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## Decomposition of $(1, 2)^*$ -continuity and $(1, 2)^*$ - $\alpha$ -continuity

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## DECOMPOSITION OF $(1, 2)*$ -CONTINUITY AND $(1, 2)*$ - $\alpha$ -CONTINUITY

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*Abstract.* In this paper, we introduce new types of sets called  $(1, 2)*$ - $D(\alpha, p)$  sets,  $(1, 2)*$ - $D(\alpha, s)$  sets,  $(1, 2)*$ - $D(c, \alpha)$  sets,  $(1, 2)*$ - $D(c, s)$  sets and  $(1, 2)*$ - $D(c, p)$  sets and new classes of mappings called  $(1, 2)*$ - $D(\alpha, p)$  continuous,  $(1, 2)*$ - $D(\alpha, s)$  continuous,  $(1, 2)*$ - $D(c, \alpha)$  continuous,  $(1, 2)*$ - $D(c, s)$  continuous and  $(1, 2)*$ - $D(c, p)$  continuous mappings. We obtain several characterizations of these classes, study their bitopological properties, and investigate their relation with other bitopological sets and mappings.

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### 1. INTRODUCTION

Njastad [7] initiated the study of the notion of a nearly open set in a topological space. Following it, a number of research papers were written by Tong [11, 12], Hatir and Noiri [3–5], Przemski [8], Dontchev and Przemski [1] and Ganster [2] where decompositions of continuity in topological spaces are considered. Here, following these lines, we study the “decomposition of  $(1, 2)*$ -continuity and  $(1, 2)*$ - $\alpha$ -continuity” and deal with new types of sets such as  $(1, 2)*$ - $D(\alpha, p)$  sets,  $(1, 2)*$ - $D(\alpha, s)$  sets,  $(1, 2)*$ - $D(c, \alpha)$  sets,  $(1, 2)*$ - $D(c, s)$  sets and  $(1, 2)*$ - $D(c, p)$  sets, as well as with new classes of mappings such as  $(1, 2)*$ - $D(\alpha, p)$  continuous,  $(1, 2)*$ - $D(\alpha, s)$  continuous,  $(1, 2)*$ - $D(c, \alpha)$  continuous,  $(1, 2)*$ - $D(c, s)$  continuous and  $(1, 2)*$ - $D(c, p)$  continuous mappings. In this paper, we obtain some important results in bitopological spaces. In most of the occasions, our ideas are illustrated and substantiated by suitable examples.

### 2. PRELIMINARIES

Let  $(X, \tau_1, \tau_2)$  and  $(Y, \sigma_1, \sigma_2)$ , briefly  $X$  and  $Y$ , be bitopological spaces.

**Definition 1** ([6]). Let  $S$  be a subset of  $X$ . Then  $S$  is called  $\tau_{1,2}$ -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 called  $\tau_{1,2}$ -closed.

**Definition 2** ([6]). Let  $S$  be a subset of  $X$ . Then:

- (i) the  $\tau_1 \tau_2$ -closure of  $S$ , denoted by  $\tau_1 \tau_2\text{-Cl } S$ , is defined by

$$\cap \{F \mid S \subseteq F \text{ and } F \text{ is } \tau_{1,2}\text{-closed}\};$$

- (ii) the  $\tau_1 \tau_2$ -interior of  $S$ , denoted by  $\tau_1 \tau_2\text{-Int } S$ , is defined by

$$\cup \{F \mid F \subseteq S \text{ and } F \text{ is } \tau_{1,2}\text{-open}\}.$$

*Note 1* ([6]). Notice that  $\tau_{1,2}$ -open sets need not necessarily form a topology.

**Definition 3.** A subset  $S$  of  $X$  is called:

- (i)  $(1, 2)*\text{-}\alpha$ -open [6] if  $S \subseteq \tau_1 \tau_2\text{-Int}(\tau_1 \tau_2\text{-Cl}(\tau_1 \tau_2\text{-Int}(S)))$ ;
- (ii)  $(1, 2)*\text{-semi-open}$  [6] if  $S \subseteq \tau_1 \tau_2\text{-Cl}(\tau_1 \tau_2\text{-Int}(S))$ ;
- (iii)  $(1, 2)*\text{-preopen}$  [6] if  $S \subseteq \tau_1 \tau_2\text{-Int}(\tau_1 \tau_2\text{-Cl}(S))$ ;
- (iv)  $(1, 2)*\text{-}\alpha$ -closed [10] if  $\tau_1 \tau_2\text{-Cl}(\tau_1 \tau_2\text{-Int}(\tau_1 \tau_2\text{-Cl}(S))) \subseteq S$ ;
- (v)  $(1, 2)*\text{-semi-closed}$  [10] if  $\tau_1 \tau_2\text{-Int}(\tau_1 \tau_2\text{-Cl}(S)) \subseteq S$ ;
- (vi)  $(1, 2)*\text{-preclosed}$  [9] if  $\tau_1 \tau_2\text{-Cl}(\tau_1 \tau_2\text{-Int}(S)) \subseteq S$ .

The family of  $(1, 2)*\text{-}\alpha$ -open sets (resp.  $(1, 2)*\text{-semi-open}$  sets,  $(1, 2)*\text{-preopen}$  sets) of  $X$  is denoted by  $(1, 2)*\text{-}\alpha O(X)$  (resp.  $(1, 2)*\text{-}SO(X)$ ,  $(1, 2)*\text{-}PO(X)$ ).

The complement of  $(1, 2)*\text{-}\alpha$ -open (resp.  $(1, 2)*\text{-semi-open}$ ,  $(1, 2)*\text{-preopen}$ ) set is  $(1, 2)*\text{-}\alpha$ -closed (resp.  $(1, 2)*\text{-semi-closed}$ ,  $(1, 2)*\text{-preclosed}$ ).

The intersection of all  $(1, 2)*\text{-}\alpha$ -closed (resp.  $(1, 2)*\text{-semi-closed}$ ,  $(1, 2)*\text{-preclosed}$ ) sets containing  $A$  is called the  $(1, 2)*\text{-}\alpha$ -closure (resp.  $(1, 2)*\text{-semi-closure}$ ,  $(1, 2)*\text{-preclosure}$ ) of  $A$  and is denoted by  $(1, 2)*\text{-}\alpha \text{Cl}(A)$  [resp.  $(1, 2)*\text{-sCl}(A)$ ,  $(1, 2)*\text{-pCl}(A)$ ].

The union of all  $(1, 2)*\text{-}\alpha$ -open (resp.  $(1, 2)*\text{-semi-open}$ ,  $(1, 2)*\text{-preopen}$ ) sets contained in  $A$  is called the  $(1, 2)*\text{-}\alpha$ -interior (resp.  $(1, 2)*\text{-semi-interior}$ ,  $(1, 2)*\text{-preinterior}$ ) of  $A$  and is denoted by  $(1, 2)*\text{-}\alpha \text{Int}(A)$  (resp.  $(1, 2)*\text{-sInt}(A)$ ,  $(1, 2)*\text{-pInt}(A)$ ).

**Result 1** ([9]). Let  $S$  be a subset of  $X$ . Then:

- (i)  $(1, 2)*\text{-sCl}(S) = S \cup \tau_1 \tau_2\text{-Int}(\tau_1 \tau_2\text{-Cl}(S))$ ;
- (ii)  $(1, 2)*\text{-sInt}(S) = S \cap \tau_1 \tau_2\text{-Cl}(\tau_1 \tau_2\text{-Int}(S))$ .

### 3. A NEW TYPE OF SETS

**Proposition 1.** For any subset  $A$  of a bitopological space  $X$ , the followings hold:

- (i)  $(1, 2)*\text{-}\alpha \text{Cl}(A) = A \cup \tau_1 \tau_2\text{-Cl}(\tau_1 \tau_2\text{-Int}(\tau_1 \tau_2\text{-Cl}(A)))$ ;
- (ii)  $(1, 2)*\text{-}\alpha \text{Int}(A) = A \cap \tau_1 \tau_2\text{-Int}(\tau_1 \tau_2\text{-Cl}(\tau_1 \tau_2\text{-Int}(A)))$ ;
- (iii)  $(1, 2)*\text{-pCl}(A) = A \cup \tau_1 \tau_2\text{-Cl}(\tau_1 \tau_2\text{-Int}(A))$ ;
- (iv)  $(1, 2)*\text{-pInt}(A) = A \cap \tau_1 \tau_2\text{-Int}(\tau_1 \tau_2\text{-Cl}(A))$ .

*Proof.* (i) Since  $(1, 2)*$ - $\alpha$  Cl( $A$ ) is  $(1, 2)*$ - $\alpha$ -closed set,  $A \subseteq (1, 2)*$ - $\alpha$  Cl( $A$ ). we have  $\tau_1 \tau_2$ -Cl( $\tau_1 \tau_2$ -Int( $\tau_1 \tau_2$ -Cl( $(1, 2)*$ - $\alpha$  Cl( $A$ ))))  $\subseteq (1, 2)*$ - $\alpha$  Cl( $A$ ) and hence  $A \cup \tau_1 \tau_2$ -Cl( $\tau_1 \tau_2$ -Int( $\tau_1 \tau_2$ -Cl( $A$ )))  $\subseteq (1, 2)*$ - $\alpha$  Cl( $A$ ). On the other hand, we observe that

$$\begin{aligned} & \tau_1 \tau_2\text{-Cl}(\tau_1 \tau_2\text{-Int}(\tau_1 \tau_2\text{-Cl}(A \cup \tau_1 \tau_2\text{-Cl}(\tau_1 \tau_2\text{-Int}(\tau_1 \tau_2\text{-Cl}(A)))))) \\ & \subseteq \tau_1 \tau_2\text{-Cl}(\tau_1 \tau_2\text{-Int}(\tau_1 \tau_2\text{-Cl}(A)) \cup \tau_1 \tau_2\text{-Int}(\tau_1 \tau_2\text{-Cl}(\tau_1 \tau_2\text{-Int}(\tau_1 \tau_2\text{-Cl}(A)))))) \\ & = \tau_1 \tau_2\text{-Cl}(\tau_1 \tau_2\text{-Int}(\tau_1 \tau_2\text{-Cl}(A)) \cup \tau_1 \tau_2\text{-Int}(\tau_1 \tau_2\text{-Cl}(A))) \\ & = \tau_1 \tau_2\text{-Cl}(\tau_1 \tau_2\text{-Int}(\tau_1 \tau_2\text{-Cl}(A))) \\ & \subseteq A \cup \tau_1 \tau_2\text{-Cl}(\tau_1 \tau_2\text{-Int}(\tau_1 \tau_2\text{-Cl}(A))). \end{aligned}$$

This shows that  $A \cup \tau_1 \tau_2$ -Cl( $\tau_1 \tau_2$ -Int( $\tau_1 \tau_2$ -Cl( $A$ ))) is  $(1, 2)*$ - $\alpha$ -closed set and so,  $(1, 2)*$ - $\alpha$  Cl( $A$ )  $\subseteq A \cup \tau_1 \tau_2$ -Cl( $\tau_1 \tau_2$ -Int( $\tau_1 \tau_2$ -Cl( $A$ ))). Thus,  $(1, 2)*$ - $\alpha$  Cl( $A$ ) =  $A \cup \tau_1 \tau_2$ -Cl( $\tau_1 \tau_2$ -Int( $\tau_1 \tau_2$ -Cl( $A$ ))).

(ii)  $(1, 2)*$ - $\alpha$  Cl( $X \setminus A$ ) =  $(X \setminus A) \cup \tau_1 \tau_2$ -Cl( $\tau_1 \tau_2$ -Int( $\tau_1 \tau_2$ -Cl( $X \setminus A$ ))). Then  $X \setminus (1, 2)*$ - $\alpha$  Cl( $X \setminus A$ ) =  $(X \setminus (X \setminus A)) \cap (X \setminus \tau_1 \tau_2$ -Cl( $\tau_1 \tau_2$ -Int( $\tau_1 \tau_2$ -Cl( $X \setminus A$ ))))). Therefore  $(1, 2)*$ - $\alpha$  Int( $A$ ) =  $A \cap \tau_1 \tau_2$ -Int( $\tau_1 \tau_2$ -Cl( $\tau_1 \tau_2$ -Int( $A$ ))).

(iii) We observe that

$$\begin{aligned} & \tau_1 \tau_2\text{-Cl}(\tau_1 \tau_2\text{-Int}(A \cup \tau_1 \tau_2\text{-Cl}(\tau_1 \tau_2\text{-Int}(A)))) \\ & \subseteq \tau_1 \tau_2\text{-Cl}(\tau_1 \tau_2\text{-Int}(A)) \cup \tau_1 \tau_2\text{-Cl}(\tau_1 \tau_2\text{-Int}(A)) \\ & = \tau_1 \tau_2\text{-Cl}(\tau_1 \tau_2\text{-Int}(A)) \subseteq A \cup \tau_1 \tau_2\text{-Cl}(\tau_1 \tau_2\text{-Int}(A)). \end{aligned}$$

This shows that the set  $A \cup \tau_1 \tau_2$ -Cl( $\tau_1 \tau_2$ -Int( $A$ )) is  $(1, 2)*$ -preclosed and thus  $(1, 2)*$ -pCl( $A$ )  $\subseteq A \cup \tau_1 \tau_2$ -Cl( $\tau_1 \tau_2$ -Int( $A$ )). On the other hand, since  $(1, 2)*$ -pCl( $A$ ) is  $(1, 2)*$ -preclosed, we obtain that  $\tau_1 \tau_2$ -Cl( $\tau_1 \tau_2$ -Int( $A$ ))  $\subseteq \tau_1 \tau_2$ -Cl( $\tau_1 \tau_2$ -Int( $(1, 2)*$ -pCl( $A$ )))  $\subseteq (1, 2)*$ -pCl( $A$ ) and hence  $A \cup \tau_1 \tau_2$ -Cl( $\tau_1 \tau_2$ -Int( $A$ ))  $\subseteq (1, 2)*$ -pCl( $A$ ). Thus,  $(1, 2)*$ -pCl( $A$ ) =  $A \cup \tau_1 \tau_2$ -Cl( $\tau_1 \tau_2$ -Int( $A$ )).

(iv)  $(1, 2)*$ -pCl( $X \setminus A$ ) =  $(X \setminus A) \cup \tau_1 \tau_2$ -Cl( $\tau_1 \tau_2$ -Int( $X \setminus A$ )). Then  $X \setminus (1, 2)*$ -pCl( $X \setminus A$ ) =  $X \setminus (X \setminus A) \cap (X \setminus \tau_1 \tau_2$ -Cl( $\tau_1 \tau_2$ -Int( $X \setminus A$ ))). Hence we have  $(1, 2)*$ -pInt( $A$ ) =  $A \cap \tau_1 \tau_2$ -Int( $\tau_1 \tau_2$ -Cl( $A$ )).  $\square$

We introduce a new type of sets as follows.

**Definition 4.** For a bitopological space  $(X, \tau_1, \tau_2)$ , we define

- (i)  $(1, 2)*$ -D( $\alpha, p$ ) =  $\{S \subseteq X : (1, 2)*$ - $\alpha$  Int( $S$ ) =  $(1, 2)*$ -pInt( $S$ ) $\}$ ;
- (ii)  $(1, 2)*$ -D( $\alpha, s$ ) =  $\{S \subseteq X : (1, 2)*$ - $\alpha$  Int( $S$ ) =  $(1, 2)*$ -sInt( $S$ ) $\}$ .

**Proposition 2.**  $S$  is a  $(1, 2)*$ -semi-open set if and only if  $\tau_1 \tau_2$ -Cl( $S$ ) =  $\tau_1 \tau_2$ -Cl( $\tau_1 \tau_2$ -Int( $S$ )).

*Proof.* Since  $S \subseteq \tau_1 \tau_2$ -Cl( $\tau_1 \tau_2$ -Int( $S$ )),  $\tau_1 \tau_2$ -Cl( $S$ )  $\subseteq \tau_1 \tau_2$ -Cl( $\tau_1 \tau_2$ -Int( $S$ )). On the other hand, since  $\tau_1 \tau_2$ -Int( $S$ )  $\subseteq S$ , we have  $\tau_1 \tau_2$ -Cl( $\tau_1 \tau_2$ -Int( $S$ ))  $\subseteq \tau_1 \tau_2$ -Cl( $S$ ).

Thus  $\tau_1 \tau_2\text{-Cl}(S) = \tau_1 \tau_2\text{-Cl}(\tau_1 \tau_2\text{-Int}(S))$ . Conversely, since  $S \subseteq \tau_1 \tau_2\text{-Cl}(S) = \tau_1 \tau_2\text{-Cl}(\tau_1 \tau_2\text{-Int}(S))$ ,  $S$  is a  $(1, 2)*\text{-semi-open}$ .  $\square$

#### 4. COMPARISONS

*Remark 1.* We have the following diagram:

$$\begin{array}{ccc} (1, 2)*\text{-preopen set} & \Leftarrow & (1, 2)*\text{-}\alpha\text{-open set} & \Rightarrow & (1, 2)*\text{-semi-open set} \\ & \Uparrow & & & \Downarrow \\ (1, 2)*\text{-D}(\alpha, s) \text{ set} & & & & (1, 2)*\text{-D}(\alpha, p) \text{ set} \end{array}$$

The following statements enable us to realize that none of the implications in the above diagram is reversible.

*Example 1.* Let  $X = \{a, b, c\}$ ,  $\tau_1 = \{\emptyset, X, \{a, b\}\}$  and  $\tau_2 = \{\emptyset, X, \{b, c\}\}$ . Then the sets in  $\{\emptyset, X, \{a, b\}, \{b, c\}\}$  are  $\tau_{1,2}$ -open and the sets in  $\{\emptyset, X, \{c\}, \{a\}\}$  are  $\tau_{1,2}$ -closed.

*Example 2.* Let  $X = \{a, b, c\}$ ,  $\tau_1 = \{\emptyset, X, \{a\}\}$  and  $\tau_2 = \{\emptyset, X, \{b\}\}$ . Then the sets in  $\{\emptyset, X, \{a\}, \{b\}, \{a, b\}\}$  are  $\tau_{1,2}$ -open and the sets in  $\{\emptyset, X, \{c\}, \{b, c\}, \{a, c\}\}$  are  $\tau_{1,2}$ -closed.

*Example 3.* Let  $X = \{a, b, c, d\}$ ,  $\tau_1 = \{\emptyset, X, \{c, d\}\}$  and  $\tau_2 = \{\emptyset, X, \{a\}\}$ . Then the elements of  $\{\emptyset, X, \{a\}, \{c, d\}, \{a, c, d\}\}$  are  $\tau_{1,2}$ -open sets and the elements of  $\{\emptyset, X, \{b\}, \{a, b\}, \{b, c, d\}\}$  are  $\tau_{1,2}$ -closed sets.

*Remark 2.*  $(1, 2)*\text{-preopen}$  and  $(1, 2)*\text{-D}(\alpha, p)$  sets are independent each other. Indeed, in Example 1, clearly  $\{b\}$  is  $(1, 2)*\text{-preopen}$  but it is not  $(1, 2)*\text{-D}(\alpha, p)$  set. Moreover,  $\{a\}$  is  $(1, 2)*\text{-D}(\alpha, p)$  set but it is not  $(1, 2)*\text{-preopen}$ .

*Remark 3.*  $(1, 2)*\text{-semi-open}$  and  $(1, 2)*\text{-D}(\alpha, s)$  sets are independent each other. Indeed, in Example 2, clearly  $\{a, c\}$  is  $(1, 2)*\text{-semi-open}$  set but it is not  $(1, 2)*\text{-D}(\alpha, s)$  set. Moreover,  $\{c\}$  is  $(1, 2)*\text{-D}(\alpha, s)$  set but it is not  $(1, 2)*\text{-semi-open}$ .

*Remark 4.*  $(1, 2)*\text{-semi-open}$  and  $(1, 2)*\text{-preopen}$  sets are independent each other. Indeed, in Example 1, clearly  $\{b\}$  is  $(1, 2)*\text{-preopen}$  set but it is not  $(1, 2)*\text{-semi-open}$  set. In Example 2,  $\{a, c\}$  is  $(1, 2)*\text{-semi-open}$  set but it is not  $(1, 2)*\text{-preopen}$ .

**Theorem 1.** *Let  $A$  be a subset of  $X$ . Then  $A$  is  $(1, 2)*\text{-}\alpha\text{-open}$  set in  $X$  if and only if  $A$  is  $(1, 2)*\text{-semi-open}$  and  $(1, 2)*\text{-preopen}$  in  $X$ .*

*Proof.* Let  $A \in (1, 2)*\text{-}\alpha O(X)$ . By the definition of  $(1, 2)*\text{-}\alpha\text{-open}$  set, we have  $A \subset \tau_1 \tau_2\text{-Int}(\tau_1 \tau_2\text{-Cl}(A))$  and  $A \subset \tau_1 \tau_2\text{-Cl}(\tau_1 \tau_2\text{-Int}(A))$ . Therefore  $A \in (1, 2)*\text{-PO}(X)$  and  $A \in (1, 2)*\text{-SO}(X)$ . Hence  $A \in (1, 2)*\text{-PO}(X) \cap (1, 2)*\text{-SO}(X)$ .

Conversely, let  $A \in (1, 2)*\text{-SO}(X)$ . Then, by Proposition 2,  $\tau_1 \tau_2\text{-Cl}(A) = \tau_1 \tau_2\text{-Cl}(\tau_1 \tau_2\text{-Int}(A))$ . Then  $\tau_1 \tau_2\text{-Int}(\tau_1 \tau_2\text{-Cl}(A)) = \tau_1 \tau_2\text{-Int}(\tau_1 \tau_2\text{-Cl}(\tau_1 \tau_2\text{-Int}(A)))$ . Let  $A \in (1, 2)*\text{-PO}(X)$ . Then  $A \subset \tau_1 \tau_2\text{-Int}(\tau_1 \tau_2\text{-Cl}(A))$ . We have  $A \subset \tau_1 \tau_2\text{-Int}(\tau_1 \tau_2\text{-Cl}(\tau_1 \tau_2\text{-Int}(A)))$ . Thus  $A \in (1, 2)*\text{-}\alpha O(X)$ .  $\square$

*Example 4.* A  $(1, 2)*$ -semi-open set need not be  $(1, 2)*$ - $\alpha$ -open. In Example 2,  $\{a, c\}$  is  $(1, 2)*$ -semi-open set but it is not  $(1, 2)*$ - $\alpha$ -open.

*Example 5.* A  $(1, 2)*$ -preopen set need not be  $(1, 2)*$ - $\alpha$ -open. In Example 1,  $\{b\}$  is  $(1, 2)*$ -preopen set but it is not  $(1, 2)*$ - $\alpha$ -open.

**Proposition 3.** For a bitopological space  $(X, \tau_1, \tau_2)$ , the relation  $(1, 2)*$ - $SO(X) \subseteq (1, 2)*$ - $D(\alpha, p)$  holds.

*Proof.* Let  $A \in (1, 2)*$ - $SO(X)$ . Then, by virtue of Proposition 2,  $\tau_1 \tau_2$ - $Cl(A) = \tau_1 \tau_2$ - $Cl(\tau_1 \tau_2$ - $Int(A))$ . Then  $\tau_1 \tau_2$ - $Int(\tau_1 \tau_2$ - $Cl(A)) = \tau_1 \tau_2$ - $Int(\tau_1 \tau_2$ - $Cl(\tau_1 \tau_2$ - $Int(A)))$ . We have  $A \cap \tau_1 \tau_2$ - $Int(\tau_1 \tau_2$ - $Cl(A)) = A \cap \tau_1 \tau_2$ - $Int(\tau_1 \tau_2$ - $Cl(\tau_1 \tau_2$ - $Int(A)))$ . Hence,  $(1, 2)*$ - $p$ - $Int(A) = (1, 2)*$ - $\alpha$   $Int(A)$  by Proposition 1. Therefore  $A$  is a  $(1, 2)*$ - $D(\alpha, p)$  set.  $\square$

*Example 6.* A  $(1, 2)*$ - $D(\alpha, p)$  set need not be  $(1, 2)*$ -semi-open. In Example 2,  $\{a\}$  is  $(1, 2)*$ - $D(\alpha, p)$  set but it is not  $(1, 2)*$ -semi-open.

*Remark 5.*  $(1, 2)*$ - $D(\alpha, s)$  and  $(1, 2)*$ -preopen are independent each other. Indeed, in Example 3, clearly  $\{a, b, c\}$  is  $(1, 2)*$ -preopen but it is not  $(1, 2)*$ - $D(\alpha, s)$ . Moreover,  $\{b\}$  is  $(1, 2)*$ - $D(\alpha, s)$  but it is not  $(1, 2)*$ -preopen.

**Theorem 2.** For a bitopological space  $(X, \tau_1, \tau_2)$ , the equality  $(1, 2)*$ - $\alpha O(X) = (1, 2)*$ - $PO(X) \cap (1, 2)*$ - $D(\alpha, p)$  holds.

*Proof.* Let  $A \in (1, 2)*$ - $PO(X) \cap (1, 2)*$ - $D(\alpha, p)$ . Then  $A = (1, 2)*$ - $p$ - $Int(A)$  and  $(1, 2)*$ - $\alpha$   $Int(A) = (1, 2)*$ - $p$ - $Int(A)$ . Hence  $A = (1, 2)*$ - $\alpha$   $Int(A)$ . Therefore  $A \in (1, 2)*$ - $\alpha O(X)$ .

Conversely, let  $A \in (1, 2)*$ - $\alpha O(X)$ . Then  $A = (1, 2)*$ - $\alpha$   $Int(A) \subseteq (1, 2)*$ - $p$ - $Int(A)$ . But  $(1, 2)*$ - $p$ - $Int(A) \subseteq A$ . Therefore  $A \in (1, 2)*$ - $PO(X)$  and thus we have  $A = (1, 2)*$ - $\alpha$   $Int(A) = (1, 2)*$ - $p$ - $Int(A)$ . Hence  $A$  is a  $(1, 2)*$ - $D(\alpha, p)$  set.  $\square$

**Theorem 3.** For a bitopological space  $(X, \tau_1, \tau_2)$ , the equality  $(1, 2)*$ - $\alpha O(X) = (1, 2)*$ - $SO(X) \cap (1, 2)*$ - $D(\alpha, s)$  holds.

*Proof.* Let  $A \in (1, 2)*$ - $\alpha O(X)$ . Then  $A = (1, 2)*$ - $\alpha$   $Int(A) \subseteq (1, 2)*$ - $s$   $Int(A)$ . But  $(1, 2)*$ - $s$   $Int(A) \subseteq A$ . Thus  $A \in (1, 2)*$ - $SO(X)$ . Also  $A = (1, 2)*$ - $\alpha$   $Int(A) = (1, 2)*$ - $s$   $Int(A)$ . Thus  $A \in (1, 2)*$ - $D(\alpha, s)$ .

Conversely, let  $A \in (1, 2)*$ - $SO(X) \cap (1, 2)*$ - $D(\alpha, s)$ . Then  $A = (1, 2)*$ - $s$   $Int(A)$  and  $(1, 2)*$ - $\alpha$   $Int(A) = (1, 2)*$ - $s$   $Int(A)$ . Now we have  $A = (1, 2)*$ - $\alpha$   $Int(A)$ . Therefore  $A \in (1, 2)*$ - $\alpha O(X)$ .  $\square$

## 5. ANOTHER NEW TYPE OF SETS

**Definition 5.** For a bitopological space  $(X, \tau_1, \tau_2)$ , we define

- (i)  $(1, 2)*$ - $D(c, \alpha) = \{S \subseteq X : \tau_1 \tau_2$ - $Int(S) = (1, 2)*$ - $\alpha$   $Int(S)\}$ ;
- (ii)  $(1, 2)*$ - $D(c, s) = \{S \subseteq X : \tau_1 \tau_2$ - $Int(S) = (1, 2)*$ - $s$   $Int(S)\}$ ;

$$(iii) (1, 2)*-D(c, p) = \{S \subseteq X : \tau_1 \tau_2\text{-Int}(S) = (1, 2)*-p\text{Int}(S)\}.$$

**Proposition 4.** For a subset  $A$  of  $(X, \tau_1, \tau_2)$ , the following statements are equivalent:

- (i)  $A$  is a  $(1, 2)*-D(c, s)$  set.
- (ii)  $\tau_1 \tau_2\text{-Int}(A) = A \cap \tau_1 \tau_2\text{-Cl}(\tau_1 \tau_2\text{-Int}(A))$ .

*Proof.* (i) $\Rightarrow$ (ii): Let  $A$  be a  $(1, 2)*-D(c, s)$  set. Then we have  $\tau_1 \tau_2\text{-Int}(A) = (1, 2)*-s\text{Int}(A) = A \cap \tau_1 \tau_2\text{-Cl}(\tau_1 \tau_2\text{-Int}(A))$  by Result 1.

(ii) $\Rightarrow$ (i): Let  $\tau_1 \tau_2\text{-Int}(A) = A \cap \tau_1 \tau_2\text{-Cl}(\tau_1 \tau_2\text{-Int}(A))$ . Then, by Result 1,  $\tau_1 \tau_2\text{-Int}(A) = (1, 2)*-s\text{Int}(A)$ . Therefore,  $A$  is a  $(1, 2)*-D(c, s)$  set.  $\square$

**Proposition 5.** Every singleton  $\{x\}$  of  $(X, \tau_1, \tau_2)$  is a  $(1, 2)*-D(c, s)$  set.

*Proof.* First suppose that  $\{x\}$  is  $\tau_{1,2}$ -open. Then  $\tau_1 \tau_2\text{-Int}(\{x\}) = \{x\} = \{x\} \cap \tau_1 \tau_2\text{-Cl}(\{x\}) = \{x\} \cap \tau_1 \tau_2\text{-Cl}(\tau_1 \tau_2\text{-Int}(\{x\}))$ . Therefore, by Proposition 4,  $\{x\}$  is a  $(1, 2)*-D(c, s)$  set.

Now, let  $\{x\}$  be not  $\tau_{1,2}$ -open. Then  $\tau_1 \tau_2\text{-Int}(\{x\}) = \emptyset = \{x\} \cap \emptyset = \{x\} \cap \tau_1 \tau_2\text{-Cl}(\tau_1 \tau_2\text{-Int}(\{x\}))$ . Therefore, by Proposition 4,  $\{x\}$  is a  $(1, 2)*-D(c, s)$  set.  $\square$

**Proposition 6.** Every  $\tau_{1,2}$ -open set is a  $(1, 2)*-D(c, s)$  set.

*Proof.*  $\tau_1 \tau_2\text{-Int}(A) = A = A \cap \tau_1 \tau_2\text{-Cl}(A) = A \cap \tau_1 \tau_2\text{-Cl}(\tau_1 \tau_2\text{-Int}(A)) = (1, 2)*-s\text{Int}(A)$  by Result 1.  $\square$

**Proposition 7.** Every  $\tau_{1,2}$ -open set is a  $(1, 2)*-D(c, \alpha)$  set.

*Proof.* By Proposition 1,  $\tau_1 \tau_2\text{-Int}(A) = A = \tau_1 \tau_2\text{-Int}(A \cap \tau_1 \tau_2\text{-Cl}(A)) = A \cap \tau_1 \tau_2\text{-Int}(\tau_1 \tau_2\text{-Cl}(A)) = A \cap \tau_1 \tau_2\text{-Int}(\tau_1 \tau_2\text{-Cl}(\tau_1 \tau_2\text{-Int}(A))) = (1, 2)*-\alpha\text{Int}(A)$ .  $\square$

**Proposition 8.** For a bitopological space  $(X, \tau_1, \tau_2)$ , the following assertions hold:

- (i)  $(1, 2)*-D(c, s) \subseteq (1, 2)*-D(c, \alpha)$ ;
- (ii)  $(1, 2)*-D(c, p) \subseteq (1, 2)*-D(c, \alpha)$ .

*Proof.* (i) Let  $A \in (1, 2)*-D(c, s)$ . Then  $\tau_1 \tau_2\text{-Int}(A) = (1, 2)*-s\text{Int}(A) \supseteq (1, 2)*-\alpha\text{Int}(A)$ . But  $\tau_1 \tau_2\text{-Int}(A) \subseteq (1, 2)*-\alpha\text{Int}(A)$  and thus we have  $\tau_1 \tau_2\text{-Int}(A) = (1, 2)*-\alpha\text{Int}(A)$ . Therefore,  $A \in (1, 2)*-D(c, \alpha)$ .

(ii) Let  $A \in (1, 2)*-D(c, p)$ . Then we get  $\tau_1 \tau_2\text{-Int}(A) = (1, 2)*-p\text{Int}(A) \supseteq (1, 2)*-\alpha\text{Int}(A)$ . But  $\tau_1 \tau_2\text{-Int}(A) \subseteq (1, 2)*-\alpha\text{Int}(A)$  and thus  $\tau_1 \tau_2\text{-Int}(A) = (1, 2)*-\alpha\text{Int}(A)$ . Therefore  $A \in (1, 2)*-D(c, \alpha)$ .  $\square$

The converses of Propositions 7 and 8 are not true as can be seen from the following example.

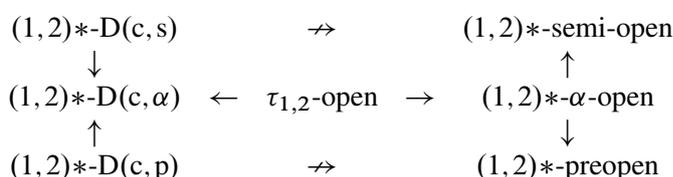
*Example 7.* In Example 1,  $\{b\}$  is  $(1, 2)*-D(c, \alpha)$  set but it is not  $(1, 2)*-D(c, p)$ . In Example 2,  $\{b, c\}$  is  $(1, 2)*-D(c, \alpha)$  set but it is not  $(1, 2)*-D(c, s)$ . Finally, in Example 1,  $\{b\}$  is  $(1, 2)*-D(c, \alpha)$  set but it is not  $\tau_{1,2}$ -open.

*Remark 6.*  $(1, 2)*$ -semi-open and  $(1, 2)*$ - $D(c, s)$  sets are independent each other. Indeed, in Example 2, clearly  $\{a, c\}$  is  $(1, 2)*$ -semi-open but it is not  $(1, 2)*$ - $D(c, s)$ . Moreover,  $\{c\}$  is  $(1, 2)*$ - $D(c, s)$  set but it is not  $(1, 2)*$ -semi-open.

*Remark 7.*  $(1, 2)*$ -preopen and  $(1, 2)*$ - $D(c, p)$  sets are independent each other. In Example 1, clearly  $\{b\}$  is  $(1, 2)*$ -preopen but it is not  $(1, 2)*$ - $D(c, p)$ . Moreover,  $\{a\}$  is  $(1, 2)*$ - $D(c, p)$  set but it is not  $(1, 2)*$ -preopen.

*Remark 8.*  $(1, 2)*$ - $\alpha$ -open and  $(1, 2)*$ - $D(c, \alpha)$  sets are independent each other. Indeed, let  $X = \{a, b, c\}$  with  $\tau_1 = \{\emptyset, X, \{c\}\}$  and  $\tau_2 = \{\emptyset, X, \{b, c\}\}$ . Then the sets in  $\{\emptyset, X, \{c\}, \{b, c\}\}$  are  $\tau_{1,2}$ -open and the sets in  $\{\emptyset, X, \{a\}, \{a, b\}\}$  are  $\tau_{1,2}$ -closed. Clearly  $\{a, c\}$  is  $(1, 2)*$ - $\alpha$ -open but it is not  $(1, 2)*$ - $D(c, \alpha)$  set. Moreover,  $\{a\}$  is  $(1, 2)*$ - $D(c, \alpha)$  set but it is not  $(1, 2)*$ - $\alpha$ -open.

*Remark 9.* We have the following diagram from the subsets we defined above and the Remarks given above. Also, None of the implications in the diagram is reversible.



**Theorem 4.** For a subset  $A$  of  $(X, \tau_1, \tau_2)$ , the following assertions are equivalent:

- (i)  $A$  is  $\tau_{1,2}$ -open.
- (ii)  $A$  is  $(1, 2)*$ - $\alpha$ -open set and a  $(1, 2)*$ - $D(c, \alpha)$  set.
- (iii)  $A$  is  $(1, 2)*$ -preopen set and a  $(1, 2)*$ - $D(c, p)$  set.

*Proof.* The implication (i) $\Rightarrow$ (ii) is obvious.

(ii) $\Rightarrow$ (iii): Let  $A$  be  $(1, 2)*$ - $\alpha$ -open set and a  $(1, 2)*$ - $D(c, \alpha)$  set. Then  $A \in (1, 2)*$ - $PO(X) \cap (1, 2)*$ - $SO(X)$  and  $(1, 2)*$ - $\alpha$ -Int( $A$ ) =  $\tau_1 \tau_2$ -Int( $A$ ). By Proposition 1, we have  $A \cap \tau_1 \tau_2$ -Int( $\tau_1 \tau_2$ -Cl( $\tau_1 \tau_2$ -Int( $A$ ))) =  $\tau_1 \tau_2$ -Int( $A$ ) and subsequently  $A \cap \tau_1 \tau_2$ -Int( $\tau_1 \tau_2$ -Cl( $A$ )) =  $\tau_1 \tau_2$ -Int( $A$ ). Now by Proposition 1, we have  $(1, 2)*$ -pInt( $A$ ) =  $\tau_1 \tau_2$ -Int( $A$ ). Therefore  $A$  is a  $(1, 2)*$ - $D(c, p)$  set.

(iii) $\Rightarrow$ (i): Let  $A$  be  $(1, 2)*$ -preopen set and a  $(1, 2)*$ - $D(c, p)$  set. Then by definition  $A = (1, 2)*$ -pInt( $A$ ) and  $\tau_1 \tau_2$ -Int( $A$ ) =  $(1, 2)*$ -pInt( $A$ ). Hence  $A = \tau_1 \tau_2$ -Int( $A$ ). Therefore  $A$  is  $\tau_{1,2}$ -open set. □

*Remark 10.*  $(1, 2)*$ - $\alpha$ -open and  $(1, 2)*$ - $D(c, s)$  sets are independent each other. Indeed, in the example given in Remark 8, clearly  $\{a, c\}$  is  $(1, 2)*$ - $\alpha$ -open set but it is not  $(1, 2)*$ - $D(c, s)$  set. Moreover,  $\{a\}$  is  $(1, 2)*$ - $D(c, s)$  set but it is not  $(1, 2)*$ - $\alpha$ -open.

**Theorem 5.** For a subset  $A$  of  $(X, \tau_1, \tau_2)$ , the following assertions are equivalent:

- (i)  $A$  is  $\tau_{1,2}$ -open.
- (ii)  $A$  is  $(1, 2)*$ - $\alpha$ -open set and a  $(1, 2)*$ - $D(c, s)$  set.

(iii)  $A$  is  $(1, 2)$ \*-semi-open set and a  $(1, 2)$ \*- $D(c, s)$  set.

*Proof.* The implications (i) $\Rightarrow$ (ii) and (ii) $\Rightarrow$ (iii) are obvious.

(iii) $\Rightarrow$ (i): Let  $A$  be  $(1, 2)$ \*-semi-open set and a  $(1, 2)$ \*- $D(c, s)$  set. Then  $\tau_1 \tau_2$ - $\text{Int}(A) = (1, 2)$ \*- $s\text{Int}(A) = A \cap \tau_1 \tau_2$ - $\text{Cl}(\tau_1 \tau_2$ - $\text{Int}(A)) = A \cap \tau_1 \tau_2$ - $\text{Cl}(A)$  by the definition, Proposition 2, and Result 1. Now we have  $\tau_1 \tau_2$ - $\text{Int}(A) = A$ . Therefore  $A$  is  $\tau_{1,2}$ -open.  $\square$

## 6. DECOMPOSITION OF $(1, 2)$ \*-CONTINUITY AND $(1, 2)$ \*- $\alpha$ -CONTINUITY

**Definition 6** ([6]). A mapping  $f: X \rightarrow Y$  is called

- (i)  $(1, 2)$ \*- $\alpha$ -continuous if  $f^{-1}(V) \in (1, 2)$ \*- $\alpha O(X)$  for each  $\sigma_{1,2}$ -open set  $V$  of  $Y$ ;
- (ii)  $(1, 2)$ \*-semi-continuous if  $f^{-1}(V) \in (1, 2)$ \*- $SO(X)$  for each  $\sigma_{1,2}$ -open set  $V$  of  $Y$ ;
- (iii)  $(1, 2)$ \*-precontinuous if  $f^{-1}(V) \in (1, 2)$ \*- $PO(X)$  for each  $\sigma_{1,2}$ -open set  $V$  of  $Y$ .

We introduce new classes of mappings as follows:

**Definition 7.** A mapping  $f: X \rightarrow Y$  is called

- (i)  $(1, 2)$ \*- $D(\alpha, p)$  continuous if  $f^{-1}(V) \in (1, 2)$ \*- $D(\alpha, p)$  for each  $\sigma_{1,2}$ -open set  $v$  of  $Y$ ;
- (ii)  $(1, 2)$ \*- $D(\alpha, s)$  continuous if  $f^{-1}(V) \in (1, 2)$ \*- $D(\alpha, s)$  for each  $\sigma_{1,2}$ -open set  $v$  of  $Y$ ;
- (iii)  $(1, 2)$ \*- $D(c, \alpha)$  continuous if  $f^{-1}(V) \in (1, 2)$ \*- $D(c, \alpha)$  for each  $\sigma_{1,2}$ -open set  $v$  of  $Y$ ;
- (iv)  $(1, 2)$ \*- $D(c, s)$  continuous if  $f^{-1}(V) \in (1, 2)$ \*- $D(c, s)$  for each  $\sigma_{1,2}$ -open set  $v$  of  $Y$ ;
- (v)  $(1, 2)$ \*- $D(c, p)$  continuous if  $f^{-1}(V) \in (1, 2)$ \*- $D(c, p)$  for each  $\sigma_{1,2}$ -open set  $v$  of  $Y$ .

**Theorem 6.** A mapping  $f: X \rightarrow Y$  is  $(1, 2)$ \*-continuous if and only if

- (i) it is  $(1, 2)$ \*- $\alpha$ -continuous and  $(1, 2)$ \*- $D(c, \alpha)$  continuous.
- (ii) it is  $(1, 2)$ \*-precontinuous and  $(1, 2)$ \*- $D(c, p)$  continuous.
- (iii) it is  $(1, 2)$ \*- $\alpha$ -continuous and  $(1, 2)$ \*- $D(c, s)$  continuous.
- (iv) it is  $(1, 2)$ \*-semi-continuous and  $(1, 2)$ \*- $D(c, s)$  continuous.

*Proof.* It is a decomposition of  $(1, 2)$ \*-continuity from Theorems 4 and 5.  $\square$

**Theorem 7.** A mapping  $f: X \rightarrow Y$  is  $(1, 2)$ \*- $\alpha$ -continuous if and only if

- (i) it is  $(1, 2)$ \*-semi-continuous and  $(1, 2)$ \*-precontinuous.
- (ii) it is  $(1, 2)$ \*-precontinuous and  $(1, 2)$ \*- $D(\alpha, p)$  continuous.
- (iii) it is  $(1, 2)$ \*-semi-continuous and  $(1, 2)$ \*- $D(\alpha, s)$  continuous.

*Proof.* It is a decomposition of  $(1, 2)$ \*- $\alpha$ -continuity from Theorems 1, 2 and 3.  $\square$

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