

## **SOME WEAKER FORMS OF CONTINUITY IN BITOPOLOGICAL ORDERED SPACES**

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### **Abstract**

The main purpose of the present paper is to introduce and study some weaker forms of continuity in bitopological ordered spaces. Such as pairwise *I*-continuous maps, pairwise *D*-continuous maps, pairwise *B*-continuous maps, pairwise *I*-open maps, pairwise *D*-open maps, pairwise *B*-open maps, pairwise *I*-closed maps, pairwise *D*-closed maps, and pairwise *B*-closed maps.

### **1. Introduction**

Singal and Singal [4] initiated the study of bitopological ordered spaces. Raghavan ([2], [3]) and other authors have contributed to development and construct some properties of such spaces. In 2002, Veera Kumar [5] introduced *I*-continuous maps, *D*-continuous maps,

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$B$ -continuous maps,  $I$ -open maps,  $D$ -open maps,  $B$ -open maps,  $I$ -closed maps,  $D$ -closed maps, and  $B$ -closed maps for topological ordered spaces together with their characterizations. Nachbin [1] initiated the study of topological ordered spaces in 1965. A topological ordered space is a triple  $(X, \tau, \leq)$ , where  $\tau$  is a topology on  $X$  and  $\leq$  is a partial order on  $X$ . In this paper, we introduce pairwise  $I$ -continuous maps, pairwise  $D$ -continuous maps, pairwise  $B$ -continuous maps, pairwise  $I$ -open maps, pairwise  $D$ -open maps, pairwise  $B$ -open maps, pairwise  $I$ -closed maps, pairwise  $D$ -closed maps, and pairwise  $B$ -closed maps for bitopological ordered spaces together with their characterizations as a generalization of that were studied for topological ordered spaces by Veera Kumar [5].

## 2. Preliminaries

Let  $(X, \leq)$  be a partially ordered set (i.e., a set  $X$  together with a reflexive, antisymmetric, and transitive relation). For a subset  $A \subseteq X$ , we write

$$L(A) = \{y \in X : y \leq x \text{ for some } x \in A\},$$

$$M(A) = \{y \in X : x \leq y \text{ for some } x \in A\}.$$

In particular, if  $A$  is a singleton set, say  $\{x\}$ , then we write  $L(x)$  and  $M(x)$ , respectively. A subset  $A$  of  $X$  is said to be decreasing (resp., increasing) if  $A = L(A)$  (resp.,  $A = M(A)$ ). The complement of a decreasing (resp., an increasing) set is an increasing (resp., a decreasing) set. A mapping  $f : (X, \leq) \rightarrow (X^*, \leq^*)$  from a partially ordered set  $(X, \leq)$  to a partially ordered set  $(X^*, \leq^*)$  is increasing (resp., a decreasing) if  $x \leq y$  in  $X$  implies  $f(x) \leq^* f(y)$  (resp.,  $f(y) \leq^* f(x)$ ), where  $f$  is called an order isomorphism if it is an increasing bijection such that  $f^{-1}$  is also increasing.

A bitopological ordered space [4] is a quadruple consisting of a bitopological space  $(X, \tau_1, \tau_2)$ , and a partial order  $\leq$  on  $X$ ; it is denoted as  $(X, \tau_1, \tau_2, \leq)$ . The partial order  $\leq$  said to be closed (resp., weakly closed) [2] if its graph  $G(\leq) = \{(x, y) : x \leq y\}$  is closed in the product topology  $\tau_i \times \tau_j$  (resp.,  $\tau_1 \times \tau_2$ ), where  $i, j = 1, 2; i \neq j$ , or equivalently, if  $L(x)$  and  $M(x)$  are  $\tau_1$ -closed, where  $i = 1, 2$  (resp.,  $L(x)$  is  $\tau_1$ -closed and  $M(x)$  is  $\tau_2$ -closed), for each  $x \in X$ .

For a subset  $A$  of a bitopological ordered space  $(X, \tau_1, \tau_2, \leq)$ ,

$$H_i^l(A) = \bigcap \{F \mid F \text{ is } \tau_i\text{-decreasing closed subset of } X \text{ containing } A\},$$

$$H_i^m(A) = \bigcap \{F \mid F \text{ is } \tau_i\text{-increasing closed subset of } X \text{ containing } A\},$$

$$H_i^b(A) = \bigcap \{F \mid F \text{ is a closed subset of } X \text{ containing } A \text{ with } F = L(F) = M(F)\},$$

$$O_i^l(A) = \bigcup \{G \mid G \text{ is } \tau_i\text{-decreasing open subset of } X \text{ contained in } A\},$$

$$O_i^m(A) = \bigcup \{G \mid G \text{ is } \tau_i\text{-increasing open subset of } X \text{ contained in } A\},$$

$$O_i^b(A) = \bigcup \{G \mid G \text{ is both } \tau_i\text{-increasing and } \tau_i\text{-decreasing open subset of } X \text{ contained in } A\}.$$

Clearly,  $H_i^m(A)$  (resp.,  $H_i^l(A)$ ,  $H_i^b(A)$ ) is the smallest  $\tau_i$ -increasing (resp.,  $\tau_i$ -decreasing, both  $\tau_i$ -increasing and  $\tau_i$ -decreasing) closed set containing  $A$ . Moreover  $\overline{A}_i \subseteq H_i^m(A) \subseteq H_i^b(A)$ , where  $\overline{A}_i$  stands for the  $\tau_i$ -closure of  $A$  in  $(X, \tau_1, \tau_2, \leq)$ ,  $i = 1, 2$ . Further  $A$  is  $\tau_i$ -decreasing (resp.,  $\tau_i$ -increasing) closed if and only if  $A = H_i^m(A) = H_i^l(A)$ .

Clearly,  $O_i^m(A)$  (resp.,  $O_i^l(A)$ ,  $O_i^b(A)$ ) is the largest  $\tau_i$ -increasing (resp.,  $\tau_i$ -decreasing, both  $\tau_i$ -increasing and  $\tau_i$ -decreasing) open set contained in  $A$ . Moreover  $O_i^b(A) \subseteq O_i^m(A) \subseteq A_i^o$  and  $O_i^b(A) \subseteq O_i^l(A)$ , where  $A_i^o$  denotes the  $\tau_i$ -interior of  $A$  in  $(X, \tau_1, \tau_2, \leq)$ ,  $i \neq j$ . If  $A$  and  $B$  are two  $\tau_1$  subsets of a bitopological ordered space  $(X, \tau_1, \tau_2, \leq)$ ,  $i \neq j$  such that  $A \subseteq B$ , then  $O_i^m(A) \subseteq O_i^m(B) \subseteq B_i^o$ .  $\Omega(O_i^m(X))$  (resp.,  $\Omega(O_i^l(X))$ ,  $\Omega(O_i^b(X))$ ) denotes the collection of all  $\tau_i$ -increasing (resp.,  $\tau_i$ -decreasing, both  $\tau_i$ -increasing and  $\tau_i$ -decreasing) open subset of a bitopological ordered space  $(X, \tau_1, \tau_2, \leq)$ .

### 3. Pairwise $I$ -continuous, Pairwise $D$ -continuous and Pairwise $B$ -continuous Maps

**Definition 3.1.** A function  $f : (X, \tau_1, \tau_2, \leq) \rightarrow (X^*, \tau_1^*, \tau_2^*, \leq)$  is called a pairwise  $I$ -continuous (resp., a pairwise  $D$ -continuous, a pairwise  $B$ -continuous) map if  $f^{-1}(G) \in \Omega(O_i^m(X))$  (resp.,  $f^{-1}(G) \in \Omega(O_i^l(X))$ ,  $f^{-1}(G) \in \Omega(O_i^b(X))$ ), whenever  $G$  is an  $i$ -open subset of  $(X^*, \tau_1^*, \tau_2^*, \leq)$ ,  $i = 1, 2$ .

It is evident that every pairwise  $x$ -continuous map is pairwise continuous for  $x = I, D, B$  and that every pairwise  $B$ -continuous map is both pairwise  $I$ -continuous and pairwise  $D$ -continuous.

**Example 3.2.** Let  $X = \{a, b, c\}$ ,  $\tau_1 = \{\emptyset, X, \{a\}, \{b\}, \{a, b\}\}$ ,  $\tau_2 = \{\emptyset, X, \{c\}\}$  and  $\leq = \{(a, a), (b, b), (c, c), (a, b), (b, c), (a, c)\}$ . Clearly,  $(X, \tau_1, \tau_2, \leq)$  is a bitopological ordered space. Let  $f$  be the identity map from  $(X, \tau_1, \tau_2, \leq)$  onto itself.  $\{b\}$  is  $\tau_1$ -open and  $\{c\}$  is  $\tau_2$ -open, but  $f^{-1}(\{b\}) = \{b\}$  is neither a  $\tau_1$ -increasing nor a  $\tau_1$ -decreasing open set and also  $f^{-1}(\{c\}) = \{c\}$  is neither a  $\tau_2$ -increasing nor a  $\tau_2$ -decreasing open set. Thus  $f$  is not pairwise  $x$ -continuous for  $x = I, D, B$ . However  $f$  is continuous.

The following example supports that a pairwise  $D$ -continuous map need not be a pairwise  $B$ -continuous map.

**Example 3.3.** Let  $X = \{a, b, c\} = X^*$ ,  $\tau_1 = \{\emptyset, X, \{a\}, \{b\}, \{a, b\}\} = \tau_1^*$ ,  $\tau_2 = \{\emptyset, X, \{c\}\} = \tau_2^*$ ,  $\leq = \{(a, a), (b, b), (c, c), (a, c)\}$  and  $\leq^* = \{(a, a), (b, b), (c, c), (a, b), (a, c), (b, c)\}$ . Let  $g$  be the identity map from  $(X, \tau_1, \tau_2, \leq)$  onto  $(X^*, \tau_1^*, \tau_2^*, \leq)$ ,  $g$  is not pairwise  $B$ -continuous. However  $g$  is a pairwise  $D$ -continuous map.

The following example supports that a pairwise  $I$ -continuous map need not be a pairwise  $B$ -continuous map.

**Example 3.4.** Let  $X = \{a, b, c\} = X^*$ ,  $\tau_1 = \{\emptyset, X, \{a\}, \{b\}, \{a, b\}\}$ ,  $\tau_1^* = \{\emptyset, X^*, \{a\}\}$ ,  $\tau_2 = \{\emptyset, X, \{c\}\}$ ,  $\tau_2^* = \{\emptyset, X, \{b\}, \{c\}, \{b, c\}\}$  and  $\leq = \{(a, a), (b, b), (c, c), (a, b), (a, c), (c, b)\} = \leq^*$ . Define  $h : (X, \tau_1, \tau_2, \leq) \rightarrow (X^*, \tau_1^*, \tau_2^*, \leq)$  by  $h(a) = b$ ,  $h(b) = a$ , and  $h(c) = c$ , where  $h$  is pairwise  $I$ -continuous but not a pairwise  $B$ -continuous map.

Thus we have the following diagram:

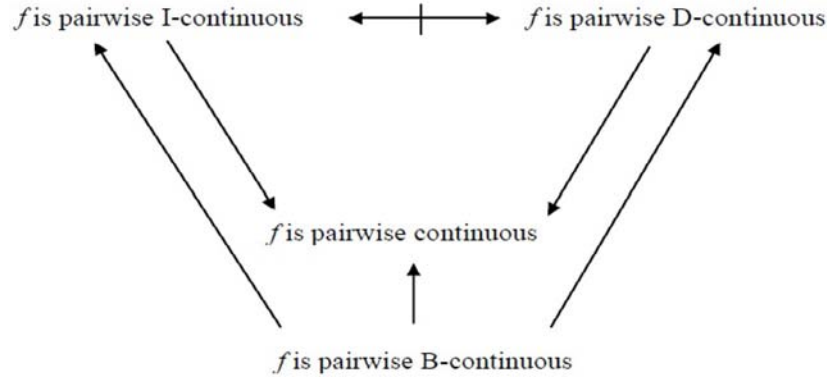


Figure 1.

For a function  $f : (X, \tau_1, \tau_2, \leq) \rightarrow (X^*, \tau_1^*, \tau_2^*, \leq)$ , where  $P \rightarrow Q$  (resp.,  $P \Leftrightarrow Q$ ) represents  $P$  implies  $Q$  but  $Q$  need not imply  $P$  (resp.,  $P$  and  $Q$  are independent of each other).

The following theorem characterizes pairwise  $I$ -continuous maps.

**Theorem 3.5.** *For a function  $f : (X, \tau_1, \tau_2, \leq) \rightarrow (X^*, \tau_1^*, \tau_2^*, \leq)$ , the following statements are equivalent:*

(1)  $f$  is pairwise  $I$ -continuous.

(2)  $f(H_i^l(A)) \subseteq \overline{(f(A))_i}$  for any  $A \subseteq X$ ,  $i = 1, 2$ .

(3)  $H_i^l(f^{-1}(B)) \subseteq f^{-1}(\overline{B}_i)$  for any  $B \subseteq X^*$ ,  $i = 1, 2$ .

(4) For every  $\tau_i^*$ -closed subset  $K$  of  $(X^*, \tau_1^*, \tau_2^*, \leq)$ ,  $f^{-1}(K)$  is a  $\tau_i$ -decreasing closed subset of  $(X, \tau_1, \tau_2, \leq)$ ,  $i = 1, 2$ .

**Proof.** (1)  $\Rightarrow$  (2): Since  $X^* \setminus \overline{(f(A))_i}$  is  $\tau_i$ -open in  $X^*$  and  $f$  is pairwise  $I$ -continuous, then  $f^{-1}(X^* \setminus \overline{(f(A))_i})$  is a  $\tau_i$ -increasing open set in  $X$ . Then  $X \setminus f^{-1}(X^* \setminus \overline{(f(A))_i})$  is a  $\tau_i$ -decreasing closed subset of  $X$ . Since  $X \setminus f^{-1}(X^* \setminus \overline{(f(A))_i}) = f^{-1}(\overline{(f(A))_i})$ , then  $f^{-1}(\overline{(f(A))_i})$  is a  $\tau_i$ -decreasing closed subset of  $X$ . Since  $A \subseteq f^{-1}(\overline{(f(A))_i})$  and is the smallest  $\tau_i$ -decreasing closed set containing  $A$ , then  $H_i^l(A) \subseteq f^{-1}(\overline{(f(A))_i})$ .  $f(f^{-1}(\overline{(f(A))_i})) \subseteq \overline{(f(A))_i}$ . Thus  $H_i^l(A) \subseteq \overline{(f(A))_i}$ .

(2)  $\Rightarrow$  (3): Let  $A = f^{-1}(B)$ . Then  $f(A) = f(f^{-1}(B)) \subseteq B$ . This implies  $\overline{(f(A))_i} \subseteq \overline{B}_i$ . Now  $H_i^l(f^{-1}(B)) \subseteq H_i^l(A) \subseteq f^{-1}(f(H_i^l(A))) \subseteq f^{-1}(\overline{(f(A))_i})$  [by (2) in this Theorem 3.5]. But  $f^{-1}(\overline{(f(A))_i}) \subseteq f^{-1}(\overline{B}_i)$ . Thus  $H_i^l(f^{-1}(B)) \subseteq f^{-1}(\overline{B}_i)$ .

(3)  $\Rightarrow$  (4):  $H_i^l(f^{-1}(K)) \subseteq f^{-1}(\overline{K}_i)$  for any  $\tau_i^*$ -closed set  $K$  of  $(X^*, \tau_1^*, \tau_2^*, \leq)$ . Thus  $f^{-1}(K)$  is a  $\tau_i$ -decreasing closed in  $(X, \tau_1, \tau_2, \leq)$ , whenever  $K$  is a  $\tau_i^*$ -closed set in  $(X^*, \tau_1^*, \tau_2^*, \leq)$ .

(4)  $\Rightarrow$  (1): Let  $G$  be a  $\tau_i^*$ -open set in  $(X^*, \tau_1^*, \tau_2^*, \leq)$ . Then  $f^{-1}(X \setminus (G))$  is a  $\tau_i$ -decreasing closed set in  $(X, \tau_1, \tau_2, \leq)$ , since  $X^* \setminus (G)$  is a closed set in  $(X^*, \tau_1^*, \tau_2^*, \leq)$ . But  $X \setminus (f^{-1}(G)) = f^{-1}(X \setminus G)$ . Thus  $X \setminus (f^{-1}(G))$  is a  $\tau_i$ -decreasing closed set in  $(X, \tau_1, \tau_2, \leq)$ . So  $f^{-1}(G)$  is a  $\tau_i$ -increasing open set in  $(X, \tau_1, \tau_2, \leq)$ . Thus  $f$  is pairwise  $I$ -continuous.  $\square$

The following two theorems characterize pairwise  $D$ -continuous maps and pairwise  $B$ -continuous maps, whose proofs are similar to as that of the above Theorem 3.5.

**Theorem 3.6.** *For a function  $f : (X, \tau_1, \tau_2, \leq) \rightarrow (X^*, \tau_1^*, \tau_2^*, \leq)$ , the following statements are equivalent:*

- (1)  $f$  is pairwise  $D$ -continuous.
- (2)  $f(H_i^m(A)) \subseteq \overline{(f(A))}_i$  for any  $A \subseteq X$ ,  $i = 1, 2$ .
- (3)  $H_i^m(f^{-1}(B)) \subseteq f^{-1}(\overline{B})_i$  for any  $B \subseteq X^*$ ,  $i = 1, 2$ .
- (4) For every  $\tau_i^*$ -closed subset  $K$  of  $(X^*, \tau_1^*, \tau_2^*, \leq)$ ,  $f^{-1}(K)$  is a  $\tau_i$ -increasing closed subset of  $(X, \tau_1, \tau_2, \leq)$ ,  $i = 1, 2$ .

**Theorem 3.7.** *For a function  $f : (X, \tau_1, \tau_2, \leq) \rightarrow (X^*, \tau_1^*, \tau_2^*, \leq)$ , the following statements are equivalent:*

- (1)  $f$  is pairwise  $B$ -continuous.
- (2)  $f(H_i^b(A)) \subseteq \overline{(f(A))}_i$  for any  $A \subseteq X$ ,  $i = 1, 2$ .

(3)  $H_i^b(f^{-1}(B)) \subseteq f^{-1}(\overline{B})_i$  for any  $B \subseteq X^*$ ,  $i = 1, 2$ .

(4) For every  $\tau_i^*$ -closed subset  $K$  of  $(X^*, \tau_1^*, \tau_2^*, \leq)$ ,  $f^{-1}(K)$  is both  $\tau_i$ -increasing and  $\tau_i$ -decreasing closed subset of  $(X, \tau_1, \tau_2, \leq)$ ,  $i = 1, 2$ .

**Theorem 3.8.** Let  $f : (X, \tau_1, \tau_2, \leq_1) \rightarrow (Y, \nu_1, \nu_2, \leq_2)$  and  $g : (Y, \nu_1, \nu_2, \leq_2) \rightarrow (Z, \eta_1, \eta_2, \leq_3)$  be any two mappings. Then

(1)  $g \circ f : (X, \tau_1, \tau_2, \leq_1) \rightarrow (Z, \eta_1, \eta_2, \leq_3)$  is pairwise  $x$ -continuous for  $x = I, D, B$ .

(2)  $g \circ f : (X, \tau_1, \tau_2, \leq_1) \rightarrow (Z, \eta_1, \eta_2, \leq_3)$  is pairwise  $x$ -continuous and  $g$  is pairwise continuous for  $x = I, D, B$ .

(3)  $g \circ f : (X, \tau_1, \tau_2, \leq_1) \rightarrow (Z, \eta_1, \eta_2, \leq_3)$  is pairwise  $x$ -continuous and  $g$  is pairwise  $y$ -continuous for  $x, y \in \{I, D, B\}$ .

#### 4. Pairwise $I$ -open, Pairwise $D$ -open and Pairwise $B$ -open Maps

**Definition 4.1.** A function  $f : (X, \tau_1, \tau_2, \leq) \rightarrow (X^*, \tau_1^*, \tau_2^*, \leq^*)$  is called a pairwise  $I$ -open (resp., a pairwise  $D$ -open, a pairwise  $B$ -open) map if  $f(G) \in \Omega(O_i^m(X^*))$  (resp.,  $f(G) \in \Omega(O_i^l(X^*))$ ,  $f(G) \in \Omega(O_i^b(X^*))$ ), whenever  $G$  is a  $\tau_i$ -open subset of  $(X, \tau_1, \tau_2)$ ,  $i = 1, 2$ .

It is evident that every pairwise  $x$ -open map is a pairwise open map for  $x = I, D, B$  and that every pairwise  $B$ -open map is both pairwise  $I$ -open and pairwise  $D$ -open.

The following example shows that a pairwise open map need not be pairwise  $x$ -open for  $x = I, D, B$ .

**Example 4.2.** Let  $(X, \tau_1, \tau_2, \leq)$  and  $f$  be as in the Example 3.2,  $f$  is a pairwise open map but  $f$  is not pairwise  $x$ -open for  $x = I, D, B$ .



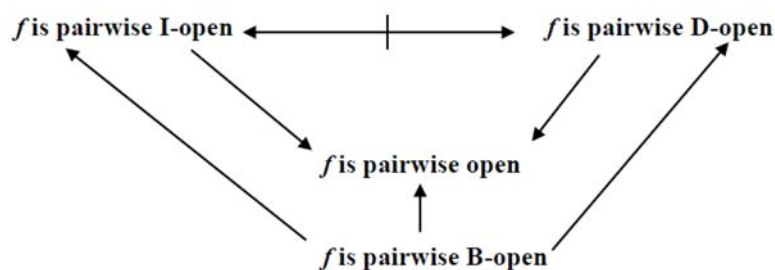
The following example shows that a pairwise  $D$ -open map need not be a pairwise  $B$ -open map.

**Example 4.3.** Let  $X, X^*, \tau_1, \tau_2, \tau_1^*, \tau_2^* \leq$  and  $\leq^*$  be as in the Example 3.3. Let  $\theta$  be the identity map from  $(X, \tau_1, \tau_2, \leq)$  onto  $(X^*, \tau_1^*, \tau_2^*, \leq^*)$ ,  $\theta$  is pairwise  $D$ -open but not a pairwise  $B$ -open map.

The following example shows that a pairwise  $I$ -open map need not be a pairwise  $B$ -open map.

**Example 4.4.** Let  $X, X^*, \tau_1, \tau_2, \tau_1^*, \tau_2^* \leq$  and  $\leq^*$  be as in the Example 3.4. Define  $\varphi : (X, \tau_1, \tau_2, \leq) \rightarrow (X^*, \tau_1^*, \tau_2^*, \leq^*)$  by  $\varphi(a) = b$ ,  $\varphi(b) = a$ , and  $\varphi(c) = c$ ,  $\varphi$  is a pairwise  $I$ -open map but not a pairwise  $B$ -open map.

Thus we have the following diagram:



**Figure 2.**

For a function  $f : (X, \tau_1, \tau_2, \leq) \rightarrow (X^*, \tau_1^*, \tau_2^*, \leq^*)$ , where  $P \rightarrow Q$  (resp.,  $P \leftrightarrow Q$ ) represents  $P$  implies  $Q$  but  $Q$  need not imply  $P$  (resp.,  $P$  and  $Q$  are independent of each other).

Before characterizing pairwise  $I$ -open (resp., pairwise  $D$ -open, pairwise  $B$ -open) maps, we establish the following useful lemma:

**Lemma 4.5.** *Let  $A$  be any subset of a bitopological ordered space  $(X, \tau_1, \tau_2, \leq)$ . Then*

$$(1) X \setminus H_i^l(A) = O_i^m(X \setminus A), \quad i = 1, 2.$$

$$(2) X \setminus H_i^m(A) = O_i^l(X \setminus A), \quad i = 1, 2.$$

$$(3) X \setminus H_i^b(A) = O_i^b(X \setminus A), \quad i = 1, 2.$$

**Proof.** (1)  $X \setminus H_i^l(A) = X \setminus \bigcap \{F \mid F \text{ is a } \tau_i\text{-decreasing closed subset of } X \text{ containing } A\} = \bigcup \{X \setminus F \mid F \text{ is a } \tau_i\text{-decreasing closed subset of } X \text{ containing } A\} = \bigcup \{G \mid G \text{ is a } \tau_i\text{-increasing open subset of } X \text{ contained in } X \setminus A\} = O_i^m(X \setminus A)$ .

The proofs for (2) and (3) are analogous to that of (1) and so omitted. □

The following theorem characterizes pairwise  $I$ -open functions.

**Theorem 4.6.** *For any function  $f : (X, \tau_1, \tau_2, \leq) \rightarrow (X^*, \tau_1^*, \tau_2^*, \leq)$ , the following statements are equivalent:*

(1)  $f$  is a pairwise  $I$ -open map.

(2)  $f(A_i^o) \subseteq O_i^m(f(A))$  for any  $A \subseteq X$ ,  $i = 1, 2$ .

(3)  $(f^{-1}(B))_i^o \subseteq f^{-1}(O_i^m(B))$  for any  $B \subseteq X^*$ ,  $i = 1, 2$ .

(4)  $f^{-1}(H_i^l(B)) \subseteq H_i^l(f^{-1}(B))$  for any  $B \subseteq X^*$ ,  $i = 1, 2$ .

**Proof.** (1)  $\Rightarrow$  (3): Since  $(f^{-1}(B))_i^o$  is  $\tau_i$ -open in  $X$  and  $f$  is pairwise  $I$ -open, then  $f((f^{-1}(B))_i^o)$  is a  $\tau_i$ -increasing open set in  $X^*$ . Also  $f(f^{-1}(B))_i^o \subseteq f(f^{-1}(B)) \subseteq B$ . Then  $f(f^{-1}(B))_i^o \subseteq O_i^m(B)$  since  $O_i^m(B)$  is the largest  $\tau_i$ -increasing open set contained in  $B$ . Therefore  $(f^{-1}(B))_i^o \subseteq f^{-1}(O_i^m(B))$ .

(3)  $\Rightarrow$  (4): Replacing  $B$  by  $X \setminus B$  in (3), we get  $(f^{-1}(X \setminus B))_i^o \subseteq f^{-1}(O_i^m(X \setminus B))$ . Since  $f^{-1}(X \setminus B) = X \setminus (f^{-1}(B))$ , then  $(X \setminus (f^{-1}(B)))_i^o \subseteq f^{-1}(O_i^m(X \setminus B))$ . Now  $X \setminus (H_i^l(f^{-1}(B))) = O_i^m(X \setminus (f^{-1}(B))) \subseteq (X \setminus (f^{-1}(B)))_i^o \subseteq f^{-1}(O_i^m(X \setminus (B))) = f^{-1}(X \setminus (H_i^l(B))) = X \setminus (f^{-1}(H_i^l(B)))$  using the above Lemma 4.5. Therefore  $f^{-1}(H_i^l(B)) \subseteq H_i^l(f^{-1}(B))$ .

(4)  $\Rightarrow$  (3): All the steps in (3)  $\Rightarrow$  (4) are reversible.

(3)  $\Rightarrow$  (2): Replacing  $B$  by  $f(A)$  in (3), we get  $(f^{-1}(f(A)))_i^o \subseteq f^{-1}(O_i^m(f(A)))$ . Since  $A_i^o \subseteq (f^{-1}(f(A)))_i^o$ , then we have  $A_i^o \subseteq f^{-1}(O_i^m(f(A)))$ . This implies that  $f(A_i^o) \subseteq f(f^{-1}(O_i^m(f(A)))) \subseteq O_i^m(f(A))$ . Hence  $f(A_i^o) \subseteq O_i^m(f(A))$ .

(2)  $\Rightarrow$  (1): Let  $G$  be any  $\tau_i$ -open subset of  $X$ . Then  $f(G) = f(G_i^o) \subseteq O_i^m(f(G))$ . So  $f(G)$  is a  $\tau_i^*$ -increasing open set in  $X^*$ . Therefore  $f$  is a pairwise  $I$ -open map.  $\square$

The following two theorems give characterizations for  $D$ -open maps and  $B$ -open maps, whose proofs are similar to as that of the above Theorem 4.6.

**Theorem 4.7.** For any function  $f : (X, \tau_1, \tau_2, \leq) \rightarrow (X^*, \tau_1^*, \tau_2^*, \leq)$ , the following statements are equivalent:

- (1)  $f$  is a pairwise  $D$ -open map.
- (2)  $f(A_i^o) \subseteq O_i^l(f(A))$  for any  $A \subseteq X$ ,  $i = 1, 2$ .
- (3)  $(f^{-1}(B))_i^o \subseteq f^{-1}(O_i^l(B))$  for any  $B \subseteq X^*$ ,  $i = 1, 2$ .
- (4)  $f^{-1}(H_i^m(B)) \subseteq H_i^m(f^{-1}(B))$  for any  $B \subseteq X^*$ ,  $i = 1, 2$ .

**Theorem 4.8.** For any function  $f : (X, \tau_1, \tau_2, \leq) \rightarrow (X^*, \tau_1^*, \tau_2^*, \leq)$ , the following statements are equivalent:

- (1)  $f$  is a pairwise  $B$ -open map.
- (2)  $f(A_i^o) \subseteq O_i^b(f(A))$  for any  $A \subseteq X$ ,  $i = 1, 2$ .
- (3)  $(f^{-1}(B))_i^o \subseteq f^{-1}(O_i^b(B))$  for any  $B \subseteq X^*$ ,  $i = 1, 2$ .
- (4)  $f^{-1}(H_i^b(B)) \subseteq H_i^b(f^{-1}(B))$  for any  $B \subseteq X^*$ ,  $i = 1, 2$ .

**Theorem 4.9.** Let  $f : (X, \tau_1, \tau_2, \leq_1) \rightarrow (Y, \nu_1, \nu_2, \leq_2)$  and  $g : (Y, \nu_1, \nu_2, \leq_2) \rightarrow (Z, \eta_1, \eta_2, \leq_3)$  be any two mappings. Then

- (1)  $g \circ f : (X, \tau_1, \tau_2, \leq_1) \rightarrow (Z, \eta_1, \eta_2, \leq_3)$  is pairwise  $x$ -open if  $f$  is pairwise open and  $g$  is pairwise  $x$ -open for  $x = I, D, B$ .
- (2)  $g \circ f : (X, \tau_1, \tau_2, \leq_1) \rightarrow (Z, \eta_1, \eta_2, \leq_3)$  is pairwise  $x$ -open if both  $f$  and  $g$  are pairwise  $x$ -open for  $x = I, D, B$ .
- (3)  $g \circ f : (X, \tau_1, \tau_2, \leq_1) \rightarrow (Z, \eta_1, \eta_2, \leq_3)$  is pairwise  $x$ -open if  $f$  is pairwise  $y$ -open and  $g$  is pairwise  $x$ -open for  $x, y \in \{I, D, B\}$ .

**Proof.** Omitted. □

### 5. Pairwise $I$ -closed, Pairwise $D$ -closed and Pairwise $B$ -closed Maps

**Definition 5.1.** A function  $f : (X, \tau_1, \tau_2, \leq) \rightarrow (X^*, \tau_1^*, \tau_2^*, \leq^*)$  is called a pairwise  $I$ -closed (resp., a pairwise  $D$ -closed, a pairwise  $B$ -closed) map if  $f(G) \in \Omega(H_i^m(X^*))$  (resp.,  $f(G) \in \Omega(H_i^l(X^*))$ ,  $f(G) \in \Omega(H_i^b(X^*))$ ), whenever  $G$  is a  $\tau_i$ -open subset of  $(X, \tau_1, \tau_2)$ , where  $\Omega(H_i^m(X^*))$  (resp.,  $\text{COmega}(H_i^l(X^*))$ ,  $\Omega(H_i^b(X^*))$ ) is the collection of all  $\tau_i$ -increasing (resp.,  $\tau_i$ -decreasing, both  $\tau_i$ -increasing and  $\tau_i$ -decreasing) closed subsets of  $(X^*, \tau_1^*, \tau_2^*, \leq^*)$ ,  $i = 1, 2$ .

Clearly, every pairwise  $x$ -closed map is a pairwise closed map for  $x = I, D, B$  and every pairwise  $B$ -closed map is both pairwise  $I$ -closed and pairwise  $D$ -closed. The following example shows that a pairwise closed map need not be pairwise  $x$ -closed for  $x = I, D, B$ .

**Example 5.2.** Let  $(X, \tau_1, \tau_2, \leq)$  and  $f$  be as in the Example 3.2,  $f$  is a pairwise closed map but  $f$  is not pairwise  $x$ -closed for  $x = I, D, B$ .

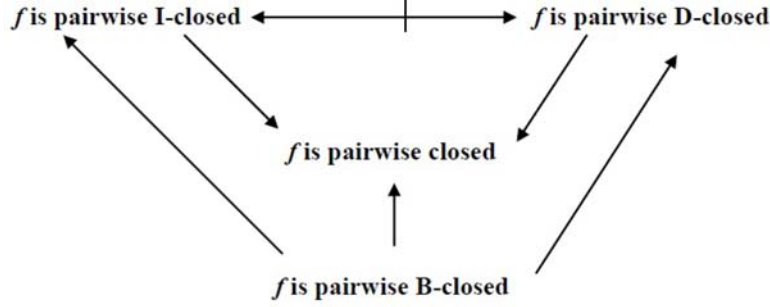
The following example shows that a pairwise  $I$ -closed map need not be a pairwise  $B$ -closed map.

**Example 5.3.** Let  $X, X^*, \tau_1, \tau_2, \tau_1^*, \tau_2^*, \leq$  and  $\leq^*$  be as in the Example 4.3,  $\theta$  is pairwise  $I$ -closed but not a pairwise  $B$ -closed map.

The following example shows that a pairwise  $I$ -closed map need not be a pairwise  $B$ -closed map.

**Example 5.4.** Let  $X, X^*, \tau_1, \tau_2, \tau_1^*, \tau_2^*, \leq, \leq^*$  and  $\varphi$  be as in the Example 4.4,  $\varphi$  is a pairwise  $D$ -closed map but not a pairwise  $B$ -closed map.

Thus we have the following diagram:



**Figure 3.**

For a function  $f : (X, \tau_1, \tau_2, \leq) \rightarrow (X^*, \tau_1^*, \tau_2^*, \leq^*)$ , where  $P \rightarrow Q$  (resp.,  $P \leftrightarrow Q$ ) represents  $P$  implies  $Q$  but  $Q$  need not imply  $P$  (resp.,  $P$  and  $Q$  are independent of each other).

The following theorem characterizes  $I$ -closed maps.

**Theorem 5.5.** Let  $f : (X, \tau_1, \tau_2, \leq) \rightarrow (X^*, \tau_1^*, \tau_2^*, \leq^*)$  be any map. Then  $f$  is pairwise  $I$ -closed if and only if  $H_i^m(f(A)) \subseteq f(\overline{A}_i)$  for every  $A \subseteq X, i = 1, 2$ .

**Proof.** Necessity: Since  $f$  is pairwise  $I$ -closed, then  $f(\overline{A}_i)$  is a  $\tau_i$ -increasing closed subset of  $X$  and  $f(A) \subseteq f(\overline{A}_i)$ . Therefore  $H_i^m(f(A)) \subseteq f(\overline{A}_i)$  since  $H_i^m(f(A))$  is the smallest  $\tau_i$ -increasing closed set in  $X^*$  containing  $f(A)$ .

Sufficiency: Let  $F$  be any  $\tau_i$ -closed subset of  $X$ . Then  $f(F) \subseteq H_i^m(f(F)) \subseteq f(\overline{F}_i) = f(F)$ . Thus  $f(F) = H_i^m(f(F))$ . So  $f(F)$  is a  $\tau_i$ -increasing closed subset of  $X^*$ . Therefore  $f$  is a pairwise  $I$ -closed map.

□

The following two theorems characterize pairwise  $D$ -closed maps and pairwise  $B$ -closed maps.

**Theorem 5.6.** *Let  $f : (X, \tau_1, \tau_2, \leq) \rightarrow (X^*, \tau_1^*, \tau_2^*, \leq^*)$  be any map. Then  $f$  is pairwise  $D$ -closed if and only if  $H_i^l(f(A)) \subseteq f(\overline{A}_i)$  for every  $A \subseteq X$ ,  $i = 1, 2$ .*

**Proof.** Omitted.

□

**Theorem 5.7.** *Let  $f : (X, \tau_1, \tau_2, \leq) \rightarrow (X^*, \tau_1^*, \tau_2^*, \leq^*)$  be any map. Then  $f$  is pairwise  $B$ -closed if and only if  $H_i^b(f(A)) \subseteq f(\overline{A}_i)$  for every  $A \subseteq X$ ,  $i = 1, 2$ .*

**Proof.** Omitted.

□

**Theorem 5.8.** *Let  $f : (X, \tau_1, \tau_2, \leq) \rightarrow (X^*, \tau_1^*, \tau_2^*, \leq^*)$  be a pairwise bijection map. Then*

- (1)  *$f$  is pairwise  $I$ -open if and only if  $f$  is pairwise  $D$ -closed.*
- (2)  *$f$  is pairwise  $I$ -closed if and only if  $f$  is pairwise  $D$ -open.*
- (3)  *$f$  is pairwise  $B$ -open if and only if  $f$  is pairwise  $B$ -closed.*

**Proof.** (1) Necessity: Let  $F$  be any  $\tau_i$ -closed subset of  $X$ . Then  $f(X \setminus F)$  is a  $\tau_i^*$ -increasing open subset of  $X^*$  since  $f$  is a pairwise  $I$ -open map and  $(X \setminus F)$  is a  $\tau_i$ -open subset of  $X$ . Since  $f$  is a pairwise

bijection, then we have  $f(X \setminus F) = X \setminus (f(F))$ . So  $f(F)$  is a  $\tau_i^*$ -decreasing closed subset of  $X^*$ . Therefore  $f$  is a pairwise  $D$ -closed.

Sufficiency: Let  $G$  be any  $\tau_i$ -open subset of  $X$ . Then  $f(X \setminus G)$  is a  $\tau_i$ -decreasing closed subset of  $X^*$  since  $f$  is a pairwise  $D$ -closed map and  $(X \setminus G)$  is a  $\tau_i$ -closed subset of  $X$ . Since  $f$  is a pairwise bijection, then we have that  $f(X \setminus G) = X \setminus f(G)$ . So  $f(G)$  is a  $\tau_i$ -increasing open subset of  $X^*$ . Therefore  $f$  is a pairwise  $I$ -open map.

The proofs for (2) and (3) are similar to that of (1). □

**Theorem 5.9.** *Let  $f : (X, \tau_1, \tau_2, \leq_1) \rightarrow (Y, \nu_1, \nu_2, \leq_2)$  and  $g : (Y, \nu_1, \nu_2, \leq_2) \rightarrow (Z, \eta_1, \eta_2, \leq_3)$  be any two mappings. Then*

(1)  $g \circ f : (X, \tau_1, \tau_2, \leq_1) \rightarrow (Z, \eta_1, \eta_2, \leq_3)$  is pairwise  $x$ -closed if  $f$  is pairwise closed and  $g$  is pairwise  $x$ -closed for  $x = I, D, B$ .

(2)  $g \circ f : (X, \tau_1, \tau_2, \leq_1) \rightarrow (Z, \eta_1, \eta_2, \leq_3)$  is pairwise  $x$ -closed if both  $f$  and  $g$  are pairwise  $x$ -closed for  $x = I, D, B$ .

(3)  $g \circ f : (X, \tau_1, \tau_2, \leq_1) \rightarrow (Z, \eta_1, \eta_2, \leq_3)$  is pairwise  $x$ -closed if  $f$  is pairwise  $y$ -closed and  $g$  is pairwise  $x$ -closed for  $x, y \in \{I, D, B\}$ .

**Theorem 5.10.** *Let  $f : (X, \tau_1, \tau_2, \leq) \rightarrow (X^*, \tau_1^*, \tau_2^*, \leq^*)$  be a pairwise bijection map. Then the following statements are equivalent:*

- (1)  $f$  is a pairwise  $I$ -open map.
- (2)  $f$  is a pairwise  $D$ -closed map.
- (3)  $f^{-1}$  is a pairwise  $I$ -continuous.



**Theorem 5.11.** *Let  $f : (X, \tau_1, \tau_2, \leq) \rightarrow (X^*, \tau_1^*, \tau_2^*, \leq^*)$  be a pairwise bijection map. Then the following statements are equivalent:*

- (1)  $f$  is a pairwise  $D$ -open map.
- (2)  $f$  is a pairwise  $I$ -closed map.
- (3)  $f^{-1}$  is a pairwise  $D$ -continuous.

**Theorem 5.12.** *Let  $f : (X, \tau_1, \tau_2, \leq) \rightarrow (X^*, \tau_1^*, \tau_2^*, \leq^*)$  be a pairwise bijection map. Then the following statements are equivalent:*

- (1)  $f$  is a pairwise  $B$ -open map.
- (2)  $f$  is a pairwise  $B$ -closed map.
- (3)  $f^{-1}$  is a pairwise  $B$ -continuous.

**Theorem 5.13.** *Let  $f : (X, \tau_1, \tau_2, \leq) \rightarrow (X^*, \tau_1^*, \tau_2^*, \leq^*)$  be a pairwise  $I$ -closed map and  $B, C \subseteq X^*$ . Then*

(1) *If  $U$  is a  $\tau_i$ -open neighbourhood of  $f^{-1}(B)$ , then there exists a  $\tau_i$ -decreasing open neighbourhood  $V$  of  $B$  such that  $f^{-1}(B) \subseteq f^{-1}(V) \subseteq U$ ,  $i = 1, 2$ .*

(2) *If  $f^{-1}(B)$  and  $f^{-1}(C)$  have disjoint  $\tau_i$ -neighbourhoods, then  $f^{-1}(B)$  and  $f^{-1}(C)$  have disjoint  $\tau_i$ -decreasing open neighbourhoods,  $i = 1, 2$ .*

**Proof.** (1) Let  $U$  be a  $\tau_i$ -open neighbourhood of  $f^{-1}(B)$ . Take  $X^* \setminus V = f(X \setminus U)$ . Since  $f$  is a pairwise  $I$ -closed map and  $(X \setminus U)$  is a  $\tau_i$ -closed set, then  $X^* \setminus V = f(X \setminus U)$  is a  $\tau_i$ -increasing closed subset of  $X^*$ . Thus  $V$  is an  $\tau_i$ -decreasing open subset of  $X^*$ . Since  $f^{-1}(B) \subseteq U$ ,

then  $X^* \setminus V = f(X \setminus U) \subseteq f(f^{-1}(X^* \setminus B)) \subseteq X^* \setminus B$ . So  $B \subseteq V$ . Thus  $V$  is a  $\tau_i^*$ -decreasing open neighbourhood of  $B$ . Further  $X \setminus U \subseteq f^{-1}(f(X \setminus U)) = f^{-1}(X^* \setminus V) = X^* \setminus (f^{-1}(V))$ . Thus  $f^{-1}(B) \subseteq f^{-1}(V) \subseteq U$ .

□

**Theorem 5.14.** *Let  $f : (X, \tau_1, \tau_2, \leq) \rightarrow (X^*, \tau_1^*, \tau_2^*, \leq^*)$  be a pairwise  $D$ -closed map and  $B, C \subseteq X^*$ . Then*

(1) *If  $U$  is a  $\tau_i$ -open neighbourhood of  $f^{-1}(B)$ , then there exists a  $\tau_i$ -decreasing open neighbourhood  $V$  of  $B$  such that  $f^{-1}(B) \subseteq f^{-1}(V) \subseteq U$ ,  $i = 1, 2$ .*

(2) *If  $f^{-1}(B)$  and  $f^{-1}(C)$  have disjoint  $\tau_i$ -neighbourhoods, then  $f^{-1}(B)$  and  $f^{-1}(C)$  have disjoint  $\tau_i$ -increasing open neighbourhoods,  $i = 1, 2$ .*

**Theorem 5.15.** *Let  $f : (X, \tau_1, \tau_2, \leq) \rightarrow (X^*, \tau_1^*, \tau_2^*, \leq^*)$  be a pairwise  $B$ -closed map and  $B, C \subseteq X^*$ . Then*

(1) *If  $U$  is a  $\tau_i$ -open neighbourhood of  $f^{-1}(B)$ , then there exists a  $\tau_i$ -open neighbourhood  $V$  of  $B$ , which are both  $\tau_i$ -increasing and  $\tau_i$ -decreasing, such that  $f^{-1}(B) \subseteq f^{-1}(V) \subseteq U$ ,  $i = 1, 2$ .*

(2) *If  $f^{-1}(B)$  and  $f^{-1}(C)$  have disjoint  $\tau_i$ -neighbourhoods, then  $f^{-1}(B)$  and  $f^{-1}(C)$  have disjoint  $\tau_i$ -open neighbourhoods, which are both  $\tau_i$ -increasing and  $\tau_i$ -decreasing,  $i = 1, 2$ .*

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