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THE COUNTERPARTS OF SOME CARDINAL FUNCTIONS  
IN BITOPOLOGICAL SPACES II

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*Summary.* In this paper, bitopological counterparts of the cardinal functions Lindelöf number, weak Lindelöf number and spread are introduced and studied. Some basic relations between these functions and the functions in [3] are given.

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In the preceding paper of this series, counterparts of the functions weight, density and cellularity were defined [3]. Here, *bi-Lindelöf number* is defined, and shown to be equal to the joint Lindelöf number. Following this we define the *weak bi-Lindelöf number*, and consider its relation with bicellularity. *Bidiscreteness* is introduced, the *bispread* of a bitopological space is defined, and the special properties of the various cardinal functions under consideration which hold on  $p$ - $q$  metric space are obtained. Considering the *bi-quasi-uniform weight* of Kopperman and Meyer [7], some basic relations are obtained in this class of spaces for the biweight, bicellularity, bi-quasi-uniform weight and weak bi-Lindelöf number. For notation and terminology which is not explained here, we refer to [2], [5] and [6]. As in [3], bitopological counterparts of topological cardinal invariants are denoted by preceding the usual name with  $b$  ( $bw$  = biweight, etc.). The prefix  $j$  denotes the corresponding invariant applied to the joint topology.

1. BI-LINDELÖF NUMBER, WEAK BI-LINDELÖF NUMBER  
AND BISPREAD

**1.1. Definition.** Let  $(X, u, v)$  be a bitopological space.  $X$  is called  $\alpha$  *bi-Lindelöf* if every open dual cover has a subcover whose cardinal number is at most  $\alpha$ . The cardinal number

$$\text{bL}(X) = \min\{\alpha : X \text{ is } \alpha \text{ bi-Lindelöf}\}$$

is called the *bi-Lindelöf number* of  $(X, u, v)$ .

**1.2. Theorem.** For every bitopological space  $(X, u, v)$ , we have

$$\text{bL}(X) = \text{jL}(X).$$

*Proof.*  $\text{bL}(X) \leq \text{jL}(X)$  is immediate from our observation that with every open dual cover  $d$  we may associate the jointly open dual cover  $\{U \cap V : U \in d, V \in d\}$ . Hence, it is enough to show that  $\text{jL}(X) \leq \text{bL}(X)$ . Let  $\delta = \{I_\alpha : \alpha \in A\}$  be a jointly open cover of  $X$ . For each  $\alpha \in A$ , we can choose pairwise disjoint sets  $A_\alpha$  such that  $\bigcup\{U_\lambda \cap V_\lambda : \lambda \in A_\alpha\} = I_\alpha$  and  $(U_\lambda, V_\lambda) \in u \times v$ . Hence,  $d = \{(U_\lambda, V_\lambda) : \lambda \in \bigcup A_\alpha\}$  is an open dual cover of  $X$ . Choose a subcover  $e = \{(U_\lambda, V_\lambda) : \lambda \in B\}$  of  $d$  with  $|B| \leq \text{bL}(X)$ , and  $C = \{\alpha : \exists \lambda \in B (\lambda \in A_\alpha)\}$ . It is easy to see that  $\bigcup\{I_\alpha : \alpha \in C\} = X$  and  $|C| \leq \text{bL}(X)$ . Hence, we obtain  $\text{jL}(X) \leq \text{bL}(X)$ .  $\square$

By an open pair we shall mean an ordered pair of sets  $(G, H)$  with  $G \in u$  and  $H \in v$ . The following definition generalizes the concept of the weak Lindelöf number [6].

**1.3. Definition.** Let  $(X, u, v)$  be a bitopological space,  $d$  an open dual family, that is  $d \subseteq u \times v$ . Then  $d$  is called a *weak open dual cover* of  $X$  if given an open pair  $(G, H)$  with  $G \cap H \neq \emptyset$ , there exists  $(U, V) \in d$  such that  $G \cap V \neq \emptyset$  and  $H \cap U \neq \emptyset$ . If every open dual cover has a weak subcover whose cardinal number is at most  $\alpha$ , then  $X$  is called *weak  $\alpha$  bi-Lindelöf*. The cardinal number

$$\text{wbL}(X) = \min\{\alpha : X \text{ is weak } \alpha \text{ bi-Lindelöf}\}$$

will be called the *weak bi-Lindelöf number* of  $X$ .

**1.4. Theorem.**

- (i)  $\text{wbL}(X) \leq \text{jwL}(X) \leq \text{bL}(X)$
- (ii)  $\text{wbL}(X) \leq \text{bc}(X)$ .

*Proof.* (i) Let  $d = \{(U_\alpha, V_\alpha) : \alpha \in A\}$  be an open dual cover of  $X$ . Clearly,  $\delta = \{U_\alpha \cap V_\alpha : \alpha \in A\}$  is a jointly open cover of  $X$ . We choose a weak subcover

$\delta' = \{U_\alpha \cap V_\alpha : \alpha \in A'\}$  of  $\delta$  with  $|A'| \leq \text{jl}(X)$ . Since  $\overline{\bigcup \delta'^{uv}} = X$ , for each open pair  $(G, H)$  with  $G \cap H \neq \emptyset$  there exists  $\alpha \in A'$  such that  $G \cap H \cap U_\alpha \cap V_\alpha \neq \emptyset$ . Hence,  $G \cap V_\alpha \neq \emptyset$  and  $H \cap U_\alpha \neq \emptyset$ . Thus the open dual family  $\{(U_\alpha, V_\alpha) : \alpha \in A'\}$  is a weak subcover of  $d$  whose cardinality is at most  $\text{jl}(X)$ . We have shown that  $\text{wbL}(X) \leq \text{jl}(X)$ . Since  $\text{jl}(X) \leq \text{jl}(X)$ , by Theorem 1.2 we have  $\text{wbL}(X) \leq \text{bL}(X)$  as well.

(ii) Let  $e$  be an open dual cover of  $X$  and  $\mathcal{C} = \{(U_\alpha, V_\alpha) : \alpha \in A\}$  a maximal bicellular refinement of  $e$  (such a refinement exists by Zorn's Lemma). Let us show that  $\mathcal{C}$  is a weak subcover of  $X$ . Suppose the contrary is true. Then there exists an open pair  $(G, H)$  with  $G \cap H \neq \emptyset$  such that for each  $\alpha \in A$ ,  $U_\alpha \cap H = \emptyset$  or  $V_\alpha \cap G = \emptyset$ . Take  $x \in G \cap H$  and choose  $(R, S) \in e$  with  $x \in R \cap S$ . Let  $U = G \cap R$  and  $V = H \cap S$ . Then  $U \cap V \neq \emptyset$  and for each  $\alpha$ ,  $U_\alpha \cap V = \emptyset$  or  $V_\alpha \cap U = \emptyset$ . Hence,  $\mathcal{C}^* = \mathcal{C} \cup \{(U, V)\}$  is a bicellular family in  $X$ , and clearly,  $\mathcal{C}^* \prec e$ . Since  $(U, V) \notin \mathcal{C}$ , this contradicts the maximality of  $\mathcal{C}$ . Now for each  $\alpha \in A$  we choose  $(R_\alpha, S_\alpha) \in e$  with  $U_\alpha \subseteq R_\alpha, V_\alpha \subseteq S_\alpha$ . Then the family  $\{(R_\alpha, S_\alpha) : \alpha \in A\}$  is a weak subcover of  $e$  whose cardinality is at most  $\text{bc}(X)$ . Thus we have  $\text{wbL}(X) \leq \text{bc}(X)$ .  $\square$

**1.5. Definition.** A bitopological space  $(X, u, v)$  is called *bidiscrete* if for each  $x \in X$  there exists an open pair  $(U_x, V_x)$  with  $x \in U_x \cap V_x$  satisfying the condition

$$\forall y \in X, x \neq y \Rightarrow U_x \cap V_y = \emptyset \text{ or } U_y \cap V_x = \emptyset.$$

Trivially, every bidiscrete space is jointly discrete. For a discrete topological space, it is well known that  $w(X) = |X| = d(X)$ . A similar result is, however, not true for bidiscrete bitopological spaces.

**1.6. Example.** Let  $X = \mathbb{R}$ . Consider the topologies  $u = \{(-\infty, a] : a \in \mathbb{R}\}$  and  $v = \{[b, \infty) : b \in \mathbb{R}\}$  on  $\mathbb{R}$ . The space  $(\mathbb{R}, u, v)$  is bidiscrete and  $\text{qrd}(\mathbb{R}) = \text{rd}(\mathbb{R}) = \text{bd}(\mathbb{R}) < \text{bw}(\mathbb{R}) = \omega_1$ .

However, we do have:

**1.7. Theorem.** *If  $(X, u, v)$  is bidiscrete, then*

$$\text{bd}(X) \leq |X| \leq \text{bw}(X).$$

**1.8. Definition.** Let  $(X, u, v)$  be a bitopological space. The cardinal number

$$\text{bs}(X) = \sup \{|D| : D \text{ is bidiscrete in } (X, u, v)\}$$

is called the *bispread* of  $X$ .

This generalizes the spread  $s(X)$  of a topological space  $X$ , see for example [6]. The following fact is evident:

**1.9. Theorem.**

$$\text{bs}(X) \leq \text{js}(X).$$

2.  $p$ - $q$  METRIZABLE SPACES

It is well known that in a (pseudo) metric topological space several cardinal invariants coincide. Recall that a bitopological space  $(X, u, v)$  is called  $p$ - $q$  metrizable if there exists a pseudo quasi-metric  $p$  such that  $u$  is the topology of  $p$  and  $v$  the topology of its conjugate  $q$ .

Also, the extent of a topological space  $X$  is defined by

$$e(X) = \sup \{|D| : D \text{ is closed and discrete in } X\}.$$

**2.1. Theorem.** *If  $(X, u, v)$  is weakly pairwise  $T_1$  and  $p$ - $q$  metrizable, then*

$$\text{bw}(X) = \text{jw}(X) = \text{bL}(X) = \text{je}(X) = \text{bs}(X) = \text{bc}(X) = \text{jd}(X).$$

*Proof.* Clearly,  $\text{bw}(X) \geq \text{jw}(X) \geq \text{bL}(X) \geq \text{je}(X)$ . If  $A$  is a bidiscrete subspace of  $X$ , it is also jointly discrete. Furthermore,  $X$  is jointly  $T_2$  and perfectly normal. Hence, using a standart topological argument, we easily obtain  $\text{je}(X) \geq |A|$ , that is  $\text{je}(X) \geq \text{bs}(X)$ . Now let  $\mathcal{C} = \{(U_\alpha, V_\alpha) : \alpha \in B\}$  be a bicellular family in  $X$ . For each  $\alpha \in B$ , choose  $x_\alpha \in U_\alpha \cap V_\alpha$ . It is easy to see that  $D = \{x_\alpha : \alpha \in B\}$  is bidiscrete, and  $|D| = |\mathcal{C}| \leq \text{bs}(X)$ . Hence,  $\text{bs}(X) \geq \text{bc}(X)$ . Now we will show that  $\text{bc}(X) \geq \text{jd}(X)$ . Let  $p$  be a pseudo quasi metric compatible with  $(X, u, v)$  and let  $q$  be the conjugate of  $p$ . For  $i = 1, 2, \dots$  consider the family

$$\mathcal{G}_i = \left\{ B \subset X : x, y \in B, x \neq y \Rightarrow p(x, y) \geq \frac{1}{i} \text{ or } q(x, y) \geq \frac{1}{i} \right\}.$$

By using Teichmüller-Tukey Lemma, for each  $i = 1, 2, \dots$  we can find a maximal set  $G_i \in \mathcal{G}_i$  such that

$$x, y \in G_i, x \neq y \Rightarrow p(x, y) \geq \frac{1}{i} \text{ or } q(x, y) \geq \frac{1}{i}.$$

It can be easily checked that for each  $i = 1, 2, \dots$ ,

$$\mathcal{G}_i = \left\{ \left( B_p \left( x, \frac{1}{2i} \right), B_q \left( x, \frac{1}{2i} \right) \right) : x \in G_i \right\}$$

is a bicellular family in  $X$ , and  $|G_i| = |\mathcal{G}_i| \leq \text{bc}(X)$ . Let  $G = \bigcup\{G_i : i = 1, 2, \dots\}$ . Clearly,  $|\mathcal{G}| \leq \text{bc}(X)$ . Now we show that  $G$  is jointly dense. Suppose the contrary. Let  $x \in X \setminus \overline{G^{u \vee v}}$ . Then there exists a natural number  $i_0$  such that

$$(p \vee q)(a, G_{i_0}) \geq (p \vee q)(a, G) \geq \frac{1}{i_0}.$$

Consider the set  $H = \{a\} \cup G_{i_0}$ . For  $x, y \in H$ , we have  $(p \vee q)(x, y) \geq \frac{1}{i_0}$  and so  $p(x, y) \geq \frac{1}{i_0}$  or  $q(x, y) \geq \frac{1}{i_0}$ . But this contradicts the maximality of  $G_{i_0}$ . Thus,  $G$  is as desired. Hence,  $\text{bc}(X) \geq \text{jd}(X)$ . (If  $G$  is empty, then  $u$  and  $v$  are discrete topologies, and the result is immediate.)

$\text{jd}(X) \geq \text{bw}(X)$ : Let  $A$  be a jointly dense subset of  $X$  with  $|A| = \text{jd}(X)$ . It is easy to see that the family

$$d = \{(B_p(y, r), B_q(y, r)) : y \in A, r \in \mathbb{Q}\}$$

is a bibase for  $X$  and  $|A| \geq |d|$ , that is  $\text{jd}(X) \geq \text{bw}(X)$ . □

The following example shows that in general  $\text{bd}(X)$  cannot be included in the above equalities:

**2.2. Example.** Consider the set  $X = \{(x, y) : x \geq 0, y \geq 0\} \subset \mathbb{R}^2$ . Let  $u$  consist of  $\emptyset$  and all subsets  $G$  of  $X$  satisfying

- (i)  $(x, y) \in G, 0 < x' \leq x \Rightarrow (x', y) \in G$
- (ii)  $(x, y) \in G, 0 < y \leq y' \Rightarrow (x, y') \in G$
- (iii)  $\exists y > 0$  with  $(0, y) \in G$ .

Clearly,  $u$  is a topology on  $X$ , and so is  $v = \{G^{-1} : G \in u\}$ . The space  $(X, u, v)$  is weakly pairwise  $T_1$  and  $p$ - $q$  metrizable [2]. The set  $A = \{(x, y) : x \geq 0, y \geq 0 \text{ and } x, y \in \mathbb{Q}\}$  is bidense in  $X$ , with  $\text{bd}(X) = |A| = \omega$ . However,  $\text{bw}(X) = \text{jd}(X) = \omega_1$ . Hence,  $\text{bd}(X) < \text{bw}(X)$ .

If we remove the condition that  $(X, u, v)$  is weakly pairwise  $T_1$ , we obtain the following more limited result:

**2.3. Theorem.** *If  $(X, u, v)$  is  $p$ - $q$  metrizable, then*

$$\text{bc}(X) = \text{jd}(X) = \text{bw}(X).$$

### 3. PAIRWISE COMPLETELY REGULAR SPACES

Let  $\{(X_\alpha, u_\alpha, v_\alpha)\}_{\alpha \in A}$  be a family of bitopological spaces. Consider the product bitopological space  $(X, u, v)$ , where  $X = \prod_{\alpha \in A} X_\alpha$ ,  $u = \prod_{\alpha \in A} u_\alpha$ ,  $v = \prod_{\alpha \in A} v_\alpha$ .

The following theorem generalizes the well known properties of the weight in topological spaces:

**3.1. Theorem.**

$$\text{bw}(X) = |A| \sup \{ \text{bw}(X_\alpha) : \alpha \in A \}.$$

**3.2. Definition.** Let  $(X, u, v)$  be a pairwise completely regular space. The cardinal number

$$\text{bq}(X) = \min \{ |\delta| : \delta \text{ is a base for a quasi-uniformity compatible with } X \}$$

is called the *biquasi-uniform weight* of  $X$ .

**3.3. Theorem.** If  $(X, u, v)$  is pairwise completely regular, then

$$\text{bw}(X) \leq \text{bq}(X) \cdot \text{bc}(X).$$

*Proof.* If  $(X, u, v)$  is  $p$ - $q$  metrizable, then by Theorem 2.3 the assertion is immediate. Assume  $X$  is not  $p$ - $q$  metrizable. Consider the family  $\mathcal{P}$  of  $p$ - $q$  metrics, with  $|\mathcal{P}| = \text{bq}(X)$  (the gage of  $X$ ). If  $|\mathcal{P}| \geq \text{bw}(X)$ , then the proof is complete. Suppose  $|\mathcal{P}| < \text{bw}(X)$ . Consider the bitopological space  $X_p$  determined by  $p \in \mathcal{P}$ . By Theorem 3.1, we have

$$\text{bw} \left( \prod \{ X_p : p \in \mathcal{P} \} \right) = |\mathcal{P}| \sup \{ \text{bw}(X_p) : p \in \mathcal{P} \}.$$

It can be checked that  $\text{bw}(X) \leq \text{bw}(\prod \{ X_p : p \in \mathcal{P} \})$  (cf.[4]). Hence,  $\text{bw}(X) \leq \sup \{ \text{bw}(X_p) : p \in \mathcal{P} \}$ . By Theorem 2.3,  $\text{bw}(X_p) = \text{bc}(X_p)$  and so  $\text{bw}(X) \leq \sup \{ \text{bc}(X_p) : p \in \mathcal{P} \}$ . Clearly,  $\sup \{ \text{bc}(X_p) : p \in \mathcal{P} \} \leq \text{bc}(X)$ . Finally, we obtain  $\text{bw}(X) \leq \text{bc}(X)$ . This completes the proof.  $\square$

Now we give a stronger result than Theorem 3.3.

**3.4. Theorem.** If  $(X, u, v)$  is pairwise completely regular, then

$$\text{bw}(X) \leq \text{bq}(X) \cdot \text{wbL}(X).$$

**Proof.** Let  $\delta$  be a covering base [1] of a quasi-uniformity compatible with  $(X, u, v)$ , and  $|\delta| = \text{bq}(X)$ . We take an open pair  $(G, H)$  with  $G \cap H \neq \emptyset$ . Let  $x \in G \cap H$ . Then there exists an open normal dual cover  $d \in \delta$  such that  $\text{St}(d, x) = \bigcup \{U : \exists V(U, V) \in d, x \in V\} \subseteq G$  and  $\text{St}(x, d) = \bigcup \{V : \exists U(U, V) \in d, x \in U\} \subseteq H$ . Let  $e \in \delta$ ,  $e \prec *d$ . Choose  $(R, S) \in e$  and  $x \in R \cap S$ . Consider a weak subcover  $I_e$  of  $e$  with  $|I_e| \leq \text{wbL}(X)$ . There exists  $(L, T) \in I_e$  such that  $S \cap L \neq \emptyset$  and  $R \cap T \neq \emptyset$ . Since  $e \prec *d$ , there exists an open pair  $(U, V) \in d$  such that  $\text{St}(e, L) = \bigcup \{R : (R, S) \in e, S \cap L \neq \emptyset\} \subseteq U$ ,  $\text{St}(T, e) = \bigcup \{S : (R, S) \in e, R \cap T \neq \emptyset\} \subseteq V$ . Clearly,  $x \in U \cap V$ . Since  $x \in \text{St}(e, L) \subseteq U \subseteq \text{St}(d, x) \subseteq G$  and  $x \in \text{St}(T, e) \subseteq V \subseteq \text{St}(x, d) \subseteq H$ , the family

$$d' = \left\{ (\text{St}(e, L), \text{St}(T, e)) : e \in \delta, (L, T) \in I_e \right\}$$

is a bibase for  $X$ . Hence, we obtain

$$\text{bw}(X) \leq |d'| \leq \text{bq}(X) \cdot \text{wbL}(X).$$

□

**Remark.** Note that Theorem 3.3 can be also obtained as a consequence of Theorems 1.4(ii) and 3.4.

**3.5. Theorem.** [7] *If  $(X, u, v)$  is pairwise completely regular, then*

$$\text{bq}(X) \leq \text{bw}(X).$$

As a consequence of Theorems 3.4 and 3.5 we have the following

**3.6. Corollary.** *If  $(X, u, v)$  is pairwise completely regular and  $F$  is an element of  $\{\text{bc}, \text{jc}, \text{bs}, \text{js}, \text{bL}, \text{wbL}, \text{jwL}\}$ , then*

$$\text{bw}(X) = \text{bq}(X) \cdot F(X).$$

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