Contraction in Partially Ordered Fuzzy Metric Space

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ABSTRACT

The aim of authors in this paper is to establish the results for generalized weakly contraction mappings in partially ordered fuzzy metric spaces. Our results generalized [1, Theorem 2.1] from metric to fuzzy metric spaces. To support and validate the results, illustrative examples are provided.

1. INTRODUCTION

The concept of fuzzy sets was introduced by Zadeh [5] in 1965 to mathematically simulate real-life situations characterized by ambiguity and uncertainty caused by non-probabilistic factors.

Definition 1.1. A continuous *t*-norm is a binary operation T on [0,1] satisfying the following conditions:

- i. *T* is a commutative and associative;
- ii. T(a, 1) = a for all $a \in [0, 1]$;
- iii. T(a, b) = T(c, d) whenever a = c and b = d, $(a, b, c, d \in [0,1])$;
- iv. The mapping $T: [0,1] \times [0,1] \rightarrow [0,1]$ is continuous.

The following are examples of continuous *t*-norm:

- i. $T_M(a, b) = = \min\{a, b\};$
- ii. $T_P(a, b) = =$ ab.

Kramosil and Michalek [4] introduced the concept of fuzzy metric space, the formal definition is as follows:

Definition 1.2. A fuzzy metric space is a triple (*X*, *M*,*), where *X* is a nonempty set, * is a continuous *t*-norm and *M* is a fuzzy set on $X^2 \times [0, \infty)$ such that the following axioms holds:

- i. $M(x, y, 0) = 0 \forall x, y \in X;$
- ii. M(x, y, t) = 1 iff $x = y \forall t > 0$;
- iii. $M(x, y, t) = M(y, x, t) \forall x, y \in X, t > 0;$

iv. $M(x, y, \cdot): [0, \infty) \to [0, 1]$ is left continuous $\forall x, y \in X$;

v. $M(x, z, t + s) \ge M(x, y, t) * M(y, z, s) \forall x, y, z \in X \text{ and } s, t > 0.$

We shall refer to these spaces as *KM*-fuzzy metric spaces. This concept was further modified by George and Veeramani [2] as follows:

Definition 1.3. A fuzzy metric space is a triple (X, M, *), where X is a nonempty set, * is a continuous *t*-norm and *M* is a fuzzy set on $X^2 \times (0, \infty)$ such that the following axioms holds:

- i. $M(x, y, t) > 0 \forall x, y \in X, t > 0;$
- ii. M(x, y, t) = 1 iff $x = y \forall t > 0$;
- iii. $M(x, y, t) = M(y, x, t) \forall x, y \in X, t > 0;$
- iv. $M(x, y, \cdot): (0, \infty) \to (0, 1]$ is continuous $\forall x, y \in X$;
- v. $M(x, z, t + s) \ge M(x, y, t) * M(y, z, s) \forall x, y, z \in X \text{ and } s, t > 0.$

Notice that condition (v) in Definition (1.3) is a fuzzy version of triangular inequality. The value M(x, y, t) can be thought of as degree of nearness between x and y with respect to t and from condition (2) we can relate the value 0 and 1 of a fuzzy metric to the notions of ∞ and 0 of classical metric, respectively.

Example 1.4. Consider the metric space (\mathbb{R}, d) where d(x, y) = |x - y| is the usual Euclidean distance on the real line. Now, let us define the fuzzy set M(x, y, t) as $M(x, y, t) = \frac{t}{t+|x-y|}$ for t > 0. Now, let the maximum norm * be defined as $a * b = \max\{a, b\}$. Then, the triplet $(\mathbb{R}, M, *)$ forms a fuzzy metric space.

Definition 1.5. (*f* non-decreasing mapping [3]) Let (X, \leq) be partial order set and *f* is self mapping on *X*. We say *f* is non-decreasing if $x, y \in X$, $x \leq y$ implies $F(x) \leq F(y)$.

2 MAIN THEOREMS

Theorem 2.1. Let (X, \leq) be a partially ordered set and (X, M, T) be a complete fuzzy metric space. Assume there is a non-decreasing function $\psi: [0, \infty) \to [0, \infty)$ with

$$\lim_{n \to \infty} \psi^n(t) = 0, \text{ for each } t > 0$$

and also consider that $f: X \to X$ is a non-decreasing mapping such that

i) the following contraction holds

$$\left(\frac{1}{M(f(x), f(y), t)} - 1\right) \le \psi\left(\frac{1}{M(x, y, t)} - 1\right), \text{ for all } x \ge y$$
(1)

ii) and f is continuous.

If there exists $x_0 \in X$ such that $x_0 \leq f(x_0)$, then *f* has a fixed point.

Proof. For t > 0, it should be noted first that $\psi(t) < t$. This may be seen if we assume that there is a non-decreasing function ψ and that there exists an integer $t_0 > 0$ such that $t_0 \le \psi(t_0)$.

$$t_0 \le \psi(t_0) \le \psi^2(t_0) \le \dots \le \psi^n(t_0).$$

This implies

$$t_0 \le \psi^n(t_0)$$
 for each $n = 1, 2, ...$

But, it is assumed that

$$\lim_{n\to\infty}\psi^n(t_0)=0.$$

This implies

 $t_0 \leq 0$

which is a contradiction. Therefore, $\psi(t) < t$ for t > 0 and also $\psi(0) = 0$. If x_0 is a fixed point, i.e., $f(x_0) = x_0$, then we are done. So, let us suppose that $f(x_0) \neq x_0$. Since $x_0 \leq f(x_0)$ and f is nondecreasing mapping, we have

$$x_0 \leq f(x_0) \leq f^2(x_0) \leq \cdots \leq f^n(x_0) \leq \cdots$$

Now, since $x_0 \leq f(x_0)$, putting $x = f(x_0)$ and $y = x_0$ in inequality (1), we have

$$\left(\frac{1}{M(f^2(x_0), f(x_0), t)} - 1\right) \le \psi\left(\frac{1}{M(f(x_0), x_0, t)} - 1\right)$$

and also, since $f(x_0) \leq f^2(x_0)$, we have

$$\left(\frac{1}{M(f^3(x_0), f^2(x_0), t)} - 1 \right) \le \psi \left(\frac{1}{M(f^2(x_0), f(x_0), t)} - 1 \right)$$

$$\le \psi^2 \left(\frac{1}{M(f(x_0), x_0, t)} - 1 \right).$$

By using principle of Mathematical Induction,

$$\left(\frac{1}{M(f^{n+1}(x_0), f^n(x_0), t)} - 1\right) \le \psi^n \left(\frac{1}{M(f(x_0), x_0, t)} - 1\right).$$
(2)

But it is assumed that

$$\lim_{n \to \infty} \psi^n(t) = 0 \text{ for all } t > 0$$

So, as (2) shows, the inequality is

This implies

$$\lim_{n \to \infty} \left(\frac{1}{M(f^{n+1}(x_0), f^n(x_0), t)} - 1 \right) \le 0.$$

$$\lim_{n \to \infty} M(f^{n+1}(x_0), f^n(x_0), t) \ge 1.$$
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It is well-known that M(x, y, t) lies in the interval [0,1], therefore

$$\lim_{n \to \infty} M(f^{n+1}(x_0), f^n(x_0), t) = 1.$$
(3)

Now, since $f^n(x_0) \leq f^{n+1}(x_0) \leq f^{n+2}(x_0)$, so using the triangle inequality of fuzzy metric space, we have

$$M(f^{n+2}(x_0), f^n(x_0), t+s) \ge T(M(f^{n+2}(x_0), f^{n+1}(x_0), t), M(f^{n+1}(x_0), f^n(x_0), s))$$

where, suppose that T is a product t - norm, then

$$M(f^{n+2}(x_0), f^n(x_0), t+s) \ge \left(M(f^{n+2}(x_0), f^{n+1}(x_0), t)\right) * M(f^{n+1}(x_0), f^n(x_0), s)$$
(4)

Now, using inequality (2) in right hand side of inequality (4)

$$\begin{split} \left(\frac{1}{M(f^{n+2}(x_0), f^{n+1}(x_0), t)} - 1\right) &\leq \psi \left(\frac{1}{M(f^{n+1}(x_0), f^n(x_0), t)} - 1\right) \\ &\leq \psi^{n+1} \left(\frac{1}{M(f(x_0), x_0, t)} - 1\right) \\ &\lim_{n \to \infty} \left(\frac{1}{M(f^{n+2}(x_0), f^{n+1}(x_0), t)} - 1\right) &\leq \lim_{n \to \infty} \psi^{n+1} \left(\frac{1}{M(f(x_0)), x_0, t)} - 1\right). \end{split}$$

This implies

$$\lim_{n \to \infty} M(f^{n+2}(x_0), f^{n+1}(x_0), t) = 1.$$
(5)

Using equations (3) and (5) in inequality (4), we get

$$\lim_{n \to \infty} M(f^{n+2}(x_0), f^n(x_0), t+s) \ge 1 * 1$$

= 1

Therefore,

$$\lim_{n \to \infty} M(f^{n+2}(x_0), f^n(x_0), t_1) = 1, \text{ where } t_1 = t + s.$$
(6)

Now, since $f^n(x_0) \leq f^{n+2}(x_0)$, so by the same arguments used to obtained inequality (4) one has

$$M(f^{n+3}(x_0), f^n(x_0), t+s) \ge M\left(f^{n+3}(x_0), f^{n+1}(x_0), \frac{t}{2}\right) * M\left(f^{n+1}(x_0), f^n(x_0), \frac{s}{2}\right)$$
(7)

Now,

$$M(f^{n+3}(x_0), f^{n+1}(x_0), t) \ge M\left(f^{n+3}(x_0), f^{n+2}(x_0), \frac{t}{2}\right) * M\left(f^{n+2}(x_0), f^{n+1}(x_0), \frac{s}{2}\right)$$
(8)

Using inequality (2) in right hand side of inequality (8), we have

$$\begin{pmatrix} \frac{1}{M\left(f^{n+3}(x_0), f^{n+2}(x_0), \frac{t}{2}\right)} - 1 \end{pmatrix} \leq \psi \left(\frac{1}{M\left(f^{n+2}(x_0), f^{n+1}(x_0), \frac{t}{2}\right)} - 1 \right)$$

$$\leq \psi^{n+2} \left(\frac{1}{M\left(f^n(x_0), x_0, \frac{t}{2}\right)} - 1 \right)$$

$$\lim_{n \to \infty} M\left(f^{n+3}(x_0), f^{n+2}(x_0), \frac{t}{2}\right) = 1.$$

$$(9)$$

From (5), (8) and (9), we get

$$\lim_{n \to \infty} M(f^{n+3}(x_0), f^{n+1}(x_0), t) \ge 1 * 1$$
$$\lim_{n \to \infty} M(f^{n+3}(x_0), f^{n+1}(x_0), t) = 1.$$
(10)

Using (3) and (10) in (7), we get

$$\lim_{n \to \infty} M(f^{n+3}(x_0), f^n(x_0), t+s) = 1.$$
(11)

By using principle of Mathematical Induction, we get

$$\lim_{n \to \infty} M(f^{n+k}(x_0), f^n(x_0), t+s) = 1 \text{ for } k \ge 1,$$

This implies that $\langle f^n(x_0) \rangle$ is a Cauchy sequence in *X* and since (X, M, T) is a complete fuzzy metric space, so there exists $x \in X$ such that

$$\lim_{n \to \infty} M(f^n(x_0), x, t) = 1 \ \forall \ t > 0$$

This implies that $f^n(x_0) = x$. As, it is assumed that f is continuous, so clearly x = f(x). Hence x is fixed point for the mapping f.

Remark 2.2. One can notice that f non-decreasing mapping and can be replaced by f non-increasing in Theorem 2.5, provided $x_0 \leq f(x_0)$ is replaced by $f(x_0) \leq x_0$.

Remark 2.3. One can also notice that if $\psi: [0, \infty) \to [0, \infty)$ is continuous mapping with $\psi(t) < t$, t > 0, then for all t > 0,

$$\lim_{n\to\infty}\psi^n(t)=0$$

For fixed t > 0, if $\gamma_n = \psi^n(t)$, then $\gamma_n = \psi(\gamma_{n-1}) \le \gamma_{n-1}$, this implies that γ_n is non-decreasing. **Example 2.4.** Let $X = \mathbb{R}$ be a partial order set under the usual order \le and (X, M, T) be fuzzy metric space. Consider $M(x, y, t) = e^{\frac{-|x-y|}{t}}$ and $\psi(t) = \frac{t}{2}$ is non-decreasing function. Suppose $f(x) = \frac{x+1}{2}$. Clearly these functions satisfy all conditions of Theorem 2.1 and f has a unique fixed point 1.

Theorem 2.5. Let (X, \leq) be a partially ordered set and (X, M, T) be a complete fuzzy metric space. Assume there is a non-decreasing function $\psi: [0, \infty) \rightarrow [0, \infty)$ with

$$\lim_{n \to \infty} \psi^n(t) = 0, \text{ for each } t > 0$$

and also consider that $f: X \to X$ is a non-decreasing mapping such that i) for all $x \ge y$, the following contraction holds:

$$\left(\frac{1}{M(f(x), f(y), t)} - 1\right)$$

$$\leq \psi \left(\max\left\{ \left(\frac{1}{M(x, y, t)} - 1\right), \left(\frac{1}{M(x, f(x), t)} - 1\right), \left(\frac{1}{M(y, f(y), t)} - 1\right), \frac{1}{2} \left[\left(\frac{1}{M(x, f(y), t)} - 1\right) + \left(\frac{1}{M(y, f(x), t)} - 1\right) \right] \right\} \right)$$

$$(12)$$

ii) and f is continuous.

If there an exists $x_0 \in X$ such that $x_0 \leq f(x_0)$, then *f* has a fixed point.

Proof. For t > 0, it should be noted first that $\psi(t) < t$. This may be seen if we assume that there is a non-decreasing function ψ and that there exists a positive integer t_0 such that $t_0 \le \psi(t_0)$.

$$t_0 \le \psi(t_0) \le \psi^2(t_0) \le \dots \le \psi^n(t_0)$$

This implies

$$t_0 \le \psi^n(t_0)$$
 for each $n = 1, 2, ...$

But it is assumed that

$$\lim_{n\to\infty}\psi^n(t_0)=0$$

This implies

 $t_0 \leq 0$

which is a contradiction. Therefore $\psi(t) < t$ for t > 0 and also $\psi(0) = 0$.

If x_0 is a fixed point, i.e., $f(x_0) = x_0$, then we are done. So, let us suppose that $f(x_0) \neq x_0$. Since $x_0 \leq f(x_0)$ and f is non-decreasing mapping, we have

$$x_0 \leq f(x_0) \leq f^2(x_0) \leq \cdots \leq f^n(x_0) \leq \cdots$$

Case 1: If

$$\max\left\{ \left(\frac{1}{M(x,y,t)} - 1\right), \left(\frac{1}{M(x,f(x),t)} - 1\right), \left(\frac{1}{M(y,f(y),t)} - 1\right), \frac{1}{2} \left[\left(\frac{1}{M(x,f(y),t)} - 1\right) + \left(\frac{1}{M(y,f(x),t)} - 1\right) \right] \right\} = \left(\frac{1}{M(x,y,t)} - 1\right)$$
(13)

Then
$$\left(\frac{1}{M(f(x),f(y),t)}-1\right) \le \psi\left(\frac{1}{M(x,y,t)}-1\right).$$

Now, since $x_0 \leq f(x_0)$, putting $x = f(x_0)$ and $y = x_0$ in inequality (13) we have

$$\left(\frac{1}{M(f^2(x_0), f(x_0), t)} - 1\right) \le \psi\left(\frac{1}{M(f(x_0), x_0, t)} - 1\right)$$

and also, since $f(x_0) \leq f^2(x_0)$, we have

$$\left(\frac{1}{M(f^3(x_0), f^2(x_0), t)} - 1 \right) \le \psi \left(\frac{1}{M(f^2(x_0), f(x_0), t)} - 1 \right)$$
$$\le \psi^2 \left(\frac{1}{M(f(x_0), x_0, t)} - 1 \right).$$

By using principle of Mathematical Induction,

$$\left(\frac{1}{M(f^{n+1}(x_0), f^n(x_0), t)} - 1\right) \le \psi^n \left(\frac{1}{M(f(x_0), x_0, t)} - 1\right).$$
(14)

But it is assumed that

$$\lim_{n \to \infty} \psi^n(t) = 0 \text{ for all } t > 0$$

So, as (14) is reduces to

$$\lim_{n \to \infty} \left(\frac{1}{M(f^{n+1}(x_0), f^n(x_0), t)} - 1 \right) \le 0.$$
$$\lim_{n \to \infty} M(f^{n+1}(x_0), f^n(x_0), t) \ge 1.$$

This implies

It is well-known that M(x, y, t) lies in the interval [0,1], therefore

$$\lim_{n \to \infty} M(f^{n+1}(x_0), f^n(x_0), t) = 1$$
(15)

Now, since $f^n(x_0) \leq f^{n+1}(x_0) \leq f^{n+2}(x_0)$, so using the triangle inequality of fuzzy metric space, we have

$$M(f^{n+2}(x_0), f^n(x_0), t+s) \ge T(M(f^{n+2}(x_0), f^{n+1}(x_0), t), M(f^{n+1}(x_0), f^n(x_0), s))$$

where, suppose that T is a product t - norm, then

$$M(f^{n+2}(x_0), f^n(x_0), t+s) \ge \left(M(f^{n+2}(x_0), f^{n+1}(x_0), t) \right) * M(f^{n+1}(x_0), f^n(x_0), s)$$
(16)

Now, using inequality (14) in right hand side of inequality (16), we have

$$\left(\frac{1}{M(f^{n+2}(x_0), f^{n+1}(x_0), t)} - 1 \right) \le \psi \left(\frac{1}{M(f^{n+1}(x_0), f^n(x_0), t)} - 1 \right)$$
$$\le \psi^{n+1} \left(\frac{1}{M(f(x_0), x_0, t)} - 1 \right)$$
$$\lim_{n \to \infty} \left(\frac{1}{M(f^{n+2}(x_0), f^{n+1}(x_0), t)} - 1 \right) \le \lim_{n \to \infty} \psi^{n+1} \left(\frac{1}{M(f(x_0)), x_0, t)} - 1 \right)$$

This implies

Thus

$$\lim_{n \to \infty} M(f^{n+2}(x_0), f^{n+1}(x_0), t) = 1.$$
(17)

Using equations (15) and (17) in inequality (16), we get

$$\lim_{n \to \infty} M(f^{n+2}(x_0), f^n(x_0), t+s) \ge 1 * 1$$

= 1

Therefore,

$$\lim_{n \to \infty} M(f^{n+2}(x_0), f^n(x_0), t_1) = 1 \text{ where } t_1 = t + s$$
(18)

Now, since $f^n(x_0) \leq f^{n+2}(x_0)$, so by the same arguments used to obtained inequality (16) one has

$$M(f^{n+3}(x_0), f^n(x_0), t+s) \ge M\left(f^{n+3}(x_0), f^{n+1}(x_0), \frac{t}{2}\right) * M\left(f^{n+1}(x_0), f^n(x_0), \frac{s}{2}\right).$$
(19)

Now,

$$M(f^{n+3}(x_0), f^{n+1}(x_0), t) \ge M\left(f^{n+3}(x_0), f^{n+2}(x_0), \frac{t}{2}\right) * M\left(f^{n+2}(x_0), f^{n+1}(x_0), \frac{s}{2}\right)$$
(20)

Using inequality (14) in right hand side of inequality (20), one obtains

From (17), (20) and (21), we get

$$\lim_{n \to \infty} M(f^{n+3}(x_0), f^{n+1}(x_0), t) \ge 1 * 1$$
$$\lim_{n \to \infty} M(f^{n+3}(x_0), f^{n+1}(x_0), t) = 1.$$
(22)

Using (15) and (22) in (19), we get

$$\lim_{n \to \infty} M(f^{n+3}(x_0), f^n(x_0), t+s) = 1.$$
(23)
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By using principle of Mathematical Induction, we get

$$\lim_{n \to \infty} M(f^{n+k}(x_0), f^n(x_0), t+s) = 1 \text{ for } k \ge 1$$

This implies that $\langle f^n(x_0) \rangle$ is a Cauchy sequence in X and since (X, M, T) is a complete fuzzy metric space, so there exists $x \in X$ such that

$$\lim_{n\to\infty} M(f^n(x_0), x, t) = 1 \ \forall \ t > 0.$$

This implies that $f^n(x_0) = x$. As, it is assumed that f is continuous, so clearly x = f(x). Hence x is fixed point for the mapping f.

Case 2: If

$$\max\left\{ \left(\frac{1}{M(x, y, t)} - 1\right), \left(\frac{1}{M(x, f(x), t)} - 1\right), \left(\frac{1}{M(y, f(y), t)} - 1\right), \frac{1}{2} \left[\left(\frac{1}{M(x, f(y), t)} - 1\right) + \left(\frac{1}{M(y, f(x), t)} - 1\right) \right] \right\} = \left(\frac{1}{M(x, f(x), t)} - 1\right)$$

$$(24)$$
Then
$$\left(\frac{1}{M(f(x), f(y), t)} - 1\right) \le \psi \left(\left(\frac{1}{M(x, f(x), t)} - 1\right) \right).$$

$$\left(\frac{1}{M(f(x),f(y),t)}-1\right) \le \psi\left(\left(\frac{1}{M(x,f(x),t)}-1\right)\right)$$

Putting $x = f(x_0)$ and $y = x_0$ in inequality (24) we have

$$\left(\frac{1}{M(f^2(x_0), f(x_0), t)} - 1\right) \le \psi\left(\frac{1}{M(f(x_0), f^2(x_0), t)} - 1\right)$$

and also, since $f(x_0) \leq f^2(x_0)$, we have

$$\left(\frac{1}{M(f^3(x_0), f^2(x_0), t)} - 1 \right) \le \psi \left(\frac{1}{M(f^2(x_0), f(x_0), t)} - 1 \right)$$
$$\le \psi^2 \left(\frac{1}{M(f(x_0), x_0, t)} - 1 \right)$$

By using principle of Mathematical Induction,

$$\left(\frac{1}{M(f^{n+1}(x_0), f^n(x_0), t)} - 1\right) \le \psi^n \left(\frac{1}{M(f(x_0), x_0, t)} - 1\right)$$

$$\lim_{n \to \infty} \left(\frac{1}{M(f^{n+1}(x_0), f^n(x_0), t)} - 1 \right) \le \lim_{n \to \infty} \psi^n \left(\frac{1}{M(f(x_0), x_0, t)} - 1 \right)$$
(25)

But it is assumed that

$$\lim_{n\to\infty}\psi^n(t)=0 \text{ for all } t>0.$$

Therefore, the inequality (25) turns out to be

$$\lim_{n \to \infty} \left(\frac{1}{M(f^{n+1}(x_0), f^n(x_0), t)} - 1 \right) \le 0.$$

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This implies

$$\lim_{n \to \infty} M(f^{n+1}(x_0), f^n(x_0), t) \ge 1.$$

It is well-known that M(x, y, t) lies in the interval [0,1], therefore

$$\lim_{n \to \infty} M(f^{n+1}(x_0), f^n(x_0), t) = 1$$
(26)

Now, since $f^n(x_0) \leq f^{n+1}(x_0) \leq f^{n+2}(x_0)$, so using the triangle inequality of fuzzy metric space, we have

$$M(f^{n+2}(x_0), f^n(x_0), t+s) \ge T(M(f^{n+2}(x_0), f^{n+1}(x_0), t), M(f^{n+1}(x_0), f^n(x_0), s))$$

where, suppose that T is a product t -norm, then

$$M(f^{n+2}(x_0), f^n(x_0), t+s) \ge \left(M(f^{n+2}(x_0), f^{n+1}(x_0), t) \right) * M(f^{n+1}(x_0), f^n(x_0), s)$$
(27)

Now, using inequality (25) in right hand side of inequality (27), we have

$$\begin{pmatrix} \frac{1}{M(f^{n+2}(x_0), f^{n+1}(x_0), t)} - 1 \end{pmatrix} \leq \psi \left(\frac{1}{M(f^{n+1}(x_0), f^n(x_0), t)} - 1 \right)$$

$$\leq \psi^{n+1} \left(\frac{1}{M(f(x_0), x_0, t)} - 1 \right)$$

$$\lim_{n \to \infty} \left(\frac{1}{M(f^{n+2}(x_0), f^{n+1}(x_0), t)} - 1 \right) \leq \lim_{n \to \infty} \psi^{n+1} \left(\frac{1}{M(f(x_0)), x_0, t)} - 1 \right).$$

This implies

$$\lim_{n \to \infty} M(f^{n+2}(x_0), f^{n+1}(x_0), t) = 1$$
(28)

Using equations (26) and (28) in inequality (27), we get

$$\lim_{n \to \infty} M(f^{n+2}(x_0), f^n(x_0), t+s) \ge 1 * 1$$

= 1.

Therefore

$$\lim_{n \to \infty} M(f^{n+2}(x_0), f^n(x_0), t_1) = 1, \text{ where } t_1 = t + s.$$
(29)

Now, since $f^n(x_0) \leq f^{n+2}(x_0)$, so by the same arguments used to obtained inequality (27) one has

$$M(f^{n+3}(x_0), f^n(x_0), t+s) \ge M\left(f^{n+3}(x_0), f^{n+1}(x_0), \frac{t}{2}\right) * M\left(f^{n+1}(x_0), f^n(x_0), \frac{s}{2}\right)$$
(30)

Now,

$$M(f^{n+3}(x_0), f^{n+1}(x_0), t) \ge M\left(f^{n+3}(x_0), f^{n+2}(x_0), \frac{t}{2}\right) * M\left(f^{n+2}(x_0), f^{n+1}(x_0), \frac{s}{2}\right)$$
(31)

Using inequality (25) in right hand side of inequality (31), one obtains

$$\begin{pmatrix} \frac{1}{M\left(f^{n+3}(x_0), f^{n+2}(x_0), \frac{t}{2}\right)} - 1 \end{pmatrix} \leq \psi \left(\frac{1}{M\left(f^{n+2}(x_0), f^{n+1}(x_0), \frac{t}{2}\right)} - 1 \right) \\ \leq \psi^{n+2} \left(\frac{1}{M\left(f^n(x_0), x_0, \frac{t}{2}\right)} - 1 \right) \\ \lim_{n \to \infty} M\left(f^{n+3}(x_0), f^{n+2}(x_0), \frac{t}{2}\right) = 1.$$

$$(32)$$

From (28), (31) and (32), we get

$$\lim_{n \to \infty} M(f^{n+3}(x_0), f^{n+1}(x_0), t) \ge 1 * 1.$$

$$\lim_{n \to \infty} M(f^{n+3}(x_0), f^{n+1}(x_0), t) = 1.$$
(33)

Using (26) and (33) in (30), we get

$$\lim_{n \to \infty} M(f^{n+3}(x_0), f^n(x_0), t+s) = 1$$
(34)

By using principle of Mathematical Induction, we get

$$\lim_{n \to \infty} M(f^{n+k}(x_0), f^n(x_0), t+s) = 1 \text{ for } k \ge 1.$$

This implies that $\langle f^n(x_0) \rangle$ is a Cauchy sequence in X and since (X, M, T) is a complete fuzzy metric space, so there exists $x \in X$ such that

$$\lim_{n \to \infty} M(f^n(x_0), x, t) = 1 \ \forall \ t > 0$$

This implies that $f^n(x_0) = x$. As, it is assumed that f is continuous, so clearly x = f(x). Hence x is fixed point for the mapping f.

Case 3: If

$$\max\left\{ \left(\frac{1}{M(x, y, t)} - 1\right), \left(\frac{1}{M(x, f(x), t)} - 1\right), \left(\frac{1}{M(y, f(y), t)} - 1\right), \frac{1}{2} \left[\left(\frac{1}{M(x, f(y), t)} - 1\right) + \left(\frac{1}{M(y, f(x), t)} - 1\right) \right] \right\} = \left(\frac{1}{M(y, f(y), t)} - 1\right)$$

$$\left(\frac{1}{M(f(x), f(y), t)} - 1\right) \le \psi\left(\frac{1}{M(y, f(y), t)} - 1\right)$$
(35)

then

Putting $x = f(x_0)$ and $y = x_0$ in inequality (35), we have

$$\left(\frac{1}{M(f^2(x_0), f(x_0), t)} - 1\right) \le \psi\left(\frac{1}{M(x_0), f(x_0), t)} - 1\right)$$

and also, since $f(x_0) \leq f^2(x_0)$, we have

$$\begin{split} \left(\frac{1}{M(f^3(x_0), f^2(x_0), t)} - 1\right) &\leq \psi \left(\frac{1}{M(f(x_0), f^2(x_0), t)} - 1\right) \\ &\leq \psi^2 \left(\frac{1}{M(x_0), f(x_0), t)} - 1\right). \end{split}$$

By using principle of Mathematical Induction,

$$\left(\frac{1}{M(f^{n+1}(x_0), f^n(x_0), t)} - 1\right) \le \psi^n \left(\frac{1}{M(f(x_0), x_0, t)} - 1\right)$$
$$\lim_{n \to \infty} \left(\frac{1}{M(f^{n+1}(x_0), f^n(x_0), t)} - 1\right) \le \lim_{n \to \infty} \psi^n \left(\frac{1}{M(f(x_0), x_0, t)} - 1\right)$$
(36)

But it is assumed that

$$\lim_{n \to \infty} \psi^n(t) = 0 \text{ for all } t > 0.$$

Therefore, the inequality (36) turns out to be

$$\begin{split} &\lim_{n\to\infty} \left(\frac{1}{M(f^{n+1}(x_0), f^n(x_0), t)} - 1 \right) \leq 0. \\ &\lim_{n\to\infty} M(f^{n+1}(x_0), f^n(x_0), t) \geq 1. \end{split}$$

This implies

It is well-known that M(x, y, t) lies in the interval [0,1], therefore

$$\lim_{n \to \infty} M(f^{n+1}(x_0), f^n(x_0), t) = 1.$$
(37)

Now, since $f^n(x_0) \leq f^{n+1}(x_0) \leq f^{n+2}(x_0)$, so using the triangle inequality of fuzzy metric space, we have

$$M(f^{n+2}(x_0), f^n(x_0), t+s) \ge T(M(f^{n+2}(x_0), f^{n+1}(x_0), t), M(f^{n+1}(x_0), f^n(x_0), s))$$

where, suppose that T is a product t- norm, then

$$M(f^{n+2}(x_0), f^n(x_0), t+s) \ge \left(M(f^{n+2}(x_0), f^{n+1}(x_0), t) \right) * M(f^{n+1}(x_0), f^n(x_0), s).$$
(38)

Now, using inequality (36) in right hand side of inequality (38)

$$\begin{split} \left(\frac{1}{M(f^{n+2}(x_0), f^{n+1}(x_0), t)} - 1\right) &\leq \psi \left(\frac{1}{M(f^{n+1}(x_0), f^n(x_0), t)} - 1\right) \\ &\leq \psi^{n+1} \left(\frac{1}{M(f(x_0), x_0, t)} - 1\right) \\ &\lim_{n \to \infty} \left(\frac{1}{M(f^{n+2}(x_0), f^{n+1}(x_0), t)} - 1\right) &\leq \lim_{n \to \infty} \psi^{n+1} \left(\frac{1}{M(f(x_0)), x_0, t)} - 1\right). \end{split}$$

This implies

$$\lim_{n \to \infty} M(f^{n+2}(x_0), f^{n+1}(x_0), t) = 1.$$
(39)

Using equations (37) and (39) in inequality (38), we get

$$\lim_{n \to \infty} M(f^{n+2}(x_0), f^n(x_0), t+s) \ge 1 * 1$$

= 1.

Therefore,

$$\lim_{n \to \infty} M(f^{n+2}(x_0), f^n(x_0), t_1) = 1, \text{ where } t_1 = t + s.$$
(40)

Now, since $f^n(x_0) \leq f^{n+2}(x_0)$, so by the same arguments used to obtained inequality (38) one has

$$M(f^{n+3}(x_0), f^n(x_0), t+s) \ge M\left(f^{n+3}(x_0), f^{n+1}(x_0), \frac{t}{2}\right) * M\left(f^{n+1}(x_0), f^n(x_0), \frac{s}{2}\right).$$
(41)

Now,
$$M(f^{n+3}(x_0), f^{n+1}(x_0), t) \ge M\left(f^{n+3}(x_0), f^{n+2}(x_0), \frac{t}{2}\right) * M\left(f^{n+2}(x_0), f^{n+1}(x_0), \frac{s}{2}\right).$$
 (42)

Using inequality (36) in right hand side of inequality (42)

$$\begin{pmatrix} \frac{1}{M\left(f^{n+3}(x_0), f^{n+2}(x_0), \frac{t}{2}\right)} - 1 \end{pmatrix} \leq \psi \left(\frac{1}{M\left(f^{n+2}(x_0), f^{n+1}(x_0), \frac{t}{2}\right)} - 1 \right)$$

$$\leq \psi^{n+2} \left(\frac{1}{M\left(f^n(x_0), x_0, \frac{t}{2}\right)} - 1 \right)$$

$$\lim_{n \to \infty} M\left(f^{n+3}(x_0), f^{n+2}(x_0), \frac{t}{2}\right) = 1.$$
 (43)

From (39), (42) and (43), we get

$$\lim_{n \to \infty} M(f^{n+3}(x_0), f^{n+1}(x_0), t) \ge 1 * 1$$
$$\lim_{n \to \infty} M(f^{n+3}(x_0), f^{n+1}(x_0), t) = 1$$
(44)

Using (37) and (44) in (41), we get

$$\lim_{n \to \infty} M(f^{n+3}(x_0), f^n(x_0), t+s) = 1.$$
(45)

By using principle of Mathematical Induction, we get

$$\lim_{n \to \infty} M(f^{n+k}(x_0), f^n(x_0), t+s) = 1 \text{ for } k \ge 1.$$

This implies that $\langle f^n(x_0) \rangle$ is a Cauchy sequence in *X* and since (X, M, T) is a complete fuzzy metric space, so there exists $x \in X$ such that

$$\lim_{n \to \infty} M(f^n(x_0), x, t) = 1 \forall t > 0$$

This implies that $f^n(x_0) = x$. As, it is assumed that f is continuous, so clearly x = f(x). Hence x is fixed point for the mapping f.

Case 4:If

$$\max\left\{ \left(\frac{1}{M(x, y, t)} - 1\right), \left(\frac{1}{M(x, f(x), t)} - 1\right), \left(\frac{1}{M(y, f(y), t)} - 1\right), \frac{1}{2} \left[\left(\frac{1}{M(x, f(y), t)} - 1\right) + \left(\frac{1}{M(y, f(x), t)} - 1\right) \right] \right\}$$

$$= \frac{1}{2} \left[\left(\frac{1}{M(x, f(y), t)} - 1\right) + \left(\frac{1}{M(y, f(x), t)} - 1\right) \right], \qquad (46)$$
then
$$\left(\frac{1}{M(f(x), f(y), t)} - 1\right) \le \psi \left(\frac{1}{2} \left[\left(\frac{1}{M(x, f(y), t)} - 1\right) + \left(\frac{1}{M(y, f(x), t)} - 1\right) \right] \right)$$

Putting
$$x = f(x_0)$$
 and $y = x_0$ in inequality (46), we have

$$\begin{split} \left(\frac{1}{M(f^2(x_0), f(x_0), t)} - 1\right) &\leq \psi \left(\frac{1}{2} \left[\left(\frac{1}{M(f(x_0), f(x_0), t)} - 1\right) + \left(\frac{1}{M(x_0, f^2(x_0), t)} - 1\right) \right] \right) \\ &= \psi \left(\frac{1}{2} \left(\frac{1}{M(x_0, f^2(x_0), t)} - 1\right) \right) \\ &\leq \psi^2 \left(\frac{1}{M(x_0), f(x_0), t)} - 1 \right). \end{split}$$

By using principle of Mathematical Induction,

$$\left(\frac{1}{M(f^{n+1}(x_0), f^n(x_0), t)} - 1\right) \le \psi^n \left(\frac{1}{M(f(x_0), x_0, t)} - 1\right)$$
$$\lim_{n \to \infty} \left(\frac{1}{M(f^{n+1}(x_0), f^n(x_0), t)} - 1\right) \le \lim_{n \to \infty} \psi^n \left(\frac{1}{M(f(x_0), x_0, t)} - 1\right)$$
(47)

But it is assumed that

$$\lim_{n\to\infty}\psi^n(t)=0 \text{ for all } t>0.$$

Therefore, the inequality (47) turns out to be

$$\lim_{n \to \infty} \left(\frac{1}{M(f^{n+1}(x_0), f^n(x_0), t)} - 1 \right) \le 0.$$
$$\lim_{n \to \infty} M(f^{n+1}(x_0), f^n(x_0), t) \ge 1.$$

This implies

It is well-known that M(x, y, t) lies in the interval [0,1], therefore

$$\lim_{n \to \infty} M(f^{n+1}(x_0), f^n(x_0), t) = 1$$
(48)

Now, since $f^n(x_0) \leq f^{n+1}(x_0) \leq f^{n+2}(x_0)$, so using the triangle inequality of fuzzy metric space, we have

$$M(f^{n+2}(x_0), f^n(x_0), t+s) \ge T(M(f^{n+2}(x_0), f^{n+1}(x_0), t), M(f^{n+1}(x_0), f^n(x_0), s))$$

where, suppose that *T* is a product *t*-norm, then

$$M(f^{n+2}(x_0), f^n(x_0), t+s) \ge \left(M(f^{n+2}(x_0), f^{n+1}(x_0), t) \right) * M(f^{n+1}(x_0), f^n(x_0), s).$$
(49)

Now, using inequality (47) in right hand side of inequality (49)

$$\left(\frac{1}{M(f^{n+2}(x_0), f^{n+1}(x_0), t)} - 1 \right) \le \psi \left(\frac{1}{M(f^{n+1}(x_0), f^n(x_0), t)} - 1 \right)$$

$$\le \psi^{n+1} \left(\frac{1}{M(f(x_0), x_0, t)} - 1 \right)$$

$$\lim_{n \to \infty} \left(\frac{1}{M(f^{n+2}(x_0), f^{n+1}(x_0), t)} - 1 \right) \le \lim_{n \to \infty} \psi^{n+1} \left(\frac{1}{M(f(x_0)), x_0, t)} - 1 \right).$$

This implies

$$\lim_{n \to \infty} M(f^{n+2}(x_0), f^{n+1}(x_0), t) = 1.$$
(50)

Using equations (48) and (50) in inequality (49), we get

$$\lim_{n \to \infty} M(f^{n+2}(x_0), f^n(x_0), t+s) \ge 1 * 1$$

= 1.

Therefore,

$$\lim_{n \to \infty} M(f^{n+2}(x_0), f^n(x_0), t_1) = 1, \text{ where } t_1 = t + s.$$
(51)

Now, since $f^n(x_0) \leq f^{n+2}(x_0)$, so by the same arguments used to obtained inequality (49) one has

$$M(f^{n+3}(x_0), f^n(x_0), t+s) \ge M\left(f^{n+3}(x_0), f^{n+1}(x_0), \frac{t}{2}\right) * M\left(f^{n+1}(x_0), f^n(x_0), \frac{s}{2}\right)$$
(52)

Now,
$$M(f^{n+3}(x_0), f^{n+1}(x_0), t) \ge M\left(f^{n+3}(x_0), f^{n+2}(x_0), \frac{t}{2}\right) * M\left(f^{n+2}(x_0), f^{n+1}(x_0), \frac{s}{2}\right)$$
 (53)

Using inequality (47) in right hand side of inequality (53)

$$\begin{pmatrix}
\frac{1}{M\left(f^{n+3}(x_{0}), f^{n+2}(x_{0}), \frac{t}{2}\right)} - 1 \\
\leq \psi \left(\frac{1}{M\left(f^{n+2}(x_{0}), f^{n+1}(x_{0}), \frac{t}{2}\right)} - 1 \right) \\
\leq \psi^{n+2} \left(\frac{1}{M\left(f^{n}(x_{0}), x_{0}, \frac{t}{2}\right)} - 1 \right) \\
\lim_{n \to \infty} M\left(f^{n+3}(x_{0}), f^{n+2}(x_{0}), \frac{t}{2}\right) = 1.$$
(54)

From (50), (53) and (58), we get

$$\lim_{n \to \infty} M(f^{n+3}(x_0), f^{n+1}(x_0), t) \ge 1 * 1$$
$$\lim_{n \to \infty} M(f^{n+3}(x_0), f^{n+1}(x_0), t) = 1.$$
(55)

Using (48) and (55) in (52), we get

$$\lim_{n \to \infty} M(f^{n+3}(x_0), f^n(x_0), t+s) = 1.$$
(56)

By using principle of Mathematical Induction, we get

$$\lim_{n\to\infty} M(f^{n+k}(x_0), f^n(x_0), t+s) = 1 \text{ for } k \ge 1$$

This implies that $\langle f^n(x_0) \rangle$ is a Cauchy sequence in *X* and since (X, M, T) is a complete fuzzy metric space, so there exists $x \in X$ such that

$$\lim_{n\to\infty} M(f^n(x_0), x, t) = 1 \ \forall \ t > 0$$

This implies that $f^n(x_0) = x$. As, it is assumed that f is continuous, so clearly x = f(x). Hence x is fixed point for the mapping f.

Example 2.6. Let X = [0,1] be a partial order set under the usual order \leq and (X, M, T) be complete fuzzy metric space. Consider $M(x, y, t) = e^{-t|x-y|}$ and $\psi(t) = \frac{t}{2}$ is non-decreasing function. Suppose $f(x) = \frac{x}{2}$. Consequently, these functions satisfy all conditions of Theorem 2.2 and f has a unique fixed point 0.

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