#### ANOTHER FORM OF SEPARATION AXIOMS

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ABSTRACT. It is the object of this paper to introduce the  $(1,2)^*$  pre- $D_k$  axioms for  $k=0,\,1,\,2.$ 

#### 1. Introduction

In 1982, Mashhour et al [9] introduced the notion of pre-open sets and the pre-closed sets were defined in [4]. Ashish Kar and Bhattacharya [2], in 1990, continued their work on pre-open sets and offered another set of separation axioms analogous to the semi separation axioms defined by Maheshwari and Prasad [8]. Caldas [10] defined a new class of sets called semi-Difference (briefly sD) sets by using the semi-open sets [5], and introduced the semi- $D_i$  spaces for i = 0, 1, 2.

The purpose of this paper is to introduce some pre-separation axioms in bitopological spaces. To define and investigate the axioms we use the (1,2)\*pre-open sets [6] introduced by Lellis Thivagar and Ravi. We call these axioms as (1,2)\*pre- $T_0$ , (1,2)\*pre- $T_1$  and (1,2)\*pre- $T_2$ . We also define (1,2)\*pre-Difference sets and utilize them to define the (1,2)\*pre- $D_i$ , i=0,1,2, axioms. We prove a bitopological space is (1,2)\*pre- $D_1$  if and only if it is (1,2)\*pre- $D_2$ .

We recall some definitions and concepts which are useful in the following sections.

# 2. Preliminaries

In this section unless it is explicitly stated X is a topological space  $(X, \tau)$ . For a  $A \subset X$ , the interior and closure of A in X are denoted by int(A) and cl(A) respectively.

## **Definition 2.1.** A space X is called

- (i). Pre- $T_0$  [2]] iff to each pair of distinct points x, y in X, there exists a pre-open set containing one of the points but not the other.
- (ii). Pre- $T_1$  [2] iff to each pair of distinct points x, y of X, there exists a pair of pre-open sets one containing x but not y and other containing y but not x.
- (iii). Pre- $T_2$  [2] iff to each pair of distinct points x, y of X, there exists a pair of disjoint pre-open sets one containing x and the other containing y.

**Definition 2.2.** A subset A of X is called a semi-Difference set (in short sD-set) if there are two semi-open sets  $O_1$ ,  $O_2$  in X such that  $O_1 \neq X$  and  $A = O_1 \setminus O_2$ .

## **Definition 2.3.** A space X is called

- (i). Semi- $D_0$  if for  $x, y \in X$ ,  $x \neq y$ , there exists a sD-set of X containing one of x and y but not the other.
- (ii). Semi- $D_1$  if for  $x, y \in X$ ,  $x \neq y$ , there exists a pair of sD-sets one containing x but not y and the other containing y but not x.

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(iii). Semi- $D_2$  if for  $x, y \in X$ ,  $x \neq y$ , there exist disjoint sD-sets  $S_1$  and  $S_2$  such that  $x \in S_1$  and  $y \in S_2$ .

A subset A of a bitopological space  $(X, \tau_1, \tau_2)$  is called  $\tau_{1,2}$ -open [6] if  $A = S_1 \cup S_2$  where  $S_1 \in \tau_1$  and  $S_2 \in \tau_2$ , and  $\tau_{1,2}$ -closed if  $A^c$  is  $\tau_{1,2}$ -open in X. We write  $\tau_1\tau_2$ -interior of A and  $\tau_1\tau_2$ -closure of A, in short form,  $\tau_1\tau_2$ -int(A) and  $\tau_1\tau_2$ -cl(A) respectively.  $\tau_1\tau_2$ -int(A) is the union of all  $\tau_{1,2}$ -open sets contained in A and  $\tau_1\tau_2$ -cl(A) is the intersection of all  $\tau_{1,2}$ -closed sets containing A.

**Definition 2.4.** A subset A of X is called  $(1,2)^*$  pre-open [6] if  $A \subset \tau_1\tau_2$ - $int(\tau_1\tau_2-cl(A))$  and  $(1,2)^*$  pre-closed if its complement in X is  $(1,2)^*$  pre-open. Or equivalently,  $\tau_1\tau_2$ - $cl(\tau_1\tau_2$ - $int(A)) \subset A$ .

The family of all (1,2)\*pre-open sets of X is denoted by (1,2)\*PO(X). (1,2)\*pre-closure of A denoted by (1,2)\*pcl(A) is the intersection of all (1,2)\*pre-closed sets containing A.

A subset A of X is (1,2)\*pre-closed if and only if (1,2)\*pcl(A) = A. Note that every  $\tau_{1,2}$ -open set is (1,2)\*pre-open.

**Definition 2.5.** A map f:  $(X, \tau_1, \tau_2) \rightarrow (Y, \sigma_1, \sigma_2)$  is called

- (i). (1,2)\*pre-irresolute if the inverse image of every (1,2)\*pre-open set in Y is (1,2)\*pre-open in X.
- (ii). Strongly (1,2)\*pre-open [6] if the image of every (1,2)\*pre-open if the image of every (1,2)\*pre-open set in X is (1,2)\*pre-open in Y.

In the next section we introduce the  $(1,2)^*$  pre- $T_k$ -spaces for k=0,1,2. In the following sections by X and Y we mean bitopological spaces  $(X, \tau_1, \tau_2)$  and  $(Y, \sigma_1, \sigma_2)$  respectively.

3. 
$$(1,2)^*$$
PRE- $T_k$ -SPACES

**Definition 3.1.** A bitopological space X is said to be  $(1,2)^*$  pre- $T_0$  iff for  $x, y \in X$ ,  $x \neq y$ , there exists an  $(1,2)^*$  pre-open set containing only one of x and y but not the other.

Now we proceed to prove that every bitopological space is (1,2)\*pre- $T_0$ .

**Lemma 3.2.** If for some  $x \in X$ ,  $\{x\}$  is  $(1,2)^*$  pre-open then  $x \notin (1,2)^*$  pcl $(\{y\})$  for all  $y \neq x$ .

*Proof.* If  $\{x\}$  is  $(1,2)^*$  pre-open for some  $x \in X$ , then  $X \setminus \{x\}$  is  $(1,2)^*$  pre-closed and  $x \notin X \setminus \{x\}$ . If  $x \in (1,2)^*$  pcl $(\{y\})$  for some  $y \neq x$ , then x,y both are in all the  $(1,2)^*$  pre-closed sets containing y which implies that  $x \in X \setminus \{x\}$  which is not true. Therefore,  $x \notin (1,2)^*$  pcl $(\{y\})$ .

**Theorem 3.3.** In a space X, distinct points have distinct  $(1,2)^*$  pre-closures.

*Proof.* Let  $x, y \in X$ ,  $x \neq y$ . Take  $A = \{x\}^c$ . Then  $\tau_1 \tau_2 - cl(A) = A$  or X.

Case (a). If  $\tau_1\tau_2\text{-}cl(A)=A$ , then A is  $\tau_{1,2}$ -closed and hence  $(1,2)^*$  pre-closed. Then  $X\setminus A=\{x\}$  is  $(1,2)^*$  pre-open, not containing y. Therefore, by Lemma 3.2,  $x\notin (1,2)^*pcl(\{y\})$  and  $y\in (1,2)^*pcl(\{y\})$  which implies that

$$(1,2)^*pcl(\{x\})$$
 and  $(1,2)^*pcl(\{y\})$ 

are distinct.

Case (b). If  $\tau_1\tau_2$ -cl(A) = X, then A is  $(1,2)^*$  pre-open and hence  $\{x\}$  is  $(1,2)^*$  pre-closed which shows that  $(1,2)^*$   $pcl(\{x\}) = \{x\}$  which is not equal to  $(1,2)^*$   $pcl(\{y\})$ .

**Theorem 3.4.** In a space X, if distinct points have distinct  $(1,2)^*$  pre-closures then X is  $(1,2)^*$  pre- $T_0$ .

Proof. Let  $x, y \in X$ ,  $x \neq y$ . Then  $(1,2)^*pcl(\{x\})$  is not equal to  $(1,2)^*pcl(\{y\})$ . Then there exists  $z \in X$  such that  $z \in (1,2)^*pcl(\{x\})$  but  $z \notin (1,2)^*pcl(\{y\})$  or  $z \in (1,2)^*pcl(\{y\})$  but  $z \notin (1,2)^*pcl(\{x\})$ . Without loss of generality, let  $z \in (1,2)^*pcl(\{x\})$  but  $z \notin (1,2)^*pcl(\{y\})$ . If  $x \in (1,2)^*pcl(\{y\})$ , then  $(1,2)^*pcl(\{x\})$  is contained in  $(1,2)^*pcl(\{y\})$  and therefore,  $z \in (1,2)^*pcl(\{y\})$ , which is a contradiction. Thus we get  $x \notin (1,2)^*pcl(\{y\})$ . This implies that  $x \in (1,2)^*pcl(\{y\})^c$ . Therefore,  $x \in (1,2)^*pcl(\{y\})^c$ .

**Theorem 3.5.** Every bitopological space is  $(1,2)^*$  pre- $T_0$ .

*Proof.* Follows from Theorem 3.3 and Theorem 3.4.

Remark 3.6. It is observed that every  $T_0$ -space is pre- $T_0$  but not the converse [2]. Here we note that if a space X is  $T_0$  with respect to  $\tau_1$  or  $\tau_2$  then X is  $(1,2)^*$  pre- $T_0$ . But if X is  $(1,2)^*$  pre- $T_0$ , it is not necessary that  $(X, \tau_1)$  is  $T_0$  or  $(X, \tau_2)$  is  $T_0$ , as shown in the following example.

**Example 3.7.** Let  $X = \{a, b, c\}$ .  $\tau_1 = \{\emptyset, \{a, b\}, X\}$ ,  $\tau_2 = \{\emptyset, \{b, c\}, X\}$ . Then X is  $(1, 2)^*$  pre- $T_0$  but both  $(X, \tau_1)$  and  $(X, \tau_2)$  are  $T_0$ .

**Definition 3.8.** A space X is called  $(1,2)^*$  pre- $T_1$  iff for  $x, y \in X, x \neq y$ , there exist U,  $V \in (1,2)^* PO(X)$  such that  $x \in U, y \notin U$  and  $y \in V, x \notin V$ .

Remark 3.9. It is obvious that every (1,2)\*pre- $T_1$  space is (1,2)\*pre- $T_0$  but the converse is not true in general as illustrated in the next example.

**Example 3.10.** Let  $X = \{a, b, c\}$ .  $\tau_1 = \{\emptyset, \{a\}, X\}, \tau_2 = \{\emptyset, \{b\}, X\}$ . Then X is (1, 2)\*pre- $T_0$  but not (1, 2)\*pre- $T_1$ .

**Theorem 3.11.** In a space X, the following statements are equivalent.

- (i). X is  $(1,2)^*$  pre- $T_1$ .
- (ii). For each  $x \in X$ ,  $\{x\}$  is  $(1,2)^*$  pre-closed in X.
- (iii). Each subset of X is the intersection of all (1,2)\* pre-open sets containing it.
- (iv). The intersection of all (1,2)\* pre-open sets containing the point  $x \in X$  is  $\{x\}$ .

Proof.  $(i) \Rightarrow (ii)$ .

Let  $x \in X$ . If  $y \in X$  and  $x \neq y$  then there exists an  $(1,2)^*$  pre-open set  $U_y$  such that  $y \in U_y$ . Hence  $y \in U_y \subset \{x\}^c$ . Therefore,  $\{x\}^c = \bigcup \{U_y : y \in \{x\}^c\}$  which is  $(1,2)^*$  pre-open and so  $\{x\}$  is  $(1,2)^*$  pre-closed in X.  $(ii) \Rightarrow (iii)$ .

Let  $A \subset X$  and  $y \notin A$ . Then  $A \subset \{y\}^c$  and  $\{y\}^c$  is  $(1,2)^*$  pre-open in X and  $A = \bigcap \{\{y\}^c : y \in A^c\}$  which is the intersection of all  $(1,2)^*$  pre-open sets containing A.  $(iii) \Rightarrow (iv)$ .

Obvious.

 $(iv) \Rightarrow (i)$ .

Let  $x, y \in X$ ,  $x \neq y$ . By our assumption, there exist at least an  $(1,2)^*$  pre-open set containing x but not y and also an  $(1,2)^*$  pre-open set containing y but not x. Therefore, X is  $(1,2)^*$  pre- $T_1$ .

**Definition 3.12.** A space X is called  $(1,2)^*$  pre- $T_2$  iff for  $x, y \in X$ ,  $x \neq y$ , there exist disjoint  $(1,2)^*$  pre-open sets U, V in X such that  $x \in U$  and  $y \in V$ .

Remark 3.13. (1,2)\*pre- $T_2$ ness implies (1,2)\*pre- $T_1$ ness but the converse is not true in general. In Example 3.7, X is (1,2)\*pre- $T_1$  but not (1,2)\*pre- $T_2$ .

**Definition 3.14.** A subset O of X is said to be  $(1,2)^*$  pre-neighbourhood of a point  $x \in X$  iff there exists an  $(1,2)^*$  pre-open set U such that  $x \in U \subset O$ .

**Theorem 3.15.** For a space X the following statements are equivalent.

- (i). X is  $(1,2)^*$  pre- $T_2$
- (ii). If  $x \in X$ , then for each  $y \neq x$ , there is an  $(1,2)^*$  pre-neighbourhood N(x) of x such that  $y \notin (1,2)^*$  pcl(N(x)).
- (iii). For each  $x \in \{(1,2)^*pcl(N): N \text{ is an } (1,2)^*pre-neighbourhood of } x\} = \{x\}.$

Proof.  $(i) \Rightarrow (ii)$ .

Let  $x \in X$ . If  $y \in X$  is such that  $y \neq x$ , there exist disjoint  $(1,2)^*$  pre-open sets U, V such that  $x \in U$  and  $y \in V$ . Then  $x \in U \subset X \setminus V$  which implies that  $X \setminus V$  is an  $(1,2)^*$  pre-neighbourhood of x. Also  $X \setminus V$  is  $(1,2)^*$  pre-closed and  $y \notin X \setminus V$ . Let  $N(x) = X \setminus V$ . Then  $y \notin (1,2)^*$  pcl(N(x)).

 $(ii) \Rightarrow (iii).$ 

Obvious.

 $(iii) \Rightarrow (i).$ 

Let  $x, y \in X, x \neq y$ . By hypothesis, there is at least an  $(1,2)^*$  pre-neighbourhood N of x such that  $y \notin (1,2)^* pcl(N)$ . We have  $x \notin X \setminus (1,2)^* pcl(N)$  is  $(1,2)^*$  pre-open. Since N is an  $(1,2)^*$  pre-neighbourhood of x, there exists  $U \in (1,2)^* PO(X)$  such that  $x \in U \subset N$  and  $U \cap (X \setminus (1,2)^* pcl(N)) = \emptyset$ . Hence X is  $(1,2)^*$  pre- $T_2$ .

**Definition 3.16.** A space X is said to be  $(1,2)^*$  pre-regular if for each  $(1,2)^*$  pre-closed set F and each point  $x \notin F$  there exist disjoint  $(1,2)^*$  pre-open sets U and V such that  $x \in U$  and  $F \subset V$ .

**Theorem 3.17.** An  $(1,2)^*$  pre- $T_0$  space is  $(1,2)^*$  pre- $T_2$  if it is  $(1,2)^*$  pre-regular.

Proof. Let X be  $(1,2)^*$  pre- $T_0$  and  $(1,2)^*$  pre-regular. If  $x, y \in X$ ,  $x \neq y$ , there exists  $U \in (1,2)^* PO(X)$  such that U contains one of x and y, say x but not y. Then  $X \setminus U$  is  $(1,2)^*$  pre-closed and  $x \notin X \setminus U$ . Since X is  $(1,2)^*$  pre-regular, there exist disjoint  $(1,2)^*$  pre-open sets  $V_1$  and  $V_2$  such that  $x \in V_1$  and  $X \setminus U \subset V_2$ . Thus  $x \in V_1$  and  $y \in V_2$ ,  $V_1 \cap V_2 = \emptyset$ . Hence X is  $(1,2)^*$  pre- $T_2$ .

**Theorem 3.18.** If  $f:(X, \tau_1, \tau_2) \rightarrow (Y, \sigma_1, \sigma_2)$  is an injective,  $(1, 2)^*$  pre-irresolute map and Y is  $(1, 2)^*$  pre- $T_2$  then X is  $(1, 2)^*$  pre- $T_2$ .

Proof. Let  $x, y \in X, x \neq y$ . Since f is injective,  $f(x) \neq f(y)$  in Y and there exist disjoint  $(1,2)^*$  pre-open sets U, V such that  $f(x) \in U$  and  $f(y) \in V$ . Let  $G = f^{-1}(U)$  and  $H = f^{-1}(V)$ . Then  $x \in G, y \in H$  and  $G, H \in (1,2)^* PO(X)$ . Also  $G \cap H = f^{-1}(U) \cap f^{-1}(V) = f^{-1}(U \cap V) = \emptyset$ . Thus X is  $(1,2)^*$  pre- $T_2$ .

## 4. Pre-difference axioms

**Definition 4.1.** A subset A of X is called  $(1,2)^*$  pre-difference set (briefly  $(1,2)^*$  pD-set) if there are two  $(1,2)^*$  pre-open sets  $P_1$  and  $P_2$  in X,  $P_1 \neq X$  such that  $A = P_1 \setminus P_2$ .

Remark 4.2. It is evident that each (1,2)\*pre-open set is an (1,2)\*pD-set.

Now we define another set of separation axioms called  $(1,2)^*$  pre- $D_i$ , i=0,1,2 by using the  $(1,2)^*p$ -sets.

## **Definition 4.3.** A space X is said to be

- (i). (1,2)\*pre- $D_0$  if for  $x, y \in X$ ,  $x \neq y$ , there exists an (1,2)\*pD-set containing one of x and y but not the other.
- (ii).  $(1,2)^*$  pre- $D_1$  if for  $x, y \in X, x \neq y$ , there exist  $(1,2)^*pD$ -sets U, V in X such that  $x \in U, y \notin U$  and  $y \in V, x \notin V$ .

(iii).  $(1,2)^*$  pre- $D_2$  if for  $x, y \in X$ ,  $x \neq y$ , there exist disjoint  $(1,2)^*p$ -sets U, V in X such that  $x \in U$  and  $y \in V$ .

Remark 4.4. (i). Every  $(1,2)^*$  pre- $T_i$  space is  $(1,2)^*$  pre- $D_i$ , i=0,1,2 respectively. (ii). If X is  $(1,2)^*$  pre- $D_i$  then it is  $(1,2)^*$  pre- $D_{i-1}$ , i=1,2.

Remark 4.5. (1,2)\*pre- $D_i$  ness does not imply (1,2)\*pre- $T_i$  ness for i=1,2 respectively. In example 3.10, X is (1,2)\*pre- $D_1$  but not (1,2)\*pre- $T_1$  and in Example 3.7, X is not (1,2)\*pre- $T_2$  but (1,2)\*pre- $D_2$ .

The next example shows that (1,2)\*pre- $D_0$  does not imply (1,2)\*pre- $D_1$ .

**Example 4.6.** Let  $X = \{a, b\}$ ,  $\tau_1 = \{\emptyset, X\}$ ,  $\tau_2 = \{\emptyset, \{a\}, X\}$ . Then X is  $(1, 2)^*$  pre- $D_0$  but not  $(1, 2)^*$  pre- $D_1$ .

**Theorem 4.7.** A space X is  $(1,2)^*$  pre- $D_0$  if and only if it is  $(1,2)^*$  pre- $T_0$ .

*Proof.* Suppose that X is  $(1,2)^*$ pre- $D_0$ . Let  $x, y \in X$ ,  $x \neq y$ . Then there exists an  $(1,2)^*pD$ -set U such that U contains x but not y, say. As U is an  $(1,2)^*pD$ -set, it is possible to write  $U = P_1 \setminus P_2$  where  $P_1 \neq X$  and  $P_1, P_2 \in (1,2)PO(X)$ . Now there arises two cases. (i)  $y \notin P_1$  (ii)  $y \in P_1$  and  $y \in P_2$ .

Case (i).  $y \notin P_1$  and  $x \in P_1 \setminus P_2$  implies that  $x \in P_1$  and  $y \notin P_1$ .

Case (ii).  $y \in P_1$  and  $y \in P_2$ .  $x \in P_1 \setminus P_2$  implies that  $x \notin P_2$ . Thus  $y \in P_2$  and  $x \notin P_2$ .

Thus in both the cases, we obtain that X is (1,2)\*pre- $T_0$ . Conversely, if X is (1,2)\*pre- $T_0$ , by Remark 4.4, X is (1,2)\*pre- $D_0$ .

It has been showed in section 3, that an (1,2)\*pre- $T_2$ -space is (1,2)\*pre- $T_1$  but not the converse. But in the case of pre-Difference axioms, we prove that an (1,2)\*pre- $D_1$ -space is (1,2)\*pre- $D_2$  and so the (1,2)\*pre- $D_1$ -space coincides with (1,2)\*pre- $D_2$ -space.

**Theorem 4.8.** A space X is  $(1,2)^*$  pre- $D_1$  if and only if X is  $(1,2)^*$  pre- $D_2$ .

*Proof.* Necessity. Let  $x, y \in X$ ,  $x \neq y$ . Then there exist  $(1,2)^*pD$ -sets U, V in X such that  $x \in U$ ,  $y \notin U$  and  $y \in V$ ,  $x \notin V$ . Let  $U = P_1 \setminus P_2$  and  $V = P_3 \setminus P_4$  where  $P_i \in (1,2)^*PO(X)$ , i=1,2,3,4 and  $P_1 \neq X$ ,  $P_3 \neq X$ . It is evident that  $x \notin V$  implies the two possibilities, (i)  $x \in P_3 \cap P_4$  (ii)  $x \notin P_3$ .

Case (i).  $x \in P_3 \cap P_4$ . We have  $x \in P_4$  and  $y \in P_3 \setminus P_4$  and  $P_4 \cap (P_3 \setminus P_4) = \emptyset$  are disjoint.

Case (ii).  $x \notin P_3$ .  $y \notin U$  implies that either  $y \in P_1$  and  $y \in P_2$  or  $y \notin P_1$ .

Sub Case (a).  $y \in P_1$  and  $y \in P_2$  and  $x \in P_1 \setminus P_2$ . We get  $P_1 \setminus P_2$  and  $P_2$  are disjoint  $(1,2)^*pD$ -sets containing x and y respectively.

Sub Case (b).  $y \notin P_1$  and  $x \in P_1 \setminus P_2$  and  $x \notin P_3$  implies that  $x \in P_1 \setminus (P_2 \cup P_3)$  and  $y \in P_3 \setminus P_4$  and  $y \notin P_1$  implies that  $y \in P_3 \setminus (P_1 \cup P_4)$  and  $P_1 \setminus (P_2 \cup P_3)$  and  $P_3 \setminus (P_1 \cup P_4)$  are disjoint. Therefore, X is  $(1,2)^*$ pre- $D_2$ .

**Sufficiency.** Follows from Remark 4.4.

**Theorem 4.9.** If X is  $(1,2)^*$  pre- $D_1$  then it is  $(1,2)^*$  pre- $T_0$ .

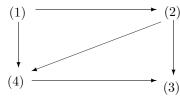
*Proof.* Follows from (ii) Remark 4.4 and theorem 4.8.

Remark 4.10. An (1,2)\*pre- $T_0$ -space is not (1,2)\*pre- $D_1$ , in general. In Example 3.10, X is (1,2)\*pre- $T_0$  but not (1,2)\*pre- $D_1$ .

Remark 4.11. From the discussions in Sections three and four, the following implication diagram is drawn. In the diagram,



- 2. (1,2)\*pre- $T_1$
- 3. (1,2)\*pre- $T_0$
- 4. (1,2)\*pre- $D_1$



 $A \to B$  (resp.  $A \nrightarrow B$ ) represents that A implies B (resp. A does not imply B).

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