## On b-Locally Open Sets in Bitopological Spaces

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Abstract. In this article we introduce the notion of $b$-locally open sets, $b L O^{*}$ sets, $b L O^{* *}$ sets in bitopological spaces and obtain several characterizations and some properties of these sets.

## 1. Introduction and preliminaries

In the recent past the notions of topological spaces have been generalized in many ways. Different types of open sets have been introduced and their properties have been investigated by many workers. The generalization of the open sets has attracted many workers to study different properties of the topological spaces. Andrijevic [1] introduced the notion of $b$-open sets in a topological space $(X, \tau)$.

The concept of bitopological spaces was introduced by Kelly [3]. A non-empty set $X$, equipped with two topologies $\tau_{1}$ and $\tau_{2}$ is called a bitopological space, denoted by $\left(X, \tau_{1}, \tau_{2}\right)$. Later on several authors were attracted by the notion of bitopological space. Many notions of topological spaces were studied on considering bitopological space. Throughout the present paper, $\left(X, \tau_{1}, \tau_{2}\right)$ denote a bitopological space.

Definition 1.1. Let $A \subset X$, then $A$ is said to be $b$-open if $A \subset c l(\operatorname{int} A) \cup \operatorname{int}(c l A)$, where $c l(A)$ and $\operatorname{int}(A)$ denote the closure and interior of the set $A$ respectively.

The notion of locally closed set in a topological space was introduced by Kuratowski and Sierpienski [4]. It is also found in Bourbaki [2]. Recently Nasef [5] have introduced and studies $b$-locally closed sets in topological space.

Definition 1.2. Let $A \subset X$, then $A$ is said to be locally closed if $A=G \cap F$, where $G$ is an open set in $X$ and $F$ is closed in $X$.

Definition 1.3. Let $A \subset X$, then $A$ is said to be $b$-locally closed if $A=G \cap F$, where $G$ is $b$-open set in $X$ and $F$ is $b$-closed set in $X$.

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In this paper we introduce the notions of locally open sets (in short $L O$ sets), $b$ locally open sets (in short $b L O$ sets), $b L O^{*}$ sets, $b L O^{* *}$ sets in bitopological spaces.

The collection of all $\left(\tau_{1}, \tau_{2}\right)-L O$ (respectively $\left(\tau_{1}, \tau_{2}\right)-b L O,\left(\tau_{1}, \tau_{2}\right)-b L O^{*}$, $\left(\tau_{1}, \tau_{2}\right)-b L O^{* *}$ sets of $\left(X, \tau_{1}, \tau_{2}\right)$ will be denoted by $\left(\tau_{1}, \tau_{2}\right)-L O(X)$ (respectively $\left.\left(\tau_{1}, \tau_{2}\right)-b L O(X),\left(\tau_{1}, \tau_{2}\right)-b L O^{*}(X),\left(\tau_{1}, \tau_{2}\right)-b L O^{* *}(X)\right)$.

## 2. $b$-locally open sets in bitopological space

Definition 2.1. A subset $A$ of a space $\left(X, \tau_{1}, \tau_{2}\right)$ is called ( $\tau_{1}, \tau_{2}$ )-locally open (in short $\left.\left(\tau_{1}, \tau_{2}\right)-L O\right)$ if $A=G \cup F$ where $G$ is $\tau_{1}$-closed and $F$ is $\tau_{2}$-open is $\left(X, \tau_{1}, \tau_{2}\right)$.

Definition 2.2. A subset $A$ of a space $\left(X, \tau_{1}, \tau_{2}\right)$ is called $\left(\tau_{1}, \tau_{2}\right)$ - $b$-locally open (in short $\left.\left(\tau_{1}, \tau_{2}\right)-b L O\right)$ if $A=G \cup F$, where $G$ is $\tau_{1}-b$-closed and $F$ is $\tau_{2}$-b-open in ( $X, \tau_{1}, \tau_{2}$ ).
Definition 2.3. A subset $A$ of a space $\left(X, \tau_{1}, \tau_{2}\right)$ is called $\left(\tau_{1}, \tau_{2}\right)$-bLO* if there exist a $\tau_{1}$-b-closed set $G$ and a $\tau_{2}$-open set $F$ of $\left(X, \tau_{1}, \tau_{2}\right)$ such that $A=G \cup F$.

Definition 2.4. A subset $A$ of a space $\left(X, \tau_{1}, \tau_{2}\right)$ is called $\left(\tau_{1}, \tau_{2}\right)$ - $b L O^{* *}$ if there exists a $\tau_{1}$-closed set $G$ and a $\tau_{2}$-b-open set $F$ of $\left(X, \tau_{1}, \tau_{2}\right)$ such that $A=G \cup F$.

Theorem 2.1. Let $A$ be a subset of a space $\left(X, \tau_{1}, \tau_{2}\right)$. Then if $A \in\left(\tau_{1}, \tau_{2}\right)-L O(X)$, then
(a) $A \in\left(\tau_{1}, \tau_{2}\right)-b L O^{*}(X)$.
(b) $A \in\left(\tau_{1}, \tau_{2}\right)-b L O^{* *}(X)$.

Proof. (a) Since $A \in\left(\tau_{1}, \tau_{2}\right)-L O(X)$, so 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 $\operatorname{int}(c l G) \subset G$ and $c l(\operatorname{int} G) \subset G$. Therefore $\operatorname{int}(c l G) \cap \operatorname{cl}(\operatorname{int} G) \subset G$. Hence $G$ is $\tau_{1}$-b-closed. Thus we have $A=G \cup F$, where $G$ is $\tau_{1}$ - $b$-closed and $F$ is $\tau_{2}$-open. Hence $A \in\left(\tau_{1}, \tau_{2}\right)$ $b L O^{*}(X)$.
(b) Let $A \in\left(\tau_{1}, \tau_{2}\right)-L O(X)$. 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 $F \subset \operatorname{int}(c l F)$ and $F \subset \operatorname{cl}(\operatorname{int} F)$. Therefore $F \subset c l(\operatorname{int} F) \cup \operatorname{int}(c l F)$. Hence $F$ is $\tau_{2}$-b-open. Now we have $A=G \cup F$, where $G$ is $\tau_{1}$-closed and $F$ is $\tau_{2}$-b-open. Hence $A \in\left(\tau_{1}, \tau_{2}\right)-b L O^{* *}(X)$.

This completes the proof.
Remark 2.1. The converse of Theorem 2.1 is not necessarily true. It is clear from the following example.

Example 2.1. Let $X=\{a, b, c\}, \tau_{1}=\{\emptyset,\{b\}, X\}, \tau_{2}=\{\emptyset,\{a\}, X\}$. Here, $\{c\} \in$ $\left(\tau_{1}, \tau_{2}\right)-b L O^{*}(X)$ but $\{c\} \notin\left(\tau_{1}, \tau_{2}\right)-L O(X)$ and
$\{a, b\} \in\left(\tau_{1}, \tau_{2}\right)-b L O^{* *}(X)$ but $\{a, b\} \notin\left(\tau_{1}, \tau_{2}\right)-L O(X)$.

Theorem 2.2. Let $A$ be a subset of the bitopological space $\left(X, \tau_{1}, \tau_{2}\right)$. If $A \in\left(\tau_{1}, \tau_{2}\right)$ $b L O^{*}(X)$, then $A \in\left(\tau_{1}, \tau_{2}\right)-b L O(X)$.
Proof. Let $A \in\left(\tau_{1}, \tau_{2}\right)-b L O^{*}(X)$. Then there exists a $\tau_{1}-b$-closed set $P$ and a $\tau_{2}$-open set $Q$ such that $A=P \cup Q$. Since $Q$ is $\tau_{2}$-open, we have $Q \subset \operatorname{int}(\operatorname{cl} Q)$.

Further we have $Q \subset c l(\operatorname{int} Q)$. Thus we have $Q \subset c l(i n t Q) \cup \operatorname{int}(c l Q)$. Hence $Q$ is a $\tau_{2}$-b-open set. Thus there exist a $\tau_{1}-b$-closed set $P$ and $\tau_{2}$-b-open set $Q$ such that $A=P \cup Q$.

Therefore $A \in\left(\tau_{1}, \tau_{2}\right)-b L O(X)$.
Remark 2.2. The converse of Theorem 2.2 is not always true. It follows from the following example.

Example 2.2. Let $X=\{a, b, c\}, \tau_{1}=\{\emptyset,\{b\}, X\}, \tau_{2}=\{\emptyset,\{a\}, X\}$. Here $\{a, b\} \in$ $\left(\tau_{1}, \tau_{2}\right)-b L O(X)$ but $\{a, b\} \notin\left(\tau_{1}, \tau_{2}\right)-b L O^{*}(X)$.

Theorem 2.3. Let $A$ be a subset of a space $\left(X, \tau_{1}, \tau_{2}\right)$. If $A \in\left(\tau_{1}, \tau_{2}\right)-b L O^{* *}(X)$, then $A \in\left(\tau_{1}, \tau_{2}\right)-b L O(X)$.
Proof. The proof is easy, so omitted.
Remark 2.3. The converse of Theorem 2.3 is not always true. It follows from the following example.

Example 2.3. Let $X=\{a, b, c\}, \tau_{1}=\{\emptyset,\{b\}, X\}, \tau_{2}=\{\emptyset,\{a\}, X\}$. Here $\{c\} \in$ $\left(\tau_{1}, \tau_{2}\right)-b L O(X)$ but $\{c\} \notin\left(\tau_{1}, \tau_{2}\right)-b L O^{* *}(X)$.

Theorem 2.4. Let $P$ and $Q$ be any two subsets of a space $\left(X, \tau_{1}, \tau_{2}\right)$. If $P \in\left(\tau_{1}, \tau_{2}\right)$ $b L O(X)$ and $Q$ is $\tau_{1}$-b-closed and $\tau_{2}$-b-open, then $P \cap Q \in\left(\tau_{1}, \tau_{2}\right)$-bLO $(X)$.
Proof. Since $P \in\left(\tau_{1}, \tau_{2}\right)-b L O(X)$, then there exist a $\tau_{1}-b$-closed set $A$ and a $\tau_{2}-b$ open set $B$ such that $P=A \cup B$. We have $P \cap Q=(A \cup B) \cap Q=(A \cap Q) \cup(B \cap Q)$. Since $Q$ is $\tau_{1}-b$-closed, then $A \cap Q$ is $\tau_{1}$-b-closed. Since $Q$ is $\tau_{2}$-b-open, then $B \cap Q$ is $\tau_{2}$ - $b$-open. Then there exist a $\tau_{1}$ - $b$-closed set $A \cap Q$ and a $\tau_{2}$-b-open set $B \cap Q$ such that $P \cap Q=(A \cap Q) \cup(B \cap Q)$

Hence $P \cap Q \in\left(\tau_{1}, \tau_{2}\right)-b L O(X)$.
Theorem 2.5. Let $A \in\left(\tau_{1}, \tau_{2}\right)-b L O^{*}(X)$ and $B$ be a $\tau_{1}$-closed and $\tau_{2}$-open subsets of $\left(X, \tau_{1}, \tau_{2}\right)$, then $A \cap B \in\left(\tau_{1}, \tau_{2}\right)-b L O^{*}(X)$.
Proof. Since $A \in\left(\tau_{1}, \tau_{2}\right)-b L O^{*}(X)$. Then there exist a $\tau_{1}-b$-closed set $P$ and a $\tau_{2}-$ open set $Q$ such that $A=P \cup Q$. We have $A \cap B=(P \cup Q) \cap B=(P \cap B) \cup(Q \cap B)$. Since $B$ is $\tau_{1}$-closed, $P \cap B$ is $\tau_{1}$ - $b$-closed set.

Further $B$ is $\tau_{2}$-open, therefore $Q \cap B$ is $\tau_{2}$-open. Thus there exist a $\tau_{1}$-b-closed set $P \cap B$ and a $\tau_{2}$-open set $Q \cap B$ such that $A \cap B=(P \cap B) \cup(Q \cap B)$. Hence $A \cap B \in\left(\tau_{1}, \tau_{2}\right)-b L O^{*}(X)$.
Theorem 2.6. Let $A \in\left(\tau_{1}, \tau_{2}\right)-b L O^{* *}(X)$ and $B$ is $\tau_{1}$-closed and $\tau_{2}$-open subsets of $\left(X, \tau_{1}, \tau_{2}\right)$, then $A \cap B \in\left(\tau_{1}, \tau_{2}\right)-b L O^{* *}(X)$.

Proof. Since $A \in\left(\tau_{1}, \tau_{2}\right)-b L O^{* *}(X)$, then there exist a $\tau_{1}$-closed set $P$ and a $\tau_{2}-b$ open set $Q$ such that $A=P \cup Q$. Clearly $A \cap B=(P \cup Q) \cap B=(P \cap B) \cup(Q \cap B)$. Since $B$ is $\tau_{1}$-closed, therefore $P \cap B$ is $\tau_{1}$-closed.

Again $B$ is $\tau_{2}$-open, therefore $Q \cap B$ is $\tau_{2}$ - $b$-open. Then there exist a $\tau_{1}$-closed set $P \cap B$ and a $\tau_{2}$-b-open set $Q \cap B$ such that $A \cap B=(P \cap B) \cup(Q \cap B)$. Hence $A \cap B \in\left(\tau_{1}, \tau_{2}\right)-b L O^{* *}(X)$.

Theorem 2.7. Let $A$ be a subset of a space $\left(X, \tau_{1}, \tau_{2}\right)$. Then $A \in\left(\tau_{1}, \tau_{2}\right)-b L O^{*}(X)$ if and only if $A=G \cup \tau_{2}$-int $(A)$ for some $\tau_{1}$-b-closed set $G$.
Proof. Let $A \in\left(\tau_{1}, \tau_{2}\right)-b L O^{*}(X)$. Then $A=G \cup F$, where $G$ is $\tau_{1}-b$-closed and $F$ is $\tau_{2}$-open set in $\left(X, \tau_{1}, \tau_{2}\right)$. Since $G \subset A$ and $\tau_{2}-\operatorname{int}(A) \subset A$. We have

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\begin{equation*}
G \cup \tau_{2}-\operatorname{int}(A) \subset A \tag{2.1}
\end{equation*}
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Further $\tau_{2}-\operatorname{int}(A) \supset F$. Therefore

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\begin{equation*}
G \cup \tau_{2}-\operatorname{int}(A) \supset G \cup F=A \tag{2.2}
\end{equation*}
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From (2.1) and (2.2) we have $A=G \cup \tau_{2}-i n t(A)$.
Conversely, given that $G$ is $\tau_{1}$-b-closed. We have $\tau_{2}$ - $\operatorname{int}(A)$ is $\tau_{2}$-open. Thus there exist a $\tau_{1}$-b-closed set $G$ and a $\tau_{2}$-open set $\tau_{2}$-int $(A)$ in $\left(X, \tau_{1}, \tau_{2}\right)$ such that $A=G \cup \tau_{2}-\operatorname{int}(A)$. Hence $A \in\left(\tau_{1}, \tau_{2}\right)-b L O^{*}(X)$.

Theorem 2.8. Let $A$ and $B$ be any two subsets of the bitopological space $\left(X, \tau_{1}, \tau_{2}\right)$. If $A \in\left(\tau_{1}, \tau_{2}\right)-b L O(X)$ and $B$ is either $\tau_{1}$-b-closed or $\tau_{2}$-b-open, then $A \cup B \in\left(\tau_{1}, \tau_{2}\right)$ $b L O(X)$.
Proof. Since $A \in\left(\tau_{1}, \tau_{2}\right)-b L O(X)$, then there exist a $\tau_{1}-b$-closed set $P$ and a $\tau_{2}-b$ open set $Q$ such that $A=P \cup Q$. We have $A \cup B=(P \cup Q) \cup B=(P \cup B) \cup Q$. If $B$ is $\tau_{1}$ - $b$-closed, then $P \cup B$ is also $\tau_{1}$ - $b$-closed. Hence $A \cup B \in\left(\tau_{1}, \tau_{2}\right)-b L O(X)$.

Let $B$ be $\tau_{2}$ - $b$-open, then $A \cup B=(P \cup Q) \cup B=P \cup(Q \cup B)$, where $Q \cup B$ is $\tau_{2}$ - $b$-open. Thus $A \cup B \in\left(\tau_{1}, \tau_{2}\right)-b L O(X)$.
Theorem 2.9. If $A \in\left(\tau_{1}, \tau_{2}\right)$-bLO* $(X)$ and $B$ is either $\tau_{1}$-closed or $\tau_{2}$-open subset of $\left(X, \tau_{1}, \tau_{2}\right)$ then $A \cup B \in\left(\tau_{1}, \tau_{2}\right)-b L O^{*}(X)$.
Proof. Since $A \in\left(\tau_{1}, \tau_{2}\right)-b L O^{*}(X)$, then $A=P \cup Q$, where $P$ is $\tau_{1}$-b-closed set and $Q$ is $\tau_{2}$-open set of $\left(X, \tau_{1}, \tau_{2}\right)$, Now $A \cup B=(P \cup Q) \cup B=(P \cup B) \cup Q$. Let $B$ be $\tau_{1}$-closed, then $P \cup B$ is also $\tau_{1}$ - $b$-closed, where $P$ is $\tau_{1}$-b-closed set. Hence $A \cup B \in\left(\tau_{1}, \tau_{2}\right)-b L O^{*}(X)$. If $B$ is $\tau_{2}$-open, then $Q \cup B$ is $\tau_{2}$-open. Now $A \cup B=(P \cup Q) \cup B=P \cup(Q \cup B)$. Thus $A \cup B \in\left(\tau_{1}, \tau_{2}\right)-b L O^{*}(X)$.

Theorem 2.10. If $A \in\left(\tau_{1}, \tau_{2}\right)-b L O^{* *}(X)$ and $B$ is either $\tau_{1}$-closed or $\tau_{2}$-open subset of $\left(X, \tau_{1}, \tau_{2}\right)$ then $A \cup B \in\left(\tau_{1}, \tau_{2}\right)-b L O^{* *}(X)$.
Proof. The proof is easy, so omitted.
Theorem 2.11. If $A, B \in\left(\tau_{1}, \tau_{2}\right)-b L O(X)$, then $A \cup B \in\left(\tau_{1}, \tau_{2}\right)-b L O(X)$.
Proof. Let $A, B \in\left(\tau_{1}, \tau_{2}\right)-b L O(X)$. Then there exist $\tau_{1}-b$-closed sets $P, R$ and
$\tau_{2}$-b-open sets $Q, S$ such that $A=P \cup Q$ and $B=R \cup S$. We have $A \cup B=$ $(P \cup Q) \cup(R \cup S)=(P \cup R) \cup(Q \cup S)$, where $P \cup R$ is $\tau_{1}$-b-closed set and $Q \cup S$ is $\tau_{2}$-b-open. Hence $A \cup B \in\left(\tau_{1}, \tau_{2}\right)-b L O(X)$.

Theorem 2.12. If $A, B \in\left(\tau_{1}, \tau_{2}\right)-b L O^{*}(X)$, then $A \cup B \in\left(\tau_{1}, \tau_{2}\right)-b L O^{*}(X)$.
Proof. Since $A, B \in\left(\tau_{1}, \tau_{2}\right)-b L O^{*}(X)$, then by Theorem 2.7 there exist $\tau_{1}-b$-closed sets $P$ and $Q$ such that $A=P \cup \tau_{2}-i n t(A)$ and $B=Q \cup \tau_{2}-i n t(B)$. We have

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\begin{aligned}
A \cup B & =\left[P \cup \tau_{2}-\operatorname{int}(A)\right] \cup\left[Q \cup \tau_{2}-\operatorname{int}(B)\right] \\
& =(P \cup Q) \cup\left(\tau_{2}-\operatorname{int}(A) \cup \tau_{2}-\operatorname{int}(B)\right),
\end{aligned}
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where $P \cup Q$ is $\tau_{1}$-b-closed and $\tau_{2}-\operatorname{int}(A) \cup \tau_{2}-\operatorname{int}(B)$ is $\tau_{2}$-open set. Hence $A \cup B \in\left(\tau_{1}, \tau_{2}\right)-b L O^{*}(X)$.

Theorem 2.13. If $A, B \in\left(\tau_{1}, \tau_{2}\right)-b L O^{* *}(X)$, then $A \cup B \in\left(\tau_{1}, \tau_{2}\right)-b L O^{* *}(X)$. Proof. Easy, so omitted.

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