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## WEAKLY $b$ - $\delta$ OPEN FUNCTIONS

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**Abstract:** In this paper, we introduce and study new classes of functions called  $b$ - $\delta$ -open functions and weakly  $b$ - $\delta$ -open functions by using the notions of  $b$ - $\delta$ -open sets and  $b$ - $\delta$ -closed sets. Some of its basic properties of these functions are investigated.

**Keywords:**  $b$ -open set,  $\delta$ -open set,  $b$ - $\delta$ -open set, weakly  $b$ - $\delta$ -open function, weakly- $b$ - $\delta$ -closed function.

### 1. INTRODUCTION

The notions of  $\delta$ -open sets,  $\delta$ -closed set were introduced by Velicko [11] for the purpose of studying the important class of  $H$ -closed spaces. 1996, Andrijević [3] introduced a new class of generalized open sets called  $b$ -open sets in a topological space. This class is a subset of the class of  $\beta$ -open sets [1]. Also the class of  $b$ -open sets is a superset of the class of semi-open sets [5] and the class of preopen sets [6]. The purpose of this paper is to introduce and investigate the notions of weakly  $b$ - $\delta$ -open functions and weakly  $b$ - $\delta$ -closed functions. We investigate some of the fundamental properties of this class of functions. We recall some basic definitions and known results. Throughout the paper,  $X$  and  $Y$  ( or  $(X, \tau)$  and  $(Y, \sigma)$  ) stand for topological spaces with no separation axioms assumed unless otherwise stated. Let  $A$  be a subset of  $X$ . The closure of  $A$  and the interior of  $A$  will be denoted by  $cl(A)$  and  $int(A)$ , respectively.

### 2. PRELIMINARY

**Definition 2.1.** A subset  $A$  of a space  $X$  is said to be  $b$ -open [3] if  $A \subseteq cl(int(A)) \cup int(cl(A))$ . The complement of a  $b$ -open set is said to be  $b$ -closed. The intersection of all  $b$ -closed sets containing  $A \subseteq X$  is called the  $b$ -closure of  $A$  and shall be denoted by  $bcl(A)$ . The union of all  $b$ -open sets of  $X$  contained in  $A$  is called the  $b$ -interior of  $A$  and is denoted by  $bint(A)$ . A subset  $A$  is said to be  $b$ -regular if it is  $b$ -open and  $b$ -closed. The family of all  $b$ -open (resp.  $b$ -closed,  $b$ -regular) subsets of a space  $X$  is denoted by  $BO(X)$  (resp.  $BC(X)$ ,  $BR(X)$ ) and the collection of all  $b$ -open subsets of  $X$  containing a fixed point  $x$  is denoted by  $BO(X, x)$ . The sets  $BC(X, x)$  and  $BR(X, x)$  are defined analogously.

**Definition 2.2.** A point  $x \in X$  is called a  $\delta$ -cluster [11] point of  $A$  if  $int(cl(U)) \cap A \neq \emptyset$  for every open set  $U$  of  $X$  containing  $x$ .

The set of all  $\delta$ -cluster points of  $A$  is called the  $\delta$ -closure of  $A$  and is denoted by  $\delta-cl(A)$ . A subset  $A$  is said to be  $\delta$ -closed if  $\delta-cl(A) = A$ . The complement of a  $\delta$ -closed set is said to be  $\delta$ -open. The  $\delta$ -interior of  $A$  is defined by the union of all  $\delta$ -open sets contained in  $A$  and is denoted by  $\delta-int(A)$ .

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**Definition 2.3.** A point  $x \in X$  is called a  $b-\delta$ -cluster [8] point of  $A$  if  $\text{int}(\text{bcl}(U)) \cap A \neq \emptyset$  for every  $b$ -open set  $U$  of  $X$  containing  $x$ . The set of all  $b-\delta$ -cluster points of  $A$  is called the  $b-\delta$ -closure of  $A$  and is denoted by  $b-\delta\text{-cl}(A)$ . A subset  $A$  is said to be  $b-\delta$ -closed if  $b-\delta\text{-cl}(A) = A$ . The complement of a  $b-\delta$ -closed set is said to be  $b-\delta$ -open. The  $b-\delta$ -interior of  $A$  is defined by the union of all  $b-\delta$ -open sets contained in  $A$  and is denoted by  $b-\delta\text{-int}(A)$ . The family of all  $b-\delta$ -open (resp.  $b-\delta$ -closed) sets of a space  $X$  is denoted by  $B\delta O(X, \tau)$  (resp.  $B\delta C(X, \tau)$ ).

**Definition 2.4.** A subset  $A$  of a space  $X$  is said to be  $\alpha$ -open [7] (resp. semi-open [5], preopen[6],  $\beta$ -open[1] or semi-preopen [2]) if  $A \subseteq \text{int}(\text{cl}(\text{int}(A)))$  (resp.  $A \subseteq \text{d}(\text{int}(A))$ ,  $A \subseteq \text{int}(\text{cl}(A))$ ,  $A \subseteq \text{cl}(\text{int}(\text{cl}(A)))$ ).

**Definition 2.5.** [4]  $f : (X, \tau) \rightarrow (Y, \sigma)$  is said to be strongly continuous if for every subset  $A$  of  $(X, \tau)$ ,  $f(\text{cl}(A)) \subseteq f(A)$ .

**Definition 2.6.** [6]  $f : (X, \tau) \rightarrow (Y, \sigma)$  is said to be pre-continuous if  $f^{-1}(V)$  is pre-open in  $(X, \tau)$  for every open set  $V$  of  $(Y, \sigma)$ .

**Definition 2.7.** [1]  $f : (X, \tau) \rightarrow (Y, \sigma)$  is said to be  $\beta$ -open if the image of each open set  $U$  of  $(X, \tau)$  is a  $\beta$ -open set.

**Lemma 2.5.** [3] For a subset  $A$  of a space  $X$ , the following properties hold:

- (1)  $\text{bint}(A) = \text{sint}(A) \cup \text{pint}(A)$ ;
- (2)  $\text{bcl}(A) = \text{scl}(A) \cap \text{pcl}(A)$ ;
- (3)  $\text{bcl}(X - A) = X - \text{bint}(A)$ ;
- (4)  $x \in \text{bcl}(A)$  if and only if  $A \cap U = \emptyset$  for every  $U \in \text{BO}(X, x)$ ;
- (5)  $A \in \text{BC}(X)$  if and only if  $A = \text{bcl}(A)$ ;
- (6)  $\text{pint}(\text{bcl}(A)) = \text{bcl}(\text{pint}(A))$ .

**Lemma 2.6.** [2] For a subset  $A$  of a space  $X$ , the following properties are hold:

- (1)  $\alpha\text{int}(A) = A \cap \text{int}(\text{cl}(\text{int}(A)))$ ;
- (2)  $\text{sint}(A) = A \cap \text{cl}(\text{int}(A))$ ;
- (3)  $\text{pint}(A) = A \cap \text{int}(\text{cl}(A))$ .

### 3. WEAKLY $b-\delta$ OPEN FUNCTIONS

**Definition 3.1.** A function  $f : (X, \tau) \rightarrow (Y, \sigma)$  is said to be  $b-\delta$ -open if for each open set  $U$  of  $(X, \tau)$ ,  $f(U)$  is  $b-\delta$ -open.

**Definition 3.2.** A function  $f : (X, \tau) \rightarrow (Y, \sigma)$  is said to be weakly  $b-\delta$ -open if  $f(U) \subseteq b-\delta\text{-int}(f(\text{cl}(U)))$  for each open set  $U$  of  $(X, \tau)$ .

**Theorem 3.3.** For a function  $f : (X, \tau) \rightarrow (Y, \sigma)$ , the following conditions are equivalent:

- (1)  $f$  is weakly  $b-\delta$ -open,
- (2)  $f(\delta\text{-int}(A)) \subseteq b-\delta\text{-int}(f(A))$  for every subset of  $A$  of  $(X, \tau)$ ,
- (3)  $\delta\text{-int}(f^{-1}(B)) \subseteq f^{-1}(b-\delta\text{-int}(B))$  for every subset of  $B$  of  $(Y, \sigma)$ ,
- (4)  $f^{-1}(b-\delta\text{-cl}(B)) \subseteq \delta\text{-cl}(f^{-1}(B))$  for every subset of  $B$  of  $(Y, \sigma)$ .

**Proof.** (1) $\Rightarrow$ (2): Let  $A$  be any subset of  $(X, \tau)$  and  $x \in \delta\text{-int}(A)$ . Then there exists an open set  $U$  such that  $x \in U \subseteq \text{cl}(U) \subseteq A$ . Then,  $f(x) \in f(U) \subseteq f(\text{cl}(U)) \subseteq f(A)$ . Since  $f$  is weakly  $b-\delta$ -open,  $f(U) \subseteq b-\delta\text{-int}(f(\text{cl}(U))) \subseteq b-\delta\text{-int}(f(A))$ . This implies that  $f(x) \in b-\delta\text{-int}(f(A))$ . This shows that  $x \in f^{-1}(b-\delta\text{-int}(f(A)))$ . Thus  $\delta\text{-int}(A) \subseteq f^{-1}(b-\delta\text{-int}(f(A)))$  and so  $f(\delta\text{-int}(A)) \subseteq b-\delta\text{-int}(f(A))$ .

(2) $\Rightarrow$ (3): Let  $B$  be any subset of  $(Y, \sigma)$ . Then by (2),  $f(\delta\text{-int}(f^{-1}(B))) \subseteq b-\delta\text{-int}(f(f^{-1}(B))) \subseteq b-\delta\text{-int}(B)$ . Therefore  $\delta\text{-int}(f^{-1}(B)) \subseteq f^{-1}(b-\delta\text{-int}(B))$ .

(3) $\Rightarrow$ (4): Let  $B$  be any subset of  $(Y, \sigma)$ . Using (3), we have  $X - \delta\text{-cl}(f^{-1}(B)) = \delta\text{-int}(X - f^{-1}(B)) = \delta\text{-int}(f^{-1}(Y - B)) \subseteq f^{-1}(b-\delta\text{-int}(Y - B)) = f^{-1}(Y - b-\delta\text{-cl}(B)) = X - f^{-1}(b-\delta\text{-cl}(B))$ . Therefore we obtain  $f^{-1}(b-\delta\text{-cl}(B)) \subseteq \delta\text{-cl}(f^{-1}(B))$ .

(4) $\Rightarrow$ (1): Let  $V$  be any open set of  $(X, \tau)$  and  $B = Y - f(\text{cl}(V))$ . By (4),

$f^{-1}(b-\delta-cl(Y - f(cl(V)))) \subseteq \delta-cl(f^{-1}(Y - f(cl(V))))$ . Therefore, we obtain  $f^{-1}(Y - b-\delta-int(f(cl(V)))) \subseteq \delta-cl(X - f^{-1}(f(cl(V)))) \subseteq \delta-cl(X - cl(V))$ . Hence  $V \subseteq \delta-int(cl(V)) \subseteq f^{-1}(b-\delta-int(f(cl(V))))$  and  $f(V) \subseteq b-\delta-int(f(cl(V)))$ . This shows that  $f$  is weakly  $b-\delta$ -open.

**Theorem 3.4.** For a function  $f : (X, \tau) \rightarrow (Y, \sigma)$ , the following conditions are equivalent:

- (1)  $f$  is weakly  $b-\delta$ -open;
- (2) For each  $x \in X$  and each open subset  $U$  of  $(X, \tau)$  containing  $x$ , there exists a  $b-\delta$ -open set  $V$  containing  $f(x)$  such that  $V \subseteq f(cl(U))$ .

**Proof.** (1) $\Rightarrow$ (2): Let  $x \in X$  and  $U$  be an open set in  $(X, \tau)$  with  $x \in U$ . Since  $f$  is weakly  $b-\delta$ -open,  $f(x) \in f(U) \subseteq b-\delta-int(f(cl(U)))$ . Let  $V = b-\delta-int(f(cl(U)))$ . Then  $V$  is  $b-\delta$ -open and  $f(x) \in V \subseteq f(cl(U))$ .

(2) $\Rightarrow$ (1): Let  $U$  be an open set in  $(X, \tau)$  and let  $y \in f(U)$ . It follows from (2) that  $V \subseteq f(cl(U))$  for some  $b-\delta$ -open set  $V$  in  $(Y, \sigma)$  containing  $y$ . Hence, we have  $y \in V \subseteq b-\delta-int(f(cl(U)))$ . This shows that  $f(U) \subseteq b-\delta-int(f(cl(U)))$ . Thus  $f$  is weakly  $b-\delta$ -open.

**Theorem 3.5.** For a bijective function  $f: (X, \tau) \rightarrow (Y, \sigma)$ , the following conditions are equivalent:

- (1)  $f$  is weakly  $b-\delta$ -open,
- (2)  $b-\delta-cl(f(int(F))) \subseteq f(F)$  for each closed set  $F$  in  $(X, \tau)$ ,
- (3)  $b-\delta-cl(f(U)) \subseteq f(cl(U))$  for each open set  $U$  in  $(X, \tau)$ .

**Proof.** (1) $\Rightarrow$ (2): Let  $F$  be a closed set in  $(X, \tau)$ . Then since  $f$  is weakly  $b-\delta$ -open,  $f(X - F) \subseteq b-\delta-int(f(cl(X - F))) = b-\delta-int(f(cl(X - F)))$  and so  $Y - f(F) \subseteq Y - b-\delta-cl(f(int(F)))$ . Hence  $b-\delta-cl(f(int(F))) \subseteq f(F)$ .

(2) $\Rightarrow$ (3): Let  $U$  be an open set in  $(X, \tau)$ . Since  $cl(U)$  is a closed set and  $U \subseteq int(cl(U))$ , by (2), we have  $b-\delta-cl(f(U)) \subseteq b-\delta-cl(f(int(cl(U)))) \subseteq f(cl(U))$ .

(3) $\Rightarrow$ (1): Let  $V$  be an open set of  $(X, \tau)$ . Then we have  $Y - b-\delta-int(f(cl(V))) = b-\delta-cl(Y - f(cl(V))) = b-\delta-cl(f(X - cl(V))) \subseteq f(cl(X - cl(V))) = f(X - int(cl(V))) \subseteq f(X - V) = Y - f(V)$ . Therefore, we have  $f(V) \subseteq b-\delta-int(f(cl(V)))$  and hence  $f$  is weakly  $b-\delta$ -open.

**Theorem 3.6.** For a function  $f : (X, \tau) \rightarrow (Y, \sigma)$ , the following conditions are equivalent:

- (1)  $f$  is weakly  $b-\delta$  open;
- (2)  $f(U) \subseteq b-\delta-int(f(cl(U)))$  for each preopen set  $U$  of  $(X, \tau)$ ,
- (3)  $f(U) \subseteq b-\delta-int(f(cl(U)))$  for each  $\mathcal{A}$ -open set  $U$  of  $(X, \tau)$ ,
- (4)  $f(int(cl(U))) \subseteq b-\delta-int(f(cl(U)))$  for each open set  $U$  of  $(X, \tau)$ ,
- (5)  $f(int(F)) \subseteq b-\delta-int(f(F))$  for each closed set  $F$  of  $(X, \tau)$ .

**Proof:** Follows from definitions of open, pre-open,  $\mathcal{A}$ -open sets.

**Theorem 3.7.** Let  $X$  be a regular space. A function  $f: (X, \tau) \rightarrow (Y, \sigma)$  is weakly  $b-\delta$ -open if and only if  $f$  is  $b-\delta$ -open.

**Proof.** The sufficiency is clear.

For the necessity, let  $W$  be a nonempty open subset of  $(X, \tau)$ . For each  $x$  in  $W$ , let  $U_x$  be an open set such that  $x \in U_x \subseteq cl(U_x) \subseteq W$ . Hence we obtain that  $W = \cup \{U_x : x \in W\} \subseteq \cup \{cl(U_x) : x \in W\}$  and  $f(W) = \cup \{f(U_x) : x \in W\} \subseteq \cup \{b-\delta-int(f(cl(U_x))) : x \in W\} \subseteq b-\delta-int(f(\cup \{cl(U_x) : x \in W\})) = b-\delta-int(f(W))$ . Thus  $f$  is  $b-\delta$ -open.

**Theorem 3.8.** If  $f: (X, \tau) \rightarrow (Y, \sigma)$  is weakly  $b-\delta$ -open and strongly continuous, then  $f$  is  $b-\delta$ -open.

**Proof.** Let  $U$  be an open subset of  $(X, \tau)$ . Since  $f$  is weakly  $b-\delta$ -open,  $f(U) \subseteq b-\delta-int(f(cl(U)))$ . However, because  $f$  is strongly continuous,  $f(U) \subseteq b-\delta-int(f(U))$ . Therefore  $f(U)$  is  $b-\delta$ -open.

**Theorem 2.22.** If a function  $f: (X, \tau) \rightarrow (Y, \sigma)$  is weakly  $b-\delta$ -open and precontinuous, then  $f$  is  $\beta$ -open.

**Proof.** Let  $U$  be an open subset of  $X$ . Then by weak  $b-\delta$ -openness of  $f$ ,  $f(U) \subseteq b-\delta-int(f(cl(U)))$ . Since  $f$  is precontinuous,  $f(cl(U)) \subseteq cl(f(U))$ .

Hence we obtain that

$$\begin{aligned} f(U) &\subseteq b-\delta-int(f(cl(U))) \\ &\subseteq b-\delta-int(cl(f(U))) \\ &= bint(cl(f(U))) \\ &= sint(cl(f(U))) \cup pint(cl(f(U))) \end{aligned}$$

$$\begin{aligned} &\subseteq \text{cl}(\text{int}(\text{cl}(f(U)))) \cup \text{int}(\text{cl}(f(U))) \\ &\subseteq \text{cl}(\text{int}(\text{cl}(f(U)))) \end{aligned}$$

which shows that  $f(U)$  is a  $\beta$ -open set in  $Y$ . Thus  $f$  is a  $\beta$ -open function.

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