



ON PRESERVING (1, 2)\*-g- CLOSED SETS IN BITOPOLOGY

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ABSTRACT

The purpose of this paper is to introduce new weak forms of continuity and closure (which we call (1, 2)\*-a-continuity and (1, 2)\*-a-closure) and to use these forms to strengthen some of the bitopological results of Ravi et al. [6].

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1. INTRODUCTION:

Generalized closed sets (or g-closed sets) were introduced by Levine in [4]. Levine established conditions under which functions and inverse functions preserve g-closed sets. In [3], Cueva improved one of Levine’s results. These results have recently been generalized to bitopological spaces by Ravi et al [6]. In [2], Baker strengthened some of the topological results of Cueva and Levine. The purpose of this paper is to introduce new weak forms of continuity and closure namely (1,2)\*-a-continuity and (1,2)\*-a-closed functions in bitopological spaces and to use these forms to strengthen some of the bitopological results of Ravi et al [6]. We also characterize (1, 2)\*-T<sub>1/2</sub> spaces in terms of (1,2)\*-a-continuity and (1,2)\*-a-closure. Finally some of the basic properties of (1, 2)\*-a-continuous functions and (1,2)\*-a-closed functions are investigated.

2. PRELIMINARIES:

Throughout the paper, X, Y and Z denote bitopological spaces.

Definition: 2.1[5]

A subset S of a space (X, τ<sub>1</sub>, τ<sub>2</sub>) is said to be τ<sub>1,2</sub>-open if S = A ∪ B where A ∈ τ<sub>1</sub> and B ∈ τ<sub>2</sub>.

The complement of τ<sub>1,2</sub>-open set is τ<sub>1,2</sub>-closed.

The family of all τ<sub>1,2</sub>-open [resp. τ<sub>1,2</sub>-closed] subsets of X is denoted by (1,2)\*-O(X) [resp. (1,2)\*-C(X)].

Note: 2.2[5]

Notice that τ<sub>1,2</sub>-open subsets of X need not necessarily form a topology.

Definition: 2.3[5]

Let S be a subset of X. Then

- (i) The τ<sub>1,2</sub>-interior of S, denoted by τ<sub>1,2</sub>-int(S), is defined as  $\cup \{F|F \subseteq S \text{ and } F \text{ is } \tau_{1,2}\text{-open}\};$

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- (ii) The τ<sub>1,2</sub>-closure of S, denoted by τ<sub>1,2</sub>-cl(S), is defined as  $\cap \{F|S \subseteq F \text{ and } F \text{ is } \tau_{1,2}\text{-closed}\}.$

Definition: 2.4[6]

A subset S of a space (X, τ<sub>1</sub>, τ<sub>2</sub>) is said to be (1,2)\*-g-closed if τ<sub>1,2</sub>-cl(S) ⊆ U whenever S ⊆ U and U is τ<sub>1,2</sub>-open in X.

The complement of (1,2)\*-g-closed set is (1,2)\*-g-open.

Definition: 2.5[6]

A function f: (X, τ<sub>1</sub>, τ<sub>2</sub>) → (Y, σ<sub>1</sub>, σ<sub>2</sub>) is said to be (1,2)\*-g-continuous if f<sup>-1</sup>(F) is (1,2)\*-g-closed set in X for every σ<sub>1,2</sub>-closed set F of Y.

Theorem: 2.6[6]

A subset S of X is (1,2)\*-g-closed if and only if τ<sub>1,2</sub>-cl(S)–S contains no non-empty τ<sub>1,2</sub>-closed set.

Theorem: 2.7[6]

If S is a (1,2)\*-g-closed subset in X and if f: (X, τ<sub>1</sub>, τ<sub>2</sub>) → (Y, σ<sub>1</sub>, σ<sub>2</sub>) is (1,2)\*-continuous and (1,2)\*-closed, then f(S) is (1,2)\*-g-closed set in Y.

Theorem: 2.8[6]

A subset A of X is (1,2)\*-g-open in X if and only if F ⊆ τ<sub>1,2</sub>-int(A) whenever F is τ<sub>1,2</sub>-closed set and F ⊆ A.

Theorem: 2.9[6]

If f: X → Y is (1,2)\*-g-continuous and (1,2)\*-closed and if G is a (1,2)\*-g-open (or (1,2)\*-g-closed) subset of Y, then f<sup>-1</sup>(G) is (1,2)\*-g-open (or (1,2)\*-g-closed) in X.

Theorem: 2.10[6]

Suppose that A ⊆ B ⊆ X, A is a (1,2)\*-g-closed set relative to B and that B is a (1,2)\*-g-closed subset of X. Then A is (1, 2)\*-g-closed relative to X.

Definition: 2.11[6]

A space  $X$  is said to be a  $(1,2)^*-T_{1/2}$  space if every  $(1,2)^*-g$ -closed subset of  $X$  is  $\tau_{1,2}$ -closed in  $X$ .

### 3. (1, 2)\*-a-CLOSED AND (1, 2)\*-a-CONTINUOUS FUNCTIONS:

#### Definition: 3.1

A function  $f: X \rightarrow Y$  is said to be approximately  $(1,2)^*-$ closed (or  $(1,2)^*-a$ -closed) if  $f(F) \subseteq \sigma_{1,2}\text{-int}(A)$  whenever  $F$  is a  $\tau_{1,2}$ -closed subset of  $X$ ,  $A$  is a  $(1,2)^*-g$ -open subset of  $Y$  and  $f(F) \subseteq A$ .

#### Definition: 3.2

A function  $f: X \rightarrow Y$  is said to be approximately  $(1,2)^*-$ continuous (or  $(1,2)^*-a$ -continuous) if  $\tau_{1,2}\text{-cl}(A) \subseteq f^{-1}(V)$  whenever  $V$  is an  $\sigma_{1,2}$ -open subset of  $Y$ ,  $A$  is a  $(1,2)^*-g$ -closed subset of  $X$ , and  $A \subseteq f^{-1}(V)$ .

Clearly,  $(1, 2)^*-$ closed functions are  $(1, 2)^*-a$ -closed and  $(1,2)^*-$ continuous functions are  $(1,2)^*-a$ -continuous. The following example shows the converse implications do not hold.

#### Example: 3.3

Consider the Sierpinski space  $X = \{a,b\}$  with the topologies  $\tau_1 = \{\emptyset, X, \{a\}\}$  and  $\tau_2 = \{\emptyset, X\}$ . Define the function  $f: X \rightarrow X$  by  $f(a) = b$  and  $f(b) = a$ . Clearly,  $f$  is neither  $(1,2)^*-$ closed nor  $(1,2)^*-$ continuous. However, since the image of every  $\tau_{1,2}$ -closed set is  $\sigma_{1,2}$ -open,  $f$  is  $(1,2)^*-a$ -closed. Similarly, since the inverse image of every  $\sigma_{1,2}$ -open set is  $\tau_{1,2}$ -closed,  $f$  is  $(1,2)^*-a$ -continuous.

**Theorem: 3.4** If  $f: X \rightarrow Y$  is a bijection, then  $f$  is  $(1,2)^*-a$ -closed if and only if  $f^{-1}$  is  $(1,2)^*-a$ -continuous.

**Proof:** The proof of this result is a straight forward argument using complements and is omitted.

### 4. PRESERVING (1, 2)\*-g-CLOSED SETS:

The following theorem strengthens Theorem 2.9 by replacing the closure requirement with  $(1,2)^*-a$ -closure.

**Theorem: 4.1** If  $f: X \rightarrow Y$  is  $(1,2)^*-g$ -continuous and  $(1,2)^*-a$ -closed, then  $f^{-1}(A)$  is  $(1,2)^*-g$ -closed ( $(1,2)^*-g$ -open) whenever  $A$  is a  $(1,2)^*-g$ -closed ( $(1,2)^*-g$ -open) subset of  $Y$ .

**Proof:** Assume that  $A$  is a  $(1,2)^*-g$ -closed subset of  $Y$  and let  $f^{-1}(A) \subseteq U$ , where  $U$  is an  $\tau_{1,2}$ -open subset of  $X$ . Taking complements we obtain  $X-U \subseteq f^{-1}(Y-A)$  or  $f(X-U) \subseteq Y-A$ . Since  $f$  is  $(1, 2)^*-a$ -closed,  $f(X-U) \subseteq \sigma_{1,2}\text{-int}(Y-A) = Y-\sigma_{1,2}\text{-cl}(A)$ . It follows that  $X-U \subseteq X - f^{-1}(\sigma_{1,2}\text{-cl}(A))$  and hence  $f^{-1}(\sigma_{1,2}\text{-cl}(A)) \subseteq U$ . Since  $f$  is  $(1, 2)^*-g$ -continuous,  $f^{-1}(\sigma_{1,2}\text{-cl}(A))$  is  $(1,2)^*-g$ -closed. Thus we have  $\tau_{1,2}\text{-cl}(f^{-1}(A)) \subseteq \tau_{1,2}\text{-cl}(f^{-1}(\sigma_{1,2}\text{-cl}(A))) \subseteq U$  which implies that  $f^{-1}(A)$  is  $(1,2)^*-g$ -closed.

It is shown that inverse images of  $(1, 2)^*-g$ -open sets are  $(1, 2)^*-g$ -open by applying complementation to the result just obtained and using the fact that  $f^{-1}$  preserves complements.

The following theorem strengthens Theorem 2.7 by replacing the continuity requirement with  $(1, 2)^*-a$ -continuity.

**Theorem: 4.2** If  $f: X \rightarrow Y$  is  $(1,2)^*-a$ -continuous and  $(1,2)^*-$ closed, then  $f(A)$  is  $(1,2)^*-g$ -closed in  $Y$  whenever  $A$  is a  $(1,2)^*-g$ -closed subset of  $X$ .

**Proof:** Assume that  $A \subseteq X$  is  $(1,2)^*-g$ -closed and that  $f(A) \subseteq V$ , where  $V$  is an  $\sigma_{1,2}$ -open subset of  $Y$ . Then  $A \subseteq f^{-1}(V)$  and, since  $f$  is  $(1,2)^*-a$ -continuous,  $\tau_{1,2}\text{-cl}(A) \subseteq f^{-1}(V)$ . Then  $f(\tau_{1,2}\text{-cl}(A)) \subseteq V$  and since  $f$  is  $(1,2)^*-$ closed, we have  $\sigma_{1,2}\text{-cl}(f(A)) \subseteq \sigma_{1,2}\text{-cl}(f(\tau_{1,2}\text{-cl}(A))) = f(\tau_{1,2}\text{-cl}(A)) \subseteq V$ . Therefore  $\tau_{1,2}\text{-cl}(f(A)) \subseteq V$  and hence  $f(A)$  is  $(1,2)^*-g$ -closed.

### 5. PROPERTIES OF (1, 2)\*-a-CLOSED AND (1, 2)\*-a-CONTINUOUS FUNCTIONS:

In this section, we use  $(1, 2)^*-a$ -closed and  $(1, 2)^*-a$ -continuous functions to characterize  $(1,2)^*-T_{1/2}$  spaces. Also we establish sufficient conditions for a function to be  $(1, 2)^*-a$ -closed or  $(1, 2)^*-a$ -continuous. Finally we investigate some of the properties of these functions involving restriction and composition.

**Theorem: 5.1** A space  $X$  is a  $(1, 2)^*-T_{1/2}$  space if and only if, for every space  $Y$  and every function  $f: X \rightarrow Y$ ,  $f$  is  $(1,2)^*-a$ -continuous.

**Proof:** The necessity follows from the definition of  $(1,2)^*-a$ -continuity. For the sufficiency, let  $A$  be a non-empty  $(1,2)^*-g$ -closed subset of  $X$  and let  $Y$  be the set  $X$  with topologies  $\sigma_1 = \{\emptyset, Y, A\}$ ,  $\sigma_2 = \{\emptyset, Y\}$ . Finally let  $f: X \rightarrow Y$  be the identity mapping. By assumption  $f$  is  $(1,2)^*-a$ -continuous. Since  $A$  is  $(1,2)^*-g$ -closed in  $X$  and  $\sigma_{1,2}$ -open in  $Y$ , and  $A \subseteq f^{-1}(A)$ , it follows that  $\tau_{1,2}\text{-cl}(A) \subseteq f^{-1}(A) = A$ . Hence  $A$  is  $\tau_{1,2}$ -closed in  $X$  and therefore  $X$  is  $(1,2)^*-T_{1/2}$  space.

An analogous argument proves the following result for  $(1, 2)^*-a$ -closed functions.

**Theorem: 5.2** A space  $Y$  is a  $(1, 2)^*-T_{1/2}$ -space if and only if, for every space  $X$  and every function  $f: X \rightarrow Y$ ,  $f$  is  $(1,2)^*-a$ -closed.

The next two results follow easily from the definitions. These results were used in Example 3.3.

**Theorem: 5.3.** If  $f: X \rightarrow Y$  is a function for which  $f(F)$  is  $\sigma_{1,2}$ -open in  $Y$  for every  $\tau_{1,2}$ -closed subset  $F$  of  $X$ , then  $f$  is  $(1,2)^*-a$ -closed.

**Theorem: 5.4** If  $f: X \rightarrow Y$  is a function for which  $f^{-1}(V)$  is  $\tau_{1,2}$ -closed in  $X$  for every  $\sigma_{1,2}$ -open subset  $V$  of  $Y$ , then  $f$  is  $(1,2)^*-a$ -continuous.

Since the identity mapping on any space is both  $(1, 2)^*-a$ -continuous and  $(1, 2)^*-a$ -closed, it is clear the converses of Theorems 5.3 and 5.4 do not hold.

**Theorem: 5.5** In a bitopological space  $X$ ,  $(1, 2)^*-O(X) = (1,2)^*-C(X)$  if and only if every subset of  $X$  is a  $(1,2)^*-g$ -closed set.

**Proof:** Suppose that  $(1, 2)^*-O(X) = (1,2)^*-C(X)$  and that  $A \subseteq U \in (1,2)^*-O(X)$ . Then  $\tau_{1,2}\text{-cl}(A) \subseteq \tau_{1,2}\text{-cl}(U) = U$  and  $A$  is  $(1,2)^*-g$ -closed. Conversely, suppose that every subset of  $X$  is  $(1, 2)^*-g$ -closed. Let  $U \in (1, 2)^*-O(X)$ . Then since  $U \subseteq U$  and

U is (1, 2)\*-g-closed, we have  $\tau_{1,2}\text{-cl}(U) \subseteq U$  and  $U \in (1,2)^*\text{-C}(X)$ . Thus  $(1, 2)^*\text{-O}(X) \subseteq (1, 2)^*\text{-C}(X)$ . If  $F \in (1, 2)^*\text{-C}(X)$ , then  $X-F \in (1, 2)^*\text{-O}(X) \subseteq (1,2)^*\text{-C}(X)$  and hence  $F \in (1,2)^*\text{-O}(X)$ . Finally,  $(1, 2)^*\text{-O}(X) = (1, 2)^*\text{-C}(X)$ .

**Theorem: 5.6** If the  $\sigma_{1,2}$ -open and  $\sigma_{1,2}$ -closed sets of Y coincide, then a function  $f: X \rightarrow Y$  is (1,2)\*-a-closed if and only if  $f(F)$  is  $\sigma_{1,2}$ -open for every  $\tau_{1,2}$ -closed subset F of X.

**Proof:** Assume f is (1,2)\*-a-closed. By Theorem 5.5, all subsets of Y are (1, 2)\*-g-closed (and hence all are (1,2)\*-g-open). So, for any  $\tau_{1,2}$ -closed subset F of X,  $f(F)$  is (1,2)\*-g-open in Y. Since f is (1, 2)\*-a-closed,  $f(F) \subseteq \sigma_{1,2}\text{-int}(f(F))$ . Therefore  $f(F) = \sigma_{1,2}\text{-int}(f(F))$ , ie.,  $f(F)$  is  $\sigma_{1,2}$ -open. The converse can be easily shown.

**Corollary: 5.7**

If the  $\sigma_{1,2}$ -open and  $\sigma_{1,2}$ -closed sets of Y coincide, then a function  $f: X \rightarrow Y$  is (1,2)\*-a-closed if and only if it is (1,2)\*-closed.

The proofs of the following results for (1, 2)\*-a-continuous functions are analogous and are omitted.

**Theorem: 5.8**

If the  $\tau_{1,2}$ -open and  $\tau_{1,2}$ -closed sets of X coincide, then a function  $f: X \rightarrow Y$  is (1,2)\*-a-continuous if and only if  $f^{-1}(V)$  is  $\tau_{1,2}$ -closed for every  $\sigma_{1,2}$ -open subset V of Y.

**Corollary: 5.9**

If the  $\tau_{1,2}$ -open and  $\tau_{1,2}$ -closed sets of X coincide, then a function  $f: X \rightarrow Y$  is (1,2)\*-a-continuous if and only if it is (1,2)\*-continuous.

Compositions of (1, 2)\*-a-continuous ((1, 2)\*-a-closed) functions are not, in general, (1,2)\*-a-continuous ((1,2)\*-a-closed). However, the following results do hold.

**Theorem: 5.10** If  $f: X \rightarrow Y$  is (1, 2)\*-closed and  $g: Y \rightarrow Z$  is (1, 2)\*-a-closed, then  $g \circ f: X \rightarrow Z$  is (1,2)\*-a-closed.

**Proof:** Let F be a  $\tau_{1,2}$ -closed subset of X and A a (1,2)\*-g-open subset of Z for which  $\text{gof}(F) \subseteq A$ . Since f is (1, 2)\*-closed,  $f(F)$  is  $\sigma_{1,2}$ -closed in Y. Because g is (1,2)\*-a-closed,  $g(f(F)) \subseteq \eta_{1,2}\text{-int}(A)$ .

**Theorem: 5.11** If  $f: X \rightarrow Y$  is (1,2)\*-a-closed and  $g: Y \rightarrow Z$  is (1,2)\*-open and inversely preserves (1,2)\*-g-open sets, then  $g \circ f: X \rightarrow Z$  is (1,2)\*-a-closed.

**Proof:** Let F be a  $\tau_{1,2}$ -closed subset of X and A a (1,2)\*-g-open subset of Z for which  $\text{gof}(F) \subseteq A$ . Then  $f(F) \subseteq g^{-1}(A)$ . Since  $g^{-1}(A)$  is (1,2)\*-g-open and f is (1,2)\*-a-closed,  $f(F) \subseteq \sigma_{1,2}\text{-int}(g^{-1}(A))$ . Thus  $\text{gof}(F) = g(f(F)) \subseteq g(\sigma_{1,2}\text{-int}(g^{-1}(A))) \subseteq \eta_{1,2}\text{-int}(g(g^{-1}(A))) \subseteq \eta_{1,2}\text{-int}(A)$ .

**Theorem: 5.12** If  $f: X \rightarrow Y$  is (1, 2)\*-a-continuous and  $g: Y \rightarrow Z$  is (1,2)\*-continuous, then  $g \circ f: X \rightarrow Z$  is (1,2)\*-a-continuous.

**Proof:** Assume A is a (1,2)\*-g-closed subset of X and V is an  $\eta_{1,2}$ -open subset of Z for which  $A \subseteq (\text{gof})^{-1}(V)$ . Since g is (1, 2)\*-continuous,  $g^{-1}(V)$  is  $\sigma_{1,2}$ -open. Because f is (1, 2)\*-a-continuous,  $\tau_{1,2}\text{-cl}(A) \subseteq (\text{gof})^{-1}(V) = f^{-1}(g^{-1}(V))$ .

**Corollary: 5.13**

Let  $f_\alpha: X \rightarrow Y_\alpha$  be a function for each  $\alpha \in \mathcal{A}$  and  $f: X \rightarrow \prod Y_\alpha$  the product map given by  $f(x) = (f_\alpha(x))$ . If f is (1, 2)\*-a-continuous, then  $f_\alpha$  is (1,2)\*-a-continuous for each  $\alpha$ .

**Proof:** For each  $\beta$  let  $p_\beta: \prod Y_\alpha \rightarrow Y_\beta$  be the projection function. Then  $f_\beta = p_\beta \circ f$  where  $p_\beta$  is (1, 2)\*-continuous and f is (1,2)\*-a-continuous.

**Theorem: 5.14** If  $f: X \rightarrow Y$  is (1,2)\*-a-continuous and B is a (1,2)\*-g-closed subset of X, then  $f/B: B \rightarrow Y$  is (1,2)\*-a-continuous.

**Proof:** Assume A is a (1, 2)\*-g-closed subset of B and V is an  $\sigma_{1,2}$ -open subset of Y for which  $A \subseteq (f/B)^{-1}(V)$ . Then  $A \subseteq f^{-1}(V) \cap B$ . By Theorem 2.10, A is (1,2)\*-g-closed relative to X. Since f is (1,2)\*-a-continuous,  $\tau_{1,2}\text{-cl}(A) \subseteq f^{-1}(V)$ . Then  $\tau_{1,2}\text{-cl}(A) \cap B \subseteq f^{-1}(V) \cap B$  and hence  $\tau_{1,2}\text{-cl}_B(A) \subseteq (f/B)^{-1}(V)$ . Thus  $f/B: B \rightarrow Y$  is (1, 2)\*-a-continuous.

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