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# The metrizability of L-topological groups

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Abstract In this study, we study the metrizability of the notion of L-topological group defined by Ahsanullah 1988. We show that for any (separated) L-topological group there is an L-pseudo-metric ( $L$ -metric), in sense of Gähler which is defined using his notion of  $L$ -real numbers, compatible with the L-topology of this (separated) L-topological group. That is, any (separated) L-topological group is pseudo-metrizable (metrizable).

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#### 1. Introduction

The notion of L-real numbers is defined and studied by S. Gähler and W. Gähler in [\[1\]](#page-5-0).  $\mathbf{R}_L$  denotes the set of all *L*-real numbers. The subset  $\mathbf{R}_{L}^{*}$  of  $\mathbf{R}_{L}$  of all positive *L*-real numbers is used to define the  $L$ -pseudo-metric ( $L$ -metric) on a set  $X$ , by the same authors in [\[1\]](#page-5-0), as a mapping of the cartesian product  $X \times X$  to  $\mathbb{R}_L^*$  which satisfying similar conditions to the conditions of the usual metric. In this paper we study the metrizability, using the L-pseudo-metric (L-metric) in sense of [\[1\],](#page-5-0) of a notion of L-topological group which is introduced

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E. SEVIER **Production and hosting by Elsevier** in [\[2\]](#page-5-0) and studied in [\[3\].](#page-5-0) This L-topological groups is defined as a group equipped with an L-topology such that both the binary operation and the unary operation of the inverse are Lcontinuous with respect to this L-topology.

In this paper, using the uniformizability of L-topological groups introduced by the authors in [\[4\],](#page-5-0) we show that any (separated) L-topological group is pseudo-metrizable (metrizable). In [\[4\]](#page-5-0) is used the L-uniform structures which are defined in [\[5\]](#page-5-0) on a set  $X$ , in a similar way to the usual case, as  $L$ -filters on  $X \times X$ .

In Section 2 of this paper we recall some results on L-filters, L-real numbers defined by Gähler in  $[1,6–8]$ , and some separation axioms defined by the authors in [\[9–12\].](#page-5-0)

Sections 3 and 4 introduce and show some results on L-metric and L-uniform spaces, respectively, which are needed to show the metrizability of L-topological groups. We will use the notion of L-topogenous structure [\[13\]](#page-5-0).

In Section 5 we show that the  $L$ -pseudo-metric ( $L$ -metric), in sense of [\[1\]](#page-5-0), induces the L-topology of a (separated) L-topological group, that is, any (separated) L-topological group is pseudo-metrizable (metrizable).

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#### <span id="page-1-0"></span>2. On L-filters

Recall here some ideas concerning L-filters needed in the paper. Denote by  $L^X$  the set of all L-subsets of a non-empty set  $X$ , where  $L$  is a complete chain with different least and greatest elements 0 and 1, respectively [\[14\].](#page-5-0) Let  $L_0 = L \setminus \{0\}$  and  $L_1 = L \setminus \{1\}$ . For each L-set  $\lambda \in L^X$ , let  $\lambda'$  denote the complement of  $\lambda$ , defined by  $\lambda'(x) = \lambda(x)$  for all  $x \in X$ . For all  $x \in X$  and  $\alpha \in L_0$ , the L-subset  $x_\alpha$  of X whose value  $\alpha$  at x and 0 otherwise is called an  $L$ -point in  $X$  and the constant L-subset of X with value  $\alpha$  will be denoted by  $\bar{\alpha}$ .

L-filters. By an *L*-filter on a non-empty set  $X$  we mean [\[7\]](#page-5-0) a mapping  $\mathcal{M}: L^X \to L$  such that  $\mathcal{M}(\bar{\alpha}) \leq \alpha$  for all  $\alpha \in L$  and  $\mathcal{M}(\overline{1}) = 1$ , and also  $\mathcal{M}(\lambda \wedge \mu) = \mathcal{M}(\lambda) \wedge \mathcal{M}(\mu)$  for all  $\lambda$ ,  $\mu \in L^X$ . M is called *homogeneous* [\[7\]](#page-5-0) if  $\mathcal{M}(\overline{\alpha}) = \alpha$  for all  $\alpha \in L$ . If M and N are L-filters on X, M is called *finer than* N, denoted by  $M \succ N$ , provided  $M(\lambda) \ge N(\lambda)$  holds for all  $\lambda \in L^X$ . By  $\mathcal{M} \neq \mathcal{N}$  we mean that M is not finer than N. Since  $L$  is a complete chain, then

 $M \not\vdash \mathcal{N} \Longleftrightarrow$  there is  $f \in L^X$  such that  $\mathcal{M}(f) < \mathcal{N}(f)$ .

Let  $\mathcal{F}_L X$  denote the set of all *L*-filters on *X*, *f*: *X*  $\rightarrow$  *Y* a mapping and  $M, N$  are *L*-filters on *X*, *Y*, respectively. Then the *image* of  $M$  and the *preimage* of  $N$  with respect to  $f$  are the *L*-filters  $\mathcal{F}_L f(\mathcal{M})$  on Y and  $\mathcal{F}_L^-(\mathcal{N})$  on X defined by  $\mathcal{F}_L f(\mathcal{M}) (\mu) = \mathcal{M}(\mu \circ f)$  for all  $\mu \in L^Y$  and  $\mathcal{F}_L^T f(\mathcal{N})(\lambda) = \bigvee_{\mu \circ f \leq \lambda} \mathcal{N}(\mu)$  for all  $\lambda \in L^X$ , respectively. For each mapping  $f: X \to Y$  and each L-filter  $N$  on Y, for which the preimage  $\mathcal{F}_L^{-}f(\mathcal{N})$  exists, we have  $\mathcal{F}_L f(\mathcal{F}_L^{-}f(\mathcal{N})) \succ \mathcal{N}$ . Moreover, for each *L*-filter *M* on *X*, the inequality  $M \succ \mathcal{F}_L^-(\mathcal{F}_Lf(M))$  holds [\[7\]](#page-5-0).

For any set A of L-filters on X, the infimum  $\bigwedge_{\mathcal{M}\in A}\mathcal{M}$ , with respect to the finer relation on L-filters, does not exist in general. The infimum  $\bigwedge_{M\in A}\mathcal{M}$  of A exists *if and only if* for each non-empty finite subset  $\{M_1, \ldots, M_n\}$  of A we have  $\mathcal{M}_1(\lambda_1) \wedge \cdots \wedge \mathcal{M}_n(\lambda_n) \leqslant \sup(\lambda_1 \wedge \cdots \wedge \lambda_n)$  for all  $\lambda_1, \ldots,$  $\lambda_n \in L^X$  [\[6\]](#page-5-0). If the infimum of A exists, then for each  $\lambda \in L^X$ and  $n$  as a positive integer we have

$$
\left(\bigwedge_{\mathcal{M}\in\mathcal{A}}\mathcal{M}\right)(\lambda)=\bigvee_{\lambda_1\wedge\cdots\wedge\lambda_n\leq\lambda, \atop \mathcal{M}_1,\ldots,\mathcal{M}_n\in\mathcal{A}}(\mathcal{M}_1(\lambda_1)\wedge\cdots\wedge\mathcal{M}_n(\lambda_n)).
$$

By a *filter* on X we mean a non-empty subset F of  $L^X$  which does not contain  $\bar{0}$  and closed under finite infima and super sets [\[15\]](#page-5-0). For each *L*-filter *M* on *X*, the subset  $\alpha$  – pr *M* of  $L^X$  defined by:  $\alpha - pr \mathcal{M} = {\lambda \in L^X | \mathcal{M}(\lambda) \geq \alpha}$  is a filter on X.

A family  $(\mathcal{B}_{\alpha})_{\alpha \in L_0}$  of non-empty subsets of  $L^X$  is called valued L-filter base on  $X$  [\[7\]](#page-5-0) if the following conditions are fulfilled:

(V1)  $\lambda \in \mathcal{B}_{\alpha}$  implies  $\alpha \leq \sup \lambda$ .

(V2) For all  $\alpha, \beta \in L_0$  and all L-sets  $\lambda \in \mathcal{B}_\alpha$  and  $\mu \in \mathcal{B}_\beta$ , if even  $\alpha \wedge \beta \geq 0$  holds, then there are a  $\gamma \geq \alpha \wedge \beta$  and an *L*-set  $v \leq \lambda \wedge \mu$  such that  $v \in \mathcal{B}_{\gamma}$ .

Each valued L-filter base  $(\mathcal{B}_{\alpha})_{\alpha \in L_0}$  on a set X defines an Lfilter M on X by:  $M(\lambda) = \bigvee_{\mu \in B_{\alpha}, \mu \leq \lambda} \alpha$  for all  $\lambda \in L^X$ . On the other hand, each  $L$ -filter  $M$  can be generated by many valued L-filter bases, and among them the greatest one  $(\alpha - \text{pr }\mathcal{M})_{\alpha \in L_0}.$ 

L-neighborhood filters. In the following, the topology in sense of [\[16,17\]](#page-5-0) will be used which will be called L-topology.  $\int$ int<sub>r</sub> and cl<sub>r</sub> denote the interior and the closure operators with respect to the L-topology  $\tau$ , respectively. For each L-topological space  $(X, \tau)$  and each  $x \in X$  the mapping  $\mathcal{N}(x) : L^X \to L$ defined by:  $\mathcal{N}(x)(\lambda) = \int \int_0^{\lambda} f(x) \, dx$  for all  $\lambda \in L^X$  is an L-filter on X, called the L-neighborhood filter of the space  $(X, \tau)$  at x, and the mapping  $\dot{x} : L^X \to L$  defined by  $\dot{x}(\lambda) = \lambda(x)$  for all  $\lambda \in L^X$  is a homogeneous L-filter on X. The L-neighborhood filters fulfill the following conditions:

(N1)  $\dot{x} > \mathcal{N}(x)$  holds for all  $x \in X$ ;

(N2) 
$$
(\mathcal{N}(x))(\text{int}_\tau f) = (\mathcal{N}(x))(f)
$$
 for all  $x \in X$  and  $f \in L^X$ .

Let  $(X, \tau)$  and  $(Y, \sigma)$  be two *L*-topological spaces. Then the mapping  $f: (X, \tau) \to (Y, \sigma)$  is called L-continuous (or  $(\tau, \sigma)$ -con*tinuous*) provided  $int_{\sigma}\mu \circ f \leq int_{\tau}(\mu \circ f)$  for all  $\mu \in L^Y$  [\[8\]](#page-5-0).

The L-neighborhood filter  $\mathcal{N}(F)$  at an ordinary subset F of X is the L-filter on X defined, by the authors in [\[10\]](#page-5-0), by means of  $\mathcal{N}(x)$ ,  $x \in F$  as:  $\mathcal{N}(F) = \bigvee_{x \in F} \mathcal{N}(x)$ . The *L*-filter *F* is defined by:  $\vec{F} = \bigvee_{x \in F} \vec{x}$ .  $\vec{F} \succ \mathcal{N}(F)$  holds for all subsets F of X. Recall also here the L-filter  $\lambda$  and the L-neighborhood filter  $\mathcal{N}(\lambda)$  at an L-subset  $\lambda$  of X which are defined by

$$
\dot{\lambda} = \bigvee_{0 < \lambda(x)} \dot{x} \quad \text{and} \quad \mathcal{N}(\lambda) = \bigvee_{0 < \lambda(x)} \mathcal{N}(x),\tag{2.1}
$$

respectively.  $\lambda \succ \mathcal{N}(\lambda)$  holds for all  $\lambda \in L^X$  [\[18\].](#page-5-0)

 $L$ -real numbers. By an  $L$ -real number is meant [\[1\]](#page-5-0) a convex, normal, compactly supported and upper semi-continuous Lsubset of the set of all real numbers R. The set of all L-real numbers is denoted by  $\mathbf{R}_L$ . **R** is canonically embedded into **, identifying each real number** *a* **with the crisp** *L***-number**  $a^{\sim}$  defined by  $a^{\sim}(\xi) = 1$  if  $\xi = a$  and 0 otherwise. The set of all positive L-real numbers is defined and denoted by:  $\mathbf{R}_L^* = \{x \in \mathbf{R}_L | x(0) = 1 \text{ and } 0^\sim \leq x\}$  and let  $I_L = \{x \in \mathbb{R}_L^* | x \le 1^\circ\}$ , where  $I = [0, 1]$  is the real unit interval. Note that we mean here by  $\leq$  the binary operation on  $\mathbf{R}_L$  defined by

$$
x \leq y \iff x_{\alpha_1} \leq y_{\alpha_1} \quad \text{and} \quad x_{\alpha_2} \leq y_{\alpha_2}
$$

for all  $x, y \in \mathbf{R}_L$  where  $x_{\alpha_1} = \inf\{z \in \mathbf{R} | x(z) \ge \alpha\}$  and  $x_{\alpha_2} = \sup\{z \in \mathbf{R} | x(z) \ge \alpha\}$  for all  $x \in \mathbf{R}_L$  and for all  $\alpha \in L_0$ . It is shown in [\[7\]](#page-5-0) that the class  ${R_\delta|}_{I_L} |\delta \in I \} \cup {R^\delta|}_{I_L} |\delta \in I \} \cup {0^\sim|}_{I_L}$  is a base for an *L*-topology  $\tilde{\mathfrak{I}}$  on  $I_L$ , where  $\tilde{R}^{\delta}$  and  $R_{\delta}$  are the L-subsets of  $\mathbf{R}_L$  defined by  $R_\delta(x) = \bigvee_{\alpha > \delta} x(\alpha)$  and  $R^\delta(x) = (\bigvee_{\alpha \ge \delta} x(\alpha))'$  for all  $x \in \mathbf{R}_L$ and  $\delta \in \mathbf{R}$  and note that  $R_{\delta}|_{I_L}, R^{\delta}|_{I_L}$  are the restrictions of  $R_{\delta}$ ,  $R^{\delta}$  on  $I_L$ , respectively. Recall also that  $x \pm y$  are *L*-real numbers defined by  $(x \pm y)(\xi) = \bigvee_{\eta, \zeta \in \mathbf{R}, \eta \pm \zeta = \xi}(x(\eta) \wedge y(\zeta))$  for all  $\xi \in \mathbf{R}$ . ( $\mathbf{R}_L$ , +) is a commutative semi group with identity element  $0^{\sim}$ . The positive part  $x^{+}$  of an *L*-real number x is defined as  $x^+ = 0^\sim \vee x$ , where

$$
x - x = 0^{\sim}, \quad (x + y)^{+} \leq x^{+} + y^{+}.
$$
 (2.2)

 $GT<sub>i</sub>$ -spaces. An *L*-topological space  $(X, \tau)$  is called [\[9,11\]:](#page-5-0)

- (1)  $GT_0$  if for all x,  $y \in X$  with  $x \neq y$  we have  $\dot{x} \neq \mathcal{N}(y)$  or  $v \not\!\rightarrow\! \mathcal{N}(x)$ .
- (2)  $GT_1$  if for all x,  $y \in X$  with  $x \neq y$  we have  $\dot{x} \neq \mathcal{N}(y)$  and  $y \not\succ \mathcal{N}(x)$ .
- (3) completely regular if for all  $x \notin F$  and  $F = cl<sub>r</sub>F$ , there exists an *L*-continuous mapping  $f : (X, \tau) \to (I_L, \mathfrak{I})$ such that  $f(x) = \overline{1}$  and  $f(y) = \overline{0}$  for all  $y \in F$ .
- (4)  $GT_{3\frac{1}{2}}$  (or *L-Tychonoff*) if it is  $GT_1$  and completely regular.

**Proposition 2.1** ([9–12](#page-5-0)). Every  $GT_i$ -space is  $GT_{i-1}$ -space for all  $i = 1, 2, 3, 4, 5, 6$ . Moreover, the implications between  $GT_{3}$ spaces,  $GT_{3}$ -spaces and  $GT_{4}$ -spaces goes as expected. 2

#### 3. Some results on L-metric spaces

A mapping  $\varrho: X \times X \to \mathbf{R}_{L}^{*}$  is called an *L*-metric [\[1\]](#page-5-0) on *X* if the following conditions are fulfilled:

- (1)  $\rho(x, y) = 0^\infty$  if and only if  $x = y$
- (2)  $Q(x, y) = Q(y, x)$
- (3)  $\rho(x, y) \leq \rho(x, z) + \rho(z, y)$ .

If  $\varrho$  :  $X \times X \to \mathbf{R}_L^*$  satisfies the conditions (2) and (3) and the following condition:

(1)'  $\rho(x, y) = 0$ " if  $x = y$ 

then it is called an L-pseudo-metric on X.

A set X equipped with an  $L$ -pseudo-metric ( $L$ -metric)  $\rho$  on  $X$  is called an  $L$ -pseudo-metric ( $L$ -metric) space.

To each *L*-pseudo-metric (*L*-metric)  $\rho$  on a set *X* is generated canonically a stratified L-topology  $\tau_{\rho}$  on X which has  $\{\varepsilon \circ \varrho_x | \varepsilon \in \mathcal{E}, x \in X\}$  as a base, where  $\varrho_x : X \to \mathbf{R}_L^*$  is the mapping defined by  $\varrho_x(y) = \varrho(x, y)$  and

$$
\mathcal{E} = \{ \bar{\alpha} \wedge R^{\delta} |_{\mathbf{R}_{L}^{*}} | \delta > 0, \alpha \in L \} \cup \{ \bar{\alpha} | \alpha \in L \},\
$$

here  $\bar{\alpha}$  has  $\mathbf{R}_{L}^{*}$  as domain.

An *L*-topological space  $(X, \tau)$  is called *pseudo-metrizable* (*metrizable*) if there is an *L*-pseudo-metric (*L*-metric)  $\rho$  on *X* inducing  $\tau$ , that is,  $\tau = \tau_{\varrho}$ .

An  $L$ -pseudo-metric  $\rho$  is called *left* (right) invariant if

 $\rho(x, y) = \rho(ax, ay)(\rho(x, y) = \rho(xa, ya)$  for all  $a, x, y \in X$ .

An *L*-set  $\lambda \in L^X$  is called *countable (finite)* if its support is countable (finite), where the support of  $\lambda$  is the set  ${x \in X \mid 0 \leq \lambda(x)}.$ 

Let us call an  $L$ -filter  $M$  on a set  $X$  countable if the sets  $\alpha$  – prM are countable for all  $\alpha \in L_0$ .

**Definition 3.1.** An *L*-topological space  $(X, \tau)$  is called first *countable* if every point  $x \in X$  has a countable *L*-neighborhood filter  $\mathcal{N}(x)$ .

**Proposition 3.1.** For any L-pseudo-metric  $\varrho$  on a set X, if  $\tau_{\varrho}$  is the L-topology associated with  $\varrho$ , then  $(X, \tau_{\varrho})$  is a first countable space.

**Proof.** Since  $\{\varepsilon \circ \varrho_x | \varepsilon \in \mathcal{E}, x \in X\}$  is a base for  $\tau_{\varrho}$ , then for all  $n \in \mathbb{N}$ , the set  $B_n = \{ \varepsilon_n \circ \varrho_x | \varepsilon_n \in \mathcal{E}, x \in X \}$ , where  $\varepsilon_n = \frac{1}{n} \wedge R^{\delta} |_{\mathbf{R}_{L}^*}$ , is the  $\frac{1}{n} - \text{pr } \mathcal{N}(x)$ , which implies that there exists a countable L-neighborhood filter  $\mathcal{N}(x)$  at every point  $x \in X$ . Hence,  $(X, \tau_0)$  is a first countable space.  $\Box$ 

By an *L*-function family  $\Phi$  on a set *X*, we mean the set of all L-real functions  $f: X \to I_L$ .

We also have the following results.

**Lemma 3.1.** Let  $\Phi$  be an L-function family on X and  $\sigma_f$ :  $X \times X \rightarrow I_L$  a mapping defined by

$$
\sigma_f(x, y) = (f(x) - f(y))^+, \quad f \in \Phi.
$$

Then  $\sigma_f$  is an L-pseudo-metric on X.

**Proof.** Clearly,  $\sigma_f(x, y) = \sigma_f(y, x)$ . From [\(2.1\),](#page-1-0) we get that  $\sigma_f(x, x) = (f(x) - f(x))^+ = 0$  for all  $x \in X$ , and moreover

$$
\sigma_f(x, y) = (f(x) - f(y))^+ \le (f(x) - f(z))^+ + (f(z) - f(y))^+
$$
  
=  $\sigma_f(x, z) + \sigma_f(z, y).$ 

Hence,  $\sigma_f$  is an *L*-pseudo-metric on *X*.  $\Box$ 

**Lemma 3.2.** Let  $\sigma_i: X \times X \rightarrow I_L$ ,  $i \in I$  be an arbitrary set of Lpseudo-metrics on the set X. Then

$$
\sigma(x, y) = \sup \{ \sigma_i(x, y) | i \in I \}
$$

defines an L-pseudo-metric on X as well.

**Proof.** Only the triangle inequality has to be shown. For all  $x$ ,  $y, z \in X$  and all  $i \in I$ , we have

 $\sigma_i(x, y) \leq \sigma_i(x, z) + \sigma_i(z, y) \leq \sigma(x, z) + \sigma(z, y),$ 

and then  $\sigma(x, y) \le \sigma(x, z) + \sigma(z, y)$ . Hence,  $\sigma$  is an *L*-pseudometric on  $X$ .  $\Box$ 

Here, we have shown this fact.

**Lemma 3.3.** Any L-pseudo-metric  $Q$  on a set  $X$  is an L-metric on X if and only if  $(X, \tau_{\varrho})$  is a GT<sub>0</sub>-space.

**Proof.** Let x,  $y \in X$  and  $y \neq x$ . Since  $(X, \tau_0)$  is a  $GT_0$ -space, then there exists  $\mu \in L^X$  such that  $\mu(x) < \beta \leq \text{int}_{\tau_\rho} \mu(y)$  for some  $\beta \in L_0$ . From the definition of the base of  $\tau_{\varrho}$ , since

$$
\mathrm{int}_{\tau_{\varrho}} \mu(z) = \overline{\alpha} \wedge R^{\delta} \vert_{\mathbf{R}_{L}^{*}} (\varrho(x, z)) = \alpha \wedge (\bigvee_{\eta \geq \delta} \varrho(x, z)(\eta))'
$$

for all  $z \in X$  and for some  $\alpha \in L$ , then  $\varrho(x, y) = 0$ <sup>~</sup> implies that  $\int \int \text{int}_{\tau_0} \mu(y) = \alpha \wedge 1 = \alpha$  for all  $y \in X$  and all  $\mu \in L^X$ . Hence,

 $\alpha = \text{int}_{\tau_o} \mu(x) \leq \mu(x) < \beta \leq \text{int}_{\tau_o} \mu(y) = \alpha,$ 

that is,  $\alpha < \beta \le \alpha$  which is a contradiction, and thus  $x = y$  and  $\rho$  is an *L*-metric.

Now let  $x \neq y$  and so  $\rho(x, y) \neq 0^{\infty}$ , then there exists  $\alpha > 0$ such that  $\varrho(x, y)(\alpha) > 0$  and hence taking  $v = \overline{1} \wedge R^{\delta} |_{\mathbf{R}_{L}^{*}} \circ \varrho_{x} \in L^{X}$ , we get that

$$
v(y) = 1 \wedge R^{\delta}( \varrho(x, y) ) = 1 \wedge (\bigvee_{\eta \geq \delta} \varrho(x, z)(\eta))' < 1
$$

whenever  $\delta$  is chosen to be a very small number tends to zero. But  $\int_0^{\pi} \text{dist}(x) dx = 1 \wedge (\bigvee_{\eta \geq \delta} \varrho(x, x)(\eta))' = 1$ . Hence,  $(X, \tau_Q)$  is a  $GT_0$ -space.  $\Box$ 

#### <span id="page-3-0"></span>4. On L-uniform spaces

An *L*-filter *U* on  $X \times X$  is called *L*-uniform structure on *X* [\[5\]](#page-5-0) if the following conditions are fulfilled:

$$
(U1) (x,x) > \mathcal{U} \text{ for all } x \in X;
$$

(U2)  $U = U^{-1}$ ; (U3)  $U \circ U \succ U$ .

Where  $(x, x)(u) = u(x, x), \quad U^{-1}(u) = U(u^{-1})$  and  $(U \circ U)(u) = \bigvee_{v \circ w \leq u} (U(w) \wedge V(v))$  for all  $u \in L^{X \times X}$ , and  $u^{-1}(x,$  $y) = u(y, x)$  and  $(v \circ w)(x, y) = \bigvee_{z \in X} (w(x, z) \land v(z, y))$  for all  $x, y \in X$ .

A set X equipped with an L-uniform structure  $U$  is called an L-uniform space. A mapping  $f: (X, \mathcal{U}) \to (Y, \mathcal{V})$  between Luniform spaces  $(X, \mathcal{U})$  and  $(Y, \mathcal{V})$  is said to be *L*-uniformly continuous (or  $(U, V)$ -continuous) provided

$$
\mathcal{F}_L(f \times f)(\mathcal{U}) \succ \mathcal{V}
$$

holds. To each *L*-uniform structure  $U$  on *X* is associated a stratified L-topology  $\tau_{\mathcal{U}}$ . The related interior operator int<sub>u</sub> is given by:

 $(int_{\mathcal{U}}\lambda)(x) = \mathcal{U}[\dot{x}](\lambda)$ 

for all  $x \in X$  and all  $\lambda \in L^X$ , where  $\mathcal{U}[\dot{x}](\lambda) =$  $\bigvee_{u[\mu]\leq\lambda} (\mathcal{U}(u)\wedge \mu(x))$  and  $u[\mu](x) = \bigvee_{y\in X} (\mu(y)\wedge \mu(y, x)).$  For all  $x \in X$  and all  $\lambda \in L^X$  we have

$$
\mathcal{U}[\dot{x}] = \mathcal{N}(x) \quad \text{and} \quad \mathcal{U}[\dot{\lambda}] = \mathcal{N}(\lambda),
$$

where  $\mathcal{N}(x)$  and  $\mathcal{N}(\lambda)$  are the L-neighborhood filters of the space  $(X, \tau_{\mathcal{U}})$  at x and  $\lambda$ , respectively.

Let U be an L-uniform structure on a set X. Then  $u \in L^{X \times X}$ is called a *surrounding* provided  $U(u) \ge \alpha$  for some  $\alpha \in L_0$  and  $u = u^{-1}$ . A surrounding  $u \in L^{X \times X}$  is called *left (right) invariant* provided

$$
u(ax, ay) = u(x, y)(u(xa, ya) = u(x, y))
$$
 for all  $a, x, y \in X$ .

 $U$  is called a *left* (right) invariant L-uniform structure if  $U$  has a valued L-filter base consists of left (right) invariant surroundings [\[4\]](#page-5-0).

L-topological groups. In the following we focus our study on a multiplicative group  $G$ . We denote, as usual, the identity element of G by e and the inverse of an element a of G by  $a^{-1}$ . Let G be a group and  $\tau$  an *L*-topology on G. Then  $(G, \tau)$  will be called an L-topological group [\[2\]](#page-5-0) if the mappings

$$
\pi
$$
:  $(G \times G, \tau \times \tau) \rightarrow (G, \tau)$  defined by  $\pi(a, b) = ab$  for all  $a, b \in G$ 

and

$$
i:(G,\tau) \to (G,\tau)
$$
 defined by  $i(a) = a^{-1}$  for all  $a \in G$ 

are L-continuous.  $\pi$  and i are the binary operation and the unary operation of the inverse on G, respectively.

For all  $\lambda \in L^G$ , the inverse  $\lambda^i$  of  $\lambda$  with respect to the unary operation i on G is the L-set  $\lambda \circ i$  in G defined by [\[4\]](#page-5-0)

$$
\lambda^{i}(x) = \lambda(x^{-1}) \text{ for all } x \in G.
$$

Example 4.1. For a group G, the induced L-topological space  $(G, \omega_L(T))$  of the usual topological group  $(G, T)$  is an Ltopological group.

$$
\mathcal{U}^{l}(u) = \bigvee_{v \in \mathcal{U}^{l}_{x}, v \leq u} \alpha \quad \text{and} \quad \mathcal{U}^{r}(u) = \bigvee_{v \in \mathcal{U}^{r}_{x}, v \leq u} \alpha, \tag{4.1}
$$

identity element e of  $(G, \tau)$ , as follows:

where

$$
\mathcal{U}'_{\alpha} = \alpha - \text{pr } \mathcal{U}' \quad \text{and} \quad \mathcal{U}'_{\alpha} = \alpha - \text{pr } \mathcal{U}' \tag{4.2}
$$

are defined by

$$
\mathcal{U}'_a = \{ u \in L^{G \times G} | u(x, y) = (\lambda \wedge \lambda^i)(x^{-1}y) \text{ for some } \lambda \in \alpha - \text{pr } \mathcal{N}(e) \}
$$
\n(4.3)

and

$$
\mathcal{U}'_{\alpha} = \{ u \in L^{G \times G} | u(x, y) = (\lambda \wedge \lambda^{i})(xy^{-1}) \text{ for some } \lambda \in \alpha - \text{ pr } \mathcal{N}(e) \}
$$
\n(4.4)

We should notice that we shall fix the notations  $\mathcal{U}^l$ ,  $\mathcal{U}^r$ ,  $\mathcal{U}^l$ , and  $\mathcal{U}_{\alpha}^{r}$  along the paper to be these defined above.

**Remark 4.1.** For the *L*-topological group  $(G, \tau)$ , the elements u of  $\mathcal{U}_{\alpha}^{l}(\mathcal{U}_{\alpha}^{r})$  are left (right) invariant surroundings. Moreover,  $(\mathcal{U}_{\alpha}^{l})_{\alpha\in L_0}((\mathcal{U}_{\alpha}^{r})_{\alpha\in L_0})$  is a valued L-filter base for the left (right) invariant L-uniform structure  $\mathcal{U}^l(\mathcal{U}^r)$  defined by (4.1), (4.2), (4.3), (4.4), respectively.

L-topogenous orders. A binary relation on  $L^X$  is said to be an L-topogenous order on  $X[13]$  $X[13]$  if the following conditions are fulfilled:

- (1)  $\bar{0} \ll \bar{0}$  and  $\bar{1} \ll \bar{1}$ ;
- (2)  $\lambda$   $\mu$  implies  $\lambda \leq \mu$ ;
- (3)  $\lambda_1 \leq \lambda \mu \leq \mu_1$  implies  $\lambda_1 \mu_1$ ;
- (4) From  $\lambda_1$   $\mu_1$  and  $\lambda_2$   $\mu_2$  it follows  $\lambda_1 \vee \lambda_2$   $\mu_1 \vee \mu_2$  and  $\lambda_1 \wedge \lambda_2$   $\mu_1 \wedge \mu_2$ .

An L-topogenous order is said to be regular or is said to be an L-topogenous structure if for all  $\lambda$ ,  $\mu \in L^X$  with  $\lambda$   $\mu$  there is  $a v \in L^X$  such that  $\lambda$  v and v  $\mu$  hold, and is called *complemen*tarily symmetric if  $\lambda \mu$  implies  $\mu' \lambda'$  for all  $\lambda, \mu \in L^X$  and moreover is called *perfect* if for each family  $(\lambda_i)_{i \in I}$  of L-subsets of X with  $\lambda_i$   $\mu$  for all  $i \in I$  it follows  $\bigvee \lambda_i \ll \mu$ .  $i \in I$ 

Let  $\binom{n}{n}$  be a sequence of *L*-topogenous structures on *X* and  $(<sub>n</sub>)$  a sequence of L-topogenous structures on  $I<sub>L</sub>$ . Then an Lreal function f:  $X \rightarrow I_L$  is said to be *associated with* the sequence  $\binom{n}{n}$  if for all  $\lambda, \mu \in L^{I_L}, \lambda \leq n\mu$  implies  $(\lambda \circ f)_{n+1}(\mu \circ f)$ for every positive integer  $n$  [\[11\]](#page-5-0).

Now, suppose that  $(G, \tau)$  has a countable *L*-neighborhood filter  $\mathcal{N}(e)$  at the identity e. Since any L-topological group, from Proposition 4.1, is uniformizable, then the left and the right invariant L-uniform structures  $\mathcal{U}^l$  and  $\mathcal{U}^r$ , constructed also in Proposition 4.1, has, from Remark 4.1, a countable *L*-filter base  $\mathcal{U}^l_{\frac{1}{n}}$  and  $\mathcal{U}^r_{\frac{1}{n}}$ , respectively,  $n \in \mathbb{N}$ .

**Lemma 4.1.** [\[18\]](#page-5-0) For all  $\lambda$ ,  $\mu \in L^X$ , we have  $\lambda \leq \mu$  if and only if  $\dot{\lambda} \succ \dot{\mu}$ .

Here, we prove this interesting result.

**Lemma 4.2.** Let  $U$  be an L-uniform structure on a set  $X$ , and define a binary relation on  $L^X$  as follows:

$$
\lambda \ll_{\mathcal{U}} \mu \Longleftrightarrow \mathcal{U}[\lambda] \succ \mu
$$

for all  $\lambda$ ,  $\mu \in L^X$ . Then  $\ll_{\mathcal{U}}$  is a complementarily symmetric perfect L-topogenous order on X.

**Proof.** From the properties of  $U$  as an *L*-filter, [\(2.1\)](#page-1-0) and Lemma 4.1 we get easily that  $\ll_{\mathcal{U}}$  fulfills all the required conditions.

Proposition 4.2. [\[13\]](#page-5-0) There is a one-to-one correspondence between the perfect L-topogenous structures on a set X and the L-topologies  $\tau$  on X. This correspondence is given by

$$
\lambda \ll \mu \Longleftrightarrow \lambda \leqslant \nu \leqslant \mu \text{ for some } \nu \in \tau
$$

for all  $\lambda, \mu \in L^X$  and

 $\tau = \{\lambda \in L^X | \lambda \ll \lambda\}.$ 

Now we have the following result.

**Proposition 4.3.** Suppose that U and  $\left(U_{\frac{1}{n}}\right)$  $(\mathcal{U}_{\frac{1}{n}})_{n\in\mathbb{N}}$  are an L-uniform structure on X and its countable L-filter base, respectively, and also consider V an L-uniform structure on  $I_L$ . Let  $\binom{n}{n}$  denote a sequence of complementarily symmetric perfect L-topogenous structures on X for which  $\lambda \ll_n \mu \Longleftrightarrow \mathcal{U}[\lambda] \succ \mu$  for all  $\lambda, \mu \in L^X$ , and let  $\Phi$  be the family of all L-uniformly continuous functions  $h: (X, \mathcal{U}) \to (I_L, \mathcal{V})$  associated with  $\binom{n}{n}$ <sub>n∈N</sub>. Then the mapping  $\sigma_{\mathcal{U}} : X \times X \to I_L$  defined by

$$
\sigma_{\mathcal{U}}(x,y) = \sup \{\sigma_f(x,y)|f \in \Phi\},\
$$

where  $\sigma_f(x, y) = (f(x) - f(y))^+$  for all  $x, y \in X$ , is an L-pseudo-metric on X and  $\tau_{\mathcal{U}} = \tau_{\sigma_{\mathcal{U}}}$ .

**Proof.** The proof of that  $\sigma_{\mathcal{U}}$  is an *L*-pseudo-metric on *X* comes from Lemmas 3.1, 3.2, and 4.2.

Since for any  $\lambda \in L^X$ , and from Proposition 4.2

 $\lambda{\ll_n}\lambda \Longleftrightarrow \mathcal{U}[\dot{\lambda}]\succ\dot{\lambda}$ 

means that  $\lambda \in \tau_U$  if and only if  $\lambda \in \tau_{\sigma_U}$ , where  $\sigma_U$  is generated by all the L-pseudo-metrics  $\sigma_h$  for every h associated with  $n$ . Hence,  $\tau_{\mathcal{U}} = \tau_{\sigma_{\mathcal{U}}}$ .  $\Box$ 

#### 5. The metrizability of L-topological groups

This section is devoted to show that any (separated) L-topological group is pseudo-metrizable (metrizable).

An *L*-topological group  $(G, \tau)$  is called *separated* if for the identity element e, we have  $\bigwedge_{\lambda \in \alpha - \text{prN}(e)} \lambda(e) \ge \alpha$ , and  $\bigwedge_{\lambda \in \alpha - \text{pr}(e)} \lambda(x) < \alpha$  for all  $x \in G$  with  $x \neq e$  and for all  $\alpha \in L_0$  [\[4\]](#page-5-0).

Proposition 5.1. [\[4\]](#page-5-0) Any (separated) L-topological group is a  $(GT_{3\frac{1}{2}}$ -space) completely regular space.

Now, we are going to show the main result in this paper.

**Proposition 5.2.** Any (separated) L-topological group  $(G, \tau)$  is pseudo-metrizable (metrizable).

Proof. From Proposition 4.1, we have unique left and unique right L-uniform structures  $\mathcal{U}^l$  and  $\mathcal{U}^r$  on G defined by [\(4.1\)](#page-3-0) such that  $\tau = \tau_{\mathcal{U}'} = \tau_{\mathcal{U}'}$ . Proposition 4.3 implies that  $\tau = \tau_{\mathcal{U}'} = \tau_{\sigma,\mathcal{U}}$ and  $\tau = \tau_{U} = \tau_{\sigma_{U}}$ , and therefore  $(G, \tau)$  is pseudo-metrizable.

Also, if  $(G, \tau)$  is separated, then from Proposition 5.1, we get that  $(G, \tau)$  is a  $GT_0$ -space, and hence, from Lemma 3.3, we have that  $(G, \tau)$  is metrizable.  $\Box$ 

We also have the following important result.

**Proposition 5.3.** Let  $(G, \tau)$  be a (separated) L-topological group. Then the following statements are equivalent.

- (1)  $\tau$  is pseudo-metrizable (metrizable);
- (2) e has a countable L-neighborhood filter  $\mathcal{N}(e)$ ;
- (3)  $\tau$  can be induced by a left invariant L-pseudo-metric (Lmetric);
- (4)  $\tau$  can be induced by a right invariant L-pseudo-metric (Lmetric).

**Proof.** (1)  $\Rightarrow$  (2): Follows from Proposition 3.1

(2)  $\Rightarrow$  (3): Let *e* has a countable *L*-neighborhood filter  $\mathcal{N}(e)$ , and let  $\mathcal{U}_1^l$  be a countable *L*-filter base of the left invariant L-uniform structure  $\mathcal{U}^l$ , defined by [\(4.1\)](#page-3-0), which is compatible with  $\tau$ . Then, from Lemma 4.2,  $\lambda \ll \mu/\mu \iff \mathcal{U}^l[\lambda] \succ \mu$  for all  $\lambda, \mu \in L^G$  defines a sequence of complementarily symmetric perfect L-topogenous structures on G. Taking V as an L-uniform structure on  $I_L$  and  $\Phi$  as the family of all L-uniformly continuous functions  $h: (G, \mathcal{U}^l) \to (I_L, \mathcal{V})$  associated with  $\ll_{\mathcal{U}^l}$ , we get, from Proposition 4.3, that the L-mapping  $\sigma: G \times G \to I_L$  defined by  $\sigma(x, \sigma)$  $y$ ) = sup{ $(f(x) - f(y))$ <sup>+</sup> $|f \in \Phi$ } is an *L*-pseudo-metric on *G* and  $\tau = \tau_{i\ell} = \tau_{\sigma_{i\ell}}$ .

Now, we define  $h_a: G \to I_L$  by  $h_a(x) = h(a \ x)$  for all a,  $x \in G$ . From  $h \in \Phi$  is *L*-uniformly continuous, that is,  $\mathcal{F}_L(h \times h)(\mathcal{U}^l) \succ \mathcal{V}$  and that the elements of  $\mathcal{U}^l_1$  are left invariant from Remark 4.1, and from [\(4.1\),](#page-3-0) we have

$$
\mathcal{F}_L(h_a \times h_a) \mathcal{U}^l(v) = \mathcal{U}^l(v \circ (h_a \times h_a))
$$
  
= 
$$
\bigvee_{u \in \mathcal{U}^l_{\frac{1}{n}}, u \leqslant v \circ (h_a \times h_a)} \frac{1}{n}
$$
  
= 
$$
\bigvee_{u \in \mathcal{U}^l_{\frac{1}{n}}, u \leqslant v \circ (h \times h)} \frac{1}{n}
$$
  
= 
$$
\mathcal{F}_L(h \times h) \mathcal{U}^l(v)
$$
  
\geq 
$$
\mathcal{V}(v).
$$

Hence,  $h_a$  is *L*-uniformly continuous associated with  $\ll_{\mathcal{U}^i}$ , that is,  $h_a \in \Phi$ . Thus

$$
\sigma(ax, ay) = \sup \{ (h(ax) - h(ay))^+ | h \in \Phi \}
$$
  
= 
$$
\sup \{ (h_a(x) - h_a(y))^+ | h \in \Phi \}
$$
  

$$
\leq \sup \{ (k(x) - k(y))^+ | k \in \Phi \}
$$
  
= 
$$
\sigma(x, y).
$$

<span id="page-5-0"></span>Applying the same for  $a^{-1}$  instead of a, we get that  $\sigma(x, \cdot)$  $y$ ) =  $\sigma(a^{-1}a \ x, a^{-1}a \ y) \leq \sigma(a \ x, a \ y)$ . That is,  $\sigma(a \ x, a \ y)$  $y$ ) =  $\sigma(x, y)$  for all a, x,  $y \in G$  and then  $\sigma$  is a left invariant L-pseudo-metric on G inducing  $\tau$ .

 $(2) \Rightarrow (4)$ : By a similar proof as in the case  $(2) \Rightarrow (3)$ .

 $(3) \Rightarrow (1)$  and  $(4) \Rightarrow (1)$ : Obvious.

The proposition is still true if we consider the parentheses.  $\square$ 

Example 5.1. From Proposition 5.2, we can deduce that any L-topological group  $(G, \tau)$  on which there can be constructed an L-uniform structure  $U$  compatible with  $\tau$  is pseudo-metrizable in general and is metrizable whenever  $(G, \tau)$  is separated.

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