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# SEPARATION AXIOMS IN QUASI *m*-BITOPOLOGICAL SPACES

ABSTRACT. By using the notion of *m*-spaces, we establish the unified theory for several variations of separation axioms quasi  $T_0$ , quasi  $T_1$  and quasi  $T_2$  in bitopological spaces.

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### 1. Introduction

The notion of quasi-open sets in bitopological spaces is introduced by Datta [7]. Some properties of quasi-open sets are studied in [11]. Quasi-semiopen sets in bitopological spaces are introduced and studied in [9], [12] and [20]. Thakur and Paik [24], [25] introduced and studied the notion of quasi- $\alpha$ -open sets in bitopological spaces. In these papers, the following separation axioms introduced and investigated: quasi  $T_i$ , quasi semi- $T_i$  for i = 0, 1, 2. Recently, the present authors [21] have introduced the notions of minimal structures and *m*-spaces.

In this paper, by using the notion of minimal structures we obtain the unified definitions and characterizations of variations of separation axioms quasi  $T_0$ , quasi  $T_1$  and quasi  $T_2$  in bitopological spaces.

#### 2. Preliminaries

Let  $(X, \tau)$  be a topological space and A a subset of X. The closure of A and the interior of A are denoted by Cl(A) and Int(A), respectively.

**Definition 1.** Let  $(X, \tau)$  be a topological space. A subset A of X is said to be  $\alpha$ -open [16] (resp. semi-open [10], preopen [14],  $\beta$ -open [1] or semi-preopen [3]) if  $A \subset Int(Cl(Int(A)))$  (resp.  $A \subset Cl(Int(A))$ ,  $A \subset$ Int(Cl(A)),  $A \subset Cl(Int(Cl(A)))$ ).

The family of all semi-open (resp. preopen,  $\alpha$ -open,  $\beta$ -open, semi-preopen) sets in X is denoted by SO(X) (resp. PO(X),  $\alpha(X)$ ,  $\beta(X)$ , SPO(X)).

**Definition 2.** The complement of a semi-open (resp. preopen,  $\alpha$ -open,  $\beta$ -open, semi-preopen) set is said to be semi-closed [6] (resp. preclosed [8],  $\alpha$ -closed [15],  $\beta$ -closed [1], semi-preclosed [3]).

**Definition 3.** The intersection of all semi-closed (resp. preclosed,  $\alpha$ -closed,  $\beta$ -closed, semi-preclosed) sets of X containing A is called the semi-closure [6] (resp. preclosure [8],  $\alpha$ -closure [15],  $\beta$ -closure [2], semi-preclosure [3]) of A and is denoted by sCl(A) (resp. pCl(A),  $\alpha Cl(A)$ ,  $\beta Cl(A)$ , spCl(A)).

**Definition 4.** The union of all semi-open (resp. preopen,  $\alpha$ -open,  $\beta$ -open, semi-preopen) sets of X contained in A is called the semi-interior (resp. preinterior,  $\alpha$ -interior,  $\beta$ -interior, semi-preinterior) of A and is denoted by sInt(A) (resp. pInt(A),  $\alpha Int(A)$ ,  $\beta Int(A)$ , spInt(A)).

Throughout the present paper  $(X, \tau)$  and  $(Y, \sigma)$  always denote topological spaces and  $(X, \tau_1, \tau_2)$  and  $(Y, \sigma_1, \sigma_2)$  denote bitopological spaces.

#### 3. Minimal structures and *m*-continuity

**Definition 5.** A subfamily  $m_X$  of the power set  $\mathcal{P}(X)$  of a nonempty set X is called a minimal structure (or briefly m-structure) [21] on X if  $\emptyset \in m_X$  and  $X \in m_X$ .

By  $(X, m_X)$  (or briefly (X, m)), we denote a nonempty set X with a minimal structure  $m_X$  on X and call it an *m*-space. Each member of  $m_X$  is said to be  $m_X$ -open (or briefly *m*-open) and the complement of an  $m_X$ -open set is said to be  $m_X$ -closed (or briefly *m*-closed).

**Remark 1.** Let  $(X, \tau)$  be a topological space. Then the families  $\tau$ , SO(X), PO(X),  $\alpha(X)$ ,  $\beta(X)$  and SPO(X) are all *m*-structures on X.

**Definition 6.** Let X be a nonempty set and  $m_X$  an m-structure on X. For a subset A of X, the  $m_X$ -closure of A and the  $m_X$ -interior of A are defined in [13] as follows:

(1)  $m_X$ -Cl(A) =  $\cap$  { $F : A \subset F, X - F \in m_X$ },

(2)  $m_X$ -Int $(A) = \bigcup \{ U : U \subset A, U \in m_X \}.$ 

**Remark 2.** Let  $(X, \tau)$  be a topological space and A a subset of X. If  $m_X = \tau$  (resp. SO(X), PO(X),  $\alpha(X)$ ,  $\beta(X)$ , SPO(X)), then we have

(1)  $m_X$ -Cl(A) = Cl(A) (resp. sCl(A), pCl(A),  $\alpha$ Cl(A),  $\beta$ Cl(A), spCl(A)),

(2)  $m_X$ -Int(A) = Int(A) (resp. sInt(A), pInt(A),  $\alpha$ Int(A),  $\beta$ Int(A), spInt(A)).

**Lemma 1.** (Popa and Noiri [21]) Let  $(X, m_X)$  be an *m*-space and A a subset of X. Then  $x \in m_X$ -Cl(A) if and only if  $U \cap A \neq \emptyset$  for every  $U \in m_X$  containing x.

**Definition 7.** A minimal structure  $m_X$  on a nonempty set X is said to have property ( $\mathcal{B}$ ) [13] if the union of any family of subsets belonging to  $m_X$  belongs to  $m_X$ .

**Lemma 2.** (Popa and Noiri [22]) Let  $(X, m_X)$  be an *m*-space and  $m_X$  satisfy property  $(\mathcal{B})$ . Then for a subset A of X, the following properties hold:

(1)  $A \in m_X$  if and only if  $m_X$ -Int(A) = A,

(2) A is  $m_X$ -closed if and only if  $m_X$ -Cl(A) = A,

(3)  $m_X$ -Int $(A) \in m_X$  and  $m_X$ -Cl(A) is  $m_X$ -closed.

**Definition 8.** A function  $f : (X, m_X) \to (Y, m_Y)$  is said to be *M*-continuous [21] if for each  $x \in X$  and each  $m_Y$ -open sets *V* of *Y* containing f(x), there exists  $U \in m_X$  containing x such that  $f(U) \subset V$ .

**Theorem 1.** (Popa and Noiri [21]) Let  $(X, m_X)$  be an *m*-space and  $m_X$  satisfy property ( $\mathcal{B}$ ). For a function  $f : (X, m_X) \to (Y, m_Y)$ , the following properties are equivalent:

(1) f is M-continuous;

(2)  $f^{-1}(V)$  is  $m_X$ -open for every  $m_Y$ -open set V of Y;

(3)  $f^{-1}(F)$  is  $m_X$ -closed for every  $m_Y$ -closed set F of Y.

**Definition 9.** An *m*-space  $(X, m_X)$  is said to be

(1)  $m T_0$  [17] if for any pair of distinct points x, y of X, there exists an  $m_X$ -open set containing x but not y or an  $m_X$ -open set containing y but not x,

(2) m- $T_1$  [17] if for any pair of distinct points x, y of X, there exists an  $m_X$ -open set containing x but not y and an  $m_X$ -open set containing y but not x,

(3) m- $T_2$  [21] if for any pair of distinct points x, y of X, there exist  $m_X$ -open sets U, V such that  $x \in U$ ,  $y \in V$  and  $U \cap V = \emptyset$ .

#### 4. Minimal structures and bitopological spaces

First, we shall recall some definitions of variations of quasi-open sets in bitopological spaces.

**Definition 10.** A subset A of a bitopological space  $(X, \tau_1, \tau_2)$  is said to be

(1) quasi-open [7], [11] if  $A = B \cup C$ , where  $B \in \tau_1$  and  $C \in \tau_2$ ,

(2) quasi-semi-open [9], [12] if  $A = B \cup C$ , where  $B \in SO(X, \tau_1)$  and  $C \in SO(X, \tau_2)$ ,

(3) quasi-preopen [19] if  $A = B \cup C$ , where  $B \in PO(X, \tau_1)$  and  $C \in PO(X, \tau_2)$ ,

(4) quasi-semipreopen [26] if  $A = B \cup C$ , where  $B \in \text{SPO}(X, \tau_1)$  and  $C \in \text{SPO}(X, \tau_2)$ ,

(5) quasi- $\alpha$ -open [24] if  $A = B \cup C$ , where  $B \in \alpha(X, \tau_1)$  and  $C \in \alpha(X, \tau_2)$ .

The family of all quasi-open (resp. quasi-semi-open, quasi-preopen, quasi-semipreopen, quasi- $\alpha$ -open) sets of  $(X, \tau_1, \tau_2)$  is denoted by QO(X) (resp. QSO(X), QPO(X), QSPO(X),  $Q\alpha(X)$ ).

**Definition 11.** Let  $(X, \tau_1, \tau_2)$  be a bitopological space and  $m_X^1$  (resp.  $m_X^2$ ) an m-structure on the topological space  $(X, \tau_1)$  (resp.  $(X, \tau_2)$ ). The family

$$qm_X = \{A \subset X : A = B \cup C, where B \in m_X^1 and C \in m_X^2\}$$

is called a quasi m-structure on X. Each member  $A \in qm_X$  is said to be quasi- $m_X$ -open (or briefly quasi-m-open). The complement of a quasi- $m_X$ -open set is said to be quasi- $m_X$ -closed (or briefly quasi-m-closed).

**Remark 3.** Let  $(X, \tau_1, \tau_2)$  be a bitopological space.

(1) If  $m_X^1$  and  $m_X^2$  have property  $(\mathcal{B})$ , then  $qm_X$  is an *m*-structure with property  $(\mathcal{B})$ .

(2) If  $(m_X^1, m_X^2) = (\tau_1, \tau_2)$  (resp.  $(SO(X, \tau_1), SO(X, \tau_2))$ ,  $(PO(X, \tau_1), PO(X, \tau_2))$ ,  $(SPO(X, \tau_1), SPO(X, \tau_2))$ ,  $(\alpha(X, \tau_1), \alpha(X, \tau_2))$ ), then  $qm_X = QO(X)$  (resp. QSO(X), QPO(X), QSPO(X),  $Q\alpha(X)$ ).

(3) Since  $SO(X, \tau_i)$ ,  $PO(X, \tau_i)$ ,  $SPO(X, \tau_i)$  and  $\alpha(X, \tau_i)$  have property  $(\mathcal{B})$  for i = 1, 2, QSO(X), QPO(X), QSPO(X) and  $Q\alpha(X)$  have property  $(\mathcal{B})$ .

**Definition 12.** Let  $(X, \tau_1, \tau_2)$  be a bitopological space. For a subset A of X, the quasi  $m_X$ -closure of A and the quasi  $m_X$ -interior of A are defined as follows:

(1)  $qm_X$ - $Cl(A) = \cap \{F : A \subset F, X - F \in qm_X\},$ 

(2)  $qm_X$ -Int(A) =  $\cup \{U : U \subset A, U \in qm_X\},\$ 

 $qm_X$ -Cl(A) and  $qm_X$ -Int(A) are simply denoted by qmCl(A) and qmInt(A), respectively.

**Remark 4.** Let  $(X, \tau_1, \tau_2)$  be a bitopological space and A a subset of X. If  $qm_X = QO(X)$  (resp. QSO(X), QPO(X), QSPO(X),  $Q\alpha(X)$ ), then we have

(1) qmCl(A) = qCl(A) (resp. qsCl(A) [9], qpCl(A) [19], qspCl(A) [26],  $q\alpha Cl(A)$  [24]),

(2)  $\operatorname{qmInt}(A) = \operatorname{qInt}(A)$  (resp.  $\operatorname{qsInt}(A)$ ,  $\operatorname{qpInt}(A)$ ,  $\operatorname{qspInt}(A)$ ,  $\operatorname{q\alphaInt}(A)$ ).

#### 5. Quasi m- $T_i$ -spaces

**Definition 13.** A bitopological space  $(X, \tau_1, \tau_2)$  is said to be

(1) quasi  $T_0$  [20] (resp. quasi semi- $T_0$  [12], quasi  $\alpha$ - $T_0$ , quasi pre- $T_0$ , quasi sp- $T_0$ ) if for each pair of distinct points in X, there exists a quasi-open (resp. quasi-semi-open, quasi- $\alpha$ -open, quasi-pre-open, quasi-semipre-open) set in  $(X, \tau_1, \tau_2)$  containing one of them and not containing the other,

(2) quasi  $T_1$  [20] (resp. quasi semi- $T_1$  [12], quasi  $\alpha$ - $T_1$ , quasi pre- $T_1$ , quasi sp- $T_1$ ) if for each pair of distinct points  $x, y \in X$ , there exist quasi-open (resp. quasi-semi-open, quasi- $\alpha$ -open, quasi-pre-open, quasi-semipre-open) sets  $U_x$  and  $U_y$  in  $(X, \tau_1, \tau_2)$  such that  $x \in U_x, y \notin U_x, y \in U_y$  and  $x \notin U_y$ ,

(3) quasi  $T_2$  [20] (resp. quasi semi- $T_2$  [12], quasi  $\alpha$ - $T_2$ , quasi pre- $T_2$ , quasi sp- $T_2$ ) if for each pair of distinct points  $x, y \in X$ , there exist disjoint quasi-open (resp. quasi-semi-open, quasi- $\alpha$ -open, quasi-pre-open, quasi-semipre-open) sets  $U_x$  and  $U_y$  in  $(X, \tau_1, \tau_2)$  such that  $x \in U_x$  and  $y \in U_y$ .

**Definition 14.** Let  $(X, \tau_1, \tau_2)$  be a bitopological space and  $qm_X$  a quasi *m*-structure on X. Then  $(X, \tau_1, \tau_2)$  is said to be quasi *m*- $T_i$  if the *m*-space  $(X, qm_X)$  is *m*- $T_i$  for i = 0, 1, 2.

**Remark 5.** Let  $(X, \tau_1, \tau_2)$  be a bitopological space. If  $qm_X = QO(X)$ (resp. QSO(X),  $Q\alpha(X)$ , QPO(X), QSPO(X)) and  $(X, qm_X)$  is m- $T_i$ , then  $(X, \tau_1, \tau_2)$  is quasi  $T_i$  (resp. quasi semi- $T_i$ , quasi  $\alpha$ - $T_i$ , quasi pre- $T_i$ , quasi sp- $T_i$ ) for i = 0, 1, 2.

We shall recall the definitions of  $\Lambda_m$ -sets, a topological space  $(X, \Lambda_m)$  and  $(\Lambda, m)$ -closed sets in order to obtain characterizations of quasi m- $T_0$  spaces and quasi m- $T_1$  spaces. Let (X, m) be an m-space and A a subset of X. A subset  $\Lambda_m(A)$  is defined in [5] as follows:  $\Lambda_m(A) = \bigcap \{U : A \subset U \in m\}$ . The subset A is called a  $\Lambda_m$ -set [5] if  $A = \Lambda_m(A)$ . The family of all  $\Lambda_m$ -sets of  $(X, m_X)$  is denoted by  $\Lambda_m(X)$  (or simply  $\Lambda_m$ ). It follows from Theorem 3.1 of [5] that the pair  $(X, \Lambda_m)$  is an Alexandorff (topological) space. The subset A is said to be  $(\Lambda, m)$ -closed [5] if  $A = U \cap F$ , where U is a  $\Lambda_m$ -set and F is an m-closed set of  $(X, m_M)$ . For a quasi  $m_X$ -structure  $qm_X, \Lambda_{qm}$ -sets, a topological space  $(X, \Lambda_{qm})$  and  $(\Lambda, qm)$ -closed sets are similarly defined.

**Theorem 2.** (Noiri and Popa [17]) An *m*-space  $(X, m_X)$  is *m*-T<sub>0</sub> if and only if  $m_X$ -Cl( $\{x\}$ )  $\neq m_X$ -Cl( $\{y\}$ ) for any pair of distinct points  $x, y \in X$ .

**Theorem 3.** (Cammaroto and Noiri [5]) For an m-space  $(X, m_X)$ , the following properties are equivalent:

- (1) (X,m) is  $m-T_0$ ;
- (2) The singleton  $\{x\}$  is  $(\Lambda, m)$ -closed for each  $x \in X$ ;
- (3)  $(X, \Lambda_m)$  is  $T_0$ .

**Corollary 1.** Let  $(X, \tau_1, \tau_2)$  be a bitopological space and  $qm_X$  a quasi *m*-structure on X. Then the following properties are equivalent:

- (1)  $(X, \tau_1, \tau_2)$  is quasi m-T<sub>0</sub>;
- (2) qmCl( $\{x\}$ )  $\neq$  qmCl( $\{y\}$ ) for any pair of distinct points  $x, y \in X$ ;
- (3) The singleton  $\{x\}$  is  $(\Lambda, qm)$ -closed for each  $x \in X$ ;
- (4)  $(X, \Lambda_{qm})$  is  $T_0$ .

**Proof.** This is an immediate consequence of Theorems 2 and 3.

**Remark 6.** In case  $qm_X = QSO(X)$ , by Corollary 1 we obtain the following characterization due to Maheshwari, Chae and Thakur [12]: a bitopological space  $(X, \tau_1, \tau_2)$  is quasi semi- $T_0$  if and only if  $qsCl(\{x\}) \neq qsCl(\{y\})$  for any pair of distinct points  $x, y \in X$ .

**Theorem 4.** (Noiri and Popa [17]) Let  $(X, m_X)$  be an m-space and  $m_X$  have property  $(\mathcal{B})$ . Then  $(X, m_X)$  is m- $T_1$  if and only if for each points  $x \in X$ , the singleton  $\{x\}$  is  $m_X$ -closed.

**Theorem 5.** (Cammaroto and Noiri [5]) Let  $(X, m_X)$  be an m-space and  $m_X$  have property ( $\mathcal{B}$ ). Then for the m-space  $(X, m_X)$ , the following properties are equivalent:

- (1)  $(X, m_X)$  is  $m-T_1$ ;
- (2) The singleton  $\{x\}$  is a  $\Lambda_m$ -set for each  $x \in X$ ;
- (2)  $(X, \Lambda_m)$  is discrete.

**Corollary 2.** Let  $(X, \tau_1, \tau_2)$  be a bitopological space and  $qm_X$  a quasi *m*-structure on X having property ( $\mathcal{B}$ ). Then for the space  $(X, \tau_1, \tau_2)$ , the following properties are equivalent:

- (1)  $(X, \tau_1, \tau_2)$  is quasi m-T<sub>1</sub>;
- (2) The singleton  $\{x\}$  is quasi- $m_X$ -closed for each point  $x \in X$ ;
- (3) The singleton  $\{x\}$  is a quasi  $\Lambda_m$ -set for each  $x \in X$ ;
- (4)  $(X, \Lambda_{qm})$  is discrete.

**Proof.** This is an immediate consequence of Theorems 4 and 5.

**Remark 7.** In case  $qm_X = QO(X)$  (resp. QSO(X)), by Corollary 2 we obtain the following characterization due to Maheshwari, Jain and Chae [11] (resp. Maheshwari, Chae and Thakur [12]): a bitopological space  $(X, \tau_1, \tau_2)$  is quasi  $T_1$  (resp. quasi semi- $T_1$ ) if and only if the singleton  $\{x\}$  is quasi-closed (resp. quasi-semi-closed) for each point  $x \in X$ .

**Theorem 6.** Let  $(X, m_X)$  be an *m*-space and  $m_X$  have property  $(\mathcal{B})$ . Then, for the *m*-space  $(X, m_X)$  the following properties are equivalent:

(1)  $(X, m_X)$  is  $m-T_2$ ;

(2) For any distinct points  $x, y \in X$ , there exists  $U \in m_X$  containing x such that  $y \notin m_X$ -Cl(U);

(3) For each point  $x \in X$ ,  $\{x\} = \cap \{m_X \operatorname{-Cl}(U) : x \in U \in m_X\};$ 

(4) For each pair of distinct points  $x, y \in X$ , there exists an *M*-continuous function f of  $(X, m_X)$  into an m- $T_2$  m-space  $(Y, m_Y)$  such that  $f(x) \neq f(y)$ .

**Proof.** (1)  $\Rightarrow$  (2) For any distinct points  $x, y \in X$ , there exist  $U, V \in m_X$  such that  $x \in U, y \in V$  and  $U \cap V = \emptyset$ ; hence  $V \cap m_X$ -Cl $(U) = \emptyset$  by Lemma 1. Therefore, we have  $y \notin m_X$ -Cl(U).

(2)  $\Rightarrow$  (3): Let x be any point of X. Suppose that  $y \in X - \{x\}$ . By (2), there exists  $U \in m_X$  such that  $x \in U$  and  $y \notin m_X$ -Cl(U). Thus,  $y \notin \cap \{m_X$ -Cl(U) :  $x \in U \in m_X\}$ . Therefore, we have  $\{x\} = \cap \{m_X$ -Cl(U) :  $x \in U \in m_X\}$ .

(3)  $\Rightarrow$  (1): For any pair of distinct points x, y in X, there exists  $U \in m_X$ such that  $x \in U$  and  $y \notin m_X$ -Cl(U). Put  $V = X - m_X$ -Cl(U). Since  $m_X$  has property ( $\mathcal{B}$ ), by Lemma 2  $m_X$ -Cl(U) is m-closed and hence  $y \in V, V \in m_X$ and  $U \cap V = \emptyset$ . Therefore,  $(X, m_X)$  is m-T<sub>2</sub>.

 $(1) \Rightarrow (4)$ : For any pair of distinct points x, y in X, it suffices to take the identity function on  $(X, m_X)$ .

(4)  $\Rightarrow$  (1): Let x and y be any pair of distinct points of  $(X, m_X)$ . By (4), there exists an *M*-continuous function of  $(X, m_X)$  into an m- $T_2$  *m*-space  $(Y, m_Y)$  such that  $f(x) \neq f(y)$ . Therefore, there exist disjoint  $m_Y$ -open sets  $V_x$  and  $V_y$  such that  $f(x) \in V_x$  and  $f(y) \in V_y$ . Since f is *M*-continuous and  $m_X$  has property ( $\mathcal{B}$ ), by Theorem 1  $f^{-1}(V_x)$  and  $f^{-1}(V_y)$  are disjoint  $m_X$ -open sets containing x and y, respectively. This implies that  $(X, m_X)$ is m- $T_2$ .

A function  $f: (X, \tau_1, \tau_2) \to (Y, \sigma_1, \sigma_2)$  is said to be *quasi M*-continuous if  $f: (X, qm_X) \to (Y, qm_Y)$  is *M*-continuous, where  $qm_X$  and  $qm_Y$  are quasi *m*-structres on  $(X, \tau_1, \tau_2)$  and  $(Y, \sigma_1, \sigma_2)$ , respectively.

**Corollary 3.** Let  $(X, \tau_1, \tau_2)$  be a bitopological space and  $qm_X$  a quasi *m*-structure on X having property ( $\mathcal{B}$ ). Then, for the space  $(X, \tau_1, \tau_2)$  the following properties are equivalent:

(1)  $(X, \tau_1, \tau_2)$  is quasi m-T<sub>2</sub>;

(2) For any distinct points  $x, y \in X$ , there exists  $U \in qm_X$  containing x such that  $y \notin qmCl(U)$ ;

(3) For each point  $x \in X$ ,  $\{x\} = \cap \{\operatorname{qmCl}(U) : x \in U \in qm_X\};$ 

(4) For each pair of distinct points  $x, y \in X$ , there exists a quasi *M*-continuous function f of  $(X, \tau_1, \tau_2)$  into a quasi m- $T_2$  space  $(Y, \sigma_1, \sigma_2)$  such that  $f(x) \neq f(y)$ .

**Proof.** This is an immediate consequence of Theorem 6.

**Remark 8.** In case  $qm_X = QSO(X)$ , by Corollary 3 we obtain the results established in Theorem 6 of [20] and Theorem 24 of [12].

**Theorem 7.** Let  $f : (X, m_X) \to (Y, m_Y)$  be an injective *M*-continuous function and  $m_X$  have property ( $\mathcal{B}$ ). If  $(Y, m_Y)$  is m- $T_i$ , then  $(X, m_X)$  is m- $T_i$  for i = 0, 1, 2.

**Proof.** The proof of the case of m- $T_0$  is entirely analogous to that of m- $T_1$ . The proof for m- $T_2$  is obvious from Theorem 6. Thus, we shall prove the case of m- $T_1$ . Suppose that  $(Y, m_Y)$  is m- $T_1$ . Let x, y be any pair of distinct points of X. Since f is injective,  $f(x) \neq f(y)$  and there exist  $V_x, V_y \in m_Y$  containing f(x) and f(y), respectively, such that  $f(y) \notin V_x$  and  $f(x) \notin V_y$ . Since f is M-continuous and  $m_X$  has property ( $\mathcal{B}$ ), by Theorem 1  $f^{-1}(V_x)$  and  $f^{-1}(V_y)$  are  $m_X$ -open sets containing x and y, respectively, such that  $y \notin f^{-1}(V_x)$  and  $x \notin f^{-1}(V_y)$ . This implies that  $(X, m_X)$  is m- $T_1$ .

**Corollary 4.** Let  $qm_X$  and  $qm_Y$  be quasi m-structures on  $(X, \tau_1, \tau_2)$  and  $(Y, \sigma_1, \sigma_2)$ , respectively, where  $qm_X$  has property ( $\mathcal{B}$ ). If  $f : (X, \tau_1, \tau_2) \rightarrow (Y, \sigma_1, \sigma_2)$  is a quasi M-continuous injection and  $(Y, \sigma_1, \sigma_2)$  is quasi m- $T_i$ , then  $(X, \tau_1, \tau_2)$  is quasi m- $T_i$  for i = 0, 1, 2.

**Proof.** This follows immediately from Theorem 7.

**Remark 9.** If  $qm_Y = QO(Y)$ ,  $qm_X = QSO(X)$  and  $f : (X, \tau_1, \tau_2) \rightarrow (Y, \sigma_1, \sigma_2)$  is a quasi *M*-continuous injection, then by Corollary 4 we obtain the result established in Theorem 2 of [20].

#### 6. New forms of quasi- $T_i$ spaces

There are many modifications of open sets in topological spaces. Recently, many researchers are interested in  $\delta$ -preopen sets [23] and  $\delta$ -semi-open sets [18]. First, we shall recall the definitions of the  $\delta$ -closure and the  $\theta$ -closure of a subset. Let  $(X, \tau)$  be a topological space and A a subset of X. A point  $x \in X$  is called a  $\delta$ -cluster (resp.  $\theta$ -cluster) point of A if  $\operatorname{Int}(\operatorname{Cl}(U)) \cap A \neq \emptyset$  (resp.  $\operatorname{Cl}(U) \cap A \neq \emptyset$ ) for every open set U containing x. The set of all  $\delta$ -cluster (resp.  $\theta$ -cluster) points of A is called the  $\delta$ -closure (resp.  $\theta$ -closure) [27] of A and is denoted by  $\operatorname{Cl}_{\delta}(A)$  (resp.  $\operatorname{Cl}_{\theta}(A)$ ). It is shown in [27] that  $A \subset \operatorname{Cl}(A) \subset \operatorname{Cl}_{\delta}(A) \subset \operatorname{Cl}_{\theta}(A)$  for every subset A of X. A subset A is said to be  $\delta$ -closed (resp.  $\theta$ -closed) if  $\operatorname{Cl}_{\delta}(A) = A$  (resp.  $\operatorname{Cl}_{\theta}(A) = A$ ). The complement of a  $\delta$ -closed (resp.  $\theta$ -closed) set is said to be  $\delta$ -closed (resp.  $\theta$ -closed) set is said to be  $\delta$ -open (resp.  $\theta$ -open). The  $\delta$ -interior (resp.  $\theta$ -open) sets contained in A.

**Definition 15.** A subset A of a topological space  $(X, \tau)$  is said to be

(1)  $\delta$ -semiopen [18] (resp.  $\theta$ -semiopen [4]) if  $A \subset \operatorname{Cl}(\operatorname{Int}_{\delta}(A))$  (resp.  $A \subset \operatorname{Cl}(\operatorname{Int}_{\theta}(A))$ ),

(2)  $\delta$ -preopen [23]) (resp.  $\theta$ -preopen) if  $A \subset \operatorname{Int}(\operatorname{Cl}_{\delta}(A))$  (resp.  $A \subset \operatorname{Int}(\operatorname{Cl}_{\theta}(A))$ ),

(3)  $\delta$ -semipreopen (resp.  $\theta$ -semipreopen) if  $A \subset Cl(Int(Cl_{\delta}(A)))$  (resp.  $A \subset Cl(Int(Cl_{\theta}(A))))$ .

The family of all  $\delta$ -semiopen (resp.  $\delta$ -preopen,  $\delta$ -semipreopen,  $\theta$ -semiopen,  $\theta$ -preopen,  $\theta$ -semipreopen) sets of  $(X, \tau)$  is denoted by  $\delta SO(X, \tau)$  (resp.  $\delta PO(X, \tau), \delta SPO(X, \tau), \theta SO(X, \tau), \theta PO(X, \tau), \theta SPO(X, \tau)$ ).

**Definition 16.** A subset A of a bitopological space  $(X, \tau_1, \tau_2)$  is said to be

(1) quasi- $\delta$ -semiopen if  $A = B \cup C$ , where  $B \in \delta SO(X, \tau_1)$  and  $C \in \delta SO(X, \tau_2)$ ,

(2) quasi- $\delta$ -preopen if  $A = B \cup C$ , where  $B \in \delta PO(X, \tau_1)$  and  $C \in \delta PO(X, \tau_2)$ ,

(3) quasi- $\delta$ -semipreopen if  $A = B \cup C$ , where  $B \in \delta SPO(X, \tau_1)$  and  $C \in \delta SPO(X, \tau_2)$ .

(4) quasi- $\theta$ -semiopen if  $A = B \cup C$ , where  $B \in \theta SO(X, \tau_1)$  and  $C \in \theta SO(X, \tau_2)$ ,

(5) quasi- $\theta$ -preopen if  $A = B \cup C$ , where  $B \in \theta PO(X, \tau_1)$  and  $C \in \theta PO(X, \tau_2)$ ,

(6) quasi- $\theta$ -semipreopen if  $A = B \cup C$ , where  $B \in \theta SPO(X, \tau_1)$  and  $C \in \theta SPO(X, \tau_2)$ .

The family of all quasi- $\delta$ -semiopen (resp. quasi- $\delta$ -preopen, quasi  $\delta$ -semipreopen, quasi- $\theta$ -semiopen, quasi- $\theta$ -preopen, quasi  $\theta$ -semipreopen) sets of  $(X, \tau_1, \tau_2)$  is denoted by  $Q\delta SO(X)$  (resp.  $Q\delta PO(X)$ ,  $Q\delta PSO(X)$ ,  $Q\theta SO(X)$ ,  $Q\theta SO(X)$ ,  $Q\theta PO(X)$ ,  $Q\theta PSO(X)$ ).

**Remark 10.** Let  $(X, \tau_1, \tau_2)$  be a bitopological space. Since  $\delta SO(X, \tau_i)$ ,  $\delta PO(X, \tau_i)$ ,  $\delta SPO(X, \tau_i)$ ,  $\theta SO(X, \tau_i)$ ,  $\theta PO(X, \tau_i)$  and  $\theta SPO(X, \tau_i)$  are all *m*-structures with property ( $\mathcal{B}$ ) for  $i = i, 2, Q\delta SO(X), Q\delta PO(X), Q\delta PSO(X)$ ,  $Q\theta PO(X)$  and  $Q\theta PSO(X)$  are all quasi *m*-structures on X with property ( $\mathcal{B}$ ).

For a bitopological space  $(X, \tau_1, \tau_2)$ , we can define new types of quasi  $T_i$ . For example, in case  $qm_X = Q\delta SO(X)$ ,  $Q\delta PO(X)$ ,  $Q\delta PSO(X)$ ,  $Q\theta SO(X)$ ,  $Q\theta SO(X)$ ,  $Q\theta PO(X)$  or  $Q\theta PSO(X)$ , we can define new types of quasi  $T_i$  as follows:

**Definition 17.** A bitopological space  $(X, \tau_1, \tau_2)$  is said to be quasi  $\delta$ -semi- $T_0$ (resp. quasi  $\delta$ -pre- $T_0$ , quasi  $\delta$ -sp- $T_0$ , quasi  $\theta$ -semi- $T_0$ , quasi  $\theta$ -pre- $T_0$ , quasi  $\theta$ -sp- $T_0$ ) if for each pair of distinct points in X, there exists a quasi- $\delta$ -semiopen (resp. quasi- $\delta$ -preopen, quasi- $\delta$ -semipreopen, quasi- $\theta$ -semiopen, quasi- $\theta$ -preopen, quasi- $\theta$ -semipreopen) set in  $(X, \tau_1, \tau_2)$  containing one of them and not containing the other.

**Definition 18.** A bitopological space  $(X, \tau_1, \tau_2)$  is said to be quasi  $\delta$ -semi- $T_1$ (resp. quasi  $\delta$ -pre- $T_1$ , quasi  $\delta$ -sp- $T_1$ , quasi  $\theta$ -semi- $T_1$ , quasi  $\theta$ -pre- $T_1$ , quasi  $\theta$ -sp- $T_1$ ) if for each pair of distinct points  $x, y \in X$ , there exist quasi- $\delta$ -semiopen (resp. quasi- $\delta$ -preopen, quasi- $\delta$ -semipreopen, quasi- $\theta$ -semiopen, quasi- $\theta$ -preopen, quasi- $\theta$ -semipreopen) sets  $U_x$  and  $U_y$  in  $(X, \tau_1, \tau_2)$  such that  $x \in U_x, y \notin U_x, y \in U_y$  and  $x \notin U_y$ .

**Definition 19.** A bitopological space  $(X, \tau_1, \tau_2)$  is said to be quasi  $\delta$ -semi- $T_2$ (resp. quasi  $\delta$ -pre- $T_2$ , quasi  $\delta$ -sp- $T_2$ , quasi  $\theta$ -semi- $T_2$ , quasi  $\theta$ -pre- $T_2$ , quasi  $\theta$ -sp- $T_2$ ) if for each pair of distinct points  $x, y \in X$ , there exist disjoint quasi- $\delta$ -semiopen (resp. quasi- $\delta$ -preopen, quasi- $\delta$ -semipreopen, quasi- $\theta$ -semiopen, quasi- $\theta$ -preopen, quasi- $\theta$ -semipreopen) sets  $U_x$  and  $U_y$  in  $(X, \tau_1, \tau_2)$  such that  $x \in U_x$  and  $y \in U_y$ .

**Conclusion.** We can apply the results established in Section 5 to bitopological spaces as follows:

- (1) bitopological spaces defined in Definition 13,
- (2) bitopological spaces defined in Definitions 17, 18 and 19,
- (3) bitopological spaces with any quasi *m*-structure having property  $(\mathcal{B})$ .

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