

# Remarks on $\hat{\Omega}$ -multifunctions via filters

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**Abstract:** Aim of this paper is to obtain a new class of separation known as  $\hat{\Omega}$ -compact Spaces. Their properties are investigated in terms of nets, filterbase and  $\hat{\Omega}$ -complete accumulation point. Also I-lower (resp.upper)  $\hat{\Omega}$ -continuous and  $\hat{\Omega}$ -multifunctions have been introduced to study  $\hat{\Omega}$ -compact spaces.

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## I INTRODUCTION

Compactness is one of the most useful and fundamental notions of not only general topology but also for other advanced branches of Mathematics. Lellis Thivagar et.al [5] recently introduce the class of  $\hat{\Omega}$ -closed sets which form a topology and properly lies between the class of  $\delta$ -closed sets and that of  $\omega$ -closed sets. The aim of this paper is to investigate some characterizations of  $\hat{\Omega}$ -compact Spaces in terms of nets and filterbase. By introducing the notion of  $\hat{\Omega}$ -complete accumulation points, we investigate some characterizations of  $\hat{\Omega}$ -compact Spaces. This paper is to introduce concepts such as I-lower (resp.upper)  $\hat{\Omega}$ -continuous and  $\hat{\Omega}$ -multifunctions by which  $\hat{\Omega}$ -compactness is studied. Also some characterizations of  $\hat{\Omega}$ -multifunctions is obtained.

## II PRELIMINARIES

Throughout this paper  $(X, \tau)$  (or briefly  $X$ ) represent a topological space with no separation axioms assumed unless otherwise explicitly stated. For a subset  $A$  of  $(X, \tau)$ , we denote the closure of  $A$ , the interior of  $A$  and the complement of  $A$  as  $\text{cl}(A)$ ,  $\text{int}(A)$  and  $A^c$  respectively. Some of the following notations which are used in this paper. The family of all open (resp.  $\delta$ -open,  $\hat{\Omega}$ -open,  $\hat{\Omega}$ -closed) sets on  $X$  are denoted by  $O(X)$  (resp.  $\delta O(X)$ ,  $\hat{\Omega}O(X)$ ,  $\hat{\Omega}C(X)$ ). Also

$$O(X, x) = \{U \in X : x \in U \in O(X)\}; \quad \delta O(X, x) = \{U \in X : x \in U \in \delta O(X)\}; \quad \hat{\Omega}O(X, x) = \{U \in X : x \in U \in \hat{\Omega}O(X)\};$$

Let us sketch some existing definitions, which are useful in the sequel as follows.

**Definition 2.1** [12] A subset  $A$  of  $X$  is called  $\delta$ -closed in a topological space  $(X, \tau)$  if  $A = \delta \text{cl}(A)$ , where  $\delta \text{cl}(A) = \{x \in X : \text{int}(\text{cl}(U)) \cap A \neq \emptyset, U \in O(X, x)\}$ . The complement of  $\delta$ -closed set in  $(X, \tau)$  is called  $\delta$ -open set in  $(X, \tau)$ . From [3] Lemma 3,  $\delta \text{cl}(A) = \bigcap \{F \in \delta C(X) : A \subseteq F\}$  and from Corollary 4,  $\delta \text{cl}(A)$  is a  $\delta$ -closed for a subset  $A$  in a topological space  $(X, \tau)$ .

**Definition 2.2** A subset  $A$  of a topological space  $(X, \tau)$  is called

- 1) semiopen set in  $(X, \tau)$  [7] if  $A \subseteq \text{cl}(\text{int}(A))$ .
- 2)  $\hat{\Omega}$ -closed set [5] if  $\delta \text{cl}(A) \subseteq U$  whenever  $A \subseteq U$  and  $U$  is semi open in  $(X, \tau)$ .

The complement of  $\hat{\Omega}$ -closed (resp. semi open) is said to be  $\hat{\Omega}$ -open (resp. semi closed).

**Definition 2.3** By a multivalued function [2],  $F$  on a set  $X$  into a set  $Y$ , denoted by  $F: X \rightarrow Y$ , we mean a relation from  $X$  into  $Y$ . That is  $F \subseteq X \times Y$ . Let  $F: X \rightarrow Y$  be a multifunction. The upper and lower inverse of a subset  $V$  of  $Y$

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are denoted by  $F^+(V)$  and  $F^-(V)$  respectively. They are defined as  $F^+(V) = \{x \in X : F(x) \subseteq V\}$  and  $F^-(V) = \{x \in X : F(x) \cap V \neq \emptyset\}$ .

**Definition 2.4** A multifunction  $F: X \rightarrow Y$  is said to be

- 1) upper continuous (or upper semi-continuous) [2] (resp. lower continuous (or lower semi continuous)) if  $F^+(V)$  (resp.  $F^-(V)$ ) is open in  $X$  for every open set  $V$  in  $Y$ .
- 2) lower (resp. upper)  $\alpha$ -continuous at a point  $x \in X$  [8] if for each open set  $V$  in  $Y$  containing  $F(x)$ , there exists a  $\alpha$ -open set in  $X$  containing  $x$  such that  $F(x) \cap V \neq \emptyset$  (resp.  $F(U) \subseteq V$ ).
- 3) lower (resp. upper) pre-continuous at a point  $x \in X$  [9] if for each open set  $V$  in  $Y$  containing  $F(x)$ , there exists a pre open set in  $X$  containing  $x$  such that  $F(x) \cap V \neq \emptyset$  (resp.  $F(U) \subseteq V$ ).
- 4) lower (resp. upper)  $\beta$ -continuous at a point  $x \in X$  [10][11] if for each open set  $V$  in  $Y$  containing  $F(x)$ , there exists a  $\beta$ -open set in  $X$  containing  $x$  such that  $F(x) \cap V \neq \emptyset$  (resp.  $F(U) \subseteq V$ ).

**Definition 2.5** [6] A space  $(X, \tau)$  is called  ${}_{\omega}T_{\hat{\Omega}}$ -space if every  $\omega$ -closed set in  $X$  is  $\hat{\Omega}$ -closed in  $X$ .

**Theorem 2.6**[6] (**Theorem 3.14**) A space  $(X, \tau)$  is  ${}_{\omega}T_{\hat{\Omega}}$ -space if and only if every closed set is  $\hat{\Omega}$ -closed in  $(X, \tau)$ .

**III  $\hat{\Omega}$ -COMPACT SPACES VIA FILTERS**

**Definition 3.1** Let  $\Lambda$  be a directed set. A net  $\lambda = \{x_{\alpha} : \alpha \in \Lambda\}$   $\hat{\Omega}$ -accumulate at a point  $x \in X$  if the net is frequently in every  $U \in \hat{\Omega}O(X, x)$ . That is, for each  $U \in \hat{\Omega}O(X, x)$  and for each  $\alpha_0 \in \Lambda$ , there exists  $\alpha \sqsupseteq \alpha_0$  such that  $x_{\alpha} \in U$ .

**Definition 3.2** A filter base  $B = \{B_{\alpha} : \alpha \in J\}$   $\hat{\Omega}$  converge to a point  $x \in X$  if for each  $U \in \hat{\Omega}O(X, x)$ , there exists an  $B$  in  $B$  such that  $B \subseteq U$ .

**Definition 3.3** A point  $x \in X$  is said to be  $\hat{\Omega}$ -adherent point of a filter base  $B$  on a space  $X$  if  $x \in \hat{\Omega}cl(B)$  for every  $B \in B$ .

**Definition 3.4** A point  $x \in X$  is said to be  $\hat{\Omega}$ -complete accumulation point of a subset  $S$  of a space  $X$  if  $|S \cap U| = |S|$  for each  $U \in \hat{\Omega}O(X, x)$ . Where  $|S|$  denotes the cardinality of  $S$ .

**Example 3.5** Let  $X = \{a, b, c\}, \tau = \{\emptyset, \{a, b\}, X\}$ . Then  $\hat{\Omega}O(X) = \{\emptyset, \{a\}, \{b\}, \{a, b\}, X\}$ . If  $S = \{b\}$ , then the points  $b$  and  $c$  are  $\hat{\Omega}$ -complete accumulation points whereas  $a$  is not.

**Definition 3.6** A family  $\{U_{\alpha} : U_{\alpha} \in \hat{\Omega}O(X), \alpha \in J\}$  (where  $J$  is an indexed set) is said to be  $\hat{\Omega}$ -open cover of a subset  $A$  of  $X$  if  $A \subseteq \bigcup_{\alpha \in J} U_{\alpha}$ . If there exists a finite set  $J_0$  of  $J$  such that  $A \subseteq \bigcup_{\alpha \in J_0} U_{\alpha}$ , then it is known that  $\hat{\Omega}$ -open cover of a subset  $A$  has a finite sub cover.

**Definition 3.7** A space  $X$  is a  $\hat{\Omega}$ -compact if every  $\hat{\Omega}$ -open cover of  $X$  has a finite sub cover.

Characterization of  $\hat{\Omega}$ -compact spaces.

**Theorem 3.8** A space  $X$  is said to be a  $\hat{\Omega}$ -compact if and only if each infinite subset of  $X$  has a  $\hat{\Omega}$ -complete accumulation point.

*Proof. Necessity-* Suppose that  $X$  is  $\hat{\Omega}$ -compact and  $S$  is any infinite subset of  $X$ . If  $F$  is the set of all points  $x \in X$  which are not  $\hat{\Omega}$ -complete accumulation points of  $S$ . Then, for each point  $x \in F$ , there exists  $U_x \in \hat{\Omega}O(X, x)$  such that  $|S \cap U_x| \neq |S|$ . If  $F = X$ , then the collection  $U = \{U_x : x \in X\}$  is a  $\hat{\Omega}$ -open cover of  $X$ . By hypothesis, there exists finite number of points  $x_1, x_2, x_3, \dots, x_n$  in  $X$  such that  $X \subseteq \bigcup_{i=1}^{i=n} U_{x_i}$ . Then,  $S \subseteq \bigcup_{i=1}^{i=n} (U_{x_i} \cap S)$ . Therefore,  $|S| = \max\{|U_{x_i} \cap S| : i = 1, 2, \dots, n\}$  a contradiction to  $|S \cap U_x| \neq |S|$  for any  $x \in F$ . Therefore, there exists  $x \in X \setminus F$  which is  $\hat{\Omega}$ -complete accumulation points of  $S$ .

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**Sufficiency-** Assume that every infinite subset of  $X$  has an  $\hat{\Omega}$ -complete accumulation point in  $X$  and Suppose that  $X$  is not  $\hat{\Omega}$ -compact. Then there exists a  $\hat{\Omega}$ -open cover  $\mathcal{U}$  of  $X$  which has no finite sub cover. If we define,  $\delta = \min\{|\Phi| : \Phi \subseteq \mathcal{U}, \text{ where } \Phi \text{ is an } \hat{\Omega}\text{-open cover of } X\}$ , then we have a  $\hat{\Omega}$ -open cover  $\Gamma$  of  $X$  such that  $\Gamma \subseteq \mathcal{U}$  and  $\delta = |\Gamma|$ .

By hypothesis,  $\delta \leq |\mathbb{N}|$ , where  $\mathbb{N}$  is the set of all natural numbers. By well ordering of  $\Gamma$ , by some minimal well ordering say  $\prec$ : suppose that  $U$  is any member of  $\Gamma$ . By minimal well ordering  $\prec$ ,  $|\{G : G \in \Gamma, G : U\}| < |\{G : G \in \Gamma\}|$ . Since  $\Gamma$  can not have any sub cover with cardinality less than  $\delta$ , we have for each  $U \in \Gamma, X \neq \bigcup\{G : G \in \Gamma, G : U\}$ . It is always possible that for each  $U \in \Gamma$ , choose  $x(U) \in X \setminus \bigcup\{G \cup x(G) : G \in \Gamma, G : U\}$ , if not, one can choose a cover of smaller cardinality from  $\Gamma$ . If  $H = \{x(U) : U \in \Gamma\}$ , then it is enough to show that  $H$  has no  $\hat{\Omega}$ -complete accumulation point in  $X$ . Let  $z \in X$ . Since  $\Gamma$  is a cover of  $X$ , there exist  $W \in \Gamma$  such that  $z \in W$ . Since  $U : W, x(U) \in W$ . It follows that  $T = \{U : U \in \Gamma \text{ and } x(U) \in W\} \subseteq \{G : G \in \Gamma, G : W\}$ . But  $|T| < \delta$ . Therefore,  $|H \cap W| < \delta$ . But  $|H| = \delta \leq |\mathbb{N}|$ , since for any two distinct members  $U, V$  in  $\Gamma, x(U) \neq x(V)$ . This means that  $H$  has no  $\hat{\Omega}$ -complete accumulation point in  $X$ , a contradiction to our assumption. Therefore,  $X$  is  $\hat{\Omega}$ -compact.

**Theorem 3.9** A space  $X$  is  $\hat{\Omega}$ -compact if and only if every net in  $X$  with a well ordered directed set as its domain  $\hat{\Omega}$ -accumulates to some point of  $X$ .

*Proof. Necessity-* Suppose that  $X$  is  $\hat{\Omega}$ -compact and  $\lambda = \{x_\alpha : \alpha \in \Lambda\}$  is a net with well ordered directed set  $\Lambda$  as domain. Assume that  $\lambda$  never  $\hat{\Omega}$ -accumulates at any point of  $X$ . By the definition of a net  $\hat{\Omega}$ -accumulation, for each  $x \in X$ , there exists  $U_x \in \hat{\Omega}O(X, x)$  and  $\alpha_x \in \Lambda$  such that  $U_x \cap \{x_\alpha : \alpha \sqsupseteq \alpha_x\} = \emptyset$ . Therefore,  $\{x_\alpha : \alpha \sqsupseteq \alpha_x\} \subseteq X \setminus U_x$ . Now the collection  $C = \{U_x : x \in X\}$  is a  $\hat{\Omega}$ -open cover of  $X$ . By hypothesis, there exists a finite set of points  $x_1, x_2, x_3, \dots, x_n$  in  $X$  such that  $X = \bigcup_{i=1}^n U_{x_i}$ . Since  $\Lambda$  is a well ordered set, every finite set has the largest element. Therefore, denote the largest element of the subset  $\{\alpha_{x_i} : i = 1, 2, \dots, n\}$  of  $\Lambda$  as  $\alpha_{x_j}, 1 \leq j \leq n$ . Then for  $\gamma \sqsupseteq \alpha_{x_j}$ , we have  $\{x_\delta : \delta \sqsupseteq \gamma\} \subseteq \bigcap_{i=1}^n (X \setminus U_{x_i}) = X \setminus \bigcup_{i=1}^n U_{x_i} = \emptyset$  which is not possible. Therefore,  $\lambda$  has at least one  $\hat{\Omega}$ -accumulation point in  $X$ .

**Sufficiency-** Suppose that  $S$  is any infinite subset  $X$ . By Zorn's Lemma,  $S$  is a well ordered subset of  $X$ . Then we can assume that  $S$  to be a net with a domain which is well ordered index set. By hypothesis, it has an  $\hat{\Omega}$ -accumulation point say  $z$  in  $X$ . Therefore,  $z$  is an  $\hat{\Omega}$ -complete accumulation point of  $S$ . By Theorem 3.9,  $X$  is  $\hat{\Omega}$ -compact.

**Theorem 3.10** A space  $X$  is  $\hat{\Omega}$ -compact if and only if for every collection of  $\hat{\Omega}$ -closed sets in  $X$  with the finite intersection property has a non empty intersection.

*Proof. Necessity-* Suppose that  $Y = \{F : F \in \hat{\Omega}C(X)\}$  be a collection which satisfies finite intersection property and suppose that  $\bigcap\{F : F \in Y\} = \emptyset$ . By De-Morgan's Law,  $X = \bigcup\{X \setminus F : X \setminus F \in \hat{\Omega}O(X)\}$ . By hypothesis, there exists a finite number of  $\hat{\Omega}$ -closed sets  $F_1, F_2, F_3, \dots, F_n$ , such that  $X = \bigcup_{i=1}^n (X \setminus F_i : X \setminus F_i \in \hat{\Omega}O(X))$ . Again by De-Morgan's Law,

$$\bigcap_{i=1}^n F_i = \emptyset, \text{ a contradiction.}$$

**Sufficiency-** If a space  $X$  is not compact then there exists a  $\hat{\Omega}$ -open cover  $\Gamma$  of  $X$  which has no finite sub cover. It follows that for any  $n$ ,  $X \neq \bigcup_{i=1}^n \{G_i : G_i \in \Gamma\}$  and hence  $\emptyset \neq \bigcap_{i=1}^n \{X \setminus G_i : X \setminus G_i \in \hat{\Omega}C(X)\}$ . Therefore, there exists a family

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$B = \{X \setminus G : G \in \hat{\Omega}O(X)\}$  of  $\hat{\Omega}$ -closed sets in  $X$  with finite intersection property. By hypothesis,  $\bigcap \{(X \setminus G) : G \in B\} \neq \emptyset$  and hence  $X \neq \bigcup \{G : G \in \hat{\Omega}O(X)\}$ , a contradiction.

**Theorem 3.11** A space  $X$  is  $\hat{\Omega}$ -compact if and only if each filter base in  $X$  has at least one  $\hat{\Omega}$ -adherent point in  $X$ .

*Proof. Necessity-* Suppose that  $X$  is  $\hat{\Omega}$ -compact and  $\Phi = \{F_\alpha : \alpha \in J\}$  is a filter base in it. Since in a filter  $\Phi$ , every finite intersection of sets of  $\Phi$  belongs to  $\Phi$  and the empty set is not in  $\Phi$ ,  $\Phi$  has finite intersection property and hence  $\{\hat{\Omega}cl(F_\alpha) : \alpha \in J\}$  has finite intersection property. By Theorem 3.10,  $\bigcap_{\alpha \in J} \hat{\Omega}cl(F_\alpha) \neq \emptyset$ . Therefore,  $\Phi$  has at least one

$\hat{\Omega}$ -adherent point in  $X$ .

*Sufficiency-* Suppose that  $\Phi$  is any family of  $\hat{\Omega}$ -closed sets and each finite intersection is non-empty. The sets  $F_\alpha$  with their finite intersection provide a filter base  $B$ . By hypothesis,  $B$  has at least one  $\hat{\Omega}$ -adherent point  $x$  in  $X$ . Then,  $x \in \bigcap_{\alpha \in J} \hat{\Omega}cl(F_\alpha) = \bigcap_{\alpha \in J} F_\alpha$ . Therefore,  $\bigcap_{\alpha \in J} F_\alpha \neq \emptyset$  and by Theorem 3.10,  $X$  is  $\hat{\Omega}$ -compact.

**Theorem 3.12** A space  $X$  is  $\hat{\Omega}$ -compact if and only if each filter base  $\Phi$  on  $X$  with at most one  $\hat{\Omega}$ -adherent point in  $X$  is  $\hat{\Omega}$ -convergent.

*Proof. Necessity-* Suppose that  $X$  is  $\hat{\Omega}$ -compact and  $x \in X$  is any point and  $\Phi$  is any filter base on  $X$ . The  $\hat{\Omega}$ -adherence of  $\Phi$  is a subset of  $\{x\}$ . By Theorem 3.11,  $\hat{\Omega}$ -adherence of  $\Phi$  is equal to  $\{x\}$  and hence  $\bigcap_{F \in \Phi} \hat{\Omega}cl(F) = \{x\}$ .

Assume the contrary that, there exists  $U \in \hat{\Omega}O(X, x)$  such that for all  $F \in \Phi, F \cap (X \setminus U) \neq \emptyset$ . Then  $X = \{F \setminus U : F \in \Phi\}$  is a filter base on  $X$ . By Theorem 3.11,  $\hat{\Omega}$ -adherence of  $X$  is non-empty. However,  $\bigcap_{F \in X} \hat{\Omega}cl(F \setminus U) \subseteq \bigcap_{F \in X} \hat{\Omega}cl(F) \cap (X \setminus U) = \{x\} \cap (X \setminus U) = \emptyset$ , a contradiction. Therefore, assumption is wrong and hence for each  $U \in \hat{\Omega}O(X, x)$ , there exist  $F \in \Phi$  with  $F \subseteq U$ . Therefore,  $\Phi$  is  $\hat{\Omega}$ -convergent to a point  $x$ .

*Sufficiency-* It is enough to show that each filter base in  $X$  has at least one  $\hat{\Omega}$ -accumulation point. Suppose that there exist a filter base  $\Phi$  on  $X$  with no  $\hat{\Omega}$ -adherent point. By hypothesis,  $\Phi$   $\hat{\Omega}$ -converges to a point  $x \in X$ . Let  $F_\alpha$  be an arbitrary element of  $\Phi$ . Then, for each  $U \in \hat{\Omega}O(X, x)$ ,  $F_\beta \in \Phi$  such that  $F_\beta \subseteq U$ . Since  $\Phi$  is a filter base, there exists a  $\gamma$  such that  $\emptyset \neq F_\gamma \subseteq F_\alpha \cap F_\beta \subseteq F_\alpha \cap U$ . Therefore,  $F_\alpha \cap U \neq \emptyset$  for any  $U \in \hat{\Omega}O(X, x)$  and hence  $x \in \hat{\Omega}cl(F_\alpha)$  for each  $\alpha$  and hence  $x \in \bigcap_{\alpha} \hat{\Omega}cl(F_\alpha)$ . Therefore,  $x$  is a  $\hat{\Omega}$ -adherent point of  $\Phi$ , a contradiction. Therefore, our assumption is

wrong and hence  $X$  is  $\hat{\Omega}$ -compact.

**Definition 3.13** A mapping  $f : (X, \tau) \rightarrow P$  is said to be 1-lower (resp. 1-upper)  $\hat{\Omega}$ -continuous at the point  $x \in X$  if for each real number  $r > 0$ , there exists a  $\hat{\Omega}$ -open set  $U \in \hat{\Omega}O(X, x)$ ,  $f(u) > f(x) - r$  (resp.  $f(u) > f(x) + r$ ) for every  $u \in U$ . The function  $f$  is 1-lower (resp. 1-upper)  $\hat{\Omega}$ -continuous in  $X$  if  $f$  is 1-lower (resp. 1-upper)  $\hat{\Omega}$ -continuous at every point of  $X$ .

**Theorem 3.14** A function  $f : (X, \tau) \rightarrow P$  is 1-lower  $\hat{\Omega}$ -continuous in  $X$  if and only if for each  $r \in P$ ,  $\{x \in X : f(x) \sqsupseteq r\}$  is  $\hat{\Omega}$ -closed.

*Proof.* The collection  $\sigma = \{(r, \infty) : r \in P\} \cup P$  is a topology on  $P$ . Then, function  $f : (X, \tau) \rightarrow P$  is 1-lower  $\hat{\Omega}$ -continuous in  $X$  if and only if  $f : (X, \tau) \rightarrow (P, \sigma)$  is  $\hat{\Omega}$ -continuous. Then, inverse image of every closed set in  $(P, \sigma)$  is  $\hat{\Omega}$ -closed in  $X$ . Since for each  $r \in P, (-\infty, r]$  is closed in  $(P, \sigma)$ ,  $f^{-1}((-\infty, r]) = \{x \in X : f(x) \sqsupseteq r\}$  is  $\hat{\Omega}$ -closed in  $X$ .

**Corollary 3.15** A subset  $A$  of a space  $X$  is compact if and only if the characteristic function  $\chi_A$  is 1-lower  $\hat{\Omega}$ -continuous map.

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**Theorem 3.16** A function  $f : (X, \tau) \rightarrow P$  is 1-upper  $\hat{\Omega}$ -continuous in  $X$  if and only if for each  $r \in P$ ,  $\{x \in X : f(x) \sqsubseteq r\}$  is  $\hat{\Omega}$ -closed.

*Proof.* It is similar to that of Theorem 3.15.

**Corollary 3.17** A subset  $A$  of a space  $X$  is compact if and only if the characteristic function  $\chi_A$  is 1-upper  $\hat{\Omega}$ -continuous map.

**Theorem 3.18** If  $F(x) = \sup_{i \in J} \{f_i(x)\}$  exists where each  $f_i : (X, \tau) \rightarrow P$  is a 1-lower  $\hat{\Omega}$ -continuous, then  $F(x)$  is 1-lower  $\hat{\Omega}$ -continuous.

*Proof.* Suppose that  $r \in P$  be arbitrary and suppose that  $F(x) < r$ . Then for each  $i \in J$ ,  $f_i(x) < r$ . Then  $\{x \in X : F(x) \sqsubseteq r\} = \bigcap_{i \in J} \{x \in X : f_i(x) \sqsubseteq r\}$ . Since each  $f_i$  is a 1-lower  $\hat{\Omega}$ -continuous,  $r \in P$ ,  $\{x \in X : f_i(x) \sqsubseteq r\}$  is  $\hat{\Omega}$ -closed. By [5] Theorem 4.16,  $\bigcap_{i \in J} \{x \in X : f_i(x) \sqsubseteq r\}$  is  $\hat{\Omega}$ -closed. Thus,  $F(x)$  is 1-lower  $\hat{\Omega}$ -continuous.

**Theorem 3.19** If a function  $f : (X, \tau) \rightarrow P$  is 1-lower  $\hat{\Omega}$ -continuous in a  $\hat{\Omega}$ -compact space  $X$ , then  $f$  assumes the value  $p = \inf_{x \in X} f(x)$ .

*Proof.* Suppose that  $f : (X, \tau) \rightarrow P$  is 1-upper  $\hat{\Omega}$ -continuous in a  $\hat{\Omega}$ -compact space  $X$  and suppose  $r > p$ . By the infimum property,  $A_r = \{x \in X : f(x) \sqsubseteq r\}$  is a non-empty  $\hat{\Omega}$ -closed set in  $X$ . Then the collection  $\{A_r : r > p\}$  is a family of non-empty  $\hat{\Omega}$ -closed sets in  $X$  with finite intersection property. By Theorem 3.11, there exist  $x \in X$  such that  $x \in \bigcap_{r > p} A_r$ . Therefore,  $p = f(x)$  and hence the result.

**Theorem 3.20** If  $G(x) = \inf_{i \in J} \{f_i(x)\}$  exists where each  $f_i : (X, \tau) \rightarrow P$  is a 1-upper  $\hat{\Omega}$ -continuous, then  $G(x)$  is 1-upper  $\hat{\Omega}$ -continuous.

*Proof.* Similar to that of Theorem 3.18.

**Theorem 3.21** If a function  $f : (X, \tau) \rightarrow P$  is 1-upper  $\hat{\Omega}$ -continuous in a  $\hat{\Omega}$ -compact space  $X$ , then  $f$  assumes the value  $q = \sup_{x \in X} f(x)$ .

*Proof.* Similar to that of 3.19.

**Remark 3.22** If a function  $f$  on a space  $X$  satisfy the conditions of Theorems 3.18 and 3.20, then  $f$  is bounded and attains its bounds.

**IV  $\hat{\Omega}$ -MULTIFUNCTIONS**

**Definition 4.1** A multifunction  $F : X \rightarrow Y$  is said to be upper  $\hat{\Omega}$ -continuous at  $x \in X$  if for each open subset  $V$  of  $Y$  with  $F(x) \subseteq V$ , there exists a  $\hat{\Omega}$ -open set  $U$  in  $X$  containing  $x$  such that  $F(U) \subseteq V$ .

**Definition 4.2** A multifunction  $F : X \rightarrow Y$  is said to be lower  $\hat{\Omega}$ -continuous at  $x \in X$  if for each open subset  $V$  of  $Y$  with  $F(x) \cap V \neq \emptyset$ , there exists a  $\hat{\Omega}$ -open set  $U$  in  $X$  containing  $x$  such that  $F(u) \cap V \neq \emptyset$  for each  $u \in U$ .

**Example 4.3** Let  $X = Y = \{a, b, c, d\}$ ,  $\tau = \{\emptyset, \{b, c\}, \{a, b, c\}, \{b, c, d\}, X\}$  and  $\sigma = \{\emptyset, \{b, c\}, Y\}$ . Define the multifunction  $F : X \rightarrow Y$  by  $F(a) = \{a, d\}$ ,  $F(b) = \{b, c\}$ ,  $F(c) = \{c, d\}$  and  $F(d) = d$ . Then  $F$  is upper  $\hat{\Omega}$ -continuous and lower  $\hat{\Omega}$ -continuous mappings.

**Theorem 4.4** In a topological space  $(X, \tau)$ , every upper (resp. lower)  $\hat{\Omega}$ -continuous is upper (resp. lower) pre-continuous upper (resp. lower)  $\beta$ -continuous.

*Proof.* It follows from the fact [5] every  $\hat{\Omega}$ -open set is pre-open as well as  $\beta$ -open.

**Remark 4.5** From the following example, the converse of Theorem 4.4 is not always true.

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**Example 4.6** Let  $X = Y = \{a, b, c, d\}$ ,  $\tau = \{\emptyset, \{a\}, \{b\}, \{a, b\}, \{a, b, c\}, \{a, b, d\}, X\}$  and  $\sigma = \{\emptyset, \{a, b, c\}, Y\}$ . Define the multifunction  $F: X \rightarrow Y$  by  $F(a) = \{a, c\}$ ,  $F(b) = \{b, c\}$ ,  $F(c) = \{a, b\}$  and  $F(d) = \{a, d\}$ . Then  $F$  is upper pre-continuous and upper  $\beta$ -continuous but not a  $F$  is upper  $\hat{\Omega}$ -continuous.

**Remark 4.7** From Examples 4.3 and 4.6 it is known that the notion of upper  $\hat{\Omega}$ -continuous and upper  $\alpha$ -continuous, upper  $\hat{\Omega}$ -continuous and upper continuity are independent.

**Theorem 4.8** In a topological space  $(X, \tau)$ , every upper (resp. lower) super continuous function is upper (resp. lower)  $\hat{\Omega}$ -continuous.

*Proof.* It follows from the fact [5] every  $\delta$ -open set is  $\hat{\Omega}$ -open set and [1], Theorem 1 and Theorem 2.

The following theorem states some characterizations of upper  $\hat{\Omega}$ -continuous mappings.

**Theorem 4.9** The following statements are equivalent for a multifunction  $F: X \rightarrow Y$ .

- i)  $F$  is upper  $\hat{\Omega}$ -continuous.
- ii)  $F^+(V) \in \hat{\Omega}O(X)$  for any open set  $V$  of  $Y$ .
- iii)  $F^-(C) \in \hat{\Omega}C(X)$  for any closed set  $C$  of  $Y$ .
- iv) For any subset  $B$  of  $Y$ ,  $\hat{\Omega}cl(F^{-1}(B)) \subseteq F^{-1}(cl(B))$ .

*Proof.* (i)  $\Rightarrow$  (ii) Suppose that  $V$  is any open set in  $Y$  and  $x \in F^+(V)$ . Then  $F(x) \subseteq V$ . By hypothesis, there exists a  $\hat{\Omega}$ -open set  $U$  in  $X$  containing  $x$  such that  $F(U) \subseteq V$ . Then,  $F^+(V) = \cup\{U : U \in \hat{\Omega}O(X, x), F(U) \subseteq V\}$ . By [5] Theorem 4.16,  $F^+(V)$  is  $\hat{\Omega}$ -open in  $X$ .

(ii)  $\Rightarrow$  (iii) Since  $F^+(Y \setminus B) = X \setminus F^-(B)$  for any subset  $B$  of  $Y$  and since complement of  $\hat{\Omega}$ -open set is  $\hat{\Omega}$ -closed, (ii) holds.

(iii)  $\Rightarrow$  (iv) Suppose that  $B$  is any subset of  $Y$ . Since  $cl(B)$  is a closed set in  $Y$  and by hypothesis,  $F^-(B)$  is  $\hat{\Omega}$ -closed set in  $X$ . Also  $B \subseteq cl(B)$  and so  $F^-(B) \subseteq F^-(cl(B))$ . By [5] Remark 5.2,  $\hat{\Omega}cl(F^-(B))$  is the smallest  $\hat{\Omega}$ -closed set containing  $F^-(B)$ . Therefore,  $\hat{\Omega}cl(F^-(B)) \subseteq F^-(cl(B))$ .

(iv)  $\Rightarrow$  (iii) Suppose that  $C$  is any closed subset of  $Y$ . By hypothesis,  $\hat{\Omega}cl(F^-(C)) \subseteq F^-(cl(C)) = F^-(C)$ . Therefore,  $F^-(C)$  is  $\hat{\Omega}$ -closed subset of  $X$ .

(iii)  $\Rightarrow$  (ii) Suppose that  $V$  is any open subset of  $Y$ . Then  $Y \setminus V$  is a closed subset of  $Y$ . By hypothesis,  $F^-(Y \setminus V)$  is  $\hat{\Omega}$ -closed subset of  $X$ . That is,  $X \setminus F^+(V)$  is  $\hat{\Omega}$ -closed subset of  $X$  and hence  $F^+(V)$  is  $\hat{\Omega}$ -open subset of  $X$ .

(ii)  $\Rightarrow$  (i) Suppose that  $x \in X$  and  $V$  be any open subset of  $Y$  such that  $F(x) \subseteq V$ . Then,  $x \in F^+(V)$  and by hypothesis,  $F^+(V)$  is  $\hat{\Omega}$ -open subset of  $X$ . Therefore, there exists  $U \in \hat{\Omega}O(X, x)$  such that  $x \in U \subseteq F^+(V)$ . Thus,  $F(U) \subseteq V$ .

Characterizations of lower  $\hat{\Omega}$ -continuous mappings.

**Theorem 4.10** The following statements are equivalent for a multifunction  $F: X \rightarrow Y$ .

- 1)  $F$  is lower  $\hat{\Omega}$ -continuous.
- 2)  $F^-(V) \in \hat{\Omega}O(X)$  for any open set  $V$  of  $Y$ .
- 3)  $F^+(C) \in \hat{\Omega}C(X)$  for any closed set  $C$  of  $Y$ .
- 4) For any subset  $B$  of  $Y$ ,  $\hat{\Omega}cl(F^+(B)) \subseteq F^+(cl(B))$ .
- 5) For any subset  $A$  of  $X$ ,  $F(\hat{\Omega}cl(A)) \subseteq cl(F(A))$ .

*proof.* It is similar to that of Theorem 4.3.

**Theorem 4.11** The following statements are equivalent for a multifunction  $F: X \rightarrow Y$ .

- i)  $F$  is lower  $\hat{\Omega}$ -continuous.
- ii) If  $U$  is any open subset of  $Y$  and  $x \in F^-(U)$ , then there exists  $V \in \hat{\Omega}O(X, x)$  such that  $V \subseteq F^-(U)$ .
- iii) If  $D$  is any closed subset of  $Y$  and  $x \notin F^+(D)$ , then there exists  $\hat{\Omega}$ -closed set  $C$  in  $X$  such that  $x \notin C$ ,  $F^+(D) \subseteq C$ .

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*Proof.* (i)  $\Rightarrow$  (ii) Suppose that  $U$  is any open subset of  $Y$  and  $x \in F^-(U)$ . By Theorem 4.10 (ii),  $F^-(U)$  is a  $\hat{\Omega}$ -open subset of  $X$ . By letting  $V = F^-(U)$ ,  $V \in \hat{\Omega}O(X, x)$  such that  $V \subseteq F^-(U)$ .

(ii)  $\Rightarrow$  (iii) Suppose that  $D$  is any closed subset of  $Y$  and  $x \notin F^+(D)$ . Then,  $x \in X \setminus F^+(D) = F^-(Y \setminus D)$ . Therefore,  $Y \setminus D$  is open in  $Y$  and  $x \in F^-(Y \setminus D)$ . By hypothesis, there exists  $V \in \hat{\Omega}O(X, x)$  such that  $V \subseteq F^-(Y \setminus D)$ . Then,  $F^+(D) = X \setminus F^-(Y \setminus D) \subseteq X \setminus V$ . By letting  $C = X \setminus V$ , it is shown that there exists  $\hat{\Omega}$ -closed set  $C$  in  $X$  such that  $x \notin C$  and  $F^+(D) \subseteq C$ .

(iii)  $\Rightarrow$  (i) Suppose that  $D$  is any closed subset of  $Y$  and  $x \notin F^+(D)$ . By hypothesis, there exists  $\hat{\Omega}$ -closed set  $C$  in  $X$  such that  $x \notin C$  and  $F^+(D) \subseteq C$ . Then,  $\hat{\Omega}cl F^+(D) \subseteq \hat{\Omega}cl(C) = C$  and so  $x \notin \hat{\Omega}cl(F^+(D))$ . Thus,  $\hat{\Omega}cl(F^+(D)) = F^+(D)$  and hence  $F^+(D)$  is  $\hat{\Omega}$ -closed subset of  $X$ . By Theorem 4.10 (ii),  $F$  is lower  $\hat{\Omega}$ -continuous.

**Definition 4.12** The graph  $G_F : X \rightarrow Y$  of a multifunction  $F : X \rightarrow Y$  is given by  $G_F(x) = \{x\} \times F(x)$  for each point  $x \in X$ .

**Lemma 4.13** [?] The following statements are true for any multifunction  $F : X \rightarrow Y$  for any subsets  $A$  of  $X$  and  $B$  of  $Y$   
 1)  $G_{F^+}(A \times B) = A \cap F^+(B)$  .2)  $G_{F^-}(A \times B) = A \cap F^-(B)$  .

**Theorem 4.14** Let  $F : X \rightarrow Y$  is a multifunction such that  $F(x)$  is compact for each point  $x \in X$ . Then  $F$  is upper  $\hat{\Omega}$ -continuous if and only if  $G_F : X \rightarrow X \times Y$  is upper  $\hat{\Omega}$ -continuous.

*Proof. Necessity-* Suppose that  $F : X \rightarrow Y$  is a upper  $\hat{\Omega}$ -continuous and  $x \in X$ ,  $W$  is any open subset of  $X \times Y$  containing  $G_F(x)$ . Then for each  $y \in F(x)$ , there exists open subsets  $U_y$  in  $X$  and  $V_y$  in  $Y$  respectively such that  $(x, y) \in U_y \times V_y \subseteq W$ . The collection  $\{V_y : y \in F(x)\}$  is an open cover of  $F(x)$ . Since  $F(x)$  is compact, there exists a finite number of points  $y_1, y_2, \dots, y_n$  in  $F(x)$  such that  $F(x) \subseteq \bigcup_{i=1}^n V_{y_i}$ . Put  $U = \bigcap_{i=1}^n U_{y_i}$  and  $V = \bigcup_{i=1}^n V_{y_i}$ . Then  $U$  and  $V$  are open subsets of  $X$  and  $Y$  respectively such that  $(x, y) \in U \times V \subseteq W$ . Since  $F$  is upper  $\hat{\Omega}$ -continuous, there exists  $G \in \hat{\Omega}O(X, x)$  such that  $F(G) \subseteq V$ . By Lemma 4.6,  $U \cup G \subseteq U \cap F^+(V) = G_{F^+}(U \times V) \subseteq G_{F^+}(W)$ . Therefore,  $U \cap G \in \hat{\Omega}O(X, x)$  and  $G_F(U \cap G) \subseteq W$  and hence  $G_F$  is upper  $\hat{\Omega}$ -continuous.

**Sufficiency-** Suppose that  $G_F : X \rightarrow X \times Y$  is upper  $\hat{\Omega}$ -continuous,  $x \in X$  and  $V$  is any open subset of  $Y$  containing  $F(x)$ . Since  $X \times V$  is an open set in  $X \times Y$  and  $G_F(x) \subseteq X \times V$ , there exists  $U \in \hat{\Omega}O(X, x)$  such that  $G_F(U) \subseteq X \times V$ . By Lemma 4.6,  $U \subseteq G_{F^+}(X \times V) = F^+(V)$  and  $F(U) \subseteq V$ . Thus,  $F$  is upper  $\hat{\Omega}$ -continuous.

**Theorem 4.15** A multifunction  $F : X \rightarrow Y$  is lower  $\hat{\Omega}$ -continuous if and only if  $G_F : X \rightarrow X \times Y$  is lower  $\hat{\Omega}$ -continuous.

*Proof. Necessity-* Suppose that  $F : X \rightarrow Y$  is a lower  $\hat{\Omega}$ -continuous and  $x \in X$ ,  $W$  is any open subset of  $X \times Y$  such that  $x \in G_{F^-}(W)$ . Then  $W \cap (\{x\} \times F(x)) \neq \emptyset$ . Therefore, there exists  $y \in F(x)$  such that  $(x, y) \in W$  and hence  $(x, y) \subseteq U \times V \subseteq W$  for some open subsets  $U$  and  $V$  of  $X$  and  $Y$  respectively. Since  $F(x) \cap V \neq \emptyset$ , there exists  $G \in \hat{\Omega}O(X, x)$  such that  $G \subseteq F^-(V)$ . Then,  $U \cap G \subseteq U \cap F^-(V) = G_{F^-}(U \times V) \subseteq G_{F^-}(W)$ .

Thus,  $U \cap G \in \hat{\Omega}O(X, x)$  and hence  $G_F$  is lower  $\hat{\Omega}$ -continuous.

**Sufficiency-** Assume  $G_F : X \rightarrow X \times Y$  is lower  $\hat{\Omega}$ -continuous,  $x \in X$ ,  $V$  is any open subset of  $Y$  such that  $x \in F^-(V)$ . Now  $X \times V$  is open in  $X \times Y$ , and  $G_F(x) \cap (X \times V) = (\{x\} \times F(x)) \cap X \times V = \{x\} \times (F(x) \cap V) \neq \emptyset$ .

.Since  $F$  is lower  $\hat{\Omega}$ -continuous, there exists  $U \in \hat{\Omega}O(X, x)$  such that  $U \subseteq G_{F^-}(X \times V)$ . By Lemma 4.6,  $U \subseteq F^-(V)$  and hence  $F$  is lower  $\hat{\Omega}$ -continuous.

**Definition 4.16** A subset  $A$  of a topological space  $X$  is said to be

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1)  $\alpha$  - para compact [13], if every cover of  $A$  by open sets of  $X$  is refined by a cover of  $A$  which consists of open sets of  $X$  and is locally finite in  $X$ .

2)  $\alpha$  -regular [4] if for each  $a \in A$  and each open set  $U$  of  $X$  containing  $a$ , there exists an open set  $G$  of  $X$  such that  $a \in G \subseteq \delta cl(G) \subseteq U$ .

**Lemma 4.17** [4], *If  $A$  is  $\alpha$ -para compact and  $\alpha$ -regular in a topological space  $X$  and  $U$  is an open neighbourhood of  $A$ , then there exists an open set  $G$  of  $X$  such that  $A \subseteq G \subseteq cl(G) \subseteq U$ .*

**Definition 4.18** *Let  $F: X \rightarrow Y$  is a multifunction.  $(\hat{\Omega}clF): X \rightarrow Y$  is defined as  $(\hat{\Omega}clF)(x) = \hat{\Omega}cl(F(x))$  for each  $x \in X$ .*

**Lemma 4.19** *If a multifunction  $F: X \rightarrow Y$  is such that  $F(x)$  is  $\alpha$ -para compact and  $\alpha$ -regular at each  $x \in X$  and  $Y$  is  ${}_{\omega}T_{\hat{\Omega}}$ , then  $(\hat{\Omega}clF)^+(V) = F^+(V)$  for every open set  $V$  in  $Y$ .*

*Proof.* Let  $V$  be any open set in  $Y$  and  $x \in (\hat{\Omega}clF)^+(V)$ . Then  $(\hat{\Omega}clF)(x) \subseteq V$  and hence  $F(x) \subseteq \hat{\Omega}cl(F(x)) \subseteq V$ . Thus,  $x \in F^+(V)$ . Therefore,  $(\hat{\Omega}clF)^+(V) \subseteq F^+(V)$ . On the other hand, if  $x \in F^+(V)$ , then  $F(x) \subseteq V$ . By lemma 4.10, there exists an open set  $G$  of  $Y$  such that  $F(x) \subseteq G \subseteq cl(G) \subseteq V$ . Since in a space  ${}_{\omega}T_{\hat{\Omega}}$ , every closed set is  $\hat{\Omega}$  closed set,  $\hat{\Omega}cl(F(x)) \subseteq \hat{\Omega}cl(G) \subseteq cl(G) \subseteq V$ . Thus,  $x \in (\hat{\Omega}clF)^+(V)$ . Therefore,  $(\hat{\Omega}clF)^+(V) = F^+(V)$

**Theorem 4.20** *Suppose that  $F: X \rightarrow Y$  is a multifunction such that  $F(x)$  is  $\alpha$ -para compact and  $\alpha$ -regular at each  $x \in X$  and  $Y$  is  ${}_{\omega}T_{\hat{\Omega}}$ . If  $F$  is upper  $\hat{\Omega}$ -continuous if and only if  $(\hat{\Omega}clF): X \rightarrow Y$  is upper  $\hat{\Omega}$ -continuous.*

*Proof. Necessity-* Suppose that  $F$  is upper  $\hat{\Omega}$ -continuous and  $x \in X, V$  is any open subset of  $Y$  containing  $\hat{\Omega}cl(F(x))$ . Then  $x \in (\hat{\Omega}clF)^+(V)$ . By Lemma 4.13,  $x \in (\hat{\Omega}clF)^+(V) = F^+(V)$  and hence  $F(x) \subseteq V$ . Since  $F$  is upper  $\hat{\Omega}$ -continuous, there exists  $U \in \hat{\Omega}O(X, x)$  such that  $F(U) \subseteq V$ . Then there exists an open set  $W$  in  $Y$  such that  $F(u) \subseteq W \subseteq cl(W) \subseteq V$  and hence  $\hat{\Omega}cl(F(u)) \subseteq \hat{\Omega}cl(W) \subseteq cl(W) \subseteq V$  for each  $u \in U$ . Therefore,  $(\hat{\Omega}clF)(U) \subseteq V$  for each  $u \in U$  and hence  $(\hat{\Omega}clF)$  is upper  $\hat{\Omega}$ -continuous.

*Sufficiency-* Suppose that  $(\hat{\Omega}clF)$  is upper  $\hat{\Omega}$ -continuous  $x \in X, V$  is any open subset of  $Y$  containing  $F(x)$ . Then  $x \in F^+(V)$ . By Lemma 4.13,  $x \in (\hat{\Omega}clF)^+(V)$  and hence  $\hat{\Omega}cl(F(x)) = (\hat{\Omega}clF)(x) \subseteq V$ . Since  $(\hat{\Omega}clF)$  is upper  $\hat{\Omega}$ -continuous, there exists  $U \in \hat{\Omega}O(X, x)$  such that  $\hat{\Omega}cl(F(U)) = (\hat{\Omega}clF)(U) \subseteq V$ . Therefore,  $U \subseteq (\hat{\Omega}clF)^+(V) = F^+(V)$  and hence  $F(U) \subseteq V$ . Thus,  $F$  is upper  $\hat{\Omega}$ -continuous.

**Lemma 4.21** *If a multifunction  $F: X \rightarrow Y$  is such that  $F(x)$  is  $\alpha$ -para compact and  $\alpha$ -regular at each  $x \in X$ , then  $(\hat{\Omega}clF)^-(V) = F^-(V)$  for every open set  $V$  in  $Y$ .*

*Proof.* suppose that  $V$  is any open subset of  $Y$  and  $x \in (\hat{\Omega}clF)^-(V)$ . Then  $(\hat{\Omega}clF)(x) \cap V \neq \emptyset$ . Then  $\hat{\Omega}cl(F(x)) \cap V \neq \emptyset$ . Since  $V$  is a open set in  $Y$ ,  $F(x) \cap V \neq \emptyset$  and so  $x \in F^-(V)$ . Then,  $(\hat{\Omega}clF)^-(V) \subseteq F^-(V)$ . On the other hand, if  $x \in F^-(V)$ , then  $F(x) \cap V \neq \emptyset$  and hence  $\hat{\Omega}cl(F(x)) \cap V \neq \emptyset$ . That is  $(\hat{\Omega}clF)(x) \cap V \neq \emptyset$ . Thus,  $F^-(V) \subseteq (\hat{\Omega}clF)^-(V)$ . Therefore,  $F^-(V) = (\hat{\Omega}clF)^-(V)$ .

**Theorem 4.22** *A multifunction  $F: X \rightarrow Y$  is lower  $\hat{\Omega}$ -continuous if and only if  $(\hat{\Omega}clF): X \rightarrow Y$  is lower  $\hat{\Omega}$ -continuous.*

*Proof.* Similar to that of previous Theorem.

**Theorem 4.23** *Let  $\hat{\Omega}$  be a both open and preclosed subset of  $X$ . If  $F: X \rightarrow Y$  is upper (resp.lower)  $\hat{\Omega}$ -continuous, then  $F|_A: A \rightarrow Y$  is upper (resp.lower)  $\hat{\Omega}$ -continuous.*

*Proof.* Suppose that  $F$  is upper  $\hat{\Omega}$ -continuous,  $x \in A$  and  $V$  is any open subset of  $Y$  such that  $(F|_A)(x) \subseteq V$ . Therefore, for each  $x \in A, F(x) = (F|_A)(x) \subseteq V$ . Since  $F$  is upper  $\hat{\Omega}$ -continuous, there exists  $U_1 \in \hat{\Omega}O(X, x)$  such that  $F(U_1) \subseteq V$ . By [5] Theorem 6.10,  $U_1 \cap A$  is  $\hat{\Omega}$ -open in  $(A, \tau|_A)$  containing  $x$ . If  $U = U_1 \cap A$ , then  $U$  is  $\hat{\Omega}$ -open in  $(A, \tau|_A)$  containing  $x$  such that  $(F|_A)(U) = F(U) \subseteq V$ . Thus,  $F|_A$  is upper  $\hat{\Omega}$ -continuous.

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**Theorem 4.24** Let  $\{A_\lambda : \lambda \in \Lambda\}$  be a cover of  $X$  by sets both  $\delta$ -open and preclosed in  $X$ . If the multifunction  $F|_{A_\lambda}$  is upper  $\hat{\Omega}$ -continuous for each  $\lambda \in \Lambda$ , then  $F: X \rightarrow Y$  is upper  $\hat{\Omega}$ -continuous.

*Proof.* Suppose that  $F|_{A_\lambda}$  is upper  $\hat{\Omega}$ -continuous for each  $\lambda \in \Lambda$ ,  $x \in X$  and  $V$  is any open subset of  $Y$  such that  $F(x) \subseteq V$ . Then  $x \in A_\lambda$  for some  $\lambda \in \Lambda$ . Then,  $F(x) = F|_{A_\lambda}(x) \subseteq V$ . By hypothesis, there exists a  $\hat{\Omega}$ -open set  $U$  in the subspace  $(A, \tau|_\lambda)$  containing  $x$  such that  $F|_{A_\lambda}(U) \subseteq V$ . By [5] Theorem 6.9,  $U \in \hat{\Omega}O(X, x)$  and  $F(U) = F|_{A_\lambda}(U) \subseteq V$ . Thus,  $F$  is upper  $\hat{\Omega}$ -continuous.

Characterization of  $\hat{\Omega}$ -compactness.

**Theorem 4.25** A space  $X$  is  $\hat{\Omega}$ -compact space if and only if every lower  $\hat{\Omega}$ -continuous multifunction from  $X$  into the closed sets of a space assumes a minimal value with respect to set inclusion relation.

*Proof. Necessity-* Suppose that  $X$  is a  $\hat{\Omega}$ -compact space and  $F$  is a lower  $\hat{\Omega}$ -continuous multifunction from  $X$  into the closed sets of space  $Y$ . Let the poset of all closed subsets of space  $Y$  with the set inclusion  $\subseteq$  be labeled by  $\gamma$ . It is enough to show that  $F: X \rightarrow \gamma$  is lower  $\hat{\Omega}$ -continuous function. That is, to show that for every closed set  $D$  in  $X$ ,  $F^-(\{S \subseteq Y : S \in \gamma, S \subseteq D\})$  is  $\hat{\Omega}$ -closed in  $X$ . Put  $C = F^-(\{S \subseteq Y : S \in \gamma, S \subseteq D\})$  and take  $x \in X$  such that  $x \notin C$ . Claim that  $x \notin \hat{\Omega}cl(C)$ . Since  $x \notin C$ ,  $F(x) \cap \{S \subseteq Y : S \in \gamma, S \subseteq D\} = \emptyset$  and so  $F(x) \neq S$  for any closed set  $S$  of  $Y$ . Moreover,  $Y \setminus D$  is a open subset of  $Y$  such that  $x \in F^-(Y \setminus D)$ . By theorem 4.11 (ii), there exists  $W \in \hat{\Omega}O(X, x)$  such that  $W \subseteq F^-(Y \setminus D)$ . Therefore,  $F(w) \cap Y \setminus D \neq \emptyset$  for each  $w \in W$ . Therefore, for each  $w \in W$ ,  $F(w) \setminus D \neq \emptyset$ . Hence,  $F(w) \setminus S \neq \emptyset$  for any closed subset  $S$  of  $Y$  such that  $S \subseteq D$ . Therefore,  $W \cap C = \emptyset$ . It is shown that there exists  $W \in \hat{\Omega}O(X, x)$  such that  $W \cap C = \emptyset$ . By [5] Theorem 5.11,  $x \notin \hat{\Omega}cl(C)$ . Therefore,  $C = \hat{\Omega}cl(C)$  and so  $C$  is  $\hat{\Omega}$ -closed set in  $X$ . It is known that  $F$  assumes a minimal value.

**Sufficiency-** Suppose that  $X$  is not a  $\hat{\Omega}$ -compact space. By Theorem 3.9, for a well ordered set  $\Lambda$ ,  $\{x_i \in X : i \in \Lambda\}$  is a net with no  $\hat{\Omega}$ -accumulation point. We give  $\Lambda$  the order topology. Let  $M_j = \hat{\Omega}cl(\{x_i : i \sqsupseteq j\})$  for every  $j \in \Lambda$ . Define a multifunction  $F: X \rightarrow \Lambda$  by  $F(x) = \{i \in \Lambda : i \sqsupseteq j_x\}$ , where  $j_x$  is the first element of all those  $j$ 's for which  $x \notin M_j$ . Since  $\Lambda$  has the order topology,  $F(x)$  is closed. By the fact that  $\{j_x : x \in X\}$  has no greatest element in  $\Lambda$ ,  $F$  does not assume any minimal value with respect to set inclusion. Next claim that for every open set  $U$  in  $\Lambda$ ,  $F^-(U) \in \hat{\Omega}O(X)$ . If  $U = \Lambda$ , then  $F^-(U) = X$  which is  $\hat{\Omega}$ -open in  $X$ . Suppose that  $U \subseteq \Lambda$  and  $z \in F^-(U)$ . Then  $F(z) \cap U \neq \emptyset$ . Choose  $j \in F(z) \cap U$ . That is,  $j \in U$  and  $j \in F(z) = \{i \in \Lambda : i \sqsupseteq j_z\}$ . Therefore,  $M_j \sqsupseteq M_{j_z}$ . Since  $z \notin M_{j_z}$ ,  $z \notin M_j$ . There exists  $W \in \hat{\Omega}O(X)$  such that  $W \cap \{x_i : i \in \Lambda\} = \emptyset$ . Then,  $W \cap M_j = \emptyset$ , and hence  $w \notin M_j$  and since  $j_w$  is the first element for which  $w \notin M_{j_w}$ , then  $j_w \sqsupseteq j$ . Therefore,  $j \in \{i \in \Lambda : i \sqsupseteq j_w\} = F(w)$ . Since  $j \in U$  and  $j \in F(w)$ ,  $F(w) \cap U \neq \emptyset$ . Then,  $w \in F^-(U)$  and hence  $z \in W \subseteq F^-(U)$ . It is shown that there exists  $W \in \hat{\Omega}O(X)$  such that  $z \in W \subseteq F^-(U)$ . Therefore,  $F^-(U)$  is  $\hat{\Omega}$ -open set in  $X$  and hence the multifunction  $F$  is lower  $\hat{\Omega}$ -continuous, a contradiction to hypothesis. Thus,  $X$  is  $\hat{\Omega}$ -compact.

**Theorem 4.26** A space  $X$  is  $\hat{\Omega}$ -compact space if and only if every upper  $\hat{\Omega}$ -continuous multifunction from  $X$  into the subsets of a  $T_1$  space  $Y$  attains a maximal value with respect to set inclusion relation.

*Proof.* It is similar to that of Theorem 4.25.

The next theorem concerns the existence of a fixed point for multifunction on  $\hat{\Omega}$ -compact.

**Theorem 4.27** Let  $F: X \rightarrow Y$  be a multifunction from a  $\hat{\Omega}$ -compact space  $X$  into itself and  $F(S)$  be  $\hat{\Omega}$ -closed set in  $X$  for being a  $\hat{\Omega}$ -closed set  $S$  in  $X$ . If  $F(x) \neq \emptyset$  for every point  $x \in X$ , then there exists a non-empty  $\hat{\Omega}$ -closed subset  $C$  of  $X$  such that  $F(C) = C$ .

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*Proof.* Suppose that  $\Lambda = \{S \subseteq X : S \neq \emptyset, S \in \hat{\Omega}C(X), F(S) \subseteq S\}$ . Since  $X \in \Lambda$ ,  $\Lambda$  is non-empty and also a partially ordered set by set inclusion. Suppose that  $\{S_\gamma\}$  is a chain in  $\Lambda$ , then  $F(S_\gamma) \subseteq S_\gamma$  for each  $\gamma$ . Since domain space is  $\hat{\Omega}$ -compact,  $S = \bigcap_\gamma S_\gamma \neq \emptyset$ . By [5] Theorem 4.16, arbitrary intersection of  $\hat{\Omega}$ -closed set is  $\hat{\Omega}$ -closed and so  $S \in \hat{\Omega}C(X)$ . It follows that  $F(S) \subseteq F(S_\gamma) \subseteq S_\gamma$  for each  $\gamma$  and hence  $S \in \Lambda$  and  $S = \inf\{S_\gamma\}$ . By Zorn's Lemma,  $\Lambda$  has a minimal element  $C$ . Therefore,  $C \in \hat{\Omega}C(X)$  and  $F(C) \subseteq C$ . Since  $C$  is the minimal element of  $\Lambda$ ,  $F(C) = C$ .

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