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Abstract. In the present paper, we introduce and study the concept of ∂ -closed sets in biclosure spaces and investigate its behavior. We also introduce and study the concept of ∂ -continuous maps.

1 Introduction

A bitopological space $(X, \mathfrak{S}_1, \mathfrak{S}_2)$ is a set X together with two topologies \mathfrak{S}_1 and \mathfrak{S}_2 defined on X . The study of bitopological spaces was initiated by J. C. Kelly [6]. Thereafter, a large number of papers have been written to generalize topological concepts to bitopological setting. Closure spaces were studied in [1] (see also [2], [3], [9], [10]) as sets endowed with a grounded, extensive and monotone closure operator. In this paper, we introduce and study the concept of ∂ -closed sets in biclosure spaces and characterize their properties. Moreover, we define the notions of ∂ -continuity and ∂ -irresoluteness by using ∂ -closed sets and study some of their basic properties.

2 Preliminaries

A map $u: P(X) \rightarrow P(X)$ defined on the power set $P(X)$ of a set X is called a *closure operator* on X and the pair (X, u) is called a *closure space* if the following axioms are satisfied:

$$(N1) \quad u\emptyset = \emptyset,$$

$$(N2) \quad A \subseteq uA \text{ for every } A \subseteq X,$$

$$(N3) \quad A \subseteq B \Rightarrow uA \subseteq uB \text{ for all } A, B \subseteq X.$$

A closure operator u on a set X is called *additive* (respectively, *idempotent*) if $A, B \subseteq X \Rightarrow u(A \cup B) = uA \cup uB$ (respectively, $A \subseteq X \Rightarrow uuA = uA$). A subset $A \subseteq X$ is *closed* in the closure space (X, u) if $uA = A$ and it is *open* if

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its complement is closed. The empty set and the whole space are both open and closed.

A closure space (Y, v) is said to be a *subspace* of (X, u) if $Y \subseteq X$ and $vA = uA \cap Y$ for each subset $A \subseteq Y$. If Y is closed in (X, u) , then the subspace (Y, v) of (X, u) is said to be closed too. A closure space (X, u) is said to be a T_0 -space if, for any pair of points $x, y \in X$, from $x \in u\{y\}$ and $y \in u\{x\}$ it follows that $x = y$, and it is called a $T_{\frac{1}{2}}$ -space if each singleton subset of X is closed or open.

Let (X, u) and (Y, v) be closure spaces. A map $f: (X, u) \rightarrow (Y, v)$ is said to be *continuous* if $f(uA) \subseteq vf(A)$ for every subset $A \subseteq X$.

One can see that a map $f: (X, u) \rightarrow (Y, v)$ is continuous if and only if

$$uf^{-1}(B) \subseteq f^{-1}(vB)$$

for every subset $B \subseteq Y$. Clearly, if $f: (X, u) \rightarrow (Y, v)$ is continuous, then $f^{-1}(F)$ is a closed subset of (X, u) for every closed subset F of (Y, v) .

Let (X, u) and (Y, v) be closure spaces. A map $f: (X, u) \rightarrow (Y, v)$ is said to be *closed* (resp. *open*) if $f(F)$ is a closed (resp. open) subset of (Y, v) whenever F is a closed (resp. open) subset of (X, u) .

The *product* of a family $\{(X_\alpha, u_\alpha) : \alpha \in I\}$ of closure spaces, denoted by $\prod_{\alpha \in I} (X_\alpha, u_\alpha)$, is the closure space $\left(\prod_{\alpha \in I} X_\alpha, u\right)$ where $\prod_{\alpha \in I} X_\alpha$ denotes the cartesian product of sets X_α , $\alpha \in I$, and u is the closure operator generated by the projections

$$\pi_\alpha: \prod_{\alpha \in I} (X_\alpha, u) \rightarrow (X_\alpha, u),$$

$\alpha \in I$, i.e., is defined by

$$uA = \prod_{\alpha \in I} u_\alpha \pi_\alpha(A)$$

for each $A \subseteq \prod_{\alpha \in I} X_\alpha$.

Clearly, if $\{(X_\alpha, u_\alpha) : \alpha \in I\}$ is a family of closure spaces, then the projection map $\pi_\beta: \prod_{\alpha \in I} (X_\alpha, u_\alpha) \rightarrow (X_\beta, u_\beta)$ is closed and continuous for every $\beta \in I$.

Proposition 1. *Let $\{(X_\alpha, u_\alpha) : \alpha \in I\}$ be a family of closure spaces and let $\beta \in I$. Then F is a closed subset of (X_β, u_β) if and only if $F \times \prod_{\substack{\alpha \neq \beta \\ \alpha \in I}} X_\alpha$ is a closed subset of $\prod_{\alpha \in I} (X_\alpha, u_\alpha)$.*

Proof. Let F be a closed subset of (X_β, u_β) . Since π_β is continuous, $\pi_\beta^{-1}(F)$ is a closed subset of $\prod_{\alpha \in I} (X_\alpha, u_\alpha)$. But

$$\pi_\beta^{-1}(F) = F \times \prod_{\substack{\alpha \neq \beta \\ \alpha \in I}} X_\alpha,$$

hence $F \times \prod_{\substack{\alpha \neq \beta \\ \alpha \in I}} X_\alpha$ is a closed subset of $\prod_{\alpha \in I} (X_\alpha, u_\alpha)$.

Conversely, let $F \times \prod_{\substack{\alpha \neq \beta \\ \alpha \in I}} X_\alpha$ be a closed subset of $\prod_{\alpha \in I} (X_\alpha, u_\alpha)$. Since π_β is closed,

$$\pi_\beta \left(F \times \prod_{\substack{\alpha \neq \beta \\ \alpha \in I}} X_\alpha \right) = F$$

is a closed subset of (X_β, u_β) . □

The following statement is evident:

Proposition 2. *Let $\{(X_\alpha, u_\alpha) : \alpha \in I\}$ be a family of closure spaces and let $\beta \in I$. Then G is an open subset of (X_β, u_β) if and only if $G \times \prod_{\substack{\alpha \neq \beta \\ \alpha \in I}} X_\alpha$ is an open subset of $\prod_{\alpha \in I} (X_\alpha, u_\alpha)$.*

Definition 1. Let (X, u) be a closure space. A subset $A \subseteq X$ is called a *generalized closed set*, briefly a *g-closed set*, if $uA \subseteq G$ whenever G is an open subset of (X, u) with $A \subseteq G$. A subset $A \subseteq X$ is called a *generalized open set*, briefly a *g-open set*, if its complement is g-closed.

Proposition 3. *Let (X, u) be a closure space. A set $A \subseteq X$ is g-open if and only if $F \subseteq X - u(X - A)$ whenever F is a closed subset of (X, u) with $F \subseteq A$.*

Proof. Suppose that A is g-open and let $F \subseteq A$ be a closed subset of (X, u) . Then $X - A \subseteq X - F$. But $X - A$ is g-closed and $X - F$ is open. It follows that $u(X - A) \subseteq X - F$ and hence $F \subseteq X - u(X - A)$.

Conversely, let $X - A \subseteq G$ where G is open. Then $X - G \subseteq A$. Since $X - G$ is closed, $X - G \subseteq X - u(X - A)$. Therefore, $u(X - A) \subseteq G$. Hence, $X - A$ is g-closed and so A is g-open. □

Proposition 4. *Let $\{(X_\alpha, u_\alpha) : \alpha \in I\}$ be a family of closure spaces and let $\beta \in I$. Then G is a g-open subset of (X_β, u_β) if and only if $G \times \prod_{\substack{\alpha \neq \beta \\ \alpha \in I}} X_\alpha$ is a g-open subset of $\prod_{\alpha \in I} (X_\alpha, u_\alpha)$.*

Proof. Let F be a closed subset of $\prod_{\alpha \in I} (X_\alpha, u_\alpha)$ such that $F \subseteq G \times \prod_{\substack{\alpha \neq \beta \\ \alpha \in I}} X_\alpha$. Then $\pi_\beta(F) \subseteq G$. Since $\pi_\beta(F)$ is closed and G is g-open in (X_β, u_β) ,

$$\pi_\beta(F) \subseteq X_\beta - u_\beta(X_\beta - G).$$

Therefore,

$$F \subseteq \pi_\beta^{-1}(X_\beta - u_\beta(X_\beta - G)) = \prod_{\alpha \in I} X_\alpha - \prod_{\alpha \in I} u_\alpha \pi_\alpha \left(\prod_{\alpha \in I} X_\alpha - G \times \prod_{\substack{\alpha \neq \beta \\ \alpha \in I}} X_\alpha \right).$$

By Proposition 4, $G \times \prod_{\substack{\alpha \neq \beta \\ \alpha \in I}} X_\alpha$ is a g-open subset of $\prod_{\alpha \in I} (X_\alpha, u_\alpha)$.

Conversely, let F be a closed subset of (X_β, u_β) such that $F \subseteq G$. Then

$$F \times \prod_{\substack{\alpha \neq \beta \\ \alpha \in I}} X_\alpha \subseteq G \times \prod_{\substack{\alpha \neq \beta \\ \alpha \in I}} X_\alpha.$$

Since $F \times \prod_{\substack{\alpha \neq \beta \\ \alpha \in I}} X_\alpha$ is closed and $G \times \prod_{\substack{\alpha \neq \beta \\ \alpha \in I}} X_\alpha$ is g-open in $\prod_{\alpha \in I} (X_\alpha, u_\alpha)$,

$$F \times \prod_{\substack{\alpha \neq \beta \\ \alpha \in I}} X_\alpha \subseteq \prod_{\alpha \in I} X_\alpha - \prod_{\alpha \in I} u_\alpha \pi_\alpha \left(\prod_{\alpha \in I} X_\alpha - G \times \prod_{\substack{\alpha \neq \beta \\ \alpha \in I}} X_\alpha \right)$$

by Proposition 4. Therefore,

$$\prod_{\alpha \in I} u_\alpha \pi_\alpha \left((X_\beta - G) \times \prod_{\substack{\alpha \neq \beta \\ \alpha \in I}} X_\alpha \right) \subseteq \prod_{\alpha \in I} X_\alpha - F \times \prod_{\substack{\alpha \neq \beta \\ \alpha \in I}} X_\alpha = (X_\beta - F) \times \prod_{\substack{\alpha \neq \beta \\ \alpha \in I}} X_\alpha.$$

Consequently, $u_\beta(X_\beta - G) \subseteq X_\beta - F$ implies $F \subseteq X_\beta - u_\beta(X_\beta - G)$. Hence, G is a g-open subset of (X_β, u_β) . \square

Proposition 5. *Let $\{(X_\alpha, u_\alpha) : \alpha \in I\}$ be a family of closure spaces and let $\beta \in I$. Then F is a g-closed subset of (X_β, u_β) if and only if $F \times \prod_{\substack{\alpha \neq \beta \\ \alpha \in I}} X_\alpha$ is a g-closed subset of $\prod_{\alpha \in I} (X_\alpha, u_\alpha)$.*

Proof. Let F be a g-closed subset of (X_β, u_β) . Then $X_\beta - F$ is a g-open subset of (X_β, u_β) . By Proposition 5,

$$(X_\beta - F) \times \prod_{\substack{\alpha \neq \beta \\ \alpha \in I}} X_\alpha = \prod_{\alpha \in I} X_\alpha - F \times \prod_{\substack{\alpha \neq \beta \\ \alpha \in I}} X_\alpha$$

is a g-open subset of $\prod_{\alpha \in I} (X_\alpha, u_\alpha)$. Hence, $F \times \prod_{\substack{\alpha \neq \beta \\ \alpha \in I}} X_\alpha$ is a g-closed subset of $\prod_{\alpha \in I} (X_\alpha, u_\alpha)$.

Conversely, let G be an open subset of (X_β, u_β) such that $F \subseteq G$. Then

$$F \times \prod_{\substack{\alpha \neq \beta \\ \alpha \in I}} X_\alpha \subseteq G \times \prod_{\substack{\alpha \neq \beta \\ \alpha \in I}} X_\alpha.$$

Since $F \times \prod_{\substack{\alpha \neq \beta \\ \alpha \in I}} X_\alpha$ is g-closed and $G \times \prod_{\substack{\alpha \neq \beta \\ \alpha \in I}} X_\alpha$ is open in $\prod_{\alpha \in I} (X_\alpha, u_\alpha)$,

$$\prod_{\alpha \in I} u_\alpha \pi_\alpha \left(F \times \prod_{\substack{\alpha \neq \beta \\ \alpha \in I}} X_\beta \right) \subseteq G \times \prod_{\substack{\alpha \neq \beta \\ \alpha \in I}} X_\alpha.$$

Consequently, $u_\beta F \subseteq G$. Therefore, F is a g-closed subset of (X_β, u_β) . \square

Proposition 6. Let $\{(X_\alpha, u_\alpha) : \alpha \in I\}$ be a family of closure spaces. For each $\beta \in I$, let

$$\pi_\beta : \prod_{\alpha \in I} (X_\alpha, u_\alpha) \rightarrow (X_\beta, u_\beta)$$

be the projection map. If F is a g -closed subset of $\prod_{\alpha \in I} (X_\alpha, u_\alpha)$, then $\pi_\beta(F)$ is a g -closed subset of (X_β, u_β) .

Proof. Let F be a g -closed subset of $\prod_{\alpha \in I} (X_\alpha, u_\alpha)$ and let G be an open subset of (X_β, u_β) such that $\pi_\beta(F) \subseteq G$. Then

$$F \subseteq \pi_\beta^{-1}(G) = G \times \prod_{\substack{\alpha \neq \beta \\ \alpha \in I}} X_\alpha.$$

Since $G \times \prod_{\substack{\alpha \neq \beta \\ \alpha \in I}} X_\alpha$ is an open subset of $\prod_{\alpha \in I} (X_\alpha, u_\alpha)$,

$$\prod_{\alpha \in I} u_\alpha \pi_\alpha(F) \subseteq G \times \prod_{\substack{\alpha \neq \beta \\ \alpha \in I}} X_\alpha.$$

Consequently, $u_\beta \pi_\beta(F) \subseteq G$. Hence, $\pi_\beta(F)$ is a g -closed subset of (X_β, u_β) . \square

Definition 2. A *biclosure space* is a triple (X, u_1, u_2) where X is a set and u_1, u_2 are two closure operators on X .

Definition 3. A subset A of a biclosure space (X, u_1, u_2) is called *closed* if $u_1 u_2 A = A$ and it is *open* if its complement is closed.

Clearly, A is a closed subset of a biclosure space (X, u_1, u_2) if and only if A is both a closed subset of (X, u_1) and (X, u_2) .

Let A be a closed subset of a biclosure space (X, u_1, u_2) . The following conditions are equivalent

- (i) $u_2 u_1 A = A$,
- (ii) $u_1 A = A, u_2 A = A$.

Proposition 7. Let $\{(X_\alpha, u_\alpha^1, u_\alpha^2) : \alpha \in I\}$ be a family of biclosure spaces. Then F is a closed subset of $\prod_{\alpha \in I} (X_\alpha, u_\alpha^1, u_\alpha^2)$ if and only if F is a closed subset of $\prod_{\alpha \in I} (X_\alpha, u_\alpha^1)$ and $\prod_{\alpha \in I} (X_\alpha, u_\alpha^2)$.

Proof. Let F be a closed subset of $\prod_{\alpha \in I} (X_\alpha, u_\alpha^1, u_\alpha^2)$. Then

$$F = \prod_{\alpha \in I} u_\alpha^1 \pi_\alpha \left(\prod_{\alpha \in I} u_\alpha^2 \pi_\alpha(F) \right).$$

Since $F \subseteq \prod_{\alpha \in I} u_\alpha^2 \pi_\alpha(F)$,

$$\prod_{\alpha \in I} u_\alpha^1 \pi_\alpha(F) \subseteq \prod_{\alpha \in I} u_\alpha^1 \pi_\alpha \left(\prod_{\alpha \in I} u_\alpha^2 \pi_\alpha(F) \right) = F.$$

Hence, F is a closed subset of $\prod_{\alpha \in I} (X_\alpha, u_\alpha^1)$. Since $\prod_{\alpha \in I} u_\alpha^2 \pi_\alpha(F) \subseteq \prod_{\alpha \in I} u_\alpha^2 \pi_\alpha(F)$,

$$\prod_{\alpha \in I} u_\alpha^2 \pi_\alpha(F) \subseteq \prod_{\alpha \in I} u_\alpha^1 \pi_\alpha \left(\prod_{\alpha \in I} u_\alpha^2 \pi_\alpha(F) \right) = F.$$

Therefore, F is a closed subset of $\prod_{\alpha \in I} (X_\alpha, u_\alpha^2)$.

Conversely, let F be a closed subset of $\prod_{\alpha \in I} (X_\alpha, u_\alpha^1)$ and $\prod_{\alpha \in I} (X_\alpha, u_\alpha^2)$. Then $F = \prod_{\alpha \in I} u_\alpha^1 \pi_\alpha(F)$ and $F = \prod_{\alpha \in I} u_\alpha^2 \pi_\alpha(F)$. Consequently,

$$F = \prod_{\alpha \in I} u_\alpha^1 \pi_\alpha \left(\prod_{\alpha \in I} u_\alpha^2 \pi_\alpha(F) \right).$$

Hence, F is a closed subset of $\prod_{\alpha \in I} (X_\alpha, u_\alpha^1, u_\alpha^2)$. \square

Proposition 8. Let $\{(X_\alpha, u_\alpha^1, u_\alpha^2) : \alpha \in I\}$ be a family of biclosure spaces and let $\beta \in I$. Then F is a closed subset of $(X_\beta, u_\beta^1, u_\beta^2)$ if and only if $F \times \prod_{\substack{\alpha \neq \beta \\ \alpha \in I}} X_\alpha$ is a closed subset of $\prod_{\alpha \in I} (X_\alpha, u_\alpha^1, u_\alpha^2)$.

Proof. Let F be a closed subset of $(X_\beta, u_\beta^1, u_\beta^2)$. Then F is a closed subset of (X_β, u_β^1) and (X_β, u_β^2) , respectively. Therefore, $F \times \prod_{\substack{\alpha \neq \beta \\ \alpha \in I}} X_\alpha$ is a closed subset of $\prod_{\alpha \in I} (X_\alpha, u_\alpha^1)$ and $\prod_{\alpha \in I} (X_\alpha, u_\alpha^2)$. Consequently, $F \times \prod_{\substack{\alpha \neq \beta \\ \alpha \in I}} X_\alpha$ is a closed subset of $\prod_{\alpha \in I} (X_\alpha, u_\alpha^1, u_\alpha^2)$.

Conversely, let $F \times \prod_{\substack{\alpha \neq \beta \\ \alpha \in I}} X_\alpha$ be a closed subset of $\prod_{\alpha \in I} (X_\alpha, u_\alpha^1, u_\alpha^2)$. Then $F \times \prod_{\substack{\alpha \neq \beta \\ \alpha \in I}} X_\alpha$ is a closed subset of $\prod_{\alpha \in I} (X_\alpha, u_\alpha^1)$ and $\prod_{\alpha \in I} (X_\alpha, u_\alpha^2)$, respectively. Hence, F is a closed subset of (X_β, u_β^1) and (X_β, u_β^2) . Consequently, F is a closed subset of $(X_\beta, u_\beta^1, u_\beta^2)$. \square

Definition 4. Let (X, u_1, u_2) and (Y, v_1, v_2) be biclosure spaces and let $i \in \{1, 2\}$. A map

$$f: (X, u_1, u_2) \rightarrow (Y, v_1, v_2)$$

is called *i*-continuous if the map $f: (X, u_i) \rightarrow (Y, v_i)$ is continuous. A map f is called *continuous* if f is *i*-continuous for each $i \in \{1, 2\}$.

Definition 5. Let (X, u_1, u_2) and (Y, v_1, v_2) be biclosure spaces and let $i \in \{1, 2\}$. A map

$$f: (X, u_1, u_2) \rightarrow (Y, v_1, v_2)$$

is called *i-closed* (resp. *i-open*) if the map $f: (X, u_i) \rightarrow (Y, v_i)$ is closed (resp. open). A map f is called *closed* (resp. *open*) if f is *i-closed* (resp. *i-open*) for each $i \in \{1, 2\}$.

3 ∂ -Closed Sets

In this section, we introduce a new class of ∂ -closed sets in biclosure spaces and study some of its properties.

Definition 6. A subset A of a biclosure space (X, u_1, u_2) is called a ∂ -closed if $u_2A \subseteq G$ whenever G is a g-open subset of (X, u_1) with $A \subseteq G$. The complement of a ∂ -closed set is called ∂ -open.

Remark 1. For a subset A of a biclosure space (X, u_1, u_2) , the following implications hold:

$$A \text{ is closed} \Rightarrow A \text{ is } \partial\text{-closed}$$

The implication is not reversible as shown by the following example.

Example 1. Let $X = \{a, b\}$ and define a closure operator u_1 on X by

$$u_1\emptyset = \emptyset, \quad u_1\{a\} = u_1\{b\} = u_1X = X.$$

Define a closure operator u_2 on X by

$$u_2\emptyset = \emptyset, \quad u_2\{a\} = \{a\}, \quad u_2\{b\} = u_2X = X.$$

Then $\{a\}$ is ∂ -closed but it is not closed.

Proposition 9. Let (X, u_1, u_2) be a biclosure space and let u_2 be additive. If A and B are ∂ -closed subsets of (X, u_1, u_2) , then $A \cup B$ is ∂ -closed.

Proof. Let U be a g-open subset of (X, u_1) such that $A \cup B \subseteq U$. Then $A \subseteq U$ and $B \subseteq U$. Since A and B are ∂ -closed, $u_2A \subseteq U$ and $u_2B \subseteq U$. Since u_2 is additive,

$$u_2(A \cup B) = u_2A \cup u_2B \subseteq U.$$

Hence, $A \cup B$ is ∂ -closed. □

Proposition 10. Let (X, u_1, u_2) be a biclosure space and let u_2 be idempotent. If A is a ∂ -closed subset and $A \subseteq B \subseteq u_2A$, then B is ∂ -closed.

Proof. Let G be a g-open subset of (X, u_1) such that $B \subseteq G$. Then $A \subseteq G$. Since A is ∂ -closed, $u_2A \subseteq G$. Since u_2 is idempotent,

$$u_2B \subseteq u_2u_2A = u_2A \subseteq G.$$

Hence, B is ∂ -closed. □

Proposition 11. *Let (X, u_1, u_2) be a biclosure space and let $A \subseteq X$. If A is ∂ -closed, then $u_2A - A$ has no nonempty g -closed subset of (X, u_1) .*

Proof. Let F be a g -closed subset of (X, u_1) such that $F \subseteq u_2A - A$. Then $A \subseteq X - F$. Since A is ∂ -closed and $X - F$ is a g -open subset of (X, u_1) ,

$$u_2A \subseteq X - F.$$

Hence, $F \subseteq X - u_2A$. Consequently,

$$F \subseteq (X - u_2A) \cap u_2A = \emptyset.$$

Therefore, $F = \emptyset$. □

Proposition 12. *Let (X, u_1, u_2) be a biclosure space and let $A \subseteq X$. Then A is ∂ -open if and only if*

$$F \subseteq X - u_2(X - A)$$

for every F is a g -closed subset of (X, u_1) with $F \subseteq A$.

Proof. Assume that A is ∂ -open and let $F \subseteq A$ be a g -closed subset of (X, u_1) . Then $X - A \subseteq X - F$. Since $X - A$ is ∂ -closed and $X - F$ is g -open subset of (X, u_1) ,

$$u_2(X - A) \subseteq X - F.$$

Hence $F \subseteq X - u_2(X - A)$.

Conversely, let U be a g -open subset of (X, u_1) such that $X - A \subseteq U$. Then $X - U \subseteq A$. Since $X - U$ is g -closed subset of (X, u_1) ,

$$X - U \subseteq X - u_2(X - A).$$

Consequently, $u_2(X - A) \subseteq U$. Hence, $X - A$ is ∂ -closed and so A is ∂ -open. □

Proposition 13. *Let (X, u_1, u_2) be a biclosure space. If $A \subseteq X$ is ∂ -closed, then $u_2A - A$ is ∂ -open.*

Proof. Suppose that A is ∂ -closed and let F be a g -closed subset of (X, u_1) such that $F \subseteq u_2A - A$. By Proposition 11, $F = \emptyset$ and hence

$$F \subseteq X - u_2(X - (u_2A - A)).$$

By Proposition 12, $u_2A - A$ is ∂ -open. □

Proposition 14. *Let $\{(X_\alpha, u_\alpha^1, u_\alpha^2) : \alpha \in I\}$ be a family of biclosure spaces and let $\beta \in I$. Then G is a ∂ -open subset of $(X_\beta, u_\beta^1, u_\beta^2)$ if and only if $G \times \prod_{\substack{\alpha \neq \beta \\ \alpha \in I}} X_\alpha$ is a ∂ -open subset of $\prod_{\alpha \in I} (X_\alpha, u_\alpha^1, u_\alpha^2)$.*

Proof. Let F be a g -closed subset of $\prod_{\alpha \in I} (X_\alpha, u_\alpha^1)$ such that $F \subseteq G \times \prod_{\substack{\alpha \neq \beta \\ \alpha \in I}} X_\alpha$. Then $\pi_\beta(F) \subseteq G$. Since $\pi_\beta(F)$ is g -closed in (X_β, u_β^1) ,

$$\pi_\beta(F) \subseteq X_\beta - u_\beta^2(X_\beta - G).$$

Therefore,

$$F \subseteq \pi_\beta^{-1}(X_\beta - u_\beta^2(X_\beta - G)) = \prod_{\alpha \in I} X_\alpha - \prod_{\alpha \in I} u_\alpha^2 \pi_\alpha \left(\prod_{\alpha \in I} X_\alpha - G \times \prod_{\substack{\alpha \neq \beta \\ \alpha \in I}} X_\alpha \right).$$

By Proposition 12, $G \times \prod_{\substack{\alpha \neq \beta \\ \alpha \in I}} X_\alpha$ is a ∂ -open subset of $\prod_{\alpha \in I} (X_\alpha, u_\alpha^1, u_\alpha^2)$.

Conversely, let F be a g -closed subset of (X_β, u_β^1) such that $F \subseteq G$. Then

$$F \times \prod_{\substack{\alpha \neq \beta \\ \alpha \in I}} X_\alpha \subseteq G \times \prod_{\substack{\alpha \neq \beta \\ \alpha \in I}} X_\alpha.$$

Since $F \times \prod_{\substack{\alpha \neq \beta \\ \alpha \in I}} X_\alpha$ is g -closed and $G \times \prod_{\substack{\alpha \neq \beta \\ \alpha \in I}} X_\alpha$ is ∂ -open in $\prod_{\alpha \in I} (X_\alpha, u_\alpha^1)$,

$$F \times \prod_{\substack{\alpha \neq \beta \\ \alpha \in I}} X_\alpha \subseteq \prod_{\alpha \in I} X_\alpha - \prod_{\alpha \in I} u_\alpha^2 \pi_\alpha \left(\prod_{\alpha \in I} X_\alpha - G \times \prod_{\substack{\alpha \neq \beta \\ \alpha \in I}} X_\alpha \right)$$

by Proposition 12. Therefore,

$$\prod_{\alpha \in I} u_\alpha^2 \pi_\alpha \left((X_\beta - G) \times \prod_{\substack{\alpha \neq \beta \\ \alpha \in I}} X_\alpha \right) \subseteq \prod_{\alpha \in I} X_\alpha - F \times \prod_{\substack{\alpha \neq \beta \\ \alpha \in I}} X_\alpha = (X_\beta - F) \times \prod_{\substack{\alpha \neq \beta \\ \alpha \in I}} X_\alpha.$$

Consequently,

$$u_\beta^2(X_\beta - G) \subseteq X_\beta - F$$

implies

$$F \subseteq X_\beta - u_\beta^2(X_\beta - G).$$

Hence, G is a ∂ -open subset of $(X_\beta, u_\beta^1, u_\beta^2)$. □

Proposition 15. Let $\{(X_\alpha, u_\alpha^1, u_\alpha^2) : \alpha \in I\}$ be a family of biclosure spaces and let $\beta \in I$. Then F is a ∂ -closed subset of $(X_\beta, u_\beta^1, u_\beta^2)$ if and only if $F \times \prod_{\substack{\alpha \neq \beta \\ \alpha \in I}} X_\alpha$ is a ∂ -closed subset of $\prod_{\alpha \in I} (X_\alpha, u_\alpha^1, u_\alpha^2)$.

Proof. Let F be a ∂ -closed subset of $(X_\beta, u_\beta^1, u_\beta^2)$. Then $X_\beta - F$ is a ∂ -open subset of $(X_\beta, u_\beta^1, u_\beta^2)$. By Proposition 14,

$$(X_\beta - F) \times \prod_{\substack{\alpha \neq \beta \\ \alpha \in I}} X_\alpha = \prod_{\alpha \in I} X_\alpha - F \times \prod_{\substack{\alpha \neq \beta \\ \alpha \in I}} X_\alpha$$

is a ∂ -open subset of $\prod_{\alpha \in I} (X_\alpha, u_\alpha^1, u_\alpha^2)$. Hence, $F \times \prod_{\substack{\alpha \neq \beta \\ \alpha \in I}} X_\alpha$ is a ∂ -closed subset of $\prod_{\alpha \in I} (X_\alpha, u_\alpha^1, u_\alpha^2)$.

Conversely, let G be a g-open subset of (X_β, u_β^1) such that $F \subseteq G$. Then

$$F \times \prod_{\substack{\alpha \neq \beta \\ \alpha \in I}} X_\alpha \subseteq G \times \prod_{\substack{\alpha \neq \beta \\ \alpha \in I}} X_\alpha.$$

Since $F \times \prod_{\substack{\alpha \neq \beta \\ \alpha \in I}} X_\alpha$ is a ∂ -closed and $G \times \prod_{\substack{\alpha \neq \beta \\ \alpha \in I}} X_\alpha$ is g-open in $\prod_{\alpha \in I} (X_\alpha, u_\alpha^1)$,

$$\prod_{\alpha \in I} u_\alpha^2 \pi_\alpha \left(F \times \prod_{\substack{\alpha \neq \beta \\ \alpha \in I}} X_\beta \right) \subseteq G \times \prod_{\substack{\alpha \neq \beta \\ \alpha \in I}} X_\alpha.$$

Consequently, $u_\beta^2 F \subseteq G$. Therefore, F is a ∂ -closed subset of $(X_\beta, u_\beta^1, u_\beta^2)$. \square

Proposition 16. Let $\{(X_\alpha, u_\alpha^1, u_\alpha^2) : \alpha \in I\}$ be a family of biclosure spaces. For each $\beta \in I$, let

$$\pi_\beta : \prod_{\alpha \in I} (X_\alpha, u_\alpha^1, u_\alpha^2) \rightarrow (X_\beta, u_\beta^1, u_\beta^2)$$

be the projection map. Then

- (i) If F is a ∂ -closed subset of $\prod_{\alpha \in I} (X_\alpha, u_\alpha^1, u_\alpha^2)$, then $\pi_\beta(F)$ is a ∂ -closed subset of $(X_\beta, u_\beta^1, u_\beta^2)$.
- (ii) If F is a ∂ -closed subset of $(X_\beta, u_\beta^1, u_\beta^2)$, then $\pi_\beta^{-1}(F)$ is a ∂ -closed subset of $\prod_{\alpha \in I} (X_\alpha, u_\alpha^1, u_\alpha^2)$.

Proof. (i) Let F be a ∂ -closed subset of $\prod_{\alpha \in I} (X_\alpha, u_\alpha^1, u_\alpha^2)$ and let G be a g-open subset of (X_β, u_β^1) such that $\pi_\beta(F) \subseteq G$. Then

$$F \subseteq \pi_\beta^{-1}(G) = G \times \prod_{\substack{\alpha \neq \beta \\ \alpha \in I}} X_\alpha.$$

Since $G \times \prod_{\substack{\alpha \neq \beta \\ \alpha \in I}} X_\alpha$ is a g-open subset of $\prod_{\alpha \in I} (X_\alpha, u_\alpha^1)$,

$$\prod_{\alpha \in I} u_\alpha^2 \pi_\alpha(F) \subseteq G \times \prod_{\substack{\alpha \neq \beta \\ \alpha \in I}} X_\alpha.$$

Consequently, $u_\beta^2 \pi_\beta(F) \subseteq G$. Hence, $\pi_\beta(F)$ is a ∂ -closed subset of $(X_\beta, u_\beta^1, u_\beta^2)$.

(ii) Let F be a ∂ -closed subset of $(X_\beta, u_\beta^1, u_\beta^2)$. Then

$$\pi_\beta^{-1}(F) = F \times \prod_{\substack{\alpha \neq \beta \\ \alpha \in I}} X_\alpha.$$

By Proposition 15, $F \times \prod_{\substack{\alpha \neq \beta \\ \alpha \in I}} X_\alpha$ is a ∂ -closed subset of $\prod_{\alpha \in I} (X_\alpha, u_\alpha^1, u_\alpha^2)$. Hence, $\pi_\beta^{-1}(F)$ is a ∂ -closed subset of $\prod_{\alpha \in I} (X_\alpha, u_\alpha^1, u_\alpha^2)$. \square

4 ∂ -Continuous Maps

In this section, we introduce the concept of ∂ -continuous maps by using ∂ -closed sets. These maps are investigated and studied.

Definition 7. Let (X, u_1, u_2) and (Y, v_1, v_2) be biclosure spaces. A map

$$f: (X, u_1, u_2) \rightarrow (Y, v_1, v_2)$$

is called ∂ -closed (resp. ∂ -open) if $f(F)$ is a ∂ -closed (resp. ∂ -open) subset of (Y, v_1, v_2) for every closed (resp. open) subset of (X, u_1, u_2) .

Proposition 17. Let (X, u_1, u_2) , (Y, v_1, v_2) and (Z, w_1, w_2) be biclosure spaces. If

$$g \circ f: (X, u_1, u_2) \rightarrow (Z, w_1, w_2)$$

is ∂ -closed and

$$f: (X, u_1, u_2) \rightarrow (Y, v_1, v_2)$$

is surjective and continuous, then

$$g: (Y, v_1, v_2) \rightarrow (Z, w_1, w_2)$$

is ∂ -closed.

Proof. Let F be a closed subset of (Y, v_1, v_2) . Then F is a closed subset of (Y, v_1) and (Y, v_2) , respectively. Since f is continuous, $f^{-1}(F)$ is a closed subset of (X, u_1) and (X, u_2) , respectively. Consequently, $f^{-1}(F)$ is a closed subset of (X, u_1, u_2) . Since $g \circ f$ is ∂ -closed and f is surjective, $g \circ f(f^{-1}(F)) = g(F)$ is a ∂ -closed subset of (Z, w_1, w_2) . Therefore, g is ∂ -closed. \square

Definition 8. Let (X, u_1, u_2) and (Y, v_1, v_2) be biclosure spaces. A map

$$f: (X, u_1, u_2) \rightarrow (Y, v_1, v_2)$$

is called ∂ -continuous if $f^{-1}(F)$ is a ∂ -closed subset of (X, u_1, u_2) for every closed subset F of (Y, v_1, v_2) .

Clearly, it is easy to prove that

$$f: (X, u_1, u_2) \rightarrow (Y, v_1, v_2)$$

is ∂ -continuous if and only if $f^{-1}(G)$ is a ∂ -open subset of (X, u_1, u_2) for every open subset G of (Y, v_1, v_2) .

Proposition 18. Let (X, u_1, u_2) , (Y, v_1, v_2) and (Z, w_1, w_2) be biclosure spaces. If

$$g \circ f: (X, u_1, u_2) \rightarrow (Z, w_1, w_2)$$

is closed and

$$g: (Y, v_1, v_2) \rightarrow (Z, w_1, w_2)$$

is injective and ∂ -continuous, then

$$f: (X, u_1, u_2) \rightarrow (Y, v_1, v_2)$$

is ∂ -closed.

Proof. Let F be a closed subset of (X, u_1, u_2) . Then F is a closed subset of (X, u_1) and (X, u_2) , respectively. Since $g \circ f$ is closed, $g \circ f(F)$ is a closed subset of (Z, w_1) and (Z, w_2) , respectively. Consequently, $g \circ f(F)$ is a closed subset of (Z, w_1, w_2) . Since g is ∂ -continuous and injective, $g^{-1}(g \circ f(F)) = f(F)$ is a ∂ -closed subset of (Y, v_1, v_2) . Therefore, f is ∂ -closed. \square

Definition 9. Let (X, u_1, u_2) and (Y, v_1, v_2) be biclosure spaces. A map

$$f: (X, u_1, u_2) \rightarrow (Y, v_1, v_2)$$

is called ∂ -irresolute if $f^{-1}(F)$ is a ∂ -closed subset of (X, u_1, u_2) for every ∂ -closed subset F of (Y, v_1, v_2) .

Clearly, it is easy to prove that

$$f: (X, u_1, u_2) \rightarrow (Y, v_1, v_2)$$

is ∂ -irresolute if and only if $f^{-1}(G)$ is a ∂ -open subset of (X, u_1, u_2) for every ∂ -open subset G of (Y, v_1, v_2) .

The following statement is obvious:

Proposition 19. Let (X, u_1, u_2) and (Y, v_1, v_2) be biclosure spaces. If

$$f: (X, u_1, u_2) \rightarrow (Y, v_1, v_2)$$

is ∂ -irresolute, then f is ∂ -continuous.

The converse need not be true as can be seen from the following example.

Example 2. Let $X = \{a, b\} = Y$ and define closure operators u_1 and u_2 on X by

$$\begin{aligned} u_1\emptyset &= \emptyset, & u_1\{a\} &= \{a\}, & u_1\{b\} &= u_1X = X, \\ u_2\emptyset &= \emptyset, & u_2\{a\} &= u_2\{b\} = u_2X = X. \end{aligned}$$

Define closure operators v_1 and v_2 on Y by

$$\begin{aligned} v_1\emptyset &= \emptyset, & v_1\{b\} &= \{b\}, & v_1\{a\} &= v_1Y = Y, \\ v_2\emptyset &= \emptyset, & v_2\{a\} &= v_2\{b\} = v_2Y = Y. \end{aligned}$$

Let

$$f: (X, u_1, u_2) \rightarrow (Y, v_1, v_2)$$

be the identity map. Then f is ∂ -continuous but it is not ∂ -irresolute because $\{b\}$ is a ∂ -closed subset of (Y, v_1, v_2) but $f^{-1}(\{b\}) = \{b\}$ is not ∂ -closed subset of (X, u_1, u_2) .

Definition 10. A biclosure space (X, u_1, u_2) is called a $T_{\frac{1}{2}}^*$ -biclosure space if every ∂ -closed subset of (X, u_1, u_2) is a closed subset of (X, u_2) .

Proposition 20. Let (X, u_1, u_2) be a biclosure space. Then (X, u_1, u_2) is a $T_{\frac{1}{2}}^*$ -biclosure space if and only if every singleton subset of X is either a g -closed subset of (X, u_1) or an open subset of (X, u_2) .

Proof. Let $x \in X$ and suppose that $\{x\}$ is not a g -closed subset of (X, u_1) . Then $X - \{x\}$ is not a g -open subset of (X, u_1) . The only g -open subset of (X, u_1) containing $X - \{x\}$ is X , hence $X - \{x\}$ is a ∂ -closed subset of (X, u_1, u_2) . Since (X, u_1, u_2) is a $T_{\frac{1}{2}}^*$ -biclosure space, $X - \{x\}$ is a closed subset of (X, u_2) . Consequently, $\{x\}$ is an open subset of (X, u_2) .

Conversely, let A be a ∂ -closed subset of (X, u_1, u_2) . Suppose that $x \notin A$. Then $\{x\} \subseteq X - A$ and we have $A \subseteq X - \{x\}$. If $\{x\}$ is an open subset of (X, u_2) , then $X - \{x\}$ is a closed subset of (X, u_2) . Consequently,

$$u_2A \subseteq u_2(X - \{x\}) = X - \{x\},$$

thus $x \notin u_2A$. If $\{x\}$ is a g -closed subset of (X, u_1) , then $X - \{x\}$ is a g -open subset of (X, u_1) . Since A is a ∂ -closed, $u_2A \subseteq X - \{x\}$. Therefore, $x \notin u_2A$. So, we always have $u_2A \subseteq A$. Thus $u_2A = A$ or, equivalently, A is a closed subset of (X, u_2) . Therefore, (X, u_1, u_2) is a $T_{\frac{1}{2}}^*$ -biclosure space. \square

Proposition 21. Let (X, u_1, u_2) and (Y, v_1, v_2) be biclosure spaces. Let

$$f: (X, u_1, u_2) \rightarrow (Y, v_1, v_2)$$

be surjective, 2-closed and ∂ -irresolute. If (X, u_1, u_2) is a $T_{\frac{1}{2}}^*$ -biclosure space, then (Y, v_1, v_2) is a $T_{\frac{1}{2}}^*$ -biclosure space.

Proof. Let F be a ∂ -closed subset of (Y, v_1, v_2) . Since f is ∂ -irresolute, $f^{-1}(F)$ is a ∂ -closed subset of (X, u_1, u_2) . Since (X, u_1, u_2) is a $T_{\frac{1}{2}}^*$ -biclosure space, $f^{-1}(F)$ is a closed subset of (X, u_2) . Since f is 2-closed and surjective, F is a closed subset of (Y, v_2) . Hence, (Y, v_1, v_2) is a $T_{\frac{1}{2}}^*$ -biclosure space. \square

Proposition 22. Let (X, u_1, u_2) , (Y, v_1, v_2) and (Z, w_1, w_2) be biclosure spaces. Let

$$f: (X, u_1, u_2) \rightarrow (Y, v_1, v_2)$$

and

$$g: (Y, v_1, v_2) \rightarrow (Z, w_1, w_2)$$

be maps. Then

(i) $g \circ f$ is ∂ -continuous if g is continuous and f is ∂ -continuous.

(ii) $g \circ f$ is ∂ -irresolute if f and g are ∂ -irresolute.

(iii) $g \circ f$ is ∂ -continuous if g is ∂ -continuous and f is ∂ -irresolute.

Proof. (i) Let F be a closed subset of (Z, w_1, w_2) . Then F is a closed subset of (Z, w_1) and (Z, w_2) , respectively. Since g is continuous, $g^{-1}(F)$ is a closed subset of (Y, v_1) and (Y, v_2) , respectively. Consequently, $g^{-1}(F)$ is closed subset of (Y, v_1, v_2) . Since f is ∂ -continuous, $f^{-1}(g^{-1}(F))$ is a ∂ -closed subset of (X, u_1, u_2) . Therefore, $(g \circ f)^{-1}(F)$ is a ∂ -closed subset of (X, u_1, u_2) . Hence, $g \circ f$ is ∂ -continuous.

The proofs of (ii)–(iii) are similar. \square

Proposition 23. Let $\{(X_\alpha, u_\alpha^1, u_\alpha^2) : \alpha \in I\}$ be a family of biclosure spaces. Then for each $\beta \in I$, the projection map

$$\pi_\beta : \prod_{\alpha \in I} (X_\alpha, u_\alpha^1, u_\alpha^2) \rightarrow (X_\beta, u_\beta^1, u_\beta^2)$$

is continuous.

Proof. Let $A \subseteq \prod_{\alpha \in I} X_\alpha$. Then

$$\pi_\beta \left(\prod_{\alpha \in I} u_\alpha^1 \pi_\alpha(A) \right) = u_\beta^1 \pi_\beta(A).$$

Hence,

$$\pi_\beta : \prod_{\alpha \in I} (X_\alpha, u_\alpha^1) \rightarrow (X_\beta, u_\beta^1)$$

is continuous. Similarly, since

$$\pi_\beta \left(\prod_{\alpha \in I} u_\alpha^2 \pi_\alpha(A) \right) = u_\beta^2 \pi_\beta(A).$$

Therefore,

$$\pi_\beta : \prod_{\alpha \in I} (X_\alpha, u_\alpha^2) \rightarrow (X_\beta, u_\beta^2)$$

is continuous. Consequently,

$$\pi_\beta : \prod_{\alpha \in I} (X_\alpha, u_\alpha^1, u_\alpha^2) \rightarrow (X_\beta, u_\beta^1, u_\beta^2)$$

is continuous. \square

Proposition 24. Let (X, u_1, u_2) be a biclosure space and let $\{(Y_\alpha, v_\alpha^1, v_\alpha^2) : \alpha \in I\}$ be a family of biclosure spaces. Let $f : X \rightarrow \prod_{\alpha \in I} Y_\alpha$ be a map. If

$$f : (X, u_1, u_2) \rightarrow \prod_{\alpha \in I} (Y_\alpha, v_\alpha^1, v_\alpha^2)$$

is ∂ -continuous, then

$$\pi_\alpha \circ f : (X, u_1, u_2) \rightarrow (Y_\alpha, v_\alpha^1, v_\alpha^2)$$

is ∂ -continuous for each $\alpha \in I$.

Proof. Let f be ∂ -continuous. Since π_α is continuous for each $\alpha \in I$, also $\pi_\alpha \circ f$ is ∂ -continuous for each $\alpha \in I$. \square

Proposition 25. Let $\{(X_\alpha, u_\alpha^1, u_\alpha^2) : \alpha \in I\}$ and $\{(Y_\alpha, v_\alpha^1, v_\alpha^2) : \alpha \in I\}$ be families of biclosure spaces. For each $\alpha \in I$, let $f_\alpha : X_\alpha \rightarrow Y_\alpha$ be a map and

$$f : \prod_{\alpha \in I} X_\alpha \rightarrow \prod_{\alpha \in I} Y_\alpha$$

be the map defined by $f((x_\alpha)_{\alpha \in I}) = (f_\alpha(x_\alpha))_{\alpha \in I}$. If

$$f : \prod_{\alpha \in I} (X_\alpha, u_\alpha^1, u_\alpha^2) \rightarrow \prod_{\alpha \in I} (Y_\alpha, v_\alpha^1, v_\alpha^2)$$

is ∂ -continuous, then

$$f_\alpha : (X_\alpha, u_\alpha^1, u_\alpha^2) \rightarrow (Y_\alpha, v_\alpha^1, v_\alpha^2)$$

is ∂ -continuous for each $\alpha \in I$.

Proof. Let F be a closed subset of $(Y_\beta, v_\beta^1, v_\beta^2)$. Then $F \times \prod_{\substack{\alpha \neq \beta \\ \alpha \in I}} Y_\alpha$ is a closed subset of $\prod_{\alpha \in I} (Y_\alpha, v_\alpha^1, v_\alpha^2)$. Since f is ∂ -continuous,

$$f^{-1}\left(F \times \prod_{\substack{\alpha \neq \beta \\ \alpha \in I}} Y_\alpha\right) = f_\beta^{-1}(F) \times \prod_{\substack{\alpha \neq \beta \\ \alpha \in I}} X_\alpha$$

is a ∂ -closed subset of $\prod_{\alpha \in I} (X_\alpha, u_\alpha^1, u_\alpha^2)$. By Proposition 15, $f_\beta^{-1}(F)$ is a ∂ -closed subset of $(X_\beta, u_\beta^1, u_\beta^2)$. Hence, f_β is ∂ -continuous. \square

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