# *L*-join meet approximation operators with Galois connections

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#### Abstract

In this paper, we introduce join meet approximation operators with Galois connection in complete residuated lattices. We investigate relations between their operations and Alexandrov *L*-topologies.

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### 1 Introduction

Hájek [2] introduced a complete residuated lattice which is an algebraic structure for many valued logic. Pawlak [7,8] introduced rough set theory as a formal tool to deal with imprecision and uncertainty in data analysis. Radzikowska [9] developed fuzzy rough sets in complete residuated lattice. Bělohlávek [1] investigated information systems and decision rules in complete residuated lattices. Lai [5,6] introduced Alexandrov *L*-topologies induced by fuzzy rough sets. Kim [3,4] investigated the properties of Alexandrov topologies in complete residuated lattices. Algebraic structures of fuzzy rough sets are developed in many directions [3,9,10]

In this paper, we introduce join meet approximation operators with Galois connection in complete residuated lattices. We investigate relations between their operations and Alexandrov *L*-topologies.

**Definition 1.1** [1,2] An algebra  $(L, \land, \lor, \odot, \rightarrow, \bot, \top)$  is called a complete residuated lattice if it satisfies the following conditions:

(C1)  $L = (L, \leq, \lor, \land, \bot, \top)$  is a complete lattice with the greatest element  $\top$  and the least element  $\bot$ ;

(C2)  $(L, \odot, \top)$  is a commutative monoid; (C3)  $x \odot y \le z$  iff  $x \le y \to z$  for  $x, y, z \in L$ .

In this paper, we assume  $(L, \wedge, \vee, \odot, \rightarrow, {}^* \bot, \top)$  is a complete residuated lattice with the law of double negation; i.e.  $x^{**} = x$ . For  $\alpha \in L, A, \top_x \in L^X$ ,  $(\alpha \to A)(x) = \alpha \to A(x), \quad (\alpha \odot A)(x) = \alpha \odot A(x) \text{ and } \top_x(x) = \top, \top_x(x) = \bot$ , otherwise.

**Lemma 1.2** [1,2] For each  $x, y, z, x_i, y_i \in L$ , we have the following properties.

(1) If  $y \leq z$ ,  $(x \odot y) \leq (x \odot z)$ ,  $x \to y \leq x \to z$  and  $z \to x \leq y \to x$ . (2)  $x \to (\bigwedge_{i \in \Gamma} y_i) = \bigwedge_{i \in \Gamma} (x \to y_i)$ . (3)  $(\bigvee_{i \in \Gamma} x_i) \to y = \bigwedge_{i \in \Gamma} (x_i \to y)$ . (4)  $\bigwedge_{i \in \Gamma} y_i^* = (\bigvee_{i \in \Gamma} y_i)^*$  and  $\bigvee_{i \in \Gamma} y_i^* = (\bigwedge_{i \in \Gamma} y_i)^*$ . (5)  $(x \odot y) \to z = x \to (y \to z) = y \to (x \to z)$ . (6)  $x \odot y = (x \to y^*)^*$ . (7)  $x \odot (x \to y) \leq y$ . (8)  $(x \to y) \odot (y \to z) \leq x \to z$ . (9)  $(x \to y) \to (x \to z) \geq y \to z$  and  $(x \to z) \to (y \to z) \geq y \to x$ . (10)  $x \odot y \to x \odot z \geq y \to z$ .

**Definition 1.3** [3,4] (1) A map  $\mathcal{H}: L^X \to L^X$  is called an *L*-upper approximation operator iff it satisfies the following conditions

(H1)  $A \leq \mathcal{H}(A)$ , (H2)  $\mathcal{H}(\alpha \odot A) = \alpha \odot \mathcal{H}(A)$  where  $\alpha(x) = \alpha$  for all  $x \in X$ ,

(H3)  $\mathcal{H}(\bigvee_{i\in I} A_i) = \bigvee_{i\in I} \mathcal{H}(A_i).$ 

(2) A map  $\mathcal{J}: L^X \to L^X$  is called an *L*-lower approximation operator iff it satisfies the following conditions

 $(J1) \mathcal{J}(A) \le A,$ 

$$(J2) \ \mathcal{J}(\alpha \to A) = \alpha \to \mathcal{J}(A),$$

(J3) 
$$\mathcal{J}(\bigwedge_{i \in I} A_i) = \bigwedge_{i \in I} \mathcal{J}(A_i)$$

(3) A map  $\mathcal{K} : L^X \to L^X$  is called an *L*-join meet approximation operator iff it satisfies the following conditions

(K1)  $\mathcal{K}(A) \leq A^*$ ,

(K2) 
$$\mathcal{K}(\alpha \odot A) = \alpha \to \mathcal{K}(A),$$

(K3)  $\mathcal{K}(\bigvee_{i \in I} A_i) = \bigwedge_{i \in I} \mathcal{K}(A_i).$ 

(4) A map  $\mathcal{M}: L^X \to L^X$  is called an *L*-meet join approximation operator iff it satisfies the following conditions

- (M1)  $A^* \leq \mathcal{M}(A),$
- (M2)  $\mathcal{M}(\alpha \to A) = \alpha \odot \mathcal{M}(A),$
- (M3)  $\mathcal{M}(\bigwedge_{i \in I} A_i) = \bigvee_{i \in I} \mathcal{M}(A_i).$

**Definition 1.4** [4,5] A subset  $\tau \subset L^X$  is called an *Alexandrov L-topology* if it satisfies:

(T1)  $\perp_X, \top_X \in \tau$  where  $\top_X(x) = \top$  and  $\perp_X(x) = \bot$  for  $x \in X$ .

(T2) If  $A_i \in \tau$  for  $i \in \Gamma$ ,  $\bigvee_{i \in \Gamma} A_i$ ,  $\bigwedge_{i \in \Gamma} A_i \in \tau$ .

(T3)  $\alpha \odot A \in \tau$  for all  $\alpha \in L$  and  $A \in \tau$ .

(T4)  $\alpha \to A \in \tau$  for all  $\alpha \in L$  and  $A \in \tau$ .

**Theorem 1.5** [4] (1)  $\tau$  is an Alexandrov topology on X iff  $\tau_* = \{A^* \in L^X \mid A \in \tau\}$  is an Alexandrov topology on X.

(2) If  $\mathcal{H}$  is an L-upper approximation operator, then  $\tau_{\mathcal{H}} = \{A \in L^X \mid \mathcal{H}(A) = A\}$  is an Alexandrov topology on X.

(3) If  $\mathcal{J}$  is an L-lower approximation operator, then  $\tau_{\mathcal{J}} = \{A \in L^X \mid \mathcal{J}(A) = A\}$  is an Alexandrov topology on X.

(4) If  $\mathcal{K}$  is an L-join meet approximation operator, then  $\tau_{\mathcal{K}} = \{A \in L^X \mid \mathcal{K}(A) = A^*\}$  is an Alexandrov topology on X.

(5) If  $\mathcal{M}$  is an L-meet join operator, then  $\tau_{\mathcal{M}} = \{A \in L^X \mid \mathcal{M}(A) = A^*\}$  is an Alexandrov topology on X.

## 2 L-join meet approximation operators with Galois connections

**Theorem 2.1** Let  $\mathcal{K} : L^X \to L^X$  be an L-join meet approximation operators. Then the following properties hold.

(1) For  $A \in L^X$ ,  $\mathcal{K}(A)(y) = \bigwedge_{x \in X} (A(x) \to \mathcal{K}(\top_x)(y))$ . (2) Define  $\mathcal{K}_1(B) = \bigvee \{A \mid B < \mathcal{K}(A)\}$ . Then  $\mathcal{K}_1 : L^X \to L^X$  with

$$\mathcal{K}_1(B)(x) = \bigwedge_{y \in X} (B(y) \to \mathcal{K}(\top_x)(y))$$

is an L-join meet approximation operator such that  $(\mathcal{K}, \mathcal{K}_1)$  is a Galois connection; *i.e.*,

$$A \leq \mathcal{K}_1(B)$$
 iff  $B \leq \mathcal{K}(A)$ .

Moreover,  $\tau_{\mathcal{K}_1} = (\tau_{\mathcal{K}})_*$ .

(3) If  $\mathcal{K}(\mathcal{K}^*(A)) = \mathcal{K}(A)$  for  $A \in L^X$ , then  $\mathcal{K}_1(\mathcal{K}_1^*(A)) = \mathcal{K}_1(A)$  for  $A \in L^X$ such that  $\tau_{\mathcal{K}_1} = (\tau_{\mathcal{K}})_*$  with

$$\tau_{\mathcal{K}} = \{ \mathcal{K}^*(A) = \bigvee_{x \in X} (A(x) \odot \mathcal{K}^*(\top_x)) \mid A \in L^X \},\$$

$$\tau_{\mathcal{K}_{1}} = \{\mathcal{K}_{1}^{*}(A)(y) = \bigvee_{x \in X} (A(x) \odot \mathcal{K}^{*}(\top_{y})(x)) \mid A \in L^{X}\}.$$
(4) If  $\mathcal{K}(\mathcal{K}(A)) = \mathcal{K}^{*}(A)$  for  $A \in L^{X}$ , then  $\mathcal{K}(\mathcal{K}^{*}(A)) = \mathcal{K}(A)$  such that
$$\tau_{\mathcal{K}} = \{\mathcal{K}(A) = \bigwedge_{x \in X} (A(x) \to \mathcal{K}(\top_{x})) \mid A \in L^{X}\} = (\tau_{\mathcal{K}})_{*}.$$
(5) Define  $\mathcal{M}_{K}(A) = \mathcal{K}(A^{*})^{*}.$  Then  $\mathcal{M}_{K} : L^{X} \to L^{X}$  with

$$\mathcal{M}_K(A)(y) = \bigvee_{x \in X} (A^*(x) \odot \mathcal{K}^*(\top_x)(y))$$

is an L-meet join approximation operator. Moreover, the pair  $(\mathcal{M}_K, \mathcal{M}_{K_1})$  is a dual Galois connection; i.e.,

$$\mathcal{M}_K(A) \leq B, iff \mathcal{M}_{K_1}(B) \leq A$$

such that  $\tau_{\mathcal{K}_1} = \tau_{\mathcal{M}_K} = (\tau_{\mathcal{K}})_* = (\tau_{\mathcal{M}_{K_1}})_*.$ (6) If  $\mathcal{K}(\mathcal{K}^*(A)) = \mathcal{K}(A)$  for  $A \in L^X$ , then  $\mathcal{M}_K(\mathcal{M}^*_K(A)) = \mathcal{M}_K(A)$  for  $A \in L^X$  such that  $\tau_{\mathcal{K}_1} = \tau_{\mathcal{M}_K} = (\tau_{\mathcal{K}})_* = (\tau_{\mathcal{M}_{K_1}})_*.$  with

$$\tau_{\mathcal{M}_K} = \{ \mathcal{M}_K^*(A) = \bigwedge_{x \in X} (\mathcal{K}^*(\top_x) \to A(x)) \mid A \in L^X \},\$$

$$\tau_{(\mathcal{M}_K)_1} = \{ (\mathcal{M}_K)_1^*(A)(y) = \bigwedge_{x \in X} (\mathcal{K}^*(\top_y)(x) \to A(x)) \mid A \in L^X \}.$$

(7) If  $\mathcal{K}(\mathcal{K}(A)) = \mathcal{K}^*(A)$  for  $A \in L^X$ , then  $\mathcal{M}_K(\mathcal{M}_K(A)) = \mathcal{M}^*_K(A)$  such that

$$\tau_{\mathcal{M}_K} = \{\mathcal{M}_K(A) = \bigvee_{x \in X} (A^*(x) \odot \mathcal{K}^*(\top_x)) \mid A \in L^X\} = (\tau_{\mathcal{M}_K})_*$$

(8) Define 
$$\mathcal{J}_K(A) = \mathcal{K}(A^*)$$
. Then  $\mathcal{J}_K : L^X \to L^X$  with

$$\mathcal{J}_{K}(A)(y) = \bigwedge_{x \in X} (A^{*}(x) \to \mathcal{K}(\top_{x})(y)) = \bigwedge_{x \in X} (\mathcal{K}^{*}(\top_{x})(y) \to A(x))).$$

is an L-lower approximation operator.

(9) If  $\mathcal{K}(\mathcal{K}^*(A)) = \mathcal{K}(A)$  for  $A \in L^X$ , then  $\mathcal{J}_K(\mathcal{J}_K(A)) = \mathcal{J}_K(A)$  for  $A \in L^X$  such that  $\tau_{\mathcal{J}_{K_1}} = (\tau_{\mathcal{J}_K})_*$  with

$$\tau_{\mathcal{J}_K} = \{ \mathcal{J}_K(A) = \bigwedge_{x \in X} (\mathcal{K}^*(\top_x) \to A(x))) \mid A \in L^X \},$$
  
$$\tau_{\mathcal{J}_{K_1}} = \{ \mathcal{J}_{K_1}(A)(x) = \bigwedge_{x \in X} (\mathcal{K}^*(\top_x)(y) \to A(y))) \mid A \in L^X \}.$$

(10) If  $\mathcal{K}(\mathcal{K}(A)) = \mathcal{K}^*(A)$  for  $A \in L^X$ , then  $\mathcal{J}_K(\mathcal{J}_K^*(A)) = \mathcal{J}_K^*(A)$  such that

$$\tau_{\mathcal{J}_K} = \{\mathcal{J}_K^*(A) = \bigvee_{x \in X} (\mathcal{K}^*(\top_x) \odot A^*(x))) \mid A \in L^X\} = (\tau_{\mathcal{J}_K})_*.$$

(11) Define  $\mathcal{H}_K(A) = (\mathcal{K}(A))^*$ . Then  $\mathcal{H}_K : L^X \to L^X$  with

$$\mathcal{H}_K(A)(y) = \bigvee_{x \in X} (A(x) \odot \mathcal{K}^*(\top_x)(y))$$

is an L-upper approximation operator. Moreover,  $\tau_{\mathcal{H}_K} = \tau_{\mathcal{K}}$ .

(12) If  $\mathcal{K}(\mathcal{K}^*(A)) = \mathcal{K}(A)$  for  $A \in L^X$ , then  $\mathcal{H}_K(\mathcal{H}_K(A)) = \mathcal{H}_K(A)$  for  $A \in L^X$  such that  $\tau_{\mathcal{H}_{K_1}} = (\tau_{\mathcal{H}_K})_*$  with

$$\tau_{\mathcal{H}_K} = \{ \mathcal{H}_K(A) = \bigvee_{x \in X} (A(x) \odot \mathcal{K}^*(\top_x)) \mid A \in L^X \},\$$

$$\tau_{(\mathcal{H}_K)_1} = \{ (\mathcal{H}_K)_1(A)(y) = \bigvee_{x \in X} (A(x) \odot \mathcal{K}^*(\top_y)(x)) \mid A \in L^X \}.$$

(13) If  $\mathcal{K}(\mathcal{K}(A)) = \mathcal{K}^*(A)$  for  $A \in L^X$ , then  $\mathcal{H}_K(\mathcal{H}_K(A)) = \mathcal{H}^*_K(A)$  such that

$$\tau_{\mathcal{H}_K} = \{\mathcal{H}_K^*(A) = \bigwedge_{x \in X} (A(x) \to \mathcal{K}(\top_x)) \mid A \in L^X\} = (\tau_{\mathcal{H}_K})_*.$$

(14)  $(\mathcal{H}_{K_1}, \mathcal{J}_K)$  and  $(\mathcal{H}_K, \mathcal{J}_{K_1})$  are a residuated connetion; *i.e.*,

$$\mathcal{H}_{K_1}(A) \leq B \quad iff \ A \leq \mathcal{J}_K(B),$$
$$\mathcal{H}_K(A) \leq B \quad iff \ A \leq \mathcal{J}_{K_1}(B).$$

Moreover,  $\tau_{\mathcal{J}_K} = \tau_{\mathcal{H}_{K_1}}$  and  $\tau_{\mathcal{J}_{K_1}} = \tau_{\mathcal{H}_K}$ .

**Proof** (1) For  $A = \bigvee_{x \in X} (A(x) \odot \top_x) \in L^X$ ,  $\mathcal{K}(A)(y) = \bigwedge_{x \in X} (A(x) \to \mathcal{K}(\top_x)(y))$ .

(2) (K1) Since  $B \leq \mathcal{K}(\mathcal{K}_1(B)) \leq \mathcal{K}_1^*(B)$ , we have  $\mathcal{K}_1(B) \leq B^*$ . (K2) Since  $\mathcal{K}_1(B) \leq \mathcal{K}_1(B)$ , then  $B \leq \mathcal{K}(\mathcal{K}_1(B))$ . Thus,

$$B \leq \mathcal{K}(\mathcal{K}_1(B)) \leq \mathcal{K}(a \odot (a \to \mathcal{K}_1(B))) = a \to \mathcal{K}(a \to \mathcal{K}_1(B))$$
  
iff  $a \odot B \leq \mathcal{K}(a \to \mathcal{K}_1(B))$   
iff  $a \to \mathcal{K}_1(B) \leq \mathcal{K}_1(a \odot B).$ 

$$a \odot B \leq \mathcal{K}(\mathcal{K}_1(a \odot B))$$
  
iff  $B \leq a \to \mathcal{K}(\mathcal{K}_1(a \odot B)) = \mathcal{K}(a \odot \mathcal{K}_1(a \odot B))$   
iff  $a \odot \mathcal{K}_1(a \odot B) \leq \mathcal{K}_1(B)$   
iff  $\mathcal{K}_1(a \odot B) \leq a \to \mathcal{K}_1(B).$ 

(K3)  $\mathcal{K}_1(\bigvee_{i\in\Gamma} A_i) = \bigwedge_{i\in\Gamma} \mathcal{K}_1(A_i)$ . By the definition of  $\mathcal{K}_1$ , since  $\mathcal{K}_1(A) \leq \mathcal{K}_1(B)$  for  $B \leq A$ , we have

$$\mathcal{K}_1(\bigvee_{i\in\Gamma}A_i) \le \bigwedge_{i\in\Gamma}\mathcal{K}_1(A_i).$$

Since  $\mathcal{K}(\bigwedge_{i\in\Gamma}\mathcal{K}_1(A_i)) \geq \mathcal{K}(\mathcal{K}_1(A_i)) \geq A_i$ , then  $\mathcal{K}(\bigwedge_{i\in\Gamma}\mathcal{K}_1(A_i)) \geq \bigvee_{i\in\Gamma}A_i$ . Thus

$$\mathcal{K}_1(\bigvee_{i\in\Gamma}A_i) \ge \bigwedge_{i\in\Gamma}\mathcal{K}_1(A_i).$$

Thus  $\mathcal{K}_1 : L^X \to L^X$  is an *L*-join meet approximation operator. By the definition of  $\mathcal{K}_1$ , we have

$$A \leq \mathcal{K}_1(B)$$
 iff  $B \leq \mathcal{K}(A)$ .

Since  $A^* \leq \mathcal{K}_1(A)$  iff  $A \leq \mathcal{K}(A^*)$ , we have  $\tau_{\mathcal{K}_1} = (\tau_{\mathcal{K}})_*$ . (3) Let  $\mathcal{K}(\mathcal{K}^*(A)) = \mathcal{K}(A)$  for  $A \in L^X$ . Then  $\mathcal{K}_1^*(A) \leq \mathcal{K}(B)$  iff  $\mathcal{K}_1(A) \geq \mathcal{K}^*(B)$  iff  $\mathcal{K}(\mathcal{K}^*(B)) = \mathcal{K}(B) \geq A$ 

$$\mathcal{K}_1(\mathcal{K}_1^*(A)) = \bigvee \{ B \mid \mathcal{K}_1^*(A) \le \mathcal{K}(B) \} = \bigvee \{ B \mid A \le \mathcal{K}(B) \} = \mathcal{K}_1(A).$$

(4) Let  $\mathcal{K}(A) \in \tau_{\mathcal{K}}$ . Since  $\mathcal{K}(\mathcal{K}(A)) = \mathcal{K}^*(A)$ ,  $\mathcal{K}(\mathcal{K}^*(A)) = \mathcal{K}(\mathcal{K}(\mathcal{K}(A))) = (\mathcal{K}(\mathcal{K}(A)))^* = \mathcal{K}(A)$ . Hence  $\mathcal{K}^*(A) \in \tau_{\mathcal{K}}$ ; i.e.  $\mathcal{K}(A) \in (\tau_{\mathcal{K}})_*$ .

Let  $A \in (\tau_{\mathcal{K}})_*$ . Then  $A = \mathcal{K}(A^*)$ . Since  $\mathcal{K}(A) = \mathcal{K}(\mathcal{K}(A^*)) = \mathcal{K}^*(A^*) = A^*$ , then  $A \in \in \tau_{\mathcal{K}}$ . Thus,  $(\tau_{\mathcal{K}})_* \subset \tau_{\mathcal{K}}$ .

(5) (M1) Since  $A \leq \mathcal{K}(A^*)$ ,  $\mathcal{M}_K(A) = \mathcal{K}(A^*)^* \leq A^*$ . (M2)  $\mathcal{M}_K(A) = \mathcal{K}(A^*)^* = (\mathcal{K}(A^*)^*)^* = (\mathcal{K}(A^*)^*)^*$ 

$$\mathcal{M}_{K}(\alpha \to A) = (\mathcal{K}((\alpha \to A)^{*})^{*} = (\mathcal{K}(\alpha \odot A^{*}))^{*}$$
$$= (\alpha \to \mathcal{K}(A^{*}))^{*} = \alpha \odot \mathcal{K}(A^{*})^{*}$$
$$= \alpha \odot \mathcal{M}_{K}(A).$$

(M3)

$$\mathcal{M}_{K}(\bigwedge_{i\in\Gamma} A_{i}) = (\mathcal{K}(\bigwedge_{i\in\Gamma} A_{i})^{*})^{*} = (\mathcal{K}(\bigvee_{i\in\Gamma} A_{i}^{*}))^{*}$$
$$= (\bigwedge_{i\in\Gamma} \mathcal{K}(A_{i}^{*}))^{*} = \bigvee_{i\in\Gamma} (\mathcal{K}(A_{i}^{*}))^{*}$$
$$= \bigvee_{i\in\Gamma} \mathcal{M}_{K}(A_{i}).$$

Moreover, the pair  $(\mathcal{M}_K, \mathcal{M}_{K_1})$  is a dual Galois connection from:

 $\mathcal{M}_{K}(A) \leq B \text{ iff } B^{*} \leq \mathcal{K}(A^{*}) \text{ iff } A^{*} \leq \mathcal{K}_{1}(B^{*})$  $\mathcal{K}_{1}^{*}(B^{*}) \leq A \text{ iff } \mathcal{M}_{K_{1}}(B) \leq A.$ 

We have  $\tau_{\mathcal{K}_1} = \tau_{\mathcal{M}_K} = (\tau_{\mathcal{K}})_* = (\tau_{\mathcal{M}_{K_1}})_*$  from:

$$A^* \leq \mathcal{K}_1(A)$$
 iff  $A \leq \mathcal{K}(A^*)$ 

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$$\mathcal{M}_{K}(A) \leq A^{*} \text{ iff } \mathcal{M}_{K_{1}}(A^{*}) \leq A.$$
(6) Let  $\mathcal{K}(\mathcal{K}^{*}(A)) = \mathcal{K}(A)$  for  $A \in L^{X}$ . Then
$$\mathcal{M}_{K}(\mathcal{M}_{K}^{*}(A)) = \mathcal{K}^{*}(\mathcal{M}_{K}(A)) = (\mathcal{K}(\mathcal{K}^{*}(A^{*})))^{*}$$

$$= \mathcal{K}^{*}(A^{*}) = \mathcal{M}_{K}(A).$$

By (3), since  $\mathcal{K}_1(\mathcal{K}_1^*(A)) = \mathcal{K}_1(A)$  for  $A \in L^X$ ,  $(\mathcal{M}_K)_1((\mathcal{M}_K)_1^*(A)) = (\mathcal{M}_K)_1(A)$ for  $A \in L^X$ . Thus,

$$\tau_{\mathcal{M}_K} = \{ \mathcal{M}_K^*(A) \mid A \in L^X \}, \ \tau_{(\mathcal{M}_K)_1} = \{ (\mathcal{M}_K)_1^*(A) \mid A \in L^X \}.$$
  
(7) Let  $\mathcal{K}(\mathcal{K}(A)) = \mathcal{K}^*(A)$  for  $A \in L^X$ . Then

$$\mathcal{M}_{K}(\mathcal{M}_{K}(A)) = \mathcal{K}^{*}(\mathcal{M}_{K}^{*}(A)) = (\mathcal{K}(\mathcal{K}(A^{*})))^{*}$$
$$= (\mathcal{K}^{*}(A^{*}))^{*} = \mathcal{M}_{K}^{*}(A).$$

By the similarly method in (4),  $\mathcal{M}_K(\mathcal{M}_K^*(A)) = \mathcal{M}_K(A)$  for  $A \in L^X$ . Thus,

$$\tau_{\mathcal{M}_K} = \{\mathcal{M}_K(A) \mid A \in L^X\} = (\tau_{\mathcal{M}_K})_*$$

(8) It is similarly proved as (5).

(9) If 
$$\mathcal{K}(\mathcal{K}^*(A)) = \mathcal{K}(A)$$
 for  $A \in L^X$ , then  $\mathcal{J}_K(\mathcal{J}_K(A)) = \mathcal{J}_K(A)$   
$$\mathcal{J}_K(\mathcal{J}_K(A)) = \mathcal{J}_K(\mathcal{K}(A^*)) = \mathcal{K}(\mathcal{K}^*(A^*))$$
$$= \mathcal{K}(A^*) = \mathcal{J}_K(A).$$

Similarly,  $\mathcal{J}_{K_1}(\mathcal{J}_{K_1}(A)) = \mathcal{J}_{K_1}(A)$ . Thus, the results hold. (10) If  $\mathcal{K}(\mathcal{K}(A)) = \mathcal{K}^*(A)$  for  $A \in L^X$ , then  $\mathcal{J}_K(\mathcal{J}_K^*(A)) = \mathcal{J}_K^*(A)$ 

$$\mathcal{J}_K(\mathcal{J}_K^*(A)) = \mathcal{J}_K(\mathcal{K}^*(A^*)) = \mathcal{K}(\mathcal{K}(A^*))$$
  
=  $\mathcal{K}^*(A^*) = \mathcal{J}_K^*(A).$ 

Since  $\mathcal{J}_K(\mathcal{J}_K^*(A)) = \mathcal{J}_K^*(A)$ 

$$\mathcal{J}_{K}(\mathcal{J}_{K}(A)) = \mathcal{J}_{K}(\mathcal{J}_{K}^{*}(\mathcal{J}_{K}^{*}(A)))$$
$$= \mathcal{J}_{K}^{*}(\mathcal{J}_{K}^{*}(A)) = \mathcal{J}_{K}(A).$$

Hence  $\tau_{\mathcal{J}_K} = \{\mathcal{J}_K^*(A) \mid A \in L^X\} = (\tau_{\mathcal{J}_K})_*$ . (11) and (12) are similarly proved as (5) and (6), respectively. (13) If  $\mathcal{K}(\mathcal{K}(A)) = \mathcal{K}^*(A)$  for  $A \in L^X$ , then  $\mathcal{H}_K(\mathcal{H}_K^*(A)) = \mathcal{H}_K^*(A)$  from:

$$\mathcal{H}_{K}(\mathcal{H}_{K}^{*}(A)) = \mathcal{H}_{K}(\mathcal{K}(A)) = (\mathcal{K}(\mathcal{K}(A)))^{*}$$
$$= (\mathcal{K}^{*}(A))^{*} = \mathcal{H}_{K}^{*}(A).$$

(14)  $(\mathcal{H}_{K_1}, \mathcal{J}_K)$  is a residuated connection; i.e.,

$$\mathcal{H}_{K_1}(A) \leq B \quad \text{iff} \quad \mathcal{K}_1(A) \geq B^*,$$
$$A \leq \mathcal{K}(B^*) \quad \text{iff} \quad A \leq \mathcal{J}_K(B),$$

Similarly,  $(\mathcal{H}_K, \mathcal{J}_{K_1})$  is a residuated connection.

**Example 2.2** Let *R* be a reflexive *L*-fuzzy relation. Define  $\mathcal{K}_{R^*} : L^X \to L^X$  as follows:

$$\mathcal{K}_{R^*}(A)(y) = \bigwedge_{x \in X} (A(x) \to R^*(x, y)).$$

(1) (K1)  $\mathcal{K}_{R^*}(A)(y) \leq A(y) \rightarrow R^*(y,y) = A^*(x).$ (K2)  $\mathcal{K}_{R^*}(a \odot A)(y) = \bigwedge_{x \in X} ((a \odot A)(x) \rightarrow R^*(x,y)) = a \rightarrow \bigwedge_{x \in X} (A(x) \rightarrow R^*(x,y)) = a \rightarrow \mathcal{K}_{R^*}(A)(y).$ 

(K3)  $\mathcal{K}_{R^*}(\bigvee_{i\in\Gamma} A_i)(y) = \bigwedge_{x\in X}(\bigvee_{i\in\Gamma} A_i(x) \to R^*(x,y)) = \bigwedge_{x\in X} \bigwedge_{i\in\Gamma} (A_i(x) \to R^*(x,y)) = \bigwedge_{i\in\Gamma} \mathcal{K}_{R^*}(A_i)(y)$ . Hence  $\mathcal{K}_{R^*}$  is an *L*-join meet approximation operator.

(2) Define  $(\mathcal{K}_{R^*})_1(B) = \bigvee \{A \mid B \leq \mathcal{K}_{R^*}(A)\}$ . Since  $B(y) \leq \mathcal{K}_{R^*}(B)(y)$  iff  $B(y) \leq A(x) \rightarrow R^*(x, y)$  iff  $A(x) \leq B(y) \rightarrow R^*(x, y)$ , then

$$(\mathcal{K}_{R^*})_1(B)(x) = \mathcal{K}_{R^{-1*}}(B)(x) = \bigwedge_{y \in X} (B(y) \to R^{-1*}(y, x)).$$

Then  $(\mathcal{K}_{R^*})_1 = \mathcal{K}_{R^{-1*}}$  with

$$\mathcal{K}_{R^{-1*}}(A)(y) = \bigwedge_{x \in X} (A(x) \to R^{-1*}(x,y))$$

is an *L*-join meet approximation operator such that  $(\mathcal{K}_R, \mathcal{K}_{R^{-1*}})$  is a Galois connection; i.e.,

$$A \leq \mathcal{K}_{R^{-1*}}(B)$$
 iff  $B \leq \mathcal{K}_{R^*}(A)$ .

Moreover,  $\tau_{\mathcal{K}_{R^{-1*}}} = (\tau_{\mathcal{K}_{R^*}})_*$ .

(3) If R is an L-fuzzy preorder, then  $R^{-1}$  is an L-fuzzy preorder. Since  $R(x, y) \odot R(y, z) \le R(x, z)$  iff

$$A(x) \odot R(x, y) \odot (A(x) \to R^*(x, z) \le R(x, y) \odot R^*(x, z) \le R^*(y, z)$$
  
iff  $A(x) \to R^*(x, z) \le A(x) \odot R(x, y) \to R^*(y, z)$ 

$$\begin{aligned} \mathcal{K}_{R^*}(\mathcal{K}^*_{R^*}(A))(z) &= \bigwedge_{y \in X} (\mathcal{K}^*_{R^*}(A)(y) \to R^*(y, z)) \\ &= \bigwedge_{y \in X} (\bigvee_{x \in X} (A(x) \odot R(x, y) \to R^*(y, z)) \\ &= \bigwedge_{x \in X} (A(x) \to R^*(x, z)) = \mathcal{K}_{R^*}(A)(z). \end{aligned}$$

Thus  $\mathcal{K}_{R^*}(\mathcal{K}_{R^*}^*(A)) = \mathcal{K}_{R^*}(A)$  for  $A \in L^X$ . Similarly,  $\mathcal{K}_{R^{-1*}}(\mathcal{K}_{R^{-1*}}^*(A)) = \mathcal{K}_{R^{-1*}}(A)$  for  $A \in L^X$  such that  $\tau_{\mathcal{K}_{R^{-1*}}} = (\tau_{\mathcal{K}_{R^*}})_*$  with

$$\tau_{\mathcal{K}_{R^*}} = \{ \mathcal{K}_{R^*}^*(A) = \bigvee_{x \in X} (A(x) \odot R(x, -)) \mid A \in L^X \},\$$
$$\tau_{\mathcal{K}_{R^{-1*}}} = \{ \mathcal{K}_{R^{-1*}}^*(A) = \bigvee_{x \in X} (A(x) \odot R(-, x)) \mid A \in L^X \}.$$

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(4) Let R be a reflexive and Euclidean L-fuzzy relation. Since R(x,z)  $\odot$  $R(y,z) \leq R(x,y)$  iff  $R(y,z) \leq R(x,z) \rightarrow R(x,y)$  iff  $R(x,z) \odot R^*(x,y) \leq$  $R^*(y,z)$ , then

$$\begin{array}{l} A(x) \odot R(x,z) \odot (A(x) \rightarrow R^*(x,y)) \leq R(x,z) \odot R^*(x,y) \leq R^*(y,z) \\ \text{iff } A(x) \odot R(x,z) \leq (A(x) \rightarrow R^*(x,y)) \rightarrow R^*(y,z). \end{array}$$

$$\begin{aligned} \mathcal{K}_{R^*}(\mathcal{K}_{R^*}(A))(z) &= \bigwedge_{y \in X} (\mathcal{K}_{R^*}(A)(y) \to R^*(y,z)) \\ &= \bigwedge_{y \in X} (\bigwedge_{x \in X} (A(x) \to R^*(x,y)) \to R^*(y,z)) \\ &\ge \bigvee_{x \in X} (A(x) \odot R(x,z)) = \mathcal{K}_{R^*}(A)(z). \end{aligned}$$

Thus,  $\mathcal{K}_{R^*}(\mathcal{K}_{R^*}(A)) = \mathcal{K}_{R^*}^*(A)$  for  $A \in L^X$  such that  $\tau_{\mathcal{K}_{R^*}} = (\tau_{\mathcal{K}_{R^*}})_*$  with

$$\tau_{\mathcal{K}_{R^*}} = \{ \mathcal{K}_{R^*}(A) = \bigwedge_{x \in X} (A(x) \to R(x, -)) \mid A \in L^X \}.$$

(5) Define  $\mathcal{M}_{\mathcal{K}_{R^*}}(A) = \mathcal{K}_{R^*}(A^*)^*$ . By Theorem 2.1 (5),  $\mathcal{M}_{\mathcal{K}_{R^*}} = \mathcal{M}_R$  and  $\mathcal{M}_{(\mathcal{K}_{R^*})_1} = \mathcal{M}_{\mathcal{K}_{R^{-1*}}} = \mathcal{M}_{R^{-1}}$  are *L*-meet join approximation operators such that

$$\mathcal{M}_{\mathcal{K}_{R^*}}(A)(y) = (\bigwedge_{x \in X} (A^*(x) \to R(x, y)))^* = \bigvee_{x \in X} (A^*(x) \odot R(x, y)),$$
$$\mathcal{M}_{\mathcal{K}_{R^{-1*}}}(A)(y) = (\bigwedge_{x \in X} (A^*(x) \to R^{-1}(x, y)))^* = \bigvee_{x \in X} (A^*(x) \odot R^{-1}(x, y)).$$

Moreover, the pair  $(\mathcal{M}_R, \mathcal{M}_{R^{-1}})$  is a dual Galois connection such that

 $\tau_{\mathcal{K}_{R^{-1*}}} = \tau_{\mathcal{M}_{R}} = (\tau_{\mathcal{K}_{R^{-1*}}})_{*} = (\tau_{\mathcal{M}_{R^{-1}}})_{*}.$ (6) If *R* is an *L*-fuzzy preorder, by (3),  $\mathcal{K}_{R^{*}}(\mathcal{K}_{R^{*}}^{*}(A)) = \mathcal{K}_{R^{*}}(A)$  and  $\mathcal{K}_{R^{-1*}}(\mathcal{K}^*_{R^{-1*}}(A)) = \mathcal{K}_{R^{-1*}}(A)$  for  $A \in L^X$ . By Theorem 2.1(6),  $\mathcal{M}_R(\mathcal{M}^*_R(A)) =$  $\mathcal{M}_R(A)$  and  $\mathcal{M}_{R^{-1}}(\mathcal{M}^*_{R^{-1}}(A)) = \mathcal{M}_{R^{-1}}(A)$  for  $A \in L^X$  such that  $\tau_{\mathcal{K}_{R^{-1*}}} =$  $\tau_{\mathcal{M}_R} = (\tau_{\mathcal{K}_{R^{-1*}}})_* = (\tau_{\mathcal{M}_{R^{-1}}})_*$  with

$$\tau_{\mathcal{M}_R} = \{\mathcal{M}_R^*(A) = \bigwedge_{x \in X} (R(x, -) \to A(x)) \mid A \in L^X\},\$$
$$\tau_{\mathcal{M}_{R^{-1}}} = \{\mathcal{M}_{R^{-1}}^*(A) = \bigwedge_{x \in X} (R(-, x) \to A(x)) \mid A \in L^X\}.$$

(7) If R is a reflexive and Euclidean L-fuzzy relation, by (4),  $\mathcal{K}_{R^*}(\mathcal{K}_{R^*}(A)) =$  $\mathcal{K}^*_{R^*}(A)$  for  $A \in L^X$ . By Theorem 2.1(7), then  $\mathcal{M}_R(\mathcal{M}_R(A)) = \mathcal{M}^*_R(A)$  for  $A \in L^X$  such that  $\tau_{\mathcal{M}_R} = (\tau_{\mathcal{M}_R})_*$  with

$$\tau_{\mathcal{M}_R} = \{ \mathcal{M}_R(A) = \bigvee_{x \in X} (A^*(x) \odot R(x, -)) \mid A \in L^X \}.$$

(8) Define  $\mathcal{J}_{\mathcal{K}_{R^*}}(A) = \mathcal{K}_{R^*}(A^*)$ . By Theorem 2.1(8),  $\mathcal{J}_{\mathcal{K}_{R^*}} = \mathcal{J}_R$  and  $\mathcal{J}_{\mathcal{K}_{R^{-1}*}} = \mathcal{J}_{R^{-1}}$  are *L*-lower approximation operators such that

$$\mathcal{J}_{\mathcal{K}_{R^*}}(A)(y) = \bigwedge_{x \in X} (A^*(x) \to R^*(x, y)) = \bigwedge_{x \in X} (R(x, y) \to A(x)),$$

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$$\mathcal{J}_{\mathcal{K}_{R^{-1*}}}(A)(y) = \bigwedge_{x \in X} (A^*(x) \to R^{-1*}(x,y)) = \bigwedge_{x \in X} (R(y,x) \to A(x)).$$

Moreover,  $\tau_{\mathcal{J}_R} = (\tau_{\mathcal{K}_{R^*}})_* = \tau_{\mathcal{K}_{R^{-1*}}}$  and  $\tau_{\mathcal{J}_{R^{-1}}} = (\tau_{\mathcal{K}_{R^{-1*}}})_* = \tau_{\mathcal{K}_{R^*}}$ .

(9) If R is an L-fuzzy preorder, by (3),  $\mathcal{K}_{R^*}(\mathcal{K}_{R^*}^*(A)) = \mathcal{K}_{R^*}(A)$  and  $\mathcal{K}_{R^{-1*}}(\mathcal{K}_{R^{-1*}}^*(A)) = \mathcal{K}_{R^{-1*}}(A)$  for  $A \in L^X$ . By Theorem 2.1(9), then  $\mathcal{J}_R(\mathcal{J}_R(A)) = \mathcal{J}_R(A)$  and  $\mathcal{J}_{R^{-1}}(\mathcal{J}_{R^{-1}}(A)) = \mathcal{J}_{R^{-1}}(A)$  for  $A \in L^X$  such that  $\tau_{\mathcal{J}_{R^{-1}}} = (\tau_{\mathcal{J}_R})_*$  with

$$\tau_{\mathcal{J}_R} = \{\mathcal{J}_R(A) = \bigwedge_{x \in X} (R(x, -) \to A(x)) \mid A \in L^X\},\$$
$$\tau_{\mathcal{J}_{R^{-1}}} = \{\mathcal{J}_{R^{-1}}(A) = \bigwedge_{x \in X} (R(-, x) \to A(x)) \mid A \in L^X\}.$$

(10) If R is a reflexive and Euclidean L-fuzzy relation, by (4),  $\mathcal{K}_{R^*}(\mathcal{K}_{R^*}(A)) = \mathcal{K}_{R^*}^*(A)$  for  $A \in L^X$ . By Theorem 2.1(10),  $\mathcal{J}_R(\mathcal{J}_R^*(A)) = \mathcal{J}_R^*(A)$  for  $A \in L^X$  such that  $\tau_{\mathcal{J}_R} = (\tau_{\mathcal{J}_R})_*$  with

$$\tau_{\mathcal{J}_R} = \{\mathcal{J}_R^*(A) = \bigvee_{x \in X} (A^*(x) \odot R(x, -)) \mid A \in L^X\}.$$

(11) Define  $\mathcal{H}_{\mathcal{K}_{R^*}}(A) = (\mathcal{K}_{R^*}(A))^*$ . Then  $\mathcal{H}_{\mathcal{K}_{R^*}} = \mathcal{H}_R$  is an *L*-upper approximation operator such that

$$\mathcal{H}_{\mathcal{K}_{R^*}}(A)(y) = \bigvee_{x \in X} (R(x, y) \odot A(x)).$$

Moreover,  $\tau_{\mathcal{H}_R} = \tau_{\mathcal{K}_{R^*}}$ .

(12) If R is an L-fuzzy preorder, by (3),  $\mathcal{K}_{R^*}(\mathcal{K}_{R^*}^*(A)) = \mathcal{K}_{R^*}(A)$  and  $\mathcal{K}_{R^{-1*}}(\mathcal{K}_{R^{-1*}}^*(A)) = \mathcal{K}_{R^{-1*}}(A)$  for  $A \in L^X$ . By Theorem 2.1(12),  $\mathcal{H}_{\mathcal{K}_{R^*}}(\mathcal{H}_{\mathcal{K}_{R^*}}(A)) = \mathcal{H}_{\mathcal{K}_{R^*}}(A)$  and  $\mathcal{H}_{\mathcal{K}_{R^{-1*}}}(\mathcal{H}_{\mathcal{K}_{R^{-1*}}}(A)) = \mathcal{H}_{\mathcal{K}_{R^{-1*}}}(A)$  for  $A \in L^X$  such that  $\tau_{\mathcal{H}_{R^{-1}}} = (\tau_{\mathcal{H}_R})_*$  with

$$\tau_{\mathcal{H}_R} = \{\mathcal{H}_R(A) = \bigvee_{x \in X} (R(x, -) \odot A(x)) \mid A \in L^X\},\$$
$$\tau_{\mathcal{H}_{R^{-1}}} = \{\mathcal{H}_{R^{-1}}(A) = \bigvee_{x \in X} (R(-, x) \odot A(x)) \mid A \in L^X\}.$$

(13) If R is a reflexive and Euclidean L-fuzzy relation, by (4),  $\mathcal{K}_{R^*}(\mathcal{K}_{R^*}(A)) = \mathcal{K}_{R^*}^*(A)$  for  $A \in L^X$ . By Theorem 2.1(13),  $\mathcal{H}_R(\mathcal{H}_R^*(A)) = \mathcal{H}_R^*(A)$  for  $A \in L^X$  such that  $\tau_{\mathcal{H}_R} = (\tau_{\mathcal{H}_R})_*$  with

$$\tau_{\mathcal{H}_R} = \{\mathcal{H}_R^*(A) = \bigwedge_{x \in X} (A(x) \to R^*(x, -)) \mid A \in L^X\}.$$

(14)  $(\mathcal{H}_{R^{-1}}, \mathcal{J}_R)$  is a residuated connection; i.e,

$$\mathcal{H}_{R^{-1}}(A) \le B \text{ iff } \mathcal{K}_{R^{-1*}}(A) \ge B^*,$$
$$A \le \mathcal{K}_{R^*}(B^*) \text{ iff } A \le \mathcal{J}_R(B).$$

Similarly,  $(\mathcal{H}_R, \mathcal{J}_{R^{-1}})$  is a residuated connection. Moreover,  $\tau_{\mathcal{J}_R} = \tau_{\mathcal{H}_{R^{-1}}}$  and  $\tau_{\mathcal{J}_{R^{-1}}} = \tau_{\mathcal{H}_R}$ .

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