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Fixed point and endpoint theorems for set-valued fuzzy contraction maps in fuzzy metric spaces

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Abstract

In this paper, we first present a fixed point theorem for set-valued fuzzy contraction type maps in complete fuzzy metric spaces which extends and improves some well-know results in literature. Then by presenting an endpoint result we initiate endpoint theory for fuzzy contraction maps in fuzzy metric spaces.

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1. Introduction and preliminaries

Many authors have introduced the concept of fuzzy metric spaces in different ways [1-4]. Kramosil and Michalek [5] introduced the fuzzy metric space by generalizing the concept of the probabilistic metric space to fuzzy situation. George and Veeramani [6,7] modified the concept of fuzzy metric space introduced by Kramosil and Michalek [5] and obtained a Hausdorff topology for this kind of fuzzy metric spaces. Recently, the fixed point theory in fuzzy metric spaces has been studied by many authors [8-18]. In [11], the following definition is given.

Definition 1.1. A sequence (t_n) of positive real numbers is said to be an s -increasing sequence if there exists $m_0 \in \mathbb{N}$ such that $t_m + 1 \leq t_{m+1}$, for all $m \geq m_0$.

Gregori and Sapena [11] proved the following fixed point theorem.

Theorem 1.2. Let $(X, M, *)$ be a complete fuzzy metric space such that for every s -increasing sequence (t_n) and every $x, y \in X$

$$\lim_{n \rightarrow \infty} *_{i=n}^{\infty} M(x, y, t_n) = 1.$$

Suppose $f: X \rightarrow X$ is a map such that for each $x, y \in X$ and $t > 0$, we have

$$M(fx, fy, kt) \geq M(x, y, t),$$

where $0 < k < 1$. Then, f has a unique fixed point.

In this article, we first give a fixed point theorem for set-valued contraction maps which improve and generalize the above-mentioned result of Gregori and Sapena. Then, in Section 2, we initiate endpoint theory in fuzzy metric spaces by presenting an endpoint result for set-valued maps.

To set up our results in the next section we recall some definitions and facts.

Definition 1.3 (3). A binary operation $*$: $[0, 1] \times [0, 1] \rightarrow [0, 1]$ is called a continuous t -norm if $([0,1], *)$ is an abelian topological monoid with unit 1 such that $a * b \leq c * d$ whenever $a \leq c$ and $b \leq d$ for all $a, b, c, \in [0, 1]$. Examples of t -norm are $a * b = ab$ and $a * b = \min\{a, b\}$.

Definition 1.4 (6). The 3-tuple $(X, M, *)$ is called a fuzzy metric space if X is an arbitrary non-empty set, $*$ is a continuous t -norm, and M is a fuzzy set on $X^2 \times [0, \infty)$ satisfying the following conditions, for each $x, y, z \in X$ and $t, s > 0$,

- (1) $M(x, y, t) > 0$,
- (2) $M(x, y, t) = 1$ if and only if $x = y$,
- (3) $M(x, y, t) = M(y, x, t)$,
- (4) $M(x, y, t) * M(y, z, s) \leq M(x, z, t + s)$,
- (5) $M(x, y, t) : (0, \infty) \rightarrow [0,1]$ is continuous.

Example 1.5. [6] Let (X, d) be a metric space. Define $a * b = ab$ (or $a * b = \min\{a, b\}$) and for all $x, y \in X$ and $t > 0$,

$$M(x, y, t) = \frac{t}{t + d(x, y)}.$$

Then $(X, M, *)$ is a fuzzy metric space. We call this fuzzy metric M induced by the metric d the standard fuzzy metric.

Definition 1.6. Let $(X, M, *)$ be a fuzzy metric space.

- (1) A sequence $\{x_n\}$ is said to be convergent to a point $x \in X$ if $\lim_{n \rightarrow \infty} M(x_n, x, t) = 1$ for all $t > 0$.
- (2) A sequence $\{x_n\}$ is called a Cauchy sequence if

$$\lim_{m, n \rightarrow \infty} M(x_m, x_n, t) = 1,$$

for all $t > 0$.

- (3) A fuzzy metric space in which every Cauchy sequence is convergent is said to be complete.
- (4) A subset $A \subseteq X$ is said to be closed if for each convergent sequence $\{x_n\}$ with $x_n \in A$ and $x_n \rightarrow x$, we have $x \in A$.
- (5) A subset $A \subseteq X$ is said to be compact if each sequence in A has a convergent subsequence.

Throughout the article, let $\mathcal{K}(X)$ denote the class of all compact subsets of X .

Lemma 1.7. [10] For all $x, y \in X$, $M(x, y, \cdot)$ is non-decreasing.

Definition 1.8. Let $(X, M, *)$ be a fuzzy metric space. M is said to be continuous on $X^2 \times (0, \infty)$ if

$$\lim_{n \rightarrow \infty} M(x_n, y_n, t_n) = M(x, y, t),$$

whenever $\{(x_n, y_n, t_n)\}$ is a sequence in $X^2 \times (0, \infty)$ which converges to a point $(x, y, t) \in X^2 \times (0, \infty)$; i.e.,

$$\lim_{n \rightarrow \infty} M(x_n, x, t) = \lim_{n \rightarrow \infty} M(y_n, y, t) = 1 \text{ and } \lim_{n \rightarrow \infty} M(x, y, t_n) = M(x, y, t).$$

Lemma 1.9. [10] *M is a continuous function on $X^2 \times (0, \infty)$.*

2. Fixed point theory

The following lemma is essential in proving our main result.

Lemma 2.1. *Let $(X, M, *)$ be a fuzzy metric space such that for every $x, y \in X, t > 0$ and $h > 1$*

$$\lim_{n \rightarrow \infty} *_{i=n}^{\infty} M(x, y, th^i) = 1. \tag{2.1}$$

Suppose $\{x_n\}$ is a sequence in X such that for all $n \in \mathbb{N}$,

$$M(x_n, x_{n+1}, \alpha t) \geq M(x_{n-1}, x_n, t),$$

where $0 < \alpha < 1$. Then $\{x_n\}$ is a Cauchy sequence.

Proof. For each $n \in \mathbb{N}$ and $t > 0$, we have

$$M(x_n, x_{n+1}, t) \geq M\left(x_{n-1}, x_n, \frac{1}{\alpha}t\right) \geq M\left(x_{n-2}, x_{n-1}, \frac{1}{\alpha^2}t\right) \geq \dots \geq M\left(x_0, x_1, \frac{1}{\alpha^{n-1}}t\right).$$

Thus for each $n \in \mathbb{N}$, we get

$$M(x_n, x_{n+1}, t) \geq M\left(x_0, x_1, \frac{1}{\alpha^{n-1}}t\right).$$

Pick the constants $h > 1$ and $l \in \mathbb{N}$ such that

$$h\alpha < 1 \text{ and } \sum_{i=l}^{\infty} \frac{1}{h^i} = \frac{1}{h^l} \frac{1}{1 - \frac{1}{h}} < 1.$$

Hence, for $m \geq n$, we get

$$\begin{aligned} M(x_n, x_m, t) &\geq M\left(x_n, x_m, \left(\frac{1}{h^l} + \frac{1}{h^{l+1}} + \dots + \frac{1}{h^{l+m}}\right)t\right) \\ &\geq M\left(x_n, x_{n+1}, \frac{1}{h^l}t\right) * M\left(x_{n+1}, x_{n+2}, \frac{1}{h^{l+1}}t\right) * \dots * M\left(x_{m-1}, x_m, \frac{1}{h^{l+m}}t\right) \\ &\geq M\left(x_0, x_1, \frac{1}{\alpha^{n-1}h^l}t\right) * M\left(x_0, x_1, \frac{1}{\alpha^n h^{l+1}}t\right) * \dots * M\left(x_0, x_1, \frac{1}{\alpha^{m-2} h^{l+m-n-2}}t\right) \\ &\geq M\left(x_0, x_1, \frac{1}{(\alpha h)^{n-1}}t\right) * M\left(x_0, x_1, \frac{1}{(\alpha h)^n}t\right) * \dots * M\left(x_0, x_1, \frac{1}{(\alpha h)^{m-2}}t\right) \\ &\geq *_{i=n}^{\infty} M\left(x_0, x_1, \frac{1}{(\alpha h)^{i-1}}t\right) \end{aligned}$$

Then, from the above, we have

$$\lim_{m, n \rightarrow \infty} M(x_n, x_m, t) \geq \lim_{n \rightarrow \infty} *_{i=n}^{\infty} M\left(x_0, x_1, \frac{1}{(\alpha h)^{i-1}}t\right) = 1,$$

for each $t > 0$. Therefore, we get

$$\lim_{m,n \rightarrow \infty} M(x_n, x_m, t) = 1,$$

for each $t > 0$ and so $\{x_n\}$ is a Cauchy sequence.

In 2004, Rodríguez-López and Romaguera [19] introduced Hausdorff fuzzy metric on the set of the non-empty compact subsets of a given fuzzy metric space.

Definition 2.2. ([19]) Let $(X, M, *)$ be a fuzzy metric space. For each $A, B \in \mathcal{K}(X)$ and $t > 0$, set

$$H_M(A, B, t) = \min\{\inf_{x \in A} \sup_{y \in B} M(x, y, t), \inf_{y \in B} \sup_{x \in A} M(x, y, t)\}.$$

Lemma 2.3. [19] Let $(X, M, *)$ be a fuzzy metric space. Then, the 3-tuple $(\mathcal{K}(X), H_M, *)$ is a fuzzy metric space.

Now we are ready to prove our first main result.

Theorem 2.4. Let $(X, M, *)$ be a complete fuzzy metric. Suppose $F : X \rightarrow X$ is a set-valued map with non-empty compact values such that for each $x, y \in X$ and $t > 0$, we have

$$H_M(Fx, Fy, \alpha(d(x, y, t))t) \geq M(x, y, t), \tag{2.2}$$

where $\alpha : [0, \infty) \rightarrow [0, 1)$ satisfying

$$\limsup_{r \rightarrow t^+} \alpha(r) < 1, \quad \forall t \in [0, \infty),$$

and $d(x, y, t) = \frac{t}{M(x, y, t)} - t$. Furthermore, assume that $(X, M, *)$ satisfies (2.1) for some $x_0 \in X$ and $x_1 \in Fx_0$. Then F has a fixed point.

Proof. Let $t > 0$ be fixed. Notice first that if A and B are non-empty compact subsets of X and $x \in A$ then by [19, Lemma 1], there exists a $y \in B$ such that

$$H_M(A, B, t) \leq \sup_{b \in B} M(x, b, t) = M(x, B, t) = M(x, y, t).$$

Thus given $\alpha \leq H_M(A, B, t)$ there exists a point $y \in B$ such that

$$M(x, y, t) \geq \alpha.$$

Let $x_0 \in X$ and $x_1 \in Fx_0$. If $Fx_0 = Fx_1$ then $x_1 \in Fx_1$ and x_1 is a fixed point of F and we are finished. So, we may assume that $Fx_0 \neq Fx_1$. From (2.2), we get

$$H_M(Fx_0, Fx_1, \alpha(d(x_0, x_1, t))t) \geq M(x_0, x_1, t).$$

Since $x_1 \in Fx_0$ and F is compact valued then by Rodríguez-López and Romaguera [19, Lemma 1] there exists a $x_2 \in Fx_1$ satisfying

$$\begin{aligned} M(x_1, x_2, t) &\geq M(x_1, x_2, \alpha(d(x_0, x_1, t))t) = \sup_{y \in Fx_1} M(x_1, y, \alpha(d(x_0, x_1, t))t) \\ &\geq H_M(Fx_0, Fx_1, \alpha(d(x_0, x_1, t))t) \\ &\geq M(x_0, x_1, t). \end{aligned}$$

Continuing this process, we can choose a sequence $\{x_n\}_{n \geq 0}$ in X such that $x_{n+1} \in Fx_n$ satisfying

$$\begin{aligned} M(x_{n+1}, x_{n+2}, t) &\geq M(x_{n+1}, x_{n+2}, \alpha(d(x_n, x_{n+1}, t)))t = \sup_{\gamma \in Fx_{n+1}} M(x_{n+1}, \gamma, \alpha(d(x_n, x_{n+1}, t)))t \\ &\geq H_M(Fx_n, Fx_{n+1}, \alpha(d(x_n, x_{n+1}, t)))t \\ &\geq M(x_n, x_{n+1}, t). \end{aligned}$$

Then, the sequence $\{M(x_{n+1}, x_{n+2}, t)\}_n$ is non-decreasing.

Thus $\{d(x_{n+1}, x_{n+2}, t)\}_n$ is a non-negative non-increasing sequence and so is convergent, say to, $l \geq 0$. Since by the assumption

$$\limsup_{n \rightarrow \infty} \alpha(d(x_{n+1}, x_{n+2}, t)) \leq \limsup_{r \rightarrow t^+} \alpha(r) < 1,$$

then there exists $k < 1$ and $N \in \mathbb{N}$ such that

$$\alpha(d(x_{n+1}, x_{n+2}, t)) < k, \quad \forall n > N. \tag{2.4}$$

Since $M(x, y, \cdot)$ is non-decreasing then (2.3) together with (2.4) yield

$$M(x_{n+1}, x_{n+2}, kt) \geq M(x_{n+1}, x_{n+2}, \alpha(d(x_n, x_{n+1}, t)))t \geq M(x_n, x_{n+1}, t).$$

Then from the above, we get

$$M(x_{n+1}, x_{n+2}, kt) \geq M(x_n, x_{n+1}, t).$$

Hence by Lemma 2.1, we get $\{x_n\}$, which is a Cauchy sequence. Since $(X, M, *)$ is a complete fuzzy metric space, then there exists $\bar{x} \in X$ such that $\lim_{n \rightarrow \infty} x_n = \bar{x}$, that means $\lim_{n \rightarrow \infty} M(x_n, \bar{x}, t) = 1$, for each $t > 0$. Thus, $\lim_{n \rightarrow \infty} d(x_n, \bar{x}, t) = 0$, for each $t > 0$. Since

$$\limsup_{n \rightarrow \infty} \alpha(d(x_n, \bar{x}, t)) \leq \limsup_{r \rightarrow 0^+} \alpha(r) < 1,$$

then there exists $k < l < 1$ such that

$$\limsup_{n \rightarrow \infty} \alpha(d(x_n, \bar{x}, t)) < l.$$

Now we claim that $\bar{x} \in F\bar{x}$. To prove the claim notice first that since $H_M(Fx_n, F\bar{x}, lt) \geq H_M(Fx_n, F\bar{x}, kt) \geq H_M(Fx_n, F\bar{x}, \alpha(d(x_n, \bar{x}, t)))t \geq M(x_n, \bar{x}, t)$, and $\lim_{n \rightarrow \infty} M(x_n, \bar{x}, t) = 1$ then for each $t > 0$, we get

$$\lim_{n \rightarrow \infty} H_M(Fx_n, F\bar{x}, t) = 1. \tag{2.5}$$

Since $x_{n+1} \in Fx_n$ then from (2.5), we have

$$\lim_{n \rightarrow \infty} \sup_{\gamma \in F\bar{x}} M(x_{n+1}, \gamma, t) = 1.$$

Thus there exists a sequence $\gamma_n \in F\bar{x}$ such that

$$\lim_{n \rightarrow \infty} M(x_n, \gamma_n, t) = 1,$$

for each $t > 0$. For each $n \in \mathbb{N}$, we have

$$M(\gamma_n, \bar{x}, s + t) \geq M(\gamma_n, x_n, s) * M(x_n, \bar{x}, t).$$

Hence, from the above, we get

$$\lim_{n \rightarrow \infty} M(\gamma_n, \bar{x}, t) = 1,$$

which means $\lim_{n \rightarrow \infty} \gamma_n = \bar{x}$. Since $F\bar{x}$ is closed (note that $F\bar{x}$ is compact), $\gamma_n \rightarrow \bar{x}$ and $\gamma_n \in F\bar{x}$ then, we get $\bar{x} \in F\bar{x}$.

Corollary 2.5. *Let $(X, M, *)$ be a complete fuzzy metric. Suppose $F : X \rightarrow X$ is a set-valued map with non-empty compact values such that for each $x, y \in X$ and $t > 0$, we have*

$$H_M(Fx, Fy, kt) \geq M(x, y, t),$$

where $0 < k < 1$. Furthermore, assume that $(X, M, *)$ satisfies (2.1) for some $x_0 \in X$ and $x_1 \in Fx_0$. Then F has a fixed point.

From Corollary 2.5, we get the following improvement of the above mentioned result of Gregori and Sapena [11] (note that for each $t > 0$ and $h > 1$, the sequence $t_n = th^n$ is s -increasing).

Theorem 2.6. *Let $(X, M, *)$ be a complete fuzzy metric space. Suppose $f : X \rightarrow X$ is a map such that for each $x, y \in X$ and $t > 0$, we have*

$$M(fx, fy, kt) \geq M(x, y, t),$$

where $0 < k < 1$. Furthermore, assume that $(X, M, *)$ satisfies (2.1) for some $x_0 \in X$, each $t > 0$ and $h > 1$. Then f has a fixed point.

Let (X, d) be a metric space and A and B are non-empty closed bounded subsets of X . Now set

$$H(A, B) = \max\{\sup_{x \in A} \inf_{y \in B} d(x, y), \sup_{y \in B} \inf_{x \in A} d(x, y)\}.$$

Then H is called the Hausdorff metric. Now, we are ready to derive the following version of Mizoguchi-Takahashi fixed point theorem [20].

Corollary 2.7. *Let (X, d) be a complete metric space. Suppose $F : M \rightarrow M$ is a set-valued map with non-empty compact values such that for some $k < 1$*

$$H(Fx, Fy) \leq \alpha(d(x, y))d(x, y),$$

where $\alpha : [0, \infty) \rightarrow [0, 1)$ satisfying

$$\limsup_{r \rightarrow t^+} \alpha(r) < 1, \quad \forall t \in [0, \infty).$$

Then F has a fixed point.

Proof. Let $(X, M, *)$ be standard fuzzy metric space induced by the metric d with $a * b = ab$. Now we show that the conditions of Theorem 2.4 are satisfied. Since (X, d) is a complete metric space then $(X, M, *)$ is complete. It is easy to see that $(X, M, *)$ satisfies (2.1). For each non-empty closed bounded subsets of X , we have

$$\begin{aligned} H_M(A, B, t) &= \min \left\{ \inf_{x \in A} \sup_{y \in B} M(x, y, t), \inf_{y \in B} \sup_{x \in A} M(x, y, t) \right\} \\ &= \min \left\{ \inf_{x \in A} \sup_{y \in B} \frac{t}{t + d(x, y)}, \inf_{y \in B} \sup_{x \in A} \frac{t}{t + d(x, y)} \right\} \\ &= \min \left\{ \frac{t}{t + \sup_{x \in A} \inf_{y \in B} d(x, y)}, \frac{t}{t + \sup_{y \in B} \inf_{x \in A} d(x, y)} \right\} \\ &= \frac{t}{t + \max \left\{ \sup_{x \in A} \inf_{y \in B} d(x, y), \sup_{y \in B} \inf_{x \in A} d(x, y) \right\}} \\ &= \frac{t}{t + H(A, B)}. \end{aligned}$$

By the above and our assumption, we have

$$\begin{aligned} H_M(Fx, Fy, \alpha(d(x, \gamma, t))t) &= \frac{\alpha(d(x, \gamma))t}{\alpha(d(x, \gamma))t + H(Fx, Fy)} \\ &\geq \frac{\alpha(d(x, \gamma))t}{\alpha(d(x, \gamma))(t + d(x, \gamma))} \\ &= \frac{t}{t + d(x, \gamma)} \\ &= M(x, \gamma, t), \end{aligned}$$

for each $t > 0$ and each $x, y \in X$. Therefore, the conclusion follows from Theorem 2.4.

3. Endpoint theory

Let X be a non-empty set and let $F : X \rightarrow 2^X$ be a set-valued map. An element $x \in X$ is said to be an endpoint (invariant or stationary point) of F , if $Fx = \{x\}$. The investigation of the existence and uniqueness of endpoints of set-valued contraction maps in metric spaces have received much attention in recent years [21-26].

Definition 3.1. Let $(X, M, *)$ be a fuzzy metric space and let $F : X \rightarrow X$ be a multi-valued mapping. We say that F is continuous if for any convergent sequence $x_n \rightarrow x_0$ we have $H_M(Fx_n, Fx_0, t) \rightarrow 1$ as $n \rightarrow \infty$, for each $t > 0$.

As far as we know the following is the first endpoint result for set-valued contraction type maps in fuzzy metric spaces.

Theorem 3.2. Let $(X, M, *)$ be a complete fuzzy metric space and let $F : X \rightarrow \mathcal{K}(X)$ be a continuous set-valued mapping. Suppose that for each $x \in X$ there exists $y \in Fx$ satisfying

$$H_M(y, Fy, kt) \geq M(x, y, t), \quad \forall t > 0, \tag{3.1}$$

where $k \in [0, 1)$. Then, F has an endpoint.

Proof. For each $x \in X$, define the function $f : X \rightarrow [0, \infty)$ by $f(x, t) = H_M(x, Fx, t) = \inf_{y \in Fx} M(x, y, t)$, $x \in X$. Suppose that $\{x_n\}$ converges to x ; then for any $y \in Fx$ and $z \in Fx_n$, we have

$$\begin{aligned} M(x, y, t) &\geq M\left(x, x_n, \frac{t}{3}\right) * M\left(x_n, z, \frac{t}{3}\right) * M\left(z, y, \frac{t}{3}\right) \\ &\geq M\left(x, x_n, \frac{t}{3}\right) * H_M\left(x_n, Fx_n, \frac{t}{3}\right) * H_M\left(z, Fx, \frac{t}{3}\right) \\ &\geq M\left(x, x_n, \frac{t}{3}\right) * f\left(x_n, \frac{t}{3}\right) * H_M\left(Fx_n, Fx, \frac{t}{3}\right). \end{aligned}$$

Since $y \in Fx$ is arbitrary then from the above, we get

$$f(x, t) = H_M(x, Fx, t) \geq M\left(x, x_n, \frac{t}{3}\right) * f\left(x_n, \frac{t}{3}\right) * H_M\left(Fx_n, Fx, \frac{t}{3}\right).$$

It follows from the continuity of F that

$$f(x, t) \geq \limsup_{n \rightarrow \infty} \left(M\left(x, x_n, \frac{t}{3}\right) * f(x_n) * H_M\left(Fx_n, Fx, \frac{t}{3}\right) \right) = \limsup_{n \rightarrow \infty} f\left(x_n, \frac{t}{3}\right).$$

Hence,

$$f(x, t) \geq \limsup_{n \rightarrow \infty} f\left(x_n, \frac{t}{3}\right),$$

whenever $x_n \rightarrow x$. Let $x_0 \in X$. Then by (3.1) there exists a $x_1 \in Fx_0$ such that

$$H_M(x_1, Fx_1, kt) \geq M(x_0, x_1, t).$$

Continuing this process, we can choose a sequence $\{x_n\}_{n \geq 0}$ in X such that $x_{n+1} \in Fx_n$ satisfying

$$H_M(x_{n+1}, Fx_{n+1}, kt) \geq M(x_n, x_{n+1}, t). \tag{3.2}$$

From the definition of $H_M(x_n, Tx_n)$, we have

$$M(x_n, x_{n+1}, t) \geq H_M(x_n, Fx_n, t). \tag{3.3}$$

From (3.2) and (3.3), we get

$$\begin{aligned} H_M(x_{n+1}, Fx_{n+1}, kt) &\geq M(x_n, x_{n+1}, t) \\ &\geq H_M(x_n, Fx_n, t) \\ &\geq H_M(x_n, Fx_n, kt) \\ &\geq M\left(x_{n-1}, x_n, \frac{1}{k}t\right), \end{aligned} \tag{3.4}$$

which implies that $\{H_M(x_n, Fx_n, kt)\}_n$ is a non-negative non-decreasing sequence of real numbers and so is convergent. To find the limit of $\{H(x_n, Fx_n, kt)\}_n$ notice that

$$\begin{aligned} H_M(x_{n+1}, Fx_{n+1}, kt) &\geq H_M(x_n, Fx_n, t) \\ &\geq H_M\left(x_{n-1}, Fx_{n-1}, \frac{1}{k}t\right) \geq \dots \geq H_M\left(x_0, Fx_0, \frac{1}{k^n}t\right). \end{aligned} \tag{3.5}$$

Since Fx_0 is compact then there exists a $y_0 \in Fx_0$ such that

$$H_M\left(x_0, Fx_0, \frac{1}{k^n}t\right) = M\left(x_0, y_0, \frac{1}{k^n}t\right). \tag{3.6}$$

(3.5) together with (3.6) imply that for each $n \in \mathbb{N}$

$$H_M(x_{n+1}, Fx_{n+1}, kt) \geq M\left(x_0, y_0, \frac{1}{k^n}t\right).$$

From (2.1) we have $\lim_{n \rightarrow \infty} M\left(x_0, y_0, \frac{1}{k^n}t\right) = 1$ and so

$$\lim_{n \rightarrow \infty} H_M(x_n, Fx_n, t) = 1, \quad \forall t > 0.$$

From (3.2), we get

$$M(x_n, x_{n+1}, t) \geq M\left(x_{n-1}, x_n, \frac{1}{k}t\right),$$

from which and Lemma (2.1), we get $\{x_n\}$ is a Cauchy sequence. Since $(X, M, *)$ is a complete fuzzy metric space then there exists a $\bar{x} \in X$ such that $\lim_{n \rightarrow \infty} x_n = \bar{x}$. By assumption the function $f(x) = H_M(x, Fx, t)$ is upper semicontinuous, then

$$H_M(\bar{x}, F\bar{x}, t) \geq \lim_{n \rightarrow \infty} H_M(x_n, Fx_n, t) = 1.$$

Thus

$$H_M(\bar{x}, F\bar{x}, t) = 1,$$

and so $F\bar{x} = \{\bar{x}\}$.

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