

(ω)BITOPOLOGICAL SPACES

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Abstract: Considering two increasing sequences of topologies on a set, we introduce the notion of a (ω)bitopological space. Different types of compactness are defined and studied.

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1. Introduction

A set X equipped with an increasing sequence $\mathcal{T} = \{\mathcal{T}_n\}$ of topologies on it is called a (ω)*topological space* (Bose and Tiwari [1]) and is denoted by (X, \mathcal{T}) . A set G is called (ω)*open* if $G \in \cup_n \mathcal{T}_n$, and a set F is (ω)*closed* if $X - F$ is (ω)open. The union and intersection of a finite number of (ω)open sets are (ω)open. The union of a countable number of (ω)open sets may not be (ω)open. These are called ($\sigma\omega$)*open* sets. Since the union of an arbitrary number of (\mathcal{T}_n)open sets is (\mathcal{T}_n)open, the union of an arbitrary number of (ω)open sets is expressible as the union of a countable number of (ω)open sets, and hence it is a ($\sigma\omega$)open set. Similarly, ($\delta\omega$)*closed* sets are defined as the intersection of countable number of (ω)closed sets. Kelly [4] initiated the study of the notion of a bitopological

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space which is a set equipped with two topologies. Further works on bitopology were done by Lane [7], Kim [5], Fletcher, Hoyle III and Patty [3], Reilly [10], Cooke and Reilly[2] and others.

By considering two increasing sequences of topologies on a set, we define a (ω) bitopological space as follows.

Definition 1.1. Let X be a nonempty set. If $\mathcal{P} = \{\mathcal{P}_n\}$ and $Q = \{Q_n\}$ be two sequences of topologies on X with $\mathcal{P}_n \subset \mathcal{P}_{n+1}$ and $Q_n \subset Q_{n+1}$ for all n , then X is called a (ω) bitopological space and is denoted by (X, \mathcal{P}, Q) or $(X, \{\mathcal{P}_n\}, \{Q_n\})$.

We study some properties of (ω) bitopological spaces concerning compactness, local compactness and paracompactness.

If $\mathcal{P} = Q$, then (X, \mathcal{P}, Q) is the (ω) topological space (X, \mathcal{P}) . If $\mathcal{P}_n = \mathcal{P}_m$ and $Q_n = Q_m$ for all $n, m \in N$, then $\mathcal{P} = \{\mathcal{P}_n\}$ and $Q = \{Q_n\}$ may be considered as topologies on X , and so (X, \mathcal{P}, Q) becomes a bitopological space.

Throughout the paper, unless otherwise mentioned, X denotes the (ω) bitopological space (X, \mathcal{P}, Q) where $\mathcal{P} = \{\mathcal{P}_n\}$ and $Q = \{Q_n\}$ are two increasing sequences of topologies on X . For any set $A \subset X$, $(\tau)\text{cl}A$ denotes the closure of A with respect to the topology τ on X and $\tau|A$ denotes the subspace topology of τ on A . If \mathcal{A} is a class of subsets of X , then $\mathcal{T}(\mathcal{A})$ denotes the smallest topology on X containing \mathcal{A} . R and N denote the set of real numbers and the set of natural numbers respectively, and l, m, n , etc. denote elements of N . For definitions and notations which are not explained here, the reader is referred to Willard [11].

A set $\in \bigcup_n \mathcal{P}_n$ (resp. $\bigcup_n Q_n$) is said to be $(\omega_{\mathcal{P}})$ open (resp. (ω_Q) open). Similarly, we define $(\sigma_{\omega_{\mathcal{P}}})$ open sets, $(\delta_{\omega_{\mathcal{P}}})$ closed sets etc.

The (ω) topological space (X, \mathcal{P}) is called $(\omega_{\mathcal{P}})$ compact [1] if every $(\omega_{\mathcal{P}})$ open cover of X has a finite subcover. If (X, \mathcal{P}) is $(\omega_{\mathcal{P}})$ compact, then any $(\omega_{\mathcal{P}})$ closed subset of X is $(\omega_{\mathcal{P}})$ compact. (X, \mathcal{P}) is said to be *locally $(\omega_{\mathcal{P}})$ compact* [1] if for each point $x \in X$, there exists an n such that for some (\mathcal{P}_n) open neighbourhood U of x , $(\mathcal{P}_n)\text{cl}U$ is $(\omega_{\mathcal{P}})$ compact. If \mathcal{T} is a topology on X , then a collection \mathcal{C} of subsets of X is said to be (\mathcal{T}) locally finite if each $x \in X$ has a (\mathcal{T}) open neighbourhood intersecting only a finite number of elements of \mathcal{C} . \mathcal{C} is said to be σ - (\mathcal{T}) locally finite if $\mathcal{C} = \bigcup_{k=1}^{\infty} \mathcal{C}_k$, where each \mathcal{C}_k is a (\mathcal{T}) locally finite collection. (X, \mathcal{P}) is said to be $(\omega_{\mathcal{P}})$ paracompact [1] if each $(\omega_{\mathcal{P}})$ open cover of X has a (\mathcal{P}_n) locally finite (\mathcal{P}_n) open refinement for some n . For a set $A \subset X$, $(\omega_{\mathcal{P}})\text{cl}A$ is the intersection of all $(\omega_{\mathcal{P}})$ closed sets containing A . It is clear that $(\omega_{\mathcal{P}})\text{cl}A$

is ($\delta\omega_{\mathcal{P}}$)closed set.

(X, \mathcal{P}) is said to be ($\omega_{\mathcal{P}}$)Hausdorff [1] if for every pair of distinct points x and y of X , there exists an n such that for some $U, V \in \mathcal{P}_n$, we have $x \in U$, $y \in V$ and $U \cap V = \phi$.

If there is no scope of confusion, we omit the subscript from ($\omega_{\mathcal{P}}$)open, ($\omega_{\mathcal{P}}$)closed, ($\omega_{\mathcal{P}}$)compact, etc.

We require the following theorem.

Theorem 1.1. (Theorem 3.6, [1]) *If the (ω)topological space (X, \mathcal{P}) is (ω)Hausdorff and $K \subset X$ is (ω)compact, then K is a ($\delta\omega$)closed set.*

2. Pairwise (ω)Compactness and Pairwise Local (ω)Compactness

A cover \mathcal{U} of X is said to be *pairwise (ω)open* if $\mathcal{U} \subset (\cup_n \mathcal{P}_n) \cup (\cup_n \mathcal{Q}_n)$ and \mathcal{U} contains at least one nonempty set from each of $\cup_n \mathcal{P}_n$ and $\cup_n \mathcal{Q}_n$. X is said to be *pairwise (ω)compact* if every pairwise (ω)open cover of X has a finite subcover.

\mathcal{P} is said to be *locally (ω)compact with respect to Q* if for each point $x \in X$, there exists an n such that for some (\mathcal{P}_n)open set G containing x , $(\mathcal{Q}_n)\text{cl}G$ is pairwise (ω)compact. X is said to be *pairwise locally (ω)compact* if \mathcal{P} and Q are locally (ω)compact with respect to each other.

X is said to be *pairwise (ω)Hausdorff* if for each pair of distinct points x and y of X , there exists an n such that for some $U \in \mathcal{P}_n$ and $V \in \mathcal{Q}_n$, we have $x \in U$, $y \in V$ and $U \cap V = \phi$. \mathcal{P} is said to be *(ω)regular with respect to Q* if for each $x \in X$ and each ($\omega_{\mathcal{P}}$)closed set A with $x \notin A$, there exists an n such that for some $U \in \mathcal{P}_n$ and $V \in \mathcal{Q}_n$, we have $x \in U$, $A \subset V$ and $U \cap V = \phi$. X is said to be *pairwise (ω)regular* if \mathcal{P} is (ω)regular with respect to Q , and Q is (ω)regular with respect to \mathcal{P} . It is easy to see that \mathcal{P} is (ω)regular with respect to Q iff for each point $x \in X$ and a ($\omega_{\mathcal{P}}$)open set G with $x \in G$, there exists an n such that for some (\mathcal{P}_n)open set H , we have $x \in H \subset (\mathcal{Q}_n)\text{cl}H \subset G$. X is said to be *pairwise (ω)normal* if for each pair of a ($\omega_{\mathcal{P}}$)closed set A and a ($\omega_{\mathcal{Q}}$)closed set B with $A \cap B = \phi$, there exists an n such that for some $U \in \mathcal{Q}_n$ and $V \in \mathcal{P}_n$, we have $A \subset U$, $B \subset V$ and $U \cap V = \phi$. Equivalently, X is pairwise (ω)normal if for any ($\omega_{\mathcal{Q}}$)closed set A and any ($\omega_{\mathcal{P}}$)open set G with $A \subset G$, there exists an n such that for some (\mathcal{P}_n)open set U , we have $A \subset U \subset (\mathcal{Q}_n)\text{cl}U \subset G$.

\mathcal{P} is said to be (ω) R_1 with respect to Q if for any two points $x, y \in X$ with

$x \notin (\omega_{\mathcal{P}})\text{cl}\{y\}$, there exists an n such that for some $U \in \mathcal{P}_n$ and $V \in \mathcal{Q}_n$, we have $x \in U$, $y \in V$ and $U \cap V = \phi$. X is said to be *pairwise* $(\omega)R_1$ if \mathcal{P} is $(\omega)R_1$ with respect to Q and Q is $(\omega)R_1$ with respect to \mathcal{P} .

Now we give some examples of (ω) bitopological spaces. We denote by τ_n the power set of $\{1, 2, \dots, n\}$, and by σ_n the power set of $\{-1, -2, \dots, -n\}$.

Example 2.1. Let \mathcal{T}_1 be the topology of countable complements on R and \mathcal{T}_2 be the discrete topology on R . We write $\mathcal{P}_n = \mathcal{T}_1 \cup \tau_n$ and $\mathcal{Q}_n = \{\phi, R\} \cup \{G \cap (-n, n) | G \in \mathcal{T}_2\}$. Then the (ω) bitopological space $(R, \{\mathcal{P}_n\}, \{\mathcal{Q}_n\})$ is pairwise (ω) Hausdorff but it is not a pair of (ω) Hausdorff spaces.

Example 2.2. Let \mathcal{U} denote the usual topology on R . If $\mathcal{P}_n = \mathcal{T}(\mathcal{U} \cup \tau_n)$ and $\mathcal{Q}_n = \mathcal{T}(\mathcal{U} \cup \sigma_n)$, then the (ω) bitopological space $(R, \{\mathcal{P}_n\}, \{\mathcal{Q}_n\})$ is pairwise (ω) Hausdorff, and both $(R, \{\mathcal{P}_n\})$ and $(R, \{\mathcal{Q}_n\})$ are (ω) Hausdorff.

Example 2.3. Let \mathcal{T} be the discrete topology on R , and \mathcal{U} be the usual topology on R . If $\mathcal{P}_n = \{\phi, R\} \cup \{G \cap (-n, n) | G \in \mathcal{U}\}$ and $\mathcal{Q}_n = \{\phi, R\} \cup \{G \cap (-n, n) | G \in \mathcal{T}\}$, then $(R, \{\mathcal{P}_n\}, \{\mathcal{Q}_n\})$ is pairwise (ω) Hausdorff but for no n , the bitopological space $(R, \mathcal{P}_n, \mathcal{Q}_n)$ is pairwise Hausdorff (*Kelly*, [4]). Both $(R, \{\mathcal{P}_n\})$ and $(R, \{\mathcal{Q}_n\})$ are (ω) Hausdorff.

Example 2.4. Let \mathcal{S}_1 denote the left hand topology on R generated by the base $\{\phi\} \cup \{(-\infty, x) | x \in R\}$, \mathcal{S}_2 denote the right hand topology on R generated by the base $\{\phi\} \cup \{(x, \infty) | x \in R\}$. If $\mathcal{P}_n = \{\phi, R\} \cup \{G \cap (-\infty, n) | G \in \mathcal{S}_1\}$ for all n and $\mathcal{Q}_n = \{\phi, R\} \cup \{G \cap (-n, \infty) | G \in \mathcal{S}_2\}$, then the (ω) bitopological space $(R, \{\mathcal{P}_n\}, \{\mathcal{Q}_n\})$ is pairwise (ω) compact, and hence pairwise locally (ω) compact. But $(R, \{\mathcal{P}_n\})$ and $(R, \{\mathcal{Q}_n\})$ are not (ω) compact. Even they are not locally (ω) compact.

Example 2.5. Let X be the set of all non-negative real numbers, \mathcal{T} be the usual topology on X and $\mathcal{P}_n = \{\phi, X\} \cup \{G \cap [0, n) | G \in \mathcal{T}\}$. Also let $\mathcal{Q}_n = \{\phi\} \cup \{G \cup (n, \infty) | G \in \mathcal{T}\}$. Then the (ω) bitopological space $(X, \{\mathcal{P}_n\}, \{\mathcal{Q}_n\})$ is pairwise (ω) Hausdorff and pairwise (ω) compact. But $\{\mathcal{P}_n\} \neq \{\mathcal{Q}_n\}$.

Theorem 2.1. (i) If X is pairwise (ω) compact and K is a $(\delta\omega_{\mathcal{P}})$ closed or a $(\delta\omega_{\mathcal{Q}})$ closed subset of X , then K is pairwise (ω) compact.

(ii) X is pairwise (ω) compact iff each $(\delta\omega_{\mathcal{P}})$ closed (resp. $(\delta\omega_{\mathcal{Q}})$ closed) proper subset of X is $(\omega_{\mathcal{Q}})$ compact (resp. $(\omega_{\mathcal{P}})$ compact).

The proof is straightforward and is omitted.

Corollary 2.1. If X is pairwise (ω) compact, and if the (ω) topological spaces (X, \mathcal{P}) and (X, \mathcal{Q}) are $(\omega_{\mathcal{P}})$ Hausdorff and $(\omega_{\mathcal{Q}})$ Hausdorff respectively,

then each $(\sigma\omega_{\mathcal{P}})$ open (resp. $(\sigma\omega_Q)$ open) subset of X is $(\sigma\omega_Q)$ open (resp. $(\sigma\omega_{\mathcal{P}})$ open).

Proof. Let A be a $(\sigma\omega_{\mathcal{P}})$ open proper subset of X . Then $B = X - A$ is $(\delta\omega_{\mathcal{P}})$ closed. Hence by Theorem 2.1, B is (ω_Q) compact. Since (X, Q) is (ω_Q) Hausdorff, by Theorem 1.1, B is $(\delta\omega_Q)$ closed, and hence A is $(\sigma\omega_Q)$ open. \square

Theorem 2.2. *Let X be pairwise (ω) Hausdorff. If $K \subset X$ is $(\omega_{\mathcal{P}})$ compact (resp. (ω_Q) compact), then K is $(\delta\omega_Q)$ closed (resp. $(\delta\omega_{\mathcal{P}})$ closed).*

Proof. Suppose K is $(\omega_{\mathcal{P}})$ compact proper subset of X . If $x \in K$ and $y \in X - K$, then there exists an $n_{xy} \in N$ such that for some $U_{xy} \in \mathcal{P}_{n_{xy}}$ and $V_{xy} \in Q_{n_{xy}}$, we have $x \in U_{xy}$, $y \in V_{xy}$ and $U_{xy} \cap V_{xy} = \phi$. The collection $\{U_{xy}|x \in K\}$ forms a $(\omega_{\mathcal{P}})$ open cover of K . Therefore there exists a finite subcover $\{U_{x_1y}, U_{x_2y}, \dots, U_{x_ky}\}$ of the cover $\{U_{xy}|x \in K\}$ of K . If $U_y = \bigcup_{i=1}^k U_{x_iy}$ and $V_y = \bigcap_{i=1}^k V_{x_iy}$, then $K \subset U_y$, $y \in V_y$ and $U_y \cap V_y = \phi$. Now $X - K \subset \bigcup \{V_y|y \in X - K\} \subset \{X - U_y|y \in X - K\} \subset X - K$. Thus $X - K = \bigcup \{V_y|y \in X - K\}$, and so $X - K$ is $(\sigma\omega_Q)$ open. Therefore K is $(\delta\omega_Q)$ closed. \square

Corollary 2.2. *If X is pairwise (ω) Hausdorff, and if the (ω) topological spaces (X, \mathcal{P}) and (X, Q) are $(\omega_{\mathcal{P}})$ compact and (ω_Q) compact respectively, then each $(\sigma\omega_{\mathcal{P}})$ open (resp. $(\sigma\omega_Q)$ open) subsets of X are $(\sigma\omega_Q)$ open (resp. $(\sigma\omega_{\mathcal{P}})$ open).*

Theorem 2.3. *If X is pairwise (ω) compact and pairwise (ω) Hausdorff, then X is pairwise (ω) regular.*

The proof is similar to Theorem 12 in [3].

Theorem 2.4. *If X is pairwise (ω) compact, and either \mathcal{P} is (ω) regular with respect to Q or Q is (ω) regular with respect to \mathcal{P} , then X is pairwise (ω) normal.*

The proof is similar to Theorem 13 in [3].

Theorem 2.5. *Let X be pairwise $(\omega) R_1$. If $K \subset X$ is $(\omega_{\mathcal{P}})$ compact (resp. (ω_Q) compact), then $(\omega_Q)\text{cl}K = \bigcup_{x \in K} (\omega_Q)\text{cl}\{x\}$ (resp. $(\omega_{\mathcal{P}})\text{cl}K = \bigcup_{x \in K} (\omega_{\mathcal{P}})\text{cl}\{x\}$).*

Proof. Suppose K is $(\omega_{\mathcal{P}})$ compact. Let $y \notin \bigcup_{x \in K} (\omega_Q)\text{cl}\{x\}$ so that $y \notin (\omega_Q)\text{cl}\{x\}$ for all $x \in K$. Then there exists an $n_x \in N$ such that for some $U_{n_x} \in \mathcal{P}_{n_x}$ and $V_{n_x} \in Q_{n_x}$, we have $x \in U_{n_x}$, $y \in V_{n_x}$ and $U_{n_x} \cap V_{n_x} = \phi$. Since K is $(\omega_{\mathcal{P}})$ compact, the $(\omega_{\mathcal{P}})$ open cover $\{U_{n_x}|x \in K\}$ of K has a finite subcover

$U_{n_{x_1}}, U_{n_{x_2}}, \dots, U_{n_{x_k}}$. If $U = \bigcup_{i=1}^k U_{n_{x_i}}$, $V = \bigcap_{i=1}^k V_{n_{x_i}}$ and $n = \max\{n_{x_1}, n_{x_2}, \dots, n_{x_k}\}$, then U is (\mathcal{P}_n) open, V is (Q_n) open, $K \subset U$, $y \in V$ and $U \cap V = \phi$. Then $X - V$ is (Q_n) closed, $y \notin X - V$ and $K \subset X - V$. Therefore $y \notin (Q_n)\text{cl}K$, and so $y \notin (\omega_Q)\text{cl}K$. Hence $(\omega_Q)\text{cl}K \subset \bigcup_{x \in K} (\omega_Q)\text{cl}\{x\}$. Also $\bigcup_{x \in K} (\omega_Q)\text{cl}\{x\} \subset (\omega_Q)\text{cl}K$ is obviously true. \square

Theorem 2.6. *Suppose X is pairwise (ω) Hausdorff. Then \mathcal{P} is locally (ω) compact with respect to Q iff for each point $x \in X$ and $(\omega_{\mathcal{P}})$ open set G containing x , there exists an n such that for some (\mathcal{P}_n) open set U containing x , we have $(Q_n)\text{cl}U \subset G$ and $(Q_n)\text{cl}U$ is pairwise (ω) compact.*

Proof. We only need to prove the ‘only if’ part. Let $x \in X$ and G be a $(\omega_{\mathcal{P}})$ open set with $x \in G$. There exists an l such that for some $V \in \mathcal{P}_l$ with $x \in V$, we have $K = (Q_l)\text{cl}V$ is pairwise (ω) compact. So the subspace $(K, \{\mathcal{P}_n|K\}, \{Q_n|K\})$ is pairwise (ω) compact and pairwise (ω) Hausdorff. Therefore by Theorem 2.3, it is pairwise (ω) regular, and hence there is an m such that for some $W \in \mathcal{P}_m|K$ with $x \in W$, we have $(Q_m|K)\text{cl}W \subset G \cap K$. Let $W = U \cap K$ with $U \in \mathcal{P}_m$. If $H = U \cap V$ and $n = \max\{l, m\}$, then $H \in \mathcal{P}_n$, $x \in H$ and $(Q_n)\text{cl}H = ((Q_n)\text{cl}H) \cap K = (Q_n|K)\text{cl}H$. Therefore by Theorem 2.1, $(Q_n)\text{cl}H$ is pairwise (ω) compact. Moreover $(Q_n)\text{cl}H \subset (Q_n|K)\text{cl}W \subset G$. \square

Corollary 2.3. *If X is pairwise (ω) Hausdorff and \mathcal{P} is locally (ω) compact with respect to Q , then \mathcal{P} is (ω) regular with respect to Q . Hence if X is pairwise (ω) Hausdorff and pairwise locally (ω) compact, then it is pairwise (ω) regular.*

Theorem 2.7. *Suppose X is pairwise (ω) Hausdorff. If \mathcal{P} is locally (ω) compact with respect to Q , then for a $(\omega_{\mathcal{P}})$ compact subset K of X , there is a (\mathcal{P}_n) open set G such that $(Q_n)\text{cl}G$ is pairwise (ω) compact and $K \subset G$.*

Proof. Let $x \in K$. Then there exists an $n_x \in N$ such that for some $U_{n_x} \in \mathcal{P}_{n_x}$ with $x \in U_{n_x}$, $(Q_{n_x})\text{cl}U_{n_x}$ is pairwise (ω) compact. The collection $\{U_{n_x} | x \in K\}$ is an $(\omega_{\mathcal{P}})$ open cover of K . So there exists a finite subcover $U_{n_{x_1}}, U_{n_{x_2}}, \dots, U_{n_{x_k}}$ of K . If $n = \max\{n_{x_1}, n_{x_2}, \dots, n_{x_k}\}$ and $G = \bigcup_{i=1}^k U_{n_{x_i}}$, then $G \in \mathcal{P}_n$ and $K \subset G$. For each i , $(Q_n)\text{cl}U_{n_{x_i}}$ is a (ω_Q) closed subset of $(Q_{n_{x_i}})\text{cl}U_{n_{x_i}}$, and hence by Theorem 2.1, it is pairwise (ω) compact. Therefore $(Q_n)\text{cl}G = \bigcup_{i=1}^k (Q_n)\text{cl}U_{n_{x_i}}$ is pairwise (ω) compact. \square

Theorem 2.8. *Let \mathcal{P} be locally (ω) compact with respect to Q . If F is a (ω_Q) closed subset of X , then $\{\mathcal{P}_n|F\}$ is locally (ω) compact with respect to $\{Q_n|F\}$. If, in addition, X is pairwise (ω) Hausdorff, then for any $(\omega_{\mathcal{P}})$ open*

subset G of X , $\{\mathcal{P}_n|G\}$ is locally (ω)compact with respect to $\{Q_n|G\}$.

Proof. Let $x \in F$. There exists an n such that for some (\mathcal{P}_n)open set H containing x , $C = (Q_n)\text{cl}H$ is pairwise (ω)compact. Since F is (ω_Q)closed, by Theorem 2.1, $F \cap C$ is pairwise (ω)compact. Also $F \cap H$ is ($\mathcal{P}_n|F$)open, $x \in F \cap H$ and $(Q_n|F)\text{cl}(F \cap H) = F \cap (Q_n)\text{cl}(F \cap H) \subset F \cap C$.

If X is pairwise (ω)Hausdorff, then by Corollary 2.3, \mathcal{P} is (ω)regular with respect to Q . Therefore if $y \in G$, then there exists an l such that for some $U \in \mathcal{P}_l$, we have $y \in U \subset (Q_l)\text{cl}U \subset G$. By Theorem 2.6, there exists an m such that for some $V \in \mathcal{P}_m$, we have $y \in V \subset (Q_m)\text{cl}V \subset U$ and $(Q_m)\text{cl}V$ is pairwise (ω)compact. Then $V \cap G \in \mathcal{P}_m|G$, $y \in V \cap G$ and $(Q_m|G)\text{cl}(V \cap G) = (Q_m|G)\text{cl}V = (Q_m)\text{cl}V$ is pairwise (ω)compact. \square

3. Pairwise (ω)Paracompactness

A refinement \mathcal{V} of a pairwise (ω)open cover \mathcal{U} is said to be (n)parallel refinement if it satisfies the following condition: $V \in \mathcal{V}$ is (\mathcal{P}_n)open (resp. (Q_n)open) if V is a subset of a ($\omega_{\mathcal{P}}$)open (resp. (ω_Q)open) set $U \in \mathcal{U}$. A collection \mathcal{U} of subsets of X is said to be pairwise (n)locally finite if for each $x \in X$, there exist a (\mathcal{P}_n)open and a (Q_n)open neighbourhood of x , each intersecting a finitely many $U \in \mathcal{U}$. X is said to be pairwise (ω)paracompact if for every pairwise (ω)open cover of X , there exists a pairwise (m)locally finite (n)parallel refinement for some $m, n \in N$.

The (ω)bitopological space $(X, \{\mathcal{P}_n\}, \{Q_n\})$ of Example 2.5 is pairwise (ω)Hausdorff and pairwise (ω)compact and hence pairwise (ω)paracompact. But $\{\mathcal{P}_n\} \neq \{Q_n\}$.

Theorem 3.1. *If X is pairwise (ω)paracompact, and if A is a ($\omega_{\mathcal{P}}$)closed or a (ω_Q)closed subset of X , then A is pairwise (ω) paracompact. If A is a proper subset of X , and A is ($\omega_{\mathcal{P}}$)closed (resp. (ω_Q)closed), then A is (ω_Q)paracompact (resp. ($\omega_{\mathcal{P}}$)paracompact).*

The proof is omitted.

Theorem 3.2. *If X is pairwise (ω)Hausdorff and pairwise (ω)paracompact, then X is pairwise (ω)regular.*

Proof. It is sufficient to show that \mathcal{P} is (ω)regular with respect to Q . Let $x \in X$ and F be a ($\omega_{\mathcal{P}}$)closed set with $x \notin F$. Since X is pairwise (ω)Hausdorff, for each $y \in F$, there exists an $n_y \in N$ such that for some $U_y \in \mathcal{P}_{n_y}$ and $V_y \in Q_{n_y}$,

we have $x \in U_y$, $y \in V_y$ and $U_y \cap V_y = \phi$. The collection $\mathcal{V} = \{V_y \mid y \in F\} \cup \{X - F\}$ is a pairwise (ω) open cover of X . Since X is pairwise (ω) paracompact, \mathcal{V} has, for some $m, n \in N$, a pairwise (m) locally finite (n) parallel refinement \mathcal{W} . Let $V = \cup\{W \in \mathcal{W} \mid W \cap F \neq \phi\}$. Then $V \in Q_n$. Again there exists a (\mathcal{P}_m) open neighbourhood H of x intersecting only a finite number of sets W_1, W_2, \dots, W_k of \mathcal{W} such that for each $i = 1, 2, \dots, k$, $W_i \cap F \neq \phi$. Let $W_i \subset V_{y_i}$, $y_i \in F$, $i = 1, 2, \dots, k$. Then $U = H \cap (\bigcap_{i=1}^k U_{y_i}) \in \mathcal{P}_l$ and $V \in Q_l$ where $l = \max\{m, n, n_{y_1}, \dots, n_{y_k}\}$. Also we have $x \in U$, $F \subset V$ and $U \cap V = \phi$. \square

Using the above result, we prove the following theorem.

Theorem 3.3. *If X is pairwise (ω) Hausdorff and pairwise (ω) paracompact, then it is pairwise (ω) normal.*

Proof. Let A be a $(\omega_{\mathcal{P}})$ closed set and B be a (ω_Q) closed set with $A \cap B = \phi$. Let $x \in B$. By Theorem 3.2, X is pairwise (ω) regular. Therefore there exists an $n_x \in N$ such that for some $U_{n_x} \in Q_{n_x}$ and $V_{n_x} \in \mathcal{P}_{n_x}$, we have $A \subset U_{n_x}$, $x \in V_{n_x}$ and $U_{n_x} \cap V_{n_x} = \phi$. For some $n_1, n_2 \in N$, let \mathcal{E} be a (n_1) locally finite (n_2) parallel refinement of the pairwise (ω) open cover $\{V_{n_x} \mid x \in B\} \cup \{X - B\}$ of X . Let $V = \cup\{E \in \mathcal{E} \mid E \cap B \neq \phi\}$. Then $V \in \mathcal{P}_{n_2}$ and $B \subset V$. For each $y \in A$, there exists a (Q_{n_1}) open neighbourhood D_y of y that intersects a finite number of sets $E_1(y), \dots, E_k(y)$ of \mathcal{E} with $E_i(y) \cap B \neq \phi$. Let $E_i(y) \subset V_{x_i}$, $i = 1, 2, \dots, k$ and $G_y = D_y \cap (\bigcap_{i=1}^k U_{x_i})$. Then $G_y \in Q_l$ and $y \in G_y$ where $l = \max\{n_1, n_{x_1}, n_{x_2}, \dots, n_{x_k}\}$. Also $G_y \cap V = \phi$. For some $n_3, n_4 \in N$, let \mathcal{H} be a (n_3) locally finite (n_4) parallel refinement of the pairwise (ω) open cover $\{G_y \mid y \in A\} \cup \{X - A\}$ and let $U = \cup\{H \in \mathcal{H} \mid H \cap A \neq \phi\}$. Then $U \in Q_{n_4}$, $U \cap V = \phi$ and $A \subset U$. If $n = \max\{n_2, n_4\}$, then $U \in Q_n$, $V \in \mathcal{P}_n$. \square

4. β -Pairwise (ω) Paracompactness

Raghavan and Reilly [9] introduced the notions of α -, β -, γ - and δ -pairwise paracompactness of a bitopological space and proved a δ -pairwise paracompactness version of the Michael's [8] characterization of paracompactness of regular topological spaces. But unfortunately, the proof is not correct (Kovár [6], p. 396). Here we introduce β -pairwise (ω) paracompactness of a (ω) bitopological space and prove an analogue of the Michael's Theorem for this. The corresponding result for pairwise (ω) paracompactness remains as an open question.

X is said to be β -pairwise (ω) paracompact if for any m , every (\mathcal{P}_m) open

(resp. (Q_m) open) cover of X has, for some n , a $(\mathcal{T}(\mathcal{P}_n \cup Q_n))$ open (\mathcal{P}_n) locally finite (resp. (Q_n) locally finite) refinement.

Theorem 4.1. *Let the bitopological space (X, \mathcal{P}_n, Q_n) be pairwise regular (see Kelly, [4]) for each $n \in N$. Then the following statements are equivalent.*

(i) X is β -pairwise (ω) paracompact.

(ii) For any m , every (\mathcal{P}_m) open (resp. (Q_m) open) cover of X has, for some n , a σ - (\mathcal{P}_n) locally finite (resp. σ - (Q_n) locally finite) $(\mathcal{T}(\mathcal{P}_n \cup Q_n))$ open refinement.

(iii) For any m , every (\mathcal{P}_m) open (resp. (Q_m) open) cover of X has, for some n , a (\mathcal{P}_n) locally finite (resp. (Q_n) locally finite) refinement (not necessarily open or closed in any sense).

(iv) For any m , every (\mathcal{P}_m) open (resp. (Q_m) open) cover of X has, for some n , a (\mathcal{P}_n) locally finite (resp. (Q_n) locally finite) $(\mathcal{T}(\mathcal{P}_n \cup Q_n))$ closed refinement.

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

(ii) \Rightarrow (iii). Similar to the proof in Michael [8].

(iii) \Rightarrow (iv). Let \mathcal{U} be a (\mathcal{P}_m) open cover of X . For each $x \in X$, choose $U \in \mathcal{U}$ such that $x \in U$. Since (X, \mathcal{P}_m, Q_m) is pairwise regular and U is (\mathcal{P}_m) open, there exists a (\mathcal{P}_m) open set W_x such that $x \in W_x \subset (Q_m)\text{cl}W_x \subset U$. Then $\{W_x | x \in X\}$ is a (\mathcal{P}_m) open cover of X . Therefore it has, for some l , a (\mathcal{P}_l) locally finite refinement \mathcal{H} . If $n = \max\{l, m\}$ and if for $H \in \mathcal{H}$, $H \subset W_x$, then $(\mathcal{T}(\mathcal{P}_n \cup Q_n))\text{cl}H \subset (\mathcal{T}(\mathcal{P}_n \cup Q_n))\text{cl}W_x \subset (\mathcal{T}(\mathcal{P}_m \cup Q_m))\text{cl}W_x \subset (Q_m)\text{cl}W_x \subset U$. Since $\mathcal{P}_l \subset \mathcal{P}_n$, it follows that \mathcal{H} is (\mathcal{P}_n) locally finite. Therefore for $x \in X$, there exists a (\mathcal{P}_n) open set O containing x such that $O \cap H = \phi$ and hence $O \cap (\mathcal{P}_n)\text{cl}H = \phi$ for all but finite number of sets $H \in \mathcal{H}$. Thus except for a finite number of sets $H \in \mathcal{H}$, $O \cap (\mathcal{T}(\mathcal{P}_n \cup Q_n))\text{cl}H = \phi$. It now follows that $\{(\mathcal{T}(\mathcal{P}_n \cup Q_n))\text{cl}H | H \in \mathcal{H}\}$ is $(\mathcal{T}(\mathcal{P}_n \cup Q_n))$ closed (\mathcal{P}_n) locally finite refinement of \mathcal{U} . Similarly, we get a desired refinement of a (Q_m) open cover of X .

(iv) \Rightarrow (i). Let \mathcal{U} be a (\mathcal{P}_m) open cover of X . By (iv), there exists a (\mathcal{P}_n) locally finite refinement \mathcal{W} of \mathcal{U} . For each $x \in X$, there exists a (\mathcal{P}_n) open neighbourhood G_x which intersects only a finite number of sets of \mathcal{W} . The collection $\{G_x | x \in X\}$ is a (\mathcal{P}_n) open cover of X . Therefore by (iv), it has a (\mathcal{P}_l) locally finite $(\mathcal{T}(\mathcal{P}_l \cup Q_l))$ closed refinement \mathcal{D} . For $W \in \mathcal{W}$, write

$$H(W) = X - \cup\{D \in \mathcal{D} | D \cap W = \phi\}. \tag{1}$$

Since \mathcal{D} is (\mathcal{P}_l) locally finite, it is $(\mathcal{T}(\mathcal{P}_l \cup Q_l))$ locally finite, and therefore the union $\cup\{D \in \mathcal{D} | D \cap W = \phi\}$ is $(\mathcal{T}(\mathcal{P}_l \cup Q_l))$ closed. Hence by (1), $H(W)$ is $(\mathcal{T}(\mathcal{P}_l \cup Q_l))$ open. Also $W \subset H(W)$. Since a set in \mathcal{D} intersects $H(W)$ if it

does W and since \mathcal{D} is a (\mathcal{P}_l) locally finite refinement of $\{G_x | x \in X\}$, it follows that $\mathcal{H} = \{H(W) | W \in \mathcal{W}\}$ is a (\mathcal{P}_l) locally finite $(\mathcal{T}(\mathcal{P}_l \cup Q_l))$ open cover of X . For each $W \in \mathcal{W}$, choose $U \in \mathcal{U}$ such that $W \subset U$. Then $\{U \cap H(W) | W \in \mathcal{W}\}$ is a (\mathcal{P}_j) locally finite $(\mathcal{T}(\mathcal{P}_j \cup Q_j))$ open refinement of \mathcal{U} , where $j = \max\{m, l\}$. Similarly, we obtain a necessary refinement of a (Q_m) open cover of X . Hence X is β -pairwise (ω) paracompact. \square

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