

## On Upper and Lower $Z$ -supercontinuous Multifunctions

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ABSTRACT. In this paper, we define a multifunction  $F : X \rightsquigarrow Y$  to be upper (lower)  $Z$ -supercontinuous if  $F^+(V)$  ( $F^-(V)$ ) is  $z$ -open in  $X$  for every open set  $V$  of  $Y$ . We obtain some characterizations and several properties concerning upper (lower)  $Z$ -supercontinuous multifunctions.

### 1. Introduction

Several weak and strong variants of continuity of multifunctions occur in the literature. The strong variants of continuity of multifunctions with we shall be dealing in this paper include [1], [2], [3]. Certain of these strong forms of continuity of multifunctions coincide with continuity of multifunctions if the domain / range space is suitably augmented. M. K. Singal and S. B. Niemse [4] defined  $z$ -continuous functions and investigated some properties. In 2003, J. K. Kohli [5] introduced the concept of  $Z$ -supercontinuous functions and some properties of  $Z$ -supercontinuous functions are given by him. In this paper we introduce anew strong form of continuity of multifunctions called “upper (lower)  $Z$ -supercontinuity”, which coincides with upper (lower) continuity if domain or range is a completely regular space, or if range is a perfectly normal space. Characterizations and basic properties of upper (lower)  $Z$ -supercontinuous multifunctions are alabored in section 3. In section 4, we show that if the domain of a upper (lower)  $Z$ -supercontinuous multifunction  $F$  is retopologized in an appropriate way, then  $F$  is simply a continuous multifunction.

A multifunction  $F : X \rightsquigarrow Y$ . is a correspondence from  $X$  to  $Y$  with  $F(x)$  a nonempty subset of  $Y$ , for each  $x \in X$ . Let  $A$  be a subset of a topological space  $(X, \tau)$ .  $\overset{\circ}{A}$  and  $\bar{A}$  denote the interior and closure of  $A$  respectively. A multifunction  $F$  of a set  $X$  into  $Y$  is a correspondence such that  $F(x)$  is a nonempty subset of  $Y$  for each  $x \in X$ . We will denote such a multifunction by  $F : X \rightsquigarrow Y$ . For a multifunction  $F$ , the upper and lower inverse set of a set  $B$  of  $Y$  will be denoted by  $F^+(B)$  and  $F^-(B)$  respectively that is  $F^+(B) = \{x \in X : F(x) \subseteq B\}$  and  $F^-(B) = \{x \in X : F(x) \cap B \neq \emptyset\}$ . The graph  $G(F)$  of the multifunction  $F : X \rightsquigarrow Y$

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is strongly closed [3] if for each  $(x, y) \notin G(F)$ , there exist open sets  $U$  and  $V$  containing  $x$  and containing  $y$  respectively such that  $(U \times \overline{V}) \cap G(F) = \emptyset$ . [6] A multifunction  $F : X \rightsquigarrow Y$  is said to be upper semi continuous (briefly u.s.c.) at a point  $x \in X$  if for each open set  $V$  in  $Y$  with  $F(x) \subseteq V$ , there exists an open set  $U$  containing  $x$  such that  $F(U) \subseteq V$ ; lower semi continuous (briefly l.s.c.) at a point  $x \in X$  if for each open set  $V$  in  $Y$  with  $F(x) \cap V \neq \emptyset$ , there exists an open set  $U$  containing  $x$  such that  $F(z) \cap V \neq \emptyset$  for every  $z \in U$ . A set  $G$  in a topological space  $X$  is said to be  $z$ -open if for each  $x \in G$  there exists a cozero set  $H$  such that  $x \in H \subset G$ , or equivalently, if  $G$  is expressible as the union of cozero sets. The complement of a  $z$ -open set will be referred to as a  $z$ -closed set [5].

Throughout this paper, the spaces  $(X, \tau)$  and  $(Y, \sigma)$  (or simply  $X$  and  $Y$ ) always mean topological spaces and  $F : X \rightsquigarrow Y$  (resp.  $f : X \rightarrow Y$ ) presents a multivalued (resp. single valued) function.

## 2. Preliminaries and basic properties

**Definition 1.** A multifunction  $F : X \rightsquigarrow Y$  is said to be

- (a) upper  $Z$ -supercontinuous (Briefly, u.  $Z$ -super c.) at a point  $x \in X$  if for every open set  $V$  with  $F(x) \subset V$ , there exists a cozero set  $U$  containing  $x$  such that  $F(U) = \cup\{F(u) : u \in U\} \subset V$ ;
- (b) lower  $Z$ -supercontinuous (l.  $Z$ -super c.) at a point  $x \in X$  if for every open set  $V$  with  $F(x) \cap V \neq \emptyset$ , there exists a cozero set  $U$  containing  $x$  such that  $F(u) \cap V \neq \emptyset$  for every  $u \in U$ ;
- (c) upper  $Z$ -supercontinuous (resp. lower  $Z$ -supercontinuous) if it has this property at each point  $x \in X$ .

**Definition 2([3]).**

- (a) A multifunction  $F : X \rightsquigarrow Y$  is called strongly  $\theta$ - upper semi continuous (s.  $\theta$ -u.s.c.) at a point  $x \in X$  if for any open set  $V \subset Y$  such that  $F(x) \subset V$  there exists an open set  $U \subset X$  containing  $x$  such that  $F(\overline{U}) \subset V$ .
- (b) A multifunction  $F : X \rightsquigarrow Y$  is called strongly  $\theta$ -lower semi continuous (s.  $\theta$ -l.s.c.) at a point  $x \in X$  if for any open set  $V \subset Y$  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  $x \in \overline{U}$ .

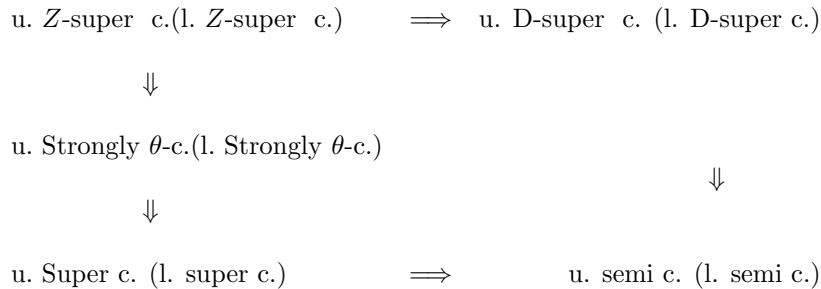
**Definition 3([1]).**

- (a) A multifunction  $F : X \rightsquigarrow Y$  is called upper supercontinuous (u. super c.) at a point  $x \in X$  if for any open set  $V \subset Y$  such that  $F(x) \subset V$  there exists an open set  $U \subset X$  containing  $x$  such that  $F(\overline{U}^o) \subset V$ .

- (b) A multifunction  $F : X \rightsquigarrow Y$  is called lower supercontinuous (l. super c.) at a point  $x \in X$  if for any open set  $V \subset Y$  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  $x \in \overset{o}{U}$ .

**Definition 4([2]).**

- (a) A multifunction  $F : X \rightsquigarrow Y$  is called upper  $D$ -supercontinuous (u.  $D$ -super c.) at a point  $x \in X$  if for any open set  $V \subset Y$  such that  $F(x) \subset V$  there exists an open  $F_\sigma$ - set  $U \subset X$  containing  $x$  such that  $F(U) \subset V$ .
- (b) A multifunction  $F : X \rightsquigarrow Y$  is called lower  $D$ -supercontinuous (l.  $D$ -super c.) at a point  $x \in X$  if for any open set  $V \subset Y$  such that  $F(x) \cap V \neq \emptyset$  there exists an open  $F_\sigma$ -set  $U \subset X$  containing  $x$  such that  $F(u) \cap V \neq \emptyset$  for every  $x \in U$ .



The diagram well illustrates the relationships that exist among u.  $Z$ -supercontinuous (l.  $Z$ -supercontinuous) and various variants of continuity of multifunctions defined above. However, none of the above implications in general is reversible as will be exhibited in the sequel.

We gave examples 1 and 2 to show that a u.Strongly  $\theta$ -c. (l. Strongly  $\theta$ -c.) multifunction need not be u.  $Z$ -super c. (l.  $Z$ -super c.) and that u.  $D$ -super c. (l.  $D$ -super c.) multifunction need not be u.  $Z$ -super c. (l.  $Z$ -super c.).

**Example 1([5]).** Let  $X = Y$  be the Mountain chain space due to Helderman [7] which is a regular space but not a  $D_\delta$ -completely regular space [10]. Then the multifunction  $F : X \rightsquigarrow X$ ,  $F(x) = \{x\}$  for each  $x \in X$ .is a u. Strongly  $\theta$ -continuous (l. Strongly  $\theta$ -continuous) but not u.  $Z$ -supercontinuous (l.  $Z$ -supercontinuous).

**Example 2.** Let  $X$  denote the set of positive integers endowed with cofinite topology. Then the multifunction  $F : X \rightsquigarrow X$ ,  $F(x) = \{x\}$  for each  $x \in X$ .is u.  $D$ -supercontinuous (l.  $D$ -supercontinuous) but neither u. supercontinuous (l. supercontinuous) nor u. Strongly  $\theta$ -continuous (l. Strongly  $\theta$ -continuous) and hence not u  $Z$ -supercontinuous (l.  $Z$ -supercontinuous).

**3. Characterizations**

**Definition 5.** A set  $G$  in a topological space  $X$  is said to be  $z$ -open if for each  $x \in G$  there exists a cozero set  $H$  such that  $x \in H \subset G$ , or equivalently, if  $G$  is expressible as the union of cozero sets. The complement of a  $z$ -open set will be referred to as a  $z$ -closed set [5].

**Theorem 1.** *The following statements are equivalent for a multifunction  $F : X \rightsquigarrow Y$ :*

- (a)  $F$  is  $u$ .  $Z$ -super c. ( $l$ .  $Z$ -super c.)
- (b) For each open set  $V \subseteq Y$ ,  $F^+(V)$  ( $F^-(V)$ ) is a  $z$ -open set in  $X$ .
- (c) For each closed set  $K \subseteq Y$ ,  $F^-(K)$  ( $F^+(K)$ ) is a  $z$ -closed set in  $X$ .
- (d) For each  $x$  of  $X$  and for each open set  $V$  with  $F(x) \subset V$  ( $F(x) \cap V \neq \emptyset$ ), there is a  $z$ -open set  $U$  containing  $x$  such that the implication  $y \in U \Rightarrow F(y) \subset V$  is holds ( $F(y) \cap V \neq \emptyset$ ).

*Proof.* (a)  $\implies$  (b) : Let  $V$  be an open set of  $Y$  and  $x \in F^+(V)$ . Then there exist a cozero set  $U$  containing  $x$  such that  $F(U) \subset V$ . Then  $U \subset F^+(V)$ . Since  $U$  is cozero, we have  $x \in U \subset F^+(V)$ .

(b)  $\implies$  (c) : Let  $K$  be a closed set of  $Y$ . Then  $Y - K$  is an open set and  $F^+(Y - K) = X - F^-(K)$  is  $z$ -open. Thus  $F^-(K)$  is  $z$ -closed in  $X$ .

(c)  $\implies$  (b) : Obvious

(b)  $\implies$  (a) : Let  $V$  be an open set of  $Y$  containing  $F(x)$ . Then  $F^+(V)$  is  $z$ -open and  $x \in F^+(V)$ . Since  $F^+(V)$  is a  $z$ -open set there exists a cozero set  $U$  containing  $x$  such that  $U \subset F^+(V)$ . Thus  $F(U) \subset F(F^+(V)) \subset V$ .

(a)  $\iff$  (d) : Clear.

The proof for the case where  $F$  is  $l$ .  $Z$ -super c. is similarly proved.  $\square$

**Definition 6.** Let  $X$  be a topological space and let  $A \subset X$ . A point  $x \in X$  is said to be a  $z$ -adherent point of  $A$  if every cozero set containing  $x$  intersects  $A$ . Let  $A_z$  denote the set of all  $z$ -adherent points of  $A$ . Clearly the set  $A$  is  $z$ -closed if and only if  $A_z = A$ . [Kohli,  $Z$ -supercontinuous Functions]

**Theorem 2.** *A multifunction  $F : X \rightsquigarrow Y$  is  $l$ .  $Z$ -super c. if and only if  $F(A_z) \subset \overline{F(A)}$  for every  $A \subset X$ .*

*Proof.* Suppose  $F$  is  $l$ .  $Z$ -super c. Since  $\overline{F(A)}$  is closed in  $Y$ , by Theorem (1)  $F^+(\overline{F(A)})$  is  $z$ -closed in  $X$ . Also since  $A \subset F^+(\overline{F(A)})$ ,  $A_z \subset [F^+(\overline{F(A)})]_z = F^+F(A_z)$ . Thus  $F(A_z) \subset F(F^+(\overline{F(A)})) \subset \overline{F(A)}$ .

Conversely, suppose  $F(A_z) \subset \overline{F(A)}$  for every  $A \subset X$ . Let  $K$  be any closed set in  $Y$ . Then  $F([F^+(K)]_z) \subset \overline{F(F^+(K))}$  and  $\overline{F(F^+(K))} \subset \overline{K} = K$ . Hence  $[F^+(K)]_z \subset F^+(K)$  which shows that  $F$  is  $l$ .  $Z$ -super c.  $\square$

**Theorem 3.** *A multifunction  $F$  from a space  $X$  into a space  $Y$  is  $l$ .  $Z$ -super c. if and only if  $[F^+(B)]_z \subset F^+(\overline{B})$  for every  $B \subset Y$ .*

*Proof.* Suppose  $F$  is l.  $Z$ -super c. Then  $F^+(\overline{B})$  is  $z$ -closed in  $X$  for every  $B \subset Y$  and  $F^+(\overline{B}) = [F^+(\overline{B})]_z$ . Hence  $[F^+(B)]_z \subset F^+(\overline{B})$ .

Conversely, let  $K$  be any closed set in  $Y$ . Then  $[F^+(K)]_z \subset F^+(\overline{K}) = F^+(K) \subset [F^+(K)]_z$ . Thus  $F^+(K) = [F^+(K)]_z$  which in turn implies that  $F$  is l.  $Z$ -super c.  $\square$

**Definition 7.** A filter base  $\mathcal{F}$  is said to  $z$ -converge to a point  $x$  (written as  $\mathcal{F} \xrightarrow{z} x$ ) if for every cozero set containing  $x$  contains a member of  $\mathcal{F}$  [Kohli,  $Z$ -supercontinuous Functions].

**Theorem 4.** A multifunction  $F : X \rightsquigarrow Y$  is l.  $Z$ -super c. if and only if for each  $x \in X$  and each filter base  $\mathcal{F}$  that  $z$ -converges to  $x$ ,  $y$  is an accumulation point of  $F(\mathcal{F})$  for every  $y \in F(x)$ .

*Proof.* Assume that  $F$  is l.  $Z$ -super c. and let  $\mathcal{F} \xrightarrow{z} x$ . Let  $W$  be an open set containing  $y$ , with  $y \in F(x)$ . Then  $F(x) \cap W \neq \emptyset$ ,  $x \in F^-(W)$  and  $F^-(W)$  is  $z$ -open. Let  $H$  be an open cozero set in  $X$  such that  $x \in H \subset F^-(W)$ . Since  $\mathcal{F} \xrightarrow{z} x$  there exists  $U \in \mathcal{F}$  such that  $U \subset H$ . Let  $F(A) \in F(\mathcal{F})$ . Then for  $A, U \in \mathcal{F}$  there is a set  $U_1$  of  $\mathcal{F}$  such that  $U_1 \subset A \cap U$ . If  $x \in U_1$ , then since  $U_1 \subset U \subset H$ ,  $F(x) \cap W \neq \emptyset$ . On the other hand if  $x \in A$ , then since  $F(x) \subset F(A)$ ,  $F(U_1) \subset F(A)$  and since  $F(U_1) \cap W \neq \emptyset$ ,  $F(A) \cap W \neq \emptyset$ . Thus  $y$  is an accumulation point of  $F(\mathcal{F})$ .

Conversely, Let  $W$  be an open subset of  $Y$  containing  $F(x)$ . Now, the filter  $\mathcal{F}$  generated by the filterbase  $\mathfrak{N}_x$  consisting cozero sets containing  $x$ ,  $z$ -converges to  $x$ . If  $F$  is not l.  $Z$ -super c. at  $x$ , then there is a point  $x' \in U$  for every  $U \in \mathcal{F}$  such that  $F(x') \cap W = \emptyset$ . If we define  $\tilde{U} = \{x' \in U \mid F(x') \cap W = \emptyset, U \in \mathcal{F}\}$  then  $\tilde{\mathcal{F}} = \{\tilde{U} : U \in \mathcal{F}\}$  is a filter such that  $z$ -converges to  $x$ . Since  $\tilde{U} \subset U$ , by hypothesis for each  $y \in F(x)$ ,  $y$  is an accumulation point of  $F(\tilde{\mathcal{F}})$ . But for every  $\tilde{U} \in \tilde{\mathcal{F}}$ ,  $F(\tilde{U}) \cap W = \emptyset$ . This is a contradiction to hypothesis. Hence  $F$  is l.  $Z$ -super c. at  $x$ .  $\square$

**Theorem 5.** If  $F : X \rightsquigarrow Y$  is u.  $Z$ -super c. (l.  $Z$ -super c.) and  $F(X)$  is endowed with subspace topology, then  $F : X \rightsquigarrow F(X)$  is u.  $Z$ -super c. (l.  $Z$ -super c.)

*Proof.* Since  $F : X \rightsquigarrow Y$  is u.  $Z$ -super c. (l.  $Z$ -super c.), for every open subset  $V$  of  $Y$ ,  $F^+(V \cap F(X)) = F^+(V) \cap F^+(F(X)) = F^+(V)(F^-(V \cap F(X))) = F^-(V) \cap F(F(X)) = F^-(V)$  is  $z$ -open. Hence  $F.X \rightsquigarrow F(X)$  is u.  $Z$ -super c. (l.  $Z$ -super c.)  $\square$

**Theorem 6.** If  $F : X \rightsquigarrow Y$  is u.  $Z$ -super c. (l.  $Z$ -super c.) and  $G : Y \rightsquigarrow Z$  u. s. c. (l. s. c.), then  $G \circ F$  is u.  $Z$ -super c. (l.  $Z$ -super c.)

*Proof.* Let  $V$  be an open subset of  $Z$ . Then since  $G$  is u. s. c. (l. s. c.)  $G^+(V)(G^-(V))$  is open subset of  $Y$  and since  $F$  is u.  $Z$ -super c. (l.  $Z$ -super c.)  $F^+(G^+(V))(F^-(G^-(V)))$  is  $z$ -open in  $X$ . Thus  $G \circ F$  is u.  $Z$ -super c. (l.  $Z$ -super c.)  $\square$

**Theorem 7.** Let  $\{F_\alpha : X \rightsquigarrow X_\alpha, \alpha \in \Delta\}$  be a family of multifunctions and let

$F : X \rightsquigarrow \prod_{\alpha \in \Delta} X_\alpha$  be defined by  $F(x) = (F_\alpha(x))$ . Then  $F$  is u.  $Z$ -super c. if and only if each  $F_\alpha : X \rightsquigarrow X_\alpha$  is u.  $Z$ -super c.

*Proof.* Let  $G_{\alpha_0}$  be an open set of  $X_{\alpha_0}$ . Then

$$(P_{\alpha_0} \circ F)^+(G_{\alpha_0}) = F^+(P_{\alpha_0}^+(G_{\alpha_0})) = F^+(G_{\alpha_0} \times \prod_{\alpha \neq \alpha_0} X_\alpha).$$

Since  $F$  is u.  $Z$ -super c.  $F^+(G_{\alpha_0} \times \prod_{\alpha \neq \alpha_0} X_\alpha)$  is  $z$ -open in  $X$ . Thus  $P_{\alpha_0} \circ F = F_\alpha$

is u.  $Z$ -super c. Here  $P_\alpha$  denotes the projection of  $X$  onto  $\alpha$ - coordinate space  $X_\alpha$ .

Conversely, suppose that each  $F_\alpha : X \rightsquigarrow X_\alpha$  is u.  $Z$ -super c. To show that multifunction  $F$  is u.  $Z$ -super c., in view of Theorem(1) it is sufficient to show that  $F^+(V)$  is  $z$ -open for each open set  $V$  in the product space  $\prod_{\alpha \in \Delta} X_\alpha$ . Since the finite intersections and arbitrary unions of  $z$ -open sets are  $z$ -open, it suffices to prove that  $F^+(S)$  is  $z$ -open for every subbasic open set  $S$  in the product space  $\prod_{\alpha \in \Delta} X_\alpha$ .

Let  $U_\beta \times \prod_{\alpha \neq \beta} X_\alpha$  be a subbasic open set in  $\prod_{\alpha \in \Delta} X_\alpha$ . Then  $F^+(U_\beta \times \prod_{\alpha \neq \beta} X_\alpha) = F^+(P_\beta^+(U_\beta)) = F_\beta^+(U_\beta)$  is  $z$ -open. Hence  $F$  is u.  $Z$ -super c. □

**Theorem 8.** Let  $F : X \rightsquigarrow Y$  be a multifuntion and  $G : X \rightsquigarrow X \times Y$  defined by  $G(x) = (x, F(x))$  for each  $x \in X$  be the graph function. Then  $G$  is u.  $Z$ -super c. if and only if  $F$  is u.  $Z$ -super c. and  $X$  is completely regular.

*Proof.* To prove necessity, suppose that  $G$  is  $Z$ -super c. By Theorem (7)  $F = P_Y \circ G$  is  $Z$ -super c. where  $P_Y$  is the projection from  $X \times Y$  onto  $Y$ . Let  $U$  be any open set in  $X$  and let  $U \times Y$  be an open set containing  $G(x)$ . Since  $G$  is  $Z$ -super c., there exists a cozero set  $W$  containing  $x$  such that the implication  $x' \in W \Rightarrow G(x') \subset U \times Y$  holds. Thus  $x \in W \subset U$ , which shows that  $U$  is  $z$ -open and so  $X$  is completely regular.

To prove sufficiency, let  $x \in X$  and let  $W$  be an open set containing  $G(x)$ . There exists open sets  $U \subset X$  and  $V \subset Y$  such that  $(x, F(x)) \subset U \times V \subset W$ . Since  $X$  is completely regular, there exists a cozero set  $G_1$  in  $X$  containing  $x$  such that  $x \in G_1 \subset U$ . Since  $F$  is  $Z$ -super c., there exists a cozero set  $G_2$  in  $X$  containing  $x$  such that the implication  $x' \in G_2 \Rightarrow F(x') \subset V$ . Let  $G_1 \cap G_2 = H$ . Then  $H$  is an cozero set containing  $x$  and  $G(H) \subset U \times V \subset W$  which implies that  $G$  is u.  $Z$ -super c. □

**Definition 8.** Let  $F : X \rightsquigarrow Y$  be a multifuntion.

- (a)  $F$  is said to be upper  $Z$ -continuous (briefly u.  $Z$ -c.) at  $x \in X$ , if for each cozero set  $V$  with  $F(x) \subset V$ , there exists an open  $U$  set containing  $x$  such that the implication  $x' \in U \Rightarrow F(x') \subset V$  is hold.

- (b)  $F$  is said to be lower  $Z$ -continuous (briefly l.  $Z$ -c.) at  $x \in X$ , if for each cozero set  $V$  with  $F(x) \cap V \neq \emptyset$ , there exists an open set  $U$  containing  $x$  such that the implication  $x' \in U \Rightarrow F(x') \cap V \neq \emptyset$  is hold.
- (c)  $F$  is said to be  $Z$ -continuous (briefly  $Z$ -c.) at  $x \in X$ , if it is both u.  $Z$ -c. and l.  $Z$ -c. at  $x \in X$ .
- (d)  $F$  is said to be u.  $Z$ -c. (l.  $Z$ -c.,  $Z$ -c.) on  $X$ , if it has this property at each point  $x \in X$ .

**Theorem 9.** For a multifunction  $F : X \rightsquigarrow Y$ , the following statements are equivalent:

- (a)  $F$  is u. $Z$ -c. (l.  $Z$ -c.)
- (b) For every  $z$ -open set  $V \subseteq Y$ ,  $F^+(V)$  ( $F^-(V)$ ) is an open set in  $X$ .
- (c) For every  $z$ -closed set  $K \subseteq Y$ ,  $F^-(K)$  ( $F^+(K)$ ) is a closed set in  $X$ .

**Lemma 1.** For a multifunction  $F : X \rightsquigarrow Y$ , the following statements are equivalent:

- (a)  $F$  is u.  $Z$ -c.
- (b)  $F(\overline{A}) \subset [F(A)]_z$  for all  $A \subseteq X$
- (c)  $\overline{F^+(B)} \subseteq F^+([B]_z)$  for all  $B \subseteq X$
- (d) For every  $z$ -closed set  $K \subseteq Y$ ,  $F^+(K)$  is closed
- (e) For every  $z$ -open set  $G \subseteq Y$ ,  $F^+(G)$  is open

*Proof.* (a) $\Rightarrow$ (b): Let  $y \in F(\overline{A})$ . Choose  $x \in \overline{A}$  such that  $y \in F(x)$ . Let  $V$  be a cozero set containing  $F(x)$  so  $y$ . Since  $F$  is u.  $Z$ -c.,  $F^+(V)$  is an open set containing  $x$ . This gives  $F^+(V) \cap A \neq \emptyset$  which in turn implies that  $V \cap F(A) \neq \emptyset$  and consequently  $y \in [F(A)]_z$ . Hence  $F(\overline{A}) \subset [F(A)]_z$ .

(b) $\Rightarrow$ (c): Let  $B$  be any subset of  $Y$ . Then  $F(\overline{F^+(B)}) \subseteq [F(F^+(B))]_z \subseteq [B]_z$  and consequently  $\overline{F^+(B)} \subseteq F^+([B]_z)$ .

(c) $\Rightarrow$ (d): Since a set  $K$  is  $z$ -closed if and only if  $K = [K]_z$ , therefore the implication (c) $\Rightarrow$ (d) is obvious.

(d) $\Rightarrow$ (e): Obvious.

(e) $\Rightarrow$ (a): Since every cozero set is  $z$ -open and since a multifunction is u.  $Z$ -c. if and only if the inverse image of every cozero set is open. Hence (e) $\Rightarrow$ (a).  $\square$

**Theorem 10.** Let  $X, Y$  and  $Z$  be topological spaces and let the function  $F : X \rightsquigarrow Y$  be u.  $Z$ -c. and  $G : Y \rightsquigarrow Z$  be u.  $Z$ -super c. Then  $G \circ F : X \rightsquigarrow Z$  is u.s.c.

*Proof.* Since  $(G \circ F)^+(V) = F^+(G^+(V))$ , it is immediate in view of Lemma (1) and Theorem (1).  $\square$

**Theorem 11.** Let  $F : X \rightsquigarrow Y$  be a u. s. c. (l. s. c.) multifunction defined on a

completely regular space. Then  $F$  is *u. Z-super c.* (*l. Z-super c.*).

*Proof.* In a completely regular space, every open set is *z*-open.  $\square$

**Theorem 12.** Let  $F : X \rightsquigarrow Y$  be a *u. s. c.* (*l. s. c.*) multifunction. If  $Y$  is perfectly normal space, then  $F$  is *u. Z-super c.* (*l. Z-super c.*).

*Proof.* In a perfectly normal space, every open set is a cozero set and a *u. s. c.* (*l. s. c.*) multifunction lifts cozero sets to cozero set.  $\square$

**Theorem 13.** Let  $F : X \rightsquigarrow Y$  be a *u. s. c.* (*l. s. c.*) multifunction defined on a completely regular space. Then  $F$  is *u. Z-super c.* (*l. Z-super c.*).

*Proof.* In a completely regular space every open set is *z*-open and it is easily verified that a *u. s. c.* (*l. s. c.*) multifunction lifts *z*-open sets to *z*-open sets.  $\square$

**Definition 9 ([8]).** We may recall that a space  $X$  is quasi compact if every cover of  $X$  by cozero sets admits a finite subcover.

**Theorem 14.** Let  $F : X \rightsquigarrow Y$  be *u. Z-super c.* (*l. Z-super c.*) multifunction from a quasi compact space onto  $Y$ . Then  $Y$  is compact.

*Proof.* Let  $\varphi = \{v_\alpha : \alpha \in \Delta\}$  be an open cover of  $Y$ . Then each  $F^+(V_\alpha)$  is a *z*-open set in  $X$  and so it is a union of cozero sets. This in turn yields a cover  $\mathfrak{h}$  of  $X$  consisting of cozero sets. Since  $X$  is quasi compact there is a finite subcollection  $\{C_1, C_2, C_3, \dots, C_n\}$  of  $\mathfrak{h}$  which covers  $X$ . Suppose  $C_i \subset F^+(V_{\alpha_i})$  for some  $\alpha_i \in \Delta$  ( $i = 1, 2, \dots, n$ ). then  $\{V_{\alpha_1}, V_{\alpha_2}, \dots, V_{\alpha_n}\}$  is a finite subcover of  $\varphi$ . Thus  $X$  is compact.  $\square$

**Definition 10 ([9]).** A space  $X$  is said to be almost compact if every open covering of  $X$  has a finite subcollection the closures of whose members covers  $X$ .

**Definition 11 ([10]).** Let  $X$  be a topological space and let  $A \subset X$ . A point  $x \in X$  is called a  $\theta$ -limit point of  $A$  if every closed neighborhood of  $x$  intersects  $A$ . Let  $cl_\theta A$  denote the set of all  $\theta$ -limit points of  $A$ . The set  $A$  is called  $\theta$ -closed if  $A = cl_\theta A$ . The complement of a  $\theta$ -closed set is called a  $\theta$ -open set.

**Definition 12 ([10]).** A space  $X$  called  $\theta$ -compact if every  $\theta$ -open cover of  $X$  has a finite subcover.

It is observed in [11] that every almost  $\theta$ -compact space is  $\theta$ -compact and every  $\theta$ -compact space is quasi compact. However, none of the reverse implications hold.

The following corollaries are immediate from Theorem (14).

**Corollary 1.** If  $F : X \rightsquigarrow Y$  is a *u. Z-super c.* (*l. Z-super c.*) multifunction from a  $\theta$ -compact space  $X$  onto  $Y$ . Then  $Y$  is compact.

**Corollary 2.** If  $F : X \rightsquigarrow Y$  is a *u. Z-super c.* (*l. Z-super c.*) multifunction from an almost compact space  $X$  onto  $Y$ . Then  $Y$  is compact.

**Theorem 15.** Let  $F : X \rightsquigarrow Y$  be a *u. Z-c.* (*l. Z-c.*) multifunction from a quasi



compact space  $X$  onto a space  $Y$ . Then  $Y$  is quasi compact.

We omit simple proof of Theorem (15).

**Definition 13 ([5]).** Let  $f : X \rightarrow Y$  be a surjection from a topological space  $X$  onto a set  $Y$ . The topology on  $Y$  for which a subset  $A \subset Y$  is open if and only if  $f^{-1}(A)$  is  $z$ -open in  $X$  is called the  $z$ -quotient topology and the map  $f$  is called the  $z$ -quotient map.

**Theorem 16.** Let  $F$  be a multifunction from a topological space  $(X, \tau_1)$  onto a topological the space  $(Y, \tau_2)$ , where  $\tau_2$  is  $z$ -quotient topology on  $Y$ . Then  $F$  is l.  $Z$ -super c. Moreover  $\tau_2$  is the finite topology on  $Y$  which makes  $F : X \rightsquigarrow Y$  l.  $Z$ -super c.

*Proof.* The l.  $Z$ -super continuity of  $F$  follows from the definition of  $z$ -quotient topology. □

**Theorem 17.** Let  $f : X \rightarrow Y$  be a  $z$ -quotient map. Then a multifunction  $F : Y \rightsquigarrow Z$  is l. s. c. if and only if  $F \circ f$  is l.  $Z$ -super c.

*Proof.* If  $U$  is an open set in  $Z$  and  $F \circ f$  is l.  $Z$ -super c. then  $(F \circ f)^+(U) = f^+(F^+(U)) = f^{-1}(F^+(U))$  which is  $z$ -open in  $X$ . Since  $f$  is  $z$ -quotient map,  $F^+(U)$  is open in  $Y$ . Thus  $F$  is l. s. c. Conversely, let  $F : Y \rightsquigarrow Z$  be u. s. c. Let  $U$  be an open set in  $Z$ . By l.  $Z$ -super continuity of  $F \circ f$ ,  $(F \circ f)^+(U) = f^{-1}(F^+(U))$  is  $z$ -open in  $X$ . □

#### 4. Complete Regularization

Let  $(X, \tau)$  be a topological space and let  $\beta$  denote the collection of all cozero subsets of  $(X, \tau)$ . Since the intersection of two cozero sets is a cozero set, the collection  $\beta$  is a base for a topology  $\tau_z$  on  $X$  called the complete regularization of  $\tau$ . Clearly  $\tau_z \subset \tau$ . The space  $(X, \tau)$  is completely regular if and only if  $\tau_z = \tau$  [5].

Throughout the section, the symbol  $\tau_z$  will have the same meaning as in the above paragraph.

**Theorem 18.** A multifunction  $F : (X, \tau) \rightsquigarrow (Y, \sigma)$  is u.  $Z$ -super c. if and only if  $F : (X, \tau) \rightsquigarrow (Y, \sigma)$  is u. s. c.

**Theorem 19.** Let  $(X, \tau)$  be topological space. Then the following are equivalent.

- (a)  $(X, \tau)$  is completely regular.
- (b) Every upper-lower semi continuous multifunction from  $(X, \tau)$  into a space  $(Y, \sigma)$  is upper-lower  $Z$ -super continuous.

*Proof.* (a) $\Rightarrow$ (b): Obvious

(b) $\Rightarrow$ (a): Take  $(Y, \sigma) = (X, \tau)$ . Then the identity multifunction  $I_X$  on  $X$  is upper-lower semi continuous and hence upper-lower  $Z$ -super continuous. Thus by Theorem (11)  $1_X : (X, \tau_z) \rightarrow (X, \tau)$  is upper-lower semi continuous. Since  $U \in \tau$  implies  $1_X^{-1}(U) = U \in \tau_z$ ,  $\tau \subset \tau_z$ . Therefore  $\tau = \tau_z$  and so  $(X, \tau)$  is completely

regular.

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