

ON LOWER AND UPPER δ -SEMICONTINUOUS
MULTIFUNCTIONS

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Abstract: In this paper, the author define a multifunction $F : X \rightarrow Y$ to be upper (lower) δ -semicontinuous if $F^+(V)$ ($F^-(V)$) is δ -semiopen in X for every open set V of Y . The author obtain some characterizations and several properties and relationships concerning upper (lower) δ -semicontinuous multifunctions.

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1. Introduction

Park, Lee and Son [10] introduced and investigated the notion of δ -semiopen sets in topological spaces. The purpose of the present paper is to introduce a new form of continuous multifunctions and to obtain properties of such multifunctions.

In this paper, spaces X and Y mean topological spaces. Let A be a subset of a space X . For a subset A of X , $\text{cl}(A)$ and $\text{int}(A)$ represent the closure of A and the interior of A , respectively. Throughout this paper, $F : X \rightarrow Y$ presents a multifunction. For a multifunction $F : X \rightarrow Y$, we shall denote the upper and lower inverse of a set B of Y by $F^+(B)$ and $F^-(B)$, respectively, that is, $F^+(B) = \{x \in X : F(x) \subset B\}$ and $F^-(B) = \{x \in X : F(x) \cap B \neq \emptyset\}$, see [3]. For a multifunction $F : X \rightarrow Y$, the graph multifunction $G_F : X \rightarrow X \times Y$

is defined as follows $G_F(x) = \{x\} \times F(x)$ for every $x \in X$ and the subset $\{\{x\} \times F(x) : x \in X\} \subset X \times Y$ is called the multigraph of F and is denoted by $G(F)$.

A subset A of a space X is said to be regular open if $A = \text{int}(\text{cl}(A))$, see [12]. The δ -interior [13] of a subset A of (X, τ) is the union of all regular open sets of X contained in A is denoted by $\delta - \text{int}(A)$. A subset A is called δ -open, see [13], if $A = \delta - \text{int}(A)$. The complement of δ -open set is called δ -closed. The δ -closure of a subset A is defined by $\{x \in X : A \cap \text{int}(\text{cl}(U)) \neq \emptyset, U \in \tau \text{ and } x \in U\}$ and is denoted by $\delta - \text{cl}(A)$.

A subset A of a space X is said to be δ -semiopen, see [10] (resp. semi-open [7], α -open [9], preopen [8], β -open, see [1]) if $A \subset \text{cl}(\delta - \text{int}(A))$ (resp. $A \subset \text{cl}(\text{int}(A))$, $A \subset \text{int}(\text{cl}(\text{int}(A)))$, $A \subset \text{int}(\text{cl}(A))$, $A \subset \text{cl}(\text{int}(\text{cl}(A)))$). The family of all δ -semiopen (resp. semi-open) sets of X (containing a point $x \in X$) is denoted by $\delta SO(X)$ (resp. $SO(X)$) (resp. $\delta SO(X, x)$, $SO(X, x)$). The family of all δ -open sets of X is denoted by $\delta O(X)$. The complement of a δ -semiopen set is said to be δ -semiclosed. The intersection of all δ -semiclosed sets (resp. semi-open, α -open, preopen, β -open) of X containing A is called the δ -semiclosure, see [10] (resp. semi-closure [4], α -closure [9], preclosure [5], β -closure, see [1]) of A and is denoted by $\delta - \text{scl}(A)$ (resp. $s - \text{cl}(A)$, $\alpha - \text{cl}(A)$, $p - \text{cl}(A)$, $\beta - \text{cl}(A)$). The union of all δ -semiopen sets of X contained A is called δ -semi-interior of A and is denoted by $\delta - \text{sint}(A)$. A subset U of X is called a δ -semineighborhood of a point $x \in X$ if there exists a δ -semiopen set V such that $x \in V \subset U$.

Definition 1. A multifunction $F : X \rightarrow Y$ is said to be (1) upper quasi-continuous [11] at $x \in X$ if for each open set V of Y containing $F(x)$, there exists $U \in SO(X, x)$ such that $F(U) \subset V$, (2) lower quasi-continuous [11] at $x \in X$ if for each open set V of Y such that $F(x) \cap V \neq \emptyset$, there exists $U \in SO(X, x)$ such that $F(u) \cap V \neq \emptyset$ for every $u \in U$.

2. δ -Semicontinuous Multifunctions

Now, properties of the class of δ -semicontinuous multifunctions are investigated.

Definition 2. A multifunction $F : X \rightarrow Y$ is said to be:

- (1) Lower δ -semicontinuous at $x \in X$ if for each open set V such that $x \in F^-(V)$, there exists a δ -semiopen set U containing x such that $U \subset F^-(V)$.
- (2) Upper δ -semicontinuous at $x \in X$ if for each open set V such that $x \in F^+(V)$, there exists a δ -semiopen set U containing x such that $U \subset F^+(V)$.

(3) Lower (upper) δ -semicontinuous if F has this property at each point of X .

Theorem 3. *The following statements are equivalent for a multifunction $F : X \rightarrow Y$.*

- a) F is upper δ -semicontinuous;
- b) $F^+(V)$ is a δ -semiopen set for any open set $V \subset Y$;
- c) $F^-(K)$ is a δ -semiclosed set for any closed set $K \subset Y$;
- d) for each $x \in X$ and for each open set V such that $F(x) \subset V$, there exists a δ -semiopen set U containing x such that if $y \in U$, then $F(y) \subset V$;
- e) for each point x of X and each neighbourhood V of $F(x)$, $F^+(V)$ is a δ -semineighbourhood of x ;
- f) for each point x of X and each neighbourhood V of $F(x)$, there exists a δ -semineighbourhood U of x such that $F(U) \subset V$.

Proof. (a) \Leftrightarrow (b). Let $V \subset Y$ be an open set and let $x \in F^+(V)$. From (a), there exists a δ -semiopen set U containing x such that $U \subset F^+(V)$. It follows that $F^+(V)$ is a δ -semiopen set.

The converse can be obtained similarly from the definition of δ -semiopen set.

(b) \Leftrightarrow (c), (a) \Leftrightarrow (d). Obvious.

(b) \Rightarrow (e). Let $x \in X$ and V be a neighbourhood of $F(x)$. Then there exists an open set G of Y such that $F(x) \subset G \subset V$. Therefore, we obtain $x \in F^+(G) \subset F^+(V)$. Since $F^+(G) \in \delta SO(X)$, $F^+(V)$ is a δ -semineighbourhood of x .

(e) \Rightarrow (f). Let $x \in X$ and V be a neighbourhood of $F(x)$. By (e), $F^+(V)$ is a δ -semineighbourhood of x . Take $U = F^+(V)$. Then $F(U) \subset V$.

(f) \Rightarrow (a). Let $x \in X$ and V be any open set of Y such that $F(x) \subset V$. Then V is a neighbourhood of $F(x)$. By (f), there exists a δ -semineighbourhood U of x such that $F(U) \subset V$. Therefore, there exists $G \in \delta SO(X)$ such that $x \in G \subset U$ and hence $F(G) \subset F(U) \subset V$. We obtain that F is upper δ -semicontinuous. \square

Remark 4. For a multifunction $F : X \rightarrow Y$, the following diagram hold:

$$\delta\text{-semicontinuous} \Rightarrow \text{quasi-continuous}$$

The following example shows that the above implication is not reversible.

Example 5. Let $X = \{a, b, c\}$. Let τ be a topology on X given by $\tau = \{\emptyset, X, \{a\}, \{c\}, \{a, c\}, \{b, c\}\}$. Define the multifunction $F : X \rightarrow X$ by $F(a) = \{a\}$, $F(b) = \{b\}$, $F(c) = \{c\}$. Then F is lower (upper) quasi-continuous multifunction but F is not lower (upper) δ -semicontinuous.

Theorem 6. Let $F : X \rightarrow Y$ be a multifunction. Then the following statements are equivalent:

- a) F is lower δ -semicontinuous multifunction;
- b) $F^-(V)$ is a δ -semiopen set for any open set $V \subset Y$;
- c) $F^+(K)$ is a δ -semiclosed set for any closed set $K \subset Y$;
- d) for each $x \in X$ and for each open set V such that $F(x) \cap V \neq \emptyset$, there exists a δ -semiopen set U containing x such that if $y \in U$, then $F(y) \cap V \neq \emptyset$.

Proof. It can be obtained similarly as the previous theorem. \square

Theorem 7. Let $F : X \rightarrow Y$ be a multifunction from a topological space (X, τ) to a topological space (Y, ν) and let $F(X)$ be endowed with subspace topology. If F is upper δ -semicontinuous multifunction, then $F : X \rightarrow F(X)$ is upper δ -semicontinuous multifunction.

Proof. Since F is upper δ -semicontinuous, $F^+(V \cap F(X)) = F^+(V) \cap F^+(F(X)) = F^+(V)$ is δ -semiopen for each open subset V of Y . Hence $F : X \rightarrow F(X)$ is upper δ -semicontinuous multifunction. \square

Definition 8. Let (X, τ) be a topological space. The collection of all regular open sets forms a base for a topology τ^* . It is called the semiregularization. In case when $\tau = \tau^*$, the space (X, τ) is called semi-regular [12].

Definition 9. A subset A of a topological space X is said to be:

- (1) α -paracompact [14] if every cover of A by open sets of X is refined by cover of A which consists of open sets of X and locally finite in X ;
- (2) α -regular [6] if for each $a \in A$ and each open set U of X containing a , there exists an open set G of X such that $a \in G \subset \text{cl}(G) \subset U$.

Lemma 10. (see [6]) If A is an α -regular α -paracompact set of a topological space X and U is an open neighbourhood of A , then there exists an open set G of X such that $A \subset G \subset \text{cl}(G) \subset U$.

Definition 11. For a multifunction $F : X \rightarrow Y$, a multifunction $\text{cl}(F) : X \rightarrow Y$ [2] is defined as $\text{cl}(F)(x) = \text{cl}(F(x))$ for each point $x \in X$. Multifunctions $\alpha\text{-cl}(F)$, $\text{scl}(F)$, $\delta\text{-scl}(F)$, $\text{pcl}(F)$, $\beta\text{-cl}(F)$ can be defined similarly.

Lemma 12. If $F : X \rightarrow Y$ is a multifunction such that $F(x)$ is α -regular α -paracompact for each $x \in X$ and Y is semi-regular, then for each open set V of Y , $G^+(V) = F^+(V)$, where G denotes $\alpha\text{-cl}(F)$, $\text{scl}(F)$, $\delta\text{-scl}(F)$, $\text{pcl}(F)$, or $\beta\text{-cl}(F)$.

Theorem 13. Let $F : X \rightarrow Y$ be a multifunction such that $F(x)$ is α -regular α -paracompact for each $x \in X$ and Y is semi-regular. Then the following are equivalent:

- (1) F is upper δ -semicontinuous;
- (2) $\delta\text{-scl}(F)$ is upper δ -semicontinuous;
- (3) $\beta\text{-cl}(F)$ is upper δ -semicontinuous;
- (4) $\text{scl}(F)$ is upper δ -semicontinuous;
- (5) $\text{pcl}(F)$ is upper δ -semicontinuous;
- (6) $\alpha\text{-cl}(F)$ is upper δ -semicontinuous.

Proof. We take $G = \alpha\text{-cl}(F)$, $\text{scl}(F)$, $\delta\text{-scl}(F)$, $\text{pcl}(F)$, or $\beta\text{-cl}(F)$. Suppose that F is upper δ -semicontinuous. Let $x \in X$ and V be any open set of Y containing $G(x)$. By the previous lemma, we have $x \in G^+(V) = F^+(V)$ and hence there exists $U \in \delta SO(X, x)$ such that $F(U) \subset V$. Since $F(u)$ is α -regular α -paracompact for each $u \in U$, there exists an open set W such that $F(u) \subset W \subset \text{cl}(W) \subset V$, hence $G(u) \subset \text{cl}(W) \subset V$ for each $u \in U$. Therefore, we obtain $G(U) \subset V$. This shows that G is upper δ -semicontinuous.

Conversely, suppose that G is upper δ -semicontinuous. Let $x \in X$ and V be any open set of Y containing $F(x)$. By the previous lemma, we have $x \in G^+(V) = F^+(V)$ and hence $G(x) \subset V$. There exists $U \in \delta SO(X, x)$ such that $G(U) \subset V$. Therefore, we obtain $U \subset G^+(V) = F^+(V)$ and hence $F(U) \subset V$. This shows that f is upper δ -semicontinuous. \square

Lemma 14. *If $F : X \rightarrow Y$ is a multifunction and Y is semi-regular, then for each open set V of Y , $G^-(V) = F^-(V)$, where G denotes $\alpha\text{-cl}(F)$, $\text{scl}(F)$, $\delta\text{-scl}(F)$, $\text{pcl}(F)$, or $\beta\text{-cl}(F)$.*

Theorem 15. *For a multifunction $F : X \rightarrow Y$, the following are equivalent:*

- (1) F is lower δ -semicontinuous;
- (2) $\delta\text{-scl}(F)$ is lower δ -semicontinuous;
- (3) $\beta\text{-cl}(F)$ is lower δ -semicontinuous;
- (4) $\text{scl}(F)$ is lower δ -semicontinuous;
- (5) $\text{pcl}(F)$ is lower δ -semicontinuous;
- (6) $\alpha\text{-cl}(F)$ is lower δ -semicontinuous.

Theorem 16. *Let $F : X \rightarrow Y$ be a multifunction from a topological space (X, τ) to a topological space (Y, v) . F is lower δ -semicontinuous multifunction if and only if $F(\delta\text{-scl}(A)) \subset \text{cl}(F(A))$ for each $A \subset X$.*

Proof. Suppose that F is lower δ -semicontinuous and $A \subset X$. Since $\text{cl}(F(A))$ is a closed set, it follows that $F^+(\text{cl}(F(A)))$ is a δ -semiclosed set in X from Theorem 6. Since $A \subset F^+(\text{cl}(F(A)))$, then $\delta\text{-scl}(A) \subset \delta\text{-scl}(F^+(\text{cl}(F(A)))) = F^+(\text{cl}(F(A)))$. Thus, we obtain that $F(\delta\text{-scl}(A)) \subset F(F^+(\text{cl}(F(A)))) \subset \text{cl}(F(A))$.

Conversely, suppose that $F(\delta - \text{scl}(A)) \subset \text{cl}(F(A))$ for each $A \subset X$. Let K be any closed set in Y . Then $F(\delta - \text{scl}(F^+(K))) \subset \text{cl}(F(F^+(K)))$ and $\text{cl}(F(F^+(K))) \subset \text{cl}(K) = K$. Hence, $\delta\text{-scl}(F^+(K)) \subset F^+(K)$ which shows that F is lower δ -semicontinuous multifunction. \square

Theorem 17. *Let $F : X \rightarrow Y$ be a multifunction from a topological space (X, τ) to a topological space (Y, ν) . F is lower δ -semicontinuous multifunction if and only if $\delta\text{-scl}(F^+(B)) \subset F^+(\text{cl}(B))$ for each $B \subset Y$.*

Proof. Suppose that F is lower δ -semicontinuous multifunction and $B \subset Y$. Then $F^+(\text{cl}(B))$ is δ -semiclosed in X and $F^+(\text{cl}(B)) = \delta - \text{scl}(F^+(\text{cl}(B)))$. Hence, $\delta\text{-scl}(F^+(B)) \subset F^+(\text{cl}(B))$.

Conversely, let K be any closed set in Y . Then $\delta\text{-scl}(F^+(K)) \subset F^+(\text{cl}(K)) = F^+(K) \subset \delta - \text{scl}(F^+(K))$. Thus, $F^+(K) = \delta - \text{scl}(F^+(K))$ which shows that F is lower δ -semicontinuous multifunction. \square

Definition 18. A space X is said to be δ -semi-compact if every δ -semiopen cover of X has a finite subcover.

Theorem 19. *Let $F : X \rightarrow Y$ be an upper δ -semicontinuous surjective multifunction such that $F(x)$ is compact for each $x \in X$. If X is a δ -semi-compact space, then Y is compact.*

Proof. Let $\{V_\lambda : \lambda \in \Lambda\}$ be a open cover of Y . Since $F(x)$ is compact for each $x \in X$, there exists a finite subset $\Lambda(x)$ of Λ such that $F(x) \subset \cup\{V_\lambda : \lambda \in \Lambda(x)\}$. Put $V(x) = \cup\{V_\lambda : \lambda \in \Lambda(x)\}$. Since F is upper δ -semicontinuous, there exists a δ -semiopen set $U(x)$ of X containing x such that $F(U(x)) \subset V(x)$. Then the family $\{U(x) : x \in X\}$ is a δ -semiopen cover of X and since X is δ -semi-compact, there exists a finite number of points, say, $x_1, x_2, x_3, \dots, x_n$ in X such that $X = \cup\{U(x_i) : i = 1, 2, 3, \dots, n\}$. Hence we have $Y = F(X) = F(\bigcup_{i=1}^n U(x_i)) = \bigcup_{i=1}^n F(U(x_i)) \subset \bigcup_{i=1}^n V(x_i) = \bigcup_{i=1}^n \bigcup_{\lambda \in \Lambda(x_i)} V_\lambda$. This shows that Y is compact. \square

Theorem 20. *Let $(X, \tau), (Y, \nu), (Z, \omega)$ be topological spaces and let $F : X \rightarrow Y$ and $G : Y \rightarrow Z$ be multifunctions. If $F : X \rightarrow Y$ is upper (lower) δ -semicontinuous multifunction and $G : Y \rightarrow Z$ is upper (lower) semicontinuous multifunction, then $G \circ F : X \rightarrow Z$ is a upper (lower) δ -semicontinuous multifunction.*

Proof. Let $V \subset Z$ be any open set. From the definition of $G \circ F$, we have $(G \circ F)^+(V) = F^+(G^+(V))$ ($(G \circ F)^-(V) = F^-(G^-(V))$). Since G is upper

(lower) semicontinuous multifunction, it follows that $G^+(V)$ ($G^-(V)$) is an open set. Since F is upper (lower) δ -semicontinuous multifunction, it follows that $F^+(G^+(V))$ ($F^-(G^-(V))$) is a δ -semiopen set. It shows that $G \circ F$ is a upper (lower) δ -semicontinuous multifunction. \square

Theorem 21. *Let $F : X \rightarrow Y$ be a multifunction from a semi-regular topological space (X, τ) to a topological space (Y, v) . Then F is upper (lower) δ -semicontinuous multifunction if and only if F is upper (lower) quasi-continuous.*

Lemma 22. *Let A and X_0 be subsets of a space (X, τ) . If $A \in \delta SO(X)$ and $X_0 \in \delta O(X)$, then $A \cap X_0 \in \delta SO(X_0)$.*

Lemma 23. *Let $A \subset X_0 \subset X$. If $X_0 \in \delta O(X)$ and $A \in \delta SO(X_0)$, then $A \in \delta SO(X)$.*

Theorem 24. *Let $\{U_\lambda : \lambda \in \Lambda\}$ be a δ -open cover of a space X . Then a multifunction $F : X \rightarrow Y$ is upper δ -semicontinuous (resp. lower δ -semicontinuous) if and only if the restriction $F|_{U_\lambda} : U_\lambda \rightarrow Y$ is upper δ -semicontinuous (resp. lower δ -semicontinuous) for each $\lambda \in \Lambda$.*

Proof. (\Rightarrow) Let $\lambda \in \Lambda$ and V be any open set of Y . Since F is upper δ -semicontinuous, $F^+(V)$ is δ -semiopen in X . By Lemma 22, $(F|_{U_\lambda})^+(V) = F^+(V) \cap U_\lambda$ is δ -semiopen in U_λ and hence $F|_{U_\lambda}$ is upper δ -semicontinuous.

(\Leftarrow) Let V be any open set of Y . Since $F|_{U_\lambda}$ is upper δ -semicontinuous for each $\lambda \in \Lambda$, $(F|_{U_\lambda})^+(V) = F^+(V) \cap U_\lambda$ is δ -semiopen in U_λ . By Lemma 23, $(F|_{U_\lambda})^+(V)$ is δ -semiopen in X for each $\lambda \in \Lambda$. We obtain that $F^+(V) = \bigcup_{\lambda \in \Lambda} (F|_{U_\lambda})^+(V)$ is δ -semiopen in X . Hence F is upper δ -semicontinuous. \square

Theorem 25. *If Y is normal space and $F_i : X_i \rightarrow Y$ is upper δ -semicontinuous multifunction such that F_i is point closed for $i = 1, 2$, then a set $K = \{(x_1, x_2) \in X_1 \times X_2 : F_1(x_1) \cap F_2(x_2) \neq \emptyset\}$ is δ -semiclosed set in $X_1 \times X_2$.*

Proof. Let $(x_1, x_2) \in (X_1 \times X_2) \setminus K$. Then $F_1(x_1) \cap F_2(x_2) = \emptyset$. Since Y is normal and F_i is point closed for $i = 1, 2$, there exist disjoint open sets V_1, V_2 such that $F_i(x_i) \subset V_i$ for $i = 1, 2$. Since F_i is upper δ -semicontinuous, $F_i^+(V_i)$ is δ -semiopen for $i = 1, 2$. Put $U = F_1^+(V_1) \times F_2^+(V_2)$, then U is δ -semiopen and $(x_1, x_2) \in U \subset (X_1 \times X_2) \setminus K$. This shows that $(X_1 \times X_2) \setminus K$ is δ -semiopen and hence K is δ -semiclosed in $X_1 \times X_2$. \square

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