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# 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  $(X, \tau_1, \tau_2)$  is said to be  $\tau_{1,2}$ -open if S = A  $\cup$  B where  $A \in \tau_1$  and  $B \in \tau_2$ .

The complement of  $\tau_{1,2}$ -open set is  $\tau_{1,2}$ -closed.

The family of all  $\tau_{1,2}$ -open [resp.  $\tau_{1,2}$ -closed] subsets of X is denoted by  $(1,2)^*$ -O(X) [resp.  $(1,2)^*$ -C(X)].

# Note: 2.2[5]

Notice that  $\tau_{1,2}$ -open subsets of X need not necessarily form a topology.

## Definition: 2.3[5]

Let S be a subset of X. Then

(i) The  $\tau_{1,2}$ -interior of S, denoted by  $\tau_{1,2}$ -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  $\tau_{1,2}$ -closure of S, denoted by  $\tau_{1,2}$ -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  $(X, \tau_1, \tau_2)$  is said to be  $(1,2)^*$ -g-closed if  $\tau_{1,2}$ -cl(S)  $\subseteq$  U whenever S  $\subseteq$  U and U is  $\tau_{1,2}$ -open in X.

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

#### **Definition: 2.5[6]**

A function f:  $(X, \tau_1, \tau_2) \to (Y, \sigma_1, \sigma_2)$  is said to be  $(1,2)^*$ -g-continuous if  $f^1(F)$  is  $(1,2)^*$ -g-closed set in X for every  $\sigma_{1,2}$ -closed set F of Y.

## **Theorem: 2.6[6]**

A subset S of X is  $(1,2)^*$ -g-closed if and only if  $\tau_{1,2}$ -cl(S)–S contains no non-empty  $\tau_{1,2}$ -closed set.

# **Theorem: 2.7[6]**

If S is a  $(1,2)^*$ -g-closed subset in X and if f:  $(X, \tau_1, \tau_2) \to (Y, \sigma_1, \sigma_2)$  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  $F \subseteq \tau_{1,2}$ -int(A) whenever F is  $\tau_{1,2}$ -closed set and  $F \subseteq A$ .

# Theorem: 2.9[6]

If  $f: X \to Y$  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  $f^1(G)$  is  $(1,2)^*$ -g-open (or  $(1,2)^*$ -g-closed) in X.

# Theorem: 2.10[6]

Suppose that  $A \subseteq B \subseteq X$ , 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<sub>1/2</sub> 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:  $X \to Y$  is said to be approximately  $(1,2)^*$ -closed (or  $(1,2)^*$ -a-closed) if  $f(F) \subseteq \sigma_{1,2}$ -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  $f: X \to Y$  is said to be approximately  $(1,2)^*$ -continuous (or  $(1,2)^*$ -a-continuous) if  $\tau_{1,2}$ -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  $\tau_1 = \{\phi, X, \{a\}\}$  and  $\tau_2 = \{\phi, X\}$ . Define the function  $f: X \to X$  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:  $X \to Y$  is a bijection, then f is  $(1,2)^*$ -aclosed 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  $f: X \to Y$  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,  $f(X-U) \subseteq \sigma_{1,2}$ -int(Y-A) = Y- $\sigma_{1,2}$ -cl(A). It follows that  $X-U \subseteq X-f^1(\sigma_{1,2}$ -cl(A)) and hence f  $f^1(\sigma_{1,2}$ -cl(A))  $\subseteq U$ . Since f is  $(1,2)^*$ -g-continuous,  $f^1(\sigma_{1,2}$ -cl(A)) is  $(1,2)^*$ -g-closed. Thus we have  $\tau_{1,2}$ -cl( $f^1(A)$ )  $\subseteq \tau_{1,2}$ -cl( $f^1(\sigma_{1,2}$ -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:  $X \to Y$  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,  $\tau_{1,2}$ -cl $(A) \subseteq f^1(V)$ . Then  $f(\tau_{1,2}$ -cl $(A)) \subseteq V$  and since f is  $(1,2)^*$ -closed, we have  $\sigma_{1,2}$ -cl $(f(A)) \subseteq \sigma_{1,2}$ -cl  $(f(\tau_{1,2}$ -cl $(A))) = f(\tau_{1,2}$ -cl $(A)) \subseteq V$ . Therefore  $\tau_{1,2}$ -cl $(f(A)) \subset V$  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  $(1,2)^*$ -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  $f: X \to Y$ , f is  $(1,2)^*$ -acontinuous.

**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  $\sigma_1 = \{\phi, Y, A\}$ ,  $\sigma_2 = \{\phi, Y\}$ . Finally let  $f \colon X \to Y$  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  $\tau_{1,2}$ -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:  $X \to Y$ , 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  $f: X \to Y$  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  $f: X \to Y$  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  $\tau_{1,2}$ -cl(A)  $\subseteq \tau_{1,2}$ -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

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

**Theorem: 5.6** If the  $\sigma_{1,2}$ -open and  $\sigma_{1,2}$ -closed sets of Y coincide, then a function f:  $X \to Y$  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)  $\subseteq \sigma_{1,2}$ -int(f(F)). Therefore f(F) =  $\sigma_{1,2}$ -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:  $X \to Y$  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  $f: X \to Y$  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:  $X \to Y$  is  $(1, 2)^*$ -closed and g:  $Y \to Z$  is  $(1, 2)^*$ -a-closed, then gof:  $X \to Z$  is  $(1, 2)^*$ -a-closed.

**Proof:** Let F be a  $\tau_{1,2}$ -closed subset of X and A a  $(1,2)^*$ -gopen subset of Z for which 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))  $\subseteq \eta_{1,2}$ -int(A).

**Theorem: 5.11** If f:  $X \to Y$  is  $(1,2)^*$ -a-closed and g:  $Y \to Z$  is  $(1,2)^*$ -open and inversely preserves  $(1,2)^*$ -g-open sets, then gof:  $X \to Z$  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 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,  $f(F) \subseteq \sigma_{1,2}$ -int  $(g^{-1}(A))$ . Thus gof  $(F) = g(f(F)) \subseteq g(\sigma_{1,2}$ -int  $(g^{-1}(A))) \subseteq \eta_{1,2}$ -int  $(g(g^{-1}(A))) \subseteq \eta_{1,2}$ -int  $(g(g^{-1}(A)))$ -int (g(g

**Theorem: 5.12** If f:  $X \to Y$  is  $(1, 2)^*$ -a-continuous and g:  $Y \to Z$  is  $(1,2)^*$ -continuous, then gof:  $X \to Z$  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  $A \subseteq (gof)^{-1}(V)$ . Since g is  $(1, 2)^*$ -continuous,  $g^{-1}(V)$  is  $\sigma_{1,2}$ -open. Because f is  $(1, 2)^*$ -acontinuous,  $\tau_{1,2}$ -cl $(A) \subseteq (gof)^{-1}(V) = f^{-1}(g^{-1}(V))$ .

### Corollary: 5.13

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

**Proof:** For each  $\beta$  let  $p_{\beta}$ :  $\Pi Y_{\alpha} \to Y_{\beta}$  be the projection function. Then  $f_{\beta} = p_{\beta}$  o f where  $p_{\beta}$  is  $(1, 2)^*$ -continuous and f is  $(1,2)^*$ -a-continuous.

**Theorem: 5.14** If f:  $X \to Y$  is  $(1,2)^*$ -a-continuous and B is a  $(1,2)^*$ -g-closed subset of X, then f/B:  $B \to Y$  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.  $\tau_{1,2}$ -cl $(A) \subseteq f^{-1}(V)$ . Then  $\tau_{1,2}$ -cl $(A) \cap B \subseteq f^{-1}(V) \cap B$  and hence  $\tau_{1,2}$ -cl $(A) \subseteq (f/B)^{-1}$ . Thus  $f/B: B \to Y$  is  $(1,2)^*$ -a-continuous.

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