

Some Fundamental Properties of β -Open Sets in Ideal Bitopological Spaces

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Abstract. In this paper we introduce and characterize the concepts of β -open sets and their related notions in ideal bitopological spaces.

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1. Introduction

Kuratowski [7] and Vaidyanathasamy [9] introduced and investigated the concept of ideals in topological spaces. An ideal \mathscr{I} on a topological space (X, τ) is a nonempty collection of subsets of X which satisfies (i) $A \in \mathscr{I}$ and $B \subset A$ implies $B \in \mathscr{I}$ and (ii) $A \in \mathscr{I}$ and $B \in \mathscr{I}$ implies $A \cup B \in \mathscr{I}$. Given a bitopological space (X, τ_1, τ_2) with an ideal \mathscr{I} on X and if $\mathscr{P}(X)$ is the set of all subsets of X, a set operator $(.)_i^* : \mathscr{P}(X) \to \mathscr{P}(X)$, called the local function [9] of A with respect to τ_i and \mathscr{I} , is defined as follows: for $A \subset X$, $A_i^*(\tau_i, \mathscr{I}) = \{x \in X | U \cap A \notin \mathscr{I}$ for every $U \in \tau_i(x)\}$, where $\tau_i(x) = \{U \in \tau_i | x \in U\}$. For every ideal topological space (X, τ, \mathscr{I}) , there exists a topology $\tau^*(\mathscr{I})$, finer than τ , generated by the base

 $\beta(\mathscr{I}, \tau) = \{U \setminus I | U \in \tau \text{ and } I \in \mathscr{I}\}$, but in general $\beta(\mathscr{I}, \tau)$ is not always a topology [4]. Observe additionally that $\tau_i - \operatorname{Cl}^*(A) = A \cup A_i^*(\tau_i, \mathscr{I})$ defines a Kuratowski closure operator for $\tau^*(\mathscr{I})$, when there is no chance of confusion, $A_i^*(\mathscr{I})$ is denoted by A_i^* and $\tau_i - \operatorname{Int}^*(A)$ denotes the interior of A in $\tau_i^*(\mathscr{I})$. In this paper we introduce and characterize the concepts of β -open sets and their related notions in ideal bitopological spaces.

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2. Preiliminaries

For a subset *A* of a bitopological space (X, τ_1, τ_2) , we denote the closure of *A* and the interior of *A* with respect to τ_i by $\tau_i - Cl(A)$ and $\tau_i - Int(A)$, respectively.

Definition 1. A subset A of a bitopological space (X, τ_1, τ_2) is said to be (i, j)-semiopen [5] (resp. (i, j)-preopen [5], (i, j)-semi-preopen [6]) if $A \subset \tau_j - \text{Cl}(\tau_i - \text{Int}(A))$ (resp. $A \subset \tau_i - \text{Int}(\tau_j - \text{Cl}(A)), A \subset \tau_j - \text{Cl}(\tau_i - \text{Int}(\tau_j - \text{Cl}(A))))$, where i, j = 1, 2 and $i \neq j$.

Definition 2. A subset A of an ideal bitopological space $(X, \tau_1, \tau_2, \mathscr{I})$ is said to be

- (i) (i, j)-semi- \mathscr{I} -open [3] if $A \subset \tau_i \operatorname{Cl}^*(\tau_i \operatorname{Int}(A))$.
- (ii) (i, j)-pre- \mathscr{I} -open [2] if $A \subset \tau_i \operatorname{Int}(\tau_i \operatorname{Cl}^*(A))$.
- (iii) (i, j) $-b \mathscr{I}$ -open [3] if $A \subset \tau_i \operatorname{Int}(\tau_j \operatorname{Cl}^*(A)) \cup \tau_j \operatorname{Cl}^*(\tau_i \operatorname{Int}(A))$.
- (iv) $(i, j) \alpha \mathscr{I}$ -open [3] if $A \subset \tau_i \operatorname{Int}(\tau_i \operatorname{Cl}^*(\tau_i \operatorname{Int}(A)))$.

Definition 3. A function $f : (X, \tau_1, \tau_2, \mathscr{I}) \to (Y, \sigma_1, \sigma_2)$ is said to be

- (i) (i, j)-pre- \mathscr{I} -continuous [2] if the inverse image of every σ_i -open set of Y is (i, j)-pre- \mathscr{I} -open in X, where $i \neq j$, i, j=1, 2.
- (ii) (i, j)-semi- \mathscr{I} -continuous [3] if the inverse image of every σ_i -open set of Y is (i, j)-semi- \mathscr{I} -open in X, where $i \neq j$, i, j=1, 2.
- (iii) $(i, j) b \mathscr{I}$ -continuous [3] if the inverse image of every σ_i -open set of Y is $(i, j) b \mathscr{I}$ -open in X, where $i \neq j$, i, j=1, 2.
- (iv) $(i, j) \alpha \mathscr{I}$ -continuous [3] if the inverse image of every σ_i -open set of Y is $(i, j) \alpha \mathscr{I}$ -open in X, where $i \neq j$, i, j=1, 2.
- (v) pairwise semi-precontinuous [6] if the inverse image of every σ_i -open set in (Y, σ_1, σ_2) is (i, j)-semi-preopen in (X, τ_1, τ_2) , where $i \neq j$, i, j=1, 2.

3. Properties of $(i, j) - \beta - \mathscr{I}$ -open Sets

Definition 4. A subset A of an ideal bitopological space $(X, \tau_1, \tau_2, \mathscr{I})$ is said to be $(i, j) - \beta - \mathscr{I}$ -open if $A \subset \tau_j - \text{Cl}(\tau_i - \text{Int}(\tau_j - \text{Cl}^*(A)))$, where i, j = 1, 2 and $i \neq j$.

The family of all $(i, j) - \beta - \mathscr{I}$ -open sets of $(X, \tau_1, \tau_2, \mathscr{I})$ is denoted by $\beta \mathscr{I}O(X, \tau_1, \tau_2)$ or $(i, j) - \beta \mathscr{I}O(X)$. Also, The family of all $(i, j) - \beta - \mathscr{I}$ -open sets of $(X, \tau_1, \tau_2, \mathscr{I})$ containing x is denoted by $(i, j) - \beta \mathscr{I}O(X, x)$.

Remark 1. Let \mathscr{I} and \mathscr{I} be two ideals on (X, τ_1, τ_2) . If $\mathscr{I} \subset \mathscr{I}$, then $\beta \mathscr{I} O(X, \tau_1, \tau_2) \subset \beta \mathscr{I} O(X, \tau_1, \tau_2)$.

Proposition 1. (i) Every $(i, j) - b - \mathscr{I}$ -open set is $(i, j) - \beta - \mathscr{I}$ -open.

(ii) Every $(i, j) - \beta - \mathscr{I}$ -open set is (i, j)-semi-preopen.

Proof. The proof follows from the definitions.

The following example shows that the converses of Proposition 1 is not true in general.

Example 1. Let $X = \{a, b, c\}$, $\tau_1 = \{\emptyset, \{a\}, X\}$, $\tau_2 = \{\emptyset, \{a\}, \{a, b\}, X\}$ and $\mathscr{I} = \{\emptyset, \{a\}\}$. Then the set $\{a, c\}$ is $(i, j) - \beta - \mathscr{I}$ -open but not $(i, j) - b - \mathscr{I}$ -open.

Corollary 1. (i) Every $(i, j) - \alpha - \mathscr{I}$ -open set is $(i, j) - \beta - \mathscr{I}$ -open.

- (ii) Every (i, j)-semi- \mathscr{I} -open set is $(i, j) \beta \mathscr{I}$ -open.
- (iii) Every (i, j)-pre- \mathscr{I} -open set is $(i, j) \beta \mathscr{I}$ -open.

Proposition 2. For an ideal bitopological space $(X, \tau_1, \tau_2, \mathscr{I})$ and $A \subset X$, we have:

- (i) If $\mathscr{I} = \{\emptyset\}$, then A is $(i, j) \beta \mathscr{I}$ -open if and only if A is (i, j)-semi-preopen.
- (ii) If $\mathscr{I} = \mathscr{P}(X)$, then A is $(i, j) \beta \mathscr{I}$ -open if and only if A is (i, j)-semiopen.

Proof. The proof follows from the fact that

- (i) If $\mathscr{I} = \{\emptyset\}$, then $A^* = Cl(A)$.
- (ii) If $\mathscr{I} = \mathscr{P}(X)$, then $A^* = \emptyset$ for every subset *A* of *X*.

Remark 2. The intersection of any two $(i, j) - \beta - \mathscr{I}$ -open sets is not an $(i, j) - \beta - \mathscr{I}$ -open set as it can be seen from the following example.

Example 2. Let $X = \{a, b, c, d\}$, $\tau_1 = \{\emptyset, \{a\}, \{b\}, \{a, b\}, \{a, b, c\}, X\}$, $\tau_2 = \{\emptyset, X\}$ and $\mathscr{I} = \{\emptyset, \{c\}, \{d\}, \{c, d\}\}$. Then the sets $\{a, c\}$ and $\{b, c\}$ are $(1, 2) - \beta - \mathscr{I}$ -open sets of $(X, \tau_1, \tau_2, \mathscr{I})$ but their intersection $\{c\}$ is not an $(1, 2) - \beta - \mathscr{I}$ -open set of $(X, \tau_1, \tau_2, \mathscr{I})$.

Theorem 1. If $\{A_{\alpha}\}_{\alpha\in\Omega}$ is a family of $(i, j) - \beta - \mathscr{I}$ -open sets in $(X, \tau_1, \tau_2, \mathscr{I})$, then $\bigcup_{\alpha\in\Omega} A_{\alpha}$ is $(i, j) - \beta - \mathscr{I}$ -open in $(X, \tau_1, \tau_2, \mathscr{I})$.

Proof. Since $\{A_{\alpha} : \alpha \in \Omega\} \subset (i, j) - \beta \mathscr{I}O(X)$, then $A_{\alpha} \subset \tau_j - \operatorname{Cl}(\tau_i - \operatorname{Int}(\tau_j - \operatorname{Cl}^*(A_{\alpha})))$ for every $\alpha \in \Omega$. Thus,

$$\bigcup_{\alpha \in \Omega} A_{\alpha} \subset \bigcup_{\alpha \in \Omega} \tau_{j} - \operatorname{Cl}(\tau_{i} - \operatorname{Int}(\tau_{j} - \operatorname{Cl}^{*}(A_{\alpha}))) \subset \tau_{j} - \operatorname{Cl}(\tau_{i} - \operatorname{Int}(\bigcup_{\alpha \in \Omega} \tau_{j} - \operatorname{Cl}^{*}(A_{\alpha})))$$
$$= \tau_{j} - \operatorname{Cl}(\tau_{i} - \operatorname{Int}(\tau_{j} - \operatorname{Cl}^{*}(\bigcup_{\alpha \in \Omega} A_{\alpha}))).$$

Therefore, we obtain $\bigcup_{\alpha \in \Omega} A_{\alpha} \subset \tau_{j} - \operatorname{Cl}(\tau_{i} - \operatorname{Int}(\tau_{j} - \operatorname{Cl}^{*}(\bigcup_{\alpha \in \Omega} A_{\alpha}))))$. Hence any union of $(i, j) - \beta - \mathscr{I}$ -open sets is $(i, j) - \beta - \mathscr{I}$ -open.

Theorem 2. A subset A of an ideal bitopological space $(X, \tau_1, \tau_2, \mathscr{I})$ is $(i, j) - \beta - \mathscr{I}$ -open if and only if $\tau_j - \operatorname{Cl}(A) = \tau_j - \operatorname{Cl}(\tau_i - \operatorname{Int}(\tau_j - \operatorname{Cl}^*(A)))$.

Proof. Let *A* be an $(i, j) - \beta - \mathscr{I}$ -open subset of *X*. Then, we have $A \subset \tau_i - \operatorname{Cl}(\tau_i - \operatorname{Int}(\tau_i - \operatorname{Cl}^*(A)))$ and hence

$$\tau_j - \operatorname{Cl}(A) \subset \tau_j - \operatorname{Cl}(\tau_i - \operatorname{Int}(\tau_j - \operatorname{Cl}^*(A))) \subset \tau_j - \operatorname{Cl}(\tau_i - \operatorname{Int}(\tau_j - \operatorname{Cl}(A))) \subset \tau_j - \operatorname{Cl}(A).$$

Therefore, $\tau_i - Cl(A) = \tau_i - Cl(\tau_i - Int(\tau_i - Cl^*(A)))$. The converse is obvious.

Definition 5. A bitopological space (X, τ_1, τ_2) is said to be pairwise extremally disconnected [1] if $\tau_i - Cl(A) \in \tau_i$ for every $A \in \tau_i$.

Proposition 3. Let $(X, \tau_1, \tau_2, \mathscr{I})$ be a pairwise extremally disconnected space. If A is $(i, j) - \beta - \mathscr{I}$ -open, then it is (i, j)-preopen in X.

Proof. Let *A* be $(i, j) - \beta - \mathscr{I}$ -open set of *X*, we have $A \subset \tau_j - \text{Cl}(\tau_i - \text{Int}(\tau_j - \text{Cl}^*(A)))$. Since *X* is pairwise extremally disconnected, for $\tau_i - \text{Int}(\tau_j - \text{Cl}^*(A)) \in \tau_i$, we have $\tau_j - \text{Cl}(\tau_i - \text{Int}(\tau_j - \text{Cl}^*(A))) \in \tau_i$. So, we have

$$A \subset \tau_j - \operatorname{Cl}(\tau_i - \operatorname{Int}(\tau_j - \operatorname{Cl}^*(A))) \subset \tau_i - \operatorname{Int}(\tau_j - \operatorname{Cl}(\tau_i - \operatorname{Int}(\tau_j - \operatorname{Cl}^*(A))))$$

$$\subset \tau_i - \operatorname{Int}(\tau_j - \operatorname{Cl}(\tau_j - \operatorname{Cl}^*(A))) \subset \tau_i - \operatorname{Int}(\tau_j - \operatorname{Cl}(A \cup A^*))$$

$$= \tau_i - \operatorname{Int}(\tau_i - \operatorname{Cl}(A) \cup \tau_i - \operatorname{Cl}(A^*)) \subset \tau_i - \operatorname{Int}(\tau_i - \operatorname{Cl}(A));$$

hence A is (i, j)-preopen in X.

An ideal bitopological space is said to satisfy the condition (\mathscr{A}) if $U \cap \tau_j - \operatorname{Cl}^*(A) \subset \tau_j - \operatorname{Cl}^*(U \cap A)$ for every $U \in \tau_i$.

Theorem 3. Let $(X, \tau_1, \tau_2, \mathscr{I})$ be a pairwise extremally disconnected space which satisfies the condition \mathscr{A} . If A is (i, j)-semi- \mathscr{I} -open and B is (i, j)-pre- \mathscr{I} -open, then $A \cap B$ is $(i, j) - \beta - \mathscr{I}$ -open.

Proof. Let *A* be (i, j)-semi- \mathscr{I} -open and *B* an (i, j)-pre- \mathscr{I} -open set of *X*. Then

$$A \cap B \subset \tau_j - \operatorname{Cl}^*(\tau_i - \operatorname{Int}(A)) \cap \tau_i - \operatorname{Int}(\tau_j - \operatorname{Cl}^*(B)) \subset \tau_j - \operatorname{Cl}^*(\tau_i - \operatorname{Int}(A) \cap \tau_i - \operatorname{Int}(\tau_j - \operatorname{Cl}^*(B)))$$

= $\tau_j - \operatorname{Cl}^*(\tau_i - \operatorname{Int}(\tau_i - \operatorname{Int}(A)) \cap \tau_j - \operatorname{Cl}^*(B))) \subset \tau_j - \operatorname{Cl}^*(\tau_i - \operatorname{Int}(\tau_j - \operatorname{Cl}^*(\tau_i - \operatorname{Int}(A) \cap B)))$
 $\subset \tau_j - \operatorname{Cl}^*(\tau_i - \operatorname{Int}(\tau_j - \operatorname{Cl}^*(A \cap B))) \subset \tau_j - \operatorname{Cl}(\tau_i - \operatorname{Int}(\tau_j - \operatorname{Cl}^*(A \cap B))).$

Thus, $A \cap B$ is $(i, j) - \beta - \mathscr{I}$ -open in *X*.

Definition 6. In an ideal bitopological space $(X, \tau_1, \tau_2, \mathscr{I}), A \subset X$ is said to be $(i, j) - \beta - \mathscr{I}$ closed if $X \setminus A$ is $(i, j) - \beta - \mathscr{I}$ -open in X, i, j = 1, 2 and $i \neq j$.

Theorem 4. If A is an $(i, j) - \beta - \mathscr{I}$ -closed set in an ideal bitopological space $(X, \tau_1, \tau_2, \mathscr{I})$ if and only if $\tau_j - \operatorname{Int}(\tau_i - \operatorname{Cl}(\tau_j - \operatorname{Int}^*(A))) \subset A$.

Proof. The proof follows from the definitions.

Theorem 5. A subset A of an ideal bitopological space $(X, \tau_1, \tau_2, \mathscr{I})$ is $(i, j) - \beta - \mathscr{I}$ -closed, then $\tau_j - \operatorname{Int}(\tau_i - \operatorname{Cl}^*(\tau_j - \operatorname{Int}(A))) \subset A$

Proof. The proof follows from the fact that $Cl^*(A) \subset Cl(A)$ for every subset A of X.

Theorem 6. Arbitrary intersection of $(i, j) - \beta - \mathscr{I}$ -closed sets is always $(i, j) - \beta - \mathscr{I}$ -closed.

Proof. Follows from Theorems 1 and 5.

Definition 7. Let $(X, \tau_1, \tau_2, \mathscr{I})$ be an ideal bitopological space, *S* a subset of *X* and *x* be a point of *X*. Then

- (i) x is called an $(i, j) \beta \mathscr{I}$ -interior point of S if there exists $V \in (i, j) \beta \mathscr{I}O(X, \tau_1, \tau_2)$ such that $x \in V \subset S$.
- (ii) the set of all $(i, j) \beta \mathscr{I}$ -interior points of S is called $(i, j) \beta \mathscr{I}$ -interior of S and is denoted by $(i, j) \beta \mathscr{I}$ Int(S).

Theorem 7. Let A and B be subsets of $(X, \tau_1, \tau_2, \mathscr{I})$. Then the following properties hold:

- (i) $(i, j) \beta \mathscr{I} \operatorname{Int}(A) = \bigcup \{T : T \subset A \text{ and } T \in (i, j) \beta \mathscr{I} O(X) \}.$
- (ii) $(i, j) \beta \mathscr{I}$ Int(A) is the largest $(i, j) \beta \mathscr{I}$ -open subset of X contained in A.
- (iii) A is $(i, j) \beta \mathscr{I}$ -open if and only if $A = (i, j) \beta \mathscr{I}$ Int(A).
- (*iv*) $(i, j) \beta \mathscr{I} \operatorname{Int}((i, j) \beta \mathscr{I} \operatorname{Int}(A)) = (i, j) \beta \mathscr{I} \operatorname{Int}(A).$
- (v) If $A \subset B$, then $(i, j) \beta \mathscr{I} \operatorname{Int}(A) \subset (i, j) \beta \mathscr{I} \operatorname{Int}(B)$.
- (vi) $(i, j) \beta \mathscr{I} \operatorname{Int}(A \cap B) \subset (i, j) \beta \mathscr{I} \operatorname{Int}(A) \cap (i, j) \beta \mathscr{I} \operatorname{Int}(B).$
- (vii) $(i, j) \beta \mathscr{I} \operatorname{Int}(A \cup B) \supset (i, j) \beta \mathscr{I} \operatorname{Int}(A) \cup (i, j) \beta \mathscr{I} \operatorname{Int}(B).$

Proof. (vi). Since $A \cap B \subset A$ and $A \cap B \subset B$, by (iv), we have $(i, j) - \beta \mathscr{I} \operatorname{Int}(A \cap B) \subset (i, j) - \beta \mathscr{I} \operatorname{Int}(A)$ and $(i, j) - \beta \mathscr{I} \operatorname{Int}(A \cap B) \subset (i, j) - \beta \mathscr{I} \operatorname{Int}(B)$. Therefore, $(i, j) - \beta \mathscr{I} \operatorname{Int}(A \cap B) \subset (i, j) - \beta \mathscr{I} \operatorname{Int}(A) \cap (i, j) - \beta \mathscr{I} \operatorname{Int}(B)$. (vii). We have $(i, j) - \beta \mathscr{I} \operatorname{Int}(A) \subset (i, j) - \beta \mathscr{I} \operatorname{Int}(A \cup B)$ and $(i, j) - \beta \mathscr{I} \operatorname{Int}(B) \subset (i, j) - \beta \mathscr{I} \operatorname{Int}(A \cup B)$. Then we obtain $(i, j) - \beta \mathscr{I} \operatorname{Int}(A) \cup (i, j) - \beta \mathscr{I} \operatorname{Int}(B) \subset (i, j) - \beta \mathscr{I} \operatorname{Int}(A \cup B)$. The other proofs are obvious.

Definition 8. Let $(X, \tau_1, \tau_2, \mathscr{I})$ be an ideal bitopological space, S a subset of X and x be a point of X. Then

- (i) x is called an $(i, j) \beta \mathscr{I}$ -cluster point of S if $V \cap S \neq \emptyset$ for every $V \in (i, j) \beta \mathscr{I}O(X, x)$.
- (ii) the set of all $(i, j) \beta \mathscr{I}$ -cluster points of S is called $(i, j) \beta \mathscr{I}$ -closure of S and is denoted by $(i, j) \beta \mathscr{I} Cl(S)$.

Theorem 8. Let A and B be subsets of $(X, \tau_1, \tau_2, \mathscr{I})$. Then the following properties hold:

- (i) $(i, j) \beta \mathscr{I} \operatorname{Cl}(A) = \cap \{F : A \subset F \text{ and } F \in (i, j) \beta \mathscr{I} C(X)\}.$
- (ii) $(i, j) \beta \mathscr{I} Cl(A)$ is the smallest $(i, j) \beta \mathscr{I}$ -closed subset of X containing A.
- (iii) A is $(i, j) \beta \mathscr{I}$ -closed if and only if $A = (i, j) \beta \mathscr{I}$ Cl(A).
- (*iv*) $(i, j) \beta \mathscr{I} \operatorname{Cl}((i, j) \beta \mathscr{I} \operatorname{Cl}(A) = (i, j) \beta \mathscr{I} \operatorname{Cl}(A).$
- (v) If $A \subset B$, then $(i, j) \beta \mathscr{I} \operatorname{Cl}(A) \subset (i, j) \beta \mathscr{I} \operatorname{Cl}(B)$.
- (vi) $(i, j) \beta \mathscr{I} \operatorname{Cl}(A \cup B) \supset (i, j) \beta \mathscr{I} \operatorname{Cl}(A) \cup (i, j) \beta \mathscr{I} \operatorname{Cl}(B).$
- (vii) $](i,j) \beta \mathscr{I} \operatorname{Cl}(A \cap B) \subset (i,j) \beta \mathscr{I} \operatorname{Cl}(A) \cap (i,j) \beta \mathscr{I} \operatorname{Cl}(B).$

Proof. The proofs follows from the definitions.

Theorem 9. Let $(X, \tau_1, \tau_2, \mathscr{I})$ be an ideal bitopological space and $A \subset X$. A point $x \in (i, j) - \beta \mathscr{I}$ Cl(A) if and only if $U \cap A \neq \emptyset$ for every $U \in (i, j) - \beta \mathscr{I}O(X, x)$.

Proof. Suppose that $x \in (i, j) - \beta \mathscr{I} \operatorname{Cl}(A)$. We shall show that $U \cap A \neq \emptyset$ for every $U \in (i, j) - \beta \mathscr{I}O(X, x)$. Suppose that there exists $U \in (i, j) - \beta \mathscr{I}O(X, x)$ such that $U \cap A = \emptyset$. Then $A \subset X \setminus U$ and $X \setminus U$ is $(i, j) - \beta - \mathscr{I}$ -closed. Since $A \subset X \setminus U$, $(i, j) - \beta \mathscr{I} \operatorname{Cl}(A) \subset (i, j) - \beta \mathscr{I} \operatorname{Cl}(X \setminus U)$. Since $x \in (i, j) - \beta \mathscr{I} \operatorname{Cl}(A)$, we have $x \in (i, j) - \beta \mathscr{I} \operatorname{Cl}(X \setminus U)$. Since $X \setminus U$ is $(i, j) - \beta - \mathscr{I}$ -closed, we have $x \in X \setminus U$; hence $x \notin U$, which is a contradiction that $x \in U$. Therefore, $U \cap A \neq \emptyset$. Conversely, suppose that $U \cap A \neq \emptyset$ for every $U \in (i, j) - \beta \mathscr{I}O(X, x)$. We shall show that $x \in (i, j) - \beta \mathscr{I}\operatorname{Cl}(A)$. Suppose that $x \notin (i, j) - \beta \mathscr{I}\operatorname{Cl}(A)$. Then there exists $U \in (i, j) - \beta \mathscr{I}O(X, x)$ such that $U \cap A = empt yset$. This is a contradiction to $U \cap A \neq \emptyset$; hence $x \in (i, j) - \beta \mathscr{I}\operatorname{Cl}(A)$.

Theorem 10. Let $(X, \tau_1, \tau_2, \mathscr{I})$ be an ideal bitopological space and $A \subset X$. Then the following propeties hold:

- (i) $(i, j) \beta \mathscr{I} \operatorname{Int}(X \setminus A) = X \setminus (i, j) \beta \mathscr{I} \operatorname{Cl}(A);$
- (*ii*) $(i, j) \beta \mathscr{I} \operatorname{Cl}(X \setminus A) = X \setminus (i, j) \beta \mathscr{I} \operatorname{Int}(A).$

Proof. (i). Let $x \in (i, j) - \beta \mathscr{I}$ Cl(*A*). There exists $V \in (i, j) - \beta \mathscr{I}O(X, x)$ such that $V \cap A \neq \emptyset$; hence we obtain $x \in (i, j) - \beta \mathscr{I}$ Int(*X**A*). This shows that $X \setminus (i, j) - \beta \mathscr{I}$ Cl(*A*) $\subset (i, j) - \beta \mathscr{I}$ Int(*X**A*). Let $x \in (i, j) - \beta \mathscr{I}$ Int(*X**A*). Since $(i, j) - \beta \mathscr{I}$ Int(*X**A*) $\cap A = \emptyset$, we obtain $x \notin (i, j) - \beta \mathscr{I}$ Cl(*A*); hence $x \in X \setminus (i, j) - \beta \mathscr{I}$ Cl(*A*). Therefore, we obtain $(i, j) - \beta \mathscr{I}$ Int(*X**A*) = *X*\($(i, j) - \beta \mathscr{I}$ Cl(*A*). (ii). Follows from (i).

Proposition 4. The product of two $(i, j) - \beta - \mathscr{I}$ -open sets is $(i, j) - \beta - \mathscr{I}$ -open.

Proof. The proof follows from Lemma 3.3 of [10].

4. $(i, j) - \beta - \mathscr{I}$ -continuous Functions

Definition 9. A function $f : (X, \tau_1, \tau_2, \mathscr{I}) \to (Y, \sigma_1, \sigma_2)$ is said to be $(i, j) - \beta - \mathscr{I}$ -continuous if the inverse image of every σ_i -open set of Y is $(i, j) - \beta - \mathscr{I}$ -open in X, where $i \neq j, i, j = 1, 2$.

Proposition 5. Every $(i, j) - b - \mathscr{I}$ -continuous function is $(i, j) - \beta - \mathscr{I}$ -continuous but not conversely.

Proof. The proof follows from Proposition 1.

The following example shows that the converse of Proposition 5 is not true, in general.

Example 3. Let $X = \{a, b, c\}$, $\tau_1 = \{\emptyset, \{a\}, X\}$, $\tau_2 = \{\emptyset, \{a\}, \{a, b\}, X\}$, $\sigma_1 = \{\emptyset, \{a, c\}, X\}$, $\sigma_2 = \{\emptyset, \{a\}, X\}$ and $\mathscr{I} = \{\emptyset, \{a\}\}$. Then the identity function $f : (X, \tau_1, \tau_2, \mathscr{I}) \rightarrow (Y, \sigma_1, \sigma_2)$ is $(1, 2) - \beta - \mathscr{I}$ -continuous but not $(1, 2) - b - \mathscr{I}$ -continuous.

- **Corollary 2.** (i) Every $(i, j) \alpha \mathscr{I}$ -continuous function is $(i, j) \beta \mathscr{I}$ -continuous but not conversely.
 - (ii) Every (i, j)-semi- \mathscr{I} -continuous function is $(i, j) \beta$ -continuous but not conversely.
- (iii) Every (i, j)-pre- \mathscr{I} -continuous function is $(i, j) \beta \mathscr{I}$ -continuous but not conversely.

Theorem 11. For a function $f : (X, \tau_1, \tau_2, \mathscr{I}) \to (Y, \sigma_1, \sigma_2)$, the following statements are equivalent:

- (i) f is $(i, j) \beta \mathscr{I}$ -continuous.
- (ii) For each point x in X and each σ_i -open set F in Y such that $f(x) \in F$, there exists an $(i, j) \beta \mathscr{I}$ -open set A in X such that $x \in A$, $f(A) \subset F$.
- (iii) The inverse image of each σ_i -closed set in Y is $(i, j) \beta \mathscr{I}$ -closed in X.
- (iv) For each subset A of X, $f((i, j) \beta \mathscr{I} Cl(A)) \subset \sigma_i Cl(f(A))$.
- (v) For each subset B of Y, $(i, j) \beta \mathscr{I} \operatorname{Cl}(f^{-1}(B)) \subset f^{-1}(\sigma_i \operatorname{Cl}(B))$.
- (vi) For each subset C of Y, $f^{-1}(\sigma_i \operatorname{Int}(C)) \subset (i, j) \beta \mathscr{I} \operatorname{Int}(f^{-1}(C))$.

Proof. (i) \Rightarrow (ii): Let $x \in X$ and F be a σ_i -open set of Y containing f(x). By (i), $f^{-1}(F)$ is $(i, j) - \beta - \mathscr{I}$ -open in X. Let $A = f^{-1}(F)$. Then $x \in A$ and $f(A) \subset F$. (ii) \Rightarrow (i): Let F be σ_i -open in Y and let $x \in f^{-1}(F)$. Then $f(x) \in F$. By (ii), there is an

 $(i,j) - \beta - \mathscr{I}$ -open set U_x in X such that $x \in U_x$ and $f(U_x) \subset F$. Then $x \in U_x \subset f^{-1}(F)$. Hence $f^{-1}(F)$ is $(i,j) - \beta - \mathscr{I}$ -open in X.

(i) \Leftrightarrow (iii): This follows due to the fact that for any subset *B* of *Y*, $f^{-1}(Y \setminus B) = X \setminus f^{-1}(B)$. (iii) \Rightarrow (iv): Let *A* be a subset of *X*. Since $A \subset f^{-1}(f(A))$ we have $A \subset f^{-1}(\sigma_i - \operatorname{Cl}(f(A)))$. Now, $\sigma_i - \operatorname{Cl}(f(A))$ is σ_i -closed in *Y* and hence $(i, j) - \beta \mathscr{I}(A) \subset f^{-1}(\sigma_i - \operatorname{Cl}(f(A)))$ for $(i, j) - \beta \mathscr{I}(A)$ is the smallest $(i, j) - \beta - \mathscr{I}$ -closed set containing *A*. Then $f((i, j) - \beta \mathscr{I}(A)) \subset \sigma_i - \operatorname{Cl}(f(A))$.

(iv)⇒(iii): Let *F* be any $(i, j) - \beta - \mathscr{I}$ -closed subset of *Y*. Then $f((i, j) - \beta \mathscr{I} \operatorname{Cl}(f^{-1}(F))) \subset \sigma_i - \operatorname{Cl}(f(f^{-1}(F))) = \sigma_i - \operatorname{Cl}(F) = F$. Therefore, $(i, j) - \beta \mathscr{I} \operatorname{Cl}(f^{-1}(F)) \subset f^{-1}(F)$. Consequently, $f^{-1}(F)$ is $(i, j) - \beta - \mathscr{I}$ -closed in *X*. (iv)⇒(v): Let *B* be any subset of *Y*. Now,

$$f((i,j) - \beta \mathscr{I} \operatorname{Cl}(f^{-1}(B))) \subset \sigma_i - \operatorname{Cl}(f(f^{-1}(B))) \subset \sigma_i - \operatorname{Cl}(B).$$

Consequently, $(i, j) - \beta \mathscr{I} \operatorname{Cl}(f^{-1}(B)) \subset f^{-1}(\sigma_i - \operatorname{Cl}(B))$. (v) \Rightarrow (iv): Let B = f(A), where *A* is a subset of *X*. Then,

$$(i,j) - \beta \mathscr{I} \operatorname{Cl}(A) \subset (i,j) - \beta \mathscr{I} \operatorname{Cl}(f^{-1}(B)) \subset f^{-1}(\sigma_i - \operatorname{Cl}(B)) = f^{-1}(\sigma_i - \operatorname{Cl}(f(A))).$$

This shows that $f((i, j) - \beta \mathscr{I} \operatorname{Cl}(A)) \subset \sigma_i - \operatorname{Cl}(f(A))$. (i) \Rightarrow (vi): Let *B* be a σ_i -open set in *Y*. Clearly, $f^{-1}(\sigma_i - \operatorname{Int}(B))$ is $(i, j) - \beta - \mathscr{I}$ -open and we have $f^{-1}(\sigma_i - \operatorname{Int}(B)) \subset (i, j) - \beta \mathscr{I} \operatorname{Int}(f^{-1}(\sigma_i - \operatorname{Int}(B))) \subset (i, j) - \beta \mathscr{I} \operatorname{Int}(f^{-1}(B))$. (vi) \Rightarrow (i): Let *B* be a σ_i -open set in *Y*. Then $\sigma_i - \operatorname{Int}(B) = B$ and $f^{-1}(B) \setminus f^{-1}(\sigma_i - \operatorname{Int}(B)) \subset (i, j) - \beta \mathscr{I} \operatorname{Int}(f^{-1}(B))$. Hence we have $f^{-1}(B) = (i, j) - \beta \mathscr{I} \operatorname{Int}(f^{-1}(B))$. This shows that $f^{-1}(B)$ is $(i, j) - \beta - \mathscr{I}$ -open in *X*.

If $\mathscr{I} = \{\emptyset\}$ in Theorem 11, we get the following

Corollary 3 ([6, Theorem 5.1]). For a function $f : (X, \tau_1, \tau_2) \rightarrow (Y, \sigma_1, \sigma_2)$, the following statements are equivalent:

- (i) f is pairwise semi-precontinuous;
- (ii) For each point x in X and each σ_i -open set F in Y such that $f(x) \in F$, there is an (i, j)semi-preopen set A in X such that $x \in A$, $f(A) \subset F$;
- (iii) The inverse image of each σ_i -closed set in Y is (i, j)-semi-preclosed in X;
- (iv) For each subset A of X, $f((i, j) sp \operatorname{Cl}(A)) \subset \sigma_i \operatorname{Cl}(f(A));$
- (v) For each subset B of Y, $(i, j) sp \operatorname{Cl}(f^{-1}(B)) \subset f^{-1}(\sigma_i \operatorname{Cl}(B))$.

Theorem 12. Let $f : (X, \tau_1, \tau_2, \mathscr{I}) \to (Y, \sigma_1, \sigma_2)$ be a function. If $g : (X, \tau_1, \tau_2, \mathscr{I}) \to (X \times Y, \sigma_1 \times \sigma_2)$ defined by g(x) = (x, f(x)) is an $(i, j) - \beta - \mathscr{I}$ -continuous function, then f is $(i, j) - \beta - \mathscr{I}$ -continuous.

Proof. Let *V* be a σ_i -open set of *Y*. Then $f^{-1}(V) = X \cap f^{-1}(V) = g^{-1}(X \times V)$. Since *g* is an $(i, j) - \beta - \mathscr{I}$ -continuous function and $X \times V$ is a $\tau_i \times \sigma_i$ -open set of $X \times Y$, $f^{-1}(V)$ is an $(i, j) - \beta - \mathscr{I}$ -open set of *X*. Hence *f* is $(i, j) - \beta - \mathscr{I}$ -continuous.

Definition 10. A bitopological space (X, τ_1, τ_2) is said to be pairwise connected [8] if it cannot be expressed as the union of two nonempty disjoint sets U and V such that U is τ_i -open and V is τ_i -open, where $i, j = \{1, 2\}$.

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Definition 11. An ideal bitopological space $(X, \tau_1, \tau_2, \mathscr{I})$ is said to be $(i, j) - \beta - \mathscr{I}$ -connected if it cannot be expressed as the union of two nonempty disjoint sets U and V such that U is $(i, j) - \beta - \mathscr{I}$ -open and V is $(i, j) - \beta - \mathscr{I}$ -open.

Theorem 13. Let $f : (X, \tau_1, \tau_2, \mathscr{I}) \to (Y, \sigma_1, \sigma_2)$ is $(i, j) - \beta - \mathscr{I}$ -continuous surjection and $(X, \tau_1, \tau_2, \mathscr{I})$ is $(i, j) - \beta - \mathscr{I}$ -connected, then (Y, σ_1, σ_2) is pairwise connected.

Proof. Suppose *Y* is not pairwise connected, Then $Y = A \cup B$ where $A \cap B = \emptyset$, $A \neq \emptyset$, $B \neq \emptyset$ and $A \in \sigma_i$, $B \in \sigma_j$. Since *f* is $(i, j) - \beta - \mathscr{I}$ -continuous $f^{-1}(A) \in (i, j) - \beta \mathscr{I}O(X)$ and $f^{-1}(B) \in (i, j) - \beta \mathscr{I}O(X)$, such that $f^{-1}(A) \neq \emptyset$, $f^{-1}(B) \neq \emptyset$. $f^{-1}(A) \cap f^{-1}(B) = \emptyset$ and $f^{-1}(A) \cup f^{-1}(B) = X$, which implies that *X* is not $(i, j) - \beta - \mathscr{I}$ -connected.

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