

# On S-Subcontinuous multifunctions

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## Abstract.

In this paper we introduce a new concept, namely the s-subcontinuity for multifunction as a generalization of subcontinuity. We characterize s-compact preserving multifunctions in terms of s-subcontinuity. Conditions implying upper s-semi continuity for multifunction are derived.

Several new characterizations for upper s- semi-continuity and lower s- semi continuity are obtained using filterbasis. Furthermore we obtain some results on multifunction with s-closed graphs.

## 1. Introduction.

R.V. Fuller in [5] introduced the concept of subcontinuous function and used it to obtain conditions implying continuity. In [9] R. E. Simthson extended this concept to multifunctions and used it to obtain a number of results on multifunctions, and also developed criteria under which a multifunction is upper semi continuous.

Let  $A$  be a subset of  $X$ , the closure of  $A$  and the interior of  $A$  are denoted by  $Cl(A)$  and  $Int(A)$  respectively. Levin in [6] introduced the notion of semi – open sets (briefly s-open), so that  $A$  is s-open if there exists an open set  $U$  such that  $U \subset A \subset Cl(U)$ , equivalently  $A \subset Cl(Int(A))$ . The family of all s-open sets is denoted by  $SO(X)$ . The complement of s-open set is said to be semi-closed (briefly s-closed), the family of all s-closed sets of  $X$  is denoted by  $SC(X)$ .

The smallest s-closed set containing a subset  $A$  is called the semi-closure of  $A$  and denoted by  $sCl(A)$  [3]. The semi-interior of  $A$  denoted by  $sInt(A)$ , is the largest s-open set contained in  $A$ . A subset  $A \subset X$  is called  $\alpha$ -set if

$A \subset Int(Cl(Int(A)))$  [7]. The family of all  $\alpha$ -sets in  $X$  is denoted by  $\tau^\alpha$ . It was shown that  $\tau^\alpha$  is a topology on  $X$  finer than  $\tau$  [7]. A point  $x \in X$  is called semi limit(s-limit) point of  $A \subset X$  if every s-open set containing  $x$  contains a point of  $A$  different from  $x$  [2]. A subset  $N$  of a space  $X$  is called semi-neighborhood (s-nbd) of a point  $x \in X$  iff there exists  $U \in SO(X)$  such  $x \in U \subset N$ . A net  $\{x_n\}$  in  $X$  is called s-convergent to  $x \in X$ , denoted by  $\{x_n\} \xrightarrow{s} x$  iff  $\{x_n\}$  is eventually in every semi-open set containing  $x$  [2]. If  $\Omega$  is a filterbase on  $X$  then we define the semi-adherence of  $\Omega$  in  $X$  to be the set  $\bigcap \{sCl(B): B \in \Omega\}$  and denote it by

$ad_s \Omega$ .

Throughout the present paper  $F : X \rightarrow Y$  (respectively  $f : X \rightarrow Y$ ) represents a multifunction (respectively a single valued function). For a multifunction  $F : X \rightarrow Y$  the upper and lower inverse of a subset  $V$  of  $Y$  are denoted by  $F^+(V)$  and  $F^-(V)$  respectively, where  $F^+(V) = \{x \in X : F(x) \subset V\}$  and  $F^-(V) = \{x \in X : F(x) \cap V \neq \emptyset\}$ . Further, if  $A \subset X$  then  $F(A) = \bigcup \{F(x) : x \in A\}$ . We will denote the graph of  $F$  by  $G_F$  Where  $G_F = \{(x, y) : x \in X, y \in F(x)\}$ . A multifunction  $F$  is said to have closed (s-closed) graph if  $G_F$  is closed (s-closed) subset of the space  $X \times Y$ . Let  $P$  be a property of sets, then a multifunction  $F : X \rightarrow Y$  is called point  $P$  if  $F(x)$  has property  $P$  for each  $x \in X$ . Properties we shall use in this paper are closed, s-closed, and s-rigid (Definition 3.1).

Throughout this paper  $X$  and  $Y$  represent nonempty topological spaces on which no separation axioms are assumed unless otherwise mentioned.

## 2. Preliminaries

The following definitions and results will be useful in the sequel.

### 2.1. Theorem. [2]

If  $\{x_n\}$  is s-convergent net then  $\{x_n\}$  is convergent and the converse is not necessarily true as the following example shows:

### 2.2. example. [2]

let  $X = [-1,1]$  with usual topology on  $X$ , then  $\{\frac{1}{n}\}_{n \in \mathbb{N}}$  converges to 0 but  $\{\frac{1}{n}\}_{n \in \mathbb{N}}$  not s-converges to 0.

### 2.3. Definition. [2]

A space  $X$  is semi compact (briefly s-compact) iff every cover by s-open sets has a finite subcover, and  $A \subset X$  is s-compact iff every cover of  $A$  by s-open sets in  $A$  has a finite subcover.

### 2.4. Theorem. [2]

A space  $X$  is s-compact if and only if every net in  $X$  has an s-convergent subset.

The following theorem is easy to prove,

### 2.5. Theorem

A space  $X$  is s-compact if and only if every s-closed subset of  $X$  is s-compact.

### 2.6. Definition.[7]

A space  $X$  is called extremely disconnected if the closure of each open set in  $X$  is open in  $X$ .

We introduce the following result which is a consequence.

### 2.7. Theorem.

Let  $X$  be extremely disconnected,  $x \in X$  and  $A \subset X$ . Then  $x \in sCl(A)$  iff there is

a net of points of  $A$ , s-converging to  $x$ .

**2.8. Theorem. [3]**

$$Int(Cl(A)) \subset sInt(sCl(A)) .$$

Using this theorem and the fact that  $sInt(A) \subset A$ , we have the following result.

**2.9. Lemma.**

$$Int(Cl(A)) \subset sCl(A) .$$

**2.11. Definition. [1]**

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

(1) Upper semi continuous (*u.s.c*) if for each  $x \in X$  and each open set  $V$  of  $Y$  containing  $F(x)$  there exists an open set  $U \subset X$  containing  $x$  such that

$$F(U) \subset V .$$

(2) Lower semi continuous (*l.s.c*) if for each  $x \in X$  and each open set  $V$  of  $Y$  such that  $F(x) \cap V \neq \emptyset$  there exists an open set  $U \subset X$  containing  $x$  such that  $F(u) \cap V \neq \emptyset$  for every  $u \in U$  .

(3) Continuous if it is (*u.s.c*) and (*l.s.c*) .

**2.12. Definition. [8]**

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

(1) Upper s-semi continuous ( $\bar{s}.s.c.$ ) if  $F^+(V) \in SO(X)$  for each open set  $V$  of  $Y$  .

(2) Lower s-semi continuous ( $\underline{s}.s.c.$ ) if  $F^-(V) \in SO(X)$  for each open set  $V$  of  $Y$  .

(3) Semi-continuous (*s.c.*) if it is ( $\bar{s}.s.c.$ ) and ( $\underline{s}.s.c.$ ) .

The ( $\bar{s}.s.c.$ ) and ( $\underline{s}.s.c.$ ) multifunctions was studied in some details by Popa [8].

**2.13. Theorem. [8]**

The following are equivalent for multifunction  $F : X \rightarrow Y$  .

(1)  $F$  is ( $\bar{s}.s.c.$ )

(2) For each  $x \in X$  and each open set  $V \subset Y$  with  $F(x) \subset V$  there exist  $U \in SO(X)$  such that  $x \in U$  and  $F(U) \subset V$  .

(3)  $F^-(V) \in SC(X)$  for each closed set  $V \subset Y$  .

(4)  $Int(Cl(F^-(B))) \subset F^-(Cl(B))$  for each  $B \subset Y$  .

**3. Some Characterizations.**

In this section we introduce the notion of s-rigidity analogous to Dickman's definition of  $\theta$ -rigidity [4] and introduce new properties and characterizations for ( $\bar{s}.s.c.$ ) and ( $\underline{s}.s.c.$ ) multifunctions.

**3.1. Definition.**

A set  $A \subset X$  is s-rigid if  $A \cap ad_s \Omega \neq \phi$  whenever  $\Omega$  is a filterbase on  $X$  satisfying  $B \cap U \neq \phi$  for each  $B \in \Omega$  and  $U \in SO(X)$  containing  $A$ .

The following Lemma is needed in the proofs of the next results.

**3.2. Lemma.**

Let  $A \subset X, x \in X$ , then,  $x \in sCl(A)$  if and only if for each  $U \in SO(X)$  containing  $x, U \cap A \neq \phi$ .

**Proof:**

Suppose that  $x$  is not in  $sCl(A)$ , the set  $U = X - sCl(A)$  is an s-open set containing  $x$  and  $U \cap A = \phi$ . Conversely, if there is an s-open set  $U$  containing  $x$  such that  $U \cap A \neq \phi$ , then  $X - U$  is an s-closed set containing  $A$ . hence  $X - U$  contain  $sCl(A)$ , therefore  $x$  cannot in  $sCl(A)$ .

Now we introduce the following characterizations for  $\bar{s}.s.c.$  multifunctions.

**3.3. Theorem.**

The following statements are equivalent for a multifunction  $F : X \rightarrow Y$ , where  $F$  is point s-rigid.

- (1)  $F$  is  $\bar{s}.s.c.$
- (2)  $ad_s F^-(\Omega) \subset F^-(ad_s \Omega)$  for each filterbase  $\Omega$  on  $F(X)$ .
- (3)  $sCl(F^-(B)) \subset F^-(sCl(B))$ . for each  $B \subset Y$ .

**Proof:**

- (1)  $\Rightarrow$  (2) Let  $x \in ad_s F^-(\Omega)$ . Since  $F$  is  $(\bar{s}.s.c.)$ , for each open set  $W$  in  $Y$  such that  $F(x) \subset W$ , there is  $U \in SO(X)$  containing  $x$  such that  $F(U) \subset W$ . Since  $x \in ad_s F^-(\Omega)$ , so  $x \in sCl(F^-(A))$  for each  $A \in \Omega$ . Therefore, by Lemma 3.2,  $F^-(A) \cap U \neq \phi$ , thus  $A \cap W \neq \phi$ . Since  $F(x)$  is s-rigid, it follows that  $F(x) \cap ad_s \Omega \neq \phi$ . Hence  $x \in F^-(ad_s \Omega)$ .

(2)  $\Rightarrow$  (3) and (3)  $\Rightarrow$  (1): Obvious.

Popa in [8] proved several characterizations for multifunction. Our next theorem improves on these results by using filterbases, thus (3), (4), (5) are new characterizations.

**3.4. Theorem.**

The following are equivalent for a multifunction  $F : X \rightarrow Y$ .

- (1)  $F$  is  $(\underline{s}.s.c.)$ .
- (2) For each open set  $V \subset Y$  and for each  $x \in X$  with  $F(x) \cap V$ , there is  $U \in SO(X)$  containing  $x$  and  $F(u) \cap V$  for each  $u \in U$ .
- (3)  $F(ad_s \Omega) \subset ad F(\Omega)$  for each filterbase  $\Omega$  on  $X$ .
- (4)  $F(sCl(A)) \subset Cl(F(A))$  for each  $A \subset X$ .
- (5) Each family  $\Omega$  of subsets of  $Y$  satisfies
  - $\bigcap_{B \in \Omega} sCl(F^+(B)) \subset F^+(\bigcap_{B \in \Omega} Cl(B))$
- (6)  $sCl(F^+(B)) \subset F^+(Cl(B))$  for each  $B \subset Y$ .

- (7)  $F^+(B)$  is s-closed in  $X$ , for each  $B \subset Y$ .
- (8)  $\text{Int}(F^+(B)) \subset F^+(Cl(B))$  for each  $B \subset Y$ .

**Proof:**

- (1)  $\Rightarrow$  (2) This is proved in [8].
- (2)  $\Rightarrow$  (3) Let  $x \in ad_s \Omega$  and  $y \in F(x)$ . Let  $W$  be open in  $Y$  such that  $y \in W$ . Hence by (2) there is  $U \in SO(X)$  containing  $x$  such that  $U \subset F^-(W)$ . Since  $x \in ad_s \Omega$ , so  $x \in sCl(A)$  for each  $A \in \Omega$ . Hence, by Lemma 3.2, for each  $U \in SO(X)$  containing  $x$ ,  $U \cap A \neq \emptyset$ . Therefore  $F^-(W) \cap A \neq \emptyset$ . Thus  $W \cap F(A) \neq \emptyset$  for each  $A \in \Omega$ , so  $y \in Cl(F(A))$  for each  $F(A) \in F(\Omega)$ . Therefore  $y \in ad F(\Omega)$ .
- (3)  $\Rightarrow$  (4): Obvious.
- (4)  $\Rightarrow$  (5): Suppose  $\Omega$  is a family of subset of  $Y$  which fails to satisfy the inequality in (5). Thus  $\bigcap_{B \in \Omega} sCl(F^+(B)) \not\subset F^+(\bigcap_{B \in \Omega} Cl(B))$ , so there is  $x \in \bigcap_{B \in \Omega} sCl(F^+(B))$  and  $x \notin F^+(\bigcap_{B \in \Omega} Cl(B))$ . Hence  $F(x) \subset F(sCl(F^+(B)))$  for each  $B \in \Omega$ , and  $F(x) \not\subset Cl(B)$  for some  $B \in \Omega$ . Hence  $F(x) \not\subset Cl(F(F^+(B)))$ . Therefore  $F(sCl(F^+(B))) \not\subset Cl(F(F^+(B)))$ , thus (4) fails.
- (5)  $\Rightarrow$  (6): This is obvious .
- (6)  $\Rightarrow$  (7), (7)  $\Rightarrow$  (8) and (8)  $\Rightarrow$  (1): These are proved in [8].

**4. S-Subcontinuity and Upper S- Semi Continuity.**

Fuller [5] introduced and studied the notion of subcontinuous function, Smithson [9] extended this definition to multifunction, so that  $F : X \rightarrow Y$  is subcontinuous iff whenever  $\{x_n\}$  is convergent net in  $X$ , and  $\{y_n\}$  is a net in  $F(X)$  with  $y_n \in F(x_n)$  for each n, then  $\{y_n\}$  has a convergent subnet.

We introduce the notion of s-subcontinuity as a generalization of Simthson's definition.

**4.1 Definition.**

A multifunction  $F : X \rightarrow Y$  is s-subcontinuous if and only if whenever  $\{x_n\}$  is s-convergent net in  $X$  and  $\{y_n\}$  is a net in  $F(X)$  with  $y_n \in F(x_n)$  for each n, then  $\{y_n\}$  has an s-convergent subset.

The following result is an immediate consequence of definition 4.1 and Theorems 2.4, 2.5.

**4.2 Theorem.**

Let  $F : X \rightarrow Y$  be an s-subcontinuous multifunction if  $A \subset X$  is s-compact and  $F(A)$  is s-closed then  $F(A)$  is s-compact.

Now we characterize s-compact preserving multifunctions in terms of s-subcontinuity.

**4.3 Theorem.**

Let  $F : X \rightarrow Y$  be a multifunction. Then  $F$  is s-compact preserving iff  $F_{/A} \rightarrow F(A)$  is s-subcontinuous for each s-compact  $A \subset X$ , where  $F_{/A}$  denotes the restriction of  $F$  on  $A$ .

**Proof:**

*Necessity:* suppose  $F$  is an s-compact preserving. Let  $A$  be s-compact, then  $F(A)$  is s-compact. Then by Theorem 2.4, every net in  $F(A)$  has an s-convergent subnet. Hence  $F_{/A} \rightarrow F(A)$  is s-subcontinuous.

*Sufficiency:* let  $A \subset X$  be s-compact and  $F_{/A} \rightarrow F(A)$  be s-subcontinuous. Then every net in  $F(A)$  have a convergent subnet. Hence by Theorem 2.4,  $F(A)$  is s-compact .

Now we use the notion of closed graph to give some properties of  $\bar{s}.s.c.$  multifunctions, first we introduce the following example to show that a multifunction with an s-closed graph need not be s-continuous.

**4.4. Example.**

Let  $X = \{a, b, c, d\}$ ,  $Y = \{1, 2, 3\}$  with topologies  $\tau = \{x, \phi, \{a\}\}$ ,  $J = \{y, \phi, \{2\}\}$  respectively, then.

$SO(X) = \{X, \{a\}, \{a, b\}, \{a, c\}, \{a, b, c\}, \{a, d\}, \{a, d, b\}, \{a, d, c\}\}$

$SO(Y) = \{y, \phi, \{1, 2\}, \{2\}, \{2, 3\}\}$ , define  $F : X \rightarrow Y$  by  $F(a) = \{1\}$ ,  $F(b) = \{3\}$ ,  $F(c) = F(d) = \{2\}$  then  $F$  has s-closed graph but  $F$  is not s-continuous.

In the following result we give sufficient conditions for a multifunction with s- closed graph to be  $\bar{s}.s.c.$ .

**4.5. Theorem.**

Let  $X$  be extremely disconnected space and  $F : X \rightarrow Y$  be s-subcontinuous multifunction which has an s-closed graph. Then  $F$  is  $\bar{s}.s.c.$ .

**Proof:**

Let  $B \subset Y$  be closed and  $x_0 \in sCl(F^-(B))$ , then by Theorem 2.7, there is a net  $\{x_n\}$  in  $F^-(B)$  which s-converges to  $x_0$ . Let  $\{y_n\}$  be a net in  $B$  such that  $y_n \in F(x_n)$  for each  $n$ . Since  $F$  is s- subcontinuous, there is an s-convergent subnet  $y_{n_m} \xrightarrow{s} y_0 \in B$ . If  $y_0 \notin F(x_0)$  then  $(x_0, y_0) \notin G_F$ , but  $G_F$  is s-closed, so there are s-open sets  $U \subset X$  and  $V \subset Y$  such that  $(x_0, y_0) \in U \times V$  and  $(U \times V) \cap G_F = \phi$ , since  $x_n \xrightarrow{s} x_0$ , and  $y_{n_m} \xrightarrow{s} y_0$ . Hence by Theorem 2.1,  $x_n \rightarrow x_0$ , and  $y_{n_m} \rightarrow y_0$ . Thus there is  $n_m$  such that  $x_{n_m} \in U$  and  $y_{n_m} \in V$  which is a contradiction. Thus  $y_0 \in F(x_0)$  and  $x_0 \in F^-(A)$ . Hence  $F$  is  $\bar{s}.s.c.$

The following result is obtained from the proof of the above theorem.

**4.6. Corollary.**

Let  $X$  be extremely disconnected space and  $F : X \rightarrow Y$  be an s-subcontinuous multifunction with s-closed graph . Let  $x_n \xrightarrow{s} x_0$  and

$\{y_n\}$  be a net such that  $y_n \in F(x_n)$  for each  $n$ . If  $y_n \xrightarrow{s} y_0$  then  $y_0 \in F(x_0)$ .

If we assume that  $Y$  is regular in Theorem 4.5, then we have the following result.

**4.7. Theorem.**

If  $F : X \rightarrow Y$  is a point closed  $\bar{s}.s.c.$  and  $Y$  is a regular space. Then  $F$  has an s-closed graph.

**proof:**

Suppose  $(x, y) \notin G_F$  then  $y \notin F(x)$ . But  $F$  is point closed, so  $F(x)$  is closed. Since  $Y$  is regular, there are  $U, V$  open in  $Y$  such that  $y \in U, F(x) \subset V$  and  $U \cap V = \emptyset$ . Since  $F$  is  $(\bar{s}.s.c.)$ , there is  $W \in SO(X)$  such that  $x \in W$  and  $F(W) \subset V$ . Thus  $(x, y) \in W \times U$  and  $(W \times U) \cap G_F = \emptyset$ . Hence  $(x, y) \notin sCl(G_F)$ . Therefore  $G_F$  is s-closed.

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