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## On $(i, j)$ - $\omega$ -preopen sets

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### Abstract

*In this paper, we introduce and study the notion of  $(i, j)$ - $\omega$ -preopen sets as a generalization of  $(i, j)$ -preopen sets in bitopological space.*

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## 1. Introduction and Preliminaries

Generalized open sets play a very important role in General Topology and they are now the research topics of many topologists worldwide. Indeed a significant theme in General Topology and Real analysis concerns the variously modified forms of continuity, separation axioms etc. by utilizing generalized open sets. The concept of a bitopological space was introduced by Kelly [4]. On the other hand Jelic [2] introduced the concept of preopen sets in bitopological spaces. In this paper, we introduce and study the notion of  $(i, j)$ - $\omega$ -preopen sets as a generalization of  $(i, j)$ -preopen sets in bitopological spaces. Throughout this paper, spaces means bitopological spaces on which no separation axioms are assumed unless otherwise mentioned. For a subset  $A$  of  $X$ , the closure and the interior of  $A$  are denoted by  $\bar{A}$  and  $\text{int}(A)$ , respectively. A subset  $A$  of a bitopological space  $(X, \tau_1, \tau_2)$  is said to be  $(i, j)$ -preopen [2] if  $A \subset \tau_i(\tau_j(A))$ , where  $i, j = 1, 2$  and  $i \neq j$ . The complement of an  $(i, j)$ -preopen set is said to be  $(i, j)$ -preclosed set ([3], [5]). The  $(i, j)$ -preclosure [5] of  $A$ , denoted by  $(i, j)\text{-}p(A)$ , is defined by the intersection of all  $(i, j)$ -preclosed sets containing  $A$ . The  $(i, j)$ -preinterior [6] of  $A$ , denoted by  $(i, j)\text{-}p(A)$ , is defined by the union of all  $(i, j)$ -preopen sets contained in  $A$ . A function  $f : (X, \tau_1, \tau_2) \rightarrow (Y, \sigma_1, \sigma_2)$  is said to be  $(i, j)$ -precontinuous ([3], [5]) if the inverse image of every  $\sigma_i$ -open set in  $(Y, \sigma_1, \sigma_2)$  is  $(i, j)$ -preopen in  $(X, \tau_1, \tau_2)$ , where  $i \neq j$ ,  $i, j = 1, 2$ .

## 2. $(i, j)$ - $\omega$ -preopen sets

**Definition 2.1.** A subset  $A$  is said to be  $(i, j)$ - $\omega$ -preopen if for each  $x \in A$  there exists an  $(i, j)$ -preopen set  $U_x$  containing  $x$  such that  $U_x \setminus A$  is a countable set. The complement of an  $(i, j)$ - $\omega$ -preopen subset is said to be  $(i, j)$ - $\omega$ -preclosed.

The family of all  $(i, j)$ - $\omega$ -preopen (resp.  $(i, j)$ - $\omega$ -preclosed) subsets of a space  $(X, \tau_1, \tau_2)$  is denoted by  $(i, j)\text{-}\omega PO(X)$  (resp.  $(i, j)\text{-}\omega PC(X)$ ). Also, The family of all  $(i, j)$ - $\omega$ -preopen sets of  $(X, \tau_1, \tau_2)$  containing  $x$  is denoted by  $(i, j)\text{-}\omega PO(X, x)$ .

It is clear that every  $(i, j)$ -preopen set is  $(i, j)$ - $\omega$ -preopen. The following example shows that the converse is not true in general.

**Example 2.2.** Let  $X = \{a, b, c\}$ ,  $\tau_1 = \{\emptyset, \{a\}, X\}$  and  $\tau_2 = \{\emptyset, \{b\}, X\}$ . Then  $\{a, c\}$  is  $(i, j)$ - $\omega$ -preopen but not  $(i, j)$ -preopen in  $(X, \tau_1, \tau_2)$ .

**Lemma 2.3.** A subset  $A$  of a bitopological space  $(X, \tau_1, \tau_2)$  is  $(i, j)$ - $\omega$ -preopen if and only if for every  $x \in A$ , there exists an  $(i, j)$ -preopen subset  $U_x$  containing  $x$  and a countable subset  $C$  such that  $U_x \setminus C \subset A$ .

**Proof.** Let  $A$  be  $(i, j)$ - $\omega$ -preopen and  $x \in A$ , then there exists an  $(i, j)$ - $\omega$ -preopen subset  $U_x$  containing  $x$  such that  $U_x \setminus A$  is countable. Let  $C = U_x \setminus A = U_x \cap (X \setminus A)$ . Then  $U_x \setminus C \subset A$ . Conversely, let  $x \in A$ . Then there exists an  $(i, j)$ -preopen subset  $U_x$  containing  $x$  and a countable subset  $C$  such that  $U_x \setminus C \subset A$ . Thus,  $U_x \setminus A \subset C$  and  $U_x \setminus A$  is countable.  $\square$

**Theorem 2.4.** Let  $(X, \tau_1, \tau_2)$  be a bitopological space and  $C \subset X$ . If  $C$  is  $(i, j)$ - $\omega$ -preclosed, then  $C \subset K \cup B$  for some  $(i, j)$ - $\omega$ -preclosed subset  $K$  and a countable subset  $B$ .

**Proof.** If  $C$  is  $(i, j)$ - $\omega$ -preclosed, then  $X \setminus C$  is  $(i, j)$ - $\omega$ -preopen and hence for every  $x \in X \setminus C$ , there exists an  $(i, j)$ - $\omega$ -preopen set  $U$  containing  $x$  and a countable set  $B$  such that  $U \setminus B \subset X \setminus C$ . Thus  $C \subset X \setminus (U \setminus B) = X \setminus (U \cap (X \setminus B)) = (X \setminus U) \cup B$ . Let  $K = X \setminus U$ . Then  $K$  is  $(i, j)$ - $\omega$ -preclosed such that  $C \subset K \cup B$ .  $\square$

**Proposition 2.5.** The union of any family of  $(i, j)$ - $\omega$ -preopen sets is  $(i, j)$ - $\omega$ -preopen.

**Proof.** If  $\{A_\alpha : \alpha \in \Lambda\}$  is a collection of  $(i, j)$ - $\omega$ -preopen subsets of  $X$ , then for every  $x \in \bigcup_{\alpha \in \Lambda} A_\alpha$ ,  $x \in A_\gamma$  for some  $\gamma \in \Lambda$ . Hence there exists an  $(i, j)$ -preopen subset  $U$  of  $X$  containing  $x$  such that  $U \setminus A_\gamma$  is countable. Now as  $U \setminus \bigcup_{\alpha \in \Lambda} A_\alpha \subset U \setminus A_\gamma$  and thus  $U \setminus \bigcup_{\alpha \in \Lambda} A_\alpha$  is countable. Therefore,  $\bigcup_{\alpha \in \Lambda} A_\alpha$  is  $(i, j)$ - $\omega$ -preopen.  $\square$

**Definition 2.6.** The union of all  $(i, j)$ - $\omega$ -preopen sets contained in  $A \subset X$  is called the  $(i, j)$ - $\omega$ -preinterior of  $A$ , and is denoted by  $(i, j)$ - $\omega p(A)$ . The intersection of all  $(i, j)$ - $\omega$ -preclosed sets of  $X$  containing  $A$  is called the  $(i, j)$ - $\omega$ -preclosure of  $A$ , and is denoted by  $(i, j)$ - $\omega p(A)$ .

**Theorem 2.7.** Let  $A$  and  $B$  be subsets of  $(X, \tau_1, \tau_2)$ . Then the following properties hold:

- (i)  $(i, j)$ - $\omega p(A)$  is the largest  $(i, j)$ - $\omega$ -preopen subset of  $X$  contained in  $A$ .

- (ii)  $A$  is  $(i, j)$ - $\omega$ -preopen if and only if  $A = (i, j)$ - $\omega p(A)$ .
- (iii)  $(i, j)$ - $\omega p((i, j)$ - $\omega p(A)) = (i, j)$ - $\omega p(A)$ .
- (iv) If  $A \subset B$ , then  $(i, j)$ - $\omega p(A) \subset (i, j)$ - $\omega p(B)$ .
- (v)  $(i, j)$ - $\omega p(A \cap B) \subset (i, j)$ - $\omega p(A) \cap (i, j)$ - $\omega p(B)$ .
- (vi)  $(i, j)$ - $\omega p(A) \cup (i, j)$ - $\omega p(B) \subset (i, j)$ - $\omega p(A \cup B)$ .

**Proof.** (v). Since  $A \cap B \subset A$  and  $A \cap B \subset B$ , by (iv), we have  $(i, j)$ - $\omega p(A \cap B) \subset (i, j)$ - $\omega p(A)$  and  $(i, j)$ - $\omega p(A \cap B) \subset (i, j)$ - $\omega p(B)$ . Therefore,  $(i, j)$ - $\omega p(A \cap B) \subset (i, j)$ - $\omega p(A) \cap (i, j)$ - $\omega p(B)$ .  
 (vi). We have  $(i, j)$ - $\omega p(A) \subset (i, j)$ - $\omega p(A \cup B)$  and  $(i, j)$ - $\omega p(B) \subset (i, j)$ - $\omega p(A \cup B)$ . Then we obtain  $(i, j)$ - $\omega p(A) \cup (i, j)$ - $\omega p(B) \subset (i, j)$ - $\omega p(A \cup B)$ .  
 The other proof are obvious.  $\square$

**Theorem 2.8.** Let  $A$  and  $B$  be subsets of  $(X, \tau_1, \tau_2)$ . Then the following properties hold:

- (i)  $(i, j)$ - $\omega p(A)$  is the smallest  $(i, j)$ - $\omega$ -preclosed subset of  $X$  containing  $A$ .
- (ii)  $A$  is  $(i, j)$ - $\omega$ -preclosed if and only if  $A = (i, j)$ - $\omega p(A)$ .
- (iii)  $(i, j)$ - $\omega p((i, j)$ - $\omega p(A)) = (i, j)$ - $\omega p(A)$ .
- (iv) If  $A \subset B$ , then  $(i, j)$ - $\omega p(A) \subset (i, j)$ - $\omega p(B)$ .
- (v)  $(i, j)$ - $\omega p(A) \cup (i, j)$ - $\omega p(B) \subset (i, j)$ - $\omega p(A \cup B)$ .
- (vi)  $(i, j)$ - $\omega p(A \cap B) \subset (i, j)$ - $\omega p(A) \cap (i, j)$ - $\omega p(B)$ .

**Proof.** The proofs follows from the definitions.  $\square$

**Theorem 2.9.** Let  $(X, \tau_1, \tau_2)$  be a bitopological space and  $A \subset X$ . A point  $x \in (i, j)$ - $\omega p(A)$  if and only if  $U \cap A \neq \emptyset$  for every  $U \in (i, j)$ - $\omega PO(X, x)$ .

**Proof.** Suppose that  $x \in (i, j)\text{-}\omega p(A)$ . We shall show that  $U \cap A \neq \emptyset$  for every  $U \in (i, j)\text{-}\omega PO(X, x)$ . Suppose that there exists  $U \in (i, j)\text{-}\omega PO(X, x)$  such that  $U \cap A = \emptyset$ . Then  $A \subset X \setminus U$  and  $X \setminus U$  is  $(i, j)\text{-}\omega$ -preclosed. Since  $A \subset X \setminus U$ ,  $(i, j)\text{-}\omega p(A) \subset (i, j)\text{-}\omega p(X \setminus U)$ . Since  $x \in (i, j)\text{-}\omega p(A)$ , we have  $x \in (i, j)\text{-}\omega p(X \setminus U)$ . Since  $X \setminus U$  is  $(i, j)\text{-}\omega$ -preclosed, we have  $x \in X \setminus U$ ; hence  $x \notin U$ , which contradicts the fact that  $x \in U$ . Therefore,  $U \cap A \neq \emptyset$ . Conversely, suppose that  $U \cap A \neq \emptyset$  for every  $U \in (i, j)\text{-}\omega PO(X, x)$ . We shall show that  $x \in (i, j)\text{-}\omega p(A)$ . Suppose that  $x \notin (i, j)\text{-}\omega p(A)$ . Let  $U = X \setminus (i, j)\text{-}\omega p(A)$ , then  $U \in (i, j)\text{-}\omega PO(X, x)$  such that  $U \cap A = (X \setminus (i, j)\text{-}\omega p(A)) \cap A \subset (X \setminus A) \cap A = \emptyset$ . This is a contradiction to  $U \cap A \neq \emptyset$ ; hence  $x \in (i, j)\text{-}\omega p(A)$ .  $\square$

**Theorem 2.10.** Let  $(X, \tau_1, \tau_2)$  be a bitopological space and  $A \subset X$ . Then the following properties hold:

- (i)  $(i, j)\text{-}\omega p(X \setminus A) = X \setminus (i, j)\text{-}\omega p(A)$ ;
- (ii)  $(i, j)\text{-}\omega p(X \setminus A) = X \setminus (i, j)\text{-}\omega p(A)$ .

**Proof.** (i). Let  $x \in X \setminus (i, j)\text{-}\omega p(A)$ . Since  $x \notin (i, j)\text{-}\omega p(A)$ , there exists  $V \in (i, j)\text{-}\omega PO(X, x)$  such that  $V \cap A = \emptyset$ ; hence we obtain  $x \in (i, j)\text{-}\omega p(X \setminus A)$ . This shows that  $X \setminus (i, j)\text{-}\omega p(A) \subset (i, j)\text{-}\omega p(X \setminus A)$ . Let  $x \in (i, j)\text{-}\omega p(X \setminus A)$ . Since  $(i, j)\text{-}\omega p(X \setminus A) \cap A = \emptyset$ , we obtain  $x \notin (i, j)\text{-}\omega p(A)$ ; hence  $x \in X \setminus (i, j)\text{-}\omega p(A)$ . Therefore, we obtain  $(i, j)\text{-}\omega p(X \setminus A) = X \setminus (i, j)\text{-}\omega p(A)$ .

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

**Definition 2.11.** A subset  $B_x$  of a bitopological space  $(X, \tau_1, \tau_2)$  is said to be an  $(i, j)\text{-}\omega$ -preneighbourhood of a point  $x \in X$  if there exists an  $(i, j)\text{-}\omega$ -preopen set  $U$  such that  $x \in U \subset B_x$ .

**Theorem 2.12.** A subset of a bitopological space  $(X, \tau_1, \tau_2)$  is  $(i, j)\text{-}\omega$ -preopen if and only if it is an  $(i, j)\text{-}\omega$ -preneighbourhood of each of its points.

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

**Theorem 2.13.** *If each nonempty  $(i, j)$ -preopen set of a bitopological space  $(X, \tau_1, \tau_2)$  is uncountable, then  $(i, j)$ - $p(A) = (i, j)$ - $\omega p(A)$  for each subset  $A \in \tau_1 \cap \tau_2$ .*

**Proof.** Clearly  $(i, j)$ - $\omega p(A) \subset (i, j)$ - $p(A)$ . On the other hand, let  $x \in (i, j)$ - $p(A)$  and  $B$  be an  $(i, j)$ - $\omega$ -preopen subset containing  $x$ . Then by Lemma 2.3, there exists an  $(i, j)$ -preopen set  $V$  containing  $x$  and a countable set  $C$  such that  $V \setminus C \subset B$ . Thus  $(V \setminus C) \cap A \subset B \cap A$  and so  $(V \cap A) \setminus C \subset B \cap A$ . Since  $x \in V$  and  $x \in (i, j)$ - $p(A)$ ,  $V \cap A \neq \emptyset$  and  $V \cap A$  is  $(i, j)$ -preopen since  $V$  is  $(i, j)$ -preopen and  $A \in \tau_1 \cap \tau_2$ . By the hypothesis each nonempty  $(i, j)$ -preopen set of  $X$  is uncountable and so is  $(V \cap A) \setminus C$ . Thus  $B \cap A$  is uncountable. Therefore,  $B \cap A \neq \emptyset$  which means that  $x \in (i, j)$ - $\omega p(A)$ .  $\square$

**Corollary 2.14.** *If each nonempty  $(i, j)$ -preclosed set of a bitopological space  $(X, \tau_1, \tau_2)$  is uncountable, then  $(i, j)$ - $p(A) = (i, j)$ - $\omega p(A)$  for each  $A \in \tau_1 \cap \tau_2$ .*

**Theorem 2.15.** *If every  $(i, j)$ -preopen subset of  $X$  is  $\tau_i$ -open in  $(X, \tau_1, \tau_2)$ , then  $(X, (i, j)$ - $\omega PO(X))$  is a topological space.*

**Proof.** (i). We have  $\emptyset, X \in (i, j)$ - $\omega PO(X)$ . (ii). Let  $U, V \in (i, j)$ - $\omega PO(X)$  and  $x \in U \cap V$ . Then there exist  $(i, j)$ -preopen sets  $G, H \in X$  containing  $x$  such that  $G \setminus U$  and  $H \setminus V$  are countable. And  $(G \cap H) \setminus (U \cap V) = (G \cap H) \cap ((X \setminus U) \cup (X \setminus V)) \subset (G \cap (X \setminus U)) \cup (H \cap (X \setminus V))$ . Hence  $(G \cap H) \setminus (U \cap V)$  is countable and by hypothesis, the intersection of two  $(i, j)$ -preopen sets is  $(i, j)$ -preopen. Hence  $U \cap V \in (i, j)$ - $\omega PO(X)$ . (iii). Let  $\{U_i : i \in I\}$  be any family of  $(i, j)$ - $\omega$ -preopen sets of  $X$ . Then, by Proposition 2.5  $\bigcup_{i=1}^n U_i$  is  $(i, j)$ - $\omega$ -preopen.  $\square$

### 3. $(i, j)$ - $\omega$ -precontinuous functions

**Definition 3.1.** *A function  $f : (X, \tau_1, \tau_2) \rightarrow (Y, \sigma_1, \sigma_2)$  is said to be  $(i, j)$ - $\omega$ -precontinuous if the inverse image of every  $\sigma_i$ -open set of  $Y$  is  $(i, j)$ - $\omega$ -preopen in  $X$ , where  $i \neq j, i, j=1, 2$ .*

It is clear that every  $(i, j)$ -precontinuous function is  $(i, j)$ - $\omega$ -precontinuous but not conversely.

**Example 3.2.** *Let  $X = \{a, b, c\}$ ,  $\tau = \{\{a\}, X\}$  and  $\sigma = \{\{a, c\}, X\}$ . Clearly the identity function  $f : (X, \tau) \rightarrow (X, \sigma)$  is  $(i, j)$ - $\omega$ -precontinuous but not  $(i, j)$ -precontinuous.*

**Theorem 3.3.** For a function  $f : (X, \tau_1, \tau_2) \rightarrow (Y, \sigma_1, \sigma_2)$ , the following statements are equivalent:

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

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

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

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

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

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

(i) $\Rightarrow$ (vi): Let  $C$  be any subset of  $Y$ . Clearly,  $f^{-1}(\sigma_i\text{-}(C))$  is  $(i, j)$ - $\omega$ -preopen and we have  $f^{-1}(\sigma_i\text{-}(C)) \subset (i, j)\text{-}\omega p(f^{-1}\sigma_i\text{-}(C)) \subset (i, j)\text{-}\omega p(f^{-1}(C))$ .

(vi) $\Rightarrow$ (i): Let  $B$  be a  $\sigma_i$ -open set in  $Y$ . Then  $\sigma_i\text{-}(B) = B$  and  $f^{-1}(B) \subset$

$f^{-1}(\sigma_i(B)) \subset (i, j)\text{-}\omega p(f^{-1}(B))$ . Hence we have  $f^{-1}(B) = (i, j)\text{-}\omega p(f^{-1}(B))$ . This shows that  $f^{-1}(B)$  is  $(i, j)\text{-}\omega$ -preopen in  $X$ .  $\square$

**Definition 3.4.** A collection  $\{U_\alpha : \alpha \in \Delta\}$  of  $(i, j)$ -preopen sets in a bitopological space  $(X, \tau_1, \tau_2)$  is called an  $(i, j)$ -preopen cover of a subset  $B$  of  $X$  if  $B \subset \cup\{U_\alpha : \alpha \in \Delta\}$  holds.

**Definition 3.5.** A bitopological space  $(X, \tau_1, \tau_2)$  is said to be  $(i, j)$ -preLindelöf if every  $(i, j)$ -preopen cover of  $X$  has a countable subcover.

A subset  $A$  of a bitopological space  $X$  is said to be  $(i, j)$ -preLindelöf relative to  $X$  if every cover of  $A$  by  $(i, j)$ -preopen sets of  $X$  has a countable subcover.

**Theorem 3.6.** If  $X$  is a bitopological space such that every  $(i, j)$ -preopen subset is  $(i, j)$ -preLindelöf relative to  $X$ , then every subset is  $(i, j)$ -preLindelöf relative to  $X$ .

**Proof.** Let  $B$  be an arbitrary subset of  $X$  and let  $\{U_\alpha : \alpha \in \Delta\}$  be  $(i, j)$ -preopen cover of  $B$ . Then the family  $\{U_\alpha : \alpha \in \Delta\}$  is an  $(i, j)$ -preopen cover of the  $(i, j)$ -preopen set  $\cup\{U_\alpha : \alpha \in \Delta\}$ . Hence by hypothesis there is a countable subfamily  $\{U_{\alpha_i} : i \in N\}$  which covers  $\cup\{U_\alpha : \alpha \in \Delta\}$ . This subfamily is also a cover of the set  $B$ .  $\square$

**Theorem 3.7.** For any bitopological space  $(X, \tau_1, \tau_2)$ , the following properties are equivalent:

- (i)  $X$  is  $(i, j)$ -preLindelöf.
- (ii) Every countable cover of  $X$  by  $(i, j)\text{-}\omega$ -preopen sets has a countable subcover.

**Proof.** (i)  $\Rightarrow$  (ii): Let  $\{U_\alpha : \alpha \in \Delta\}$  be any cover of  $X$  by  $(i, j)\text{-}\omega$ -preopen sets of  $X$ . For each  $x \in X$ , there exists  $\alpha(x) \in \Delta$  such that  $x \in U_{\alpha(x)}$ . Since  $U_{\alpha(x)}$  is  $(i, j)\text{-}\omega$ -preopen, there exists an  $(i, j)$ -preopen set  $V_{\alpha(x)}$  such that  $x \in V_{\alpha(x)}$  and  $V_{\alpha(x)} \setminus U_{\alpha(x)}$  is countable. The family  $\{V_{\alpha(x)} : x \in X\}$  is an  $(i, j)$ -preopen cover of  $X$  and  $X$  is  $(i, j)$ -preLindelöf. There exists a countable subset, say  $\alpha(x_1), \alpha(x_2), \dots, \alpha(x_n), \dots$  such that  $X = \cup\{V_{\alpha(x_i)} : i \in N\}$ . Now, we have  $X = \bigcup_{i \in N} \{V_{\alpha(x_i)} \setminus U_{\alpha(x_i)} \cup U_{\alpha(x_i)}\}$   
 $= (\bigcup_{i \in N} (V_{\alpha(x_i)} \setminus U_{\alpha(x_i)})) \cup (\bigcup_{i \in N} U_{\alpha(x_i)})$ . For each  $\alpha(x_i)$ ,  $V_{\alpha(x_i)} \setminus U_{\alpha(x_i)}$  is a



countable set and there exists a countable subset  $\Delta_{\alpha(x_i)}$  of  $\Delta$  such that  $V_{\alpha(x_i)} \setminus U_{\alpha(x_i)} \subset \cup\{U_\alpha : \alpha \in \Delta_{\alpha(x_i)}\}$ . Therefore, we have  $X \subset \bigcup_{i \in N} (\cup\{U_\alpha : \alpha \in \Delta_{\alpha(x_i)}\}) \cup (\bigcup_{i \in N} U_{\alpha(x_i)})$ .

(ii)  $\Rightarrow$  (i): Since every  $(i, j)$ -preopen is  $(i, j)$ - $\omega$ -preopen, the proof is obvious.  $\square$

**Definition 3.8.** A bitopological space  $(X, \tau_1, \tau_2)$  is called pairwise Lindelöf [1] if each pairwise open cover of  $X$  has a countable subcover.

**Theorem 3.9.** Let  $f$  be an  $(i, j)$ - $\omega$ -precontinuous function from a space  $(X, \tau_1, \tau_2)$  onto a space  $(Y, \sigma_1, \sigma_2)$ . If  $X$  is  $(i, j)$ -preLindelöf, then  $Y$  is pairwise Lindelöf.

**Proof.** Let  $\{V_\alpha : \alpha \in \Lambda\}$  be a countable cover of  $Y$  by  $\sigma_i$ -open sets. Then  $\{f^{-1}(V_\alpha) : \alpha \in \Lambda\}$  is an  $(i, j)$ - $\omega$ -preopen cover of  $X$ . Since  $X$  is  $(i, j)$ -preLindelöf, there exists a countable subset  $\Lambda_0$  of  $\Lambda$  such that  $X = \cup\{f^{-1}(V_\alpha) : \alpha \in \Lambda_0\}$ ; hence  $Y = \cup\{V_\alpha : \alpha \in \Lambda_0\}$ . Therefore  $Y$  is pairwise preLindelöf.  $\square$

**Definition 3.10.** A function  $f : (X, \tau_1, \tau_2) \rightarrow (Y, \sigma_1, \sigma_2)$  is said to be:

- (i)  $(i, j)$ - $\omega$ -preopen if  $f(U)$  is a  $(i, j)$ - $\omega$ -preopen set of  $Y$  for every  $\tau_i$ -open set  $U$  of  $X$ .
- (ii)  $(i, j)$ - $\omega$ -preclosed if  $f(U)$  is a  $(i, j)$ - $\omega$ -preclosed set of  $Y$  for every  $\tau_i$ -closed set  $U$  of  $X$ .

**Theorem 3.11.** For a function  $f : (X, \tau_1, \tau_2) \rightarrow (Y, \sigma_1, \sigma_2)$ , the following statements are equivalent:

- (i)  $f$  is  $(i, j)$ - $\omega$ -preopen;
- (ii)  $f(\tau_i\text{-}(U)) \subset (i, j)\text{-}\omega p(f(U))$  for each subset  $U$  of  $X$ ;
- (iii)  $\tau_i\text{-}(f^{-1}(V)) \subset f^{-1}((i, j)\text{-}\omega p(V))$  for each subset  $V$  of  $Y$ .

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

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

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

**Theorem 3.12.** Let  $f : (X, \tau_1, \tau_2) \rightarrow (Y, \sigma_1, \sigma_2)$  be a function. Then  $f$  is an  $(i, j)$ - $\omega$ -preclosed function if and only if for each subset  $V$  of  $X$ ,  $(i, j)\text{-}\omega p(f(V)) \subset f(\tau_i(V))$ .

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

**Theorem 3.13.** Let  $f : (X, \tau_1, \tau_2) \rightarrow (Y, \sigma_1, \sigma_2)$  be a bijection. Then  $f$  is an  $(i, j)$ - $\omega$ -preclosed function if and only if for each subset  $V$  of  $Y$ ,  $f^{-1}((i, j)\text{-}\omega p(V)) \subset \tau_i(f^{-1}(V))$ .

**Proof.** Let  $V$  be any subset of  $Y$ . Then by Theorem 3.12,  $(i, j)\text{-}\omega p(V) \subset f(\tau_i(f^{-1}(V)))$ . Since  $f$  is bijection,  $f^{-1}((i, j)\text{-}\omega p(V)) = f^{-1}((i, j)\text{-}\omega p(f(f^{-1}(V)))) \subset f^{-1}(f(\tau_i(f^{-1}(V)))) = \tau_i(f^{-1}(V))$ . Conversely, let  $U$  be any subset of  $X$ . Since  $f$  is bijection,  $(i, j)\text{-}\omega p(f(U)) = f(f^{-1}((i, j)\text{-}\omega p(f(U))) \subset f(\tau_i(f^{-1}(f(U)))) = f(\tau_i(U))$ . Therefore, by Theorem 3.12,  $f$  is an  $(i, j)$ - $\omega$ -preclosed function.  $\square$

**Theorem 3.14.** Let  $f : (X, \tau_1, \tau_2) \rightarrow (Y, \sigma_1, \sigma_2)$  be an  $(i, j)$ - $\omega$ -preopen 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 an  $(i, j)$ - $\omega$ -preclosed 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  $f(X \setminus U) \subset f(f^{-1}(Y \setminus V)) \subset Y \setminus V$ , then  $V \subset F$  and  $X \setminus U$  is a  $\tau_i$ -open set of  $X$ . Since  $f$  is  $(i, j)$ - $\omega$ -preopen,  $f(X \setminus U)$  is an  $(i, j)$ - $\omega$ -preopen set of  $Y$ . Hence  $F$  is an  $(i, j)$ - $\omega$ -preclosed set of  $Y$  and  $f^{-1}(F) = f^{-1}(Y \setminus (f(X \setminus U))) \subset U$ .  $\square$

**Theorem 3.15.** Let  $f : (X, \tau_1, \tau_2) \rightarrow (Y, \sigma_1, \sigma_2)$  be an  $(i, j)$ - $\omega$ -preclosed function. If  $V$  is a subset of  $Y$  and  $U$  is a  $\tau_i$ -open subset of  $X$  containing  $f^{-1}(V)$ , then there exists  $(i, j)$ - $\omega$ -preopen set  $F$  of  $Y$  containing  $V$  such that  $f^{-1}(F) \subset U$ .

**Proof.** The proof is similar to that of Theorem 3.14.  $\square$

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