

sb* - Separation axioms

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Abstract

The aim of this paper is to introduce some new type of separation axioms and study some of their basic properties. Some implications between T_0 , T_1 and T_2 axioms are also obtained.

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1 Introduction

Andrijevic[1] introduced a new class of generalized open sets called b-open sets in topological spaces. This type of sets was discussed by [5] under the name of γ - open sets. Several research papers [2,3,4,13,15] with advance results in different aspects came into existence. Further, Caldas and Jafari [4], introduced and studied b- T_0 , b- T_1 , b- T_2 , b- D_0 , b- D_1 and b- D_2 via b-open sets. After to that Keskin and Noiri [7], introduced the notion of b- $T_{1/2}$. Recently, the authors[16,17,18] introduced and studied about the sb* - closed sets, sb*-open map, sb*-continuous map, sb*- irresolute and Homeomorphisms in topological spaces. In the present paper, sb*-separation axioms are introduced via sb*-open sets and some of its basic properties are discussed.

2 Preliminaries

Throughout this paper, X and Y denote the topological spaces (X, τ) and (Y, σ) respectively and on which no separation axioms are assumed unless otherwise explicitly stated. Let A be a subset of the space X. The interior and closure of a set A in X are denoted by $\text{int}(A)$ and $\text{cl}(A)$ respectively. The complement of A is denoted by $(X-A)$ or A^c . In this section, let us recall some definitions and results which are useful in the sequel.

Definition 2.1. [1] A subset A of a topological space (X, τ) is called b-open set if $A \subseteq (\text{cl}(\text{int}(A)) \cup \text{int}(\text{cl}(A)))$. The complement of a b-open set is said to be b-closed. The family of all b-open subsets of a space X is denoted by $\text{BO}(X)$.

Definition 2.2. A subset A of a space X is called

- (1) semi-open if $A \subseteq \text{cl}(\text{int}(A))$ [8];
- (2) α -open if $A \subseteq \text{int}(\text{cl}(\text{int}(A)))$ [14].

The complement of a semi-open (resp. α -open) set is called semiclosed [12](resp. α -closed[19]).

Definition 2.3. [16] A subset A of a topological space (X, τ) is called a sb^* -closed set (briefly sb^* -closed) if $\text{cl}(\text{int}(A)) \subseteq U$ whenever $A \subseteq U$ and U is b -open in X . The complement of sb^* -closed set is called sb^* -open. The family of all sb^* -open sets of a space X is denoted by $\text{sb}^*\text{O}(X)$.

Definition 2.4. [4] A space X is said to be :

- (1) b-T_0 if for each pair of distinct points x and y in X , there exists a b -open set A containing x but not y or a b -open set B containing y but not x .
- (2) b-T_1 if for each pair x, y in X , $x \neq y$, there exists a b -open set G containing x but not y and a b -open set B containing y but not x .

Definition 2.5. [15] A space X is said to b-T_2 if for any pair of distinct points x and y in X , there exist $U \in \text{BO}(X, x)$ and $V \in \text{BO}(X, y)$ such that $U \cap V = \phi$.

Definition 2.6. A space X is said to be :

- (1) $\alpha\text{-T}_0$ if for each pair of distinct points in X , there is an α -open set containing one of the points but not the other[9].
- (2) $\alpha\text{-T}_1$ if for each pair of distinct points x and y of X , there exists α -open sets U and V containing x and y respectively such that $y \notin U$ and $x \notin V$ [9].
- (3) $\alpha\text{-T}_2$ if for each pair of distinct points x and y of X , there exist disjoint α -open sets U and V containing x and y respectively[11].

Definition 2.7. [10] (i) Let X be a topological space. For each $x \neq y \in X$, there exists a set U , such that $x \in U$, $y \notin U$, and there exists a set V such that $y \in V$, $x \notin V$, then X is called w-T_1 space, if U is open and V is w -open sets in X .

(ii) Let X be a topological space. And for each $x \neq y \in X$, there exist two disjoint sets U and V with $x \in U$ and $y \in V$, then X is called w-T_2 space if U is open and V is w -open sets in X .

Definition 2.8. [10] A topological space X is (1) semi T_0 if to each pair of distinct points x, y of X , there exists a semi open set A containing x but not y or a semi open set B containing y but not x .

(2) semi T_1 if to each pair of distinct points x, y of X , there exists a semi open set A containing x but not y and a semi open set B containing y but not x .

(3) semi T_2 if to each pair of distinct points x, y of X , there exist disjoint semi open sets A and B in X s.t. $x \in A$, $y \in B$.

Definition 2.9. [20] A topological space X is called a T_0 space if and only if it satisfies the following axiom of Kolmogorov. (T_0) If x and y are distinct points of X , then there exists an open set which contains one of them but not the other.

Definition 2.10. [20] A topological space X is a T_1 -space if and only if it satisfies the following separation axiom of Frechet. (T_1) If x and y are two distinct points of X , then there exists two open sets, one containing x but not y and the other containing y but not x .

Definition 2.11. [20] A topological space X is said to be a T_2 - space or hausdorff space if and only if for every pair of distinct points x,y of X , there exists two disjoint open sets one containing x and the other containing y .

Theorem 2.12. [16] (i)Every open set is sb*-open.
 (ii)Every α open set is sb*-open.
 (iii)Every w-open set is sb*-open.
 (iv)Every sb*-open set is b - open.

Definition 2.13. Let A be a subset of a space X . Then the sb*-closure of A is defined as the intersection of all sb*-closed sets containing A . ie., $sb^*-cl(A) = \cap \{F: F \text{ is sb}^*\text{-closed, } A \subseteq F\}$.

Definition 2.14. [17] Let X and Y be topological spaces. A map $f: X \rightarrow Y$ is called strongly b^* - continuous (sb*- continuous) if the inverse image of every open set in Y is sb^* - open in X .

Definition 2.15. [17] Let X and Y be a topological spaces. A map $f: X \rightarrow Y$ is called strongly b^* -closed (sb* - closed) map if the image of every closed set in X is sb^* - closed in Y .

Definition 2.16. [18] Let X and Y be topological spaces. A map $f: (X, \tau) \rightarrow (Y, \sigma)$ is said to be sb^* - Irresolute if the inverse image of every sb^* - closed set in Y is sb^* - closed set in X .

Definition 2.17. Let X be a topological space. A subset $A \subseteq X$ is called a sb^* - neighbourhood (Briefly sb^* - nbd) of a point $x \in X$ if there exists a sb^* - open set G such that $x \in G \subseteq A$.

3 sb* - T_0 Spaces

In this section, we define sb^* - T_0 space and study some of their properties.

Definition 3.1. A topological space X is said to be sb^* - T_0 if for every pair of distinct points x and y of X , there exists a sb^* -open set G such that $x \in G$ and $y \notin G$ or $y \in G$ and $x \notin G$.

Theorem 3.2. Every α - T_0 space is sb^* - T_0 .

Proof: Let X be a α - T_0 space. Let x and y be any two distinct points in X . Since X is α - T_0 , there exists a α open set U such that $x \in U$ and $y \notin U$ or $y \in U$ and $x \notin U$. By Theorem 2.11(ii), U is a sb^* -open set such that $x \in U$ and $y \notin U$ or $x \notin U$ and $y \in U$. Thus X is sb^* - T_0 . ■

Theorem 3.3. Every topological space X is sb^*-T_0 .

Proof: Since every topological space is $\alpha-T_0$ and by the above Theorem every topological space X is sb^*-T_0 . ■

Theorem 3.4. A space X is sb^*-T_0 space if and only if sb^* -closures of distinct points are distinct.

Proof: Necessity: Let $x, y \in X$ with $x \neq y$ and X be a sb^*-T_0 space. Since X is sb^*-T_0 , by Definition 3.1, there exists an sb^* -open set G such that $x \in G$ but $y \notin G$. Also $x \notin X-G$ and $y \in X-G$, where $X-G$ is a sb^* -closed set in X . Since $sb^*cl(\{y\})$ is the smallest sb^* -closed set containing y , $sb^*cl(\{y\}) \subseteq X-G$. Hence $y \in sb^*cl(\{y\})$ but $x \notin sb^*cl(\{y\})$ as $x \notin X-G$. Consequently $sb^*cl(\{x\}) \neq sb^*cl(\{y\})$.

Sufficiency: Suppose that for any pair of distinct points $x, y \in X$, $sb^*cl(\{x\}) \neq sb^*cl(\{y\})$. Then there exists atleast one point $z \in X$ such that $z \in sb^*cl(\{x\})$ but $z \notin sb^*cl(\{y\})$. Suppose we claim that $x \notin sb^*cl(\{y\})$. For, if $x \in sb^*cl(\{y\})$, then $sb^*cl(\{x\}) \subseteq sb^*cl(\{y\})$. So $z \in sb^*cl(\{y\})$, which is a contradiction. Hence $x \notin sb^*cl(\{y\})$. Which implies that $x \in X - sb^*cl(\{y\})$ is a sb^* -open set in X containing x but not y . Hence X is a sb^*-T_0 space. ■

Theorem 3.5. Every subspace of a sb^*-T_0 space is sb^*-T_0 .

Proof: Let (Y, τ^*) be a subspace of a space X where τ^* is the relative topology of τ on Y . Let y_1, y_2 be two distinct points of Y . As $Y \subseteq X$, y_1 and y_2 are distinct points of X and there exists a sb^* -open set G such that $y_1 \in G$ but $y_2 \notin G$ since X is sb^*-T_0 . Then $G \cap Y$ is a sb^* -open set in (Y, τ^*) which contains y_1 but does not contain y_2 . Hence (Y, τ^*) is a sb^*-T_0 space. ■

4 sb^*-T_1 Spaces

Definition 4.1. A space X is said to be sb^*-T_1 if for every pair of distinct points x and y in X , there exist sb^* -open sets U and V such that $x \in U$ but $y \notin U$ and $y \in V$ but $x \notin V$.

Proposition 4.2. (i) Every $w-T_1$ space is sb^*-T_1 .

(ii) Every sb^*-T_1 space is $b-T_1$.

Proof: (i) Suppose X is a $w-T_1$ space. Let x and y be two distinct points in X . Since X is $w-T_1$, there exist w -open sets U and V such that $x \in U$ but $y \notin U$ and $y \in V$ but $x \notin V$. By Theorem 2.11(iii), U and V are sb^* -open sets such that $x \in U$ but $y \notin U$ and $y \in V$ but $x \notin V$. Hence X is sb^*-T_1 .

(ii) Suppose X is a sb^*-T_1 space. Let x and y be two distinct points in X . Since X is sb^*-T_1 , there exist sb^* -open sets U and V such that $x \in U$ but $y \notin U$ and $y \in V$ and $x \notin V$. By Theorem 2.11(iv), U and V are b -open sets such that $x \in U$ but $y \notin U$ and $y \in V$ but $x \notin V$. Thus X is $b-T_1$. ■

Remark 4.3. The converse of the above proposition is not true as shown in the following examples.

Example 4.4. Consider the space (X, τ) , where $X = \{a,b,c\}$ and $\tau = \{\phi, \{a,b\}, X\}$. Clearly (X, τ) is sb^*-T_1 but not $w-T_1$. This shows that sb^*-T_1 does not imply $w-T_1$.

Example 4.5. Consider the space (X, τ) where $X = \{a,b,c, d\}$ and $\tau = \{\phi, \{a\}, \{b\}, \{a,b\}, \{a,b,c\}, X\}$. Then (X, τ) is $b-T_1$ but not sb^*-T_1 . This shows that $b-T_1$ does not imply sb^*-T_1 .

Remark 4.6. The concepts of sb^*-T_1 and $semi-T_1$ are independent as shown in the following examples.

Example 4.7. Consider the space (X, τ) , where $X = \{a,b,c,d\}$ and $\tau = \{\phi, \{a\}, \{b\}, \{c\}, \{a,b\}, \{a,c\}, \{b,c\}, \{a,b,c\}, X\}$. Clearly (X, τ) is $semi-T_1$ but not sb^*-T_1 . This shows that $semi-T_1$ does not imply sb^*-T_1 .

Example 4.8. Consider the space (X, τ) , where $X = \{a,b,c,d\}$ and $\tau = \{\phi, \{a,b\}, \{a,b,c\}, \{a,b,d\}, X\}$. Then (X, τ) is sb^*-T_1 but not $semi-T_1$. This shows that sb^*-T_1 does not imply $semi-T_1$.

Theorem 4.9. Let $f: X \rightarrow Y$ be a sb^* - irresolute, injective map. If Y is sb^*-T_1 , then X is sb^*-T_1 .

Proof: Assume that Y is sb^*-T_1 . Let $x, y \in Y$ be such that $x \neq y$. Then there exists a pair of sb^* -open sets U, V in Y such that $f(x) \in U, f(y) \in V$ and $f(x) \notin V, f(y) \notin U$. Then $x \in f^{-1}(U), y \notin f^{-1}(U)$ and $y \in f^{-1}(V), x \notin f^{-1}(V)$. Since f is sb^* -irresolute, X is sb^*-T_1 . ■

Theorem 4.10. A space (X, τ) is sb^*-T_1 if and only if for every $x \in X, sb^*cl\{x\} = \{x\}$.

Proof: Let (X, τ) be sb^*-T_1 and $x \in X$. Then for each $y \neq x$, there exists a sb^* -open set G such that $x \in G$ but $y \notin G$. This implies that $y \notin sb^*cl\{x\}$, for every $y \in X$ and $y \neq x$. Thus $\{x\} = sb^*cl\{x\}$.

Conversely, suppose $sb^*cl\{x\} = \{x\}$ for every $x \in X$. Let x, y be two distinct points in X . Then $x \notin \{y\} = sb^*cl\{y\}$ implies there exists a sb^* -closed set B_1 such that $y \in B_1, x \notin B_1$ implies B_1^c is a sb^* -open set such that $x \in B_1^c$ but $y \notin B_1^c$.

Also $y \notin \{x\} = sb^*cl\{x\} \Rightarrow$ there exists a sb^* -closed set B_2 such that $x \in B_2, y \notin B_2$. Which implies that B_2^c is a sb^* -open set such that $y \in B_2^c$ but $x \notin B_2^c$. By Definition 4.1, (X, τ) is sb^*-T_1 . ■

Theorem 4.11. Let $f: X \rightarrow Y$ be bijective.

- (i) If f is sb^* continuous and (Y, τ_2) is T_1 , then (X, τ_1) is sb^*-T_1 .
- (ii) If f is sb^* -open and (X, τ) is sb^*-T_1 then (Y, τ_2) is sb^*-T_1 .

Proof: Let $f: (X, \tau_1) \rightarrow (X, \tau_2)$ be bijective.

(i) Suppose $f: (X, \tau_1) \rightarrow (Y, \tau_2)$ is sb^* -continuous and (Y, τ_2) is T_1 . Let $x_1, x_2 \in X$ with $x_1 \neq x_2$. Since f is bijective, $y_1 = f(x_1) \neq f(x_2) = y_2$ for some $y_1, y_2 \in Y$. Since (Y, τ_2) is T_1 , there exist open sets G and H such that $y_1 \in G$ but $y_2 \notin G$ and $y_2 \in H$ but $y_1 \notin H$. Since f is bijective, $x_1 = f^{-1}(y_1) \in f^{-1}(G)$ but $x_2 = f^{-1}(y_2) \notin f^{-1}(G)$ and $x_2 = f^{-1}(y_2) \in f^{-1}(H)$ but $x_1 = f^{-1}(y_1) \notin f^{-1}(H)$. Since f is sb^* -continuous, $f^{-1}(G)$ and $f^{-1}(H)$ are sb^* -open sets in (X, τ_1) . It follows that (X, τ_1) is $sb^* - T_1$. This proves (i).

(ii) Suppose f is sb^* -open and (X, τ_1) is $sb^* - T_1$. Let $y_1 \neq y_2 \in Y$. Since f is bijective, there exist $x_1, x_2 \in X$, such that $f(x_1) = y_1$ and $f(x_2) = y_2$ with $x_1 \neq x_2$. Since (X, τ_1) is $sb^* - T_1$, there exist sb^* -open sets G and H in X such that $x_1 \in G$ but $x_2 \notin G$ and $x_2 \in H$ but $x_1 \notin H$. Since f is sb^* -open, $f(G)$ and $f(H)$ are sb^* -open in Y such that $y_1 = f(x_1) \in f(G)$ and $y_2 = f(x_2) \in f(H)$. Again since f is bijective, $y_2 = f(x_2) \notin f(G)$ and $y_1 = f(x_1) \notin f(H)$. Thus (Y, τ_2) is $sb^* - T_1$. This proves (iii). ■

5 $sb^* - T_2$ Spaces

In this section we introduce $sb^* - T_2$ space and investigate some of their basic properties.

Definition 5.1. A space X is said to be $sb^* - T_2$ if for every pair of distinct points x and y in X , there are disjoint sb^* -open sets U and V in X containing x and y respectively.

Theorem 5.2. (i) Every $w - T_2$ space is $sb^* - T_2$.

(ii) Every $\alpha - T_2$ space is $sb^* - T_2$.

Proof: (i) Let X be a $w - T_2$ space. Let x and y be two distinct points in X . Since X is $w - T_2$, there exist disjoint w -open sets U and V such that $x \in U$ and $y \in V$. By Theorem 2.11(ii), U and V are disjoint sb^* -open sets such that $x \in U$ and $y \in V$. Hence X is $sb^* - T_2$.

ii) Suppose X is $\alpha - T_2$ space. Let x and y be two disjoint α open sets U and V such that $x \in U$ and $y \in V$. By Theorem 2.11(i), U and V are disjoint sb^* -open sets such that $x \in U$ and $y \in V$. Hence X is $sb^* - T_2$. ■

Remark 5.3. The converse of the statements (i) and(ii) of the above Theorem is not true as shown in the following examples.

Example 5.4. Consider the space (X, τ) , where $X = \{a, b, c\}$ and $\tau = \{\phi, \{a, b\}, X\}$. Then (X, τ) is $sb^* - T_2$ but not $w - T_2$. This shows that $sb^* - T_2$ does not imply $w - T_2$.

Example 5.5. Consider the space (X, τ) , where $X = \{a, b, c\}$ and $\tau = \{\phi, \{b\}, \{a, c\}, X\}$. It can be verified that (X, τ) is $sb^* - T_2$ but not $\alpha - T_2$. This shows that $sb^* - T_2$ does not imply $\alpha - T_2$.

Remark 5.6. The concepts of semi- T_2 and $sb^* - T_2$ are independent as shown in the following examples.

Example 5.7. Consider the space (X, τ) , where $X = \{a, b, c, d\}$ and $\tau = \{\phi, \{a\}, \{b\}, \{a, b\}, X\}$. It can be verified that (X, τ) is semi- T_2 but not sb^*-T_2 . This shows that semi- T_2 does not imply sb^*-T_2 .

Example 5.8. Consider the space (X, τ) , where $X = \{a, b, c, d\}$ and $\tau = \{\phi, \{a, b\}, X\}$. Then (X, τ) is sb^*-T_2 but not semi- T_2 . This shows that sb^*-T_2 does not imply semi- T_2 .

Remark 5.9. Every sb^*-T_2 space is $b-T_2$. But the converse is not true as shown in the following example.

Example 5.10. Consider the space (X, τ) , where $X = \{a, b, c\}$ and $\tau = \{\phi, \{a\}, \{c\}, \{a, c\}, X\}$. Clearly (X, τ) is $b-T_2$ but not sb^*-T_2 . This shows that $b-T_2$ does not imply sb^*-T_2 .

Theorem 5.11. Every sb^*-T_2 space is sb^*-T_1 .

Proof: Let X be a sb^*-T_2 space. Let x and y be two distinct points in X . Since X is sb^*-T_2 , there exist disjoint sb^* -open sets U and V such that $x \in U$ and $y \in V$. Since U and V are disjoint, $x \in U$ but $y \notin U$ and $y \in V$ but $x \notin V$. Hence X is sb^*-T_1 . ■

However the converse is not true as shown in the following example.

Example 5.12. Consider the space (X, τ) , where $X = \{a, b, c, d\}$ and $\tau = \{\phi, \{a, b\}, X\}$. Then (X, τ) is sb^*-T_1 but not sb^*-T_2 . This shows that sb^*-T_1 does not imply sb^*-T_2 .

Theorem 5.13. For a topological space X , the following are equivalent:

- (i) X is a sb^*-T_2 space.
- (ii) Let $x \in X$. Then for each $y \neq x$ there exists a sb^* -open set U such that $x \in U$ and $y \notin sb^*cl(U)$.
- (iii) For each $x \in X$, $\bigcap \{sb^*cl(U) : U \in sb^*O(X) \text{ and } x \in U\} = \{x\}$.

Proof: (i) \Rightarrow (ii): Suppose X is a sb^*-T_2 space. Then for each $y \neq x$ there exist disjoint sb^* -open sets U and V such that $x \in U$ and $y \in V$. Since V is sb^* -open, V^c is sb^* -closed and $U \subseteq V^c$. This implies that $sb^*cl(U) \subseteq V^c$. Since $y \notin V^c$, $y \notin sb^*cl(U)$.

(ii) \Rightarrow (iii) : If $y \neq x$, then there exists a sb^* -open set U such that $x \in U$ and $y \notin sb^*cl(U)$. Therefore $y \notin \bigcap \{sb^*cl(U) : U \in sb^*O(X) \text{ and } x \in U\}$. Therefore $\bigcap \{sb^*cl(U) : U \in sb^*O(X) \text{ and } x \in U\} = \{x\}$. This proves (iii).

(iii) \Rightarrow (i): Let $y \neq x$ in X . Then $y \notin \{x\} = \bigcap \{sb^*cl(U) : U \in sb^*O(X) \text{ and } x \in U\}$. This implies that there exists a sb^* -open set U such that $x \in U$ and $y \notin sb^*cl(U)$. Let $V = (sb^*cl(U))^c$. Then V is sb^* -open and $y \in V$. Now $U \cap V = U \cap (sb^*cl(U))^c \subseteq U \cap (U)^c = \phi$. Therefore X is sb^*-T_2 space. ■

Theorem 5.14. Let $f: X \rightarrow Y$ be a bijection.

- (i) If f is sb^* -open and X is T_2 , then Y is sb^*-T_2 .
- (ii) If f is sb^* -continuous and Y is T_2 , then X is sb^*-T_2 .

Proof: Let $f: X \rightarrow Y$ be a bijection.

(i) Suppose f is sb^* -open and X is T_2 . Let $y_1 \neq y_2 \in Y$. Since f is a bijection, there exist x_1, x_2 in X such that $f(x_1) = y_1$ and $f(x_2) = y_2$ with $x_1 \neq x_2$. Since X is T_2 , there exist disjoint open sets U and V in X such that $x_1 \in U$ and $x_2 \in V$. Since f is sb^* -open, $f(U)$ and $f(V)$ are sb^* -open in Y such that $y_1 = f(x_1) \in f(U)$ and $y_2 = f(x_2) \in f(V)$. Again since f is a bijection, $f(U)$ and $f(V)$ are disjoint in Y . Thus Y is sb^* - T_2 .

(ii) Suppose $f: X \rightarrow Y$ is sb^* -continuous and Y is T_2 . Let $x_1, x_2 \in X$ with $x_1 \neq x_2$. Let $y_1 = f(x_1)$ and $y_2 = f(x_2)$. Since f is one-one, $y_1 \neq y_2$. Since Y is T_2 , there exist disjoint open sets U and V containing y_1 and y_2 respectively. Since f is sb^* -continuous bijective, $f^{-1}(U)$ and $f^{-1}(V)$ are disjoint sb^* -open sets containing x_1 and x_2 respectively. Thus X is sb^* - T_2 . ■

Theorem 5.15. A topological space (X, τ) is sb^* - T_2 if and only if the intersection of all sb^* -closed, sb^* -neighbourhoods of each point of the space is reduced to that point.

Proof: Let (X, τ) be sb^* - T_2 and $x \in X$. Then for each $y \neq x$ in X , there exist disjoint sb^* -open sets U and V such that $x \in U$, $y \in V$. Now $U \cap V = \phi$ implies $x \in U \subseteq V^c$. Therefore V^c is a sb^* -neighbourhood of x . Since V is sb^* -open, V^c is sb^* closed and sb^* -neighbourhood of x to which y does not belong. That is there is a sb^* -closed, sb^* -neighbourhoods of x which does not contain y . so we get the intersection of all sb^* - closed, sb^* -neighbourhood of x is $\{x\}$.

Conversely, let $x, y \in X$ such that $x \neq y$ in X . Then by assumption, there exist a sb^* -closed, sb^* -neighbourhood V of x such that $y \notin V$. Now there exists a sb^* -open set U such that $x \in U \subseteq V$. Thus U and V^c are disjoint sb^* -open sets containing x and y respectively. Thus (X, τ) is sb^* - T_2 . ■

Theorem 5.16. If $f: X \rightarrow Y$ be bijective, sb^* -irresolute map and X is sb^* - T_2 , then (X, τ_2) is sb^* - T_2 .

Proof: Suppose $f: (X, \tau_1) \rightarrow (Y, \tau_2)$ is bijective. And f is sb^* -irresolute, and (Y, τ_2) is sb^* - T_2 . Let $x_1, x_2 \in X$ with $x_1 \neq x_2$. Since f is bijective, $y_1 = f(x_1) \neq f(x_2) = y_2$ for some $y_1, y_2 \in Y$. Since (Y, τ_2) is sb^* - T_2 , there exist disjoint sb^* -open sets G and H such that $y_1 \in G$ and $y_2 \in H$. Again since f is bijective, $x_1 = f^{-1}(y_1) \in f^{-1}(G)$ and $x_2 = f^{-1}(y_2) \in f^{-1}(H)$. Since f is sb^* -irresolute, $f^{-1}(G)$ and $f^{-1}(H)$ are sb^* -open sets in (X, τ_1) . Also f is bijective, $G \cap H = \phi$ implies that $f^{-1}(G) \cap f^{-1}(H) = f^{-1}(G \cap H) = f^{-1}(\phi) = \phi$. It follows that (X, τ_2) is sb^* - T_2 . ■

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