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# $g^*bp$ -Continuous Multifunction

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#### Abstract

In this paper we introduce a new class of multifunction called Upper(lower)  $g^*bp$ -continuous multifunction, Upper(lower) almost  $g^*bp$ -continuous multifunction, Upper(lower) weakly  $g^*bp$ -continuous multifunction and Upper(lower) contra $g^*bp$ -continuous multifunction in topological spaces, and study some of their basic properties and relations among them.

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## 1. Introduction

Many mathematicians and they devote a great part of their research work on the study of generalised continuous multifunction. In 1999, Mahmoud introduced the concept of pre-irresolute multi-valued function while in 1996 Popa and Noiri and in 2001 Abd-El-Monsef and Nasef introduced other types of multifunctions.

Throughout this paper  $(X, \tau)$  and  $(Y, \sigma)$  (or simply X and Y) represents the non-empty topological spaces on which no separation axiom are assumed, unless otherwise mentioned. For a subset A of X, Cl(A) and Int(A) represents the closure of A and Interior of A respectively. A subset A is said to be preopen [17] (resp.,  $\alpha$ -open [19], semi open [12], regular open [25]) set if  $A \subseteq IntCl(A)$  (resp.,  $A \subseteq IntClInt(A)$ ,  $A \subseteq ClInt(A)$ , A = IntCl(A)). The complement of a preopen set is called preclosed.

## 2. Preliminaries

We recall the following definition.

**Definition 2.1** A subset A of a topological space  $(X, \tau)$  is called

- 1. b-open set [3], if  $A \subseteq Cl(Int(A)) \cup Int(Cl(A))$  and b-closed set if  $Cl(Int(A)) \cup Int(Cl(A)) \subseteq A$ .
- 2. generalized closed set ( briefly g-closed) [11] (g<sup>\*</sup>-closed [23]), if  $Cl(A) \subseteq U$  whenever  $A \subseteq U$  and U is open(g-open) in X.
- 3. gb-closed [20], and  $(g^*b$ -closed [24]) if  $bCl(A) \subseteq U$  whenever  $A \subseteq U$  and U is open(g-open) in X.
- 4. p $\delta$ -open set [9], if for each  $x \in A$ , there exists a preopen set U in X such that  $x \in U \subseteq pIntpCl(U) \subseteq A$ .
- 5. regular preopen(resp., regular preclosed) set [6], if A = pIntpCl(A)(resp. A = pClpInt(A)).

**Definition 2.2** [4] A space X is said to be

- 1. Pre- $T_0$  if and only if to each pair of distinct points x, y in X, there exists a preopen set containing one of the points but not the other.
- 2. Pre- $T_1$  if and only if to each pair of distinct points x, y of X, there exists a pair of preopen sets one containing x but not y and other containing y but not x.
- 3. Pre- $T_2$  if and only if to each pair of distinct points x, y of X, there exists a pair of disjoint preopen sets one containing x and the other containing y.

**Definition 2.3** A topological space  $(X, \tau)$  is said to be:

- 1.  $g^*b$ - $T_0$  if for each pair of distinct points x, y in X, there exists a  $g^*b$ -open set U such that either  $x \in U$  and  $y \notin U$  or  $x \notin U$  and  $y \in U$ .
- 2.  $g^*b$ - $T_1$  if for each pair of distinct points x, y in X, there exist two  $g^*b$ -open sets U and V such that  $x \in U$  but  $y \notin U$  and  $y \in V$  but  $x \notin V$ .
- 3.  $g^*b$ - $T_2$  if for each distinct points x, y in X, there exist two disjoint  $g^*b$ -open sets U and V containing x and y respectively.
- 4.  $g^*b$ - $T_{\frac{1}{2}}$  if every  $g^*b$ -closed set is g-closed.
- 5.  $g^*b$ -space if every  $g^*b$ -open set of X is open in X.

**Definition 2.4** A topological space  $(X, \tau)$  is said to be:

- 1. submaximal [7], if the closure of every open set of X is X.
- 2. extremally disconnected [15], if the closure of every open set of X is open in X.
- 3. pre- $T_{\frac{1}{2}}$  [16], space if every pg-closed set is preclosed.
- 4. r- $T_1$  [8], if for each pair of distinct points x and y of X, there exists regular open sets U and V containing x and y respectively, such that  $y \notin U$  and  $x \notin V$ .

**Theorem 2.5** [7] A space X is submaximal if and only if every preopen set is open.

**Theorem 2.6** [2] Let  $(Y, \tau_Y)$  be subspace of a space  $(X, \tau)$ . If  $A \in PO(X, \tau)$  and  $A \subseteq Y$ , then  $A \in PO(Y, \tau_Y)$ .

**Theorem 2.7** [25] Let A be a subset of a topological space  $(X, \tau)$ , if  $A \in \tau$ , then  $Cl_{\theta}(A) = Cl(A)$ .

**Theorem 2.8** [24] Let  $A \subseteq Y \subseteq X$  and suppose that A is  $g^*b$ -closed in X, then A is  $g^*b$ -closed relative to Y.

**Definition 2.9** [14] A multifunction  $F: X \to Y$  is said to be;

- 1. Upper pre-irresolute at  $x \in X$  if for each preopen set A of Y containing F(x)  $(F(x) \cap V \neq \phi)$ , there exists a preopen set U of X containing x such that  $F(U) \subseteq A$ .
- 2. Lower pre-irresolute at  $x \in X$  if for each preopen set A of Y such that  $F(x) \cap A \neq \phi$ , there exists a preopen set U of X containing x such that  $F(u) \cap A \neq \phi$  for every  $u \in U$ .
- 3. Upper (Lower) pre-irresolute if it has this property at each point of X.

**Definition 2.10** [1] For a multifunction  $F: X \to Y$ , we shall denote the upper and lower inverse of a set A of Y by  $F^+(A)$  and  $F^-(A)$ , respectively, that is,  $F^+(A) = \{x \in X : F(x) \subseteq A\}$  and  $F^-(A) = \{x \in X : F(x) \cap A \neq \phi\}$ .

**Definition 2.11** A multifunction  $F: X \to Y$  is said to be;

- 1. Upper  $\alpha$ -continuous [21] at  $x \in X$  if for each open set V of Y containing F(x), there exists  $U \in \alpha(X, x)$  such that  $F(U) \subseteq V$ .
- 2. Lower  $\alpha$ -continuous [21] at  $x \in X$  if for each open set A of Y such that  $F(x) \cap A \neq \phi$ , there exists  $U \in \alpha(X, x)$  such that  $F(u) \cap A \neq \phi$  for every  $u \in U$ .

3. Upper (Lower)  $\alpha$ -continuous [18] if it has this property at each point of X.

**Definition 2.12** [22] A multifunction  $F: X \to Y$  is said to be;

- 1. Upper almost  $\alpha$ -continuous at  $x \in X$  if for each open set V of Y containing F(x), there exists  $U \in \alpha(X, x)$  such that  $F(U) \subseteq IntCl(V)$ .
- 2. Lower almost  $\alpha$ -continuous at  $x \in X$  if for each open set V of Y such that  $F(x) \cap A \neq \phi$ , there exists  $U \in \alpha(X, x)$  such that  $F(u) \cap IntCl(V) \neq \phi$  for every  $u \in U$ .
- 3. Upper (Lower) almost  $\alpha$ -continuous if it has this property at each point of X.

**Definition 2.13** [13] A multifunction  $F: X \to Y$  is said to be;

- 1. Upper  $\delta$ -continuous at  $x \in X$  if for each regular open set V of Y containing F(x), there exists a regular open set U of X such that  $F(U) \subseteq V$ .
- 2. Lower  $\delta$ -continuous at  $x \in X$  if for each regular open set V of Y such that  $F(x) \cap A \neq \phi$ , there exists a regular open set U of X such that  $F(u) \cap V \neq \phi$  for every  $u \in U$ .

**Definition 2.14** [1] A multifunction  $F: X \to Y$  is said to be;

- 1. Upper b-continuous at  $x \in X$  if for each open set V of Y containing F(x), there exists a b-open set U of X such that  $F(U) \subseteq V$ .
- 2. Lower b-continuous at  $x \in X$  if for each open set V of Y such that  $F(x) \cap A \neq \phi$ , there exists a b-open set U of X such that  $F(u) \cap V \neq \phi$  for every  $u \in U$ .

### 3. Upper and lower $g^*bp$ -continuous multifunction

In this section, we Introduce the concept of upper and lower  $g^*bp$ -continuous multifunctions in topological spaces.

**Definition 3.1** A multifunction  $F: X \to Y$  is said to be:

- 1. Upper  $g^*bp$ -continuous (U. $g^*bp.c.$ ) at  $x \in X$  if for each preopen set A of Y containing F(x), there exists a  $g^*b$ -open set U of X containing x such that  $F(U) \subseteq A$ .
- 2. Lower  $g^*bp$ -continuous (L. $g^*bp$ .c.) at  $x \in X$  if for each preopen set A of Y such that  $F(x) \cap A \neq \phi$ , there exists a  $g^*b$ -open set U of X containing x such that  $F(u) \cap A \neq \phi$  for every  $u \in U$ .
- 3. Upper (Lower)  $g^*bp$ -continuous if it has this property at each point of X.

**Proposition 3.2** Let X and Y be topological spaces. For a multifunction  $F : X \to Y$ , the following statements are equivalents:

- 1. F is U.g\*bp.c. (L.g\*bp.c.),
- 2. For every preopen set A,  $F^+(A)(F^-(A))$  is a  $g^*b$ -open set in X,
- 3. For every preclosed set K,  $F^{-}(K)(F^{+}(K))$  is a  $g^{\star}b$ -closed set in X.

**proof.** (1)  $\Rightarrow$  (2). If A is preopen set of Y, then for each  $x \in F^+(A), F(x) \subseteq A$ . By(1) there exists a  $g^*b$ -open set U of x such that  $F(U) \subseteq A$  which implies that  $x \in U \subseteq F^+(A)$ , therefore  $F^+(A)$  is  $g^*b$ -open in X.

(2)  $\Rightarrow$  (3). Let K be preclosed set of Y. Then  $Y \setminus K$  is preopen set of Y. By(2),  $F^+(Y \setminus K) = X \setminus F^-(k)$  is  $g^*b$ -closed in X.

 $(3) \Rightarrow (1)$ . Let A be any preopen set of Y. Then  $(Y \setminus A)$  is preclosed in Y. By(3),  $F^-(Y \setminus A)$  is  $g^*b$ -closed set in X. But  $F^-(Y \setminus A) = X \setminus F^+(A)$ . Thus  $X \setminus F^+(A)$  is  $g^*b$ -closed in X so  $F^+(A)$  is  $g^*b$ -open in X. Therefore, we obtain  $F(F^+(A)) \subseteq A$ , hence F is  $g^*bp$ -continuous.

The proof for the case where F is  $L.g^*bp.c.$  is similarly proved.

**Theorem 3.3** If a multifunction  $F : (X, \tau) \to (Y, \sigma)$  is upper b-continuous and Y is submaximal, then F is upper  $g^*bp$ -continuous.

**proof.** Let A be preopen set in Y, since Y is submaximal then A is open set in Y. Since F is upper b-continuous, then  $F^+(A)$  is b-open in X and by Theorem(3.4) [24], it is  $g^*b$ -open in X. Hence F is upper  $g^*bp$ -continuous.

**Proposition 3.4** Let  $X = R_1 \cup R_2$ , where  $R_1$  and  $R_2$  are  $g \star b$ -closed set in X. Let  $F : R_1 \to Y$  and  $G : R_2 \to Y$  be upper  $g^\star b$ -continuous. If F(x) = G(x) for each  $x \in R_1 \cap R_2$ . Then  $H : R_1 \cup R_2 \to Y$  such that

$$H(x) = \begin{cases} F(x) & \text{if } x \in R_1 \\ G(x) & \text{if } x \in R_2 \end{cases}$$

is upper  $g^*bp$ -continuous.

**proof.** Let A be any preopen set in Y. Clearly  $H^+(A) = F^+(A) \cup G^+(A)$ . Since F is upper  $g^*bp$ -continuous, then  $F^+(A)$  is  $g^*b$ -open in  $R_1$ . But  $R_1$  is  $g^*b$ -open in X. Then by Theorem (3.30) [24],  $F^+(A)$  is  $g^*b$ -open in X. Similarly,  $G^+(A)$  is  $g^*b$ -open in  $R_2$  and hence a  $g^*b$ -open in X. Since a union of two  $g^*b$ -open sets is  $g^*b$ -open. Therefore,  $H^+(A) = F^+(A) \cup G^+(A)$  is  $g^*b$ -open in X. Hence H is upper  $g^*bp$ -continuous.

**Theorem 3.5** For a multifunction  $F : (X, \tau) \to (Y, \sigma)$  the following are equivalent.

- 1. F is upper  $g^*bp$ -continuous.
- 2.  $F(g^*bCl(B)) \subseteq pCl(F(B))$ , for every subset B of X,
- 3.  $g^*bCl(F^+(A)) \subseteq F^+(pCl(A))$ , for each subset A of Y,
- 4.  $F^{-}(pInt(A)) \subseteq g^{\star}bInt(F^{-}(A))$ , for each subset A of Y,
- 5.  $pInt(F(B)) \subseteq F(g^*bInt(B))$ , for each subset B of X.

**proof.** (1)  $\Rightarrow$  (2). Let *B* be any subset of *X*. Then  $F(B) \subseteq pCl(F(B))$  and pClF(B) is preclosed in *Y*. Hence  $B \subseteq F^+(pClF(B))$ , since *F* is  $g^*bp$ -continuous. By Proposition 3.2,  $F^+(pClF(B))$  is  $g^*b$ -closed set in *X*. Therefore,  $g^*bCl(B) \subseteq F^+(pCl(F(B)))$ . Hence  $F(g^*bCl(B)) \subseteq (pCl(F(B)))$ .

 $(2) \Rightarrow (3)$ . Let A be any subset of Y, then  $F^+(A)$  is a subset of X. By (2) we have  $F(g^*bClF^+(A)) \subseteq pCl(F(F^+(A))) = pCl(A)$ . It follow that  $g^*b(ClF^+(A)) \subseteq F^+(pCl(A))$ .

 $\begin{array}{l} (3) \Rightarrow (4). \text{ Let } A \text{ be any subset of } Y. \text{ Then apply}(3) \text{ to } (Y \setminus A) \text{ we obtain } g^*bCl(F^+(Y \setminus A)) \subseteq F^+(pCl(Y \setminus A)) \Leftrightarrow g^*bCl(X \setminus F^-(A)) \subseteq F^+(Y \setminus pInt(A)) \Leftrightarrow X \setminus g^*bInt(F^-(A)) \subseteq X \setminus F^-(pInt(A)) \Leftrightarrow F^-(pInt(A) \subseteq g^*bInt(F^-(A))). \\ (4) \Rightarrow (5). \text{ Let } B \text{ be any subset of } X. \text{ Then } F(B) \text{ is a subset of } Y. \text{ By}(4), \text{ we have } F^-(pInt(f(A))) \subseteq g^*bInt(F^-(F(A))) = g^*bInt(A). \text{ Therefore, } pInt(F(A)) \subseteq F(g^*bInt(A)). \end{array}$ 

 $(5) \Rightarrow (1)$ . let  $x \in X$  and let A be any preopen set of Y containing F(x). Then  $x \in F^+(A)$  and  $F^+(A)$  is a subset of X. By(5), we have  $pInt(F(F^+(A))) \subseteq F(g^*bInt(F^+(A)))$ . Then  $pInt(A) \subseteq F(g^*bInt(F^+(A)))$ , since A is preopen, then  $A \subseteq F(g^*bInt(F^+(A)))$  implies that  $F^+(A) \subseteq g^*bInt(F^+(A))$ . Therefore  $F^+(A)$  is  $g^*b$ -open in X containing x and clearly  $F(F^+(A)) \subseteq A$ . Hence F is upper  $g^*bp$ -continuous.

**Proposition 3.6** Let  $F : X \to Y$  be upper  $g^*bp$ -continuous and  $Y \subseteq Z$ . If Y is preclosed subset of a topological space Z then  $F : X \to Z$  is upper  $g^*bp$ -continuous.

**proof.** Let K be any preclosed set in Z. Then  $K \cap Y$  is preclosed in Z, by Theorem(2.22) [2], it is preclosed in Y. Since F is upper  $g^*bp$ -continuous  $F^+(K \cap Y)$  is  $g^*b$ -closed in X but  $F(x) \in Y$  for each  $x \in X$ , and thus  $F^+(K) = F^+(K \cap Y)$  is  $g^*b$ -closed subset of X. Therefore, by Proposition 3.2  $F: X \to Z$  is upper  $g^*bp$ -continuous.

**Theorem 3.7** If  $F : X \to Y$  is upper  $g^*bp$ -continuous and A is  $g^*b$ -closed set in X then  $F|A : A \to Y$  is upper  $g^*bp$ -continuous.

**proof.** Let *B* be preclosed set in *Y*, since *F* is upper  $g^*bp$ -continuous, then  $F^+(B)$  is  $g^*b$ -closed in *X*. If  $F^+(B) \cap A = A_1$  then  $A_1$  is  $g^*b$ -closed in *X*, since intersection of two  $g^*b$ -closed is  $g^*b$ -closed. Since  $(F|A)^+(B) = A_1$  by Theorem 2.8,  $A_1$  is  $g^*b$ -closed set in *A*. Therefore F|A is upper  $g^*bp$ -continuous.

**Theorem 3.8** If  $F : X \to Y$  and  $G : Y \to Z$  be any two multifunctions, then  $G \circ F : X \to Z$  is upper  $g^*bp$ -continuous if G is preirresolute multifunction and F is upper  $g^*bp$ -continuous.

**proof.** Let A be any preclosed set in Z. Since G is preirresolute multifunction then  $G^+(A)$  is preclosed in Y, since F is upper  $g^*bp$ -continuous then  $F^+(G^+(A))$  is  $g^*b$ -closed in X. Hence  $G \circ F$  is upper  $g^*bp$ -continuous.

**Theorem 3.9** If  $F: X \to Y$  is a upper  $g^*bp$ -continuous injection and Y is pre- $T_1$ , then X is  $g^*b$ - $T_1$ .

**proof.** Assume that Y is pre- $T_1$ . For any distinct points x and y in X, there exists preopen set A and W such that  $F(x) \in A$ ,  $F(y) \notin A$ ,  $F(x) \notin W$  and  $F(y) \in W$ . Since F is upper  $g^*bp$ -continuous, so there exists a  $g^*b$ -open sets G and H such that  $x \in G$ ,  $y \in H$ ,  $F(G) \subseteq A$  and  $F(H) \subseteq W$ . Thus we obtain  $y \notin G$ ,  $x \notin H$ . this show that X is  $g^*b$ - $T_1$ .

**Theorem 3.10** If  $F: X \to Y$  is upper  $g^*bp$ -continuous injection and Y is pre-T<sub>2</sub> then X is  $g^*b$ -T<sub>2</sub>.

**proof.** For any pair of distinct points x and y in X, there exists disjoint preopen sets U and V in Y such that  $F(x) \in U$  and  $F(y) \in V$ . Since F is upper  $g^*bp$ -continuous, there exists  $g^*b$ -open sets G and H in X containing x and y, respectively, such that  $F(G) \subseteq U$  and  $F(H) \subseteq V$ . Since U and V are disjoint, we have  $U \cap V = \phi$ , hence  $G \cap H = \phi$ . This shows that X is  $g^*b$ -T<sub>2</sub>.

**Theorem 3.11** An upper  $g^*bp$ -continuous image of a  $g^*b$ -connected space is  $g^*b$ -connected for a multifunction F.

**proof.** Let  $F: X \to Y$  be an upper  $g^*bp$ -continuous multifunction from a  $g^*b$ -connected space X onto a space Y. Suppose Y is not connected and let  $Y = A \cup B$  be a partition of Y. Then both A and B are preopen and preclosed subset of Y. Since F is upper  $g^*bp$ -continuous,  $F^+(A)$  and  $F^+(B)$  are  $g^*b$ -open subset of X. In view of the fact that  $F^+(A)$  and  $F^+(B)$  are disjoint,  $X = F^+(A) \cup F^+(B)$  is a partition of X. This is contrary to the connectedness of X.

**Definition 3.12** A multifunction  $F: X \to Y$  is said to be;

- 1. Upper almost  $g^*bp$ -continuous at a point  $x \in X$  if for each preopen set A of Y such that  $F(x) \in A$ , there exists a  $g^*b$ -open set U containing x such that  $F(U) \subseteq IntCl(A)$ .
- 2. Lower almost  $g^*b$ -continuous at a point  $x \in X$  if for each preopen set A of Y such that  $F(x) \in A$ , there exists a  $g^*b$ -open set U of X containing X such that  $F(U) \cap IntCl(A) \neq \phi$ .
- 3. Upper (Lower) almost  $g^*bp$ -continuous if it has this property at each point of X.

**Theorem 3.13** A multifunction  $F : X \to Y$  is upper almost  $g^*bp$ -continuous if and only if for each  $x \in X$  and each regular open set A containing F(x), there exists a  $g^*b$ -open set U in X containing x such that  $F(U) \subseteq A$ .

**proof.** For every  $x \in X$  and let A be any regular open set containing F(x), then A is preopen set containing F(x). Since F is upper almost  $g^*bp$ -continuous, then there exists a  $g^*b$ -open set U in X containing x such that  $F(U) \subseteq IntCl(A) = A$ . Conversely. Assume that for all regular open set A containing F(x), there exists a  $g^*b$ -open set U in X containing x with  $F(U) \subseteq A = IntCl(A)$  then A is preopen set and hence F is upper almost  $g^*bp$ -continuous.

**Theorem 3.14** For a multifunction  $F: X \to Y$ , the following statements are equivalent:

- 1. F upper almost  $g^*bp$ -continuous,
- 2.  $F^+(IntCl(A))$  is  $g^*b$ -open set in X, for each preopen set A in Y,
- 3.  $F^{-}(ClInt(B))$  is  $g^{\star}b$ -closed set in X, for each preclosed set B in Y,
- 4.  $F^{-}(B)$  is  $g^{\star}b$ -closed set in X, for each regular closed set B in Y,
- 5.  $F^+(A)$  is  $g^*b$ -open set in X, for each regular open set A in Y.

**proof.** (1)  $\Rightarrow$  (2). Let A be any preopen set in Y. We have to show that  $F^+(IntCl(A))$  is  $g^*b$ -open set in X. Let  $x \in F^+(IntCl(A))$ . Then  $F(x) \in IntCl(A)$  and IntCl(A) is regular open set in Y. Since F is upper almost  $g^*b$ -continuous. By Theorem 3.13, there exists a  $g^*b$ -open set U of X containing x such that  $F(U) \subseteq IntCl(A)$ . Which implies that  $x \in U \subseteq F^+(IntCl(A))$ . Therefore,  $F^+(IntCl(A))$  is  $g^*b$ -open set in X.

 $(2) \Rightarrow (3)$ . Let *B* be any preclosed set of *Y*. Then  $Y \setminus B$  is preopen set of *Y*. By (2),  $F^+(IntCl(Y \setminus B))$  is  $g^*b$ -open set in *X* and  $F^+(IntCl(Y \setminus B)) = F^+(Int(Y \setminus Int(B))) = F^+(Y \setminus ClInt(B)) = X \setminus F^-(ClInt(B))$  is  $g^*b$ -open set in *X* and hence  $F^-(ClInt(B))$  is  $g^*b$ -closed set in *X*.

 $(3) \Rightarrow (4)$ . Let B be any regular closed set of Y. Then B is preclosed set of Y. By (3).  $F^{-}(ClInt(B))$  is  $g^*b$ -closed set in X since B is regular closed set, then  $F^{-}(ClInt(B)) = F^{-}(B)$ . Therefore  $F^{-}(B)$  is  $g^*b$ -closed set in X.

 $(4) \Rightarrow (5)$ . Let A be any regular open set of Y. Then  $Y \setminus A$  is regular closed set of Y, and by (4) we have  $F^-(Y \setminus A) = X \setminus F^+(A)$  is  $g^*b$ -closed set in X and hence  $F^+(A)$  is  $g^*b$ -open set in X. (5)  $\Rightarrow$  (1). Let  $x \in X$  and let A be any regular open set of Y containing F(x). Then  $x \in F^+(A)$ . By (5) we have  $F^+(A)$  is  $g^*b$ -open set in X. Therefore we obtain  $F(F^+(A)) \subseteq A$ . Hence by Theorem 3.13, F is upper almost  $g^*bp$ -continuous.

**Theorem 3.15** If a multifunction  $F : X \to Y$  is upper  $g^*bp$ -continuous, then it is upper almost  $g^*bp$ -continuous but not conversely.

**proof.** Let A be any regular open set in Y, so is preopen in Y. Since F is upper  $g^*bp$ -continuous then  $F^+(A)$  is  $g^*b$ -open in X. Hence by Theorem 3.14, F is upper almost  $g^*bp$ -continuous.

Remark 3.16 The converse of the theorem need not be true in general.

**Example 3.17** Consider  $X = Y = \{a, b, c\}$  with the topology  $\tau = \{\phi, \{c\}, \{a, c\}, \{b, c\}, X\}$ ,  $\sigma = \{\phi, \{a\}, Y\}$  and with the identity multifunction  $F : (X, \tau) \to (Y, \sigma)$ , F is upper almost  $g^*bp$ -continuous but not upper  $g^*bp$ -continuous since for preclosed set  $B = \{b, c\}$  in  $Y F^+(B) = \{b, c\}$  is not  $g^*b$ -closed in X.

**Theorem 3.18** If a multifunction  $F : X \to Y$  is upper almost  $\alpha$ -continuous then F is upper almost  $g^*bp$ continuous.

**proof.** Let A be any regular open set in Y. Since F is upper almost  $\alpha$ -continuous then  $F^+(A)$  is semi-open set in X, hence by Theorem(3.10)[24], is  $g^*b$ -open in X. Therefore, F is upper almost  $g^*bp$ -continuous.

**Theorem 3.19** If a multifunction  $F: X \to Y$  is upper  $\delta$ -continuous, then F is upper almost  $g^*bp$ -continuous.

**proof.** Let  $x \in X$  and let A be any preopen set in Y, then  $A \subseteq IntCl(A)$ . Since F is upper  $\delta$ -continuous, there exists an regular open set U of X containing x such that  $F(U) \subseteq IntCl(IntCl(A))$ , then  $F(U) \subseteq IntCl(A)$ . Since U is regular open set, then it is preopen and by Theorem(3.12) [24], U is  $g^*b$ -open set of X. Therefore, F is upper almost  $g^*bp$ -continuous.

**Theorem 3.20** If  $F: X \to Y$  is upper almost  $g^*bp$ -continuous function, then we have  $F^{-1}(A) \subseteq g^*bInt(F^+(IntCl(A)))$  for every preopen set A in Y.

**proof.** Let A be any preopen set in Y, then  $A \subseteq IntCl(A)$ . Since IntCl(A) is regular open set in Y, and Since F is upper almost  $g^*bp$ -continuous multifunction, so by Theorem 3.14,  $F^+(intCl(A))$  is  $g^*b$ -open set in X. So  $F^+(A) \subseteq F^+(intCl(A)) = g^*bInt(F^+(IntCl(A)))$ .

**Corollary 3.21** If  $F : X \to Y$  is lower almost  $g^*bp$ -continuous function, then we have  $g^*bCl(F^-(ClInt(E))) \subseteq F^-(E)$ , for every preclosed set E in Y.

**proof.** Let *E* be any preclosed set in *Y*, so *Y* \ *E* is preopen. By Theorem 3.20,  $F^+(Y \setminus E) \subseteq g^*bInt(F^+(IntCl(Y \setminus E)))$  this implies that  $X \setminus F^-(E) \subseteq g^*bInt(F^+(Y \setminus ClInt(E)))$ , then  $X \setminus F^-(E) \subseteq g^*bInt(X \setminus F^-(ClInt(E)))$ , it follow that  $X \setminus F^-(E) \subseteq X \setminus g^*bCl(F^-(ClInt(E)))$ . Hence  $g^*bCl(F^-(ClInt(E))) \subseteq F^-(E)$ .

**Theorem 3.22** Let  $F : X \to Y$  be an upper almost  $g^*bp$ -continuous. If Y is preopen set in Z, then  $F : X \to Z$  is upper almost  $g^*bp$ -continuous.

**proof.** Let A be any regular open set of Z. Since Y is preopen, then  $A \cap Y$  is regular open set in Y [see [10]]. Since F is upper almost  $g^*bp$ -continuous then  $F^+(A \cap Y)$  is  $g^*b$ -open set in X. But  $F(x) \in Y$  for each  $x \in X$ . Thus  $F^+(A) = F^+(A \cap Y)$  is a  $g^*b$ -open set in X. Therefore F is upper almost  $g^*bp$ -continuous.

**Theorem 3.23** If  $F: X \to Y$  is an upper almost  $g^*bp$ -continuous multifunction and A is  $g^*b$ -closed set of X, then the restriction function  $F|A: A \to Y$  is almost  $g^*bp$ -continuous multifunction.

**proof.** Let B be any regular closed set of Y. Since F is upper almost  $g^*bp$ -continuous multifunction, then by Theorem 3.14,  $F^+(B)$  is  $g^*b$ -closed set in X, and  $(F|A)^+(B) = A \cap F^+(B)$ . Since A is  $g^*b$ -closed, so  $A \cap F^+(B)$  is  $g^*b$ -closed set in A (see Theorem 2.8). Hence F|A is upper almost  $g^*bp$ -continuous multifunction.

**Theorem 3.24** If  $F: X \to Y$  is an upper almost  $g^*bp$ -continuous injection and Y is r- $T_1$ , then X is  $g^*b - T_1$ .

**proof.** Assume that Y is  $r-T_1$ . For any distinct points x and y in X, there exists regular open set A and W such that  $F(x) \in A$ ,  $F(y) \notin A$ ,  $F(x) \notin W$  and  $F(y) \in W$ . Since F is upper almost  $g^*bp$ -continuous there exists a  $g^*b$ -open sets G and H such that  $x \in G$ ,  $y \in H$ ,  $F(G) \subseteq A$  and  $F(H) \subseteq W$ . Thus we obtain  $y \notin G$ ,  $x \notin H$ . this show that X is  $g^*b - T_1$ .

**Theorem 3.25** If  $F: X \to Y$  is upper almost  $g^*bp$ -continuous and Y is pre- $T_2$  then X is  $g^*b - T_2$ .

**proof.** For any pair of distinct points x and y in X, there exists disjoint preopen sets U and V in Y such that  $F(x) \in U$  and  $F(y) \in V$ . Since F is upper almost  $g^*bp$ -continuous, there exists  $g^*b$ -open sets G and H in X containing x and y, respectively, such that  $F(G) \subseteq IntCl(U)$  and  $F(H) \subseteq IntCl(V)$ . Since U and V are disjoint, we have  $IntCl(U) \cap IntCl(V) = \phi$ , hence  $G \cap H = \phi$ . This shows that X is  $g^*b - T_2$ .

## 4. Weakly $g^*bp$ -continuous multifunction

**Definition 4.1** A multifunction  $F: X \to Y$  is said to be:

- 1. Upper weakly  $g^*bp$ -continuous at a point  $x \in X$  if for each preopen set A of Y such that  $F(x) \in A$ , there exists a  $g^*b$ -open set U containing x such that  $F(U) \subseteq Cl(A)$ .
- 2. Lower weakly  $g^*bp$ -continuous at a point  $x \in X$  if for each preopen set A of Y such that  $F(x) \in A$ , there exists a  $g^*b$ -open set U of X containing X such that  $F(U) \cap Cl(A) \neq \phi$ .
- 3. Upper (Lower) almost  $g^*bp$ -continuous if it has this property at each point of X.

**Theorem 4.2** Let  $F : X \to Y$  be a multifunction. If  $F^+(ClA)$  is  $g^*b$ -open set in X for each preopen set A in Y, then F is upper weakly  $g^*bp$ -continuous.

**proof.** Let  $x \in X$  and let A be any preopen set of Y containing F(x). Then  $x \in F^+(A) \subseteq F^+(ClA)$ . By hypothesis, we have  $F^+(ClA)$  is  $g^*b$ -open set in X containing x. Therefore, we obtain  $F(F^+(ClA)) \subseteq ClA$ . Hence F is upper weakly  $g^*bp$ -continuous.

It is obvious that upper almost  $g^*bp$ -continuous implies upper weakly  $g^*bp$ -continuous. However, the converse is not true in general as it shown in the following example.

**Example 4.3** Consider  $X = Y = \{a, b, c, d\}$  with the topology  $\tau = \sigma = \{\phi, \{b\}, \{c\}, \{a, b\}, \{b, c\}, \{a, b, c\}, X\}$ , with identity multifunction  $F : (X, \tau) \to (Y, \sigma)$  F is upper weakly  $g^*bp$ -continuous but not upper almost  $g^*b$ -continuous since for a preopen set  $B = \{a, b\}$  in Y  $F^+(IntClB) = \{a, b\}$  which is not  $g^*b$ -open in X.

**Theorem 4.4** If  $F : X \to Y$  is upper weakly  $g^*bp$ -continuous multifunction and Y is almost p-regular, then F is upper almost  $g^*bp$ -continuous.

**proof.** Let  $x \in X$  and let A be preopen set of Y. By the almost p-regularity of Y there exists a regular open set G of Y such that  $F(x) \in G \subseteq Cl(G) \subseteq IntCl(A)$ . Since F is upper weakly  $g^*bp$ -continuous, there exists a  $g^*b$ -open set U in X such that  $F(U) \subseteq Cl(G) \subseteq IntCl(A)$ . Therefore F is almost  $g^*bp$ -continuous.

**Theorem 4.5** Let  $F : X \to Y$  be a multifunction. If for each  $x \in X$  and each regular closed set R of Y containing F(x), there exists a  $g^*b$ -open set U in X containing x such that  $F(U) \subseteq R$ , then F is upper weakly  $g^*b$ -continuous.

**proof.** Let  $x \in X$  and let A be any preopen set of Y containing F(x). Then put R = Cl(A) which is a regular closed set of Y containing F(x). By hypothesis, there exists a  $g^*b$ -open set U in X containing x such that  $F(U) \subseteq R$ . Hence F is upper weakly  $g^*bp$ -continuous.

**Theorem 4.6** Let  $F : X \to Y$  be a multifunction. If the inverse image of each regular closed set of Y is a g<sup>\*</sup>b-open set in X, then F is upper weakly g<sup>\*</sup>bp-continuous.

**proof.** Let A be any preopen set of Y. Then Cl(A) is a regular closed set in Y. By hypothesis, we have  $F^+(Cl(A))$  is a  $g^*b$ -open set in X. Therefore, by Theorem 4.2, F is upper weakly  $g^*bp$ -continuous.

**Corollary 4.7** Let  $F: X \to Y$  be a multifunction. If the inverse image of each regular open set of Y is a  $g^*b$ -closed set in X, then F is upper weakly  $g^*bp$ -continuous.

**Corollary 4.8** Let  $F: X \to Y$  be a multifunction. If  $F^+(IntF)$  is  $g^*b$ -closed set in X for each preclosed set F in Y, then F is upper weakly  $g^*bp$ -continuous.

**Theorem 4.9** Let  $F: X \to Y$  be upper weakly  $g^*bp$ -continuous multifunction, if A is  $g^*b$ -closed subset of X, then the restriction  $F|A: A \to Y$  is upper weakly  $g^*bp$ -continuous in the subspace A.

**proof.** Let  $x \in A$  and let B be a preclosed set of Y containing F(x). Since F is upper weakly  $g^*bp$ -continuous, by Corollary 4.8,  $F^+(IntB)$  is  $g^*b$ -closed set in X, and  $(F|A)^+(IntB) = A \cap F^+(IntB)$  is  $g^*b$ -closed in X, by Theorem (3.30)[24], it is  $g^*b$ -closed in A. Hence F|A is upper weakly  $g^*bp$ -continuous.

**Theorem 4.10** Let  $F : X \to Y$  be upper weakly  $g^*bp$ -continuous multifunction and for each  $x \in X$ . If Y is any subset of Z containing F(x), then  $F : X \to Z$  is upper weakly  $g^*bp$ -continuous.

**proof.** Let  $x \in X$  and A be any preopen set of Z containing F(x). Then  $A \cap Y$  is preopen in Y containing F(x). Since  $f : X \to Y$  is upper weakly  $g^*bp$ -continuous, there exists a  $g^*b$ -open set U of X containing x such that  $F(U) \subseteq Cl(A \cap Y)$  and hence  $F(U) \subseteq ClA$ . Therefore,  $F : X \to Z$  is upper weakly  $g^*bp$ -continuous.

**Theorem 4.11** For a function  $f: (X, \tau) \to (Y, \sigma)$ , the following statements are equivalent:

- 1. F is upper weakly  $g^*bp$ -continuous,
- 2.  $g^*bClF^+(IntpClB) \subseteq F^+(pClB)$ , for each  $B \subseteq Y$ ,
- 3.  $F^{-}(pIntB) \subseteq g^{\star}bIntF^{-}(ClpIntB)$ , for each  $B \subseteq Y$ ,
- 4.  $F^{-}(pIntpClA) \subseteq g^{\star}bIntF^{-}(ClA)$ , for each preopen set A of Y,
- 5.  $F^{-}(A) \subseteq g^{\star}bIntF^{-}(ClA)$ , for each regular preopen set A of Y,
- 6.  $g^*bClF^+(IntF) \subseteq F^+(F)$ , for each regular preclosed set F of Y,
- 7.  $g^{\star}bClF^{+}(IntF) \subseteq F^{+}(ClIntF)$ , for each preclosed set F of Y,
- 8.  $g^*bClF^+(A) \subseteq F^+(ClA)$ , for each preopen set A of Y,
- 9.  $F^{-}(IntF) \subseteq g^{*}bIntF^{-}(F)$ , for each preclosed set F of Y.

**proof.** (1)  $\Rightarrow$  (2). Let *B* be any subset of *Y*. Assume that  $x \notin F^+(pClB)$ . Then  $F(x) \notin pClB$  and there exists a preopen set *A* containing F(x) such that  $A \cap B = \phi$ , hence  $A \cap IntpClB = \phi$ , then  $A \subseteq Y \setminus (IntpClB)$  and  $ClA \cap IntpClB = \phi$ . Hence, by(1), there exists a  $g^*b$ -open set *U* of *X* containing *x* such that  $F(U) \subseteq ClA$ . Therefore, we have  $f(U) \cap IntpClB = \phi$  which implies  $U \cap F^+(IntpClB) = \phi$  and hence  $x \notin g^*bClF^+(IntpClB)$ . Therefore, we obtain  $g^*bClF^+(IntpClB) \subseteq F^+(pClB)$ .

 $\begin{array}{l} (2) \Rightarrow (3). \text{ Let } B \text{ be any subset of } Y. \text{ Then apply}(2) \text{ to } Y \setminus B \text{ we obtain } g^{\star}bClF^{+}(IntpCl(Y \setminus B)) \subseteq F^{+}(pCl(Y \setminus B)) \Rightarrow g^{\star}bClF^{+}(Int(Y \setminus pIntB)) \subseteq F^{+}(Y \setminus pIntB) \Rightarrow g^{\star}bClF^{+}(Y \setminus ClpIntB) \subseteq F^{+}(Y \setminus pIntB) \Rightarrow g^{\star}bCl(X \setminus F^{-}(ClpIntB) \subseteq X \setminus F^{-}(pIntB) \Rightarrow X \setminus g^{\star}bInt(F^{-}(ClpIntB)) \subseteq X \setminus F^{-}(pIntB) \Rightarrow F^{-}(pIntB) \subseteq g^{\star}bInt(F^{-}(ClpIntB)). \end{array}$ 

 $(3) \Rightarrow (4)$ . Let A be any preopen set of Y. Then apply(3) to pClA we obtain  $F^{-}(pIntpClA) \subseteq g^{*}bInt(F^{-}(ClpIntpClA)) \subseteq g^{*}bInt(F^{-}(ClA)) = g^{*}bIntF^{-}(ClA)$ . Therefore we obtain  $F^{-}(pIntpClA) \subseteq g^{*}bIntF^{-}(ClA)$ .

 $(4) \Rightarrow (5)$ . Let A be any regular preopen set of Y. Then A is preopen set of Y. By(4) we have  $F^{-}(A) = F^{-}(pIntpClA) \subseteq g^{*}bIntF^{-}(ClA)$ . Therefore we obtain  $F^{-}(A) \subseteq g^{*}bIntF^{-}(ClA)$ .

 $(5) \Rightarrow (6). \text{ Let } F \text{ be any regular preclosed set of } Y. \text{ Then } Y \setminus F \text{ is a regular preopen set of } Y. \text{ By}(5), \text{ we have } F^-(Y \setminus F) \subseteq g^* bIntF^-(Cl(Y \setminus F)) \Rightarrow X \setminus F^+(F) \subseteq g^* bIntF^-(Y \setminus IntF) \Rightarrow X \setminus F^+(F) \subseteq g^* bInt(X \setminus F^+(IntF)) \Rightarrow X \setminus F^+(F) \subseteq X \setminus g^* bClF^+(IntF) \Rightarrow g^* bClF^+(IntF) \subseteq F^+(F). \text{ Hence } g^* bClF^+(IntF) \subseteq F^+(F).$ 

 $\begin{array}{l} (6) \Rightarrow (7). \ \text{Let } F \ \text{be any preclosed set of } Y. \ \text{Then } pClpIntF \ \text{is regular preclosed set of } Y. \ \text{By}(6) \ \text{we have } g^{\star}bClF^{+}(IntpClpIntF) = g^{\star}bClF^{+}(IntF) \subseteq F^{+}(pClpIntF). \ \text{Therefore we obtain } g^{\star}bClF^{+}(IntF) \subseteq F^{+}(pClpIntF). \\ (7) \Rightarrow (8). \ \text{Let } A \ \text{be any preopen set of } Y. \ \text{Then } \text{by}(7), \ \text{we have } g^{\star}bClF^{+}(A) \subseteq g^{\star}bClF^{+}(IntClA) \subseteq F^{+}(pClpIntClA) \subseteq F^{+}(pClpIntClA) \subseteq F^{+}(pClpIntClA) \subseteq F^{+}(ClIntClA) = F^{+}(ClA). \end{array}$ 

 $\begin{array}{l} (8) \Rightarrow (9). \text{ Let } F \text{ be any preclosed set of } Y. \text{ Then } Y \setminus F \text{ is preopen set of } Y. \text{ By}(8), \text{ we have } g^*bClF^+(Y \setminus F) \subseteq F^+(Cl(Y \setminus F)) \Rightarrow g^*bCl(X \setminus F^-(F) \subseteq F^-(Y \setminus IntF) \Rightarrow X \setminus g^*bIntF^-(F) \subseteq X \setminus F^-(IntF) \Rightarrow F^-(IntF) \subseteq g^*bIntF^-(F). \end{array}$ 

 $(9) \Rightarrow (1)$ . Let  $x \in X$  and let A be any preopen set in Y containing F(x). Then  $x \in F^-(A)$  and ClA is a closed set, hence preclosed, in Y. By (9), we have  $x \in F^-(A) \subseteq F^-(IntClA) \subseteq g^*bIntF^-(ClA)$ . If we put  $U = g^*bIntF^-(ClA)$ , then we obtain that  $x \in U$  and  $F(U) \subseteq ClA$ . Therefore, F is weakly  $g^*bp$ -continuous.

**Theorem 4.12** The followings are equivalent for a function  $f: X \to Y$ .

- 1. F is upper weakly  $g^*bp$ -continuous,
- 2.  $F(g^*bCl(A)) \subseteq Cl_{\theta}(F(A))$  for each subset A of X,
- 3.  $g^*bCl(F^+(B)) \subseteq F^+(Cl_\theta(B))$  for each subset B of Y,
- 4.  $g^{\star}bCl(F^+(Int(Cl_{\theta}(B)))) \subseteq F^+(Cl_{\theta}(B))$  for every subset B of Y.

**proof.** (1)  $\Rightarrow$  (2). Let A be any subset of X. Suppose that  $F(g^*bCl(A)) \not\subseteq Cl_{\theta}(F(A))$ . Then there exists  $y \in F(g^*bCl(A))$  such that  $y \notin Cl_{\theta}(F(A))$ , so there exists an open set G in Y containing y such that  $ClG \cap F(A) = \phi$ . If  $F^+(y) = \phi$ , then there is nothing to prove. Suppose that x be any arbitrary point of  $F^+(y)$ , so  $F(x) \in G$ . Since G is open then it is preopen in Y and by(1), there exists a  $g^*b$ -open set U of X containing x such that  $F(U) \subseteq Cl(G)$ . Therefore, we have  $F(U) \cap F(A) = \phi$ , so  $x \notin g^*bCl(A)$ . Hence  $y \notin F(g^*bCl(A))$  which is a contradiction. Therefore,  $F(g^*bCl(A)) \subseteq Cl_{\theta}(F(A))$ .

 $(2) \Rightarrow (3)$ . Let B be any subset of Y. Set  $A = F^+(B)$  in (2), then we have  $f(g^*bCl(F^+(B))) \subseteq Cl_{\theta}(B)$  and  $g^*bCl(F^+(B)) \subseteq F^+(Cl_{\theta}(B))$ .

 $(3) \Rightarrow (4)$ . Let *B* be any subset of *Y*. Since  $Cl_{\theta}(B)$  is closed in *Y* hence is preclosed in *Y*. We have  $g^*bCl(F^+(Int(Cl_{\theta}(B)))) \subseteq F^+(Cl_{\theta}(Int(Cl_{\theta}(B)))) \subseteq F^+(Cl_{\theta}(B))) \subseteq F^+(Cl_{\theta}(B))$ .

 $(4) \Rightarrow (1).$  Let G be any preopen set of Y, then  $G \subseteq IntCl(G)$ . Apply(4) to IntCl(G), we get  $g^*bClF^+(IntCl_{\theta}(IntCl(G))) \subseteq F^+(Cl_{\theta}(IntCl(G)))$ . By Theorem 2.7, we have  $g^*bClF^+(IntCl(G)) \subseteq F^+(Cl(IntCl(G)))$ . So, we get,  $g^*bCl(F^+(G)) \subseteq g^*bClF^+(IntCl(G)) \subseteq F^+(Cl(IntCl(G))) \subseteq F^+(Cl(IntCl(G))) \subseteq F^+(Cl(IntCl(G))) \subseteq F^+(Cl(IntCl(G))) \subseteq F^+(ClG)$ . Hence, by Theorem 4.11, F is upper weakly  $g^*bp$ -continuous.

**Corollary 4.13** If a multifunction  $F : X \to Y$  is upper weakly  $g^*bp$ -continuous, then  $F^+(A)$  is  $g^*b$ -closed in X for every  $\theta$ -closed set A in Y.

**proof.** If A is  $\theta$ -closed, so by Theorem 4.12, we obtain that  $g^*bCl(F^+(A)) \subseteq F^+(Cl_{\theta}A) = F^+(A)$ . Therefore,  $F^+(A)$  is  $g^*b$ -closed.

**Corollary 4.14** Let  $F: X \to Y$  be any multifunction. If  $F^+(Cl_\theta(B))$  is  $g^*b$ -closed in X for every subset B of Y, then  $F: X \to Y$  is upper weakly  $g^*bp$ -continuous.

**proof.** Since  $F^+(Cl_\theta(B))$  is  $g^*b$ -closed in X, we have  $g^*bCl(F^+(B)) \subseteq g^*bClF^+(Cl_\theta(B)) = F^+(Cl_\theta(B))$ . Therefore, by Theorem 4.12, f is upper weakly  $g^*bp$ -continuous.

**Theorem 4.15** A multifunction  $F : X \to Y$  is upper weakly  $g^*bp$ -continuous if and only if  $F^+(A) \subseteq g^*bIntF^+(Cl(A))$  for each preopen set A in Y.

**proof.** Necessity. Let F be upper weakly  $g^*bp$ -continuous and let A be any preopen set of Y, then  $A \subseteq IntCl(A)$ . Therefore, by Theorem 4.11, we get  $F^+(A) \subseteq F^+(IntCl(A)) \subseteq g^*bIntF^+(Cl(A))$ . Hence,  $F^+(A) \subseteq g^*bIntF^+(Cl(A))$ .

**Sufficiency**. Let A be any regular preopen set of Y, then A is preopen set in Y. By hypothesis, we have  $F^+(A) \subseteq g^* bIntF^+(Cl(A))$ . Therefore, by Theorem 4.11, f is upper weakly  $g^*bp$ -continuous.

**Corollary 4.16** A multifunction  $F : X \to Y$  is upper weakly  $g^*bp$ -continuous if and only if  $g^*bClF^+(Int(F)) \subseteq F^+(F)$  for each preopen set F in Y.

**Theorem 4.17** If  $F: X \to Y$  is a upper weakly  $g^*bp$ -continuous function and Y is extremally disconnected space, then F is upper almost  $g^*bp$ -continuous.

**proof.** Let  $x \in X$  and let A be any preopen set of Y containing F(x). Since F is upper weakly  $g^*bp$ -continuous, there exists a  $g^*b$ -open set U of X containing x such that  $F(U) \subseteq Cl(A)$ . Since Y is extremally disconnected, then  $F(U) \subseteq IntCl(A)$ . Therefore, F is upper almost  $g^*bp$ -continuous.

**Theorem 4.18** If  $F: X \to Y$  is upper weakly  $g^*bp$ -continuous injection and Y is pre- $T_1$  then X is  $g^*b - T_1$ .

**proof.** Assume that Y is pre- $T_1$ . For any distinct points x and y in X, there exist preopen sets A and W such that  $F(x) \in A$ ,  $F(y) \notin A$ ,  $F(x) \notin W$  and  $F(y) \in W$ . Since F is upper weakly  $g^*bp$ -continuous, there exists a  $g^*b$ -open sets G and H in X containing x and y respectively, such that  $F(G) \subseteq Cl(U)$ ,  $F(H) \subseteq Cl(A)$ ,  $F(H) \subseteq Cl(W)$  since A and W are disjoint then Cl(A) and Cl(W) are disjoint. Thus we obtain  $y \notin G$ ,  $x \notin H$ . This show that X is  $g^*b - T_1$ .

**Theorem 4.19** If  $F: X \to Y$  is upper weakly  $g^*bp$ -continuous and Y is pre- $T_2$  then X is  $g^*b - T_2$ .

**proof.** For any pair of distinct points x and y in X, there exist disjoint preopen sets U and V in Y such that  $F(x) \in U$  and  $F(y) \in V$ . Since F is upper weakly  $g^*bp$ -continuous, there exist  $g^*b$ -open sets G and H in X containing x and y, respectively, such that  $F(G) \subseteq Cl(U)$  and  $F(H) \subseteq Cl(V)$ . Since U and V are disjoint, we have  $Cl(U) \cap Cl(V) = \phi$ , hence  $G \cap H = \phi$ . This shows that X is  $g^*b - T_2$ .

## 5. Contra $g^*bp$ -continuous function

**Definition 5.1** A multifunction  $F: X \to Y$  is called:

- 1. Upper contra  $g^*bp$ -continuous at  $x \in X$  if for each preclosed set A such that  $x \in F^+(A)$ , there exists a  $g^*b$ open set U containing x such that  $U \subseteq F^+(A)$ .
- 2. Lower contra  $g^*bp$ -continuous at  $x \in X$  if for each preclosed set A such that  $x \in F^-(A)$ , there exists a  $g^*b$ open set U containing x such that  $U \subseteq F^-(A)$ .
- 3. Lower (upper) contra  $g^*bp$ -continuous if F has this property at each point of X.

**Theorem 5.2** The following are equivalent for a multifunction  $F: X \to Y$ .

- 1. F is upper contra  $g^*bp$ -continuous.
- 2.  $F^+(A)$  is  $g^*b$ -open set for any preclosed set  $A \subseteq Y$ .
- 3.  $F^{-}(U)$  is  $g^{\star}b$ -closed set for any preopen set  $U \subseteq Y$ .
- 4. For each  $x \in X$  and each preclosed set A containing F(x), there exists a  $g^*b$ -open set U containing x such that if  $y \in U$ , then  $F(y) \subseteq A$ .

**proof.** (1)  $\Rightarrow$  (2). Let A be a preclosed set in Y and  $x \in F^+(A)$ . Since F is upper contra  $g^*bp$ -continuous, there exists a  $g^*b$ -open set U containing x such that  $U \subseteq F^+(A)$ . Thus,  $F^+(A)$  is  $g^*b$ -open. The converse of the proof is similar. (2)  $\Rightarrow$  (3). This follows from the fact that  $F^+(Y \setminus A) = X \setminus F^-(A)$  for every subset A of Y. (1)  $\Leftrightarrow$  (4). Obvious.

**Theorem 5.3** The following are equivalent for a multifunction  $F: X \to Y$ .

- 1. F is upper contra  $g^*bp$ -continuous.
- 2.  $F^{-}(A)$  is  $g^{\star}b$ -open set for any preclosed set  $A \subseteq Y$ .
- 3.  $F^+(U)$  is  $g^*b$ -closed set for any preopen set  $U \subseteq Y$ .
- 4. For each  $x \in X$  and each preclosed set A such that  $F(x) \cap A \neq \phi$ , if  $y \in U$ , then  $F(y) \subseteq A$ , there exists a  $g^*b$ -open set U containing x such that if  $y \in U$ , then  $F(y) \cap A \neq \phi$

**proof.** The proof is similar to the proof of Theorem 5.2.

**Theorem 5.4** If a multifunction  $F : X \to Y$  is upper contra  $g^*bp$ -continuous and Y is preregular, then F is upper  $g^*bp$ -continuous.

**proof.** Let  $x \in X$  and A is preopen set of Y containing F(x). Since Y is preregular, then there exists a preopen set G in Y containing F(x) such that  $pCl(G) \subseteq A$ . Since F is upper contra  $g^*bp$ -continuous, then by Theorem 5.2, there exists a  $g^*b$ -open set U in X containing x such that  $F(U) \subseteq pCl(G)$ . Then  $F(U) \subseteq pCl(G) \subseteq A$ . Hence F is upper  $g^*bp$ -continuous.

**Theorem 5.5** If a multifunction  $F : X \to Y$  is upper contra  $g^*bp$ -continuous, then F is upper weakly  $g^*bp$ -continuous.

**proof.** Let A be any preopen set in Y. Since F is upper contra  $g^*bp$ -continuous, then  $F^+(A)$  is  $g^*b$ -closed set of X. Hence, by Theorem 4.2, we obtain that F is upper weakly  $g^*bp$ -continuous.

The converse of Theorem 5.5 is not true in general as it is shown in the following example.

**Example 5.6** Consider  $X = Y = \{a, b, c\}$  with the topology  $\tau = \{\phi, \{c\}, \{a, c\}, \{b, c\}, X\}, \sigma = \{\phi, \{b\}, \{a, b\}, Y\}$ and a multifunction  $F : (X, \tau) \to (Y, \sigma)$  is defined by F(a) = c, F(b) = b and F(c) = a, F is upper weakly  $g^*bp$ continuous but not upper contra  $g^*bp$ -continuous since for preopen set  $B = \{a, b\}$  in Y and  $F^{-1}(B) = \{b, c\}$  is not  $g^*b$ -closed in X.

**Theorem 5.7** If a multifunction  $F: X \to Y$  is upper contra  $g^*bp$ -continuous and X is  $g^*b$ -space, then F is upper contra continuous.

**proof.** Let A be an open set in Y, then i is preopen. Since F is upper contra  $g^*bp$ -continuous, so  $F^+(A)$  is  $g^*b$ -closed in X. Since X is  $g^*b$ -space, hence,  $F^+(A)$  is closed in X. Thus F is upper contra continuous.

## 6. Multifunctions with $g^*bp$ -closed graphs

**Definition 6.1** Let  $F : X \to Y$  be any multifunction, the graph of the function F is denoted by G(F) and is said to be  $g^*bp$ -closed if for each  $(x, y) \notin G(F)$ , there exists a  $g^*b$ -open set U in X containing x, and a preopen set V of Y containing y such that  $(U \times V) \cap G(F) = \phi$ .

**Lemma 6.2** The multifunction  $F : X \to Y$  has a  $g^*bp$ -closed graph if and only if for each  $x \in X$  and  $y \in Y$  such that  $y \neq F(x)$ , there exists a  $g^*b$ -open set U and a preopen set V containing x and y respectively, such that  $F(U) \cap V = \phi$ .

proof. Follows from Definition 6.1.

**Proposition 6.3** If  $F : X \to Y$  is upper weakly  $g^*bp$ -continuous, and Y is pre- $T_2$  space, then G(F) is a  $g^*bp$ -closed graph.

**proof.** Suppose that  $(x, y) \notin G(F)$ , then  $F(x) \neq y$ . By the fact that Y is pre- $T_2$ , there exist preopen sets W and V such that  $F(x) \in W$ ,  $y \in V$  and  $W \cap V = \phi$ . It follow that  $ClW \cap V = \phi$ . Since F is upper weakly  $g^*bp$ -continuous, so by Definition 4.1, there exists a  $g^*b$ -open set U in X containing x such that  $F(U) \subseteq ClW$ . Hence, we have  $F(U) \cap V = \phi$ . This means that G(F) is  $g^*bp$ -closed graph.

**Theorem 6.4** Let  $F: X \to Y$  be a preirresolute multifunction where X is an arbitrary topological space and Y is pre-T<sub>2</sub>. Then G(f) is  $g^*bp$ -closed.

**proof.** Let  $(x, y) \notin G(F)$ . Then  $F(x) \neq y$ . Since Y is pre- $T_2$ , there exists  $U \in PO(Y, F(x)), V \in PO(Y, y)$  such that  $U \cap V = \phi$ . Since F is upper preirresolute, this implies that  $F^+(U) = W \in PO(X, x)$ , so  $W \in g^*bO(X, x)$ . Hence  $F(W) = F(F^+(U)) \subseteq U$ . It follow from above that  $F(W) \cap V = \phi$ . Therefore, by the Lemma 6.2, we obtain that G(F) is  $g^*bp$ -closed.

**Definition 6.5** The graph G(F) of a multifunction  $F : X \to Y$  is called contra  $g^*bp$ -closed if for each  $(x, y) \notin G(F)$ , there exist  $U \in g^*bO(X, x)$ ,  $V \in PC(Y, y)$  such that  $(U \times V) \cap G(F) = \phi$ .

**Lemma 6.6** The graph G(F) of a multifunction  $F: X \to Y$  is contra  $g^*bp$ -closed if and only if for each  $(x, y) \notin G(F)$ , there exist  $U \in g^*bO(X, x)$ ,  $V \in PC(Y, y)$  such that  $F(U) \cap V = \phi$ .

**Theorem 6.7** If a multifunction  $F: X \to Y$  is upper contra  $g^*bp$ -continuous and Y is pre-Urysohn, then G(F) is contra  $g^*bp$ -closed.

**proof.** Let  $(x, y) \notin G(F)$ . Then  $y \neq F(x)$  and there exists preopen sets  $H_1, H_2$  such that  $F(x) \in H_1, y \in H_2$  and  $pCl(H_1) \cap pCl(H_2) = \phi$ . From hypothesis, there exists  $V \in g^*bO(X, x)$  such that  $F(V) \subseteq pCl(H_1)$ . Therefore, we obtain  $F(V) \cap pCl(H_2) = \phi$ . This shows that G(F) is contra  $g^*bp$ -closed..

**Theorem 6.8** If a multifunction  $F: X \to Y$  is upper  $g^*bp$ -continuous and Y is pre- $T_1$ , then G(F) is upper contra  $g^*bp$ -closed.

**proof.** Let  $(x, y) \notin G(F)$ . Then  $y \neq F(x)$  and there exists preopen set H of Y such that  $F(x) \in H$  and  $y \notin H$ . Since F is upper  $g^*bp$ -continuous, there exists  $g^*b$ -open set U in X containing x such that  $F(U) \subseteq H$ . Therefore we obtain  $F(U) \cap (Y - H) = \phi$  and  $(Y - H) \in PC(Y, y)$ . This show that G(F) is contra  $g^*bp$ -closed.

**Theorem 6.9** Let  $F : X \to Y$  be a multifunction and  $G : X \to X \times Y$  the graph function of F, defined by G(x) = (x, F(x)) for every  $x \in X$ . If G is upper contra  $g^*bp$ -continuous, then F is upper contra  $g^*bp$ -continuous.

**proof.** Let U be any preopen set in Y, then  $X \times U$  is preopen set in  $X \times Y$ . Since G is upper contra  $g^*bp$ -continuous. It follows that  $F^+(U) = G^+(X \times U)$  is an  $g^*b$ -closed in X. Thus F is upper contra  $g^*bp$ -continuous.

**Definition 6.10** Let X and Y be topological spaces. A multifunction  $F : X \to Y$  is said to have strongly  $g^*bp$ -closed graph if for each  $(x, y) \notin G(F)$ , there exists  $U \in g^*bO(X, x)$ ,  $V \in PO(Y, y)$  such that  $(U \times Cl(V)) \cap G(F) = \phi$ .

**Lemma 6.11** A multifunction  $F : X \to Y$  has strongly  $g^*bp$ -closed graph if for each  $(x, y) \notin G(F)$ , there exists  $U \in g^*bO(X, x), V \in PO(Y, y)$  such that  $F(U) \cap Cl(V) = \phi$ .

**Remark 6.12** Evidently every multifunction has a strongly  $g^*bp$ -closed graph it has a  $g^*bp$ -closed graph but the converse is not true as it is shown by the following example.

**Example 6.13** Let  $X = Y = \{a, b\}$  and  $\tau = \{\phi, \{a\}, X\}$ ,  $\sigma = \{\phi, \{b\}, Y\}$ , then the identity multifunction  $I : (X, \tau) \to (Y, \sigma)$  has a g<sup>\*</sup>bp-closed graph but it has not strongly g<sup>\*</sup>bp-closed graph.

**Theorem 6.14** If  $F : X \to Y$  is upper almost  $g^*bp$ -continuous and Y is pre- $T_2$ , then G(F) is strongly  $g^*bp$ -closed graph.

**proof.** Let  $(x, y) \notin G(F)$ . Since Y is pre- $T_2$ , then there exists preopen set V of Y containing y such that  $F(x) \notin Cl(V)$ . Now Cl(V) is regular closed set in Y. So, Y - Cl(V) is regular open in Y containing F(x). Therefore, by the upper almost  $g^*bp$ -continuous of F there exists  $U \in g^*bO(X, x)$  such that  $F(U) \subseteq Y - Cl(V)$ . Hence  $F(U) \cap Cl(V) = \phi$ .

**Corollary 6.15** If  $F: X \to Y$  is upper  $g^*bp$ -continuous and Y is pre- $T_2$  then G(F) is strongly  $g^*bp$ -closed.

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**proof.** Since upper  $g^*bp$ -continuous implies upper almost  $g^*bp$ -continuous, the result follows. References

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