

# APPLICATIONS OF SLIGHTLY $m$ -PRECONTINUOUS MULTIFUNCTIONS IN REAL LIFE

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**Abstract :** In this paper, we introduce a new class of functions namely slightly  $m$ -precontinuous multifunction. Further we obtain characterizations and relationships between upper/ lower slightly  $m$ -precontinuous multifunctions and other related multifunctions.

**IndexTerms -** Upper slightly precontinuous, lower slightly precontinuous, upper slightly  $m$ -precontinuous, lower slightly  $m$ -precontinuous, upper  $m$ -precontinuous, lower  $m$ -precontinuous.

## 1. INTRODUCTION

The notion of slightly continuous functions was introduced by R.C. Jain [2]. Nour [12] defined slightly semi-continuous functions as a weak form of slight continuous functions and obtained their properties. Further this concept is extended to develop the class of slightly  $m$ -precontinuous functions. Popa [14] and Smithson [23] studied the concept of weakly continuous multifunctions. In this paper, we introduce the notion of slightly  $m$ -precontinuous multifunction and investigate the relationships among  $m$ -precontinuity, weak  $m$ -precontinuity and slight  $m$ -precontinuity for multifunctions.

## 2. P RELIMINARIES

Throughout this paper, all spaces  $(X, \tau)$  and  $(Y, \sigma)$  are always topological spaces. A subset  $A$  of a space  $X$  is said to be **regular open** (resp. **regular closed**), if  $A = \text{Int}(\text{Cl}(A))$  (resp.  $A = \text{Cl}(\text{Int}(A))$ ), where  $\text{Cl}(A)$  and  $\text{Int}(A)$  denote the closure and interior of  $A$ . A subset  $A$  of a space  $X$  is called **preopen** if  $A \subset \text{Int}(\text{Cl}(A))$ . The complement of a preopen set is said to be **preclosed**. The family of all regular open (resp. regular closed, preopen, preclosed, clopen) sets of  $X$  is denoted by  $\text{RO}(X)$  (resp.  $\text{RC}(X)$ ,  $\text{PO}(X)$ ,  $\text{PC}(X)$ ,  $\text{CO}(X)$ ). A subset  $A$  of a space  $X$  is said to be **semi-open** if  $A \subset \text{Cl}(\text{Int}(A))$ . The complement of a semi open set is called **semi-closed**. The union of all pre open sets of  $X$  contained in  $A$  is called the **pre-interior** of  $A$  and is denoted by  $\text{pInt}(A)$ . A subset  $A$  of a space  $X$  is said to be **clopen** if it is both open and closed.

Throughout this paper, the spaces  $(X, \tau)$  and  $(Y, \sigma)$  (or simply  $X$  and  $Y$ ) denote topological spaces and  $F: (X, \tau) \rightarrow (Y, \sigma)$  represents a multivalued function. For a multifunction  $F: (X, \tau) \rightarrow (Y, \sigma)$ , we shall denote the **upper** and **lower inverse** of a set  $B$  of a space  $Y$  by  $F^+(B)$  and  $F^-(B)$  respectively.

i.e.  $F^+(B) = \{x \in X: F(x) \subset B\}$ ,  $F^-(B) = \{x \in X: F(x) \cap B \neq \emptyset\}$ .

**Definition: 2.1 [20]**

A subfamily  $m_X$  of the power set  $P(X)$  of a nonempty set  $X$  is called a **minimal structure** (briefly  $m$ -structure) on  $X$ , if  $\emptyset \in m_X$  and  $X \in m_X$ .

**Definition: 2.2 [20]**

By  $(X, m_X)$ , we denote a nonempty set  $X$  with a minimal structure  $m_X$  on  $X$  and call it an  **$m$ -space**. Each member of  $m_X$  is said to be  **$m_X$ -open** (or briefly  $m$ -open). The complement of an  $m_X$ -open set is said to be  **$m_X$ -closed** (or briefly  $m$ -closed).

**Remark: 2.3 [20]**

Let  $(X, \tau)$  be a topological space. Then the families  $\tau$ ,  $\text{SO}(X)$ ,  $\text{PO}(X)$ ,  $\alpha(X)$ ,  $\beta(X)$ , are all  $m$ -structures on  $X$ .

**Definition: 2.4 [20]**

A function  $f: (X, \tau) \rightarrow (Y, \sigma)$  is said to be **slightly continuous** if for each point  $x \in X$  and each clopen set  $V$  containing  $f(x)$ , there exists an open set  $U$  containing  $x$  such that  $f(U) \subset V$ .

**Definition: 2.5 [20]**

A topological space  $(X, \tau)$  is said to be **extremally disconnected** (briefly E.D), if the closure of each open set of  $X$  is open in  $X$ .

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**Definition: 3.1**

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

(a) **Upper slightly precontinuous** (resp. upper slightly continuous, upper slightly semi-continuous or upper faintly precontinuous, upper slightly  $\beta$ -continuous), if for each point  $x \in X$  and each clopen set  $V$  of  $Y$  containing  $F(x)$ , there exists a preopen (resp. open, semi-open,  $\beta$ -open) set  $U$  of  $X$  containing  $x$  such that  $F(U) \subset V$ .

(b) **Lower slightly precontinuous** (resp. lower slightly continuous, lower slightly semi-continuous or lower faintly precontinuous, lower slightly  $\beta$ -continuous), if for each point  $x \in X$  and each clopen set  $V$  of  $Y$  such that  $F(x) \cap V \neq \emptyset$ , there exists a preopen (resp. open, semi-open,  $\beta$ -open) set  $U$  of  $X$  containing  $x$  such that  $F(u) \cap V \neq \emptyset$ , for each  $u \in U$ .

**Definition: 3.2**

A function  $f: (X, m_X) \rightarrow (Y, \sigma)$ , where  $(X, m_X)$  is a nonempty  $X$  with an minimal structure  $m_X$  and  $(Y, \sigma)$  is a topological space, is said to be **slightly  $m$ -pre continuous**, if for each  $x \in X$  and each clopen set  $V$  of  $Y$  containing  $f(x)$ , there exist a preopen set  $U \in m_X$  containing  $x$  such that  $f(U) \subset V$ .

**Definition: 3.3**

A multifunction  $F: (X, m_X) \rightarrow (Y, \sigma)$  is said to be

- (a) **Upper m-precontinuous**( resp. upper almost m-precontinuous, upper weakly m-precontinuous), if for each point  $x \in X$  and each open set  $V$  of  $Y$  containing  $F(x)$ , there exists a preopen set  $U \in m_X$  containing  $x$  such that  $F(U) \subset V$  ( resp.  $F(U) \subset \text{Int}(Cl(V))$ ,  $F(U) \subset Cl(V)$ ).
- (b) **Lower m-precontinuous** (lower almost m-precontinuous, lower weakly m-precontinuous), if for each point  $x \in X$  and each open set  $V$  of  $Y$  such that  $F(x) \cap V \neq \emptyset$ , there exists a pre open set  $U \in m_X$  containing  $x$  such that  $F(u) \cap V \neq \emptyset$  ( resp.  $F(u) \cap \text{Int}(Cl(V)) \neq \emptyset$ ,  $F(u) \cap Cl(V) \neq \emptyset$ ) for each  $u \in U$ .

**Definition: 3.4**

Let  $X$  be a nonempty set and  $m_X$  an  $m$ -structure on  $X$ . For a subset  $A$  of  $X$ , the  $m_X$ -preclosure of  $A$  and the  $m_X$ -preinterior of  $A$  are defined as follows.

- $m_X\text{-pCl}(A) = \bigcap \{F: A \subset F, X-F \in m_X\}$ .
- $m_X\text{-pInt}(A) = \bigcup \{U: U \subset A, U \in m_X\}$ .

**Remark: 3.5**

Let  $(X, \tau)$  be a topological space and  $A$  be a subset of  $X$ . If  $m_X = \tau$  (resp.  $SO(X)$ ,  $PO(X)$ ,  $\alpha(X)$ ), then we have

- $m_X\text{-Cl}(A) = Cl(A)$  (resp.  $sCl(A)$ ,  $pCl(A)$ ,  $\alpha Cl(A)$ ).
- $m_X\text{-Int}(A) = \text{Int}(A)$  (resp.  $sInt(A)$ ,  $pInt(A)$ ,  $\alpha Int(A)$ ).

**Definition: 3.6**

A multifunction  $F: (X, m_X) \rightarrow (Y, \sigma)$ , is said to be

- (a) **Upper slightly m-precontinuous**, if for each point  $x \in X$  and each clopen set  $V$  of  $Y$  containing  $F(x)$ , there exist preopen set  $U \in m_X$  containing  $x$  such that  $F(U) \subset V$ .
- (b) **Lower slightly m-precontinuous**, if for each point  $x \in X$  and each clopen set  $V$  of  $Y$  such that  $F(x) \cap V \neq \emptyset$  there exists a preopen set  $U \in m_X$  containing  $x$  such that  $F(u) \cap V \neq \emptyset$  for each  $u \in U$ .

**Theorem: 3.7**

For a multifunction  $F: (X, m_X) \rightarrow (Y, \sigma)$  the following are equivalent.

- $F$  is upper slightly m-precontinuous
- $F^+(V) = m_X\text{-pInt}(F^+(V))$  for each  $V \in CO(Y)$
- $F^-(V) = m_X\text{-pCl}(F^-(V))$  for each  $V \in CO(Y)$

**Proof:**

(1)  $\Rightarrow$  (2): Let  $V$  be any clopen set of  $Y$  and  $x \in F^+(V)$  then  $F(x) \in V \rightarrow$  (1). By (1), there exists a preopen set  $U \in m_X$  containing  $x$  such that  $F(U) \subset V$ . Thus  $x \in U \subset F^+(V) \Rightarrow x \in m_X\text{-pInt}(F^+(V)) \rightarrow$  (2). From eqn (1) & (2) we get,  $F^+(V) \subset m_X\text{-pInt}(F^+(V))$ , i.e.  $m_X\text{-pInt}(F^+(V)) \subset F^+(V)$ , by lemma (3.1) of [20]  $F^+(V) = m_X\text{-pInt}(F^+(V))$  for each  $V \in CO(Y)$ .

(2)  $\Rightarrow$  (3): Let  $K$  be any clopen set of  $Y$ . Then  $Y-K$  is clopen in  $Y$ . By (2),  $F^+(V) = m_X\text{-pInt}(F^+(V))$ . By lemma (3.1) of [20] we have,  $X - F^+(K) = F^+(Y-K) = m_X\text{-pInt}(F^+(Y-K)) = X - [m_X\text{-pCl}(F^-(K))]$ . Therefore  $F^-(K) = m_X\text{-pCl}(F^-(K))$ .

(3)  $\Rightarrow$  (2): Let  $B$  be any clopen set of  $Y$ . Then  $Y - B$  is clopen in  $Y$ . By (3) & lemma (3.1) of [20] we have,  $X - F^+(B) = F^-(Y-B) = m_X\text{-pCl}(F^-(Y-B)) = X - [m_X\text{-pInt}(F^+(B))]$ . Therefore  $F^+(B) = m_X\text{-pInt}(F^+(B))$ .

(2)  $\Rightarrow$  (1): Let  $x \in X$  and  $V$  be any clopen set of  $Y$  containing  $F(x)$ . Then  $x \in F^+(V) = m_X\text{-pInt}(F^+(V))$ , there exists a preopen set  $U \in m_X$  containing  $x$  such that  $x \in U \subset F^+(V)$ . Therefore we have,  $x \in U$  and  $U \in m_X$  and  $F(U) \subset V$ . Hence  $F$  is upper slightly m-precontinuous.

**Theorem: 3.8**

For a multi function  $F: (X, m_X) \rightarrow (Y, \sigma)$  the following are equivalent.

- $F$  is lower slightly m-precontinuous.
- $F^-(V) = m_X\text{-pInt}(F^-(V))$  for each  $V \in CO(Y)$ .
- $F^+(V) = m_X\text{-pCl}(F^+(V))$  for each  $V \in CO(Y)$

**Proof:**

(1)  $\Rightarrow$  (2): Let  $V \in CO(Y)$  and  $x \in F^-(V)$ . Then  $F(x) \cap V \neq \emptyset$ . By (1), there exists a preopen set  $U \in m_X$  containing  $x$  such that  $F(u) \cap V \neq \emptyset$  for each  $u \in U$ . Therefore

we have,  $U \subset F^-(V) \Rightarrow x \in U \subset m_X\text{-pInt}(F^-(V)) \Rightarrow x \in m_X\text{-pInt}(F^-(V)) \Rightarrow F^-(V) \subset m_X\text{-pInt}(F^-(V))$  and by lemma (3.1) of [20] we have  $F^-(V) = m_X\text{-pInt}(F^-(V))$ .

(2)  $\Rightarrow$  (3): Let  $V \in CO(Y)$ . Then  $Y - V \in CO(Y)$ , by (2), we have,  $X - F^+(V) = F^-(Y - V) = m_X\text{-pInt}(F^-(Y - V)) = X - [m_X\text{-pCl}(F^+(V))]$ . Hence  $F^+(V) = m_X\text{-pCl}(F^+(V))$

(3)  $\Rightarrow$  (1): Let  $x \in X$  and  $V \in CO(Y)$  such that  $F(x) \cap V \neq \emptyset$ , then  $x \in F^-(V)$  and  $x \notin X - F^-(V) = F^+(Y - V)$ . By (3) we have,  $x \notin m_X\text{-pCl}(F^+(Y - V))$ . By lemma (3.2) of [20], there exists preopen set  $U \in m_X$  containing  $x$  such that  $U \cap F^+(Y - V) = \emptyset$ . Thus  $U \subset F^-(V)$ . Therefore  $F(u) \cap V \neq \emptyset$  for each  $u \in U$ . Hence  $F$  is lower slightly m-precontinuous.

Hence  $F$  is lower slightly m-precontinuous.

**Theorem: 3.9**

Let  $(Y, \sigma)$  be E.D. For a multifunction  $F: (X, m_X) \rightarrow (Y, \sigma)$ , the following are equivalent.

- $F$  is upper slightly m-precontinuous.
- $m_X\text{-pCl}(F^-(V)) \subset F^-(Cl(V))$  for every open set  $V$  of  $(Y, \sigma)$
- $F^+(\text{Int}(C)) \subset m_X\text{-pInt}(F^+(C))$  for every closed set  $C$  of  $(Y, \sigma)$

**Proof:**

(1)  $\Rightarrow$  (2): Let  $V$  be any open set of  $Y$ . Then  $Cl(V) \in CO(Y)$ , by theorem (3.7), we have,  $F^-(Cl(V)) = m_X\text{-pCl}(F^-(Cl(V)))$  and  $F^-(V) \subset F^-(Cl(V))$ , by lemma (3.1) of [20], we have,  $m_X\text{-pCl}(F^-(V)) \subset m_X\text{-pCl}(F^-(Cl(V))) = F^-(Cl(V)) \Rightarrow m_X\text{-pCl}(F^-(V)) \subset F^-(Cl(V))$

(2)  $\Rightarrow$  (3): Let  $C$  be any closed set of  $(Y, \sigma)$  and  $V = Y - C$ . Then  $V$  is open in  $(Y, \sigma)$ . By lemma (3.1) of [20], we have,  $X - [m_X\text{-pInt}(F^+(C))] = m_X\text{-pCl}(X - F^+(C)) = m_X\text{-pCl}(F^-(Y - C)) \subset F^-(Y - \text{Int}(C))$ . Therefore  $X - [m_X\text{-pInt}(F^+(C))] = X - F^+(\text{Int}(C)) \Rightarrow F^+(\text{Int}(C)) \subset m_X\text{-pInt}(F^+(C))$

(3)  $\Rightarrow$  (1): Let  $x \in X$  and let  $V \in CO(Y)$  containing  $F(x)$ . Then By (3) we have,  $x \in F^+(V) = F^+(\text{Int}(V)) \subset m_X\text{-pInt}(F^+(V))$ . There exists a preopen set  $U \in m_X$  such that  $x \in U \subset F^+(V)$ . Thus  $x \in U$ ,  $U \in m_X$  and  $F(U) \subset V$ . Hence  $F$  is upper slightly m-precontinuous.

**Theorem: 3.10**

Let  $(Y, \sigma)$  be E.D. For a multifunction  $F: (X, m_X) \rightarrow (Y, \sigma)$ , the following are equivalent.

- 1)  $F$  is lower slightly  $m$ -precontinuous.
- 2)  $m_X\text{-pCl}(F^+(V)) \subset F^+(\text{Cl}(V))$  for every open set  $V$  of  $(Y, \sigma)$
- 3)  $F(\text{Int}(C)) \subset m_X\text{-pInt}(F(C))$  for every closed set  $C$  of  $(Y, \sigma)$

**Proof:**

(1)  $\Rightarrow$  (2): Let  $V$  be any open set of  $Y$ . Then  $\text{Cl}(V) \in \text{CO}(Y)$ . By theorem (3.8),  $F^+(\text{Cl}(V)) = m_X\text{-pCl}(F^+(\text{Cl}(V)))$  and  $F^+(V) \subset (F^+(\text{Cl}(V)))$ . By lemma (3.1) of [20], we have  $m_X\text{-pCl}(F^+(V)) \subset m_X\text{-pCl}(F^+(\text{Cl}(V))) = F^+(\text{Cl}(V)) \Rightarrow m_X\text{-pCl}(F^+(V)) \subset F^+(\text{Cl}(V))$

(2)  $\Rightarrow$  (3): Let  $C$  be any closed set of  $(Y, \sigma)$  and  $V = Y - C$ , then  $V$  is open in  $(Y, \sigma)$

By lemma (3.1) of [20], we have,  $X - [m_X\text{-pInt}(F(C))] = m_X\text{-pCl}(X - (F(C))) = m_X\text{-pCl}(F^+(Y - C)) \subset F^+(\text{Cl}(Y - C))$  (by given (2))  $= F^+(Y - \text{Int}(C))$ . Therefore  $X - [m_X\text{-pInt}(F(C))]$

$(F(C)) = X - F(\text{Int}(C)) \Rightarrow F(\text{Int}(C)) \subset m_X\text{-pInt}(F(C))$

(3)  $\Rightarrow$  (1): Let  $x \in X$  and  $V \in \text{CO}(Y)$  containing  $F(x) \cap V \neq \phi$ . Let  $V = Y - C$  is open in  $Y$ . Let  $x \in F^+(C)$  and  $x \notin X - F^+(C) \notin F^+(Y - C)$ . By (3) we have,  $x \notin m_X\text{-pInt}(F^+(Y - C))$ , by theorem (3.8) we have,  $x \notin m_X\text{-pCl}(F^+(Y - C))$ . By lemma (3.2) of [20], there exists a preopen set  $U \in m_X$  containing  $x$  such that  $U \cap (F^+(Y - C)) = \phi$ . Hence  $U \subset$

$F(V)$  and  $F(x) \cap V \neq \phi$  for each  $u \in U$ . Hence  $F$  is lower slightly  $m$ -precontinuous.

**Slight  $m$ -precontinuity and other forms  $m$ -precontinuity.**

**Theorem: 4.1**

If multifunction  $F: (X, m_X) \rightarrow (Y, \sigma)$  is upper weakly  $m$ -precontinuous, then it is upper slightly  $m$ -precontinuous.

**Proof:**

Let  $x \in X$  and  $V \in \text{CO}(Y)$  containing  $F(x)$ . Since  $F$  is upper weakly  $m$ -precontinuous. There exists a preopen set  $U \in m_X$  containing  $x$  such that  $F(U) \subset \text{Cl}(V) = V$ . Hence  $F$  is upper slightly  $m$ -precontinuous.

**Theorem: 4.2**

If a multi function  $F: (X, m_X) \rightarrow (Y, \sigma)$  is lower weakly  $m$ -precontinuous then it is lower slightly  $m$ -precontinuous.

**Proof:**

Let  $x \in X$  and  $V \in \text{CO}(Y)$  such that  $F(x) \cap V \neq \phi$ . Since  $F$  is lower weakly  $m$ -precontinuous there exist a preopen set  $U \in m_X$  containing  $x$  such that  $F(U) \cap \text{Cl}(V) \neq \phi$ , for each  $u \in U \Rightarrow F(U) \cap (V) \neq \phi$ , for each  $u \in U$ . Hence  $F$  is lower slightly  $m$ -precontinuous.

**Lemma: 4.3**

A multifunction  $F: (X, m_X) \rightarrow (Y, \sigma)$  is upper almost  $m$ -precontinuous (resp. lower almost  $m$ -precontinuous) iff for each regular open set  $V$  containing  $F(x)$  (resp. meeting  $F(x)$ ), there exist a preopen set  $U \in m_X$  containing  $x$  such that  $F(U) \subset V$  (resp.  $F(u) \cap (V) \neq \phi$ , for every  $u \in U$ )

**Proof:**

Let  $x \in X$  and  $V$  be regular open set of  $Y$  containing  $F(x)$ . Since  $F$  is upper almost  $m$ -precontinuous there exist a preopen set  $U \in m_X$  containing  $x$  such that  $F(U) \subset \text{Int}(\text{Cl}(V)) = V$ . Hence for each regular open set  $V$  containing  $F(x)$ , there exist a preopen set  $U \in m_X$  containing  $x$  such that  $u \in F(U) \subset V$ . Conversely, there exist a preopen set  $U \in m_X$  containing  $x$  such that  $F(U) \subset V \subset \text{Cl}(V) \Rightarrow \text{Int}F(U) \subset \text{Int}(\text{Cl}(V)) \Rightarrow F(U) \subset \text{Int}(\text{Cl}(V))$ . Hence  $F$  is upper almost  $m$ -precontinuous.

**Theorem: 4.4**

If a multi function  $F: (X, m_X) \rightarrow (Y, \sigma)$  is upper slightly  $m$ -precontinuous and  $(Y, \sigma)$  is E.D, then  $F$  is upper almost  $m$ -precontinuous.

**Proof:**

Let  $x \in X$  and  $V$  be any regular open set of  $(Y, \sigma)$  containing  $F(x)$ . Then By lemma 5.6 of [13] we have,  $V \in \text{CO}(X)$ . Since  $(Y, \sigma)$  is E.D and  $F$  is upper almost  $m$ -precontinuous, there exist a preopen set  $U \in m_X$  containing  $x$  such that  $F(U) \subset V$ . By lemma (4.3),  $F$  is upper almost  $m$ -precontinuous.

**Theorem: 4.5**

If a multi function  $F: (X, m_X) \rightarrow (Y, \sigma)$  is lower slightly  $m$ -precontinuous and  $(Y, \sigma)$  is E.D, then  $F$  is lower almost  $m$ -precontinuous.

**Proof:**

Let  $x \in X$  and  $V$  be any regular open set of  $(Y, \sigma)$  containing  $F(x)$ . Then By lemma 5.6 of [13] we have,  $V \in \text{CO}(X)$ . Since  $(Y, \sigma)$  is E.D. Since  $F$  is lower slightly  $m$ -precontinuous, there exist a pre open set  $U \in m_X$  containing  $x$  such that  $F(U) \cap V \neq \phi$  for each  $u \in U$ . By lemma (4.4),  $F$  is lower almost  $m$ -precontinuous.

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