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# A New Viewpoint in the Study of Quasi b-components in Bitopological Spaces

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# Abstract

In this paper we introduce and study quasi b-components in bitopological spaces using b-open sets due to Andrijevic in 1996. This concept is obtained by generalizing the idea of quasi-components due to Reilly and Young in 1974.

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### **1** Introduction and Preliminaries

In 1963, Kelly [1] 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 he initiated a systematic study of bitopological spaces. After the works of Kelly on bitopological space, various authors (e.g. [2, 3, 4, 5, 6]) turned their attention to the generalization of various concepts of topology by considering bitopological spaces instead of topological spaces. In 2003, the first author and Abo Khadra [7] extended the concept of b-open sets and b-closed sets to the setting of bitopological spaces. In the present paper we define and study quasi-b-components in bitopological spaces. This is obtained by generalizing the concept of quasi-component in bitopological spaces due to Reilly and Young [8]. For a subset A of X,  $\tau_i$ -Cl(A) (resp.  $\tau_i$ -Int(A)) denotes the closure (resp. interior) of A with respect to  $\tau_i$  for i = 1, 2. However,  $\tau_i$ -Cl(A) and  $\tau_i$ -Int(A) are briefly denoted by Cl<sub>i</sub>(A) and Int<sub>i</sub>(A), respectively, if there is no possibility of confusion. This paper is closely related to [9].

**Definition 1.1.** (see[7]). A subset A of a bitopological space  $(X, \tau_1, \tau_2)$  is said to be:

(a)  $(\tau_i, \tau_j)$ - b-open (briefly (i, j)-b-open) if  $A \subset Int_i(Cl_j(A)) \cup Cl_j(Int_i(A))$ ; (b)  $(\tau_i, \tau_j)$ - b-closed (briefly (i, j)-b-closed) if its complement is (i, j)-b-open, equivalently,  $A \supset Cl_j(Int_i(A)) \cap Int_i(Cl_j(A))$  where  $i \neq j, i, j = 1, 2$ .

**Definition 1.2.** (see[7]). Let A be a subset of a bitopological space  $(X, \tau_1, \tau_2)$ . Then

(a) The intersection of all (i, j)-b-closed sets of  $(X, \tau_1, \tau_2)$  containing A is called the  $(\tau_i, \tau_j)$ -b-closure of A and is denoted by  $(\tau_i, \tau_j)$ -bCl(A) (briefly (i, j)-bCl(A)).

(b) The union of all (i, j)-b-open sets of  $(X, \tau_1, \tau_2)$  contained in A is called the  $(\tau_i, \tau_j)$ -b-interior of A and is denoted by  $(\tau_i, \tau_j) - bInt(A)$  (briefly (i, j) - bInt(A)) where  $i \neq j, i, j = 1, 2$ .

The collection of all (i, j)-b-open sets of a bitopological space  $(X, \tau_1, \tau_2)$  will be denoted by (i, j)-BO(X) for  $i \neq j$  and i, j = 1, 2. A subset A of a bitopological space  $(X, \tau_1, \tau_2)$  is said to be pairwise b-open if it is (1, 2)-b-open and (2, 1)-b-open. Also A is said to be pairwise b-closed if it is (1, 2)-b-closed and (2, 1)-b-closed.

### 2 Quasi-b-components in Bitopological Spaces

In this section we define and study pairwise b-component, pairwise totaly b-disconnected and  $\tau_1$ locally b-connected in bitopological space  $(X, \tau_1, \tau_2)$ .

**Definition 2.1.** A bitopological space  $(X, \tau_1, \tau_2)$  is said to be pairwise b-connected if X cannot be expressed as the union of two non-empty pairwise b-separated sets, where  $A, B \subset X$  are called pairwise b-separated if  $A \cap \tau_1 \setminus bCl(B) = \phi = B \cap \tau_2 \setminus bCl(A)$ .

Remark 2.1. If X can be expressed as the union of two non-empty pairwise b-separated sets A, B. Then we write X = A/B and call this a pairwise b-separation of X.

**Definition 2.2.** Let  $(X, \tau_1, \tau_2)$  be any bitopological space. Define a relation R by  $(x, y) \in R$  if and only if x and y cannot be separated by a pairwise b-separation A/B of X, where  $x, y \in X$ . This is equivalent to saying that for each pairwise b-separation A/B of X either  $x \in A$  and  $y \in A$  or  $x \in B$  and  $y \in B$ . It is easy to see that R is an equivalence relation.

**Definition 2.3.** Let x be any point of a bitopological space  $(X, \tau_1, \tau_2)$ . The equivalence class of x with respect to R is said to be the quasi-b-component of x and is denoted by  $(QB)_x$ .

*Remark* 2.2. A quasi-component of a bitopological space  $(X, \tau_1, \tau_2)$  need not be a quasi semicomponent [9] and consequently need not be a quasi b-component as shown as by the following example.

**Example 2.1.** Let  $X = \{a, b, c\}, \tau_1 = \{X, \phi, \{b\}, \{b, c\}\}$  and  $\tau_2 = \{X, \phi, \{c\}, \{b, c\}\}$ . Let  $A = \{b\}$  and  $B = \{a, c\}$ . Then X = A/B, which is a pairwise b-separation of X. Here  $b \in A$  and  $c \in B$ . Thus b, c do not belong to a quasi b-component of X. But we see that b, c belong to a quasi-component of X, since the points b and c are not (pairwise) separated.

**Theorem 2.1.** A quasi-b-component of a bitopological space  $(X, \tau_1, \tau_2)$  is contained in a quasicomponent.

*Proof.* The proof is obvious in view of the fact that any two pairwise separated sets in  $(X, \tau_1, \tau_2)$  are pairwise b-separated.

Remark 2.3. Reilly and Young [7] have shown that quasi-components of a bitopological space  $(X, \tau_1, \tau_2)$  are not related to the quasi-components of the spaces  $(X, \tau_1)$  and  $(X, \tau_2)$ . Here we take the same example to show that quasi b-components of  $(X, \tau_1, \tau_2)$  are not related to quasi b-components of  $(X, \tau_1)$  and  $(X, \tau_2)$ . The example was:  $X = \{a, b\}, \tau_1 = \{X, \phi, \{a\}\}$  and  $\tau_2 = \{X, \phi, \{b\}\}$ . Clearly  $\{a\}/\{b\}$  is a pairwise b-separation of X and so  $(QB)_a = \{a\}$ . But quasi-b-component of a in both  $(X, \tau_1)$  and  $(X, \tau_2)$  is X.

**Definition 2.4.** A subset Y of a bitopological space  $(X, \tau_1, \tau_2)$  is said to be pairwise b-connected if Y cannot be expressed as the union of two non-empty pairwise b-separated sets in X.

**Definition 2.5.** Let  $(X, \tau_1, \tau_2)$  be any bitopological space. Then a maximal pairwise b-connected set in X is called a b-component of X and if x belongs to this b-component say (B.C.), then it will be denoted by B.C.(x).

**Theorem 2.2.** In a bitopological space  $(X, \tau_1, \tau_2)$ , every quasi b-component is the union of the b-components of its points.

Proof. Let  $(QB)_x$  be a quasi b-component of X containing x. We are to show that  $(QB)_x = \cup \{B.C.(q) : q \in (QB)_x\}$ , where, B.C.(q) denote b-components in  $(X, \tau_1, \tau_2)$ . Let  $y \in B.C.(q)$ . Then  $(y,q) \in R$ . But  $q \in (QB)_x$ , therefore  $(q,x) \in R$  and so  $(y,x) \in R$ . This implies that  $y \in (QB)_x$ . Hence,  $B.C.(q) \subset (QB)_x$  for each  $q \in (QB)_x$ . This means that  $\cup [B.C.(q) : q \in (QB)_x] \subset (QB)_x$ . The inclusion  $(QB)_x \subset \cup [B.C.(q) : q \in (QB)_x]$  is clear.

**Theorem 2.3.** The following statements are true for any bitopological space  $(X, \tau_1, \tau_2)$ . (i) Every b-component is contained in a quasi b-component. (ii) Every quasi b-component is a union of b-components.

(iii) A quasi-b-component is a b-component if and only if it is pairwise b-connected.

*Proof.* Follows directly from Theorem 2.11.

**Definition 2.6.** A bitopological space  $(X, \tau_1, \tau_2)$  is said to be pairwise totally b-disconnected if each pair of points of X can be separated by a pairwise b-separation of X.

**Theorem 2.4.** A bitopological space  $(X, \tau_1, \tau_2)$  is pairwise totally b-disconnected if and only if quasi-b-components of X are singletons.

Proof. Obvious.

**Definition 2.7.** (EL-Atik [10]) A function  $f : (X, \tau_1) \to (Y, \tau_2)$  is said to be b-irresolute if the inverse image of every b-open set is b-open.

**Theorem 2.5.** Let  $f : (X, \tau_1, \tau_2) \to (X, \tau_1^*, \tau_2^*)$  be a pairwise b-irresolute pairwise open surjection. Then the image of a quasi b-component of X lies in a quasi b-component of Y.

*Proof.* The proof is obvious in view of Theorem 2.11.

**Definition 2.8.** Let  $(X, \tau_1, \tau_2)$  be a bitopological space. Then X is said to be  $\tau_1$ -locally b-connected with respect to  $\tau_2$  if for each  $x \in X$  and every  $\tau_1$ -b-open set U containing x, there exists a pairwise b-connected  $\tau_1$ -open set G such that  $x \in G \subset U$ . A bitopological space  $(X, \tau_1, \tau_2)$  is said to be pairwise locally b-connected if it is  $\tau_1$ -locally b-connected with respect to  $\tau_2$  and  $\tau_2$ -locally b-connected with respect to  $\tau_1$ .

**Theorem 2.6.** If a bitopological space  $(X, \tau_1, \tau_2)$  is pairwise locally b-connected, then the b-components of X are bi-b-closed.

**Theorem 2.7.** In a pairwise locally b-connected space  $(X, \tau_1, \tau_2)$  , each quasi b-component is a b-component.

*Proof.* Let  $(X, \tau_1, \tau_2)$  be a pairwise locally b-connected space and let  $x \in X$ . Then with the usual notations of quasi b-components of X, we have  $(QB)_x = \bigcup \{B.C.(g) : g \in (QB)_x\}$ . Clearly,  $B.C.(x) \subset (QB)_x$ . We claim that  $(QB)_x = B.C.(x)$ . Let  $y \in (QB)_x \setminus B.C.(x)$ . Since B.C.(x) is  $\tau_1$ -open and  $\tau_1$ -b-closed (Theorem 2.18), therefore,  $X = B.C.(x)/[X \setminus B.C.(x)]$  is a pairwise b-separation of X with  $x \in B.C.(x)$  and  $y \in X \setminus B.C.(x)$ . Thus  $y \notin (QB)_x$ , which is a contradiction. Hence  $(QB)_x = B.C.(x)$ .

**Theorem 2.8.** If x is any point of a bitopological space  $(X, \tau_1, \tau_2)$ ,  $\{W_a : a \in A\}$  is the family of all  $\tau_1$ -b-open  $\tau_2$ -b-closed sets containing x, and  $\{V_b : b \in B\}$  is the family of all  $\tau_1$ -b-closed  $\tau_2$ -b-open sets containing x, then  $(QB)_x = (\bigcap_a W_a) \bigcap (\bigcap_b V_b)$ .

*Proof.* Follows directly from the above definitions.

**Corollary 2.1.** Any quasi-b-component  $(QB)_x$  of a bitopological space  $(X, \tau_1, \tau_2)$  satisfies the relation:  $(QB)_x = \tau_1 - bCl[(QB)_x] \cap \tau_2 - bCl[(QB)_x]$ .

*Proof.* With the notations of Theorem 2.20,  $\bigcap_b V_b$  is a  $\tau_1 - b$ -closed set containing  $(QB)_x$ , so that  $\tau_1 - bCl[(QB)_x] \subset \bigcap_b V_b$ . Similarly  $\tau_2 - bCl[(QB)_x] \subset \bigcap_a W_a$ . Hence  $\tau_1 - bCl[(QB)_x] \cap \tau_2 - [(QB)_x] \subset (\bigcap_a W_a) \cap (\bigcap_b V_b) = (QB)_x$ . Obviously,  $(QB)_x \subset \tau_1 - bCl[(QB)_x] \cap \tau_2 - bCl[(QB)_x]$  and so the relation is satisfied.

## 3 Conclusion

Some bitopological concepts and their characterizations are obtained. Therefore the results of Arya and Nour [9] are improvements.

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