



## b-OPEN SETS AND t-OPEN SETS IN BITOPOLOGICAL SPACES

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### ABSTRACT

The purpose of this paper is to characterize b-open sets in bitopological spaces. The concepts of  $b_r$ -open sets and t-open sets are also introduced in bitopological spaces and they are studied with existing concepts in bitopological spaces.

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### 1. introduction and preliminaries:

Abo Khadra and Nasef [1] discussed b-open sets in bitopological spaces. In this paper we further characterize b-open sets in bitopological spaces. We also introduce the notions of  $b_i$ -open sets and t-open sets in bitopological spaces and investigate their basic properties. Throughout this paper  $(X, \tau_1, \tau_2)$  denotes a bitopological space,  $i, j=1, 2$  and  $i \neq j$ . Let A be a subset of X. We use the following notations.

- (i)  $i-clA$  = the closure of A with respect to the topology  $\tau_i$ .
- (ii)  $i-intA$  = the interior of A with respect to the topology  $\tau_i$ .
- (iii) A is open with respect to  $\tau_i$  if and only if A is i-open in  $(X, \tau_1, \tau_2)$ .
- (iv) A is closed with respect to  $\tau_i$  if and only if A is i-closed in  $(X, \tau_1, \tau_2)$ .

#### Definition: 1.1

A is called

- (i) ij-semi-open in  $(X, \tau_1, \tau_2)$  if there exists an i-open set U with  $U \subseteq A \subseteq j-clU$ , [8]
  - (ii) ij-pre-open in  $(X, \tau_1, \tau_2)$  if there exists an i-open set U with  $A \subseteq U \subseteq j-clA$ , [7]
  - (iii) ij-b-open in  $(X, \tau_1, \tau_2)$  if  $A \subseteq j-cl(i-intA) \cup i-int(j-clA)$ , [1]
  - (iv) an i-p-set if  $i-cl(i-intA) \subseteq i-int(i-clA)$ , [11]
  - (v) an ij-p-set if  $i-cl(j-intA) \subseteq i-int(j-clA)$ , [6]
  - (vi) a contra ij-p-set in  $(X, \tau_1, \tau_2)$  if  $i-cl(j-intA) \subseteq j-int(i-clA)$ , [13]
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(vii) an *i*-q-set if  $i\text{-int}(i\text{-cl}A) \subseteq i\text{-cl}(i\text{-int}A)$ , [12]

(viii) an *ij*-q-set if  $i\text{-int}(j\text{-cl}A) \subseteq i\text{-cl}(j\text{-int}A)$ , [13]

(ix) a pair wise contra p-set in  $(X, \tau_1, \tau_2)$  if it is a contra 12-p-set and a contra 21-p-set, [13]

(x) a contra *ij*-q-set in  $(X, \tau_1, \tau_2)$  if  $i\text{-int}(j\text{-cl}A) \subseteq j\text{-cl}(i\text{-int}A)$ , [13]

(xi) a pair wise contra q-set in  $(X, \tau_1, \tau_2)$  if it is a contra 12-q-set and a contra 21-q-set. [13]

The complement of an *ij*-b-open set is *ij*-b-closed. Also *ij*-semi-closed and *ij*-pre-closed sets can be analogously defined. The results in the following lemma follow immediately from the definitions.

**Lemma: 1.2**

Let A be a subset of  $(X, \tau_1, \tau_2)$ . Then A is

(a) *ij*-semi-open if and only if  $A \subseteq j\text{-cl}(i\text{-int}A)$ ,

(b) *ij*-pre-open if and only if  $A \subseteq i\text{-int}(j\text{-cl}A)$ ,

(c) *ij*-b-closed if and only if  $j\text{-int}(i\text{-cl}A) \cap i\text{-cl}(j\text{-int}A) \subseteq A$ .

The concepts of *i*-sint A, *i*-pintA, *ij*-sintA, *ij*-sclA and *ij*-pclA can be defined in a usual way.

**Lemma: 1.3**

Let A be a subset of  $(X, \tau_1, \tau_2)$ . Then

(i)  $i\text{-sint} A = A \cap i\text{-cl}(i\text{-int} A)$ , (ii)  $i\text{-pint}A = A \cap i\text{-int}(i\text{-cl}A)$ . [2]

**Lemma: 1.4**

Let A be a subset of  $(X, \tau_1, \tau_2)$ . Then

(i)  $ij\text{-sint}A = A \cap j\text{-cl}(i\text{-int}A)$ , (ii)  $ij\text{-scl}A = A \cup j\text{-int}(i\text{-cl}A)$ . [10]

**Definition: 1.5**

Let  $(X, \tau)$  be a topological space. Let A and B be any two subsets of X. We say that (i) A is near to B in  $(X, \tau)$  if  $\text{int}A = \text{int}B$  and (ii) A is closer to B in  $(X, \tau)$  if  $\text{cl}A = \text{cl}B$ . [9]

**Lemma: 1.6**

If A is closer to  $A \cap i\text{-int}(j\text{-cl}A)$  in  $(X, \tau_j)$  then  $A \cap i\text{-int}(j\text{-cl}A) = ij\text{-pint}A$ . [9]

**Lemma: 1.7**

If A is near to  $A \cup i\text{-cl}(j\text{-int}A)$  in  $(X, \tau_j)$  then  $A \cup i\text{-cl}(j\text{-int}A) = ij\text{-pcl}A$ . [9]

**Definition: 1.8**

Let  $(X, \tau_1, \tau_2)$  be a bitopological space. Then

(i)  $\tau_1$  is coupled to  $\tau_2$  if  $1\text{-cl}U \subseteq 2\text{-cl}U$  for every  $U \in \tau_1$ , [14]

(ii)  $\tau_1$  is near  $\tau_2$  if  $1\text{-cl}U \subseteq 2\text{-cl}U$  for every  $U \in \tau_2$ . [ 4 ,5]

**Lemma: 1.9**

In a bitopological space  $(X, \tau_1, \tau_2)$ , the following are equivalent.

(i)  $\tau_1$  is coupled to  $\tau_2$ .

(ii)  $2\text{-int}A \subseteq 1\text{-int}A$  for every 1-closed set A in  $(X, \tau_1, \tau_2)$ ,

(iii)  $1-cl(1-intA) \subseteq 2-cl(1-intA)$  for every subset A of X,

(iv)  $2-int(1-clA) \subseteq 1-int(1-clA)$  for every subset A of X. [13]

**Lemma: 1.10**

In a bitopological space  $(X, \tau_1, \tau_2)$ , the following are equivalent.

(i)  $\tau_1$  is near  $\tau_2$ .

(ii)  $2-intA \subseteq 1-intA$  for every 2-closed set A in  $(X, \tau_1, \tau_2)$ ,

(iii)  $1-cl(2-intA) \subseteq 2-cl(2-intA)$  for every subset A of X,

(iv)  $2-int(2-clA) \subseteq 1-int(2-clA)$  for every subset A of X. [13]

**Lemma: 1.11**

Let B be a subset of  $(X, \tau_1, \tau_2)$ . Then B is a contra *ij*-q-set in  $(X, \tau_1, \tau_2)$  if and only if  $X \setminus B$  is a contra *ji*-q-set in  $(X, \tau_1, \tau_2)$ . [13]

**Lemma: 1.12**

If A is a contra *ij*-p-set and an *ij*-q-set then  $i-int(j-clA) \subseteq j-int(i-clA)$ . [13]

**Lemma: 1.13.**

If A is both an *ij*-p-set and a contra *ji*-q-set then  $j-int(i-clA) \subseteq i-int(j-clA)$ . [13]

**2. ij-b-open sets:**

Andrijevic [3] introduced the concept of b-open sets in unital topological spaces and Abo Khadra and Nasef [1] extended this notion to bitopological spaces. In this section we characterize *ij*-b-open sets using contra *ij*-p-sets, contra *ij*-q-sets and the corresponding pair wise sets. The concept of pair wise b-open sets is also introduced and studied in this section.

**Proposition: 2.1**

Let A be *ij*-b-open and a contra *ji*-p-set in  $(X, \tau_1, \tau_2)$ . Then it is *ij*-pre-open.

**Proof:** Since A is *ij*-b-open in  $(X, \tau_1, \tau_2)$ , by Definition 1.1(iii),  $A \subseteq j-cl(i-intA) \cup i-int(j-clA)$ . Since A is a contra *ji*-p-set, using Definition 1.1(vi),  $j-cl(i-intA) \subseteq i-int(j-clA)$ . This implies that  $A \subseteq i-int(j-clA)$  so that A is *ij*-pre-open.

**Corollary: 2.2**

If A is *ij*-b-closed and a contra *ij*-p-set in  $(X, \tau_1, \tau_2)$  then it is *ij*-pre-closed.

**Proof:** Suppose A is *ij*-b-closed and a contra *ij*-p-set in  $(X, \tau_1, \tau_2)$ . Then  $X \setminus A$  is *ij*-b-open and is a contra *ji*-p-set. Then using Proposition 2.1,  $X \setminus A$  is *ij*-pre-open that implies A is *ij*-pre-closed.

**Corollary: 2.3**

If A is *ij*-b-clopen and a pair wise contra p-set in  $(X, \tau_1, \tau_2)$  then it is *ij*-pre-clopen.

**Proof:** Follows from Proposition 2.1 and Corollary 2.2.

**Proposition: 2.4**

If A is *ij*-b-open and a contra *ij*-q-set in  $(X, \tau_1, \tau_2)$  then it is a *ij*-semi-open set.

**Proof:** Since A is *ij*-b-open in  $(X, \tau_1, \tau_2)$ , by Definition 1.1(iii),  $A \subseteq j-cl(i-intA) \cup i-int(j-clA)$ . Since A is a contra *ij*-q-set, by Definition 1.1(x),  $i-int(j-clA) \subseteq j-cl(i-intA)$ . This implies that  $A \subseteq j-cl(i-intA)$ . Therefore A is *ij*-semi-open.

**Corollary: 2.5**

If A is *ij*-b-closed and a contra *ji*-q-set in  $(X, \tau_1, \tau_2)$  then it is a *ij*-semi-closed.

**Proof:** Follows from Proposition 2.4 and Lemma 1.11.

**Corollary: 2.6**

If  $A$  is  $ij$ - $b$ -clopen and a pair wise contra- $q$ -set in  $(X, \tau_1, \tau_2)$  then it is a  $ij$ -semi-clopen.

**Proof:** Follows from Proposition 2.4 and Corollary 2.5.

**Proposition: 2.7**

If  $A$  is  $ij$ - $b$ -open in  $(X, \tau_1, \tau_2)$  and  $A$  is closer to  $A \cap i\text{-int}(j\text{-cl}A)$  in  $(X, \tau_i)$  then  $A = ij\text{-sint}A \cup ij\text{-pint}A$ .

**Proof:** Suppose  $A$  is  $ij$ - $b$ -open in  $(X, \tau_1, \tau_2)$ . Then  $A \subseteq j\text{-cl}(i\text{-int}A) \cup i\text{-int}(j\text{-cl}A)$  so that  $A = A \cap (j\text{-cl}(i\text{-int}A) \cup i\text{-int}(j\text{-cl}A)) = (A \cap j\text{-cl}(i\text{-int}A)) \cup (A \cap i\text{-int}(j\text{-cl}A))$ .

Then by using Proposition 1.4 (i) and lemma 1.6 we see that  $A = ij\text{-sint}A \cup ij\text{-pint}A$ ,

**Proposition: 2.8**

If  $A$  is  $ij$ - $b$ -closed in  $(X, \tau_1, \tau_2)$  and  $A$  is near to  $A \cup i\text{-cl}(j\text{-int}A)$  in  $(X, \tau_j)$  then  $A = ij\text{-scl}A \cap ij\text{-pcl}A$ .

**Proof:** Suppose  $A$  is  $ij$ - $b$ -closed in  $(X, \tau_1, \tau_2)$ . Then  $j\text{-int}(i\text{-cl}A) \cap i\text{-cl}(j\text{-int}A) \subseteq A$ . Therefore  $A = A \cup (j\text{-int}(i\text{-cl}A) \cap i\text{-cl}(j\text{-int}A)) = (A \cup j\text{-int}(i\text{-cl}A)) \cap (A \cup i\text{-cl}(j\text{-int}A))$ . Then by using Lemma 1.4(ii) and Lemma 1.7 we have  $A = ij\text{-scl}A \cap ij\text{-pcl}A$ ,

**Definition: 2.9**

A subset  $B$  of a bitopological space  $(X, \tau_1, \tau_2)$  is called pair wise  $b$ -open in  $(X, \tau_1, \tau_2)$  if  $B$  is  $12$ - $b$ -open and  $21$ - $b$ -open.

The next proposition and the subsequent corollaries follow respectively from Proposition 2.4, Corollary 2.5 and Corollary 2.6.

**Proposition: 2.10**

If  $A$  is pair wise  $b$ -open and a pair wise contra  $q$ -set in  $(X, \tau_1, \tau_2)$  then it is pair wise semi-open.

**Corollary: 2.11**

If  $A$  is pair wise  $b$ -closed and a pair wise contra  $q$ -set in  $(X, \tau_1, \tau_2)$  then it is pair wise semi-closed.

**Corollary: 2.12**

If  $A$  is pair wise  $b$ -clopen and a pair wise contra- $q$ -set in  $(X, \tau_1, \tau_2)$  then it is pair wise semi-clopen.

**3.  $ij$ - $b_t$ -open sets:**

In this section the concepts of  $b_t$ -open sets and pair wise  $b_t$ -open sets in bitopological spaces are introduced and their properties are investigated.

**Definition: 3.1**

A subset  $B$  of a bitopological space  $(X, \tau_1, \tau_2)$  is called  $ij$ - $b_t$ -open in  $(X, \tau_1, \tau_2)$  if  $B \subseteq j\text{-cl}(i\text{-int}B) \cup j\text{-int}(i\text{-cl}B)$ .

The next proposition follows from Lemma 1.2 and Definition 3.1.

**Proposition: 3.2**

(i) Every  $ij$ -semi-open set is  $ij$ - $b_t$ -open.

(ii) Every  $ji$ -pre-open set is  $ij$ - $b_t$ -open.

The next lemma can be easily proved.

**Lemma: 3.3**

$B \subseteq j\text{-cl}(i\text{-int}B) \cup j\text{-int}(i\text{-cl}B)$  if and only if  $j\text{-cl}(i\text{-int}(X \setminus B)) \cap j\text{-int}(i\text{-cl}(X \setminus B)) \subseteq X \setminus B$ .

**Proposition: 3.4**

If  $A$  is a  $ji$ - $q$ -set and  $ij$ - $b_t$ -open then it is  $ij$ -semi-open.

**Proof:** Suppose  $A$  is a  $ji$ - $q$ -set and  $ij$ - $b_t$ -open. Then by Definition 1.1(viii) and by Definition 3.1, we get  $j\text{-int}(i\text{-cl}A) \subseteq j\text{-cl}(i\text{-int}A)$  and  $A \subseteq j\text{-cl}(i\text{-int}A) \cup j\text{-int}(i\text{-cl}A)$ . This implies that  $A \subseteq j\text{-cl}(i\text{-int}A)$ . Therefore  $A$  is  $ij$ -semi-open.

**Proposition: 3.5**

If  $A$  is a  $ji$ - $p$ -set and  $ij$ - $b_t$ -open then it is  $ji$ -pre-open.

**Proof:** Suppose  $A$  is a  $ji$ - $p$ -set and  $ij$ - $b_t$ -open. Then by Definition 1.1(v) and by Definition 3.1, we get  $j\text{-int}(i\text{-cl}A) \supseteq j\text{-cl}(i\text{-int}A)$  and  $A \subseteq j\text{-cl}(i\text{-int}A) \cup j\text{-int}(i\text{-cl}A)$ . This implies that  $A \subseteq j\text{-int}(i\text{-cl}A)$ . Therefore  $A$  is  $ji$ -pre-open

**Proposition: 3.6**

Let  $B$  be  $ij$ - $b_t$ -open in  $(X, \tau_1, \tau_2)$  and let  $B$  be closer to  $B \cap j\text{-int}(i\text{-cl}B)$  in  $(X, \tau_1)$ . Then  $B = ij\text{-sint}B \cup ji\text{-pint}B$ .

**Proof:**  $B = B \cap (j\text{-cl}(i\text{-int}B) \cup j\text{-int}(i\text{-cl}B)) = (B \cap j\text{-cl}(i\text{-int}B)) \cup (B \cap j\text{-int}(i\text{-cl}B))$ . Then by using Lemma 1.4(i) and Lemma 1.6 we see that  $B = ij\text{-sint}B \cup ji\text{-pint}B$ ,

**Proposition: 3.7**

Suppose  $A$  is  $ij$ - $b$ -open, a contra  $ij$ - $p$ -set and an  $ij$ - $q$ -set. Then  $A$  is  $ij$ - $b_t$ -open.

**Proof:** Since  $A$  is  $ij$ - $b$ -open, by Definition 1.1(iii),  $A \subseteq j\text{-cl}(i\text{-int}A) \cup i\text{-int}(j\text{-cl}A)$ . Since  $A$  is a contra  $ij$ - $p$ -set and an  $ij$ - $q$ -set, by Lemma 1.12,  $i\text{-int}(j\text{-cl}A) \subseteq j\text{-int}(i\text{-cl}A)$  that gives  $A \subseteq j\text{-cl}(i\text{-int}A) \cup j\text{-int}(i\text{-cl}A)$ .

Then by Definition 3.1,  $A$  is  $ij$ - $b_t$ -open.

**Proposition: 3.8**

Suppose  $A$  is  $ji$ - $b$ -open, an  $ij$ - $p$ -set and a contra  $ji$ - $q$ -set. Then  $A$  is  $ji$ - $b_t$ -open.

**Proof:** Since  $A$  is  $ji$ - $b$ -open, by Definition 1.1(iii),  $A \subseteq i\text{-cl}(j\text{-int}A) \cup j\text{-int}(i\text{-cl}A)$ . Since  $A$  is an  $ij$ - $p$ -set and a contra  $ji$ - $q$ -set, by Lemma 1.13,  $j\text{-int}(i\text{-cl}A) \subseteq i\text{-int}(j\text{-cl}A)$  that gives  $A \subseteq i\text{-cl}(j\text{-int}A) \cup i\text{-int}(j\text{-cl}A)$ .

Then by Definition 3.1,  $A$  is  $ji$ - $b_t$ -open.

The complement of an  $ij$ - $b_t$ -open set is  $ij$ - $b_t$ -closed. It follows from Lemma 3.3 that  $B$  is  $ij$ - $b_t$ -closed if and only if the relation  $j\text{-cl}(i\text{-int}B) \cap j\text{-int}(i\text{-cl}B) \subseteq B$  holds. The next proposition follows from Proposition 3.2, Proposition 3.4 and Proposition 3.5.

**Proposition: 3.9**

- (i) Every  $ij$ -semi-closed set is  $ij$ - $b_t$ -closed.
- (ii) Every  $ji$ -pre-closed set is  $ij$ - $b_t$ -closed.
- (iii) If  $A$  is a  $ji$ - $q$ -set and  $ij$ - $b_t$ -closed then it is  $ij$ -semi-closed.
- (iv) If  $A$  is a  $ji$ - $p$ -set and  $ij$ - $b_t$ -closed then it is  $ji$ -pre-closed.

**Proposition: 3.10**

Suppose  $B$  is  $ij$ - $b_t$ -closed,  $ij$ -semi-open and  $ji$ -pre-open in  $(X, \tau_1, \tau_2)$ . Then  $B = j\text{-cl}(i\text{-int}B) \cap j\text{-int}(i\text{-cl}B)$ .

**Proof:** Since  $B$  is  $ij$ - $b_t$ -closed,  $j\text{-cl}(i\text{-int}B) \cap j\text{-int}(i\text{-cl}B) \subseteq B$ . Therefore  $B = B \cup (j\text{-cl}(i\text{-int}B) \cap j\text{-int}(i\text{-cl}B)) = (B \cup j\text{-cl}(i\text{-int}B)) \cap (B \cup j\text{-int}(i\text{-cl}B)) = j\text{-cl}(i\text{-int}B) \cap j\text{-int}(i\text{-cl}B)$ , using Lemma 1.2 (a) and Lemma 1.2(b).

**Definition: 3.11**

A subset  $B$  of a bitopological space  $(X, \tau_1, \tau_2)$  is called pair wise  $b_t$ -open in  $(X, \tau_1, \tau_2)$  if  $B$  is  $12$ - $b_t$ -open and  $21$ - $b_t$ -open.

The following proposition follows from Proposition 3.2 and Proposition 3.4.

**Proposition: 3.12**

- (i) Every pair wise semi-open set is pair wise  $b_t$ -open.
- (ii) Every pair wise pre-open set is pair wise  $b_t$ -open.
- (iii) If  $A$  is a pair wise  $q$ -set and pair wise  $b_t$ -open then it is pair wise semi-open.

**Proposition: 3.13**

If  $A$  is a pair wise  $p$ -set and pair wise  $b_t$ -open then it is pair wise pre-open.

**Proof:** Suppose  $A$  is a pair wise  $p$ -set and pair wise  $b_t$ -open set.

Since  $A$  is a  $ji$ - $p$ -set and an  $ij$ - $b_t$ -open set, by Proposition 3.5,  $A$  is  $ji$ -pre-open. Since  $A$  is an  $ij$ - $p$ -set and a  $ji$ - $b_t$ -open set, again by Proposition 3.5,  $A$  is  $ij$ -pre-open. Therefore  $A$  is pair wise pre-open.

**4.  $ij$ - $t$ -open sets:**

In this section the notion of  $ij$ - $t$ -open sets is introduced in bitopological spaces and their relationships with  $p$ -sets,  $q$ -sets,  $b$ -open sets, semi-open sets and pre-open sets are studied.

**Definition: 4.1**

A subset  $A$  of a bitopological space  $(X, \tau_1, \tau_2)$  is called  $ij$ - $t$ -open if  $A \subseteq i-cl(i-intA) \cup j-int(j-clA)$ .

**Proposition: 4.2**

If  $A$  is an  $ij$ - $t$ -open set then  $A$  is a union of an  $i$ -semi-open set and a  $j$ -pre-open set.

**Proof:** Suppose  $A$  is an  $ij$ - $t$ -open set. Then by Definition 4.1,  $A \subseteq i-cl(i-intA) \cup j-int(j-clA)$ .

Therefore  $A = A \cap (i-cl(i-intA) \cup j-int(j-clA)) = (A \cap i-cl(i-intA)) \cup (A \cap j-int(j-clA)) = i-sintA \cup j-pintA$ , by Lemma 1.3(i) and Lemma 1.3(ii).

**Proposition: 4.3**

(i) Every  $i$ -semi-open set is  $ij$ - $t$ -open,

(ii) Every  $j$ -pre-open set is  $ij$ - $t$ -open.

**Proof:** Let  $A$  be  $i$ -semi-open. Then  $A \subseteq i-cl(i-intA)$ . Therefore  $A \subseteq i-cl(i-intA) \cup j-int(j-clA)$ . Then by Definition 4.1,  $A$  is  $ij$ - $t$ -open. Now let  $A$  be  $j$ -pre-open. Then  $A \subseteq j-int(j-clA)$ . Therefore  $A \subseteq i-cl(i-intA) \cup j-int(j-clA)$ . Then by Definition 4.1,  $A$  is  $ij$ - $t$ -open.

**Proposition: 4.4**

Suppose  $A$  is an  $i$ - $p$ -set and a  $j$ - $q$ -set. Then if  $A$  is  $ij$ - $t$ -open then it is  $ji$ - $t$ -open.

**Proof:** Since  $A$  is an  $i$ - $p$ -set, using Definition 1.1(iv),  $i-cl(i-intA) \subseteq i-int(i-clA)$ . Since  $A$  is a  $j$ - $q$ -set, using Definition 1.1(vii),  $j-int(j-clA) \subseteq j-cl(j-intA)$ . If  $A$  is  $ij$ - $t$ -open, by Definition 4.1,  $A \subseteq i-cl(i-intA) \cup j-int(j-clA) \subseteq i-int(i-clA) \cup j-cl(j-intA)$  that implies  $A$  is  $ji$ - $t$ -open.

**Proposition: 4.5**

Suppose  $\tau_i$  is coupled to  $\tau_j$  and  $\tau_i$  is near  $\tau_j$  then every  $ij$ - $t$ -open set is  $ij$ - $b$ -open.

**Proof:** Let  $A$  be  $ij$ - $t$ -open. Then  $A \subseteq i-cl(i-intA) \cup j-int(j-clA)$ . Then by using Lemma 1.9 and by Lemma 1.10 we see that  $A \subseteq j-cl(i-intA) \cup j-int(j-clA) \subseteq j-cl(i-intA) \cup i-int(j-clA)$ ,

Now by Definition 1.1(iii),  $A$  is  $ij$ - $b$ -open.

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