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ON τ\*-GENERALIZED SEMI CONTINUOUS MULTIFUNCTIONS IN

TOPOLOGICAL SPACES

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**Abstract:** In this paper, we introduce the concept of  $\tau^*$ -generalized semi continuous multifunctions in topological spaces and study some of their properties where  $\tau^*$  is defined by  $\tau^* = \{G: cl^*(G^C) = G^C\}$ .

**Keywords:**  $\tau^*$ -gs open set;  $\tau^*$ -gs closed set;  $\tau^*$ -gs continuous.

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1. Introduction

Continuity is an important concept for the study and investigation in topological spaces. This concept has been extended to the setting of multifunctions and has been generalized by weaker forms of open sets. In 1963, Levine [12] introduced the notions of semi-open sets and semi-continuity in topological spaces.

In 1970, Levine [13] introduced the concepts of generalized closed sets as a generalization of closed sets in topological spaces. Using generalized closed sets, Dunham [8] introduced the concept of the closure operator  $C l^*$  and a topology  $\tau^*$ , where  $\tau^*$  is defined by  $\tau^* = \{G: cl^*(G^C) = G^C\}$  and studied some of their properties. S.P.Arya [2], P. Bhattacharyya and B.K. Lahiri [6], J. Dontchev[8], A. Pushpalatha et al. [14], S. Eswaran and N. Nagaveni [11] introduced and investigated generalized semi closed sets, semi generalized closed sets and  $\tau^*$ -

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generalized closed sets,  $\tau^*$  -generalized semi continuous functions in topological spaces respectively.

By a multifunction  $F: X \to Y$ , 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  $F: X \to Y$ , the upper and lower inverse of any subset A of Y are denoted by  $F^+(A)$  and  $F^-(A)$ , respectively, Where  $F^+(A) = \{x \in X: F(x) \subset A\}$  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  $Y \in Y$ . A multifunction  $F: X \to Y$  is said to be a surjection if F(X) = Y [4]. In this paper, we introduce and study the concept of Generalized semi continuous multifunctions in the Topological spaces  $(X, \tau^*)$ , where  $\tau^*$  is defined by  $\tau^* = \{G: cl^*(G^C) = G^C\}$ 

#### 2. PRELIMINARIES

## **Definition: 2.1**

Let A be a subset of a topological space X. Then A is called Semi-open if  $A \subseteq cl(int(A))$  and Semi-closed if  $int(cl(A)) \subseteq A.[13]$ 

## **Definition: 2.2**

A subset A of topological space  $(X, \tau)$  is called Generalized closed (briefly g-closed) if  $cl(A) \subseteq G$  whenever  $A \subseteq G$  and G is open in X. [14]

## **Definition:2.3**

Semi-generalized closed (briefly sg-closed) if  $scl(A) \subseteq G$  whenever  $A \subseteq G$  and G is semi-open in X.[8]

## **Definition: 2.4**

For the subset A of a topological *space X*, the generalized closure operator  $Cl^*$  is defined by the intersection of all g-closed sets containing A.[9]

#### **Definition: 2.5**

For the subset A of a topological space X, the topology  $\tau^*$  is defined by  $\tau^* = \{G: Cl^*(G^c) = G^c\}$ .[9]

#### **Definition: 2.6**

A subset A of a topological space X is called  $\tau^*$ -generalized closed set (briefly  $\tau^*$ -gclosed) if  $Cl^* \subseteq G$  whenever  $A \subseteq G$  and G is  $\tau^*$ -open. The complement of  $\tau^*$ -generalized closed set is called the  $\tau^*$ -generalized open set (briefly  $\tau^*$ -gopen).[15]

#### **Definition: 2.7**

A subset A of a topological space X is called  $\tau^*$ -generalized semi-closed (briefly  $\tau^*$ -gs closed) if

 $Cl^*(Scl(A)) \subseteq G$  whenever  $A \subseteq G$  and G is  $\tau^*$ -open. The complement of  $\tau^*$ -generalized semi-closed set is called the  $\tau^*$ -generalized semi-open set (briefly  $\tau^*$ -gs open). [1]

#### **Definition: 2.8**

A topological space X is said to be Semi- regular if for each semi-closed set F of X and each  $x \notin F$ , there exist disjoint semi-open sets U and V such that  $F \subset U$  and  $x \in V$ . [7]

## **Definition: 2.9**

A function  $F: X \to Y$  from a topological space X into a topological space Y is called Semi continuous if the inverse image of a closed set in Y is semi closed in X.[13]

## **Definition: 2.10**

A function  $F:X \to Y$  from a topological space X into a topological space Y is called g -continuous if the inverse image of a closed set in Y is g-closed in X. [5]

## **Definition: 2.11**

A function  $F: X \to Y$  from a topological space X into a topological space Y is called gs-continuous if the inverse image of a closed set in Y is gs-closed in X.[8]

## **Definition: 2.12**

A function  $F: X \to Y$  from a topological space X into a topological space Y is called  $\tau^*$ -g continuous if the inverse image of every g-closed set in Y is  $\tau^*$ -gclosed in X.[10]

## **Definition: 2.13**

A function  $F: X \to Y$  from a topological space X into a topological space Y is called  $\tau^*$ -gs continuous if the inverse image of every gs-open set in Y is  $\tau^*$ -gopen in X. [11]

## 3. $\tau^*$ -GENERALIZED SEMI-CONTINUOUS MULTIFUNCTION

# **Definitions: 3.1**

A multifunction  $F: (X, \tau^*) \to (Y, \sigma)$  is said to be

- (i) Upper  $\tau^*$ -gs continuous at  $x \in X$  if for each open set V such that  $x \in F^+(V)$ , there exists a  $\tau^*$ -gs open set U containing x such that  $U \subset F^+(V)$ .
- (ii) Lower  $\tau^*$ -gs continuous at  $x \in X$  if for each open set V such that  $x \in F^-(V)$ , there exists a  $\tau^*$ -gs open set U containing x such that  $U \subset F^-(V)$ .
- (iii) Upper (lower) $\tau^*$ -gs continuous if F has this property at each point of X.

**Theorem: 3.2** The following statements are equivalent for a multifunction  $F:(X,\tau^*) \to \mathbb{R}$ 

 $(Y, \sigma)$ 

- (i) F is upper  $\tau^*$ -gs continuous;
- (ii)  $F^+(V)$  is a  $\tau^*$ -gs open set for any open set  $V \subset Y$ ;
- (iii)  $F^-(K)$  is a  $\tau^*$ -gs closed set for any closed set  $K \subset Y$ ;
- (iv) for each  $x \in X$  and for each open set V such that  $F(x) \subset V$ , there exists a  $\tau^*$ -gs open set U containing x such that if  $y \in U$ , then  $F(y) \subset V$ ;
  - (v) for each point x of X and each neighbourhood V of F(x),  $F^+(V)$  is a  $\tau^*$ -gs neighbourhood of x;
  - (vi) for each point x of X and each neighbourhood V of F(x), there exists a  $\tau^*$ -gs neighbourhood U of x such that  $F(U) \subset V$ .

## **Proof:**

(i)  $\Leftrightarrow$  (ii) Let  $V \subset Y$  be a open set and let  $x \in F^+(V)$ . From (i), there exists a  $\tau^*$ -gs open set U containing x such that  $U \subset F^+(V)$ . It follows that  $F^+(V)$  is a  $\tau^*$ -gs open set.

The converse can be obtained similarly from the definition of  $\tau^*$ -gs open set.

- $(ii) \Leftrightarrow (iii), (i) \Leftrightarrow (iv)$ . Obvious.
- (ii)  $\Rightarrow$  (v). Let  $x \in X$  and V be a neighbourhood of F(x). Then there exists an open set G of Y such that  $F(x) \subset G \subset V$ . Therefore, we obtain  $x \in F^+(G) \subset F^+(V)$ . Since  $F^+(G) \in \tau^*$ -gs O(X),  $F^+(V)$  is a  $\tau^*$ -gs neighbourhood of x.
- $(v) \Rightarrow (vi)$ . Let  $x \in X$  and V be a neighbourhood of F(x). By (v),  $F^+(V)$  is a  $\tau^*$ -gs neighbourhood of x. Take  $U = F^+(V)$ . Then  $F(U) \subset V$ .
- $(vi) \Rightarrow (i)$ . Let  $x \in X$  and V be any open set of Y such that  $F(x) \subset V$ . Then V is a neighbourhood of F(x). By (vi), there exists a  $\tau^*$ -gs neighbourhood U of X such that  $F(U) \subset V$ . Therefore, there exists  $G \in \tau^*$ -gsO(X) such that  $X \in G \subset U$  and hence  $F(G) \subset F(U) \subset V$ . We obtain that F is upper  $\tau^*$ -gs continuous.

## Theorem: 3.3

Let  $F: (X, \tau^*) \to .(Y, \sigma)$  be a multifunction. Then the following statements are equivalent: i.F is lower  $\tau^*$ -gs continuous multifunction; ii. $F^-(V)$  is a  $\tau^*$ -gs open set for any open set  $V \subset Y$ ; iii. $F^+(K)$  is a  $\tau^*$ -gs closed set for any closed set  $K \subset Y$ ; iv.for each  $x \in X$  and for each open set V such that  $F(x) \cap V \neq \emptyset$ , there exists a  $\tau^*$ -gs open set U containing x such that if  $y \in U$ , then  $F(y) \cap V \neq \emptyset$ .

## Proof.

(i)  $\Leftrightarrow$  (ii) Let  $V \subset Y$  be a open set and let  $x \in F^-(V)$ . From (i), there exists a  $\tau^*$ -gs open set U containing x such that  $U \subset F^-(V)$ . It follows that  $F^-(V)$  is a  $\tau^*$ -gs open set.

The converse can be obtained similarly from the definition of  $\tau^*$ -gs open set. (ii)  $\Leftrightarrow$  (iii), (i)  $\Leftrightarrow$  (iv). Obvious.

#### Theorem: 3.4

Let  $F: (X, \tau^*) \to (Y, \sigma)$  be a multifunction from a topological space  $(X, \tau^*)$  to a topological space  $(Y, \sigma)$  and let F(X) be endowed with subspace topology. If F is upper  $\tau^*$ -gs continuous multifunction, then  $F: (X, \tau^*) \to (F(X), \sigma)$  is upper  $\tau^*$ -gs continuous multifunction.

# **Proof:**

Since F is upper  $\tau^*$ -gs continuous,  $F^+(V) \cap F(X) = F^+(V) \cap F^+(F(X)) = F^+(V)$  is  $\tau^*$ -gs open for each open subset V of Y. Hence  $F: (X, \tau^*) \to (F(X), \sigma)$  is upper  $\tau^*$ -gs continuous multifunction.

## **Definition: 3.5**

A subset A of a topological space X is said to be:

- (i) $\alpha$ -paracompact if every cover of A by open sets of X is refined by cover of A which consists of open sets of X and locally finite in X.[16]
- (ii)  $\alpha$ -regular if for each  $a \in A$  and each open set U of X containing a, there exists an open set G of X such that  $a \in G \subset cl(G) \subset U$ .[12]

## **Lemma :3.6** [16]

If A is an  $\alpha$ -regular  $\alpha$ -paracompact set of a topological space X and U is an open neighbourhood of A, then there exists an open set G of X such that  $A \subset G \subset cl(G) \subset U$ .

#### **Definition: 3.7**

For a multifunction  $F: X \to Y$ , a multifunction  $cl(F): X \to Y$  is defined as cl(F)(x) = cl(F(x)) for each point  $x \in X$ . Multifunctions  $\alpha - cl(F)$ , scl(F),  $\delta - scl(F)$ , pcl(F),  $\beta - cl(F)$  can be defined similarly.[3]

#### **Lemma : 3.8**

If  $F: X \to Y$  is a multifunction such that F(x) is  $\alpha$ -regular of Y,  $G^+(V) = F^+(V)$ , where G denotes  $\alpha$ -cl(F), scl(F),  $\delta$ -scl(F), pcl(F), or  $\alpha$ -paracompact for each  $x \in X$  and Y is semi-

regular, then for each open set V of Y,  $G^+(V) = F^+(V)$ , where G denotes  $\alpha$ -cl(F), scl(F),  $\delta$ -scl(F), pcl(F), or  $\beta$ -cl(F).

## Theorem: 3.9

Let  $F: (X, \tau^*) \to (Y, \sigma)$  be a multifunction such that F(x) is  $\alpha$ -regular  $\alpha$ -paracompact for each  $x \in X$  and Y is semi-regular. Then the following are equivalent:

- i. F is upper  $\tau^*$ -gs continuous;
- ii. scl(F) is upper  $\tau^*$ -gs continuous;
- iii. pcl(F) is upper  $\tau^*$ -gs continuous;

## **Proof:**

## Lemma: 3.10

If  $F: (X, \tau^*) \to (Y, \sigma)$  is a multifunction and Y is semi-regular, then for each open set V of  $Y, G^-(V) = F^-(V)$ , where G denotes  $\alpha$ -cl (F), scl (F),  $\delta$ -scl (F),  $\rho$ cl (F), or  $\beta$ -cl (F).

# Theorem: 3.11

For a multifunction  $F: (X, \tau^*) \to (Y, \sigma)$ , the following are equivalent:

- i. F is lower  $\tau^*$ -gs continuous;
- ii. scl(F) is lower  $\tau^*$ -gs continuous;
- iii. pcl(F) is lower  $\tau^*$ -gs continuous;

## Theorem: 3.12

Let  $F: (X, \tau^*) \to (Y, \sigma)$  be a multifunction from a topological space  $(X, \tau^*)$  to a topological space  $(Y, \sigma)$ . F is lower  $\tau^*$ -gs continuous multifunction if and only if F ( $\tau^*$ -gscl (A))  $\subset$  cl(F(A)) for each  $A \subset X$ 

# **Proof:**

Suppose that F is lower  $\tau^*$ -gs continuous and  $A \subset X$ . Since cl(F(A)) is a closed set, it follows

that  $F^-(cl\ (F\ (A)))$  is a  $\tau^*$ -gs closed set in X from Theorem 3.3, Since  $A \subset F^-(cl\ (F\ (A)))$ , then  $\tau^*$ -gscl $(A) \subset \tau^*$ -gscl $(F^-(cl\ (F\ (A)))) = F^-(cl\ (F\ (A)))$ . Thus, we obtain that  $F\ (\tau^*$ -gscl $(A)) \subset F(F^-(cl\ (F(A)))) \subset cl\ (F\ (A))$ . Conversely, suppose that  $F\ (\tau^*$ -gscl $(A)) \subset cl\ (F(A))$  for each  $A \subset X$ . Let K be any closed set in Y. Then  $F\ (\tau^*$ -gscl $(F^-(K))) \subset cl\ (F(F^-(K)))$  and  $cl\ (F\ (F^-(K))) \subset cl\ (K) = K$ . Hence,  $\tau^*$ -gscl $(F^-(K)) \subset F^-(K)$  then F is lower  $\tau^*$ -gs continuous multifunction.

## Theorem: 3.13

Let  $F: (X, \tau^*) \to (Y, \sigma)$  be a multifunction from a topological space  $(X, \tau^*)$  to a topological space  $(Y, \sigma)$ . F is lower  $\tau^*$ -gs continuous multifunction if and only if  $\tau^*$ -gscl $(F^-(B)) \subset F^-(cl(B))$  for each  $B \subset Y$ .

## **Proof:**

Suppose that F is lower  $\tau^*$ -gs continuous multifunction and  $B \subset Y$ . Then  $F^-(cl(B))$  is  $\tau^*$ -gs closed in X and  $F^-(cl(B)) = \tau^*$ -gscl  $(F^-(cl(B)))$ . Hence,  $\tau^*$ -gscl  $(F^-(B)) \subset F^-(cl(B))$ . Conversely, let K be any closed set in Y. Then  $\tau^*$ -gscl  $(F^-(K)) \subset F^-(cl(K)) = F^-(K) \subset \tau^*$ -gscl  $(F^-(K))$ . Thus,  $F^-(K) = \tau^*$ -gscl  $(F^-(K))$ . Then F is lower  $\tau^*$ -gs continuous multifunction.

## **Definition: 3.14**

A space X is said to be  $\tau^*$ -gs compact if every  $\tau^*$ -gs open cover of X has a finite sub cover.

## Theorem: 3.15

Let  $F: (X, \tau^*) \to (Y, \sigma)$  be an upper  $\tau^*$ -gs continuous surjective multifunction such that F(x) is compact for each  $x \in X$ . If X is a  $\tau^*$ -gs compact space, then Y is compact.

## **Proof:**

Let  $\{v_{\lambda}: \lambda \in \Lambda\}$  be a open cover of Y. since F(x) is compact for each  $x \in X$ , there exists a finite subset  $\Lambda(x)$  of  $\Lambda$  such that  $F(x) \subset \{v_{\lambda}: \lambda \in \Lambda\}$ . Put  $V(x) = \cup \{v_{\lambda}: \lambda \in \Lambda(x)\}$ . Since F is upper  $\tau^*$ -gs continuous, there exists a  $\tau^*$ -gs open set U(x) of X containing x such that  $F(U(x) \subset V(x))$ . Then the family  $\{U(x): x \in X\}$  is a  $\tau^*$ -gs open cover of X and since X is  $\tau^*$ -gs compact, there exists a finite number of points, say  $x_1, x_2, \ldots, x_n$  in X such that  $X = \cup \{\cup (x_i): i=1,2,3,\ldots,n\}$ . Hence we have  $Y = F(x_i) = F(x_i) = V(x_i) = \bigcup_{i=1}^n V(x_i$ 

#### Lemma: 3.16

Let A and  $X_0$  be subset of a space  $(X, \tau^*)$ . If  $A \in \tau^*$ -gsO(X), and  $X_0 \in \tau^*$ -gsO(X), then  $A \cap X_0 \in \tau^*$ -gs $O(X_0)$ .

## Lemma: 3.17

 $Let A \subset X_0 \subset X. If X_0 \in \tau^* - gsO(X) \ and \ A \in \tau^* - gsO(X_0), then \ A \in \tau^* - gsO(X)$ 

## Theorem: 3.18

Let  $\{U_{\lambda}: \lambda \in \Lambda\}$  be a  $\tau^*$ -gs open cover of a space X. Then a multifunction  $F: (X, \tau^*) \to (Y, \sigma)$  is upper  $\tau^*$ -gs continuous if and only if the restriction  $F \mid U_{\lambda} : U_{\lambda} \to Y$  is upper  $\tau^*$ -gs continuous for each  $\lambda \in \Lambda$ .

# **Proof:**

Suppose Let  $\lambda \in \Lambda$  and V be any open set of Y. Since F is upper  $\tau^*$ -gs continuous,  $F^+(V)$  is  $\tau^*$ -gs open in X. By Lemma 3.16,  $(F \mid U_{\lambda})^+(V) = F^+(V) \cap U_{\lambda}$  is  $\tau^*$ -gs open in  $U_{\lambda}$  and hence  $F \mid U_{\lambda}$  is upper  $\tau^*$ -gs continuous. Conversely, Let V be any open set of Y. Since  $F \mid_{U_{\lambda}}$  is upper  $\tau^*$ -gs continuous for each  $\lambda \in \Lambda$ ,  $(F \mid U_{\lambda})^+(V) = F^+(V) \cap U_{\lambda}$  is  $\tau^*$ -gs open in  $U_{\lambda}$ . By Lemma 3.17,  $(F \mid U_{\lambda})^+(V)$  is  $\tau^*$ -gs open in X for each  $\lambda \in \Lambda$ . So that  $F^+(V) = U$  is  $\tau^*$ -gs open in X. Hence Y is upper  $\tau^*$ -gs continuous Y is Y-gs open in Y. Hence Y is upper Y-gs continuous Y-gs continuous Y-graph in Y-

## Theorem: 3.19

Let  $\{U_{\lambda}: \lambda \in \Lambda\}$  be a  $\tau^*$ -gs open cover of a space X. Then a multifunction  $F: (X, \tau^*) \to (Y, \sigma)$  is lower  $\tau^*$ -gs continuous if and only if the restriction  $F \mid U_{\lambda} : U_{\lambda} \to Y$  is lower  $\tau^*$ -gs continuous for each  $\lambda \in \Lambda$ .

## **Proof:**

Suppose Let  $\lambda \in \Lambda$  and V be any open set of Y. Since F is lower  $\tau^*$ -gs continuous,  $F^-(V)$  is  $\tau^*$ -gs open in X. By Lemma 3.16,  $(F \mid U_{\lambda})^-(V) = F^-(V) \cap U_{\lambda}$  is  $\tau^*$ -gs open in  $U_{\lambda}$  and hence  $F \mid U_{\lambda}$  is lower  $\tau^*$ -gs continuous. Conversely, Let V be any open set of Y. Since  $F \mid U_{\lambda}$  is upper  $\tau^*$ -gs continuous for each  $\lambda \in \Lambda$ ,  $(F \mid U_{\lambda})^-(V) = F^-(V) \cap U_{\lambda}$  is  $\tau^*$ -gs open in  $U_{\lambda}$ . By Lemma 3.17,  $(F \mid U_{\lambda})^-(V)$  is  $\tau^*$ -gs open in X for each  $\lambda \in \Lambda$ . So that  $F^-(V) = \cup (F \mid U_{\lambda})^-(V)$  is  $\tau^*$ -gs open in X. Hence F is lower  $\tau^*$ -gs continuous  $\lambda \in \Lambda$ .

## Theorem: 3.20

If Y is normal space and  $F_i: X_i \to Y$  is upper  $\tau^*$ -gs continuous multifunction such that  $F_i$  is point closed for i=1,2, then is  $\tau^*$ -gs closed set in  $X_1 \times X_2$ 

## **Proof:**

Let  $(x_1, x_2) \in (X_i \times X_i) \setminus K$ . Then  $F_1(x_1) \cap F_2(x_2) = \emptyset$  Since  $Y_i$  is normal and  $F_i$  is point closed for i = 1, 2, there exist disjoint open sets  $V_1$ ,  $V_2$ , such that  $F_i(x_i) \subset V_i$  for i = 1, 2. Since  $F_i$  is upper  $\tau^*$ -gs continuous,  $F^+(x_i)$  is  $\tau^*$ -gs open for i = 1, 2. Put  $U = F^+(V_1) \times F^+(V_2)$ , then U is  $\tau^*$ -gs open and  $(x_1, x_2) \in U \subset (X_1 \times X_2) \setminus K$ . This shows that  $(x_1 \times x_2) \setminus K$  is  $\tau^*$ -gs open and hence K is  $\tau^*$ -gs closed in  $X_1 \times X_2$ .

## Theorem:3.21

Let  $(X, \tau^*), (Y, \sigma)(Z, \omega)$  be topological spaces and let  $F: X \to Y$  and  $G: Y \to Z$  multifunctions. If  $F: X \to Y$  is upper  $\tau^*$ -gs continuous multifunctions and  $G: Y \to Z$  is upper semi-continuous multifunctions, then  $G_0F: X \to Z$  is a upper  $\tau^*$ -gs continuous multifunctions.

## **Proof:**

let  $V \subset Z$  be any open set. From the definition of G o F, we have  $(G \circ F)^+$  (V)= $F^+(G^+(V))$ . Since G is upper semi-continuous multifunctions it follows that  $(G^+(V))$  is a open set. Since F is upper  $\tau^*$ -gs continuous multifunctions, then  $F^+(G^+(V))$  is a  $\tau^*$ -gs open set. Hence  $G_0F$  is a upper  $\tau^*$ -gs continuous multifunctions.

## Theorem: 3.22

Let  $(X, \tau^*), (Y, \sigma)(Z, \omega)$  be topological spaces and let  $F: X \to Y$  and  $G: Y \to Z$  be multifunctions. If  $F: X \to Y$  is lower  $\tau^*$ -gs continuous multifunctions and  $G: Y \to Z$  is lower semi-continuous multifunctions, then  $GoF: X \to Z$  is a lower  $\tau^*$ -gs continuous multifunctions.

#### **Proof:**

Let  $V \subset Z$  be any open set. From the definition of  $G \circ F$ , we have  $(G_0 F)^-(V) = F^-(G^-(V))$ . Since G is lower semi-continuous multifunctions it follows that  $(G^-(V))$  is a open set. Since F is lower  $\tau^*$ -gs continuous multifunctions, it follows that  $F^-(G^-(V))$  is a  $\tau^*$ -gs open set and hence  $G_0 F$  is a lower  $\tau^*$ -gs continuous multifunctions.

## **CONFLICT OF INTERESTS**

The author(s) declare that there is no conflict of interests.

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