

## EXPONENTIABLE OBJECT IN THE CATEGORY $L$ -TOP

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**ABSTRACT.** In this paper exponentiable object in the category of  $L$ -topological spaces have been characterized by using Sierpinski  $L$ -topological space.

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### 1. INTRODUCTION

The usual two-point Sierpinski topological space  $2_S$  plays a significant role for characterizing the exponentiable object in the category  $\text{Top}$  of topological spaces (cf. [4,5]). Escardó and Heckmann [4] proved a result about function spaces in topology, which states that, given a topological space  $X$ , a topology  $\tau$  on the set  $C(X, 2_S)$  of all continuous maps from  $X$  to  $2_S$ , is exponential if and only if for every topological space  $Y$ , the topology on the set  $C(X, Y)$  of all continuous maps from  $X$  to  $Y$ , generated by the sets  $N(H, V) = \{f \in C(X, Y) \mid \chi_{f^{-1}(V)} \in H\}$ , where  $H \in \tau$ ,  $V$  is open in  $Y$  and  $\chi_{f^{-1}(V)}$  is the characteristic map of  $f^{-1}(V)$ , is exponential.

The counterpart of  $2_S$  for  $L$ -topological spaces has been introduced in [10] as Sierpinski  $L$ -topological space. This paper provides a characterization of exponentiable object in the category  $L\text{-Top}$  of  $L$ -topological spaces by using Sierpinski  $L$ -topological space on the lines of Escardó and Heckmann [4].

### 2. PRELIMINARIES

The necessary category-theoretic notions used in this paper can be ascertain from [1] and [11].

**Definition 2.1.** A complete lattice  $L$  is called a *Frame* if it satisfies the infinite distributive law:  $a \wedge (\bigvee b_i) = \bigvee (a \wedge b_i)$ , for all  $a \in L$  and  $\{b_i \mid i \in I\} \subseteq L$ . Furthermore, a *Frame map* between two frames is a lattice homomorphism which preserves finite meets and arbitrary joins.

**Definition 2.2.** A subset  $A \subseteq L$  of a frame  $L$  is called a *subframe* if  $A$  is a frame under the partial order of  $L$ .

Throughout this paper,  $L$  denotes a fixed frame with 0 and 1 being its least and largest elements respectively.

For a given set  $X$ ,  $L^X$  is also a frame under the partial order induced by  $L$ . The least and largest element of  $L^X$  are the 0- and 1-valued constant maps from  $X$  to  $L$  denoted as  $\bar{0}$  and  $\bar{1}$  respectively. Members of  $L^X$  are known as *L-sets* in  $X$  [6].

Each map  $f : X \rightarrow Y$  induces functions  $f^{\leftarrow} : L^Y \rightarrow L^X$  given by  $f^{\leftarrow}(\nu) = \nu \circ f$ , for every  $\nu \in L^Y$ .

**Definition 2.3.** [7]

- (1) A family  $\tau$  of *L-sets* in a set  $X$  is called an *L-topology* on  $X$ , and the pair  $(X, \tau)$  an *L-topological space*, if  $\tau$  is a subframe of  $L^X$ . Members of  $\tau$  are known as *open L-sets* in  $X$ .
- (2) A map  $f : (X, \tau) \rightarrow (Y, \delta)$  between *L-topological spaces* is called *continuous* if  $f^{\leftarrow}(\nu) \in \tau$ , for every  $\nu \in \delta$ .

Let *L-Top* denote the category of all *L-topological spaces* and their continuous maps.

- Definition 2.4.**
- (1) A subcollection  $\beta$  of an *L-topology*  $\tau$  on  $X$  is said to be a *base* for  $\tau$  (or for  $(X, \tau)$ ) if every member of  $\tau$  is a join of some members of  $\beta$ .
  - (2) A subcollection  $\beta$  of an *L-topology*  $\tau$  on  $X$  is said to be a *subbase* for  $\tau$  (or for  $(X, \tau)$ ) if all finite meets of members of  $\beta$  form a base for  $\tau$ .

- Remark 2.1.**
- (1) Let  $\zeta$  be a family of *L-sets* in a set  $X$ . Let  $\xi$  be the collection of all finite meet of members of  $\zeta$ . It can be verified that the collection of all join of members of  $\xi$  is an *L-topology* on  $X$ , to be denoted  $\langle \zeta \rangle$ , for which  $\zeta$  is a subbase.
  - (2) Given a map  $f : (X, \tau) \rightarrow (Y, \delta)$  between two *L-topological spaces* and a subbase  $\beta$  of  $(Y, \delta)$ , it can be easily verified that  $f$  is continuous if and only if  $f^{\leftarrow}(\nu) \in \tau$ , for every  $\nu \in \beta$ .

Consider the frame  $L$ . Then  $\langle \{id_L\} \rangle$ , where  $id_L$  is the identity map on  $L$ . Call the *L-topological space*  $(L, \langle \{id_L\} \rangle)$  as the *Sierpinski L-topological space* and denote it as  $L_S$  (cf. [10]).

Here we recall a result from [10] which will be used further.

**Proposition 2.1.** Let  $(X, \tau) \in obL\text{-Top}$ . Then  $\mu \in \tau$  if and only if  $\mu : (X, \tau) \rightarrow L_S$  is continuous.

### 3. EXPONENTIABLE TOPOLOGICAL SPACE

Given sets  $X, Y, Z$  and a map  $g : Z \times X \rightarrow Y$ , let  $\bar{g} : Z \rightarrow Y^X$  be the map defined as  $\bar{g}(z)(x) = g(z, x)$ , for every  $z \in Z$  and for every  $x \in X$ .

For topological spaces  $X$  and  $Y$ , let  $C(X, Y)$  denote the set of all continuous maps from  $X$  to  $Y$ .

**Definition 3.1.** [4,5] Given topological spaces  $X, Y$ , a topology on  $C(X, Y)$  is called:

- (1) *splitting* if for any topological space  $Z$ , the continuity of a map  $g : Z \times X \rightarrow Y$  implies the continuity of the map  $\bar{g} : Z \rightarrow C(X, Y)$ .
- (2) *conjoining* if for any topological space  $Z$  and a map  $g : Z \times X \rightarrow Y$ , the continuity of the map  $\bar{g} : Z \rightarrow C(X, Y)$  implies the continuity of  $g : Z \times X \rightarrow Y$ .
- (3) *exponential* if it is both *splitting* and *conjoining*.

**Definition 3.2.** [4,5] A topological space  $X$  is called *exponentiable* if the set  $C(X, Y)$  admits an exponential topology, for every topological space  $Y$ .

Let  $X, Y$  be topological spaces and  $\mathcal{T}$  be a topology on  $C(X, 2_S)$ . Let  $\mathcal{T}_Y^*$  denote the topology on  $C(X, Y)$ , generated by the sets  $N(H, V) = \{f \in C(X, Y) \mid \chi_{f^{-1}(V)} \in H\}$ , where  $H \in \mathcal{T}$ ,  $V$  is open in  $Y$  and  $\chi_{f^{-1}(V)}$  is the characteristic map of  $f^{-1}(V)$ .

**Theorem 3.1.** [4,5] Let  $X$  be a topological space. Then a topology  $\mathcal{T}$  on  $C(X, 2_S)$  is:

- (1) *splitting* iff  $\mathcal{T}_Y^*$  is a *splitting* topology on  $C(X, Y)$ , for every topological space  $Y$ .
- (2) *conjoining* iff  $\mathcal{T}_Y^*$  is a *conjoining* topology on  $C(X, Y)$ , for every topological space  $Y$ .
- (3) *exponential* iff  $\mathcal{T}_Y^*$  is an *exponential* topology on  $C(X, Y)$ , for every topological space  $Y$ .

**Remark 3.1.** In view of Theorem 3.1, we can say that a topological space  $X$  is *exponentiable* if and only if the set  $C(X, 2_S)$  admits an exponential topology.

### 4. EXPONENTIABLE $L$ -TOPOLOGICAL SPACE

Function spaces in fuzzy topology have been studied by several authors, e.g., Alderton [2], Dang and Behera [3], Jäger [8], and Kohli and Prasannan [9]. In this section, the analogous result of Theorem 3.1 has been proved for  $L$ -topological spaces.

For  $L$ -topological spaces  $X$  and  $Y$ , let  $C_L(X, Y)$  denote the set of all continuous maps from  $X$  to  $Y$ .

**Definition 4.1.** Given  $L$ -topological spaces  $X, Y$ , an  $L$ -topology on  $C_L(X, Y)$  is called:

- (1) *splitting* if for any  $L$ -topological space  $Z$ , the continuity of a map  $g : Z \times X \rightarrow Y$  implies the continuity of the map  $\bar{g} : Z \rightarrow C_L(X, Y)$ .

- (2) conjoining if for any  $L$ -topological space  $Z$  and a map  $g : Z \times X \rightarrow Y$ , the continuity of the map  $\bar{g} : Z \rightarrow C_L(X, Y)$  implies the continuity of  $g : Z \times X \rightarrow Y$ .
- (3) exponential if it is both splitting and conjoining.

**Definition 4.2.** An  $L$ -topological space  $X$  is called exponentiable if the set  $C_L(X, Y)$  admits an exponential  $L$ -topology, for every  $L$ -topological space  $Y$ .

Let  $\tau$  be an  $L$ -topology on  $C_L(X, L_S)$ . Let  $O \in \tau$  and  $v$  be an open  $L$ -set in  $Y$ . So,  $v : Y \rightarrow L_S$  is continuous. Define  $[O, v] : C_L(X, Y) \rightarrow L$  as  $[O, v](f) = O(v \circ f)$ , for every  $f \in C_L(X, Y)$ . Let  $\tau_Y^*$  denote the  $L$ -topology on  $C_L(X, Y)$ , whose subbase is  $\{[O, v] \mid O \in \tau, v \text{ is an open } L\text{-set in } Y\}$ .

**Proposition 4.1.** Let  $X$  be an  $L$ -topological space. Then an  $L$ -topology  $\tau$  on  $C_L(X, L_S)$  is splitting iff  $\tau_Y^*$  is a splitting  $L$ -topology on  $C_L(X, Y)$ , for every  $L$ -topological space  $Y$ .

**Proof:** Let  $\tau$  be a splitting  $L$ -topology on  $C_L(X, L_S)$ . Let  $Z$  be an  $L$ -topological space and let  $g : Z \times X \rightarrow Y$  be a continuous map. We have to show that the map  $\bar{g} : Z \rightarrow C_L(X, Y)$  is continuous. Let  $O \in \tau$  and  $v$  be an open  $L$ -set in  $Y$ . Then for every  $z \in Z$ ,  $\bar{g}^{\leftarrow}([O, v])(z) = ([O, v] \circ \bar{g})(z) = [O, v](\bar{g}(z)) = O(v \circ \bar{g}(z))$ . As  $v$  is an open  $L$ -set in  $Y$ ,  $g^{\leftarrow}(v)$  is an open  $L$ -set in  $Z \times X$ . So,  $v \circ g : Z \times X \rightarrow L_S$  is continuous, whereby,  $\overline{v \circ g} : Z \rightarrow C_L(X, L_S)$  is continuous. Hence  $(\overline{v \circ g})^{\leftarrow}(O)$  is an open  $L$ -set in  $Z$ . For every  $z \in Z$  and for every  $x \in X$ ,  $(\overline{v \circ g})(z)(x) = (v \circ g)(z, x) = v(g(z, x)) = v(\bar{g}(z)(x)) = (v \circ \bar{g}(z))(x)$ , implying that  $(\overline{v \circ g})(z) = v \circ \bar{g}(z)$ , for every  $z \in Z$ . Now, for every  $z \in Z$ ,  $(\overline{v \circ g})^{\leftarrow}(O)(z) = (O \circ (\overline{v \circ g}))(z) = O((\overline{v \circ g})(z)) = O(v \circ \bar{g}(z)) = \bar{g}^{\leftarrow}([O, v])(z)$ . So,  $(\overline{v \circ g})^{\leftarrow}(O) = \bar{g}^{\leftarrow}([O, v])$ , implying that  $\bar{g}^{\leftarrow}([O, v])$  is an open  $L$ -set in  $Z$ . Hence  $\bar{g}$  is continuous.

Conversely, let  $\tau_Y^*$  be a splitting  $L$ -topology on  $C_L(X, Y)$ , for every  $L$ -topological space  $Y$ . So,  $\tau_{L_S}^*$  is a splitting  $L$ -topology on  $C_L(X, L_S)$ . To show  $\tau$  is a splitting  $L$ -topology on  $C_L(X, L_S)$ . It is easy to see that  $\tau_{L_S}^* = \tau$  on  $C_L(X, L_S)$  and so  $\tau$  is a splitting  $L$ -topology on  $C_L(X, L_S)$ .  $\square$

**Proposition 4.2.** Let  $X$  be an  $L$ -topological space. Then an  $L$ -topology  $\tau$  on  $C_L(X, L_S)$  is conjoining iff  $\tau_Y^*$  is a conjoining  $L$ -topology on  $C_L(X, Y)$ , for every  $L$ -topological space  $Y$ .

**Proof:** Let  $\tau$  be a conjoining  $L$ -topology on  $C_L(X, L_S)$ . We show that  $\tau_Y^*$  is a conjoining  $L$ -topology on  $C_L(X, Y)$ . Let  $Z$  be an  $L$ -topological space and  $g : Z \times X \rightarrow Y$  be a map such that  $\bar{g} : Z \rightarrow C_L(X, Y)$  is continuous. We have to show that the map  $g : Z \times X \rightarrow Y$  is continuous. Let  $v$  be an open  $L$ -set in  $Y$ . Define a map  $\hat{v} : C_L(X, Y) \rightarrow C_L(X, L_S)$  as  $\hat{v}(f) = v \circ f$ , for every  $f \in C_L(X, Y)$ . Let  $O \in \tau$ . Then for every  $f \in C_L(X, Y)$ ,  $(\hat{v}^{\leftarrow}(O))(f) = O(\hat{v}(f)) = O(v \circ f) = [O, v](f)$ , implying that  $\hat{v}^{\leftarrow}(O) = [O, v]$ . Hence  $\hat{v}^{\leftarrow}(O)$  is open in  $C_L(X, Y)$ , whereby  $\hat{v}$  is continuous. Consider the continuous map  $\hat{v} \circ \bar{g} : Z \rightarrow C_L(X, L_S)$ . Then for every  $z \in Z$ ,  $(\hat{v} \circ \bar{g})(z) = \hat{v}(\bar{g}(z)) = v \circ \bar{g}(z) = (\overline{v \circ g})(z)$ , showing that  $\hat{v} \circ \bar{g} = \overline{v \circ g}$ . Hence  $\overline{v \circ g} : Z \rightarrow C_L(X, L_S)$  is continuous, whereby  $v \circ g : Z \times X \rightarrow L_S$  is continuous.

Thus  $g^{\leftarrow}(v)$  is an open  $L$ -set in  $Z \times X$ , showing that  $g$  is continuous.

Conversely, let  $\tau_Y^*$  be a conjoining  $L$ -topology on  $C_L(X, Y)$ , for every  $L$ -topological space  $Y$ . So,  $\tau_{L_S}^*$  is a conjoining  $L$ -topology on  $C_L(X, L_S)$ . To show  $\tau$  is a conjoining  $L$ -topology on  $C_L(X, L_S)$ . It is easy to see that  $\tau_{L_S}^* = \tau$  on  $C_L(X, L_S)$  and so  $\tau$  is a conjoining  $L$ -topology on  $C_L(X, L_S)$ .  $\square$

By Proposition 4.1 and Proposition 4.2, we have the following Theorem.

**Theorem 4.1.** *Let  $X$  be an  $L$ -topological space. Then an  $L$ -topology  $\tau$  on  $C_L(X, L_S)$  is exponential iff  $\tau_Y^*$  is an exponential  $L$ -topology on  $C_L(X, Y)$ , for every  $L$ -topological space  $Y$ .*

The following result will characterize the exponentiable object in the category  $L\text{-Top}$ .

**Theorem 4.2.** *An  $L$ -topological space  $X$  is exponentiable iff the set  $C_L(X, L_S)$  admits an exponential  $L$ -topology.*

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