

# A note on Ultra L-Topologies

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**Abstract—** In this paper, we investigate the lattice structure of the set  $FX$  of all  $L$ -topologies on a given finite set  $X$  when membership lattice  $L$  is a finite Boolean lattice. All the ultra  $L$ -topologies and their number in the lattice  $FX$  are determined.

**Key words:** -  $L$ -topology, Lattice, Boolean Lattices, Ultra  $L$ -topology.

## I. INTRODUCTION

In 1960's many authors like A.K Steiner, Van Rooij studied the lattice structure of the set of all topologies on a given set  $X$ . As a result it is known that this lattice is complete, atomic, dually atomic and complemented but neither modular nor distributive in general. Forlich [2] has proved that it is also dually atomic and if  $|X| = n$ , then there are  $n(n-1)$  dual atoms in the lattice of topologies on the set  $X$ . Analogously, the lattice structure of the set of  $L$ -topologies on a given set came into interest. Johnson [5,6] has investigated lattice structure of the set of  $L$ -topologies on a given set  $X$  and proved that this lattice is complete, atomic but not modular, not complemented and not dually atomic in general.

In this paper, we investigate the lattice structure of the lattice  $F_X$  of all  $L$ -topologies on a given finite set  $X$  when membership lattice  $L$  is a finite boolean lattice. It is easy to see that  $F_X$  is complete, atomic but not modular and not distributive. However, in this paper we prove that if  $|X| = n$  and  $L = 2^m$ , then the number of ultra  $L$ -topologies in the lattice  $F_X$  is  $nm(nm-1)$ . All the ultra  $L$ -topologies are also identified

## II. PRELIMINARIES

Throughout this paper,  $X$  stands for a finite set having  $n$  elements,  $L$  for a finite boolean lattice with the least element  $0$  and the greatest element  $1$  and  $F_X$  stands for the lattice of all  $L$ -topologies on  $X$ . The constant function in  $L^X$ , taking value  $\alpha$  is denoted by  $\underline{\alpha}$  and  $x_\gamma$

where  $\gamma(\neq 0) \in L$ , denotes the  $L$ -fuzzy point

defined by  $x_\gamma(y) = \begin{cases} \gamma & \text{if } y = x \\ 0 & \text{otherwise} \end{cases}$ . Any

$f \in L^X$  is called as an  $L$ -subset of  $X$ .

**Definition 2.1** An element of  $L$  is called an atom if it is a minimal element of  $L \setminus \{0\}$ .

**Definition 2.2** An element of  $L$  is called a dual atom if it is a maximal element of  $L \setminus \{1\}$ .

**Definition 2.3** Let  $(X, F)$  be an  $L$ -topological space and suppose that  $g \in L^X$  and  $g \notin F$ . Then the collection  $F(g) = \{g_1 \vee (g_2 \wedge g) : g_1, g_2 \in F\}$  is called the simple extension of  $F$  determined by  $g$ .

Every finite boolean lattice is isomorphic to power set of some set, suppose  $L$  is isomorphic to  $P(Y)$  where  $Y = \{y_1, y_2, y_3, \dots, y_m\}$ . Then  $\alpha_i = \{y_i\}$  and  $\beta_i = Y \setminus \{y_i\}$  for  $1 \leq i \leq m$  are atoms and dual atoms in  $L$  respectively.

Let  $\alpha_k = \{y_k\}$  for some  $1 \leq k \leq m$  be any atom in  $L$  and  $A_{\alpha_k} = \{\delta_p = \{y_k, y_p\} : 1 \leq p \leq m \text{ and } p \neq k\}$  be the set of those  $m-1$  elements in  $L$  that immediately succeed  $\alpha_k$ . Let  $\delta_q = \{y_k, y_q\}$  be an arbitrary element of  $A_{\alpha_k}$  and  $L_q^k$  denotes the sublattice of  $L$  generated by the set  $\{\alpha_k, \delta_p : \delta_p \in A_{\alpha_k} \text{ and } p \neq q\}$ . Then  $L_q^k$  is a

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complete sublattice of  $L$  with the least element  $\alpha_k$  and the greatest element  $\beta_q$ .

$L \setminus L_q^k$  is also a complete sublattice of  $L$  generated by the set  $\{\alpha_i, \delta_q : 1 \leq i \leq m \text{ and } i \neq k\}$  with the least element 0 and greatest element 1.

Clearly, (i) if  $\alpha_k \leq \mu$  for some  $\mu \in L \setminus L_q^k$ , then  $\delta_q \leq \mu$ .

$$(ii) \delta_q \wedge \gamma = \alpha_k, \forall \gamma \in L_q^k.$$

$$(iii) L_q^k \cap (L \setminus L_q^k) = \phi.$$

Throughout this paper, we will use all these notations.

### III. ULTRA $L$ -TOPOLOGY

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

**Remark 3.1** Let  $U$  be an  $L$ -topology in  $F_X$ . In order to show that  $U$  is an ultra  $L$ -topology, it is sufficient to show that simple extension of  $U$  by any  $L$ -subset  $g \in L^X$  such that  $g \notin U$ , is the discrete  $L$ -topology.

Now certain properties of ultra  $L$ -topologies are derived. Let  $U$  be an arbitrary ultra  $L$ -topology in  $F_X$ .

**Lemma 3.2** At least one  $L$ -fuzzy point does not belong to  $U$ .

Proof. Suppose all  $L$ -fuzzy points belong to  $U$ . Since for each  $f \in L^X$ ,  $f = \vee x_\lambda$  such that  $x_\lambda \leq f \Rightarrow f \in U, \forall f \in L^X \Rightarrow U = L^X$ , which is a contradiction.

**Lemma 3.3** If two  $L$ -fuzzy points  $a_\lambda$  and  $b_\eta$  do not belong to  $U$ , then  $a = b$ .

Proof. Suppose the lemma is not true, then the simple extension  $U(a_\lambda)$  is an  $L$ -topology such that  $b_\eta \notin U(a_\lambda) \Rightarrow U(a_\lambda) \neq L^X$ . But  $U \subset U(a_\lambda)$ , which is a contradiction.

**Lemma 3.4** There is exactly one element  $a \in X$  and one atom  $\alpha_i \in L$  for some  $1 \leq i \leq m$  such that  $a_{\alpha_i} \notin U$ .

Proof. By lemmas 3.2 and 3.3,  $\exists$  exactly one element say  $a \in X$  such that  $a_\lambda \notin U$  for some  $\lambda (\neq 0) \in L \Rightarrow a_{\alpha_i} \notin U$  for some  $1 \leq i \leq m$  since  $L$  is atomic.

If possible, let  $a_{\alpha_i}, a_{\alpha_j} \notin U$  for some  $1 \leq i, j \leq m$  such that  $i \neq j$ . Then the simple extension  $U(a_{\alpha_i})$  is an  $L$ -topology such that  $a_{\alpha_j} \notin U(a_{\alpha_i}) \Rightarrow U(a_{\alpha_i}) \neq L^X$ . But  $U \subset U(a_{\alpha_i})$ , which is a contradiction.

**Theorem 3.5** Let  $a \in X$  be an arbitrary element.

Then  $U_q^k(a) = \{f \in L^X : f(a) \neq \lambda \text{ for any } \lambda \in L_q^k\}$  is an ultra  $L$ -topology such that  $a_1 \in U_q^k(a)$  but  $a_{\alpha_k} \notin U_q^k(a)$ .

Proof. Clearly,  $0, 1 \in U_q^k(a)$ . Let  $\{f_i\}_{1 \leq i \leq r}$  be an arbitrary family of  $L$ -subsets in  $U_q^k(a)$ . Then  $f_i(a) \in L \setminus L_q^k, \forall 1 \leq i \leq r$  and since  $L \setminus L_q^k$  is a complete sublattice of  $L$   
 $\Rightarrow \bigvee_{i=1}^r f_i(a), \bigwedge_{i=1}^r f_i(a) \in L \setminus L_q^k \Rightarrow \bigvee_{i=1}^r f_i, \bigwedge_{i=1}^r f_i \in U_q^k(a)$ . Thus,  $U_q^k(a)$  is an  $L$ -topology.

Clearly, (i)  $x_\eta \in U_q^k(a), \forall x (\neq a) \in X$  and  $\forall \eta (\neq 0) \in L$ .

$$(ii) a_\gamma \in U_q^k(a),$$

$\forall \gamma (\neq 0) \in L \setminus L_q^k \Rightarrow a_{\alpha_i} \in U_q^k(a), \forall 1 \leq i \leq m$  such that  $i \neq k$ .

$$(iii) \alpha_k \in L_q^k \Rightarrow a_{\alpha_k} \notin U_q^k(a).$$

Let  $g \notin U_q^k(a)$  be an arbitrary  $L$ -subset. Then  $g(a) = \xi$  for some  $\xi \in L_q^k$ . Let  $S$  = simple extension of  $U_q^k(a)$  determined by  $g$ . Then  $g \in S$

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and  $a_1, a_{\delta_q} \in U_q^k(a) \subset S \Rightarrow a_{\alpha_k} \in S \Rightarrow S = L^X$ .

Thus simple extension of  $U_q^k(a)$  by any of the  $L$ -subset not belonging to it, makes  $a_{\alpha_k}$  an  $L$ -open set. Hence  $U_q^k(a)$  is an ultra  $L$ -topology.

**Remark 3.6** In the theorem 3.5,  $\delta_q$  can be replaced by any element  $\delta_p \in A_{\alpha_k}$  and corresponding to the element  $\delta_p$ , the sublattice  $L_p^k$  and ultra  $L$ -topology  $U_p^k(a)$  can be formed in the same way as formed for  $\delta_q$ . Therefore, theorem 3.5 provides  $nm(m-1)$  ultra  $L$ -topologies  $U_q^k(x)$  where  $x \in X$  and  $1 \leq k, q \leq m$  such that  $k \neq q$ .

**Theorem 3.7** Let  $U$  be any ultra  $L$ -topology in  $F_X$  such that  $a_1 \in U$  and  $a_\lambda \notin U$  for some  $a \in X$  and  $\lambda(\neq 0, 1) \in L$ . Then  $U = U_q^k(a)$  for some  $1 \leq k, q \leq m$  such that  $k \neq q$ .

Proof. Case 1 :  $\lambda$  is an atom.

Then  $\lambda = \alpha_k$  for some  $1 \leq k \leq m$  and  $a_{\alpha_k} \notin U$ . By lemma 3.3,  $x_\eta \in U$ ,  $\forall x(\neq a) \in X$  and  $\forall \eta(\neq 0) \in L$  and by lemma 3.4,  $a_{\alpha_i} \in U$ ,  $\forall 1 \leq i \leq m$  such that  $i \neq k$ .

Since  $a_1 \in U$ , there exists no  $L$ -subsets  $f, g \in U$  such that  $f(a) = \alpha_k$  or  $f(a) \wedge g(a) = \alpha_k$ . Therefore, for almost one  $\delta_q \in A_{\alpha_k}$ , there exists  $L$ -subsets  $h \in U$  such that  $h(a) = \delta_q$  and if  $a_{\delta_q} \notin U$ , then  $U \subset U_q^k(a)$ , which is a contradiction. Thus  $a_{\delta_q} \in U$ .

If there exists some  $L$ -subset  $f \in L^X$  in  $U$  such that  $f(a) = \gamma$  for any  $\gamma \in L_q^k$ , then  $a_1, a_{\delta_q}, f \in U \Rightarrow a_{\alpha_k} \in U$ , which is a contradiction. Therefore  $f \in L^X$  such that  $f(a) = \gamma$  for any  $\gamma \in L_q^k$ , are the only  $L$ -subsets not belonging to  $U$ .

Hence  $U = \{f \in L^X : f(a) \neq \gamma \text{ for any } \gamma \in L_q^k\} = U_q^k(a)$ , which is an ultra  $L$ -topology by theorem 3.5.

**Case 2** :  $\lambda$  is not an atom.

Since  $L$  is atomic,  $a_\lambda \notin U \Rightarrow a_{\alpha_i} \notin U$  for some  $1 \leq i \leq m$  and then by case 1,  $U = U_i^t(a)$  for some  $1 \leq t \leq m$  such that  $t \neq i$ .

**Remark 3.8** It is easy to see that if  $a$  and  $b$  are any two elements of  $X$  such that  $a \neq b$ , then  $S_{a,b_{\alpha_i}} = \{f \in L^X : f(a) \neq 0 \Rightarrow b_{\alpha_i} \leq f\}$  is an  $L$ -topology.

**Theorem 3.9** Simple extension

$S_{a,b_{\alpha_i}}(a_{\beta_k}) = \{f \in L^X : f(a) \vee \beta_k = 1 \Rightarrow b_{\alpha_i} \leq f\}$

of the  $L$ -topology  $S_{a,b_{\alpha_i}}$  by  $a_{\beta_k}$  for some

$1 \leq k \leq m$ , is an ultra  $L$ -topology.

Proof. Let  $f_\lambda = a_\lambda \vee b_{\alpha_i}$ ,  $\forall \lambda(\neq 0) \in L$ . Clearly,  $f_\lambda \in S_{a,b_{\alpha_i}} \subset S_{a,b_{\alpha_i}}(a_{\beta_k})$ ,  $\forall \lambda(\neq 0) \in L$ . Then  $a_{\beta_k} \wedge f_\lambda = a_\gamma \in S_{a,b_i}(a_{\beta_k})$ ,  $\forall \gamma(\neq 0) \in L$  such that  $\gamma \leq \beta_k$ . Also  $x_\lambda \in S_{a,b_i}$ ,  $\forall x(\neq a) \in X$  and  $\forall \lambda(\neq 0) \in L$ . Therefore  $a_\eta$ , where  $\eta(\neq 0) \in L$  such that  $\eta \vee \beta_k = 1$ , are the only  $L$ -fuzzy points not belonging to  $S_{a,b_i}(a_{\beta_k})$ .

Hence

$S_{a,b_i}(a_{\beta_k}) = \{f \in L^X : f(a) \vee \beta_k = 1 \Rightarrow b_{\alpha_i} \leq f\}$

and  $g \in L^X$  such that  $g(a) = \ell$  and  $g(b) = \mu$ , where  $\ell, \mu(\neq 0) \in L$  such that  $\ell \vee \beta_k = 1$  and  $\mu \wedge \alpha_i = 0$ , are the only  $L$ -subsets not belonging to  $S_{a,b_{\alpha_i}}(a_{\beta_k})$ . Simple extension of  $S_{a,b_{\alpha_i}}(a_{\beta_k})$  by any of the  $L$ -subsets not belonging to it, makes each  $a_\eta$ , where  $\eta(\neq 0) \in L$  such that  $\eta \vee \beta_k = 1$ , an  $L$ -open set. Hence  $S_{a,b_{\alpha_i}}(a_{\beta_k})$  is an ultra  $L$ -topology.

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**Remark 3.10** Theorem 3.9 provides  $nm^2(n-1)$  ultra  $L$ -topologies  $\mathbf{S}_{x,y\alpha_i}(x_{\beta_k})$  where  $x, y \in X$  such that  $x \neq y$  and  $1 \leq i, k \leq m$ .

**Theorem 3.11** Let  $a \in X$  be an arbitrary element. If  $U$  is an ultra  $L$ -topology such that  $a_1 \notin U$ , then  $U = \mathbf{S}_{a,b\alpha_i}(a_{\beta_k})$  for some  $b(\neq a) \in X$  and  $1 \leq i, k \leq m$ .

Proof. By lemma 3.3,  $x_\lambda \in U, \forall x(\neq a) \in X$  and  $\forall \lambda(\neq 0) \in L$ .  $a_1 \notin U \Rightarrow a_{\alpha_k} \notin U$  for some  $1 \leq k \leq m$  and by lemma 3.4,  $a_{\alpha_i} \in U, \forall 1 \leq i \leq m$  such that  $i \neq k \Rightarrow a_{\beta_k}, a_\lambda \in U, \forall \lambda(\neq 0) \in L$  such that  $\lambda \leq \beta_k$ .

Clearly,  $\beta_k$  is the only dual atom in  $L$  such that  $a_{\beta_k} \in U$ .

Let  $\mathbf{B} = \{\gamma \in L : \alpha_k \leq \gamma\}$ . For any  $\gamma \in \mathbf{B}, \gamma \vee \beta_k = 1 \Rightarrow a_\gamma \notin U$ . Thus  $a_\gamma$  where  $\gamma \in \mathbf{B}$ , are the only  $L$ -fuzzy points not belonging to  $U$ .

Let  $\gamma(\neq 1) \in \mathbf{B}$  be an arbitrary element. If possible, let there exists no  $L$ -subset in  $U$  which assumes value  $\gamma$  at  $a$  and let  $f \in L^X$  such that  $f(a) = \gamma$  and  $f(x) = 1, \forall x(\neq a) \in X$ . Then  $f \notin U$  and the simple extension  $U(f)$  is an  $L$ -topology such that  $a_\gamma \notin U(f) \Rightarrow U(f) \neq L^X$ . But  $U \subset U(f)$ , a contradiction. Similar is the case when  $\gamma = 1$ , in this case consider  $f \in L^X$  defined as  $f(x) = 0$  for some  $x(\neq a) \in X$  and  $f(y) = 1, \forall y(\neq x) \in X$ .

Let  $\{f_i\}_{1 \leq i \leq r}$  be the collection of all those  $L$ -subsets in  $U$  which assumes value  $\gamma$  at  $a$  and  $g = \bigwedge_{i=1}^r f_i$ . Then  $g \in U$  and since  $U$  is an ultra  $L$ -topology,  $g = a_\gamma \vee b_{\alpha_i}$  for some atom  $\alpha_i \in L$  and  $b(\neq a) \in X$ .

Since  $\gamma \in \mathbf{B}$  was an arbitrary element, the same process can be done for any element of  $\mathbf{B}$ . Let  $\delta_1, \delta_2 \in \mathbf{B}$  be two

arbitrary elements. Then  $\alpha_k \leq \delta_1$  and  $\alpha_k \leq \delta_2 \Rightarrow \alpha_k \leq \delta_1 \wedge \delta_2 = \delta_3$  (say). Let  $\{h_i\}_{1 \leq i \leq s}$  and  $\{g_j\}_{1 \leq j \leq t}$  be the collections of all those  $L$ -subsets in  $U$  which assume value  $\delta_1$  and  $\delta_2$  respectively at  $a$ . Let  $G = \bigwedge_{i=1}^s h_i$  and  $H = \bigwedge_{j=1}^t g_j$ . Then  $G = a_{\delta_1} \vee b_{\alpha_i}$  and  $H = a_{\delta_2} \vee c_{\alpha_j}$ , where  $b, c(\neq a) \in X$  and  $\alpha_i, \alpha_j \in L$ . If  $b \neq c$  or  $i \neq j$ , then  $G \wedge H = a_{\delta_3} \in U$ , a contradiction since  $\delta_3 \in \mathbf{B} \Rightarrow b = c$  and  $\alpha_i = \alpha_j$ .

Therefore  $\exists$  a unique element  $b(\neq a) \in X$  and a unique atom  $\alpha_i \in L$  such that  $b_{\alpha_i} \leq h, \forall h \in U$  such that  $h(a) = \eta$  where  $\eta \in \mathbf{B}$ . Clearly, there is no  $L$ -subset  $g_1$  in  $U$  such that  $g_1(a) = \gamma$  and  $g_1(b) = \rho$  where  $\gamma \in \mathbf{B}$  and  $\rho \in L$  such that  $\rho \wedge \alpha_i = 0$ .

Hence  $U = \{f \in L^X : f(a) \vee \beta_k = 1 \Rightarrow b_{\alpha_i} \leq f\} = \mathbf{S}_{a,b\alpha_i}(a_{\beta_k})$

, which is an ultra  $L$ -topology by theorem 3.10.

**Theorem 3.12** Let  $X$  be a finite set having  $n$  elements and  $L$  be a finite boolean lattice isomorphic to the power set  $\mathbf{P}(Y)$  where  $|Y| = m$ , then there are  $nm(nm-1)$  ultra  $L$ -topologies in the lattice  $F_X$ .

Proof. Let  $U$  be an arbitrary ultra  $L$ -topology in  $F_X$ . By lemma 3.2,  $a_\lambda \notin U$  for some  $a \in X$  and  $\lambda(\neq 0) \in L$ .

Case 1 :  $a_\lambda \notin U$  for some  $0 < \lambda < 1$  but  $a_1 \in U$ .

Then by theorem 3.7,  $U = U_q^k(a)$  for some  $a \in X$  and  $1 \leq k, q \leq m$  such that  $q \neq k$ .

Case 2 :  $a_1 \notin U$ .

Then by theorem 3.13,  $U = \mathbf{S}_{a,b\alpha_i}(a_{\beta_k})$  for some  $a, b \in X$  such that  $a \neq b$  and  $1 \leq i, k \leq m$ .

By remarks 3.6 and 3.10, it follows that total number of ultra  $L$ -topologies in  $F_X$  is  $nm(nm-1)$ .

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