



## Weaker forms of Menger-type properties in bitopology: Equivalences and games

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**Abstract.** This paper contributes to the recent researches on weaker forms of the Menger property in bitopological spaces. It carries on the investigation deeper in this area, examining various equivalent conditions and present game-theoretic observations related to weaker forms of the Menger-type properties. Furthermore we define a new type of Menger property, nearly Mengerness and discuss its properties with in the context of bitopological spaces.

### 1. Introduction

Selection principles play a fundamental role in topology, particularly in the study of covering properties. These principles provide a unifying framework that connects compactness, Lindelöfness, and various other notions to topological spaces. Among these, the Menger property has received significant attention due to its deep connections with Ramsey theory, infinite-dimensional topology, and game theory. A natural direction of this research is to explore Menger-type properties in bitopological spaces, which are equipped with two topologies rather than one. Understanding the behavior of Menger-type properties in such spaces enriches the theory of selection principles and extends its applicability to more general frameworks.

Weak forms of selection principles, particularly the almost Menger and weakly Menger properties in bitopological spaces, have been studied extensively in previous works [11, 12, 28]. Notably, in [11], the conditions under which  $(i, j)$ -almost Menger and  $(i, j)$ -weakly Menger bitopological spaces are equivalent were investigated. It was shown that if  $(X, \tau_2)$  is a p-space and  $(X, \tau_1, \tau_2)$  is  $(i, j)$ -weakly Menger, then it is also  $(i, j)$ -almost Menger. Furthermore, from a bitopological perspective, if  $(X, \tau_1, \tau_2)$  is  $(i, j)$ -regular bitopological space and  $(i, j)$ -weakly p-space, then the almost Menger and weakly Menger properties coincide.

Selection principles and their weak forms can often be characterized in terms of infinite games. In [14], a topological game corresponding to the almost Menger property in bitopological spaces was introduced, providing a game-theoretic characterization of the property.

This paper aims to continue the discussion initiated in [11, 28] on the equivalence of almost Menger and weakly Menger properties in bitopological spaces. Additionally, these equivalence conditions will be examined within the framework of almost star Menger and weakly star Menger bitopological spaces. A

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topological game corresponding to the weakly Menger property will be introduced and analyzed. Furthermore, we propose a new weak covering property, called the nearly Menger property, and explore its implications and interrelations within the bitopological setting.

The paper is organized as follows. In Section 2, we provide necessary preliminaries and recall fundamental definitions related to selection principles, Menger-type properties, and topological games. Section 3 discusses the equivalence of the weak Menger-type properties and introduces new game-theoretic formulations of Menger-related properties and examines their equivalences. Finally, in Section 4, we define the concept of nearly Mengerness in bitopological spaces and explore its properties in relation to existing selection principles.

## 2. Preliminaries

Throughout the paper  $\mathbb{N}$  and  $\mathbb{R}$  denote the set of positive integers and the set of real number, respectively. Let  $X$  be a topological space,  $\mathcal{U}$  a collection of subsets of  $X$ , then  $\bigcup \mathcal{U} = \bigcup \{U : U \in \mathcal{U}\}$ .

A topological space  $X$  is called Menger [25] if for each sequence  $(\mathcal{U}_n : n \in \mathbb{N})$  of open covers of  $X$  there exists a sequence  $(\mathcal{V}_n : n \in \mathbb{N})$  such that for every  $n \in \mathbb{N}$ ,  $\mathcal{V}_n$  is a finite subset of  $\mathcal{U}_n$  and  $\bigcup_{n \in \mathbb{N}} \mathcal{V}_n$  is a cover of  $X$ .

**Selection Principles:** Classical selection principles have been defined in a general form as follows [33]. Let  $\mathcal{A}$  and  $\mathcal{B}$  be collection of subsets of a space  $X$ . Then:

$\mathbf{S}_1(\mathcal{A}, \mathcal{B})$ : For each sequence  $(A_n : n \in \mathbb{N})$  of elements of  $\mathcal{A}$  there is a sequence  $(b_n : n \in \mathbb{N})$  such that for each  $n$ ,  $b_n \in A_n$ , and  $\{b_n : n \in \mathbb{N}\}$  is an element of  $\mathcal{B}$ .

If  $\mathcal{O}$  denotes the family of all open covers of a topological space  $X$ , the property  $\mathbf{S}_1(\mathcal{O}, \mathcal{O})$  is called the *Rothberger property* [31].

$\mathbf{S}_{fin}(\mathcal{A}, \mathcal{B})$ : For each sequence  $(A_n : n \in \mathbb{N})$  of elements of  $\mathcal{A}$  there is a sequence  $(B_n : n \in \mathbb{N})$  of finite sets such that for each  $n$ ,  $B_n \subseteq A_n$ , and  $\bigcup_{n \in \mathbb{N}} B_n \in \mathcal{B}$ .

$\mathbf{S}_{fin}(\mathcal{O}, \mathcal{O})$  denotes the *Menger property* [25].

We denote by  $\overline{\mathcal{O}}$  the collection of all families  $\mathcal{U}$  of open subsets of  $X$  such that  $\{\overline{U} : U \in \mathcal{U}\}$  is a cover of  $X$ , and by  $\mathcal{D}$  the collection of all families  $\mathcal{U}$  of open subsets of  $X$  such that  $\cup \mathcal{U}$  is dense in  $X$ . A topological space  $X$  is almost Menger (weakly Menger) if it satisfies the selection hypothesis  $\mathbf{S}_{fin}(\mathcal{O}, \overline{\mathcal{O}})$  ( $\mathbf{S}_{fin}(\mathcal{O}, \mathcal{D})$ ).

Recently many papers, investigating the weaker forms of the classical selection properties have been published [6, 17, 18, 20]. Particularly Menger-type properties have been considered in [16–18, 32, 35].

Weaker forms of the Menger property in a bitopological context were first introduced by Kočinac and Özçağ in [19] and widely investigated in [11, 12, 28]. In addition to these investigations several papers on the weak versions of the Menger property in bitopological spaces have been appeared [11, 13, 21, 22, 28, 29]. The reader may refer to [26, 27] for bitopological selective versions of separability in function spaces. A bitopological space  $(X, \tau_1, \tau_2)$  defined by J.C. Kelly, is a set  $X$  with two topologies  $\tau_1$  and  $\tau_2$  on it [15]. Game theoretic properties related to weak forms of the Menger property in bitopological spaces were studied in [14, 23].

**Bitopological spaces:** Throughout the paper  $(X, \tau_1, \tau_2)$  (or  $X$ ) denotes a bitopological space. A set  $X$  endowed with two, in general unrelated, topologies  $\tau_1$  and  $\tau_2$  is called a bitopological space (or shortly, bispace). If there is a relation between the two distinct topologies as  $\tau_1 < \tau_2$  or  $\tau_2 < \tau_1$ , then it means certain subsets of the space are simultaneously open with respect to both topologies.

For a subset  $A \subseteq X$  we denote the closure of  $A$  and interior of  $A$  with respect to  $\tau_i$  by  $\text{Cl}_{\tau_i}(A)$  and  $\text{Int}_{\tau_i}(A)$  respectively for  $i = 1, 2$ . Always  $i, j \in \{1, 2\}$  and  $i \neq j$ . We note that if  $\mathcal{P}$  is a topological property for a bitopological space  $(X, \tau_1, \tau_2)$  then  $(i, j)$ - $\mathcal{P}$  denotes an analogue of this property for  $\tau_i$  with respect to  $\tau_j$  and  $p$ - $\mathcal{P}$  denotes the conjunction  $(1, 2)$ - $\mathcal{P} \wedge (2, 1)$ - $\mathcal{P}$  where “p” is the abbreviation for “pairwise”.

We refer the reader to [10] for topological terminology and notations, while our general references for bitopological spaces are [9, 15].

**Topological games:** There are games  $\mathbf{G}_1(\mathcal{A}, \mathcal{B})$  and  $\mathbf{G}_{fin}(\mathcal{A}, \mathcal{B})$  which are associated to the selection principles  $\mathbf{S}_1(\mathcal{A}, \mathcal{B})$  and  $\mathbf{S}_{fin}(\mathcal{A}, \mathcal{B})$ , respectively.

The symbol  $G_1(\mathcal{A}, \mathcal{B})$  denotes the infinitely long game for two players, ONE and TWO, who play an inning for each  $n \in \mathbb{N}$ . In the  $n$ -th inning ONE chooses a set  $A_n \in \mathcal{A}$ , while TWO responds by choosing an element  $B_n \in A_n$ . A play  $(A_0, B_0, A_1, B_1, \dots, A_n, B_n, \dots)$  is won by TWO if  $\{B_n : n \in \mathbb{N}\} \in \mathcal{B}$ ; otherwise, ONE wins.

The symbol  $G_{fin}(\mathcal{A}, \mathcal{B})$  denotes the infinitely long game for two players, ONE and TWO, who play an inning for each for each  $n \in \mathbb{N}$ . In the  $n$ -th inning ONE chooses a set  $A_n \in \mathcal{A}$ , while TWO responds by choosing a finite subset  $B_n \subset A_n$ . A play  $(A_0, B_0, A_1, B_1, \dots, A_n, B_n, \dots)$  is won by TWO if  $\bigcup_{n \in \mathbb{N}} B_n \in \mathcal{B}$ ; otherwise, ONE wins.

It is evident that if ONE does not have a winning strategy in the game  $G_1(\mathcal{A}, \mathcal{B})$  (resp.  $G_{fin}(\mathcal{A}, \mathcal{B})$ ), then the selection hypothesis  $S_1(\mathcal{A}, \mathcal{B})$  (resp.  $S_{fin}(\mathcal{A}, \mathcal{B})$ ) holds. The converse implication need not be always true, [30].

If ONE is a player of a game  $G$ , we denote by  $ONE \uparrow G$  the fact that ONE has a winning strategy in  $G$ , and by  $ONE \uparrow G$  the fact that ONE does not have a winning strategy in  $G$ .

In [5] Babinkostova, Pansera and Scheepers investigated game-theoretic properties of selection principles related to weaker forms of the Menger properties and characterized the almost Menger space by ONE does not have a winning strategy in the game  $G_{fin}(\mathcal{O}, \overline{\mathcal{O}})$  where  $\overline{\mathcal{O}}$  denotes the collection of families  $\mathcal{U}$  of open sets in  $X$  with  $\bigcup \{\text{Cl}(U) : U \in \mathcal{U}\} = X$ .

### 3. Characterizing $(i, j)$ -weak Mengerness

In this section we study the relationships between the almost Menger and weakly Menger and Menger properties in bitopological spaces.

**Definition 3.1.** ([11, 28]) A bitopological space  $(X, \tau_1, \tau_2)$  is said to be  $(i, j)$ -almost Menger ( $(i, j)$ -weakly Menger),  $i, j = 1, 2$ , if for each sequence  $(\mathcal{U}_n : n \in \mathbb{N})$  of  $\tau_i$ -open covers of  $X$ , there exists a sequence  $(\mathcal{V}_n : n \in \mathbb{N})$  of finite families such that for each  $n$ ,  $\mathcal{V}_n \subseteq \mathcal{U}_n$  and  $X = \bigcup_{n \in \mathbb{N}} \bigcup_{V \in \mathcal{V}_n} \text{Cl}_{\tau_j}(V)$  ( $X = \text{Cl}_{\tau_j}(\bigcup_{n \in \mathbb{N}} \bigcup \mathcal{V}_n)$ ).

Obviously every  $(i, j)$ -almost Menger bitopological space is  $(i, j)$ -weakly Menger. Eysen and Özçağ illustrated an example [11, Example 2.3] showing that an  $(i, j)$ -weakly Menger bitopological space is not necessarily  $(i, j)$ -almost Menger. The authors investigated that under which conditions all these properties are equivalent and consequently obtained the result that if a bitopological space  $(X, \tau_1, \tau_2)$  is  $(1, 2)$ -weakly Menger and  $(X, \tau_2)$  is a  $P$ -space, then  $(X, \tau_1, \tau_2)$  is  $(1, 2)$ -almost Menger. (see, [11, Proposition 2.4] ). Recall that a topological space  $(X, \tau)$  is a  $P$ -space if any intersection of countably many open sets of  $X$  is open.

Singh and Tyagi in [34] investigated under which the almost Menger and weakly Menger properties are equivalent. Based on their work we aim to explore analogous questions in the context of bitopological spaces.

**Theorem 3.2.** Let  $(X, \tau_1, \tau_2)$  be  $(i, j)$ -weakly Menger bitopological space. If for each  $\tau_j$ -dense set  $Y \subseteq X$  the subspace  $X \setminus Y$  has the  $(i, j)$ -almost Menger property, then  $(X, \tau_1, \tau_2)$  is  $(i, j)$ -almost Menger bitopological space.

*Proof.* We only consider the case  $i = 1, j = 2$ . Let  $(\mathcal{U}_n : n \in \mathbb{N})$  be a sequence of  $\tau_1$ -open covers of  $X$ . Since  $X$  is  $(1, 2)$ -weakly Menger then there exists a sequence  $(\mathcal{V}_n : n \in \mathbb{N})$  such that for every  $n \in \mathbb{N}$ ,  $\mathcal{V}_n$  is a finite subset of  $\mathcal{U}_n$  and  $X = \text{Cl}_{\tau_2}(\bigcup_{n \in \mathbb{N}} \bigcup \mathcal{V}_n)$ . Let

$$\bigcup_{n \in \mathbb{N}} \bigcup_{V \in \mathcal{V}_n} \{V : V \in \mathcal{V}_n\} = Y.$$

Then  $Y$  is  $\tau_2$ -dense set in  $X$ . By assumption there exists a sequence  $(\mathcal{W}_n : n \in \mathbb{N})$  such that for each  $n \in \mathbb{N}$ ,  $\mathcal{W}_n$  is a finite subset of  $\mathcal{U}_n$  and for each  $W \in \mathcal{W}_n$  we can find  $U_W \in \mathcal{U}_n$  such that  $W = U_W \cap (X \setminus Y)$ .

Now we consider  $\mathcal{H}_n = \{U_W : W \in \mathcal{W}_n\}$ . Apparently  $\mathcal{H}_n$  is a finite subset of  $\mathcal{U}_n$  and

$$X \setminus Y \subseteq \bigcup_{n \in \mathbb{N}} \bigcup_{W \in \mathcal{W}_n} \{U_W : W \in \mathcal{W}_n\} = \bigcup_{n \in \mathbb{N}} \bigcup_{W \in \mathcal{W}_n} \text{Cl}_{\tau_2}(U_W).$$

Let  $\mathcal{G}_n = \mathcal{V}_n \cup \mathcal{H}_n$ , we have for each  $n \in \mathbb{N}$ ,  $\mathcal{G}_n$  is a finite subset of  $\mathcal{U}_n$ .

$$\begin{aligned} X &= (X \setminus Y) \bigcup Y \\ &\subseteq \bigcup_{n \in \mathbb{N}} \bigcup \{\text{Cl}_{\tau_2}(U_W) : W \in \mathcal{W}_n\} \cup \bigcup_{n \in \mathbb{N}} \bigcup \{V : V \in \mathcal{V}_n\} \\ &\subseteq \bigcup_{n \in \mathbb{N}} \bigcup \{\text{Cl}_{\tau_2}(U_W) : W \in \mathcal{W}_n\} \cup \bigcup_{n \in \mathbb{N}} \bigcup \{\text{Cl}_{\tau_2} V : V \in \mathcal{V}_n\} \\ &\subseteq \bigcup_{n \in \mathbb{N}} \bigcup \{\{\text{Cl}_{\tau_2}(U_W) : W \in \mathcal{W}_n\} \cup \{\text{Cl}_{\tau_2} V : V \in \mathcal{V}_n\}\} \\ &= \bigcup_{n \in \mathbb{N}} \bigcup \{\text{Cl}_{\tau_2} G : G \in \mathcal{G}_n\}. \end{aligned}$$

Therefore  $(X, \tau_1, \tau_2)$  is  $(1, 2)$ -almost Menger bitopological space.  $\square$

Recall that a family of sets in a topological space is called *conservative* [10] if the closure of the union of any of its subfamilies is equal to the union of the closures of the elements of that subfamily, i.e. for every subfamily  $\mathcal{F}_0$  we have  $\text{Cl}(\bigcup\{F : F \in \mathcal{F}_0\}) = \bigcup\{\text{Cl}(F) : F \in \mathcal{F}_0\}$ .

**Theorem 3.3.** *Let  $(X, \tau_1 \leq \tau_2)$  be a bitopological space. If every countable family of  $\tau_j$ -open sets is conservative, then  $(i, j)$ -weakly Menger property implies  $(i, j)$ -almost Menger property.*

*Proof.* Similarly we only consider the case  $i = 1, j = 2$ . Let  $(\mathcal{U}_n : n \in \mathbb{N})$  be a sequence of  $\tau_1$ -open covers of  $X$ . Since  $X$  is  $(1, 2)$ -weakly Menger there exists a sequence  $(\mathcal{V}_n : n \in \mathbb{N})$  such that for every  $n \in \mathbb{N}$ ,  $\mathcal{V}_n$  is a finite subset of  $\mathcal{U}_n$  and

$$X = \text{Cl}_{\tau_2} \left( \bigcup_{n \in \mathbb{N}} \bigcup \{V : V \in \mathcal{V}_n\} \right).$$

As  $\tau_1 \leq \tau_2$  the set  $\bigcup_{n \in \mathbb{N}} \bigcup \{V : V \in \mathcal{V}_n\}$  is  $\tau_2$ -open and every countable family of  $\tau_2$ -open sets is conservative we have

$$X = \bigcup_{n \in \mathbb{N}} \bigcup \{\text{Cl}_{\tau_2} V : V \in \mathcal{V}_n\}.$$

Thus  $(X, \tau_1 \leq \tau_2)$  is  $(1, 2)$ -almost Menger bitopological space.  $\square$

In [28] it was shown that if a topological space  $(X, \tau_1)$  is Menger then the bitopological space  $(X, \tau_1, \tau_2)$  is  $(1, 2)$ -almost Menger and illustrated an example [28, Example 2.2] which shows that there exists  $(1, 2)$ -almost Menger bitopological space  $(X, \tau_1, \tau_2)$  such that  $(X, \tau_1)$  is not Menger. Another example was given in [11, Example 2.2]. We now give a condition to state the equivalence of these spaces. A topological space  $(X, \tau)$  is called *locally indiscrete* [8] if every open set in  $X$  is closed in  $X$ .

**Theorem 3.4.** *Let  $(X, \tau_1 \leq \tau_2)$  be a bitopological space with  $(X, \tau_1)$  is locally indiscrete. The following are equivalent:*

- (1)  $(X, \tau_1)$  is Menger;
- (2)  $(X, \tau_1, \tau_2)$  is  $(1, 2)$ -almost Menger;
- (3)  $(X, \tau_1, \tau_2)$  is  $(1, 2)$ -weakly Menger.

*Proof.* The implications  $(1) \Rightarrow (2) \Rightarrow (3)$  are straightforward.

$(3) \Rightarrow (1)$  Let  $(\mathcal{U}_n : n \in \mathbb{N})$  be a sequence of  $\tau_1$ -open covers of  $X$ . Since  $X$  is  $(1, 2)$ -weakly Menger there exists a sequence  $(\mathcal{V}_n : n \in \mathbb{N})$  such that for every  $n \in \mathbb{N}$ ,  $\mathcal{V}_n$  is a finite subset of  $\mathcal{U}_n$  and  $X = \text{Cl}_{\tau_2} \left( \bigcup_{n \in \mathbb{N}} \bigcup \{V : V \in \mathcal{V}_n\} \right)$ . Let  $Y = \bigcup_{n \in \mathbb{N}} \bigcup \{V : V \in \mathcal{V}_n\}$ . Since  $(X, \tau_1)$  is locally indiscrete, the set  $\bigcup_{n \in \mathbb{N}} \bigcup \{V : V \in \mathcal{V}_n\}$  is closed in  $(X, \tau_1)$ . As  $\tau_1 \leq \tau_2$  we obtain

$$\begin{aligned}
X &= \text{Cl}_{\tau_2} \left( \bigcup_{n \in \mathbb{N}} \bigcup \{V : V \in \mathcal{V}_n\} \right) \subseteq \text{Cl}_{\tau_1} \left( \bigcup_{n \in \mathbb{N}} \bigcup \{V : V \in \mathcal{V}_n\} \right) \\
&= \bigcup_{n \in \mathbb{N}} \bigcup \{V : V \in \mathcal{V}_n\}.
\end{aligned}$$

Thus  $(X, \tau_1)$  is Menger.  $\square$

In the previous theorem we have already proved the equivalence of the spaces by taking the space  $(X, \tau_1)$  as a locally indiscrete. We now consider Theorem 3.4 under the more bitopological context which leads to the following definition.

**Definition 3.5.** A bitopological space  $(X, \tau_1, \tau_2)$  is called  $(i, j)$ -locally indiscrete if every  $\tau_i$ -open set is  $\tau_j$ -closed.

**Theorem 3.6.** Let  $(X, \tau_1, \tau_2)$  be  $(1, 2)$ -locally indiscrete bitopological space. Then the following are equivalent:

- (1)  $(X, \tau_1)$  is Menger;
- (2)  $(X, \tau_1, \tau_2)$  is  $(1, 2)$ -almost Menger;
- (3)  $(X, \tau_1, \tau_2)$  is  $(1, 2)$ -weakly Menger.

*Proof.* (3)  $\Rightarrow$  (1) The proof follows the same lines as the proof of Theorem 3.4. In that proof at one point we apply the fact that  $(X, \tau_1, \tau_2)$  is  $(1, 2)$ -locally indiscrete to the sequence to the  $\tau_1$ -open set  $\bigcup_{n \in \mathbb{N}} \bigcup \{V : V \in \mathcal{V}_n\}$ . Then  $\bigcup_{n \in \mathbb{N}} \bigcup \{V : V \in \mathcal{V}_n\}$  is a  $\tau_2$ -closed set. Thus  $\bigcup_{n \in \mathbb{N}} \bigcup \{V : V \in \mathcal{V}_n\} = X$  then  $(X, \tau_1)$  is Menger.  $\square$

Now let us examine another condition under which the properties of almost Menger and weakly Menger are equivalent in bitopological spaces. We recall that [17]  $X$  is  $d$ -paracompact if every dense family of subsets of  $X$  has a locally finite refinement. A family  $\mathcal{V}$  of subsets of a topological space  $X$  is locally finite refinement of a family  $\mathcal{U}$  of subsets of  $X$  if for every  $V \in \mathcal{V}$  there exists  $U \in \mathcal{U}$  such that  $V \subseteq U$  and for every point  $x \in X$  there exists a neighborhood of  $x$  which intersects only finitely many elements of  $\mathcal{V}$ .

**Theorem 3.7.** If a bitopological space  $(X, \tau_1, \tau_2)$  is  $(i, j)$ -weakly Menger and  $(X, \tau_j)$  is  $d$ -paracompact, then  $(X, \tau_1, \tau_2)$  is  $(i, j)$ -almost Menger.

*Proof.* (For  $i = 1, j = 2$ ) Let  $(\mathcal{U}_n : n \in \mathbb{N})$  be a sequence of  $\tau_1$ -open covers of  $X$ . Then there exists a sequence  $(\mathcal{V}_n : n \in \mathbb{N})$  such that for every  $n \in \mathbb{N}$ ,  $\mathcal{V}_n$  is a finite subset of  $\mathcal{U}_n$  and  $X = \text{Cl}_{\tau_2}(\bigcup_{n \in \mathbb{N}} \bigcup \mathcal{V}_n)$ , i.e.,  $\bigcup_{n \in \mathbb{N}} \bigcup \mathcal{V}_n$  is  $\tau_2$ -dense. Since  $(X, \tau_2)$  is  $d$ -paracompact  $\{\mathcal{V}_n : n \in \mathbb{N}\}$  has a locally finite refinement  $\mathcal{F}_n$ . Then  $\bigcup \mathcal{F}_n = \bigcup_{n \in \mathbb{N}} \bigcup \mathcal{V}_n$  and  $\text{Cl}_{\tau_2}(\bigcup \mathcal{F}_n) = \text{Cl}_{\tau_2}(\bigcup_{n \in \mathbb{N}} \bigcup \mathcal{V}_n)$ . Since  $\mathcal{F}_n$  is a locally finite family

$$\text{Cl}_{\tau_2}(\bigcup \mathcal{F}_n) = \bigcup_{F \in \mathcal{F}_n} \text{Cl}_{\tau_2} F$$

and for every  $F \in \mathcal{F}$  there exists  $n \in \mathbb{N}$  with  $V_F \in \mathcal{V}_n$  so that  $F \subseteq V_F$ . Thus we obtain that

$$X = \bigcup_{n \in \mathbb{N}} \bigcup_{V \in \mathcal{V}_n} \text{Cl}_{\tau_2}(V)$$

and  $(X, \tau_1, \tau_2)$  is  $(1, 2)$ -almost Menger.  $\square$

In [14] it has been proven that the almost Menger property  $\mathbf{S}_{fin}(\mathcal{O}_i, \bar{\mathcal{O}}_j)$  is equivalent to ONE not having a winning strategy in the game  $\mathbf{G}_{fin}(\mathcal{O}_i, \bar{\mathcal{O}}_j)$ . To conclude this section we discuss the weakly Menger game on bitopological spaces and relate this notion to  $(i, j)$ -weakly Menger property.

**Definition 3.8.** The  $(i, j)$ -weakly Menger game on a bitopological space  $(X, \tau_1, \tau_2)$  is played as follows: In each inning  $n \in \mathbb{N}$ , ONE chooses a  $\tau_i$ -open cover  $\mathcal{U}_n$  of  $X$  and then TWO chooses a finite subset  $\mathcal{V}_n$  of  $\mathcal{U}_n$ . The play is won by TWO if

$$X = \text{Cl}_{\tau_j}(\bigcup_{n \in \mathbb{N}} \bigcup \mathcal{V}_n)$$

otherwise, ONE is the winner.

The game associated with the  $(i, j)$ -almost Menger property is denoted by  $\mathbf{G}_{\text{fin}}(\mathcal{O}_i, \overline{\mathcal{O}}_j)$ , while the representation of the game corresponding to the  $(i, j)$ -weakly Menger property is expressed as  $\mathbf{G}_{\text{fin}}(\mathcal{O}_i, \mathcal{D}_j)$ .

Now this definition raises the question of when the property  $(i, j)$  weakly Mengerness is equivalent to player ONE not having a winning strategy in the game  $\mathbf{G}_{\text{fin}}(\mathcal{O}_i, \mathcal{D}_j)$ .

**Theorem 3.9.** Let  $(X, \tau_1, \tau_2)$  be a bitopological space and  $(X, \tau_i)$  be a Lindelöf space. The following are equivalent:

- (1)  $(X, \tau_1, \tau_2)$  has the  $(i, j)$ -weakly Menger property.
- (2) ONE does not have a winning strategy in the game  $(i, j)$ -weakly Menger.

*Proof.* (1)  $\Rightarrow$  (2): (For  $i = 1, j = 2$ ) A Lindelöf space  $(X, \tau_1)$  satisfies the  $(1, 2)$ -weakly Menger property then ONE has no winning strategy in the game  $\mathbf{G}_{\text{fin}}(\mathcal{O}_1, \mathcal{D}_2)$  requires proof.

The proof proceeds like for Theorem 2.4 in [14]. In that proof at the point where we apply the fact that  $(X, \tau_1, \tau_2)$  is  $(1, 2)$ -almost Menger to the sequence  $\mathcal{U}_n$ , we apply  $(1, 2)$ -weakly Menger property to the sequence  $\mathcal{U}_n$ . For the convenience of the readers we will remind some important steps of the proof.

Let  $\sigma$  be a strategy for ONE. We may assume that each move of ONE according to the strategy  $\sigma$ , is an ascending  $\omega$ -chain of  $\tau_1$ -open sets covering  $X$ . Set  $\sigma(\emptyset) = \{U_{(n)} : n \in \mathbb{N}\}$ , listed in  $\subset$ -increasing order. For each  $n$ , list  $\sigma(U_{(n)}) = \{U_{(n,m)} : m \in \mathbb{N}\}$  in  $\subset$ -increasing order. Supposing that  $U_\tau$  has been defined for each finite sequences  $\tau$  of length at most  $k$  of positive integers, we now define  $\sigma(U_{(n_1, n_2, \dots, n_k)}) = \{U_{(n_1, n_2, \dots, n_k, m)} : m \in \mathbb{N}\}$  for each  $(n_1, n_2, \dots, n_k)$ .

Now we define for each  $n$  and  $k$ :

$$U_k^n = \begin{cases} U_{(k)} & , n = 0 \\ U_k^{n-1} \cap \left( \bigcap_{\tau \in \mathbb{N}^n} U_{\tau \frown (k)} \right) & , n \neq 0. \end{cases}$$

Then for each  $n$  the set  $\mathcal{U}_n = \{U_k^n : k \in \mathbb{N}\}$  is an increasing chain of  $\tau_1$ -open sets with each  $\mathcal{U}_n$  is an  $\tau_1$ -open cover of  $X$ .

Now we apply the fact that  $(X, \tau_1, \tau_2)$  is  $(1, 2)$ -weakly Menger to the sequence  $(\mathcal{U}_n : n \in \mathbb{N})$ . Then there exists a function  $f : \mathbb{N} \rightarrow \mathbb{N}$  such that  $X = \text{Cl}_{\tau_2} \left( \bigcup_{n \in \mathbb{N}} U_{f(n)}^n \right)$  so the sequence of moves

$$(U_{(f(0))}, U_{(f(0), f(1))}, \dots, U_{(f(0), f(1), \dots, f(n))}, \dots)$$

by TWO defeats ONE's strategy  $\sigma$ .  $\square$

We note that these games have either TWO has a winning strategy or ONE has a winning strategy or neither player has a winning strategy. The following implications always hold in the general case [4].

$$\begin{array}{c} \text{TWO} \uparrow \mathbf{G}_{\text{fin}}(\mathcal{A}, \mathcal{B}) \\ \Downarrow \\ \text{ONE} \uparrow \mathbf{G}_{\text{fin}}(\mathcal{A}, \mathcal{B}) \\ \Downarrow \\ \mathbf{S}_{\text{fin}}(\mathcal{A}, \mathcal{B}) \end{array}$$

Conditions under which ONE has no winning strategy in games are better understood. There is still no characterizations for the bitopological spaces for which TWO has a winning strategy in the game  $G_{fin}(\mathcal{O}_i, \mathcal{D}_j)$ .

#### 4. Weak star-Menger properties

Let us recall [18] that if  $A$  is a subset of a topological space  $X$ ,  $x \in X$  and  $\mathcal{U}$  is a family of subsets of  $X$ , then

$$St(A, \mathcal{U}) = \bigcup \{U \in \mathcal{U} : A \cap U \neq \emptyset\} \text{ and } St(x, \mathcal{U}) = St(\{x\}, \mathcal{U})$$

denote the *star* of  $A$  and  $x$  with respect to  $\mathcal{U}$ .

In this section we introduce almost star Menger and weakly star Menger bitopological spaces and discuss relationships between these spaces and other related spaces. Furthermore, several authors have investigated bitopological star-covering properties from a different perspective, where pairs of  $\tau_1$ -open and  $\tau_2$ -open covers are regarded as the fundamental bi-covering units. The work [7] develops a systematic framework for studying such bi-coverings and explores how classical star-covering properties behave when lifted to the bitopological setting.

**Definition 4.1.** ([12]) A bitopological space  $(X, \tau_1, \tau_2)$  is said to be  $(i, j)$ -almost star Menger,  $i, j = 1, 2$ , if for each sequence  $(\mathcal{U}_n : n \in \mathbb{N})$  of  $\tau_i$ -open covers of  $X$ , there exists a sequence  $(\mathcal{V}_n : n \in \mathbb{N})$  of finite families such that for each  $n$ ,  $\mathcal{V}_n \subseteq \mathcal{U}_n$  and  $\bigcup_{n \in \mathbb{N}} Cl_{\tau_j}(St(\bigcup \mathcal{V}_n, \mathcal{U}_n)) = X$ .

It is obvious that if  $(X, \tau_1)$  is star Menger, then  $(X, \tau_1, \tau_2)$  is  $(1, 2)$ -almost star Menger. Now we introduce a weakly version of star Menger bitopological spaces.

**Definition 4.2.** A bitopological space  $(X, \tau_1, \tau_2)$  is said to be  $(i, j)$ -weakly star Menger,  $i, j = 1, 2$ , if for each sequence  $(\mathcal{U}_n : n \in \mathbb{N})$  of  $\tau_i$ -open covers of  $X$ , there exists a sequence  $(\mathcal{V}_n : n \in \mathbb{N})$  of finite families such that for each  $n$ ,  $\mathcal{V}_n \subseteq \mathcal{U}_n$  and

$$Cl_{\tau_j}(\bigcup_{n \in \mathbb{N}} St(\bigcup \mathcal{V}_n, \mathcal{U}_n)) = X.$$

Clearly, every  $(i, j)$ -almost star Menger bitopological space is  $(i, j)$ -weakly star Menger. Now we investigate conditions under which these spaces are equivalent.

**Theorem 4.3.** Let  $(X, \tau_1, \tau_2)$  be  $(i, j)$ -weakly star Menger bitopological space. If for each  $\tau_j$ -dense set  $Y \subseteq X$  the subspace  $X \setminus Y$  has the  $(i, j)$ -almost star Menger property, then  $(X, \tau_1, \tau_2)$  is  $(i, j)$ -almost star Menger bitopological space.

*Proof.* We consider only the case  $i = 1, j = 2$ .

Let  $(\mathcal{U}_n : n \in \mathbb{N})$  be a sequence of  $\tau_1$ -open covers of  $X$ . Since  $X$  is  $(1, 2)$ -weakly star Menger there exists a sequence  $(\mathcal{V}_n : n \in \mathbb{N})$  such that for every  $n \in \mathbb{N}$ ,  $\mathcal{V}_n$  is a finite subset of  $\mathcal{U}_n$  and  $Cl_{\tau_2}(\bigcup_{n \in \mathbb{N}} St(\bigcup \mathcal{V}_n, \mathcal{U}_n)) = X$ . Now let  $\bigcup_{n \in \mathbb{N}} St(\bigcup \mathcal{V}_n, \mathcal{U}_n) = Y$ .

It is obvious that the set  $Y$  is  $\tau_2$ -dense in  $X$ . Since  $X \setminus Y$  has the  $(1, 2)$ -almost star Menger property, there exists a sequence  $(\mathcal{H}_n : n \in \mathbb{N})$  (similar to the proof of Theorem 3.2) such that for each  $n \in \mathbb{N}$ ,  $\mathcal{H}_n$  is a finite subset of  $\mathcal{U}_n$  and  $Cl_{\tau_2}\{St(\bigcup \mathcal{H}_n, \mathcal{U}_n) : n \in \mathbb{N}\}$  is a cover of  $X \setminus Y$ .

Now let  $\mathcal{G}_n = \mathcal{V}_n \cup \mathcal{H}_n$ . For each  $n \in \mathbb{N}$ ,  $\mathcal{G}_n$  is a finite subset of  $\mathcal{U}_n$ . Then:

$$\begin{aligned} X &= (X \setminus Y) \cup Y \\ &= \bigcup_{n \in \mathbb{N}} Cl_{\tau_2}(St(\bigcup \mathcal{H}_n, \mathcal{U}_n)) \cup \bigcup_{n \in \mathbb{N}} St(\bigcup \mathcal{V}_n, \mathcal{U}_n) \\ &\subseteq \bigcup_{n \in \mathbb{N}} Cl_{\tau_2}(St(\bigcup \mathcal{H}_n, \mathcal{U}_n)) \cup \bigcup_{n \in \mathbb{N}} Cl_{\tau_2}(St(\bigcup \mathcal{V}_n, \mathcal{U}_n)) \end{aligned}$$

$$\begin{aligned}
&= \bigcup_{n \in \mathbb{N}} (\text{Cl}_{\tau_2}(\text{St}(\cup \mathcal{H}_n, \mathcal{U}_n)) \cup \text{Cl}_{\tau_2}(\text{St}(\cup \mathcal{V}_n, \mathcal{U}_n))) \\
&= \bigcup_{n \in \mathbb{N}} \text{Cl}_{\tau_2}(\text{St}(\cup \mathcal{G}_n, \mathcal{U}_n)).
\end{aligned}$$

Therefore  $(X, \tau_1, \tau_2)$  is  $(1, 2)$ -almost star Menger bitopological space.  $\square$

**Theorem 4.4.** *Let  $(X, \tau_1, \tau_2)$  be  $(1, 2)$ -locally indiscrete bitopological space. Then the following are equivalent:*

- (1)  $(X, \tau_1)$  has the star Menger property;
- (2)  $(X, \tau_1, \tau_2)$  has the  $(1, 2)$ -almost star Menger property;
- (3)  $(X, \tau_1, \tau_2)$  has the  $(1, 2)$ -weakly star Menger property.

*Proof.* We will show  $(3) \Rightarrow (1)$ . Let  $(\mathcal{U}_n : n \in \mathbb{N})$  be a sequence of  $\tau_1$ -open covers of  $X$ . Since  $X$  is  $(1, 2)$ -weakly star Menger there exists a sequence  $(\mathcal{V}_n : n \in \mathbb{N})$  such that for every  $n \in \mathbb{N}$ ,  $\mathcal{V}_n$  is a finite subset of  $\mathcal{U}_n$  and  $\text{Cl}_{\tau_2}(\bigcup_{n \in \mathbb{N}} \text{St}(\cup \mathcal{V}_n, \mathcal{U}_n)) = X$ . The set  $\bigcup_{n \in \mathbb{N}} \text{St}(\cup \mathcal{V}_n, \mathcal{U}_n)$  is  $\tau_1$ -open and since  $(X, \tau_1, \tau_2)$  is  $(1, 2)$ -locally indiscrete,  $\bigcup_{n \in \mathbb{N}} \text{St}(\cup \mathcal{V}_n, \mathcal{U}_n)$  is  $\tau_2$ -closed. Therefore  $\bigcup_{n \in \mathbb{N}} \text{St}(\cup \mathcal{V}_n, \mathcal{U}_n) = X$ . Hence  $(X, \tau_1)$  has the star Menger property.  $\square$

**Theorem 4.5.** *Let  $(X, \tau_1 \leq \tau_2)$  be a bitopological space. If every countable family of  $\tau_j$ -open sets is conservative, then  $(i, j)$ -weakly star Menger property implies  $(i, j)$ -almost star Menger property.*

*Proof.* We consider only the case  $i = 1, j = 2$ . Let  $(\mathcal{U}_n : n \in \mathbb{N})$  be a sequence of  $\tau_1$ -open covers of  $X$ . There exists a sequence  $(\mathcal{V}_n : n \in \mathbb{N})$  such that for every  $n \in \mathbb{N}$ ,  $\mathcal{V}_n$  is a finite subset of  $\mathcal{U}_n$  and  $\text{Cl}_{\tau_2}(\bigcup_{n \in \mathbb{N}} \text{St}(\cup \mathcal{V}_n, \mathcal{U}_n)) = X$ . The set  $\bigcup_{n \in \mathbb{N}} \text{St}(\cup \mathcal{V}_n, \mathcal{U}_n)$  is  $\tau_1$ -open and since  $\tau_1 \leq \tau_2$  the set is  $\tau_2$ -open and every countable family of  $\tau_2$ -open sets is conservative then we have

$$\bigcup_{n \in \mathbb{N}} \text{Cl}_{\tau_2}(\text{St}(\cup \mathcal{V}_n, \mathcal{U}_n)) = X.$$

Thus  $(X, \tau_1 \leq \tau_2)$  is  $(i, j)$ -almost star Menger bitopological space.  $\square$

## 5. Nearly Menger bitopological spaces

Nearly Menger spaces was introduced by Kočinac in [20] by utilizing the interior of the closure of an open set. On the other hand Aqsa and Khan [3] defined nearly Menger spaces by taking the semi-closure of an open set. In [3] the authors mentioned that both notions of nearly Menger spaces coincide in the presence of open covers as seen in Lemma 5.3.

In this section we aim to define nearly Mengerness in a bitopological context. It is worth to mention here that when there is a relationship between the topologies in a bitopological space it provides a structured way to understand how the open sets from one topology affect the properties and behaviour of the space concerning the other topology.

**Definition 5.1.** A bitopological space  $(X, \tau_1, \tau_2)$  is said to be  $(i, j)$ -nearly Menger,  $(i, j = 1, 2)$ , if for each sequence  $(\mathcal{U}_n : n \in \mathbb{N})$  of  $\tau_i$ -open covers of  $X$ , there exists a sequence  $(\mathcal{V}_n : n \in \mathbb{N})$  such that for each  $n \in \mathbb{N}$ ,  $\mathcal{V}_n$  is a finite subset of  $\mathcal{U}_n$  and  $X = \bigcup_{n \in \mathbb{N}} \bigcup \{\text{Int}_{\tau_j}(\text{Cl}_{\tau_i}(V)) : V \in \mathcal{V}_n\}$ .

In the recently published paper [1] the authors provided a different definition of nearly Mengerness in bitopological spaces.

**Lemma 5.2.** ([2]) For any subset  $A$  of a space  $X$ ,  $A \cup \text{Int}(\text{Cl}(A)) = \text{scl}(A)$ .

**Lemma 5.3.** ([24]) For an open set  $O$  in a space  $X$ ,  $\text{Int}(\text{Cl}(O)) = \text{scl}(O)$ .

In bitopological spaces there are two different closure and interior operations, one associated with each topology. Hence Lemma 5.3 may not be true in bitopological spaces, however we have the following lemma.

**Lemma 5.4.** *Let  $(X, \tau_1 < \tau_2)$  be a bitopological space. For  $\tau_1$ -open set  $A \subseteq X$ ;  $\text{Int}_{\tau_2}(\text{Cl}_{\tau_2}(A)) = \text{scl}_{\tau_2}(A)$ .*

**Proposition 5.5.** *Let  $(X, \tau_1, \tau_2)$  be a bitopological space, then:*

- (1) *If  $(X, \tau_2)$  is nearly Menger, then  $(X, \tau_1 < \tau_2)$  is  $(1, 2)$ -nearly Menger.*
- (2) *If  $(X, \tau_1 > \tau_2)$  is  $(1, 2)$ -nearly Menger, then  $(X, \tau_2)$  is nearly Menger.*

*Proof.* (1) Let  $(\mathcal{U}_n : n \in \mathbb{N})$  be a sequence of  $\tau_1$ -open covers of  $X$ . Since  $\tau_1 < \tau_2$  the sequence  $(\mathcal{U}_n : n \in \mathbb{N})$  is  $\tau_2$ -open covers of  $X$ . If  $(X, \tau_2)$  is nearly Menger, then there is a sequence  $(\mathcal{V}_n : n \in \mathbb{N})$  such that for each  $n \in \mathbb{N}$ ,  $\mathcal{V}_n$  is a finite subset of  $\mathcal{U}_n$  and  $X = \bigcup_{n \in \mathbb{N}} \bigcup \{\text{Int}_{\tau_2}(\text{Cl}_{\tau_2}(V)) : V \in \mathcal{V}_n\}$  thus  $(X, \tau_1 < \tau_2)$  is  $(1, 2)$ -nearly Menger.

(2) Let  $(\mathcal{U}_n : n \in \mathbb{N})$  be a sequence of  $\tau_2$ -open covers of  $X$  and since  $\tau_1 > \tau_2$   $(\mathcal{U}_n : n \in \mathbb{N})$  is a sequence of  $\tau_1$ -open covers of  $X$ . Then there exists a sequence  $(\mathcal{V}_n : n \in \mathbb{N})$  such that for each  $n \in \mathbb{N}$ ,  $\mathcal{V}_n$  is a finite subset of  $\mathcal{U}_n$  and  $X = \bigcup_{n \in \mathbb{N}} \bigcup \{\text{Int}_{\tau_2}(\text{Cl}_{\tau_2}(V)) : V \in \mathcal{V}_n\}$  thus  $(X, \tau_2)$  is nearly Menger.  $\square$

**Proposition 5.6.** *If  $(X, \tau_1)$  is a Menger space, then the bitopological space  $(X, \tau_1 < \tau_2)$  is  $(1, 2)$ -nearly Menger.*

*Proof.* Let  $(\mathcal{U}_n : n \in \mathbb{N})$  be a sequence of  $\tau_1$ -open covers of  $X$ . Since  $(X, \tau_1)$  is Menger, then for every  $n \in \mathbb{N}$ , there exists a sequence  $(\mathcal{V}_n : n \in \mathbb{N})$  such that,  $\mathcal{V}_n$  is a finite subset of  $\mathcal{U}_n$  and  $\bigcup \mathcal{V}_n$  is a cover of  $X$ . Since for each  $V \in \mathcal{V}_n$  we have  $V = \text{Int}_{\tau_2} V \subseteq \text{Int}_{\tau_2}(\text{Cl}_{\tau_2}(V))$  and we obtain  $(X, \tau_1 < \tau_2)$  is  $(1, 2)$ -nearly Menger.  $\square$

**Corollary 5.7.** *If  $(X, \tau_2)$  is Menger, then  $(X, \tau_1 < \tau_2)$  is  $(1, 2)$ -nearly Menger.*

**Theorem 5.8.** *If  $(X, \tau_1 > \tau_2)$  is  $(1, 2)$ -nearly Menger and  $(X, \tau_2)$  is a regular space, then  $(X, \tau_2)$  is Menger.*

*Proof.* Let  $(\mathcal{U}_n : n \in \mathbb{N})$  be a sequence of  $\tau_2$ -open covers of  $X$  and  $\tau_1$ -open covers of  $X$ , since  $\tau_1 > \tau_2$ . In the hypothesis  $(X, \tau_2)$  is regular so for each  $n \in \mathbb{N}$ , there exists a sequence of  $\tau_2$ -open covers  $(\mathcal{V}_n : n \in \mathbb{N})$  of  $X$  such that  $\mathcal{V}'_n = \{\text{Int}_{\tau_2}(\text{Cl}_{\tau_2}(V)) : V \in \mathcal{V}_n\}$  form a refinement of  $\mathcal{U}_n$ . Since  $X$  is  $(1, 2)$  nearly Menger, there exists a sequence  $(\mathcal{F}_n : n \in \mathbb{N})$  with  $\mathcal{F}_n$  is a finite subset of  $\mathcal{V}'_n$  and  $\bigcup (\mathcal{F}'_n : n \in \mathbb{N})$  is a cover of  $X$  where  $\mathcal{F}'_n = \{\text{Int}_{\tau_2}(\text{Cl}_{\tau_2}(F)) : F \in \mathcal{F}_n\}$ . For every  $F \in \mathcal{F}_n$  and  $n \in \mathbb{N}$  we have  $U_F \in \mathcal{U}_n$  such that  $\text{Int}_{\tau_2}(\text{Cl}_{\tau_2}(F)) \subseteq U_F$ .

Now we set  $\mathcal{U}'_n = \{U_F : F \in \mathcal{F}_n\}$  and we prove that  $\bigcup \mathcal{U}'_n$  is a  $\tau_2$  open cover of  $X$ . Let  $x \in X$ . There is  $n \in \mathbb{N}$  and  $\text{Int}_{\tau_2}(\text{Cl}_{\tau_2}(F)) \subseteq \mathcal{F}'_n$  with  $x \in \text{Int}_{\tau_2}(\text{Cl}_{\tau_2}(F))$ . There exists  $U_F \in \mathcal{U}_n$  such that  $\text{Int}_{\tau_2}(\text{Cl}_{\tau_2}(F)) \subseteq U_F$  and we obtain  $x \in U_F$ .  $\square$

**Example 5.9.** Let the real line  $\mathbb{R}$  be endowed with the Euclidean topology  $\tau_1$  and the Sorgenfrey topology  $\tau_2$ . Since  $(\mathbb{R}, \tau_1)$  is Menger, the bitopological space  $(\mathbb{R}, \tau_1 \leq \tau_2)$  is  $(1, 2)$ -nearly Menger by Proposition 5.6. On the other hand,  $(\mathbb{R}, \tau_2)$  is not Menger.

We immediately note that:

**Proposition 5.10.** *If the bitopological space  $(X, \tau_1, \tau_2)$  is  $(i, j)$ -nearly Menger, then  $(X, \tau_1, \tau_2)$  is  $(i, j)$ -almost Menger.*

**Definition 5.11.** Let  $(X, \tau_1, \tau_2)$  be a bitopological space. A subset  $A \subseteq X$  is said to be  $(i, j)$ -clopen if  $A$  is  $\tau_i$ -closed and  $\tau_j$ -open set.  $A$  is clopen if it is both  $(i, j)$ -clopen and  $(j, i)$ -clopen in  $X$ .

**Theorem 5.12.** *A bitopological space  $(X, \tau_1, \tau_2)$  is  $(1, 2)$  nearly Menger if and only if every clopen subspace  $(K, \tau_{1/K}, \tau_{2/K})$  is  $(\tau_{1/K}, \tau_{2/K})$  nearly Menger.*

*Proof.*  $(\Rightarrow)$  Let  $K \subseteq X$  be a clopen subset of a  $(1, 2)$  nearly Menger bispace. Suppose that  $(\mathcal{U}_n : n \in \mathbb{N})$  is a sequence of  $\tau_{1/K}$ -open covers of  $K$ . Then for each  $n \in \mathbb{N}$  and each  $U \in \mathcal{U}_n$  there exists a  $\tau_1$ -open set  $B_U$  in  $X$  such that  $U = K \cap B_U$ .

Now set  $\mathcal{B}_n = \{B_U : U \in \mathcal{U}_n\} \cup \{X - K\}$  and  $(\mathcal{B}_n : n \in \mathbb{N})$  is a sequence of  $\tau_1$ -open covers of  $(X, \tau_1, \tau_2)$ . Since  $X$  is  $(1, 2)$  nearly Menger there is a sequence  $(\mathcal{V}_n : n \in \mathbb{N})$  with  $\mathcal{V}_n$  is a finite subset of  $\mathcal{B}_n$  and for each  $n \in \mathbb{N}$ ,

$$\bigcup \{\text{Int}_{\tau_2}(\text{Cl}_{\tau_2}(B)) : B \in \mathcal{B}_n\}$$

is a cover of  $X$ . The set  $X - K$  is clopen, then  $X - K$  is  $\tau_1$ -open and  $\tau_2$ -open set, hence  $\text{Int}_{\tau_2}(\text{Cl}_{\tau_2}(X - K)) = X - K$  so

$$\bigcup \{\text{Int}_{\tau_2}(\text{Cl}_{\tau_2}(B)) : B \in \mathcal{B}_n : B \neq X - K\}$$

covers  $K$ . ( $\Leftarrow$ ) This part is trivially true, because  $X$  itself is a clopen subspace of  $X$ .  $\square$

**Definition 5.13.** A subset  $A$  of a space  $X$  is s-regular open (s-regular closed) if  $A = \text{Int}(\text{scl}(A))$  ( $A = \text{Cl}(\text{sInt}(A))$ ).

We note that an s-regular open set is regular open, open as well as semi closed, and if  $A$  is open, then  $\text{cl}(A)$  is an s-regular closed set.

In [20] Kočinac characterized nearly Menger spaces by regular open sets. However in [3] Aqsa and Khan obtained the following result. Denote by  $\mathcal{SRO}$  the set of all s-regular open subsets of a space  $X$ .

**Theorem 5.14.** For a topological space  $X$  the following are equivalent:

- (1)  $X$  is nearly Menger;
- (2)  $X$  satisfies  $\mathcal{S}_{fin}(\mathcal{SRO}, \mathcal{SRO})$ .

**Theorem 5.15.** If  $(X, \tau_1 > \tau_2)$  is  $(1, 2)$  nearly Menger, then  $(X, \tau_2)$  satisfies  $\mathcal{S}_{fin}(\mathcal{SRO}_{\tau_2}, \mathcal{SRO}_{\tau_2})$ .

*Proof.* If  $(X, \tau_1 > \tau_2)$  is  $(1, 2)$  nearly Menger, then by Proposition 5.5,  $(X, \tau_2)$  is nearly Menger and by Theorem 5.14,  $(X, \tau_1 > \tau_2)$  satisfies  $\mathcal{S}_{fin}(\mathcal{SRO}_{\tau_2}, \mathcal{SRO}_{\tau_2})$ .  $\square$

**Theorem 5.16.** If  $(X, \tau_2)$  satisfies  $\mathcal{S}_{fin}(\mathcal{SRO}_{\tau_2}, \mathcal{SRO}_{\tau_2})$ , then  $(X, \tau_1 < \tau_2)$  is  $(1, 2)$  nearly Menger.

*Proof.* Let  $(X, \tau_2)$  satisfies  $\mathcal{S}_{fin}(\mathcal{SRO}_{\tau_2}, \mathcal{SRO}_{\tau_2})$ , then by Theorem 5.14,  $(X, \tau_2)$  is nearly Menger. We obtain by Proposition 5.5,  $(X, \tau_1 < \tau_2)$  is  $(1, 2)$  nearly Menger.  $\square$

Call a mapping  $f : X \rightarrow Y$  nearly continuous if for every s-regular open set  $A \subseteq Y$ ,  $f^{-1}(A)$  is an open set in  $X$ .

Clearly every continuous mapping is almost continuous and every almost continuous mapping is nearly continuous.

**Lemma 5.17.** ([3]) If  $f : X \rightarrow Y$  is nearly continuous and open mapping, then for every s-regular open set  $A \subseteq Y$ ,  $\text{scl}(f^{-1}(A)) \subseteq f^{-1}(\text{scl}(A))$ .

**Theorem 5.18.** Let  $(X, \tau_1 > \tau_2)$  be  $(1, 2)$  nearly Menger bitopological space and  $(Y, \sigma_1 < \sigma_2)$  be a bitopological space. If  $f : X \rightarrow Y$  is  $(\tau_2 - \sigma_2)$  nearly continuous and open surjection, then  $(Y, \sigma_1 < \sigma_2)$  is  $(1, 2)$  nearly Menger.

*Proof.* Let  $(\mathcal{A}_n : n \in \mathbb{N})$  be a sequence of covers of  $Y$  by s-regular  $\sigma_2$ -open sets. As  $f$  is  $(\tau_2 - \sigma_2)$  nearly continuous and open surjection  $\mathcal{A}'_n = \{f^{-1}(A) : A \in \mathcal{A}_n\}$  is a sequence of  $\tau_2$ -open covers of  $X$ . ( $\mathcal{A}'_n$  is also a sequence of  $\tau_1$  open covers of  $X$ ) By the hypothesis  $(X, \tau_1 > \tau_2)$  is  $(1, 2)$  nearly Menger then there exists a sequence  $(\mathcal{B}_n : n \in \mathbb{N})$  such that for each  $n \in \mathbb{N}$ ,  $(\mathcal{B}_n : n \in \mathbb{N})$  is a finite subset of  $(\mathcal{A}'_n : n \in \mathbb{N})$  and  $\bigcup(\mathcal{B}'_n : n \in \mathbb{N})$  covers  $X$  where  $\mathcal{B}'_n = \{\text{Int}_{\tau_2}(\text{Cl}_{\tau_2}(B)) : B \in \mathcal{B}_n\}$ . For every  $n \in \mathbb{N}$  and  $B \in \mathcal{B}_n$  we can choose a member  $A_B$  in  $\mathcal{A}_n$  such that  $B = f^{-1}(A_B)$ .

Now let  $\mathcal{C}_n = \{A_B : B \in \mathcal{B}_n\}$ . We will show  $\bigcup(\mathcal{C}_n : n \in \mathbb{N})$  covers  $Y$ . Suppose  $y \in Y$  arbitrary. Then there exists  $x \in X$  such that  $y = f(x)$ . For  $n \in \mathbb{N}$  and  $B \in \mathcal{B}_n$  such that  $x \in \text{Int}_{\tau_2}(\text{Cl}_{\tau_2}(B))$ . As  $B = f^{-1}(A_B)$ ,

$$x \in \text{Int}_{\tau_2}(\text{Cl}_{\tau_2}(f^{-1}(A_B))) \subseteq f^{-1}(\text{Int}_{\tau_2}(\text{Cl}_{\tau_2}(A_B))).$$

We obtain that  $(Y, \sigma_1 < \sigma_2)$  is  $(1, 2)$  nearly Menger.  $\square$

## 6. Conclusion

In this paper, we continued the recent developments on weaker Menger-type properties in bitopological spaces by establishing several equivalent conditions and providing related game-theoretic observations. The game-theoretic approach investigate interactions between the corresponding covering properties and the classical selection principles.

In addition, we introduced the notion of nearly Mengerness and studied its fundamental behavior within the bitopological settings. As a further direction, it would be of interest to investigate the interactions among these properties and to develop their corresponding game-theoretic characterizations within the bitopological setting.

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