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# Fuzzy Fixed Point Theorems for Multivalued Fuzzy $F$ -Contraction Mappings in $b$ -Metric Spaces

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**Abstract.** In this work, we introduce and suggest the new concept of multivalued fuzzy  $F$ -contraction mappings in  $b$ -metric spaces. We also establish and prove the existence of an  $\alpha$ -fuzzy fixed point theorem in  $b$ -metric spaces.

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## 1. Introduction

The contraction is important tools for proving the existence and uniqueness of a fixed point in fixed point theory. Banach contraction principle [6] is one of most useful tools in the study of nonlinear equations. Many authors were motivate to extend and generalizations of Banach's contraction mapping principle in the literature (see in [2, 7, 10, 11, 16, 17, 21]). Nadler [21]

studies multi-valued contraction mappings, he proves some fixed point theorem for multivalued contraction mappings by combined the ideas of set-valued mapping and Lipschitz mapping. The concept of fuzzy sets was introduced by Zadeh [27] in 1965.

In 1981, Heilpern [17] achieve a fixed point theorem for fuzzy contraction mappings, he also proved the existence of a fuzzy fixed point theorem which is generalization of Nadler's fixed point theorem for multivalued mapping. Phiangsungnoen and Kumam [23] studied fuzzy fixed point theorems for multivalued fuzzy contractions in  $b$ -metric spaces. In addition, many author studied about fixed point results of fuzzy mappings is referred to [1, 4, 15, 24]. Bakhtin [5] introduced the concept of  $b$ -metric space, which is a generalization of metric spaces. On the other hand, in 2012, Wardowski [25] suggested the concept of contraction and prove a fixed point theorem which generalizations Banach. Since then, many authors investigated fixed point theorem for  $F$ -contraction mappings [18–20, 22, 26].

In this paper, we suggest the new concept of multivalued fuzzy  $F$ -contraction mappings in  $b$ -metric spaces. We prove the existence of an  $\alpha$ -fuzzy fixed point theorem in  $b$ -metric spaces. Our results improve and extend some fixed point results in original multivalued mappings and also in  $b$ -metric spaces.

## 2. Preliminaries

Firstly, we recall some basic definitions and results which will be used in the sequel. Throughout this paper,  $N$ ,  $R$  and  $R^+$  denote the set of natural numbers, real numbers and positive real numbers, respectively.

**Definition 2.1** ([5]). Let  $X$  be a nonempty set and let  $s \geq 1$  be a real number. A function  $d : X \times X \rightarrow [0, \infty)$  is said to be a  $b$ -metric on  $X$  if it satisfies for all  $x, y, z \in X$ , the following conditions:

- (i)  $d(x, y) = 0$  if and only if  $x = y$ ;
- (ii)  $d(x, y) = d(y, x)$  for all  $x, y \in X$ ;
- (iii)  $d(x, z) \leq s[d(x, y) + d(y, z)]$ .

A pair  $(X, d)$  is called a  $b$ -metric space.

**Remark 2.2.** From the definition of  $b$ -metric spaces if we set  $s = 1$ , it turns into normal metric spaces. Therefore,  $b$ -metric spaces are the extension of metric spaces.

**Example 2.3** ([8]). The space  $l_p$  with  $0 < p < 1$ , define  $l_p = \left\{ \{x_n\} \subset R : \sum_{n=1}^{\infty} |x_n|^p < \infty \right\}$ , together with the function  $d : l_p \times l_p \rightarrow R$ ,

$$d(x, y) = \left( \sum_{n=1}^{\infty} |x_n - y_n|^p \right)^{\frac{1}{p}},$$

where  $x = \{x_n\}$ ,  $y = \{y_n\} \in l_p$  is a  $b$ -metric space with coefficient  $s = \frac{1}{2^p} = 2^{\frac{1}{p}} > 1$ . By an primary calculation we obtain that

$$d(x, z) \leq 2^{\frac{1}{p}} [d(x, y) + d(y, z)].$$

**Example 2.4** ([8]). Let  $t \in [0, 1]$ , the  $L_p$  ( $0 < p < 1$ ) of all real function  $x(t)$  such that  $\int_0^1 |x(t)|^p dt < \infty$ , is  $b$ -metric space if we take

$$d(x, y) = \left[ \int_0^1 |x(t) - y(t)|^p dt \right]^{\frac{1}{p}}$$

for all  $x, y \in L_p$ .

**Definition 2.5** ([9]). Let  $(X, d)$  be a  $b$ -metric space.

- (i) The sequence  $\{x_n\}$  in  $X$  is called convergent to  $x \in X$  if and only if  $d(x_n, x) \rightarrow 0$  as  $n \rightarrow \infty$ .
- (ii) The sequence  $\{x_n\}$  in  $X$  is called Cauchy sequence if and only if  $d(x_n, x_m) \rightarrow 0$  as  $m, n \rightarrow \infty$ .
- (iii) The sequence  $\{x_n\}$  in  $X$  is called complete if and only if every Cauchy sequence is convergent.

Let  $(X, d)$  be a  $b$ -metric space, denote  $CL(X)$  be the class of all nonempty closed subset of  $X$ .  $CB(X)$  be the collection of nonempty, closed and bounded subsets of  $X$ . And  $K(X)$  be the family of all nonempty compact subsets of  $X$ . For  $A, B \in CL(X)$  and  $x \in X$ , we define

$$d(x, A) = \inf\{d(x, a) : a \in A\},$$

$$\gamma(A, B) = \sup_{a \in A} d(a, B).$$

The generalized Hausdorff  $b$ -metric  $H$  on  $CL(X)$  inducted by  $d$  is defined as

$$H(A, B) = \begin{cases} \max\{\gamma(B, A), \gamma(A, B)\} & \text{if the maximum exists;} \\ +\infty & \text{otherwise,} \end{cases}$$

for every  $A, B \in CL(X)$ .

**Lemma 2.6** ([12–14]). Let  $(X, d)$  be a  $b$ -metric space. For all  $x, y \in X$  and for all  $A, B, C \in CL(X)$ , we have the following:

- (i)  $d(x, b) \geq d(x, B)$  for every  $b \in B$ ;
- (ii)  $H(A, B) \geq d(x, B)$  for every  $x \in A$ ;
- (iii)  $H(A, B) \geq \gamma(A, B)$ ;
- (iv)  $H(A, A) = 0$ ;
- (v)  $H(B, A) = H(A, B)$ ;
- (vi)  $s(H(A, B) + H(B, C)) \geq H(A, C)$ ;
- (vii)  $s(d(x, y) + d(y, A)) \geq d(x, A)$ .

Let  $(X, d)$  be a  $b$ -metric space. A fuzzy set  $D$  in  $X$  is a function from  $X$  into  $[0, 1]$ . If  $x \in X$ , then the function value  $D(x)$  is called the grade of membership of  $x \in D$ .  $\mathcal{F}(X)$  is the collection of all fuzzy sets in  $X$ .

For  $\alpha \in [0, 1]$  and  $D \in \mathcal{F}(X)$ . The notation  $[D]_\alpha$  is called  $\alpha$ -level set (or  $\alpha$ -cut set) of  $D$  and is defined as follows:

$$[D]_\alpha = \{x : D(x) \geq \alpha\} \text{ if } \alpha \in (0, 1],$$

and

$$[D]_0 = \overline{\{x : D(x) > 0\}},$$

whenever  $\bar{B}$  denotes the closure of the set  $B$  in  $X$ .

Let  $A$  and  $B$  are fuzzy set in  $X$ . A fuzzy set  $A$  is said to be more accurate than fuzzy set  $B$ , denote by  $A \subset B$  if and only if  $A(x) \leq B(x)$  for all  $x$  in  $X$  where the membership function of  $A$  and  $B$  denote by  $A(x)$  and  $B(x)$ , respectively.

For  $A, B \in \mathcal{F}(X)$ ,  $x \in X$ ,  $\alpha \in [0, 1]$  and  $[A]_\alpha, [B]_\alpha \in CB(X)$ , define

$$\begin{aligned} d(x, A) &= \inf_{a \in A} d(x, a), \\ p_\alpha(x, A) &= \inf_{a \in [A]_\alpha} d(x, a), \\ p_\alpha(A, B) &= \inf_{a \in [A]_\alpha, b \in [B]_\alpha} d(a, b), \\ p(A, B) &= \sup_\alpha p_\alpha(A, B), \\ H([A]_\alpha, [B]_\alpha) &= \max \left\{ \sup_{a \in [A]_\alpha} d(a, [B]_\alpha), \sup_{b \in [B]_\alpha} d(b, [A]_\alpha) \right\}. \end{aligned}$$

**Definition 2.7.** Let  $X$  be an arbitrary set and  $Y$  be a  $b$ -metric space. A mapping  $T : X \rightarrow \mathcal{F}(Y)$  is called a fuzzy mapping over the set  $Y$ .

**Definition 2.8.** Let  $(X, d)$  be a  $b$ -metric space and  $T : X \rightarrow \mathcal{F}(X)$  be a fuzzy mapping. A point  $c$  in  $X$  is called an  $\alpha$ -fuzzy fixed point of  $T$  if  $c \in [Tc]_{\alpha(c)}$ .

Next, we consider the following conditions for a mapping  $F : R^+ \rightarrow R$ .

Let  $F^*$  be the set of all functions  $F : R^+ \rightarrow R$  satisfying the following conditions:

- (F1)  $F$  is strictly increasing, that is, for all  $\alpha, \beta \in R^+$  such that  $\alpha < \beta$  implies  $F(\alpha) < F(\beta)$ ;
- (F2) for each sequence  $\{\alpha_n\}_{n \in \mathbb{N}}$  of positive numbers  $\lim_{n \rightarrow \infty} \alpha_n = 0$  if and only if  $\lim_{n \rightarrow \infty} F(\alpha_n) = -\infty$ ;
- (F3) there exists  $k \in (0, 1)$  such that  $\lim_{\alpha \rightarrow 0^+} \alpha^k F(\alpha) = 0$ .

**Definition 2.9** ([25]). Let  $(X, d)$  be a metric space and a mapping  $T : X \rightarrow X$  is said to be an  $F$ -contraction on  $X$  if  $F \in F^*$  and there exists  $\tau > 0$  such that

$$\forall x, y \in X, [d(Tx, Ty) > 0 \Rightarrow \tau + F(d(Tx, Ty)) \leq F(d(x, y))].$$

**Example 2.10** ([25]). The following function  $F : R^+ \rightarrow R$  in  $F^*$  :

- (1)  $F_1(t_1) = \ln t_1$ , with  $t_1 > 0$ ,

$$\forall x, y \in X, d(Tx, Ty) \leq e^{-\tau} d(x, y)$$

- (2)  $F_2(t_2) = \ln t_2 + t_2$ , with  $t_2 > 0$ ,

$$\forall x, y \in X, \frac{d(Tx, Ty)}{d(x, y)} e^{d(Tx, Ty) - d(x, y)} \leq e^{-\tau}$$

- (3)  $F_3(t_3) = \frac{-1}{\sqrt{t_3}}$ , with  $t_3 > 0$ ,

$$\forall x, y \in X, d(Tx, Ty) \leq \frac{1}{\left(1 + \tau \sqrt{d(x, y)}\right)^2} d(x, y).$$

**Remark 2.11.** Warodowski [25] concluded that every  $F$ -contraction  $T$  is a contractive mapping, i.e.,  $d(Tx, Ty) < d(x, y)$ , for all  $x, y \in X$ ,  $Tx \neq Ty$ . Hence, every  $F$ -contraction is a continuous mapping.

### 3. Main Results

In this part, in the framework of a  $b$ -metric space, we state and prove the existence result of an  $\alpha$ -fuzzy fixed point theorem for multivalued fuzzy  $F$ -contraction mappings as follows:

**Theorem 3.1.** *Let  $(X, d)$  be a complete  $b$ -metric space and coefficient  $s \geq 1$ , let  $T : X \rightarrow \mathcal{F}(X)$  be a fuzzy mapping and  $\alpha : X \rightarrow (0, 1]$  such that  $[Tu]_{\alpha(u)}$  is a nonempty closed subset of  $X$  for all  $u \in X$  and  $F \in F^*$  if there exists  $\tau > 0$  such that for all  $u, v \in X$ ,  $H([Tu]_{\alpha(u)}, [Tv]_{\alpha(v)}) > 0$  implies*

$$\tau + F(H([Tu]_{\alpha(u)}, [Tv]_{\alpha(v)})) \leq F(d(u, v)), \tag{3.1}$$

then  $T$  has an  $\alpha$ -fuzzy fixed point.

*Proof.* Let  $u_0 \in X$  and  $u_1 \in [Tu_0]_{\alpha(u_0)}$ . Since  $[Tu_1]_{\alpha(u_1)}$  is a nonempty closed subset of  $X$ . Clearly, if  $u_0 = u_1$  or  $u_1 \in [Tu_1]_{\alpha(u_1)}$ , so  $u_1$  is an  $\alpha$ -fuzzy fixed point of  $T$ . So the proof is complete. Suppose that  $u_0 \neq u_1$  and  $u_1 \notin [Tu_1]_{\alpha(u_1)}$ . Then, since  $[Tu_1]_{\alpha(u_1)}$  is closed,  $d(u_1, [Tu_1]_{\alpha(u_1)}) > 0$ . On the other hand, from

$$d(u_1, [Tu_1]_{\alpha(u_1)}) \leq H([Tu_0]_{\alpha(u_0)}, [Tu_1]_{\alpha(u_1)})$$

and by (F1), we have

$$F(d(u_1, [Tu_1]_{\alpha(u_1)})) \leq F(H([Tu_0]_{\alpha(u_0)}, [Tu_1]_{\alpha(u_1)})).$$

From (3.1), we can write that

$$F(d(u_1, [Tu_1]_{\alpha(u_1)})) \leq F(H([Tu_0]_{\alpha(u_0)}, [Tu_1]_{\alpha(u_1)})) \leq F(d(u_1, u_0)) - \tau. \tag{3.2}$$

Since,  $[Tu_1]_{\alpha(u_1)}$  is a nonempty closed subset of  $X$ . We obtain that there exists  $u_2 \in [Tu_1]_{\alpha(u_1)}$  and  $u_1 \neq u_2$  such that

$$d(u_1, u_2) = d(u_1, [Tu_1]_{\alpha(u_1)}).$$

Then, from (3.2), we get

$$F(d(u_1, u_2)) \leq F(H([Tu_0]_{\alpha(u_0)}, [Tu_1]_{\alpha(u_1)})) \leq F(d(u_1, u_0)) - \tau. \tag{3.3}$$

By induction, we obtain a sequence  $\{u_n\}$  in  $X$  such that  $u_{n+1} \in [Tu_n]_{\alpha(u_n)}$  and

$$F(d(u_n, u_{n+1})) \leq F(d(u_n, u_{n-1})) - \tau \tag{3.4}$$

for all  $n = 0, 1, 2, \dots$ . If there exists  $n_0 \in \mathbb{N}$  for which  $\{u_{n_0}\} \in [Tu_{n_0}]_{\alpha(u_{n_0})}$ , then  $\{u_{n_0}\}$  is an  $\alpha$ -fuzzy fixed point of  $T$  and so the proof is complete. Thus, suppose that for every  $n \in \mathbb{N}$ ,  $\{u_n\} \notin [Tu_n]_{\alpha(u_n)}$ . Let  $c_n := d(u_n, u_{n+1})$  for  $n = 0, 1, 2, \dots$  then  $c_n > 0$  for all  $n \in \mathbb{N}$  and using (3.4), the following hold:

$$\begin{aligned} F(c_n) &\leq F(c_{n-1}) - \tau \\ &\leq F(c_{n-2}) - 2\tau \\ &\vdots \\ &\leq F(c_0) - n\tau. \end{aligned} \tag{3.5}$$

Since,  $F \in F^*$ , from (3.5), we obtain  $\lim_{n \rightarrow \infty} F(c_n) = -\infty$ . Thus, from (F2) we have

$$\lim_{n \rightarrow \infty} c_n = 0.$$

From (F3), there exists  $k \in (0, 1)$  such that

$$\lim_{n \rightarrow \infty} c_n^k F(c_n) = 0.$$

By (3.5), the following holds for all  $n \in N$ ,

$$c_n^k F(c_n) - c_n^k F(c_0) \leq -c_n^k n\tau \leq 0. \quad (3.6)$$

By taking lim as  $n \rightarrow \infty$  in (3.6), we obtain

$$\lim_{n \rightarrow \infty} n c_n^k = 0. \quad (3.7)$$

From (3.7), there exists  $n_1 \in N$  such that

$$n c_n^k \leq 1 \quad (3.8)$$

for all  $n \geq n_1$ . This implies that

$$c_n \leq \frac{1}{n^{\frac{1}{k}}} \quad (3.9)$$

for all  $n \geq n_1$ .

Next, we show that  $\{u_n\}_{n=1}^{\infty}$  is a Cauchy sequence.

Let  $m, n \in N$  with  $m > n$ , we have

$$\begin{aligned} d(u_n, u_m) &\leq s[d(u_n, u_{n+1}) + d(u_{n+1}, u_{n+2}) + \cdots + d(u_{m-1}, u_m)] \\ &= s(c_n) + s(c_{n+1}) + \cdots + s(c_{m-1}) \\ &= s \sum_{i=n}^{m-1} c_i \\ &\leq s \sum_{i=n}^{\infty} c_i \\ &\leq s \sum_{i=1}^{\infty} \frac{1}{i^{\frac{1}{k}}}. \end{aligned}$$

By the convergence of the series  $\sum_{i=1}^{\infty} \frac{1}{i^{\frac{1}{k}}}$  passing to  $\lim n \rightarrow \infty$ , we get

$$d(u_n, u_m) \rightarrow 0 \text{ as } n \rightarrow \infty.$$

Hence,  $\{u_n\}_{n=1}^{\infty}$  is a Cauchy sequence in  $X$ . Since  $(X, d)$  be a complete  $b$ -metric space, the sequence  $\{u_n\}$  converge to some point  $u^* \in X$  that is, from (F1), for all  $u, v \in X$  with

$$F(H([Tu]_{\alpha(u)}, [Tv]_{\alpha(v)})) < F(d(u, v))$$

and so

$$H([Tu]_{\alpha(u)}, [Tv]_{\alpha(v)}) \leq d(u, v)$$

for all  $u, v \in X$ . Then

$$\begin{aligned} d(u_{n+1}, [Tu^*]_{\alpha(u^*)}) &\leq H([Tu_n]_{\alpha(u_n)}, [Tu^*]_{\alpha(u^*)}) \\ &\leq d(u_n, u^*). \end{aligned}$$

On the other hand, we have

$$\begin{aligned} d(u^*, [Tu^*]_{\alpha(u^*)}) &\leq sd(u^*, [Tu_n]_{\alpha(u_n)}) + sd([Tu_n]_{\alpha(u_n)}, [Tu^*]_{\alpha(u^*)}) \\ &= sd(u^*, u_{n+1}) + sd(u_{n+1}, [Tu^*]_{\alpha(u^*)}) \\ &\leq sd(u^*, u_{n+1}) + sd(u_n, u^*). \end{aligned}$$

Passing to  $\lim n \rightarrow \infty$ , we have

$$d(u^*, [Tu^*]_{\alpha(u^*)}) = 0.$$

Thus, we get  $u^* \in [Tu^*]_{\alpha(u^*)}$ , that is,  $u^*$  is an  $\alpha$ -fuzzy fixed point of  $T$ . This complete the proof. □

**Corollary 3.2.** *Let  $(X, d)$  be a complete metric space,  $T : X \rightarrow \mathcal{F}(X)$  be a fuzzy mapping and  $\alpha : X \rightarrow (0, 1]$  such that  $[Tu]_{\alpha(u)}$  is a nonempty closed bounded subset of  $X$  for all  $u \in X$  and  $F \in F^*$  if there exists  $\tau > 0$  such that for all  $u, v \in X, H([Tu]_{\alpha(u)}, [Tv]_{\alpha(v)}) > 0$  implies*

$$\tau + F(H([Tu]_{\alpha(u)}, [Tv]_{\alpha(v)})) \leq F(d(u, v)),$$

*then  $T$  has an  $\alpha$ -fuzzy fixed point.*

**Remark 3.3.** In Corollary 3.2, we set  $s = 1$ , so  $b$ -metric spaces it is turns into complete metric spaces.

**Corollary 3.4.** *Let  $(X, d)$  be a complete  $b$ -metric space, let coefficient  $s \geq 1$  and  $T : X \rightarrow K(X)$  be a multivalued mapping such that  $Tu$  is a nonempty closed subset of  $X$  for all  $u \in X$  and  $F \in F^*$  if there exists  $\tau > 0$  such that*

$$\tau + F(H(Tu, Tv)) \leq F(d(u, v)),$$

*for all  $u, v \in X$ , then  $T$  has a fixed point in  $X$ .*

**Remark 3.5.** In Corollary 3.4, if we set  $s = 1$ , we find theorem of Altun *et al.* [3]. Therefore, Corollary 3.4 is and extension the result of Altun *et al.* [3].

## 4. Conclusion

In this work, we first suggest the new concept of multivalued fuzzy  $F$ -contraction mappings. We also prove the existence of an  $\alpha$ -fuzzy fixed point theorem in  $b$ -metric spaces. Our results improve and extend some fixed point results for multivalued mappings in  $b$ -metric spaces and also extension the result of Altun *et al.* [3].

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