

## On Feebly-Locally Open Sets in Bitopological Spaces

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ABSTRACT. In this paper a new class of sets namely feebly-locally open sets (in short  $fLO$ -sets),  $fLO^*$  sets,  $fLO^{**}$  sets in bitopological spaces are introduced. Some examples are provided to illustrate the behaviour of these new class of sets.

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### 1 Introduction

In 1963, Kelly [3] defined a bitopological space  $(X, \tau_1, \tau_2)$  to be a set  $X$  equipped with two topologies  $\tau_1, \tau_2$  on  $X$  and he initiated a systematic study of bitopological spaces. The study of locally closed set in a bitopological space was introduced by Kuratowski and Sierpinski [4]. According to Bourbaki [1], a subset  $A$  of a topological space  $X$  is called locally closed in  $X$  if it is the intersection of an open set and a closed set in  $X$ . Recently Maheswari S.N. and Jain P.C., introduced and studied  $f$ -open sets in topological spaces. In this paper a new class of sets namely feebly-locally open sets (in short  $fLO$  sets),  $fLO^*$  sets,  $fLO^{**}$  sets in bitopological spaces are introduced and obtained several characterizations.

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## 2 Preliminaries

Throughout this paper  $X$  represent a non-empty bitopological spaces  $(X, \tau_1, \tau_2)$  on which no separation axioms are assumed unless explicitly mentioned. For a subset  $A$  of  $X$ ,  $\tau_i\text{-cl}(A)$  (respectively.  $\tau_i\text{int}(A)$ ) denotes the closure (respectively. interior) of  $A$  with respect to  $\tau_i$  for  $i = 1, 2$ .

Let us recall the following definitions which are used in the sequel.

**Definition 2.1** A subset  $A$  of a topological space  $(X, \tau)$  is called semi open[5] if  $A \subseteq \text{cl}(\text{int}(A))$ . The complement of semi open set is called semi closed set. The intersection of all semi closed sets containing  $A$  is called the semi closure[2] of  $A$  and is denoted by  $\text{scl}(A)$ .

**Definition 2.2** A subset  $A$  of a topological space  $(X, \tau)$  is called locally closed set[7] (briefly, lc) [8] if  $A = U \cap F$  where  $U$  is open and  $F$  is closed in  $X$ .

**Definition 2.3** A subset  $A$  of a topological space  $(X, \tau)$  is said to be feebly open[6](f-open) (respectively. feebly closed) if  $A \subset \text{scl}(\text{int}(A))$  (respectively.  $\text{sint}(\text{cl}(A)) \supset A$ ).

## 3 Feebly-Locally Open Sets in Bitopological Spaces

In this section the notion of locally open sets (in short  $LO$  sets), feebly-locally open sets(in short  $fLO$ sets),  $fLO^*$  sets,  $fLO^{**}$  sets in bitopological spaces are introduced.

**Definition 3.1** A subset  $A$  of a bitopological space  $(X, \tau_1, \tau_2)$  is called  $(\tau_1, \tau_2)$ -locally open (briefly,  $(\tau_1, \tau_2)$ - $LO$ ) set if  $A = G \cup F$  where  $G$  is  $\tau_1$ -closed and  $F$  is  $\tau_2$ -open in  $(X, \tau_1, \tau_2)$ .

**Definition 3.2** A subset  $A$  of a bitopological space  $(X, \tau_1, \tau_2)$  is called a  $(\tau_1, \tau_2)$ -feebly-locally open (briefly,  $(\tau_1, \tau_2)$ - $fLO$ ) set if  $A = G \cup F$  where  $G$  is  $\tau_1$ - $f$ -closed and  $F$  is  $\tau_2$ - $f$ -open in  $(X, \tau_1, \tau_2)$ .

**Definition 3.3** A subset  $A$  of a bitopological space  $(X, \tau_1, \tau_2)$  is called a  $(\tau_1, \tau_2)$ - $fLO^*$  (briefly,  $(\tau_1, \tau_2)$ - $fLO^*$ ) if there exist a  $\tau_1$ - $f$ -closed set  $G$  and  $F$  is  $\tau_2$ -open set  $F$  of  $(X, \tau_1, \tau_2)$  such that  $A = G \cup F$ .

**Definition 3.4** A subset  $A$  of a bitopological space  $(X, \tau_1, \tau_2)$  is called a  $(\tau_1, \tau_2)$ - $fLO^{**}$  (briefly,  $(\tau_1, \tau_2)$ - $fLO^{**}$ ) if there exist a  $\tau_1$ -closed set  $G$  and  $\tau_2$ - $f$ open set  $F$  of  $(X, \tau_1, \tau_2)$  such that  $A = G \cup F$ .

The collection of all  $(\tau_1, \tau_2)$ - $LO$ (respectively  $(\tau_1, \tau_2)$ - $fLO$ ,  $(\tau_1, \tau_2)$ - $fLO^*$ ,  $(\tau_1, \tau_2)$ - $fLO^{**}$  sets of  $(\tau_1, \tau_2)$ ) will be denoted by  $(\tau_1, \tau_2)$ - $LO(X)$  (respectively  $(\tau_1, \tau_2)$ - $fLO(X)$ ,  $(\tau_1, \tau_2)$ - $fLO^*(X)$ ,  $(\tau_1, \tau_2)$ - $fLO^{**}(X)$ ).

**Theorem 3.1** Let  $A$  be a subset of a space  $(X, \tau_1, \tau_2)$ . Then if  $A \in (\tau_1, \tau_2)$ - $LO(X)$

- a)  $A \in (\tau_1, \tau_2)$ - $fLO^*(X)$ .
- b)  $A \in (\tau_1, \tau_2)$ - $fLO^{**}(X)$ .

*Proof.* (a) Since  $A \in (\tau_1, \tau_2)$ - $LO(X)$ , there exist a  $\tau_1$ -closed set  $G$  and a  $\tau_2$ -open set  $F$  such that  $A = G \cup F$ . Since  $G$  is  $\tau_1$ -closed, we have  $G \subset \text{scl}(\text{int}(G))$ . Therefore  $G$  is  $\tau_1$ - $f$ -closed. Thus  $A = G \cup F$ , where  $G$  is  $\tau_1$ - $f$ -closed and  $F$  is  $\tau_2$ -open. Hence  $A \in (\tau_1, \tau_2)$ - $fLO^*(X)$ .

(b) Let  $A \in (\tau_1, \tau_2)\text{-}LO(X)$ . Then we have  $A = G \cup F$ , where  $G$  is  $\tau_1$ -closed and  $F$  is  $\tau_2$ -open. Since  $F$  is  $\tau_2$ -open, we have  $\text{int}(cl(F)) \supset F$ . Therefore  $F$  is  $\tau_2$ - $f$ -open. Now we have  $A = G \cup F$ , where  $G$  is  $\tau_1$ -closed and  $F$  is  $\tau_2$ - $f$ -open. Hence  $A \in (\tau_1, \tau_2)\text{-}fLO^{**}(X)$ . This completes the proof.  $\square$

**Remark 3.1** The converse of the Theorem 3.1 is not necessarily true. It is clear from the following example.

**Example 3.1** Let  $X = \{a, b, c\}$ ,  $\tau_1 = \{X, \phi, \{a\}, \{a, b\}\}$ ,  $\tau_2 = \{X, \phi, \{a\}, \{a, c\}\}$ . Then the subset  $\{b\} \in (\tau_1, \tau_2)\text{-}fLO^*(X)$ , but  $\{b\} \notin (\tau_1, \tau_2)\text{-}LO(X)$ , and  $\{a, b\} \in (\tau_1, \tau_2)\text{-}fLO^{**}(X)$  but  $\{a, b\} \notin (\tau_1, \tau_2)\text{-}fLO(X)$ .

**Theorem 3.2.** Let  $A$  be a subset of the bitopological space  $(X, \tau_1, \tau_2)$ . If  $A \in (\tau_1, \tau_2)\text{-}fLO^*(X)$ , then  $A \in (\tau_1, \tau_2)\text{-}fLO(X)$ .

*Proof.* Let  $A \in (\tau_1, \tau_2)\text{-}fLO^*(X)$ . Then there exists a  $\tau_1$ - $f$ -closed set  $R$  and a  $\tau_2$ -open set  $S$  such that  $A = R \cup S$ . Since  $S$  is  $\tau_2$ -open we have  $S \subset \text{int}(cl(A))$ . Thus  $S$  is  $\tau_2$ - $f$ -open set. Therefore there exist a  $\tau_1$ - $f$ -closed set  $R$  and a  $\tau_2$ - $f$ -open set  $S$  such that  $A = R \cup S$ . Hence  $A \in (\tau_1, \tau_2)\text{-}fLO(X)$ .  $\square$

**Remark 3.2** The converse of the Theorem 3.2 is not necessarily true. It is clear from the following example.

**Example 3.2** Let  $X = \{a, b, c\}$ ,  $\tau_1 = \{X, \phi, \{a\}, \{c\}, \{a, c\}, \{b, c\}\}$ ,  $\tau_2 = \{X, \phi, \{a\}\}$ . Then the subset  $\{a, c\} \in (\tau_1, \tau_2)\text{-}fLO(X)$  but  $\{a, c\} \notin (\tau_1, \tau_2)\text{-}LO^*(X)$ .

**Theorem 3.3** Let  $A$  be a subset of the bitopological space  $(X, \tau_1, \tau_2)$ . If  $A \in (\tau_1, \tau_2)\text{-}fLO^{**}(X)$  then  $A \in (\tau_1, \tau_2)\text{-}fLO(X)$ .

*Proof.* The Proof is easy. so omitted.  $\square$

**Remark 3.3** The converse of the Theorem 3.3 is not necessarily true. It follows from the following example.

**Example 3.3** Let  $X = \{a, b, c\}$ ,  $\tau_1 = \{X, \phi, \{a\}, \{a, b\}\}$ ,  $\tau_2 = \{X, \phi, \{a\}, \{a, c\}\}$ . Then the subset  $\{b\} \in (\tau_1, \tau_2)\text{-}fLO(X)$  but  $\{b\} \notin (\tau_1, \tau_2)\text{-}fLO^{**}(X)$ .

## 4 Characterisation

**Theorem 4.1** Let  $R$  and  $S$  be any two subsets of a space  $(X, \tau_1, \tau_2)$ . If  $R \in (\tau_1, \tau_2)\text{-}fLO(X)$  and  $S$  is  $\tau_1$ - $f$ -closed and  $\tau_2$ - $f$ -open then  $R \cap S \in (\tau_1, \tau_2)\text{-}fLO(X)$ .

*Proof.* Since  $R \in (\tau_1, \tau_2)\text{-}fLO(X)$  then there exists a  $\tau_1$ - $f$ -closed set  $A$  and  $\tau_2$ - $f$ -open set  $S$  such that  $R = A \cup B$ . We have  $R \cap S = (A \cup B) \cap S = (A \cap S) \cup (B \cap S)$ . Since  $S$  is  $\tau_1$ - $f$ -closed, then  $A \cap S$  is  $\tau_1$ - $f$ -closed. Since  $S$  is  $\tau_2$ - $f$ -open,  $B \cap S$  is  $\tau_2$ - $f$ -open. Then there exist a  $\tau_1$ - $f$ -closed set  $A \cap S$  and a  $\tau_2$ - $f$ -open set  $B \cap S$  such that  $R \cap S = (A \cap S) \cup (B \cap S)$ . Hence  $R \cap S \in (\tau_1, \tau_2)\text{-}fLO(X)$ .  $\square$

**Theorem 4.2** Let  $A \in (\tau_1, \tau_2)\text{-}fLO^*(X)$  and  $B$  be a  $\tau_1$ -closed and  $\tau_2$ -open subsets of  $(X, \tau_1, \tau_2)$ , then  $A \cap B \in (\tau_1, \tau_2)\text{-}fLO^*(X)$ .

*Proof.* Since  $A \in (\tau_1, \tau_2)\text{-}fLO^*(X)$ . Then there exist  $\tau_1$ - $f$ -closed set  $R$  and  $\tau_2$ -open  $S$  such that  $A = R \cup S$ . We have  $A \cap B = (R \cup S) \cap B = (R \cap B) \cup (S \cap B)$ . Since  $B$  is  $\tau_1$ -closed,  $R \cap B$  is  $\tau_1$ - $f$ -closed.

Further  $B$  is  $\tau_2$ -open, therefore  $S \cap B$  is  $\tau_2$ -open. Thus there exists a  $\tau_1$ - $f$ -closed set  $R \cap B$  and a  $\tau_2$ -open set  $S \cap B$  such that  $A \cap B = (R \cap B) \cup (S \cap B)$ . Hence  $A \cap B \in (\tau_1, \tau_2)$ - $fLO^*(X)$ .  $\square$

**Theorem 4.3** Let  $A \in (\tau_1, \tau_2)$ - $fLO^{**}(X)$  and  $B$  is  $\tau_1$ -closed and  $\tau_2$ -open subsets of  $(X, \tau_1, \tau_2)$ , then  $A \cap B \in (\tau_1, \tau_2)$ - $fLO^{**}(X)$ .

*Proof.* Since  $A \in (\tau_1, \tau_2)$ - $fLO^{**}(X)$ . Then there exist  $\tau_1$ -closed set  $R$  and  $\tau_2$ - $f$ -open  $S$  such that  $A = R \cup S$ . We have  $A \cap B = (R \cup S) \cap B = (R \cap B) \cup (S \cap B)$ . Since  $B$  is  $\tau_1$ -closed,  $R \cap B$  is  $\tau_1$ -closed.

Again  $B$  is  $\tau_2$ -open, therefore  $S \cap B$  is  $\tau_2$ - $f$ -open. Then there exists a  $\tau_1$ -closed set  $R \cap B$  and a  $\tau_2$ - $f$ -open set  $S \cap B$  such that  $A \cap B = (R \cap B) \cup (S \cap B)$ . Hence  $A \cap B \in (\tau_1, \tau_2)$ - $fLO^{**}(X)$ .  $\square$

**Theorem 4.4** Let  $A$  be a subset of a space  $(X, \tau_1, \tau_2)$ . Then  $A \in (\tau_1, \tau_2)$ - $fLO^*(X)$  if and only if  $A = G \cup \tau_2$ - $int(A)$  for some  $\tau_1$ - $f$ -closed set  $G$ .

*Proof.* Let  $A \in (\tau_1, \tau_2)$ - $fLO^*(X)$ . Then  $A = G \cup F$ , where  $G$  is  $\tau_1$ - $f$ -closed and  $F$  is  $\tau_2$ -open set in  $(X, \tau_1, \tau_2)$ . Since  $G \subset A$  and  $\tau_2 - int(A) \subset A$ .

$$G \cup \tau_2 - int(A) \subset A \quad (4.1)$$

Further  $\tau_2 - int(A) \supset F$ . Therefore

$$G \cup \tau_2 - int(A) \supset G \cup F = A \quad (4.2)$$

From (4.1) and (4.2) we have  $A = G \cup \tau_2 - int(A)$ . Conversely given that  $G$  is  $\tau_1$ - $f$ -closed. We have  $\tau_2 - int(A)$  is  $\tau_2$ -open. Thus there exist a  $\tau_1$ - $f$ -closed set  $G$  and a  $\tau_2$ -open set in  $(X, \tau_1, \tau_2)$  such that  $A = G \cup \tau_2 - int(A)$ . Hence  $A \in (\tau_1, \tau_2)$ - $fLO^*(X)$ .  $\square$

**Theorem 4.5** Let  $A$  and  $B$  be any two subsets of the bitopological space  $(X, \tau_1, \tau_2)$ . If  $A \in (\tau_1, \tau_2)$ - $fLO(X)$  and  $B$  is either  $\tau_1$ - $f$ -closed or  $\tau_2$ - $f$ -open, then  $A \cup B \in (\tau_1, \tau_2)$ - $fLO(X)$ .

*Proof.* Since  $A \in (\tau_1, \tau_2)$ - $fLO(X)$ , then there exists a  $\tau_1$ - $f$ -closed  $R$  and a  $\tau_2$ - $f$ -open set  $S$  such that  $A = R \cup S$ . We have  $A \cup B = (R \cup S) \cup B = (R \cup B) \cup S$ . If  $B$  is  $\tau_1$ - $f$ -closed, then  $R \cup B$  is also  $\tau_1$ - $f$ -closed. Hence  $A \cup B \in (\tau_1, \tau_2)$ - $fLO(X)$ .

Let  $B$  be  $\tau_2$ - $f$ -open, then  $A \cup B = (R \cup S) \cup B = R \cup (S \cup B)$ , where  $S \cup B$  is  $\tau_2$ - $f$ -open. Thus  $A \cup B \in (\tau_1, \tau_2)$ - $fLO(X)$ .  $\square$

**Theorem 4.6** If  $A \in (\tau_1, \tau_2)$ - $fLO^*(X)$  and  $B$  is either  $\tau_1$ -closed or  $\tau_2$ -open subset of  $(X, \tau_1, \tau_2)$  then  $A \cup B \in (\tau_1, \tau_2)$ - $fLO^*(X)$ .

*Proof.* Since  $A \in (\tau_1, \tau_2)$ - $fLO^*(X)$ , then  $A = R \cup S$  where  $R$  is  $\tau_1$ - $f$ -closed set and  $S$  is  $\tau_2$ -open set of  $(X, \tau_1, \tau_2)$ . Now  $A \cup B = (R \cup S) \cup B = (R \cup B) \cup S$ . If  $B$  is  $\tau_1$ -closed, then  $R \cup B$  is also  $\tau_1$ - $f$ -closed, where  $R$  is  $\tau_1$ - $f$ -closed set. Hence  $A \cup B \in (\tau_1, \tau_2)$ - $fLO^*(X)$ .

If  $B$  is  $\tau_2$ -open, then  $S \cup B$  is  $\tau_2$ -open. Now  $A \cup B = (R \cup S) \cup B = R \cup (S \cup B)$ . Thus  $A \cup B \in (\tau_1, \tau_2)$ - $fLO^*(X)$ .  $\square$

**Theorem 4.7** If  $A \in (\tau_1, \tau_2)$ - $fLO^{**}(X)$  and  $B$  is either  $\tau_1$ -closed or  $\tau_2$ -open subset of  $(X, \tau_1, \tau_2)$  then  $A \cup B \in$

$(\tau_1, \tau_2)$ - $fLO^{**}(X)$ .

*Proof.* The proof is easy , so omitted. □

**Theorem 4.8** If  $A, B \in (\tau_1, \tau_2)$ - $fLO(X)$  then  $A \cup B \in (\tau_1, \tau_2)$ - $fLO(X)$ .

*Proof.* Let  $A, B \in (\tau_1, \tau_2)$ - $fLO(X)$ . Then there exists  $\tau_1$ - $f$ -closed sets  $R, T$  and  $\tau_2$ - $f$ -open sets  $S, U$  such that  $A = R \cup S$  and  $B = T \cup U$ . We have  $A \cup B = (R \cup S) \cup (T \cup U) = (R \cup T) \cup (S \cup U)$ , Where  $(R \cup T)$  is  $\tau_1$ - $f$ -closed and  $(S \cup U)$  is  $\tau_2$ - $f$ -open. Hence  $A \cup B \in (\tau_1, \tau_2)$ - $fLO(X)$ . □

**Theorem 4.9** If  $A, B \in (\tau_1, \tau_2)$ - $fLO^*(X)$  then  $A \cup B \in (\tau_1, \tau_2)$ - $fLO^*(X)$ .

*Proof.* Since  $A, B \in (\tau_1, \tau_2)$ - $fLO^*(X)$ , then by Theorem 4.4 there exists  $\tau_1$ - $f$ -closed sets  $R$  and  $S$  such that  $A = R \cup \tau_2 - int(A)$  and  $B = S \cup \tau_2 - int(B)$ . We have

$$A \cup B = [R \cup \tau_2 - int(A)] \cup [(S \cup \tau_2 - int(B))]$$

$= (R \cup S) \cup (\tau_2 - int(A) \cup \tau_2 - int(B))$ , Where  $(R \cup T)$  is  $\tau_1$ - $f$ -closed and  $\tau_2 - int(A) \cup \tau_2 - int(B)$  is  $\tau_2$ -open set.

Hence  $A \cup B \in (\tau_1, \tau_2)$ - $fLO^*(X)$ . □

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