

# ON GENERALIZATIONS OF THE NOTION OF CONTINUITY OF MULTIFUNCTIONS IN BITOPOLOGICAL SPACES

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ABSTRACT. The relations between inclusion quasi-continuity (upper inclusion quasi-continuity, lower inclusion quasi-continuity) and somewhat continuity (upper somewhat continuity, lower somewhat continuity) of the multifunction  $F : X \rightarrow Y$ , where  $X$  is a bitopological space are considered.

## 1. Introduction

The concept of bitopological spaces was introduced by J. C. Kelly in [KE]. Quasi-continuous multivalued functions in topological spaces have been studied by various authors, e.g., T. Neubrunn, J. Ewert, T. Lipski (see [EL], [EN], [NE1] and [NE2]). Quasi-continuous multivalued functions in bitopological spaces have been studied by T. Lipski (see [LI1], [LI2]).

The principal purpose of this article is to generalize the quasi-continuity notion of multifunctions in bitopological spaces in such a way that some properties of this notion can be transferred from topological spaces to bitopological spaces.

## 2. Preliminaries and basic considerations

Let  $F : X \rightarrow Y$  first be a multifunction, where  $X$  and  $Y$  are topological spaces. We know that a multifunction  $F : X \rightarrow Y$  is said to be upper (lower) quasi-continuous multifunctions at  $x_0 \in X$  if for any open set  $V \subset Y$ ,  $F(x_0) \subset V$ ,  $(F(x_0) \cap V \neq \emptyset)$  and for any open neighborhood  $U$  of  $x_0$  there exists a non-empty open subset  $W$  of  $U$  such that  $F(x) \subset V$ ,  $(F(x) \cap V \neq \emptyset)$  for any  $x \in W$ .

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A multifunction  $F : X \rightarrow Y$  is said to be quasi-continuous at  $x_0 \in X$  if for any open sets  $V_1 \subset Y$ ,  $V_2 \subset Y$ ,  $F(x_0) \subset V_1$ ,  $F(x_0) \cap V_2 \neq \emptyset$  and for any open neighborhood  $U$  of  $x_0$  there exists a non-empty open subset  $W$  of  $U$  such that  $F(x) \subset V_1$  and  $F(x) \cap V_2 \neq \emptyset$  for any  $x \in W$  (see [EL], [NE1], [PO1], [PO2]).

A multifunction  $F$  is upper quasi-continuous (lower quasi-continuous, quasi-continuous) multifunction if it is upper quasi-continuous (lower quasi-continuous, quasi-continuous) multifunction at any point of its domain.

Let us consider a bitopological case.

The space  $X$  on which two (arbitrary) topologies  $\tau_1$ ,  $\tau_2$  are defined is called a *bitopological space* and is denoted by  $(X, \tau_1, \tau_2)$  (see [KE]).

Let  $X$  be a bitopological space equipped with two topologies  $\tau_1$ ,  $\tau_2$ , and  $Y$  be a topological space with topology  $\tau$ . There are two ways of generalizing the notion of quasi-continuity of a multifunction.

- I.** A multifunction  $F : X \rightarrow Y$  is said to be  $\tau_1$  *upper intersection quasi-continuous with respect to  $\tau_2$*  ( $\cap uQC_{\tau_2}^{\tau_1}$  for short) at  $x_0 \in X$  if for any open set  $V \subset Y$ ,  $F(x_0) \subset V$  and for any set  $U \in \tau_2$ ,  $x_0 \in U$  there exists a set  $W \in \tau_1$ ,  $W \cap U \neq \emptyset$  such that  $F(x) \subset V$  for any  $x \in W$ . A multifunction  $F : X \rightarrow Y$  is said to be  $\tau_1$  *lower intersection quasi-continuous with respect to  $\tau_2$*  ( $\cap lQC_{\tau_2}^{\tau_1}$  for short) at  $x_0 \in X$  if for any open set  $V \subset Y$ ,  $F(x_0) \cap V \neq \emptyset$  and for any set  $U \in \tau_2$ ,  $x_0 \in U$  there exists a set  $W \in \tau_1$ ,  $W \cap U \neq \emptyset$  such that  $F(x) \cap V \neq \emptyset$  for any  $x \in W$ . A multifunction  $F : X \rightarrow Y$  is said to be  $\tau_1$  *intersection quasi-continuous with respect to  $\tau_2$*  ( $\cap QC_{\tau_2}^{\tau_1}$  for short) at  $x_0 \in X$  if for any open sets  $V_1 \subset Y$ ,  $V_2 \subset Y$ ,  $F(x_0) \subset V_1$ ,  $F(x_0) \cap V_2 \neq \emptyset$  and for any set  $U \in \tau_2$ ,  $x_0 \in U$  there exists a set  $W \in \tau_1$ ,  $W \cap U \neq \emptyset$  such that  $F(x) \subset V_1$  and  $F(x) \cap V_2 \neq \emptyset$  for any  $x \in W$ .

A multifunction  $F$  is  $\tau_1$  upper intersection quasi-continuous, (lower intersection quasi-continuous, intersection quasi-continuous) with respect to  $\tau_2$  if it is  $\tau_1$  upper intersection quasi-continuous (lower intersection quasi-continuous, intersection quasi-continuous) multifunction with respect to  $\tau_2$  at any point of its domain.

A lot of results connected with intersection generalization are contained in Lipski's papers (see [LI1], [LI2]). This kind of generalization is interesting, however some results known for ordinary topological space are not valid in bitopological space. One of these is the following Neubrunn's result (see [NE3]).

*A multifunction  $F : X \rightarrow Y$  is upper (lower) quasi-continuous if and only if its restriction  $F|_B$  is upper (lower) somewhat continuous for any set  $B$  belonging to a base  $\beta$  of open sets in  $X$ .*

So, it seems to be a good idea to consider the other way of generalizing the quasi-continuity.

**II.** A multifunction  $F : X \rightarrow Y$  is said to be  $\tau_1$  *upper inclusion quasi-continuous with respect to*  $\tau_2$  ( $\subset uQC_{\tau_2}^{\tau_1}$  for short) at  $x_0 \in X$  if for any open set  $V \subset Y$ ,  $F(x_0) \subset V$  and for any set  $U \in \tau_2$ ,  $x_0 \in U$  there exists a non-empty set  $W \in \tau_1$ ,  $W \subset U$  such that  $F(x) \subset V$  for any  $x \in W$ . A multifunction  $F : X \rightarrow Y$  is said to be  $\tau_1$  *lower inclusion quasi-continuous with respect to*  $\tau_2$  ( $\subset lQC_{\tau_2}^{\tau_1}$  for short) at  $x_0 \in X$  if for any open set  $V \subset Y$ ,  $F(x_0) \cap V \neq \emptyset$  and for any set  $U \in \tau_2$ ,  $x_0 \in U$  there exists a non-empty set  $W \in \tau_1$ ,  $W \subset U$  such that  $F(x) \cap V \neq \emptyset$  for any  $x \in W$ . A multifunction  $F : X \rightarrow Y$  is said to be  $\tau_1$  *inclusion quasi-continuous with respect to*  $\tau_2$  ( $\subset QC_{\tau_2}^{\tau_1}$  for short) at  $x_0 \in X$  if for any open sets  $V_1 \subset Y$ ,  $V_2 \subset Y$ ,  $F(x_0) \subset V_1$ ,  $F(x_0) \cap V_2 \neq \emptyset$  and for any set  $U \in \tau_2$ ,  $x_0 \in U$  there exists a non-empty set  $W \in \tau_1$ ,  $W \subset U$  such that  $F(x) \subset V_1$  and  $F(x) \cap V_2 \neq \emptyset$  for any  $x \in W$ .

A multifunction  $F$  is  $\tau_1$  upper inclusion quasi-continuous (lower inclusion quasi-continuous, inclusion quasi-continuous) with respect to  $\tau_2$  if it is  $\tau_1$  upper inclusion quasi-continuous (lower inclusion quasi-continuous, inclusion quasi-continuous) multifunction with respect to  $\tau_2$  at any point of its domain.

Note that the inclusion versions of quasi continuity have been introduced by M. Matejdes in more general setting in such a way that the condition “there exists a non-empty open set  $W \in \tau_1$ ,  $W \subset U$ ” is replaced by the condition “there exists a non-empty set  $W \in \mathcal{E}$ ,  $W \subset U$  where  $\mathcal{E}$  is not topology but a non-empty family of non-empty subset of  $X$ ” ([MA1], [MA2]).

Let us mention that not any  $\tau_1$  intersection quasi-continuous with respect to  $\tau_2$  is  $\tau_1$  inclusion quasi-continuous with respect to  $\tau_2$  multifunction. Let us consider the following example.

**EXAMPLE 1.** Let  $F : (X, \tau_1, \tau_2) \rightarrow \mathbf{R}$ , where  $\mathbf{R}$  denotes a space of reals with natural topology, be a multifunction defined by the following formula

$$F(x) = \begin{cases} [0, x] & \text{if } x > 0, \\ \{0\} & \text{if } x = 0, \\ [x, 0] & \text{if } x < 0, \end{cases}$$

and let  $\tau_1$  denotes a natural topology of the real line  $X = \mathbf{R}$ ,  $\tau_2$  denotes a discrete topology. It is easy to verify that  $F$  is  $\tau_1$  intersection upper quasi-continuous (lower quasi-continuous, quasi-continuous) multifunction with respect to  $\tau_2$ , however it is not  $\tau_1$  inclusion upper quasi-continuous (lower quasi-continuous, quasi-continuous) multifunction with respect to  $\tau_2$ .

We can observe that if  $X$  is an ordinary topological space then the above definitions and definitions of upper quasi-continuity, lower quasi-continuity and quasi-continuity are the same.

If  $F : X \rightarrow Y$ , then for  $A \subset Y$  we denote

$$F^{+1}(A) = \{x : F(x) \subset A\} \quad \text{and} \quad F^{-1}(A) = \{x : F(x) \cap A \neq \emptyset\}.$$

Let  $(X, \tau_0)$  be a topological space. A multifunction  $F : X \rightarrow Y$  is said to be  $\tau_0$  upper (lower) somewhat continuous if for any open subset  $V$  of topological space  $Y$  such that  $F^{+1}(V) \neq \emptyset$  ( $F^{-1}(V) \neq \emptyset$ ) we have  $\text{int}_{\tau_0}(F^{+1}(V)) \neq \emptyset$  ( $\text{int}_{\tau_0}(F^{-1}(V)) \neq \emptyset$ ) (see [NE1]). A multifunction  $F : X \rightarrow Y$  is said to be  $\tau_0$  somewhat continuous if for any open subsets  $V_1, V_2$  of topological space  $Y$  such that  $F^{+1}(V_1) \cap F^{-1}(V_2) \neq \emptyset$  we have  $\text{int}_{\tau_0}(F^{+1}(V_1) \cap F^{-1}(V_2)) \neq \emptyset$  (see [EN]).

Let  $A$  be a non-empty topological subspace of  $(X, \tau_0)$ . It is clear that a restricted multifunction  $F|_A : A \rightarrow Y$  is  $\tau_0^A$  upper (lower) somewhat continuous (where  $\tau_0^A$  denotes the induced topology) if for any open set  $V \subset Y$  such that  $(F|_A)^{+1}(V) \neq \emptyset$  ( $(F|_A)^{-1}(V) \neq \emptyset$ ) we have  $\text{int}_{\tau_0^A}((F|_A)^{+1}(V)) \neq \emptyset$  ( $\text{int}_{\tau_0^A}((F|_A)^{-1}(V)) \neq \emptyset$ ). In the case of a restricted multifunction  $F|_A$  we can also consider upper (lower) somewhat continuity with respect to topology  $\tau_0$ . A restricted multifunction  $F|_A$  is said to be  $\tau_0$  upper (lower) somewhat continuous if  $\text{int}_{\tau_0}(F^{+1}(V) \cap A) \neq \emptyset$  ( $\text{int}_{\tau_0}(F^{-1}(V) \cap A) \neq \emptyset$ ) for any open set  $V \subset Y$  such that  $(F|_A)^{+1}(V) \neq \emptyset$  ( $(F|_A)^{-1}(V) \neq \emptyset$ ). Of course, if  $F|_A$  is  $\tau_0$  upper (lower) somewhat continuous multifunction then  $F|_A$  is  $\tau_0^A$  upper (lower) somewhat continuous multifunction. If  $A \in \tau_0$  then the converse theorem is also true. Analogous considerations can be provided for the case of somewhat continuity (not upper or lower). A restricted multifunction  $F|_A$  is said to be  $\tau_0$  somewhat continuous if  $\text{int}_{\tau_0}(F^{+1}(V_1) \cap F^{-1}(V_2) \cap A) \neq \emptyset$  for any open sets  $V_1, V_2 \subset Y$  such that  $F^{+1}(V_1) \cap F^{-1}(V_2) \neq \emptyset$ . Note that in case of a single valued map the upper somewhat continuity, lower somewhat continuity and somewhat continuity become the somewhat continuity for a single valued map introduced in [GH]. It is easy to show the following two theorems which are generalizations of Neubrunn's results.

### 3. Main results

**THEOREM 1.** *Let  $(X, \tau_1, \tau_2)$  be a bitopological space, and  $Y$ —a topological space. IF  $F : X \rightarrow Y$  is a multifunction then the following statements are equivalent:*

- (a) *Multifunction  $F$  is  $\subset uQC_{\tau_2}^{\tau_1}$  ( $\subset lQC_{\tau_2}^{\tau_1}$ ) multifunction.*
- (b) *Multifunction  $F|_U$  is  $\tau_1$  upper (lower) somewhat continuous multifunction for any non-empty  $U \in \tau_2$ .*

- (c) *There exists a basis  $\beta_2$  of topology  $\tau_2$  such that  $F|_U$  is  $\tau_1$  upper (lower) somewhat continuous multifunction for any non-empty  $U \in \beta_2$ .*

We will prove only the “upper case” of this theorem.

**Proof.**

(a)  $\Rightarrow$  (b). Let  $F$  be  $\subset uQC_{\tau_2}^{\tau_1}$  multifunction and let  $U \in \tau_2$ . Let  $V \subset Y$  be an open set such that  $(F|_U)^{+1}(V) \neq \emptyset$ . Therefore, there exists  $x_0 \in U$  such that  $(F|_U)(x_0) \subset V$ . It follows that there exists a non-empty set  $W \in \tau_1$ ,  $W \subset U$  such that  $F(x) \subset V$  for any  $x \in W$ . It means that  $W \subset F^{+1}(V)$ . Therefore,  $W \subset U \cap F^{+1}(V)$ . It implies that  $\text{int}_{\tau_1}(F^{+1}(V) \cap U) \neq \emptyset$ . Since  $V$  was arbitrary chosen, the multifunction  $F|_U$  is  $\tau_1$  upper somewhat continuous multifunction.

(b)  $\Rightarrow$  (c). Obvious.

(c)  $\Rightarrow$  (a). Now, let  $x_0 \in X$  and let  $G$  be an open subset of  $Y$  such that  $F(x_0) \subset G$ . Let  $V \in \tau_2$ ,  $x_0 \in V$ . There exists  $U \in \beta_2$  such that  $x_0 \in U \subset V$ . Because of  $F(x_0) \subset G$  and  $x_0 \in U$  then  $F|_U(x_0) \subset G$  and, consequently,  $(F|_U)^{+1}(G) \neq \emptyset$ . By the assumptions  $\text{int}_{\tau_1}(F^{+1}(G) \cap U) \neq \emptyset$  and therefore there exists a non-empty set  $W \in \tau_1$  such that  $W \subset F^{+1}(G) \cap U$ . So, there exists a non-empty set  $W \in \tau_1$   $W \subset V$  such that  $F^{+1}(x) \subset G$  for any  $x \in W$ . We have shown that  $F$  is  $\subset uQC_{\tau_2}^{\tau_1}$  multifunction at  $x_0$ . Since  $x_0$  was arbitrary chosen, the multifunction  $F$  is  $\subset uQC_{\tau_2}^{\tau_1}$  multifunction.  $\square$

**THEOREM 2.** *Let  $(X, \tau_1, \tau_2)$  be a bitopological space, and  $Y$ —a topological space,  $F : X \rightarrow Y$ —a multifunction. The following statements are equivalent:*

- (a) *Multifunction  $F$  is  $\subset QC_{\tau_2}^{\tau_1}$  multifunction.*
- (b) *Multifunction  $F|_U$  is  $\tau_1$  somewhat continuous multifunction for any non-empty  $U \in \tau_2$ .*
- (c) *There exists a basis  $\beta_2$  of topology  $\tau_2$  such that  $F|_U$  is  $\tau_1$  somewhat continuous multifunction for any non-empty  $U \in \beta_2$ .*

**Proof.**

(a)  $\Rightarrow$  (b). Let  $F$  be  $\subset QC_{\tau_2}^{\tau_1}$  multifunction and let  $U \in \tau_2$ . Let  $V_1, V_2$  be open subsets of the space  $Y$  such that  $(F|_U)^{+1}(V_1) \cap (F|_U)^{-1}(V_2) \neq \emptyset$ . Therefore there exists  $x_0 \in U$  such that  $F(x_0) \subset V_1$  and  $F(x_0) \cap V_2 \neq \emptyset$ . Since  $F$  is  $\subset QC_{\tau_2}^{\tau_1}$  multifunction, it follows that there exists a non-empty set  $W \in \tau_1$ ,  $W \subset U$  such that  $F(x) \subset V_1$  and  $F(x) \cap V_2 \neq \emptyset$  for any  $x \in W$ . It means that  $W \subset F^{+1}(V_1) \cap F^{-1}(V_2)$ . As a result  $\text{int}_{\tau_1}(F^{+1}(V_1) \cap F^{-1}(V_2)) \neq \emptyset$ . Since  $V_1$  and  $V_2$  were arbitrary chosen, the multifunction  $F|_U$  is  $\tau_1$  somewhat continuous multifunction.

(b)  $\Rightarrow$  (c). Obvious.

(c)  $\Rightarrow$  (a). Let  $\beta_2$  be a basis of topology  $\tau_2$  such that  $F|_U$  is  $\tau_1$  somewhat continuous multifunction for any  $U \in \beta_2$ . Let  $x_0 \in X$  and let  $G_1, G_2$  be

open subsets of  $Y$  such that  $F(x_0) \subset G_1$  and  $F(x_0) \cap G_2 \neq \emptyset$ . Let  $V \in \tau_2$ ,  $x_0 \in V$ . There exists  $U \in \beta_2$  such that  $x_0 \in U \subset V$ . Therefore  $(F|_U)^{+1}(G_1) \cap (F|_U)^{-1}(G_2) \neq \emptyset$ . The assumptions imply  $\text{int}_{\tau_1}((F|_U)^{+1}(G_1) \cap (F|_U)^{-1}(G_2) \cap U) \neq \emptyset$  and that there exists a non-empty set  $W \in \tau_1$  such that  $W \subset (F|_U)^{+1}(G_1) \cap (F|_U)^{-1}(G_2) \cap U$ . So, there exists a non-empty set  $W \in \tau_1$   $W \subset V$  such that  $F^{+1}(x) \subset G_1$  and  $F^{-1}(x) \cap G_2 \neq \emptyset$  for any  $x \in W$ . We have shown that  $F$  is  $\subset QC_{\tau_2}^{\tau_1}$  multifunction at  $x_0$ . Since  $x_0$  was arbitrary chosen,  $F$  is  $\subset QC_{\tau_2}^{\tau_1}$  multifunction.  $\square$

**Remark 1.** If we replace the symbol  $\tau_1$  with the symbol  $\tau_1^U$  in Theorem 1 (b), (c) (2 (b), (c)), then implication (c)  $\Rightarrow$  (a) does not hold.

**EXAMPLE 2.** Let  $F : X \rightarrow \mathbf{R}$ , where  $X = \{1, 2, 3\}$  and  $\mathbf{R}$  denotes the space of reals with natural topology, and a multifunction  $F$  be defined by the following formula

$$F(x) = \begin{cases} [-1, 0] \cup \{1\} & \text{if } x \in \{1, 2\}, \\ [-2, 0] & \text{if } x = 3. \end{cases}$$

Let  $\tau_1, \tau_2$  be topologies in  $X$  defined as follows.

$$\begin{aligned} \tau_1 &= \{\emptyset, \{1\}, \{3\}, \{1, 2\}, \{1, 3\}, \{1, 2, 3\}\}, \\ \tau_2 &= \{\emptyset, \{1\}, \{2, 3\}, \{1, 2, 3\}\}. \end{aligned}$$

We can show that  $F|_U$  is  $\tau_1^U$  somewhat continuous (and lower and upper somewhat continuous at the same time) for any non-empty  $U \in \tau_2$ . This multifunction is not  $\tau_1$  somewhat continuous and neither  $\tau_1$  lower nor  $\tau_1$  upper somewhat continuous multifunction. Indeed, let  $U = \{2, 3\}$  and  $V_1 = (-\frac{3}{2}, \frac{3}{2})$ . Then the interior of the set  $(F|_U)^{+1}(V_1) = \{2\}$  is not empty in induced topology  $\tau_1^U$  but empty in topology  $\tau_1$ . Let now  $V_2 = (\frac{1}{2}, \frac{3}{2})$ . Then  $(F|_U)^{-1}(V_2) = \{2\}$  is again not empty in induced topology  $\tau_1^U$  but empty in topology  $\tau_1$ . Let us observe that  $(F|_U)^{+1}(V_1) \cap (F|_U)^{-1}(V_2) = \{2\}$ . Now, let  $x_0 = 2$ , then  $F(x_0) = [-1, 0] \cup \{1\}$ . It implies that  $x_0 \in (F|_U)^{+1}(V_1)$ , but there does not exist a non-empty set  $W \in \tau_1$ ,  $W \subset U$  such that  $W \subset (F|_U)^{+1}(V_1)$ . A multifunction  $F$  is not  $\subset uQC_{\tau_2}^{\tau_1}$  at the point  $x_0$ . In a similar way we can show that  $F$  is not  $\subset lQC_{\tau_2}^{\tau_1}$  and is not  $\subset QC_{\tau_2}^{\tau_1}$  at the point  $x_0$ .

In the case of “intersection” we can prove the two following theorems.

**THEOREM 3.** *Let  $(X, \tau_1, \tau_2)$  be a bitopological space, and  $Y$ —a topological space. If a multifunction  $F : X \rightarrow Y$  is  $\cap uQC_{\tau_2}^{\tau_1}$  ( $\cap lQC_{\tau_2}^{\tau_1}$ ) multifunction then  $F|_U$  is  $\tau_1^U$  upper (lower) somewhat continuous multifunction for any non-empty  $U \in \tau_2$ .*

We will only prove the “lower case” of this theorem.

PROOF. Let  $F$  be  $\cap lQC_{\tau_2}^{\tau_1}$  multifunction and let  $U \in \tau_2$ . Let  $V \subset Y$  be an open set such that  $(F|_U)^{-1}(V) \neq \emptyset$ . Therefore there exists  $x_0 \in U$  such that  $F(x_0) \cap V \neq \emptyset$ . It follows that there exists a set  $W \in \tau_1$ ,  $W \cap U \neq \emptyset$  such that  $F(x) \cap V \neq \emptyset$  for any  $x \in W$ . It means that  $W \subset F^{-1}(V)$ . Therefore,  $W \cap U \subset (F|_U)^{-1}(V)$ . It implies that  $\text{int}_{\tau_1^U}((F|_U)^{-1}(V)) \neq \emptyset$ . Since  $V$  was arbitrary chosen, the multifunction  $F|_U$  is  $\tau_1^U$  upper somewhat continuous multifunction.  $\square$

**THEOREM 4.** *Let  $(X, \tau_1, \tau_2)$  be a bitopological space, and  $Y$ —a topological space. If a multifunction  $F : X \rightarrow Y$  is  $\cap QC_{\tau_2}^{\tau_1}$  multifunction then  $F|_U$  is  $\tau_1^U$  somewhat continuous multifunction for any non-empty  $U \in \tau_2$ .*

PROOF. Let  $F$  be  $\cap QC_{\tau_2}^{\tau_1}$  multifunction and  $U \in \tau_2$ . Let  $V_1, V_2 \subset Y$  be open sets such that  $(F|_U)^{+1} \cap (F|_U)^{-1}(V_2) \neq \emptyset$ . Therefore there exists  $x_0 \in U$  such that  $F(x_0) \subset V_1$  and  $F(x_0) \cap V_2 \neq \emptyset$ . It follows that there exists a set  $W \in \tau_1$ ,  $W \cap U \neq \emptyset$  such that  $F(x) \subset V_1$  and  $F(x) \cap V_2 \neq \emptyset$  for any  $x \in W$ . It means that  $W \subset F^{+1}(V_1) \cap F^{-1}(V_2)$ . Therefore  $W \cap U \subset F^{+1}(V_1) \cap F^{-1}(V_2) \cap U$ . It implies that  $\text{int}_{\tau_1^U}((F|_U)^{+1}(V_1)) \cap ((F|_U)^{-1}(V_2)) \neq \emptyset$ . Since  $V_1, V_2$  were arbitrary chosen, the multifunction  $F|_U$  is  $\tau_1^U$  somewhat continuous multifunction.  $\square$

We cannot replace the symbol  $\tau_1^U$  with the symbol  $\tau_1$  in Theorems 3 and 4. Indeed, a multifunction  $F$  from Example 2 is  $\cap uQC_{\tau_2}^{\tau_1}$ ,  $\cap lQC_{\tau_2}^{\tau_1}$  and  $\cap QC_{\tau_2}^{\tau_1}$  but neither  $\tau_1$  upper somewhat continuous nor lower somewhat continuous, and is not somewhat continuous multifunction.

If  $F : X \rightarrow Y$  is a multifunction such that  $F|_U$  is  $\tau_1$  somewhat continuous (upper somewhat continuous, lower somewhat continuous) multifunction for any non-empty  $U \in \tau_2$ , then by Theorem 1 (Theorem 2) a multifunction  $F$  is  $\subset QC_{\tau_2}^{\tau_1} (\subset uQC_{\tau_2}^{\tau_1}, \subset lQC_{\tau_2}^{\tau_1})$  multifunction. It implies that  $F$  is  $\cap QC_{\tau_2}^{\tau_1} (\cap uQC_{\tau_2}^{\tau_1}, \cap lQC_{\tau_2}^{\tau_1})$  multifunction. It is wondering whether  $\tau_1^U$  somewhat continuity (upper somewhat continuity, lower somewhat continuity) of  $F|_U$  for any non-empty  $U \in \tau_2$  implies  $\cap QC_{\tau_2}^{\tau_1}$  continuity ( $\cap uQC_{\tau_2}^{\tau_1}$  continuity,  $\cap lQC_{\tau_2}^{\tau_1}$  continuity) of  $F$ . An example below gives a negative answer. Consequently, the converse theorems of Theorems 3 and 4 are not valid.

**EXAMPLE 3.** Let  $F : X \rightarrow \mathbf{R}$ , where  $X = \{1, 2\}$  and  $\mathbf{R}$  denotes the space of reals with natural topology and a multifunction  $F$  be defined by the following formula

$$F(x) = \begin{cases} [-2, 0] & \text{if } x = 1, \\ [-1, 1] & \text{if } x = 2. \end{cases}$$

Let  $\tau_1, \tau_2$  be topologies in  $X$  defined as follows.

$$\tau_1 = \{\emptyset, \{1, 2\}\} \quad \text{and} \quad \tau_2 = \{\emptyset, \{2\}, \{1, 2\}\}.$$

We can show that  $F|_U$  is  $\tau_1^U$  somewhat continuous (and lower and upper somewhat continuous at the same time) for any non-empty  $U \in \tau_2$  but neither  $\cap uQC_{\tau_2}^{\tau_1}$  nor  $\cap lQC_{\tau_2}^{\tau_1}$  (and, of course, not  $\cap QC_{\tau_2}^{\tau_1}$ ). Indeed, let  $x_0 = 2$  and  $U = \{2\}$ . Then  $F(x_0) = [-1, 1]$ . Let  $V_1 = (-\frac{3}{2}, \frac{3}{2})$ . We can see that there does not exist a set  $W \in \tau_1$  such that  $F(x) \subset V_1$  for any  $x \in W$ . Now, let  $V_2 = (\frac{1}{2}, \frac{3}{2})$ . Then there does not exist a set  $W \in \tau_1$  such that  $F(x) \cap V_2 \neq \emptyset$  for any  $x \in W$ .

Let us recall the notions of u-density, l-density and density of a collection of subsets.

A collection  $\alpha$  of non-empty subsets of  $Y$  is said to be u-dense (l-dense) in collection  $\beta$  of non-empty subsets of  $Y$  if for any  $U \in \beta$  and any open set  $V \subset Y$  such that  $U \subset V$  ( $U \cap V \neq \emptyset$ ) there exists a set  $W \in \alpha$  such that  $W \subset V$  ( $W \cap V \neq \emptyset$ ) (see [NE2]).

A collection  $\alpha$  of non-empty subsets of  $Y$  is said to be dense in collection  $\beta$  of non-empty subsets of  $Y$  if for any  $U \in \beta$  and any open sets  $V_1, V_2 \subset Y$  such that  $U \subset V_1$  and  $U \cap V_2 \neq \emptyset$  there exists a set  $W \in \alpha$  such that  $W \subset V_1$  and  $W \cap V_2 \neq \emptyset$  (see [EN]).

We know that a multivalued map  $F : X \rightarrow Y$  is upper (lower) somewhat continuous if and only if for any dense set  $S \subset X$  the collection  $\{F(s) : s \in S\}$  is u-dense (l-dense) in the collection  $\{F(x) : x \in X\}$  (see [NE3]). We also know that a multivalued map  $F : X \rightarrow Y$  is somewhat continuous if and only if for any dense set  $S \subset X$  the collection  $\{F(s) : s \in S\}$  is dense in the collection  $\{F(x) : x \in X\}$  (see [EN]). We can generalize these results.

**THEOREM 5.** *Let  $(X, \tau_1, \tau_2)$  be a bitopological space, and  $Y$ —a topological space. A multifunction  $F : X \rightarrow Y$  is  $\subset uQC_{\tau_2}^{\tau_1}$  ( $\subset lQC_{\tau_2}^{\tau_1}$ ) multifunction if and only if for any dense set  $S$  in topology  $\tau_1$  and for any non-empty set  $U \in \tau_2$  the collection  $\{F(s) : s \in U \cap S\}$  is u-dense (l-dense) in the collection  $\{F(x) : x \in U\}$ .*

We will only prove the “lower case” of this theorem.

**Proof.**

$\Rightarrow$ : Let  $F$  be  $\subset lQC_{\tau_2}^{\tau_1}$  multifunction and let  $S$  be a dense subset of  $X$ ,  $V$  an open subset of  $Y$ , and let  $\emptyset \neq U \in \tau_2$ . Let  $F(x_0)$  be a set such that  $F(x_0) \cap V \neq \emptyset$ , where  $x_0 \in U$ . By the assumptions that there exists a non-empty set  $W \in \tau_1$ ,  $W \subset U$  such that  $W \subset F^{-1}(V)$ . Because of  $\tau_1$  density of the set  $S$  and relation  $W \in \tau_1$ , we have  $S \cap W = S \cap W \cap U \neq \emptyset$ . Let  $x_1 \in S \cap W \cap U$ . It implies that  $F(x_1) \cap V \neq \emptyset$ . Moreover,  $x_1 \in S \cap U$ , then  $F(x_1) \in \{F(x) : x \in S \cap U\}$ . The l-density of the family  $\{F(x) : x \in S \cap U\}$  in the family  $\{F(x) : x \in U\}$  was shown.



$\Leftarrow$ : Let us assume that for any dense set  $S$  in topology  $\tau_1$  and for any non-empty set  $U \in \tau_2$  the collection  $\{F(s) : s \in U \cap S\}$  is 1-dense in the collection  $\{F(x) : x \in U\}$ . Suppose that  $F$  is not  $\subset lQC_{\tau_2}^{\tau_1}$  at some point  $x_0$ . Then there exists an open set  $V \subset Y$  such that  $F(x_0) \cap V \neq \emptyset$ , and there exists a non-empty set  $U \in \tau_2$  such that for any non-empty subset  $W \in \tau_1$  of  $U$  we have  $F(x_W) \cap V = \emptyset$  for some element  $x_W \in W$ . Let  $A = (X \setminus U) \cup \{x_W \in W : \emptyset \neq W \in \tau_1 \wedge W \subset U\}$ . We will show  $\tau_1$ -density of the set  $A$ . Let  $G \in \tau_1$ . If  $G \cap (X \setminus U) \neq \emptyset$  then, of course,  $A \cap G \neq \emptyset$ . Now, let  $G \subset U$ . Then there exists  $x_G \in G$  such that  $F(x_G) \cap V = \emptyset$ . It follows that  $x_G \in A$  and  $x_G \in G$ , and again,  $A \cap G \neq \emptyset$ . Let us observe that  $F(x_0) \in \{F(x) : x \in U\}$  and  $F(x_0) \cap V \neq \emptyset$  but  $F(x) \cap V = \emptyset$  for any  $x \in A \cap U$ .  $\square$

**THEOREM 6.** *Let  $(X, \tau_1, \tau_2)$  be a bitopological space, and  $Y$ —a topological space. Then  $F : X \rightarrow Y$  is  $\subset QC_{\tau_2}^{\tau_1}$  multifunction if and only if for any dense set  $S$  in topology  $\tau_1$  and for any non-empty set  $U \in \tau_2$  the collection  $\{F(s) : s \in U \cap S\}$  is dense in the collection  $\{F(x) : x \in U\}$ .*

Proof.

$\Rightarrow$ : Let  $F$  be  $\subset QC_{\tau_2}^{\tau_1}$  multifunction and let  $S$  be a dense subset of  $X$ , let  $V_1, V_2$  be an open subsets of  $Y$  and let  $\emptyset \neq U \in \tau_2$ . Let  $F(x_0)$  be such that  $F(x_0) \subset V_1$  and  $F(x_0) \cap V_2 \neq \emptyset$ , where  $x_0 \in U$ . By the assumptions that there exists a non-empty set  $W \in \tau_2$ ,  $W \subset U$  such that  $F(x) \subset V_1$  and  $F(x) \cap V_2 \neq \emptyset$  for any  $x \in W$ . Because of  $\tau_1$  density of the set  $S$  and relation  $W \in \tau_1$ , we have  $S \cap W = S \cap W \cap U \neq \emptyset$ . Let  $x_1 \in S \cap W \cap U$ . It implies that  $F(x_1) \subset V_1$  and  $F(x_1) \cap V_2 \neq \emptyset$ . Moreover,  $x_1 \in S \cap U$  then  $F(x_1) \in \{F(x) : x \in S \cap U\}$ . The density of the family  $\{F(x) : x \in S \cap U\}$  in the family  $\{F(x) : x \in U\}$  was shown.

$\Leftarrow$ : Let us assume that for any dense set  $S$  in topology  $\tau_1$  and for any non-empty set  $U \in \tau_2$  the collection  $\{F(s) : s \in U \cap S\}$  is dense in the collection  $\{F(x) : x \in U\}$ . Suppose that  $F$  is not  $\subset QC_{\tau_2}^{\tau_1}$  at some point  $x_0$ . Then there exist open subsets  $V_1, V_2$  of the space  $Y$  such that  $F(x_0) \subset V_1$  and  $F(x_0) \cap V_2 \neq \emptyset$ , and there exists a non-empty set  $U \in \tau_2$  such that for any non-empty subset  $W \in \tau_1$  of  $U$  we have  $\neg F(x_W) \subset V_1$  or  $F(x_W) \cap V_2 = \emptyset$  for some element  $x_W \in W$ . Let  $A = (X \setminus U) \cup \{x_W \in W : \emptyset \neq W \in \tau_1 \wedge W \subset U\}$ . We will show  $\tau_1$ -density of the set  $A$ . Let  $G \in \tau_1$ . If  $G \cap (X \setminus U) \neq \emptyset$  then, of course,  $A \cap G \neq \emptyset$ . Now, let  $G \subset U$ . Then there exists  $x_G \in G$  such that  $\neg F(x_G) \subset V_1$  or  $F(x_G) \cap V_2 = \emptyset$ . It follows that  $x_G \in A$  and  $x_G \in G$  and again  $A \cap G \neq \emptyset$ . Let us observe that  $F(x_0) \in \{F(x) : x \in U\}$  and  $F(x_0) \subset V_1$  and  $F(x_0) \cap V_2 \neq \emptyset$  but  $\neg F(x) \subset V_1$  or  $F(x) \cap V_2 = \emptyset$  for any  $x \in A \cap U$ .  $\square$

Let us consider “intersection” case.

Let  $F : X \rightarrow Y$  be a multifunction. By Theorem 6 (Theorem 5) the condition “the collection  $\{F(s) : s \in U \cap S\}$  is dense (u-dense, l-dense) in the collection  $\{F(x) : x \in U\}$ ” implies that “ $F$  is  $\subset QC_{\tau_2}^{\tau_1}$  ( $\subset uQC_{\tau_2}^{\tau_1}$ ,  $\subset lQC_{\tau_2}^{\tau_1}$ ) multifunction” and, consequently, it implies that  $F$  is  $\cap QC_{\tau_2}^{\tau_1}$  ( $\cap uQC_{\tau_2}^{\tau_1}$ ,  $\cap lQC_{\tau_2}^{\tau_1}$ ) multifunction. But the last condition does not imply that the collection  $\{F(s) : s \in U \cap S\}$  is dense (u-dense, l-dense) in the collection  $\{F(x) : x \in U\}$ . Let us consider the multifunction  $F$  from Example 2. We can see that  $2^X \setminus \tau_1 = \{\{1, 2, 3\}, \{2, 3\}, \{1, 3\}, \{2\}, \emptyset\}$ . Let  $S = \{1, 2\}$ . It is obvious that  $\text{cl}_{\tau_1}(\{1, 2\}) = \{1, 2, 3\} = X$ . Therefore  $S$  is a  $\tau_1$ -dense subset of  $X$ . Let  $U = \{2, 3\}$ . Then  $\{F(x) : x \in U\} = \{F(2), F(3)\} = \{[-1, 0] \cup \{1\}, [-2, 0]\}$  and  $\{F(s) : s \in U \cap S\} = \{F(2)\} = \{[-1, 0] \cup \{1\}\}$ . Let  $V_1 = (-\frac{5}{2}, \frac{1}{2})$ . Then  $F(3) \subset V_1$  but  $\neg F(2) \subset V_1$ . It was shown that the collection  $\{F(s) : s \in U \cap S\}$  is not u-dense in the collection  $\{F(x) : x \in U\}$ . Let  $V_2 = (-\frac{5}{2}, -\frac{3}{2})$ . Then  $F(3) \cap V_2 \neq \emptyset$  but  $F(2) \cap V_2 = \emptyset$ . It was shown that the collection  $\{F(s) : s \in U \cap S\}$  is not l-dense in the collection  $\{F(x) : x \in U\}$ . Of course, the collection  $\{F(s) : s \in U \cap S\}$  is not dense in the collection  $\{F(x) : x \in U\}$ .

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