

# Some New Characterizations of Upper/Lower Almost Nearly Quasicontinuous Multifunctions

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## Abstract

*The paper [26] introduces Rychlewicz's notion of upper/lower almost nearly quasicontinuous multifunction as a generalization of upper/lower almost quasicontinuous multifunction [25] and upper/lower nearly continuous multifunctions [9]. The purpose of our paper is to obtain new theorems of characterization for upper/lower almost nearly quasicontinuous multifunctions.*

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## Introduction

The notion of N-closed set is introduced in [6]. The notion of N-continuous function is introduced in [14] and studied in [19, 23] and other papers. Recently, Ekici [8] introduced and studied upper/lower nearly continuous multifunctions as a generalization of upper/lower continuous multifunctions and N-continuous functions. Also, Ekici introduced the notions of upper/lower almost nearly continuous multifunctions as a generalization of upper/lower almost continuous multifunctions [24] and upper/lower nearly continuous multifunctions.

Quite recently, Rychlewicz [26] introduced the notions of upper/lower almost nearly quasicontinuous multifunctions as a generalization of upper/lower almost quasicontinuous multifunctions [25] and upper/lower nearly continuous multifunctions [9].

In this paper we obtain further characterizations of upper/lower almost nearly quasicontinuous multifunctions.

## Preliminaries

Let  $(X, \tau)$  be a topological space and  $A$  a subset of  $X$ .

The closure of  $A$  and the interior of  $A$  are denoted by  $C\ell(A)$  and  $Int(A)$ , respectively. The subset  $A$  of  $(X, \tau)$  is said to be regular open (resp. Regular closed) if  $A = Int(C\ell(A))$  (resp.  $A = C\ell(Int(A))$ ).

**Definition 1.** The subset  $A$  is called  $N$ -closed (relative to  $X$ ) if every cover of  $A$  by regular open sets of  $X$  has a finite subfamily whose union covers  $A$ . A point  $x \in X$  is called a  $\delta$ -cluster point [27] of a subset  $A$  if  $\text{Int}(\text{Cl}(U)) \cap A \neq \emptyset$  for every open  $U$  of  $X$  containing  $x$ . The set of all  $\delta$ -cluster points of  $A$  is called the  $\delta$ -closure of  $A$  and is denoted by  $\text{Cl}_\delta(A)$ . If  $A = \text{Cl}_\delta(A)$  then  $A$  is said to be  $\delta$ -closed [27].

The complement of a  $\delta$ -closed set is said to be  $\delta$ -open.

The union of all  $\delta$ -open set contained in  $A$  is called the  $\delta$ -interior of  $A$  and is denoted by  $\text{Int}_\delta(A)$ .

It is shown in [27] that  $\text{Cl}_\delta(U) = \text{Cl}(U)$  for every open set  $U$  of  $X$  and  $\text{Cl}_\delta(B)$  is closed for every subset  $B$  of  $X$ .

**Definition 2.** The subset  $A$  of a topological space is said to be semi-open [13] (resp. preopen [15],  $\alpha$ -open [17], b-open [14],  $\beta$ -open [1] or semi-preopen [31] if

$$A \subset \text{Cl}(\text{Int}(A)) \quad (\text{resp. } A \subset \text{Int}(\text{Cl}(A)), A \subset \text{Int}(\text{Cl}(A))),$$

$$A \subset (\text{Cl}(A)) \cup \text{Cl}(\text{Int}(A)), A \subset \text{Cl}(\text{Int}(\text{Cl}(A))).$$

The family of all semi-open sets of  $X$  is denoted by  $SO(X)$ .

The family of all semi-open sets of  $X$  contained  $x \in X$  is denoted by  $SO(X, x)$ .

**Definition 3.** The complement of a semi-open (resp. preopen,  $\alpha$ -open, b-open,  $\beta$ -open) set is said to be semi-closed [7] (resp. preclosed [15],  $\alpha$ -closed [16], b-closed [4],  $\beta$ -closed [1]).

**Definition 4.** The intersection of all semi-closed (resp. preclosed,  $\alpha$ -closed, b-closed,  $\beta$ -closed) sets of  $X$  containing  $A$  is called the semi-closure [7] (resp. preclosure [10],  $\alpha$ -closure [16], b-closure [4],  $\beta$ -closure [2] of  $A$  and is denoted by  $\text{SCl}(A)$  (resp.  $\text{pCl}(A)$ ,  $\alpha\text{Cl}(A)$ ,  $\text{bCl}(A)$ ,  $\beta\text{Cl}(A)$ ).

**Definition 5.** The union of all semi-open (resp. preopen,  $\alpha$ -open, b-open,  $\beta$ -open) sets of  $X$  contained in  $A$  is called the semi-interior (resp. preinterior,  $\alpha$ -interior, b-interior,  $\beta$ -interior) of  $A$  and is denoted by

$$S\text{Int}(A) \quad (\text{resp. } \text{pInt}(A), \alpha\text{Int}(A), \text{bInt}(A), \beta\text{Int}(A)).$$

The following lemma is a generalization of Lemma 1 [26].

**Lema 1.** Let  $V$  be any preopen set of  $X$  having  $N$ -closed complement; then  $\text{Int}(\text{Cl}(V))$  is a regular open set having  $N$ -closed complement.

**Proof.** Since  $V$  have  $N$ -closed complement, then  $X - V$  is  $N$ -closed and  $X - \text{Int}(\text{Cl}(V)) \subset X - V$ . Let  $D = \{D_i : i \in I\}$  be a regular open cover of  $X - \text{Int}(\text{Cl}(V))$ . Then  $D \cup \text{Int}(\text{Cl}(V))$  is a regular open cover of  $X - V$ .

Since  $X - V$  is  $N$ -closed there exists a finite  $I_0$  such that  $\{D_i : i \in I_0\} \cup \text{Int}(\text{Cl}(V))$  is a regular open cover of  $X - V \supset X - \text{Int}(\text{Cl}(V))$

Hence  $D' = \{D_i : i \in I_0\}$  is a regular open cover of  $X - \text{Int}(\text{Cl}(V))$ , hence  $\text{Int}(\text{Cl}(V))$  have  $N$ -closed complement.

The following basis properties of semi-closure and semi-interior are useful in the sequel:

**Lema 2.** Let  $A$  be a subset of a topological space  $(X, \tau)$ .

The following holds for the semi-interior and semi-closure of  $A$ :

- (1)  $A$  is semi-closed if and only if  $A = sCl(A)$ ;
- (2)  $A$  is semi-open if and only if  $A = sJnt(A)$ ;
- (3)  $sCl(-A) = X - sJnt(A)$ ,  $sJnt(X_A) = X - sCl(A)$ .

**Definition 6.** A function  $f: (X, \tau) \rightarrow (Y, \sigma)$  is  $N$ -continuous at a point  $x \in X$  [14] if for each open set  $V$  of  $Y$  containing  $f(x)$  and having  $N$ -closed complement, there is an open set  $U$  containing  $x$  such that  $f(U) \subset V$ . The function  $f: (X, \tau) \rightarrow (Y, \sigma)$  is  $N$ -continuous if it has this property at each point  $x \in X$ .

Throughout the present paper  $(X, \tau)$  and  $(Y, \sigma)$  always denote topological spaces and  $F: (X, \tau) \rightarrow (Y, \sigma)$  presents a multivalued function. 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  $F^+(B) = \{x \in X: F(x) \cap B \neq \phi\}$ .

**Definition 7.** A multifunction  $F: (X, \tau) \rightarrow (Y, \sigma)$  is said to be:

- a. Upper nearly continuous [8] (resp. upper almost nearly continuous [9]) at  $x \in X$  if for each open set  $V$  containing  $F(x)$  and having  $N$ -closed complement, there exists an open set  $U$  containing  $x$  such that  $F(U) \subset V$  (resp.  $F(U) \subset Jnt(Cl(V)) = sCl(V)$ );
- b. Lower nearly continuous [8] (resp. lower almost nearly continuous [9]) at  $x \in X$  if for each open set  $V$  which intersects  $F(x)$  and having  $N$ -closed complement, there exists an open set  $U$  containing  $x$  such that  $F(u) \cap V \neq \phi$  (resp.  $F(u) \cap Jnt(Cl(V)) \neq \phi$ ) for every  $u \in U$ ;
- c. upper/lower nearly continuous (resp. upper/lower almost nearly continuous) if it has this property at each point  $x \in X$ .

**Definition 8.** A multifunction  $F: (X, \tau) \rightarrow (Y, \sigma)$  is said to be

- a. upper almost quasi-continuous [25] (resp. upper almost nearly quasi continuous [26]) at  $x \in X$  if for each open set  $U$  containing  $x$  and for each open set  $V$  (resp. for each open set  $V$  having  $N$ -closed complement) containing  $F(x)$ , there exists a nonempty open set  $G$  of  $X$  such that  $G \subset U$  and  $F(G) \subset Jnt(Cl(V)) = sCl(V)$ ;
- b. lower almost quasi-continuous [25] (resp. lower almost nearly quasi-continuous) at  $x \in X$  if for each open set  $V$  (resp. for each open set  $V$  having  $N$ -closed complement) which intersects  $F(x)$ , there exists a nonempty open set  $G \subset U$  and  $F(g) \cap Jnt(Cl(V)) \neq \phi$  for each  $g \in G$ ;
- c. upper/lower almost quasi-continuous (resp. upper/lower almost nearly quasi-continuous) if it has this property at each  $x \in X$ .

**Theorem 1** [26]. For a multifunction  $F: (X, \tau) \rightarrow (Y, \sigma)$  the following properties are equivalent:

- (1)  $F$  is u.a.n.c.;
- (2) For any  $x \in X$  and for any regular open set  $G$  of  $Y$  having  $N$ -closed complement such that  $F(x) \subset G$  and for any open set  $U$  containing  $F(x)$ , there exists a nonempty open set  $W \subset U$  such that  $F(W) \subset G$ ;
- (3) For any  $x \in X$  and for any open set  $G$  of  $Y$  having connected complement such that  $F(x) \subset G$ , there exists a semi-open set  $U$  containing  $x$  such that  $F(U) \subset Jnt(Cl(G))$ ;
- (4)  $F^+(G)$  is a semi-open set for any regular open set  $G$  of  $Y$  having  $N$ -closed complement;
- (5)  $F^-(K)$  is semi-closed set for any regular closed  $N$ -closed set  $K$  of  $Y$ .

**Theorem 2** [26]. For a multifunction  $F: (X, \tau) \rightarrow (Y, \sigma)$  the following properties are equivalent:

- (1)  $F$  is l.a.n.c.;
- (2) For any  $x \in X$  and for any regular open set  $G$  of  $Y$  meeting  $F(x)$  and having  $N$ -closed complement and for any open set  $U$  containing  $x$ , there exists a non-empty open set  $W$  of  $X$  such that  $W \subset U$  and  $F(W) \cap G \neq \phi$ ;
- (3) For any  $x \in X$  and for any open set  $V$  of  $Y$  having  $N$ -closed complement such that  $F(x) \cap V \neq \phi$ , there exists a semi-open set  $U$  containing  $x$  such that  $F(u) \cap Jnt(\mathcal{C}\ell(V)) \neq \phi$  for every  $u \in U$ ;
- (4)  $F^-(G)$  is a semi-open set for any regularly open set  $G$  of  $Y$  having  $N$ -closed complement;
- (5)  $F^+(K)$  is a semi-closed set for any regularly closed  $N$ -closed set  $K$  of  $Y$ .

By Definitions 6, 7 and Theorems 1 and 2 we have  $u.a.c. \Rightarrow u.a.q.c. \Rightarrow l.a.c. \Rightarrow l.a.q.c. \Rightarrow l.a.n.q.c. \Rightarrow u.n.c. \Rightarrow u.a.n.c. \Rightarrow u.a.n.q.c.; l.n.c. \Rightarrow l.a.n.c. \Rightarrow l.a.n.q.c.$

## Characterizations

**Theorem 3.** For a multifunction  $F: (X, \tau) \rightarrow (Y, \sigma)$  the following properties are equivalent:

- (1)  $F$  is u.a.n.q.c.;
- (2)  $F^+(V) \subset sJnt(F^+(s\mathcal{C}\ell(V))) = sJnt(F^+(Jnt(\mathcal{C}\ell(V))))$  for every open  $V$  having  $N$ -closed complement;
- (3)  $s\mathcal{C}\ell(F^-(\mathcal{C}\ell(Jnt(K)))) \subset F^-(K)$  for every closed  $N$ -closed set  $K$  of  $Y$ ;
- (4)  $s\mathcal{C}\ell(F^-(\mathcal{C}\ell(Jnt(\mathcal{C}\ell(B)))) \subset F^-(\mathcal{C}\ell(B))$  for every subset  $B$  of  $Y$  having  $N$ -closed closure;
- (5)  $Jnt(\mathcal{C}\ell(F^-(\mathcal{C}\ell(Jnt(K)))) \subset F^-(K)$  for every closed  $N$ -closed set  $K$  of  $Y$ ;
- (6)  $F^+(V) \subset \mathcal{C}\ell(Jnt(F^+(s\mathcal{C}\ell(V))))$  for every open set  $V$  of  $Y$  having  $N$ -closed complement.

**Proof.** (1) $\Rightarrow$ (2). Let  $V$  be any open set  $Y$  having  $N$ -closed complement and  $x \in F^+(V)$ ; then  $F(x) \subset V \subset s\mathcal{C}\ell(V)$  and hence  $x \notin X^-F^+(s\mathcal{C}\ell(V))$ .

By Lemma 2,  $s\mathcal{C}\ell(V)$  is a regular open set having  $N$ -closed complement and  $Y-s(V)$  is a regular closed  $N$ -closed in  $Y$ .

By Theorem 2(5),  $F^-(Y-s\mathcal{C}\ell(V))$  is a semi-closed set in  $X$ . Therefore, we obtain

$$x \in F^+(s\mathcal{C}\ell(V)) \in SO(X)$$

and hence  $x \in sJnt(F^+(s\mathcal{C}\ell(V)))$ . Consequently  $F^+(V) \subset sJnt(F^+(s\mathcal{C}\ell(V)))$ .

(2) $\Rightarrow$ (3). Let  $K$  be any closed  $N$ -closed set of  $Y$ .

Then  $Y-K$  is open having  $N$ -closed complement. Then we have

$$X-F^-(K) = F^+(Y-K) \subset sJnt(F^+(s\mathcal{C}\ell(Y-K))) = sJnt(F^+Jnt(\mathcal{C}\ell(Y-K))) = sJnt(Y-\mathcal{C}\ell(Jnt(K))) = sJnt(X-F^-(\mathcal{C}\ell(Jnt(K)))) = X-s\mathcal{C}\ell(F^-(\mathcal{C}\ell(Jnt(K)))).$$

Therefore we obtain

$$s\mathcal{C}\ell(F^-(\mathcal{C}\ell(Jnt(K)))) \subset F^-(K).$$

(3) $\Rightarrow$ (4). This is obvious.

(4)  $\Rightarrow$  (5). It follows by Lemma 4.1 from [21] that  $Jnt(C\ell(S)) \subset sC\ell(S)$  for every subset  $S$ . Thus for every closed  $N$ -closed set  $K$  of  $Y$ , we have

$$Jnt(C\ell(F^-(C\ell(Jnt(K)))) \subset sC\ell(F^-(C\ell(Jnt(K)))) = sC\ell(F^-(C\ell(Jnt(C\ell(K)))) \subset F^-(C\ell(K)) = F^-(K).$$

(5)  $\Rightarrow$  (6). Let  $V$  be any open set of  $Y$  having  $N$ -closed complement; then  $Y-V$  is closed  $N$ -closed in  $Y$  and by (5) we have

$$Jnt(C\ell(Jnt(Y-V))) \subset F^-(Y-V) = X - (F^+(V)).$$

Moreover, we have

$$Jnt(C\ell(F^-(Jnt(Y-V)))) = Jnt(C\ell(F^-(Y - Jnt(C\ell(V)))) = Jnt(C\ell(X - (F^+(sC\ell(V)))) = X - C\ell(Jnt(F^+(sC\ell(V)))).$$

Therefore, we obtain  $(F^+(V) \subset C\ell(Jnt(F^+(sC\ell(V))))$ .

(6)  $\Rightarrow$  (1). Let  $x$  be any point of  $X$  and  $V$  be any open set having  $N$ -closed complement such that  $F(x) \subset V$ .

Then  $x \in (F^+(V) \subset C\ell(Jnt(F^+(sC\ell(V))))$ . Let  $U$  be any open set containing  $x$ . Then  $G = U \cap Jnt(F^+(sC\ell(V))) \neq \emptyset$ , hence  $G$  is a non-empty open set contained in  $U$  with  $F(G) \subset sC\ell(V) = Jnt(C\ell(V))$ .

By Theorem 2 (2)  $F$  is u.a.n.c.

**Theorem 4.** For a multifunction  $F: (X, \tau) \rightarrow (Y, \sigma)$  the following properties are equivalent:

- (1)  $F$  is l.a.n.q.c.;
- (2)  $F^-(V) \subset sJnt(F^-(sC\ell(V)))$  for every open set  $V$  having  $N$ -closed complement;
- (3)  $sC\ell(F^+(C\ell(Jnt(K)))) \subset F^+(K)$  for every closed  $N$ -closed set  $K$  of  $Y$ ;
- (4)  $sC\ell(F^+(C\ell(Jnt(C\ell(B)))) \subset (F^+(C\ell(B)))$  for every subset  $B$  of  $Y$  having  $N$ -closed closure;
- (5)  $Jnt(C\ell(F^+(C\ell(Jnt(K)))) \subset F^+(K)$  for every closed  $N$ -closed set  $K$  of  $Y$ ;
- (6)  $F^-(V) \subset C\ell(Jnt(F^-(sC\ell(V))))$  for every set  $V$  having  $N$ -closed complement.

**Proof.** The proof is similar to the proof of Theorem 3.

**Theorem 5.** For a multifunction  $F: (X, \tau) \rightarrow (Y, \sigma)$  the following properties are equivalent:

- (1)  $F$  is u.a.n.q.c.;
- (2)  $sC\ell(F^+(V)) \subset F^-(C\ell(V))$  for every  $\beta$ -open set  $V$  of  $Y$  having  $N$ -closed closure;
- (3)  $sC\ell(F^-(V)) \subset F^-(C\ell(V))$  for every semi-open set  $V$  of  $Y$  having  $N$ -closed closure;
- (4)  $F^+(V) \subset sJnt(F^+Jnt(C\ell(V)))$  for every preopen set  $V$  of  $Y$  having  $N$ -closed complement.

**Proof.** (1)  $\Rightarrow$  (2). Let  $V$  be any  $\beta$ -open set of  $Y$  having  $N$ -closed closure. It follows by Theorem 2.4 from [3] that  $C\ell(V)$  is regular closed. Since  $F$  is u.a.n.q.c. and  $C\ell(V)$  is regular closed  $N$ -closed, by Theorem 2(5) it follows that  $F^-(C\ell(V))$  is semi-closed, hence  $sC\ell(F^-(V)) =$

$F^-(C\ell(V))$ . Therefore,  $sC\ell(F^-(V)) \subset sC\ell(F^-(C\ell(V))) = F^-(C\ell(V))$ , hence  $sC\ell(F^-(V)) \subset F^-(C\ell(V))$ .

(2)  $\Rightarrow$  (3). The proof is obvious since every semi-open set is  $\beta$ -open.

(3)  $\Rightarrow$  (1). Let  $K$  be any regular closed  $N$ -closed set of  $Y$ . Then  $K$  is semi-open set having  $N$ -closed closure and hence  $sC\ell(F^-(K)) \subset F^-(C\ell(K)) = F^-(K)$ . Therefore  $sC\ell(F^-(K)) = F^-(K)$ .

By Lemma 2,  $F^-(K)$  is semi-closed set and by Theorem 2.(5)  $F$  is u.a.n.q.c.

(1) $\Rightarrow$ (4). Let  $V$  be any preopen set having  $N$ -closed complement.

By Lemma 1,  $Jnt(C\ell(V))$  is a regular open set having  $N$ -closed complement. Then by Theorem 2 we have  $F^+(V) \subset F^+(Jnt(C\ell(V))) = s Jnt(F^+(C\ell(V)))$  because  $F^+(Jnt(C\ell(V)))$  is semi-open.

(4) $\Rightarrow$ (1). Let  $V$  be any regular open set having  $N$ -closed complement. Then  $V$  is preopen having  $N$ -closed complement and hence  $F^+(V) \subset s Jnt(F^+(Jnt(C\ell(V)))) = s Jnt(F^+(C\ell(V)))$ . Hence  $F^+(V) = s Jnt(F^+(C\ell(V)))$  and  $F^+(V)$  is semi-open. By Theorem 2.1  $F$  is u.a.n.q.c.

**Theorem 6.** For a multifunction  $F: (X, \tau) \rightarrow (Y, \sigma)$  the following properties are equivalent:

- (1)  $F$  is l.a.n.q.c.;
- (2)  $sC\ell(F^+(C\ell(V))) \subset F^+(C\ell(V))$  for every  $\beta$ -open set  $V$  of  $Y$  having  $N$ -closed closure;
- (3)  $sC\ell(F^+(C\ell(V))) \subset F^+(C\ell(V))$  for every semi-open set having  $N$ -closed closure;
- (4)  $F^-(V) \subset s Jnt(F^-(Jnt(C\ell(V))))$  for every preopen set  $V$  of  $Y$  having  $N$ -closed complement.

**Proof.** The proof is similar to proof of Theorem 3.3.

**Lemma 3** [22]. For a subset  $V$  of a topological space the following properties hold:

1.  $\alpha C\ell(V) = C\ell(V)$  for every  $\beta$ -open set  $V$  of  $Y$ ;
2.  $p C\ell(V) = C\ell(V)$  for every semi-open set  $V$  of  $Y$ .

**Corollary 1.** For a multifunction  $F: (X, \tau) \rightarrow (Y, \sigma)$  the following properties holds:

1.  $F$  is a u.a.n.q.c.;
2.  $(SC\ell(F^-(V))) \subset F^-(\alpha C\ell(V))$  for every  $\beta$ -open set  $V$  of  $Y$  having  $N$ -closed closure;
3.  $SC\ell(F^-(V)) \subset F^-(pC\ell(V))$  for every semi-open set  $V$  having  $N$ -closed closure.

**Corollary 2.** For a multifunction  $F: (X, \tau) \rightarrow (Y, \sigma)$  the following properties are equivalent:

1.  $F$  is l.a.n.q.c.;
2.  $sC\ell(F^+(V)) \subset F^+(C\ell(V))$  for every  $\beta$ -open set  $V$  of  $Y$  having  $N$ -closed closure;
3.  $sC\ell(F^+(V)) \subset F^+(pC\ell(V))$  for every semi-open set  $V$  of  $Y$  having  $N$ -closed closure.

**Theorem 7.** For a multifunction  $F: (X, \tau) \rightarrow (Y, \sigma)$  the following properties are equivalent:

- (1)  $F$  is u.a.n.q.c.;
- (2)  $sC\ell(F^-(C\ell(Jnt(C\ell_\delta(B)))))) \subset F^-(C\ell_\delta(B))$  for every subset  $B$  of  $Y$  with  $C\ell_\delta(B)$   $N$ -closed;
- (3)  $sC\ell(F^-(C\ell(Jnt(C\ell(B)))))) \subset F^-(C\ell_\delta(B))$  for every subset  $B$  of  $Y$  with  $C\ell_\delta(B)$   $N$ -closed;

**Proof.**(1)  $\Rightarrow$  (2). Let  $B$  be any subset of  $Y$  with  $C\ell_\delta(B)$   $N$ -closed.

By Lemma 2 from [27],  $C\ell_\delta(B)$  is closed. Since  $C\ell_\delta(B)$  is closed and  $N$ -closed then by Theorem 3,  $SC\ell(F^-(C\ell(Jnt(C\ell(B)))))) \subset F^-(C\ell(B))$ .

(2) $\Rightarrow$ (3). This is obvious since  $C\ell(B) \subset F^-C\ell_\delta(B)$ .

(3)  $\Rightarrow$ (1). Let  $K$  be a regular closed  $N$ -closed set of  $Y$ ; then by (3) and Theorem 2 from [11] we have  $sC\ell(F^-(K)) = sC\ell(F^-(C\ell(Jnt(K)))) = sC\ell(C\ell(Jnt(C\ell(K)))) \subset F^-(C\ell_\delta(K)) = F^-(K)$ .

Hence  $F^-(K) = sC\ell(F^-(K))$ . By Lemma 2  $F^-(K)$  is semi-closed set.

By Theorem 2  $F$  is u.a.n.q.c..

**Theorem 8.** For a multifunction  $F: (X, \tau) \rightarrow (Y, \sigma)$  the following properties are equivalent:

- (1)  $F$  is l.a.n.q.c.;
- (2)  $sC\ell(F^+(C\ell(Jnt(C\ell_\delta(B)))))) \subset F^+(C\ell_\delta(B))$  for every subset  $B$  of  $Y$  with  $C\ell_\delta(B)$   $N$ -closed;
- (3)  $sC\ell(F^+(C\ell(Jnt(C\ell(B)))))) \subset F^+(C\ell_\delta(B))$  for every subset  $B$  of  $Y$  with  $C\ell_\delta(B)$   $N$ -closed;

**Proof.** The proof is similar to the proof of Theorem 7.

**Definition 9.** The subset  $A$  of a topological space  $(X, \tau)$  is said to be:

- (1)  $\alpha$ -regular [12] if for each  $a \in A$  and each open set  $U$  containing  $a$ , there exists an open  $G$  of  $X$  such that  $a \in G \subset C\ell(G) \subset U$ ;
- (2)  $\alpha$ -paracompact [28] if every  $X$ -open of  $A$  has an  $X$ -open refinement which covers  $A$  and is locally finite for each point of  $X$ .

**Lemma 4** ([23]). If  $A$  is an  $\alpha$ -regular  $\alpha$ -paracompact subset of a topological space  $(X, \tau)$  and  $U$  is an open neighborhood of  $A$ , then there exists an open set  $G$  of  $X$  such that  $A \subset G \subset C\ell(G) \subset U$ .

For a multifunction  $F: (X, \tau) \rightarrow (Y, \sigma)$  by  $C\ell(F)$  [5]:  $(X, \tau) \rightarrow (Y, \sigma)$  /5/ we denote a multifunction defined as follows:

$$C\ell(F)(x) = C\ell(F(x)) \text{ for each } x \in X.$$

Similarly, we denote  $sC\ell(F): (X, \tau) \rightarrow (Y, \sigma)$ ,  $pC\ell(F): (X, \tau) \rightarrow (Y, \sigma)$ ,  $\alpha C\ell(F): (X, \tau) \rightarrow (Y, \sigma)$ ,  $bC\ell(F): (X, \tau) \rightarrow (Y, \sigma)$ ,  $\beta C\ell(F): (X, \tau) \rightarrow (Y, \sigma)$ .

**Lemma 5.** If  $F: (X, \tau) \rightarrow (Y, \sigma)$  is a multifunction such that  $F(x)$  is  $\alpha$ -regular and  $\alpha$ -paracompact for each  $x \in X$ , then  $G^+(V) = F^+(V)$  for every regular open set  $V$  of  $Y$  when  $G$  denotes  $C\ell(F)$ ,  $sC\ell(F)$ ,  $pC\ell(F)$ ,  $\alpha C\ell(F)$ ,  $bC\ell(F)$ ,  $\beta C\ell(F)$ .

**Proof.** Let  $V$  any regular open set of  $Y$  and  $x \in G^+(V)$ .

Then  $G(x) \subset V$  and  $F(x) \subset G(x) \subset V$ . We have  $x \in F^+(V)$  and hence  $G^+(V) \subset F^+(V)$ . Conversely, let  $x \in F^+(V)$ . Then we have  $F(x) \subset V$  and by Lemma 4 there exists an open set  $H$  of  $Y$  such that  $F(x) \subset H \subset C\ell(H) \subset V$ . Since  $G(x) \subset C\ell(F(x))$ ,  $G(x) \subset V$  and hence  $x \in G^+(V)$ . Thus we obtain  $F^+(V) \subset G^+(V)$ . Therefore,  $G^+(V) = F^+(V)$ .

**Lemma 6.** For a multifunction  $F: (X, \tau) \rightarrow (Y, \sigma)$ ,  $G^-(V) = F^-(V)$  for each regular open set of  $Y$ , where  $G$  denotes  $C\ell(F)$ ,  $sC\ell(F)$ ,  $pC\ell(F)$ ,  $\alpha C\ell(F)$ ,  $bC\ell(F)$ ,  $\beta C\ell(F)$ .

**Proof.** Let  $V$  be any regular open set  $V$  of  $Y$  and  $x \in G^-(V)$ .

Then  $G(x) \cap V \neq \emptyset$  and hence  $F(x) \cap V \neq \emptyset$  since  $V$  is open. We have  $x \in F^-(V)$  and hence  $G^-(V) \subset F^-(V)$ . Conversely, let  $x \in F^-(V)$ . Then we have  $\emptyset \neq F(x) \cap V \subset G(x) \cap V$  and hence  $x \in G^-(V)$ . Thus we obtain  $F^-(V) \subset G^-(V)$ . Therefore,  $F^-(V) = G^-(V)$ .

**Theorem 9.** Let  $F: (X, \tau) \rightarrow (Y, \sigma)$  be a multifunction such that  $F(x)$  is  $\alpha$ -regular and  $\alpha$ -paracompact for each point  $x \in X$ .

Then the following properties are equivalent.

- (1)  $F$  is u.a.n.q.c.;
- (2)  $sC\ell(F)$  is u.a.n.q.c.;
- (3)  $pC\ell(F)$  is u.a.n.q.c.;
- (4)  $\alpha C\ell(F)$  is u.a.n.q.c.;

- (5)  $b\mathcal{C}\ell(F)$  is u.a.n.q.c.;
- (6)  $\mathcal{C}\ell(F)$  is u.a.n.q.c.;
- (7)  $\beta\mathcal{C}\ell(F)$  is u.a.n.q.c..

**Proof.** We set  $G = \mathcal{C}\ell(F)$ ,  $s\mathcal{C}\ell(F)$ ,  $p\mathcal{C}\ell(F)$ ,  $\alpha\mathcal{C}\ell(F)$ ,  $b\mathcal{C}\ell(F)$ ,  $\beta\mathcal{C}\ell(F)$ .

Assuming that  $F$  is u.a.n.q.c.. Let  $V$  any regular open set of  $Y$  containing  $G(x)$  and having  $N$ -closed complement.

Then Theorem 2 and Lemma 5 demonstrate that  $G^+(V) = F^+(V) \subset SO(X)$ . By Theorem 2  $G$  is u.a.n.q.c..

Conversely, supposing that  $G$  is u.a.n.q.c.. Let  $V$  any regular open set of  $Y$  containing  $F(x)$  and having connected complement. Then it follows by Theorem 2 and Lemma 5 that  $F^+(V) = G^+(V) \in SO(X)$ . By Theorem 2  $F$  is u.a.n.q.c..

**Theorem 10.** For a multifunction  $F : (X, \tau) \rightarrow (Y, \sigma)$  the following properties are equivalent:

- (1) is l.a.n.q.c.;
- (2)  $\mathcal{C}\ell(F)$  is l.a.n.q.c.;
- (3)  $s\mathcal{C}\ell(F)$  is l.a.n.q.c.;
- (4)  $p\mathcal{C}\ell(F)$  is l.a.n.q.c.;
- (5)  $\alpha\mathcal{C}\ell(F)$  is l.a.n.q.c.;
- (6)  $b\mathcal{C}\ell(F)$  is l.a.n.q.c.;
- (7)  $\beta\mathcal{C}\ell(F)$  is l.a.n.q.c..

**Proof.** The proof is similar to the proof of Theorem 9.

**Theorem 11.** Let  $(X, \tau)$  be a topological space and  $\{U_i : i \in I\}$  a cover of  $X$  by  $\alpha$ -open sets of  $(X, \tau)$ . A multifunction  $F : (X, \tau) \rightarrow (Y, \sigma)$  is u.a.n.q.c. if and if the restriction  $F|_{U_i} \rightarrow Y$  is u.a.n.q.c. for each  $i \in I$ .

**Proof. Necessity.** Suppose that  $F$  is u.a.n.q.c.. Let  $i \in I$  and  $x \in U_i$  and  $V$  be any regular open set of  $Y$  containing  $(F|_{U_i})(x)$  and having  $N$ -closed complement. Since  $F$  is u.a.n.q.c. and  $(F|_{U_i})(x) = F(x)$ , by Lemma 2 there exists  $U_o \in SO(X, x)$  such that  $F(U_o) \subset V$ . Let  $U = U_o \cap U_i$ . Then by Lemma 2 [20] we have  $U \in SO(U_i, x)$  and  $(F|_{U_i})(U) \subset V$ . It follows from Theorem 2 that  $F|_{U_i}$  is u.a.n.q.c..

**Sufficiency.** Let  $x \in X$  and  $V$  be any regular open set containing  $F(x)$  and having  $N$ -closed complement. There exists  $i \in I$  such that  $x \in U_i$  and  $(F|_{U_i})(x) = F(x) \subset V$ . Since  $F|_{U_i}$  is u.a.n.q.c., there exists  $U \in SO(U_i, x)$  such that  $(F|_{U_i})(U) \subset V$ . Since  $U_i \in \alpha(X)$ , it follows from Theorem 2 and Theorem 1 of [18] that  $U \in SO(X, x)$ . Moreover, we have  $F(U) \subset V$ .

**Theorem 12.** Let  $(X, \tau)$  be a topological space and  $\{U_i : i \in I\}$  a cover of  $X$  by  $\alpha$ -open sets of  $(X, \tau)$ . A multifunction  $F : (X, \tau) \rightarrow (Y, \sigma)$  is l.a.n.q.c. if and only if the restriction  $F|_{U_i} \rightarrow Y$  is l.a.n.q.c. for each  $i \in I$ .

**Proof.** The proof is similar to proof of Theorem 5.



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## Unele caracterizări ale multifunțiilor superior/inferior aproape continue

### **Rezumat**

*În lucrarea [24], Rychlewicz a introdus noțiunea de multifuncție superior/inferior aproape cvasicontinuă ca o generalizare a noțiunii de multifuncție superior/inferior aproape continuă [23] și a noțiunii de multifuncție superior/inferior aproape continuă [9]. Scopul lucrării noastre este de a obține noi teoreme de caracterizare a multifunțiilor superior/inferior aproape continue.*