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## On Pairwise Minimal Continuous Maps In Bitopological Spaces

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### Abstract

The aim of this paper is to define and study of new class of maps called pairwise minimal continuous, pairwise maximal continuous, pairwise minimal irresolute and pairwise maximal irresolute maps in bitopological spaces and investigate the relations between these kinds of continuity.

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### 1. Introduction

In the years 2001 and 2003, F. Nakaoka and N. Oda<sup>5,6,7</sup> introduced and studied minimal open (resp. minimal closed) sets and maximal open (resp. maximal closed) sets, which are subclasses of open (resp. closed) sets. The complements of minimal open sets and maximal open sets are called maximal closed sets and minimal closed sets respectively. Also in the years 2011 and 2012<sup>1,2</sup>, S. S. Benchalli, Basavaraj M. Ittanagi and R. S. Wali, introduced and studied minimal open sets and maps in topological spaces and pairwise minimal open and pairwise maximal open sets in bitopological spaces.

J. C. Kelly<sup>3</sup>, in the year 1963, first initiated the concept of bitopological spaces. He defined a bitopological space  $(X, \tau_1, \tau_2)$  to be a set  $X$  equipped with two topologies  $\tau_1$  and  $\tau_2$  on  $X$  and initiated the systematic study of bitopological space. He extended the notions of separation axioms of single topological space to bitopological space. Also in the year 1999, Maki, Sundaram and Balachandran<sup>4</sup> have introduced the concept of  $\tau_j - \sigma_k$  continuous, bi-continuous and strongly bi-continuous maps in bitopological spaces. Here we present some of the definitions, which are used in our study.

In this paper, we introduce and investigate a new class of maps called  $(\sigma_k, \sigma_l) - M_i O(Y) - \tau_i$ -continuous,  $(\sigma_k, \sigma_l) - M_a O(Y) - \tau_i$ -continuous,  $(\sigma_k, \sigma_l) - M_i O(Y) - (\tau_i, \tau_j)$ -irresolute and  $(\sigma_k, \sigma_l) - M_a O(Y) - (\tau_i, \tau_j)$ -irresolute maps in bitopological spaces.

## 2. Preliminaries :

**2.1 Definition<sup>5</sup>:** A proper nonempty open subset  $U$  of a topological space  $X$  is said to be a minimal open set if any open set which is contained in  $U$  is  $\phi$  or  $U$ .

**2.2 Definition<sup>6</sup>:** A proper nonempty open subset  $U$  of a topological space  $X$  is said to be maximal open set if any open set which contains  $U$  is  $X$  or  $U$ .

**2.3 Definition<sup>7</sup>:** A proper nonempty closed subset  $F$  of a topological space  $X$  is said to be a minimal closed set if any closed set which is contained in  $F$  is  $\phi$  or  $F$ .

**2.4 Definition<sup>7</sup>:** A proper nonempty closed subset  $F$  of a topological space  $X$  is said to be maximal closed set if any closed set which contains  $F$  is  $X$  or  $F$ .

The family of all minimal open (resp. minimal closed) sets in a topological space  $X$  is denoted by  $M_i O(X)$  (resp.  $M_i C(X)$ ). The family of all maximal open (resp. maximal closed) sets in a topological space  $X$  is denoted by  $M_a O(X)$  (resp.  $M_a C(X)$ ).

### 2.5 Definition<sup>1</sup>:

- i) A topological space  $(X, \tau)$  is said to be  $T_{min}$  space if every nonempty proper open subset of  $X$  is minimal open set.
- ii) A topological space  $(X, \tau)$  is said to be  $T_{max}$  space if every nonempty proper open subset of  $X$  is maximal open set.

**2.6 Definition<sup>1</sup>:** Let  $X$  and  $Y$  be the topological spaces. A map  $f: X \rightarrow Y$  is called

- i) **minimal continuous (briefly min-continuous)** if  $f^{-1}(M)$  is an open set in  $X$  for every minimal open set  $M$  in  $Y$ .
- ii) **maximal continuous (briefly max-continuous)** if  $f^{-1}(M)$  is an open set in  $X$  for every maximal open set  $M$  in  $Y$ .
- iii) **minimal irresolute (briefly min-irresolute)** if  $f^{-1}(M)$  is minimal open set in  $X$  for every minimal open set  $M$  in  $Y$ .
- iv) **maximal irresolute (briefly max-irresolute)** if  $f^{-1}(M)$  is maximal open set in  $X$  for every maximal open set  $M$  in  $Y$ .

**2.7 Definition<sup>3</sup>:** Let  $X$  be a set and  $\tau_1$  and  $\tau_2$  be two different topologies on  $X$ . Then  $(X, \tau_1, \tau_2)$  is called a bitopological space.

**2.8 Definition<sup>2</sup>:** Let  $i, j \in \{1, 2\}$  be the fixed integers and  $(X, \tau_1, \tau_2)$  be a bitopological space.

- i) A proper nonempty  $\tau_i$ -open subset  $M$  in  $X$  is said to be a  $(\tau_i, \tau_j)$ -minimal open (briefly  $(\tau_i, \tau_j)$ -min open) set if any  $\tau_j$ -open set which is contained in  $M$  is either  $\phi$  or  $M$  itself.
- ii) A proper nonempty  $\tau_i$ -open subset  $M$  in  $X$  is said to be a  $(\tau_i, \tau_j)$ -maximal open (briefly  $(\tau_i, \tau_j)$ -maximal open) set if any  $\tau_j$ -open set which contains  $M$  is either  $X$  or  $M$  itself.
- iii) A proper nonempty  $\tau_i$ -closed subset  $F$  in  $X$  is said to be a  $(\tau_i, \tau_j)$ -minimal closed (briefly  $(\tau_i, \tau_j)$ -min closed) set if any  $\tau_j$ -closed set which is contained in  $F$  is either  $\phi$  or  $F$  itself.
- iv) A proper nonempty  $\tau_i$ -closed subset  $F$  in  $X$  is said to be a  $(\tau_i, \tau_j)$ -maximal closed (briefly  $(\tau_i, \tau_j)$ -maximal closed) set if any  $\tau_j$ -closed set which contains  $F$  is either  $X$  or  $F$  itself.

closed) set if any  $\tau_j$ -closed set which contains  $F$  is either  $X$  or  $F$  itself.

The family of all  $(\tau_i, \tau_i)$ -minimal open (resp.  $(\tau_i, \tau_j)$ -minimal closed) sets in a bitopological space  $(X, \tau_1, \tau_2)$  is denoted by  $(\tau_i, \tau_j) - M_i O(X)$  (resp.  $(\tau_i, \tau_j) - M_i C(X)$ ). The family of all  $(\tau_i, \tau_j)$ -maximal open (resp.  $(\tau_i, \tau_j)$ -maximal closed) sets in a bitopological space  $(X, \tau_1, \tau_2)$  is denoted by  $(\tau_i, \tau_j) - M_a O(X)$  (resp.  $(\tau_i, \tau_j) - M_a C(X)$ ).

**2.9 Definition<sup>2</sup>:** Let  $i, j \in \{1, 2\}$  be the fixed integers.

- i) A bitopological space  $(X, \tau_1, \tau_2)$  is said to be pairwise- $T_{min}$  space if every nonempty proper  $\tau_i$ -open set is  $(\tau_i, \tau_j)$ -minimal open set.
- ii) A bitopological space  $(X, \tau_1, \tau_2)$  is said to be pairwise- $T_{max}$  space if every nonempty proper  $\tau_i$ -open set is  $(\tau_i, \tau_j)$ -maximal open set.

**2.10 Definition<sup>4</sup>:** A map  $f: (X, \tau_1, \tau_2) \rightarrow (Y, \sigma_1, \sigma_2)$  is called

- i)  $\tau_j - \sigma_k$ -continuous if  $f^{-1}(V) \in \tau_j$  for every  $V \in \sigma_k$ ,
- ii) bi-continuous if  $f$  is  $\tau_1 - \sigma_1$ -continuous and  $\tau_2 - \sigma_2$ -continuous,
- iii) strongly-bi-continuous (briefly, s-bi-continuous) if  $f$  is bi-continuous,  $\tau_1 - \sigma_2$ -continuous and  $\tau_2 - \sigma_1$ -continuous,

Throughout this chapter  $(X, \tau_1, \tau_2)$ ,  $(Y, \sigma_1, \sigma_2)$  and  $(Z, \eta_1, \eta_2)$  denote nonempty bitopological spaces on which no separation axioms are assumed, unless otherwise mentioned and the fixed integers  $i, j, k, l, m, n \in \{1, 2\}$ .

### 3. Pairwise minimal continuous and pairwise maximal continuous maps :

**3.1 Definition:** Let  $i, j, k, l \in \{1, 2\}$  be fixed integers. Let  $(X, \tau_1, \tau_2)$  and  $(Y, \sigma_1, \sigma_2)$  be two bitopological spaces. A map  $f: (X, \tau_1, \tau_2) \rightarrow (Y, \sigma_1, \sigma_2)$  is called

- i)  $(\sigma_k, \sigma_l) - M_i O(Y) - \tau_i$ -continuous (pairwise minimal continuous) if  $f^{-1}(M) \in \tau_i$ -open set in  $X$  for every  $M \in (\sigma_k, \sigma_l) - M_i O(Y)$ .
- ii)  $(\sigma_k, \sigma_l) - M_a O(Y) - \tau_i$ -continuous (pairwise maximal continuous) if  $f^{-1}(M) \in \tau_i$ -open set in  $X$  for every  $M \in (\sigma_k, \sigma_l) - M_a O(Y)$ .
- iii)  $(\sigma_k, \sigma_l) - M_i O(Y) - (\tau_i, \tau_j)$ -irresolute (pairwise minimal irresolute) if  $f^{-1}(M) \in (\tau_i, \tau_j) - M_i O(X)$  for every  $M \in (\sigma_k, \sigma_l) - M_i O(Y)$ .
- iv)  $(\sigma_k, \sigma_l) - M_a O(Y) - (\tau_i, \tau_j)$ -irresolute (pairwise maximal irresolute) if  $f^{-1}(M) \in (\tau_i, \tau_j) - M_a O(X)$  for every  $M \in (\sigma_k, \sigma_l) - M_a O(Y)$ .

**3.2. Remark:** If  $\tau_1 = \tau_2 = \tau$  and  $\sigma_1 = \sigma_2 = \sigma$  in the Definition 3.1, then the  $(\sigma_k, \sigma_l) - M_i O(Y) - \tau_i$ -continuous,  $(\sigma_k, \sigma_l) - M_a O(Y) - \tau_i$ -continuous,  $(\sigma_k, \sigma_l) - M_i O(Y) - (\tau_i, \tau_j)$ -irresolute and  $(\sigma_k, \sigma_l) - M_a O(Y) - (\tau_i, \tau_j)$ -irresolute maps coincide with minimal continuous, maximal continuous, minimal irresolute and maximal irresolute maps respectively.

**3.3 Theorem:** Every  $\tau_i - \sigma_k$  continuous map is  $(\sigma_k, \sigma_l) - M_i O(Y) - \tau_i$ -continuous but not conversely.

**Proof:** Let  $f: (X, \tau_1, \tau_2) \rightarrow (Y, \sigma_1, \sigma_2)$  be a  $\tau_i - \sigma_k$  continuous map. To prove that  $f$  is  $(\sigma_k, \sigma_l) - M_i O(Y) -$

$\tau_i$ -continuous. Let  $N$  be any  $(\sigma_k, \sigma_l)$ -minimal open set in  $Y$ . Since every  $(\sigma_k, \sigma_l)$ -minimal open set is an  $\sigma_k$ -open set,  $N$  is an  $\sigma_k$ -open set in  $Y$ . Since  $f$  is  $\tau_i - \sigma_k$  continuous,  $f^{-1}(N)$  is an  $\tau_i$ -open set in  $X$ . Hence  $f$  is a  $(\sigma_k, \sigma_l) - M_i O(Y) - \tau_i$ -continuous.

**3.4 Example:** Let  $X = Y = \{a, b, c, d\}$  be with topologies  $\tau_1 = \{\emptyset, \{a\}, \{a, b\}, X\}$ ,  $\tau_2 = \{\emptyset, \{a\}, \{a, c\}, X\}$ ,  $\sigma_1 = \{\emptyset, \{a\}, \{a, b, c\}, Y\}$  and  $\sigma_2 = \{\emptyset, \{a\}, \{a, b\}, \{a, b, c\}, Y\}$ . Let  $f : (X, \tau_1, \tau_2) \rightarrow (Y, \sigma_1, \sigma_2)$  be an identity map. Then  $f$  is a  $(\sigma_1, \sigma_2) - M_i O(Y) - \tau_1$ -continuous but it is not a  $\tau_1 - \sigma_1$ -continuous map, since for the  $\sigma_1$ -open set  $\{a, b, c\} \in Y$ ,  $f^{-1}(\{a, b, c\}) = \{a, b, c\}$  which is not an  $\tau_1$ -open set in  $X$ .

**3.5 Theorem:** Let  $f : (X, \tau_1, \tau_2) \rightarrow (Y, \sigma_1, \sigma_2)$  be a  $(\sigma_k, \sigma_l) - M_i O(Y) - \tau_i$ -continuous, onto map and  $(Y, \sigma_1, \sigma_2)$  be a pairwise- $T_{min}$  space. Then  $f$  is a  $\tau_i - \sigma_k$  continuous.

*Proof:* Let  $f : (X, \tau_1, \tau_2) \rightarrow (Y, \sigma_1, \sigma_2)$  be a  $(\sigma_k, \sigma_l) - M_i O(Y) - \tau_i$ -continuous, onto map. Note that the inverse image of  $\phi$  and  $Y$  are always  $\tau_i$ -open sets in a bitopological space  $X$ . Let  $N$  be any nonempty proper  $\tau_k$ -open set in  $Y$ . By hypothesis,  $(Y, \sigma_1, \sigma_2)$  is pairwise- $T_{min}$  space, it follows that  $N$  is a  $(\sigma_k, \sigma_l)$ -minimal open set in  $Y$ . Since  $f$  is  $(\sigma_k, \sigma_l) - M_i O(Y) - \tau_i$ -continuous,  $f^{-1}(N)$  is an  $\tau_i$ -open set in  $X$ . Therefore  $f$  is a  $\tau_i - \sigma_k$  continuous.

**3.6 Theorem :** Every  $\tau_i - \sigma_k$  continuous map is  $(\sigma_k, \sigma_l) - M_a O(Y) - \tau_i$ -continuous but not conversely.

*Proof:* Similar to that of Theorem 3.3.

**3.7 Example:** Let  $X = Y = \{a, b, c, d, e\}$  be with topologies  $\tau_1 = \{\emptyset, \{a\}, \{a, b, c, d\}, X\}$ ,  $\tau_2 = \{\emptyset, \{b\}, \{a, b, c, d\}, X\}$ ,  $\sigma_1 = \{\emptyset, \{a, b\}, \{a, b, c, d\}, Y\}$  and  $\sigma_2 = \{\emptyset, \{a, b\}, \{a, b, c\}, \{a, b, c, d\}, Y\}$ . Let  $f : (X, \tau_1, \tau_2) \rightarrow (Y, \sigma_1, \sigma_2)$  be an identity map. Then  $f$  is a  $(\sigma_1, \sigma_2) - M_a O(Y) - \tau_1$ -continuous but it is not a  $\tau_1 - \sigma_1$  continuous map, since for the  $\sigma_1$ -open set  $\{a, b\} \in Y$ ,  $f^{-1}(\{a, b\}) = \{a, b\}$  which is not an  $\tau_1$ -open set in  $X$ .

**3.8 Theorem:** Let  $f : (X, \tau_1, \tau_2) \rightarrow (Y, \sigma_1, \sigma_2)$  be a  $(\sigma_k, \sigma_l) - M_a O(Y) - \tau_i$ -continuous, onto map and let  $(Y, \sigma_1, \sigma_2)$  be a pairwise- $T_{max}$  space. Then  $f$  is a  $\tau_i - \sigma_k$  continuous.

*Proof:* Similar to that of Theorem 3.5.

**3.9 Remark:**  $(\sigma_k, \sigma_l) - M_i O(Y) - \tau_i$ -continuous and  $(\sigma_k, \sigma_l) - M_a O(Y) - \tau_i$ -continuous maps are independent of each other.

**3.10 Example:** In Example 3.4,  $f$  is a  $(\sigma_1, \sigma_2) - M_i O(Y) - \tau_1$ -continuous but it is not a  $(\sigma_1, \sigma_2) - M_a O(Y) - \tau_1$ -continuous. In Example 3.7,  $f$  is a  $(\sigma_1, \sigma_2) - M_a O(Y) - \tau_1$ -continuous but it is not a  $(\sigma_1, \sigma_2) - M_i O(Y) - \tau_1$ -continuous.

**3.11 Theorem:** Let  $(X, \tau_1, \tau_2)$  and  $(Y, \sigma_1, \sigma_2)$  be two bitopological spaces. A map  $f : X \rightarrow Y$  is a  $(\sigma_k, \sigma_l) - M_i O(Y) - \tau_i$ -continuous if and only if the inverse image of each  $(\sigma_k, \sigma_l)$ -maximal closed set in  $Y$  is a  $\tau_i$ -closed set in  $X$ .

*Proof:* The proof follows from the definition and fact that the complement of  $(\sigma_k, \sigma_l)$ -minimal open set is  $(\sigma_k, \sigma_l)$ -maximal closed set.

**3.12 Theorem:** Let  $(X, \tau_1, \tau_2)$  and  $(Y, \sigma_1, \sigma_2)$  be two bitopological spaces. A map  $f : X \rightarrow Y$  is a  $(\sigma_k, \sigma_l) - M_a O(Y) - \tau_i$ -continuous if and only if the inverse image of each  $(\sigma_k, \sigma_l)$ -minimal closed set in  $Y$  is a  $\tau_i$ -closed set in  $X$ .

*Proof:* The proof follows from the definition and fact that the complement of  $(\sigma_k, \sigma_l)$ -maximal open set is  $(\sigma_k, \sigma_l)$ -minimal closed set.

**3.13 Theorem:** Let  $(X, \tau_1, \tau_2)$  and  $(Y, \sigma_1, \sigma_2)$  be two bitopological spaces and  $A$  be a nonempty subset of  $X$ . If  $f : (X, \tau_1, \tau_2) \rightarrow (Y, \sigma_1, \sigma_2)$  is a  $(\tau_k, \tau_l) - M_i O(Y) - \tau_i$ -continuous then the restriction map  $f_A : (A, \tau_{1A}, \tau_{2A}) \rightarrow (Y, \sigma_1, \sigma_2)$  is a  $(\sigma_k, \sigma_l) - M_i O(Y) - \tau_{iA}$ -continuous map.

*Proof:* Let  $f : (X, \tau_1, \tau_2) \rightarrow (Y, \sigma_1, \sigma_2)$  is a  $(\sigma_k, \sigma_l) - M_i O(Y) - \tau_i$ -continuous. To prove  $f_A : (A, \tau_{1A}, \tau_{2A}) \rightarrow (Y, \sigma_1, \sigma_2)$  is a  $(\sigma_k, \sigma_l) - M_i O(Y) - \tau_{iA}$ -continuous map. Let  $N$  be any  $(\sigma_k, \sigma_l)$ -minimal open set in  $Y$ . Since  $f$  is  $(\sigma_k, \sigma_l) - M_i O(Y) - \tau_i$ -continuous,  $f^{-1}(N)$  is an  $\tau_i$ -open set in  $X$ . By definition of relative topology,  $f_A^{-1}(N) = A \cap f^{-1}(N)$ . Therefore  $A \cap f^{-1}(N)$  is an  $\tau_{iA}$ -open set in  $A$ . Therefore  $f_A$  is a  $(\sigma_k, \sigma_l) - M_i O(Y) - \tau_{iA}$ -continuous map.

**3.14 Theorem:** Let  $(X, \tau_1, \tau_2)$  and  $(Y, \sigma_1, \sigma_2)$  be two bitopological spaces and let  $A$  be a nonempty subset of  $X$ . If  $f : (X, \tau_1, \tau_2) \rightarrow (Y, \sigma_1, \sigma_2)$  is a  $(\sigma_k, \sigma_l) - M_a O(Y) - \tau_i$ -continuous then the restriction map  $f_A : (A, \tau_{1A}, \tau_{2A}) \rightarrow (Y, \sigma_1, \sigma_2)$  is a  $(\sigma_k, \sigma_l) - M_a O(Y) - \tau_{iA}$ -continuous map.

*Proof:* Similar to that of Theorem 3.13.

**3.15 Remark :** The composition of  $(\sigma_k, \sigma_l) - M_i O(Y) - \tau_i$ -continuous maps need not be a  $(\sigma_k, \sigma_l) - M_i O(Y) - \tau_i$ -continuous map.

**3.16 Example:** Let  $X = Y = Z = \{a, b, c, d\}$  be with topologies  $\tau_1 = \{\emptyset, \{a\}, \{a, c\}, X\}$ ,  $\tau_2 = \{\emptyset, \{a\}, \{a, d\}, X\}$ ,  $\sigma_1 = \{\emptyset, \{a\}, \{a, b\}, \{a, b, c\}, Y\}$ ,  $\sigma_2 = \{\emptyset, \{a\}, \{a, b\}, \{a, c\}, \{a, b, c\}, Y\}$ ,  $\eta_1 = \{\emptyset, \{a, b\}, \{a, b, c\}, Z\}$  and  $\eta_2 = \{\emptyset, \{a, b\}, \{a, c, d\}, Z\}$ . Let  $f : (X, \tau_1, \tau_2) \rightarrow (Y, \sigma_1, \sigma_2)$  and  $g : (Y, \sigma_1, \sigma_2) \rightarrow (Z, \eta_1, \eta_2)$  be the identity maps. Then clearly  $f$  is a  $(\sigma_1, \sigma_2) - M_i O(Y) - \tau_1$ -continuous and  $g$  is a  $(\eta_1, \eta_2) - M_i O(Y) - \sigma_1$ -continuous but  $g \circ f : (X, \tau_1, \tau_2) \rightarrow (Z, \eta_1, \eta_2)$  is not a  $(\eta_1, \eta_2) - M_i O(Y) - \tau_1$ -continuous map, since for the  $(\eta_1, \eta_2)$ -minimal open set  $\{a, b\}$  in  $Z$ ,  $(g \circ f)^{-1}(\{a, b\}) = \{a, b\}$  which is not a  $\tau_1$ -open set in  $X$ .

**3.17 Theorem:** Let  $(X, \tau_1, \tau_2)$ ,  $(Y, \sigma_1, \sigma_2)$  and  $(Z, \eta_1, \eta_2)$  be three bitopological spaces. If  $f : X \rightarrow Y$  is  $\tau_i - \sigma_k$ -continuous and  $g : Y \rightarrow Z$  is  $(\eta_m, \eta_n) - M_l O(Y) - \sigma_k$ -continuous maps, then  $g \circ f : X \rightarrow Z$  is a  $(\eta_m, \eta_n) - M_i O(Y) - \tau_i$ -continuous.

*Proof:* Let  $N$  be any  $(\eta_m, \eta_n)$ -minimal open set in  $Z$ . Since  $g$  is  $(\eta_m, \eta_n) - M_l O(Y) - \sigma_k$ -continuous,  $g^{-1}(N)$  is an  $\sigma_k$ -open set in  $Y$ . Again since  $f$  is  $\tau_i - \sigma_k$  continuous,  $f^{-1}(g^{-1}(N)) = (g \circ f)^{-1}(N)$  is an  $\tau_i$ -open set in  $X$ . Hence  $g \circ f$  is a  $(\eta_m, \eta_n) - M_i O(Y) - \tau_i$ -continuous.

**3.18 Remark :** The composition of  $(\sigma_k, \sigma_l) - M_a O(Y) - \tau_i$ -continuous maps need not be a  $(\sigma_k, \sigma_l) - M_a O(Y) - \tau_i$ -continuous map.

**3.19 Example:** Let  $X = Y = Z = \{a, b, c, d\}$  be with topologies  $\tau_1 = \{\emptyset, \{a\}, \{a, b, c\}, X\}$ ,  $\tau_2 = \{\emptyset, \{b\}, \{a, b, c\}, X\}$ ,  $\sigma_1 = \{\emptyset, \{a, b\}, \{a, b, c\}, Y\}$ ,  $\sigma_2 = \{\emptyset, \{a\}, \{a, b\}, \{a, b, c\}, Y\}$ ,  $\eta_1 = \{\emptyset, \{b\}, \{a, b\}, Z\}$  and  $\eta_2 = \{\emptyset, \{a\}, \{a, b\}, Z\}$ . Let  $f : (X, \tau_1, \tau_2) \rightarrow (Y, \sigma_1, \sigma_2)$  and  $g : (Y, \sigma_1, \sigma_2) \rightarrow (Z, \eta_1, \eta_2)$  be the identity maps. Then clearly  $f$  is a  $(\sigma_1, \sigma_2) - M_a O(Y) - \tau_1$ -continuous and  $g$  is a  $(\eta_1, \eta_2) - M_a O(Y) - \sigma_1$ -continuous but  $g \circ f : (X, \tau_1, \tau_2) \rightarrow (Z, \eta_1, \eta_2)$  is not a  $(\eta_1, \eta_2) - M_a O(Y) - \tau_1$ -continuous map, since for the  $(\eta_1, \eta_2)$ -maximal open set  $\{a, b\} \in Z$ ,  $(g \circ f)^{-1}(\{a, b\}) = \{a, b\}$  which is not a  $\tau_1$ -open set in  $X$ .

**3.20 Theorem:** Let  $(X, \tau_1, \tau_2)$ ,  $(Y, \sigma_1, \sigma_2)$  and  $(Z, \eta_1, \eta_2)$  be three bitopological spaces. If  $f : X \rightarrow$

$Y$  is  $\tau_i - \sigma_k$ -continuous and  $g : Y \rightarrow Z$  is  $(\eta_m, \eta_n) - M_a O(Y) - \sigma_k$ -continuous maps, then  $g : X \rightarrow Z$  is a  $(\eta_m, \eta_n) - M_a O(Y) - \tau_i$ -continuous.

*Proof:* Similar to that of Theorem 3.17.

**3.21 Theorem:** Every  $(\sigma_k, \sigma_l) - M_i O(Y) - (\tau_i, \tau_j)$ -irresolute map is  $(\sigma_k, \sigma_l) - M_i O(Y) - \tau_i$ -continuous but not conversely.

*Proof:* Let  $f : (X, \tau_1, \tau_2) \rightarrow (Y, \sigma_1, \sigma_2)$  be a  $(\sigma_k, \sigma_l) - M_i O(Y) - (\tau_i, \tau_j)$ -irresolute map. To prove  $(\sigma_k, \sigma_l) - M_i O(Y) - \tau_i$ -continuous. Let  $N$  be any  $(\sigma_k, \sigma_l)$ -minimal open set in  $Y$ . Since  $f$  is  $(\sigma_k, \sigma_l) - M_i O(Y) - (\tau_i, \tau_j)$ -irresolute,  $f^{-1}(N)$  is a  $(\tau_i, \tau_j)$ -minimal open set in  $X$ . Since every  $(\tau_i, \tau_j)$ -minimal open set is an  $\tau_i$ -open set,  $f^{-1}(N)$  is an  $\tau_i$ -open set in  $X$ . Hence  $f$  is a  $(\sigma_k, \sigma_l) - M_i O(Y) - \tau_i$ -continuous.

**3.22 Example:** Let  $X = Y = \{a, b, c, d\}$  be with topologies  $\tau_1 = \{\phi, \{a\}, \{a, b\}, X\}$ ,  $\tau_2 = \{\phi, \{b\}, \{a, b\}, X\}$ ,  $\sigma_1 = \{\phi, \{a, b\}, \{a, b, c\}, Y\}$  and  $\sigma_2 = \{\phi, \{a, b\}, \{a, b, d\}, Y\}$ . Let  $f : (X, \tau_1, \tau_2) \rightarrow (Y, \sigma_1, \sigma_2)$  be an identity map. Then  $f$  is a  $(\sigma_1, \sigma_2) - M_i O(Y) - \tau_1$ -continuous but it is not a  $(\sigma_1, \sigma_2) - M_i O(Y) - (\tau_1, \tau_2)$ -irresolute map, since for the  $(\sigma_1, \sigma_2)$ -minimal open set  $\{a, b\}$  in  $Y$ ,  $f^{-1}(\{a, b\}) = \{a, b\}$  which is not a  $(\tau_1, \tau_2)$ -minimal open set in  $X$ .

**3.23 Theorem:** Let  $f : (X, \tau_1, \tau_2) \rightarrow (Y, \sigma_1, \sigma_2)$  be a  $(\sigma_k, \sigma_l) - M_i O(Y) - (\tau_i, \tau_j)$ -irresolute, onto map and let  $(Y, \sigma_1, \sigma_2)$  be a pairwise- $T_{min}$  space. Then  $f$  is a  $\tau_i - \sigma_k$ -continuous.

*Proof:* Proof follows from the Theorems 3.21 and 3.5.

**3.24 Theorem:** Every  $(\sigma_k, \sigma_l) - M_a O(Y) - (\tau_i, \tau_j)$ -irresolute map is  $(\sigma_k, \sigma_l) - M_a O(Y) - \tau_i$ -continuous but not conversely.

*Proof:* Similar to that of Theorem 3.21.

**3.25 Example:** Let  $X = Y = \{a, b, c, d\}$  be with topologies  $\tau_1 = \{\phi, \{a, b\}, \{a, b, c\}, X\}$ ,  $\tau_2 = \{\phi, \{a, b\}, \{a, b, d\}, X\}$ ,  $\sigma_1 = \{\phi, \{a\}, \{a, b\}, Y\}$  and  $\sigma_2 = \{\phi, \{b\}, \{a, b\}, Y\}$ . Let  $f : (X, \tau_1, \tau_2) \rightarrow (Y, \sigma_1, \sigma_2)$  be an identity map. Then  $f$  is a  $(\sigma_1, \sigma_2) - M_a O(Y) - \tau_1$ -continuous but it is not a  $(\sigma_1, \sigma_2) - M_a O(Y) - (\tau_1, \tau_2)$ -irresolute map, since for the  $(\sigma_1, \sigma_2)$ -maximal open set  $\{a, b\} \in Y$ ,  $f^{-1}(\{a, b\}) = \{a, b\}$  which is not a  $(\tau_1, \tau_2)$ -maximal open set in  $X$ .

**3.26 Theorem:** Let  $f : (X, \tau_1, \tau_2) \rightarrow (Y, \sigma_1, \sigma_2)$  be a  $(\sigma_k, \sigma_l) - M_a O(Y) - (\tau_i, \tau_j)$ -irresolute, onto map and let  $(Y, \sigma_1, \sigma_2)$  be a pairwise- $T_{max}$  space. Then  $f$  is a  $\tau_i - \sigma_k$ -continuous.

*Proof:* Proof follows from the Theorems 3.24 and 3.8.

**3.27 Remark:**  $(\sigma_k, \sigma_l) - M_i O(Y) - (\tau_i, \tau_j)$ -irresolute and  $\tau_i - \sigma_k$  continuous maps are independent of each other.

**3.28 Example:** Let  $X = Y = \{a, b, c, d\}$  be with topologies  $\tau_1 = \{\phi, \{a\}, \{a, b\}, \{a, c\}, \{a, b, c\}, X\}$ ,  $\tau_2 = \{\phi, \{b\}, \{a, b\}, \{a, c\}, \{a, b, c\}, X\}$ ,  $\sigma_1 = \{\phi, \{a, b\}, Y\}$  and  $\sigma_2 = \{\phi, \{a, c\}, Y\}$ . Let  $f : (X, \tau_1, \tau_2) \rightarrow (Y, \sigma_1, \sigma_2)$  be an identity map. Then  $f$  is a  $\tau_1 - \sigma_1$  continuous but it is not a  $(\sigma_1, \sigma_2) - M_i O(Y) - (\tau_1, \tau_2)$ -irresolute map, since for the  $(\sigma_1, \sigma_2)$ -minimal open set  $\{a, b\} \in Y$ ,  $f^{-1}(\{a, b\}) = \{a, b\}$  which is not a  $(\tau_1, \tau_2)$ -minimal open set in  $X$ . In Example 3.4,  $f$  is a  $(\sigma_1, \sigma_2) - M_i O(Y) - (\tau_1, \tau_2)$ -irresolute but it is not a  $\tau_1 - \sigma_1$  continuous map, since for the  $\sigma_1$ -open set  $\{a, b, c\} \in Y$ ,  $f^{-1}(\{a, b, c\}) = \{a, b, c\}$  which is not an  $\tau_1$ -open set in  $X$ .

**3.29 Remark:**  $(\sigma_k, \sigma_l) - M_a O(Y) - (\tau_i, \tau_j)$ -irresolute and  $\tau_i - \sigma_k$  continuous maps are independent of each other.

**3.30 Example:** In Example 3.28,  $f$  is a  $\tau_1 - \sigma_1$  continuous but it is not a  $(\sigma_1, \sigma_2) - M_a O(Y) - (\tau_1, \tau_2)$ -irresolute map, since for the  $(\sigma_1, \sigma_2)$ -maximal open set  $\{a, b\} \in Y, f^{-1}(\{a, b\}) = \{a, b\}$  which is not a  $(\tau_1, \tau_2)$ -maximal open set in  $X$ . In Example 3.7,  $f$  is a  $(\sigma_1, \sigma_2) - M_a O(Y) - (\tau_1, \tau_2)$ -irresolute but it is not a  $\tau_1 - \sigma_1$  continuous map, since for the  $\sigma_1$ -open set  $\{a, b\} \in Y, f^{-1}(\{a, b\}) = \{a, b\}$  which is not a  $\tau_1$ -open set in  $X$ .

**3.31 Remark:**  $(\sigma_k, \sigma_l) - M_i O(Y) - (\tau_i, \tau_j)$ -irresolute and  $(\sigma_k, \sigma_l) - M_a O(Y) - (\tau_i, \tau_j)$ -irresolute maps are independent of each other.

**3.32 Example:** In Example 3.4,  $f$  is a  $(\sigma_1, \sigma_2) - M_i O(Y) - (\tau_1, \tau_2)$ -irresolute but it is not a  $(\sigma_1, \sigma_2) - M_a O(Y) - (\tau_1, \tau_2)$ -irresolute map. In Example 3.7,  $f$  is a  $(\sigma_1, \sigma_2) - M_a O(Y) - (\tau_1, \tau_2)$ -irresolute but it is not a  $(\sigma_1, \sigma_2) - M_i O(Y) - (\tau_1, \tau_2)$ -irresolute map.

**3.33 Theorem:** Let  $(X, \tau_1, \tau_2)$  and  $(Y, \sigma_1, \sigma_2)$  be two bitopological spaces. A map  $f: X \rightarrow Y$  is a  $(\sigma_k, \sigma_l) - M_i O(Y) - (\tau_i, \tau_j)$ -irresolute if and only if the inverse image of each  $(\sigma_k, \sigma_l)$ -maximal closed set in  $Y$  is a  $(\tau_i, \tau_j)$ -maximal closed set in  $X$ .

*Proof:* The proof follows from the definition and fact that the complement of  $(\sigma_k, \sigma_l)$ -minimal open set is  $(\sigma_k, \sigma_l)$ -maximal closed set.

**3.34 Theorem:** Let  $(X, \tau_1, \tau_2)$  and  $(Y, \sigma_1, \sigma_2)$  be two bitopological spaces. A map  $f: X \rightarrow Y$  is a  $(\sigma_k, \sigma_l) - M_a O(Y) - (\tau_i, \tau_j)$ -irresolute if and only if the inverse image of each  $(\sigma_k, \sigma_l)$ -minimal closed set in  $Y$  is a  $(\tau_i, \tau_j)$ -minimal closed set in  $X$ .

*Proof:* The proof follows from the definition and fact that the complement of  $(\sigma_k, \sigma_l)$ -maximal open set is  $(\sigma_k, \sigma_l)$ -minimal closed set.

**3.35 Theorem:** Let  $(X, \tau_1, \tau_2)$ ,  $(Y, \sigma_1, \sigma_2)$  and  $(Z, \eta_1, \eta_2)$  be three bitopological spaces. If  $f: X \rightarrow Y$  is  $(\sigma_k, \sigma_l) - M_i O(Y) - (\tau_i, \tau_j)$ -irresolute and  $g: Y \rightarrow Z$  is  $(\eta_m, \eta_n) - M_i O(Z) - (\sigma_k, \sigma_l)$ -irresolute maps, then  $g \circ f: X \rightarrow Z$  is a  $(\eta_m, \eta_n) - M_i O(Z) - (\tau_i, \tau_j)$ -irresolute.

*Proof:* Let  $N$  be any  $(\eta_m, \eta_n)$ -minimal open set in  $Z$ . Since  $g$  is  $(\eta_m, \eta_n) - M_i O(Z) - (\sigma_k, \sigma_l)$ -irresolute,  $g^{-1}(N)$  is a  $(\sigma_k, \sigma_l)$ -minimal open set in  $Y$ . Again since  $f$  is  $(\sigma_k, \sigma_l) - M_i O(Y) - (\tau_i, \tau_j)$ -irresolute,  $f^{-1}(g^{-1}(N)) = (g \circ f)^{-1}(N)$  is a  $(\tau_i, \tau_j)$ -minimal open set in  $X$ . Therefore  $g \circ f$  is a  $(\eta_m, \eta_n) - M_i O(Z) - (\tau_i, \tau_j)$ -irresolute.

**3.36 Theorem:** Let  $(X, \tau_1, \tau_2)$ ,  $(Y, \sigma_1, \sigma_2)$  and  $(Z, \eta_1, \eta_2)$  be three bitopological spaces. If  $f: X \rightarrow Y$  is  $(\sigma_k, \sigma_l) - M_a O(Y) - (\tau_i, \tau_j)$ -irresolute and  $g: Y \rightarrow Z$  is  $(\eta_m, \eta_n) - M_a O(Z) - (\sigma_k, \sigma_l)$ -irresolute maps, then  $g \circ f: X \rightarrow Z$  is a  $(\eta_m, \eta_n) - M_a O(Z) - (\tau_i, \tau_j)$ -irresolute.

*Proof:* Similar to that of Theorem 3.35.

**3.37 Definition:** Let  $i, j, k, l \in \{1, 2\}$  be fixed integers. Let  $(X, \tau_1, \tau_2)$  and  $(Y, \sigma_1, \sigma_2)$  be two bitopological spaces. A map  $f: (X, \tau_1, \tau_2) \rightarrow (Y, \sigma_1, \sigma_2)$  is called

- i) minimal bi-continuous if  $(\sigma_1, \sigma_2) - M_i O(Y) - \tau_1$ -continuous and  $(\sigma_2, \sigma_1) - M_i O(Y) - \tau_2$ -continuous.
- ii) maximal bi-continuous if  $(\sigma_1, \sigma_2) - M_a O(Y) - \tau_1$ -continuous and  $(\sigma_2, \sigma_1) - M_a O(Y) - \tau_2$ -continuous.
- iii) minimal bi-irresolute if  $(\sigma_1, \sigma_2) - M_i O(Y) - (\tau_1, \tau_2)$ -irresolute and  $(\sigma_2, \sigma_1) - M_i O(Y) - (\tau_2, \tau_1)$ -irresolute.
- iv) maximal bi-irresolute if  $(\sigma_1, \sigma_2) - M_a O(Y) - (\tau_1, \tau_2)$ -irresolute and  $(\sigma_2, \sigma_1) - M_a O(Y) - (\tau_2, \tau_1)$ -irresolute.

**3.38 Theorem:** Let  $f: (X, \tau_1, \tau_2) \rightarrow (Y, \sigma_1, \sigma_2)$  be a map.

- i) If  $f$  is bi-continuous then  $f$  is minimal bi-continuous.

- ii) If  $f$  is bi-continuous then  $f$  is maximal bi-continuous.
- iii) If  $f$  is minimal bi-irresolute then  $f$  is minimal bi-continuous.
- iv) If  $f$  is maximal bi-irresolute then  $f$  is maximal bi-continuous.

*Proof:* i) Let  $f : (X, \tau_1, \tau_2) \rightarrow (Y, \sigma_1, \sigma_2)$  be a bi-continuous map. Therefore by definition,  $f$  is  $\tau_1 - \sigma_1$  continuous and  $\tau_2 - \sigma_2$  continuous and so by Theorem 3.3,  $f$  is  $(\sigma_1, \sigma_2) - M_i O(Y) - \tau_1$ -continuous and  $(\sigma_2, \sigma_1) - M_i O(Y) - \tau_2$ -continuous. Thus,  $f$  is a minimal bi-continuous.

- ii) Similar to (i), using Theorem 3.6.
- iii) Let  $f : (X, \tau_1, \tau_2) \rightarrow (Y, \sigma_1, \sigma_2)$  be a minimal bi-irresolute map. Therefore by definition,  $f$  is  $(\sigma_1, \sigma_2) - M_i O(Y) - (\tau_1, \tau_2)$ -irresolute and  $(\sigma_2, \sigma_1) - M_i O(Y) - (\tau_2, \tau_1)$ -irresolute and so by Theorem 3.21,  $f$  is  $(\sigma_1, \sigma_2) - M_i O(Y) - \tau_1$ -continuous and  $(\sigma_2, \sigma_1) - M_i O(Y) - \tau_2$ -continuous. Thus,  $f$  is a minimal bi-continuous.
- iv) Similar to (iii), using Theorem 3.24.

**3.39 Definition:** Let  $i, j, k, l \in \{1, 2\}$  be fixed integers. Let  $(X, \tau_1, \tau_2)$  and  $(Y, \sigma_1, \sigma_2)$  be two bitopological spaces. A map  $f : (X, \tau_1, \tau_2) \rightarrow (Y, \sigma_1, \sigma_2)$  is called

- i) minimal-s-bi-continuous if minimal bi-continuous,  $(\sigma_1, \sigma_2) - M_i O(Y) - \tau_2$ -continuous and  $(\sigma_2, \sigma_1) - M_i O(Y) - \tau_1$ -continuous.
- ii) maximal-s-bi-continuous if maximal bi-continuous,  $(\sigma_1, \sigma_2) - M_a O(Y) - \tau_2$ -continuous and  $(\sigma_2, \sigma_1) - M_a O(Y) - \tau_1$ -continuous.
- iii) minimal-s-bi-irresolute if minimal bi-irresolute,  $(\sigma_1, \sigma_2) - M_i O(Y) - (\tau_2, \tau_1)$ -irresolute and  $(\sigma_2, \sigma_1) - M_i O(Y) - (\tau_1, \tau_2)$ -irresolute.
- iv) maximal-s-bi-irresolute if maximal bi-irresolute,  $(\sigma_1, \sigma_2) - M_a O(Y) - (\tau_2, \tau_1)$ -irresolute and  $(\sigma_2, \sigma_1) - M_a O(Y) - (\tau_1, \tau_2)$ -irresolute.

**3.40 Theorem:** Let  $f : (X, \tau_1, \tau_2) \rightarrow (Y, \sigma_1, \sigma_2)$  be a map.

- i) If  $f$  is minimal-s-bi-continuous then  $f$  is minimal bi-continuous.
- ii) If  $f$  is maximal-s-bi-continuous then  $f$  is maximal bi-continuous.
- iii) If  $f$  is minimal-s-bi-irresolute then  $f$  is minimal bi-irresolute
- iv) If  $f$  is maximal-s-bi-irresolute then  $f$  is maximal bi-irresolute

*Proof:* follows from definitions.

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