

## Upper and lower $\beta(\Lambda, sp)$ -continuous multifunctions

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### Abstract

Our main purpose is to introduce the concepts of upper and lower  $\beta(\Lambda, sp)$ -continuous multifunctions. In particular, we investigate some characterizations of upper and lower  $\beta(\Lambda, sp)$ -continuous multifunctions.

## 1 Introduction

In 1983, Abd El-Monsef et al. [1] defined  $\beta$ -continuity in topological spaces as a generalization of semi-continuity [4]. Popa and Noiri [6] extended the concept of  $\beta$ -continuous functions to multifunctions and investigated the notions of upper and lower  $\beta$ -continuous multifunctions. In 2004, Noiri and Hatir [5] introduced the notion of  $\Lambda_{sp}$ -sets in terms of  $\beta$ -open sets [1] and investigated the notion of  $\Lambda_{sp}$ -closed sets by using  $\Lambda_{sp}$ -sets. Boonpok [2] introduced the concepts of  $(\Lambda, sp)$ -open sets and  $(\Lambda, sp)$ -closed sets which are defined by utilizing the notions of  $\Lambda_{sp}$ -sets and  $\beta$ -closed sets. The purpose of the present paper is to introduce the notions of upper and lower  $\beta(\Lambda, sp)$ -continuous multifunctions. Moreover, we discuss some characterizations of upper and lower  $\beta(\Lambda, sp)$ -continuous multifunctions.

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## 2 Preliminaries

Throughout this paper, unless explicitly stated, spaces  $(X, \tau)$  and  $(Y, \sigma)$  (or simply  $X$  and  $Y$ ) always mean topological spaces on which no separation axioms are assumed. Let  $A$  be a subset of a topological space  $(X, \tau)$ . The closure of  $A$  and the interior of  $A$  are denoted by  $\text{Cl}(A)$  and  $\text{Int}(A)$ , respectively. A subset  $A$  of a topological space  $(X, \tau)$  is said to be  $\beta$ -open [1] if  $A \subseteq \text{Cl}(\text{Int}(\text{Cl}(A)))$ . The complement of a  $\beta$ -open set is called  $\beta$ -closed. The family of all  $\beta$ -open sets of a topological space  $(X, \tau)$  is denoted by  $\beta(X, \tau)$ . A subset  $\Lambda_{sp}(A)$  [5] is defined as follows:

$$\Lambda_{sp}(A) = \bigcap \{U \mid A \subseteq U, U \in \beta(X, \tau)\}.$$

If  $A = \Lambda_{sp}(A)$ , then  $A$  is called a  $\Lambda_{sp}$ -set [5]. A subset  $A$  of a topological space  $(X, \tau)$  is called  $(\Lambda, sp)$ -closed [2] if  $A = T \cap C$ , where  $T$  is a  $\Lambda_{sp}$ -set and  $C$  is a  $\beta$ -closed set. The complement of a  $(\Lambda, sp)$ -closed set is called  $(\Lambda, sp)$ -open. Let  $A$  be a subset of a topological space  $(X, \tau)$ . A point  $x \in X$  is called a  $(\Lambda, sp)$ -cluster point [2] of  $A$  if  $A \cap U \neq \emptyset$  for every  $(\Lambda, sp)$ -open set  $U$  of  $X$  containing  $x$ . The set of all  $(\Lambda, sp)$ -cluster points of  $A$  is called the  $(\Lambda, sp)$ -closure [2] of  $A$  and is denoted by  $A^{(\Lambda, sp)}$ . The union of all  $(\Lambda, sp)$ -open sets contained in  $A$  is called the  $(\Lambda, sp)$ -interior [2] of  $A$  and is denoted by  $A_{(\Lambda, sp)}$ . A subset  $A$  of a topological space  $(X, \tau)$  is said to be  $\beta(\Lambda, sp)$ -open (resp.  $s(\Lambda, sp)$ -open) [2] if  $A \subseteq [[A^{(\Lambda, sp)}]_{(\Lambda, sp)}]^{(\Lambda, sp)}$  (resp.  $A \subseteq [A_{(\Lambda, sp)}]^{(\Lambda, sp)}$ ). The complement of a  $\beta(\Lambda, sp)$ -open set is said to be  $\beta(\Lambda, sp)$ -closed. The intersection of all  $\beta(\Lambda, sp)$ -closed sets containing  $A$  is called the  $\beta(\Lambda, sp)$ -closure of  $A$  and is denoted by  $A^{\beta(\Lambda, sp)}$ . The union of all  $\beta(\Lambda, sp)$ -open sets contained in  $A$  is called the  $\beta(\Lambda, sp)$ -interior of  $A$  and is denoted by  $A_{\beta(\Lambda, sp)}$ .

Following [3], by a multifunction  $F : (X, \tau) \rightarrow (Y, \sigma)$  we shall denote the upper and lower inverse of a set  $B$  of  $Y$  by  $F^+(B)$  and  $F^-(B)$ , respectively; that is,  $F^+(B) = \{x \in X \mid F(x) \subseteq B\}$  and

$$F^-(B) = \{x \in X \mid F(x) \cap B \neq \emptyset\}.$$

In particular,  $F^-(y) = \{x \in X \mid y \in F(x)\}$  for each point  $y \in Y$  and for each  $A \subseteq X$ ,  $F(A) = \bigcup_{x \in A} F(x)$ .

## 3 Upper and lower $\beta(\Lambda, sp)$ -continuous multifunctions

In this section, we introduce the notions of upper and lower  $\beta(\Lambda, sp)$ -continuous multifunctions. Moreover, we discuss several characterizations of upper and

lower  $\beta(\Lambda, sp)$ -continuous multifunctions.

**Definition 3.1.** A multifunction  $F : (X, \tau) \rightarrow (Y, \sigma)$  is said to be:

- (i) upper  $\beta(\Lambda, sp)$ -continuous at a point  $x \in X$  if, for each  $(\Lambda, sp)$ -open set  $V$  of  $Y$  containing  $F(x)$ , there exists a  $\beta(\Lambda, sp)$ -open set  $U$  of  $X$  containing  $x$  such that  $F(U) \subseteq V$ ;
- (ii) lower  $\beta(\Lambda, sp)$ -continuous at a point  $x \in X$  if, for each  $(\Lambda, sp)$ -open set  $V$  of  $Y$  such that  $F(x) \cap V \neq \emptyset$ , there exists a  $\beta(\Lambda, sp)$ -open set  $U$  of  $X$  containing  $x$  such that  $U \subseteq F^-(V)$ ;
- (iii) upper (lower)  $\beta(\Lambda, sp)$ -continuous if  $F$  has this property at each point  $x \in X$ .

**Definition 3.2.** [2] A subset  $N$  of a topological space  $(X, \tau)$  is said to be  $\Lambda_{sp}$ -nowhere dense if  $[N^{(\Lambda, sp)}]_{(\Lambda, sp)} = \emptyset$ .

**Theorem 3.3.** For a multifunction  $F : (X, \tau) \rightarrow (Y, \sigma)$ , the following properties are equivalent:

- (1)  $F$  is upper  $\beta(\Lambda, sp)$ -continuous at  $x \in X$ ;
- (2) for each  $(\Lambda, sp)$ -open set  $U$  of  $X$  containing  $x$  and each  $(\Lambda, sp)$ -open set  $V$  of  $Y$  with  $x \in F^+(V)$ ,  $F^+(V) \cap U$  is not  $\Lambda_{sp}$ -nowhere dense;
- (3) for each  $(\Lambda, sp)$ -open set  $U$  of  $X$  containing  $x$  and each  $(\Lambda, sp)$ -open set  $V$  of  $Y$  with  $x \in F^+(V)$ , there exists a  $(\Lambda, sp)$ -open set  $G$  of  $X$  such that  $\emptyset \neq G \subseteq U$  and  $G \subseteq [F^+(V)]^{(\Lambda, sp)}$ ;
- (4) for each  $(\Lambda, sp)$ -open set  $V$  of  $Y$  with  $x \in F^+(V)$ , there exists a  $s(\Lambda, sp)$ -open set  $U$  of  $X$  containing  $x$  such that  $U \subseteq [F^+(V)]^{(\Lambda, sp)}$ ;
- (5)  $x \in [[F^+(V)]^{(\Lambda, sp)}]_{(\Lambda, sp)}^{(\Lambda, sp)}$  for every  $(\Lambda, sp)$ -open set  $V$  of  $Y$  with  $x \in F^+(V)$ .

*Proof.* (1)  $\Rightarrow$  (2) and (2)  $\Rightarrow$  (3): The proofs are obvious.

(3)  $\Rightarrow$  (4): Let  $V$  be any  $(\Lambda, sp)$ -open set of  $Y$  containing  $F(x)$ . By  $\mathcal{U}(x)$  we denote the family of all  $(\Lambda, sp)$ -open sets of  $X$  containing  $x$ . For each  $U \in \mathcal{U}(x)$ , there exists a  $(\Lambda, sp)$ -open set  $G_U$  of  $X$  such that  $\emptyset \neq G_U \subseteq U$  and  $G_U \subseteq [F^+(V)]^{(\Lambda, sp)}$ . Put  $W = \cup\{G_U \mid U \in \mathcal{U}(x)\}$ . Then,  $W$  is  $(\Lambda, sp)$ -open set of  $X$ ,  $x \in W^{(\Lambda, sp)}$  and  $W \subseteq [F^+(V)]^{(\Lambda, sp)}$ . Moreover, we put  $U_0 = W \cup \{x\}$ . Then,  $W \subseteq U_0 \subseteq W^{(\Lambda, sp)}$ . Thus,  $U_0$  is a  $s(\Lambda, sp)$ -open set of  $X$  containing  $x$  and  $U_0 \subseteq [F^+(V)]^{(\Lambda, sp)}$ .

(4)  $\Rightarrow$  (5): Let  $V$  be any  $(\Lambda, sp)$ -open set of  $Y$  containing  $F(x)$ . There exists a  $s(\Lambda, sp)$ -open set  $U$  of  $X$  containing  $x$  such that  $U \subseteq [F^+(V)]^{(\Lambda, sp)}$ . Thus,  $x \in U \subseteq [U_{(\Lambda, sp)}]^{(\Lambda, sp)} \subseteq [[[F^+(V)]^{(\Lambda, sp)}]_{(\Lambda, sp)}]^{(\Lambda, sp)}$ .

(5)  $\Rightarrow$  (1): The proof is obvious.  $\square$

**Theorem 3.4.** For a multifunction  $F : (X, \tau) \rightarrow (Y, \sigma)$ , the following properties are equivalent:

- (1)  $F$  is lower  $\beta(\Lambda, sp)$ -continuous at  $x \in X$ ;
- (2) for each  $(\Lambda, sp)$ -open set  $U$  of  $X$  containing  $x$  and each  $(\Lambda, sp)$ -open set  $V$  of  $Y$  with  $x \in F^-(V)$ ,  $F^-(V) \cap U$  is not  $\Lambda_{sp}$ -nowhere dense;
- (3) for each  $(\Lambda, sp)$ -open set  $U$  of  $X$  containing  $x$  and each  $(\Lambda, sp)$ -open set  $V$  of  $Y$  with  $x \in F^-(V)$ , there exists a  $(\Lambda, sp)$ -open set  $G$  of  $X$  such that  $\emptyset \neq G \subseteq U$  and  $G \subseteq [F^-(V)]^{(\Lambda, sp)}$ ;
- (4) for each  $(\Lambda, sp)$ -open set  $V$  of  $Y$  with  $x \in F^-(V)$ , there exists a  $s(\Lambda, sp)$ -open set  $U$  of  $X$  containing  $x$  such that  $U \subseteq [F^-(V)]^{(\Lambda, sp)}$ ;
- (5)  $x \in [[[F^-(V)]^{(\Lambda, sp)}]_{(\Lambda, sp)}]^{(\Lambda, sp)}$  for every  $(\Lambda, sp)$ -open set  $V$  of  $Y$  with  $x \in F^-(V)$ .

*Proof.* The proof is similar to that of Theorem 3.3.  $\square$

**Lemma 3.5.** Let  $A$  be a subset of a topological space  $(X, \tau)$ . Then,  $A^{\beta(\Lambda, sp)} = A \cup [[A_{(\Lambda, sp)}]^{(\Lambda, sp)}]_{(\Lambda, sp)}$ .

**Theorem 3.6.** For a multifunction  $F : (X, \tau) \rightarrow (Y, \sigma)$ , the following properties are equivalent:

- (1)  $F$  is upper  $\beta(\Lambda, sp)$ -continuous;
- (2)  $F^+(V)$  is  $\beta(\Lambda, sp)$ -open in  $X$  for every  $(\Lambda, sp)$ -open set  $V$  of  $Y$ ;
- (3)  $F^-(K)$  is  $\beta(\Lambda, sp)$ -closed in  $X$  for every  $(\Lambda, sp)$ -closed set  $K$  of  $Y$ ;
- (4)  $[F^-(B)]^{\beta(\Lambda, sp)} \subseteq F^-(B^{(\Lambda, sp)})$  for every subset  $B$  of  $Y$ ;
- (5)  $[[[F^-(B)]_{(\Lambda, sp)}]^{(\Lambda, sp)}]_{(\Lambda, sp)} \subseteq F^-(B^{(\Lambda, sp)})$  for every subset  $B$  of  $Y$ .

*Proof.* (1)  $\Rightarrow$  (2): Let  $V$  be any  $(\Lambda, sp)$ -open set of  $Y$  and let  $x \in F^+(V)$ . Then, there exists a  $\beta(\Lambda, sp)$ -open set  $U$  of  $X$  containing  $x$  such that  $F(U) \subseteq V$ . Therefore,  $x \in U \subseteq [[U^{(\Lambda, sp)}]_{(\Lambda, sp)}]^{(\Lambda, sp)} \subseteq [[[F^+(V)]^{(\Lambda, sp)}]_{(\Lambda, sp)}]^{(\Lambda, sp)}$ . Thus,  $F^+(V) \subseteq [[[F^+(V)]^{(\Lambda, sp)}]_{(\Lambda, sp)}]^{(\Lambda, sp)}$  and hence  $F^+(V)$  is  $\beta(\Lambda, sp)$ -open in  $X$ .

(2)  $\Rightarrow$  (3): This follows immediately from the fact that  $F^+(Y - B) = X - F^-(B)$  for every subset  $B$  of  $Y$ .

(3)  $\Rightarrow$  (4): For any subset  $B$  of  $Y$ ,  $B^{(\Lambda, sp)}$  is  $(\Lambda, sp)$ -closed in  $Y$ , by (3),  $F^-(B^{(\Lambda, sp)})$  is  $\beta(\Lambda, sp)$ -closed in  $X$  and hence  $[F^-(B)]^{\beta(\Lambda, sp)} \subseteq F^-(B^{(\Lambda, sp)})$ .

(4)  $\Rightarrow$  (5): Let  $B$  be any subset of  $Y$ . By (4) and Lemma 3.5,

$$[[[F^-(B)]_{(\Lambda, sp)}]^{(\Lambda, sp)}]_{(\Lambda, sp)} \subseteq [F^-(B)]^{\beta(\Lambda, sp)} \subseteq F^-(B^{(\Lambda, sp)}).$$

(5)  $\Rightarrow$  (2): Let  $V$  be any  $(\Lambda, sp)$ -open set of  $Y$ . Then,  $Y - V$  is  $(\Lambda, sp)$ -closed in  $Y$ , by (5),  $X - F^+(V) = F^-(Y - V) \supseteq [[F^-(Y - V)]_{(\Lambda, sp)}]^{(\Lambda, sp)}]_{(\Lambda, sp)} = [[X - F^+(V)]_{(\Lambda, sp)}]^{(\Lambda, sp)}]_{(\Lambda, sp)} = X - [[[F^+(V)]^{(\Lambda, sp)}]_{(\Lambda, sp)}]^{(\Lambda, sp)}$ . Thus,  $F^+(V) \subseteq [[[F^+(V)]^{(\Lambda, sp)}]_{(\Lambda, sp)}]^{(\Lambda, sp)}$  and hence  $F^+(V)$  is  $\beta(\Lambda, sp)$ -open in  $X$ .

(2)  $\Rightarrow$  (1): Let  $x \in X$  and let  $V$  be any  $(\Lambda, sp)$ -open set of  $Y$  containing  $F(x)$ . Then,  $x \in F^+(V)$ , by (2),  $F^+(V)$  is  $\beta(\Lambda, sp)$ -open in  $X$ . Put  $U = F^+(V)$ . Then,  $U$  is a  $\beta(\Lambda, sp)$ -open set of  $X$  containing  $x$  and  $F(U) \subseteq V$ . This shows that  $F$  is upper  $\beta(\Lambda, sp)$ -continuous.  $\square$

**Theorem 3.7.** For a multifunction  $F : (X, \tau) \rightarrow (Y, \sigma)$ , the following properties are equivalent:

- (1)  $F$  is lower  $\beta(\Lambda, sp)$ -continuous;
- (2)  $F^-(V)$  is  $\beta(\Lambda, sp)$ -open in  $X$  for every  $(\Lambda, sp)$ -open set  $V$  of  $Y$ ;
- (3)  $F^+(K)$  is  $\beta(\Lambda, sp)$ -closed in  $X$  for every  $(\Lambda, sp)$ -closed set  $K$  of  $Y$ ;
- (4)  $[F^+(B)]^{\beta(\Lambda, sp)} \subseteq F^+(B^{(\Lambda, sp)})$  for every subset  $B$  of  $Y$ ;
- (5)  $[[[F^+(B)]_{(\Lambda, sp)}]^{(\Lambda, sp)}]_{(\Lambda, sp)} \subseteq F^+(B^{(\Lambda, sp)})$  for every subset  $B$  of  $Y$ ;
- (6)  $F([[A_{(\Lambda, sp)}]^{(\Lambda, sp)}]_{(\Lambda, sp)}) \subseteq [F(A)]^{(\Lambda, sp)}$  for every subset  $A$  of  $X$ ;
- (7)  $F(A^{\beta(\Lambda, sp)}) \subseteq [F(A)]^{(\Lambda, sp)}$  for every subset  $A$  of  $X$ .

*Proof.* The proofs are similar to the proof of Theorem 3.6 that the properties (1), (2), (3), (4) and (5) are equivalent. We shall only prove the following implications:

(5)  $\Rightarrow$  (6): Let  $A$  be any subset of  $X$ . By (5), we have  $[[A_{(\Lambda, sp)}]^{(\Lambda, sp)}]_{(\Lambda, sp)} \subseteq [[F^+(F(A))]_{(\Lambda, sp)}]^{(\Lambda, sp)}_{(\Lambda, sp)} \subseteq F^+([F(A)]^{(\Lambda, sp)})$  and hence

$$F([A_{(\Lambda, sp)}]^{(\Lambda, sp)})_{(\Lambda, sp)} \subseteq [F(A)]^{(\Lambda, sp)}.$$

(6)  $\Rightarrow$  (7): Let  $A$  be any subset of  $X$ . By (6) and Lemma 3.5,  $F(A^{\beta(\Lambda, sp)}) = F(A \cup [[A_{(\Lambda, sp)}]^{(\Lambda, sp)}]_{(\Lambda, sp)}) = F(A) \cup F([A_{(\Lambda, sp)}]^{(\Lambda, sp)})_{(\Lambda, sp)} \subseteq [F(A)]^{(\Lambda, sp)}$ .

(7)  $\Rightarrow$  (3): Let  $K$  be any  $(\Lambda, sp)$ -closed set of  $Y$ . By (7), we have  $F([F^+(K)]^{\beta(\Lambda, sp)}) \subseteq [F(F^+(K))]^{(\Lambda, sp)} \subseteq K^{(\Lambda, sp)} = K$ . Thus,  $[F^+(K)]^{\beta(\Lambda, sp)} \subseteq F^+(K)$ . This shows that  $F^+(K)$  is  $\beta(\Lambda, sp)$ -closed in  $X$ .  $\square$

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