

# Weakly $(I, J)$ -continuous multifunctions and contra $(I, J)$ -continuous multifunctions

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## **Abstract**

The purpose of the present paper is to introduce, study and characterize upper and lower weakly  $(I, J)$ -continuous

multifunctions and contra  $(I, J)$ -continuous multifunctions. Also, we investigate its relation with another class of continuous multifunctions.

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## 1 Introduction

It is well known today, that the notion of multifunction is playing a very important role in general topology, upper and lower continuity have been extensively studied on multifunctions  $F : (X, \tau) \rightarrow (Y, \sigma)$ . Currently using the notion of topological ideal, different types of upper and lower continuity in multifunction  $F : (X, \tau, I) \rightarrow (Y, \sigma)$  have been studied and characterized [2], [8], [9], [15], [18]. The concept of ideal topological spaces has been introduced and studied by Kuratowski[12] and the local function of a subset  $A$  of a topological space  $(X, \tau)$  was introduced by Vaidyanathaswamy [17] as follows: given a topological space  $(X, \tau)$  with an ideal  $I$  on  $X$  and if  $P(X)$  is the set of all subsets of  $X$ , a set operator  $(\cdot)^* : P(X) \rightarrow P(X)$ , called the local function of  $A$  with respect to  $\tau$  and  $I$ , is defined as follows: for  $A \subseteq X$ ,  $A^*(\tau, I) = \{x \in X / U \cap A \notin I \text{ for every } U \in \tau_x\}$ , where  $\tau_x = \{U \in \tau : x \in U\}$ . A Kuratowski closure operator  $cl^*(\cdot)$  for a topology  $\tau^*(\tau, I)$  called the  $*$ -topology, finer than  $\tau$  is defined by  $cl^*(A) = A \cup A^*(\tau, I)$ . We will denote  $A^*(\tau, I)$  by  $A^*$ . In 1990, Jankovic and Hamlett[10], introduced the notion of  $I$ -open set in a topological space  $(X, \tau)$  with an ideal  $I$  on  $X$ . In 1992, Abd El-Monsef et al.[1] further investigated  $I$ -open sets and  $I$ -continuous functions. In 2007, Akdag [2], introduce the concept of  $I$ -continuous multifunctions in a topological space with an ideal on it. In 2007, A. Al-Omari and M. S. M. Noorani [3] introduce the notions of Contra- $I$ -continuous and almost  $I$ -continuous functions. Given a multifunction  $F : (X, \tau) \rightarrow (Y, \sigma)$ , and two ideals  $I, J$  associate, now with the topological spaces  $(X, \tau, I)$  and  $(Y, \sigma, J)$ , consider the multifunction  $F : (X, \tau, I) \rightarrow (Y, \sigma, J)$ . We want to study some type of upper and lower continuity of  $F$  as doing Rosas et al. [14]. In this paper, we introduce and study a two new classes

of multifunction called a weakly  $(I, J)$ -continuous multifunctions and contra  $(I, J)$ -continuous multifunctions in topological spaces. Investigate its relation with another classes of continuous multifunctions. Also its relation when the ideal  $J = \{\emptyset\}$ .

## 2 Preliminaries

Throughout this paper,  $(X, \tau)$  and  $(Y, \sigma)$  (or simply  $X$  and  $Y$ ) always mean topological spaces in which no separation axioms are assumed, unless explicitly stated and if  $I$  is an ideal on  $X$ ,  $(X, \tau, I)$  mean an ideal topological space. For a subset  $A$  of  $(X, \tau)$ ,  $Cl(A)$  and  $\text{int}(A)$  denote the closure of  $A$  with respect to  $\tau$  and the interior of  $A$  with respect to  $\tau$ , respectively. A subset  $A$  is said to be regular open [16] (resp. semiopen [11], preopen[13], semi preopen [4]) if  $A = \text{int}(Cl(A))$  (resp.  $A \subseteq Cl(\text{int}(A))$ ,  $A \subseteq \text{int}(Cl(A))$ ,  $A \subseteq Cl(\text{int}(Cl(A)))$ ). The complement of regular open (resp. semiopen, semi-preopen) set is called regular closed (resp. semiclosed, semi-preclosed) set. A subset  $S$  of  $(X, \tau, I)$  is an  $I$ -open[10], if  $S \subseteq \text{int}(S^*)$ . The complement of an  $I$ -open set is called  $I$ -closed set. The  $I$ -closure and the  $I$ -interior, can be defined in the same way as  $Cl(A)$  and  $\text{int}(A)$ , respectively, will be denoted by  $I Cl(A)$  and  $I \text{int}(A)$ , respectively. The family of all  $I$ -open (resp.  $I$ -closed, regular open, regular closed, semiopen, semi closed, preopen, semi-preclosed) subsets of a  $(X, \tau, I)$ , denoted by  $IO(X)$ (resp.  $IC(X)$ ,  $RO(X)$ ,  $RC(X)$ ,  $SO(X)$ ,  $SC(X)$ ,  $PO(X)$ ,  $SPO(X)$ ,  $SPC(X)$ ). We set  $IO(X, x) = \{A : A \in IO(X) \text{ and } x \in A\}$ . It is well known that in a topological space  $(X, \tau, I)$ ,  $X^* \subseteq X$  but if the ideal is codense, that is  $\tau \cap I = \emptyset$ , then  $X^* = X$ .

By a multifunction  $F : X \rightarrow Y$ , we mean a point-to-set correspondence from  $X$  into  $Y$ , also we always assume that  $F(x) \neq \emptyset$  for all  $x \in X$ . For a multifunction  $F : X \rightarrow Y$ , the upper and lower inverse of any subset  $A$  of  $Y$  denoted by  $F^+(A)$  and  $F^-(A)$ , respectively, that is  $F^+(A) = \{x \in X : F(x) \subseteq A\}$  and  $F^-(A) = \{x \in X : F(x) \cap A \neq \emptyset\}$ . In particular,  $F^+(y) = \{x \in X : y \in F(x)\}$  for each point  $y \in Y$ .

**Definition 2.1.** [7] A multifunction  $F : (X, \tau) \rightarrow (Y, \sigma)$  is said to be

1. upper semi continuous at a point  $x \in X$  if for each open set  $V$  of  $Y$  with  $x \in F^+(V)$ , there exists an open set  $U$  containing  $x$  such that  $F(U) \subseteq V$ .
2. lower semi continuous at a point  $x \in X$  if for each open set  $V$  of  $Y$  with  $F(x) \cap V \neq \emptyset$ , there exists an open set  $U$  containing  $x$  such that  $F(a) \cap V \neq \emptyset$  for all  $a \in U$ .

**Definition 2.2.** [15] A multifunction  $F : (X, \tau) \rightarrow (Y, \sigma)$  is said to be

1. upper weakly continuous if for each  $x \in X$  and each open set  $V$  of  $Y$  such that  $x \in F^+(V)$ , there exists an open set  $U$  containing  $x$  such that  $U \subseteq F^+(Cl(V))$ .
2. lower weakly continuous 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  $U$  containing  $x$  such that  $F(u) \cap Cl(V) \neq \emptyset$  for every  $u \in U$ .
3. weakly continuous if it is both upper weakly continuous and lower weakly continuous.

**Definition 2.3.** [2] A multifunction  $F : (X, \tau, I) \rightarrow (Y, \sigma)$  is said to be

1. upper  $I$ -continuous if for each  $x \in X$  and each open set  $V$  of  $Y$  such that  $x \in F^+(V)$ , there exists an  $I$ -open set  $U$  containing  $x$  such that  $U \subseteq F^+(V)$ .
2. lower  $I$ -continuous if for each  $x \in X$  and each open set  $V$  of  $Y$  such that  $x \in F^-(V)$ , there exists an  $I$ -open set  $U$  containing  $x$  such that  $U \subseteq F^-(V)$ .
3.  $I$ -continuous if it is both upper and lower  $I$ -continuous.

**Definition 2.4.** [5] A multifunction  $F : (X, \tau, I) \rightarrow (Y, \sigma)$  is said to be

1. upper weakly  $I$ -continuous if for each  $x \in X$  and each open set  $V$  of  $Y$  such that  $x \in F^+(V)$ , there exists an  $I$ -open set  $U$  containing  $x$  such that  $U \subseteq F^+(Cl(V))$ .

2. lower weakly  $I$ -continuous if for each  $x \in X$  and each open set  $V$  of  $Y$  such that  $x \in F^-(V)$ , there exists an  $I$ -open set  $U$  containing  $x$  such that  $U \subseteq F^-(Cl(V))$
3. weakly  $I$ -continuous if it is both upper weakly  $I$ -continuous and lower  $I$ -weakly continuous.

### 3 Weakly $(I, J)$ -continuous multifunctions

**Definition 3.1.** A multifunction  $F : (X, \tau, I) \rightarrow (Y, \sigma, J)$  is said to be:

1. upper weakly  $(I, J)$ -continuous at a point  $x \in X$  if for each  $J$ -open set  $V$  such that  $x \in F^+(V)$ , there exists an  $I$ -open set  $U$  containing  $x$  such that  $U \subseteq F^+(J Cl(V))$
2. lower weakly  $(I, J)$ -continuous at a point  $x \in X$  if for each  $J$ -open set  $V$  of  $Y$  such that  $x \in F^-(V)$ , there exists an  $I$ -open set  $U$  of  $X$  containing  $x$  such that  $U \subseteq F^-(J Cl(V))$ .
3. upper (resp. lower)  $(I, J)$ -continuous on  $X$  if it has this property at every point of  $X$ .

**Example 3.2.** Let  $X = Y = \{a, b, c\}$  with two topologies  $\tau = \{\emptyset, X, \{b\}\}$   $\sigma = \{\emptyset, Y, \{a\}\}$  and two ideals  $I = \{\emptyset, \{a\}\}$ ,  $J = \{\emptyset, \{b\}\}$ . Define a multifunction  $F : (X, \tau, I) \rightarrow (Y, \sigma, J)$  as follows:  $F(a) = \{a\}$ ,  $F(b) = \{c\}$  and  $F(c) = \{b\}$ . It is easy to see that:

The set of all  $I$ -open is  $\{\emptyset, X, \{b\}, \{c\}, \{a, b\}, \{a, c\}, \{b, c\}\}$ .

The set of all  $J$ -open is  $\{\emptyset, \{a\}, \{c\}, \{a, b\}, \{a, c\}, Y\}$ .

In consequence,  $F$  is upper (resp. lower) weakly  $(I, J)$ -continuous on  $X$ .

**Example 3.3.** Let  $X = Y = \{a, b, c\}$  with two topologies  $\tau = \{\emptyset, X, \{b, c\}\}$ ,  $\sigma = \{\emptyset, Y, \{b\}\}$  and two ideals  $I = J = \{\emptyset, \{b\}\}$ . Define a multifunction  $F : (X, \tau, I) \rightarrow (Y, \sigma, J)$  as follows:  $F(a) = \{a\}$ ,  $F(b) = \{c\}$  and  $F(c) = \{b\}$ . It is easy to see that:

The set of all  $I$ -open is  $\{\emptyset, X, \{a\}, \{c\}, \{a, c\}, \{b, c\}\}$ .

The set of all  $J$ -open is  $\{\emptyset, Y, \{a\}, \{c\}, \{a, b\}, \{a, c\}, \{b, c\}\}$ . In consequence,  $F$  is not upper (resp. lower) weakly  $(I, J)$ -continuous.

Recall that if  $(X, \tau, I)$  is an ideal topological space and  $I$  is the empty ideal, then for each  $A \subseteq X$ ,  $A^* = cl(A)$ , that is to said, every  $I$ -open set is a preopen set, in consequence, if  $F : (X, \tau, I) \rightarrow (Y, \sigma, \{\emptyset\})$  is upper weakly  $(I, \{\emptyset\})$ -continuous, then  $F$  is upper weakly  $I$ -continuous.

**Example 3.4.** Let  $X = Y = \{a, b, c\}$  with two topologies  $\tau = \{\emptyset, X, \{b\}\}$   $\sigma = \{\emptyset, Y, \{a, c\}\}$  and two ideals  $I = \{\emptyset, \{a\}\}$ ,  $J = \{\emptyset\}$ . Define a multifunction  $F : (X, \tau, I) \rightarrow (Y, \sigma, J)$  as follows:  $F(a) = \{b\}$ ,  $F(b) = \{c\}$  and  $F(c) = \{a\}$ . It is easy to see that:  
The set of all  $I$ -open is  $\{\emptyset, X, \{b\}, \{c\}, \{a, b\}, \{a, c\}, \{b, c\}\}$ .  
The set of all  $J$ -open is  $\{\emptyset, \{a\}, \{c\}, \{a, b\}, \{a, c\}, Y\}$ .  
 $F : (X, \tau, I) \rightarrow (Y, \sigma)$  is upper weakly  $I$ -continuous but  $F : (X, \tau, I) \rightarrow (Y, \sigma, \{\emptyset\})$  is not upper weakly  $(I, \{\emptyset\})$ -continuous.

Now consider  $(X, \tau, I)$  and  $(Y, \sigma, J)$  two ideals topological spaces. If  $J \neq \{\emptyset\}$ , then the concepts of upper weakly  $(I, J)$ -continuous and upper weakly  $I$ -continuous are independent, as we can see in the following examples.

**Example 3.5.** In the Example 3.4, the multifunction  $F$  is upper weakly  $(I, J)$ -continuous on  $X$  but is not upper weakly  $I$ -continuous on  $X$ .

**Example 3.6.** In the Example 3.3, the multifunction  $F$  is upper weakly  $I$ -continuous on  $X$  but is not upper weakly  $(I, J)$ -continuous on  $X$ .

**Remark 3.7.** It is easy to see that if  $F : (X, \tau, I) \rightarrow (Y, \sigma, J)$  is a multifunction and  $JO(Y) \subset \sigma$  and  $F$  is upper (lower) weakly  $I$ -continuous, then  $F$  is upper (lower) weakly  $(I, J)$ -continuous. Even more, if  $F : (X, \tau, I) \rightarrow (Y, \sigma, J)$  is a multifunction and  $JO(Y) \not\subseteq \sigma$ , we can find upper (resp. lower) weakly  $(I, J)$ -continuous on  $X$  that are not upper (lower) weakly  $I$ -continuous.

The following theorem characterize the upper weakly  $(I, J)$  continuous multifunctions.

**Theorem 3.8.** For a multifunction  $F : (X, \tau, I) \rightarrow (Y, \sigma, J)$ , the following statements are equivalent:

1.  $F$  is upper weakly  $(I, J)$ -continuous.

2.  $F^+(V) \subseteq I\text{int}(F^+(J\text{Cl}(V)))$  for any  $J$ -open set  $V$  of  $Y$ .
3.  $I\text{Cl}(F^-(J\text{int}(B))) \subset F^-(B)$  for any every  $J$ -closed subset  $B$  of  $Y$ .

*Proof.* (1) $\Rightarrow$ (2): Let  $x \in F^+(V)$  and  $V$  be any  $J$ -open set of  $Y$ . From (1), there exists an  $I$ -open set  $U_x$  containing  $x$  such that  $U_x \subset F^+(J\text{Cl}(V))$ . It follows that  $x \in I\text{int}(F^+(J\text{Cl}(V)))$ , in consequence,  $F^+(V) \subseteq I\text{int}(F^+(J\text{Cl}(V)))$  for any  $J$ -open set  $V$  of  $Y$ .

(2) $\Rightarrow$ (1): Let  $V$  any  $J$ -open subset of  $Y$  such that  $x \in F^+(V)$ . By (2),  $x \in F^+(V) \subseteq I\text{int}(F^+(J\text{Cl}(V))) \subseteq F^+(J\text{Cl}(V))$ . Choose  $U = I\text{int}(F^+(J\text{Cl}(V)))$ .  $U$  is an  $I$ -open subset of  $X$ , containing  $x$ . It follows that  $F$  is upper weakly  $(I, J)$ -continuous.

(2) $\Rightarrow$ (3): Let  $B$  be any  $J$ -closed set of  $Y$ . Then by (2),  $F^+(Y \setminus B) = X \setminus F^-(B) \subseteq I\text{int}(F^+(J\text{Cl}(Y \setminus B))) = I\text{int}(F^+(J\text{Cl}(Y \setminus I\text{int}(B)))) = X \setminus I\text{Cl}(F^-(J\text{int}(B)))$ . Thus,  $I\text{Cl}(F^-(J\text{int}(B))) \subset F^-(B)$ .

(3) $\Rightarrow$ (2): Let  $V$  be any  $J$ -open set of  $Y$ . Then by (3),  $I\text{Cl}(F^-(J\text{int}(Y \setminus V))) \subset F^-(Y \setminus V) = X \setminus F^+(V)$ . It follows that  $I\text{Cl}(X \setminus F^+(I\text{Cl}(V))) = I\text{Cl}(F^-(Y \setminus I\text{Cl}(V))) = I\text{Cl}(F^-(J\text{int}(Y \setminus V))) \subset X \setminus F^+(V)$ , and then  $X \setminus I\text{int}(F^+(I\text{Cl}(V))) \subseteq X \setminus F^+(V)$ . And the result follows.  $\square$

**Theorem 3.9.** For a multifunction  $F : (X, \tau, I) \rightarrow (Y, \sigma, J)$ , the following statements are equivalent:

1.  $F$  is lower weakly  $(I, J)$ -continuous.
2.  $F^-(V) \subseteq I\text{int}(F^-(J\text{Cl}(V)))$  for any  $J$ -open set  $V$  of  $Y$ .
3.  $I\text{Cl}(F^+(J\text{int}(B))) \subset F^+(B)$  for any every  $J$ -closed subset  $B$  of  $Y$ .

*Proof.* The proof is similar to that of Theorem 3.8.  $\square$

**Definition 3.10.** [14] A multifunction  $F : (X, \tau, I) \rightarrow (Y, \sigma, J)$  is said to be:

1. upper  $(I, J)$ -continuous at a point  $x \in X$  if for each  $J$ -open set  $V$  containing  $F(x)$ , there exists an  $I$ -open set  $U$  containing  $x$  such that  $F(U) \subset V$ .
2. lower  $(I, J)$ -continuous at a point  $x \in X$  if for each  $J$ -open set  $V$  of  $Y$  meeting  $F(x)$ , there exists an  $I$ -open set  $U$  of  $X$  containing  $x$  such that  $F(u) \cap V \neq \emptyset$  for each  $u \in U$ .

3. upper (resp. lower)  $(I, J)$ -continuous on  $X$  if it has this property at every point of  $X$ .

**Example 3.11.** *The multifunction defined in Example 3.2 is upper weakly  $(I, J)$ -continuous on  $X$  but is not upper  $(I, J)$ -continuous on  $X$ .*

**Remark 3.12.** *Every upper (resp. lower)  $(I, J)$ -continuous multifunction on  $X$  is upper (resp. lower) weakly  $(I, J)$ -continuous multifunction on  $X$ , but the converse is not necessarily true, as we can see in the following example.*

**Example 3.13.** *Let  $X = \mathbb{R}$  the set of real numbers with the topology  $\tau = \{\emptyset, \mathbb{R}, \mathbb{R} \setminus \mathbb{Q}\}$ ,  $Y = \mathbb{R}$  with the topology  $\sigma = \{\emptyset, \mathbb{R}, \mathbb{Q}\}$  and  $I = \{\emptyset\} = J$ . Define  $F : (X, \tau, I) \rightarrow (Y, \sigma, J)$  as follows:  $F(x) = \mathbb{Q}$  if  $x \in \mathbb{Q}$  and  $F(x) = \mathbb{R} \setminus \mathbb{Q}$  if  $x \in \mathbb{R} \setminus \mathbb{Q}$ . Recall that in this case the  $I$ -open sets are the preopen sets.  $f$  is upper (resp. lower) weakly  $(I, J)$ -continuous on  $X$ , but is not upper (resp. lower)  $(I, J)$ -continuous on  $X$ .*

**Theorem 3.14.** [14] *For a multifunction  $F : (X, \tau, I) \rightarrow (Y, \sigma, J)$ , the following statements are equivalent:*

1.  $F$  is upper  $(I, J)$ -continuous.
2.  $F^+(V)$  is  $I$ -open for each  $J$ -open set  $V$  of  $Y$ .
3.  $F^-(K)$  is  $I$ -closed for every  $J$ -closed subset  $K$  of  $Y$ .
4.  $I \text{ Cl}(F^-(B)) \subset F^-(J \text{ Cl}(B))$  for every subset  $B$  of  $Y$ .
5. For each point  $x \in X$  and each  $J$ -open set  $V$  containing  $F(x)$ ,  $F^+(V)$  is an  $I$ -open containing  $x$ .

There exist any additional condition in order to say that every upper (resp. lower)  $(I, J)$ -continuous if upper (resp. lower) weakly  $(I, J)$ -continuous.

**Theorem 3.15.** *Let  $F : (X, \tau, I) \rightarrow (Y, \sigma, J)$  be a multifunction such that  $F(x)$  is a  $J$ -open subset of  $Y$  for each  $x \in X$ . Then  $F$  is lower  $(I, J)$ -continuous if and only if lower weakly  $(I, J)$ -continuous.*



*Proof.* Let  $x \in X$  and  $V$  any  $J$ -open subset of  $Y$  such that  $x \in F^-(V)$ . Then there exists an  $I$ -open subset  $U$  of  $X$  containing  $x$  such that  $U \subset F^-(JCl(V))$ . It follows that  $F(u) \cap JCl(V) \neq \emptyset$  for each  $u \in U$ . Since  $F(u)$  is a  $J$ -open subset of  $Y$  for each  $u \in U$ , It follows that  $F(u) \cap V \neq \emptyset$  and then  $F$  is lower  $(I, J)$ -continuous. The converse is clear because every  $(I, J)$ -continuous multifunction is weakly  $(I, J)$ -continuous.  $\square$

**Theorem 3.16.** *Let  $F : (X, \tau, I) \rightarrow (Y, \sigma, J)$  be a multifunction such that  $F(x)$  is a  $J$ -open subset of  $Y$  for each  $x \in X$ . Then  $F$  is upper  $(I, J)$ -continuous if and only if upper weakly  $(I, J)$ -continuous.*

*Proof.* The proof is similar to the above Theorem.  $\square$

## 4 Contra $(I, J)$ -continuous multifunctions

**Definition 4.1.** *A multifunction  $f : (X, \tau, I) \rightarrow (Y, \sigma, J)$  is said to be:*

1. *upper contra  $(I, J)$ -continuous if for each  $x \in X$  and each  $J$ -closed set  $V$  such that  $x \in F^+(V)$ , there exists an  $I$ -open set  $U$  containing  $x$  such that  $F(U) \subset V$ .*
2. *lower contra  $(I, J)$ -continuous if for each  $x \in X$  and each  $J$ -closed set  $V$  of  $Y$  such that  $x \in F^-(V)$ , there exists an  $I$ -open set  $U$  of  $X$  containing  $x$  such that  $U \subseteq F^-(V)$ .*
3. *Contra  $(I, J)$ -continuous if it is upper contra  $(I, J)$ -continuous and lower contra  $(I, J)$ -continuous.*

**Example 4.2.** *Let  $X = \mathbb{R}$  the set of real numbers with the topology  $\tau = \{\emptyset, \mathbb{R}, \mathbb{R} \setminus \mathbb{Q}\}$ ,  $Y = \mathbb{R}$  with the topology  $\sigma = \{\emptyset, \mathbb{R}, \mathbb{Q}\}$  and  $I = \{\emptyset\} = J$ . Define  $F : (X, \tau, I) \rightarrow (Y, \sigma, J)$  as follows:  $F(x) = \mathbb{Q}$  if  $x \in \mathbb{Q}$  and  $F(x) = \mathbb{R} \setminus \mathbb{Q}$  if  $x \in \mathbb{R} \setminus \mathbb{Q}$ . Recall that in this case the  $I$ -open sets are the preopen sets. It is easy to see that  $F$  is upper (resp. lower) contra  $(I, J)$ -continuous.*

**Example 4.3.** *Let  $X = Y = \{a, b, c\}$  with two topologies  $\tau = \{\emptyset, X, \{b\}\}$   $\sigma = \{\emptyset, Y, \{a\}\}$  and two ideals  $I = \{\emptyset, \{a\}\}$ ,  $J =$*

$\{\emptyset, \{b\}\}$ . Define a multifunction  $F : (X, \tau, I) \rightarrow (Y, \sigma, J)$  as follows:  $F(a) = \{b\}$ ,  $F(b) = \{a\}$  and  $F(c) = \{c\}$ . It is easy to see that:

The set of all  $I$ -open is  $\{\emptyset, X, \{b\}, \{c\}, \{a, b\}, \{a, c\}, \{b, c\}\}$ .

The set of all  $J$ -open is  $\{\emptyset, \{a\}, \{c\}, \{a, b\}, \{a, c\}, Y\}$ .

The set of all  $J$ -closed is  $\{\emptyset, \{b\}, \{c\}, \{a, b\}, \{b, c\}, Y\}$ .

In consequence,  $f$  is upper (resp. lower)  $(I, J)$ -continuous on  $X$  but is not upper (resp. lower) contra  $(I, J)$ -continuous.

**Example 4.4.** The multifunction  $F$  defined in Example 4.2 is upper (resp. lower) contra  $(I, J)$ -continuous but is not upper (resp. lower)  $(I, J)$ -continuous on  $X$  and the multifunction  $F$  defined in Example 4.3 is upper (resp. lower)  $(I, J)$ -continuous but is not upper (resp. lower) contra  $(I, J)$ -continuous. In consequence both concepts are independent of each other.

**Theorem 4.5.** For a multifunction  $F : (X, \tau, I) \rightarrow (Y, \sigma, J)$ , the following statements are equivalent:

1.  $F$  is upper contra  $(I, J)$ -continuous.
2.  $F^+(V)$  is  $I$ -open for each  $J$ -closed set  $V$  of  $Y$ .
3.  $F^-(K)$  is  $I$ -closed for every  $J$ -open subset  $K$  of  $Y$ .

*Proof.* (1) $\Leftrightarrow$ (2): Let  $x \in F^+(V)$  and  $V$  be any  $J$ -closed set of  $Y$ . From (1), there exists an  $I$ -open set  $U_x$  containing  $x$  such that  $U_x \subset F^+(V)$ . It follows that  $F^+(V) = \bigcup_{x \in F^+(V)} U_x$ . Since any union of  $I$ -open sets is  $I$ -open,  $F^+(V)$  is  $I$ -open in  $(X, \tau)$ . The converse is similar.

(2) $\Leftrightarrow$ (3): Let  $K$  be any  $J$ -open set of  $Y$ . Then  $Y \setminus K$  is a  $J$ -closed set of  $Y$  by (2),  $F^+(Y \setminus K) = X \setminus F^-(K)$  is an  $I$ -open set. Then it is obtained that  $F^-(K)$  is an  $I$ -closed set. The converse is similar.  $\square$

**Theorem 4.6.** For a multifunction  $F : (X, \tau, I) \rightarrow (Y, \sigma, J)$ , the following statements are equivalent:

1.  $F$  is lower contra  $(I, J)$ -continuous.
2.  $F^-(V)$  is  $I$ -open for each  $J$ -closed set  $V$  of  $Y$ .

3.  $F^+(K)$  is  $I$ -closed for every  $J$ -open subset  $K$  of  $Y$ .
4. For each  $x \in X$  and each  $J$ -closed set  $K$  of  $Y$  such that  $F(x) \cap K \neq \emptyset$ , there exists an  $I$ -open set  $U$  containing  $x$  such that  $F(y) \cap K \neq \emptyset$  for each  $y \in U$ .

*Proof.* The proof is similar to the proof of Theorem 4.5. □

**Remark 4.7.** *It is easy to see that if  $J = \{\emptyset\}$  and  $F : (X, \tau, I) \rightarrow (Y, \sigma, J)$  is upper (resp. lower) contra  $(I, J)$ -continuous then  $F$  is upper (resp. lower) contra  $I$ -continuous.*

The following example shows the existence of upper (resp. lower) contra  $I$ -continuous that is not upper (resp. lower) contra  $(I, \{\emptyset\})$ -continuous.

**Example 4.8.** *Let  $X = Y = \{a, b, c\}$  with two topologies  $\tau = \{\emptyset, X, \{b\}\}$   $\sigma = \{\emptyset, Y, \{a, c\}\}$  and two ideals  $I = \{\emptyset, \{a\}\}$ ,  $J = \{\emptyset\}$ . Define a multifunction  $F : (X, \tau, I) \rightarrow (Y, \sigma, J)$  as follows:  $F(a) = \{c\}$ ,  $F(b) = \{b\}$  and  $F(c) = \{a\}$ . It is easy to see that:  
The set of all  $I$ -open is  $\{\emptyset, X, \{b\}, \{c\}, \{a, b\}, \{a, c\}, \{b, c\}\}$ .  
The set of all  $J$ -open is  $\{\emptyset, \{a\}, \{c\}, \{a, b\}, \{a, c\}, \{b, c\}, Y\}$ .  
The set of all  $J$ -closed is  $\{\emptyset, \{b\}, \{c\}, \{a, b\}, \{b, c\}, Y\}$ .  
Observe that  $F : (X, \tau, I) \rightarrow (Y, \sigma)$  is upper contra  $I$ -continuous but  $F : (X, \tau, I) \rightarrow (Y, \sigma, \{\emptyset\})$  is not upper contra  $(I, \{\emptyset\})$ -continuous.*

**Remark 4.9.** *It is easy to see that if  $F : (X, \tau, I) \rightarrow (Y, \sigma, J)$  is a multifunction and  $JO(Y) \subset \sigma$ . If  $F$  is upper (lower) contra  $I$ -continuous, then  $F$  is upper (lower)  $(I, J)$ -continuous. Even more, if  $F : (X, \tau, I) \rightarrow (Y, \sigma, J)$  is a multifunction and  $JO(Y) \not\subset \sigma$ , we can find upper (resp. lower) contra  $(I, J)$ -continuous on  $X$  that are not upper (lower) contra  $I$ -continuous.*

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