



On R - (τ_1, τ_2) -continuous Functions

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Abstract. This paper presents a new class of functions between bitopological spaces called R - (τ_1, τ_2) -continuous functions. Furthermore, several characterizations and some properties concerning R - (τ_1, τ_2) -continuous functions are established.

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1. Introduction

The field of the mathematical science which goes under the name of topology is concerned with all questions directly or indirectly related to continuity. Preopen sets, semi-open sets, α -open sets, β -open sets, δ -open sets and θ -open sets play an important role in the research of generalizations of continuity. By using these sets many authors introduced and investigated various types of continuity. In [1], the present authors studied some properties of (Λ, sp) -open sets, $s(\Lambda, sp)$ -open sets, $p(\Lambda, sp)$ -open sets, $\alpha(\Lambda, sp)$ -open sets and $\beta(\Lambda, sp)$ -open sets. Viriyapong and Boonpok [2] investigated several characterizations of (Λ, sp) -continuous functions by utilizing the notions of (Λ, sp) -open sets and (Λ, sp) -closed sets. Dungthaisong et al. [3] introduced and studied the concept of $g_{(m,n)}$ -continuous functions. Duangphui et al. [4] introduced and investigated the notion of $(\mu, \mu')^{(m,n)}$ -continuous functions. Moreover, some characterizations of almost (Λ, p) -continuous functions, almost strongly $\theta(\Lambda, p)$ -continuous functions, weakly (Λ, b) -continuous functions, $\theta(\star)$ -precontinuous functions, $(\Lambda, p(\star))$ -continuous functions, \star -continuous functions, θ - \mathcal{I} -continuous functions, almost (g, m) -continuous functions, pairwise almost M -continuous functions were presented in [5], [6], [7], [8], [9], [10], [11], [12] and [13], respectively. Konstadilaki-Savvopoulou and Janković [14] introduced and studied a strong form of continuity of functions between topological spaces called R -continuous functions. Crossley and

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Hildebrand [15] introduced and investigated the concept of irresolute functions. Reilly and Vamanamurthy [16] introduced and studied the notion of preirresolute functions. Baker [17] introduced and investigated the concept of R -irresolute functions. Furthermore, the present author [18] introduced a strong form of preirresolute functions called R -preirresolute functions. These four classes of functions have properties similar to the class of R -continuous functions. Beceren and Noiri [19] introduced and studied the notions of new classes of functions, namely α -preirresolute functions and β -preirresolute functions. A new class of α -preirresolute functions which is stronger than preirresolute functions [17] is a generalization of strongly M -precontinuous functions [20]. A new class of β -irresolute functions which is stronger than almost α -irresolute functions [19] is a generalization of preirresolute functions [17]. Noiri and Popa [21] introduced a new class of functions called R - M -continuous functions as functions defined between sets satisfying some minimal conditions and obtained several characterizations of R - M -continuous functions. Noiri and Popa [21] investigated the relationship between R - M -continuity and some low separation axioms (m - T_1 , m - T_2 , m - R_0). The notion of (τ_1, τ_2) -continuous functions was introduced in [22]. Moreover, several characterizations of almost (τ_1, τ_2) -continuous functions and weakly (τ_1, τ_2) -continuous functions were studied in [23] and [24], respectively. In this paper, we introduce the concept of R - (τ_1, τ_2) -continuous functions. We also investigate some characterizations of R - (τ_1, τ_2) -continuous functions.

2. Preliminaries

Throughout the present paper, spaces (X, τ_1, τ_2) and (Y, σ_1, σ_2) (or simply X and Y) always mean bitopological spaces on which no separation axioms are assumed unless explicitly stated. Let A be a subset of a bitopological space (X, τ_1, τ_2) . The closure of A and the interior of A with respect to τ_i are denoted by τ_i -Cl(A) and τ_i -Int(A), respectively, for $i = 1, 2$. A subset A of a bitopological space (X, τ_1, τ_2) is called $\tau_1\tau_2$ -closed [25] if $A = \tau_1$ -Cl(τ_2 -Cl(A)). The complement of a $\tau_1\tau_2$ -closed set is called $\tau_1\tau_2$ -open. The intersection of all $\tau_1\tau_2$ -closed sets of X containing A is called the $\tau_1\tau_2$ -closure [25] of A and is denoted by $\tau_1\tau_2$ -Cl(A). The union of all $\tau_1\tau_2$ -open sets of X contained in A is called the $\tau_1\tau_2$ -interior [25] of A and is denoted by $\tau_1\tau_2$ -Int(A).

Lemma 1. [25] *Let A and B be subsets of a bitopological space (X, τ_1, τ_2) . For the $\tau_1\tau_2$ -closure, the following properties hold:*

- (1) $A \subseteq \tau_1\tau_2$ -Cl(A) and $\tau_1\tau_2$ -Cl($\tau_1\tau_2$ -Cl(A)) = $\tau_1\tau_2$ -Cl(A).
- (2) If $A \subseteq B$, then $\tau_1\tau_2$ -Cl(A) \subseteq $\tau_1\tau_2$ -Cl(B).
- (3) $\tau_1\tau_2$ -Cl(A) is $\tau_1\tau_2$ -closed.
- (4) A is $\tau_1\tau_2$ -closed if and only if $A = \tau_1\tau_2$ -Cl(A).
- (5) $\tau_1\tau_2$ -Cl($X - A$) = $X - \tau_1\tau_2$ -Int(A).

A subset A of a bitopological space (X, τ_1, τ_2) is said to be $(\tau_1, \tau_2)r$ -open [26] (resp. $(\tau_1, \tau_2)s$ -open [27], $(\tau_1, \tau_2)p$ -open [27], $(\tau_1, \tau_2)\beta$ -open [27]) if $A = \tau_1\tau_2\text{-Int}(\tau_1\tau_2\text{-Cl}(A))$ (resp. $A \subseteq \tau_1\tau_2\text{-Cl}(\tau_1\tau_2\text{-Int}(A))$, $A \subseteq \tau_1\tau_2\text{-Int}(\tau_1\tau_2\text{-Cl}(A))$, $A \subseteq \tau_1\tau_2\text{-Cl}(\tau_1\tau_2\text{-Int}(\tau_1\tau_2\text{-Cl}(A)))$). The complement of a $(\tau_1, \tau_2)r$ -open (resp. $(\tau_1, \tau_2)s$ -open, $(\tau_1, \tau_2)p$ -open, $(\tau_1, \tau_2)\beta$ -open) set is called $(\tau_1, \tau_2)r$ -closed (resp. $(\tau_1, \tau_2)s$ -closed, $(\tau_1, \tau_2)p$ -closed, $(\tau_1, \tau_2)\beta$ -closed). A subset A of a bitopological space (X, τ_1, τ_2) is said to be $\alpha(\tau_1, \tau_2)$ -open [28] if $A \subseteq \tau_1\tau_2\text{-Int}(\tau_1\tau_2\text{-Cl}(\tau_1\tau_2\text{-Int}(A)))$. The complement of an $\alpha(\tau_1, \tau_2)$ -open set is said to be $\alpha(\tau_1, \tau_2)$ -closed. Let A be a subset of a bitopological space (X, τ_1, τ_2) . A point $x \in X$ is called a $(\tau_1, \tau_2)\theta$ -cluster point [26] of A if $\tau_1\tau_2\text{-Cl}(U) \cap A \neq \emptyset$ for every $\tau_1\tau_2$ -open set U containing x . The set of all $(\tau_1, \tau_2)\theta$ -cluster points of A is called the $(\tau_1, \tau_2)\theta$ -closure [26] of A and is denoted by $(\tau_1, \tau_2)\theta\text{-Cl}(A)$. A subset A of a bitopological space (X, τ_1, τ_2) is said to be $(\tau_1, \tau_2)\theta$ -closed [26] if $A = (\tau_1, \tau_2)\theta\text{-Cl}(A)$. The complement of a $(\tau_1, \tau_2)\theta$ -closed set is said to be $(\tau_1, \tau_2)\theta$ -open. The union of all $(\tau_1, \tau_2)\theta$ -open sets contained in A is called the $(\tau_1, \tau_2)\theta$ -interior [26] of A and is denoted by $(\tau_1, \tau_2)\theta\text{-Int}(A)$.

Lemma 2. [26] *For a subset A of a bitopological space (X, τ_1, τ_2) , the following properties hold:*

- (1) *If A is $\tau_1\tau_2$ -open in X , then $\tau_1\tau_2\text{-Cl}(A) = (\tau_1, \tau_2)\theta\text{-Cl}(A)$.*
- (2) *$(\tau_1, \tau_2)\theta\text{-Cl}(A)$ is $\tau_1\tau_2$ -closed in X .*

3. R - (τ_1, τ_2) -continuous functions

In this section, we introduce the concept of R - (τ_1, τ_2) -continuous functions. Furthermore, several characterizations of R - (τ_1, τ_2) -continuous functions are discussed.

Definition 1. *A function $f : (X, \tau_1, \tau_2) \rightarrow (Y, \sigma_1, \sigma_2)$ is said to be R - (τ_1, τ_2) -continuous if for each $x \in X$ and for each $\sigma_1\sigma_2$ -open set V of Y containing $f(x)$, there exists a $\tau_1\tau_2$ -open set U of X containing x such that $\sigma_1\sigma_2\text{-Cl}(f(U)) \subseteq V$.*

Definition 2. [22] *A function $f : (X, \tau_1, \tau_2) \rightarrow (Y, \sigma_1, \sigma_2)$ is called (τ_1, τ_2) -continuous at a point $x \in X$ if for each $\sigma_1\sigma_2$ -open set V of Y containing $f(x)$, there exists a $\tau_1\tau_2$ -open set U of X containing x such that $f(U) \subseteq V$. A function $f : (X, \tau_1, \tau_2) \rightarrow (Y, \sigma_1, \sigma_2)$ is called (τ_1, τ_2) -continuous if f has this property at each point of X .*

Lemma 3. [22] *For a function $(X, \tau_1, \tau_2) \rightarrow (Y, \sigma_1, \sigma_2)$, the following properties are equivalent:*

- (1) *f is (τ_1, τ_2) -continuous;*
- (2) *$f^{-1}(V)$ is $\tau_1\tau_2$ -open in X for every $\sigma_1\sigma_2$ -open set V of Y ;*
- (3) *$f(\tau_1\tau_2\text{-Cl}(A)) \subseteq \sigma_1\sigma_2\text{-Cl}(f(A))$ for every subset A of X ;*
- (4) *$\tau_1\tau_2\text{-Cl}(f^{-1}(B)) \subseteq f^{-1}(\sigma_1\sigma_2\text{-Cl}(B))$ for every subset B of Y ;*

(5) $f^{-1}(\sigma_1\sigma_2\text{-Int}(B)) \subseteq \tau_1\tau_2\text{-Int}(f^{-1}(B))$ for every subset B of Y ;

(6) $f^{-1}(K)$ is $\tau_1\tau_2$ -closed in X for every $\sigma_1\sigma_2$ -closed set K of Y .

Lemma 4. *If a function $f : (X, \tau_1, \tau_2) \rightarrow (Y, \sigma_1, \sigma_2)$ is R - (τ_1, τ_2) -continuous, then f is (τ_1, τ_2) -continuous.*

Proof. Let $x \in X$ and V be any $\sigma_1\sigma_2$ -open set of Y containing $f(x)$. Since f is R - (τ_1, τ_2) -continuous, there exists a $\tau_1\tau_2$ -open set U of X containing x such that $\sigma_1\sigma_2\text{-Cl}(f(U)) \subseteq V$. This implies that $f(U) \subseteq V$. Thus, f is (τ_1, τ_2) -continuous.

Theorem 1. *For a function $f : (X, \tau_1, \tau_2) \rightarrow (Y, \sigma_1, \sigma_2)$, the following properties are equivalent:*

(1) f is R - (τ_1, τ_2) -continuous;

(2) for each point $x \in X$ and each $\sigma_1\sigma_2$ -open set V of Y containing $f(x)$, exists a $\tau_1\tau_2$ -open set U of X containing x such that $\sigma_1\sigma_2\text{-Cl}(f(\tau_1\tau_2\text{-Cl}(U))) \subseteq V$;

(3) for each point $x \in X$ and each $\sigma_1\sigma_2$ -closed set F of Y with $f(x) \notin F$, exists a $\tau_1\tau_2$ -open set U of X containing x and a $\sigma_1\sigma_2$ -open set V of Y such that $F \subseteq V$ and $f(\tau_1\tau_2\text{-Cl}(U)) \cap V = \emptyset$;

(4) for each point $x \in X$ and each $\sigma_1\sigma_2$ -closed set F of Y with $f(x) \notin F$, exists a $\tau_1\tau_2$ -open set U of X containing x and a $\sigma_1\sigma_2$ -open set V of Y such that $F \subseteq V$ and $f(U) \cap V = \emptyset$.

Proof. (1) \Rightarrow (2): Let $x \in X$ and V be any $\sigma_1\sigma_2$ -open set of Y containing $f(x)$. Since f is R - (τ_1, τ_2) -continuous, there exists a $\tau_1\tau_2$ -open set U of X containing x such that $\sigma_1\sigma_2\text{-Cl}(f(U)) \subseteq V$. By Lemma 4, we have f is (τ_1, τ_2) -continuous and by Lemma 3, $f(\tau_1\tau_2\text{-Cl}(U)) \subseteq \sigma_1\sigma_2\text{-Cl}(f(U)) \subseteq V$. Thus,

$$\sigma_1\sigma_2\text{-Cl}(f(\tau_1\tau_2\text{-Cl}(U))) \subseteq \sigma_1\sigma_2\text{-Cl}(f(U)) \subseteq V.$$

(2) \Rightarrow (3): Let $x \in X$ and F be any $\sigma_1\sigma_2$ -closed set of Y with $f(x) \notin F$. Then, we have $f(x) \in Y - F$ and $Y - F$ is $\sigma_1\sigma_2$ -open in Y . By (2), there exists a $\tau_1\tau_2$ -open set U of X containing x such that $\sigma_1\sigma_2\text{-Cl}(f(\tau_1\tau_2\text{-Cl}(U))) \subseteq Y - F$. Put

$$V = Y - \sigma_1\sigma_2\text{-Cl}(f(\tau_1\tau_2\text{-Cl}(U))).$$

Then, V is $\sigma_1\sigma_2$ -open and $F \subseteq V$. Furthermore, $f(\tau_1\tau_2\text{-Cl}(U)) \cap V = \emptyset$.

(3) \Rightarrow (4): The proof is obvious.

(4) \Rightarrow (1): Let $x \in X$ and V be any $\sigma_1\sigma_2$ -open set of Y containing $f(x)$. Then, $Y - V$ is $\sigma_1\sigma_2$ -closed in Y and $f(x) \notin Y - V$. By (4), there exists a $\tau_1\tau_2$ -open set U of X containing x and a $\sigma_1\sigma_2$ -open set W of Y such that $Y - V \subseteq W$ and $f(U) \cap W = \emptyset$. Since $f(U) \subseteq Y - W$ and $Y - W$ is $\sigma_1\sigma_2$ -closed, $\sigma_1\sigma_2\text{-Cl}(f(U)) \subseteq \sigma_1\sigma_2\text{-Cl}(Y - W) = Y - W \subseteq V$. This shows that f is R - (τ_1, τ_2) -continuous.

Definition 3. [29] A function $f : (X, \tau_1, \tau_2) \rightarrow (Y, \sigma_1, \sigma_2)$ is said to be strongly $\theta(\tau_1, \tau_2)$ -continuous at a point $x \in X$ if for each $\sigma_1\sigma_2$ -open set V of Y containing $f(x)$, there exists a $\tau_1\tau_2$ -open set U of X containing x such that $f(\tau_1\tau_2\text{-Cl}(U)) \subseteq V$. A function $f : (X, \tau_1, \tau_2) \rightarrow (Y, \sigma_1, \sigma_2)$ is said to be strongly $\theta(\tau_1, \tau_2)$ -continuous if f is strongly $\theta(\tau_1, \tau_2)$ -continuous at each point x of X .

Theorem 2. If a function $f : (X, \tau_1, \tau_2) \rightarrow (Y, \sigma_1, \sigma_2)$ is R - (τ_1, τ_2) -continuous, then f is strongly $\theta(\tau_1, \tau_2)$ -continuous.

Proof. It follows from Theorem 1(2).

Definition 4. A function $f : (X, \tau_1, \tau_2) \rightarrow (Y, \sigma_1, \sigma_2)$ is said to be weakly (τ_1, τ_2) -closed if for each $\tau_1\tau_2$ -closed set F of X , $\sigma_1\sigma_2\text{-Cl}(f(\tau_1\tau_2\text{-Int}(F))) \subseteq f(F)$.

Theorem 3. For a function $f : (X, \tau_1, \tau_2) \rightarrow (Y, \sigma_1, \sigma_2)$, the following properties are equivalent:

- (1) f is weakly (τ_1, τ_2) -closed;
- (2) $\sigma_1\sigma_2\text{-Cl}(f(U)) \subseteq f(\tau_1\tau_2\text{-Cl}(U))$ for each $\tau_1\tau_2$ -open set U of X ;
- (3) for each subset B of Y and each $\tau_1\tau_2$ -open set U of X with $f^{-1}(B) \subseteq U$, there exists a $\sigma_1\sigma_2$ -open set V of Y such that $B \subseteq V$ and $f^{-1}(V) \subseteq \tau_1\tau_2\text{-Cl}(U)$;
- (4) for each $y \in Y$ and each $\tau_1\tau_2$ -open set U of X with $f^{-1}(y) \subseteq U$, there exists a $\sigma_1\sigma_2$ -open set V of Y containing y such that $f^{-1}(y) \subseteq \tau_1\tau_2\text{-Cl}(U)$;
- (5) $\sigma_1\sigma_2\text{-Cl}(f(\tau_1\tau_2\text{-Int}(\tau_1\tau_2\text{-Cl}(A)))) \subseteq f(\tau_1\tau_2\text{-Cl}(A))$ for each subset A of X ;
- (6) $\sigma_1\sigma_2\text{-Cl}(f(\tau_1\tau_2\text{-Int}((\tau_1, \tau_2)\theta\text{-Cl}(A)))) \subseteq f((\tau_1, \tau_2)\theta\text{-Cl}(A))$ for each subset A of X .

Proof. (1) \Rightarrow (2): Let U be any $\tau_1\tau_2$ -open set of X . Since f is weakly (τ_1, τ_2) -closed, we have $\sigma_1\sigma_2\text{-Cl}(f(U)) \subseteq \sigma_1\sigma_2\text{-Cl}(f(\tau_1\tau_2\text{-Int}(\tau_1\tau_2\text{-Cl}(U)))) \subseteq f(\tau_1\tau_2\text{-Cl}(U))$.

(2) \Rightarrow (3): Let B be any subset of Y and U be any $\tau_1\tau_2$ -open set of X with $f^{-1}(B) \subseteq U$. Since U is $\tau_1\tau_2$ -open,

$$\begin{aligned} f^{-1}(B) \cap \tau_1\tau_2\text{-Cl}(X - \tau_1\tau_2\text{-Cl}(U)) &= f^{-1}(B) \cap (X - \tau_1\tau_2\text{-Int}(\tau_1\tau_2\text{-Cl}(U))) \\ &\subseteq f^{-1}(B) \cap (X - \tau_1\tau_2\text{-Int}(U)) \\ &= f^{-1}(B) \cap (X - U) = \emptyset. \end{aligned}$$

Thus, $f^{-1}(B) \cap \tau_1\tau_2\text{-Cl}(X - \tau_1\tau_2\text{-Cl}(U)) = \emptyset$ and hence

$$B \cap f(\tau_1\tau_2\text{-Cl}(X - \tau_1\tau_2\text{-Cl}(U))) = \emptyset.$$

On the other hand, we have $\tau_1\tau_2\text{-Cl}(U)$ is $\tau_1\tau_2$ -closed and $X - \tau_1\tau_2\text{-Cl}(U)$ is $\tau_1\tau_2$ -open. Thus by (2), $\sigma_1\sigma_2\text{-Cl}(f(X - \tau_1\tau_2\text{-Cl}(U))) \subseteq f(\tau_1\tau_2\text{-Cl}(X - \tau_1\tau_2\text{-Cl}(U)))$ and so

$$B \cap \sigma_1\sigma_2\text{-Cl}(f(X - \tau_1\tau_2\text{-Cl}(U))) \subseteq B \cap f(\tau_1\tau_2\text{-Cl}(X - \tau_1\tau_2\text{-Cl}(U))).$$

Let $V = Y - \sigma_1\sigma_2\text{-Cl}(f(X - \tau_1\tau_2\text{-Cl}(U)))$. Then, V is $\sigma_1\sigma_2$ -open in Y , $B \subseteq V$ and

$$\begin{aligned} f^{-1}(V) &= f^{-1}(Y - \sigma_1\sigma_2\text{-Cl}(f(X - \tau_1\tau_2\text{-Cl}(U)))) \\ &\subseteq X - f^{-1}(f(X - \tau_1\tau_2\text{-Cl}(U))) \\ &\subseteq \tau_1\tau_2\text{-Cl}(U). \end{aligned}$$

(3) \Rightarrow (4): The proof is obvious.

(4) \Rightarrow (1): Let F be any $\tau_1\tau_2$ -closed set of X and $y \in Y - f(F)$. Since $Y - F$ is $\sigma_1\sigma_2$ -open and $f^{-1}(y) \subseteq X - F$, by (4) there exists a $\sigma_1\sigma_2$ -open set V of Y with $y \in V$ and $f^{-1}(V) \subseteq \tau_1\tau_2\text{-Cl}(X - F) = X - \tau_1\tau_2\text{-Int}(F)$. Thus, $V \cap f(\tau_1\tau_2\text{-Int}(F)) = \emptyset$ and hence $y \in Y - \sigma_1\sigma_2\text{-Cl}(f(\tau_1\tau_2\text{-Int}(F)))$. Therefore, $\sigma_1\sigma_2\text{-Cl}(f(\tau_1\tau_2\text{-Int}(F))) \subseteq f(F)$ which implies that f is weakly (τ_1, τ_2) -closed.

(1) \Rightarrow (5): Let A be any subset of X . Then, $\tau_1\tau_2\text{-Cl}(A)$ is $\tau_1\tau_2$ -closed and by (1), $\sigma_1\sigma_2\text{-Cl}(f(\tau_1\tau_2\text{-Int}(\tau_1\tau_2\text{-Cl}(A)))) \subseteq f(\tau_1\tau_2\text{-Cl}(A))$.

(5) \Rightarrow (2): Let U be any $\tau_1\tau_2$ -open set of X . Then by (5),

$$\sigma_1\sigma_2\text{-Cl}(f(U)) \subseteq \sigma_1\sigma_2\text{-Cl}(f(\tau_1\tau_2\text{-Int}(\tau_1\tau_2\text{-Cl}(U)))) \subseteq f(\tau_1\tau_2\text{-Cl}(U)).$$

(1) \Rightarrow (6): Let A be any subset of X . Thus by Lemma 2, $(\tau_1, \tau_2)\theta\text{-Cl}(A)$ is $\tau_1\tau_2$ -closed and by (1), we have $\sigma_1\sigma_2\text{-Cl}(f(\tau_1\tau_2\text{-Int}((\tau_1, \tau_2)\theta\text{-Cl}(A)))) \subseteq f((\tau_1, \tau_2)\theta\text{-Cl}(A))$.

(6) \Rightarrow (2): Let U be any $\tau_1\tau_2$ -open set of X . By Lemma 2, we have

$$\tau_1\tau_2\text{-Cl}(U) = (\tau_1, \tau_2)\theta\text{-Cl}(U)$$

and by (6),

$$\begin{aligned} \sigma_1\sigma_2\text{-Cl}(f(U)) &\subseteq \sigma_1\sigma_2\text{-Cl}(f(\tau_1\tau_2\text{-Int}((\tau_1, \tau_2)\theta\text{-Cl}(U)))) \\ &\subseteq f((\tau_1, \tau_2)\theta\text{-Cl}(U)) \\ &= f(\tau_1\tau_2\text{-Cl}(U)). \end{aligned}$$

Theorem 4. *If a function $f : (X, \tau_1, \tau_2) \rightarrow (Y, \sigma_1, \sigma_2)$ is strongly $\theta(\tau_1, \tau_2)$ -continuous and weakly (τ_1, τ_2) -closed, then f is $R\text{-}(\tau_1, \tau_2)$ -continuous.*

Proof. Let $x \in X$ and V be any $\sigma_1\sigma_2$ -open set of Y containing $f(x)$. Since f is strongly $\theta(\tau_1, \tau_2)$ -continuous, there exists a $\tau_1\tau_2$ -open set U of X containing x such that $f(\tau_1\tau_2\text{-Cl}(U)) \subseteq V$. Since f is weakly (τ_1, τ_2) -closed, by Theorem 3 we have

$$\sigma_1\sigma_2\text{-Cl}(f(U)) \subseteq f(\tau_1\tau_2\text{-Cl}(U)) \subseteq V.$$

This shows that f is $R\text{-}(\tau_1, \tau_2)$ -continuous.

Definition 5. *A function $f : (X, \tau_1, \tau_2) \rightarrow (Y, \sigma_1, \sigma_2)$ is said to be contra- (τ_1, τ_2) -open if $f(U)$ is $\sigma_1\sigma_2$ -closed in Y for every $\tau_1\tau_2$ -open set U of X .*

Theorem 5. *If a function $f : (X, \tau_1, \tau_2) \rightarrow (Y, \sigma_1, \sigma_2)$ is contra- (τ_1, τ_2) -open, then f is weakly (τ_1, τ_2) -closed.*

Proof. Let F be any $\tau_1\tau_2$ -closed set of X . Then, $\tau_1\tau_2\text{-Int}(F)$ is a $\tau_1\tau_2$ -open set of X . Since f is contra- (τ_1, τ_2) -open, we have $f(\tau_1\tau_2\text{-Int}(F))$ is $\sigma_1\sigma_2$ -closed in Y and hence $\sigma_1\sigma_2\text{-Cl}(f(\tau_1\tau_2\text{-Int}(F))) = f(\tau_1\tau_2\text{-Int}(F)) \subseteq f(F)$. This shows that f is weakly (τ_1, τ_2) -closed.

Theorem 6. *If a function $f : (X, \tau_1, \tau_2) \rightarrow (Y, \sigma_1, \sigma_2)$ is (τ_1, τ_2) -continuous and contra- (τ_1, τ_2) -open, then f is R - (τ_1, τ_2) -continuous.*

Proof. Let $x \in X$ and V be any $\sigma_1\sigma_2$ -open set of Y containing $f(x)$. Since f is (τ_1, τ_2) -continuous, by Lemma 3 we have $f^{-1}(V)$ is $\tau_1\tau_2$ -open in X . Since f is contra- (τ_1, τ_2) -open, $f(f^{-1}(V))$ is $\sigma_1\sigma_2$ -closed in Y and $\sigma_1\sigma_2\text{-Cl}(f(f^{-1}(V))) = f(f^{-1}(V)) \subseteq V$. Put $U = f^{-1}(V)$. Then, U is a $\tau_1\tau_2$ -open set of X containing x and $\sigma_1\sigma_2\text{-Cl}(f(U)) \subseteq V$. This shows that f is R - (τ_1, τ_2) -continuous.

Definition 6. [24] *A function $f : (X, \tau_1, \tau_2) \rightarrow (Y, \sigma_1, \sigma_2)$ is said to be weakly (τ_1, τ_2) -continuous at a point $x \in X$ if for each $\sigma_1\sigma_2$ -open set V of Y containing $f(x)$, there exists a $\tau_1\tau_2$ -open set U of X containing x such that $f(U) \subseteq \sigma_1\sigma_2\text{-Cl}(V)$. A function $f : (X, \tau_1, \tau_2) \rightarrow (Y, \sigma_1, \sigma_2)$ is said to be weakly (τ_1, τ_2) -continuous if f has this property at each point of X .*

Lemma 5. [24] *For a function $(X, \tau_1, \tau_2) \rightarrow (Y, \sigma_1, \sigma_2)$, the following properties are equivalent:*

- (1) f is weakly (τ_1, τ_2) -continuous;
- (2) $f(\tau_1\tau_2\text{-Cl}(A)) \subseteq (\sigma_1, \sigma_2)\theta\text{-Cl}(f(A))$ for every subset A of X ;
- (3) $\tau_1\tau_2\text{-Cl}(f^{-1}(B)) \subseteq f^{-1}((\sigma_1, \sigma_2)\theta\text{-Cl}(B))$ for every subset B of Y .

Recall that a bitopological space (X, τ_1, τ_2) is said to be (τ_1, τ_2) -regular [30] if for each $\tau_1\tau_2$ -closed set F and each $x \notin F$, there exist disjoint $\tau_1\tau_2$ -open sets U and V such that $x \in U$ and $F \subseteq V$.

Lemma 6. [31] *A bitopological space (X, τ_1, τ_2) is (τ_1, τ_2) -regular if and only if for each $x \in X$ and each $\tau_1\tau_2$ -open set U containing x , there exists a $\tau_1\tau_2$ -open set V such that $x \in V \subseteq \tau_1\tau_2\text{-Cl}(V) \subseteq U$.*

Lemma 7. [31] *Let (X, τ_1, τ_2) be a (τ_1, τ_2) -regular space. Then, the following properties hold:*

- (1) $\tau_1\tau_2\text{-Cl}(A) = (\tau_1, \tau_2)\theta\text{-Cl}(A)$ for every subset A of X .
- (2) Every $\tau_1\tau_2$ -open set is $(\tau_1, \tau_2)\theta$ -open.

Theorem 7. *If $f : (X, \tau_1, \tau_2) \rightarrow (Y, \sigma_1, \sigma_2)$ is weakly (τ_1, τ_2) -continuous and (Y, σ_1, σ_2) is (σ_1, σ_2) -regular, then f is R - (τ_1, τ_2) -continuous.*

Proof. Let $x \in X$ and V be any $\sigma_1\sigma_2$ -open set of Y containing $f(x)$. Since (Y, σ_1, σ_2) is (σ_1, σ_2) -regular, by Lemma 6 there exists a $\sigma_1\sigma_2$ -open set W of Y such that

$$f(x) \in W \subseteq \sigma_1\sigma_2\text{-Cl}(W) \subseteq V.$$

Since f is weakly (τ_1, τ_2) -continuous, there exists a $\tau_1\tau_2$ -open set U of X containing x such that $f(U) \subseteq \sigma_1\sigma_2\text{-Cl}(W)$. Thus, $\sigma_1\sigma_2\text{-Cl}(f(U)) \subseteq \sigma_1\sigma_2\text{-Cl}(W) \subseteq V$. This shows that f is R - (τ_1, τ_2) -continuous.

Definition 7. [32] *A function $f : (X, \tau_1, \tau_2) \rightarrow (Y, \sigma_1, \sigma_2)$ is called faintly (τ_1, τ_2) -continuous at a point $x \in X$ if for each $(\sigma_1, \sigma_2)\theta$ -open set V of Y containing $f(x)$, there exists a $\tau_1\tau_2$ -open set U of X containing x such that $f(U) \subseteq V$. A function $f : (X, \tau_1, \tau_2) \rightarrow (Y, \sigma_1, \sigma_2)$ is called faintly (τ_1, τ_2) -continuous if f has this property at every point of X .*

Lemma 8. [32] *For a function $f : (X, \tau_1, \tau_2) \rightarrow (Y, \sigma_1, \sigma_2)$, the following properties are equivalent:*

- (1) f is faintly (τ_1, τ_2) -continuous;
- (2) $f^{-1}(V)$ is $\tau_1\tau_2$ -open in X for each $(\sigma_1, \sigma_2)\theta$ -open set V of Y ;
- (3) $f^{-1}(K)$ is $\tau_1\tau_2$ -closed in X for each $(\sigma_1, \sigma_2)\theta$ -closed set K of Y .

Theorem 8. *For a function $f : (X, \tau_1, \tau_2) \rightarrow (Y, \sigma_1, \sigma_2)$, where (Y, σ_1, σ_2) is (σ_1, σ_2) -regular, the following properties are equivalent:*

- (1) f is R - (τ_1, τ_2) -continuous;
- (2) f is strongly $\theta(\tau_1, \tau_2)$ -continuous;
- (3) f is (τ_1, τ_2) -continuous;
- (4) f is weakly (τ_1, τ_2) -continuous;
- (5) f is faintly (τ_1, τ_2) -continuous.

Proof. (1) \Rightarrow (2): It follows from Theorem 2.

(2) \Rightarrow (3) and (3) \Rightarrow (4): The proofs are obvious.

(4) \Rightarrow (5): Let F be any $\theta(\tau_1, \tau_2)$ -closed set of Y . Since f is weakly (τ_1, τ_2) -continuous, by Lemma 5 we have $\sigma_1\sigma_2\text{-Cl}(f^{-1}(F)) \subseteq f^{-1}((\sigma_1, \sigma_2)\theta\text{-Cl}(F)) = f^{-1}(F)$ and hence $f^{-1}(F)$ is $\tau_1\tau_2$ -closed in X . Thus by Lemma 8, f is faintly (τ_1, τ_2) -continuous.

(5) \Rightarrow (1): Let $x \in X$ and V be any $\sigma_1\sigma_2$ -open set of Y containing $f(x)$. Since (Y, σ_1, σ_2) is (σ_1, σ_2) -regular, by Lemma 7 we have V is a $\theta(\tau_1, \tau_2)$ -open set of Y . Since f is faintly (τ_1, τ_2) -continuous, by Lemma 8 we have $f^{-1}(V)$ is $\tau_1\tau_2$ -open in X . Then by Lemma 3, f is (τ_1, τ_2) -continuous.

Definition 8. A function $f : (X, \tau_1, \tau_2) \rightarrow (Y, \sigma_1, \sigma_2)$ is called (τ_1, τ_2) -open if $f(V)$ is $\sigma_1\sigma_2$ -open in Y for every $\tau_1\tau_2$ -open set V of X .

Theorem 9. If $f : (X, \tau_1, \tau_2) \rightarrow (Y, \sigma_1, \sigma_2)$ is a R - (τ_1, τ_2) -continuous and (τ_1, τ_2) -open surjection, then (Y, σ_1, σ_2) is (σ_1, σ_2) -regular.

Proof. Let $y \in Y$ and V be any $\sigma_1\sigma_2$ -open set of Y containing y . Let $x \in f^{-1}(V)$. Since f is R - (τ_1, τ_2) -continuous, there exists a $\tau_1\tau_2$ -open set U of X containing x such that $\sigma_1\sigma_2\text{-Cl}(f(U)) \subseteq V$. Since f is (τ_1, τ_2) -open, we have $f(U)$ is $\sigma_1\sigma_2$ -open in Y and hence $y \in f(U) \subseteq \sigma_1\sigma_2\text{-Cl}(f(U)) \subseteq V$. It follows from Lemma 6 that (Y, σ_1, σ_2) is (σ_1, σ_2) -regular.

Corollary 1. If $f : (X, \tau_1, \tau_2) \rightarrow (Y, \sigma_1, \sigma_2)$ is a (τ_1, τ_2) -continuous and (τ_1, τ_2) -open surjection, then f is R - (τ_1, τ_2) -continuous if and only if (Y, σ_1, σ_2) is (σ_1, σ_2) -regular.

Proof. This is an immediate consequence of Theorem 7 and Theorem 9.

Lemma 9. [33] Let (X, τ_1, τ_2) be (τ_1, τ_2) -regular. Then, a function

$$f : (X, \tau_1, \tau_2) \rightarrow (Y, \sigma_1, \sigma_2)$$

is strongly $\theta(\tau_1, \tau_2)$ -continuous if and only if f is (τ_1, τ_2) -continuous.

Theorem 10. If $f : (X, \tau_1, \tau_2) \rightarrow (Y, \sigma_1, \sigma_2)$ is a (τ_1, τ_2) -continuous, (τ_1, τ_2) -open and weakly (τ_1, τ_2) -closed surjection and (X, τ_1, τ_2) is (τ_1, τ_2) -regular, then (Y, σ_1, σ_2) is (σ_1, σ_2) -regular.

Proof. Since f is (τ_1, τ_2) -continuous and (X, τ_1, τ_2) is (τ_1, τ_2) -regular, by Lemma 9 we have f is strongly $\theta(\tau_1, \tau_2)$ -continuous. Furthermore, since f is weakly (τ_1, τ_2) -closed, by Theorem 4 we have f is R - (τ_1, τ_2) -continuous. It follows from Theorem 9 that (Y, σ_1, σ_2) is (σ_1, σ_2) -regular.

Definition 9. [29] A function $f : (X, \tau_1, \tau_2) \rightarrow (Y, \sigma_1, \sigma_2)$ is said to have a strongly $\theta(\tau_1, \tau_2)$ -closed graph with respect to X if for each $(x, y) \in (X \times Y) - G(f)$, there exist a $\tau_1\tau_2$ -open set U of X containing x and a $\sigma_1\sigma_2$ -open set V of Y containing y such that $[\tau_1\tau_2\text{-Cl}(U) \times V] \cap G(f) = \emptyset$.

Lemma 10. [29] A function $f : (X, \tau_1, \tau_2) \rightarrow (Y, \sigma_1, \sigma_2)$ has a strongly $\theta(\tau_1, \tau_2)$ -closed graph with respect to X if and only if for each $(x, y) \in (X \times Y) - G(f)$, there exist a $\tau_1\tau_2$ -open set U of X containing x and a $\sigma_1\sigma_2$ -open set V of Y containing y such that

$$f(\tau_1\tau_2\text{-Cl}(U)) \cap V = \emptyset.$$

Recall that a bitopological space (X, τ_1, τ_2) is said to be (τ_1, τ_2) - T_1 [34] if for any pair of distinct points x, y in X , there exist $\tau_1\tau_2$ -open sets U and V of X such that $x \in U$, $y \notin U$ and $y \in V$, $x \notin V$.

Theorem 11. *If a function $f : (X, \tau_1, \tau_2) \rightarrow (Y, \sigma_1, \sigma_2)$ is R - (τ_1, τ_2) -continuous and (Y, σ_1, σ_2) is (σ_1, σ_2) - T_1 , then $G(f)$ is strongly $\theta(\tau_1, \tau_2)$ -closed with respect to X .*

Proof. Let $(x, y) \in (X \times Y) - G(f)$. Then, $y \neq f(x)$. Since (Y, σ_1, σ_2) is (σ_1, σ_2) - T_1 , there exists a $\sigma_1\sigma_2$ -open set V of Y such that $f(x) \in V$ and $y \notin V$. Since f is R - (τ_1, τ_2) -continuous, there exists a $\tau_1\tau_2$ -open set U of X containing x such that $\sigma_1\sigma_2\text{-Cl}(f(U)) \subseteq V$. Since $y \notin V$, we have $y \notin \sigma_1\sigma_2\text{-Cl}(f(U))$ and so $y \in Y - \sigma_1\sigma_2\text{-Cl}(f(U))$. By Lemma 1, $\sigma_1\sigma_2\text{-Cl}(f(U))$ is $\sigma_1\sigma_2$ -closed and $Y - \sigma_1\sigma_2\text{-Cl}(f(U))$ is $\sigma_1\sigma_2$ -open. Since f is R - (τ_1, τ_2) -continuous, f is (τ_1, τ_2) -continuous and by Lemma 3, $f(\tau_1\tau_2\text{-Cl}(U)) \subseteq \sigma_1\sigma_2\text{-Cl}(f(U))$. Then, $f(\tau_1\tau_2\text{-Cl}(U)) \cap (Y - \sigma_1\sigma_2\text{-Cl}(f(U))) = \emptyset$ and by Lemma 10, $G(f)$ is strongly $\theta(\tau_1, \tau_2)$ -closed with respect to X .

Recall that a bitopological space (X, τ_1, τ_2) is said to be (τ_1, τ_2) - T_2 [35] if for any pair of distinct points x, y in X , there exist disjoint $\tau_1\tau_2$ -open sets U and V of X containing x and y , respectively.

Theorem 12. *If $f : (X, \tau_1, \tau_2) \rightarrow (Y, \sigma_1, \sigma_2)$ is a (τ_1, τ_2) -continuous injection and (Y, σ_1, σ_2) is (σ_1, σ_2) - T_2 , then (X, τ_1, τ_2) is (τ_1, τ_2) - T_2 .*

Proof. Suppose that (Y, σ_1, σ_2) is (σ_1, σ_2) - T_2 . Let x, y be any distinct points of X . Since f is injective, $f(x) \neq f(y)$. Since (Y, σ_1, σ_2) is (σ_1, σ_2) - T_2 , there exist $\sigma_1\sigma_2$ -open sets V and W of Y containing $f(x)$ and $f(y)$, respectively, such that $V \cap W = \emptyset$. Since f is (τ_1, τ_2) -continuous, there exist $\tau_1\tau_2$ -open sets U and G of X containing x and y , respectively, such that $f(U) \subseteq V$ and $f(G) \subseteq W$. It follows that $U \cap G = \emptyset$. Thus, (X, τ_1, τ_2) is (τ_1, τ_2) - T_2 .

Corollary 2. *If $f : (X, \tau_1, \tau_2) \rightarrow (Y, \sigma_1, \sigma_2)$ is a R - (τ_1, τ_2) -continuous injection and (Y, σ_1, σ_2) is (σ_1, σ_2) - T_2 , then (X, τ_1, τ_2) is (τ_1, τ_2) - T_2 .*

Proof. This is an immediate consequence of Lemma 4 and Theorem 12.

Recall that a bitopological space (X, τ_1, τ_2) is said to be (τ_1, τ_2) - R_0 [36] if for each $\tau_1\tau_2$ -open set U and each $x \in U$, $\tau_1\tau_2\text{-Cl}(\{x\}) \subseteq U$.

Theorem 13. *If $f : (X, \tau_1, \tau_2) \rightarrow (Y, \sigma_1, \sigma_2)$ is a R - (τ_1, τ_2) -continuous surjection, then (Y, σ_1, σ_2) is (σ_1, σ_2) - R_0 .*

Proof. Let V be any $\sigma_1\sigma_2$ -open set of Y and $y \in V$. Let $x \in X$ such that $y = f(x)$. Since f is R - (τ_1, τ_2) -continuous, there exists a $\tau_1\tau_2$ -open set U of X containing x such that $\sigma_1\sigma_2\text{-Cl}(f(U)) \subseteq V$. Thus, $\sigma_1\sigma_2\text{-Cl}(\{y\}) = \sigma_1\sigma_2\text{-Cl}(\{f(x)\}) \subseteq \sigma_1\sigma_2\text{-Cl}(f(U)) \subseteq V$ and hence (Y, σ_1, σ_2) is (σ_1, σ_2) - R_0 .

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