A and B are different σ -connected components and $A \bigwedge B \neq \emptyset$. Then $A \vee B$ is σ -connected by Corollary 3.11 which is a contradiction.

(3) Suppose A is a σ -connected component in (L^X, δ) , then $cl_\sigma(A)$ is σ -connected and $A \leq cl_\sigma(A)$. Therefore, $A = cl_\sigma(A)$ and A is σ -closed by Definition 2.2, .

Theorem 3.14 *Let $(L^{X_i}, \delta_i)(i = 1, 2)$ be two L -topological spaces and $f : L^{X_1} \rightarrow L^{X_2}$ be a σ -continuous order homomorphism. If A is σ -connected in (L^{X_1}, δ_1) , then $f(A)$ is σ -connected in (L^{X_2}, δ_2) .*

Proof Suppose $f(A)$ is not σ -connected. Then there are two σ -closed L -sets $C, D \in L^{X_2}$ such that

$$f(A) \not\leq C, f(A) \not\leq D, f(A) \leq C \vee D \text{ and } C \wedge D \wedge f(A) = \underline{0}.$$

So,

$$A \not\leq f^{-1}(C), A \not\leq f^{-1}(D), A \leq f^{-1}(C \vee D) = f^{-1}(C) \vee f^{-1}(D)$$

and

$$\begin{aligned} f^{-1}(C) \wedge f^{-1}(D) \wedge A &\leq f^{-1}(C) \wedge f^{-1}(D) \wedge f^{-1}(f(A)) \\ &= f^{-1}(C \wedge D \wedge f(A)) \\ &= \underline{0}. \end{aligned}$$

Since f is σ -continuous, $f^{-1}(C)$ and $f^{-1}(D)$ are two σ -closed L -sets in (L^{X_1}, δ_1) . This shows that A is not σ -connected which is a contradiction. Therefore $f(A)$ is σ -connected in (L^{X_2}, δ_2) .

Corollary 3.15 Let $(L^{X_i}, \delta_i)(i = 1, 2)$ be two L -topological spaces and $f : L^{X_1} \rightarrow L^{X_2}$ be a σ -continuous onto order homomorphism. If (L^{X_1}, δ_1) is a σ -connected L -topological space, then so is (L^{X_2}, δ_2) .

Definition 3.16 Let (L^X, δ) be an L -topological space and $e \in M^*(L^X)$. Then $P \in L^X$ is called σ -closed remote neighborhood of e if P is a σ -closed subset such that $e \not\leq P$. The family of all σ -closed remote neighborhoods of e is denoted by $\eta_\sigma^-(e)$. $Q \in L^X$ is called σ -remote neighborhood of e if there exists $P \in \eta_\sigma^-(e)$ such that $Q \leq P$. The family of all σ -remote neighborhoods of e is denoted by $\eta_\sigma(e)$.

Theorem 3.17 (*K.Fan Theorem*) Let (L^X, δ) be an L -topological space and $A \in L^X$. Then A is σ -connected if and only if for each pair a, b in $M^*(A)$ and each σ -remote neighborhood mapping $P : M^*(A) \rightarrow \cup\{\eta_\sigma(e) | e \in M^*(A)\}$ where $P(e) \in \eta_\sigma(e)$ for each $e \in M^*(A)$, there exists a finite number of points $e_1 = a, e_2, \dots, e_n = b$ in $M^*(A)$ such that $A \not\leq P(e_i) \vee P(e_{i+1}), i = 1, 2, \dots, n-1$.

Proof Sufficiency. Suppose that A is not σ -connected. Then there exist two non-null σ -separated L -subsets $B, C \in L^X$ such that $A = B \vee C$. Define the mapping $P : M^*(A) \rightarrow \cup\{\eta_\sigma(e) | e \in M^*(A)\}$ as the following:

$$P(e) = \begin{cases} cl_\sigma(C), & \text{if } e \leq B, \\ cl_\sigma(B), & \text{if } e \leq C. \end{cases}$$

We have $e \not\leq P(e)$ since $cl_\sigma(B) \wedge C = B \wedge cl_\sigma(C) = \underline{0}$. By $P(e)$ is a σ -closed L -subset, $P(e) \in \eta_\sigma(e)$ for each $e \in M^*(A)$. Take the points $a, b \in M^*(A)$ such that $a \leq B, b \leq C$. Since for arbitrary finite points $e_1 = a, e_2, \dots, e_n = b$ there is only one of $e_i \leq B$ and $e_i \leq C$ holds, we have $P(e_i) = cl_\sigma(B)$ or $P(e_i) = cl_\sigma(C)$. But $P(e_1) = cl_\sigma(C)$ and $P(e_n) = cl_\sigma(B)$, hence there exists some $j (1 \leq j \leq n-1)$ such that $P(e_j) = cl_\sigma(C)$ and $P(e_{j+1}) = cl_\sigma(B)$. This shows that

$$A = B \vee C \leq P(e_j) \vee P(e_{j+1})$$

which is a contradiction.

Necessity. Suppose that condition of theorem is not true, i.e, there are two points $a, b \in M^*(A)$ and a σ -remote neighborhood mapping $P : M^*(A) \rightarrow \bigcup \{\eta_\sigma(e) | e \in M^*(A)\}$ such that

$$A \not\leq P(e_i) \vee P(e_{i+1}), i = 1, 2, \dots, n-1$$

is not true for arbitrary finite points $e_1, \dots, e_n \in M^*(A)$. For the sake of convenience, we follow the agreement that two points r and k are σ -linked if there exist finite points $e_1 = r, e_2, \dots, e_n = k$ in $M^*(A)$ such that $A \not\leq P(e_i) \vee P(e_{i+1}), i = 1, 2, \dots, n-1$. Otherwise, r and k are not σ -linked. Let

$$\Phi = \{e \in M^*(A) | a \text{ and } e \text{ are } \sigma\text{-linked}\},$$

$$\Psi = \{e \in M^*(A) | a \text{ and } e \text{ are not } \sigma\text{-linked}\},$$

$$B = \bigvee \Phi, C = \bigvee \Psi.$$

Obviously, a and a are σ -linked for that $a \not\leq P(a)$ implies $A \not\leq P(a)$. So, $a \in \Phi, a \leq B$. By the hypothesis, a and b are not σ -linked, then $b \in \Psi$ and $b \leq C$. Hence, $B \neq \underline{0}, C \neq \underline{0}$. Since for each $e \in M^*(A)$, $e \in \Phi$ or $e \in \Psi$, we have $A = B \vee C$. We will prove $cl_\sigma(B) \wedge C = B \wedge cl_\sigma(C) = \underline{0}$. Hence, A is not σ -connected which is a contradiction.

In fact, suppose $cl_\sigma(B) \wedge C \neq \underline{0}$ and take point $d \leq cl_\sigma(B) \wedge C$. By $d \leq cl_\sigma(B)$, we have $d \not\leq P(d)$ and $B \not\leq P(d)$. So there is $e \in \Phi$ such that $e \not\leq P(d)$. Hence $e \not\leq P(d) \vee P(e)$ and $e \leq B \leq A$. Thus, $A \not\leq P(d) \vee P(e)$. For e and a are σ -linked, then a and d are σ -linked. On the other hand, by $d \leq C$, we have $C \not\leq P(d)$. There exists $\lambda \in \Psi$ such that $\lambda \not\leq P(d)$. Hence $\lambda \not\leq P(d) \vee P(\lambda)$ and $\lambda \leq C \leq A$. Therefore, $A \not\leq P(d) \vee P(\lambda)$. By d and a are σ -linked, we have a and λ are σ -linked. This contradicts that $\lambda \in \Psi$! Thus, $cl_\sigma(B) \wedge C = \underline{0}$. Similarly, one can verify that $B \wedge cl_\sigma(C) = \underline{0}$.

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