

## Connectedness in Ideal Bitopological Spaces

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**Abstract.** In this paper we study the notion of connectedness in ideal bitopological spaces.

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### 1. Introduction

In 1961 Kelly [7] introduced the concept of bitopological spaces as an extension of topological spaces. A bitopological space  $(X, \square_1, \square_2)$  is a nonempty set  $X$  equipped with two topologies  $\square_1$  and  $\square_2$  [7]

The notion of ideal in topological spaces was studied by Kuratowski [8] and Vaidyanathaswamy [13]. Applications to various fields were further investigated by Jankovic and Hamlett [6]; Dontchev [2]; Mukherjee [9]; Arenas [1]; Navaneethkrishnan [11]; Nasef and Mahmoud [10], etc.

The purpose of this paper is to introduce and study the notion of connectedness in ideal bitopological spaces. We study the notions of pairwise \*-connected ideal bitopological spaces, pairwise \*-separated sets, pairwise \*-s-connected sets and pairwise \*-connected sets in ideal bitopological spaces.

### 2. Preliminaries

An ideal  $\mathbf{I}$  on a topological space  $(X, \square)$  is a nonempty collection of subsets of  $X$  which satisfies

- i.  $A \in \mathbf{I}$  and  $B \subset A \Rightarrow B \in \mathbf{I}$  and
- ii.  $A \in \mathbf{I}$  and  $B \in \mathbf{I} \Rightarrow A \cup B \in \mathbf{I}$

An ideal topological space is a topological space  $(X, \square)$  with an ideal  $\mathbf{I}$  on  $X$ , and is denoted by  $(X, \square, \mathbf{I})$ . Given an ideal topological space  $(X, \square, \mathbf{I})$  and if  $\mathcal{P}(X)$  is the set of all subsets of  $X$ , a set operator,

$(.)^*: \mathcal{P}(X) \rightarrow \mathcal{P}(X)$  is called the local mapping [7] of  $A$  with respect to  $\square$  and  $\mathbf{I}$  and is defined as follows: For  $A \subset X$   $A^*(\square, \mathbf{I}) = \{x \in X \mid \bigcup \cap A \notin \mathbf{I}, \forall U \in \square, \text{ where } x \in U\}$ .

A Kuratowski closure operator  $Cl^*(.)$  for a topology  $\tau^*(\square, \mathbf{I})$ , called the \*-topology, finer than  $\tau$ , is defined by  $Cl^*(A) = A \cup A^*(\square, \mathbf{I})$  [6]. Without ambiguity, we write  $A^*$  for  $A^*(\square, \mathbf{I})$  and  $\tau^*$  for  $\tau^*(\square, \mathbf{I})$ . For any ideal space  $(X, \square, \mathbf{I})$ , the collection  $\{\bigvee J: \bigvee \in \square \text{ and } J \in \mathbf{I}\}$  is a basis for  $\square^*$ .

**Definition 2.1.** [3] An ideal topological space  $(X, \square, \mathbf{I})$

is called \*-connected [3] if  $X$  cannot be written as the disjoint union of a nonempty open set and a nonempty \*-open set.

Recall that [6] if  $(X, \tau, \mathbf{I})$  is an ideal topological space and  $A$  is a subset of  $X$ , then  $(A, \tau_A, \mathbf{I}_A)$ , where  $\tau_A$  is the relative topology on  $A$  and  $\mathbf{I}_A = \{A \cap J: J \in \mathbf{I}\}$  is an ideal topological space

**Definition 2.2.** [3] A subset  $A$  of an ideal topological space  $(X, \square, \mathbf{I})$  is called \*-connected if  $(A, \tau_A, \mathbf{I}_A)$  is \*-connected.

**Lemma 2.1.** [6] Let  $(X, \square, \mathbf{I})$  be an ideal topological space and  $B \subset A \subset X$ . Then,  $B^*(\tau_A, \mathbf{I}_A) = B^*(\tau, \mathbf{I}) \cap A$ .

**Lemma 2.2.** [4] Let  $(X, \square, \mathbf{I})$  be an ideal topological space and  $B \subset A \subset X$ . Then  $Cl_A^*(B) = Cl^*(B) \cap A$ .

**Definition 2.3.** [3] A subset  $A$  of an ideal space  $(X, \square, \mathbf{I})$  is said to be \*-dense [2] if  $Cl^*(A) = X$ . An ideal space  $(X, \square, \mathbf{I})$  is said to be [3] \*-hyperconnected if  $A$  is \*-dense for every open subset  $A \neq \phi$  of  $X$ .

**Lemma 2.3.** [2] Let  $(X, \square, \mathbf{I})$  be an ideal topological space. For each  $\bigvee \in \square^*$ ,  $\tau_{\bigvee}^* = (\tau_{\bigvee})^*$ .

**Lemma 2.4.** [3] Let  $(X, \square, \mathbf{I})$  be a topological space,  $A \subset Y \subset X$  and  $Y \in \tau$ . Then  $A$  is \*-open in  $Y$  is equivalent to  $A$  is \*-open in  $X$

**Proof:**  $A$  is \*-open in  $Y \Rightarrow A$  is \*-open in  $X$ . Since  $Y \in \tau \subset \tau^*$  by Lemma 6,  $A$  is \*-open in  $X$ .  $A$  is \*-open in  $X \Rightarrow A$  is \*-open in  $Y$  for if  $A$  is \*-open in  $X$ . By Lemma 6,  $A = A \cap Y$  is \*-open in  $Y$ .

**Definition 2.4.** [7] A bitopological space  $(X, \square_1, \square_2, \mathbf{I})$  is an ideal bitopological space where  $\mathbf{I}$  is defined on a bitopological space  $(X, \square_1, \square_2)$ .

Throughout the present paper,  $(X, \tau_1, \tau_2, \mathcal{I})$  will denote a bitopological space with no assumed separation properties. For a subset A of a bitopological space  $(X, \tau_1, \tau_2, \mathcal{I})$ ,  $Cl(A)$  and  $Int(A)$  will denote the closure and interior of A in  $(X, \tau_1, \tau_2, \mathcal{I})$ , respectively.

### 3. Connectedness in Ideal Bitopological Spaces

**Definition 3.1.** An ideal bitopological space  $(X, \tau_1, \tau_2, \mathcal{I})$  is called pairwise  $\ast$ -connected [3] if X cannot be written as the disjoint union of a nonempty  $\tau_i$  open set and a nonempty  $\tau_j^\ast$ -open set.  $\{i, j = 1, 2; i \neq j\}$

**Remark 3.1.** Since every  $\tau_i$  open ( $\tau_j$  open) set is  $\tau_i^\ast$  (respectively  $\tau_j^\ast$  open). It follows that every pairwise  $\ast$ -connected ideal bitopological space is pairwise connected but the converse may not be true.

**Definition 3.2.** [3] An ideal bitopological space  $(X, \tau_1, \tau_2, \mathcal{I})$  is said to be pairwise hyperconnected if A is  $\tau_j^\ast$  dense for every  $\tau_i$  open set  $A \neq \emptyset$  of X

**Definition 3.3.** A subset A of an ideal bitopological space  $(X, \tau_1, \tau_2, \mathcal{I})$  is called pairwise  $\ast$ -connected if  $(A, (\tau_1)_A, (\tau_2)_A, \mathcal{I}_A)$  is pairwise  $\ast$ -connected.

**Definition 3.4.** Nonempty subsets A, B of an ideal bitopological space  $(X, \tau_1, \tau_2, \mathcal{I})$  are called pairwise  $\ast$ -separated if  $\tau_i Cl^\ast(A) \cap B = A \cap \tau_j Cl(B) = \emptyset$ .

**Theorem 3.1.** Let  $(X, \tau_1, \tau_2, \mathcal{I})$  be an ideal bitopological space. If A, B are pairwise  $\ast$ -separated sets of X and  $A \cup B \in \tau_1 \cap \tau_2$  then A is  $\tau_i$  open and B is  $\tau_j^\ast$ -open.  $\{i, j = 1, 2; i \neq j\}$

**Proof:** Since A and B are pairwise  $\ast$ -separated in X, then  $B = (A \cup B) \cap (X - Cl^\ast(A))$ . Since  $A \cup B$  is biopen and  $\tau_j Cl^\ast(A)$  is  $\tau_j^\ast$ -closed in X, B is  $\tau_j^\ast$ -open in X. Similarly  $A = (A \cup B) \cap (X - Cl^\ast(B))$  and we obtain that A is  $\tau_i$  open in X.

**Theorem 3.2.** Let  $(X, \tau_1, \tau_2, \mathcal{I})$  be an ideal bitopological space and  $A, B \subset Y \subset X$ . Then A and B are pairwise  $\ast$ -separated in Y if and only if A, B are pairwise  $\ast$ -separated in X

**Proof:** It follows from Lemma 2 that  $\tau_i Cl^\ast(A) \cap B = A \cap \tau_j Cl(B) = \emptyset$ .

**Theorem 3.3.** If  $f: (X, \tau_1, \tau_2, \mathcal{I}) \rightarrow (Y, \tau_1, \tau_2)$  is a pairwise continuous onto mapping. Then if  $(X, \tau_1, \tau_2, \mathcal{I})$  is a pairwise  $\ast$ -connected ideal bitopological space  $(Y, \tau_1, \tau_2)$  is also pairwise connected.

**Proof:** It is known that connectedness is preserved by continuous surjections. Hence every pairwise  $\ast$ -connected space is connected and the proof is obvious.

**Definition 3.5.** A subset A of an ideal bitopological space  $(X, \tau_1, \tau_2, \mathcal{I})$  is called pairwise  $\ast_s$ -connected if A is not the union of two pairwise  $\ast$ -separated sets in  $(X, \tau_1, \tau_2, \mathcal{I})$

**Theorem 3.4.** Let Y be a biopen subset of an ideal bitopological space  $(X, \tau_1, \tau_2, \mathcal{I})$   $\{i, j = 1, 2; i \neq j\}$  The following are equivalent:

i. Y is pairwise  $\ast_s$ -connected in  $(X, \tau_1, \tau_2, \mathcal{I})$

ii. Y is pairwise  $\ast$ -connected in  $(X, \tau_1, \tau_2, \mathcal{I})$

**Proof:**  $i) \Rightarrow ii)$  Let Y be pairwise  $\ast_s$ -connected in  $(X, \tau_1, \tau_2, \mathcal{I})$  and suppose that Y is not pairwise  $\ast$ -connected in  $(X, \tau_1, \tau_2, \mathcal{I})$ . There exist non empty disjoint  $\tau_i$  open set A, in Y and  $\tau_j^\ast$  open set B in Y s.t  $Y = A \cup B$ . Since Y is open in X, by Lemma 2.4 A and B are  $\tau_i$  open and  $\tau_j^\ast$  open in X, respectively. Since A and B are disjoint, then  $\tau_i Cl^\ast(A) \cap B = \emptyset = A \cap \tau_j Cl(B)$ . This implies that A, B are pairwise  $\ast$ -separated sets in X. Thus, Y is not pairwise  $\ast_s$ -connected in  $(X, \tau_1, \tau_2, \mathcal{I})$ . Hence we arrive at a contradiction and Y is pairwise  $\ast$ -connected in  $(X, \tau_1, \tau_2, \mathcal{I})$ .

$ii) \Rightarrow i)$  Suppose Y is not pairwise  $\ast_s$ -connected in  $(X, \tau_1, \tau_2, \mathcal{I})$ . There exist two pairwise  $\ast$ -separated sets A, B s.t  $Y = A \cup B$ . By Theorem 3.1, A and B are  $\tau_i$  open and  $\tau_j^\ast$ -open in Y, respectively  $\{i, j = 1, 2; i \neq j\}$ . By Lemma 2.4, A and B are  $\tau_i$  open and  $\tau_j^\ast$ -open in X respectively. Since A and B are  $\ast$ -separated in X, then A and B are nonempty and disjoint. Thus, Y is not pairwise  $\ast$ -connected. This is a contradiction.

**Theorem 3.5.** Let  $(X, \tau_1, \tau_2, \mathcal{I})$  be an ideal bitopological space. If A is a pairwise  $\ast_s$ -connected set of X and H, G are pairwise  $\ast$ -separated sets of X with  $A \subset H \cup G$ , then either  $A \subset H$  or  $A \subset G$ .  $\{i, j = 1, 2; i \neq j\}$

**Proof:** Let  $A \subset H \cup G$ . Since  $A = (A \cap H) \cup (A \cap G)$ , then  $(A \cap G) \cap \tau_i Cl^\ast(A \cap H) \subset G \cap Cl^\ast(H) = \emptyset$ . By similar reasoning, we have  $(A \cap H) \cap \tau_j Cl(A \cap G) \subset H \cap Cl^\ast(G) = \emptyset$ . Suppose that  $A \cap H$  and  $A \cap G$  are nonempty. Then A is not pairwise  $\ast_s$ -connected. This is a contradiction. Thus, either  $A \cap H = \emptyset$  or  $A \cap G = \emptyset$  This implies that  $A \subset H$  or  $A \subset G$

**Theorem 3.6.** If A is a pairwise  $\ast_s$ -connected set of an ideal bitopological space  $(X, \tau_1, \tau_2, \mathcal{I})$  and

$A \subset B \subset \tau_1 Cl^*(A) \cap \tau_2 Cl(B)$  then B is pairwise \*s-connected  $\{i, j = 1, 2; i \neq j\}$ .

**Proof:** Suppose B is not pairwise \*s-connected. There exist pairwise \*-separated sets H and G of X such that  $B = H \cup G$ . This implies that H and G are nonempty and  $\tau_1 Cl^*(H) \cap G = H \cap \tau_2 Cl(G) = \emptyset$ . By Theorem 3.5, we have either  $A \subset H$  or  $A \subset G$ . Suppose that  $A \subset H$ . Then  $Cl^*(A) \subset Cl^*(H)$  and  $G \cap Cl^*(A) = \emptyset$ . This implies that  $G \subset B \subset Cl^*(A)$  and  $G = Cl^*(A) \cap G = \emptyset$ . Thus, G is an empty set for if G is nonempty, this is a contradiction. Suppose that  $A \subset G$ . By similar way, it follows that H is empty. This is a contradiction. Hence, B is pairwise \*s-connected.

**Corollary 3.1.** If A is a pairwise \*s-connected set in an ideal bitopological space  $(X, \square_1, \square_2, \mathcal{I})$  then  $\tau_1 Cl^*(A)$  is pairwise \*s-connected.

**Theorem 3.7.** If  $\{M_i : i \in N\}$  is a nonempty family of pairwise \*s-connected sets of an ideal space  $(X, \square_1, \square_2, \mathcal{I})$  with  $\bigcap_{i \in I} M_i \neq \emptyset$  Then  $\bigcup_{i \in I} M_i$  is pairwise \*s-connected.

**Proof:** Suppose that  $\bigcup_{i \in I} M_i$  is not pairwise \*s-connected. Then we have  $\bigcup_{i \in I} M_i = H \cup G$ , where H and G are pairwise \*-separated sets in X. Since  $\bigcap_{i \in I} M_i \neq \emptyset$  we have a point  $x \in \bigcap_{i \in I} M_i$ . Since  $x \in \bigcup_{i \in I} M_i$ , either  $x \in H$  or  $x \in G$ . Suppose that  $x \in H$ . Since  $x \in M_i$  for each  $i \in N$ , then  $M_i$  and H intersect for each  $i \in N$ . By theorem 3.5;  $M_i \subset H$  or  $M_i \subset G$ . Since H and G are disjoint,  $M_i \subset H$  for all  $i \in Z$  and hence  $\bigcup_{i \in I} M_i \subset H$ . This implies that G is empty. This is a contradiction. Suppose that  $x \in G$ . By similar way, we have that H is empty. This is a contradiction. Thus,  $\bigcup_{i \in I} M_i$  is pairwise \*s-connected.

**Theorem 3.8.** Suppose that  $\{M_n : n \in N\}$  is an infinite sequence of pairwise \*-connected open sets of an ideal space  $(X, \square_1, \square_2, \mathcal{I})$  and  $M_n \cap M_{n+1} \neq \emptyset$  for each  $n \in N$ . Then  $\bigcup_{i \in I} M_i$  is pairwise \*connected.

**Proof:** By induction and Theorems 3.4 and 3.7, the set  $N_n = \bigcup_{k \leq n} M_k$  is a pairwise \*-connected open set for each  $n \in N$ . Also,  $N_n$  have a nonempty intersection. Thus, by Theorems 13 and 17,  $\bigcup_{n \in N} M_n$  is pairwise \*s-connected

**Definition 3.6.** Let X be an ideal bitopological space  $(X, \square_1, \square_2, \mathcal{I})$  and  $x \in X$ . The union of all pairwise \*s-connected subsets of X containing x is called the pairwise \*-component of X containing x.

**Theorem 3.9.** Each pairwise \*-component of an ideal bitopological space  $(X, \square_1, \square_2, \mathcal{I})$  is a maximal pairwise \*s connected set of X.

**Theorem 3.10.** The set of all distinct pairwise \*-components of an ideal bitopological space  $(X, \square_1, \square_2, \mathcal{I})$  forms a partition of X

**Proof:** Let A and B be two distinct pairwise \*-components of X. Suppose that A and B intersect. Then, by Theorem 3.7,  $A \cup B$  is pairwise \*s-connected in X. Since  $A \subset A \cup B$ , then A is not maximal. Thus, A and B are disjoint.

**Theorem 3.11.** Each pairwise \*-component of an ideal bitopological space  $(X, \square_1, \square_2, \mathcal{I})$  is pairwise \*-closed in X.

**Proof:** Let A be a pairwise \*-component of X. By Corollary 3.1,  $\tau_1 Cl^*(A)$  is pairwise \*s-connected and  $A = \tau_1 Cl^*(A)$ . Thus, A is pairwise \*-closed in X.

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