

FIXED POINT THEOREM ON INTUITIONISTIC FUZZY METRIC SPACES

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ABSTRACT. In this paper, we introduce intuitionistic fuzzy contraction mapping and prove a fixed point theorem in intuitionistic fuzzy metric spaces.

1. Introduction

The notion of intuitionistic fuzzy metric spaces was introduced and studied by Park in [5]. Saadati and Park in [6], further developed the theory of intuitionistic fuzzy topology (both in metric and normed) spaces. In this paper, we introduce an intuitionistic fuzzy contraction mapping and prove a fixed point theorem in intuitionistic fuzzy metric spaces. For the basic notions and concepts, we refer to [1, 3, 4, 5, 6].

2. Preliminaries

We review some basic concepts in intuitionistic fuzzy metric spaces as well as the intuitionistic fuzzy topology due to Saadati and Park [6].

Definition 2.1. [5, 6] A binary operation $*$: $[0, 1] \times [0, 1] \rightarrow [0, 1]$ is a continuous t-norm if it satisfies the following conditions: (i) $*$ is associative and commutative; (ii) $*$ is continuous; (iii) $a * 1 = a$ for all $a \in [0, 1]$; (iv) $a * b \leq c * d$ whenever $a \leq c$ and $b \leq d$, for each $a, b, c, d \in [0, 1]$. Two typical examples of continuous t-norm are

$$a * b = ab,$$

$$a * b = \min(a, b).$$

Definition 2.2. [5, 6] A binary operation \diamond : $[0, 1] \times [0, 1] \rightarrow [0, 1]$ is a continuous t-conorm if it satisfies the following conditions: (i) \diamond is associative and commutative; (ii) \diamond is continuous; (iii) $a \diamond 0 = a$ for all $a \in [0, 1]$; (iv) $a * b \leq c * d$ whenever $a \leq c$ and $b \leq d$, for each $a, b, c, d \in [0, 1]$. Two typical examples of t-conorm are

$$a \diamond b = \min(a + b, 1),$$

$$a \diamond b = \max(a, b).$$

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Lemma 2.3. [5, 6] *If $*$ is a continuous t-norm and \diamond is continuous t-conorm, then:*

(i) *For every $a, b \in [0, 1]$, if $a > b$, there are $c, d \in [0, 1]$ such that $a * c \geq b$ and $a \geq b \diamond d$.*

(ii) *If $a \in [0, 1]$, there are $b, c \in [0, 1]$ such that $b * b \geq a$ and $a \geq c \diamond c$.*

The following definition is obtained from Mihet in [4].

Definition 2.4. [4] A fuzzy metric space in the sense of Kramosil and Michalek is a triple $(X, M, *)$ where X is a nonempty set, $*$ is a continuous t-norm and $M: X^2 \times [0, \infty) \rightarrow [0, 1]$ is a mapping which satisfies the following properties for every $x, y, z \in X$:

(FM-1) $M(x, y, 0) = 0$;

(FM-2) $M(x, y, t) = 1, \forall t > 0 \Leftrightarrow x = y$;

(FM-3) $M(x, y, t) = M(y, x, t), \forall t > 0$;

(FM-4) $M(x, y, \cdot): [0, \infty) \rightarrow [0, 1]$ is left continuous;

(FM-5) $\lim_{t \rightarrow \infty} M(x, y, t) = 1$;

(FM-6) $M(x, z, t + s) \geq M(x, y, t) * M(y, z, s), \forall t, s > 0$.

In $(X, M, *)$, the open ball $B_x(r, t)$ for $t > 0$ with center $x \in X$ and radius $r \in (0, 1)$ is defined as

$$(1) \quad B_x(r, t) = \{y \in X \mid M(x, y, t) > 1 - r\}.$$

The family $\{B_x(r, t) \mid x \in X, r \in (0, 1), t > 0\}$ is a neighborhood system for a Hausdorff topology on X induced by the fuzzy metric M . In a similar fashion, the dual space of $(X, M, *)$ is the fuzzy metric space (X, N, \diamond) defined below:

Definition 2.5. (New) A fuzzy metric space (X, N, \diamond) , where X is a nonempty set, \diamond is a continuous t-conorm and $N: X^2 \times [0, \infty) \rightarrow [0, 1]$ is a mapping assumed to satisfies the following properties for all $x, y, z \in X$:

(FM-D1) $N(x, y, 0) = 1$;

(FM-D2) $N(x, y, t) = 0, \forall t > 0 \Leftrightarrow x = y$;

(FM-D3) $N(x, y, t) = N(y, x, t), \forall t > 0$;

(FM-D4) $N(x, y, \cdot): [0, \infty) \rightarrow [0, 1]$ is left continuous;

(FM-D5) $\lim_{t \rightarrow \infty} N(x, y, t) = 0$;

(FM-D6) $N(x, z, t + s) \leq N(x, y, t) \diamond N(y, z, s), \forall t, s > 0$.

In (X, N, \diamond) , the open ball $D_x(r, t)$ for $t > 0$ with center $x \in X$ and radius $r \in (0, 1)$ is defined as

$$(2) \quad D_x(r, t) = \{y \in X \mid N(x, y, t) < r\}.$$

The family $\{D_x(r, t) \mid x \in X, r \in (0, 1), t > 0\}$ is a neighborhood's system for a Hausdorff topology on X induced by the fuzzy metric N . The following definition is introduced and studied by Park in [5].

Definition 2.6. [5] A 5-tuple $(X, M, N, *, \diamond)$ is called a intuitionistic fuzzy metric space if X is an arbitrary nonempty set, $*$ a continuous t-norm, \diamond a continuous t-conorm and M, N are fuzzy sets on $X^2 \times (0, \infty)$, satisfying the following conditions for each $x, y, z \in X$ and $t, s > 0$:

(a) $M(x, y, t) + N(x, y, t) \leq 1$;

- (b) $M(x, y, t) > 0$;
- (c) $M(x, y, t) = 1 \Leftrightarrow x = y$;
- (d) $M(x, y, t) = M(y, x, t)$;
- (e) $M(x, y, t) * M(y, z, s) \leq M(x, z, t + s)$;
- (f) $M(x, y, \cdot): [0, \infty) \rightarrow [0, 1]$ is left continuous;
- (g) $N(x, y, t) = N(y, x, t)$;
- (h) $N(x, y, t) \diamond N(y, z, s) \geq N(x, z, t + s)$;
- (i) $N(x, y, \cdot): [0, \infty) \rightarrow [0, 1]$ is continuous..

The pair (M, N) is called an intuitionistic fuzzy metric on X . Every fuzzy metric space $(X, M, *)$ is an intuitionistic fuzzy metric space of the form $(X, M, 1 - M, *, \diamond)$ such that t-norm $*$ and t-conorm \diamond are associated [6], i.e $x \diamond y = 1 - [(1 - x) * (1 - y)]$ for any $x, y \in X$.

Let $(X, M, N, *, \diamond)$ be a intuitionistic fuzzy metric space. For $t > 0$, the open ball $G_x(r, t)$ with center $x \in X$ and radius $r \in (0, 1)$ is defined by

$$(3) \quad G_x(r, t) = \{y \in X \mid M(x, y, t) > 1 - r, N(x, y, t) < r\}.$$

Note that it can be easily seen that $G_x = B_x \cap D_x$ where B_x and D_x as given by (1) and (2) respectively.

Since $*$ and \diamond are respectively a continuous t-norm and t-conorm, the family $\{G_x(r, t) \mid x \in X, r \in (0, 1), t > 0\}$ generates a topology $T_{(M,N)}$, called the (M, N) -topology (see [3, 6]). We have:

$A \in T_{(M,N)}$ if and only if $\forall x \in A, \exists t > 0, \exists r \in (0, 1)$ such that $G_x(r, t) \subset A$.

We denote the (M, N) -uniformity (or the uniformity generated by M , and N) by $U_{(M,N)}$. The family $\{U_{r,t}\}_{r \in (0,1), t > 0}$, where

$$U_{r,t} = \{(x, y) \in X^2 \mid M(x, y, t) > 1 - r, N(x, y, t) < r\},$$

is a base for this uniformity.

Definition 2.7. [5, 6] Let $(X, M, N, *, \diamond)$ be the intuitionistic fuzzy metric space endowed with (m, n) -topology and $\{x_n\}$ in X . Then

- (i) $x_n \rightarrow x \Leftrightarrow M(x_n, x, t) \rightarrow 1$ and $N(x_n, x, t) \rightarrow 0$ as $n \rightarrow \infty$, for each $t > 0$.
- (ii) $\{x_n\}$ is called a (M, N) -Cauchy sequence if for each $r \in (0, 1)$ and $t > 0$, there exists an integer n_0 such that $M(x_n, x_m, t) > 1 - r$ and $N(x_n, x_m, t) < r$ for each $n, m \geq n_0$.
- (iii) The intuitionistic fuzzy metric space $(X, M, N, *, \diamond)$ is said to be (M, N) -complete if every (M, N) -Cauchy sequence is convergent.

3. Main Results

In the following sequel the letters \mathbb{N} and \mathbb{R}^+ denote the sets of positive integer numbers and positive real numbers, respectively.

Definition 3.1. [2] A quasi-metric on a set X is a function $d: X^2 \rightarrow \mathbb{R}^+$ satisfying the following conditions for every $x, y, z \in X$:

- (QM-1) $d(x, y) = 0$;
- (QM-2) $d(x, y) = d(y, x)$;
- (QM-3) $d(x, z) \leq d(x, y) + d(y, z)$.

Proposition 3.2. *Let $(X, M, N, *, \diamond)$ be the intuitionistic fuzzy metric space. For any $r \in (0, 1]$, we define $d: X^2 \rightarrow \mathbb{R}^+$ as follows:*

$$(4) \quad d_r(x, y) = \inf\{t > 0 \mid M(x, y, t) > 1 - r, N(x, y, t) < r\}$$

Then,

- (1) $(X, d_r : r \in (0, 1])$ is a generating space of a quasi-metric family.
- (2) the topology $T_{(d_r)}$ on $(X, d_r : r \in (0, 1])$ coincides with the (M, N) -topology on $(X, M, N, *, \diamond)$, (i.e., d_r is a compatible symmetric for $T_{(M, N)}$).

Proof. (1) From the definition of $\{d_r : r \in (0, 1]\}$, it is easy to see that $\{d_r : r \in (0, 1]\}$ satisfies the condition (QM-1) and (QM-2) of Definiton 3.1. Now we prove that $\{d_r : r \in (0, 1]\}$ also satisfies the condition (QM-3). Since $*$ and \diamond are continuous, by Lemma 2.3.(ii), for any given $r \in (0, 1)$, there exists $r' \in (0, r)$ such that

$$(1 - r') * (1 - r') > 1 - r$$

and

$$r' \diamond r' < r$$

. Setting $d_r(x, y) = a$ and $d_r(y, z) = b$, in equation (4), it follows that for any given $t > 0$,

$$M(x, y, a + t) > 1 - r', N(x, y, a + t) < r'$$

and

$$M(x, z, b + t) > 1 - r', N(y, z, b + t) < r'.$$

Whence

$$M(x, z, a + b + 2t) \geq M(x, y, a + t) * M(y, z, b + t) > (1 - r') * (1 - r') > 1 - r$$

and

$$N(x, z, a + b + 2t) \leq N(x, y, a + t) \diamond N(y, z, b + t) < r' \diamond r' < r.$$

Hence, we have

$$d_r(x, z) \leq a + b + 2t = d_r(x, y) + d_r(y, z) + 2t.$$

By the arbitrariness of $t > 0$, we have

$$d_r(x, z) \leq d_r(x, y) + d_r(y, z).$$

- (2) To prove this condition, it is only necessary to show that for any $t > 0$ and $r \in (0, 1)$

$$d_r(x, y) < t \Leftrightarrow M(x, y, t) > 1 - r, N(x, y, t) < r.$$

In fact, if $d_r(x, y) < t$, then by (4), we have $M(x, y, t) > 1 - r$ and $N(x, y, t) < r$. Conversely, if $M(x, y, t) > 1 - r$ and $N(x, y, t) < r$, since M and N are continuous functions, there exists an $s > 0$ such that $M(x, y, t - s) > 1 - r$ and $N(x, y, t - s) < r$ and so $d_r(x, y) \leq t - s < t$. This completes the proof. \square

In fuzzy metric spaces $(X, M, *)$, the map $f: X \rightarrow X$ is said to be a fuzzy contraction if there exists $k \in (0, 1)$ such that

$$(5) \quad \frac{1}{M(f(x), f(y), t)} - 1 \leq k \left(\frac{1}{M(x, y, t)} - 1 \right), \forall x, y \in X, \forall t > 0.$$

Several fixed point theorem has been proved by using (5) in a fuzzy metric spaces (see [1, 7]).

If the fuzzy metric space (X, N, \diamond) is a dual space of $(X, M, *)$, the map $f: X \rightarrow X$ in (X, N, \diamond) may also enjoy a fuzzy contractive condition. Since the definition of the dual space (X, N, \diamond) is similar in the sense of metric space, we can consider the following new contractive condition for a self mapping f in (X, N, \diamond) .

Definition 3.3. (New) Let (X, N, \diamond) be a fuzzy metric space. The map $f: X \rightarrow X$ is a fuzzy contraction in (X, N, \diamond) if there exists $k \in (0, 1)$ such that

$$(6) \quad N(f(x), f(y), t) \leq kN(x, y, t), \forall x, y \in X, \forall t > 0.$$

By using the contractive conditions (5) and (6), now we are able to define an intuitionistic fuzzy contractive map f as follow:

Definition 3.4. (New) Let $(X, M, N, *, \diamond)$ be an intuitionistic fuzzy metric space. We say that the mapping $f: X \rightarrow X$ is intuitionistic fuzzy contractive if there exists $k \in (0, 1)$ such that

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

and

$$N(f(x), f(y), t) \leq kN(x, y, t),$$

for each $x, y \in X$ and $t > 0$.

We give a definition for a intuitionistic fixed point theorem in intuitionistic fuzzy metric space $(X, M, N, *, \diamond)$.

Definition 3.5. (New) Let $(X, M, N, *, \diamond)$ be an intuitionistic fuzzy metric space and let $f: X \rightarrow X$ be an intuitionistic fuzzy contractive mapping. Then there exists $z \in X$ such that $z = f(z)$ (We call z an intuitionistic fuzzy fixed point of f).

Now, we prove the following theorem.

Theorem 3.6. *Let $(X, M, N, *, \diamond)$ be a complete intuitionistic fuzzy metric space. Let $f: X \rightarrow X$ be an intuitionistic fuzzy contractive mapping. Then f has a unique intuitionistic fixed point.*

Proof. We fix $x_0 \in X$. Let $x_{n+1} = f(x_n), n \in \mathbb{N}$. We have for $n > m$ and $t > 0$,

$$\begin{aligned} \frac{1}{M(x_n, x_{n+m}, t)} - 1 &= \frac{1}{M(f(x_{n-1}), f(x_{n+m-1}), t)} - 1 \\ &\leq k \left(\frac{1}{M(x_{n-1}, x_{n+m-1}, t)} - 1 \right) \\ &= k \left(\frac{1}{M(f(x_{n-2}), f(x_{n+m-2}), t)} - 1 \right) \\ &\vdots \\ &\leq k^n \left(\frac{1}{M(x_0, x_m, t)} - 1 \right). \end{aligned}$$

Whence, for $n > m, \frac{1}{M(x_n, x_{n+m}, t)} - 1 \rightarrow 0$ as $n \rightarrow \infty$, that is $M(x_n, x_{n+m}, t) \rightarrow 1$ as $n \rightarrow \infty$. Also, for $n > m$ and $t > 0$, by (6) we have

$$\begin{aligned} N(x_n, x_{n+m}, t) &= N(f(x_{n-1}), f(x_{n+m-1}), t) \\ &\leq kN(x_{n-1}, x_{n+m-1}, t) \\ &= kN(f(x_{n-2}), f(x_{n+m-2}), t) \\ &\vdots \\ &\leq k^n N(x_0, x_m, t). \end{aligned}$$

Whence, for $n > m, N(x_n, x_{n+m}, t) \rightarrow 0$ as $n \rightarrow \infty$. Therefore, we can conclude that $\{x_n\}$ is a Cauchy sequence in X . Since $(X, M, N, *, \diamond)$ is complete, the sequence $\{x_n\}$ converges to some $y \in X$. We show that y is an intuitionistic fixed point of f , i.e $y = f(y)$. By the contractive condition (5) of f , we have

$$\frac{1}{M(f(y), f(x_n), t)} - 1 \leq k \left(\frac{1}{M(y, x_n, t)} - 1 \right) \rightarrow 0, \text{ as } n \rightarrow \infty.$$

Hence, $\lim_{n \rightarrow \infty} M(f(y), f(x_n), t) = 1$ for every $t > 0$. And by (6), we have:

$$N(f(y), f(x_n), t) \leq kN(y, x_n, t) \rightarrow 0 \text{ as } n \rightarrow \infty$$

. Thus, $\lim_{n \rightarrow \infty} N(f(y), f(x_n), t) = 0$ for every $t > 0$. In both cases, we have $\lim_{n \rightarrow \infty} f(x_n) = f(y)$, i.e., $\lim_{n \rightarrow \infty} x_{n+1} = f(y)$, therefore $y = f(y)$. For uniqueness, assume $z = f(z)$ for some $z \in X$. Then for $t > 0$, we have

$$\begin{aligned} \frac{1}{M(y, z, t)} - 1 &= \frac{1}{M(f(y), f(z), t)} - 1 \\ &\leq k \left(\frac{1}{M(y, z, t)} - 1 \right) \\ &\vdots \\ &\leq k^n \left(\frac{1}{M(y, z, t)} - 1 \right) \rightarrow 0 \text{ as } n \rightarrow \infty. \end{aligned}$$

whence, for every $t > 0$ we have $M(y, z, t) = 1$, it follows that $z = y$. This completes the proof. \square

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