

## ON $b$ -CONVERGENCE OF $p$ -STACKS

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**Abstract:** We introduce the notion of  $b$ -convergence of  $p$ -stacks and by using that notion we characterize the  $b$ -interior,  $b$ -closure, separation axioms and  $b$ -irresoluteness on a topological space. Also we introduce a new notion of  $p$ - $b$ -compactness and investigate its properties in terms of  $b$ -convergence of  $p$ -stacks.

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### 1. Introduction

Generalized open sets play a very important role in General Topology and they are now the research topics of many topologists worldwide. Indeed a significant theme in General Topology and Real analysis concerns the various modified forms of continuity, separation axioms etc. by utilizing generalized open sets. In 1996, Andrijevic [1] introduced a new class of generalized open sets called  $b$ -open sets into the field of topology. Andrijevic studied several fundamental and interesting properties of  $b$ -open sets. In this paper, we introduce the notion of  $b$ -

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## 2. Preliminaries

Throughout this paper, spaces always means topological spaces on which no separation axioms are assumed unless otherwise mentioned and  $f : (X, \tau) \rightarrow (Y, \sigma)$  (or simply  $f : X \rightarrow Y$ ) denotes a function  $f$  of a space  $(X, \tau)$  into a space  $(Y, \sigma)$ . Let  $A$  be a subset of a space  $X$ . The closure and the interior of  $A$  are denoted by  $\text{Cl}(A)$  and  $\text{Int}(A)$ , respectively. A subset  $A$  of  $X$  is said to be  $b$ -open [1] ( $= \gamma$ -open [4])  $A \subset \text{Int}(\text{Cl}(A)) \cup \text{Cl}(\text{Int}(A))$ . The complement of a  $b$ -open set is called a  $b$ -closed set [1] ( $= \gamma$ -closed set [4]). The union of all  $b$ -open sets contained in  $A \subset X$  is called the  $b$ -interior of  $A$ , and is denoted by  $b\text{Int}(A)$ . The intersection of all  $b$ -closed sets containing  $A$  is called the  $b$ -closure [1] of  $A$  and is denoted by  $b\text{Cl}(A)$ . A subset  $M(x)$  of a topological space  $X$  is called a  $b$ -neighbourhood of a point  $x \in X$  if there exists a  $b$ -open set  $S$  such that  $x \in S \subset M(x)$ . Given a set  $X$ , a collection  $\mathbf{C}$  of subsets of  $X$  is called a stack if  $A \in \mathbf{C}$  whenever  $B \in \mathbf{C}$  and  $B \subset A$ . A stack  $\mathbf{H}$  on a set  $X$  is called a  $p$ -stack if it satisfies the following condition: (P)  $A, B \in \mathbf{H} \Rightarrow A \cap B \neq \emptyset$ . Condition (P) is called the pairwise intersection property (P.I.P). A collection  $\mathbf{B}$  of subsets of  $X$  with the P.I.P is called a  $p$ -stack base. For any collection  $B$ , we denote by  $\langle \mathbf{B} \rangle = \{A \subset X : \text{there exists } B \in \mathbf{B} \text{ such that } B \subset A\}$  the stack generated by  $\mathbf{B}$ , and if  $\{B\}$  is a  $p$ -stack base, then  $\langle \{B\} \rangle$  is a  $p$ -stack. We will denote simply  $\langle \{B\} \rangle = \langle B \rangle$ . In case  $x \in X$  and  $B = \{x\}$ ,  $\langle x \rangle$  is usually denoted by  $x$ . Let  $pS(X)$  denote the collection of all  $p$ -stacks on  $X$ , partially ordered by inclusion. The maximal elements in  $pS(X)$  are called ultra  $p$ -stacks is contained in an ultra  $p$ -stack. For a function  $f : X \rightarrow Y$  and  $\mathbf{H} \in pS(X)$ , the image stack  $f(\mathbf{H})$  in  $pS(Y)$  has  $p$ -stack base  $\{f(H) : H \in \mathbf{H}\}$ . Likewise, if  $\mathbf{G} \in pS(Y)$ ,  $f^{-1}(\mathbf{G})$  denotes the  $p$ -stack on  $X$  generated by  $\{f^{-1}(G) : G \in \mathbf{G}\}$ .

**Definition 2.1.** Let  $(X, \tau)$  be a topological space. A class  $G_i$  of  $b$ -open subsets of  $X$  is said to be  $b$ -open cover of  $X$  if each point in  $X$  belongs to at least one  $G_i$  that is  $\bigcup_i G_i = X$ .

**Definition 2.2.** A subset  $K$  of a nonempty set  $X$  is said to be  $b$ -compact relative to  $(X, \tau)$  if every cover of  $K$  by  $b$ -open sets of  $X$  has a finite subcover.

We say that  $(X, \tau)$  is  $b$ -compact if  $X$  is  $b$ -compact.

**Definition 2.3.** A topological space  $(X, \tau)$  is said to be:

- (i)  $b-T_1$  [2] if for each pair of distinct points  $x$  and  $y$  of  $X$ , there exist  $b$ -open sets  $U$  and  $V$  containing  $x$  and  $y$ , respectively such that  $y \notin U$  and  $x \notin V$ ;
- (ii)  $b-T_2$  [2] if for each pair of distinct points  $x$  and  $y$  of  $X$ , there exist  $b$ -open sets  $U$  and  $V$  such that  $x \in U, y \in V$  and  $U \cap V = \emptyset$ ;
- (iii)  $b$ -regular [6] if for any closed set  $F \subset X$  and any point  $x \in X \setminus F$ , there exists disjoint  $b$ -open sets  $U$  and  $V$  such that  $x \in U$  and  $F \subset V$ .

**Lemma 2.4.** [5] For  $\mathbf{H} \in pS(X)$ , the following are equivalent:

- (i)  $\mathbf{H}$  is an ultra  $p$ -stack;
- (ii) If  $A \cap H = \emptyset$  for all  $H \in \mathbf{H}$ , then  $A \in \mathbf{H}$ ;
- (iii)  $B \in H$  implies  $X \setminus B \in H$ .

**Theorem 2.5.** [5] Let  $f : (X, \tau) \rightarrow (Y, \sigma)$  be a function and  $\mathbf{H} \in pS(X)$ .

- (i) If  $\mathbf{H}$  is a filter, so is  $f(\mathbf{H})$ ;
- (ii) If  $\mathbf{H}$  is a ultra filter, so is  $f(\mathbf{H})$ ;
- (iii) If  $\mathbf{H}$  is a ultra  $p$ -stack, so is  $f(\mathbf{H})$ .

### 3. $b$ -Convergence of $p$ -Stacks

**Definition 3.1.** Let  $X$  be a topological space,  $x \in X$  and let  $\mathbf{B}(x) = \{V \subset X : V \text{ is a } b\text{-neighbourhood of } x\}$ . Then we call the family  $\mathbf{B}(x)$  the  $b$ -neighbourhood stack at  $x$ .

**Definition 3.2.** Let  $X$  be a topological space,  $x \in X$  and let  $\mathbf{B}(x) = \{V \subset X : V \text{ is a } b\text{-neighbourhood of } x\}$ . Then we call the family  $\mathbf{B}(x)$  the  $b$ -neighbourhood stack at  $x$ .

**Theorem 3.3.** Let  $f : (X, \tau)$ , be a topological space. Then we have the following

- (i)  $\dot{x}$   $b$ -converges to  $x$  for all  $x \in X$ ;

- (ii) If  $\mathbf{F}$   $b$ -converges to  $x$  and  $\mathbf{F} \subset \mathbf{G}$  for  $\mathbf{F}; \mathbf{G} \in pS(X)$ , then  $\mathbf{G}$   $b$ -converges to  $x$ ;
- (iii) If both  $\mathbf{F}$  and  $\mathbf{G}$  are  $p$ -stacks  $b$ -converging to  $x$ , then  $\mathbf{F} \cap \mathbf{G}$   $b$ -converges to  $x$ ;
- (iv) If  $p$ -stacks  $\mathbf{F}_i$   $b$ -converge to  $x$  for all  $i \in J$ , then  $\cap \mathbf{F}_i$   $b$ -converges to  $x$ .

*Proof.* Follows from the definitions. □

**Theorem 3.4.** *Let  $(X, \tau)$  be a topological space and  $A \subset X$ . Then the following are equivalent:*

- (i)  $x \in bCl(A)$
- (ii) There is  $\mathbf{F} \in pS(X)$  such that  $A \in \mathbf{F}$  and  $\mathbf{F}$   $b$ -converges to  $x$ ;
- (iii) For all  $V \in \mathbf{B}(x)$ ,  $A \cap V = \emptyset$ .

*Proof.* (i)  $\Rightarrow$  (ii): Let  $x$  be an element in  $bCl(A)$ , then  $U(x) \cap A = \emptyset$  for each  $b$ -open  $U(x)$  of  $x$ . Let  $\mathbf{F} = \mathbf{B}(x) \cup \langle A \rangle$ . Then the  $p$ -stack  $\mathbf{F}$   $b$ -converges to  $x$  and  $A \in \mathbf{F}$ . (ii)  $\Rightarrow$  (iii): Let  $F$  be a  $p$ -stack and  $A \in \mathbf{F}$  and  $p$ -stack  $\mathbf{F}$   $b$ -converge to  $x$ . Then  $\mathbf{B}(x) \subset F$ . Thus since  $\mathbf{B}(x)$  is a  $p$ -stack, we get  $U \cap A \neq \emptyset$  for all  $U \in B(x)$ . (iii)  $\Rightarrow$  (i): It is obvious. □

**Theorem 3.5.** *Let  $(X, \tau)$  be a topological space and  $A \subset X$ . Then the following are equivalent:*

- (i)  $x \in bInt(A)$
- (ii) For every  $p$ -stack  $\mathbf{F}$   $b$ -converging to  $x$ ,  $A \in \mathbf{F}$ ;
- (iii)  $A \in \mathbf{B}(x)$ .

*Proof.* (i)  $\Rightarrow$  (ii): Let  $x$  be an element in  $bInt(A)$ , and let  $\mathbf{F}$   $b$ -stack  $b$ -converges to  $x$ . Since  $x \in bInt(A)$ , there is a  $b$ -open subset  $U$  such that  $x \in U \subset A$ , so  $A \in \mathbf{B}(x)$ . Thus by the definition of  $b$ -convergence of  $p$ -stack, we can say  $A \in \mathbf{F}$ . (ii)  $\Rightarrow$  (iii): The  $b$ -neighborhood stack  $\mathbf{B}(x)$  is always  $b$ -converges to  $x$ . Thus by (ii),  $A \in \mathbf{B}(x)$ . (iii)  $\Rightarrow$  (i): It is obvious. □

Now by using  $b$ -convergence of  $p$ -stacks, we characterize the properties of  $b-T_1$ ,  $b-T_2$  and  $b$ -regular induced by  $b$ -open subsets on a topological space.

**Theorem 3.6.** *Let  $(X, \tau)$  be a topological space. Then the following statements are equivalent:*

- (i)  $(X, \tau)$  is  $b$ - $T_1$
- (ii)  $\cap \mathbf{B}(x) = \{x\}$  for  $x \in X$
- (iii) if  $\dot{x}$   $b$ -converges to  $y$ , then  $x = y$ .

*Proof.* (i) $\Rightarrow$ (ii): Let  $y$  be an element in  $\cap \mathbf{B}(x)$ , then  $y \in U$  for each  $b$ -open neighborhood  $U$  of  $x$ . Since  $X$  is  $b$ - $T_1$ , we get  $y = x$ . (ii) $\Rightarrow$ (iii): Let  $\dot{x}$   $b$ -converge to  $y$ . Since  $\mathbf{B}(y) \subset x$ ,  $x$  is an element in  $\cap \mathbf{B}(y)$ . Thus  $x = y$ . (iii) $\Rightarrow$ (i): Suppose that  $X$  is not  $b$ - $T_1$ , then there are distinct  $x$  and  $y$  such that every  $b$ -open neighborhood of  $x$  contains  $y$ . Thus  $\mathbf{B}(x) \subset \dot{y}$  and  $\dot{y}$   $b$ -converges to  $x$ . This contradicts the hypothesis.  $\square$

**Theorem 3.7.** *Let  $(X, \tau)$  be a topological space. Then the following statements are equivalent:*

- (i)  $(X, \tau)$  is  $b$ - $T_2$ ;
- (ii) Every  $b$ -convergent  $p$ -stack  $\mathbf{F}$  on  $X$   $b$ -converges to exactly one point;
- (iii) Every  $b$ -convergent ultra  $p$ -stack  $\mathbf{F}$  on  $X$   $b$ -converges to exactly one point.

*Proof.* (i)  $\Rightarrow$  (ii): Suppose that  $X$  is  $b$ - $T_2$  and a  $p$ -stack  $\mathbf{F}$   $b$ -converges to  $x$ . For any  $y \neq x$ , there are disjoint  $b$ -open sets  $U(x)$  and  $U(y)$  containing  $x$  and  $y$ , respectively. Since  $\mathbf{B}(x) \subset F$  and  $\mathbf{F}$  is a  $p$ -stack, both  $U(x)$  and  $X \setminus U(y)$  are elements of  $\mathbf{F}$ . Thus  $\mathbf{F}$  is not finer than  $(y)$ , so  $\mathbf{F}$  doesn't  $b$ -converge to  $y$ . (ii)  $\Rightarrow$  (iii): It is obvious. (iii)  $\Rightarrow$  (i): Suppose that  $X$  is not  $b$ - $T_2$ . Then there must exist  $x, y$  such that  $U(x) \cap U(y) \neq \emptyset$  for every  $b$ -open sets  $U(x)$  and  $U(y)$  of  $x$  and  $y$ , respectively. Let  $\mathbf{F}$  be a ultra  $p$ -stack finer than a  $p$ -stack  $\mathbf{B}(x) \subset B(y)$ . Then  $\mathbf{F}$  is finer than  $B(x)$  and  $(y)$ , so the ultra  $p$ -stack  $F$   $b$ -converges to both  $x$  and  $y$ . This contradicts (ii).  $\square$

If  $(X, \tau)$  is a topological space and  $F \in pS(X)$ , then  $\mathbf{B} = \{b \text{Cl}(F)\} : F \in \mathbf{F}$  is a  $p$ -stack base on  $X$ , and the  $b$ -closure  $p$ -stack generated by  $B$  is denoted by  $b \text{Cl}(\mathbf{F})$ .

**Theorem 3.8.** *Let  $(X, \tau)$  be a topological space. Then the following statements are equivalent:*

- (i)  $(X, \tau)$  is  $b$ -regular;
- (ii) For every  $x \in X$ ,  $\mathbf{B}(x) = b \text{Cl}(\mathbf{B}(x))$ ;
- (iii) If a  $p$ -stack  $F$   $b$ -converges to  $x$ , then the  $b$ -closure  $p$ -stack  $b \text{Cl}(\mathbf{F})$   $b$ -converges to  $x$ .

*Proof.* (i) $\Rightarrow$ (ii): Let  $F$  be an element in  $\mathbf{B}(x)$ . There exists a  $b$ -open neighborhood  $U(x)$  such that  $U(x) \subset F$ . Since  $X$  is  $b$ -regular, there is a  $b$ -open neighborhood  $W(x)$  of  $x$  such that  $W(x) \subset b\text{Cl}(W(x)) \subset U(x) \subset F$ . Since  $b\text{Cl}(W(x)) \in b\text{Cl}(\mathbf{B}(x))$  and  $b\text{Cl}(\mathbf{B}(x))$  is a  $p$ -stack,  $F \in b\text{Cl}(\mathbf{B}(x))$ . (ii)  $\Rightarrow$  (iii): Let a  $p$ -stack  $\mathbf{F}$   $b$ -converge to  $x$ . Then  $\mathbf{B}(x) \subset F$ , and so  $b\text{Cl}(\mathbf{B}(x)) \subset b\text{Cl}(\mathbf{F})$ . By (ii), we get that  $b\text{Cl}(\mathbf{F})$   $b$ -converges to  $x$ . (iii)  $\Rightarrow$  (i): Let  $U$  be a  $b$ -open set containing  $x \in X$ . Since  $\mathbf{B}(x)$   $b$ -converges to  $x$ , by (iii)  $b\text{Cl}(\mathbf{B}(x))$   $b$ -converges to  $x$ , and so  $U \in b\text{Cl}(\mathbf{B}(x))$ . Then by the definition of the  $b$ -closure of  $p$ -stacks, we can get a  $b$ -open neighborhood  $V$  of  $x$  such that  $V \subset b\text{Cl}(V) \subset U$ .  $\square$

**Definition 3.9.** A function  $f : (X, \tau) \rightarrow (Y, \sigma)$  is said to be  $b$ -irresolute [4] if  $f^{-1}(V)$  is  $b$ -closed (resp.  $b$ -open) in  $X$  for every  $b$ -closed (resp.  $b$ -open) subset  $V$  of  $Y$

**Theorem 3.10.** Let  $X$  and  $Y$  be topological spaces. Then a function  $f : (X, \tau) \rightarrow (Y, \sigma)$  is  $b$ -irresolute if and only if for each  $x$  in  $X$  and each  $b$ -neighborhood  $U$  of  $f(x)$ , there is a  $b$ -neighborhood  $V$  of  $x$  such that  $f(V) \subset U$ .

Now we get another characterization of the  $b$ -irresolute function on a topological space using the notion of  $p$ -stacks.

**Theorem 3.11.** For a function  $f : (X, \tau) \rightarrow (Y, \sigma)$ , the following statements are equivalent:

- (i)  $f$  is  $b$ -irresolute;
- (ii)  $\mathbf{B}(f(x)) \subset f(\mathbf{B}(x))$  for all  $x \in X$ ;
- (iii) If a  $p$ -stack  $\mathbf{F}$   $b$ -converges to  $x$ , then the image  $p$ -stack  $f(\mathbf{F})$   $b$ -converges to  $f(x)$ .

*Proof.* (i)  $\Rightarrow$  (ii): Let  $V$  be any member of  $\mathbf{B}(f(x))$  in  $Y$ . Then there is a  $b$ -open set  $W$  such that  $W \subset V$ . Since  $f$  is  $b$ -irresolute, there exists a  $b$ -open neighborhood  $U \in \mathbf{B}(x)$  such that  $f(U) \subset W \subset V$ , thus  $V \in f(\mathbf{B}(x))$ . (ii)  $\Rightarrow$  (iii): It is obvious. (iii)  $\Rightarrow$  (i): If  $f$  is not  $b$ -irresolute, then for some  $x \in X$ , there is a  $b$ -open neighborhood  $V \in \mathbf{B}(f(x))$  such that for all  $b$ -open neighborhood  $U \in \mathbf{B}(x)$ ,  $f(U)$  is not included in  $V$ . For all  $U \in \mathbf{B}(x)$ , since  $f(U) \cap (Y \setminus V) \neq \emptyset$ , we get a  $p$ -stack  $\mathbf{F} = f(\mathbf{B}(x)) \cup \langle Y \setminus V \rangle$ . And since  $U \cap f^{-1}(Y \setminus V) \neq \emptyset$ , also we get a  $p$ -stack  $\mathbf{G} = \mathbf{B}(x) \cup f^{-1} \langle Y \setminus V \rangle$  which  $b$ -converges to  $x$ . But since  $f(\mathbf{G})$  is a finer  $p$ -stack than  $F$  and  $Y \setminus V \in \mathbf{F}$ ,  $f(\mathbf{G})$

can't  $b$ -converge to  $f(x)$ , contradicting to (iii).

Now we introduce a new notion of  $p$ - $b$ -compactness by  $p$ -stacks and investigate the related properties.  $\square$

**Definition 3.12.** Let  $(X, \tau)$  be a topological space and  $A$  be a subset of  $X$ . A subset  $A$  of a topological space  $(X, \tau)$  is  $p$ - $b$ -compact if every ultra  $p$ -stack containing  $A$   $b$ -converges to a point in  $A$ . A topological space  $(X, \tau)$  is  $p$ - $b$ -compact if  $X$  is  $p$ - $b$ -compact.

Let  $X = \{a, b, c\}$ . In case  $\tau$  is the discrete topology, let  $\mathbf{H}$  be an ultra  $p$ -stack containing a  $p$ -stack  $\mathbf{F}$  generated by  $\{\{a, b\}, \{b, c\}, \{a, c\}\}$ . Then it does not  $b$ -converge to any point in  $X$ . Thus the topological space  $(X, \tau)$  is not  $p$ - $b$ -compact. But in case  $\tau = \{\emptyset, \{a\}, \{b, c\}, X\}$  the topological space  $(X, \tau)$  is  $p$ - $b$ -compact.

**Theorem 3.13.** *If a topological space  $(X, \tau)$  is  $p$ - $b$ -compact and  $A \subset X$  is  $b$ -closed, then  $A$  is  $p$ - $b$ -compact.*

*Proof.* Let  $\mathbf{F}$  be an ultra  $p$ -stack containing  $A$ . From Definition 3.12, there is  $x \in X$  such that  $\mathbf{F}$   $b$ -converges to  $x$ . Thus  $\mathbf{B}(x) \subset \mathbf{F}$ , and since  $A \in \mathbf{F}$  and  $\mathbf{F}$  is a  $p$ -stack,  $A \cap V \neq \emptyset$  for all  $V \in \mathbf{B}(x)$ . So by Theorem 9, we can say  $x \in b\text{Cl}(A) = A$ .  $\square$

**Theorem 3.14.** *The  $b$ -irresolute image of a  $p$ - $b$ -compact set is  $p$ - $b$ -compact.*

*Proof.* Let a function  $f : (X, \tau) \rightarrow (Y, \sigma)$  be  $b$ -irresolute, let  $A \subset X$  be  $p$ - $b$ -compact, and let  $\mathbf{H}$  be an ultra  $p$ -stack containing  $f(A)$ . If  $\mathbf{G}$  is an ultra  $p$ -stack containing the  $p$ -stack base  $\{f^{-1}(H) : H \in \mathbf{H}\} \cup \langle A \rangle$ , then for some  $x \in A$ ,  $\mathbf{G}$   $b$ -converges to  $x$ , and  $\mathbf{H} = f(\mathbf{G})$   $b$ -converges to  $f(x)$ . Thus,  $f(A)$  is  $p$ - $b$ -compact.  $\square$

**Theorem 3.15.** *A topological space  $(X, \tau)$  is  $p$ - $b$ -compact if and only if each  $b$ -open cover of  $X$  has a two-element subcover.*

*Proof.* Suppose  $\mathbf{H}$  is an ultra  $p$ -stack in  $X$  such that it does not  $b$ -converge to any point in  $X$ . Then for each  $x \in X$ , there is a  $b$ -open subset  $U_x \in \mathbf{B}(x)$  such that  $U_x \notin \mathbf{H}$ . By Lemma 2.4(iii),  $X \setminus U_x \in \mathbf{H}$ , for all  $x \in X$ . Thus  $\mathbf{U} = \{U_x : x \in X\}$  is a  $b$ -open cover of  $X$ . But  $\mathbf{U}$  has no two-element subcover

of  $X$ , for if  $U, V \in \mathbf{U}$  and  $X \subset U \cup V$ , then  $(X \setminus U) \cap (X \setminus V) = X \setminus (U \cup V) = \emptyset$ , contradicting the assumption that  $\mathbf{H}$  is a  $p$ -stack. Conversely, let  $\mathbf{U}$  be a  $b$ -open cover of  $X$  with no two-element subcover of  $X$ . Then  $\mathbf{B} = \{X \setminus U : U \in \mathbf{U}\}$  is  $p$ -stack base, and any ultra  $p$ -stack containing  $\mathbf{B}$  cannot  $b$ -converge to any point in  $X$ .  $\square$

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