



## On $m$ - $I$ -Continuous Multifunctions

Takashi Noiri<sup>1,\*</sup>, Valeriu Popa<sup>2</sup>

<sup>1</sup> 2949-1 Shiokita-cho, Himagu, Yatsushiro-shi, Kumamoto-ken, 869-5142 Japan

<sup>2</sup> Department of Mathematics, University Vasile Alecsandri of Bacau, 600 115-Bacau, Romania

**Abstract.** Let  $mIO(X)$  be the family of  $\star$ -open (resp.  $\alpha$ - $I$ -open, pre- $I$ -open, semi- $I$ -open,  $\beta$ - $I$ -open, etc.) sets in an ideal topological space  $(X, \tau, I)$ . By using  $mIO(X)$ , we introduce and investigate the notions of an  $m$ - $I$ -continuous multifunction  $F : (X, \tau, I) \rightarrow (Y, \sigma)$  and  $mi^*$ -continuous multifunction  $F : (X, \tau, I) \rightarrow (Y, \sigma, J)$ . The notion of  $mi^*$ -continuity is a generalization of  $m$ - $I$ -continuity and  $i^*$ -continuity [9].

**2020 Mathematics Subject Classifications:** 54C08, 54C60

**Key Words and Phrases:** Minimal structure, ideal topological space,  $m$ - $I$ -open,  $m$ - $I$ -continuous,  $mi^*$ -continuous, multifunction

### 1. Introduction

Semi-open sets, pre-open sets,  $\alpha$ -open sets,  $b$ -open sets and  $\beta$ -open sets play an important role in the research of generalizations of continuity for functions and multifunctions. In 1961, Marcus [23] introduced the notion of quasicontinuity in topological spaces. Neubrunnova [26] showed that quasicontinuity is equivalent to semi-continuity due to Levine [21]. Bănzaru [6] and Bănzaru and Crivăţ [7] extended it to the notion of quasicontinuity for multifunctions. Properties of quasicontinuous multifunctions are further investigated in [13], [33], and [39].

The present authors introduced and studied  $\alpha$ -continuous multifunctions [36], pre-continuous multifunctions [39],  $\beta$ -continuous multifunctions [37]. Przemski [46] also introduced the notions of  $\alpha$ -continuity, precontinuity and presemi-continuity for multifunctions. It is proved in [36] (resp. [39], [37]) that the notion of  $\alpha$ -continuity (resp. precontinuity,  $\beta$ -continuity) for multifunctions in the sense of Popa and Noiri is equivalent to that of  $\alpha$ -continuity (resp. precontinuity, presemi-continuity) in the sense of Przemski.

The notions of minimal structure,  $m$ -continuity,  $M$ -continuity are introduced in [40] and [41]. By using these notions, the present authors unified theory of continuity in [42],

\*Corresponding author.

DOI: <https://doi.org/10.29020/nybg.ejpam.v15i1.4207>

Email addresses: [t.noiri@nifty.com](mailto:t.noiri@nifty.com) (T. Noiri), [vpopa@ub.ro](mailto:vpopa@ub.ro) (V. Popa)

[44], and [28] and other papers. The upper/lower  $m$ -continuous (resp.  $M$ -continuous) multifunctions are introduced and investigated in [42], [44] (resp. [28], [29]) and other papers.

The notion of ideal topological spaces was introduced in [20], [47]. As generalizations of open sets, the notions of semi- $I$ -open sets, pre- $I$ -open sets,  $\alpha$ - $I$ -open sets,  $b$ - $I$ -open sets and  $\beta$ - $I$ -open sets are introduced and studied. The notion of upper/lower- $I$ continuous multifunctions is introduced in [2]. Quite recently other results are obtained in [8], [9], [4], [31] and other papers.

In this paper, by  $mIO(X)$  we denote the family of  $\star$ -open (resp. semi- $I$ -open, pre- $I$ -open,  $\alpha$ - $I$ -open,  $b$ - $I$ -open,  $\beta$ - $I$ -open, etc.) sets in an ideal topological space  $(X, \tau, I)$ . Then we introduce and investigate the notion of an  $m$ - $I$ -continuous multifunction  $F : (X, \tau, I) \rightarrow (Y, \sigma)$  which generalizes the results obtained in [36], [37] and [39]. Furthermore, we introduce the notion of an  $mi^*$ -continuous multifunction  $F : (X, \tau, I) \rightarrow (Y, \sigma, J)$  which generalizes the notions of  $i^*$ -continuous multifunctions [9] and  $m$ - $I$ -continuous multifunctions.

## 2. 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  $\text{Cl}(A)$  and  $\text{Int}(A)$ , respectively.

**Definition 1.** A subset  $A$  of a topological space  $(X, \tau)$  is said to be

- (1)  $\alpha$ -open [27] if  $A \subset \text{Int}(\text{Cl}(\text{Int}(A)))$ ,
- (2) semi-open [21] if  $A \subset \text{Cl}(\text{Int}(A))$ ,
- (3) preopen [24] if  $A \subset \text{Int}(\text{Cl}(A))$ ,
- (4)  $b$ -open [3] if  $A \subset \text{Cl}(\text{Int}(A)) \cup \text{Int}(\text{Cl}(A))$ ,
- (5)  $\beta$ -open [1] if  $A \subset \text{Cl}(\text{Int}(\text{Cl}(A)))$ .

The family of all semi-open (resp. preopen,  $\alpha$ -open,  $b$ -open,  $\beta$ -open) sets in  $(X, \tau)$  is denoted by  $\text{SO}(X)$  (resp.  $\text{PO}(X)$ ,  $\alpha(X)$ ,  $\text{BO}(X)$ ,  $\beta(X)$ ).

Throughout the present paper, spaces  $(X, \tau)$  and  $(Y, \sigma)$  always mean topological spaces and  $F : (X, \tau) \rightarrow (Y, \sigma)$  presents a multivalued function. For a multifunction, we shall denote the upper and lower inverses of a subset  $B$  of  $Y$  by  $F^+(B)$  and  $F^-(B)$ , respectively, that is,

$$F^+(B) = \{x \in X : F(x) \subset B\} \text{ and } F^-(B) = \{x \in X : F(x) \cap B \neq \emptyset\}.$$

Let  $\mathcal{P}(Y)$  be the collection of all nonempty subsets of  $Y$ . For any open set  $V$  of  $Y$ , we denote  $V^+ = \{B \in \mathcal{P}(Y) : B \subset V\}$  and  $V^- = \{B \in \mathcal{P}(Y) : B \cap V \neq \emptyset\}$  [46].

**Definition 2.** A multifunction  $F : (X, \tau) \rightarrow (Y, \sigma)$  is said to be *quasi-continuous* [6], [7], [33] (resp. *precontinuous* [39],  $\alpha$ -continuous [36],  $\beta$ -continuous [37]) at a point  $x \in X$  if for each open sets  $G_1, G_2$  of  $Y$  such that  $F(x) \in G_1^+ \cap G_2^-$ , there exists a semi-open (resp. preopen,  $\alpha$ -open,  $\beta$ -open) set  $U$  of  $X$  containing  $x$  such that  $F(u) \in G_1^+ \cap G_2^-$  for every  $u \in U$ . A multifunction is said to be *quasi-continuous* (resp. *precontinuous*,  $\alpha$ -continuous,  $\beta$ -continuous) if it has this property at each point of  $x \in X$ .

### 3. $m$ -continuous multifunctions

**Definition 3.** A subfamily  $m_X$  of the power set  $\mathcal{P}(X)$  of a nonempty set  $X$  is called a *minimal structure* (briefly *m-structure*) on  $X$  if  $\emptyset \in m_X$  and  $X \in m_X$ . Each member of  $m_X$  is said to be  *$m_X$ -open* (briefly *m-open*) and the complement of an  $m_X$ -open set is said to be  *$m_X$ -closed*. (briefly *m-closed*). A set  $X$  with an  $m_X$ -structure  $m_X$  is called an *m-space* and is denoted by  $(X, m_X)$

**Remark 1.** Let  $(X, \tau)$  be a topological space. Then the families  $\tau, \alpha(X), \text{SO}(X), \text{PO}(X), \text{BO}(X), \beta(X)$  are all  $m$ -structures on  $X$ .

**Definition 4.** Let  $X$  be a nonempty set and  $m_X$  an  $m$ -structure on  $X$ . For a subset  $A$  of  $X$ , the  *$m_X$ -closure* of  $A$  and the  *$m_X$ -interior* of  $A$  are defined in [22] as follows:

- (1)  $\text{mCl}(A) = \bigcap \{F : A \subset F, X - F \in m_X\}$ ,
- (2)  $\text{mInt}(A) = \bigcup \{U : U \subset A, U \in m_X\}$ .

**Remark 2.** Let  $(X, \tau)$  be a topological space and  $A$  a subset of  $X$ . If  $m_X = \tau$  (resp.  $\text{SO}(X), \text{PO}(X), \text{BO}(X), \alpha(X), \beta(X)$ ), then we have

- (1)  $\text{mCl}(A) = \text{Cl}(A)$  (resp.  $\text{sCl}(A), \text{pCl}(A), \text{bCl}(A), \alpha\text{Cl}(A), \beta\text{Cl}(A)$ ),
- (2)  $\text{mInt}(A) = \text{Int}(A)$  (resp.  $\text{sInt}(A), \text{pInt}(A), \text{bInt}(A), \alpha\text{Int}(A), \beta\text{Int}(A)$ ).

**Lemma 1.** ([22]). Let  $(X, m_X)$  be an  $m$ -space. For subsets  $A$  and  $B$  of  $X$ , the following properties hold:

- (1)  $\text{mCl}(X - A) = X - \text{mInt}(A)$  and  $\text{mInt}(X - A) = X - \text{mCl}(A)$ ,
- (2) If  $(X - A) \in m_X$ , then  $\text{mCl}(A) = A$  and if  $A \in m_X$ , then  $\text{mInt}(A) = A$ ,
- (3)  $\text{mCl}(\emptyset) = \emptyset, \text{mCl}(X) = X, \text{mInt}(\emptyset) = \emptyset$  and  $\text{mInt}(X) = X$ ,
- (4) If  $A \subset B$ , then  $\text{mCl}(A) \subset \text{mCl}(B)$  and  $\text{mInt}(A) \subset \text{mInt}(B)$ ,
- (5)  $A \subset \text{mCl}(A)$  and  $\text{mInt}(A) \subset A$ ,
- (6)  $\text{mCl}(\text{mCl}(A)) = \text{mCl}(A)$  and  $\text{mInt}(\text{mInt}(A)) = \text{mInt}(A)$ .

**Definition 5.** A minimal structure  $m_X$  on a nonempty set  $X$  is said to have *property  $\mathcal{B}$*  [22] if the union of any family of subsets belonging to  $m_X$  belongs to  $m_X$ .

**Remark 3.** Let  $(X, \tau)$  be a topological space. Then the families  $\tau, \text{SO}(X), \text{PO}(X), \alpha(X), \text{BO}(X)$  and  $\beta(X)$  are all minimal structures having property  $\mathcal{B}$ .

**Lemma 2.** Let  $X$  be a nonempty set and  $m_X$  an  $m$ -structure with property  $\mathcal{B}$ . Then, the following properties are hold:

- (1)  $\text{mInt}(A) = A$  if and only if  $A \in m_X$ ,
- (2)  $\text{mCl}(A) = A$  if and only if  $A$  is  $m$ -closed,
- (3)  $\text{mInt}(A) \in m_X$  and  $\text{mCl}(A)$  is  $m$ -closed.

**Definition 6.** A multifunction  $F : (X, m_X) \rightarrow (Y, \sigma)$  is said to be  *$m$ -continuous* at  $x \in X$  [42] if for each open sets  $V_1, V_2$  of  $Y$  such that  $F(x) \in V_1^+ \cap V_2^-$ , there exists  $U \in m_X$  containing  $x$  such that  $F(u) \in V_1^+ \cap V_2^-$  for every  $u \in U$ .  $F$  is said to be  *$m$ -continuous* if it has the property at each point of  $X$ .

**Remark 4.** Let  $F : (X, m_X) \rightarrow (Y, \sigma)$  be a multifunction. If  $m_X = \text{SO}(X)$  (resp.  $\text{PO}(X)$ ,  $\alpha(X)$ ,  $\text{BO}(X)$ ,  $\beta(X)$ ), then  $F$  is quasi-continuous (resp. precontinuous,  $\alpha$ -continuous,  $b$ -continuous,  $\beta$ -continuous).

**Theorem 1.** ([44]). For a multifunction  $F : (X, m_X) \rightarrow (Y, \sigma)$ , the following properties are equivalent:

- (1)  $F$  is  $m$ -continuous at  $x \in X$ ;
- (2)  $F(x) \in V_1^+ \cap V_2^-$  implies  $x \in m\text{Int}[F^+(V_1) \cap F^-(V_2)]$  for every open sets  $V_1, V_2$  of  $Y$ ;
- (3)  $x \in m\text{Cl}(F^-(B_1) \cup F^+(B_2))$  implies  $x \in F^-(\text{Cl}(B_1)) \cup F^+(\text{Cl}(B_2))$  for every subsets  $B_1, B_2$  of  $Y$ ;
- (4)  $x \in F^-(\text{Int}(B_1)) \cap F^+(\text{Int}(B_2))$  implies  $x \in \text{Int}(F^-(B_1) \cap F^+(B_2))$  for every subsets  $B_1, B_2$  of  $Y$ .

**Theorem 2.** ([42]). For a multifunction  $F : (X, m_X) \rightarrow (Y, \sigma)$ , the following properties are equivalent:

- (1)  $F$  is  $m$ -continuous;
- (2)  $F^+(G_1) \cap F^-(G_2) = m\text{Int}(F^+(G_1) \cap F^-(G_2))$  for every open sets  $G_1, G_2$  of  $Y$ ;
- (3)  $F^-(K_1) \cup F^+(K_2) = m\text{Cl}(F^-(K_1) \cup F^+(K_2))$  for every closed sets  $K_1, K_2$  of  $Y$ ;
- (4)  $m\text{Cl}(F^-(B_1) \cup F^+(B_2)) \subset F^-(\text{Cl}(B_1)) \cup F^+(\text{Cl}(B_2))$  for every subsets  $B_1, B_2$  of  $Y$ ;
- (5)  $F^-(\text{Int}(B_1)) \cap F^+(\text{Int}(B_2)) \subset m\text{Int}(F^-(B_1) \cap F^+(B_2))$  for every subsets  $B_1, B_2$  of  $Y$ .

For a multifunction  $F : (X, m_X) \rightarrow (Y, \sigma)$ , we define  $D_m(F)$  as follows:

$$D_m(F) = \{x \in X : F \text{ is not } m\text{-continuous at } x\}.$$

**Theorem 3.** ([44]). For a multifunction  $F : (X, m_X) \rightarrow (Y, \sigma)$ , the following equalities hold:

$$\begin{aligned} D_m(F) &= \bigcup_{G_1, G_2 \in \sigma} \{F^+(G_1) \cap F^-(G_2) - m\text{Int}(F^+(G_1) \cap F^-(G_2))\} \\ &= \bigcup_{B_1, B_2 \in \mathcal{P}(Y)} \{F^-(\text{Int}(B_1)) \cap F^+(\text{Int}(B_2)) - m\text{Int}(F^-(B_1) \cap F^+(B_2))\} \\ &= \bigcup_{B_1, B_2 \in \mathcal{P}(Y)} \{m\text{Cl}(F^-(B_1) \cup F^+(B_2)) - [F^-(\text{Cl}(B_1)) \cup F^+(\text{Cl}(B_2))]\} \\ &= \bigcup_{H_1, H_2 \in \mathcal{F}} \{m\text{Cl}(F^-(H_1) \cup F^+(H_2)) - [F^-(H_1) \cup F^+(H_2)]\}, \end{aligned}$$

where  $\mathcal{F}$  is the family of closed sets of  $(Y, \sigma)$ .

**Definition 7.** ([42]). Let  $(X, m_X)$  be an  $m$ -space. For a subset  $A$  of  $X$ , the  $m_X$ -frontier  $m\text{Fr}(A)$  of  $A$  is defined as follows:

$$m\text{Fr}(A) = m\text{Cl}(A) \cap m\text{Cl}(X - A).$$

**Theorem 4.** ([42]). The set of all points  $x \in X$  at which a multifunction  $F : (X, \tau, I) \rightarrow (Y, \sigma)$  is not  $m$ -continuous is identical with the union of the  $m_X$ -frontiers of the intersections of upper/lower inverse images of open sets containing/meeting  $F(x)$ .

**Definition 8.** A subset  $B$  of a topological space  $(Y, \sigma)$  is said to be

- (1)  $\alpha$ -regular [19] if for each  $b \in B$  and any open set  $U$  containing  $b$ , there exists an

open set  $G$  of  $Y$  such that  $b \in G \subset \text{Cl}(G) \subset U$ ,

(2)  $\alpha$ -paracompact [48] if every  $\sigma$ -open cover of  $B$  has a  $\sigma$ -open refinement which covers  $B$  and is locally finite for each point of  $Y$ .

For a multifunction  $F : (X, m_X) \rightarrow (Y, \sigma)$ , by  $\text{Cl}(F) : X \rightarrow Y$  [6] we denote a multifunction defined as follows:  $\text{Cl}(F)(x) = \text{Cl}(F(x))$  for each  $x \in X$ . Similarly,  $\text{sCl}(F)$  (resp.  $\text{pCl}(F)$ ,  $\alpha\text{Cl}(F)$ ,  $\text{bCl}(F)$ ,  $\beta\text{Cl}(F)$ ) is defined in [32] (resp. [34], [35], [8], [38]).

**Theorem 5.** ([42]). *Let  $F : (X, m_X) \rightarrow (Y, \sigma)$  be a multifunction such that  $F(x)$  is  $\alpha$ -regular and  $\alpha$ -paracompact for each  $x \in X$ . Then the following properties are equivalent:*

- (1)  $F$  is  $m$ -continuous;
- (2)  $G$  is  $m$ -continuous, where  $G = \text{Cl}(F)$ ,  $\text{sCl}(F)$ ,  $\text{pCl}(F)$ ,  $\alpha\text{Cl}(F)$ ,  $\text{bCl}(F)$ , and  $\beta\text{Cl}(F)$ .

**Definition 9.** ([42]). A multifunction  $F : (X, m_X) \rightarrow (Y, \sigma)$  is said to be

- (1) *upper  $m$ -continuous* at  $x \in X$  if for each open set  $V$  containing  $F(x)$ , there exists  $U \in m_X$  containing  $x$  such that  $F(U) \subset V$ ,
- (2) *lower  $m$ -continuous* at  $x \in X$  if for each open set  $V$  meeting  $F(x)$ , there exists  $U \in m_X$  containing  $x$  such that  $F(u) \cap V \neq \emptyset$  for every  $u \in U$ ,
- (3) *upper/lower  $m$ -continuous* if it has this property at each point  $x \in X$ .

**Theorem 6.** ([42]). *Let  $X$  be a nonempty set with two  $m$ -structures  $m_X^1$  and  $m_X^2$  satisfying property  $\mathcal{B}$  such that  $V_1 \in m_X^1$  and  $V_2 \in m_X^2$  implies  $V_1 \cap V_2 \in m_X^1$ . If a multifunction  $F : (X, m_X^1) \rightarrow (Y, \sigma)$  is upper  $m$ -continuous and  $F : (X, m_X^2) \rightarrow (Y, \sigma)$  is lower  $m$ -continuous, then  $F : (X, m_X^1) \rightarrow (Y, \sigma)$  is  $m$ -continuous.*

**Theorem 7.** ([42]). *Let  $X$  be a nonempty set with two  $m$ -structures  $m_X^1$  and  $m_X^2$  satisfying property  $\mathcal{B}$  such that  $V_1 \in m_X^1$  and  $V_2 \in m_X^2$  implies  $V_1 \cap V_2 \in m_X^1$ . If a multifunction  $F : (X, m_X^1) \rightarrow (Y, \sigma)$  is lower  $m$ -continuous and  $F : (X, m_X^2) \rightarrow (Y, \sigma)$  is upper  $m$ -continuous, then  $F : (X, m_X^1) \rightarrow (Y, \sigma)$  is  $m$ -continuous.*

#### 4. Ideal topological spaces

Let  $(X, \tau)$  be a topological space. The notion of ideals has been introduced in [20] and [47] and further investigated in [18]

**Definition 10.** A nonempty collection  $I$  of subsets of a set  $X$  is called an *ideal on  $X$*  if it satisfies the following two conditions:

- (1)  $A \in I$  and  $B \subset A$  implies  $B \in I$ ,
- (2)  $A \in I$  and  $B \in I$  implies  $A \cup B \in I$ .

A topological space  $(X, \tau)$  with an ideal  $I$  on  $X$  is called an *ideal topological space* and is denoted by  $(X, \tau, I)$ . Let  $(X, \tau, I)$  be an ideal topological space. For any subset  $A$  of  $X$ ,  $A^*(I, \tau) = \{x \in X : U \cap A \notin I \text{ for every } U \in \tau(x)\}$ , where  $\tau(x) = \{U \in \tau : x \in U\}$ , is called the *local function* of  $A$  with respect to  $\tau$  and  $I$  [18]. Hereafter  $A^*(I, \tau)$  is simply denoted by  $A^*$ . It is well known that  $\text{Cl}^*(A) = A \cup A^*$  defines a Kuratowski closure operator on  $X$  and the topology generated by  $\text{Cl}^*$  is denoted by  $\tau^*$ .

**Lemma 3.** Let  $(X, \tau, I)$  be an ideal topological space and  $A, B$  be subsets of  $X$ . Then the following properties hold:

- (1)  $A \subset B$  implies  $\text{Cl}^*(A) \subset \text{Cl}^*(B)$ ,
- (2)  $\text{Cl}^*(X) = X$  and  $\text{Cl}^*(\emptyset) = \emptyset$ ,
- (3)  $\text{Cl}^*(A) \cup \text{Cl}^*(B) \subset \text{Cl}^*(A \cup B)$ .

**Definition 11.** Let  $(X, \tau, I)$  be an ideal topological space. A subset  $A$  of  $X$  is said to be

- (1)  $\alpha$ - $I$ -open [16] if  $A \subset \text{Int}(\text{Cl}^*(\text{Int}(A)))$ ,
- (2) semi- $I$ -open [16] if  $A \subset \text{Cl}^*(\text{Int}(A))$ ,
- (3) pre- $I$ -open [10] if  $A \subset \text{Int}(\text{Cl}^*(A))$ ,
- (4)  $b$ - $I$ -open [5] if  $A \subset \text{Int}(\text{Cl}^*(A)) \cup \text{Cl}^*(\text{Int}(A))$ ,
- (5)  $\beta$ - $I$ -open [17] if  $A \subset \text{Cl}(\text{Int}(\text{Cl}^*(A)))$ ,
- (6) weakly semi- $I$ -open [14] if  $A \subset \text{Cl}^*(\text{Int}(\text{Cl}(A)))$ ,
- (7) weakly  $b$ - $I$ -open [25] if  $A \subset \text{Cl}(\text{Int}(\text{Cl}^*(A))) \cup \text{Cl}^*(\text{Int}(\text{Cl}(A)))$ ,
- (8) strongly  $\beta$ - $I$ -open [15] if  $A \subset \text{Cl}^*(\text{Int}(\text{Cl}^*(A)))$ ,
- (9) semi\*- $I$ -open [12] if  $A \subset \text{Cl}(\text{Int}^*(A))$ ,
- (10) pre\*- $I$ -open [11] if  $A \subset \text{Int}^*(\text{Cl}(A))$ ,
- (11)  $\beta_I^*$ -open [11] if  $A \subset \text{Cl}(\text{Int}^*(\text{Cl}(A)))$ .

The family of all  $\alpha$ - $I$ -open (resp. semi- $I$ -open, pre- $I$ -open,  $b$ - $I$ -open,  $\beta$ - $I$ -open, weakly semi- $I$ -open, weakly  $b$ - $I$ -open, strongly  $\beta$ - $I$ -open, semi\*- $I$ -open, pre\*- $I$ -open,  $\beta_I^*$ -open) sets in an ideal topological space  $(X, \tau, I)$  is denoted by  $\alpha\text{IO}(X)$  (resp.  $\text{SIO}(X)$ ,  $\text{PIO}(X)$ ,  $\text{BIO}(X)$ ,  $\beta\text{IO}(X)$ ,  $\text{WSIO}(X)$ ,  $\text{WBIO}(X)$ ,  $\text{S}\beta\text{IO}(X)$ ,  $\text{S}^*\text{IO}(X)$ ,  $\text{P}^*\text{IO}(X)$ ,  $\beta_I\text{O}(X)$ ).

**Definition 12.** By  $\text{mIO}(X)$ , we denote each one of the families  $\tau^*$ ,  $\alpha\text{IO}(X)$ ,  $\text{SIO}(X)$ ,  $\text{PIO}(X)$ ,  $\text{BIO}(X)$ ,  $\beta\text{IO}(X)$ ,  $\text{WSIO}(X)$ ,  $\text{WBIO}(X)$ ,  $\text{S}\beta\text{IO}(X)$ ,  $\text{S}^*\text{IO}(X)$ ,  $\text{P}^*\text{IO}(X)$ ,  $\beta^*\text{IO}(X)$ .

**Lemma 4.** Let  $(X, \tau, I)$  be an ideal topological space. Then  $\text{mIO}(X)$  is a minimal structure and has property  $\mathcal{B}$ .

**Definition 13.** Let  $(X, \tau, I)$  be an ideal topological space. For a subset  $A$  of  $X$ ,  $\text{mCl}_I(A)$  and  $\text{mInt}_I(A)$  are defined as follows:

- (1)  $\text{mCl}_I(A) = \cap\{F : A \subset F, X \setminus F \in \text{mIO}(X)\}$ ,
- (2)  $\text{mInt}_I(A) = \cup\{U : U \subset A, U \in \text{mIO}(X)\}$ .

Let  $(X, \tau, I)$  be an ideal topological space and  $\text{mIO}(X)$  the  $m_X$ -structure on  $X$ . If  $\text{mIO}(X) = \tau^*$  (resp.  $\alpha\text{IO}(X)$ ,  $\text{SIO}(X)$ ,  $\text{PIO}(X)$ ,  $\text{BIO}(X)$ ,  $\beta\text{IO}(X)$ ,  $\text{WSIO}(X)$ ,  $\text{WBIO}(X)$ ,  $\text{S}\beta\text{IO}(X)$ ),  $\text{S}^*\text{IO}(X)$ ,  $\text{P}^*\text{IO}(X)$ ,  $\beta^*\text{IO}(X)$ , then we have the following:

- (1)  $\text{mCl}_I(A) = \text{Cl}^*(A)$  (resp.  $\alpha\text{Cl}_I(A)$ ,  $\text{sCl}_I(A)$ ,  $\text{pCl}_I(A)$ ,  $\text{bCl}_I(A)$ ,  $\beta\text{Cl}_I(A)$ ,  $\text{wsCl}_I(A)$ ,  $\text{wbCl}_I(A)$ ,  $\text{s}\beta\text{Cl}_I(A)$ ,  $\text{s}^*\text{Cl}_I(A)$ ,  $\text{p}^*\text{Cl}_I(A)$ ,  $\beta^*\text{Cl}_I(A)$ ),
- (2)  $\text{mInt}_I(A) = \text{Int}^*(A)$  (resp.  $\alpha\text{Int}_I(A)$ ,  $\text{sInt}_I(A)$ ,  $\text{pInt}_I(A)$ ,  $\text{bInt}_I(A)$ ,  $\beta\text{Int}_I(A)$ ,  $\text{wsInt}_I(A)$ ,  $\text{wbInt}_I(A)$ ,  $\text{s}\beta\text{Int}_I(A)$ ,  $\text{s}^*\text{Int}_I(A)$ ,  $\text{p}^*\text{Int}_I(A)$ ,  $\beta^*\text{Int}_I(A)$ ).

## 5. $m$ - $I$ -continuous multifunctions

**Definition 14.** A multifunction  $F : (X, \tau, I) \rightarrow (Y, \sigma)$  is said to be  $m$ - $I$ -continuous at  $x \in X$  if for each open sets  $V_1, V_2$  of  $Y$  such that  $F(x) \in V_1^+ \cap V_2^-$ , there exists  $U \in \text{mIO}(X)$

containing  $x$  such that  $F(u) \in V_1^+ \cap V_2^-$  for every  $u \in U$ .  $F$  is said to be  $m$ - $I$ -continuous if it has the property at each point of  $X$ .

By Theorem 1 and Definition 13, we obtain the following theorem.

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

- (1)  $F$  is  $m$ - $I$ -continuous at  $x \in X$ ;
- (2)  $F(x) \in V_1^+ \cap V_2^-$  implies  $x \in m\text{Int}_I[F^+(V_1) \cap F^-(V_2)]$  for every open sets  $V_1, V_2$  of  $Y$ ;
- (3)  $x \in m\text{Cl}_I(F^-(B_1) \cup F^+(B_2))$  implies  $x \in F^-(\text{Cl}(B_1)) \cup F^+(\text{Cl}(B_2))$  for every subsets  $B_1, B_2$  of  $Y$ ;
- (4)  $x \in F^-(\text{Int}(B_1)) \cap F^+(\text{Int}(B_2))$  implies  $x \in m\text{Int}_I(F^-(B_1) \cap F^+(B_2))$  for every subsets  $B_1, B_2$  of  $Y$ .

By Theorem 2 and Definition 13, we obtain the following theorem:

**Theorem 9.** For a multifunction  $F : (X, \tau, I) \rightarrow (Y, \sigma)$ , the following properties are equivalent:

- (1)  $F$  is  $m$ - $I$ -continuous;
- (2)  $F^+(G_1) \cap F^-(G_2) \in m\text{IO}(X)$  for every open sets  $G_1, G_2$  of  $Y$ ;
- (3)  $F^-(K_1) \cup F^+(K_2)$  is  $m$ - $I$ -closed for every closed sets  $K_1, K_2$  of  $Y$ ;
- (4)  $m\text{Cl}_I(F^-(B_1) \cup F^+(B_2)) \subset F^-(\text{Cl}(B_1)) \cup F^+(\text{Cl}(B_2))$  for every subsets  $B_1, B_2$  of  $Y$ ;
- (5)  $F^-(\text{Int}(B_1)) \cap F^+(\text{Int}(B_2)) \subset m\text{Int}_I(F^-(B_1) \cap F^+(B_2))$  for every subsets  $B_1, B_2$  of  $Y$ .

Let  $m\text{IO}(X) = \tau^*$ , then by Theorem 9, we obtain the following corollary:

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

- (1)  $F$  is  $\tau^*$ -continuous;
- (2)  $F^+(G_1) \cap F^-(G_2) \in \tau^*$  for every open sets  $G_1, G_2$  of  $Y$ ;
- (3)  $F^-(K_1) \cup F^+(K_2)$  is  $\tau^*$ -closed for every closed sets  $K_1, K_2$  of  $Y$ ;
- (4)  $\text{Cl}^*(F^-(B_1) \cup F^+(B_2)) \subset F^-(\text{Cl}(B_1)) \cup F^+(\text{Cl}(B_2))$  for every subsets  $B_1, B_2$  of  $Y$ ;
- (5)  $F^-(\text{Int}(B_1)) \cap F^+(\text{Int}(B_2)) \subset \text{Int}^*(F^-(B_1) \cap F^+(B_2))$  for every subsets  $B_1, B_2$  of  $Y$ .

Let  $m\text{IO}(X) = \text{SIO}(X)$ , then by Theorem 9, we obtain the following corollary:

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

- (1)  $F$  is semi- $I$ -continuous;
- (2)  $F^+(G_1) \cap F^-(G_2) \in \text{SIO}(X)$  for every open sets  $G_1, G_2$  of  $Y$ ;
- (3)  $F^-(K_1) \cup F^+(K_2)$  is semi- $I$ -closed for every closed sets  $K_1, K_2$  of  $Y$ ;
- (4)  $s\text{Cl}_I(F^-(B_1) \cup F^+(B_2)) \subset F^-(\text{Cl}(B_1)) \cup F^+(\text{Cl}(B_2))$  for every subsets  $B_1, B_2$  of  $Y$ .

$Y$ ;

(5)  $F^-(\text{Int}(B_1)) \cap F^+(\text{Int}(B_2)) \subset \text{sInt}_I(F^-(B_1) \cap F^+(B_2))$  for every subsets  $B_1, B_2$  of  $Y$ .

For a multifunction  $F : (X, \tau, I) \rightarrow (Y, \sigma)$ , we define  $D_{mI}(F)$  as follows:

$$D_{mI}(F) = \{x \in X : F \text{ is not } m\text{-}I\text{-continuous at } x\}.$$

**Theorem 10.** For a multifunction  $F : (X, \tau, I) \rightarrow (Y, \sigma)$ , the following equalities hold:

$$\begin{aligned} D_m(F) &= \bigcup_{G_1, G_2 \in \sigma} \{F^+(G_1) \cap F^-(G_2) - \text{mInt}_I(F^+(G_1) \cap F^-(G_2))\} \\ &= \bigcup_{B_1, B_2 \in \mathcal{P}(Y)} \{F^-(\text{Int}(B_1)) \cap F^+(\text{Int}(B_2)) - \text{mInt}_I(F^-(B_1) \cap F^+(B_2))\} \\ &= \bigcup_{B_1, B_2 \in \mathcal{P}(Y)} \{\text{mCl}_I(F^-(B_1) \cup F^+(B_2)) - [F^-(\text{Cl}(B_1)) \cup F^+(\text{Cl}(B_2))]\} \\ &= \bigcup_{H_1, H_2 \in \mathcal{F}} \{\text{mCl}_I(F^-(H_1) \cup F^+(H_2)) - [F^-(H_1) \cup F^+(H_2)]\}, \end{aligned}$$

where  $\mathcal{F}$  is the family of closed sets of  $(Y, \sigma)$ .

Let  $\text{mIO}(X) = \text{SIO}(X)$ , then by Theorem 10 we obtain the following corollary.

**Corollary 3.** For a multifunction  $F : (X, \tau, I) \rightarrow (Y, \sigma)$ , the following equalities hold:

$$\begin{aligned} D_m(F) &= \bigcup_{G_1, G_2 \in \sigma} \{F^+(G_1) \cap F^-(G_2) - \text{sInt}_I(F^+(G_1) \cap F^-(G_2))\} \\ &= \bigcup_{B_1, B_2 \in \mathcal{P}(Y)} \{F^-(\text{Int}(B_1)) \cap F^+(\text{Int}(B_2)) - \text{sInt}_I(F^-(B_1) \cap F^+(B_2))\} \\ &= \bigcup_{B_1, B_2 \in \mathcal{P}(Y)} \{\text{sCl}_I(F^-(B_1) \cup F^+(B_2)) - [F^-(\text{Cl}(B_1)) \cup F^+(\text{Cl}(B_2))]\} \\ &= \bigcup_{H_1, H_2 \in \mathcal{F}} \{\text{sCl}_I(F^-(H_1) \cup F^+(H_2)) - [F^-(H_1) \cup F^+(H_2)]\}, \end{aligned}$$

where  $\mathcal{F}$  is the family of closed sets of  $(Y, \sigma)$ .

**Definition 15.** Let  $(X, \tau, I)$  be an ideal topological space. For a subset  $A$  of  $X$ , the  $m_I$ -frontier  $m_I\text{Fr}(A)$  of  $A$  is defined as follows:

$$m_I\text{Fr}(A) = \text{mCl}_I(A) \cap \text{mCl}_I(X - A).$$

**Theorem 11.** The set of all points  $x \in X$  at which a multifunction  $F : (X, \tau, I) \rightarrow (Y, \sigma)$  is not  $m$ - $I$ -continuous is identical with the union of the  $m_I$ -frontiers of the intersection of upper/lower inverse images of open sets containing/meeting  $F(x)$ .

**Proof.** The proof follows from Definition 13 and Theorem 4.

If  $\text{mIO}(X) = \tau^*$ , then we obtain the following corollary:

**Corollary 4.** The set of all points  $x \in X$  at which a multifunction  $F : (X, \tau, I) \rightarrow (Y, \sigma)$  is not  $\tau^*$ -continuous is identical with the union of the  $\tau^*$ -frontiers of the intersection of upper/lower inverse images of open sets containing/meeting  $F(x)$ .

If  $\text{mIO}(X) = \text{SIO}(X)$ , then we obtain the following corollary:

**Corollary 5.** The set of all points  $x \in X$  at which a multifunction  $F : (X, \tau, I) \rightarrow (Y, \sigma)$  is not semi- $I$ -continuous is identical with the union of the  $S_I$ -frontiers of the intersection of upper/lower inverse images of open sets containing/meeting  $F(x)$ .



**Theorem 12.** Let  $F : (X, \tau, I) \rightarrow (Y, \sigma)$  be a multifunction such that  $F(x)$  is  $\alpha$ -regular and  $\alpha$ -paracompact for each  $x \in X$ . Then the following properties are equivalent:

- (1)  $F$  is  $m$ - $I$ -continuous;
- (2)  $G$  is  $m$ - $I$ -continuous, where  $G = Cl(F(x)), sCl(F), pCl(F), \alpha Cl(F), bCl(F), \beta Cl(F)$ .

**Proof.** The proof follows from Theorem 5.

**Definition 16.** A multifunction  $F : (X, \tau, I) \rightarrow (Y, \sigma)$  is said to be

- (1) upper  $m$ - $I$ -continuous at  $x \in X$  if for each open set  $V$  containing  $F(x)$ , there exists  $U \in mIO(X)$  containing  $x$  such that  $F(U) \subset V$ ,
- (2) lower  $m$ - $I$ -continuous at  $x \in X$  if for each open set  $V$  meeting  $F(x)$ , there exists  $U \in mIO(X)$  containing  $x$  such that  $F(u) \cap V \neq \emptyset$  for every  $u \in U$ ,
- (3) upper/lower  $m$ - $I$ -continuous if it has this property at each point  $x \in X$ .

**Theorem 13.** Let  $X$  be a nonempty set with two  $m$ -structures  $m_X^1$  and  $m_X^2$  satisfying property  $\mathcal{B}$  such that  $V_1 \in m_X^1$  and  $V_2 \in m_X^2$  implies  $V_1 \cap V_2 \in m_X^1$ . If a multifunction  $F : (X, \tau, I) \rightarrow (Y, \sigma)$  is upper  $m_X^1$ - $I$ -continuous and  $F : (X, \tau, I) \rightarrow (Y, \sigma)$  is lower  $m_X^2$ - $I$ -continuous, then  $F : (X, \tau, I) \rightarrow (Y, \sigma)$  is  $m_X^1$ - $I$ -continuous.

**Theorem 14.** Let  $X$  be a nonempty set with two  $m$ -structures  $m_X^1$  and  $m_X^2$  satisfying property  $\mathcal{B}$  such that  $V_1 \in m_X^1$  and  $V_2 \in m_X^2$  implies  $V_1 \cap V_2 \in m_X^1$ . If a multifunction  $F : (X, \tau, I) \rightarrow (Y, \sigma)$  is lower  $m_X^1$ -continuous and  $F : (X, \tau, I) \rightarrow (Y, \sigma)$  is upper  $m_X^2$ -continuous, then  $F : (X, \tau, I) \rightarrow (Y, \sigma)$  is  $m_X^1$ - $I$ -continuous.

## 6. $mi^*$ -continuous multifunctions

A multifunction  $F : (X, \tau, I) \rightarrow (Y, \sigma, J)$  is said to be  $i^*$ -continuous [9] if for each  $x \in X$  and each  $\sigma^*$ -open sets  $V_1, V_2$  of  $Y$  such that  $F(x) \in V_1^+ \cap V_2^-$ , there exists a  $\tau^*$ -open set  $U$  containing  $x$  such that  $F(U) \subset V_1^+$  and  $F(u) \cap V_2 \neq \emptyset$  for every  $u \in U$ .

**Definition 17.** A multifunction  $F : (X, \tau, I) \rightarrow (Y, \sigma, J)$  is said to be  $mi^*$ -continuous if for each  $x \in X$  and each  $\sigma^*$ -open sets  $V_1, V_2$  of  $Y$  such that  $F(x) \in V_1^+ \cap V_2^-$ , there exists an  $mIO(X)$ -open set  $U$  containing  $x$  such that  $F(U) \subset V_1^+$  and  $F(u) \cap V_2 \neq \emptyset$  for every  $u \in U$ .

**Remark 5.** For a multifunction  $F : (X, \tau, I) \rightarrow (Y, \sigma, J)$ , we have the following properties:

- (1) If  $mIO(X) = \tau^*$ , then every  $mi^*$ -continuous multifunction is  $i^*$ -continuous. Therefore, the notion of  $mi^*$ -continuity is a generalization of  $i^*$ -continuity.
- (2) If  $J = \{\emptyset\}$ , then  $\sigma^* = \sigma$ . Therefore, the notion of  $mi^*$ -continuity is a generalization of  $m$ - $I$ -continuity.

**Theorem 15.** For a multifunction  $F : (X, \tau, I) \rightarrow (Y, \sigma, J)$ , the following properties are equivalent:

- (1)  $F$  is  $mi^*$ -continuous;

- (2) For each point  $x \in X$  and each  $\sigma^*$ -open sets  $V_1, V_2$  of  $Y$  such that  $F(x) \in V_1^+ \cap V_2^-$ ,  $x \in \text{mInt}_I(F^+(V_1) \cap F^-(V_2))$ ;
- (3)  $F^+(V_1) \cap F^-(V_2) \in \text{mIO}(X)$  for every  $\sigma^*$ -open sets  $V_1, V_2$  of  $Y$ ;
- (4)  $F^-(K_1) \cup F^+(K_2)$  is  $m$ - $I$ -closed for every  $\sigma^*$ -closed sets  $K_1, K_2$  of  $Y$ ;
- (5)  $\text{mCl}_I(F^-(B_1) \cup F^+(B_2)) \subset F^-(\text{Cl}^*(B_1)) \cup F^+(\text{Cl}^*(B_2))$  for every subsets  $B_1, B_2$  of  $Y$ ;
- (6)  $F^-(\text{Int}^*(B_1)) \cap F^+(\text{Int}^*(B_2)) \subset \text{mInt}_I(F^-(B_1) \cap F^+(B_2))$  for every subsets  $B_1, B_2$  of  $Y$ .

**Proof.** (1)  $\Rightarrow$  (2): Let  $x \in X$  and  $V_1, V_2$  be any  $\sigma^*$ -open sets of  $Y$  such that  $F(x) \in V_1^+ \cap V_2^-$ . Then there exists  $U \in \text{mIO}(X)$  containing  $x$  such that  $F(U) \in V_1^+ \cap V_2^-$ . Therefore,  $U \subset F^+(V_1) \cap F^-(V_2)$  and hence  $x \in \text{mInt}_I(F^+(V_1) \cap F^-(V_2))$ .

(2)  $\Rightarrow$  (3): Let  $V_1, V_2$  be any  $\sigma^*$ -open sets of  $Y$  and  $x \in F^+(V_1) \cap F^-(V_2)$ . Then  $F(x) \subset V_1$  and  $F(x) \cap V_2 \neq \emptyset$ . By (2), we have  $x \in \text{mInt}_I(F^+(V_1) \cap F^-(V_2))$  and  $F^+(V_1) \cap F^-(V_2) \subset \text{mInt}_I(F^+(V_1) \cap F^-(V_2))$ . This shows that  $F^+(V_1) \cap F^-(V_2) \in \text{mIO}(X)$ .

(3)  $\Rightarrow$  (4): This easily follows from the fact that  $F^-(Y - B) = X - F^+(B)$  and  $F^+(Y - B) = X - F^-(B)$  for every subset  $B$  of  $Y$ .

(4)  $\Rightarrow$  (5):  $B_1, B_2$  be any subsets of  $Y$ . Then  $\text{Cl}^*(B_1)$  and  $\text{Cl}^*(B_2)$  are  $\sigma^*$ -closed. By (4),  $\text{mCl}_I(F^-(B_1) \cup F^+(B_2)) \subset \text{mCl}_I(F^-(\text{Cl}^*(B_1)) \cup F^+(\text{Cl}^*(B_2))) = (F^-(\text{Cl}^*(B_1)) \cup F^+(\text{Cl}^*(B_2)))$ .

(5)  $\Rightarrow$  (6):  $B_1, B_2$  be any subsets of  $Y$ . By (5), we have

$$\begin{aligned} X - \text{mInt}_I(F^-(B_1) \cap F^+(B_2)) &= \text{mCl}_I(X - (F^-(B_1) \cap F^+(B_2))) = \text{mCl}_I((X - F^-(B_1)) \cup \\ &(X - F^+(B_2))) = \text{mCl}_I(F^+(Y - B_1) \cup F^-(Y - B_2)) \subset F^+(\text{Cl}^*(Y - B_1)) \cup F^-(\text{Cl}^*(Y - B_2)) = \\ &(X - F^-(\text{Int}^*(B_1))) \cup (X - F^+(\text{Int}^*(B_2))) = X - (F^-(\text{Int}^*(B_1)) \cap F^+(\text{Int}^*(B_2))). \end{aligned}$$

Therefore, we obtain  $F^-(\text{Int}^*(B_1)) \cap F^+(\text{Int}^*(B_2)) \subset \text{mInt}_I(F^-(B_1) \cap F^+(B_2))$ .

(6)  $\Rightarrow$  (1): Let  $x \in X$  and  $V_1, V_2$  be any  $\sigma^*$ -open sets of  $Y$  such that  $F(x) \in V_1^+ \cap V_2^-$ . By (6),  $F^-(V_1) \cap F^+(V_2) \subset \text{mInt}_I(F^-(V_1) \cap F^+(V_2))$ . This shows that  $F^-(V_1) \cap F^+(V_2) \in \text{mIO}(X)$ . And put  $U = F^-(V_1) \cap F^+(V_2)$ . Then  $U$  is an  $\text{mIO}(X)$ -open set containing  $x$  such that  $F(U) \subset V_1^+$  and  $F(u) \cap V_2^- \neq \emptyset$  for every  $u \in U$ . Therefore,  $F$  is  $mi^*$ -continuous.

If  $\text{mIO}(X) = \text{SIO}(X)$ , by Theorem 15 we obtain the following corollary:

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

- (1)  $F$  is  $si^*$ -continuous;
- (2) For each point  $x \in X$  and each  $\sigma^*$ -open sets  $V_1, V_2$  of  $Y$  such that  $F(x) \in V_1^+ \cap V_2^-$ ,  $x \in \text{sInt}_I(F^+(V_1) \cap F^-(V_2))$ ;
- (3)  $F^+(V_1) \cap F^-(V_2) \in \text{SIO}(X)$  for every  $\sigma^*$ -open sets  $V_1, V_2$  of  $Y$ ;
- (4)  $F^-(K_1) \cup F^+(K_2)$  is semi- $I$ -closed for every  $\sigma^*$ -closed sets  $K_1, K_2$  of  $Y$ ;
- (5)  $\text{sCl}_I(F^-(B_1) \cup F^+(B_2)) \subset F^-(\text{Cl}^*(B_1)) \cup F^+(\text{Cl}^*(B_2))$  for every subsets  $B_1, B_2$  of  $Y$ ;
- (6)  $F^-(\text{Int}^*(B_1)) \cap F^+(\text{Int}^*(B_2)) \subset \text{sInt}_I(F^-(B_1) \cap F^+(B_2))$  for every subsets  $B_1, B_2$  of  $Y$ .

If  $mIO(X) = PIO(X)$ , by Theorem 15 we obtain the following corollary:

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

- (1)  *$F$  is  $pi^*$ -continuous;*
- (2) *For each point  $x \in X$  and each  $\sigma^*$ -open sets  $V_1, V_2$  of  $Y$  such that  $F(x) \in V_1^+ \cap V_2^-$ ,  $x \in pInt_I(F^+(V_1) \cap F^-(V_2))$ ;*
- (3)  *$F^+(V_1) \cap F^-(V_2) \in PIO(X)$  for every  $\sigma^*$ -open sets  $V_1, V_2$  of  $Y$ ;*
- (4)  *$F^-(K_1) \cup F^+(K_2)$  is pre- $I$ -closed for every  $\sigma^*$ -closed sets  $K_1, K_2$  of  $Y$ ;*
- (5)  *$pCl_I(F^-(B_1) \cup F^+(B_2)) \subset F^-(Cl^*(B_1)) \cup F^+(Cl^*(B_2))$  for every subsets  $B_1, B_2$  of  $Y$ ;*
- (6)  *$F^-(Int^*(B_1)) \cap F^+(Int^*(B_2)) \subset pInt_I(F^-(B_1) \cap F^+(B_2))$  for every subsets  $B_1, B_2$  of  $Y$ .*

**Theorem 16.** *The set of all points  $x \in X$  at which a multifunction  $F : (X, \tau, I) \rightarrow (Y, \sigma, J)$  is not  $mi^*$ -continuous is identical with the union of the  $m_I$ -frontiers of the intersection of upper/lower inverse images of  $\star$ -open sets containing/meeting  $F(x)$ .*

**Proof.** The proof follows similarly from Theorem 11.

If  $mIO(X) = \tau^*$ , then we obtain the following corollary:

**Corollary 8.** *The set of all points  $x \in X$  at which a multifunction  $F : (X, \tau, I) \rightarrow (Y, \sigma, J)$  is not  $\tau^*$ -continuous is identical with the union of the  $\tau^*$ -frontiers of the intersection of upper/lower inverse images of  $\star$ -open sets containing/meeting  $F(x)$ .*

If  $mIO(X) = SIO(X)$ , then we obtain the following corollary:

**Corollary 9.** *The set of all points  $x \in X$  at which a multifunction  $F : (X, \tau, I) \rightarrow (Y, \sigma, J)$  is not  $si^*$ -continuous is identical with the union of the  $S_I$ -frontiers of the intersection of upper/lower inverse images of  $\star$ -open sets containing/meeting  $F(x)$ .*

## References

- [1] M. E. Abd El-Monsef, S. N. El-Deep and R. A. Mahmoud,  *$\beta$ -open sets and  $\beta$ -continuous mappings*, Bull. Fac. Sci. Assiut Univ. **12** (1983), 77–90.
- [2] M. Akdag, *On upper and lower  $I$ -continuous multifunctions*, Far East J. Math. Sci. **25** (2007), 48–57.
- [3] D. Andrijević, *On  $b$ -open sets*, Mat. Vesnik **48** (1996), 59–64.
- [4] C. Arivazhagi and N. Rajesh, *Nearly  $I$ -continuous multifunctions*, Bol. Soc. Paran. Mat. **37** (2019), 33–38.
- [5] G. Aslim and A. Cakusu Culer,  *$b$ - $I$ -open sets and decompositions of continuity via idealizations* Proc. Inst. Math. Acad. Nat. Acad. Sci. Azerbaidjan **22** (2003), 27–32.

- [6] T. Bânzaru, *Multifunctions and  $M$ -product spaces (Romanian)*, Bul. St. Tehn. Inst. Politehn. "Traian. Vuia", Timișoara, Ser. Mat. Fiz. Mec. Teor. Appl. **17(31)** (1972), 17–23.
- [7] T. Bânzaru et N. Crivăț, *Structures uniformes sur l'espace des parties d'un espace uniform et quasicontinuité des applications multivoques*, Bul. St. Tehn. Inst. Politehn. "Traian. Vuia", Timișoara, Ser. Mat. Fiz. Mec. Teor. Appl. **20(34)** (1975), 135–136.
- [8] C. Boonpok, *On continuous multifunctions in ideal topological spaces*, Lobacewskii J. Math. **1** (2009), 24–35.
- [9] C. Boonpok and P. Pue-on *Continuity for multifunctions in ideal topological spaces*, WSEAS Trans. Math. **19** (2020), 624–631.
- [10] J. Dontchev, *On pre- $\mathcal{I}$ -open sets and a decomposition of  $\mathcal{I}$ -continuity*, Banyan Math. J. **2** (1996).
- [11] E. Ekici, *On  $AC_I$ -sets,  $BC_I$ -sets,  $\beta_I^*$ -open sets and decompositions of continuity in ideal topological spaces* Creat. Math. Inform. **20(1)** (2011), 47–54.
- [12] E. Ekici and T. Noiri,  *$\star$ -hyperconnected ideal topological spaces*, Anal. St. Univ. Alexandru I. Cusi, Iasi (N.S.) Mat. **58(1)** (2012), 121–129.
- [13] J. Ewert and T. Neubrunn, *On quasicontinuous multivalued maps*, Demonstratio Math. **21** (1988), 697–711.
- [14] E. Hatir and S. Jafari, *On weakly semi- $I$ -open sets and other decomposition of continuity via ideals*, Sarajevo J. Math. **14** (2006), 107–114.
- [15] E. Hatir, A. Keskin and T. Noiri, *On a new decomposition of continuity via idealization*, JP J. Geometry Topology **3(1)** (2003), 53–64.
- [16] E. Hatir and T. Noiri, *On decompositions of continuity via idealization*, Acta Math. Hungar. **96(4)** (2002), 341–349.
- [17] E. Hatir and T. Noiri, *On  $\beta$ - $I$ -open sets and decompositions of almost- $I$ -continuity*, Bull. Malays. Math. Sci. Soc. (2) **29(1)** (2006), 119–124.
- [18] D. Janković and T. R. Hamlett, *New topologies from old via ideals*, Amer. Math. Monthly **97** (1990), 295–310.
- [19] I. Kovačević, *Subsets and paracompactness*, Univ. u Novom Sadu, Zb. Rad. Prirod. Mat. Fac. Ser. Mat. **14** (1984), 79–87.
- [20] K. Kuratowski, *Topology*, Vol. I, Academic Press, New York, 1966.
- [21] N. Levine, *Semi-open sets and semi-continuity in topological spaces*, Amer. Math. Monthly **70** (1963), 36–41.

- [22] H. Maki, C. K. Rao and A. Nagoor Gani, *On generalizing semi-open and preopen sets*, Pure Appl. Math. Sci. **49** (1999), 17–29.
- [23] S. Marcus, *Sur les fonctions quasicontinues au sens de S. Kempisty*, Colloq. Math. **8** (1961), 47–53.
- [24] A. S. Mashhour, M. E. Abd El-Monsef and S. N. El-Deep, *On precontinuous and weak precontinuous mappings*, Proc. Math. Phys. Soc. Egypt **53** (1982), 47–53.
- [25] J. M. Mustafa, S. Al Ghour and K. Al Zoubi, *Weakly  $b$ - $I$ -open sets and weakly  $b$ - $I$ -continuous functions*, Ital. J. Pure Appl. Math. **N.30** (2013), 23–32.
- [26] T. Neubrunnova, *On certain generalizations of the notion of continuity*, Mat. Casopis **23** (1973), 374–380.
- [27] O. Njåstad, *On some classes of nearly open sets*, Pacific J. Math. **15** (1965), 961–970.
- [28] T. Noiri and V. Popa, *On upper and lower  $M$ -continuous multifunctions*, Filomat **14** (2000), 73–86.
- [29] T. Noiri and V. Popa, *A unified theory on the points of discontinuity for multifunctions*, Bull. Math. Soc. Sci. Math. Roumanie **45(93)**(1-2) (2002), 97–107.
- [30] T. Noiri and V. Popa, *A unified theory of contra- $I$ -continuous functions in ideal topological spaces*, Anal. Univ. Sci. Budapest. Math. **63** (2020), 3–17.
- [31] T. Noiri and V. Popa, *Faintly  $m$ - $I$ -continuous multifunctions*, Eur. Bull. Math. **3**(2) (2020), 103–113.
- [32] V. Popa, *Multifonctions semi-continues*, Rev. Roumaine Math. Pures Appl. **27** (1982), 807–815.
- [33] V. Popa, *Some characterizations of quasicontinuous and weakly continuous multifunctions (Romanian)*, Stud. Cerc. Mat. **37** (1985), 77–82.
- [34] V. Popa, *Some properties of  $H$ -almost continuous multifunctions*, Problemy Mat. **10** (1988), 9–26.
- [35] V. Popa and T. Noiri, *On upper and lower  $\alpha$ -continuous multifunctions*, Math. Slovaca **43** (1993), 477–491.
- [36] V. Popa and T. Noiri, *Characterizations of  $\alpha$ -continuous multifunctions*, Univ. u Novom Sadu, Zb. Rad. Prirod Mat. Fac. Ser. Mat. **23** (1993), 29–38.
- [37] V. Popa and T. Noiri, *Some properties of  $\beta$ -continuous multifunctions*, Anal. St. Univ. "Al. I. Cuza" Iași 42, Supl. s.I.a, Mat. (1996), 207–215.
- [38] V. Popa and T. Noiri, *On upper and lower  $\beta$ -continuous multifunctions*, Real Anal. Exchange **22** (1996/97), 362–376.

- [39] V. Popa and T. Noiri, *A note on precontinuity and quasicontinuity for multifunctions*, Demonstratio Math. **30** (1997), 271–278.
- [40] V. Popa and T. Noiri, *On  $M$ -continuous functions*, Anal. Univ. "Dunărea de Jos" Galați, Ser. Mat. Fiz. Mec. Teor., Fasc. II **18 (23)** (2000), 31–41.
- [41] V. Popa and T. Noiri, *On the definitions of some generalized forms of continuity under minimal conditions*, Mem. Fac. Sci. Kochi Univ. Math. Ser. **22** (2001), 9–19.
- [42] V. Popa and T. Noiri, *On  $m$ -continuous multifunctions*, Bul. St. Univ. Politeh. Timisoara, Ser. Mat. Fiz. **46 (60)**(2) (2001), 1–12.
- [43] V. Popa and T. Noiri, *A unified theory of weak continuity for functions*, Rend. Circ. Mat. Palermo (2) **51** (2002), 439–464.
- [44] V. Popa and T. Noiri, *A unified theory of the points of continuity and discontinuity for multifunctions*, Annal. Univ. de Vest Timisoara Ser. Math. Inform. **61**(1) (2003), 9–19.
- [45] V. Popa and T. Noiri, *Upper and lower  $m$ - $I$ -continuous multifunctions*, Sci. Stud. Res. Math. Inform. **29**(2) (2019), 51–64.
- [46] M. Przemski, *Some generalizations of continuity and quasicontinuity of multivalued maps*, Demonstratio Math. **26** (1993), 381–400.
- [47] R. Vaidyanathaswami, *The localization theory in set-topology*, Proc. Indian Acad. Sci. **20** (1945), 51–61.
- [48] J. D. Wine, *Locally paracompact spaces*, Glasnik Mat. Ser. III **10(30)** (1975), 351–357.