

**ALEXANDROV  $L$ -TOPOLOGIES AND  
 $L$ -JOIN MEET APPROXIMATION OPERATORS**

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**Abstract:** In this paper, we investigate the properties of  $L$ -fuzzy relations and  $L$ -join meet approximation operators induced by Alexandrov  $L$ -topologies in complete residuated lattices. We investigate relations among their operations,  $L$ -fuzzy relations and Alexandrov  $L$ -topologies.

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**1. Introduction**

Pawlak [7,8] introduced the rough set theory as a formal tool to deal with imprecision and uncertainty in data analysis. Hájek [2] introduced a complete residuated lattice which is an algebraic structure for many valued logic. Radzikowska [9] developed fuzzy rough sets induced by various  $L$ -fuzzy relations 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. Algebraic structures of fuzzy rough sets are developed in many directions [3,4,10,11]. Kim [3,4] introduced  $L$ -join meet and  $L$ -meet join approximation operators as a generalization of fuzzy rough set in complete residuated lattices.

In this paper, we investigate the properties of  $L$ -fuzzy relations and  $L$ -join meet approximation operators induced by Alexandrov  $L$ -topologies in complete residuated lattices. We investigate relations among their operations,  $L$ -fuzzy relations and Alexandrov  $L$ -topologies.

## 2. Preliminaries

**Definition 1.** [1,2] An algebra  $(L, \wedge, \vee, \odot, \rightarrow, \perp, \top)$  is called a complete residuated lattice if it satisfies the following conditions:

(C1)  $L = (L, \leq, \vee, \wedge, \perp, \top)$  is a complete lattice with the greatest element  $\top$  and the least element  $\perp$ ;

(C2)  $(L, \odot, \top)$  is a commutative monoid;

(C3)  $x \odot y \leq z$  iff  $x \leq y \rightarrow z$  for  $x, y, z \in L$ .

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

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

(1) If  $y \leq z$ ,  $x \odot y \leq x \odot z$ ,  $x \rightarrow y \leq x \rightarrow z$  and  $z \rightarrow x \leq y \rightarrow x$ .

(2)  $x \rightarrow (\bigwedge_{i \in \Gamma} y_i) = \bigwedge_{i \in \Gamma} (x \rightarrow y_i)$ .

(3)  $(\bigvee_{i \in \Gamma} x_i) \rightarrow y = \bigwedge_{i \in \Gamma} (x_i \rightarrow y)$ .

(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)  $(x \odot y) \rightarrow z = x \rightarrow (y \rightarrow z) = y \rightarrow (x \rightarrow z)$ .

(6)  $x \odot y = (x \rightarrow y^*)^*$ .

(7)  $x \odot (x \rightarrow y) \leq y$ .

(8)  $(x \rightarrow y) \odot (y \rightarrow z) \leq x \rightarrow z$ .

**Definition 3.** [1,5] Let  $X$  be a set. A function  $R : X \times X \rightarrow L$  is called:

(R1) *reflexive* if  $R(x, x) = \top$  for all  $x \in X$ ,

(R2) *symmetric* if  $R(x, y) = R(y, x)$  for all  $x, y \in X$ ,

(R3) *transitive* if  $R(x, y) \odot R(y, z) \leq R(x, z)$ , for all  $x, y, z \in X$ .

(R4) *Euclidean* if  $R(x, z) \odot R(y, z) \leq R(x, y)$ , for all  $x, y, z \in X$ .

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

$$(H1) \quad A \leq \mathcal{H}(A),$$

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

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

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

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

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

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

**Definition 5.** [3,4] A subset  $\tau \subset L^X$  is called an *Alexandrov  $L$ -topology* if it satisfies:

$$(T1) \quad \perp_X, \top_X \in \tau \text{ where } \top_X(x) = \top \text{ and } \perp_X(x) = \perp \text{ for } x \in X.$$

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

$$(T3) \quad \alpha \odot A \in \tau \text{ for all } \alpha \in L \text{ and } A \in \tau.$$

$$(T4) \quad \alpha \rightarrow A \in \tau \text{ for all } \alpha \in L \text{ and } A \in \tau.$$

**Theorem 6.** [3,4] (1)  $\tau$  is an Alexandrov  $L$ -topology on  $X$  iff  $\tau_* = \{A^* \in L^X \mid A \in \tau\}$  is an Alexandrov  $L$ -topology on  $X$ .

(2) 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  $L$ -topology on  $X$ .

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

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

**Theorem 7.** [3] (1) A map  $\mathcal{K} : L^X \rightarrow L^X$  is an  $L$ -join meet approximation operator iff there exists a reflexive  $L$ -fuzzy relation  $R \in L^{X \times X}$  such that

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

(2) A map  $\mathcal{K} : L^X \rightarrow L^X$  is an  $L$ -join meet approximation operator with  $\mathcal{K}(\mathcal{K}^*(A)) = \mathcal{K}(A)$  iff there exists an  $L$ -fuzzy preorder  $R \in L^{X \times X}$  such that

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

(3) A map  $\mathcal{K} : L^X \rightarrow L^X$  is an  $L$ -join meet approximation operator with  $\mathcal{K}(\mathcal{K}(A)) = \mathcal{K}^*(A)$  iff there exists a reflexive and Euclidean  $L$ -fuzzy relation  $R \in L^{X \times X}$  such that

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

**Theorem 8.** [3] Let  $R \in L^{X \times X}$  be a relation. Define operators as follows

$$\begin{aligned} \mathcal{K}_{R^*}(A)(y) &= \bigwedge_{x \in X} (A(x) \rightarrow R^*(x, y)), \\ \mathcal{K}_{R^{-1*}}(A)(y) &= \bigwedge_{x \in X} (A(x) \rightarrow R^{-1*}(x, y)). \end{aligned}$$

Then the following properties hold.

- (1) If  $R$  is reflexive, then  $\tau_{\mathcal{K}_{R^*}} = \tau_{(\mathcal{K}_{R^{-1*}})^*}$ .
- (2) If  $R$  is an  $L$ -fuzzy preorder, then

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

(3) If  $R$  is reflexive and and Euclidean, then  $R$  is symmetric,  $R$  is an  $L$ -fuzzy preorder and  $\tau_{\mathcal{K}_{R^*}} = \tau_{\mathcal{K}_{R^{-1*}}} = \tau_{(\mathcal{K}_{R^{-1*}})^*}$  such that

$$\begin{aligned} \tau_{\mathcal{K}_{R^*}} &= \{\bigwedge_{x \in X} (A(x) \rightarrow R^*(x, -)) \mid A \in L^X\} \\ \tau_{\mathcal{K}_{R^{-1*}}} &= \{\bigwedge_{x \in X} (A(x) \rightarrow R^*(-, x)) \mid A \in L^X\}. \end{aligned}$$

### 3. Alexandrov $L$ -Topologies and $L$ -Join Meet Approximation Operators

**Theorem 9.** Let  $\tau$  be an Alexandrov  $L$ -topology on  $X$ . Then the following properties hold.

- (1) There exists an  $L$ -fuzzy preorder  $R_\tau$  such that  $\tau = \tau_{\mathcal{K}_{R_\tau^*}}$  where

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

(2) Define  $\mathcal{H}_\tau(A) = \bigwedge\{A_i \mid A \leq A_i, A_i \in \tau\}$ . Then  $\mathcal{H}_\tau$  is an  $L$ -upper approximation operator on  $X$  such that  $\mathcal{H}_\tau = \mathcal{K}_{R_\tau^*}^*$  and  $\tau_{\mathcal{H}_\tau} = \tau = \tau_{\mathcal{K}_{R_\tau^*}}$  with

$$\mathcal{H}_\tau(A)(y) = \bigvee_{x \in X} (A(x) \odot R_\tau(x, y))$$

(3) Define  $k_\tau(A) = \bigvee\{A_i \mid A_i \leq A^*, A_i \in \tau\}$ . Then  $k_\tau$  is an  $L$ -join meet approximation operator on  $X$  such that  $k_\tau(k_\tau^*(A)) = k_\tau(A)$  for all  $A \in L^X$ . Moreover,  $\tau_{k_\tau} = \tau_*$  and  $k_\tau(A) = (\mathcal{H}_{\tau_*}(A))^*$  such that

$$k_\tau(A)(y) = \bigwedge_{x \in X} (A(x) \rightarrow R_\tau^{-1*}(x, y)).$$

(4) If  $R_\tau$  is Euclidean, then  $k_\tau = \mathcal{K}_{R_\tau^*}$  and  $\tau_* = \tau_{k_\tau} = \tau_{\mathcal{K}_{R_\tau^*}} = \tau$ .

*Proof.* (1) Define  $R_\tau(x, y) = \bigwedge_{B \in \tau} (B(x) \rightarrow B(y))$ . Then  $R_\tau(x, x) = \top$  and  $R_\tau(x, y) \odot R_\tau(y, z) \leq R_\tau(x, z)$  because  $(B(x) \rightarrow B(y)) \odot (B(y) \rightarrow B(z)) \leq (B(x) \rightarrow B(z))$ . Let  $A \in \tau$ .

$$\begin{aligned} A(x) \odot R_\tau(x, y) &= A(x) \odot \bigwedge_{B \in \tau} (B(x) \rightarrow B(y)) \\ &\leq A(x) \odot (A(x) \rightarrow A(y)) \leq A(y). \end{aligned}$$

Thus  $A^*(y) \leq (A(x) \odot R_\tau(x, y))^* = A(x) \rightarrow R_\tau^*(x, y)$ . Hence  $\mathcal{K}_{R_\tau^*}(A) = A^*$ , that is,  $A \in \tau_{\mathcal{K}_{R_\tau^*}}$ . Thus  $\tau \subset \tau_{\mathcal{K}_{R_\tau^*}}$ .

Let  $A \in \tau_{\mathcal{K}_{R_\tau^*}}$  with  $\mathcal{K}_{R_\tau^*}(A) = A^*$ . Then  $A^*(x) = \bigwedge_y (A(y) \rightarrow R_\tau^*(y, x))$ . So,  $A(x) = \bigvee_y (A(y) \odot R_\tau(y, x)) = \bigvee_y (A(y) \odot \bigwedge_{B \in \tau} (B(y) \rightarrow B(x)))$ . Since  $\bigwedge_{B \in \tau} (B(y) \rightarrow B) \in \tau$  from (T4) and  $\bigvee_{y \in X} (A(y) \odot \bigwedge_{B \in \tau} (B(y) \rightarrow B)) \in \tau$  from (T3) and (T4), we have  $A \in \tau$ . Hence  $\tau = \tau_{\mathcal{K}_{R_\tau^*}}$ .

(2) Since  $R_\tau$  is an  $L$ -fuzzy preorder, by Theorem 7(2),  $\mathcal{K}_{R_\tau^*}(\mathcal{K}_{R_\tau^*}^*(A)) = \mathcal{K}_{R_\tau^*}^*(A)$ . From the definition of  $\mathcal{H}_\tau$ ,  $\mathcal{H}_\tau(A) \leq \mathcal{K}_{R_\tau^*}^*(A)$ .

Since  $\mathcal{H}_\tau(A) \in \tau = \tau_{\mathcal{K}_{R_\tau^*}}$ , we have  $\mathcal{K}_{R_\tau^*}(\mathcal{H}_\tau(A)) = \mathcal{H}_\tau^*(A)$ . Since  $\mathcal{K}_{R_\tau^*}^*$  is an increasing function by (K3), for  $A \leq \mathcal{H}_\tau(A)$ , we have

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

$$\begin{aligned} \mathcal{H}_\tau(A)(y) &= \mathcal{K}_{R_\tau^*}^*(A)(y) \\ &= (\bigwedge_{x \in X} (A(x) \rightarrow R_\tau^*(x, y)))^* \\ &= \bigvee_{x \in X} (A(x) \odot R_\tau(x, y)). \end{aligned}$$

Thus,  $\mathcal{H}_\tau$  is an  $L$ -upper approximation operator.

(3) (K1) From the definition of  $k_\tau$ ,  $k_\tau(A) \leq A^*$ .

(K2) Since  $B_i \leq \alpha \rightarrow \alpha \odot B_i$ , we have

$$\begin{aligned} k_\tau(\alpha \odot A)(x) &= \bigvee \{B_i(x) \mid B_i \leq (\alpha \odot A)^* = \alpha \rightarrow A^*, B_i \in \tau\} \\ &\leq \alpha \rightarrow \bigvee \{\alpha \odot B_i(x) \mid \alpha \odot B_i \leq A^*, B_i \in \tau\} \\ &\leq \alpha \rightarrow k_\tau(A)(x). \end{aligned}$$

Suppose  $k_\tau(\alpha \odot A) \not\leq \alpha \rightarrow k_\tau(A)$ . Then there exists  $x \in X$  such that

$$k_\tau(\alpha \odot A) \not\leq \alpha \rightarrow k_\tau(A).$$

From the definition of  $k_\tau$ , there exists  $A_i \in \tau$  such that  $A_i \leq A^*$  with

$$k_\tau(\alpha \odot A) \not\leq \alpha \rightarrow A_i.$$

On the other hand, since  $\alpha \rightarrow A_i \leq \alpha \rightarrow A^* = (\alpha \odot A)^*$ ,  $k_\tau(\alpha \odot A) \geq \alpha \rightarrow A_i$ . It is a contradiction. Thus,  $k_\tau(\alpha \odot A) \geq \alpha \rightarrow k_\tau(A)$ . Hence (K2) holds.

(K3) Since  $k_\tau(B) \leq k_\tau(A)$  for  $A \leq B$ ,

$$k_\tau\left(\bigvee_{i \in \Gamma} A_i\right) \leq \bigwedge_{i \in \Gamma} k_\tau(A_i).$$

Suppose  $k_\tau\left(\bigvee_{i \in \Gamma} A_i\right) \not\leq \bigwedge_{i \in \Gamma} k_\tau(A_i)$ . From the definition of  $k_\tau(A_i)$ , for all  $i \in \Gamma$ , there exists  $B_i \in \tau$  such that  $B_i \leq A_i^*$  with

$$k_\tau\left(\bigvee_{i \in \Gamma} A_i\right) \not\leq \bigwedge_{i \in \Gamma} B_i.$$

On the other hand, since  $\bigwedge_{i \in \Gamma} B_i \leq \bigwedge_{i \in \Gamma} A_i^* = \left(\bigvee_{i \in \Gamma} A_i\right)^*$ ,

$$k_\tau\left(\bigvee_{i \in \Gamma} A_i\right) \geq \bigwedge_{i \in \Gamma} B_i.$$

It is a contradiction. Thus,  $k_\tau\left(\bigvee_{i \in \Gamma} A_i\right) \geq \bigwedge_{i \in \Gamma} k_\tau(A_i)$ . Hence (K3) holds.

Since  $k_\tau(A) \in \tau$ , by the definition of  $k_\tau$ ,  $k_\tau(A) \leq k_\tau(k_\tau^*(A)) \leq k_\tau(A)$ . Then  $k_\tau(k_\tau^*(A)) = k_\tau(A)$ .

Let  $A \in \tau_*$ . Then  $A^* \in \tau$ . By the definition of  $k_\tau$ ,  $k_\tau(A) = A^*$ . So,  $A \in \tau_{k_\tau}$ . Thus  $\tau_* \subset \tau_{k_\tau}$ . Conversely, it similarly proved.

$$\begin{aligned} (\mathcal{H}_{\tau_*}(A))^* &= \left(\bigwedge \{A_i \mid A \leq A_i, A_i \in \tau_*\}\right)^* \\ &= \bigvee \{A_i^* \mid A_i^* \leq A^*, A_i^* \in \tau\} = k_\tau(A). \end{aligned}$$

By (2), since  $R_\tau^{-1}(x, y) = \bigwedge_{B \in \tau} (B(y) \rightarrow B(x)) = \bigwedge_{B \in \tau} (B^*(x) \rightarrow B^*(y)) = \bigwedge_{A \in \tau^*} (A(x) \rightarrow A(y))$ , we have

$$\begin{aligned} k_\tau(A)(y) &= (\mathcal{H}_{\tau^*}(A)(y))^* = (\bigvee_{x \in X} (A(x) \odot R_{\tau^*}(x, y)))^* \\ &= \bigwedge_{x \in X} (A(x) \rightarrow R_\tau^{-1}(x, y)). \end{aligned}$$

(4) Since  $R_\tau$  is Euclidean, then  $\bigvee_{x \in X} (R_\tau(y, x) \odot R_\tau(z, x)) \leq R_\tau(y, z)$ . It follows

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

Thus  $\mathcal{K}_{R_\tau^*}(\mathcal{K}_{R_\tau^*}(A)) = \mathcal{K}_{R_\tau^*}^*(A)$  and  $\mathcal{K}_{R_\tau^*}(A) \leq A^*$ . Since  $\tau = \tau_{\mathcal{K}_{R_\tau^*}}$ , by the definition of  $k_\tau$ ,  $\mathcal{K}_{R_\tau^*}(A) \leq k_\tau(A)$ .

Since  $k_\tau(A) \leq A^*$  iff  $A \leq k_\tau^*(A) = \mathcal{K}_{R_\tau^*}(k_\tau(A))$  and  $\tau = \tau_{\mathcal{K}_{R_\tau^*}}$ , by the definition of  $k_\tau$ , then

$$\mathcal{K}_{R_\tau^*}(A) \geq \mathcal{K}_{R_\tau^*}(\mathcal{K}_{R_\tau^*}(k_\tau(A))) = \mathcal{K}_{R_\tau^*}^*(k_\tau(A)) = k_\tau(A).$$

□

**Theorem 10.** *Let  $\tau$  be an Alexandrov  $L$ -topology on  $X$ . Then the following properties hold.*

(1) *There exists an  $L$ -fuzzy preorder  $R_\tau^{-1}$  such that  $\tau_* = \tau_{\mathcal{K}_{R_\tau^{-1}*}}$  where*

$$\mathcal{K}_{R_\tau^{-1}*}(A)(y) = \bigwedge_{x \in X} (A(x) \rightarrow R_\tau^{-1*}(x, y)).$$

(2) *Define  $\mathcal{H}_{\tau^*}(A) = \bigwedge \{A_i \mid A \leq A_i, A_i \in \tau_*\}$ . Then  $\mathcal{H}_{\tau^*}$  is an  $L$ -upper approximation operator on  $X$  such that  $\mathcal{H}_{\tau^*} = \mathcal{K}_{R_\tau^{-1}*}^*$  and  $\tau_* = \tau_{\mathcal{H}_{\tau^*}} = \tau_{\mathcal{K}_{R_\tau^{-1}*}}$  with*

$$\mathcal{H}_{\tau^*}(A)(y) = \bigvee_{x \in X} (A(x) \odot R_\tau^{-1}(x, y))$$

(3) Define  $k_{\tau_*}(A) = \bigvee \{A_i \mid A_i \leq A^*, A_i \in \tau_*\}$ . Then  $k_{\tau_*}$  is an  $L$ -join meet approximation operator on  $X$   $k_{\tau_*}(k_{\tau_*}^*(A)) = k_{\tau_*}(A)$  for all  $A \in L^X$ . Moreover,  $\tau_{k_{\tau_*}} = \tau$  and  $k_{\tau_*}(A) = (\mathcal{H}_\tau(A))^*$  such that

$$k_{\tau_*}(A)(y) = \bigwedge_{x \in X} (A(x) \rightarrow R_\tau^*(x, y)).$$

(4) If  $R_\tau^{-1}$  is Euclidean, then  $k_{\tau_*} = \mathcal{K}_{R_\tau^{-1}*}$  and  $\tau = \tau_{k_{\tau_*}} = \tau_{\mathcal{K}_{R_\tau^{-1}*}} = \tau_*$ .

*Proof.* (1) Define  $R_\tau^{-1}(x, y) = \bigwedge_{B \in \tau} (B(y) \rightarrow B(x)) = \bigwedge_{B \in \tau} (B^*(x) \rightarrow B^*(y))$ . Then  $R_\tau^{-1}(x, x) = \top$  and  $R_\tau^{-1}(x, y) \odot R_\tau^{-1}(y, z) \leq R_\tau^{-1}(x, z)$ . Let  $A^* \in \tau_*$ .

$$\begin{aligned} A^*(x) \odot R_\tau^{-1}(x, y) &= A^*(x) \odot \bigwedge_{B \in \tau} (B^*(x) \rightarrow B^*(y)) \\ &\leq A^*(x) \odot (A^*(x) \rightarrow A^*(y)) \leq A^*(y). \end{aligned}$$

Thus  $A(y) \leq (A^*(x) \odot R_\tau^{-1}(x, y))^* = A^*(x) \rightarrow R_\tau^{-1*}(x, y)$ . Hence  $\mathcal{K}_{R_\tau^{-1}*}(A^*) = A$ , that is,  $A^* \in \tau_{\mathcal{K}_{R_\tau^{-1}*}}$ .

Let  $A \in \tau_{\mathcal{K}_{R_\tau^{-1}*}}$  with  $\mathcal{K}_{R_\tau^{-1}*}(A) = A^*$ . Then  $A^*(x) = \bigwedge_y (A(y) \rightarrow R_\tau^{-1*}(y, x))$ . So,  $A(x) = \bigvee_y (A(y) \odot R_\tau^{-1}(y, x)) = \bigvee_y (A(y) \odot \bigwedge_{B \in \tau} (B(x) \rightarrow B(y))) = \bigvee_y (A(y) \odot \bigwedge_{B \in \tau} (B^*(y) \rightarrow B^*(x)))$ . Since  $\bigwedge_{B \in \tau} (B^*(y) \rightarrow B^*(x)) \in \tau_*$  and  $\bigvee_{y \in X} (A(y) \odot \bigwedge_{B \in \tau} (B^*(y) \rightarrow B^*(x))) \in \tau_*$ , we have  $A \in \tau_*$ . Hence  $\tau_* = \tau_{\mathcal{K}_{R_\tau^{-1}*}}$ .

(2) and (3) are similarly proved as Theorem 9 (2) and (3), respectively.

(4) Since  $R^{-1}$  is Euclidean, then  $\bigvee_{x \in X} (R_\tau(x, y) \odot R_\tau(x, z)) \leq R_\tau(y, z)$ . Thus

$$\begin{aligned} \mathcal{K}_{R_\tau^{-1}*}(\mathcal{K}_{R_\tau^{-1}*}(A))(x) &= \bigwedge_{y \in X} (\mathcal{K}_{R_\tau^{-1}*}(A)(y) \rightarrow R_\tau^{-1*}(y, x)) \\ &= \bigwedge_{y \in X} (\bigwedge_{z \in X} (A(z) \rightarrow R_\tau^{-1*}(z, y)) \rightarrow R_\tau^{-1*}(y, x)) \\ &= \bigwedge_{y \in X} (R_\tau^{-1}(y, x) \rightarrow (\bigwedge_{z \in X} (A(z) \rightarrow R_\tau^{-1*}(z, y)))^*) \\ &= \bigwedge_{y \in X} (R_\tau^{-1}(y, x) \rightarrow \bigvee_{z \in X} (A(z) \odot R_\tau^{-1}(z, y))) \\ &\geq \bigvee_{z \in X} (A(z) \odot R_\tau^{-1}(z, x)). \end{aligned}$$

Since  $\mathcal{K}_{R_\tau^{-1}*}(\mathcal{K}_{R_\tau^{-1}*}(A)) = \mathcal{K}_{R_\tau^{-1}*}^*(A)$ ,  $\mathcal{K}_{R_\tau^{-1}*}(A) \in \tau_*$  and  $\mathcal{K}_{R_\tau^{-1}*}(A) \leq A^*$ , then  $\mathcal{K}_{R_\tau^{-1}*}(A) \leq k_{\tau_*}(A)$ .

Since  $k_{\tau_*}(A) \leq A^*$  iff  $A \leq k_{\tau_*}^*(A) = \mathcal{K}_{R_\tau^{-1}*}(k_{\tau_*}(A))$  because  $k_{\tau_*}(A) \in \tau_* = \tau_{\mathcal{K}_{R_\tau^{-1}*}}$ , then

$$\mathcal{K}_{R_\tau^{-1}*}(A) \geq \mathcal{K}_{R_\tau^{-1}*}(\mathcal{K}_{R_\tau^{-1}*}^{-1}(k_{\tau_*}(A))) = \mathcal{K}_{R_\tau^{-1}*}^*(k_{\tau_*}(A)) = k_{\tau_*}(A).$$

□



**Theorem 11.** Let  $\mathcal{K}_{R^*} : L^X \rightarrow L^X$  be an  $L$ -join meet approximation operator on  $X$  defined as

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

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

(2) If  $R$  is an  $L$ -fuzzy preorder and we define  $\mathcal{H}_{\tau_{\mathcal{K}_{R^*}}}(A) = \bigwedge \{A_i \mid A \leq A_i, A_i \in \tau_{\mathcal{K}_{R^*}}\}$  and  $\mathcal{H}_{\tau_{\mathcal{K}_{R^{-1*}}}}(A) = \bigwedge \{A_i \mid A \leq A_i, A_i \in \tau_{\mathcal{K}_{R^{-1*}}} = (\tau_{\mathcal{K}_{R^*}})^*\}$ , then  $\mathcal{H}_{\tau_{\mathcal{K}_{R^*}}}$  and  $\mathcal{H}_{\tau_{\mathcal{K}_{R^{-1*}}}}$  are  $L$ -upper approximation operators on  $X$  such that  $\mathcal{H}_{\tau_{\mathcal{K}_{R^*}}} = \mathcal{K}_{R^*}^*$  and  $\mathcal{H}_{\tau_{\mathcal{K}_{R^{-1*}}}} = \mathcal{K}_{R^{-1*}}^*$  with

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

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

(3) Define  $k_{\tau_{\mathcal{K}_{R^*}}}(A) = \bigvee \{A_i \mid A_i \leq A^*, A_i \in \tau_{\mathcal{K}_{R^*}}\}$ . Then  $k_{\tau_{\mathcal{K}_{R^*}}}$  is an  $L$ -join meet approximation operator on  $X$  such that  $k_{\tau_{\mathcal{K}_{R^*}}}(k_{\tau_{\mathcal{K}_{R^*}}}^*(A)) = k_{\tau_{\mathcal{K}_{R^*}}}(A)$  for all  $A \in L^X$ . Moreover,  $\tau_{k_{\tau_{\mathcal{K}_{R^*}}}} = (\tau_{\mathcal{K}_{R^*}})^* = \tau_{\mathcal{K}_{R^{-1*}}}$  and  $k_{\tau_{\mathcal{K}_{R^*}}}(A) = (\mathcal{H}_{(\tau_{\mathcal{K}_{R^*}})^*}(A))^*$  such that

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

(4) Define  $k_{\tau_{\mathcal{K}_{R^{-1*}}}}(A) = \bigvee \{A_i \mid A_i \leq A^*, A_i \in \tau_{\mathcal{K}_{R^{-1*}}}\}$ . Then  $k_{\tau_{\mathcal{K}_{R^{-1*}}}}$  is an  $L$ -join meet approximation operator on  $X$  such that  $k_{\tau_{\mathcal{K}_{R^{-1*}}}}(k_{\tau_{\mathcal{K}_{R^{-1*}}}}^*(A)) = k_{\tau_{\mathcal{K}_{R^{-1*}}}}(A)$  for all  $A \in L^X$ . Moreover,  $\tau_{k_{\tau_{\mathcal{K}_{R^{-1*}}}}} = (\tau_{\mathcal{K}_{R^{-1*}}})^* = \tau_{\mathcal{K}_{R^*}}$  and  $k_{\tau_{\mathcal{K}_{R^{-1*}}}}(A) = (\mathcal{H}_{(\tau_{\mathcal{K}_{R^{-1*}}})^*}(A))^*$  such that

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

(5) If  $R$  is Euclidean, then  $k_{\tau_{\mathcal{K}_{R^*}}} = \mathcal{K}_{R^*}$ .

*Proof.* (1) Since  $A^*(y) \leq \mathcal{K}_{R^*}(A)(y) = \mathcal{K}_{R^*}(A)(y) = \bigwedge_{x \in X} (A(x) \rightarrow R^*(x, y))$  iff  $A(x) \leq \bigwedge_{y \in X} (A^*(y) \rightarrow R^*(x, y)) = \mathcal{K}_{R^{-1*}}(A)(x)$ , we have  $\tau_{\mathcal{K}_{R^{-1*}}} = (\tau_{\mathcal{K}_{R^*}})^*$ .

(2) Since  $R$  is an  $L$ -fuzzy preorder,  $\mathcal{K}_{R^*}(\mathcal{K}_{R^*}^*(A)) = \mathcal{K}_{R^*}(A)$ . From the definition of  $\mathcal{H}_{\tau_{\mathcal{K}_{R^*}}}$ ,  $\mathcal{H}_{\tau_{\mathcal{K}_{R^*}}}(A) \leq \mathcal{K}_{R^*}^*(A)$ .

Since  $\mathcal{H}_{\tau_{\mathcal{K}_{R^*}}}(A) \in \tau_{\mathcal{K}_{R^*}}$ , we have  $\mathcal{K}_{R^*}(\mathcal{H}_{\tau_{\mathcal{K}_{R^*}}}(A)) = \mathcal{H}_{\tau_{\mathcal{K}_{R^*}}}^*(A)$ . Since  $\mathcal{K}_{R^*}^*$  is an increasing function by (K3), for  $A \leq \mathcal{H}_{\tau_{\mathcal{K}_{R^*}}}(A)$ , we have

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

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

Thus,  $\mathcal{H}_{\tau_{\mathcal{K}_{R^*}}}$  is an  $L$ -upper approximation operator.

(3) By Theorem 9(3),  $k_{\tau_{\mathcal{K}_{R^*}}}$  is an  $L$ -join meet approximation operator on  $X$ . Let  $A \in (\tau_{\mathcal{K}_{R^*}})^*$ . Then  $A^* \in \tau_{\mathcal{K}_{R^*}}$ . By the definition of  $k_{\tau_{\mathcal{K}_{R^*}}}$ ,  $k_{\tau_{\mathcal{K}_{R^*}}}(A) = A^*$ . So,  $A \in \tau_{k_{\tau_{\mathcal{K}_{R^*}}}}$ . Thus  $(\tau_{\mathcal{K}_{R^*}})^* \subset \tau_{k_{\tau_{\mathcal{K}_{R^*}}}}$ . Conversely, it similarly proved.

$$\begin{aligned} (\mathcal{H}_{(\tau_{\mathcal{K}_{R^*}})^*}(A))^* &= (\bigwedge \{A_i \mid A \leq A_i, A_i \in (\tau_{\mathcal{K}_{R^*}})^*\})^* \\ &= \bigvee \{A_i^* \mid A_i^* \leq A^*, A_i^* \in \tau_{\mathcal{K}_{R^*}}\} = k_{\tau_{\mathcal{K}_{R^*}}}(A). \end{aligned}$$

By (1) and (2), since  $\tau_{\mathcal{K}_{R^{-1*}}} = (\tau_{\mathcal{K}_{R^*}})^*$  and  $\mathcal{H}_{\tau_{\mathcal{K}_{R^{-1*}}}} = \mathcal{K}_{R^{-1*}}^*$ , we have

$$\begin{aligned} k_{\tau_{\mathcal{K}_{R^*}}}(A)(y) &= (\mathcal{H}_{(\tau_{\mathcal{K}_{R^*}})^*}(A)(y))^* = (\bigvee_{x \in X} (A(x) \odot R^{-1}(x, y)))^* \\ &= \bigwedge_{x \in X} (A(x) \rightarrow R^{-1}(x, y)). \end{aligned}$$

(4) It is similarly proved as (3).

(5) Since  $R$  is Euclidean,  $\bigvee_{x \in X} (R(y, x) \odot R(z, x)) \leq R(y, z)$ . By Theorem 7(3),  $\mathcal{K}_{R^*}(\mathcal{K}_{R^*}(A)) = \mathcal{K}_{R^*}^*(A)$  and  $\mathcal{K}_{R^*}(A) \leq A^*$ . By the definition of  $k_{\tau_{\mathcal{K}_{R^*}}}$ ,  $\mathcal{K}_{R^*}(A) \leq k_{\tau_{\mathcal{K}_{R^*}}}(A)$ . Since  $k_{\tau_{\mathcal{K}_{R^*}}}(A) \leq A^*$  iff  $A \leq k_{\tau_{\mathcal{K}_{R^*}}}^*(A) = \mathcal{K}_{R^*}(k_{\tau_{\mathcal{K}_{R^*}}}(A))$ , by the definition of  $k_{\tau_{\mathcal{K}_{R^*}}}$ , then

$$\mathcal{K}_{R^*}(A) \geq \mathcal{K}_{R^*}(\mathcal{K}_{R^*}(k_{\tau_{\mathcal{K}_{R^*}}}(A))) = \mathcal{K}_{R^*}^*(k_{\tau_{\mathcal{K}_{R^*}}}(A)) = k_{\tau_{\mathcal{K}_{R^*}}}(A).$$

□

**Theorem 12.** *Let  $R \in L^{X \times X}$  be an  $L$ -fuzzy relation and  $\tau_{\mathcal{K}_{R^*}}$  the Alexandrov  $L$ -topology induced by  $\mathcal{K}_{R^*}$ . Then the following properties hold.*

(1) *If  $R$  is transitive, then  $R \leq R_{\tau_{\mathcal{K}_{R^*}}}$ .*

(2) *If  $R_z \in \tau_{\mathcal{K}_{R^*}}$  for  $z \in X$  where  $R_z(x) = R(z, x)$  and  $\bigwedge_{z \in X} (R(z, x) \rightarrow R(z, y)) \leq R(x, y)$ , then  $R_{\tau_{\mathcal{K}_{R^*}}} \leq R$ .*

(3) *If  $R$  is an  $L$ -fuzzy preorder, then  $R = R_{\tau_{\mathcal{K}_{R^*}}}$ .*

(4) *If  $R$  is Euclidean, then  $R^{-1} \leq R_{\tau_{\mathcal{K}_{R^*}}}$ .*

(5) *If  $R_z^* \in \tau_{\mathcal{K}_{R^*}}$  for  $z \in X$  where  $R_z^*(x) = R^*(z, x)$  and  $\bigwedge_{z \in X} (R(z, x) \rightarrow R(z, y)) \leq R(x, y)$ , then  $R_{\tau_{\mathcal{K}_{R^*}}} \leq R^{-1}$ .*

(6) *If  $R$  is reflexive and  $R$  is Euclidean, then  $R^{-1} = R_{\tau_{\mathcal{K}_{R^*}}}$ .*

(7) *If  $R$  is an  $L$ -fuzzy preorder, then  $R^{-1} = R_{\tau_{(\mathcal{K}_{R^*})^*}}$ .*

(8) *If  $R$  is reflexive and  $R$  is Euclidean, then  $R = R_{\tau_{(\mathcal{K}_{R^*})^*}}$ .*

*Proof.* (1) Since  $R(x, y) \odot B(z) \odot R(z, x) \leq B(z) \odot R(z, y)$  iff  $R(x, y) \leq B(z) \odot R(z, x) \rightarrow B(z) \odot R(z, y)$ . Thus

$$\begin{aligned} R_{\tau_{\mathcal{K}_{R^*}}}(x, y) &= \bigwedge_{B \in \tau_{\mathcal{K}_{R^*}}} (B(x) \rightarrow B(y)) \\ &= \bigwedge_{B \in \tau_{\mathcal{K}_{R^*}}} ((\mathcal{K}_{R^*}(B))^*(x) \rightarrow (\mathcal{K}_{R^*}(B))^*(y)) \\ &\geq \bigwedge_{B \in \tau_{\mathcal{K}_{R^*}}} \bigvee_{z \in X} (B(z) \odot R(z, x) \rightarrow B(z) \odot R(z, y)) \\ &\geq R(x, y). \end{aligned}$$

(2) Since  $R_z \in \tau_{\mathcal{K}_{R^*}}$  for  $z \in X$ , then

$$\begin{aligned} R_{\tau_{\mathcal{K}_{R^*}}}(x, y) &= \bigwedge_{B \in \tau_{\mathcal{K}_{R^*}}} (B(x) \rightarrow B(y)) \\ &\leq \bigwedge_{z \in X} (R_z(x) \rightarrow R_z(y)) \\ &= \bigwedge_{z \in X} (R(z, x) \rightarrow R(z, y)) \leq R(x, y). \end{aligned}$$

(3) Since  $R$  is transitive, by (1),  $R \leq R_{\tau_{\mathcal{K}_{R^*}}}$ . Since  $R$  is an  $L$ -fuzzy preorder, we have  $\mathcal{K}_{R^*}(\mathcal{K}_{R^*}^*(A)) = \mathcal{K}_{R^*}(A)$ . Since  $\mathcal{K}_{R^*}^*(\top_z)(x) = R(z, x)$ , we have

$$\begin{aligned} R_{\tau_{\mathcal{K}_{R^*}}}(x, y) &= \bigwedge_{B \in \tau_{\mathcal{K}_{R^*}}} (B(x) \rightarrow B(y)) \\ &\leq \bigwedge_{z \in X} (\mathcal{K}_{R^*}^*(\top_z)(x) \rightarrow \mathcal{K}_{R^*}^*(\top_z)(y)) \\ &= \bigwedge_{z \in X} (R(z, x) \rightarrow R(z, y)) \leq R(x, x) \rightarrow R(x, y) = R(x, y). \end{aligned}$$

(4) Since  $R$  is Euclidean, then  $R(y, x) \odot B(z) \odot R(z, x) \leq B(z) \odot R(z, y)$  iff  $R(y, x) \leq B(z) \odot R(z, x) \rightarrow B(z) \odot R(z, y)$ . Thus

$$\begin{aligned} R_{\tau_{\mathcal{K}_{R^*}}}(x, y) &= \bigwedge_{B \in \tau_{\mathcal{K}_{R^*}}} (B(x) \rightarrow B(y)) \\ &= \bigwedge_{B \in \tau_{\mathcal{K}_{R^*}}} ((\mathcal{K}_{R^*}(B))^*(x) \rightarrow (\mathcal{K}_{R^*}(B))^*(y)) \\ &\geq \bigwedge_{B \in \tau_{\mathcal{K}_{R^*}}} \bigvee_{z \in X} (B(z) \odot R(z, x) \rightarrow B(z) \odot R(z, y)) \\ &\geq R^{-1}(x, y). \end{aligned}$$

(5) Since  $R_z^* \in \tau_{\mathcal{K}_{R^*}}$ , we have

$$\begin{aligned} R_{\tau_{\mathcal{K}_{R^*}}}(x, y) &= \bigwedge_{B \in \tau_{\mathcal{K}_{R^*}}} (B(x) \rightarrow B(y)) \\ &\leq \bigwedge_{z \in X} (R^*(z, x) \rightarrow R^*(z, y)) \\ &= \bigwedge_{z \in X} (R(z, y) \rightarrow R(z, x)) \leq R(y, x) = R^{-1}(x, y). \end{aligned}$$

(6) Since  $R$  is Euclidean, by (4),  $R^{-1} \leq R_{\tau_{\mathcal{K}_{R^*}}}$ . Since  $R$  is reflexive and Euclidean, by Theorem 7(3), we have  $\mathcal{K}_{R^*}(\mathcal{K}_{R^*}(A)) = \mathcal{K}_{R^*}^*(A)$ . Since  $\mathcal{K}_{R^*}(\top_z) = R^*(z, -) \in \tau_{\mathcal{K}_{R^*}}$ , we have

$$\begin{aligned} R_{\tau_{\mathcal{K}_{R^*}}}(x, y) &= \bigwedge_{B \in \tau_{\mathcal{K}_{R^*}}} (B(x) \rightarrow B(y)) \\ &\leq \bigwedge_{z \in X} (\mathcal{K}_{R^*}(\top_z)(x) \rightarrow \mathcal{K}_{R^*}(\top_z)(y)) \\ &= \bigwedge_{z \in X} (R^*(z, x) \rightarrow R^*(z, y)) = \bigwedge_{z \in X} (R(z, y) \rightarrow R(z, x)) \\ &\leq R(y, y) \rightarrow R(y, x) = R^{-1}(x, y). \end{aligned}$$

(7) Since  $R$  is transitive, we have

$$\begin{aligned} R_{(\tau_{\mathcal{K}_{R^*}})^*}(x, y) &= \bigwedge_{B \in (\tau_{\mathcal{K}_{R^*}})^*} (B(x) \rightarrow B(y)) = \bigwedge_{B \in \tau_{\mathcal{K}_{R^*}}} (B^*(x) \rightarrow B^*(y)) \\ &= \bigwedge_{B \in \tau_{\mathcal{K}_{R^*}}} (\mathcal{K}_{R^*}(B)(x) \rightarrow \mathcal{K}_{R^*}(B)(y)) \\ &\geq \bigwedge_{B \in \tau_{\mathcal{K}_{R^*}}} \bigwedge_{z \in X} ((B(z) \rightarrow R^*(z, x)) \rightarrow (B(z) \rightarrow R^*(z, y))) \\ &\geq \bigwedge_{z \in X} (R^*(z, x) \rightarrow R^*(z, y)) = \bigwedge_{z \in X} (R(z, y) \rightarrow R(z, x)) \\ &\geq R^{-1}(x, y). \end{aligned}$$

Since  $R$  is an  $L$ -fuzzy preorder, by Theorem 7(2),  $\mathcal{K}_{R^*}(\mathcal{K}_{R^*}^*(A)) = \mathcal{K}_{R^*}(A)$  for all  $A \in L^X$ ,  $\mathcal{K}_{R^*}(\mathcal{K}_{R^*}^*(\top_z)) = \mathcal{K}_{R^*}(\top_z)$  for all  $z \in X$ . So,  $\mathcal{K}_{R^*}^*(\top_z) \in \tau_{\mathcal{K}_{R^*}}$ . Thus,

$$\begin{aligned} R_{(\tau_{\mathcal{K}_{R^*}})^*}(x, y) &= \bigwedge_{B \in \tau_{\mathcal{K}_{R^*}}} (B^*(x) \rightarrow B^*(y)) \\ &\leq \bigwedge_{z \in X} (\mathcal{K}_{R^*}(\top_z)(x) \rightarrow \mathcal{K}_{R^*}(\top_z)(y)) \\ &= \bigwedge_{z \in X} (R^*(z, x) \rightarrow R^*(z, y)) = \bigwedge_{z \in X} (R(z, y) \rightarrow R(z, x)) \\ &\leq R(y, y) \rightarrow R(y, x) = R^{-1}(x, y). \end{aligned}$$

(8) Since  $\bigvee_{x \in X} (R(z, y) \odot R(x, y)) \leq R(z, x)$  for all  $x, y, z \in X$ , then  $R(z, y) \odot R(x, y) \leq R(z, x)$  iff  $R(x, y) \leq R(z, y) \rightarrow R(z, x)$ . Thus

$$\begin{aligned} R_{(\tau\mathcal{K}_{R^*})^*}(x, y) &= \bigwedge_{B \in (\tau\mathcal{K}_{R^*})^*} (B(x) \rightarrow B(y)) = \bigwedge_{B \in \tau\mathcal{K}_{R^*}} (B^*(x) \rightarrow B^*(y)) \\ &= \bigwedge_{B \in \tau\mathcal{K}_{R^*}} (\mathcal{K}_{R^*}(B)(x) \rightarrow \mathcal{K}_{R^*}(B)(y)) \\ &\geq \bigwedge_{B \in \tau\mathcal{K}_{R^*}} (\bigwedge_{z \in X} (B(z) \rightarrow R^*(z, x)) \rightarrow \bigwedge_{w \in X} (B(w) \rightarrow R^*(w, y))) \\ &\geq \bigwedge_{B \in \tau\mathcal{K}_{R^*}} \bigwedge_{z \in X} ((B(z) \rightarrow R^*(z, x)) \rightarrow (B(z) \rightarrow R^*(z, y))) \\ &\geq \bigwedge_{z \in X} (R^*(z, x) \rightarrow R^*(z, y)) \\ &= \bigwedge_{z \in X} (R(z, y) \rightarrow R(z, x)) \geq R(x, y). \end{aligned}$$

Since  $R$  is reflexive and Euclidean, by Theorem 7(3),  $\mathcal{K}_{R^*}(\mathcal{K}_{R^*}(A)) = \mathcal{K}_{R^*}^*(A)$  for all  $A \in L^X$ ,  $\mathcal{K}_{R^*}(\mathcal{K}_{R^*}(\top_z)) = \mathcal{K}_{R^*}^*(\top_z)$  for all  $z \in X$ . So,  $\mathcal{K}_{R^*}(\top_z) \in \tau\mathcal{K}_{R^*}$ . Thus,

$$\begin{aligned} R_{(\tau\mathcal{K}_{R^*})^*}(x, y) &= \bigwedge_{B \in \tau\mathcal{K}_{R^*}} (B^*(x) \rightarrow B^*(y)) \\ &\leq \bigwedge_{z \in X} (\mathcal{K}_{R^*}^*(\top_z)(x) \rightarrow \mathcal{K}_{R^*}^*(\top_z)(y)) \\ &= \bigwedge_{z \in X} (R(z, x) \rightarrow R(z, y)) \leq R(x, x) \rightarrow R(x, y) = R(x, y). \end{aligned}$$

□

**Example 13.** Let  $(L = [0, 1], \odot, \rightarrow, *)$  be a complete residuated lattice with the law of double negation defined by

$$x \odot y = (x + y - 1) \vee 0, \quad x \rightarrow y = (1 - x + y) \wedge 1, \quad x^* = 1 - x.$$

Let  $X = \{a, b, c\}$  and  $A \in L^X$  as follows:

$$A(a) = 1, A(b) = 0.1, A(c) = 0.4.$$

Define  $R \in L^{X \times X}$  as follows

$$R = \begin{pmatrix} 1 & 0.2 & 0.9 \\ 0.8 & 1 & 0.7 \\ 0.6 & 0.5 & 1 \end{pmatrix}.$$

(1) Since  $0.4 = R(a, c) \odot R(c, b) \not\leq R(a, b) = 0.2$  and  $\mathcal{K}_{R^*}(A) = (0, 0.8, 0.1)$ , we have

$$\mathcal{K}_{R^*}(A) = (0, 0.8, 0.1) \neq \mathcal{K}_{R^*}(\mathcal{K}_{R^*}^*(A)) = (0, 0.6, 0.1).$$

For  $R_x = (1, 0.2, 0.9)$ ,  $R_y = (0.8, 1, 0.7)$ ,  $R_z = (0.6, 0.5, 1)$ , since

$$\mathcal{K}_{R^*}(R_x) = (0, 0.6, 0.1) \neq R_x^*, \quad \mathcal{K}_{R^*}(R_y) = (0.2, 0, 0.3) = R_y^*$$

$$\mathcal{K}_{R^*}(R_z) = (0.4, 0.5, 0) = R_z^*,$$

Hence  $R_y, R_z \in \tau_{\mathcal{K}_{R^*}}$  but  $R_x \notin \tau_{\mathcal{K}_{R^*}}$  and  $\bigwedge_{z \in X} (R(z, c) \rightarrow R(z, b)) = 0.3 \neq R(c, b) = 0.5$  from:

$$\left( \bigwedge_{z \in X} (R(z, x) \rightarrow R(z, y)) \right) = \begin{pmatrix} 1 & 0.2 & 0.9 \\ 0.8 & 1 & 0.7 \\ 0.6 & 0.3 & 1 \end{pmatrix}$$

(2) Since  $0.6 = R(a, c) \odot R(b, c) \not\leq R(a, b) = 0.2$ ,  $R$  is not Euclidean. For  $\mathcal{K}_{R^*}(A) = (0, 0.8, 0.1)$ , we have

$$\mathcal{K}_{R^*}^*(A) = (1, 0.2, 0.9) \neq \mathcal{K}_{R^*}(\mathcal{K}_{R^*}(A)) = (0.4, 0.2, 0.5).$$

For  $R_x^* = (0, 0.8, 0.1)$ ,  $R_y^* = (0.2, 0, 0.3)$ ,  $R_z^* = (0.4, 0.5, 0)$ , since

$$\mathcal{K}_{R^*}(R_x^*) = (0.4, 0.2, 0.5) \neq R_x, \quad \mathcal{K}_{R^*}(R_y^*) = (0.8, 1, 0.7) = R_y$$

$$\mathcal{K}_{R^*}(R_z^*) = (0.6, 0.5, 0.7) \neq R_z,$$

Hence  $R_y^* \in \tau_{\mathcal{K}_{R^*}}$  but  $R_x^*, R_z^* \notin \tau_{\mathcal{K}_{R^*}}$  and  $\bigwedge_{z \in X} (R(z, c) \rightarrow R(z, b)) = 0.3 \neq R(c, b) = 0.5$  from:

$$\left( \bigwedge_{z \in X} (R(z, x) \rightarrow R(z, y)) \right) = \begin{pmatrix} 1 & 0.2 & 0.9 \\ 0.8 & 1 & 0.7 \\ 0.6 & 0.3 & 1 \end{pmatrix}$$

(3) Put  $R^2(x, y) = \bigvee_{z \in X} (R(x, z) \odot R(z, y))$ , we obtain a relation  $R^2$  as

$$R^2 = \begin{pmatrix} 1 & 0.4 & 0.9 \\ 0.8 & 1 & 0.7 \\ 0.6 & 0.5 & 1 \end{pmatrix}.$$

Since  $R^2(x, y) \odot R^2(y, z) \leq R^2(x, z)$  and  $R^2(x, x) = 1$  for all  $x, y, z \in X$ ,  $R^2$  is an  $L$ -fuzzy preorder. By Theorems 7(2) and 8(2), we have

$$\mathcal{K}_{R^{2*}}(A) = \mathcal{K}_{R^{2*}}(\mathcal{K}_{R^{2*}}^*(A)),$$

$$\tau_{\mathcal{K}_{R^{2*}}} = \left\{ \bigvee_{x \in X} (A(x) \odot R^2(x, -)) \mid A \in L^X \right\}.$$

Since

$$\begin{aligned}
 R_{\tau\mathcal{K}_{R^{2*}}}(x, y) &= \bigwedge_{A \in L^X} (\bigvee_{z \in X} (A(z) \odot R^2(z, x)) \rightarrow \bigvee_{w \in X} (A(w) \odot R^2(w, y))) \\
 &\geq \bigwedge_{A \in L^X} (\bigwedge_{z \in X} ((A(z) \odot R^2(z, x)) \rightarrow (A(z) \odot R^2(z, y))) \\
 &\geq R^2(x, y), \\
 R_{\tau\mathcal{K}_{R^{2*}}}(x, y) &= \bigwedge_{A \in L^X} (\bigvee_{z \in X} (A(z) \odot R^2(z, x)) \rightarrow \bigvee_{w \in X} (A(w) \odot R^2(w, y))) \\
 &\leq \bigwedge_{p \in X} (\bigvee_{z \in X} (\top_p(z) \odot R^2(z, x)) \rightarrow \bigvee_{w \in X} (\top_p(w) \odot R^2(w, y))) \\
 &\leq \bigwedge_{p \in X} (R^2(p, x) \rightarrow R^2(p, y)) \leq R^2(x, x) \rightarrow R^2(x, y) = R^2(x, y),
 \end{aligned}$$

we have  $R^2(x, y) = R_{\tau\mathcal{K}_{R^{2*}}}$ .

For  $R_x^2 = (1, 0.4, 0.9)$ ,  $R_y^2 = (0.8, 1, 0.7)$ ,  $R_z^2 = (0.6, 0.5, 1)$ , since

$$\mathcal{K}_{R^{2*}}(R_x^2) = (0, 0.6, 0.1) = R_x^{2*}, \quad \mathcal{K}_{R^{2*}}(R_y^2) = (0.2, 0, 0.3) = R_y^{2*}$$

$$\mathcal{K}_{R^{2*}}(R_z^2) = (0.4, 0.5, 0) = R_z^{2*},$$

Hence  $R_x^2, R_y^2, R_z^2 \in \tau\mathcal{K}_{R^{2*}}$  and  $\bigwedge_{z \in X} (R^2(z, a) \rightarrow R^2(z, b)) = R^2(a, b)$  for all  $a, b \in X$ .

(4) Put  $R^{[2]}(x, y) = \bigvee_{z \in X} (R(x, z) \odot R(y, z))$ , we obtain an  $L$ -fuzzy relation  $R^{[2]}$  as

$$R^{[2]} = \begin{pmatrix} 1 & 0.8 & 0.9 \\ 0.8 & 1 & 0.7 \\ 0.9 & 0.7 & 1 \end{pmatrix}.$$

Since  $R^{[2]}(x, z) \odot R^{[2]}(y, z) \leq R^{[2]}(x, y)$  and  $R^{[2]}(x, x) = 1$  for all  $x, y, z \in X$ ,  $R^{[2]}$  is reflexive and Euclidean. By Theorems 7(2) and 8(2), we have

$$\mathcal{K}_{R^{[2]*}}^*(A) = \mathcal{K}_{R^{[2]*}}(\mathcal{K}_{R^{[2]*}}(A)),$$

$$\tau\mathcal{K}_{R^{[2]*}} = \left\{ \bigwedge_{x \in X} (A(x) \rightarrow R^{[2]*}(x, -)) \mid A \in L^X \right\}.$$

Since

$$\begin{aligned}
R_{\tau\mathcal{K}_{R^{[2]*}}}(x, y) &= \bigwedge_{A \in L^X} (\bigwedge_{z \in X} (A(z) \rightarrow R^{[2]*}(z, x)) \\
&\quad \rightarrow \bigwedge_{w \in X} (A(w) \rightarrow R^{[2]*}(w, y))) \\
&\geq \bigwedge_{A \in L^X} (\bigwedge_{z \in X} ((A(x) \rightarrow R^{[2]*}(z, x)) \\
&\quad \rightarrow (A(z) \rightarrow R^{[2]}(z, y))) \\
&\geq \bigwedge_{z \in X} (R^{[2]*}(z, x) \rightarrow R^{[2]*}(z, y)) = \bigwedge_{z \in X} (R^{[2]}(z, y) \\
&\quad \rightarrow R^{[2]}(z, x)) \\
&\geq R^{[2]}(y, x) = R^{[2]-1}(x, y), \\
R_{\tau\mathcal{K}_{R^{[2]*}}}(x, y) &= \bigwedge_{A \in L^X} (\bigwedge_{z \in X} (A(z) \rightarrow R^{[2]*}(z, x)) \\
&\quad \rightarrow \bigwedge_{w \in X} (A(w) \rightarrow R^{[2]*}(w, y))) \\
&\leq \bigwedge_{p \in X} (\bigwedge_{z \in X} (\top_p(z) \\
&\quad \rightarrow R^{[2]*}(z, x)) \rightarrow \bigvee_{w \in X} (\top_p(w) \rightarrow R^{[2]*}(w, y))) \\
&\leq \bigwedge_{p \in X} (R^{[2]*}(p, x) \rightarrow R^{[2]*}(p, y)) \\
&= \bigwedge_{p \in X} (R^{[2]}(p, y) \rightarrow R^{[2]}(p, x)) \leq R^{[2]}(y, x) = R^{[2]-1}(x, y),
\end{aligned}$$

we have  $R^{[2]-1}(x, y) = R_{\tau\mathcal{K}_{R^{(2)*}}}$ .

For  $R_x^{[2]*} = (0, 0.2, 0.1)$ ,  $R_y^{[2]*} = (0.2, 0, 0.3)$ ,  $R_z^{[2]*} = (0.1, 0.3, 0)$ , since

$$\mathcal{K}_{R^{[2]*}}(R_x^{[2]*}) = (1, 0.8, 0.9) = R_x^{[2]}, \quad \mathcal{K}_{R^{[2]*}}(R_y^{[2]*}) = (0.8, 1, 0.7) = R_y^{[2]}$$

$$\mathcal{K}_{R^{[2]*}}(R_z^{[2]*}) = (0.9, 0.7, 1) = R_z^{[2]},$$

Hence  $R_x^{[2]*}, R_y^{[2]*}, R_z^{[2]*} \in \tau\mathcal{K}_{R^{[2]*}}$  and  $\bigwedge_{z \in X} (R^{[2]}(z, a) \rightarrow R^{[2]}(z, b)) = R^{[2]}(a, b)$  for all  $a, b \in X$ .

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