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# ON $\mathcal{I}$ -OPEN SETS AND $\mathcal{I}$ -CONTINUOUS FUNCTIONS IN IDEAL BITOPOLOGICAL SPACES

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ABSTRACT. The aim of this paper is to introduce and characterize the concepts of  $\mathcal{I}$ -open sets and their related notions in ideal bitopological spaces.

## 1. INTRODUCTION AND PRELIMINARIES

The concept of ideals in topological spaces has been introduced and studied by Kuratowski [19] and Vaidyanathasamy [24]. Hamlett and Janković (see [12], [13], [17] and [18]) used topological ideals to generalize many notions and properties in general topology. The research in this direction continued by many researchers such as M. E. Abd El-Monsef, A. Al-Omari, F. G. Arenas, M. Caldas, J. Dontchev, M. Ganster, D. N. Georgiou, T. R. Hamlett, E. Hatir, S. D. Iliadis, S. Jafari, D. Jankovic, E. F. Lashien, M. Maheswari, , H. Maki, A. C. Megaritis, F. I. Michael, A. A. Nasef, T. Noiri, B. K. Papadopoulos, M. Parimala, G. A. Prinos, M. L. Puertas, M. Rajamani, N. Rajesh, D. Rose, A. Selvakumar, Jun-Iti Umehara and many others (see [1], [2], [5], [7], [8], [9], [10], [11], [14], [15], [18], [23], [21], [22]). An ideal  $\mathcal{I}$  on a topological space  $(X, \tau)$  is a nonempty collection of subsets of  $X$  which satisfies (i)  $A \in \mathcal{I}$  and  $B \subset A$  implies  $B \in \mathcal{I}$  and (ii)  $A \in \mathcal{I}$  and  $B \in \mathcal{I}$  implies  $A \cup B \in \mathcal{I}$ . Given a topological space  $(X, \tau)$  with an ideal  $\mathcal{I}$  on  $X$  and if  $\mathcal{P}(X)$  is the set of all subsets of  $X$ , a set operator  $(.)^*: \mathcal{P}(X) \rightarrow \mathcal{P}(X)$ , called the local function [24] of  $A$  with respect to  $\tau$  and  $\mathcal{I}$ , is defined as follows: for  $A \subset X$ ,  $A^*(\tau, \mathcal{I}) = \{x \in X \mid U \cap A \notin \mathcal{I} \text{ for every } U \in \tau(x)\}$ , where  $\tau(x) = \{U \in \tau \mid x \in U\}$ . If  $\mathcal{I}$  is an ideal on  $X$ , then  $(X, \tau_1, \tau_2, \mathcal{I})$  is called an ideal bitopological space. Let  $A$  be a subset of a bitopological space  $(X, \tau_1, \tau_2)$ . We denote the closure of  $A$  and the interior of  $A$  with respect to  $\tau_i$  by  $\tau_i\text{-Cl}(A)$  and  $\tau_i\text{-Int}(A)$ , respectively. A subset  $A$  of a bitopological space  $(X, \tau_1, \tau_2)$  is said to be  $(i, j)$ -preopen [16] if  $A \subset \tau_i\text{-Int}(\tau_j\text{-Cl}(A))$ , where  $i, j = 1, 2$  and  $i \neq j$ . A subset  $S$  of an ideal topological space  $(X, \tau, \mathcal{I})$  is said to be  $(i, j)$ -pre- $\mathcal{I}$ -open [4] if  $S \subset \tau_i\text{-Int}(\tau_j\text{-Cl}^*(S))$ . A subset  $A$  of a bitopological space  $(X, \tau_1, \tau_2)$  is said to be  $(i, j)$ -preopen [16] (resp.  $(i, j)$ -semi- $\mathcal{I}$ -open [3]) if  $A \subset \tau_i\text{-Int}(\tau_j\text{-Cl}(A))$  (resp.  $S \subset \tau_j\text{-Cl}^*(\tau_i\text{-Int}(S))$ ), where  $i, j = 1, 2$

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and  $i \neq j$ . The complement of an  $(i, j)$ -semi- $\mathcal{I}$ -open set is called an  $(i, j)$ -semi- $\mathcal{I}$ -closed set. A function  $f : (X, \tau_1, \tau_2, \mathcal{I}) \rightarrow (Y, \sigma_1, \sigma_2)$  is said to be  $(i, j)$ -pre- $\mathcal{I}$ -continuous [4] if the inverse image of every  $\sigma_i$ -open set in  $(Y, \sigma_1, \sigma_2)$  is  $(i, j)$ -pre- $\mathcal{I}$ -open in  $(X, \tau_1, \tau_2, \mathcal{I})$ , where  $i \neq j$ ,  $i, j=1, 2$ .

## 2. $(i, j)$ - $\mathcal{I}$ -OPEN SETS

**Definition 2.1.** A subset  $A$  of an ideal bitopological space  $(X, \tau_i, \tau_2, \mathcal{I})$  is said to be  $(i, j)$ - $\mathcal{I}$ -open if  $A \subset \tau_i\text{-Int}(A_j^*)$ .

The family of all  $(i, j)$ - $\mathcal{I}$ -open subsets of  $(X, \tau_i, \tau_2, \mathcal{I})$  is denoted by  $(i, j)\text{-IO}(X)$ .

**Remark 2.2.** It is clear that  $(1, 2)$ - $\mathcal{I}$ -openness and  $\tau_1$ -openness are independent notions.

**Example 2.3.** Let  $X = \{a, b, c\}$ ,  $\tau_1 = \{\emptyset, \{a\}, \{a, b\}, X\}$ ,  $\tau_2 = \{\emptyset, \{a\}, \{a, c\}, X\}$  and  $\mathcal{I} = \{\emptyset, \{a\}\}$ . Then  $\tau_1\text{-Int}(\{a, b\}_2^*) = \tau_1\text{-Int}(\{b\}) = \emptyset \supsetneq \{a, b\}$ . Therefore  $\{a, b\}$  is a  $\tau_1$ -open set but not  $(1, 2)$ - $\mathcal{I}$ -open.

**Example 2.4.** Let  $X = \{a, b, c\}$ ,  $\tau_1 = \{\emptyset, \{a, b\}, X\}$ ,  $\tau_2 = \{\emptyset, \{a\}, \{a, b\}, X\}$  and  $\mathcal{I} = \{\emptyset, \{b\}\}$ . Then  $\tau_1\text{-Int}(\{a\}_2^*) = \tau_1\text{-Int}(X) = X \supset \{a\}$ . Therefore,  $\{a\}$  is  $(1, 2)$ - $\mathcal{I}$ -open set but not  $\tau_1$ -open.

**Remark 2.5.** Similarly  $(1, 2)$ - $\mathcal{I}$ -openness and  $\tau_2$ -openness are independent notions.

**Example 2.6.** Let  $X = \{a, b, c\}$ ,  $\tau_1 = \{\emptyset, \{a\}, \{c\}, \{a, c\}, X\}$ ,  $\tau_2 = \{\emptyset, \{b\}, \{c\}, \{b, c\}, X\}$  and  $\mathcal{I} = \{\emptyset, \{c\}\}$ . Then  $\tau_1\text{-Int}(\{b, c\}_2^*) = \tau_1\text{-Int}(\{a, b\}) = \{a\} \supsetneq \{b, c\}$ . Therefore,  $\{b, c\}$  is a  $\tau_2$ -open set but not  $(1, 2)$ - $\mathcal{I}$ -open.

**Example 2.7.** Let  $X = \{a, b, c\}$ ,  $\tau_1 = \{\emptyset, \{a\}, \{c\}, \{a, c\}\}$ ,  $\tau_2 = \{\emptyset, \{b\}, \{b, c\}, X\}$  and  $\mathcal{I} = \{\emptyset, \{c\}\}$ . Then  $\tau_1\text{-Int}(\{a\}_2^*) = \tau_1\text{-Int}(\{a\}) = \{a\} \supset \{a\}$ . Therefore,  $\{a\}$  is an  $(1, 2)$ - $\mathcal{I}$ -open set but not  $\tau_2$ -open.

**Proposition 2.8.** Every  $(i, j)$ - $\mathcal{I}$ -open set is  $(i, j)$ -pre- $\mathcal{I}$ -open.

*Proof.* Let  $A$  be an  $(i, j)$ - $\mathcal{I}$ -open set. Then  $A \subset \tau_i\text{-Int}(A_j^*) \subset \tau_i\text{-Int}(A \cup A_j^*) = \tau_i\text{-Int}(\tau_j\text{-Cl}^*(A))$ . Therefore,  $A \in (i, j)\text{-PIO}(X)$ .  $\square$

**Example 2.9.** Let  $X = \{a, b, c\}$ ,  $\tau_1 = \{\emptyset, \{a\}, \{c\}, \{a, c\}, X\}$ ,  $\tau_2 = \{\emptyset, \{b, c\}, X\}$  and  $\mathcal{I} = \{\emptyset, \{c\}\}$ . Then the set  $\{c\}$  is  $(1, 2)$ -preopen but not  $(1, 2)$ - $\mathcal{I}$ -open.

**Remark 2.10.** The intersection of two  $(i, j)$ - $\mathcal{I}$ -open sets need not be  $(i, j)$ - $\mathcal{I}$ -open as shown in the following example.

**Example 2.11.** Let  $X = \{a, b, c\}$ ,  $\tau_1 = \{\emptyset, \{a\}, \{c\}, \{a, c\}, X\}$ ,  $\tau_2 = \{\emptyset, \{b\}, \{b, c\}, X\}$  and  $\mathcal{I} = \{\emptyset, \{a\}\}$ . Then  $\{a, b\}, \{a, c\} \in (1, 2)\text{-IO}(X)$  but  $\{a, b\} \cap \{a, c\} = \{a\} \notin (1, 2)\text{-IO}(X)$ .

**Theorem 2.12.** For an ideal bitopological space  $(X, \tau_1, \tau_2, \mathcal{I})$  and  $A \subset X$ , we have:

- (1) If  $\mathcal{I} = \{\emptyset\}$ , then  $A_j^*(\mathcal{I}) = \tau_j\text{-Cl}(A)$  and hence each of  $(i, j)$ - $\mathcal{I}$ -open set and  $(i, j)$ -preopen set are coincide.
- (2) If  $\mathcal{I} = \mathcal{P}(X)$ , then  $A_j^*(\mathcal{I}) = \emptyset$  and hence  $A$  is  $(i, j)$ - $\mathcal{I}$ -open if and only if  $A = \emptyset$ .

**Theorem 2.13.** For any  $(i, j)$ - $\mathcal{I}$ -open set  $A$  of an ideal bitopological space  $(X, \tau_1, \tau_2, \mathcal{I})$ , we have  $A_j^* = (\tau_i\text{-Int}(A_j^*))_j^*$ .

*Proof.* Since  $A$  is  $(i, j)$ - $\mathcal{I}$ -open,  $A \subset \tau_i\text{-Int}(A_j^*)$ . Then  $A_j^* \subset (\tau_i\text{-Int}(A_j^*))_j^*$ . Also we have  $\tau_i\text{-Int}(A_j^*) \subset A_j^*$ ,  $(\tau_i\text{-Int}(A_j^*))^* \subset (A_j^*)^* \subset A_j^*$ . Hence we have,  $A_j^* = (\tau_i\text{-Int}(A_j^*))_j^*$ .  $\square$

**Definition 2.14.** A subset  $F$  of an ideal bitopological space  $(X, \tau_1, \tau_2, \mathcal{I})$  is called  $(i, j)$ - $\mathcal{I}$ -closed if its complement is  $(i, j)$ - $\mathcal{I}$ -open.

**Theorem 2.15.** For  $A \subset (X, \tau_1, \tau_2, \mathcal{I})$  we have  $((\tau_i\text{-Int}(A))_j^*)^c \neq \tau_i\text{-Int}((A^c)_j^*)$  in general.

**Example 2.16.** Let  $X = \{a, b, c\}$ ,  $\tau_1 = \{\emptyset, \{a\}, \{a, b\}, X\}$ ,  $\tau_2 = \{\emptyset, \{a, c\}, X\}$  and  $\mathcal{I} = \{\emptyset, \{b\}\}$ . Then  $((\tau_1\text{-Int}(\{a, b\}))_2^*)^c = (\{a, b\}_2^*)^c = X^c = \emptyset$  (\*) and  $\tau_1\text{-Int}((\{a, b\}^c)_2^*) = \tau_1\text{-Int}(\{c\}_2^*) = \tau_1\text{-Int}(X) = X$  (\*\*). Hence from (\*) and (\*\*), we get  $((\tau_1\text{-Int}(\{a, b\}))_2^*)^c \neq \tau_1\text{-Int}((\{a, b\}^c)_2^*)$ .

**Theorem 2.17.** If  $A \subset (X, \tau_1, \tau_2, \mathcal{I})$  is  $(i, j)$ - $\mathcal{I}$ -closed, then  $A \supset (\tau_i\text{-Int}(A))_j^*$ .

*Proof.* Let  $A$  be  $(i, j)$ - $\mathcal{I}$ -closed. Then  $B = A^c$  is  $(i, j)$ - $\mathcal{I}$ -open. Thus,  $B \subset \tau_i\text{-Int}(B_j^*)$ ,  $B \subset \tau_i\text{-Int}(\tau_j\text{-Cl}(B))$ ,  $B^c \supset \tau_j\text{-Cl}(\tau_i\text{-Int}(B^c))$ ,  $A \supset \tau_j\text{-Cl}(\tau_i\text{-Int}(A))$ . That is,  $\tau_j\text{-Cl}(\tau_i\text{-Int}(A)) \subset A$ , which implies that  $(\tau_i\text{-Int}(A))_j^* \subset \tau_j\text{-Cl}(\tau_i\text{-Int}(A)) \subset A$ . Therefore,  $A \supset (\tau_i\text{-Int}(A))_j^*$ .  $\square$

**Theorem 2.18.** Let  $A \subset (X, \tau_1, \tau_2, \mathcal{I})$  and  $(X \setminus (\tau_i\text{-Int}(A))_j^*) = \tau_i\text{-Int}((X \setminus A)_j^*)$ . Then  $A$  is  $(i, j)$ - $\mathcal{I}$ -closed if and only if  $A \supset (\tau_i\text{-Int}(A))_j^*$ .

*Proof.* It is obvious.  $\square$

**Theorem 2.19.** Let  $(X, \tau_1, \tau_2, \mathcal{I})$  be an ideal bitopological space and  $A, B \subset X$ . Then:

- (i) If  $\{U_\alpha : \alpha \in \Delta\} \subset (i, j)$ - $\mathcal{IO}(X)$ , then  $\bigcup\{U_\alpha : \alpha \in \Delta\} \in (i, j)$ - $\mathcal{IO}(X)$ .
- (ii) If  $A \in (i, j)$ - $\mathcal{IO}(X)$ ,  $B \in \tau_i$  and  $A_j^* \cap B \subset (A \cap B)_j^*$ , then  $A \cap B \in (i, j)$ - $\mathcal{IO}(X)$ .
- (iii) If  $A \in (i, j)$ - $\mathcal{IO}(X)$ ,  $B \in \tau_i$  and  $B \cap A_j^* = B \cap (B \cap A)_j^*$ , then  $A \cap B \subset \tau_i\text{-Int}(B \cap (B \cap A)_j^*)$ .

*Proof.* (i) Since  $\{U_\alpha : \alpha \in \Delta\} \subset (i, j)$ - $\mathcal{IO}(X)$ , then  $U_\alpha \subset \tau_i\text{-Int}((U_\alpha)_j^*)$ , for every  $\alpha \in \Delta$ . Thus,  $\bigcup(U_\alpha) \subset \bigcup(\tau_i\text{-Int}((U_\alpha)_j^*)) \subset \tau_i\text{-Int}(\bigcup(U_\alpha)_j^*) \subset \tau_i\text{-Int}(\bigcup U_\alpha)_j^*$ , for every  $\alpha \in \Delta$ . Hence  $\bigcup\{U_\alpha : \alpha \in \Delta\} \in (i, j)$ - $\mathcal{IO}(X)$ .

(ii) Given  $A \in (i, j)\text{-IO}(X)$  and  $B \in \tau_i$ , that is  $A \subset \tau_i\text{-Int}(A_j^*)$ . Then  $A \cap B \subset \tau_i\text{-Int}(A_j^*) \cap B = \tau_i\text{-Int}(A_j^* \cap B)$ . Since  $B \in \tau_i$  and  $A_j^* \cap B \subset (A \cap B)_j^*$ , we have  $A \cap B \subset \tau_i\text{-Int}((A \cap B)_j^*)$ . Hence,  $A \cap B \in (i, j)\text{-IO}(X)$ .

(iii) Given  $A \in (i, j)\text{-IO}(X)$  and  $B \in \tau_i$ , That is  $A \subset \tau_i\text{-Int}(A_j^*)$ . We have to prove  $A \cap B \subset \tau_i\text{-Int}(B \cap (B \cap A)_j^*)$ . Thus,  $A \cap B \subset \tau_i\text{-Int}(A_j^*) \cap B = \tau_i\text{-Int}(A_j^* \cap B) = \tau_i\text{-Int}(B \cap A_j^*)$ . Since  $B \cap A_j^* = B \cap (B \cap A)_j^*$ . Hence  $A \cap B \subset \tau_i\text{-Int}(B \cap (B \cap A)_j^*)$ .  $\square$

**Corollary 2.20.** *The union of  $(i, j)\text{-I-closed}$  set and  $\tau_j$ -closed set is  $(i, j)\text{-I-closed}$ .*

*Proof.* It is obvious.  $\square$

**Theorem 2.21.** *If  $A \subset (X, \tau_1, \tau_2, \mathcal{I})$  is  $(i, j)\text{-I-open}$  and  $(i, j)\text{-semiclosed}$ , then  $A = \tau_i\text{-Int}(A_j^*)$ .*

*Proof.* Given  $A$  is  $(i, j)\text{-I-open}$ . Then  $A \subset \tau_i\text{-Int}(A_j^*)$ . Since  $(i, j)\text{-semiclosed}$ ,  $\tau_i\text{-Int}(A_j^*) \subset \tau_i\text{-Int}(\tau_j\text{-Cl}(A)) \subset A$ . Thus  $\tau_i\text{-Int}(A_j^*) \subset A$ . Hence we have,  $A = \tau_i\text{-Int}(A_j^*)$ .  $\square$

**Theorem 2.22.** *Let  $A \in (i, j)\text{-IO}(X)$  and  $B \in (i, j)\text{-IO}(Y)$ , then  $A \times B \in (i, j)\text{-IO}(X \times Y)$ , if  $A_j^* \times B_j^* = (A \times B)_j^*$ .*

*Proof.*  $A \times B \subset \tau_i\text{-Int}(A_j^*) \times \tau_i\text{-Int}(B_j^*) = \tau_i\text{-Int}(A_j^* \times B_j^*)$ , from hypothesis. Then  $A \times B = \tau_i\text{-Int}((A \times B)_j^*)$ ; hence,  $A \times B \in (i, j)\text{-IO}(X \times Y)$ .  $\square$

**Theorem 2.23.** *If  $(X, \tau_1, \tau_2, \mathcal{I})$  is an ideal bitopological space,  $A \in \tau_i$  and  $B \in (i, j)\text{-IO}(X)$ , then there exists a  $\tau_i$ -open subset  $G$  of  $X$  such that  $A \cap G = \emptyset$ , implies  $A \cap B = \emptyset$ .*

*Proof.* Since  $B \in (i, j)\text{-IO}(X)$ , then  $B \subset \tau_i\text{-Int}(B_j^*)$ . By taking  $G = \tau_i\text{-Int}(B_j^*)$  to be a  $\tau_i$ -open set such that  $B \subset G$ . But  $A \cap G = \emptyset$ , then  $G \subset X \setminus A$  implies that  $\tau_i\text{-Cl}(G) \subset X \setminus A$ . Hence  $B \subset (X \setminus A)$ . Therefore,  $A \cap B = \emptyset$ .  $\square$

**Definition 2.24.** *A subset  $A$  of  $(X, \tau_1, \tau_2, \mathcal{I})$  is said to be:*

- (i)  $\tau_i^*$ -closed if  $A_i^* \subset A$ .
- (ii)  $\tau_i$ -\*-perfect  $A_i^* = A$ .

**Theorem 2.25.** *For a subset  $A \subset (X, \tau_1, \tau_2, \mathcal{I})$ , we have*

- (i) If  $A$  is  $\tau_j^*$ -closed and  $A \in (i, j)\text{-IO}(X)$ , then  $\tau_i\text{-Int}(A) = \tau_i\text{-Int}(A_j^*)$ .
- (ii) If  $A$  is  $\tau_j$ -\*-perfect, then  $A = \tau_i\text{-Int}(A_j^*)$  for every  $A \in (i, j)\text{-IO}(X)$ .

*Proof.* (i) Let  $A$  be  $\tau_j$ -\*-closed and  $A \in (i, j)\text{-IO}(X)$ . Then  $A_j^* \subset A$  and  $A \subset \tau_i\text{-Int}(A_j^*)$ . Hence  $A \subset \tau_i\text{-Int}(A_j^*) \Rightarrow \tau_i\text{-Int}(A) \subset \tau_i\text{-Int}(\tau_i\text{-Int}(A_j^*)) \Rightarrow \tau_i\text{-Int}(A) \subset \tau_i\text{-Int}(A_j^*)$ . Also,  $A_j^* \subset A$ . Then  $\tau_i\text{-Int}(A_j^*) \subset$

$\tau_i$ -Int( $A$ ). Hence  $\tau_i$ -Int( $A$ ) =  $\tau_i$ -Int( $A_j^*$ ).

(ii) Let  $A$  be  $\tau_j$ -\*-perfect and  $A \in (i, j)$ - $\mathcal{I}O(X)$ . We have,  $A_j^* = A$ ,  $\tau_i$ -Int( $A_j^*$ ) =  $\tau_i$ -Int( $A$ ),  $\tau_i$ -Int( $A_j^*$ )  $\subset$   $A$ . Also we have  $A \subset \tau_i$ -Int( $A_j^*$ ). Hence we have,  $A = \tau_i$ -Int( $A_j^*$ ).  $\square$

**Definition 2.26.** Let  $(X, \tau_1, \tau_2, \mathcal{I})$  be an ideal bitopological space,  $S$  a subset of  $X$  and  $x$  be a point of  $X$ . Then

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

**Theorem 2.27.** Let  $A$  and  $B$  be subsets of  $(X, \tau_1, \tau_2, \mathcal{I})$ . Then the following properties hold:

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

*Proof.* (i). Let  $x \in \cup\{T : T \subset A \text{ and } A \in (i, j)$ - $\mathcal{I}O(X)\}$ . Then, there exists  $T \in (i, j)$ - $\mathcal{I}O(X, x)$  such that  $x \in T \subset A$  and hence  $x \in (i, j)$ - $\mathcal{I}Int(A)$ . This shows that  $\cup\{T : T \subset A \text{ and } A \in (i, j)$ - $\mathcal{I}O(X)\} \subset (i, j)$ - $\mathcal{I}Int(A)$ . For the reverse inclusion, let  $x \in (i, j)$ - $\mathcal{I}Int(A)$ . Then there exists  $T \in (i, j)$ - $\mathcal{I}O(X, x)$  such that  $x \in T \subset A$ . we obtain  $x \in \cup\{T : T \subset A \text{ and } A \in (i, j)$ - $\mathcal{I}O(X)\}$ . This shows that  $(i, j)$ - $\mathcal{I}Int(A) \subset \cup\{T : T \subset A \text{ and } A \in (i, j)$ - $\mathcal{I}O(X)\}$ . Therefore, we obtain  $(i, j)$ - $\mathcal{I}Int(A) = \cup\{T : T \subset A \text{ and } A \in (i, j)$ - $\mathcal{I}O(X)\}$ .

The proof of (ii)-(v) are obvious.

(vi). Clearly,  $(i, j)$ - $\mathcal{I}Int(A) \subset (i, j)$ - $\mathcal{I}Int(A \cup B)$  and  $(i, j)$ - $\mathcal{I}Int(B) \subset (i, j)$ - $\mathcal{I}Int(A \cup B)$ . Then by (v) we obtain  $(i, j)$ - $\mathcal{I}Int(A) \cup (i, j)$ - $\mathcal{I}Int(B) \subset (i, j)$ - $\mathcal{I}Int(A \cup B)$ .

(vii). Since  $A \cap B \subset A$  and  $A \cap B \subset B$ , by (v), we have  $(i, j)$ - $\mathcal{I}Int(A \cap B) \subset (i, j)$ - $\mathcal{I}Int(A)$  and  $(i, j)$ - $\mathcal{I}Int(A \cap B) \subset (i, j)$ - $\mathcal{I}Int(B)$ . By (v)  $(i, j)$ - $\mathcal{I}Int(A \cap B) \subset (i, j)$ - $\mathcal{I}Int(A) \cap (i, j)$ - $\mathcal{I}Int(B)$ .  $\square$

**Definition 2.28.** Let  $(X, \tau_1, \tau_2, \mathcal{I})$  be an ideal bitopological space,  $S$  a subset of  $X$  and  $x$  be a point of  $X$ . Then

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

**Theorem 2.29.** Let  $A$  and  $B$  be subsets of  $(X, \tau_1, \tau_2, \mathcal{I})$ . Then the following properties hold:

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

*Proof.* (i). Suppose that  $x \notin (i, j)\text{-}\mathcal{I}Cl(A)$ . Then there exists  $F \in (i, j)\text{-}\mathcal{I}O(X)$  such that  $V \cap S \neq \emptyset$ . Since  $X \setminus V$  is  $(i, j)\text{-}\mathcal{I}$ -closed set containing  $A$  and  $x \notin X \setminus V$ , we obtain  $x \notin \cap\{F : A \subset F \text{ and } F \in (i, j)\text{-}\mathcal{I}C(X)\}$ . Then there exists  $F \in (i, j)\text{-}\mathcal{I}C(X)$  such that  $A \subset F$  and  $x \notin F$ . Since  $X \setminus V$  is  $(i, j)\text{-}\mathcal{I}$ -closed set containing  $x$ , we obtain  $(X \setminus F) \cap A = \emptyset$ . This shows that  $x \notin (i, j)\text{-}\mathcal{I}Cl(A)$ . Therefore, we obtain  $(i, j)\text{-}\mathcal{I}Cl(A) = \cap\{F : A \subset F \text{ and } F \in (i, j)\text{-}\mathcal{I}C(X)\}$ .

The other proofs are obvious.  $\square$

**Theorem 2.30.** *Let  $(X, \tau_1, \tau_2, \mathcal{I})$  be an ideal bitopological space and  $A \subset X$ . A point  $x \in (i, j)\text{-}\mathcal{I}Cl(A)$  if and only if  $U \cap A \neq \emptyset$  for every  $U \in (i, j)\text{-}\mathcal{I}O(X, x)$ .*

*Proof.* Suppose that  $x \in (i, j)\text{-}\mathcal{I}Cl(A)$ . We shall show that  $U \cap A \neq \emptyset$  for every  $U \in (i, j)\text{-}\mathcal{I}O(X, x)$ . Suppose that there exists  $U \in (i, j)\text{-}\mathcal{I}O(X, x)$  such that  $U \cap A = \emptyset$ . Then  $A \subset X \setminus U$  and  $X \setminus U$  is  $(i, j)\text{-}\mathcal{I}$ -closed. Since  $A \subset X \setminus U$ ,  $(i, j)\text{-}\mathcal{I}Cl(A) \subset (i, j)\text{-}\mathcal{I}Cl(X \setminus U)$ . Since  $x \in (i, j)\text{-}\mathcal{I}Cl(A)$ , we have  $x \in (i, j)\text{-}\mathcal{I}Cl(X \setminus U)$ . Since  $X \setminus U$  is  $(i, j)\text{-}\mathcal{I}$ -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  $U \in (i, j)\text{-}\mathcal{I}O(X, x)$ . We shall show that  $x \in (i, j)\text{-}\mathcal{I}Cl(A)$ . Suppose that  $x \notin (i, j)\text{-}\mathcal{I}Cl(A)$ . Then there exists  $U \in (i, j)\text{-}\mathcal{I}O(X, x)$  such that  $U \cap A = \emptyset$ . This is a contradiction to  $U \cap A \neq \emptyset$ ; hence  $x \in (i, j)\text{-}\mathcal{I}Cl(A)$ .  $\square$

**Theorem 2.31.** *Let  $(X, \tau_1, \tau_2, \mathcal{I})$  be an ideal bitopological space and  $A \subset X$ . Then the following properties hold:*

- (i)  $(i, j)\text{-}\mathcal{I}Int(X \setminus A) = X \setminus (i, j)\text{-}\mathcal{I}Cl(A)$ ;
- (i)  $(i, j)\text{-}\mathcal{I}Cl(X \setminus A) = X \setminus (i, j)\text{-}\mathcal{I}Int(A)$ .

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

(ii). Follows from (i).  $\square$

**Definition 2.32.** A subset  $B_x$  of an ideal bitopological space  $(X, \tau_1, \tau_2, \mathcal{I})$  is said to be an  $(i, j)$ - $\mathcal{I}$ -neighbourhood of a point  $x \in X$  if there exists an  $(i, j)$ - $\mathcal{I}$ -open set  $U$  such that  $x \in U \subset B_x$ .

**Theorem 2.33.** A subset of an ideal bitopological space  $(X, \tau_1, \tau_2, \mathcal{I})$  is  $(i, j)$ - $\mathcal{I}$ -open if and only if it is an  $(i, j)$ - $\mathcal{I}$ -neighbourhood of each of its points.

*Proof.* Let  $G$  be an  $(i, j)$ - $\mathcal{I}$ -open set of  $X$ . Then by definition, it is clear that  $G$  is an  $(i, j)$ - $\mathcal{I}$ -neighbourhood of each of its points, since for every  $x \in G$ ,  $x \in G \subset G$  and  $G$  is  $(i, j)$ - $\mathcal{I}$ -open. Conversely, suppose  $G$  is an  $(i, j)$ - $\mathcal{I}$ -neighbourhood of each of its points. Then for each  $x \in G$ , there exists  $S_x \in (i, j)\text{-}\mathcal{I}\mathcal{O}(X)$  such that  $S_x \subset G$ . Then  $G = \bigcup \{S_x : x \in G\}$ . Since each  $S_x$  is  $(i, j)$ - $\mathcal{I}$ -open and arbitrary union of  $(i, j)$ - $\mathcal{I}$ -open sets is  $(i, j)$ - $\mathcal{I}$ -open,  $G$  is  $(i, j)$ - $\mathcal{I}$ -open in  $(X, \tau_1, \tau_2, \mathcal{I})$ .  $\square$

### 3. $(i, j)$ - $\mathcal{I}$ -CONTINUOUS FUNCTIONS

**Definition 3.1.** A function  $f : (X, \tau_1, \tau_2, \mathcal{I}) \rightarrow (Y, \sigma_1, \sigma_2)$  is said to be  $(i, j)$ - $\mathcal{I}$ -continuous if for every  $V \in \sigma_i$ ,  $f^{-1}(V) \in (i, j)\text{-}\mathcal{I}\mathcal{O}(X)$ .

**Remark 3.2.** Every  $(i, j)$ - $\mathcal{I}$ -continuous function is  $(i, j)$ -precontinuous but the converse is not true, in general.

**Example 3.3.** Let  $X = \{a, b, c\}$ ,  $\tau_1 = \{\emptyset, \{a\}, \{c\}, \{a, c\}, X\}$ ,  $\tau_2 = \{\emptyset, \{b, c\}, X\}$ ,  $\sigma_1 = \mathcal{P}(X)$ ,  $\sigma_2 = \{\emptyset, \{a\}, \{a, c\}, X\}$  and  $\mathcal{I} = \{\emptyset, \{c\}\}$ . Then the identity function  $f : (X, \tau_1, \tau_2, \mathcal{I}) \rightarrow (X, \sigma_1, \sigma_2)$  is  $(1, 2)$ -precontinuous but not  $(1, 2)$ - $\mathcal{I}$ -continuous, because  $\{c\} \in \sigma_1$ , but  $f^{-1}(\{c\}) = \{c\} \notin (1, 2)\text{-}\mathcal{I}\mathcal{O}(X)$ .

**Remark 3.4.** It is clear that  $(1, 2)$ - $\mathcal{I}$ -continuity and  $\tau_1$ -continuity (resp.  $\tau_2$ -continuity) are independent notions.

**Example 3.5.** Let  $X = \{a, b, c\}$ ,  $\tau_1 = \{\emptyset, \{b\}, X\}$ ,  $\tau_2 = \{\emptyset, \{a, b\}, X\}$ ,  $\sigma_1 = \{\emptyset, \{b\}, \{c\}, \{b, c\}, X\}$ ,  $\sigma_2 = \{\emptyset, \{a\}, \{a, b\}, X\}$  and  $\mathcal{I} = \{\emptyset, \{b\}\}$ . Then the identity function  $f : (X, \tau_1, \tau_2, \mathcal{I}) \rightarrow (X, \sigma_1, \sigma_2)$  is  $\tau_1$ -continuous but not  $(1, 2)$ - $\mathcal{I}$ -continuous, because  $\{b\} \in \sigma_1$ , but  $f^{-1}(\{b\}) = \{b\} \notin (1, 2)\text{-}\mathcal{I}\mathcal{O}(X)$ .

**Example 3.6.** Let  $X = \{a, b, c\}$ ,  $\tau_1 = \{\emptyset, \{a, b\}, X\}$ ,  $\tau_2 = \{\emptyset, \{a\}, \{a, b\}, X\}$ ,  $\sigma_1 = \{\emptyset, \{b\}, \{b, c\}, X\}$ ,  $\sigma_2 = \{\emptyset, \{b, c\}, X\}$  and  $\mathcal{I} = \{\emptyset, \{b\}\}$ . Then the identity function  $f : (X, \tau_1, \tau_2, \mathcal{I}) \rightarrow (X, \sigma_1, \sigma_2)$  is  $(1, 2)$ - $\mathcal{I}$ -continuous but not  $\tau_1$ -continuous, because  $f^{-1}(\{a\}) = \{a\} \in (1, 2)\text{-}\mathcal{I}\mathcal{O}(X)$ , but  $\{a\} \notin \sigma_1$ .

**Example 3.7.** Let  $X = \{a, b, c\}$ ,  $\tau_1 = \{\emptyset, \{a\}, \{a, c\}, X\}$ ,  $\tau_2 = \{\emptyset, \{b\}, \{c\}, \{b, c\}, X\}$ ,  $\sigma_1 = \{\emptyset, \{b, c\}, X\}$ ,  $\sigma_2 = \{\emptyset, \{b\}, \{b, c\}, X\}$  and  $\mathcal{I} = \{\emptyset, \{c\}\}$ . Then the identity function  $f : (X, \tau_1, \tau_2, \mathcal{I}) \rightarrow (X, \sigma_1, \sigma_2)$  is  $\tau_2$ -continuous but not  $(1, 2)$ - $\mathcal{I}$ -continuous, because  $\{b\} \in \sigma_2$  but  $f^{-1}(\{b\}) = \{b\} \notin (1, 2)\text{-}\mathcal{I}\mathcal{O}(X)$ .



**Example 3.8.** Let  $X = \{a, b, c\}$ ,  $\tau_1 = \{\emptyset, \{a\}, \{c\}, \{a, c\}, X\}$ ,  $\tau_2 = \{\emptyset, \{b\}, \{b, c\}, X\}$ ,  $\sigma_1 = \{\emptyset, \{a, c\}, X\}$ ,  $\sigma_2 = \{\emptyset, \{b, c\}, X\}$  and  $\mathcal{I} = \{\emptyset, \{c\}\}$ . Then the identity function  $f : (X, \tau_1, \tau_2, \mathcal{I}) \rightarrow (X, \sigma_1, \sigma_2)$  is  $(1, 2)$ - $\mathcal{I}$ -continuous but not  $\tau_2$ -continuous, because  $\{a\} \notin \sigma_2$  but  $f^{-1}(\{a\}) = \{a\} \in (1, 2)$ - $\mathcal{IO}(X)$ .

**Theorem 3.9.** For a function  $f : (X, \tau_1, \tau_2, \mathcal{I}) \rightarrow (Y, \sigma_1, \sigma_2)$ , the following statements are equivalent:

- (i)  $f$  is pairwise  $\mathcal{I}$ -continuous;
- (ii) For each point  $x$  in  $X$  and each  $\sigma_j$ -open set  $F$  in  $Y$  such that  $f(x) \in F$ , there is a  $(i, j)$ - $\mathcal{I}$ -open set  $A$  in  $X$  such that  $x \in A$ ,  $f(A) \subset F$ ;
- (iii) The inverse image of each  $\sigma_j$ -closed set in  $Y$  is  $(i, j)$ - $\mathcal{I}$ -closed in  $X$ ;
- (iv) For each subset  $A$  of  $X$ ,  $f((i, j)$ - $\mathcal{I} \text{Cl}(A)) \subset \sigma_j$ - $\text{Cl}(f(A))$ ;
- (v) For each subset  $B$  of  $Y$ ,  $(i, j)$ - $\mathcal{I} \text{Cl}(f^{-1}(B)) \subset f^{-1}(\sigma_j$ - $\text{Cl}(B))$ ;
- (vi) For each subset  $C$  of  $Y$ ,  $f^{-1}(\sigma_j$ - $\text{Int}(C)) \subset (i, j)$ - $\mathcal{I} \text{Int}(f^{-1}(C))$ .

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

(ii) $\Rightarrow$ (i): Let  $F$  be  $\sigma_j$ -open in  $Y$  and let  $x \in f^{-1}(F)$ . Then  $f(x) \in F$ . By (ii), there is an  $(i, j)$ - $\mathcal{I}$ -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  $(i, j)$ - $\mathcal{I}$ -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  $A \subset f^{-1}(\sigma_j$ - $\text{Cl}(f(A)))$ . Now,  $(i, j)$ - $\mathcal{I} \text{Cl}(f(A))$  is  $\sigma_j$ -closed in  $Y$  and hence  $f^{-1}(\sigma_j$ - $\text{Cl}(f(A))) \subset f^{-1}(\sigma_j$ - $\text{Cl}(f(A)))$ , for  $(i, j)$ - $\mathcal{I} \text{Cl}(A)$  is the smallest  $(i, j)$ - $\mathcal{I}$ -closed set containing  $A$ . Then  $f((i, j)$ - $\mathcal{I} \text{Cl}(A)) \subset \sigma_j$ - $\text{Cl}(f(A))$ .

(iv) $\Rightarrow$ (iii): Let  $F$  be any  $(i, j)$ -pre- $\mathcal{I}$ -closed subset of  $Y$ . Then  $f((i, j)$ - $\mathcal{I} \text{Cl}(f^{-1}(F))) \subset (i, j)$ - $\sigma_i$ - $\text{Cl}(f(f^{-1}(F))) = (i, j)$ - $\sigma_i$ - $\text{Cl}(F) = F$ . Therefore,  $(i, j)$ - $\mathcal{I} \text{Cl}(f^{-1}(F)) \subset f^{-1}(F)$ . Consequently,  $f^{-1}(F)$  is  $(i, j)$ - $\mathcal{I}$ -closed in  $X$ .

(iv) $\Rightarrow$ (v): Let  $B$  be any subset of  $Y$ . Now,  $f((i, j)$ - $\mathcal{I} \text{Cl}(f^{-1}(B))) \subset \sigma_i$ - $\text{Cl}(f(f^{-1}(B))) \subset \sigma_i$ - $\text{Cl}(B)$ . Consequently,  $(i, j)$ - $\mathcal{I} \text{Cl}(f^{-1}(B)) \subset f^{-1}(\sigma_i$ - $\text{Cl}(B))$ .

(v) $\Rightarrow$ (iv): Let  $B = f(A)$  where  $A$  is a subset of  $X$ . Then,  $(i, j)$ - $\mathcal{I} \text{Cl}(A) \subset (i, j)$ - $\mathcal{I} \text{Cl}(f^{-1}(B)) \subset f^{-1}(\sigma_i$ - $\text{Cl}(B)) = f^{-1}(\sigma_i$ - $\text{Cl}(f(A)))$ . This shows that  $f((i, j)$ - $\mathcal{I} \text{Cl}(A)) \subset \sigma_i$ - $\text{Cl}(f(A))$ .

(i) $\Rightarrow$ (vi): Let  $B$  be a  $\sigma_j$ -open set in  $Y$ . Clearly,  $f^{-1}(\sigma_i$ - $\text{Int}(B))$  is  $(i, j)$ - $\mathcal{I}$ -open and we have  $f^{-1}(\sigma_i$ - $\text{Int}(B)) \subset (i, j)$ - $\mathcal{I} \text{Int}(f^{-1}\sigma_i$ - $\text{Int}(B)) \subset (i, j)$ - $\mathcal{I} \text{Int}(f^{-1}B)$ .

(vi) $\Rightarrow$ (i): Let  $B$  be a  $\sigma_j$ -open set in  $Y$ . Then  $\sigma_i$ - $\text{Int}(B) = B$  and  $f^{-1}(B) \setminus f^{-1}(\sigma_i$ - $\text{Int}(B)) \subset (i, j)$ - $\mathcal{I} \text{Int}(f^{-1}(B))$ . Hence we have  $f^{-1}(B)$

$= (i, j)\text{-}\mathcal{I}\text{Int}(f^{-1}(B))$ . This shows that  $f^{-1}(B)$  is  $(i, j)\text{-}\mathcal{I}$ -open in  $X$ .  $\square$

**Theorem 3.10.** *Let  $f : (X, \tau_1, \tau_2, \mathcal{I}) \rightarrow (Y, \sigma_1, \sigma_2)$  be  $(i, j)\text{-}\mathcal{I}$ -continuous and  $\sigma_i$ -open function, then the inverse image of each  $(i, j)\text{-}\mathcal{I}$ -open set in  $Y$  is  $(i, j)\text{-preopen}$  in  $X$ .*

*Proof.* Let  $A$  be  $(i, j)\text{-}\mathcal{I}$ -open. Then  $A \subset \tau_i\text{-Int}(A_j^*)$ . We have to prove  $f^{-1}(A)$  is  $(i, j)\text{-preopen}$  which implies  $f^{-1}(A) \subset \tau_i\text{-Int}(\tau_j\text{-Cl}(f^{-1}(A)))$ . For this,  $f(A) = f(\tau_i\text{-Int}(A_j^*)) = \tau_i\text{-Int}(f(\tau_i\text{-Int}(A_j^*))) \subset \tau_i\text{-Int}(f(A_j^*))$ ,  $A \subset f^{-1}(\tau_i\text{-Int}(f(A_j^*))) \subset \tau_i\text{-Int}(f^{-1}(\tau_i\text{-Int}(f(A_j^*))))_j^* \subset \tau_i\text{-Int}(A_j^*)_j^* \subset \tau_i\text{-Int}(A_j^*) \subset \tau_i\text{-Int}(A \cup A_j^*) = \tau_i\text{-Int}(\tau_j\text{-Cl}^*(A))$ . Hence  $f^{-1}(A) \subset \tau_i\text{-Int}(\tau_j\text{-Cl}^*(f^{-1}(A)))$ . Therefore,  $f^{-1}(A)$  is  $(i, j)\text{-preopen}$  in  $X$ .  $\square$

**Theorem 3.11.** *Let  $f : (X, \tau_1, \tau_2, \mathcal{I}) \rightarrow (Y, \sigma_1, \sigma_2)$  be  $(i, j)\text{-}\mathcal{I}$ -continuous and  $f^{-1}(V_j^*) \subset (f^{-1}(V))_j^*$ , for each  $V \subset Y$ . Then the inverse image of each  $(i, j)\text{-}\mathcal{I}$ -open set is  $(i, j)\text{-}\mathcal{I}$ -open.*

**Remark 3.12.** *The composition of two  $(i, j)\text{-}\mathcal{I}$ -continuous functions need not be  $(i, j)\text{-}\mathcal{I}$ -continuous, in general.*

**Example 3.13.** *Let  $X = \{a, b, c\}$ ,  $\tau_i = \{\emptyset, \{a, b\}, X\}$ ,  $\tau_2 = \{\emptyset, \{a\}, \{a, b\}, X\}$ ,  $\sigma_1 = \{\emptyset, \{b\}, \{b, c\}, X\}$ ,  $\sigma_2 = \{\emptyset, \{b, c\}, X\}$ ,  $\gamma_1 = \{\emptyset, \{a\}, \{c\}, \{a, c\}, X\}$ ,  $\gamma_2 = \{\emptyset, \{b, c\}, X\}$ ,  $\mathcal{I} = \{\emptyset, \{b\}\}$ ,  $\mathcal{J} = \{\emptyset, \{c\}\}$  and let the function  $f : (X, \tau_1, \tau_2, \mathcal{I}) \rightarrow (Y, \sigma_1, \sigma_2)$  is defined by  $f(a) = b$ ,  $f(b) = a$  and  $f(c) = c$  and  $g : (Y, \sigma_1, \sigma_2, \mathcal{J}) \rightarrow (Z, \gamma_1, \gamma_2)$  is defined by  $g(a) = c$ ,  $g(b) = a$  and  $g(c) = a$ . It is clear that both  $f$  and  $g$  are  $(1, 2)\text{-}\mathcal{I}$ -continuous. However, the composition function  $g \circ f$  is not  $(1, 2)\text{-}\mathcal{I}$ -continuous, because  $\{a\} \in \gamma_1$ , but  $(g \circ f)^{-1}(\{a\}) = \{c\} \notin (1, 2)\text{-}\mathcal{I}\mathcal{O}(X)$ .*

**Theorem 3.14.** *Let  $f : (X, \tau_1, \tau_2, \mathcal{I}) \rightarrow (Y, \sigma_1, \sigma_2)$  and  $g : (Y, \sigma_1, \sigma_2, \mathcal{J}) \rightarrow (Z, \mu_1, \mu_2)$ . Then  $g \circ f$  is  $(i, j)\text{-}\mathcal{I}$ -continuous, if  $f$  is  $(i, j)\text{-}\mathcal{I}$ -continuous and  $g$  is  $\sigma_j$ -continuous.*

*Proof.* Let  $V \in \mu_j$ . Since  $g$  is  $\mu_j$ -continuous, then  $g^{-1}(V) \in \sigma_j$ . On the other hand, since  $f$  is  $(i, j)\text{-}\mathcal{I}$ -continuous, we have  $f^{-1}(g^{-1}(V)) \in (i, j)\text{-}\mathcal{I}\mathcal{O}(X)$ . Since  $(g \circ f)^{-1}(V) = f^{-1}(g^{-1}(V))$ , we obtain that  $g \circ f$  is  $(i, j)\text{-}\mathcal{I}$ -continuous.  $\square$

#### 4. $(i, j)\text{-}\mathcal{I}$ -OPEN AND $(i, j)\text{-}\mathcal{I}$ -CLOSED FUNCTIONS

**Definition 4.1.** *A function  $f : (X, \tau_1, \tau_2) \rightarrow (Y, \sigma_1, \sigma_2, \mathcal{I})$  is said to be:*

- (i) *pairwise  $\mathcal{I}$ -open if  $f(U)$  is a  $(i, j)\text{-}\mathcal{I}$ -open set of  $Y$  for every  $\tau_i$ -open set  $U$  of  $X$ .*
- (ii) *pairwise  $\mathcal{I}$ -closed if  $f(U)$  is a  $(i, j)\text{-}\mathcal{I}$ -closed set of  $Y$  for every  $\tau_i$ -closed set  $U$  of  $X$ .*

**Proposition 4.2.** *Every  $(i, j)\text{-}\mathcal{I}$ -open function is  $(i, j)\text{-preopen}$  function but the converse is not true in general.*

**Example 4.3.** Let  $X = \{a, b, c\}$ ,  $\tau_1 = \{\emptyset, \{a\}, \{b, c\}, X\}$ ,  $\tau_2 = \{\emptyset, \{b\}, \{a, b\}, \{b, c\}, X\}$ ,  $\sigma_1 = \{\emptyset, \{a\}, X\}$ ,  $\sigma_2 = \{\emptyset, \{b\}, \{c\}, \{b, c\}, X\}$  and  $\mathcal{I} = \{\emptyset, \{a\}\}$ . Then the function  $f : (X, \tau_1, \tau_2) \rightarrow (X, \sigma_1, \sigma_2, \mathcal{I})$  is defined by  $f(a) = b$ ,  $f(b) = a$  and  $f(c) = c$  is  $(1, 2)$ -preopen but not  $(1, 2)$ - $\mathcal{I}$ -open, because  $\{a\} \notin \tau_1$ , but  $f(\{a\}) = \{b\} \notin (1, 2)$ - $\mathcal{IO}(Y)$ .

**Remark 4.4.** Each of  $(i, j)$ - $\mathcal{I}$ -open function and  $\tau_i$ -open function are independent.

**Example 4.5.** Let  $X = \{a, b, c\}$ ,  $\tau_1 = \{\emptyset, \{b\}, \{b, c\}, X\}$ ,  $\tau_2 = \{\emptyset, \{b, c\}, X\}$ ,  $\sigma_1 = \{\emptyset, \{a\}, \{a, b\}, X\}$ ,  $\sigma_2 = \{\emptyset, \{a\}, \{a, c\}, X\}$  and  $\mathcal{I} = \{\emptyset, \{b\}\}$  on  $Y$ . Then the identity function  $f : (X, \tau_1, \tau_2) \rightarrow (X, \sigma_1, \sigma_2, \mathcal{I})$  is  $(1, 2)$ - $\mathcal{I}$ -open function but not  $\tau_1$ -open, because  $\{a\} \notin \tau_1$ , but  $f(\{a\}) = \{a\} \in (1, 2)$ - $\mathcal{IO}(Y)$ .

**Example 4.6.** Let  $X = \{a, b, c\}$ ,  $\tau_1 = \{\emptyset, \{a\}, \{b, c\}, X\}$ ,  $\tau_2 = \{\emptyset, \{b, c\}, X\}$ ,  $\sigma_1 = \{\emptyset, \{a\}, \{c\}, \{a, c\}, X\}$ ,  $\sigma_2 = \{\emptyset, \{b\}, \{c\}, \{b, c\}, X\}$  and  $\mathcal{I} = \{\emptyset, \{c\}\}$  on  $Y$ . Then the identity function  $f : (X, \tau_1, \tau_2) \rightarrow (X, \sigma_1, \sigma_2, \mathcal{I})$  is defined by  $f(a) = b = f(b)$  and  $f(c) = c$  is  $\tau_1$ -open but not  $(1, 2)$ - $\mathcal{I}$ -open function, because  $\{a\} \in \tau_1$ , but  $f(\{a\}) = \{b\} \notin (1, 2)$ - $\mathcal{IO}(Y)$ .

**Theorem 4.7.** For a function  $f : (X, \tau_1, \tau_2) \rightarrow (Y, \sigma_1, \sigma_2, \mathcal{I})$ , the following statements are equivalent:

- (i)  $f$  is pairwise  $\mathcal{I}$ -open;
- (ii)  $f(\tau_i\text{-Int}(U)) \subset (i, j)\text{-}\mathcal{I}\text{Int}(f(U))$  for each subset  $U$  of  $X$ ;
- (iii)  $\tau_i\text{-Int}(f^{-1}(V)) \subset f^{-1}((i, j)\text{-}\mathcal{I}\text{Int}(V))$  for each subset  $V$  of  $Y$ .

*Proof.* (i)  $\Rightarrow$  (ii): Let  $U$  be any subset of  $X$ . Then  $\tau_i\text{-Int}(U)$  is a  $\tau_i$ -open set of  $X$ . Then  $f(\tau_i\text{-Int}(U))$  is a  $(i, j)$ - $\mathcal{I}$ -open set of  $Y$ . Since  $f(\tau_i\text{-Int}(U)) \subset f(U)$ ,  $f(\tau_i\text{-Int}(U)) = (i, j)\text{-}\mathcal{I}\text{Int}(f(\tau_i\text{-Int}(U))) \subset (i, j)\text{-}\mathcal{I}\text{Int}(f(U))$ .

(ii)  $\Rightarrow$  (iii): Let  $V$  be any subset of  $Y$ . Then  $f^{-1}(V)$  is a subset of  $X$ . Hence  $f(\tau_i\text{-Int}(f^{-1}(V))) \subset (i, j)\text{-}\mathcal{I}\text{Int}(f(f^{-1}(V))) \subset (i, j)\text{-}\mathcal{I}\text{Int}(V)$ . Then  $\tau_i\text{-Int}(f^{-1}(V)) \subset f^{-1}(f(\tau_i\text{-Int}(f^{-1}(V)))) \subset f^{-1}((i, j)\text{-}\mathcal{I}\text{Int}(V))$ .

(iii)  $\Rightarrow$  (i): Let  $U$  be any  $\tau_i$ -open set of  $X$ . Then  $\tau_i\text{-Int}(U) = U$  and  $f(U)$  is a subset of  $Y$ . Now,  $V = \tau_i\text{-Int}(V) \subset \tau_i\text{-Int}(f^{-1}(f(V))) \subset f^{-1}((i, j)\text{-}\mathcal{I}\text{Int}(f(V)))$ . Then  $f(V) \subset f(f^{-1}((i, j)\text{-}\mathcal{I}\text{Int}(f(V)))) \subset (i, j)\text{-}\mathcal{I}\text{Int}(f(V))$  and  $(i, j)\text{-}\mathcal{I}\text{Int}(f(V)) \subset f(V)$ . Hence  $f(V)$  is a  $(i, j)$ - $\mathcal{I}$ -open set of  $Y$ ; hence  $f$  is pairwise  $\mathcal{I}$ -open.  $\square$

**Theorem 4.8.** Let  $f : (X, \tau_1, \tau_2) \rightarrow (Y, \sigma_1, \sigma_2, \mathcal{I})$  be a function. Then  $f$  is a pairwise  $\mathcal{I}$ -closed function if and only if for each subset  $V$  of  $X$ ,  $(i, j)\text{-}\mathcal{I}\text{Cl}(f(V)) \subset f(\tau_i\text{Cl}(V))$ .

*Proof.* Let  $f$  be a pairwise  $\mathcal{I}$ -closed function and  $V$  any subset of  $X$ . Then  $f(V) \subset f(\tau_i\text{Cl}(V))$  and  $f(\tau_i\text{Cl}(V))$  is a  $(i, j)$ - $\mathcal{I}$ -closed set of  $Y$ . We have  $(i, j)\text{-}\mathcal{I}\text{Cl}(f(V)) \subset (i, j)\text{-}\mathcal{I}\text{Cl}(f(\tau_i\text{Cl}(V))) = f(\tau_i\text{Cl}(V))$ . Conversely, let  $V$  be a  $\tau_i$ -open set of  $X$ . Then  $f(V) \subset (i, j)\text{-}\mathcal{I}\text{Cl}(f(V)) \subset f(\tau_i\text{Cl}(V)) = f(V)$ ; hence  $f(V)$  is a  $(i, j)$ - $\mathcal{I}$ -closed subset of  $Y$ . Therefore,  $f$  is a pairwise  $\mathcal{I}$ -closed function.  $\square$

**Theorem 4.9.** *Let  $f : (X, \tau_1, \tau_2) \rightarrow (Y, \sigma_1, \sigma_2, \mathcal{I})$  be a function. Then  $f$  is a pairwise  $\mathcal{I}$ -closed function if and only if for each subset  $V$  of  $Y$ ,  $f^{-1}((i, j)\text{-}\mathcal{I}\text{Cl}(V)) \subset \tau_i\text{-Cl}(f^{-1}(V))$ .*

*Proof.* Let  $V$  be any subset of  $Y$ . Then by Theorem 4.8,  $(i, j)\text{-}\mathcal{I}\text{Cl}(V) \subset f(\tau_i\text{-Cl}(f^{-1}(V)))$ . Since  $f$  is bijection,  $f^{-1}((i, j)\text{-}\mathcal{I}\text{Cl}(V)) = f^{-1}((i, j)\text{-}\mathcal{I}\text{Cl}(f(f^{-1}(V)))) \subset f^{-1}(f(\tau_i\text{-Cl}(f^{-1}(V)))) = \tau_i\text{-Cl}(f^{-1}(V))$ . Conversely, let  $U$  be any subset of  $X$ . Since  $f$  is bijection,  $(i, j)\text{-}\mathcal{I}\text{Cl}(f(U)) = f(f^{-1}((i, j)\text{-}\mathcal{I}\text{Cl}(f(U))) \subset f(\tau_i\text{-Cl}(f^{-1}(f(U)))) = f(\tau_i\text{-Cl}(U))$ . Therefore, by Theorem 4.8,  $f$  is a pairwise  $\mathcal{I}$ -closed function.  $\square$

**Theorem 4.10.** *Let  $f : (X, \tau_1, \tau_2) \rightarrow (Y, \sigma_1, \sigma_2, \mathcal{I})$  be a pairwise  $\mathcal{I}$ -open function. If  $V$  is a subset of  $Y$  and  $U$  is a  $\tau_i$ -closed subset of  $X$  containing  $f^{-1}(V)$ , then there exists a  $(i, j)\text{-}\mathcal{I}$ -closed set  $F$  of  $Y$  containing  $V$  such that  $f^{-1}(F) \subset U$ .*

*Proof.* Let  $V$  be any subset of  $Y$  and  $U$  a  $\tau_i$ -closed subset of  $X$  containing  $f^{-1}(V)$ , and let  $F = Y \setminus (f(X \setminus U))$ . Then  $f(X \setminus U) \subset f(f^{-1}(X \setminus U)) \subset X \setminus U$  and  $X \setminus U$  is a  $\tau_i$ -open set of  $X$ . Since  $f$  is pairwise  $\mathcal{I}$ -open,  $f(X \setminus U)$  is a  $(i, j)\text{-}\mathcal{I}$ -open set of  $Y$ . Hence  $F$  is an  $(i, j)\text{-}\mathcal{I}$ -closed set of  $Y$  and  $f^{-1}(F) = f^{-1}(Y \setminus (f(X \setminus U))) \subset U$ .  $\square$

**Theorem 4.11.** *Let  $f : (X, \tau_1, \tau_2) \rightarrow (Y, \sigma_1, \sigma_2, \mathcal{I})$  be a pairwise  $\mathcal{I}$ -closed function. If  $V$  is a subset of  $Y$  and  $U$  is a open subset of  $X$  containing  $f^{-1}(V)$ , then there exists  $(i, j)\text{-}\mathcal{I}$ -open set  $F$  of  $Y$  containing  $V$  such that  $f^{-1}(F) \subset U$ .*

*Proof.* The proof is similar to the Theorem 4.10.  $\square$

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