



## On supra $b$ -open sets and supra $b$ -continuity on topological spaces

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**Abstract.** In this paper, we introduce and investigate a new class of sets and maps between topological spaces called supra  $b$ -open sets and supra  $b$ -continuous maps, respectively. Furthermore, we introduce the concepts of supra  $b$ -open maps and supra  $b$ -closed maps and investigate several properties of them.

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### 1. Introduction

In 1983, A. S. Mashhour et al. [6] introduced the supra topological spaces and studied  $s$ -continuous maps and  $s^*$ -continuous maps. In 1996, D. Andrijevic' [2] introduced and studied a class of generalized open sets in a topological space called  $b$ -open sets. This class of sets contained in the class of  $\beta$ -open sets [1] and contains all semi-open sets [4] and all pre-open sets [5]. In 2008, R. Devi et al. [3] introduced and studied a class of sets and maps between topological spaces called supra  $\alpha$ -open sets and supra  $\alpha$ -continuous maps, respectively. Now, we introduce the concept of supra  $b$ -open sets and study some basic properties of it. Also, we introduce the concepts of supra  $b$ -continuous maps, supra  $b$ -open maps and supra  $b$ -closed maps and investigate several properties for these classes of maps. In particular, we study the relation between supra  $b$ -continuous maps and supra  $b$ -open maps (supra  $b$ -closed maps).

Throughout this paper,  $(X, \tau)$ ,  $(Y, \sigma)$  and  $(Z, \nu)$  (or simply,  $X$ ,  $Y$  and  $Z$ ) denote topological spaces on which no separation axioms are assumed unless explicitly stated. For a subset

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$A$  of  $(X, \tau)$ , the closure and the interior of  $A$  in  $X$  are denoted by  $Cl(A)$  and  $Int(A)$ , respectively. The complement of  $A$  is denoted by  $X - A$ . In the space  $(X, \tau)$ , a subset  $A$  is said to be  $\beta$ -open (resp.  $b$ -open, semi-open, pre-open,  $\alpha$ -open [7]) if  $A \subseteq Cl(Int(Cl(A)))$  (resp.  $A \subseteq Cl(Int(A)) \cup Int(Cl(A))$ ,  $A \subseteq Cl(Int(A))$ ,  $A \subseteq Int(Cl(A))$ ,  $A \subseteq Int(Cl(Int(A)))$ ). The family of all  $\beta$ -open (resp.  $b$ -open, semi-open, preopen,  $\alpha$ -open) sets of  $(X, \tau)$  is denoted by  $\beta(X)$  (resp.  $B(X), SO(X), PO(X), \alpha(X)$ ). A subcollection  $\mu \subset 2^X$  is called a supra topology [6] on  $X$  if  $X \in \mu$  and  $\mu$  is closed under arbitrary union.  $(X, \mu)$  is called a supra topological space. The elements of  $\mu$  are said to be supra open in  $(X, \mu)$  and the complement of a supra open set is called a supra closed set. The supra closure of a set  $A$ , denoted by  $Cl^\mu(A)$ , is the intersection of supra closed sets including  $A$ . The supra interior of a set  $A$ , denoted by  $Int^\mu(A)$ , is the union of supra open sets included in  $A$ . The supra topology  $\mu$  on  $X$  is associated with the topology  $\tau$  if  $\tau \subset \mu$ . A set  $A$  is called a supra  $\alpha$ -open set [3] (resp. supra semi-open set [6]) if  $A \subseteq Int^\mu(Cl^\mu(Int^\mu(A)))$  (resp.  $A \subseteq Cl^\mu(Int^\mu(A))$ ).

Before we study the basic properties of supra  $b$ -open sets we have the following correction in [3].

- (1) Definition 6 should be written as we stated before.
- (2) Example 3.2 is not correct and we will state instead of it.
- (3) The proof of Theorem 3.3 (ii) is not correct as  $\tau^*$  is not supra-topology as well as Theorem 3.4 (ii).

## 2. Supra $b$ -open sets

In this section, we introduce a new class of generalized open sets called supra  $b$ -open sets and study some of their properties.

**Definition 1.** Let  $(X, \mu)$  be a supra topological space. A set  $A$  is called a supra  $b$ -open set if  $A \subseteq Cl^\mu(Int^\mu(A)) \cup Int^\mu(Cl^\mu(A))$ . The complement of a supra  $b$ -open set is called a supra  $b$ -closed set.

**Theorem 1.** Every supra semi-open set is supra  $b$ -open.

*Proof.* Let  $A$  be a supra semi-open set in  $(X, \mu)$ . Then  $A \subseteq Cl^\mu(Int^\mu(A))$ . Hence,  $A \subseteq Cl^\mu(Int^\mu(A)) \cup Int^\mu(Cl^\mu(A))$  and  $A$  is supra  $b$ -open in  $(X, \mu)$ .

The converse of the above theorem need not be true as shown by the following example.

**Example 1.** Let  $(X, \mu)$  be a supra topological space, where  $X = \{a, b, c\}$  and  $\mu = \{X, \phi, \{a\}, \{a, b\}, \{b, c\}\}$ . Here  $\{a, c\}$  is a supra  $b$ -open set, but it is not supra semi-open.

In [3], the author proved that every supra  $\alpha$ -open set is supra semi-open. The following example (Instead of Example 3.2 [3]) shows the converse need not be true.

**Example 2.** Let  $(X, \mu)$  be a supra topological space, where  $X = \{a, b, c, d\}$  and  $\mu = \{X, \phi, \{a\}, \{b\}, \{a, b\}\}$ . Here  $\{b, c\}$  is a supra semi-open set, but it is not supra  $\alpha$ -open.

From Theorems 3.1 and 3.2 in [3], the above theorem, Example 3.1 [3], and the above two examples, we have the following diagram in which the converses of the implications need not be true:

(DIAGRAM 1)

$$\text{supra } b\text{-open} \rightarrow \text{supra } \alpha\text{-open} \rightarrow \text{supra semi-open} \rightarrow \text{supra } b\text{-open}$$

**Theorem 2.**

- (i) Arbitrary union of supra  $b$ -open sets is always supra  $b$ -open.
- (ii) Finite intersection of supra  $b$ -open sets may fail to be supra  $b$ -open.
- (iii)  $X$  is a supra  $b$ -open set.

*Proof.*

- (i) Let  $A$  and  $B$  be two supra  $b$ -open sets. Then,  $A \subseteq Cl^\mu(Int^\mu(A)) \cup Int^\mu(Cl^\mu(A))$  and  $B \subseteq Cl^\mu(Int^\mu(B)) \cup Int^\mu(Cl^\mu(B))$ . Then,  $A \cup B \subseteq Cl^\mu(Int^\mu(A \cup B)) \cup Int^\mu(Cl^\mu(A \cup B))$ . Therefore,  $A \cup B$  is supra  $b$ -open set.
- (ii) In Example 1, both  $\{a, c\}$  and  $\{b, c\}$  are supra  $b$ -open sets, but their intersection  $\{c\}$  is not supra  $b$ -open.

**Theorem 3.**

- (i) Arbitrary intersection of supra  $b$ -closed sets is always supra  $b$ -closed.
- (ii) Finite union of supra  $b$ -closed sets may fail to be supra  $b$ -closed.

*Proof.*

- (i) This follows immediately from Theorem 2.
- (ii) In Example 1, both  $\{a\}$  and  $\{b\}$  are supra  $b$ -closed sets, but their union  $\{a, b\}$  is not supra  $b$ -closed.

**Definition 2.** The supra  $b$ -closure of a set  $A$ , denoted by  $Cl_b^\mu(A)$ , is the intersection of supra  $b$ -closed sets including  $A$ . The supra  $b$ -interior of a set  $A$ , denoted by  $Int_b^\mu(A)$ , is the union of supra  $b$ -open sets included in  $A$ .

**Remark 1.** It is clear that  $Int_b^\mu(A)$  is a supra  $b$ -open set and  $Cl_b^\mu(A)$ , is a supra  $b$ -closed set.

**Theorem 4.**

- (i)  $A \subseteq Cl_b^\mu(A)$ ; and  $A = Cl_b^\mu(A)$  iff  $A$  is a supra  $b$ -closed set;
- (ii)  $Int_b^\mu(A) \subseteq A$ ; and  $Int_b^\mu(A) = A$  iff  $A$  is a supra  $b$ -open set;

$$(iii) X - Int_b^\mu(A) = Cl_b^\mu(X - A);$$

$$(iv) X - Cl_b^\mu(A) = Int_b^\mu(X - A).$$

*Proof.* Obvious.

### Theorem 5.

$$(a) Int_b^\mu(A) \cup Int_b^\mu(B) \subseteq Int_b^\mu(A \cup B);$$

$$(b) Cl_b^\mu(A \cap B) \subseteq Cl_b^\mu(A) \cap Cl_b^\mu(B).$$

*Proof.* obvious.

**Proposition 1.** *The intersection of a supra  $\alpha$ -open set and a supra  $b$ -open set is a supra  $b$ -open set.*

## 3. Supra $b$ -continuous maps

In this section, we introduce a new type of continuous maps called a supra  $b$ -continuous map and obtain some of their properties and characterizations.

**Definition 3.** *Let  $(X, \tau)$  and  $(Y, \sigma)$  be two topological spaces and  $\mu$  be an associated supra topology with  $\tau$ . A map  $f : (X, \tau) \rightarrow (Y, \sigma)$  is called a supra  $b$ -continuous map if the inverse image of each open set in  $Y$  is a supra  $b$ -open set in  $X$ .*

**Theorem 6.** *Every continuous map is supra  $b$ -continuous.*

*Proof.* Let  $f : (X, \tau) \rightarrow (Y, \sigma)$  be a continuous map and  $A$  is open in  $Y$ . Then  $f^{-1}(A)$  is an open set in  $X$ . Since  $\mu$  is associated with  $\tau$ , then  $\tau \subseteq \mu$ . Therefore,  $f^{-1}(A)$  is supra open in  $X$  and it is supra  $b$ -open in  $X$ . Hence  $f$  is supra  $b$ -continuous.

The converse of the above theorem is not true as shown in the following example.

**Example 3.** *Let  $X = \{a, b, c\}$  and  $\tau = \{X, \phi, \{a, b\}\}$  be a topology on  $X$ . The supra topology  $\mu$  is defined as follows:  $\mu = \{X, \phi, \{a\}, \{a, b\}\}$ . Let  $f : (X, \tau) \rightarrow (X, \tau)$  be a map defined as follows:  $f(a) = a, f(b) = c, f(c) = b$ . The inverse image of the open set  $\{a, b\}$  is  $\{a, c\}$  which is not an open set but it is a supra  $b$ -open. Then  $f$  is supra  $b$ -continuous but it is not continuous.*

The following example shows that supra  $b$ -continuous maps need not be supra semi-continuous.

**Example 4.** *Consider the set  $X = \{a, b, c, d\}$  with the topology  $\tau = \{X, \phi, \{a, c\}, \{b, d\}\}$  and the supra topology  $\mu = \{X, \phi, \{a, c\}, \{b, d\}, \{a, c, d\}\}$ . Also, suppose  $Y = \{x, y, z\}$  with the topology  $\sigma = \{Y, \phi, \{z\}\}$ . Define the map  $f : (X, \tau) \rightarrow (Y, \sigma)$  by:  $f(a) = y, f(b) = f(c) = z, f(d) = x$ . The inverse image of the open set  $\{z\}$  is  $\{b, c\}$  which is a supra  $b$ -open set but it is not a supra semi-open set. Then  $f$  is supra  $b$ -continuous but it is not supra semi-continuous map.*

Therefore, from diagram 1 we have the following diagram in which the converses of the implications need not be true by the above discussion.

$$\text{(DIAGRAM 2) } \textit{supra-continuity} \rightarrow \textit{supra } \alpha\text{-continuity} \rightarrow \textit{supra semi-continuity} \rightarrow \textit{supra } b\text{-continuity}$$

**Theorem 7.** Let  $(X, \tau)$  and  $(Y, \sigma)$  be two topological spaces and  $\mu$  be an associated supra topology with  $\tau$ . Let  $f$  be a map from  $X$  into  $Y$ . Then the following are equivalent:

- (1)  $f$  is a supra  $b$ -continuous map;
- (2) The inverse image of a closed set in  $Y$  is a supra  $b$ -closed set in  $X$ ;
- (3)  $Cl_b^\mu(f^{-1}(A)) \subseteq f^{-1}(Cl(A))$  for every set  $A$  in  $Y$ ;
- (4)  $f(Cl_b^\mu(A)) \subseteq Cl(f(A))$  for every set  $A$  in  $X$ ;
- (5)  $f^{-1}(Int(B)) \subseteq Int_b^\mu(f^{-1}(B))$  for every  $B$  in  $Y$ .

*Proof.*

- (1) $\Rightarrow$ (2): Let  $A$  be a closed set in  $Y$ , then  $Y - A$  is an open set in  $Y$ . Then  $f^{-1}(Y - A) = X - f^{-1}(A)$  is a supra  $b$ -open set in  $X$ . It follows that  $f^{-1}(A)$  is a supra  $b$ -closed subset of  $X$ .
- (2) $\Rightarrow$ (3): Let  $A$  be any subset of  $Y$ . Since  $Cl(A)$  is closed in  $Y$ , then  $f^{-1}(Cl(A))$  is supra  $b$ -closed in  $X$ . Therefore,  $Cl_b^\mu(f^{-1}(A)) \subseteq Cl_b^\mu(f^{-1}(Cl(A))) = f^{-1}(Cl(A))$ .
- (3) $\Rightarrow$ (4): Let  $A$  be any subset of  $X$ . By (3) we have  $f^{-1}(Cl(f(A))) \supseteq Cl_b^\mu(f^{-1}(f(A))) \supseteq Cl_b^\mu(A)$ . Therefore,  $f(Cl_b^\mu(A)) \subseteq Cl(f(A))$ .
- (4)  $\Rightarrow$  (5): Let  $B$  be any subset of  $Y$ . By (4),  $f(Cl_b^\mu(X - f^{-1}(B))) \subseteq Cl(f(X - f^{-1}(B)))$  and  $f(X - Int_b^\mu(f^{-1}(B))) \subseteq Cl(Y - B) = Y - Int(B)$ . Therefore, we have  $X - Int_b^\mu(f^{-1}(B)) \subseteq f^{-1}(Y - Int(B))$  and  $f^{-1}(Int(B)) \subseteq Int_b^\mu(f^{-1}(B))$ .
- (5) $\Rightarrow$ (1): Let  $B$  be an open set in  $Y$  and  $f^{-1}(Int(B)) \subseteq Int_b^\mu(f^{-1}(B))$ . Then,  $f^{-1}(B) \subseteq Int_b^\mu(f^{-1}(B))$ . But,  $Int_b^\mu(f^{-1}(B)) \subseteq f^{-1}(B)$ . Hence,  $f^{-1}(B) = Int_b^\mu(f^{-1}(B))$ . Therefore,  $f^{-1}(B)$  is supra  $b$ -open in  $X$ .

**Theorem 8.** Let  $(X, \tau), (Y, \sigma)$  and  $(Z, \nu)$  be three topological spaces. If a map  $f : (X, \tau) \rightarrow (Y, \sigma)$  is supra  $b$ -continuous and  $g : (Y, \sigma) \rightarrow (Z, \nu)$  is a continuous map, then  $g \circ f : (X, \tau) \rightarrow (Z, \nu)$  is supra  $b$ -continuous.

*Proof.* Obvious.

**Theorem 9.** Let  $(X, \tau)$  and  $(Y, \sigma)$  be two topological spaces and  $\mu$  and  $\nu$  be the associated supra topologies with  $\tau$  and  $\sigma$ , respectively. Then  $f : (X, \tau) \rightarrow (Y, \sigma)$  is a supra  $b$ -continuous map, if one of the following holds:

(1)  $f^{-1}(Int_b^v(B)) \subseteq Int(f^{-1}(B))$  for every set  $B$  in  $Y$ .

(2)  $Cl(f^{-1}(B)) \subseteq f^{-1}(Cl_b^v(B))$  for every set  $B$  in  $Y$ .

(3)  $f(Cl(A)) \subseteq Cl_b^\mu(f(A))$  for every set  $A$  in  $X$ .

*Proof.* Let  $B$  be any open set of  $Y$ . If condition (1) is satisfied, then  $f^{-1}(Int_b^v(B)) \subseteq Int(f^{-1}(B))$ . We get  $f^{-1}(B) \subseteq Int(f^{-1}(B))$ . Therefore,  $f^{-1}(B)$  is an open set. Every open set is supra  $b$ -open. Hence,  $f$  is a supra  $b$ -continuous map.

If condition (2) is satisfied, then we can easily prove that  $f$  is a supra  $b$ -continuous map.

Let condition (3) be satisfied and  $B$  be any open set of  $Y$ . Then  $f^{-1}(B)$  is a set in  $X$  and  $f(Cl(f^{-1}(B))) \subseteq Cl_b^\mu(f(f^{-1}(B)))$ . This implies  $f(Cl(f^{-1}(B))) \subseteq Cl_b^\mu(B)$ . This is nothing but condition (2). Hence  $f$  is a supra  $b$ -continuous map.

#### 4. Supra $b$ -open maps and supra $b$ -closed maps

**Definition 4.** A map  $f : (X, \tau) \rightarrow (Y, \sigma)$  is called a supra  $b$ -open (resp. supra  $b$ -closed) if the image of each open (resp. closed) set in  $X$  is supra  $b$ -open (resp. supra  $b$ -closed) in  $(Y, \nu)$ .

**Theorem 10.** A map  $f : (X, \tau) \rightarrow (Y, \sigma)$  is supra  $b$ -open if and only if  $f(Int(A)) \subseteq Int_b^v(f(A))$  for each set  $A$  in  $X$ .

*Proof.* Suppose that  $f$  is a supra  $b$ -open map. Since  $Int(A) \subseteq A$ , then  $f(Int(A)) \subseteq f(A)$ . By hypothesis,  $f(Int(A))$  is a supra  $b$ -open set and  $Int_b^v(f(A))$  is the largest supra  $b$ -open set contained in  $f(A)$ . Hence  $f(Int(A)) \subseteq Int_b^v(f(A))$ .

Conversely, suppose  $A$  is an open set in  $X$ . Then,  $f(Int(A)) \subseteq Int_b^v(f(A))$ . Since  $Int(A) = A$ , then  $f(A) \subseteq Int_b^v(f(A))$ . Therefore  $f(A)$  is a supra  $b$ -open set in  $(Y, \nu)$  and  $f$  is a supra  $b$ -open map.

**Theorem 11.** A map  $f : (X, \tau) \rightarrow (Y, \sigma)$  is supra  $b$ -closed if and only if  $Cl_b^v(f(A)) \subseteq f(Cl(A))$  for each set  $A$  in  $X$ .

*Proof.* Suppose  $f$  is a supra  $b$ -closed map. Since for each set  $A$  in  $X$ ,  $Cl(A)$  is closed set in  $X$ , then  $f(Cl(A))$  is a supra  $b$ -closed set in  $Y$ . Also, since  $f(A) \subseteq f(Cl(A))$ , then  $Cl_b^v(f(A)) \subseteq f(Cl(A))$ .

Conversely, Let  $A$  be a closed set in  $X$ . Since  $Cl_b^v(f(A))$  is the smallest supra  $b$ -closed set containing  $f(A)$ , then  $f(A) \subseteq Cl_b^v(f(A)) \subseteq f(Cl(A)) = f(A)$ . Thus,  $f(A) = Cl_b^v(f(A))$ . Hence,  $f(A)$  is a supra  $b$ -closed set in  $Y$ . Therefore,  $f$  is a supra  $b$ -closed map.

**Theorem 12.** Let  $(X, \tau)$ ,  $(Y, \sigma)$  and  $(Z, \nu)$  be three topological spaces and  $f : (X, \tau) \rightarrow (Y, \sigma)$  and  $g : (Y, \sigma) \rightarrow (Z, \nu)$  be two maps. Then,

(1) if  $g \circ f$  is supra  $b$ -open and  $f$  is continuous surjective, then  $g$  is a supra  $b$ -open map.

(2) if  $g \circ f$  is open and  $g$  is supra  $b$ -continuous injective, then  $f$  is a supra  $b$ -open map.

*Proof.*

- (1) Let  $A$  be an open set in  $Y$ . Then,  $f^{-1}(A)$  is an open set in  $X$ . Since  $g \circ f$  is a supra  $b$ -open map, then  $(g \circ f)(f^{-1}(A)) = g(f(f^{-1}(A))) = g(A)$  (because  $f$  is surjective) is a supra  $b$ -open set in  $Z$ . Therefore,  $g$  is a supra  $b$ -open map.
- (2) Let  $A$  be an open set in  $X$ . Then,  $g(f(A))$  is an open set in  $Z$ . Therefore,  $g^{-1}(g(f(A))) = f(A)$  (because  $g$  is injective) is a supra  $b$ -open set in  $Y$ . Hence,  $f$  is a supra  $b$ -open map.

**Theorem 13.** Let  $(X, \tau)$  and  $(Y, \sigma)$  be two topological spaces and  $f : (X, \tau) \rightarrow (Y, \sigma)$  be a bijective map. Then the following are equivalent:

- (1)  $f$  is a supra  $b$ -open map;
- (2)  $f$  is a supra  $b$ -closed map;
- (3)  $f^{-1}$  is a supra  $b$ -continuous map.

*Proof.*

- (1)  $\implies$  (2): Suppose  $B$  is a closed set in  $X$ . Then  $X - B$  is an open set in  $X$  and by (1),  $f(X - B)$  is a supra  $b$ -open set in  $Y$ . Since  $f$  is bijective, then  $f(X - B) = Y - f(B)$ . Hence,  $f(B)$  is a supra  $b$ -closed set in  $Y$ . Therefore,  $f$  is a supra  $b$ -closed map.
- (2)  $\implies$  (3): Let  $f$  is a supra  $b$ -closed map and  $B$  be closed set in  $X$ . Since  $f$  is bijective, then  $(f^{-1})^{-1}(B) = f(B)$  which is a supra  $b$ -closed set in  $Y$ . Therefore, by Theorem 7,  $f$  is a supra  $b$ -continuous map.
- (3)  $\implies$  (1): Let  $A$  be an open set in  $X$ . Since  $f^{-1}$  is a supra  $b$ -continuous map, then  $(f^{-1})^{-1}(A) = f(A)$  is a supra  $b$ -open set in  $Y$ . Hence,  $f$  is a supra  $b$ -open map.

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