

Fixed fuzzy point theorem in metric spaces and its applications to fuzzy differential equations

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Abstract— In this paper, we prove a fixed fuzzy point theorem for fuzzy mapping in a complete metric space and give applications to fuzzy differential equations.

Index Terms— complete metric space, fuzzy set, fuzzy fixed point, fuzzy differential equations, fuzzy mapping, Hausdorff distance, nondecreasing function.

1 INTRODUCTION

In mathematics, the Banach fixed point theorem[2] (also known as the contraction mapping theorem or contraction mapping principle) is an important tool in the theory of metric spaces. It guarantees the existence and uniqueness of fixed points of certain self-maps of metric spaces, and provides a constructive method to find those fixed points. As an extension of Banach contraction theorem, many Mathematicians have studied the concept of fixed point theorem in metric spaces and its application to differential equations[5,10,11]. In 2003, Lakshmikantham.V and Mohapatra[12] gave application of the Banach contraction theorem to fuzzy differential equations. Heilpern[6], introduced the concept of fuzzy mapping and proved a fixed point theorem for fuzzy contraction mappings in complete metric spaces. Continuing this, fixed point theorem for fuzzy mappings in complete metric spaces has been studied by many authors[1,3,4,13,14,15]. Hemant Kumar Nashine[7] et al. gave a fixed point theorem for fuzzy mapping over a complete metric space and gave application to fuzzy differential equations[8,9]. In this paper, we prove a fixed point theorem for fuzzy mapping in a complete metric space and give applications to fuzzy differential equations. We need the following for main result.

Definition 1.1:

Let A be a fuzzy set in X . If $\alpha \in [0,1]$, then the α -level set A_α of A is defined as

$$A_\alpha = \{x: A(x) \geq \alpha\}.$$

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For $\alpha \in (0,1]$, the fuzzy point x_α of X is the fuzzy set of X given by $x_\alpha(x) = \alpha$ and $x_\alpha(z) = 0$ if $z \neq x$.

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Definition 1.3:

Let $W(X)$ be a collection of approximation quantities. The family $W_\alpha(X) = \{A \in I^X : A_\alpha \text{ is nonempty, compact and convex}\}$. Let p_α be a α -space, D_α be a α -distance, D be the distance and H be the Hausdorff distance. Let $A, B \in W(X)$

$$p_\alpha(A, B) = \inf_{x \in A_\alpha, y \in B_\alpha} d(x, y),$$

$$D_\alpha(A, B) = H(A_\alpha, B_\alpha),$$

$$D(A, B) = \sup_\alpha D_\alpha(A, B).$$

Definition 1.4 :

Let X be an arbitrary set, Y be any metric linear space and $I = [0,1]$. A fuzzy set of X is an element of I^X . F is called *fuzzy mapping* iff F is a mapping from the set X into a family $W(X) \subset I^X$, that is $F(x) \in W(X)$ for each $x \in X$.

Lemma 1.5:

Let (X, d) be a metric space. Let $A, B \in W(X)$ and $x, y \in X$.

1. $x_\alpha \subset A$ if $p_\alpha(x, A) = 0$,
2. $p_\alpha(x, A) \leq d(x, y) + p_\alpha(y, A)$,
3. If $x_\alpha \subset A$, then $p_\alpha(x, A) \leq D_\alpha(A, B)$.

Definition 1.6:

A fuzzy point x_α in X is called a *fixed fuzzy point* of a fuzzy mapping F if $x_\alpha \subset F(x)$, that is, the fixed degree of x in $F(x)$ is atleast α . If $x_1 \subset F(x)$, then x is a fixed point of fuzzy mapping F .

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Theorem 2.1:

Let $\alpha \in (0,1]$, (X, d) be a complete metric space and F be a fuzzy mapping from X onto $W(X)$ such that there exists a nonde-

creasing function $K:[0,\infty)\rightarrow[0,\infty)$ satisfying $\sum_{n=1}^{\infty} K^n(t) < \infty$,

$\forall t > 0, K(0)=0, D_\alpha(F(x),F(y))\leq K(d(x,y))$ for all $x,y\in X$ and K is continuous at the origin. Then x_α is a fixed fuzzy point of F .

Proof:

Let $x_0 \in X$ and $F : X \rightarrow W_\alpha(X)$ be a fuzzy mapping.

Suppose there exists $x_1 \in (F(x_0))_\alpha$ such that $K : [0,\infty) \rightarrow [0,\infty)$ satisfying $\sum_{n=1}^{\infty} K^n(t) < \infty$. Since $(F(x_1))_\alpha$ is nonempty compact subset of X , then there exists $x_2 \in (F(x_1))_\alpha$ such that by lemma 1.5(3) and by our hypothesis,

$$\begin{aligned} d(x_1,x_2) &= p_\alpha(x_1,F(x_1)) \\ &\leq D_\alpha(F(x_0),F(x_1)) \\ &\leq K(d(x_0,x_1)). \end{aligned}$$

By induction, construct a sequence $\{x_n\}$ in X such that

$x_n \in (F(x_{n-1}))_\alpha$, by lemma 1.5(3) and by our hypothesis,

$$\begin{aligned} d(x_n, x_{n-1}) &= p_\alpha(x_n, F(x_{n-1})) \\ &\leq D_\alpha(F(x_{n-1}), F(x_n)) \\ &\leq K(d(x_{n-1}, x_n)) \\ &= K(p_\alpha(x_{n-1}, F(x_{n-1}))) \\ &\leq K(D_\alpha(F(x_{n-2}), F(x_{n-1}))) \\ &\leq K(K(d(x_{n-2}, x_{n-1}))) \\ &\vdots \\ &\leq K^n(d(x_0, x_1)). \end{aligned}$$

Continuing this process, we can get,

$$\begin{aligned} d(x_n, x_m) &\leq d(x_n, x_{n+1}) + \dots + d(x_{n+m-1}, x_{n+m}) \\ &\leq K^n(d(x_0, x_1)) + \dots + K^{n+m-1}(d(x_0, x_1)) \\ &= \sum_{i=n}^{n+m-1} K^i(d(x_0, x_1)). \end{aligned}$$

Since $\sum_{n=1}^{\infty} K^n(t) < \infty$, $\{x_n\}$ is a Cauchy sequence in X . Since (X,d) is a complete metric space, there exists $x \in X$, such that $(d(x_n, x)) \rightarrow 0$. Now by lemma 1.5(2,3) and K is continuous at the origin,

$$\begin{aligned} p_\alpha(x, F(x)) &\leq d(x, x_n) + p_\alpha(x_n, F(x)) \\ &\leq d(x, x_n) + D_\alpha(F(x_{n-1}), F(x)) \\ &\leq d(x, x_n) + K(d(x_{n-1}, x)) \\ &\rightarrow 0 + 0 = 0. \end{aligned}$$

Therefore, $p_\alpha(x, F(x)) = 0$ and by lemma 1.5(1), $x_\alpha \subset F(x)$.

Example 2.2:

Let $X = [0,1]$, $d : X \times X \rightarrow X$ be the Euclidean metric and $\alpha \in (0, \frac{1}{2})$. The fuzzy mapping $F : X \rightarrow I^X$ is defined by

$$F(0)(x) = \begin{cases} 1, & x = 0, \\ \alpha, & x \in (0, \frac{1}{2}], \\ \frac{\alpha}{2}, & x \in (\frac{1}{2}, 1], \end{cases}$$

$$F(1)(x) = \begin{cases} 1, & x = 0, \\ 2\alpha, & x \in (0, \frac{1}{2}], \\ \frac{\alpha}{2}, & x \in (\frac{1}{2}, 1], \end{cases}$$

$$\text{and for } z \in (0,1), F(z)(x) = \begin{cases} 1, & x = 0, \\ \alpha, & x \in (0, \frac{1}{2}], \\ 0, & x \in (\frac{1}{2}, 1], \end{cases}$$

Then $F(0)_1 = F(z)_1 = F(1)_1 = \{0\}$, $F(0)_\alpha = F(z)_\alpha = F(1)_\alpha = [0, \frac{1}{2}]$, and

$$F(0)_{\frac{\alpha}{2}} = F(1)_{\frac{\alpha}{2}} = [0,1], F(z)_{\frac{\alpha}{2}} = [0, \frac{1}{2}].$$

Now,

$$D_1(F(x), F(y)) = H(F(x)_1, F(y)_1) = 0 \text{ for all } x, y \in X,$$

$$D_\alpha(F(x), F(y)) = H(F(x)_\alpha, F(y)_\alpha) = 0 \text{ for all } x, y \in X,$$

$$D_{\frac{\alpha}{2}}(F(x), F(y)) = H(F(x)_{\frac{\alpha}{2}}, F(y)_{\frac{\alpha}{2}}) = 0 \text{ for all } x, y \in \{0,1\} \text{ and for}$$

all $x, y \in (0,1)$,

$$D_{\frac{\alpha}{2}}(F(x), F(y)) = H(F(x)_{\frac{\alpha}{2}}, F(y)_{\frac{\alpha}{2}}) = \frac{1}{2} \text{ for all } x \in \{0,1\} \text{ and for}$$

all $y \in (0,1)$.

$$\text{Define a function } K:[0,\infty)\rightarrow[0,\infty) \text{ by } K(t) = \frac{t}{t+1}.$$

Clearly, $\sum_{n=1}^{\infty} K^n(t) < \infty, K(0)=0$.

For all $x, y \in X, D_\alpha(F(x), F(y)) = 0 \leq K(d(x, y))$.

The hypothesis is verified.

Then 0 is the fixed fuzzy point.

The theorem is justified.

3 APPLICATIONS TO FUZZY DIFFERENTIAL EQUATIONS

Consider the boundary value problem

$$\begin{aligned} x''(t) &= f(t, x(t), x'(t)), t \in J = [a, b], \\ x(t_1) &= x_1, x(t_2) = x_2, t_1, t_2 \in J, \end{aligned}$$

where $f : J \times E^n \times E^n \rightarrow E^n$ is a continuous function. This problem is equivalent to the integral equation

$$x(t) = \int_{t_1}^{t_2} G(t, s) f(s, x(s), x'(s)) ds + \beta(t).$$

where Green's function G is given by

$$G(t, s) = \begin{cases} \frac{(t_2 - t)(s - t_1)}{(t_2 - t_1)}, & t_1 \leq s \leq t \leq t_2, \\ \frac{(t_2 - s)(t - t_1)}{(t_2 - t_1)} & t_1 \leq t \leq s \leq t_2, \end{cases}$$

and $\beta(t)$ satisfies $\beta'' = 0, \beta(t_1) = x_1, \beta(t_2) = x_2$. Let us recall some properties of $G(t, s)$ namely,

$$\int_{t_1}^{t_2} |G(t, s)| ds \leq \frac{(t_2 - t_1)^2}{8}$$

and

$$\int_{t_1}^{t_2} |G_t(t, s)| ds \leq \frac{(t_2 - t_1)}{2}.$$

Now, we shall prove the existence of the result for the above boundary value problem by using our theorem 2.1.

Theorem 3.1:

Let $f : J \times E^n \times E^n \rightarrow E^n$ and there exists

$\gamma > 0, \delta > 0$ such that

$$|f(t, x(t), x'(t)) - f(t, y(t), y'(t))| \leq \gamma|x(t) - y(t)| + \delta|x'(t) - y'(t)|$$

for all $(t, x, x'), (t, y, y') \in J \times E^n \times E^n$ and $\gamma \leq \delta$. Then the boundary value problem has a solution.

Proof:

Consider $C = C^1[[t_1, t_2], W(X)]$ with the metric

$$D(x, y) = \max_{t_1 \leq t \leq t_2} [\gamma|x(t) - y(t)| + \delta|x'(t) - y'(t)|].$$

The space (C, D) is a complete metric space. Define the operator $F: C \rightarrow C$ by

$$Fx(t) = \int_{t_1}^{t_2} G(t, s) f(s, x(s), x'(s)) ds + \beta(t).$$

Define $K: [0, \infty) \rightarrow [0, \infty)$ by $K(t) = 2\delta t$. Then using the properties of the metric d , we get successively,

$$\begin{aligned} |Fx(t) - Fy(t)| &\leq \int_{t_1}^{t_2} |G(t, s)| \\ &|f(s, x(s), x'(s)) - f(s, y(s), y'(s))| ds \end{aligned}$$

$$\begin{aligned} &\leq D(x, y) \int_{t_1}^{t_2} |G(t, s)| ds \\ &\leq D(x, y) \frac{(t_2 - t_1)^2}{8} \\ &\leq \frac{D(x, y)}{8} \\ &\leq D(x, y) \end{aligned}$$

and

$$\begin{aligned} |(Fx)'(t) - (Fy)'(t)| &\leq \int_{t_1}^{t_2} |G_t(t, s)| \\ &|f(s, x(s), x'(s)) - f(s, y(s), y'(s))| ds \\ &\leq D(x, y) \int_{t_1}^{t_2} |G_t(t, s)| ds \\ &\leq D(x, y) \frac{(t_2 - t_1)}{2} \\ &\leq D(x, y). \end{aligned}$$

Now, we have

$$D[Fx, Fy] \leq \gamma D(x, y) + \delta D(x, y)$$

$$\begin{aligned} &\leq 2\delta D(x,y) \\ &= K(D(x,y)) \end{aligned}$$

and $\sum_{n=1}^{\infty} K^n(t) = \sum_{n=1}^{\infty} (2\delta)^n t < \infty, K(0) = 0$.

We obtain $D(Fx, Fy) \leq K(D(x,y))$.

Therefore, Theorem 2.1 applies to F which has a fixed point $x^* \in C$, that is x^* is a solution of the boundary value problem.

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