

# A Fixed Point Results for Multivalued Mappings in Hausdorff Fuzzy $b$ –Metric Spaces and Applications

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**Abstract** In this paper, we are interested in proving a general fixed point theorem for multivalued mappings in fuzzy  $b$ –metric spaces. The results presented in this paper not only generalize the findings from [23], but also yield additional specific outcomes. We present an application to establish the existence of a solution to the integral equation, demonstrating the significance of our result.

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## 1. Introduction

Zadeh [26] first introduced the concept of fuzzy sets in 1965. A fuzzy set  $M$  in  $X$  is a function with domain  $X$  and values in  $[0, 1]$ . Heilpern [16] introduced the notion of fuzzy maps and established some fixed-point theorems for them.

In 1975, Kramosil and Michalek [17] proposed the idea of a fuzzy distance between two elements of a nonempty set, using the concepts of a fuzzy set and a  $t$ -norm.

A binary operation  $T : [0, 1] \times [0, 1] \rightarrow [0, 1]$  is a continuous  $t$ -norm if it satisfies the following conditions:  $T$  is continuous, associative and commutative,  $T(a, 1) = a$  for all  $a \in [0, 1]$  and for all  $a, b, c, d \in [0, 1]$  if  $a \leq c$  and  $b \leq d$  then  $T(a, b) \leq T(c, d)$ .

Typical examples of a continuous  $t$ -norm are  $T_p(a, b) = a \cdot b$ ,  $T_{\min}(a, b) = \min\{a, b\}$  and  $T_L(a, b) = \max\{a + b - 1, 0\}$ . George and Veeramani [11] generalized the concept of fuzzy metric spaces introduced by Kramosil and Michalek [17]. Given a non-empty set  $X$ , and  $T$  is a continuous  $t$ -norm, the 3-tuple  $(X, M, T)$  is said to be a fuzzy metric space [11], [12] if  $M$  is a fuzzy set on  $X \times X \times (0, \infty)$  satisfying the following conditions for all  $x, y, z \in X, t, u > 0$  :

- $$\left\{ \begin{array}{l} 1) \ M(x, y, t) > 0, \\ 2) \ M(x, y, t) = M(y, x, t) = 1 \quad \text{iff} \quad x = y, \\ 3) \ M(x, z, t + u) \geq T(M(x, y, t), M(y, z, u)), \\ 4) \ M(x, y, \cdot) \text{ is left continuous function from } (0, \infty) \rightarrow [0, 1]. \end{array} \right.$$

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In mathematics, the study of fixed point theory in metric spaces has several applications, especially in solving differential equations. Many authors have studied the new class of generalized metric space, known as  $b$ -metric space, introduced by Bakhtin [5] in 1989. For example, see [1]- [4], [6]- [9], [20]. The relationship between  $b$ -metric and fuzzy metric spaces is considered in [15]. Conversely, [24] introduced the concept of a fuzzy  $b$ -metric space, substituting the triangle inequality with a weaker one.

In this paper, we prove the existence and uniqueness of the fixed point in fuzzy  $b$ -metric spaces. We present an application to determine the existence and uniqueness of a solution to an integral equation, demonstrating the significance of our result.

Throughout this paper,  $C(X)$  will denote the family of nonempty compact subsets of  $X$ . For all  $A, B \in C(X)$  and for all  $t > 0$ , we define a function on  $C(X) \times C(X) \times (0, \infty)$  by

$$H_M(A, B, t) = \min \left\{ \inf_{a \in A} M(a, B, t), \inf_{b \in B} M(A, b, t) \right\},$$

$$\text{where } M(C, y, t) = \sup_{z \in C} M(z, y, t).$$

The fuzzy  $b$ -metric induces  $H_M$ , which we refer to as the Hausdorff fuzzy  $b$ -metric. The triplet  $(C(X), H_M, T)$  is referred to as the Hausdorff fuzzy  $b$ -metric space.

We define also  $\delta_M(A, B, t)$  as follows:

$$\delta_M(A, B, t) = \inf \{ M(a, b, t), \quad a \in A \quad b \in B \}, \quad t > 0.$$

It follows immediately from the definition of  $\delta_M$  that

$$\delta_M(A, B, t) = 1 \iff A = B = \{.\} \text{ and}$$

$$M(a, b, t) \geq \delta_M(A, B, t) \quad \forall a \in A \quad \forall b \in B, \quad t > 0.$$

## 2. Preliminary

**Definition 2.1** ([24]). A 3-tuple  $(X, M, T)$  is called a fuzzy  $b$ -metric space if  $X$  is an arbitrary nonempty set,  $T$  is a continuous  $t$ -norm, and  $M$  is a fuzzy set on  $X \times X \times (0, \infty)$  satisfying the conditions for all  $x, y, z \in X$ ,  $t, u > 0$  and a given real number  $s \geq 1$ :

- (b<sub>1</sub>)  $M(x, y, t) > 0$ ,
- (b<sub>2</sub>)  $M(x, y, t) = 1$  if and only if  $x = y$ ,
- (b<sub>3</sub>)  $M(x, y, t) = M(y, x, t)$ ,
- (b<sub>4</sub>)  $M(x, z, s(t + u)) \geq T(M(x, y, t), M(y, z, u))$ ,
- (b<sub>5</sub>)  $M(x, y, \cdot) : (0, \infty) \rightarrow [0, 1]$  is continuous.

**Remark 2.1.** In this paper we will further use a fuzzy  $b$ -metric space in the sense of definition 2.1 with an additional condition  $\lim_{t \rightarrow \infty} M(x, y, t) = 1$ .

Note that every fuzzy metric space is a fuzzy  $b$ -metric space with  $s = 1$ . However, the following example illustrates that the converse need not hold true.