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## On the Order Type $L$ -valued Relations on $L$ -powersets

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### Abstract

The research in the field of the so called Fuzzy Mathematics can be conditionally divided into two mainstreams: the first one emphasizes on the study of different fuzzy structures (topological, algebraic, analytical, etc.) on an ordinary set  $X$ , while  $L$ -valued sets  $X$  (that are sets equipped with some  $L$ -valued equalities  $E : X \times X \rightarrow L$ , or, more generally, with  $L$ -valued relations  $R : X \times X \rightarrow L$ ) are the starting point for the second one. ( $L$  being a lattice usually with an additionally algebraic structure). The aim of this work is to discuss the problem how an  $L$ -valued relation given on a set  $X$  can be extended to the  $L$ -valued relation  $\mathcal{R}$  on the  $L$ -powerset  $L^X$ . This problem, is important, among other for the theory of  $L$ -fuzzy topological spaces in the sense of [15], [16].

**Keywords:**  $L$ -relations,  $L$ -valued equalities,  $L$ -valued sets.

### Introduction

In our previous works [17], [18], we have introduced the concept of an  $L$ -valued  $L$ -topological space, which can be considered as a synthesis of the concept of an  $L$ -topological space in the sense of Chang-Goguen [2], [6] and the concept of a many-valued set in the sense of Höhle [8], see also [9]. Our next aim is to introduce the concept of an  $L$ -valued  $L$ -fuzzy topological space, which would be an analogous synthesis of the concept of an  $L$ -fuzzy topological space in the sense of [15], [16], see also [10], that is a pair  $(X, \mathcal{T})$  where  $X$  is a set and  $\mathcal{T} : L^X \rightarrow L$  is an  $L$ -fuzzy topology on  $X$ , and the concept of a many-valued set, that is a pair  $(X, E)$  where  $X$  is a set and  $E : X \times X \rightarrow L$  is an  $L$ -valued equality on it and to develop the corresponding theory. However, for realizing this plan we have an additional problem. Namely, since  $L$ -fuzzy topology on a set  $X$  is a mapping  $\mathcal{T} : L^X \rightarrow L$  (and not a family  $\tau \subseteq L^X$  as in case of Chang-Goguen  $L$ -topology), and since  $X$  is equipped with an  $L$ -valued equality  $E : X \times X \rightarrow L$ , it is natural to request some kind of extensionality for a mapping  $\mathcal{T} : L^X \rightarrow L$ . Therefore the problem appears how to "lift" the  $L$ -valued equality  $E : X \times X \rightarrow L$  from  $X$  to an  $L$ -valued equality on the  $L$ -powerset  $L^X$ , that is to get an  $L$ -valued equality  $\mathcal{E} : L^X \times L^X \rightarrow L$ .

However, since an  $L$ -valued equality  $E : X \times X \rightarrow L$  is a special type of an  $L$ -valued relation  $R : X \times X \rightarrow L$ , we decided first to study the problem of extension of an  $L$ -valued preorder type relations

$$R : X \times X \rightarrow L$$

to analogous  $L$ -valued preorder type structures

$$\mathcal{R} : L^X \times L^X \rightarrow L.$$

Further, having an  $L$ -valued equality  $E : X \times X \rightarrow L$  we can extend it to an  $L$ -valued relation  $\mathcal{R}$  on  $L^X$  and, then by "symmetrizing" it we get an  $L$ -valued equality  $\mathcal{E}$  on  $L^X$ .

## 1 Prerequisites

Let  $(L, \leq, \wedge, \vee)$  be a complete lattice, i.e.  $(L, \leq)$  is a partially ordered set such that for every subset  $A \subset L$  the join  $\bigvee A$  and the meet  $\bigwedge A$  are defined. In particular,  $\bigvee L =: 1$  and  $\bigwedge L =: 0$  are respectively the universal upper and the universal lower bounds in  $L$ . We assume that  $1 \neq 0$ , i.e.  $L$  has at least two elements.

Further, let  $*$  :  $L \times L \rightarrow L$  be a binary operation on  $L$  such that

1.  $\alpha * \beta = \beta * \alpha$  for all  $\alpha, \beta \in L$ ;
2.  $\alpha * (\beta * \gamma) = (\alpha * \beta) * \gamma$  for all  $\alpha, \beta, \gamma \in L$ ;
3.  $\alpha * 1 = \alpha$  and  $\alpha * 0 = 0$  for all  $\alpha \in L$ ;
4.  $\alpha * \left( \bigvee_{j \in J} \beta_j \right) = \bigvee_{j \in J} (\alpha * \beta_j) \quad \forall \alpha \in L \text{ and } \forall \{\beta_j : j \in J\} \subset L.$

In what follows the 5-tuple  $(L, \leq, \wedge, \vee, *)$  satisfying the above conditions will be referred to as a *commutative cl-monoid* (cf. e.g. [8]).

It is well known that a further binary operation  $\mapsto : L \times L \rightarrow L$  (residuation) is defined on a commutative cl-monoid  $L$  which is connected with  $*$  by Galois correspondence, that is

$$\alpha * \beta \leq \gamma \iff \alpha \leq \beta \mapsto \gamma \text{ for all } \alpha, \beta, \gamma \in L.$$

Explicitly residuation  $\mapsto$  is given by

$$\alpha \mapsto \beta = \bigvee \{ \lambda \in L \mid \alpha * \lambda \leq \beta \}.$$

It is known that the following properties hold in a commutative *cl-monoid*  $(L, \leq, \wedge, \vee)$  (cf e.g. [8]).

**Proposition 1.1** *Let  $\alpha, \beta, \gamma, \alpha_i, \beta_i$  be arbitrary elements from a commutative *cl-monoid*  $L$ . Then:*

1.  $\left(\bigvee_{i \in \mathcal{I}} \alpha_i\right) \mapsto \beta = \bigwedge_{i \in \mathcal{I}} (\alpha_i \mapsto \beta)$ ;
2.  $\alpha \mapsto \left(\bigwedge_{i \in \mathcal{I}} \beta_i\right) = \bigwedge_{i \in \mathcal{I}} (\alpha \mapsto \beta_i)$ ;
3. if  $\alpha \leq \beta$  then  $\alpha \mapsto \beta = 1$ ;
4.  $\alpha * \beta \leq \alpha \wedge \beta$ ;
5.  $(\alpha \mapsto \beta) * (\beta \mapsto \gamma) \leq \alpha \mapsto \gamma$ ;
6.  $(\alpha * \beta) \mapsto (\gamma \mapsto \delta) \geq (\alpha \mapsto \gamma) * (\beta \mapsto \delta)$ ;
7.  $(\alpha \mapsto \beta) \wedge (\beta \mapsto \alpha) = 1 \Rightarrow \alpha = \beta$ ;
8.  $(\alpha * \beta) \mapsto \gamma = \alpha \mapsto (\beta \mapsto \gamma)$ .

In what follows  $L = (L, \leq, \wedge, \vee, *)$  always denotes a commutative cl-monoid.

## 2 $L$ -valued preordered sets, category $\text{PROSET}(L)$ and some related categories

**Definition 2.1** An  $L$ -valued relation (or a fuzzy relation) on a set  $X$  is a map  $R : X \times X \rightarrow L$ .

An  $L$ -valued relation  $R$  is called

1. reflexive if  $R(x, x) = 1$  for all  $x \in X$ ;
2. transitive, if  $R(x, y) * R(y, z) \leq R(x, z)$  for all  $x, y, z \in X$ ;
3. symmetric, if  $R(x, y) = R(y, x)$  for all  $x, y \in X$ ;
4. separated, if  $R(x, y) = R(y, x) = 1$  implies that  $x = y$  for all  $x, y \in X$ .

Different authors have used different terminology to describe fuzzy relations with special properties. We shall use the following names:

A transitive  $L$ -valued relation is called an  $L$ -valued quasipreorder. A reflexive transitive  $L$ -valued relation is called an  $L$ -valued preorder. A separated  $L$ -valued preorder is called an  $L$ -valued partial order. A symmetric  $L$ -valued preorder is called an  $L$ -valued equality. The corresponding pair  $(X, R)$  will be referred to as an  $L$ -valued quasipreordered set,  $L$ -valued preordered set, an  $L$ -valued partially ordered set, and an  $L$ -valued set resp.

If  $R$  is an  $L$ -valued preorder on a set, then given  $x, y \in X$  the value  $R(x, y)$  is interpreted as the degree to which  $x$  is greater than or equal to  $y$ . In case  $R$  is an  $L$ -valued equality on  $X$ , the intuitive meaning of the value  $R(x, y)$  is the degree to which  $x$  and  $y$  are equal.

**Remark 2.2**  $L$ -valued relations, usually in case when  $L = [0, 1]$  and when  $*$  is a left-semicontinuous  $t$ -norm (see e.g. [12]) were considered by many authors and they used different terminology. In particular, a fuzzy relation  $R : X \times X \rightarrow [0, 1]$  satisfying (1), (2) and (3) is called a *fuzzy equality* in [8], [9] a *fuzzy equivalence* in [11], [13], or an *indistinguishability operator* [19]. In [3], [4], [5] a fuzzy relation  $R : X \times X \rightarrow L$  is called a *fuzzy equality* if it satisfies all conditions (1) – (4).

### Examples 2.3

1. Let  $X = L$ . Then by setting  $R(x, y) = x \mapsto y$  we define a canonical  $L$ -valued partial order on  $X$  and by setting  $E(x, y) = R(x, y) \wedge R(y, x)$  we define a canonical  $L$ -valued separated equality on  $X$  (cf. e.g. [19]).
2. Let  $(X, \rho)$  be a pseudo-quasimetric space such that  $\rho(x, y) \leq 1$  for all  $x, y \in X$ . Then by setting  $R(x, y) = 1 - \rho(x, y)$  we define an  $L$ -valued preorder on  $X$  where  $L$  is the unit interval  $[0, 1]$  endowed with the Łukasiewicz conjunction  $*$ . Moreover, if  $\rho$  is a pseudometric, then  $R$  is an  $L$ -valued equality, and in case  $\rho$  is a metric, the  $L$ -valued equality  $R$  is separated (cf e.g. [8]).
3. Let  $\mathcal{A} \subseteq L^X$  be a family of  $L$ -subsets of  $X$ . Then, by setting

$$R(\mathcal{A})(x, y) = \bigwedge_{A \in \mathcal{A}} (A(x) \mapsto A(y))$$

we obtain an  $L$ -valued preorder on  $X$ .

**Definition 2.4** Given  $L$ -valued (quasi)preordered sets  $(X, R_X)$  and  $(Y, R_Y)$  a mapping  $f : X \rightarrow Y$  is called *extensional* if

$$R_X(x_1, x_2) \leq R_Y(f(x_1), f(x_2)) \text{ for all } x_1, x_2 \in X.$$

$L$ -valued quasi-preordered sets and extensional mappings between them form a category which will be denoted **QPROSET**( $L$ ). Its full subcategories consisting of  $L$ -valued preordered sets and  $L$ -valued sets will be denoted resp. by **PROSET**( $L$ ) and **SET**( $L$ ). To denote the subcategories of these categories determined by separated  $L$ -valued relation we use notations **SQPROSET**( $L$ ), **SPROSET**( $L$ ) and **SSET**( $L$ ) resp. However for the category of separated  $L$ -valued partial ordered sets **SPROSET**( $L$ ) which are separated by definition and which play a special role in our work an alternative notation **PAOSET**( $L$ ) will be also used. In the sequel our main interest here will be in categories **PROSET**( $L$ ) and **PAOSET**( $L$ ). Categories **SET**( $L$ ) and **SSET**( $L$ ) will be discussed in Section 6.

**Proposition 2.5** Let  $X$  be a set and  $\mathfrak{R}(X, L)$  be the family of  $L$ -valued preorders on  $X$ . Then  $\mathfrak{R}(X, L)$  is a complete lattice. Its bottom  $\inf \mathfrak{R}$  is the discrete (or crisp) ( $L$ -valued) preoder

$$R_{dis}(x, y) = \begin{cases} 1 & \text{if } x = y; \\ 0 & \text{if } x \neq y. \end{cases}$$

The top  $\sup \mathfrak{R}$  of the lattice  $\mathfrak{R}(X, L)$  is the indiscrete ( $L$ -valued) preoder

$$R_{ind}(x, y) = 1 \text{ for all } x, y \in X.$$

### 3 $L$ -valued preoder on the $L$ -powerset of an $L$ -valued preodered set

Let  $(X, R)$  be an  $L$ -valued preodered set. Our first aim is to lift the  $L$ -valued preoder  $R$  from  $X$  to the  $L$ -valued quasipreoder  $\mathcal{R}$  on the  $L$ -powerset  $L^X$  of  $X$ . We do it as follows.

Given  $A, C \in L^X$  we set

$$\mathcal{R}(A, C) = \bigwedge_{x, z \in X} ((R(x, z) * A(x)) \mapsto C(z)).$$

Thus we obtain an  $L$ -valued relation

$$\mathcal{R} : L^X \times L^X \rightarrow L.$$

From the Proposition 1.1(7) it follows that equivalently  $\mathcal{R}(A, C)$  can be defined by

$$\mathcal{R}(A, C) = \bigwedge_{x, z \in X} (R(x, z) \mapsto (A(x) \mapsto C(z))).$$

**Remark 3.1** The "defuzzified" meaning of the formulae

$$(R(x, z) * A(x)) \mapsto C(z) \text{ and } R(x, z) \mapsto (A(x) \mapsto C(z))$$

can be explained as follows:

If  $x$  is greater than or equal to  $z$  and  $x$  belongs to  $A$  then  $z$  should belong to  $C$ . In particular, in this case, taking  $x = z$  we get  $A(x) \leq C(x)$  for every  $x \in X$ . By verifying this condition for all  $x, z \in X$  we conclude whether  $A$  is greater than or equal to  $C$  – this is the "defuzzified" meaning of the value  $\mathcal{R}(A, C)$ .

In case  $A, C \subseteq X$ , that is  $A, C$  are crisp subsets of  $X$

$$\mathcal{R}(A, C) = \begin{cases} 1 & \text{if } x \in A \text{ and } R(x, z) > 0 \text{ implies } z \in C \\ 0 & \text{otherwise .} \end{cases}$$

In particular, in case  $R$  is a crisp preoder  $\leq$  on  $X$ , then

$$\mathcal{R}(A, C) = 1 \text{ iff } x \in A \text{ and } z \leq x \text{ implies that } z \in C$$

and  $\mathcal{R}(A, C) = 0$  otherwise.

**Proposition 3.2** If  $R : X \times X \rightarrow L$  is an  $L$ -valued reflexive relation on  $X$ , then

$$\mathcal{R}(A, C) \geq \mathcal{R}(A, B) * \mathcal{R}(B, C) \text{ for all } A, B, C \in L^X,$$

and hence  $\mathcal{R} : L^X \times L^X \rightarrow L$  is an  $L$ -valued quasipreorder on  $L^X$ .

**Proof**

To prove the statement we define an auxiliary relation

$$\mathcal{Q} : L^X \times L^X \rightarrow L$$

as follows: given  $A, C \in L^X$  let

$$\mathcal{Q}(A, C) = \bigwedge_{x, y, z \in X} ((R(x, y) * R(y, z)) \mapsto (A(x) \mapsto C(z))).$$

Obviously  $\mathcal{Q}(A, C) \leq \mathcal{R}(A, C)$ : just take  $y = z$  and apply reflexivity of  $R$  according to which  $R(z, z) = 1$ .

On the other hand

$$\mathcal{Q}(A, C) \geq \mathcal{R}(A, B) * \mathcal{R}(B, C) \text{ for any } B \in L^X.$$

Indeed, fix any  $x, y, z \in X$ . Then

$$\begin{aligned} (R(x, y) * R(y, z)) \mapsto (A(x) \mapsto C(z)) &\geq \\ &\geq (R(x, y) * R(y, z)) \mapsto ((A(x) \mapsto B(y)) * (B(y) \mapsto C(z))) \geq \\ &\geq (R(x, y) \mapsto (A(x) \mapsto B(y))) * (R(y, z) \mapsto (B(y) \mapsto C(z))). \end{aligned}$$

Now, taking infimum on the both sides of the obtained inequalities by  $x, y, z \in X$  and taking into account that  $\mathcal{Q}(A, C) \leq \mathcal{R}(A, C)$ , we get the required inequality

$$\mathcal{R}(A, C) \geq \mathcal{R}(A, B) * \mathcal{R}(B, C) \quad \forall A, B, C \in L^X.$$

□

**Corollary 3.3** *If  $R : X \times X \rightarrow L$  is an  $L$ -valued preoder on  $X$ , thus  $R$  it is reflexive and transitive, then  $\mathcal{R} : L^X \times L^X \rightarrow L$  is an  $L$ -valued quasipreorder on  $L^X$ .*

**Remark 3.4** As a referee has noticed, in case  $R$  is an  $L$ -valued preoder, then  $\mathcal{R} = \mathcal{Q}$ . Indeed, the equality  $\mathcal{Q} \leq \mathcal{R}$  is proved above. Conversely, by transitivity of  $R$  we have  $R(x, y) * R(y, z) \leq R(x, z)$ , and hence

$$(R(x, y) * R(y, z)) \mapsto (A(x) \mapsto C(z)) \geq R(x, z) \mapsto (A(x) \mapsto C(z)).$$

By taking infimum on  $x, y, z \in X$  we get the inequality  $\mathcal{Q} \geq \mathcal{R}$ . Hence  $\mathcal{R} = \mathcal{Q}$ .

**Remark 3.5** In analogy with  $\mathcal{Q} : L^X \times L^X \rightarrow L$ , we can define a relation  $\mathcal{R}_n : L^X \times L^X \rightarrow L$  by setting

$$\mathcal{R}_n(A, C) = \bigwedge_{y_0, \dots, y_n} ((R(y_0, y_1) * \dots * R(y_{n-1}, y_n)) \mapsto (A(x) \mapsto C(z))),$$

where  $y_0 = x, \dots, y_n = z$ . In these notations  $\mathcal{R} = \mathcal{R}_1$  and  $\mathcal{Q} = \mathcal{R}_2$ .

Analogously, as above, one can show that for every  $n \geq 2$  and for every  $k, 1 < k < n$  the inequality

$$\mathcal{R}_k(A, C) \geq \mathcal{R}_n(A, C) \geq \mathcal{R}_k(A, B) * \mathcal{R}_{n-k}(B, C)$$

holds for all  $A, B, C \in L^X$  and hence, in particular  $\mathcal{R}_n = \mathcal{R}$  for all  $n$  in case  $R$  is an  $L$ -valued preoder.

**Remark 3.6** Let us call an  $L$ -set  $A$   $R$ -extensional, if

$$R(x, z) * A(x) \leq A(z) \text{ for all } x, z \in X.$$

(A similar property, in case  $R$  is an  $L$ -valued equality was considered by U. Höhle see e.g. [8] and other authors.)

The intuitive "defuzzified" meaning of this condition is the requirement that  $z$  should belong to  $A$  whenever  $x$  belongs to  $A$  and  $z$  is less than or equal to  $x$ .

Let  $R$  be an  $L$ -valued quasipreorder on  $X$  and let  $L_R^X$  be the set of all  $R$ -extensional  $L$ -sets. In case  $A, B, C \in L_R^X$  we have additionally that

$$\mathcal{R}(A, C) = \mathcal{Q}(A, C) \quad \forall A, C \in L^X.$$

Indeed, in the obtained inequality

$$\mathcal{R}(A, C) \geq \mathcal{Q}(A, C) \geq \mathcal{R}(A, B) * \mathcal{R}(B, C)$$

just take  $B = A$ .

In the proposition 3.2., we have proved that the relation  $\mathcal{R}$  on  $L^X$  is an  $L$ -valued quasipreorder. Unfortunately, the reflexivity cannot be ensured by this relation if all  $L$ -sets were considered (even if  $R$  itself was reflexive). Nevertheless, the reflexivity can be proved if we restrict the domain of  $\mathcal{R}$  to the set  $L_R^X$  of all  $R$ -extensional  $L$ -sets.

**Theorem 3.7** *If*

$$R : X \times X \rightarrow L$$

*is an  $L$ -valued preoder on  $X$ , then*

$$\mathcal{R} : L_R^X \times L_R^X \rightarrow L$$

*is a separated  $L$ -valued preoder on  $L_R^X$ .  
Moreover  $\mathcal{R} = \mathcal{Q}$  when restricted to  $L_R^X$ .*

**Proof** From proposition 3.2 it follows that  $\mathcal{R} : L_R^X \times L_R^X \rightarrow L$  is transitive. Further, by definitions and known properties, we conclude that under these assumptions for every  $A \in L_R^X$

$$\mathcal{R}(A, A) = \bigwedge_{x, z \in X} ((R(x, z) * A(x)) \mapsto A(z)) \geq \bigwedge_{x \in X} (A(x) \mapsto A(x)) = 1,$$

and hence  $\mathcal{R}$  is reflexive.

Finally, to prove that  $\mathcal{R} : L_R^X \times L_R^X \rightarrow L$  is separated let  $A, C \in L^X$  and assume that  $\mathcal{R}(A, C) = 1$ . Then

$$\mathcal{R}(A, C) = \bigwedge_{x, z \in X} ((R(x, z) * A(x)) \mapsto C(z)) = 1.$$

This means that

$$\forall x, z \in X \quad (R(x, z) * A(x)) \mapsto C(z) = 1,$$

and in particular

$$\forall x \in X \quad (R(x, x) * A(x)) \mapsto C(x) = 1,$$

however this means that  $A(x) \leq C(x)$  for all  $x \in X$ , that is  $A \leq C$ . In a similar way from the assumption  $\mathcal{R}(C, A) = 1$  we conclude that  $C \leq A$ . Thus if  $\mathcal{R}(A, C) = \mathcal{R}(C, A) = 1$ , then  $A = C$ .

Now from the inequality

$$\mathcal{R}(A, C) \geq \mathcal{Q}(A, C) \geq R(A, B) * \mathcal{R}(B, C)$$

we get

$$\mathcal{R}(A, C) = \mathcal{Q}(A, C) :$$

just take  $B = A$ .

□

From Propositions 3.7 and 3.2 we get

**Theorem 3.8** *If*

$$R : X \times X \rightarrow L$$

*is an  $L$ -valued preoder on  $X$  then*

$$\mathcal{R} : L^X \times L^X \rightarrow L$$

*is an  $L$ -valued quasipreoder on the powerset  $L^X$  and an  $L$ -valued partial order on the extensional powerset  $L_R^X$ .*

**Examples 3.9** In all these examples

$$\mathcal{R} : L^X \times L^X \rightarrow L$$

is an  $L$ -valued quasipreoder on  $L^X$  induced by an  $L$ -valued preoder

$$R : X \times X \rightarrow L$$

unless specified. By  $\alpha_X$  we denote the constant function  $\alpha_X : X \rightarrow L$  with value  $\alpha \in L$ .

1. Let  $A \in L_R^X$ . Then
 
$$\mathcal{R}(A, 0_X) = \left( \bigvee_{x \in X} A(x) \right) \rightarrow 0.$$
2.  $\mathcal{R}(A, 1_X) = 1$  for any  $A \in L^X$ .
3.  $\mathcal{R}(1_X, A) = 1 \rightarrow \bigwedge_{x \in X} A(x)$ .



4. Given  $a \in X$  let  $1_a$  stand for the characteristic function of the set  $\{a\}$ . Then

$$\mathcal{R}(A, 1_a) = \left( \bigvee_{x \neq a} A(x) \right) \rightarrow 0.$$

In particular, if  $a \neq b, a, b \in X$ , then  $\mathcal{R}(1_a, 1_b) = 0$ .

5. For every  $a \in X$  we define an  $L$ -set

$$s_a : X \rightarrow L \quad \text{by } s_a(x) = R(a, x).$$

This is the so called singleton generated by  $a$ . Since

$$s_a(x) * R(x, z) = R(a, x) * R(x, z) \leq R(a, z) = s_a(z),$$

singletons are extensional. Moreover, it is easy to notice that  $s_a$  is the smallest one of all extensional  $L$ -sets, which are greater than or equal to the  $L$ -set  $1_a$ .

Let  $a, b \in X$ . Then

$$\begin{aligned} \mathcal{R}(s_a, s_b) &= \bigwedge_{x, z \in X} ((R(a, x) * R(x, z)) \mapsto R(b, z)) = \\ &= \bigwedge_{z \in X} (R(a, z) \mapsto R(b, z)) \leq \\ &\leq R(a, a) \mapsto R(b, a) = R(b, a). \end{aligned}$$

On the other hand, since

$$R(a, b) * R(b, z) \leq R(a, z)$$

from the Galois connection we conclude that for all  $a, b \in X$  and every  $z \in X$  it holds

$$R(b, z) \mapsto R(a, z) \geq R(a, b),$$

and, since this holds for any  $z \in X$ , by taking infimum on  $x$  we obtain:

$$\mathcal{R}(s_a, s_b) \geq R(b, a),$$

and hence

$$\mathcal{R}(s_a, s_b) = R(b, a).$$

This equality can be interpreted as follows. Let  $\mathcal{R}^c$  stand for the order on  $L^X$  obtained by reversing of  $\mathcal{R}$ . That is

$$\mathcal{R}^c(A, C) = \mathcal{R}(C, A).$$

Now the obtained equality means that by assigning to each  $a \in X$  its singleton  $s_a \in L_E^X$  we may identify  $(X, R)$  with the  $L$ -valued partially ordered subset  $(S, \mathcal{R}_S^c)$  of the  $L$ -valued partially ordered set  $(L_R^X, \mathcal{R})$  where  $S = \{s_a : a \in X\}$  and  $\mathcal{R}_S^c$  is the restriction of  $\mathcal{R}^c$  to  $S$ .

## 4 Powerset functor

$$\Phi : \mathbf{PROSET}(L) \rightarrow \mathbf{PAOSET}(L)^{op}$$

In this section we show that the construction assigning to an  $L$ -valued preordered set  $(X, R)$  its extensional powerset  $(L_R^X, \mathcal{R})$  can be considered as a contravariant functor  $\Phi$  from the category  $\mathbf{PROSET}(L)$  into the category  $\mathbf{PAOSET}(L)$  that is as a functor

$$\Phi : \mathbf{PROSET}(L) \rightarrow \mathbf{PAOSET}(L)^{op}.$$

We shall discuss some properties of this functor. We start with the following

**Proposition 4.1** *Let  $(X, R_X), (Y, R_Y)$  be  $L$ -valued preordered sets and*

$$f : X \rightarrow Y$$

*be an extensional mapping. Then for every  $C, D \in L^Y$  it holds*

$$\mathcal{R}_X(f^{-1}(C), f^{-1}(D)) \geq \mathcal{R}_Y(C, D).$$

Recall that the preimage of an  $L$ -set  $C : Y \rightarrow L$  under a function  $f : X \rightarrow Y$  is defined by the equality  $f^{-1}(C)(x) = (f \circ C)(x)$ .

**Proof** follows from the next series of inequalities:

$$\begin{aligned} & \mathcal{R}_X(f^{-1}(C), f^{-1}(D)) = \\ &= \bigwedge_{x, x' \in X} (R_X(x, x') \mapsto (f^{-1}(C)(x) \mapsto f^{-1}(D)(x'))) = \\ &= \bigwedge_{x, x' \in X} (R_X(x, x') \mapsto (C(f(x)) \mapsto D(f(x')))) \geq \\ &\geq \bigwedge_{x, x' \in X} (R_Y(f(x), f(x')) \mapsto (C(f(x)) \mapsto D(f(x')))) \geq \\ &\geq \bigwedge_{y, y' \in Y} (R_Y(y, y') \mapsto (C(y) \mapsto D(y'))) = \mathcal{R}_Y(C, D). \end{aligned}$$

From Proposition 4.1 and Theorem 3.8 we get

**Theorem 4.2** *By assigning to each  $L$ -valued preordered set*

$$(X, R) \in \mathit{Ob}(\mathbf{PROSET}(L))$$

*its extensional powerset  $(L_R^X, \mathcal{R})$  and to each extensional mapping*

$$f : (X, R_X) \rightarrow (Y, R_Y)$$

*the mapping*

$$f^{\leftarrow} : (L_R^Y, \mathcal{R}_X) \rightarrow (L_R^X, \mathcal{R}_Y)$$

*we define a functor*

$$\Phi : \mathbf{PROSET}(L) \rightarrow \mathbf{PAOSET}(L)^{op}.$$

(Here  $f^{\leftarrow}(C) = f^{-1}(C)$  for  $C \in L^Y$ , cf. e.g. [14].)

**Theorem 4.3** *Functor*

$$\Phi : \mathbf{PROSET}(L) \rightarrow \mathbf{PAOSET}(L)^{op}$$

is one-to-one on objects. The restriction  $\Phi'$  of the functor  $\Phi$  to  $\mathbf{PAOSET}(L)$ , that is the functor

$$\Phi' : \mathbf{PAOSET}(L) \rightarrow \mathbf{PAOSET}(L)^{op}$$

is an embedding.

**Proof** Let  $R_1$  and  $R_2$  be  $L$ -valued relations on a set  $X$  and  $R_1 \neq R_2$ . Then there exist  $a, b \in X$  such that  $R_1(a, b) \neq R_2(a, b)$ . However, as it was shown above,  $\mathcal{R}_1(s_a, s_b) = R_1(b, a)$  and  $\mathcal{R}_2(s_a, s_b) = R_2(b, a)$  (where  $s_a, s_b$  are singletons corresponding to the points  $a, b$ ).

Hence  $\mathcal{R}_1 \neq \mathcal{R}_2$ .

□

**Remark 4.4** In a similar way as functor  $\Phi$  one can consider a functor

$$\tilde{\Phi} : \mathbf{PROSET}(L) \rightarrow \mathbf{QPROSET}(L)^{op}$$

assigning to each  $(X, R)$  the  $L$ -valued quasipreorder set  $(L^X, \mathcal{R})$ . The image  $\tilde{\Phi}(\mathbf{PROSET}(L))$  is a subcategory of the category  $\mathbf{QPROSET}(L)^{op}$ . We shall not go into details of this construction here.

**Remark 4.5** *Functors  $\Phi$  and  $\tilde{\Phi}$  are order reversing.*

Indeed, assume that  $R_1$  and  $R_2$  are two  $L$ -valued preorders on  $X$  and  $R_1 \leq R_2$ . Then for any  $A, C \in L^X$

$$\begin{aligned} \mathcal{R}_1(A, C) &= \bigwedge_{x, z \in X} ((R_1(x, z) * A(x)) \mapsto C(z)) \geq \\ &\geq \bigwedge_{x, z \in X} ((R_2(x, z) * A(x)) \mapsto C(z)) = \mathcal{R}_2(A, C) \end{aligned}$$

and hence  $\mathcal{R}_1 \geq \mathcal{R}_2$ .

It would be interesting to study the properties of these functors. In particular, we have the following hypothesis:

**Hypothesis 1.** Let  $Z$  be a set,  $(X_i, R_i)$  be a family of sets endowed with some order type relation, and

$$f_i : Z \rightarrow X_i, i \in \mathcal{I}$$

be a family of mappings. Further, let  $R_0$  be an order-type relation on  $Z$ , initial for this family of mappings. Then the corresponding  $L$ -valued relation on the powerset  $L^Z$  (or  $L_R^Z$ )  $\mathcal{R}_0$  is the *final* order type relation for the family of mappings

$$f_i^{\leftarrow} : (L^X, \mathcal{R}_i) \rightarrow L^Z.$$

**Hypothesis 2** Let  $Z$  be a set,  $(X_i, R_i)$  be a family of sets endowed with some order type relation, and

$$f_i : X_i \rightarrow Z, i \in \mathcal{I}$$

be a family of mappings. Further, let  $R^0$  be an order-type relation on  $Z$ , final for this family of mappings. Then the corresponding  $L$ -valued relation on the powerset  $L^Z$  (or  $L_R^Z$ )  $\mathcal{R}^0$  is the *initial* order type relation on  $L^Z$  (or  $L_R^Z$ ) for the family of mappings

$$f_i^{\leftarrow} : L^Z \rightarrow (L^X, \mathcal{R}_i).$$

A related problem, how do these functors behave on products and coproducts?

## 5 Lattices $QPR(L^X)$ and $PR(L^X)$

Given a set  $X$  we denote by  $PR(L^X)$  the family of all  $L$ -valued preorders  $\mathcal{R}$  on  $L^X$  obtained from  $L$ -valued preorders  $R$  on  $X$ . In other words  $\mathcal{S} \in PR(L^X)$  if and only if  $(L_E^X, \mathcal{S}) \in Ob(\Phi(\mathbf{PROSET}(L)))$ . In a similar way  $\mathcal{S} \in QPR(L^X)$  if and only if  $(L^X, \mathcal{S}) \in Ob(\Phi(\mathbf{QPROSET}(L)))$ .

From the previous results it follows, that  $QPR(L^X)$  and  $PR(L^X)$  are bounded lattices where the greatest element  $\mathcal{R}_\top$  is induced by the discrete ( $L$ -valued) preorder  $R_{dis}$  on  $X$  and the smallest element  $\mathcal{R}_\perp$  is induced by indiscrete  $L$ -valued preorder  $R_{ind}$  on  $X$ . Explicitly, for the largest element  $\mathcal{R}_\top$ : given  $A, C \in L_R^X$

$$\mathcal{R}_\top(A, C) = \bigwedge_{x \in X} (A(x) \mapsto C(x)).$$

Indeed,

$$\mathcal{R}_\top(A, C) = \bigwedge_{x, z \in X} (R_{dis}(x, z) \mapsto (A(x) \mapsto C(z)))$$

and

$$R_{dis}(x, z) \mapsto (A(x) \mapsto C(z)) = 1 \text{ if } x \neq z$$

while

$$R_{dis}(x, x) \mapsto (A(x) \mapsto C(z)) = A(x) \mapsto C(z).$$

For the smallest element  $\mathcal{R}_\perp$ : given  $A, C \in L_R^X$

$$\mathcal{R}_\perp(A, C) = \bigvee_{x \in X} A(x) \mapsto \bigwedge_{z \in X} C(z).$$

Indeed

$$\begin{aligned} \mathcal{R}(A, C) &= \bigwedge_{x, z \in X} (R_{ind}(x, z) \mapsto (A(x) \mapsto C(z))) = \\ &= \bigwedge_{x, z \in X} (1 \mapsto (A(x) \mapsto C(z))) = \bigwedge_{x, z \in X} (A(x) \mapsto C(z)) = \\ &= \bigvee_{x \in X} A(x) \mapsto \bigwedge_{z \in X} C(z). \end{aligned}$$

Note that in case  $A$  is  $R_{ind}$ -extensional, then

$$\mathcal{R}_\perp(A, A) = \bigwedge_{x \in X} (A(x) \mapsto A(x)) = 1,$$

and hence  $\mathcal{R}_\perp$  is an  $L$ -valued preoder, but generally  $\mathcal{R}_\perp$  is only a quasi-preoder.

**Examples 5.1**

1. Let  $L = [0, 1]$  and  $*$  =  $\wedge$  in  $(L, \leq, \wedge, \vee, *)$ , that is

$$(L, \leq, \wedge, \vee)$$

is viewed as a Heyting algebra. Recall that the corresponding residuum is defined by

$$\alpha \mapsto \beta = \begin{cases} 1 & \text{if } \alpha \leq \beta \text{ and} \\ 0 & \text{otherwise} \end{cases}$$

for  $\alpha, \beta \in L$ .

- (a) Let  $R = R_{ind}$  be the indiscrete  $L$ -valued preoder on  $X$  and  $A, C \in L^X$ . Then

$$\mathcal{R}(A, C) = \bigvee_{x \in X} A(x) \mapsto \bigwedge_{z \in X} C(z).$$

Hence

$$\mathcal{R}(A, C) = \begin{cases} 1 & \text{if } \sup_{x \in X} A(x) \leq \inf_{x \in X} C(x) \text{ and} \\ \inf_{x \in X} C(x) & \text{otherwise.} \end{cases}$$

In particular, for  $A, C \subseteq X$

$$\mathcal{R}(A, C) = \begin{cases} 1 & \text{if } A = \emptyset \text{ or } C = X \text{ and} \\ 0 & \text{otherwise.} \end{cases}$$

(Note that  $X$  and  $\emptyset$  are the only extensional sets in this case.)

- (b) Let  $R = R_{dis}$  be the discrete  $L$ -valued preoder on  $X$  and  $A, C \in L^X$ . Then

$$\mathcal{R}(A, C) = \bigwedge_{x \in X} (A(x) \mapsto C(x)).$$

Hence

$$\mathcal{R}(A, C) = \begin{cases} 1 & \text{if } A(x) \leq C(x) \ \forall x \in X \text{ and} \\ \inf_x \{C(x) \mid x \in X, A(x) \geq C(x)\} & \text{otherwise.} \end{cases}$$

In particular, for  $A, C \subseteq X$

$$\mathcal{R}(A, C) = \begin{cases} 1 & \text{if } A \subseteq C \text{ and} \\ 0 & \text{if } A \not\subseteq C. \end{cases}$$

2. Let  $L = [0, 1]$  and  $*$  be the Łukasiewicz conjunction that is

$$\alpha * \beta = \max\{\alpha + \beta - 1, 0\} \text{ for } \alpha, \beta \in [0, 1]$$

and hence  $(L, \leq, \wedge, \vee, *)$  is an *MV*-algebra. Recall that the corresponding residuum is defined by

$$\alpha \mapsto \beta = \min\{1 - \alpha + \beta, 1\}.$$

- (a) Let  $R = R_{ind}$  be the indiscrete  $L$ -valued preorder on  $X$  and  $A, C \in L^X$ . Then

$$\mathcal{R}(A, C) = \bigwedge_{x, z \in X} \min\{1 - A(x) + C(z), 1\}.$$

Hence

$$\mathcal{R}(A, C) = \begin{cases} 1 & \text{if } \sup_{x \in X} A(x) \leq \inf_{x \in X} C(x) \text{ and} \\ 1 - \sup_{x \in X} A(x) + \inf_{x \in X} C(x) & \text{otherwise.} \end{cases}$$

- (b) Let  $R = R_{dis}$  be the discrete  $L$ -valued preorder on  $X$  and  $A, C \in L^X$ . Then

$$\begin{aligned} \mathcal{R}(A, C) &= \bigwedge_{x, z \in X} ((R(x, z) * A(x)) \mapsto C(z)) = \\ &= \bigwedge_{x \in X} (A(x) \mapsto C(x)) \end{aligned}$$

Hence

$$\mathcal{R}(A, C) = \begin{cases} 1 & \text{if } A(x) \leq C(x) \forall x \in X \text{ and} \\ \inf_{x \in X} \{1 - A(x) + C(x)\} & \text{otherwise.} \end{cases}$$

3. Let  $L = [0, 1]$  and  $*$  be the product on  $[0, 1]$  that is  $\alpha * \beta = \alpha \cdot \beta$  for  $\alpha, \beta \in [0, 1]$ . Recall that the corresponding residuum in this case is defined by

$$\alpha \mapsto \beta = \begin{cases} 1 & \text{if } \alpha \leq \beta \text{ and} \\ \frac{\beta}{\alpha} & \text{otherwise.} \end{cases}$$

- (a) Let  $R = R_{ind}$  be the indiscrete  $L$ -valued preorder on  $X$  and  $A, C \in L^X$ . Then

$$\mathcal{R}(A, C) = \bigvee_{x \in X} A(x) \mapsto \bigwedge_{x \in X} C(x).$$

Hence

$$\mathcal{R}(A, C) = \begin{cases} 1 & \text{if } \sup_{x \in X} A(x) \leq \inf_{x \in X} C(x) \text{ and} \\ \frac{\bigwedge_{x \in X} C(x)}{\bigvee_{x \in X} A(x)} & \text{otherwise.} \end{cases}$$

- (b) Let  $R = R_{dis}$  be the discrete  $L$ -valued preoder on  $X$  and  $A, C \in L^X$ .  
Then

$$\mathcal{R}(A, C) = \bigwedge_{x \in X} (A(x) \mapsto C(x))$$

Hence

$$\mathcal{R}(A, C) = \begin{cases} 1 & \text{if } A(x) \leq C(x) \forall x \in X \text{ and} \\ \frac{\bigwedge_{x \in X: A(x) \geq C(x)} C(x)}{\bigwedge_{x \in X: A(x) \geq C(x)} A(x)} & \text{otherwise.} \end{cases}$$

## 6 $L$ -valued equality on the $L$ -powerset of an $L$ -valued set

Let  $X$  be a set and  $E : X \times X \rightarrow L$  be an  $L$ -valued equality on  $X$ , that is a symmetric preoder. Referring to Section 3 by setting

$$\mathcal{R}(A, C) = \bigwedge_{x, z \in X} (E(x, z) \mapsto (A(x) \mapsto C(z)))$$

we obtain a separated  $L$ -valued preoder on  $L_E^X$  (where  $L_E^X$  is the family of all extensional  $L$ -subsets of  $X$ ) and an  $L$ -valued quasipreoder on  $L^X$ . In the next theorem we symmetrize this relation in order to get an  $L$ -valued equality on  $L_E^X$ .

**Theorem 6.1** For  $A, C \in L^X$  let

$$\mathcal{E}(A, C) = \mathcal{R}(A, C) \wedge \mathcal{R}(C, A).$$

Then  $\mathcal{E} : L_E^X \times L_E^X \mapsto L$  is an  $L$ -valued equality on  $L_E^X$ .

**Proof** The reflexivity of  $\mathcal{E}$  follows from the reflexivity of  $\mathcal{R}$ .

The symmetry of  $\mathcal{E}$  is obvious from the definition.

The transitivity follows from the next series of (in)equalities (see Proposition 1.1):

$$\begin{aligned} \mathcal{E}(A, B) * \mathcal{E}(B, C) &= \\ &= (\mathcal{R}(A, B) \wedge \mathcal{R}(B, A)) * (\mathcal{R}(B, C) \wedge \mathcal{R}(C, B)) \leq \\ &\leq (\mathcal{R}(A, B) * \mathcal{R}(B, C)) \wedge (\mathcal{R}(C, B) * \mathcal{R}(B, A)) \leq \\ &\leq \mathcal{R}(A, C) \wedge \mathcal{R}(C, A) = \mathcal{E}(A, C). \end{aligned}$$

Hence the pair  $(L_E^X, \mathcal{E})$  is a separated  $L$ -valued set.

□

Thus, assigning to an  $L$ -valued set  $(X, E)$  the pair  $(L_E^X, \mathcal{E})$  we obtain a functor

$$\Psi : \mathbf{SET}(L) \rightarrow \mathbf{SSET}(L)^{op},$$

where  $\mathbf{SSET}(L)$  is the category of all separated  $L$ -valued  $L$ -sets.

One can get results about  $L$ -valued equalities on the  $L$ -powerset and the functor  $\Psi$  analogous to the results about  $L$ -valued preoders on the  $L$ -powersets and the functor  $\Phi$  discussed in sections 3, 4 and 5.

**Remark 6.2** There are alternative ways how one can extend an  $L$ -valued equality  $E : X \times X \rightarrow L$  to the  $L$ -powerset  $L_E^X$ . In particular, let

$$\mathcal{E}' : L_E^X \times L_E^X \rightarrow L$$

be defined by setting  $\mathcal{E}'(A, C) = \mathcal{R}(A, C) * \mathcal{R}(C, A)$ . One can easily notice that  $\mathcal{E}'$  is an  $L$ -valued equality on  $L_E^X$  and that  $\mathcal{E}' \leq \mathcal{E}$ . However, the equality generally does not hold.

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