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# COINCIDENCE POINT THEOREMS FOR MULTI-VALUED MAPPINGS IN FUZZY METRIC SPACES

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Abstract. In this paper, by applying the countable extensions of a t-norm, we have proved a coincidence point theorem for the fuzzy Nadler type of contraction mappings. Also, a coincidence point theorem in a fuzzy metric spaces for an implicit relation is given.

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### 1. INTRODUCTION

It is a well known fact that a fuzzy metric space is a generalization of the concept of metric space that is based on the theory of fuzzy sets ([24]). Kramosil and Michalek (see [14]) introduced the notion of a fuzzy metric space by translating the concept of probabilistic metric space to the fuzzy environment. Further on, George and Veeramani ([2, 3]) modified the previous and obtained a Hausdorff topology for this specific kind of fuzzy metric spaces. Recently, many authors observed that various contraction mappings in metric spaces can be transferred into a fuzzy metric spaces endowed with a special t-norm. S.B. Nadler ([19]) has proved a generalization of the well known Banach contraction principle for a multi-valued mappings  $f: X \to CB(X)$ , where (X, d) is a classical metric space and CB(X) is the family of all non-empty, closed and bounded subsets of X. There are various extensions of the Banach contraction mappings for single-valued and multi-valued mappings done in the fuzzy metric spaces' background (see [1, 4, 6, 7, 8, 9, 12, 15, 16, 17, 18]). V. Popa ([20]) introduced the idea of implicit function to prove a common fixed point theorem in metric spaces. B. Singh and S. Jain ([23]) extended the result of Popa to the fuzzy metric spaces. Many authors (see [11], [21], [23], [25]) proved a common fixed point theorem for a single-valued mappings in the fuzzy metric spaces using implicit relations. S. Sedghi et al. ([22]) proved a common fixed point theorem for a multi-valued mappings that satisfies an implicit relation on a fuzzy metric spaces for a specific t-norm.

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The focus of this paper is on a coincidence point theorem for three mappings for the fuzzy Nadler type of contraction mappings. Presented result is a generalization of the Theorem 4.13 from [6]. A probabilistic version of the presented result can be found in [26]. Also, a coincidence point theorem for three mappings in a fuzzy metric space with an implicit relation is given.

A short overview of some well-known definitions and facts that are the core of the presented results follows (see [2, 4, 6, 13]).

# 1.1. Preliminaries - t-norms.

**Definition 1.1** A mapping  $T: [0,1] \times [0,1] \rightarrow [0,1]$  is called a triangular norm (a t-norm) if the following conditions are satisfied:

- T(a, 1) = a for all  $a \in [0, 1]$ ;
- T(a,b) = T(b,a) for all  $a, b \in [0,1];$
- $a \ge b, c \ge d \Rightarrow T(a,c) \ge T(b,d)$   $(a,b,c,d \in [0,1]);$  T(a,T(b,c)) = T(T(a,b),c)  $(a,b,c \in [0,1]).$

The following are the four basic t-norms ([13]):

$$T_M(x,y) = \min(x,y), \quad T_P(x,y) = x \cdot y, \quad T_L(x,y) = \max(x+y-1,0)$$
$$T_D(x,y) = \begin{cases} \min(x,y) & \text{if } \max(x,y) = 1, \\ 0 & \text{otherwise.} \end{cases}$$

Some important families of t-norms are given in the following example ([13]): Example 1.2

(i) The Dombi family of t-norms  $(T^D_{\lambda})_{\lambda \in [0,\infty]}$ , which is defined by

$$T_{\lambda}^{D}(x, y) = \begin{cases} T_{D}(x, y), & \lambda = 0\\ T_{M}(x, y), & \lambda = \infty\\ \frac{1}{1 + \left(\left(\frac{1-x}{x}\right)^{\lambda} + \left(\frac{1-y}{y}\right)^{\lambda}\right)^{1/\lambda}}, & \lambda \in (0, \infty). \end{cases}$$

(ii) The Aczél-Alsina family of t-norms  $(T_{\lambda}^{AA})_{\lambda \in [0,\infty]}$ , which is defined by

$$T_{\lambda}^{AA}(x, y) = \begin{cases} T_D(x, y), & \lambda = 0\\ T_M(x, y), & \lambda = \infty\\ e^{-((-\log x)^{\lambda} + (-\log y)^{\lambda})^{1/\lambda}}, & \lambda \in (0, \infty). \end{cases}$$

(iii) Sugeno-Weber family of t-norms  $(T_{\lambda}^{SW})_{\lambda \in [-1,\infty]}$ , which is defined by

$$T_{\lambda}^{SW}(x, y) = \begin{cases} T_D(x, y), & \lambda = -1\\ T_P(x, y), & \lambda = \infty\\ \max(0, \frac{x+y-1+\lambda xy}{1+\lambda}), & \lambda \in (-1, \infty). \end{cases}$$

The following class of t-norms, that has proved itself as a highly useful tool in the fixed point theory, was introduced in [4].

**Definition 1.3** [4] Let T be a t-norm and let  $(T_n)_{n \in \mathbb{N}}$  be a sequence of t-norms given by the following:

$$T_1(x) = T(x, x)$$
 and  $T_{n+1}(x) = T(T_n(x), x).$ 

A t-norm T is of the H-type if T is continuous and the sequence  $\{T_n(x)\}_{n\in\mathbb{N}}$  is equicontinuous at x = 1.

**Remark 1.4** The family  $\{T_n(x)\}_{n\in\mathbb{N}}$  of t-norms is equicontinuous at x = 1, if for all  $\lambda \in (0, 1)$  there exists  $\delta(\lambda) \in (0, 1)$  such that the following implication holds:

$$x > 1 - \delta(\lambda) \Rightarrow T_n(x) > 1 - \lambda \quad for \ all \quad n \in \mathbb{N}$$

(see [4]). A trivial example of a t-norm of H-type is  $T = T_M$ . A nontrivial example can be found in [4].

An arbitrary t-norm T can be extended, due to the associativity, to an n-ary operation on  $[0, 1]^n$  (see [13]):

$$T(x_1, x_2, \dots, x_n) = \mathbf{T}_{i=1}^n x_i = T(\mathbf{T}_{i=1}^{n-1} x_i, x_n)$$
 and  $\mathbf{T}_{i=1}^1 x_i = x_1$ .

Now, the four basic t-norms are extended in the following manner

$$T_L(x_1, x_2, \dots, x_n) = \max\{\sum_{i=1}^n x_i - (n-1), 0\},\$$
  
$$T_M(x_1, x_2, \dots, x_n) = \min\{x_1, x_2, \dots, x_n\},\$$

$$T_P(x_1, x_2, \dots, x_n) = x_1 \cdot x_2 \cdots x_n$$

and

$$T_D(x_1, x_2, \dots, x_n) = \begin{cases} x_i & \text{if } x_j = 1 \text{ for all } j \neq i, \\ 0 & \text{otherwise.} \end{cases}$$

Also, a t-norm T can be extend to a countable case as follows:

$$\mathbf{T}_{i=1}^{\infty} x_i = \lim_{n \to \infty} \mathbf{T}_{i=1}^n x_i,$$

where  $(x_n)_{n \in \mathbb{N}}$  is an arbitrary sequence from [0, 1]. The limit on the right-hand side exists since the sequence  $(\mathbf{T}_{i=1}^n x_i)_{n \in \mathbb{N}}$  is nonincreasing and bounded from below.

The following equivalences and proposition that will be used further on can be found in [6]:

• If  $T = T_L$  or  $T = T_P$ , then

$$\lim_{n \to \infty} \mathbf{T}_{i=n}^{\infty} x_i = 1 \Longleftrightarrow \sum_{i=1}^{\infty} (1 - x_i) < \infty.$$

• If  $(T_{\lambda}^*)_{\lambda \in (0,\infty)}$  is the Dombi family of t-norms or the Aczél-Alsina family of t-norms and if  $(x_n)_{n \in \mathbb{N}}$  is a sequence of elements from (0, 1] such that  $\lim_{n \to \infty} x_n = 1$ , then

$$\lim_{k \to \infty} (\mathbf{T}^*_{\lambda})_{i=n}^{\infty} x_i = 1 \iff \sum_{i=1}^{\infty} (1 - x_i)^{\lambda} < \infty.$$
(1.1)

• If  $(T_{\lambda}^{SW})_{\lambda \in (-1,\infty]}$  is the Sugeno-Weber family of t-norms and  $(x_n)_{n \in \mathbb{N}}$  is a sequence of elements from (0, 1] such that  $\lim_{n \to \infty} x_n = 1$ , then

$$\lim_{n \to \infty} (\mathbf{T}_{\lambda}^{SW})_{i=n}^{\infty} x_i = 1 \Longleftrightarrow \sum_{i=1}^{\infty} (1 - x_i) < \infty.$$
(1.2)

**Proposition 1.5** [6] Let  $(x_n)_{n \in \mathbb{N}}$  be a sequence of numbers from [0, 1] such that  $\lim_{n \to \infty} x_n = 1$  and t-norm T is of the H-type. Then,

$$\lim_{n \to \infty} \mathbf{T}_{i=n}^{\infty} x_i = \lim_{n \to \infty} \mathbf{T}_{i=n}^{\infty} x_{n+i} = 1.$$

### 1.2. Preliminaries - fuzzy metric spaces.

**Definition 1.6** [2] The 3-tuple (X, M, T) is a fuzzy metric space if X is an arbitrary set, T is a continuous t-norm and M is a fuzzy set on  $X^2 \times (0, \infty)$  satisfying the following conditions:

- M(x, y, t) > 0, for all  $x, y \in X, t > 0$ ,
- M(x, y, t) = 1 for all  $t > 0 \Leftrightarrow x = y$ ,
- M(x, y, t) = M(y, x, t), for all  $x, y \in X, t > 0$ ,
- $T(M(x, y, t), M(y, z, s)) \le M(x, z, t+s)$ , for all  $x, y, z \in X, t, s > 0$ ,
- $M(x, y, \cdot) : (0, \infty) \to [0, 1]$  is continuous for all  $x, y \in X$ .

If (X, M, T) is a fuzzy metric space, then M generates the Hausdorff topology on X with base of open sets  $\{U(x, r, t) : x \in X, r \in (0, 1), t > 0\}$ , where

$$U(x, r, t) = \{y : y \in X, M(x, y, t) > 1 - r\}$$

(see [2]).

Since the focus is on the complete fuzzy metric spaces, the following definition is needed.

#### Definition 1.7 [2]

- (a) A sequence  $\{x_n\}_{n\in\mathbb{N}}$  in a fuzzy metric space (X, M, T) is a Cauchy sequence if for all  $\varepsilon \in (0, 1), t > 0$  there exists  $n_0 \in \mathbb{N}$  such that  $M(x_n, x_m, t) > 1 - \varepsilon$ for all  $n, m \ge n_0$ .
- (b) A sequence  $\{x_n\}_{n\in\mathbb{N}}$  in a fuzzy metric space (X, M, T) converges to x if for all  $\varepsilon \in (0, 1), t > 0$  there exists  $n_0 \in \mathbb{N}$  such that  $M(x_n, x, t) > 1 \varepsilon$  for all  $n \ge n_0$ .
- (c) A fuzzy metric space in which every Cauchy sequence is convergent is complete.

Additionally, through this paper let us assume that  $\lim_{t \to \infty} M(x, y, t) = 1$ .

### 2. Main results

Let X be an arbitrary nonempty set, CB(X) the family of all non-empty, closed and bounded subsets of X, and C(X) the family of all nonempty and closed subsets of X.

Let (X, M, T) be a fuzzy metric space.

2.1. Fuzzy Nadler q-contraction. S.B. Nadler ([19]) proved on a metric space (X, d) generalization of the Banach contraction principle for multi-valued mappings  $f: X \to CB(X)$  of the form

$$D(fx, fy) \le qd(x, y),$$

where D is the Hausdorff metric and  $q \in (0, 1)$ .

A generalization of the Nadler contraction principle in a fuzzy metric space (X, M, T) follows.

**Definition 2.1** [6] Let (X, M, T) be a fuzzy metric space, A nonempty subset of X and  $F : A \to C(A)$ . Mapping F is the fuzzy Nadler q-contraction, where  $q \in (0, 1)$ , if the following condition is satisfied:

for all  $u, v \in A$ , all  $x \in Fu$  and all  $\delta > 0$  there exists  $y \in Fv$  such that for all  $t > \delta$ 

$$M(x, y, t) \ge M(u, v, \frac{t - \delta}{q}).$$

# Remark 2.2

- (i) Since the function M(x, y, ·) is continuous, for f being a single valued mapping the fuzzy Nadler q-contraction coincides with the notion of fuzzy Banach qcontraction.
- (ii) Connection of the probabilistic Nadler q-contraction with random operators is illustrated by Example 4.10 from [6]. Connection with the fuzzy metric case is analogous.

**Definition 2.3** [10] Let (X, M, T) be a fuzzy metric space,  $\emptyset \neq A \subset X$ ,  $f : A \to A$ and  $F : A \to C(A)$ . Mapping F is a f- strongly demicompact if for every sequence  $(x_n)_{n \in \mathbb{N}}$  from A, and every  $\varepsilon > 0$  such that

$$\lim_{n \to \infty} M(fx_n, y_n, \varepsilon) = 1 \text{ for some sequence } (y_n)_{n \in \mathbb{N}}, y_n \in Fx_n, n \in \mathbb{N},$$

there exists convergent subsequences  $(fx_{n_k})_{k \in \mathbb{N}}$ .

**Example 2.4** Let  $X = D = \mathbb{R}$ ,  $M(x, y, t) = M_d(x, y, t) = \frac{t}{t+d(x,y)}$  where d is the usual metric on  $\mathbb{R}$  and  $T = T_P$ . Then (X, M, T) is a fuzzy metric space. Let  $f(x) = \operatorname{arctg} x$  and  $F(x) = [\operatorname{arctg} x - 1, \operatorname{arctg} x + 1]$ . Then for every sequence  $(x_n)_{n \in \mathbb{N}}$ , we can find a sequence  $(y_n)_{n \in \mathbb{N}}$  such that  $y_n \in F(x_n)$ , namely  $y_n = \operatorname{arctg} x_n + \frac{1}{n}$ , and  $M_d(f(x_n), y_n, t) = \frac{t}{t+d(f(x_n), y_n)} \to 1$ ,  $n \to \infty$ . Now, since the sequence  $(\operatorname{arctg} x_n)_{n \in \mathbb{N}}$ is bounded and it has a monotone subsequence, there exists a convergent subsequence, e.g., for  $x_n = n(-1)^n$ , the sequence  $f(x_n) = \operatorname{arctg}(n(-1)^n)$  has a convergent subsequence obtained by selecting even members.

**Definition 2.5** [5] A mapping  $F : X \to C(X)$  is weakly commuting with  $f : X \to X$  if for all  $x \in X$  it holds

$$f(Fx) \subseteq F(fx).$$

**Theorem 2.6** Let (X, M, T) be a complete fuzzy metric space, and A nonempty and closed subset of X. Let  $f : A \to A$  be a continuous mapping and  $F, G : A \to C(A)$  such that for  $q \in (0, 1)$  the following holds:

For every  $u, v \in A$ ,  $x \in Fu$  and  $\delta > 0$ , there exist  $y \in Gv$  such that for all  $\varepsilon > \delta$ 

$$M(x, y, \varepsilon) \ge M(fu, fv, \frac{\varepsilon - \delta}{q}).$$
 (2.1)

If F and G are weakly commuting with f and the following is satisfied (i) F or G are f-strongly demicompact or

(ii) there exists  $x_0, x_1 \in A$ ,  $fx_1 \in Fx_0$  and  $\mu \in (q, 1)$  such that for a t-norm T holds

$$\lim_{n \to \infty} \mathbf{T}_{i=n}^{\infty} M(fx_0, fx_1, \frac{1}{\mu^i}) = 1.$$

Then there exist  $x \in A$  such that  $fx \in Fx \cap Gx$ . *Proof.* Let  $x_0, x_1 \in A$  be such that  $fx_1 \in Fx_0$ . From (2.1) for  $x = fx_1, u = x_0$ ,  $v = x_1$  i  $\delta = q$  it follows that there exist  $x_2 \in A$  such that  $fx_2 \in Gx_1$  and

$$M(fx_1, fx_2, \varepsilon) \ge M(fx_0, fx_1, \frac{\varepsilon - q}{q}).$$

Continuing in this way we can construct a sequence  $(x_n)_{n\in\mathbb{N}}$  from A such the following conditions are satisfied

(a)  $fx_{2n+1} \in Fx_{2n}$  and  $fx_{2n+2} \in Gx_{2n+1}$ (b)  $M(fx_n, fx_{n+1}, \varepsilon) \ge M(fx_{n-1}, fx_n, \frac{\varepsilon - q^n}{q}).$ 

From (b) it follows

$$M(fx_n, fx_{n+1}, \varepsilon) \ge M(fx_1, fx_0, \frac{\varepsilon - nq^n}{q^n})$$

Since  $\varepsilon > 0$ ,  $\lim_{n \to \infty} M(fx_1, fx_0, \frac{\varepsilon - nq^n}{q^n}) = 1$   $(\lim_{n \to \infty} (\frac{\varepsilon - nq^n}{q^n}) = \infty)$ , it follows

$$\lim_{n \to \infty} M(fx_n, fx_{n+1}, \varepsilon) = 1.$$
(2.2)

If we supposed that F is f-strongly demicompact, i.e., condition (i) is fulfilled, using

$$\lim_{n \to \infty} M(fx_{2n}, fx_{2n+1}, \varepsilon) = 1 \quad \text{and} \quad fx_{2n+1} \in Fx_{2n}$$

we conclude that there exist a convergent subsequence  $(f_{x_{2n_k}})_{k\in\mathbb{N}}$  of a sequence  $(fx_{2n})_{n\in\mathbb{N}}.$ 

It remains to be proved that the sequence  $(fx_n)_{n\in\mathbb{N}}$  is convergent if T satisfies condition (ii).

Let  $\sigma = \frac{q}{\mu}$ . Since  $\sigma \in (0, 1)$ ,  $\sum_{i=1}^{\infty} \sigma^i$  is convergent, there exist  $m_0 \in \mathbb{N}$  such that  $\sum_{i=1}^{\infty} \sigma^i < 1$ . Therefore, for all  $m > m_0$  and  $s \in \mathbb{N}$  it holds

$$\varepsilon > \varepsilon \sum_{i=m_0}^{\infty} \sigma^i > \varepsilon \sum_{i=m}^{m+s} \sigma^i.$$

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Then,

$$\begin{split} M(fx_{m+s+1}, fx_m, \varepsilon) &\geq M(fx_{m+s+1}, fx_m, \varepsilon \sum_{i=m}^{m+s} \sigma^i) \\ &\geq \underbrace{T(T(\dots, T)}_{(s+1)-times} (M(fx_{m+s+1}, fx_{m+s}, \varepsilon \sigma^{m+s})) \\ &, M(fx_{m+s}, fx_{m+s-1}, \varepsilon \sigma^{m+s-1})), \dots, M(fx_{m+1}, fx_m, \varepsilon \sigma^m)) \\ &\geq \underbrace{T(T(\dots, T)}_{(s+1)-times} (M(fx_1, fx_0, \frac{\varepsilon \sigma^{m+s} - (m+s)q^{m+s}}{q^{m+s}})) \\ &, M(fx_1, fx_0, \frac{\varepsilon \sigma^{m+s-1} - (m+s-1)q^{m+s-1}}{q^{m+s-1}}), \\ &\dots, M(fx_1, fx_0, \frac{\varepsilon \sigma^m - mq^m}{q^m})) \\ &= \underbrace{T(T(\dots, T)}_{(s+1)-times} (M(fx_1, fx_0, \frac{\varepsilon}{(\frac{g}{\sigma})^{m+s}} - (m+s))) \\ &, M(fx_1, fx_0, \frac{\varepsilon}{(\frac{g}{\sigma})^{m+s-1}} - (m+s-1)), \\ &\dots M(fx_1, fx_0, \frac{\varepsilon}{(\frac{g}{\sigma})^m} - m)) \\ &= \mathbf{T}_{i=m}^{m+s} M(fx_1, fx_0, \frac{\varepsilon}{\mu^i} - i). \end{split}$$

Since  $\mu \in (q, 1)$ , there exist  $m_1(\varepsilon) > m_0$  such that  $\frac{\varepsilon}{\mu^m} - m > \frac{\varepsilon}{2\mu^m}$ , for every  $m > \infty$  $m_1(\varepsilon)$ . Now, for all  $s \in \mathbb{N}$  we have

$$M(fx_{m+s+1}, fx_m, \varepsilon) \geq \mathbf{T}_{i=m}^{m+s} M(fx_1, fx_0, \frac{\varepsilon}{2\mu^i})$$
$$\geq \mathbf{T}_{i=m}^{\infty} M(fx_1, fx_0, \frac{\varepsilon}{2\mu^i})$$

Since  $\lim_{m\to\infty} \mathbf{T}_{i=m}^{\infty} M(fx_1, fx_0, \frac{1}{\mu^i}) = 1$ , it gives us  $\lim_{m\to\infty} \mathbf{T}_{i=m}^{\infty} M(fx_1, fx_0, \frac{\varepsilon}{2\mu^i}) = 1$ , for all  $\varepsilon > 0$ . The previous implies that for all  $\varepsilon > 0$ ,  $\lambda \in (0, 1)$ , there exist  $m_2(\varepsilon, \lambda) > 0$  $m_1(\varepsilon)$  such that  $M(fx_{m+s+1}, fx_m, \varepsilon) > 1 - \lambda$ , for all  $m > m_2(\varepsilon, \lambda)$  and all  $s \in \mathbb{N}$ .

The obtained sequence  $(fx_n)_{n\in\mathbb{N}}$  is a Cauchy sequence and, since X is complete, the limit  $\lim_{n \to \infty} fx_n$  exists.

Therefore, in both cases (i) and (ii) there exists a subsequence  $(fx_{n_k})_{k\in\mathbb{N}}$  such that

$$x = \lim_{k \to \infty} f x_{2n_k} \in A.$$

Also, from (2.2) it follows that  $x = \lim_{k \to \infty} fx_{2n_k+1}$ . Now, let us show that  $fx \in Fx \cap Gx$ . Since Fx and Gx are closed, it should be prove that  $fx \in \overline{Fx} \cap \overline{Gx}$ , i.e., that for every  $\varepsilon > 0$  and  $\lambda \in (0, 1)$  there exists

 $r_1(\varepsilon, \lambda) \in Fx$  and  $r_2(\varepsilon, \lambda) \in Gx$  such that

$$r_1(\varepsilon, \lambda) \in U(fx, \varepsilon, \lambda)$$
 and  $r_2(\varepsilon, \lambda) \in U(fx, \varepsilon, \lambda)$ .

Since the t-norm T is continuous, we have  $\sup_{x<1} T(x, x) = 1$  and there exists  $\delta(\lambda) \in (0, 1)$  such that

 $T(1 - \delta(\lambda), T(1 - \delta(\lambda), 1 - \delta(\lambda))) > 1 - \lambda.$ 

From the continuity of the mapping f and from  $x = \lim_{k \to \infty} f x_{2n_k}$  follows that there exist  $k_1 \in \mathbb{N}$  such that

$$M(fx, ffx_{2n_k}, \frac{\varepsilon}{3}) > 1 - \delta(\lambda), \quad \text{for every } k \ge k_1.$$

Further on, condition (2.2) insures existence of  $k_2 \in \mathbb{N}$  such that

$$M(ffx_{2n_k}, ffx_{2n_k+1}, \frac{\varepsilon}{3}) > 1 - \delta(\lambda), \quad \text{for every } k \ge k_2.$$

Let  $\delta = \frac{\varepsilon}{12}$ . Since F is weakly commuting with f then

$$ffx_{2n_k+1} \in f(Fx_{2n_k}) \subseteq F(fx_{2n_k}),$$

and, due to (2.1), there exist  $r_2(\varepsilon, \lambda) \in Gx$  such that

$$M(ffx_{2n_k+1}, r_2(\varepsilon, \lambda), \frac{\varepsilon}{3}) \geq M(ffx_{2n_k}, fx, \frac{\varepsilon}{4q})$$
  
>  $1 - \delta(\lambda).$ 

Then

$$\begin{split} M(fx,r_2(\varepsilon,\lambda),\varepsilon) &\geq T(M(fx,ffx_{2n_k},\frac{\varepsilon}{3}),T(M(ffx_{2n_k},ffx_{2n_k+1},\frac{\varepsilon}{3}),\\ M(ffx_{2n_k+1},r_2(\varepsilon,\lambda),\frac{\varepsilon}{3}))) > 1-\lambda. \end{split}$$

Now we have  $r_2(\varepsilon, \lambda) \in U(fx, \varepsilon, \lambda)$ .

Similarly we can prove that  $r_1(\varepsilon, \lambda) \in Fx \cap U(fx, \varepsilon, \lambda)$ . **Example 2.7** Let (X, M, T) be a fuzzy metric space as in Example 2.4. Let  $A = \begin{bmatrix} \frac{1}{2}, 2 \end{bmatrix}$ and for all  $x \in A$ .

(a) Let f(x) = 2,  $F(x) = \{1, 2\}$  and  $G(x) = \{\frac{1}{x}, 1, 2\}$ . Since

$$f(Fx) = \{2\} \subset F(fx) = \{1, 2\}$$
 and  $f(Gx) = \{2\} \subset G(fx) = \{\frac{1}{2}, 1, 2\}$ 

mappings F and G weakly commuting with f. Also, mappings F and G are f-strongly demicompact, for every  $u, v \in A$  condition (2.1) is satisfied and the claim from the previous theorem holds.

(b) Let f(x) = x,  $F(x) = \{1\}$  and  $G(x) = \{1, x\}$ . Then F and G are weakly commuting with f, F is f-strongly demicompact, for every  $u, v \in A$  condition (2.1) is satisfied and the claim from the previous theorem holds.

**Remark 2.8** From Proposition 1.5 follows that the Theorem 2.6 holds if condition (ii) is substituted with the assumption "t-norm T is of H-type".

**Corollary 2.9** Let  $(X, M, T^*)$  be a complete fuzzy metric space and A nonempty and closed subset of X. Let  $f : A \to A$  be a continuous mapping and F,  $G : A \to C(A)$  such that for  $q \in (0, 1)$  the following holds:

For every  $u, v \in A$ ,  $x \in Fu$  and  $\delta > 0$ , there exist  $y \in Gv$  such that for all  $\varepsilon > \delta$ 

$$M(x, y, \varepsilon) \ge M(fu, fv, \frac{\varepsilon - \delta}{a})$$

If F and G are weakly commuting with f and the following is satisfied (i) F or G are f-strongly demicompact

(ii-a) for  $T^* = T_{\lambda}^D$  or  $T^* = T_{\lambda}^{AA}$ ,  $\lambda > 0$ , there exists  $x_0, x_1 \in A$ ,  $fx_1 \in Fx_0$  and  $\mu \in (q, 1)$ 

such that

or

$$\sum_{i=1}^{\infty} (1 - M(fx_0, fx_1, \frac{1}{\mu^i}))^{\lambda} < \infty;$$

(ii-b) for  $T^* = T_{\lambda}^{SW}$ ,  $\lambda > -1$ , there exists  $x_0, x_1 \in A$ ,  $fx_1 \in Fx_0$  and  $\mu \in (q, 1)$  such that

$$\sum_{i=1}^{\infty} (1 - M(fx_0, fx_1, \frac{1}{\mu^i})) < \infty.$$

Then, there exist  $x \in A$  such that  $fx \in Fx \cap Gx$ . Proof. Follows directly from equivalences (1.1) and (1.2).

2.2. Implicit relation. Let  $\Phi$  be the set of all continuous functions  $\phi : [0,1]^6 \to \mathbb{R}$  such that

 $(\phi_1) \phi(t_1, t_2, t_3, t_4, t_5, t_6)$  is non-increasing in  $t_6$ .

 $(\phi_2) \phi(u, v, v, u, 1, T(u, v)) \ge 0$  imply  $u \ge v$ .

 $(\phi_3) \phi(u, 1, 1, u, 1, u) \ge 0$  imply  $u \ge 1$ .

**Example 2.10** Let  $T = T_P$  and  $\phi(t_1, t_2, t_3, t_4, t_5, t_6) = t_1 t_2 t_4 - t_3 t_5 t_6$ .

**Theorem 2.11** Let (X, M, T) be a complete fuzzy metric space and A nonempty and closed subset of X. Let  $f : A \to A$  a continuous function and let  $F, G : X \to C(A)$  be a multi-valued functions such that for some  $\phi \in \Phi$  there exists a constant  $k \in (0, 1)$ such that for all  $u, v \in A$  and every  $t > 0, x \in Fu$  there exists  $y \in Gv$  such that

$$\phi\Big(M(x, y, kt), M(fu, fv, t), M(x, fu, t), M(y, fv, kt), M(x, fv, t), M(y, fu, (k+1)t)\Big) \ge 0$$
(2.3)

If F and G are weakly commuting with f and the following is satisfied

(i) F or G are f-strongly demicompact

(ii) there exists  $x_0, x_1 \in A$  such that for  $fx_1 \in Fx_0$  and  $\mu \in (k, 1)$  the following holds:

$$\lim_{n \to \infty} \mathbf{T}_{i=n}^{\infty} M(fx_0, fx_1, \frac{1}{\mu^i}) = 1.$$

Then there exists  $x \in A$  such that  $fx \in Fx \cap Gx$ .

*Proof.* Let  $x_0$  and  $x_1 \in A$  such that  $fx_1 \in Fx_0$ . From (2.3) for  $x = fx_1$ ,  $u = x_0$ ,  $v = x_1$  it follows that there exist  $x_2 \in A$  such that  $fx_2 \in Gx_1$  and

$$\begin{split} \phi(M(fx_1, fx_2, kt), M(fx_0, fx_1, t), M(fx_1, fx_0, t), \\ M(fx_2, fx_1, kt), M(fx_1, fx_1, t), M(fx_2, fx_0, (k+1)t)) \geq 0 \end{split}$$

Since  $M(fx_2, fx_0, (k+1)t) \ge T(M(fx_2, fx_1, kt), M(fx_1, fx_0, t))$ , by applying  $(\phi_1)$  and  $(\phi_2)$ , it is obtained

$$\phi(M(fx_1, fx_2, kt), M(fx_0, fx_1, t), M(fx_1, fx_0, t), \\ M(fx_2, fx_1, kt), M(fx_1, fx_1, t), T(M(fx_2, fx_1, kt), M(fx_1, fx_0, t))) \ge 0$$

and  $M(fx_1, fx_2, kt) \ge M(fx_0, fx_1, t)$ , i.e.,  $M(fx_1, fx_2, t) \ge M(fx_0, fx_1, \frac{t}{k})$ . Continuing with the previous procedure, we can obtain a sequence  $\{x_n\}_{n\in\mathbb{N}}$  from A such that

(a) 
$$fx_{2n+1} \in Fx_{2n}$$
 and  $fx_{2n+2} \in Gx_{2n+1}$   
(b)  $M(fx_n, fx_{n+1}, t) \ge M(fx_{n-1}, fx_n, \frac{t}{k}) \ge \dots \ge M(fx_1, fx_0, \frac{t}{k^n})$ , i.e.,  

$$\lim_{n \to \infty} M(fx_n, fx_{n+1}, t) = 1.$$

If F is f-strongly demicompact, from  $\lim_{n\to\infty} M(fx_{2n}, fx_{2n+1}, t) = 1$  and  $fx_{2n+1} \in Fx_{2n}$  follows existence of a convergent subsequence  $(fx_{2n_p})_{p\in\mathbb{N}}$  of a sequence  $(fx_{2n_p})_{n\in\mathbb{N}}$ .

It remains to be proved that the sequence  $\{fx_n\}$  is a convergent if the t-norm T satisfies condition (ii). Let  $\sigma = \frac{k}{\mu}$ . Since  $0 < \sigma < 1$  the series  $\sum_{i=1}^{\infty} \sigma^i$  is convergent and there exists  $n_0 \in \mathbb{N}$  such that  $\sum_{i=n_0}^{\infty} \sigma^i < 1$ . Hence, for  $n > n_0$  and all  $m \in \mathbb{N}$ , it holds

$$t > t \sum_{i=n_0}^{\infty} \sigma^i > t \sum_{i=n}^{n+m-1} \sigma^i.$$

Then we have,

$$M(fx_{n+m}, fx_n, t) \ge M(fx_{n+m}, fx_n, t\sum_{i=n}^{n+m-1} \sigma^i) \ge$$

$$\ge \underbrace{T(T(\dots T(M(fx_{n+m}, fx_{n+m-1}, t\sigma^{n+m-1}), \dots, M(fx_{n+1}, fx_n, t\sigma^n))))$$

$$\ge \underbrace{T(T(\dots T(M(fx_0, fx_1 \frac{t\sigma^{n+m-1}}{k^{n+m-1}}), \dots, M(fx_0, fx_1, \frac{t\sigma^n}{k^n})))$$

$$= \underbrace{T(T(\dots T(M(fx_0, fx_1 \frac{t}{\mu^{n+m-1}}), \dots, M(fx_0, fx_1, \frac{t}{\mu^n})))$$

$$= \underbrace{T_{i=n}^{n+m-1} M(fx_0, fx_1, \frac{t}{\mu^i}) \ge \mathbf{T}_{i=n}^{\infty} M(fx_0, fx_1, \frac{t}{\mu^i}).$$
with lime  $\mathbf{T}_{i=n}^{\infty} M(fx_0, fx_1, \frac{t}{\mu^i}) = \mathbf{1}$  invalues lime  $\mathbf{T}_{i=n}^{\infty} M(fx_0, fx_1, \frac{t}{\mu^i}).$ 

The limit  $\lim_{n\to\infty} \mathbf{T}_{i=n}^{\infty} M(fx_0, fx_1, \frac{1}{\mu^i}) = 1$  implies  $\lim_{n\to\infty} \mathbf{T}_{i=n}^{\infty} M(fx_0, fx_1, \frac{t}{\mu^i}) = 1$  for all t > 0. Now, for every t > 0 and every  $\lambda \in (0, 1)$  there exist  $n_1(t, \lambda)$  such that  $M(fx_{n+m}, fx_n, t) > 1 - \lambda$  for every  $n \ge n_1(t, \lambda)$  and every  $m \in \mathbb{N}$ . Therefore, the sequence  $\{fx_n\}$  is a Cauchy sequence and the completeness of X insures that there exists  $x \in A$  such that  $\lim_{n\to\infty} fx_n = x$ . Now, for both cases there exists a subsequence  $(fx_{n_p})_{p\in\mathbb{N}}$  such that  $x = \lim_{p\to\infty} fx_{2n_p} \in A$ . The remaining step is to prove that  $fx \in Fx \cap Gx$ . Since Fx and Gx are closed, it should be proved that  $fx \in \overline{Fx} \cap \overline{Gx}$ , i.e., that for all  $\varepsilon > 0$  and  $\lambda \in (0, 1)$  there exist  $r_1(\varepsilon, \lambda) \in Fx$  and  $r_2(\varepsilon, \lambda) \in Gx$  such that

$$r_1(\varepsilon, \lambda) \in U(fx, \varepsilon, \lambda) \text{ and } r_2(\varepsilon, \lambda) \in U(fx, \varepsilon, \lambda).$$

From the continuity of the mapping f and  $x = \lim_{p \to \infty} f x_{2n_p}$  it follows that

$$fx = \lim_{p \to \infty} ffx_{2n_p} = \lim_{p \to \infty} ffx_{2n_{p+1}}$$

Since F is weakly commuting with f we have  $ffx_{2n_{p+1}} \in f(Fx_{2n_p}) \subseteq F(fx_{2n_p})$ , and by applying (2.3) on  $x = ffx_{2n_{p+1}}$ ,  $u = fx_{2n_p}$ , existence of  $r_2(\varepsilon, \lambda) \in Gx$  such that

$$\phi(M(ffx_{2n_{p+1}}, r_2(\varepsilon, \lambda), kt), M(ffx_{2n_p}, fx, t), M(ffx_{2n_{p+1}}, ffx_{2n_p}, t),$$

$$M(r_2(\varepsilon,\lambda), fx, kt), M(ffx_{2n_{p+1}}, fx, t), \mathcal{M}(r_2(\varepsilon,\lambda), ffx_{2n_p}, (k+1)t))) \ge 0$$

is obtained. Now,  $(\phi_1)$  insures

$$\begin{split} &\phi\Big(M(ffx_{2n_{p+1}}, r_2(\varepsilon, \lambda), kt), M(ffx_{2n_p}, fx, t), \\ &M(ffx_{2n_{p+1}}, ffx_{2n_p}, t), M(r_2(\varepsilon, \lambda), fx, kt), M(ffx_{2n_{p+1}}, fx, t) \\ &T(M(r_2(\varepsilon, \lambda), fx, kt), M(fx, ffx_{2n_p}, t)))\Big) \ge 0. \end{split}$$

Letting  $p \to \infty$  the following is obtained

$$\begin{split} &\phi\Big(M(fx,r_2(\varepsilon,\lambda),kt),M(fx,fx,t),M(fx,fx,t),\\ &M(r_2(\varepsilon,\lambda),fx,kt),M(fx,fx,t),T(M(r_2(\varepsilon,\lambda),fx,kt),M(fx,fx,t)))\Big) \geq 0, \end{split}$$

i.e.,  $\varphi(M(fx, r(\varepsilon, \lambda), kt), 1, 1, M(r_2(\varepsilon, \lambda), fx, kt), 1, M(r_2(\varepsilon, \lambda), fx, kt)) \ge 0$ , and from  $(\phi_3)$  follows  $M(fx, r_2(\varepsilon, \lambda), kt) \ge 1$ . Therefore  $r_2(\varepsilon, \lambda) \in U(fx, \varepsilon, \lambda)$ . Similarly it can prove that  $r_1(\varepsilon, \lambda) \in Fx \cap U(fx, \varepsilon, \lambda)$ .

**Example 2.12** Let X, M, T, A, f, F and G be as in Example 2.7 and let  $\phi(t_1, t_2, t_3, t_4, t_5, t_6) = t_1 - t_2$ . Then, all conditions of the previous theorem are satisfied and the claim holds.

**Remark 2.13** Again the second condition can be substituted with assumption "t-norm T is of H-type". Also, analogously to the Corollary 2.9, the previous theorem can be reformulated for a t-norm from Dombi, Aczél-Alsina or Sugeno-Weber class.

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