

A DECOMPOSITION OF PAIRWISE CONTINUITY

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ABSTRACT. In this paper, we introduce and study the notions of some weaker forms of $\tau_i - \theta$ -open sets and some stronger forms of (i, j) -t-sets and (i, j) -B-sets in bitopological spaces. Also, we introduce various forms of pairwise continuity and using these we obtain some decompositions of pairwise continuity.

1. INTRODUCTION

In 1961, Levine [6] provided a decomposition of continuity. After his work many authors [1, 2, 8, 10, 12, 13, 14, 17, 18] obtained various decompositions of continuity in topological spaces. In 1990, Jelic [3, 4] obtained some decompositions of pairwise continuity in bitopological spaces. Ravi et al. [11] obtained a decomposition of $(1, 2)$ -*-continuity and $(1, 2)$ -* - α -continuity, in 2009. In this paper, we introduce and study the notions of some weaker forms of $\tau_i - \theta$ -open sets and some stronger forms of (i, j) -t-sets and (i, j) -B-sets in bitopological spaces. Also, we introduce

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2. PRELIMINARIES

Throughout this paper, (X, τ_1, τ_2) and (Y, τ_1, τ_2) denote bitopological spaces on which no separation axioms are assumed unless explicitly stated. By τ_i -open set, we shall mean open set with respect to topology τ_i in X . We always use (i, j) - to denote the certain properties with respect to the topologies τ_i and τ_j respectively, where $i, j \in 1, 2$ and $i \neq j$. By τ_i - $int(A)$ and τ_i - $cl(A)$ we shall mean the interior and the closure of a subset A of X with respect to the topology τ_i . The complement of A is denoted by $X - A$ or A^c . A set A of (X, τ) is called θ -closed [19] if $A = cl_\theta(A)$, where $cl_\theta(A) = \{x \in X : A \cap cl(U) \neq \emptyset \text{ for all } U \in \tau(X, x)\}$. The complement of a θ -closed set is called θ -open, alternatively, a set A of (X, τ) is called θ -open if $A = int_\theta(A)$, where $int_\theta(A) = \{x \in X : cl(U) \subseteq A \text{ for some } U \in \tau(X, x)\}$. Now, we recall some definitions.

Definition 2.1. A subset A of a bitopological space (X, τ_1, τ_2) is said to be

- (1) (i, j) -semi-open [7] if $A \subseteq \tau_j$ - $cl(\tau_i$ - $int(A))$,
- (2) (i, j) - α -open [15] if $A \subseteq \tau_i$ - $int(\tau_j$ - $cl(\tau_i$ - $int(A)))$,
- (3) (i, j) -pre-open [3] if $A \subseteq \tau_i$ - $int(\tau_j$ - $cl(A))$,
- (4) (i, j) - β -open [5] if $A \subseteq \tau_j$ - $cl(\tau_i$ - $int(\tau_j$ - $cl(A)))$,
- (5) (i, j) - t -set [16] if τ_i - $int(A) = \tau_i$ - $int(\tau_j$ - $cl(A))$,
- (6) (i, j) - B -set [16] if $A = U \cap V$, where U is τ_i -open and V is an (i, j) - t -set.

The complements of the above mentioned open sets in (X, τ_1, τ_2) are called their respective closed sets in (X, τ_1, τ_2) .

Definition 2.2. [9] A function $f : (X, \tau_1, \tau_2) \rightarrow (Y, \sigma_1, \sigma_2)$ is said to be p -continuous if the induced mappings $f : (X, \tau_k) \rightarrow (Y, \sigma_k), (k = 1, 2)$ are continuous.

Definition 2.3. [16] A function $f : (X, \tau_1, \tau_2) \rightarrow (Y, \sigma_1, \sigma_2)$ is said to be p - B -continuous if for every $V \in \sigma_k, k = 1, 2, f^{-1}(V)$ is an (i, j) - B -set.

3. WEAKER FORMS OF τ_i - θ -OPEN SETS IN BITOPOLOGICAL SPACES

Definition 3.1. A subset A of a space (X, τ_1, τ_2) is said to be an

- (1) (i, j) - θ -semi-open set if $A \subseteq \tau_j - cl(\tau_i - int_\theta(A))$,
- (2) (i, j) - θ -pre open set if $A \subseteq \tau_i - int(\tau_j - cl_\theta(A))$,
- (3) (i, j) - θ - α -open set if $A \subseteq \tau_i - int(\tau_j - cl(\tau_i - int_\theta(A)))$,
- (4) (i, j) - θ - β -open set if $A \subseteq \tau_j - cl(\tau_i - int(\tau_j - cl_\theta(A)))$,
- (5) (i, j) -weakly θ - β -open set if $A \subseteq \tau_j - cl_\theta(\tau_i - int(\tau_j - cl_\theta(A)))$.

Proposition 3.2. Every τ_i - θ -open set is (i, j) - θ -pre open, (i, j) - θ -semi-open, (i, j) - θ - α -open, (i, j) - θ - β -open and (i, j) -weakly θ - β -open.

Proof. Since A is τ_i - θ -open, we have

$$\begin{aligned} A &= \tau_i - int_\theta(A) \\ &\subseteq \tau_i - int(\tau_j - cl_\theta(A)) \\ &\subseteq \tau_j - cl(\tau_i - int(\tau_j - cl_\theta(A))) \\ &\subseteq \tau_j - cl_\theta(\tau_i - int(\tau_j - cl_\theta(A))). \end{aligned}$$

Thus A is (i, j) - θ -pre open, (i, j) - θ - β -open and (i, j) -weakly θ - β -open.

Now, $A = \tau_i - int_\theta(A)$

$$\begin{aligned} &\subseteq \tau_i - \text{int}(\tau_j - \text{cl}(\tau_i - \text{int}_\theta(A))) \\ &\subseteq \tau_j - \text{cl}(\tau_i - \text{int}_\theta(A)). \end{aligned}$$

This shows that A is (i, j) - θ - α -open and (i, j) - θ -semi-open.

Proposition 3.3. *For a space (X, τ_1, τ_2) , the following hold:*

- (1) *Every (i, j) - θ -semi-open set is (i, j) -semi-open.*
- (2) *Every (i, j) -pre open set is (i, j) - θ -pre open.*
- (3) *Every (i, j) - θ - α -open set is (i, j) - α -open.*
- (4) *Every (i, j) - β -open set is (i, j) - θ - β -open.*

Proof. 1. Let A be an (i, j) - θ -semi-open set. Then

$A \subseteq \tau_j - \text{cl}(\tau_i - \text{int}_\theta(A)) \subseteq \tau_j - \text{cl}(\tau_i - \text{int}(A))$. This shows that A is (i, j) -semi-open.

2. Let A be an (i, j) -pre open set. Then $A \subseteq \tau_i - \text{int}(\tau_j - \text{cl}(A)) \subseteq \tau_i - \text{int}(\tau_j - \text{cl}_\theta(A))$. This shows that A is (i, j) - θ -pre open.

3. Let A be an (i, j) - θ - α -open set. Then

$$\begin{aligned} A &\subseteq \tau_i - \text{int}(\tau_j - \text{cl}(\tau_i - \text{int}_\theta(A))) \\ &\subseteq \tau_i - \text{int}(\tau_j - \text{cl}(\tau_i - \text{int}(A))). \end{aligned}$$

This shows that A is (i, j) - α -open.

4. Let A be an (i, j) - β -open set. Then

$$\begin{aligned} A &\subseteq \tau_j - \text{cl}(\tau_i - \text{int}(\tau_j - \text{cl}(A))) \\ &\subseteq \tau_j - \text{cl}(\tau_i - \text{int}(\tau_j - \text{cl}_\theta(A))). \end{aligned}$$

This shows that A is (i, j) - θ - β -open.

Proposition 3.4. *For a space (X, τ_1, τ_2) , the following hold:*

- (1) *Every (i, j) - θ -semi-open set is (i, j) - θ - β -open.*
- (2) *Every (i, j) - θ -pre open set is (i, j) - θ - β -open.*
- (3) *Every (i, j) - θ - α -open set is (i, j) - θ -semi-open, (i, j) - θ -pre open and (i, j) - θ - β -open.*

Proof. 1. Let A be an (i, j) - θ -semi-open set. Then

$$A \subseteq \tau_j - cl(\tau_i - int_\theta(A)) \subseteq \tau_j - cl(\tau_i - int(\tau_j - cl_\theta(A))).$$

This shows that A is (i, j) - θ - β -open.

2. Let A be an (i, j) - θ -pre open set. Then

$$A \subseteq \tau_i - int(\tau_j - cl_\theta(A)) \subseteq \tau_j - cl(\tau_i - int(\tau_j - cl_\theta(A))).$$

This shows that A is (i, j) - θ - β -open.

3. Let A be an (i, j) - θ - α -open set.

Then $A \subseteq \tau_i - int(\tau_j - cl(\tau_i - int_\theta(A))) \subseteq \tau_j - cl(\tau_i - int_\theta(A))$. That is, A is (i, j) - θ -semi-open. Also, $A \subseteq \tau_i - int(\tau_j - cl(\tau_i - int_\theta(A))) \subseteq \tau_i - int(\tau_j - cl_\theta(A)) \subseteq \tau_j - cl(\tau_i - int(\tau_j - cl_\theta(A)))$. This shows that A is (i, j) - θ -pre open and (i, j) - θ - β -open.

Proposition 3.5. *Every (i, j) - θ -pre open (resp. (i, j) - θ -semi-open, (i, j) - θ - α -open and (i, j) - θ - β -open) set is (i, j) -weakly θ - β -open.*

Proof. The proof is obvious.

Remark 3.6. *From the following examples, the converses of the above propositions need not be true.*

Example 3.7. *Let $X = \{a, b, c\}$ with topologies $\tau_1 = \{\emptyset, \{b\}, \{c\}, \{b, c\}, X\}$ and $\tau_2 = \{\emptyset, \{b\}, \{c\}, \{b, c\}, \{a, c\}, X\}$. Then the set $A = \{c\}$ is $(2, 1)$ -semi-open but it is not $(2, 1)$ - θ -semi-open.*

Example 3.8. *Let $X = \{a, b, c\}$ with topologies $\tau_1 = \{\emptyset, \{a\}, \{b\}, \{a, b\}, \{b, c\}, X\}$ and $\tau_2 = \{\emptyset, \{c\}, \{a, b\}, X\}$. Then the set $A = \{a, c\}$ is $(2, 1)$ - θ -pre open and*

$(2, 1)$ - θ - β -open but it is not τ_2 - θ -open, $(2, 1)$ -pre open, $(2, 1)$ - β -open and $(2, 1)$ - θ - α -open. Moreover, the set $B = \{b\}$ is $(1, 2)$ - α -open but it is not $(1, 2)$ - θ - α -open.

Example 3.9. In Example 3.8, the set $A = \{a, b\}$ is $(1, 2)$ - θ - α -open but it is not τ_1 - θ -open. In Example 3.7, the set $A = \{a, b\}$ is $(1, 2)$ - θ - β -open but it is not $(1, 2)$ - θ -semi-open. Moreover, the set $B = \{a, c\}$ is $(1, 2)$ - θ - β -open but it is not $(1, 2)$ - θ -pre open.

Example 3.10. Let $X = \{a, b, c, d\}$ with topologies

$\tau_1 = \{\emptyset, \{d\}, \{a, d\}, \{b, c\}, \{b, c, d\}, X\}$ and $\tau_2 = \{\emptyset, \{d\}, \{a, b, c\}, X\}$. Then the set $A = \{a, d\}$ is $(2, 1)$ - θ -semi-open but it is not τ_2 - θ -open and $(2, 1)$ - θ - α -open.

Example 3.11. In Example 3.8, the set $A = \{b\}$ is $(2, 1)$ -weakly θ - β -open but it is not $(2, 1)$ - θ -pre open, $(2, 1)$ - θ -semi-open, $(2, 1)$ - θ - α -open and $(2, 1)$ - θ - β -open.

4. (i, j) - θ -T-SETS, (i, j) - θ_β -T-SETS AND (i, j) -STRONG θ_β -T-SETS

Definition 4.1. A subset A of a space (X, τ_1, τ_2) is said to be an

- (1) (i, j) - θ - t -set if τ_i - $\text{int}(A) = \tau_i$ - $\text{int}(\tau_j$ - $\text{cl}_\theta(A))$,
- (2) (i, j) - θ_β - t -set if τ_i - $\text{int}(A) = \tau_j$ - $\text{cl}(\tau_i$ - $\text{int}(\tau_j$ - $\text{cl}_\theta(A)))$,
- (3) (i, j) -strong θ_β - t -set if τ_i - $\text{int}(A) = \tau_j$ - $\text{cl}_\theta(\tau_i$ - $\text{int}(\tau_j$ - $\text{cl}_\theta(A)))$.

Proposition 4.2. For a subset A of a space (X, τ_1, τ_2) , the following hold:

- (1) If A is τ_j - θ -closed, then it is an (i, j) - θ - t -set.
- (2) A is an (i, j) - θ - t -set if and only if it is (j, i) - θ -semi-closed.

Proof. 1. Since A is τ_j - θ -closed, we have $A = \tau_j\text{-cl}_\theta(A)$. Thus $\tau_i\text{-int}(A) = \tau_i\text{-int}(\tau_j\text{-cl}_\theta(A))$. This shows that A is an (i, j) - θ -t-set.

2. Let A be an (i, j) - θ -t-set. Then $\tau_i\text{-int}(\tau_j\text{-cl}_\theta(A)) = \tau_i\text{-int}(A) \subseteq A$. This implies A is (j, i) - θ -semi-closed.

Conversely, let A be (j, i) - θ -semi-closed, $\tau_i\text{-int}(\tau_j\text{-cl}_\theta(A)) \subseteq A$. Thus $\tau_i\text{-int}(\tau_j\text{-cl}_\theta(A)) \subseteq \tau_i\text{-int}(A) \subseteq \tau_i\text{-int}(\tau_j\text{-cl}_\theta(A))$. This implies $\tau_i\text{-int}(A) = \tau_i\text{-int}(\tau_j\text{-cl}_\theta(A))$ and so A is an (i, j) - θ -t-set.

Example 4.3. *The converse of Proposition 4.2(1) need not be true. In Example 3.8, the set $A = \{c\}$ is a $(2, 1)$ - θ -t-set but not a τ_1 - θ -closed set.*

Proposition 4.4. *A subset A of a space (X, τ_1, τ_2) is (i, j) - θ -pre open and an (i, j) - θ -t-set if and only if $\tau_i\text{-int}(\tau_j\text{-cl}_\theta(A)) = A$.*

Proof. The proof is obvious.

Proposition 4.5. *For a space (X, τ_1, τ_2) , the following hold:*

- (1) *Every (i, j) - θ -t-set is an (i, j) -t-set.*
- (2) *Every (i, j) - θ_β -t-set is an (i, j) - θ -t-set.*
- (3) *Every (i, j) -strong θ_β -t-set is an (i, j) - θ -t-set and an (i, j) - θ_β -t-set.*

Proof. 1. Let A be an (i, j) - θ -t-set.

$$\begin{aligned} \text{Now, } \tau_i\text{-int}(\tau_j\text{-cl}(A)) &\subseteq \tau_i\text{-int}(\tau_j\text{-cl}_\theta(A)) \\ &= \tau_i\text{-int}(A) \\ &\subseteq \tau_i\text{-int}(\tau_j\text{-cl}(A)). \end{aligned}$$

This shows that A is an (i, j) -t-set.

2. Let A be an (i, j) - θ_β -t-set.

$$\begin{aligned} \text{Now, } \tau_i\text{-int}(\tau_j\text{-cl}_\theta(A)) &\subseteq \tau_j\text{-cl}(\tau_i\text{-int}(\tau_j\text{-cl}_\theta(A))) \\ &= \tau_i\text{-int}(A) \\ &\subseteq \tau_i\text{-int}(\tau_j\text{-cl}_\theta(A)). \end{aligned}$$

This shows that A is an (i, j) - θ -t-set.

3. Let A be an (i, j) -strong θ_β -t-set.

$$\begin{aligned} \text{Now, } \tau_i\text{-int}(\tau_j\text{-cl}_\theta(A)) &\subseteq \tau_j\text{-cl}(\tau_i\text{-int}(\tau_j\text{-cl}_\theta(A))) \\ &\subseteq \tau_j\text{-cl}_\theta(\tau_i\text{-int}(\tau_j\text{-cl}_\theta(A))) \\ &= \tau_i\text{-int}(A) \\ &\subseteq \tau_i\text{-int}(\tau_j\text{-cl}_\theta(A)) \\ &\subseteq \tau_j\text{-cl}(\tau_i\text{-int}(\tau_j\text{-cl}_\theta(A))). \end{aligned}$$

This shows that A is an (i, j) - θ -t-set and an (i, j) - θ_β -t-set.

Remark 4.6. *From the following examples, we see that the converses of the above proposition need not be true.*

Example 4.7. *Let $X = \{a, b, c\}$ with topologies $\tau_1 = \{\emptyset, \{a\}, \{b\}, \{a, b\}, \{b, c\}, X\}$ and $\tau_2 = \{\emptyset, \{c\}, \{b, c\}, X\}$. Then the set $A = \{c\}$ is a $(2, 1)$ -t-set but it is not a $(2, 1)$ - θ -t-set.*

Example 4.8. *Let $X = \{a, b, c, d\}$ with topologies $\tau_1 = \{\emptyset, \{d\}, \{a, c\}, \{a, c, d\}, X\}$ and $\tau_2 = \{\emptyset, \{a\}, \{d\}, \{a, d\}, X\}$. Then the set $A = \{d\}$ is a $(1, 2)$ - θ -t-set but it is not a $(1, 2)$ - θ_β -t-set.*

Example 4.9. *In Example 3.8, the set $A = \{c\}$ is a $(2, 1)$ - θ -t-set and $(2, 1)$ - θ_β -t-set but it is not a $(2, 1)$ -strong θ_β -t-set.*

Proposition 4.10. *Intersection of two (i, j) - θ -t-sets is an (i, j) - θ -t-set.*

Proof. Let A and B be two (i, j) - θ -t-sets in (X, τ_1, τ_2) .

Then, $\tau_i - \text{int}(A) = \tau_i - \text{int}(\tau_j - \text{cl}_\theta(A))$ and

$$\tau_i - \text{int}(B) = \tau_i - \text{int}(\tau_j - \text{cl}_\theta(B)).$$

Now, $\tau_i - \text{int}(A \cap B) \subseteq \tau_i - \text{int}(\tau_j - \text{cl}_\theta(A \cap B))$

$$\begin{aligned} &\subseteq \tau_i - \text{int}(\tau_j - \text{cl}_\theta(A) \cap \tau_j - \text{cl}_\theta(B)) \\ &= \tau_i - \text{int}(\tau_j - \text{cl}_\theta(A)) \cap \tau_i - \text{int}(\tau_j - \text{cl}_\theta(B)) \\ &= \tau_i - \text{int}(A) \cap \tau_i - \text{int}(B) \\ &= \tau_i - \text{int}(A \cap B). \end{aligned}$$

This implies $\tau_i - \text{int}(A \cap B) = \tau_i - \text{int}(\tau_j - \text{cl}_\theta(A \cap B))$. Therefore, $A \cap B$ is an (i, j) - θ -t-set.

Proposition 4.11. *Intersection of two (i, j) - θ_β -t-sets is an (i, j) - θ_β -t-set.*

Proof. Let A and B be two (i, j) - θ_β -t-sets in (X, τ_1, τ_2) .

Then, $\tau_i - \text{int}(A) = \tau_j - \text{cl}(\tau_i - \text{int}(\tau_j - \text{cl}_\theta(A)))$ and

$$\tau_i - \text{int}(B) = \tau_j - \text{cl}(\tau_i - \text{int}(\tau_j - \text{cl}_\theta(B))).$$

Now, $\tau_i - \text{int}(A \cap B) \subseteq \tau_j - \text{cl}(\tau_i - \text{int}(\tau_j - \text{cl}_\theta(A \cap B)))$

$$\begin{aligned} &\subseteq \tau_j - \text{cl}(\tau_i - \text{int}(\tau_j - \text{cl}_\theta(A) \cap \tau_j - \text{cl}_\theta(B))) \\ &= \tau_j - \text{cl}(\tau_i - \text{int}(\tau_j - \text{cl}_\theta(A)) \cap \tau_i - \text{int}(\tau_j - \text{cl}_\theta(B))) \\ &\subseteq \tau_j - \text{cl}(\tau_i - \text{int}(\tau_j - \text{cl}_\theta(A))) \cap \tau_j - \text{cl}(\tau_i - \text{int}(\tau_j - \text{cl}_\theta(B))) \\ &= \tau_i - \text{int}(A) \cap \tau_i - \text{int}(B) \\ &= \tau_i - \text{int}(A \cap B). \end{aligned}$$

This implies $\tau_i - \text{int}(A \cap B) = \tau_j - \text{cl}(\tau_i - \text{int}(\tau_j - \text{cl}_\theta(A \cap B)))$.

Therefore, $A \cap B$ is an (i, j) - θ_β -t-set.

Proposition 4.12. *Intersection of two (i, j) -strong θ_β -t-sets is an (i, j) -strong θ_β -t-set.*

Proof. Let A and B be two (i, j) -strong θ_β -t-sets in (X, τ_1, τ_2) .

Then, $\tau_i - \text{int}(A) = \tau_j - \text{cl}_\theta(\tau_i - \text{int}(\tau_j - \text{cl}_\theta(A)))$ and

$$\tau_i - \text{int}(B) = \tau_j - \text{cl}_\theta(\tau_i - \text{int}(\tau_j - \text{cl}_\theta(B))).$$

Now, $\tau_i - \text{int}(A \cap B) \subseteq \tau_j - \text{cl}_\theta(\tau_i - \text{int}(\tau_j - \text{cl}_\theta(A \cap B)))$

$$\subseteq \tau_j - \text{cl}_\theta(\tau_i - \text{int}(\tau_j - \text{cl}_\theta(A) \cap \tau_j - \text{cl}_\theta(B)))$$

$$= \tau_j - \text{cl}_\theta(\tau_i - \text{int}(\tau_j - \text{cl}_\theta(A)) \cap \tau_i - \text{int}(\tau_j - \text{cl}_\theta(B)))$$

$$\subseteq \tau_j - \text{cl}_\theta(\tau_i - \text{int}(\tau_j - \text{cl}_\theta(A))) \cap \tau_j - \text{cl}_\theta(\tau_i - \text{int}(\tau_j - \text{cl}_\theta(B)))$$

$$= \tau_i - \text{int}(A) \cap \tau_i - \text{int}(B)$$

$$= \tau_i - \text{int}(A \cap B).$$

This implies

$$\tau_i - \text{int}(A \cap B) = \tau_j - \text{cl}_\theta(\tau_i - \text{int}(\tau_j - \text{cl}_\theta(A \cap B))).$$

Therefore,

$A \cap B$ is an (i, j) -strong θ_β -t-set.

Remark 4.13. *Following examples show that in a bitopological space (X, τ_1, τ_2) ,*

- (1) *Union of two (i, j) - θ -t-sets need not be an (i, j) - θ -t-set.*
- (2) *Union of two (i, j) - θ_β -t-sets need not be an (i, j) - θ_β -t-set.*
- (3) *Union of two (i, j) -strong θ_β -t-sets need not be an (i, j) -strong θ_β -t-set.*

Example 4.14. *In Example 3.8, the sets $A = \{a\}$ and $B = \{c\}$ are*

$(2, 1)$ - θ -t-sets and $(2, 1)$ - θ_β -t-sets but $A \cup B = \{a, c\}$ is neither a $(2, 1)$ - θ -t-set nor a $(2, 1)$ - θ_β -t-set.

Example 4.15. *Let*

$X = \{a, b, c, d\}$ with topologies $\tau_1 = \{\emptyset, \{d\}, \{a, d\}, \{b, c\}, \{b, c, d\}, X\}$ and $\tau_2 = \{\emptyset, \{a, d\}, X\}$. Then the sets $A = \{b\}$ and $B = \{a, d\}$ are $(2, 1)$ -strong θ_β - t -sets but $A \cup B = \{a, b, d\}$ is not a $(2, 1)$ -strong θ_β - t -set.

5. (i, j) - θ -B-SETS, (i, j) - θ_β -B-SETS AND (i, j) -STRONG θ_β -B-SETS

Definition 5.1. *A subset A of a space (X, τ_1, τ_2) is said to be an*

- (1) (i, j) - θ -B-set if $A = U \cap V$, where $U \in \tau_i$ and V is an (i, j) - θ - t -set,
- (2) (i, j) - θ_β -B-set if $A = U \cap V$, where $U \in \tau_i$ and V is an (i, j) - θ_β - t -set,
- (3) (i, j) -strong θ_β -B-set if $A = U \cap V$, where $U \in \tau_i$ and V is an (i, j) -strong θ_β - t -set.

Proposition 5.2. *Let (X, τ_1, τ_2) be a space. Then the following hold:*

- (1) Every τ_j - θ -closed set is (i, j) - θ -B-set.
- (2) Every τ_i -open set is (i, j) - θ -B-set, (i, j) - θ_β -B-set and (i, j) -strong θ_β -B-set.
- (3) Every (i, j) - θ - t -set is (i, j) - θ -B-set.
- (4) Every (i, j) - θ_β - t -set is (i, j) - θ_β -B-set.
- (5) Every (i, j) -strong θ_β - t -set is (i, j) -strong θ_β -B-set.

Proof. The proof is straight forward.

Proposition 5.3. *Let (X, τ_1, τ_2) be a space. Then the following hold:*

- (1) Every (i, j) - θ_β -B-set is (i, j) - θ -B-set.
- (2) Every (i, j) - θ -B-set is (i, j) -B-set.
- (3) Every (i, j) -strong θ_β -B-set is (i, j) - θ -B-set and (i, j) - θ_β -B-set.

Proof. The proof is straight forward.

Remark 5.4. *The converses of the above propositions need not be true as seen from the following examples.*

Example 5.5. *Let $X = \{a, b, c\}$ with topologies $\tau_1 = \{\emptyset, \{c\}, \{a, b\}, X\}$ and $\tau_2 = \{\emptyset, \{a\}, \{b\}, \{a, b\}, \{b, c\}, X\}$. Then the set $A = \{a, b\}$ is a $(1, 2)$ - θ - B -set but it is not a τ_2 - θ -closed set. Moreover, the set $A = \{a, b\}$ is a $(1, 2)$ - θ - B -set and a $(1, 2)$ - θ_β - B -set but neither a $(1, 2)$ - θ - t -set nor a $(1, 2)$ - θ_β - t -set.*

Example 5.6. *In Example 3.8, the set $A = \{c\}$ is a $(1, 2)$ - θ - B -set, $(1, 2)$ - θ_β - B -set and a $(1, 2)$ -strong θ_β - B -set but it is not a τ_1 -open set.*

Example 5.7. *In Example 4.7, the set $A = \{a, c\}$ is a $(2, 1)$ - B -set but not a $(2, 1)$ - θ - B -set.*

Example 5.8. *Let $X = \{a, b, c, d\}$ with topologies $\tau_1 = \{\emptyset, \{d\}, \{a, c\}, \{a, c, d\}, X\}$ and $\tau_2 = \{\emptyset, \{a\}, \{d\}, \{a, d\}, \{a, b, c\}, X\}$. Then the set $B = \{a, b, c\}$ is a $(1, 2)$ - θ - B -set but it is not a $(1, 2)$ -strong θ_β - B -set.*

Example 5.9. *In Example 5.8, the set $A = \{a, b, c\}$ is a $(1, 2)$ - θ - B -set but it is not a $(1, 2)$ - θ_β - B -set. In Example 4.8, the set $A = \{a, c, d\}$ is a $(1, 2)$ -strong θ_β - B -set but it is not a $(1, 2)$ -strong θ_β - t -set.*

Example 5.10. *In Example 5.5, the set $A = \{b, c\}$ is a $(1, 2)$ - θ_β - B -set but it is not a $(1, 2)$ -strong θ_β - B -set.*

Proposition 5.11. *For a subset A of a space (X, τ_1, τ_2) , the following are equivalent:*

- (1) A is τ_i -open.
- (2) A is an (i, j) - θ -pre open set and an (i, j) - θ - B -set.
- (3) A is an (i, j) - θ - β -open set and an (i, j) - θ_β - B -set.
- (4) A is an (i, j) -weakly θ - β -open set and an (i, j) -strong θ_β - B -set.

Proof. (1) \Rightarrow (2), (1) \Rightarrow (3) and (1) \Rightarrow (4) are obvious, since X is (i, j) - θ - t -set, (i, j) -strong θ - t -set and (i, j) - θ_β - t -set and since $A \subseteq \tau_j - cl_\theta(A)$.

(2) \Rightarrow (1). Let A be (i, j) - θ -pre open and an (i, j) - θ - B -set. Then we have $A = U \cap V$, where $U \in \tau_i$ and V is an (i, j) - θ - t -set. Now,

$$\begin{aligned}
A &= U \cap A \\
&\subseteq U \cap \tau_i - int(\tau_j - cl_\theta(A)) \\
&= U \cap \tau_i - int(\tau_j - cl_\theta(U \cap V)) \\
&\subseteq U \cap \tau_i - int(\tau_j - cl_\theta(U) \cap \tau_j - cl_\theta(V)) \\
&= U \cap \tau_i - int(\tau_j - cl_\theta(U)) \cap \tau_i - int(\tau_j - cl_\theta(V)) \\
&= U \cap \tau_i - int(\tau_j - cl_\theta(U)) \cap \tau_i - int(V) \text{ [since } V \text{ is an } (i, j)\text{-}\theta\text{-}t\text{-set]} \\
&= U \cap \tau_i - int(V) \text{ [since } U = \tau_i - int(U) \subseteq \tau_i - int(\tau_j - cl_\theta(U)) \text{]}
\end{aligned}$$

That is, $A \subseteq U \cap \tau_i - int(V)$ and also $A = U \cap V \supseteq U \cap \tau_i - int(V)$.

Therefore $A = U \cap \tau_i - int(V) = \tau_i - int(A)$. Hence A is τ_i -open.

(3) \Rightarrow (1). Let A be an (i, j) - θ - β -open set and an (i, j) - θ_β - B -set. Then we have $A = U \cap V$, where $U \in \tau_i$ and V is an (i, j) - θ_β - t -set. Now,

$$\begin{aligned}
A &= U \cap A \\
&\subseteq U \cap \tau_j - cl(\tau_i - int(\tau_j - cl_\theta(A))) \\
&= U \cap \tau_j - cl(\tau_i - int(\tau_j - cl_\theta(U \cap V))) \\
&\subseteq U \cap \tau_j - cl(\tau_i - int(\tau_j - cl_\theta(U) \cap \tau_j - cl_\theta(V))) \\
&= U \cap \tau_j - cl(\tau_i - int(\tau_j - cl_\theta(U)) \cap \tau_i - int(\tau_j - cl_\theta(V)))
\end{aligned}$$

$$\begin{aligned}
&\subseteq U \cap \tau_j - cl(\tau_i - int(\tau_j - cl_\theta(U))) \cap \tau_j - cl(\tau_i - int(\tau_j - cl_\theta(V))) \\
&= U \cap \tau_j - cl(\tau_i - int(\tau_j - cl_\theta(U))) \cap \tau_i - int(V) \text{ [since } V \text{ is an } (i, j) - \theta_\beta - \text{t-set]} \\
&= U \cap \tau_i - int(V) \text{ [since } U = \tau_i - int(U) \subseteq \tau_j - cl(\tau_i - int(\tau_j - cl_\theta(U))) \text{]}
\end{aligned}$$

That is, $A \subseteq U \cap \tau_i - int(V)$ and also $A = U \cap V \supseteq U \cap \tau_i - int(V)$.

Therefore $A = U \cap \tau_i - int(V) = \tau_i - int(A)$. Hence A is τ_i -open.

(4) \Rightarrow (1). Let A be (i, j) -weakly θ - β -open and an (i, j) -strong θ_β -B-set. Then we have $A = U \cap V$, where $U \in \tau_i$ and V is an (i, j) -strong θ_β -t-set. Now,

$$\begin{aligned}
A &= U \cap A \\
&\subseteq U \cap \tau_j - cl_\theta(\tau_i - int(\tau_j - cl_\theta(A))) \\
&= U \cap \tau_j - cl_\theta(\tau_i - int(\tau_j - cl_\theta(U \cap V))) \\
&\subseteq U \cap \tau_j - cl_\theta(\tau_i - int(\tau_j - cl_\theta(U) \cap \tau_j - cl_\theta(V))) \\
&= U \cap \tau_j - cl_\theta(\tau_i - int(\tau_j - cl_\theta(U)) \cap \tau_i - int(\tau_j - cl_\theta(V))) \\
&\subseteq U \cap \tau_j - cl_\theta(\tau_i - int(\tau_j - cl_\theta(U))) \cap \tau_j - cl_\theta(\tau_i - int(\tau_j - cl_\theta(V))) \\
&= U \cap \tau_j - cl_\theta(\tau_i - int(\tau_j - cl_\theta(U))) \cap \tau_i - int(V) \text{ [since } V \text{ is an } (i, j) - \text{strong } \theta_\beta - \text{t-} \\
&\text{set]} \\
&= U \cap \tau_i - int(V) \text{ [since } U = \tau_i - int(U) \subseteq \tau_j - cl_\theta(\tau_i - int(\tau_j - cl_\theta(U))) \text{]}
\end{aligned}$$

That is, $A \subseteq U \cap \tau_i - int(V)$ and also $A = U \cap V \supseteq U \cap \tau_i - int(V)$.

Therefore $A = U \cap \tau_i - int(V) = \tau_i - int(A)$. Hence A is τ_i -open.

Remark 5.12. From the following examples we see that in a bitopological space (X, τ_1, τ_2) ,

(1) The notions of (i, j) - θ -pre open sets and (i, j) - θ -B-sets are independent.

(Example 5.13)

(2) *The notions of (i, j) - θ - β -open sets and (i, j) - θ_β - B -sets are independent.*

(Example 5.14 and Example 5.15)

(3) *The notions of (i, j) -weakly θ - β -open sets and (i, j) -strong θ_β - B -sets are*

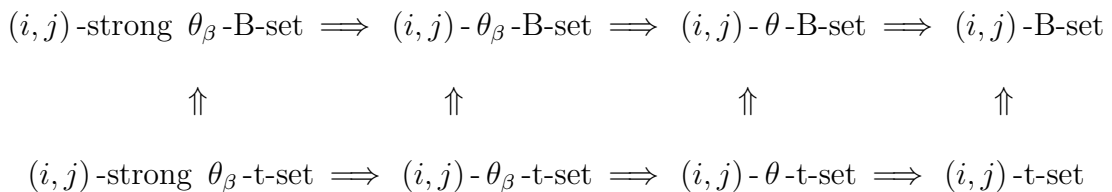
independent. (Example 5.14 and Example 5.15)

Example 5.13. *Let $X = \{a, b, c, d\}$ with topologies $\tau_1 = \{\emptyset, \{d\}, \{a, c\}, \{a, c, d\}, X\}$ and $\tau_2 = \{\emptyset, \{a\}, \{d\}, \{a, d\}, \{a, c, d\}, X\}$. Then the set $A = \{a\}$ is $(1, 2)$ - θ -pre open but it is not a $(1, 2)$ - θ - B -set. Moreover, $B = \{c, d\}$ is a $(1, 2)$ - θ - B -set but it is not $(1, 2)$ - θ -pre open.*

Example 5.14. *In Example 5.8, the set $A = \{a, b, c\}$ is a $(1, 2)$ -weakly θ - β -open set but it is not a $(1, 2)$ -strong θ_β - B -set. In Example 3.11, the set $B = \{a\}$ is a $(1, 2)$ - θ - β -open set but it is not a $(1, 2)$ - θ_β - B -set.*

Example 5.15. *In Example 3.8, the set $A = \{c\}$ is $(1, 2)$ - θ_β - B -set but it is not $(1, 2)$ - θ - β -open. Let $X = \{a, b, c, d\}$ with topologies $\tau_1 = \{\emptyset, \{d\}, X\}$ and $\tau_2 = \{\emptyset, \{a\}, \{d\}, \{a, d\}, \{a, b, c\}, X\}$. Then the set $B = \{a, b, c\}$ is a $(1, 2)$ -strong θ_β - B -set but it is not $(1, 2)$ -weakly θ - β -open.*

Remark 5.16. *From the above propositions, we have the following diagram. None of the implications is reversible.*



6. DECOMPOSITIONS OF PAIRWISE CONTINUITY

Definition 6.1. A function $f : (X, \tau_1, \tau_2) \rightarrow (Y, \sigma_1, \sigma_2)$ is said to be p - θ -pre-continuous if for every $V \in \sigma_k$, $k = 1, 2$, $f^{-1}(V)$ is an (i, j) - θ -pre open in (X, τ_1, τ_2) .

Definition 6.2. A function $f : (X, \tau_1, \tau_2) \rightarrow (Y, \sigma_1, \sigma_2)$ is said to be p - θ - β -continuous if for every $V \in \sigma_k$, $k = 1, 2$, $f^{-1}(V)$ is an (i, j) - θ - β -open set in (X, τ_1, τ_2) .

Definition 6.3. A function $f : (X, \tau_1, \tau_2) \rightarrow (Y, \sigma_1, \sigma_2)$ is said to be p -weakly θ -pre-continuous if for every $V \in \sigma_k$, $k = 1, 2$, $f^{-1}(V)$ is an (i, j) -weakly θ -pre open set in (X, τ_1, τ_2) .

Definition 6.4. A function $f : (X, \tau_1, \tau_2) \rightarrow (Y, \sigma_1, \sigma_2)$ is said to be p - θ - B -continuous if for every $V \in \sigma_k$, $k = 1, 2$, $f^{-1}(V)$ is an (i, j) - θ - B -set in (X, τ_1, τ_2) .

Definition 6.5. A function $f : (X, \tau_1, \tau_2) \rightarrow (Y, \sigma_1, \sigma_2)$ is said to be p - θ_β - B -continuous if for every $V \in \sigma_k$, $k = 1, 2$, $f^{-1}(V)$ is an (i, j) - θ_β - B -set in (X, τ_1, τ_2) .

Definition 6.6. A function $f : (X, \tau_1, \tau_2) \rightarrow (Y, \sigma_1, \sigma_2)$ is said to be p -strong θ_β - B -continuous if for every $V \in \sigma_k$, $k = 1, 2$, $f^{-1}(V)$ is an (i, j) -strong θ_β - B -set in (X, τ_1, τ_2) .

Proposition 6.7. For a function $f : (X, \tau_1, \tau_2) \rightarrow (Y, \sigma_1, \sigma_2)$, the following hold:

- (1) Every p - θ - B -continuous function is p - B -continuous.

(2) Every p - θ_β - B -continuous function is p - θ - B -continuous.

(3) Every p -strong θ_β - B -continuous function is p - θ - B -continuous and p - θ_β - B -continuous.

Proof. The proof is obvious from Proposition 4.5.

Theorem 6.8. For a function $f : (X, \tau_1, \tau_2) \rightarrow (Y, \sigma_1, \sigma_2)$, the following are equivalent:

(1) f is p -continuous.

(2) f is p - θ -pre-continuous and p - θ - B -continuous.

(3) f is p - θ - β -continuous and p - θ_β - B -continuous.

(4) f is p -weakly θ - β -continuous and p -strong θ_β - B -continuous.

Proof. This is an immediate consequence of Proposition 5.11.

Remark 6.9. From the following examples we see that in a bitopological space (X, τ_1, τ_2) ,

(1) The notions of p - θ -pre-continuity and p - θ - B -continuity are independent.

(Example 6.10 and Example 6.11)

(2) The notions of p - θ - β -continuity and p - θ_β - B -continuity are independent.

(Example 6.10 and Example 6.12)

(3) The notions of p -weakly θ - β -continuity and p -strong θ_β - B -continuity are independent. (Example 6.13 and Example 6.14)

Example 6.10. Let $X = \{a, b, c\}$ with topologies $\tau_1 = \{\emptyset, \{a\}, \{a, b\}, X\}$, $\tau_2 = \{\emptyset, \{b\}, \{a, b\}, \{b, c\}, X\}$ and let $Y = \{p, q, r\}$ with topologies $\sigma_1 = \{\emptyset, \{q\}, \{p, r\}, Y\}$ and $\sigma_2 = \{\emptyset, \{p, r\}, Y\}$. Let $f : (X, \tau_1, \tau_2) \rightarrow (Y, \sigma_1, \sigma_2)$ be a function defined

as $f(a) = p$, $f(b) = q$ and $f(c) = r$. Then f is p - θ -pre-continuous and p - θ - β -continuous but neither p - θ - B -continuous nor p - θ_β - B -continuous.

Example 6.11. Let $X = \{a, b, c, d\}$ with topologies $\tau_1 = \{\emptyset, \{d\}, \{a, c\}, \{a, c, d\}, X\}$ and $\tau_2 = \{\emptyset, \{a\}, \{d\}, \{a, d\}, \{a, b, c\}, X\}$. and let $Y = \{p, q, r\}$ with topologies $\sigma_1 = \{\emptyset, \{p\}, Y\}$ and $\sigma_2 = \{\emptyset, \{q\}, Y\}$. Let $f : (X, \tau_1, \tau_2) \rightarrow (Y, \sigma_1, \sigma_2)$ be a function defined as $f(a) = f(b) = f(c) = p$ and $f(d) = q$. Then f is p - θ - B -continuous but not p - θ -pre-continuous.

Example 6.12. Let $X = \{a, b, c\}$ with topologies $\tau_1 = \{\emptyset, \{c\}, \{a, b\}, X\}$, $\tau_2 = \{\emptyset, \{a\}, \{b\}, \{a, b\}, \{b, c\}, X\}$ and let $Y = \{p, q, r\}$ with topologies $\sigma_1 = \{\emptyset, \{p\}, Y\}$ and $\sigma_2 = \{\emptyset, \{p, q\}, Y\}$. Let $f : (X, \tau_1, \tau_2) \rightarrow (Y, \sigma_1, \sigma_2)$ be a function defined as $f(a) = p$, $f(b) = q$ and $f(c) = r$. Then f is p - θ_β - B -continuous but not p - θ - β -continuous.

Example 6.13. Let $X = \{a, b, c, d\}$ with topologies $\tau_1 = \{\emptyset, \{d\}, \{a, d\}, \{b, c\}, \{b, c, d\}, X\}$, $\tau_2 = \{\emptyset, \{d\}, \{a, b, c\}, X\}$ and let $Y = \{p, q, r\}$ with topologies $\sigma_1 = \{\emptyset, \{p, q\}, Y\}$ and $\sigma_2 = \{\emptyset, \{p, r\}, Y\}$. Let $f : (X, \tau_1, \tau_2) \rightarrow (Y, \sigma_1, \sigma_2)$ be a function defined as $f(a) = r$, $f(b) = q$ and $f(c) = f(d) = p$. Then f is p -weakly θ - β -continuous but not p -strong θ_β - B -continuous.

Example 6.14. Let $X = \{a, b, c, d\}$ with topologies $\tau_1 = \{\emptyset, \{d\}, X\}$ and $\tau_2 = \{\emptyset, \{a\}, \{d\}, \{a, d\}, \{a, b, c\}, X\}$ and let $Y = \{p, q\}$ with topologies $\sigma_1 = \{\emptyset, \{p\}, Y\}$ and $\sigma_2 = \{\emptyset, \{q\}, Y\}$. Let $f : (X, \tau_1, \tau_2) \rightarrow (Y, \sigma_1, \sigma_2)$ be a function defined as $f(a) = f(b) = f(c) = p$, and $f(d) = q$. Then f is p -strong θ_β - B -continuous but not p -weakly θ - β -continuous.

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