

# On the Lattice of L-closure Operators

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**Abstract:** In this paper we proved that the lattice of all L-closure operators on a fixed set X is not modular. We identified the infra L-closure operators and ultra L-closure operators. Also established the relation between ultra L-topologies and ultra L-closure operators.

**Keywords:** L - closure operator, ultra L-topology, ultra L-closure operator, infra L-closure operator.

## 1. Introduction

In 1965 L. A Zadeh [11] introduced fuzzy sets as a generalization of ordinary sets. After that C. L. Chang [2] introduced fuzzy topology and that led to the discussion of various aspects of L-topology by many authors. The Čech closure spaces introduced by Čech E. [1] is a generalization of the topological spaces. The theory of fuzzy closure spaces has been established by Mashhour and Ghanim [4] and Srivastava et. al [6],[7]. The definition of Mashhour and Ghanim is an analogue of Čech closure spaces and Srivastava et. al. have introduced it as an analogue of Birkhoff closure spaces in [7]. Based on [7], Rekha Srivastava and Manjari Srivastava studied the subspace of a fuzzy closure space. The notion of  $T_0$ -fuzzy closure spaces and  $T_1$  fuzzy closure spaces were also introduced in [6]. In [5] P. T. Ramachandran studied the properties of lattice of closure operators. In [3] T. P. Johnson studied some properties of the lattice  $L(X)$  of all fuzzy closure operators on a fixed set X. In [9] Wu-Neng Zhou introduced the concept of L-closure spaces and the convergence in L-closure spaces. In this paper we study the lattice  $LC(X)$  of L-closure operators and L-closure spaces which is a generalization of the concept of fuzzy closure spaces. Here we proved that the complete lattice  $LC(X)$  is not modular. Also we identify the infra L-closure operator and ultra L-closure operator and establish the relation between ultra L-topology and ultra L-closure operator. We proved that an L-closure operator is an ultra L-closure operator if and only if it is the L-closure operator associated with an ultra L-topology. Also proved that infra L-closure operators are less than or equal to any nonprincipal ultra L-closure operator and no nonprincipal ultra L-closure operator has a complement so that the lattice of L-closure operators is not complemented in general.

## 2. Preliminaries

A completely distributive lattice L is called a Fuzzy lattice, if there is an order reversing involution from L

to L. Let X be any nonempty set and L is a Fuzzy lattice. The fundamental definition of L-fuzzy set theory and L-fuzzy topology are assumed to be familiar to the reader as in [10]. Here we call L-fuzzy subsets as L subsets and L-fuzzy topology as L-topology.

### 2.1 Definition

A Čech fuzzy closure operator on a set X is a function  $\chi: I^X \rightarrow I^X$ , satisfying the following three axioms

1.  $\chi(\underline{0}) = \underline{0}$
2.  $f \leq \chi(f)$  for every  $f$  in  $I^X$ .
3.  $\chi(f \vee g) = \chi(f) \vee \chi(g)$  where  $I = [0, 1]$

For convenience it is called fuzzy closure operator on X and  $(X, \chi)$  is called fuzzy closure space. In [9] Wu-Neng Zhou defined L-closure operator as follows.

### 2.2. Definition

A mapping  $C: L^X \rightarrow L^X$  is called an L-closure operator or an L-closure, if it satisfies the following conditions for any  $A, B \in L^X$ :

1.  $C(0_X) = 0_X$
2.  $A \leq C(A)$
3.  $A \leq B$  implies  $C(A) \leq C(B)$
4.  $C(C(A)) = C(A)$

But in this paper we take the definition of L-closure operator as a generalization of fuzzy closure operator in [4]

### 2.3. Definition

Let X be a nonempty set and L be a Fuzzy lattice. An L-closure operator on  $L^X$  is a mapping  $\psi: L^X \rightarrow L^X$  satisfying the following conditions:

1.  $\psi(\underline{0}) = \underline{0}$
2.  $f \leq \psi(f)$
3.  $\psi(f \vee g) = \psi(f) \vee \psi(g)$  for every  $f, g \in L^X$ .

The pair  $(X, \psi)$  is called an L-closure space. An L-subset f of X is said to be an L-closed set in  $(X, \psi)$  if  $\psi(f) = f$ . An L subset f of X is open if its complement is

closed in  $(X, \psi)$ . The set of all open L subsets of  $(X, \psi)$  form an L-topology on X called the L-topology associated with the L-closure operator  $\psi$ .

Let F be an L-topology on a set X. Then a function  $\psi : L^X \rightarrow L^X$  defined by  $\psi(f) = \bar{f}$  for all  $f \in L^X$ , where  $\bar{f}$  denotes the closure of f with respect to F is called the L-closure operator associated with the L-topology F.

An L-closure operator on a set X is called L-topological if it is the L-closure operator associated with an L-topology on X. That is  $\psi(\psi(f)) = \psi(f)$  for all  $f \in L^X$

Note that different L-closure operators can have the same associated L-topology. But different L-topologies cannot have the same associated L-closure operator.

**3. Lattice of L-closure operators**

Let  $\psi_1$  and  $\psi_2$  be L-closure operators on X. Then  $\psi_1 \leq \psi_2$  if and only if  $\psi_2(f) \leq \psi_1(f)$  for every  $f$  in  $L^X$ . The relation  $\leq$  defined above is a partial order on the set of all L-closure operators on  $L^X$ . We denote the poset by  $LC(X)$ . Then  $LC(X)$  is a lattice. The L-closure operator  $D$  on X defined by  $D(f) = f$  for every  $f$  in  $L^X$  is called the discrete L-closure operator. The L-closure operator  $I$  on X defined by  $I(f) = \underline{0}$  if  $f = \underline{0}$  and  $\underline{1}$  otherwise is called the indiscrete L-closure operator.

**Remark 3.1**

D and I are the L-closure operators associated with the discrete and indiscrete L-topologies on X respectively. Moreover D is the unique L-closure operator whose associated L-topology is discrete. Also I and D are the smallest and the largest elements of  $LC(X)$  respectively.

**Theorem 3.1.**

$LC(X)$  is a complete lattice.

**Proof.** Can be easily proved.

**Definition 3.1.**

Lattice of L closure operators  $LC(X)$  is modular if and only if  $\chi \geq \eta \Rightarrow \chi \wedge (\psi \vee \eta) = (\chi \wedge \psi) \vee \eta, \forall \chi, \psi, \eta \in LC(X)$

**Theorem 3.2.**

$LC(X)$  is not modular

**Proof.** Let X be any set and  $x \in X$ . Define  $\psi_x, \chi_x, \eta_x$  from  $L^X \rightarrow L^X$  by  $\psi_x(\underline{0}) = \underline{0}$

$$\psi_x(f)(y) = \begin{cases} f(y) & \text{if } y \neq x \\ \underline{1} & \text{if } y = x \end{cases}$$

$$\chi_x(\underline{0}) = \underline{0}$$

$$\chi_x(f)(y) = \begin{cases} \underline{1} & \text{if } y \neq x \\ f(y) & \text{if } y = x \end{cases}$$

$$\eta_x(\underline{0}) = \underline{0}$$

$$\eta_x(f)(y) = \begin{cases} \underline{1} & \text{if } y \neq x \\ \beta & \text{if } y = x \end{cases} \quad \text{and } \beta \geq f(y)$$

Then  $\chi_x(f)(y) \leq \eta_x(f)(y), \forall y$ . Hence  $\chi_x \geq \eta_x$

$$\chi_x \wedge \psi_x = \inf(\chi_x, \psi_x)$$

$$= \sup(\chi_x(f)(y), \psi_x(f)(y))$$

$$= \underline{1}$$

$$(\chi_x \wedge \psi_x) \vee \eta_x = \inf(\underline{1}, \eta_x(f)(y))$$

$$= f(y)$$

$$\psi_x \vee \eta_x = \sup(\psi_x, \eta_x)$$

$$= \inf(\psi_x(f)(y), \eta_x(f)(y))$$

$$= f(y)$$

$$\chi_x \wedge (\psi_x \vee \eta_x) = \sup(\chi_x(f)(y), f(y))$$

$$= \underline{1}$$

Therefore  $\chi_x \wedge (\psi_x \vee \eta_x) \neq (\chi_x \wedge \psi_x) \vee \eta_x$   
So  $LC(X)$  is not modular.

**Definition 3.2.**

An L-closure operator on X is called an infra L-closure operator if the only L-closure operator on X strictly smaller than it is I.

Let X be any set and  $a, b \in X$  such that  $a \neq b$ . Define  $\psi_{a,b} : L^X \rightarrow L^X$  by

$$\psi_{a,b}(f) = \begin{cases} f & \text{if } f = \underline{0} \\ g_{a,b} & \text{if } f = a \\ \underline{1} & \text{otherwise} \end{cases}$$

$\alpha$  is a dual atom in L and  $g_{a,b}$  is defined by

$$g_{a,b}(a) = \begin{cases} \underline{1} & \text{if } a \neq b \\ \alpha & \text{if } a = b \end{cases}$$

In the topological context Ramachandran [5] proved that a closure operator on X is an infra closure operator if and only if it is of the form  $\psi_{a,b}$  for some  $a, b$  in X,  $a \neq b$ , where  $\psi_{a,b}$  is defined by

$$\psi_{a,b}(A) = \begin{cases} \varphi & \text{if } A = \varphi \\ X \setminus \{b\} & \text{if } A = \{a\} \\ X & \text{otherwise} \end{cases}$$

Analogously in the L-topological context we prove the following theorem.

**Theorem 3.3.**

An L-closure operator is an infra L-closure operator if and only if it is of the form  $\psi_{a,b}$  for some  $a, b \in X, a \neq b$ .

**Proof.** Let  $\psi$  is an L-closure operator on X strictly smaller than  $\psi_{a,b}$ , then  $\psi(a_a)$  will be strictly greater than  $\psi_{a,b}(a_a) = g_{a,b}$  and hence equal to  $\underline{1}$  so that  $\psi(f) = \underline{1}, \forall f \in L^X$  other than  $\underline{0}$ . Hence  $\psi = I$ . Thus all L-closure operators of the form  $\psi_{a,b}$  are infra L-closure operators.

Conversely let  $\psi$  be any L closure operator other than me. Then we can find a nonzero L subset f such that  $\psi(f) \neq I$

$(f) = \underline{1}$  (i.e.  $\psi(f) \neq \underline{1}$ ) and elements  $a_\alpha, b_\beta$ , where  $\alpha, \beta \in L$  such that  $a_\alpha \leq f$  and  $b_\beta$  not in  $\psi(f)$ . Then  $b_\beta$  is not an element of  $\psi(a_\alpha)$ . That is  $b_\beta \notin \psi(a_\alpha) \Rightarrow g_{\alpha,\beta} \notin \psi(a_\alpha)$ . That is  $\psi_{a,b}(a_\alpha) \notin \psi(a_\alpha)$ . Also  $\psi_{a,b}(k) = \underline{1}$  for every nonzero L subset  $k$  other than  $a_\alpha$ . So  $\psi_{a,b}(f) \geq \psi(f), \forall f$ . That is  $\psi_{a,b} \leq \psi$ . Thus all infra L-closure operators are of the form  $\psi_{a,b}$  for  $a, b \in X$  such that  $a \neq b$ .

**3.2 Remark**

When  $L = I$  there is no infra L-closure operator.

**Definition 3.3**

An L-topology  $F$  on  $X$  is an ultra L-topology if the only L-topology on  $X$  strictly finer than  $F$  is the discrete L-topology.

Let  $X$  be a nonempty set and  $L$  is a finite pseudo complemented chain.

If  $\mathfrak{G} = \mathfrak{G}(a, \mathcal{Z}(b_\lambda)) = \{ff(a) = 0\} \cup \{ff \geq b_\lambda\}$ , then a principal ultra L-topology  $= \mathfrak{G}(a, \mathcal{Z}(b_\lambda), a_\beta) = \mathfrak{G}(a_\beta)$ , which is the simple extension of  $\mathfrak{G}$  by  $a_\beta$  i.e.  $\mathfrak{G}(a_\beta) = \{f \vee (g \wedge a_\beta), f, g \in \mathfrak{G}, a_\beta \notin \mathfrak{G}\}$ , where  $a, b \in X, \lambda$  and  $\beta$  are the atom and dual atom in  $L$  respectively.

Let  $X$  be a nonempty set and  $L$  is a Boolean lattice. If  $\mathfrak{G} = \mathfrak{G}(a, \mathcal{Z}(b_\lambda)) = \{ff(a) = 0\} \cup \{ff \geq b_\lambda\}$ , where  $a, b \in X, \lambda$  is an atom, then a principal ultra L-topology denoted by  $\mathfrak{G}(\beta_j) = L$ -topology generated by any  $(m-1), \mathfrak{G}(a_{\beta_i})$  among  $m, \mathfrak{G}(a_{\beta_i}), i = 1, 2, \dots, m, j = 1, 2, \dots, m, i \neq j$  if there are  $m$  dual atoms  $\beta_1, \beta_2, \dots, \beta_m$ , where  $\mathfrak{G}(a_{\beta_i}) =$  simple extension of  $\mathfrak{G}$  by  $a_{\beta_i}$ . Let  $X$  be an infinite set and  $L$  is a finite pseudo complemented chain.

If  $\mathfrak{G} = \mathfrak{G}(a, \mathcal{Z}) = \{ff(a) = 0\} \cup \mathcal{Z}$  where  $\mathcal{Z}$  is a non principal ultra L-filter not containing  $a_\lambda, 0 \neq \lambda \in L$ . Then the non principal ultra L-topology  $= \mathfrak{G}(a, \mathcal{Z}, a_\beta) = \mathfrak{G}(a_\beta)$ , is the simple extension of  $\mathfrak{G}$  by  $a_\beta$ , where  $a \in X, \beta$  is the dual atom in  $L$ .

Let  $X$  be an infinite set and  $L$  is a Boolean lattice. If  $\mathfrak{G} = \mathfrak{G}(a, \mathcal{Z}), a \in X$ , then a non principal ultra L-topology  $\mathfrak{G}(\beta_j) = L$ -topology generated by any  $(m-1), \mathfrak{G}(a_{\beta_i})$  among  $m, \mathfrak{G}(a_{\beta_i}), i = 1, 2, \dots, m, j = 1, 2, \dots, m, i \neq j$ , if there are  $m$  dual atoms  $\beta_1, \beta_2, \dots, \beta_m$  where  $(a_{\beta_i}) =$  simple extension of  $\mathfrak{G}$  by  $a_{\beta_i}$ . Here  $m$  can be assumed infinite value.

If  $X$  is a non empty set and  $L$  is a diamond lattice  $\{0, \alpha, \beta, 1\}$  then the L-closure operator  $\psi$  associated with an ultra L-topology  $\mathfrak{G}(a, \mathcal{Z}, a_\beta), a \in X$ , is given by

**Definition 3.4**

Let  $x \in X, \lambda \in L$ . An L point  $x_\lambda$  is defined by  $x_\lambda(y) = \begin{cases} \lambda & \text{if } y = x \\ 0 & \text{if } y \neq x \end{cases}$  where  $0 < \lambda \leq 1$

**Definition 3.5**

An L-closure operator  $\psi$  on  $X$  is  $T_1$  if every L point is closed. That is  $\psi(x_\lambda) = x_\lambda, \forall x \in X, \lambda \in L$ .

$$\psi(f) = \begin{cases} f & \text{if } f=0 \text{ or } a_\alpha \leq f \text{ or } cf \in \mathcal{Z} \\ f \vee a_\alpha & \text{otherwise} \end{cases}$$

In topological context it is known that [5] a closure operator on  $X$  is an ultraclosure operator if and only if it is the closure operator associated with some ultra topology on  $X$  and in L-topological context we prove the following theorem.

**Theorem 3.4**

Let  $X$  is a non empty set and  $L$  is a diamond lattice  $\{0, \alpha, \beta, 1\}$ . Then an L-closure operator on  $X$  is an ultra L-closure operator if and only if it is the L-closure operator associated with some ultra L-topology on  $X$ .

**Proof**. Let  $\mathfrak{G}(a, \mathcal{Z}, a_\beta)$  be an ultra L-topology on  $X$  and  $\psi$  be the associated L-closure operator. Let  $\psi'$  be an L-closure operator on  $X$  strictly larger than  $\psi$ . Then there exists an L subset  $f$  of  $X$  such that  $\psi'(f) < \psi(f)$ .

But  $\psi'(f) \neq (f)$ . Then  $\psi(f) = f \vee a_\alpha$  and  $\psi'(f) = f$ , which means that complement of  $f$  is open in  $(X, \psi')$  and not open in  $(X, \psi)$ . Also every open set in  $(X, \psi)$  is open in  $(X, \psi')$ . Thus the associated L-topology of  $\psi'$  is strictly larger than the ultra L-topology and hence is discrete. Thus  $\psi' = D$ .

Hence the L-closure operator associated with an ultra L-topology is an ultra L-closure operator.

Next to prove that every ultra L-closure operator is the L-closure operator associated with an ultra L-topology.

Let  $\psi$  be an L-closure operator on  $X$  other than  $D$ . It suffices to prove that there exists an L-closure operator associated with an ultra L-topology larger than  $\psi$ . Since  $\psi \neq D$  there exists an element  $a$  of  $X$  such that  $a_\alpha$  is not open in  $(X, \psi)$ . Now consider  $\mathfrak{G} = \{ff(a) = 0\} \cup \mathcal{Z}$  where  $\mathcal{Z}$  is an ultra L-filter not containing  $a_\lambda, 0 \neq \lambda \in L$ . Then  $a_\alpha$  is not an element of  $\mathfrak{G}$ . Now consider the ultra L-topology  $\mathfrak{G}(a, \mathcal{Z}, a_\alpha) =$  simple extension of  $\mathfrak{G}$  by  $a_\alpha$ . Let  $\psi'$  be the L-closure operator associated with it. Then  $\psi \leq \psi'$ . Otherwise if  $\psi' \leq \psi$ , then every open set in  $\psi'$  is open in  $\psi$ . But  $a_\alpha$  is open in  $\psi'$ . So it must be open in  $\psi$ , which is a contradiction.

**Remark 3.3**

In a similar way we can prove the above theorem when  $L$  is a finite pseudo complemented chain or other Boolean lattice.

**Definition 3.6 [8]**

Let  $\psi_1 = \{f|\psi(f) = f\}$ . A fuzzy closure space  $(X, \psi)$  is called quasi-separated if and only if for any two fuzzy points  $x_\lambda$  and  $y_\gamma$  with  $x_\lambda \in C(y_\gamma)$ , there exist  $f, g \in \psi_1$  such that  $x_\lambda \in f \leq C(y_\gamma)$  and  $y_\gamma \in g \leq C(x_\lambda)$ .

**Theorem 3.5 [8]**

A fuzzy closure space is quasi-separated if and only if every fuzzy point in  $X$  is Čech-fuzzy closed.

**Result**

Let  $\psi_1 = \{f \in L^X \mid \psi(f) = f\}$ . An L-closure space  $(X, \psi)$  is said to be  $T_1$  if for every pair of distinct L points  $x_\lambda$  and  $y_\gamma$ , there exist  $f, g \in \psi_1$  such that  $x_\lambda \in f \leq C(y_\gamma)$  and  $y_\gamma \in g \leq C(x_\lambda)$ .

**Proof.** Necessary part

Suppose that the L-closure operator  $\psi$  is  $T_1$ . Then by definition  $\psi(x_\lambda) = x_\lambda$ . Then by theorem 3.5 the L-closure space  $(X, \psi)$  is quasi separated. Hence for every pair of distinct L points  $x_\lambda$  and  $y_\gamma$ , there exist  $f, g \in \psi_1$  such that  $x_\lambda \in f \leq C(y_\gamma)$  and  $y_\gamma \in g \leq C(x_\lambda)$ . Sufficient part Suppose that for every pair of distinct L points  $x_\lambda$  and  $y_\gamma$ , there exist  $f, g \in \psi_1$  such that  $x_\lambda \in f \leq C(y_\gamma)$  and  $y_\gamma \in g \leq C(x_\lambda)$ . Then by definition  $(X, \psi)$  is quasi separated. Then by theorem 3.5,  $(X, \psi)$  is a  $T_1$  L-closure space.

Proposition [8] An L-closure space  $(X, \psi)$  is  $T_1$  if and only if the associated L topological space  $(X, F)$  is  $T_1$

**Theorem 3.6.**

Infra L-closure operators are less than or equal to any non principal ultra L-closure operator.

**Proof.** Let  $\psi_{a,b}$  be an infra L-closure operator and  $\psi$  be a non principal ultra L-closure operator. Since  $\psi_{a,b} \psi_{a,b}(f) = \underline{1}$

**Theorem 3.7**

No non principal ultra L-closure operator has a complement.

**Proof.** Assume the contrary. Let  $\psi$  be a non principal ultra L-closure operator with a complement  $\psi'$  in the lattice  $LC(X)$ . Since  $\psi'$  is not indiscrete there exists an infra L-closure operator  $\psi_{a,b} \leq \psi'$  by the proof of the theorem 3.3. But  $\psi_{a,b} \leq \psi$  by theorem 3.6. This contradicts the fact that  $\psi$  and  $\psi'$  are complements in the lattice  $LC(X)$  and hence the proof of the theorem.

**Remark 3.4.**

The lattice of L-closure operators is not complemented in general.

If L is a diamond lattice, the principal ultra L-closure operator associated with the principal ultra L-topology  $\mathfrak{A}(a_\alpha, (b_\beta), a_\beta)$  is given by  $\phi_{a,b}(f) = f$  if  $f = \underline{0}$  or  $a_\alpha \leq f$  or  $cf \in \mathfrak{Z}(b_\beta) \vee a_\alpha$  otherwise

**Theorem 3.8.**

An infra L-closure operator  $\psi_{a,b}$  and  $\phi_{b,a}$  are incomparable if L is a diamond lattice.

**Proof.** We have  $\psi_{a,b}(a_\alpha) = g_{a,b}, \phi_{b,a}(a_\alpha) = a_\alpha \vee b_\beta$ . Since  $\alpha$  and  $\beta$  are not comparable,  $\psi_{a,b}$  and  $\phi_{b,a}$  are not comparable.

**Remark 3.5.**

In a similar way, we can discuss the above theorem if L is a finite pseudo complemented chain or other Boolean lattices.

**4 Conclusion**

In this paper we identified the infra L-closure operator and ultra L-closure in  $LC(X)$  and established the relation between ultra L-closure topology and ultra L-closure operator if there is a dual atom in the lattice L. Also it is proved that  $LC(X)$  is not modular and not complemented in general.

**5 Future Scope**

The problem of finding whether this lattice is atomic and dually atomic under any condition on the fuzzy lattice L, is not yet solved. Also, the problem of semi-modularity and semi-complementation is not yet analyzed.

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