



## On Upper and Lower Almost $\tau^*\alpha(\sigma_1, \sigma_2)$ -Continuous Multifunctions

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**Abstract.** This paper introduces new classes of continuous multifunctions defined between an ideal topological space and a bitopological space, called upper almost  $\tau^*\alpha(\sigma_1, \sigma_2)$ -continuous multifunctions and lower almost  $\tau^*\alpha(\sigma_1, \sigma_2)$ -continuous multifunctions. Furthermore, several characterizations and some properties concerning upper almost  $\tau^*\alpha(\sigma_1, \sigma_2)$ -continuous multifunctions and lower almost  $\tau^*\alpha(\sigma_1, \sigma_2)$ -continuous multifunctions are investigated.

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### 1. Introduction

In 1988, Noiri [1] introduced a class of functions between topological spaces, called almost  $\alpha$ -continuous functions. Furthermore, Noiri [1] investigated several characterizations and some basic properties of almost  $\alpha$ -continuous functions. In 1996, Popa and Noiri [2] extended the concept of almost  $\alpha$ -continuous functions to multifunctions and presented classes of multifunctions defined from a topological space into a topological space, namely upper almost  $\alpha$ -continuous multifunctions and lower almost  $\alpha$ -continuous multifunctions. In particular, several characterizations and some properties concerning upper almost  $\alpha$ -continuous multifunctions and lower almost  $\alpha$ -continuous multifunctions were established in [2]. On the other hand, the present author introduced and studied four classes of multifunctions defined from an ideal topological space into an ideal topological space, called upper almost  $\star$ -continuous multifunctions [3], lower almost  $\star$ -continuous multifunctions [3], upper almost  $\alpha(\star)$ -continuous multifunctions [4], lower almost  $\alpha(\star)$ -continuous multifunctions [4], upper almost  $\alpha\text{-}\star$ -continuous multifunctions [5], lower almost  $\alpha\text{-}\star$ -continuous

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multifunctions [5] and almost  $\iota^*$ -continuous multifunctions [6]. Pue-on et al. [7] introduced and studied two classes of multifunctions between bitopological spaces, namely upper  $(\tau_1, \tau_2)$ -continuous multifunctions and lower  $(\tau_1, \tau_2)$ -continuous multifunctions. Moreover, Boonpok and Pue-on [8] introduced and investigated the concepts of upper almost  $(\tau_1, \tau_2)$ -continuous multifunctions and lower almost  $(\tau_1, \tau_2)$ -continuous multifunctions. In [9], the present authors introduced and studied the concepts of upper almost  $(\tau_1, \tau_2)\alpha$ -continuous multifunctions and lower almost  $(\tau_1, \tau_2)\alpha$ -continuous multifunctions. Quite recently, Viriyapong et al. [10] presented new classes of continuous multifunctions defined from an ideal topological space into a bitopological space, namely upper almost  $\tau^*(\sigma_1, \sigma_2)$ -continuous multifunctions and lower almost  $\tau^*(\sigma_1, \sigma_2)$ -continuous multifunctions. In this paper, we introduce the concepts of continuous multifunctions between an ideal topological space and a bitopological space, called upper almost  $\tau^*\alpha(\sigma_1, \sigma_2)$ -continuous multifunctions and lower almost  $\tau^*\alpha(\sigma_1, \sigma_2)$ -continuous multifunctions. We also investigate several characterizations of upper almost  $\tau^*\alpha(\sigma_1, \sigma_2)$ -continuous multifunctions and lower almost  $\tau^*\alpha(\sigma_1, \sigma_2)$ -continuous multifunctions.

## 2. Preliminaries

Throughout the present paper, spaces  $(X, \tau_1, \tau_2)$  and  $(Y, \sigma_1, \sigma_2)$  (or simply  $X$  and  $Y$ ) always mean bitopological spaces on which no separation axioms are assumed unless explicitly stated. Let  $A$  be a subset of a bitopological space  $(X, \tau_1, \tau_2)$ . The closure of  $A$  and the interior of  $A$  with respect to  $\tau_i$  are denoted by  $\tau_i\text{-Cl}(A)$  and  $\tau_i\text{-Int}(A)$ , respectively, for  $i = 1, 2$ . A subset  $A$  of a bitopological space  $(X, \tau_1, \tau_2)$  is called  $\tau_1\tau_2$ -closed [11] if  $A = \tau_1\text{-Cl}(\tau_2\text{-Cl}(A))$ . The complement of a  $\tau_1\tau_2$ -closed set is called  $\tau_1\tau_2$ -open. The intersection of all  $\tau_1\tau_2$ -closed sets of  $X$  containing  $A$  is called the  $\tau_1\tau_2$ -closure [11] of  $A$  and is denoted by  $\tau_1\tau_2\text{-Cl}(A)$ . The union of all  $\tau_1\tau_2$ -open sets of  $X$  contained in  $A$  is called the  $\tau_1\tau_2$ -interior [11] of  $A$  and is denoted by  $\tau_1\tau_2\text{-Int}(A)$ .

**Lemma 1.** [11] *Let  $A$  and  $B$  be subsets of a bitopological space  $(X, \tau_1, \tau_2)$ . For the  $\tau_1\tau_2$ -closure, the following properties hold:*

- (1)  $A \subseteq \tau_1\tau_2\text{-Cl}(A)$  and  $\tau_1\tau_2\text{-Cl}(\tau_1\tau_2\text{-Cl}(A)) = \tau_1\tau_2\text{-Cl}(A)$ .
- (2) If  $A \subseteq B$ , then  $\tau_1\tau_2\text{-Cl}(A) \subseteq \tau_1\tau_2\text{-Cl}(B)$ .
- (3)  $\tau_1\tau_2\text{-Cl}(A)$  is  $\tau_1\tau_2$ -closed.
- (4)  $A$  is  $\tau_1\tau_2$ -closed if and only if  $A = \tau_1\tau_2\text{-Cl}(A)$ .
- (5)  $\tau_1\tau_2\text{-Cl}(X - A) = X - \tau_1\tau_2\text{-Int}(A)$ .

A subset  $A$  of a bitopological space  $(X, \tau_1, \tau_2)$  is said to be  $(\tau_1, \tau_2)r$ -open [9] (resp.  $(\tau_1, \tau_2)s$ -open [12],  $(\tau_1, \tau_2)p$ -open [12],  $(\tau_1, \tau_2)\beta$ -open [12]) if  $A = \tau_1\tau_2\text{-Int}(\tau_1\tau_2\text{-Cl}(A))$  (resp.  $A \subseteq \tau_1\tau_2\text{-Cl}(\tau_1\tau_2\text{-Int}(A))$ ,  $A \subseteq \tau_1\tau_2\text{-Int}(\tau_1\tau_2\text{-Cl}(A))$ ,  $A \subseteq \tau_1\tau_2\text{-Cl}(\tau_1\tau_2\text{-Int}(\tau_1\tau_2\text{-Cl}(A)))$ ). The complement of a  $(\tau_1, \tau_2)r$ -open (resp.  $(\tau_1, \tau_2)s$ -open,  $(\tau_1, \tau_2)p$ -open,  $(\tau_1, \tau_2)\beta$ -open) set is said to be  $(\tau_1, \tau_2)r$ -closed (resp.  $(\tau_1, \tau_2)s$ -closed,  $(\tau_1, \tau_2)p$ -closed,  $(\tau_1, \tau_2)\beta$ -closed). The

intersection of all  $(\tau_1, \tau_2)s$ -closed sets of  $X$  containing  $A$  is called the  $(\tau_1, \tau_2)s$ -closure [12] of  $A$  and is denoted by  $(\tau_1, \tau_2)sCl(A)$ . The union of all  $(\tau_1, \tau_2)s$ -open sets of  $X$  contained in  $A$  is called the  $(\tau_1, \tau_2)s$ -interior [12] of  $A$  and is denoted by  $(\tau_1, \tau_2)sInt(A)$ .

**Lemma 2.** *For a subset  $A$  of a bitopological space  $(X, \tau_1, \tau_2)$ , the following properties hold:*

$$(1) (\tau_1, \tau_2)sCl(A) = \tau_1\tau_2-Int(\tau_1\tau_2-Cl(A)) \cup A \text{ [12];}$$

$$(2) (\tau_1, \tau_2)sInt(A) = \tau_1\tau_2-Cl(\tau_1\tau_2-Int(A)) \cap A \text{ [13].}$$

**Lemma 3.** [14] *Let  $A$  be a subset of a bitopological space  $(X, \tau_1, \tau_2)$ . If  $A$  is  $\tau_1\tau_2$ -open in  $X$ , then  $(\tau_1, \tau_2)sCl(A) = \tau_1\tau_2-Int(\tau_1\tau_2-Cl(A))$ .*

A subset  $A$  of a bitopological space  $(X, \tau_1, \tau_2)$  is said to be  $\tau_1\tau_2$ - $\delta$ -open [8] if  $A$  is the union of  $(\tau_1, \tau_2)r$ -open sets of  $X$ . The complement of a  $\tau_1\tau_2$ - $\delta$ -open set is called  $\tau_1\tau_2$ - $\delta$ -closed [8]. The union of all  $\tau_1\tau_2$ - $\delta$ -open sets of  $X$  contained in  $A$  is called the  $\tau_1\tau_2$ - $\delta$ -interior [8] of  $A$  and is denoted by  $\tau_1\tau_2$ - $\delta$ -Int( $A$ ). The intersection of all  $\tau_1\tau_2$ - $\delta$ -closed sets of  $X$  containing  $A$  is called the  $\tau_1\tau_2$ - $\delta$ -closure [8] of  $A$  and is denoted by  $\tau_1\tau_2$ - $\delta$ -Cl( $A$ ). Let  $A$  be a subset of a bitopological space  $(X, \tau_1, \tau_2)$ . A point  $x \in X$  is called a  $(\tau_1, \tau_2)\theta$ -cluster point [9] of  $A$  if  $\tau_1\tau_2-Cl(U) \cap A \neq \emptyset$  for every  $\tau_1\tau_2$ -open set  $U$  containing  $x$ . The set of all  $(\tau_1, \tau_2)\theta$ -cluster points of  $A$  is called the  $(\tau_1, \tau_2)\theta$ -closure [9] of  $A$  and is denoted by  $(\tau_1, \tau_2)\theta$ -Cl( $A$ ). A subset  $A$  of a bitopological space  $(X, \tau_1, \tau_2)$  is said to be  $(\tau_1, \tau_2)\theta$ -closed [9] if  $(\tau_1, \tau_2)\theta$ -Cl( $A$ ) =  $A$ . The complement of a  $(\tau_1, \tau_2)\theta$ -closed set is said to be  $(\tau_1, \tau_2)\theta$ -open. The union of all  $(\tau_1, \tau_2)\theta$ -open sets of  $X$  contained in  $A$  is called the  $(\tau_1, \tau_2)\theta$ -interior [9] of  $A$  and is denoted by  $(\tau_1, \tau_2)\theta$ -Int( $A$ ).

**Lemma 4.** [9] *For a subset  $A$  of a bitopological space  $(X, \tau_1, \tau_2)$ , the following properties hold:*

$$(1) \text{ If } A \text{ is } \tau_1\tau_2\text{-open in } X, \text{ then } \tau_1\tau_2-Cl(A) = (\tau_1, \tau_2)\theta-Cl(A).$$

$$(2) (\tau_1, \tau_2)\theta-Cl(A) \text{ is } \tau_1\tau_2\text{-closed in } X.$$

An ideal  $\mathcal{I}$  on a topological space  $(X, \tau)$  is a nonempty collection of subsets of  $X$  satisfying the following properties: (1)  $A \in \mathcal{I}$  and  $B \subseteq A$  imply  $B \in \mathcal{I}$ ; (2)  $A \in \mathcal{I}$  and  $B \in \mathcal{I}$  imply  $A \cup B \in \mathcal{I}$ . A topological space  $(X, \tau)$  with an ideal  $\mathcal{I}$  on  $X$  is called an ideal topological space and is denoted by  $(X, \tau, \mathcal{I})$ . For an ideal topological space  $(X, \tau, \mathcal{I})$  and a subset  $A$  of  $X$ ,  $A^*(\mathcal{I})$  is defined as follows:

$$A^*(\mathcal{I}) = \{x \in X : U \cap A \notin \mathcal{I} \text{ for every open neighbourhood } U \text{ of } x\}.$$

In case there is no chance for confusion,  $A^*(\mathcal{I})$  is simply written as  $A^*$ . In [15],  $A^*$  is called the local function of  $A$  with respect to  $\mathcal{I}$  and  $\tau$  and  $Cl^*(A) = A^* \cup A$  defines a Kuratowski closure operator for a topology  $\tau^*(\mathcal{I})$  finer than  $\tau$ . A subset  $A$  is said to be  $\star$ -closed [16] if  $A^* \subseteq A$ . The interior of a subset  $A$  in  $(X, \tau^*(\mathcal{I}))$  is denoted by  $Int^*(A)$ . A subset  $A$  of an ideal topological space  $(X, \tau, \mathcal{I})$  is said to be  $R$ - $\mathcal{I}^*$ -open [3]

(resp.  $\mathcal{I}^*$ -preopen [3], semi- $\mathcal{I}^*$ -open [17], semi- $\mathcal{I}^*$ -preopen [17]) if  $A = \text{Int}^*(\text{Cl}^*(A))$  (resp.  $A \subseteq \text{Int}^*(\text{Cl}^*(A))$ ,  $A \subseteq \text{Cl}^*(\text{Int}^*(A))$ ,  $A \subseteq \text{Cl}^*(\text{Int}^*(\text{Cl}^*(A)))$ ). The complement of a  $R$ - $\mathcal{I}^*$ -open (resp.  $\mathcal{I}^*$ -preopen, semi- $\mathcal{I}^*$ -open, semi- $\mathcal{I}^*$ -preopen) set is said to be  $R$ - $\mathcal{I}^*$ -closed (resp.  $\mathcal{I}^*$ -preclosed, semi- $\mathcal{I}^*$ -closed, semi- $\mathcal{I}^*$ -preclosed). For a subset  $A$  of an ideal topological space  $(X, \tau, \mathcal{I})$ , the intersection of all semi- $\mathcal{I}^*$ -closed sets containing  $A$  is called the semi- $\mathcal{I}^*$ -closure [17] of  $A$  and is denoted by  $s\text{Cl}^*(A)$  ( $s\text{Cl}_{\mathcal{I}^*}(A)$  [17]). The union of all semi- $\mathcal{I}^*$ -open sets contained in  $A$  is called the semi- $\mathcal{I}^*$ -interior [17] of  $A$  and is denoted by  $s\text{Int}^*(A)$  ( $s\text{Int}_{\mathcal{I}^*}(A)$  [17]).

**Lemma 5.** [17] *For a subset  $A$  of an ideal topological space  $(X, \tau, \mathcal{I})$ , the following properties hold:*

- (1)  $s\text{Cl}^*(A) = A \cup \text{Int}^*(\text{Cl}^*(A))$ .
- (2)  $s\text{Int}^*(A) = A \cap \text{Cl}^*(\text{Int}^*(A))$ .

A subset  $A$  of an ideal topological space  $(X, \tau, \mathcal{I})$  is said to be  $\tau^*$ - $\alpha$ -open [18] ( $\alpha$ - $\mathcal{I}^*$ -open [19]) if  $A \subseteq \text{Int}^*(\text{Cl}^*(\text{Int}^*(A)))$ . The complement of an  $\tau^*$ - $\alpha$ -open set is said to be  $\tau^*$ - $\alpha$ -closed.

**Lemma 6.** [19] *For a subset  $A$  of an ideal topological space  $(X, \tau, \mathcal{I})$ , the following properties are equivalent:*

- (1)  $A$  is  $\alpha$ - $\mathcal{I}^*$ -open in  $X$ .
- (2)  $G \subseteq A \subseteq \text{Int}^*(\text{Cl}^*(G))$  for some  $\star$ -open set  $G$ .
- (3)  $G \subseteq A \subseteq s\text{Cl}^*(G)$  for some  $\star$ -open set  $G$ .
- (4)  $A \subseteq s\text{Cl}^*(\text{Int}^*(A))$ .

For a subset  $A$  of an ideal topological space  $(X, \tau, \mathcal{I})$ , the intersection of all  $\alpha$ - $\mathcal{I}^*$ -closed sets containing  $A$  is called the  $\alpha$ - $\mathcal{I}^*$ -closure [19] of  $A$  and is denoted by  $\alpha\text{Cl}^*(A)$  ( $\alpha\text{Cl}_{\mathcal{I}^*}(A)$  [19]). The  $\alpha$ - $\mathcal{I}^*$ -interior [19] of  $A$  is defined by the union of all  $\alpha$ - $\mathcal{I}^*$ -open sets contained in  $A$  and is denoted by  $\alpha\text{Int}^*(A)$  ( $\alpha\text{Int}_{\mathcal{I}^*}(A)$  [19]).

**Lemma 7.** [19] *For a subset  $A$  of an ideal topological space  $(X, \tau, \mathcal{I})$ , the following properties hold:*

- (1)  $A$  is  $\alpha$ - $\mathcal{I}^*$ -closed in  $X$  if and only if  $s\text{Int}^*(\text{Cl}^*(A)) \subseteq A$ .
- (2)  $s\text{Int}^*(\text{Cl}^*(A)) = \text{Cl}^*(\text{Int}^*(\text{Cl}^*(A)))$ .
- (3)  $\alpha\text{Cl}^*(A) = A \cup \text{Cl}^*(\text{Int}^*(\text{Cl}^*(A)))$ .
- (4)  $\alpha\text{Int}^*(A) = A \cap \text{Int}^*(\text{Cl}^*(\text{Int}^*(A)))$ .

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

### 3. Upper and lower almost $\tau^*\alpha(\sigma_1, \sigma_2)$ -continuous multifunctions

In this section, we introduce the notions of upper almost  $\tau^*\alpha(\sigma_1, \sigma_2)$ -continuous multifunctions and lower almost  $\tau^*\alpha(\sigma_1, \sigma_2)$ -continuous multifunctions. Moreover, several characterizations of upper almost  $\tau^*\alpha(\sigma_1, \sigma_2)$ -continuous multifunctions and lower almost  $\tau^*\alpha(\sigma_1, \sigma_2)$ -continuous multifunctions discussed.

**Definition 1.** A multifunction  $F : (X, \tau, \mathcal{J}) \rightarrow (Y, \sigma_1, \sigma_2)$  is said to be upper almost  $\tau^*\alpha(\sigma_1, \sigma_2)$ -continuous at a point  $x$  of  $X$  if for each  $\sigma_1\sigma_2$ -open set  $V$  of  $Y$  such that  $F(x) \subseteq V$ , there exists a  $\tau^*$ - $\alpha$ -open set  $U$  of  $X$  containing  $x$  such that  $F(U) \subseteq \sigma_1\sigma_2\text{-Int}(\sigma_1\sigma_2\text{-Cl}(V))$ . A multifunction  $F : (X, \tau, \mathcal{J}) \rightarrow (Y, \sigma_1, \sigma_2)$  is said to be upper almost  $\tau^*\alpha(\sigma_1, \sigma_2)$ -continuous if  $F$  is upper almost  $\tau^*\alpha(\sigma_1, \sigma_2)$ -continuous at each point of  $X$ .

**Theorem 1.** For a multifunction  $F : (X, \tau, \mathcal{J}) \rightarrow (Y, \sigma_1, \sigma_2)$ , the following properties are equivalent:

- (1)  $F$  is upper almost  $\tau^*\alpha(\sigma_1, \sigma_2)$ -continuous at  $x \in X$ ;
- (2) for each  $\sigma_1\sigma_2$ -open set  $V$  of  $Y$  containing  $F(x)$ , there exists a  $\tau^*$ - $\alpha$ -open set  $U$  of  $X$  containing  $x$  such that  $F(U) \subseteq (\sigma_1, \sigma_2)\text{-sCl}(V)$ ;
- (3)  $x \in \alpha\text{Int}^*(F^+((\sigma_1, \sigma_2)\text{-sCl}(V)))$  for every  $\sigma_1\sigma_2$ -open set  $V$  of  $Y$  containing  $F(x)$ ;
- (4)  $x \in \text{Int}^*(\text{Cl}^*(\text{Int}^*(F^+((\sigma_1, \sigma_2)\text{-sCl}(V)))))$  for every  $\sigma_1\sigma_2$ -open set  $V$  of  $Y$  containing  $F(x)$ .

*Proof.* (1)  $\Rightarrow$  (2): Let  $V$  be any  $\sigma_1\sigma_2$ -open set of  $Y$  containing  $F(x)$ . Then, there exists a  $\tau^*$ - $\alpha$ -open set  $U$  containing  $x$  such that  $F(U) \subseteq \sigma_1\sigma_2\text{-Int}(\sigma_1\sigma_2\text{-Cl}(V))$  and by Lemma 3, we have  $F(U) \subseteq (\sigma_1, \sigma_2)\text{-sCl}(V)$ .

(2)  $\Rightarrow$  (3): Let  $V$  be any  $\sigma_1\sigma_2$ -open set of  $Y$  containing  $F(x)$ . By (2), there exists a  $\tau^*$ - $\alpha$ -open set  $U$  containing  $x$  such that  $F(U) \subseteq (\sigma_1, \sigma_2)\text{-sCl}(V)$  and hence  $U \subseteq F^+((\sigma_1, \sigma_2)\text{-sCl}(V))$ . Thus,  $x \in \alpha\text{Int}^*(F^+((\sigma_1, \sigma_2)\text{-sCl}(V)))$ .

(3)  $\Rightarrow$  (4): Let  $V$  be any  $\sigma_1\sigma_2$ -open set of  $Y$  containing  $F(x)$ . Then by (3), we have  $x \in \alpha\text{Int}^*(F^+((\sigma_1, \sigma_2)\text{-sCl}(V)))$  and by Lemma 7,

$$x \in \text{Int}^*(\text{Cl}^*(\text{Int}^*(F^+((\sigma_1, \sigma_2)\text{-sCl}(V)))))$$

(4)  $\Rightarrow$  (1): Let  $V$  be any  $\sigma_1\sigma_2$ -open set of  $Y$  containing  $F(x)$ . By (4), we have

$$x \in \text{Int}^*(\text{Cl}^*(\text{Int}^*(F^+((\sigma_1, \sigma_2)\text{-sCl}(V)))))$$

and by Lemma 7,  $x \in \alpha\text{Int}^*(F^+((\sigma_1, \sigma_2)\text{-sCl}(V)))$ . Therefore, there exists a  $\tau^*$ - $\alpha$ -open set  $U$  of  $X$  containing  $x$  such that  $U \subseteq F^+((\sigma_1, \sigma_2)\text{-sCl}(V))$ ; hence  $F(U) \subseteq (\sigma_1, \sigma_2)\text{-sCl}(V)$ . Since  $V$  is  $\sigma_1\sigma_2$ -open, by Lemma 3 we have  $F(U) \subseteq \sigma_1\sigma_2\text{-Int}(\sigma_1\sigma_2\text{-Cl}(V))$ . This shows that  $F$  is upper almost  $\tau^*\alpha(\sigma_1, \sigma_2)$ -continuous at  $x$ .

**Definition 2.** A multifunction  $F : (X, \tau, \mathcal{J}) \rightarrow (Y, \sigma_1, \sigma_2)$  is said to be lower almost  $\tau^*\alpha(\sigma_1, \sigma_2)$ -continuous at a point  $x \in X$  if for each  $\sigma_1\sigma_2$ -open set  $V$  of  $Y$  such that  $F(x) \cap V \neq \emptyset$ , there exists a  $\tau^*$ - $\alpha$ -open set  $U$  of  $X$  containing  $x$  such that

$$F(z) \cap \sigma_1\sigma_2\text{-Int}(\sigma_1\sigma_2\text{-Cl}(V)) \neq \emptyset$$

for every  $z \in U$ . A multifunction  $F : (X, \tau, \mathcal{J}) \rightarrow (Y, \sigma_1, \sigma_2)$  is said to be lower almost  $\tau^*\alpha(\sigma_1, \sigma_2)$ -continuous if  $F$  is lower almost  $\tau^*\alpha(\sigma_1, \sigma_2)$ -continuous at each point of  $X$ .

**Theorem 2.** For a multifunction  $F : (X, \tau, \mathcal{J}) \rightarrow (Y, \sigma_1, \sigma_2)$ , the following properties are equivalent:

- (1)  $F$  is lower almost  $\tau^*\alpha(\sigma_1, \sigma_2)$ -continuous at  $x \in X$ ;
- (2) for each  $\sigma_1\sigma_2$ -open set  $V$  of  $Y$  such that  $F(x) \cap V \neq \emptyset$ , there exists a  $\tau^*$ - $\alpha$ -open set  $U$  of  $X$  containing  $x$  such that  $F(z) \cap (\sigma_1, \sigma_2)\text{-sCl}(V) \neq \emptyset$ ;
- (3)  $x \in \alpha\text{Int}^*(F^-((\sigma_1, \sigma_2)\text{-sCl}(V)))$  for every  $\sigma_1\sigma_2$ -open set  $V$  of  $Y$  such that  $F(x) \cap V \neq \emptyset$ ;
- (4)  $x \in \text{Int}^*(\text{Cl}^*(\text{Int}^*(F^-((\sigma_1, \sigma_2)\text{-sCl}(V)))))$  for every  $\sigma_1\sigma_2$ -open set  $V$  of  $Y$  such that  $F(x) \cap V \neq \emptyset$ .

*Proof.* The proof is similar to that of Theorem 1.

**Theorem 3.** For a multifunction  $F : (X, \tau, \mathcal{J}) \rightarrow (Y, \sigma_1, \sigma_2)$ , the following properties are equivalent:

- (1)  $F$  is upper almost  $\tau^*\alpha(\sigma_1, \sigma_2)$ -continuous;
- (2) for each  $x \in X$  and each  $\sigma_1\sigma_2$ -open set  $V$  of  $Y$  containing  $F(x)$ , there exists a  $\tau^*$ - $\alpha$ -open set  $U$  of  $X$  containing  $x$  such that  $F(U) \subseteq (\sigma_1, \sigma_2)\text{-sCl}(V)$ ;
- (3) for each  $x \in X$  and each  $(\sigma_1, \sigma_2)r$ -open set  $V$  of  $Y$  containing  $F(x)$ , there exists a  $\tau^*$ - $\alpha$ -open set  $U$  of  $X$  containing  $x$  such that  $F(U) \subseteq V$ ;
- (4)  $F^+(V)$  is  $\tau^*$ - $\alpha$ -open in  $X$  for every  $(\sigma_1, \sigma_2)r$ -open set  $V$  of  $Y$ ;
- (5)  $F^-(K)$  is  $\tau^*$ - $\alpha$ -closed in  $X$  for every  $(\sigma_1, \sigma_2)r$ -closed set  $K$  of  $Y$ ;
- (6)  $F^+(V) \subseteq \alpha\text{Int}^*(F^+((\sigma_1, \sigma_2)\text{-sCl}(V)))$  for every  $\sigma_1\sigma_2$ -open set  $V$  of  $Y$ ;
- (7)  $\alpha\text{Cl}^*(F^-((\sigma_1, \sigma_2)\text{-sInt}(K))) \subseteq F^-(K)$  for every  $\sigma_1\sigma_2$ -closed set  $K$  of  $Y$ ;
- (8)  $\alpha\text{Cl}^*(F^-(\sigma_1\sigma_2\text{-Cl}(\sigma_1\sigma_2\text{-Int}(K)))) \subseteq F^-(K)$  for every  $\sigma_1\sigma_2$ -closed set  $K$  of  $Y$ ;
- (9)  $\alpha\text{Cl}^*(F^-(\sigma_1\sigma_2\text{-Cl}(\sigma_1\sigma_2\text{-Int}(\sigma_1\sigma_2\text{-Cl}(B))))) \subseteq F^-(\sigma_1\sigma_2\text{-Cl}(B))$  for every subset  $B$  of  $Y$ ;

(10)  $Cl^*(Int^*(Cl^*(F^-(\sigma_1\sigma_2-Cl(\sigma_1\sigma_2-Int(K))))) \subseteq F^-(K)$  for every  $\sigma_1\sigma_2$ -closed set  $K$  of  $Y$ ;

(11)  $Cl^*(Int^*(Cl^*(F^-((\sigma_1, \sigma_2)-sInt(K)))) \subseteq F^-(K)$  for every  $\sigma_1\sigma_2$ -closed set  $K$  of  $Y$ ;

(12)  $F^+(V) \subseteq Int^*(Cl^*(Int^*(F^+((\sigma_1, \sigma_2)-sCl(V))))$  for every  $\sigma_1\sigma_2$ -open set  $V$  of  $Y$ .

*Proof.* (1)  $\Rightarrow$  (2): The proof follows from Theorem 1.

(2)  $\Rightarrow$  (3): The proof is obvious.

(3)  $\Rightarrow$  (4): Let  $V$  be any  $(\sigma_1, \sigma_2)r$ -open set of  $Y$  and  $x \in F^+(V)$ . Then,  $F(x) \subseteq V$  and by (3), there exists a  $\tau^*$ - $\alpha$ -open set  $U_x$  of  $X$  containing  $x$  such that  $F(U_x) \subseteq V$ . Thus,  $x \in U_x \subseteq F^+(V)$  and so  $F^+(V) = \cup_{x \in F^+(V)} U_x$  is  $\tau^*$ - $\alpha$ -open in  $X$ .

(4)  $\Rightarrow$  (5): This follows from the fact that  $F^+(Y - B) = X - F^-(B)$  for every subset  $B$  of  $Y$ .

(5)  $\Rightarrow$  (6): Let  $V$  be any  $\sigma_1\sigma_2$ -open set of  $Y$  and  $x \in F^+(V)$ . Then, we have

$$F(x) \subseteq V \subseteq (\sigma_1, \sigma_2)\text{-}sCl(V)$$

and so  $x \in F^+((\sigma_1, \sigma_2)\text{-}sCl(V)) = X - F^-(Y - (\sigma_1, \sigma_2)\text{-}sCl(V))$ . Since  $Y - (\sigma_1, \sigma_2)\text{-}sCl(V)$  is  $(\sigma_1, \sigma_2)r$ -closed in  $Y$  and by (5),  $F^-(Y - (\sigma_1, \sigma_2)\text{-}sCl(V))$  is  $\tau^*$ - $\alpha$ -closed in  $X$ . This shows that  $F^+((\sigma_1, \sigma_2)\text{-}sCl(V))$  is  $\tau^*$ - $\alpha$ -open in  $X$ . Thus,  $x \in \alpha Int^*(F^+((\sigma_1, \sigma_2)\text{-}sCl(V)))$  and hence  $F^+(V) \subseteq \alpha Int^*(F^+((\sigma_1, \sigma_2)\text{-}sCl(V)))$ .

(6)  $\Rightarrow$  (7): Let  $K$  be any  $\sigma_1\sigma_2$ -closed set of  $Y$ . Then,  $Y - K$  is  $\sigma_1\sigma_2$ -open and by (6), we have

$$\begin{aligned} X - F^-(K) &= F^+(Y - K) \subseteq \alpha Int^*(F^+((\sigma_1, \sigma_2)\text{-}sCl(Y - K))) \\ &= \alpha Int^*(F^+(Y - (\sigma_1, \sigma_2)\text{-}sInt(K))) \\ &= \alpha Int^*(X - F^-(\sigma_1, \sigma_2)\text{-}sInt(K))) \\ &= X - \alpha Cl^*(F^-(\sigma_1, \sigma_2)\text{-}sInt(K))) \end{aligned}$$

and hence  $\alpha Cl^*(F^-(\sigma_1, \sigma_2)\text{-}sInt(K))) \subseteq F^-(K)$ .

(7)  $\Rightarrow$  (8): The proof is obvious since  $(\sigma_1, \sigma_2)\text{-}sInt(K) = \sigma_1\sigma_2\text{-}Cl(\sigma_1\sigma_2\text{-}Int(K))$  for every  $\sigma_1\sigma_2$ -closed set  $K$  of  $Y$ .

(8)  $\Rightarrow$  (9): The proof is obvious.

(9)  $\Rightarrow$  (10): It follows from Lemma 7 that  $Cl^*(Int^*(Cl^*(B))) \subseteq \alpha Cl^*(B)$  for every subset  $B$  of  $Y$ . Thus, for every  $\sigma_1\sigma_2$ -closed set  $K$  of  $Y$ , we have

$$\begin{aligned} Cl^*(Int^*(Cl^*(F^-(\sigma_1\sigma_2\text{-}Cl(\sigma_1\sigma_2\text{-}Int(K))))) &\subseteq \alpha Cl^*(F^-(\sigma_1\sigma_2\text{-}Cl(\sigma_1\sigma_2\text{-}Int(K)))) \\ &= \alpha Cl^*(F^-(\sigma_1\sigma_2\text{-}Cl(\sigma_1\sigma_2\text{-}Int(\sigma_1\sigma_2\text{-}Cl(K))))) \\ &\subseteq F^-(\sigma_1\sigma_2\text{-}Cl(K)) = F^-(K). \end{aligned}$$

(10)  $\Rightarrow$  (11): The proof is obvious since  $(\sigma_1, \sigma_2)\text{-}sInt(K) = \sigma_1\sigma_2\text{-}Cl(\sigma_1\sigma_2\text{-}Int(K))$  for every  $\sigma_1\sigma_2$ -closed set  $K$  of  $Y$ .

(11)  $\Rightarrow$  (12): Let  $V$  be any  $\sigma_1\sigma_2$ -open set of  $Y$ . Then,  $Y - V$  is  $\sigma_1\sigma_2$ -closed in  $Y$  and by (11),  $\text{Cl}^*(\text{Int}^*(\text{Cl}^*(F^-((\sigma_1, \sigma_2)\text{sInt}(Y - V)))))) \subseteq F^-(Y - V) = X - F^+(V)$ . Moreover, we have

$$\begin{aligned}\text{Cl}^*(\text{Int}^*(\text{Cl}^*(F^-((\sigma_1, \sigma_2)\text{sInt}(Y - V)))))) &= \text{Cl}^*(\text{Int}^*(\text{Cl}^*(F^-(Y - (\sigma_1, \sigma_2)\text{sCl}(V)))))) \\ &= \text{Cl}^*(\text{Int}^*(\text{Cl}^*(X - F^+((\sigma_1, \sigma_2)\text{sCl}(V)))))) \\ &= X - \text{Int}^*(\text{Cl}^*(\text{Int}^*(F^+((\sigma_1, \sigma_2)\text{sCl}(V)))))).\end{aligned}$$

Thus,  $F^+(V) \subseteq \text{Int}^*(\text{Cl}^*(\text{Int}^*(F^+((\sigma_1, \sigma_2)\text{sCl}(V))))))$ .

(12)  $\Rightarrow$  (1): Let  $x \in X$  and  $V$  be any  $\sigma_1\sigma_2$ -open set of  $Y$  containing  $F(x)$ . By (12), we have  $x \in F^+(V) \subseteq \text{Int}^*(\text{Cl}^*(\text{Int}^*(F^+((\sigma_1, \sigma_2)\text{sCl}(V))))))$  and hence  $F$  is upper almost  $\tau^*\alpha(\sigma_1, \sigma_2)$ -continuous at  $x$  by Theorem 1. This shows that  $F$  is upper almost  $\tau^*\alpha(\sigma_1, \sigma_2)$ -continuous.

**Definition 3.** [20] A multifunction  $F : (X, \tau, \mathcal{J}) \rightarrow (Y, \sigma_1, \sigma_2)$  is said to be upper  $\tau^*\alpha(\sigma_1, \sigma_2)$ -continuous at a point  $x$  of  $X$  if for each  $\sigma_1\sigma_2$ -open set  $V$  of  $Y$  such that  $F(x) \subseteq V$ , there exists a  $\tau^*$ - $\alpha$ -open set  $U$  of  $X$  containing  $x$  such that  $F(U) \subseteq V$ . A multifunction  $F : (X, \tau, \mathcal{J}) \rightarrow (Y, \sigma_1, \sigma_2)$  is said to be upper  $\tau^*\alpha(\sigma_1, \sigma_2)$ -continuous if  $F$  is upper  $\tau^*\alpha(\sigma_1, \sigma_2)$ -continuous at each point of  $X$ .

**Definition 4.** [20] A multifunction  $F : (X, \tau, \mathcal{J}) \rightarrow (Y, \sigma_1, \sigma_2)$  is said to be lower  $\tau^*\alpha(\sigma_1, \sigma_2)$ -continuous at a point  $x$  of  $X$  if for each  $\sigma_1\sigma_2$ -open set  $V$  of  $Y$  such that  $F(x) \cap V \neq \emptyset$ , there exists a  $\tau^*$ - $\alpha$ -open set  $U$  of  $X$  containing  $x$  such that  $F(z) \cap V \neq \emptyset$  for every  $z \in U$ . A multifunction  $F : (X, \tau, \mathcal{J}) \rightarrow (Y, \sigma_1, \sigma_2)$  is said to be lower  $\tau^*\alpha(\sigma_1, \sigma_2)$ -continuous if  $F$  is lower  $\tau^*\alpha(\sigma_1, \sigma_2)$ -continuous at each point of  $X$ .

**Remark 1.** For a multifunction  $F : (X, \tau, \mathcal{J}) \rightarrow (Y, \sigma_1, \sigma_2)$ , the following implication holds:

$$\text{upper } \tau^*\alpha(\sigma_1, \sigma_2)\text{-continuity} \Rightarrow \text{upper almost } \tau^*\alpha(\sigma_1, \sigma_2)\text{-continuity}.$$

The converse of the implication is not true in general. We give an example for the implication as follows.

**Example 1.** Let  $X = \{1, 2, 3\}$  with a topology  $\tau = \{\emptyset, \{1, 2\}, X\}$  and an ideal  $\mathcal{J} = \{\emptyset, \{3\}\}$ . Let  $Y = \{a, b, c\}$  with topologies  $\sigma_1 = \{\emptyset, \{a, b\}, Y\}$  and  $\sigma_2 = \{\emptyset, \{c\}, \{a, b\}, Y\}$ . A multifunction  $F : (X, \tau, \mathcal{J}) \rightarrow (Y, \sigma_1, \sigma_2)$  is defined as follows:  $F(1) = \{c\}$  and  $F(2) = \{a\}$  and  $F(3) = \{a, b\}$ . Then  $F$  is upper almost  $\tau^*\alpha(\sigma_1, \sigma_2)$ -continuous but  $F$  is not upper  $\tau^*\alpha(\sigma_1, \sigma_2)$ -continuous.

**Theorem 4.** For a multifunction  $F : (X, \tau, \mathcal{J}) \rightarrow (Y, \sigma_1, \sigma_2)$ , the following properties are equivalent:

- (1)  $F$  is lower almost  $\tau^*\alpha(\sigma_1, \sigma_2)$ -continuous;
- (2) for each  $x \in X$  and each  $\sigma_1\sigma_2$ -open set  $V$  of  $Y$  such that  $F(x) \cap V \neq \emptyset$ , there exists a  $\tau^*$ - $\alpha$ -open set  $U$  of  $X$  containing  $x$  such that  $U \subseteq F^-((\sigma_1, \sigma_2)\text{sCl}(V))$ ;



- (3) for each  $x \in X$  and each  $(\sigma_1, \sigma_2)r$ -open set  $V$  of  $Y$  such that  $F(x) \cap V \neq \emptyset$ , there exists a  $\tau^*$ - $\alpha$ -open set  $U$  of  $X$  containing  $x$  such that  $U \subseteq F^-(V)$ ;
- (4)  $F^-(V)$  is  $\tau^*$ - $\alpha$ -open in  $X$  for every  $(\sigma_1, \sigma_2)r$ -open set  $V$  of  $Y$ ;
- (5)  $F^+(K)$  is  $\tau^*$ - $\alpha$ -closed in  $X$  for every  $(\sigma_1, \sigma_2)r$ -closed set  $K$  of  $Y$ ;
- (6)  $F^-(V) \subseteq \alpha \text{Int}^*(F^-((\sigma_1, \sigma_2)\text{-sCl}(V)))$  for every  $\sigma_1\sigma_2$ -open set  $V$  of  $Y$ ;
- (7)  $\alpha \text{Cl}^*(F^+((\sigma_1, \sigma_2)\text{-sInt}(K))) \subseteq F^+(K)$  for every  $\sigma_1\sigma_2$ -closed set  $K$  of  $Y$ ;
- (8)  $\alpha \text{Cl}^*(F^+(\sigma_1\sigma_2\text{-Cl}(\sigma_1\sigma_2\text{-Int}(K)))) \subseteq F^+(K)$  for every  $\sigma_1\sigma_2$ -closed set  $K$  of  $Y$ ;
- (9)  $\alpha \text{Cl}^*(F^+(\sigma_1\sigma_2\text{-Cl}(\sigma_1\sigma_2\text{-Int}(\sigma_1\sigma_2\text{-Cl}(B))))) \subseteq F^+(\sigma_1\sigma_2\text{-Cl}(B))$  for every subset  $B$  of  $Y$ ;
- (10)  $\text{Cl}^*(\text{Int}^*(\text{Cl}^*(F^+(\sigma_1\sigma_2\text{-Cl}(\sigma_1\sigma_2\text{-Int}(K))))) \subseteq F^+(K)$  for every  $\sigma_1\sigma_2$ -closed set  $K$  of  $Y$ ;
- (11)  $\text{Cl}^*(\text{Int}^*(\text{Cl}^*(F^+((\sigma_1, \sigma_2)\text{-sInt}(K))))) \subseteq F^+(K)$  for every  $\sigma_1\sigma_2$ -closed set  $K$  of  $Y$ ;
- (12)  $F^-(V) \subseteq \text{Int}^*(\text{Cl}^*(\text{Int}^*(F^-((\sigma_1, \sigma_2)\text{-sCl}(V)))))$  for every  $\sigma_1\sigma_2$ -open set  $V$  of  $Y$ .

*Proof.* The proof is similar to that of Theorem 3.

**Theorem 5.** For a multifunction  $F : (X, \tau, \mathcal{J}) \rightarrow (Y, \sigma_1, \sigma_2)$ , the following properties are equivalent:

- (1)  $F$  is upper almost  $\tau^*\alpha(\sigma_1, \sigma_2)$ -continuous;
- (2)  $\alpha \text{Cl}^*(F^-(V)) \subseteq F^-(\sigma_1\sigma_2\text{-Cl}(V))$  for every  $(\sigma_1, \sigma_2)\beta$ -open set  $V$  of  $Y$ ;
- (3)  $\alpha \text{Cl}^*(F^-(V)) \subseteq F^-(\sigma_1\sigma_2\text{-Cl}(V))$  for every  $(\sigma_1, \sigma_2)s$ -open set  $V$  of  $Y$ ;
- (4)  $F^+(V) \subseteq \alpha \text{Int}^*(F^+(\sigma_1\sigma_2\text{-Int}(\sigma_1\sigma_2\text{-Cl}(V))))$  for every  $(\sigma_1, \sigma_2)p$ -open set  $V$  of  $Y$ .

*Proof.* (1)  $\Rightarrow$  (2): Let  $V$  be any  $(\sigma_1, \sigma_2)\beta$ -open set of  $Y$ . Then,  $\sigma_1\sigma_2\text{-Cl}(V)$  is  $(\sigma_1, \sigma_2)r$ -closed in  $Y$ . Since  $F$  is upper almost  $\tau^*\alpha(\sigma_1, \sigma_2)$ -continuous, by Theorem 3 we have  $F^-(\sigma_1\sigma_2\text{-Cl}(V))$  is  $\tau^*$ - $\alpha$ -closed in  $X$  and hence

$$\alpha \text{Cl}^*(F^-(V)) \subseteq \alpha \text{Cl}^*(F^-(\sigma_1\sigma_2\text{-Cl}(V))) = F^-(\sigma_1\sigma_2\text{-Cl}(V)).$$

(2)  $\Rightarrow$  (3): This is obvious since every  $(\sigma_1, \sigma_2)s$ -open set is  $(\sigma_1, \sigma_2)\beta$ -open.

(3)  $\Rightarrow$  (1): Let  $K$  be any  $(\sigma_1, \sigma_2)r$ -closed set of  $Y$ . Then,  $K$  is  $(\sigma_1, \sigma_2)s$ -open in  $Y$  and by (3), we have  $\alpha \text{Cl}^*(F^-(K)) \subseteq F^-(\sigma_1\sigma_2\text{-Cl}(K)) = F^-(K)$ . Thus,  $F^-(K)$  is  $\tau^*$ - $\alpha$ -closed in  $X$  and hence  $F$  is upper almost  $\tau^*\alpha(\sigma_1, \sigma_2)$ -continuous by Theorem 3.

(1)  $\Rightarrow$  (4): Let  $V$  be any  $(\sigma_1, \sigma_2)p$ -open set of  $Y$ . Then, we have  $\sigma_1\sigma_2\text{-Int}(\sigma_1\sigma_2\text{-Cl}(V))$  is  $(\sigma_1, \sigma_2)r$ -open in  $Y$ . Since  $F$  is upper almost  $\tau^*\alpha(\sigma_1, \sigma_2)$ -continuous, by Theorem 3 we have  $F^+(\sigma_1\sigma_2\text{-Int}(\sigma_1\sigma_2\text{-Cl}(V)))$  is  $\tau^*$ - $\alpha$ -open in  $X$ . Thus,

$$F^+(V) \subseteq F^+(\sigma_1\sigma_2\text{-Int}(\sigma_1\sigma_2\text{-Cl}(V))) = \alpha \text{Int}^*(F^+(\sigma_1\sigma_2\text{-Int}(\sigma_1\sigma_2\text{-Cl}(V)))).$$

(4)  $\Rightarrow$  (1): Let  $V$  be any  $(\sigma_1, \sigma_2)r$ -open set of  $Y$ . Then,  $V$  is  $(\sigma_1, \sigma_2)p$ -open in  $Y$  and by (4),  $F^+(V) \subseteq \alpha \text{Int}^*(F^+(\sigma_1\sigma_2\text{-Int}(\sigma_1\sigma_2\text{-Cl}(V)))) = \alpha \text{Int}^*(F^+(V))$ . This shows that  $F^+(V)$  is  $\tau^*\alpha$ -open in  $X$ . It follows from Theorem 3 that  $F$  is upper almost  $\tau^*\alpha(\sigma_1, \sigma_2)$ -continuous.

**Theorem 6.** For a multifunction  $F : (X, \tau, \mathcal{J}) \rightarrow (Y, \sigma_1, \sigma_2)$ , the following properties are equivalent:

- (1)  $F$  is lower almost  $\tau^*\alpha(\sigma_1, \sigma_2)$ -continuous;
- (2)  $\alpha \text{Cl}^*(F^+(V)) \subseteq F^+(\sigma_1\sigma_2\text{-Cl}(V))$  for every  $(\sigma_1, \sigma_2)\beta$ -open set  $V$  of  $Y$ ;
- (3)  $\alpha \text{Cl}^*(F^+(V)) \subseteq F^+(\sigma_1\sigma_2\text{-Cl}(V))$  for every  $(\sigma_1, \sigma_2)s$ -open set  $V$  of  $Y$ ;
- (4)  $F^-(V) \subseteq \alpha \text{Int}^*(F^-(\sigma_1\sigma_2\text{-Int}(\sigma_1\sigma_2\text{-Cl}(V))))$  for every  $(\sigma_1, \sigma_2)p$ -open set  $V$  of  $Y$ .

*Proof.* The proof is similar to that of Theorem 5.

**Definition 5.** A function  $f : (X, \tau, \mathcal{J}) \rightarrow (Y, \sigma_1, \sigma_2)$  is said to be almost  $\tau^*\alpha(\sigma_1, \sigma_2)$ -continuous if  $f^{-1}(V)$  is  $\tau^*\alpha$ -open in  $X$  for every  $(\sigma_1, \sigma_2)r$ -open set  $V$  of  $Y$ .

**Corollary 1.** For a function  $f : (X, \tau, \mathcal{J}) \rightarrow (Y, \sigma_1, \sigma_2)$ , the following properties are equivalent:

- (1)  $f$  is almost  $\tau^*\alpha(\sigma_1, \sigma_2)$ -continuous;
- (2) for each  $x \in X$  and each  $\sigma_1\sigma_2$ -open set  $V$  of  $Y$  containing  $f(x)$ , there exists a  $\tau^*\alpha$ -open set  $U$  of  $X$  containing  $x$  such that  $f(U) \subseteq (\sigma_1, \sigma_2)\text{-sCl}(V)$ ;
- (3) for each  $x \in X$  and each  $(\sigma_1, \sigma_2)r$ -open set  $V$  of  $Y$  containing  $f(x)$ , there exists an  $\alpha\text{-}\mathcal{J}^*$ -open set  $U$  of  $X$  containing  $x$  such that  $f(U) \subseteq V$ ;
- (4) for each  $x \in X$  and each  $\sigma_1\sigma_2$ -open set  $V$  of  $Y$  containing  $f(x)$ , there exists a  $\tau^*\alpha$ -open set  $U$  of  $X$  containing  $x$  such that  $f(U) \subseteq \sigma_1\sigma_2\text{-Int}(\sigma_1\sigma_2\text{-Cl}(V))$ ;
- (5)  $f^{-1}(K)$  is  $\tau^*\alpha$ -closed in  $X$  for every  $(\sigma_1, \sigma_2)r$ -closed set  $K$  of  $Y$ ;
- (6)  $f^{-1}(V) \subseteq \alpha \text{Int}^*(f^{-1}((\sigma_1, \sigma_2)\text{-sCl}(V)))$  for every  $\sigma_1\sigma_2$ -open set  $V$  of  $Y$ ;
- (7)  $\alpha \text{Cl}^*(f^{-1}((\sigma_1, \sigma_2)\text{-sInt}(K))) \subseteq f^{-1}(K)$  for every  $\sigma_1\sigma_2$ -closed set  $K$  of  $Y$ ;
- (8)  $\alpha \text{Cl}^*(f^{-1}(\sigma_1\sigma_2\text{-Cl}(\sigma_1\sigma_2\text{-Int}(K)))) \subseteq f^{-1}(K)$  for every  $\sigma_1\sigma_2$ -closed set  $K$  of  $Y$ ;
- (9)  $\alpha \text{Cl}^*(f^{-1}(\sigma_1\sigma_2\text{-Cl}(\sigma_1\sigma_2\text{-Int}(\sigma_1\sigma_2\text{-Cl}(B))))) \subseteq f^{-1}(\sigma_1\sigma_2\text{-Cl}(B))$  for every subset  $B$  of  $Y$ ;
- (10)  $\text{Cl}^*(\text{Int}^*(\text{Cl}^*(f^{-1}(\sigma_1\sigma_2\text{-Cl}(\sigma_1\sigma_2\text{-Int}(K))))) \subseteq f^{-1}(K)$  for every  $\sigma_1\sigma_2$ -closed set  $K$  of  $Y$ ;

(11)  $Cl^*(Int^*(Cl^*(f^{-1}((\sigma_1, \sigma_2)\text{-}sInt(K)))) \subseteq f^{-1}(K)$  for every  $\sigma_1\sigma_2$ -closed set  $K$  of  $Y$ ;

(12)  $f^{-1}(V) \subseteq Int^*(Cl^*(Int^*(f^{-1}((\sigma_1, \sigma_2)\text{-}sCl(V))))$  for every  $\sigma_1\sigma_2$ -open set  $V$  of  $Y$ .

**Corollary 2.** For a function  $f : (X, \tau, \mathcal{J}) \rightarrow (Y, \sigma_1, \sigma_2)$ , the following properties are equivalent:

- (1)  $f$  is almost  $\tau^*\alpha(\sigma_1, \sigma_2)$ -continuous;
- (2)  $\alpha Cl^*(f^{-1}(V)) \subseteq f^{-1}(\sigma_1\sigma_2\text{-}Cl(V))$  for every  $(\sigma_1, \sigma_2)\beta$ -open set  $V$  of  $Y$ ;
- (3)  $\alpha Cl^*(f^{-1}(V)) \subseteq f^{-1}(\sigma_1\sigma_2\text{-}Cl(V))$  for every  $(\sigma_1, \sigma_2)s$ -open set  $V$  of  $Y$ ;
- (4)  $f^{-1}(V) \subseteq \alpha Int^*(f^{-1}(\sigma_1\sigma_2\text{-}Int(\sigma_1\sigma_2\text{-}Cl(V))))$  for every  $(\sigma_1, \sigma_2)p$ -open set  $V$  of  $Y$ .

## 4. Conclusion

In this paper, we have introduced new classes of continuous multifunctions defined from an ideal topological space into a bitopological space, namely upper almost  $\tau^*\alpha(\sigma_1, \sigma_2)$ -continuous multifunctions and lower almost  $\tau^*\alpha(\sigma_1, \sigma_2)$ -continuous multifunctions. Also, we have discussed the relationships between  $\tau^*\alpha(\sigma_1, \sigma_2)$ -continuous multifunctions and almost  $\tau^*\alpha(\sigma_1, \sigma_2)$ -continuous multifunctions. Moreover, several characterizations and some properties concerning upper almost  $\tau^*\alpha(\sigma_1, \sigma_2)$ -continuous multifunctions and lower almost  $\tau^*\alpha(\sigma_1, \sigma_2)$ -continuous multifunctions are obtained. The ideas and results of this paper may motivate further research.

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