

## CHARACTERIZATIONS OF WEAKLY $s$ - $(\tau_1, \tau_2)$ -CONTINUOUS FUNCTIONS

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**ABSTRACT.** This paper deals with the concept of weakly  $s$ - $(\tau_1, \tau_2)$ -continuous functions. Moreover, several characterizations of weakly  $s$ - $(\tau_1, \tau_2)$ -continuous functions are discussed.

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### 1. INTRODUCTION

The field of the mathematical science which goes under the name of topology is concerned with all questions directly or indirectly related to continuity. In topology, there has been recently significant interest in characterizing and investigating the characterizations of some weak forms of continuity for functions. As weak forms of continuity in topological spaces, weak continuity [25], quasicontinuity [26], semi-continuity [24] and almost continuity in the sense of Husain [18] are well-known. Lee [23] studied the concept of semiconnected functions. Kohli [21] introduced the notion of  $s$ -continuous functions and investigated some characterizations of semilocally connected spaces in terms of  $s$ -continuous functions. The notion of  $s$ -continuity as a generalization of continuity and semiconnectedness. In [8], the present authors studied some properties of  $(\Lambda, sp)$ -open sets,  $r(\Lambda, sp)$ -open sets,  $s(\Lambda, sp)$ -open sets,  $p(\Lambda, sp)$ -open sets,  $\alpha(\Lambda, sp)$ -open sets,  $\beta(\Lambda, sp)$ -open sets and  $b(\Lambda, sp)$ -open sets. Viriyapong and Boonpok [36] investigated several characterizations of  $(\Lambda, sp)$ -continuous functions by utilizing the notions of  $(\Lambda, sp)$ -open sets and  $(\Lambda, sp)$ -closed sets. Dungthaisong et al. [17] introduced and studied the concept of  $g_{(m,n)}$ -continuous functions. Duangphui et al. [16] introduced and investigated the notion of  $(\mu, \mu')^{(m,n)}$ -continuous functions. Furthermore, some characterizations of almost  $(\Lambda, p)$ -continuous functions,

strongly  $\theta(\Lambda, p)$ -continuous functions, almost strongly  $\theta(\Lambda, p)$ -continuous functions,  $\theta(\Lambda, p)$ -continuous functions, weakly  $(\Lambda, b)$ -continuous functions,  $\theta(\star)$ -precontinuous functions,  $\star$ -continuous functions,  $\theta$ - $\mathcal{I}$ -continuous functions, almost  $(g, m)$ -continuous functions and pairwise weakly  $M$ -continuous functions were presented in [33], [34], [1], [29], [6], [7], [5], [10], [12] and [13], respectively. Kohli [20] introduced the concepts of  $s$ -regular spaces and completely  $s$ -regular spaces and proved that  $s$ -regularity and complete  $s$ -regularity are preserved under certain  $s$ -continuous functions. In [2], the present authors introduced and investigated the concept of  $(\tau_1, \tau_2)$ -continuous functions. Moreover, some characterizations of almost  $(\tau_1, \tau_2)$ -continuous functions, weakly  $(\tau_1, \tau_2)$ -continuous functions, slightly  $(\tau_1, \tau_2)$ -continuous functions, slightly  $(\tau_1, \tau_2)$ -continuous functions,  $\delta(\tau_1, \tau_2)$ -continuous functions, faintly  $(\tau_1, \tau_2)$ -continuous functions, quasi  $\theta(\tau_1, \tau_2)$ -continuous functions and weakly quasi  $(\tau_1, \tau_2)$ -continuous functions were investigated in [3], [4], [28], [31], [27], [32], [30] and [15], respectively. Kong-ied et al. [22] introduced and studied the notion of almost quasi  $(\tau_1, \tau_2)$ -continuous functions. Khampakdee et al. [19] introduced and investigated the concept of almost weakly  $(\tau_1, \tau_2)$ -continuous functions. Quite recently, Chiangpradit et al. [14] introduced and studied the notion of  $s$ - $(\tau_1, \tau_2)$ -continuous functions. In this paper, we introduce the concept of weakly  $s$ - $(\tau_1, \tau_2)$ -continuous functions. We also investigate several characterizations of weakly  $s$ - $(\tau_1, \tau_2)$ -continuous functions.

## 2. PRELIMINARIES

Throughout the present paper, spaces  $(X, \tau_1, \tau_2)$  and  $(Y, \sigma_1, \sigma_2)$  (or simply  $X$  and  $Y$ ) always mean bitopological spaces on which no separation axioms are assumed unless explicitly stated. Let  $A$  be a subset of a bitopological space  $(X, \tau_1, \tau_2)$ . The closure of  $A$  and the interior of  $A$  with respect to  $\tau_i$  are denoted by  $\tau_i\text{-Cl}(A)$  and  $\tau_i\text{-Int}(A)$ , respectively, for  $i = 1, 2$ . A subset  $A$  of a bitopological space  $(X, \tau_1, \tau_2)$  is called  $\tau_1\tau_2$ -closed [11] if  $A = \tau_1\text{-Cl}(\tau_2\text{-Cl}(A))$ . The complement of a  $\tau_1\tau_2$ -closed set is called  $\tau_1\tau_2$ -open. The intersection of all  $\tau_1\tau_2$ -closed sets of  $X$  containing  $A$  is called the  $\tau_1\tau_2$ -closure [11] of  $A$  and is denoted by  $\tau_1\tau_2\text{-Cl}(A)$ . The union of all  $\tau_1\tau_2$ -open sets of  $X$  contained in  $A$  is called the  $\tau_1\tau_2$ -interior [11] of  $A$  and is denoted by  $\tau_1\tau_2\text{-Int}(A)$ .

**Lemma 1.** [11] *Let  $A$  and  $B$  be subsets of a bitopological space  $(X, \tau_1, \tau_2)$ . For the  $\tau_1\tau_2$ -closure, the following properties hold:*

- (1)  $A \subseteq \tau_1\tau_2\text{-Cl}(A)$  and  $\tau_1\tau_2\text{-Cl}(\tau_1\tau_2\text{-Cl}(A)) = \tau_1\tau_2\text{-Cl}(A)$ .
- (2) If  $A \subseteq B$ , then  $\tau_1\tau_2\text{-Cl}(A) \subseteq \tau_1\tau_2\text{-Cl}(B)$ .
- (3)  $\tau_1\tau_2\text{-Cl}(A)$  is  $\tau_1\tau_2$ -closed.
- (4)  $A$  is  $\tau_1\tau_2$ -closed if and only if  $A = \tau_1\tau_2\text{-Cl}(A)$ .
- (5)  $\tau_1\tau_2\text{-Cl}(X - A) = X - \tau_1\tau_2\text{-Int}(A)$ .

A bitopological space  $(X, \tau_1, \tau_2)$  is said to be  $\tau_1\tau_2$ -connected [11] if  $X$  cannot be written as the union of two nonempty disjoint  $\tau_1\tau_2$ -open sets. A subset  $A$  of a bitopological space  $(X, \tau_1, \tau_2)$  is called  $(\tau_1, \tau_2)r$ -open [37] (resp.  $(\tau_1, \tau_2)s$ -open [9],  $(\tau_1, \tau_2)p$ -open [9],  $(\tau_1, \tau_2)\beta$ -open [9]) if  $A = \tau_1\tau_2\text{-Int}(\tau_1\tau_2\text{-Cl}(A))$  (resp.  $A \subseteq \tau_1\tau_2\text{-Cl}(\tau_1\tau_2\text{-Int}(A))$ ,  $A \subseteq \tau_1\tau_2\text{-Int}(\tau_1\tau_2\text{-Cl}(A))$ ,  $A \subseteq \tau_1\tau_2\text{-Cl}(\tau_1\tau_2\text{-Int}(\tau_1\tau_2\text{-Cl}(A)))$ ). The complement of a  $(\tau_1, \tau_2)r$ -open (resp.  $(\tau_1, \tau_2)s$ -open,  $(\tau_1, \tau_2)p$ -open,  $(\tau_1, \tau_2)\beta$ -open) set is called  $(\tau_1, \tau_2)r$ -closed (resp.  $(\tau_1, \tau_2)s$ -closed,  $(\tau_1, \tau_2)p$ -closed,  $(\tau_1, \tau_2)\beta$ -closed). A subset  $A$  of a bitopological space  $(X, \tau_1, \tau_2)$  is said to be  $\alpha(\tau_1, \tau_2)$ -open [35] if  $A \subseteq \tau_1\tau_2\text{-Int}(\tau_1\tau_2\text{-Cl}(\tau_1\tau_2\text{-Int}(A)))$ . The complement of an  $\alpha(\tau_1, \tau_2)$ -open set is called  $\alpha(\tau_1, \tau_2)$ -closed. Let  $A$  be a subset of a bitopological space  $(X, \tau_1, \tau_2)$ . A point  $x \in X$  is called a  $(\tau_1, \tau_2)\theta$ -cluster point [37] of  $A$  if  $\tau_1\tau_2\text{-Cl}(U) \cap A \neq \emptyset$  for every  $\tau_1\tau_2$ -open set  $U$  containing  $x$ . The set of all  $(\tau_1, \tau_2)\theta$ -cluster points of  $A$  is called the  $(\tau_1, \tau_2)\theta$ -closure [37] of  $A$  and is denoted by  $(\tau_1, \tau_2)\theta\text{-Cl}(A)$ . A subset  $A$  of a bitopological space  $(X, \tau_1, \tau_2)$  is said to be  $(\tau_1, \tau_2)\theta$ -closed [37] if  $(\tau_1, \tau_2)\theta\text{-Cl}(A) = A$ . The complement of a  $(\tau_1, \tau_2)\theta$ -closed set is said to be  $(\tau_1, \tau_2)\theta$ -open. The union of all  $(\tau_1, \tau_2)\theta$ -open sets of  $X$  contained in  $A$  is called the  $(\tau_1, \tau_2)\theta$ -interior [37] of  $A$  and is denoted by  $(\tau_1, \tau_2)\theta\text{-Int}(A)$ .

**Lemma 2.** [37] For a subset  $A$  of a bitopological space  $(X, \tau_1, \tau_2)$ , the following properties hold:

- (1) If  $A$  is  $\tau_1\tau_2$ -open in  $X$ , then  $\tau_1\tau_2\text{-Cl}(A) = (\tau_1, \tau_2)\theta\text{-Cl}(A)$ .
- (2)  $(\tau_1, \tau_2)\theta\text{-Cl}(A)$  is  $\tau_1\tau_2$ -closed in  $X$ .

### 3. CHARACTERIZATIONS OF WEAKLY $s$ - $(\tau_1, \tau_2)$ -CONTINUOUS FUNCTIONS

In this section, we introduce the notion of weakly  $s$ - $(\tau_1, \tau_2)$ -continuous functions. Furthermore, several characterizations of weakly  $(\tau_1, \tau_2)$ -continuous functions are discussed.

**Definition 1.** A function  $f : (X, \tau_1, \tau_2) \rightarrow (Y, \sigma_1, \sigma_2)$  is said to be weakly  $s$ - $(\tau_1, \tau_2)$ -continuous at a point  $x \in X$  if for each  $\sigma_1\sigma_2$ -open set  $V$  of  $Y$  containing  $f(x)$  and having  $\sigma_1\sigma_2$ -connected complement, there exists a  $\tau_1\tau_2$ -open set  $U$  of  $X$  containing  $x$  such that  $f(U) \subseteq \sigma_1\sigma_2\text{-Cl}(V)$ . A function  $f : (X, \tau_1, \tau_2) \rightarrow (Y, \sigma_1, \sigma_2)$  is said to be weakly  $s$ - $(\tau_1, \tau_2)$ -continuous if  $f$  is weakly  $s$ - $(\tau_1, \tau_2)$ -continuous at each point  $x$  of  $X$ .

**Theorem 1.** For a function  $f : (X, \tau_1, \tau_2) \rightarrow (Y, \sigma_1, \sigma_2)$ , the following properties are equivalent:

- (1)  $f$  is weakly  $s$ - $(\tau_1, \tau_2)$ -continuous;
- (2)  $f^{-1}(V) \subseteq \tau_1\tau_2\text{-Int}(f^{-1}(\sigma_1\sigma_2\text{-Cl}(V)))$  for every  $\sigma_1\sigma_2$ -open set  $V$  of  $Y$  having  $\sigma_1\sigma_2$ -connected complement;
- (3)  $\tau_1\tau_2\text{-Cl}(f^{-1}(\sigma_1\sigma_2\text{-Int}(K))) \subseteq f^{-1}(K)$  for every  $\sigma_1\sigma_2$ -connected  $\sigma_1\sigma_2$ -closed set  $K$  of  $Y$ ;
- (4)  $\tau_1\tau_2\text{-Cl}(f^{-1}(\sigma_1\sigma_2\text{-Int}(\sigma_1\sigma_2\text{-Cl}(B)))) \subseteq f^{-1}(\sigma_1\sigma_2\text{-Cl}(B))$  for every subset  $B$  of  $Y$  having the  $\sigma_1\sigma_2$ -connected  $\sigma_1\sigma_2$ -closure;
- (5)  $f^{-1}(\sigma_1\sigma_2\text{-Int}(B)) \subseteq \tau_1\tau_2\text{-Int}(f^{-1}(\sigma_1\sigma_2\text{-Cl}(\sigma_1\sigma_2\text{-Int}(B))))$  for every subset  $B$  of  $Y$  such that  $Y - \sigma_1\sigma_2\text{-Int}(B)$  is  $\sigma_1\sigma_2$ -connected;

- (6)  $\tau_1\tau_2\text{-Cl}(f^{-1}(\sigma_1\sigma_2\text{-Int}(\sigma_1\sigma_2\text{-Cl}(V)))) \subseteq f^{-1}(\sigma_1\sigma_2\text{-Cl}(V))$  for every  $\sigma_1\sigma_2$ -open set  $V$  of  $Y$  having the  $\sigma_1\sigma_2$ -connected  $\sigma_1\sigma_2$ -closure;
- (7)  $\tau_1\tau_2\text{-Cl}(f^{-1}(V)) \subseteq f^{-1}(\sigma_1\sigma_2\text{-Cl}(V))$  for every  $\sigma_1\sigma_2$ -open set  $V$  of  $Y$  having the  $\sigma_1\sigma_2$ -connected  $\sigma_1\sigma_2$ -closure;
- (8)  $\tau_1\tau_2\text{-Cl}(f^{-1}(\sigma_1\sigma_2\text{-Int}(K))) \subseteq f^{-1}(K)$  for every  $\sigma_1\sigma_2$ -connected  $(\sigma_1, \sigma_2)r$ -closed set  $K$  of  $Y$ .

*Proof.* (1)  $\Rightarrow$  (2): Let  $V$  be any  $\sigma_1\sigma_2$ -open set of  $Y$  having  $\sigma_1\sigma_2$ -connected complement and  $x \in f^{-1}(V)$ . Then, there exists a  $\tau_1\tau_2$ -open set  $U$  of  $X$  containing  $x$  such that  $f(U) \subseteq \sigma_1\sigma_2\text{-Cl}(V)$ . Therefore, we have  $x \in U \subseteq f^{-1}(\sigma_1\sigma_2\text{-Cl}(V))$ . Since  $U$  is  $\tau_1\tau_2$ -open, we have

$$x \in \tau_1\tau_2\text{-Int}(f^{-1}(\sigma_1\sigma_2\text{-Cl}(V)))$$

and hence  $f^{-1}(V) \subseteq \tau_1\tau_2\text{-Int}(f^{-1}(\sigma_1\sigma_2\text{-Cl}(V)))$ .

(2)  $\Rightarrow$  (3): Let  $K$  be any  $\sigma_1\sigma_2$ -connected  $\sigma_1\sigma_2$ -closed set of  $Y$ . Then,  $Y - K$  is  $\sigma_1\sigma_2$ -open in  $Y$  having  $\sigma_1\sigma_2$ -connected complement. By (2), we have

$$\begin{aligned} X - f^{-1}(K) &= f^{-1}(Y - K) \\ &\subseteq \tau_1\tau_2\text{-Int}(f^{-1}(\sigma_1\sigma_2\text{-Cl}(Y - K))) \\ &= \tau_1\tau_2\text{-Int}(f^{-1}(Y - \sigma_1\sigma_2\text{-Int}(K))) \\ &= \tau_1\tau_2\text{-Int}(X - f^{-1}(\sigma_1\sigma_2\text{-Int}(K))) \\ &= X - \tau_1\tau_2\text{-Cl}(f^{-1}(\sigma_1\sigma_2\text{-Int}(K))) \end{aligned}$$

and hence  $\tau_1\tau_2\text{-Cl}(f^{-1}(\sigma_1\sigma_2\text{-Int}(K))) \subseteq f^{-1}(K)$ .

(3)  $\Rightarrow$  (4): Let  $B$  be any subset of  $Y$  having the  $\sigma_1\sigma_2$ -connected  $\sigma_1\sigma_2$ -closure. Then,  $\sigma_1\sigma_2\text{-Cl}(B)$  is  $\sigma_1\sigma_2$ -closed  $\sigma_1\sigma_2$ -connected in  $Y$  and by (3),  $\tau_1\tau_2\text{-Cl}(f^{-1}(\sigma_1\sigma_2\text{-Int}(\sigma_1\sigma_2\text{-Cl}(B)))) \subseteq f^{-1}(\sigma_1\sigma_2\text{-Cl}(B))$ .

(4)  $\Rightarrow$  (5): Let  $B$  be any subset of  $Y$  such that  $Y - \sigma_1\sigma_2\text{-Int}(B)$  is  $\sigma_1\sigma_2$ -connected. Then by (4), we have

$$\begin{aligned} X - \tau_1\tau_2\text{-Int}(f^{-1}(\sigma_1\sigma_2\text{-Cl}(\sigma_1\sigma_2\text{-Int}(B)))) \\ &= \tau_1\tau_2\text{-Cl}(X - f^{-1}(\sigma_1\sigma_2\text{-Cl}(\sigma_1\sigma_2\text{-Int}(B)))) \\ &= \tau_1\tau_2\text{-Cl}(f^{-1}(Y - \sigma_1\sigma_2\text{-Cl}(\sigma_1\sigma_2\text{-Int}(B)))) \\ &= \tau_1\tau_2\text{-Cl}(f^{-1}(\sigma_1\sigma_2\text{-Int}(\sigma_1\sigma_2\text{-Cl}(Y - B)))) \\ &\subseteq f^{-1}(\sigma_1\sigma_2\text{-Cl}(Y - B)) \\ &= X - f^{-1}(\sigma_1\sigma_2\text{-Int}(B)). \end{aligned}$$

Thus,  $f^{-1}(\sigma_1\sigma_2\text{-Int}(B)) \subseteq \tau_1\tau_2\text{-Int}(f^{-1}(\sigma_1\sigma_2\text{-Cl}(\sigma_1\sigma_2\text{-Int}(B))))$ .

(5)  $\Rightarrow$  (1): Let  $x \in X$  and  $V$  be any  $\sigma_1\sigma_2$ -open set of  $Y$  containing  $F(x)$  and having  $\sigma_1\sigma_2$ -connected complement. By (5), we have

$$x \in f^{-1}(V) = f^{-1}(\sigma_1\sigma_2\text{-Int}(V)) \subseteq \tau_1\tau_2\text{-Int}(f^{-1}(\sigma_1\sigma_2\text{-Cl}(V))).$$

Then, there exists a  $\tau_1\tau_2$ -open set  $U$  of  $X$  containing  $x$  such that

$$x \in U \subseteq f^{-1}(\sigma_1\sigma_2\text{-Cl}(V)).$$

Thus,  $f(U) \subseteq \sigma_1\sigma_2\text{-Cl}(V)$  and hence  $f$  is weakly  $s$ - $(\tau_1, \tau_2)$ -continuous.

(4)  $\Rightarrow$  (6) and (6)  $\Rightarrow$  (7): The proofs are obvious.

(7)  $\Rightarrow$  (8): Let  $K$  be any  $\sigma_1\sigma_2$ -connected  $(\sigma_1, \sigma_2)r$ -closed set of  $Y$ .

Then, we have  $K = \sigma_1\sigma_2\text{-Cl}(\sigma_1\sigma_2\text{-Int}(K))$  is  $\sigma_1\sigma_2$ -connected and by (7),  $\tau_1\tau_2\text{-Cl}(f^{-1}(\sigma_1\sigma_2\text{-Int}(K))) \subseteq f^{-1}(\sigma_1\sigma_2\text{-Cl}(\sigma_1\sigma_2\text{-Int}(K))) = f^{-1}(K)$ .

(8)  $\Rightarrow$  (3): Let  $K$  be any  $\sigma_1\sigma_2$ -connected  $\sigma_1\sigma_2$ -closed set of  $Y$ . Since  $K$  is  $\sigma_1\sigma_2$ -connected, we have  $\sigma_1\sigma_2\text{-Int}(K)$  is  $\sigma_1\sigma_2$ -connected and hence  $\sigma_1\sigma_2\text{-Cl}(\sigma_1\sigma_2\text{-Int}(K))$  is  $\sigma_1\sigma_2$ -connected. Let  $H = \sigma_1\sigma_2\text{-Cl}(\sigma_1\sigma_2\text{-Int}(K))$ . Then,  $H$  is a  $(\sigma_1, \sigma_2)r$ -closed  $\sigma_1\sigma_2$ -connected set of  $Y$  and

$$\sigma_1\sigma_2\text{-Int}(H) = \sigma_1\sigma_2\text{-Int}(\sigma_1\sigma_2\text{-Cl}(\sigma_1\sigma_2\text{-Int}(K))) = \sigma_1\sigma_2\text{-Int}(K).$$

By (8), we have

$$\begin{aligned} \tau_1\tau_2\text{-Cl}(f^{-1}(\sigma_1\sigma_2\text{-Int}(K))) &= \tau_1\tau_2\text{-Cl}(f^{-1}(\sigma_1\sigma_2\text{-Int}(H))) \\ &\subseteq f^{-1}(H) \subseteq f^{-1}(K). \end{aligned}$$

□

**Theorem 2.** For a function  $f : (X, \tau_1, \tau_2) \rightarrow (Y, \sigma_1, \sigma_2)$ , the following properties are equivalent:

- (1)  $f$  is weakly  $s$ - $(\tau_1, \tau_2)$ -continuous;
- (2)  $\tau_1\tau_2\text{-Cl}(f^{-1}(\sigma_1\sigma_2\text{-Int}(\sigma_1\sigma_2\text{-Cl}(V)))) \subseteq f^{-1}(\sigma_1\sigma_2\text{-Cl}(V))$  for every  $(\sigma_1, \sigma_2)\beta$ -open set  $V$  of  $Y$  having the  $\sigma_1\sigma_2$ -connected  $\sigma_1\sigma_2$ -closure;
- (3)  $\tau_1\tau_2\text{-Cl}(f^{-1}(\sigma_1\sigma_2\text{-Int}(\sigma_1\sigma_2\text{-Cl}(V)))) \subseteq f^{-1}(\sigma_1\sigma_2\text{-Cl}(V))$  for every  $(\sigma_1, \sigma_2)s$ -open set  $V$  of  $Y$  having the  $\sigma_1\sigma_2$ -connected  $\sigma_1\sigma_2$ -closure.

*Proof.* (1)  $\Rightarrow$  (2): This follows from Theorem 1(4).

(2)  $\Rightarrow$  (3): The proof is obvious since every  $(\sigma_1, \sigma_2)s$ -open set is  $(\sigma_1, \sigma_2)\beta$ -open.

(3)  $\Rightarrow$  (1): Since every  $\sigma_1\sigma_2$ -open set is  $(\sigma_1, \sigma_2)s$ -open, the proof follows from Theorem 1(7). □

**Theorem 3.** For a function  $f : (X, \tau_1, \tau_2) \rightarrow (Y, \sigma_1, \sigma_2)$ , the following properties are equivalent:

- (1)  $f$  is weakly  $s$ - $(\tau_1, \tau_2)$ -continuous;

- (2)  $\tau_1\tau_2\text{-Cl}(f^{-1}(\sigma_1\sigma_2\text{-Int}((\sigma_1, \sigma_2)\theta\text{-Cl}(B)))) \subseteq f^{-1}((\sigma_1, \sigma_2)\theta\text{-Cl}(B))$  for every subset  $B$  of  $Y$  having the  $\sigma_1\sigma_2$ -connected  $(\sigma_1, \sigma_2)\theta$ -closure;
- (3)  $\tau_1\tau_2\text{-Cl}(f^{-1}(\sigma_1\sigma_2\text{-Int}(\sigma_1\sigma_2\text{-Cl}(B)))) \subseteq f^{-1}((\sigma_1, \sigma_2)\theta\text{-Cl}(B))$  for every subset  $B$  of  $Y$  having the  $\sigma_1\sigma_2$ -connected  $(\sigma_1, \sigma_2)\theta$ -closure.

*Proof.* (1)  $\Rightarrow$  (2): Let  $B$  be any subset of  $Y$  having the  $\sigma_1\sigma_2$ -connected  $(\sigma_1, \sigma_2)\theta$ -closure. Then,  $(\sigma_1, \sigma_2)\theta\text{-Cl}(B)$  is  $\sigma_1\sigma_2$ -connected  $(\sigma_1, \sigma_2)\theta$ -closure and by Theorem 1,

$$\tau_1\tau_2\text{-Cl}(f^{-1}(\sigma_1\sigma_2\text{-Int}((\sigma_1, \sigma_2)\theta\text{-Cl}(B)))) \subseteq f^{-1}((\sigma_1, \sigma_2)\theta\text{-Cl}(B)).$$

(2)  $\Rightarrow$  (3): The proof is obvious since  $\sigma_1\sigma_2\text{-Cl}(B) \subseteq (\sigma_1, \sigma_2)\theta\text{-Cl}(B)$  for every subset  $B$  of  $Y$ .

(3)  $\Rightarrow$  (1): Let  $K$  be any  $(\sigma_1, \sigma_2)r$ -closed  $\sigma_1\sigma_2$ -connected set of  $Y$ . Then, we have

$$(\sigma_1, \sigma_2)\theta\text{-Cl}(\sigma_1\sigma_2\text{-Int}(K)) = \sigma_1\sigma_2\text{-Cl}(\sigma_1\sigma_2\text{-Int}(K)) = K$$

and by (3),

$$\begin{aligned} & \tau_1\tau_2\text{-Cl}(f^{-1}(\sigma_1\sigma_2\text{-Int}(K))) \\ &= \tau_1\tau_2\text{-Cl}(f^{-1}(\sigma_1\sigma_2\text{-Int}(\sigma_1\sigma_2\text{-Cl}(\sigma_1\sigma_2\text{-Int}(K)))))) \\ &\subseteq f^{-1}((\sigma_1, \sigma_2)\theta\text{-Cl}(\sigma_1\sigma_2\text{-Cl}(K))) \\ &= f^{-1}(\sigma_1\sigma_2\text{-Cl}(\sigma_1\sigma_2\text{-Cl}(K))) \\ &= f^{-1}(K). \end{aligned}$$

Thus,  $\tau_1\tau_2\text{-Cl}(f^{-1}(\sigma_1\sigma_2\text{-Int}(K))) \subseteq f^{-1}(K)$  and by Theorem 1(8),  $f$  is weakly  $s$ - $(\tau_1, \tau_2)$ -continuous.  $\square$

The  $\tau_1\tau_2$ -frontier [2] of a subset  $A$  of a bitopological space  $(X, \tau_1, \tau_2)$ , denoted by  $\tau_1\tau_2\text{-fr}(A)$ , is defined by

$$\begin{aligned} \tau_1\tau_2\text{-fr}(A) &= \tau_1\tau_2\text{-Cl}(A) \cap \tau_1\tau_2\text{-Cl}(X - A) \\ &= \tau_1\tau_2\text{-Cl}(A) - \tau_1\tau_2\text{-Int}(A). \end{aligned}$$

**Theorem 4.** *The set of all points  $x \in X$  at which a function  $f : (X, \tau_1, \tau_2) \rightarrow (Y, \sigma_1, \sigma_2)$  is not weakly  $s$ - $(\tau_1, \tau_2)$ -continuous is identical with the union of the  $\tau_1\tau_2$ -frontier of the inverse images of the  $\sigma_1\sigma_2$ -closure of  $\sigma_1\sigma_2$ -open sets containing  $f(x)$  and having  $\sigma_1\sigma_2$ -connected complement.*

*Proof.* Let  $x$  be a point of  $X$  at which  $f$  is not weakly  $s$ - $(\tau_1, \tau_2)$ -continuous. Then, there exists a  $\sigma_1\sigma_2$ -open set  $V$  of  $Y$  containing  $f(x)$  and having  $\sigma_1\sigma_2$ -connected complement such that

$$U \cap (X - f^{-1}(\sigma_1\sigma_2\text{-Cl}(V))) \neq \emptyset$$

for every  $\tau_1\tau_2$ -open set  $U$  of  $X$  containing  $x$ . Then, we have

$$x \in \tau_1\tau_2\text{-Cl}(X - f^{-1}(\sigma_1\sigma_2\text{-Cl}(V)))$$

and hence  $x \in \tau_1\tau_2\text{-fr}(f^{-1}(\sigma_1\sigma_2\text{-Cl}(V)))$  since

$$x \in f^{-1}(V) \subseteq \tau_1\tau_2\text{-Cl}(f^{-1}(\sigma_1\sigma_2\text{-Cl}(V))).$$

Conversely, suppose that  $V$  is a  $\sigma_1\sigma_2$ -open set of  $Y$  containing  $f(x)$  and having  $\sigma_1\sigma_2$ -connected complement such that

$$x \in \tau_1\tau_2\text{-fr}(f^{-1}(\sigma_1\sigma_2\text{-Cl}(V))).$$

If  $f$  is weakly  $s$ - $(\tau_1, \tau_2)$ -continuous at  $x \in X$ , there exists a  $\tau_1\tau_2$ -open set  $U$  of  $X$  containing  $x$  such that  $f(U) \subseteq \sigma_1\sigma_2\text{-Cl}(V)$ ; hence

$$U \subseteq f^{-1}(\sigma_1\sigma_2\text{-Cl}(V)).$$

Thus,  $x \in U \subseteq \tau_1\tau_2\text{-Int}(f^{-1}(\sigma_1\sigma_2\text{-Cl}(V)))$ . This contradicts that

$$x \in \tau_1\tau_2\text{-fr}(f^{-1}(\sigma_1\sigma_2\text{-Cl}(V))).$$

□

**Definition 2.** [14] A function  $f : (X, \tau_1, \tau_2) \rightarrow (Y, \sigma_1, \sigma_2)$  is said to be  $s$ - $(\tau_1, \tau_2)$ -continuous at  $x \in X$  if for each  $\sigma_1\sigma_2$ -open set  $V$  of  $Y$  containing  $f(x)$  and having  $\sigma_1\sigma_2$ -connected complement, there exists a  $\tau_1\tau_2$ -open set  $U$  of  $X$  containing  $x$  such that  $f(U) \subseteq V$ . A function  $f : (X, \tau_1, \tau_2) \rightarrow (Y, \sigma_1, \sigma_2)$  is said to be  $s$ - $(\tau_1, \tau_2)$ -continuous if  $f$  has this property at each point  $x$  of  $X$ .

**Lemma 3.** [14] For a function  $f : (X, \tau_1, \tau_2) \rightarrow (Y, \sigma_1, \sigma_2)$ , the following properties are equivalent:

- (1)  $f$  is  $s$ - $(\tau_1, \tau_2)$ -continuous;
- (2)  $f^{-1}(V)$  is  $\tau_1\tau_2$ -open in  $X$  for every  $\sigma_1\sigma_2$ -open set  $V$  of  $Y$  having  $\sigma_1\sigma_2$ -connected complement;
- (3)  $f^{-1}(K)$  is  $\tau_1\tau_2$ -closed in  $X$  for every  $\sigma_1\sigma_2$ -connected  $\sigma_1\sigma_2$ -closed set  $K$  of  $Y$ ;
- (4)  $\tau_1\tau_2\text{-Cl}(f^{-1}(B)) \subseteq f^{-1}(\sigma_1\sigma_2\text{-Cl}(B))$  for every subset  $B$  of  $Y$  having the  $\sigma_1\sigma_2$ -connected  $\sigma_1\sigma_2$ -closure;
- (5)  $f^{-1}(\sigma_1\sigma_2\text{-Int}(B)) \subseteq \tau_1\tau_2\text{-Int}(f^{-1}(B))$  for every subset  $B$  of  $Y$  such that  $Y - \sigma_1\sigma_2\text{-Int}(B)$  is  $\sigma_1\sigma_2$ -connected.

**Theorem 5.** If  $f : (X, \tau_1, \tau_2) \rightarrow (Y, \sigma_1, \sigma_2)$  is weakly  $s$ - $(\tau_1, \tau_2)$ -continuous and satisfies  $f^{-1}(\sigma_1\sigma_2\text{-Cl}(V)) \subseteq f^{-1}(V)$  for every  $\sigma_1\sigma_2$ -open set  $V$  of  $Y$  having  $\sigma_1\sigma_2$ -connected complement, then  $f$  is  $s$ - $(\tau_1, \tau_2)$ -continuous.

*Proof.* Let  $V$  be any  $\sigma_1\sigma_2$ -open set of  $Y$  having  $\sigma_1\sigma_2$ -connected complement. Since  $f$  is weakly  $s$ - $(\tau_1, \tau_2)$ -continuous, by Theorem 1 we have

$$f^{-1}(V) \subseteq \tau_1\tau_2\text{-Int}(f^{-1}(\sigma_1\sigma_2\text{-Cl}(V))) \subseteq \tau_1\tau_2\text{-Int}(f^{-1}(V))$$

and hence  $f^{-1}(V)$  is  $\tau_1\tau_2$ -open in  $X$ . By Lemma 3,  $f$  is  $s$ - $(\tau_1, \tau_2)$ -continuous.  $\square$

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