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# $\omega$ -Connectedness and Local $\omega$ -Connectedness on an $L\omega$ -Space

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#### **Abstract**

In this paper, the concepts of the  $\omega$ -coincidence neighborhood, local  $\omega$ -connected set and local  $\omega$ -connected space on an  $L\omega$ -space are introduced. The characterizations of the concepts are given, such as topological invariant property and good extension.

**Keywords:**  $L\omega$ -space,  $\omega$ -remote neighborhood,  $\omega$ -connectedness, Local  $\omega$ -connectedness

#### 1. Introduction

The connectedness is one of the most important notions in topology. In 1988, Wang introduced the concept of the remote-neighborhood and studied the connectedness on an LF topology space (Wang, 1988). In 2002, Chen and Dong further generalized the above notions on an LF order-preserving operator space (or on an  $L\omega$ -space) (Chen and Dong, 2002, pp.36-41), then the author discussed the  $\omega$ -connectedness (Huang, 2003, pp.165-168), the quasi  $\omega$ -Lindelöf property (Huang, 2004, pp.34-38) and the  $\omega$ -separation (Huang, 2005, pp.383-388) on an  $L\omega$ -space respectively. In this paper, some characterizations with respect to the local  $\omega$ -connectedness on an  $L\omega$ -space are given.

## 2. Preliminary definitions

Throughout this paper, L denotes the fuzzy lattice, M denotes the set consisting of all nonzero irreducible element(i.e. so-called molecule) in L. X denotes nonempty crisp set,  $L^X$  denotes the set of all L-fuzzy sets on X. A' denotes the pseudocomplement of A.  $A_X$  and  $A_X$  denote the greatest and the least elements in  $A_X$ , respectively.  $A_X$  ( $A_X$ ) =  $A_X$  ( $A_X$ ) Other notions and symbols can be obtained from references.

**Definition 2.1** Let X be a nonempty set,  $\omega: L^X \to L^X$  is called an LF order-preserving operator if (1)  $\omega(1_X) = 1_X$ ; (2) For each  $A, B \in L^X$ , if  $A \leq B$ , then  $\omega(A) \leq \omega(B)$ ; (3) For each  $A \in L^X$ , then  $A \leq \omega(A)$ . Meanwhile, A is called an  $\omega$ -set in  $L^X$  if  $A = \omega(A)$ . Let  $\Omega = \{A \in L^X | A = \omega(A)\}$ , then  $(L^X, \Omega)$  is called an LF order-preserving operator space, or an  $L\omega$ -space.

**Definition 2.2** Let  $(L^X, \Omega)$  be an  $L\omega$ -space,  $x_\alpha \in M^*(L^X)$ ,  $P, A \in L^X$ .

- (1) P is called an  $\omega$ -remote neighborhood of  $x_{\alpha}$  if there exists a  $Q \in \Omega$ , such that  $x_{\alpha} \nleq Q$  and  $P \leq Q$ . Let  $\omega \eta(x_{\alpha})$  be the set of all  $\omega$ -remote neighborhood of  $x_{\alpha}$ .
- (2)  $x_{\alpha}$  is called an  $\omega$ -adherence point of A if for each  $P \in \omega \eta(x_{\alpha})$ , we have  $A \nleq P$ . Let  $A_{\omega}^-$  be the set of all  $\omega$ -adherence point of A. A is called an  $\omega$ -closed set of  $(L^X, \Omega)$  if  $A = A_{\omega}^-$ . A is called an  $\omega$ -open set of  $(L^X, \Omega)$  if A' is an  $\omega$ -closed set.

**Definition 2.3** Let  $(L^X, \Omega)$  be an  $L\omega$ -space,  $A, B \in L^X$ . If  $A_{\omega}^- \wedge B = A \wedge B_{\omega}^- = 0_X$ , then A and B are called the  $\omega$ -separated sets.

**Definition 2.4** Let  $(L^X, \Omega)$  be an  $L\omega$ -space,  $A \in L^X$ . If there do not exist two nonzero  $\omega$ -separated sets B and C, such that  $A = B \vee C$ , then A is called an  $\omega$ -connected set. Particularly,  $(L^X, \Omega)$  is called an  $\omega$ -connected space if  $1_X$  is an  $\omega$ -connected set.

**Definition 2.5** Let  $(L^X, \Omega)$  be an  $L\omega$ -space, A is called the maximal  $\omega$ -connected set if B is an  $\omega$ -connected set and B = A with  $A \le B$ . A is also called an  $\omega$ -connected component of  $(L^X, \Omega)$ .

**Lemma 2.1** Let  $A, B \in L^X$ , if  $A \nleq B$ , then  $A' \lor B \neq 1_X$ .

**Proof** There exists  $x \le A$ ,  $x \not\le B$ , then we have  $x \not\le A'$  and  $x \not\le B$ , this means  $x \not\le A' \lor B$ , hence  $A' \lor B \ne 1_X$ .

**Lemma 2.2** (Huang, 2003, pp.165-168) If  $(L^X, \Omega)$  is an  $L\omega$ -space,  $A \in L^X$ , then A is an  $\omega$ -connected set if and only if for

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any two molecules a, b of A and for the  $\omega$ -remote neighborhood P(x) of x in A, there exist finite molecules  $x_0$ ,  $x_1$ ,  $\cdots$ ,  $x_n$  in A, such that

 $x_0 = a, x_n = b \text{ and } A \nleq P(x_i) \lor P(x_{i+1}), (i = 0, 1, \dots, n)$  or

 $P(x_i) \vee P(x_{i+1}) \vee A' \neq 1_X \ (i = 0, 1, \dots, n).$ 

## 3. $\omega$ -connectedness on an $L\omega$ -space

**Theorem 3.1** If  $(L^X, \Omega)$  is an  $L\omega$ -space,  $A \in L^X$ , then the followings are equivalent:

- (1) A is an  $\omega$ -connected set.
- (2) There do not exist two nonzero  $\omega$ -closed sets  $F_1$ ,  $F_2$ , such that  $A \nleq F_1$ ,  $A \nleq F_2$ ,  $A \land F_1 \land F_2 = 0_X$ ,  $A' \lor F_1 \lor F_2 = 1_X$ .
- (3) There do not exist two nonzero  $\omega$ -open sets  $Q_1$ ,  $Q_2$ , such that  $A \wedge Q_1 \neq 0_X$ ,  $A \wedge Q_2 \neq 0_X$ ,  $A \wedge Q_1 \wedge Q_2 = 0_X$ ,  $A' \vee Q_1 \vee Q_2 = 1_X$ .
- **Proof** (1)  $\Rightarrow$  (2): Suppose that there exist two nonzero  $\omega$ -closed sets  $F_1$ ,  $F_2$ , such that  $A \nleq F_1$ ,  $A \nleq F_2$ ,  $A \land F_1 \land F_2 = 0_X$ ,  $A' \lor F_1 \lor F_2 = 1_X$ , then for any molecule x of A, only one of  $x \nleq F_1$ ,  $x \nleq F_2$  holds, otherwise we get  $A \nleq F_1 \lor F_2$ , and this contradicts  $A' \lor F_1 \lor F_2 = 1_X$ . For any molecule x of A, let  $P(x) = F_1$  if  $x \nleq F_1$  and  $P(x) = F_2$  if  $x \nleq F_2$ . Since  $A \nleq F_1$ ,  $A \nleq F_2$ , there exist two molecules a, b of A, such that  $a \nleq F_1$ ,  $b \nleq F_2$ , hence for arbitrary finite molecules  $x_0, x_1, \dots, x_n$  with  $x_0 = a, x_n = b$ , there exists  $i(0 \le i \le n)$ , such that  $P(x_i) = F_1$ ,  $P(x_{i+1}) = F_2$ . This means that  $A' \lor P(x_i) \lor P(x_{i+1}) = 1_X$ , or A is not an  $\omega$ -connected set.
- (2) $\Rightarrow$  (3): Let  $F_1$ ,  $F_2$  be two nonzero  $\omega$ -closed sets, such that  $A \nleq F_1$ ,  $A \nleq F_2$ ,  $A \wedge F_1 \wedge F_2 = 0_X$ ,  $A' \vee F_1 \vee F_2 = 1_X$ , then  $F'_1$  and  $F'_2$  are two nonzero  $\omega$ -open sets, and for lemma 2.1, we have  $A \wedge F'_1 \neq 0_X$ ,  $A \wedge F'_2 \neq 0_X$ ,  $A \wedge F'_1 \wedge F'_2 = 0_X$ ,  $A' \vee F'_1 \vee F'_2 = 1_X$ . Let  $Q_1 = F'_1$ ,  $Q_2 = F'_2$ , then we have (3).
- (3) $\Rightarrow$  (2): Suppose that there exist two nonzero  $\omega$ -closed sets  $F_1$ ,  $F_2$ , such that  $A \nleq F_1$ ,  $A \nleq F_2$ ,  $A \land F_1 \land F_2 = 0_X$ ,  $A' \lor F_1 \lor F_2 = 1_X$ , let  $Q_1 = F'_1$ ,  $Q_2 = F'_2$ , then we get  $A \land Q_1 \land Q_2 = 0_X$ ,  $A' \lor Q_1 \lor Q_2 = 1_X$ . At the same time, by lemma 2.1, we have  $A \land Q_1 \neq 0_X$ ,  $A \land Q_2 \neq 0_X$ . This means that there exist two nonzero  $\omega$ -open sets  $Q_1$ ,  $Q_2$ , such that  $A \land Q_1 \neq 0_X$ ,  $A \land Q_2 \neq 0_X$ ,  $A \land Q_1 \land Q_2 = 0_X$ ,  $A' \lor Q_1 \lor Q_2 = 1_X$ , this contradicts (3).
- (2) $\Rightarrow$  (1): Suppose that A is not an  $\omega$ -connected set, then there exist two molecules a, b of A and for the  $\omega$ -remote neighborhood P(x) of x in A, for arbitrary finite molecules  $x_0, x_1, \dots, x_n$  with  $x_0 = a, x_n = b$ , there exists i (0  $\leq i \leq n$ ), such that

$$P(x_i) \vee P(x_{i+1}) \vee A' = 1_X.$$

We call that a and b cannot connect finitely, let

 $W_a = \{x | x \text{ is a molecule which can connect with } a \text{ in } A \text{ finitely}\},$ 

 $W_b = \{x | x \text{ is a molecule of } A \text{ which does not belong to } W_a\}.$ 

Then for any  $c \in W_a$ ,  $d \in W_b$ , we have

$$P(c) \vee P(d) \vee A' = 1_X$$
.

Let  $F_1 = \land \{P(c) | C \in W_a\}$ ,  $F_2 = \land \{P(d) | d \in W_b\}$ , then one can get  $A' \lor F_1 \lor F_2 = \bigwedge_{\substack{c \in W_a \\ d \in W_c}} \{P(c) \lor P(d) \lor A'\} = 1_X$ , Obviously,

we have  $A \wedge F_1 \wedge F_2 = 0_X$ . Because of  $a \in W_a$ ,  $b \in W_b$ , hence  $A \nleq F_1$ ,  $A \nleq F_2$ , this contradicts (2).

Similarly, we have

**Theorem 3.2** If  $(L^X, \Omega)$  is an  $L\omega$ -space,  $A \in L^X$ , then the followings are equivalent:

- (1) A is an  $\omega$ -connected set.
- (2) There do not exist two nonzero  $\omega$ -open sets  $Q_1$ ,  $Q_2$ , such that  $A \not\leq Q_1$ ,  $A \not\leq Q_2$ ,  $A \land Q_1 \land Q_2 = 0_X$ ,  $A' \lor Q_1 \lor Q_2 = 1_X$ .
- (3) There do not exist two nonzero  $\omega$ -closed sets  $F_1$ ,  $F_2$ , such that  $A \wedge F_1 \neq 0_X$ ,  $A \wedge F_2 \neq 0_X$ ,  $A \wedge F_1 \wedge F_2 = 0_X$ ,  $A' \vee F_1 \vee F_2 = 1_X$ .

**Theorem 3.3** If  $(L^X, \Omega)$  is an  $L\omega$ -space,  $A \in L^X$ , then A is an  $\omega$ -connected set if and only if  $A_0 = \{x \in X | A(x) > 0\}$  is an  $\omega$ -connected set.

**Proof** It is obvious that for any  $A, B \in L^X$ ,  $A \wedge B = \phi$  is equivalent to  $A_0 \wedge B = \phi$ , by theorem 3.1 or theorem 3.2, we have the conclusion.

### 4. Local $\omega$ -connectedness on an $L\omega$ -space

**Definition 4.1** Let  $(L^X, \Omega)$  be an  $L\omega$ -space,  $x_\alpha \in M^*(L^X)$ ,  $Q \in \Omega$ .

(1) Q is called the  $\omega$ -open coincidence neighborhood of  $x_{\alpha}$ , if Q' is the  $\omega$ -closed remote neighborhood of  $x_{\alpha}$ .

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(2)  $P \in L^X$  is called the  $\omega$ -coincidence neighborhood of  $x_\alpha$ , if P' is the  $\omega$ -remote neighborhood of  $x_\alpha$ .

**Definition 4.2**  $(L^X, \Omega)$  is called a local  $\omega$ -connected space, if for any  $x_\alpha \in M^*(L^X)$  and for any  $\omega$ -coincidence neighborhood Q of  $x_\alpha$ , Q includes an  $\omega$ -connected coincidence neighborhood P of  $x_\alpha$ .

It is obvious that  $(L^X, \Omega)$  is a local  $\omega$ -connected space if and only if for any  $x_\alpha \in M^*(L^X)$ , the  $\omega$ -coincidence neighborhood base (Chen, 2004, pp.11-16) of  $x_\alpha$  is composed of all of the  $\omega$ -connected coincidence neighborhood of  $x_\alpha$ .

**Theorem 4.1** If  $(L^X, \Omega)$  is an  $L\omega$ -space, then the followings are equivalent:

- (1)  $(L^X, \Omega)$  is a local  $\omega$ -connected space;
- (2) If B is an open  $\omega$ -connected component, then B is an  $\omega$ -open set;
- (3)  $(L^X, \Omega)$  includes an  $\omega$ -base which elements are  $\omega$ -connected.

**Proof** (1)  $\Rightarrow$  (2): Let  $A \in \Omega$  and B is an  $\omega$ -connected component of A. Now we will prove that B' is an  $\omega$ -closed set, therefore B is an  $\omega$ -open set. Let  $x_{\alpha} \in M^*(L^X)$  and  $x_{\alpha} \nleq B'$ , then  $x_{\alpha} \nleq A'$ , by definition 4.1, A is an  $\omega$ -coincidence neighborhood of  $x_{\alpha}$ . And for (1), A includes an  $\omega$ -connected coincidence neighborhood P of  $x_{\alpha}$ . We notice that  $x_{\alpha} \nleq (B \wedge P)'$ , that is to say  $B \wedge P \neq \phi$ . Since B is an  $\omega$ -connected component of A,  $B \wedge P \leq B$ , hence  $P \leq B$ ,  $B' \leq P'$ , so we have  $x_{\alpha} \nleq (B')_{\omega}^{-}$ , this is  $B' = (B')_{\omega}^{-}$ , or B is an  $\omega$ -open set.

(2) $\Rightarrow$  (3): Let  $A \in \Omega$ , then A is the union of all  $\omega$ - connected components of A, by (2) all of the  $\omega$ - connected components are  $\omega$ -open sets, therefore the  $\omega$ -base of  $(L^X, \Omega)$  is composed of all of the open  $\omega$ -connected components.

(3) $\Rightarrow$  (1): Let  $\mu$  is the  $\omega$ -base of  $(L^X, \Omega)$  which elements are  $\omega$ -connected. It obvious that for any  $x_\alpha \in M^*(L^X)$ ,  $\mu(x_\alpha) = \{B \in \mu | x_\alpha \nleq B'\}$  is the  $\omega$ -coincidence neighborhood of  $x_\alpha$ , hence  $(L^X, \Omega)$  is an local  $\omega$ -connected space.

Using theorem 3.4 on (Huang, 2003, pp.165-168), we have

**Corollary 4.1** Each  $\omega$ - connected component of local  $\omega$ -connected space  $(L^X, \Omega)$  is not only an  $\omega$ -open set but also an  $\omega$ -closed set.

**Theorem 4.2** Let  $(L_i^{X_i}, \Omega_i)(i=1, 2)$  be two  $L\omega$ -spaces,  $f: L_1^{X_1} \to L_2^{X_2}$  is an  $(\omega_1, \omega_2)$ -continuous, open, full order homomorphism (Chen and Dong, 2002, pp.36-41). If  $(L_1^{X_1}, \Omega_1)$  is a local  $\omega_1$ -connected space, then  $(L_2^{X_2}, \Omega_2)$  is a local  $\omega_2$ -connected space.

**Proof** We can suppose that  $\beta$  is an  $\omega_1$ -base of  $(L_1^{X_1}, \Omega_1)$  by theorem 4.1, which elements are  $\omega_1$ -connected. For each  $B \in \beta$ , f(B) is  $\omega_2$ -connected (Huang, 2003, pp.165-168). At the same time, since f is an open, full order homomorphism,  $f(L_1^{X_1}) = L_2^{X_2}$  is an  $\omega_2$ -open set, this means that the family  $\tilde{\beta} = \{f(B)|B \in \beta\}$  is composed of the  $\omega_2$ -connected open sets of  $(L_2^{X_2}, \Omega_2)$ . Now we will prove that  $\tilde{\beta}$  is an  $\omega_2$ -base of  $(L_2^{X_2}, \Omega_2)$ . If U is an  $\omega_2$ -open set of  $(L_2^{X_1}, \Omega_1)$ , so there exists  $\beta_1 \subset \beta$ , such that  $f^{-1}(U) = \vee_{B \in \beta_1} B$ , hence we have

$$U = f(f^{-1}(U)) = \vee_{B \in \beta_1} f(B),$$

This means that  $(L_2^{X_2}, \Omega_2)$  is a local  $\omega_2$ - connected space.

Corollary 4.2 Local  $\omega$ - connectedness on an  $L\omega$ -space has the invariant property of homoeomorphism.

**Definition 4.3** Let X be an non-empty set, P(X) is the power set of X. If the operator  $\omega: P(X) \to P(X)$  which satisfies the followings: (1)  $\omega(X) = X$ ; (2) For any  $A, B \in P(X)$ , if  $A \subset B$ , then  $\omega(A) \subset \omega(B)$ ; (3) For any  $A \subset X$ ,  $A \subset \omega(A)$ , then  $\omega$  is called the order-preserving operator of X. Meanwhile, A is called an  $\omega$ -set of X if  $A = \omega(A)$ . Let  $\Delta = \{A \in P(X) | A = \omega(A)\}$ , then  $(X, \Delta)$  is called an  $\omega$ -order-preserving operator space, or an  $\omega$ -space.

**Theorem 4.3** Let  $(X, \triangle)$  be an  $\omega$ -space,  $(L^X, \omega_L(\triangle))$  is an  $L\omega$ -space generated topologically by  $(X, \triangle)$  (Huang, 2005, pp.383-388), then  $(L^X, \omega_L(\triangle))$  is local  $\omega$ -connected if and only if  $(X, \triangle)$  is local  $\omega$ -connected.

**Proof** Let  $(L^X, \omega_I(\Delta))$  be local  $\omega$ -connected, then there exists an  $\omega$ -base  $\mu$  which elements are  $\omega$ -connected, let

$$S = \{A_0 | A \in \mu\}$$

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It is obvious that *S* is an  $\omega$ -base of  $\triangle$ . By theorem 3.3, the elements in *S* are  $\omega$ -connected in  $(L^X, \omega_L(\triangle))$ , therefore they are  $\omega$ -connected in  $(X, \triangle)$ (Huang, 2005, pp.383-388), this means that  $(X, \triangle)$  is local  $\omega$ -connected.

Conversely, if  $(X, \Delta)$  is local  $\omega$ -connected, then there exists an  $\omega$ -base S in  $\Delta$  which elements are  $\omega$ -connected, so the elements of S are  $\omega$ -connected in  $(L^X, \omega_L(\Delta))$  (Huang, 2005, pp.383-388). It is obvious that  $\mu = \{\lambda \wedge A | \lambda \in L, A \in S\}$  is an  $\omega$ -base of  $\omega_L(\Delta)$ , when  $\lambda \neq 0$ , we notice  $(\lambda \wedge A)_0 = A_0$ , so all the elements of  $\mu$  are  $\omega$ -connected by theorem 3.3, hence  $(L^X, \omega_L(\Delta))$  is local  $\omega$ -connected by theorem 4.1.

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Corollary 4.3 Local  $\omega$ -connectedness on an  $L\omega$ -space has good extension.

#### 5. Conclusions

In this paper, starting with the unified operator which is called an  $L\omega$ -space containing various closure operators such as  $\theta$ -closure operator (Chen, 1992),  $\delta$ -closure operator (Cheng, 1997, pp.38-41), we introduce the concept of the  $\omega$ -operator,  $\omega$ -remote neighborhood,  $\omega$ -coincidence neighborhood and local  $\omega$ -connected space, discuss the basic properties of the  $L\omega$ -space, such as the  $\omega$ -connectedness, the local  $\omega$ -connectedness and the invariant property of homeomorphism. All the discussions will offer a theoretical foundation in fuzzy operator.

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