

## ASYMMETRIC CLOPEN SETS IN THE BITOPOLOGICAL SPACES

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**Abstract.** In the paper the behavior of clopen sets in bitopological spaces and some properties of generalized objects (e.g.,  $(i, j)$ -quasi components and  $(i, j)$ -clopen compact subsets) are investigated. By using asymmetric clopen sets we introduce new classes of  $(i, j)$ -clopen irresolute and  $(i, j)$ -weakly clopen-continuous maps. Also, some their relations to  $p$ -ultra-Hausdorff bitopological structures are established. Characterizations and a preserving theorem of pairwise connected spaces are obtained.

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**1. Introduction**

The clopen sets (i.e., sets that are both closed and open) play an important role in characterizations of the objects which define fundamental constructions of classical topology (see, e.g., [4], [6], [7], [10] etc.). It is well known that such sets are actually used in mathematical analysis, logics and theoretical computer sciences. In bitopological spaces, considerations of so called  $(1, 2)$ -clopen and  $(2, 1)$ -clopen sets seem to be not applied widely, although there are few interesting articles in this direction (see, e.g., [1], [12]). Motivated by this gap in the bitopological case we try to develop some theoretical constructions for asymmetric quasi-components, ultra-Hausdorff separation and continuous-like mappings by using asymmetric clopens. We obtain new characterizations and a preservation theorem of pairwise connected spaces due to Pervin [11].

Throughout the paper, for a bitopological space  $(X, \tau_1, \tau_2)$  we use the following notations: the interior and the closure of a subset  $A$  of  $X$  with respect to the topology  $\tau_i$  are denoted by  $\tau_i \text{int}A$  and  $\tau_i \text{cl}A$ , respectively, where  $i \in \{1, 2\}$ . If  $O$  is open in  $\tau_i$ , then we write  $O \in \tau_i$ , while, for the  $\tau_i$ -closed set  $F$ , we use the notation  $F \in \text{co}\tau_i$  (in this case, for brevity,  $O$  and  $F$  are meant also as an  $i$ -open and an  $i$ -closed set, respectively). We denote by  $\tau_i^A = \{A \cap U \mid U \in \tau_i\}$  the topology induced on the set  $A$  from the  $\tau_i$ . Next, in several results, we apply few important notions on bitopological structures, which are completely concerned in [5], but for classical topological ones see, e.g., [7]. The family of all  $\tau_i$ -open neighborhoods of a subset  $M$  of  $X$  is denoted by  $\sum_i^X(M)$ . The bitopological space  $(X, \tau_1, \tau_2)$  is briefly denoted by  $\text{BS}(X, \tau_1, \tau_2)$ .

## 2. $(i, j)$ -Clopen sets

**Definition 2.1.** A subset  $A$  of a  $\text{BS}(X, \tau_1, \tau_2)$  is called an  $(i, j)$ -clopen set if  $A \in \tau_i \cap \text{co}\tau_j$ , where  $i, j \in \{1, 2\}, i \neq j$ .

Below the class of all  $(i, j)$ -clopen subsets of  $(X, \tau_1, \tau_2)$  will be denoted by  $(i, j) - \text{Clp}(X)$ . If  $i = j$ , we get the well known notion of general topology –the clopen set. Therefore, the class of  $i - \text{Clp}(X)$  will denote the collection of all  $\tau_i$ -clopen subsets of  $(X, \tau_1, \tau_2)$ .

The following three propositions might be easily verified and we omit the proofs.

**Proposition 2.1.** Let  $A$  and  $B$  be subsets of a  $\text{BS}(X, \tau_1, \tau_2)$ .

- (1)  $A \in (i, j) - \text{Clp}(X)$  if and only if  $X \setminus A \in (j, i) - \text{Clp}(X)$ .
- (2) If  $A \in (i, j) - \text{Clp}(X)$  and  $B \in (j, i) - \text{Clp}(X)$ , then  $A \setminus B \in (i, j) - \text{Clp}(X)$ .
- (3) The following equation holds:

$$(1, 2) - \text{Clp}(X) \cap (2, 1) - \text{Clp}(X) = 1 - \text{Clp}(X) \cap 2 - \text{Clp}(X).$$

**Proposition 2.2.** Let  $A_\alpha \in (i, j) - \text{Clp}(X)$  for each  $\alpha \in \Lambda$ ,  $A = \bigcap_{\alpha \in \Lambda} A_\alpha$  and  $B = \bigcup_{\alpha \in \Lambda} A_\alpha$ . Then the following hold:

- (1)  $A \in \text{co}\tau_j$  and  $B \in \tau_i$ ,
- (2)  $A, B \in (i, j) - \text{Clp}(X)$  if  $\Lambda$  is finite,
- (3)  $A \in (i, j) - \text{Clp}(X)$  (resp.  $B \in (i, j) - \text{Clp}(X)$ ) if  $(X, \tau_i)$  (resp.  $(X, \tau_j)$ ) is an Alexandorff space.

**Proposition 2.3.** *If  $A$  is a subset of a BS  $(X, \tau_1, \tau_2)$  and  $B \in (i, j) - Clp(X)$ , then  $A \cap B$  is  $(i, j)$ -clopen in the subspace  $(A, \tau_1^A, \tau_2^A)$ .*

In [3], Dochviri introduced the notion of  $p$ -open (resp.  $p$ -closed) sets to obtain various characterizations of bitopological objects. Recall that a nonempty set  $A$  of a BS  $(X, \tau_1, \tau_2)$  is said to be  $p$ -open (resp.  $p$ -closed) if there exist  $G_1 \in \tau_1$  and  $G_2 \in \tau_2$  (resp.  $F_1 \in co\tau_1$  and  $F_2 \in co\tau_2$ ) such that  $A = G_1 \cap G_2$  (resp.  $A = F_1 \cup F_2$ ). The classes of  $p$ -open and  $p$ -closed sets of a given BS  $(X, \tau_1, \tau_2)$  are denoted by  $p - O(X)$  and  $p - C(X)$ , respectively. The conjugate classes of sets were introduced in [2]. According to [2], a set  $A$  of a BS  $(X, \tau_1, \tau_2)$  is said to be  $p$ -quasi-open (resp.  $p$ -quasi-closed) if there exist  $G_1 \in \tau_1$  and  $G_2 \in \tau_2$  (resp.  $F_1 \in co\tau_1$  and  $F_2 \in co\tau_2$ ) such that  $A = G_1 \cup G_2$  (resp.  $A = F_1 \cap F_2$ ). The classes of  $p$ -quasi-open and  $p$ -quasi closed sets are denoted by  $p - qO(X)$  and  $p - qC(X)$ , respectively. It is obvious that the complement of a  $p$ -open (resp.  $p$ -quasi-open) set is  $p$ -closed (resp.  $p$ -quasi-closed), and vice versa. By applying the above mentioned classes of sets we conclude: if  $A \in (i, j) - Clp(X)$  and  $B \in (j, i) - Clp(X)$  then  $A \cap B \in p - O(X) \cap p - qC(X)$  and  $A \cup B \in p - C(X) \cap p - qO(X)$ .

**Definition 2.2.** A map  $f : (X, \tau_1, \tau_2) \rightarrow (Y, \gamma_1, \gamma_2)$  is said to be

- (1)  $i$ -open (resp.  $i$ -continuous) if  $f : (X, \tau_i) \rightarrow (Y, \gamma_i)$  is an open (resp. continuous) map.
- (2)  $j$ -closed if  $f : (X, \tau_j) \rightarrow (Y, \gamma_j)$  is a closed map.
- (3)  $p$ -continuous if both  $f : (X, \tau_1) \rightarrow (Y, \gamma_1)$  and  $f : (X, \tau_2) \rightarrow (Y, \gamma_2)$  are continuous [8].
- (4)  $p$ -homeomorphism if  $f$  is bijective and both  $f$  and  $f^{-1}$  are  $p$ -continuous, where  $f^{-1}$  denotes the inverse to  $f$ .

The proof of the following proposition is obvious.

**Proposition 2.4.** *If a map  $f : (X, \tau_1, \tau_2) \rightarrow (Y, \gamma_1, \gamma_2)$  is  $i$ -open and  $j$ -closed and  $A \in (i, j) - Clp(X)$ , then  $f(A) \in (i, j) - Clp(Y)$ .*

Below, we obtain another conditions under which  $(i, j)$ -clopen sets are preserved.

**Definition 2.3.** A BS  $(X, \tau_1, \tau_2)$  is said to be  $(i, j)$ -stable [Ko] if any  $A \in co\tau_i$  implies  $j$ -compactness of  $A$ .

Note that if  $(X, \tau_1, \tau_2)$  is  $(j, i)$ -stable and  $i$ -Hausdorff then  $(i, j) - Clp(X) \subset i - Clp(X)$ .

**Definition 2.4.** A map  $f : (X, \tau_1, \tau_2) \rightarrow (Y, \gamma_1, \gamma_2)$  is said to be  $(i, j) - \Delta$  continuous if  $f : (X, \tau_i) \rightarrow (Y, \gamma_j)$  is continuous.

**Proposition 2.5.** *Let  $(X, \tau_1, \tau_2)$  be a  $(j, i)$ -stable BS and a map  $f : (X, \tau_1, \tau_2) \rightarrow (Y, \gamma_1, \gamma_2)$  be both  $i$ -open and  $(i, j) - \Delta$ -continuous. If a BS  $(Y, \gamma_1, \gamma_2)$  is  $j$ - $T_2$ , then  $f(A) \in (i, j) - Clp(Y)$  for each  $A \in (i, j) - Clp(X)$ .*

**Proof.** Note that, in the  $(j, i)$ -stable BS  $(X, \tau_1, \tau_2)$ , for each  $A \in (i, j) - Clp(X)$   $A$  is a  $\tau_i$ -compact subset. By  $(i, j) - \Delta$ -continuity of  $f$ ,  $f(A)$  is a  $\tau_j$ -compact subset of  $(Y, \gamma_1, \gamma_2)$ . Hence  $f(A) \in co\gamma_j$  and combining this fact with the  $i$ -openness of  $f$  the proof is done. ■

### 3. $p$ -Connected spaces

**Definition 3.1.** A BS  $(X, \tau_1, \tau_2)$  is said to be pairwise connected (briefly  $p$ -connected) if  $X$  could not be represented as the union of the disjoint sets  $A \in \tau_1 \setminus \{\emptyset\}$  and  $B \in \tau_2 \setminus \{\emptyset\}$  [11].

In another case  $(X, \tau_1, \tau_2)$  is called a  $p$ -disconnected BS.

**Theorem 3.1.** *For a BS  $(X, \tau_1, \tau_2)$ , the following properties are equivalent:*

- (1)  $(X, \tau_1, \tau_2)$  is  $p$ -connected;
- (2)  $X$  cannot be represented as the union of nonempty disjoint  $A \in (i, j) - Clp(X)$  and  $B \in (j, i) - Clp(X)$ ;
- (3) There exists no nonempty proper  $(i, j)$ -clopen set.

**Proof.** (1) $\Rightarrow$ (2): Suppose that there exist  $A \in (i, j) - Clp(X)$ ,  $B \in (j, i) - Clp(X)$  such that  $\emptyset \neq A$ ,  $\emptyset \neq B$ ,  $A \cap B = \emptyset$  and  $A \cup B = X$ . Then  $\emptyset \neq A \in \tau_i$ ,  $\emptyset \neq B \in \tau_j$ ,  $A \cap B = \emptyset$  and  $A \cup B = X$ . This shows that  $(X, \tau_1, \tau_2)$  is not  $p$ -connected.

(2) $\Rightarrow$ (3): Suppose that there exists  $A \in (i, j) - Clp(X)$  such that  $\emptyset \neq A \subset X$  and  $A \neq X$ . Then, by Proposition 2.1  $X \setminus A \in (j, i) - Clp(X)$ . Therefore,  $X$  is represented as the union of nonempty disjoint sets  $A \in (i, j) - Clp(X)$  and  $X \setminus A \in (j, i) - Clp(X)$ . This contradicts (2).

(3) $\Rightarrow$ (1): Suppose that  $X$  is not  $p$ -connected. Then there exist  $A \in \tau_1$  and  $B \in \tau_2$  such that  $\emptyset \neq A$ ,  $\emptyset \neq B$ ,  $A \cap B = \emptyset$  and  $A \cup B = X$ . Therefore, there exists a nonempty proper set  $A$  such that  $A \in \tau_1 \cap co\tau_2$ . This contradicts (3). ■

**Definition 3.2.** A map  $f : (X, \tau_1, \tau_2) \rightarrow (Y, \gamma_1, \gamma_2)$  is said to be  $(i, j)$ -clopen-irresolute if  $f^{-1}(V) \in (i, j) - Clp(X)$  for each  $V \in (i, j) - Clp(Y)$ , where  $i \neq j$ ,  $i, j \in \{1, 2\}$ .

If a map is both  $(1, 2)$ -clopen-irresolute and  $(2, 1)$ -clopen-irresolute then it is called to be  $p$ -clopen-irresolute. Every  $p$ -continuous map is  $p$ -clopen-irresolute but the converse is not always true as shown by the following example.

**Example 3.1.** Let us consider a set  $X = \{m, n, p, q, k\}$ , together with topologies  $\tau_1 = \{\emptyset, X\} \cup \{\{m\}, \{n, p\}, \{m, n, p\}\}$  and  $\tau_2 = \{\emptyset, X\} \cup \{\{q, k\}\}$ . Then, we observe that  $(1, 2) - Clp(X) = \{\emptyset, X, \{m, n, p\}\}$  and  $(2, 1) - Clp(X) = \tau_2$ . Moreover, let  $Y = \{a, b, c, d\}$  be endowed with the following topologies  $\gamma_1 = \{\emptyset, Y\} \cup \{\{a, b\}, \{c\}, \{a, b, c\}\}$  and  $\gamma_2 = \{\emptyset, Y\} \cup \{\{c, d\}\}$ , then  $(1, 2) - Clp(Y) = \{\emptyset, Y, \{a, b\}\}$  and  $(2, 1) - Clp(Y) = \gamma_2$ . If we define a map  $f : (X, \tau_1, \tau_2) \rightarrow (Y, \gamma_1, \gamma_2)$  via the equations:  $f(m) = f(n) = a, f(p) = b, f(q) = c, f(k) = d$ , then it is  $p$ -clopen-irresolute. But  $f : (X, \tau_1) \rightarrow (Y, \gamma_1)$  is not continuous and  $f$  is not  $p$ -continuous.

It is known that the  $p$ -connectedness is preserved under  $p$ -continuous surjections [11]. The following proposition is an improvement of this result.

**Proposition 3.1.** *The  $p$ -connectedness is preserved by  $(i, j)$ -clopen-irresolute surjections.*

**Proof.** Let  $f : (X, \tau_1, \tau_2) \rightarrow (Y, \gamma_1, \gamma_2)$  be an  $(i, j)$ -clopen-irresolute surjection and  $(X, \tau_1, \tau_2)$  be  $p$ -connected. Suppose that  $(Y, \gamma_1, \gamma_2)$  is not  $p$ -connected. By Theorem 3.1, there exists a nonempty proper  $(i, j)$ -clopen set  $V$  of  $Y$ . Since  $f$  is an  $(i, j)$ -clopen-irresolute surjection, then  $f^{-1}(V)$  is a nonempty proper  $(i, j)$ -clopen subset of  $X$ . By Theorem 3.1,  $(X, \tau_1, \tau_2)$  is not  $p$ -connected. ■

Recall that a BS  $(X, \tau_1, \tau_2)$  is said to be  $(i, j)$ -zero dimensional if a basis  $\mathbf{B}(\tau_i)$  for the topology  $\tau_i$  is formed with  $co\tau_j$ , i.e.  $\mathbf{B}(\tau_i) = co\tau_j$  [12]. It is obvious that a BS  $(X, \tau_1, \tau_2)$  is  $(i, j)$ -zero dimensional if and only if  $\mathbf{B}(\tau_i) = (i, j) - Clp(X)$ .

**Theorem 3.2.** *If  $(X, \tau_1, \tau_2)$  is an  $(i, j)$ -zero dimensional and  $i$ - $T_1$  BS, then  $card(A) \leq 1$  for every  $p$ -connected subspace  $(A, \tau_1^A, \tau_2^A)$ .*

**Proof.** Assume there exists a  $p$ -connected subset  $A$  of  $X$  with  $card(A) \geq 2$ . Then, there exists  $U \in (i, j) - Clp(X)$  such that  $a \in U \subset X \setminus \{b\}$  for any pair of distinct points  $a, b \in A$ . Note that  $A \setminus U \in \tau_j^A \setminus \{\emptyset\}$ ,  $A \cap U \in \tau_i^A \setminus \{\emptyset\}$  and  $A$  is the disjoint union of  $(A \setminus U)$  and  $(A \cap U)$ . Hence we get a contradiction to our assumption. ■

**Definition 3.3.** The subset  $\bigcap \{U(x) | x \in U(x) \in (i, j) - Clp(X)\}$  of a BS  $(X, \tau_1, \tau_2)$  is called the  $(i, j)$ -quasi-component of a point  $x \in X$  and is denoted by  $(i, j) - Q_x$ .

**Proposition 3.2.** *Let  $x$  be a point in a BS  $(X, \tau_1, \tau_2)$ . Then the following hold:*

- (1)  $(i, j) - Q_x \in co\tau_j \setminus \{\emptyset\}$ .
- (2) If  $y \in (i, j) - Q_x$ , then  $(i, j) - Q_y \subset (i, j) - Q_x$ .

**Proof.** (1) This follows immediately from Definition 3.3.

(2) Suppose that  $a \notin (i, j) - Q_x$ . Then there exists  $V_a \in (i, j) - Clp(X)$  such that  $x \in V_a$  and  $a \notin V_a$ . Since  $y \in (i, j) - Q_x, y \in U(x)$  for every

$U(x) \in (i, j) - Clp(X)$  containing  $x$ . Therefore,  $y \in V_a \in (i, j) - Clp(X)$  and  $a \notin V_a$ . Hence  $a \notin (i, j) - Q_y$ . Consequently,  $(i, j) - Q_y \subset (i, j) - Q_x$ . ■

**Proposition 3.3.** *If  $f : (X, \tau_1, \tau_2) \rightarrow (Y, \gamma_1, \gamma_2)$  is  $(i, j)$ -clopen-irresolute, then  $f((i, j) - Q_x) \subset (i, j) - Q_{f(x)}$  for each  $x \in X$ .*

**Proof.** Since  $(i, j) - Q_{f(x)} = \cap\{V|f(x) \in V \in (i, j) - Clp(Y)\}$ , we have

$$\begin{aligned} f^{-1}((i, j) - Q_{f(x)}) &= f^{-1}(\cap\{V|f(x) \in V \in (i, j) - Clp(Y)\}) \\ &= \cap f^{-1}(\{V|f(x) \in V \in (i, j) - Clp(Y)\}) \\ &\supset \cap\{U|x \in U \in (i, j) - Clp(X)\} \\ &= (i, j) - Q_x. \end{aligned}$$

Therefore,  $f((i, j) - Q_x) \subset f(f^{-1}((i, j) - Q_{f(x)})) \subset (i, j) - Q_{f(x)}$ . ■

**Corollary 3.1.** *Let  $f : (X, \tau_1, \tau_2) \rightarrow (Y, \gamma_1, \gamma_2)$  be a map.*

- (1) *If  $f$  is  $p$ -continuous, then  $f((i, j) - Q_x) \subset (i, j) - Q_{f(x)}$ .*
- (2) *If  $f$  is a  $p$ -homeomorphism, then  $f((i, j) - Q_x) = (i, j) - Q_{f(x)}$ .*

**Proof.** (1) Since every  $p$ -continuous function is  $(i, j)$ -clopen-irresolute, the proof follows immediately from Proposition 3.3.

(2) Since a  $p$ -homeomorphism is a bijection such that  $f$  and  $f^{-1}$  are  $p$ -continuous, the proof follows immediately from (1). ■

The greatest  $p$ -connected subset containing a point  $x \in X$  is called the  $p$ -component of  $x$  in a BS  $(X, \tau_1, \tau_2)$  and is denoted by  $p - C_x$ .

**Theorem 3.3.** *In a BS  $(X, \tau_1, \tau_2)$ , the following implication holds:*

$$p - C_x \subset (1, 2) - Q_x \cap (2, 1) - Q_x.$$

**Proof.** Consider a set  $G_x \in (1, 2) - Clp(X)$  containing a point  $x \in X$ . Then from  $G_x \cap (X \setminus G_x) = \emptyset$  it follows that  $(p - C_x \cap G_x) \cap (p - C_x \setminus G_x) = \emptyset$ . Moreover, we have  $p - C_x \cap G_x \neq \emptyset$ . Hence  $p - C_x \setminus G_x = \emptyset$ , or equivalently  $p - C_x \subset G_x$ . It is obvious that  $p - C_x \subset \cap G_x = (1, 2) - Q_x$ . Similarly we obtain that  $p - C_x \subset (2, 1) - Q_x$ . Thereby, the implication  $p - C_x \subset (1, 2) - Q_x \cap (2, 1) - Q_x$  is valid. ■

#### 4. $p$ -ultra-Hausdorff spaces

**Definition 4.1.** A BS  $(X, \tau_1, \tau_2)$  is said to be

- (1)  $p$ -Urysohn if for any pair of distinct points  $x_1, x_2 \in X$  there exist the neighborhoods  $U \in \sum_i^X(x_1)$  and  $V \in \sum_j^X(x_2)$  such that  $\tau_j clU \cap \tau_i clV = \emptyset$  (see [5]).

- (2)  $p$ -ultra-Hausdorff if for any pair of distinct points  $x_1, x_2 \in X$  there exist  $U_{x_1} \in (i, j) - Clp(X)$  and  $V_{x_2} \in (j, i) - Clp(X)$  such that  $x_1 \in U_{x_1}$ ,  $x_2 \in V_{x_2}$  and  $U_{x_1} \cap V_{x_2} = \emptyset$ .

It should be especially noticed that if  $i = j$  then the notion of  $p$ -ultra-Hausdorff coincides with the notion of ultra-Hausdorff for topological spaces, given in [13].

**Example 4.1.** Let  $X$  be a set with  $card(X) \geq \aleph_0$ ,  $\tau_d$ -discrete and  $\tau_{cof}$ -cofinite (i.e., all finite subsets of  $X$  are closed, and vice versa) topologies on  $X$ , respectively. Then it is obvious that  $(X, \tau_d, \tau_{cof})$  is  $p$ -ultra-Hausdorff BS.

**Remark 4.1.** It should be mentioned that  $p$ -ultra-Hausdorff implies  $p$ -Urysohn but the converse does not hold. Find example which show that the BS Space is  $p$ -Urysohn but not  $p$ -ultra-Hausdorff. Under which conditions the converse is true?

**Proposition 4.1.** A BS  $(X, \tau_1, \tau_2)$  is  $p$ -ultra-Hausdorff if and only if for any distinct points  $x_1, x_2$ , there exist  $U \in (i, j) - Clp(X)$  such that  $x_1 \in U$ ,  $x_2 \notin U$  and  $V \in (i, j) - Clp(X)$  such that  $x_2 \in V$ ,  $x_1 \notin V$ .

**Definition 4.2.** A subset  $K$  of a BS  $(X, \tau_1, \tau_2)$  is said to be  $(i, j)$ -clopen-compact relative to  $X$  if every cover of  $K$  by  $(i, j)$ -clopen sets of  $X$  has a finite subcover.

It should be noticed that every  $i$ -compact subset of  $(X, \tau_1, \tau_2)$  is  $(i, j)$ -clopen-compact relative to  $X$ .

**Proposition 4.2.** If a BS  $(X, \tau_1, \tau_2)$  is  $(i, j)$ -zero dimensional and a subset  $K$  of  $X$  is  $(i, j)$ -clopen-compact relative to  $X$ , then  $K$  is a  $\tau_i$ -compact subset of  $X$ .

**Proof.** Consider a family  $\mathcal{U} = \{U_\alpha | U_\alpha \in \tau_i\}_{\alpha \in \Lambda}$  such that  $K \subset \bigcup_{\alpha \in \Lambda} U_\alpha$ . Then, since  $(X, \tau_1, \tau_2)$  is  $(i, j)$ -zero dimensional, we can write  $U_\alpha = \bigcup_{\beta \in \Omega_\alpha} V_{\beta}$  for each  $\alpha \in \Lambda$ , where  $V_{\beta} \in (i, j) - Clp(X)$ . Denote  $\Omega \equiv \bigcup_{\alpha \in \Lambda} \Omega_\alpha$ , then the family  $\mathcal{V} = \{V_\beta\}_{\beta \in \Omega}$  is a cover of  $K$  by  $(i, j)$ -clopen sets of  $X$ . Therefore, one can extract from the family  $\mathcal{V}$  a finite collection  $\{V_{\beta_1}, V_{\beta_2}, \dots, V_{\beta_n}\}$  such that  $K \subset \bigcup_{p=1}^n V_{\beta_p}$ . Now we can choose finite collection  $\{U_{\alpha(\beta_1)}, U_{\alpha(\beta_2)}, \dots, U_{\alpha(\beta_n)}\}$  from the covering  $\mathcal{U}$  such that  $K \subset \bigcup_{p=1}^n U_{\alpha(\beta_p)}$ . ■

**Theorem 4.1.** For a BS  $(X, \tau_1, \tau_2)$ , the following are equivalent:

- (1)  $X$  is  $p$ -ultra-Hausdorff;
- (2) For each set  $K$  of  $X$  which is  $(i, j)$ -clopen compact relative to  $X$ ,  $K = \bigcap \{V | K \subset V \in (i, j) - Clp(X)\}$ ;
- (3) For each  $x \in X$ ,  $x = \bigcap \{V | x \in V \in (i, j) - Clp(X)\}$ .

**Proof.** (1)  $\Rightarrow$  (2): Let  $K$  be any set of  $X$  which is  $(i, j)$ -clopen-compact relative to  $X$ . It is obvious that  $K \subset \bigcap \{V_\alpha | K \subset V_\alpha \in (i, j) - Clp(X)\}$ . Suppose that  $x \notin K$ . Then, by Proposition 4.1, for each  $k \in K$  there exists  $V_k \in (i, j) - Clp(X)$  such that  $x \notin V_k$  and  $k \in V_k$ . Since  $\{V_k | k \in K\}$  is a cover of  $K$  by  $(i, j)$ -clopen sets of  $X$ , there exist a finite points  $k_1, k_2, \dots, k_n \in K$  such that  $K \subset \bigcup_{m=1}^n V_{k_m}$ . Now, set  $V = \bigcup_{m=1}^n V_{k_m}$ . Then  $K \subset V \in (i, j) - Clp(X)$  and  $x \notin V$ . Therefore, we have  $x \notin \bigcap \{V_\alpha | K \subset V_\alpha \in (i, j) - Clp(X)\}$ . Hence  $K \supset \bigcap \{V_\alpha | K \subset V_\alpha \in (i, j) - Clp(X)\}$ . Consequently, we obtain the assertion (2).

(2)  $\Rightarrow$  (3): This is obvious since every singleton is  $(i, j)$ -clopen-compact relative to  $X$ .

(3)  $\Rightarrow$  (1): For any distinct points  $x_1, x_2 \in X$ , by (3) we have  $x_1 \notin \bigcap \{V_\alpha | x_2 \in V_\alpha \in (i, j) - Clp(X)\}$ . Therefore, there exists  $V \in (i, j) - Clp(X)$  such that  $x_2 \in V$  and  $x_1 \notin V$ . Similarly, we have  $x_2 \notin \bigcap \{V_\alpha | x_1 \in V_\alpha \in (i, j) - Clp(X)\}$ . Therefore, there exists  $U \in (i, j) - Clp(X)$  such that  $x_1 \in U$  and  $x_2 \notin U$ . By Proposition 4.1,  $X$  is  $p$ -ultra-Hausdorff. ■

**Corollary 4.1.** *If a BS  $(X, \tau_1, \tau_2)$  is  $p$ -ultra-Hausdorff and  $K$  is  $(i, j)$ -clopen-compact relative to  $X$ , then  $K \in co\tau_j$ .*

**Proof.** This follows from Proposition 2.2 and Theorem 4.1. ■

**Definition 4.3.** A map  $f : (X, \tau_1, \tau_2) \rightarrow (Y, \gamma_1, \gamma_2)$  is said to be  $(i, j)$ -weakly clopen-continuous (resp.  $(i, j)$ -clopen-continuous) if, for each  $x \in X$  and each  $V \in \sum_i^Y(f(x))$ , there exists a set  $U \in (i, j) - Clp(X)$  containing  $x$  such that  $f(U) \subset \gamma_j cl(V)$  (resp.  $f(U) \subset V$ ), where  $i \neq j, i, j \in \{1, 2\}$ .

**Example 4.2.** Let us consider the set  $X = \{m, n, p, q, k\}$ , together with topologies  $\tau_1 = \{\emptyset, X\} \cup \{\{m\}, \{n, p\}, \{m, n, p\}\}$  and  $\tau_2 = \{\emptyset, X\} \cup \{\{q, k\}\}$ . Then, we observe that  $(1, 2) - Clp(X) = \{\emptyset, X, \{m, n, p\}\}$  and  $(2, 1) - Clp(X) = \{\emptyset, X, \{q, k\}\}$ . Moreover, let  $Y = \{a, b, c\}$  be endowed with the following topologies  $\gamma_1 = \{\emptyset, Y\} \cup \{\{a\}\}$  and  $\gamma_2 = \{\emptyset, Y\} \cup \{\{c\}\}$ . If we define a map  $f : (X, \tau_1, \tau_2) \rightarrow (Y, \gamma_1, \gamma_2)$  via the equations:  $f(m) = f(n) = a, f(p) = b, f(q) = f(k) = c$ , then  $f$  is  $(1, 2)$ -weakly clopen-continuous. But it is not  $(1, 2)$ -clopen-continuous.

**Theorem 4.2.** *If  $f : (X, \tau_1, \tau_2) \rightarrow (Y, \gamma_1, \gamma_2)$  is  $(i, j)$ -weakly clopen-continuous (resp.  $(i, j)$ -clopen-continuous) and  $A$  is a subset of  $X$ , then  $f|_A : (A, \tau_1^A, \tau_2^A) \rightarrow (Y, \gamma_1, \gamma_2)$  is  $(i, j)$ -weakly clopen-continuous (resp.  $(i, j)$ -clopen-continuous).*

**Proof.** We prove only the case of  $(i, j)$ -weakly clopen-continuous. Let  $x \in A$  and  $V \in \sum_i^Y(f(x))$ . Since  $f$  is  $(i, j)$ -weakly clopen-continuous, then there exists an  $(i, j)$ -clopen set  $U$  in  $X$  containing  $x$  such that  $f(U) \subset W = \gamma_j cl(V)$ . Because  $U \subset f^{-1}(W)$ , we have the implication  $U \cap A \subset f^{-1}(W) \cap A = (f|_A)^{-1}(W)$  and  $x \in U \cap A \in (i, j) - Clp(A)$ . Consequently,  $f|_A$  is  $(i, j)$ -weakly clopen-continuous. ■

**Theorem 4.3.** *If  $f : (X, \tau_1, \tau_2) \rightarrow (Y, \gamma_1, \gamma_2)$  is a  $p$ -weakly clopen-continuous injective map and a BS  $(Y, \gamma_1, \gamma_2)$  is  $p$ -Urysohn, then  $(X, \tau_1, \tau_2)$  is  $p$ -ultra-Hausdorff.*

**Proof.** For any pair of distinct points  $x, y \in X$ , there exist  $U \in \sum_i^Y(f(x))$  and  $V \in \sum_j^Y(f(y))$  such that  $\gamma_j cl(U) \cap \gamma_i cl(V) = \emptyset$ . Since  $f$  is  $p$ -weakly clopen-continuous, there exist  $G_x \in (i, j) - Clp(X)$  and  $H_y \in (j, i) - Clp(X)$  containing  $x$  and  $y$ , respectively, such that  $f(G_x) \subset \gamma_j cl(U)$  and  $f(H_y) \subset \gamma_i cl(V)$ . Since  $\gamma_j cl(U) \cap \gamma_i cl(V) = \emptyset$ , then  $G_x \cap H_y = \emptyset$ . This shows that  $(X, \tau_1, \tau_2)$  is  $p$ -ultra-Hausdorff. ■

**Theorem 4.4.** *If a map  $f : (X, \tau_1, \tau_2) \rightarrow (Y, \gamma_1, \gamma_2)$  is  $(i, j)$ -weakly clopen-continuous and  $(X, \tau_j)$  is Alexandroff, then  $f$  is  $(i, j)$ -clopen-irresolute.*

**Proof.** Let  $V$  be any  $(i, j)$ -clopen set of  $Y$  and  $x \in f^{-1}(V)$ . Then  $V \in \sum_i^Y(f(x))$ . Since  $f$  is  $(i, j)$ -weakly clopen-continuous, there exists  $U_x \in (i, j) - Clp(X)$  such that  $x \in U_x$  and  $f(U_x) \subset \gamma_j cl(V) = V$ . For each  $x \in f^{-1}(V)$ , we have  $x \in U_x \subset f^{-1}(V)$  and hence  $\bigcup_{x \in f^{-1}(V)} U_x = f^{-1}(V)$ . Since  $(X, \tau_j)$  is Alexandroff, by Proposition 2.2  $f^{-1}(V) \in (i, j) - Clp(X)$ . Therefore,  $f$  is  $(i, j)$ -clopen-irresolute. ■

**Theorem 4.5.** *If a map  $f : (X, \tau_1, \tau_2) \rightarrow (Y, \gamma_1, \gamma_2)$  is  $(i, j)$ -clopen irresolute and  $(Y, \gamma_1, \gamma_2)$  is  $(i, j)$ -zero dimensional, then  $f$  is  $(i, j)$ -clopen-continuous.*

**Proof.** Let  $x \in X$  and  $V \in \sum_i^Y(f(x))$ . Since  $Y$  is  $(i, j)$ -zero dimensional, there exists  $W \in (i, j) - Clp(Y)$  containing  $f(x)$  such that  $W \subset V$ . Since  $f$  is  $(i, j)$ -clopen irresolute, we have  $f^{-1}(W) \in (i, j) - Clp(X)$ . Set  $U = f^{-1}(W)$ , then  $x \in U$  and  $f(U) \subset W \subset V$ . This shows  $f$  is  $(i, j)$ -clopen-continuous. ■

**Corollary 4.6.** *Let  $(X, \tau_j)$  be an Alexandroff topological space and  $(Y, \gamma_1, \gamma_2)$  is an  $(i, j)$ -zero dimensional BS. Then a map  $f : (X, \tau_1, \tau_2) \rightarrow (Y, \gamma_1, \gamma_2)$  is  $(i, j)$ -clopen-continuous if and only if it is  $(i, j)$ -clopen irresolute.*

**Proof.** This follows immediately from Theorems 4.4 and 4.5. ■

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