

A FIXED POINT THEOREM IN PROBABILISTIC  
METRIC SPACES

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ABSTRACT

In this paper a fixed point theorem in probabilistic metric spaces is proved. This theorem is a generalization of a fixed point theorem from [3].

A pair  $(S, F)$  is a probabilistic metric space if and only if  $S$  is an arbitrary set,  $F : S \times S \rightarrow \Delta^+$  ( $\Delta^+$  is the set of all the distribution functions  $F$  such that  $F(0) = 0$ ) so that the following conditions are satisfied ( $F(x, y) = F_{x, y}$  for every  $x, y \in S$ ):

1.  $F_{x, y}(\epsilon) = 1$ , for every  $\epsilon \in \mathbb{R}^+$  iff  $x = y$ .
2.  $F_{x, y} = F_{y, x}$ , for every  $x, y \in S$ .
3.  $F_{x, y}(\epsilon) = 1$  and  $F_{y, z}(\delta) = 1$  implies  $F_{x, z}(\epsilon + \delta) = 1$ ,

where  $x, y, z \in S$ ,  $\epsilon, \delta \in \mathbb{R}^+$ .

The  $(\epsilon, \lambda)$ -topology in  $S$  is introduced by the  $(\epsilon, \lambda)$ -neighbourhoods of  $x \in S$ :

$$U_x(\epsilon, \lambda) = \{y : F_{x, y}(\epsilon) > 1 - \lambda\} \quad \epsilon > 0, \quad \lambda \in (0, 1).$$

A triplet  $(S, F, t)$  is a Menger space iff  $(S, F)$  is a probabilistic metric space and  $t$  is a T-norm such that for every  $\epsilon_1, \epsilon_2 \in \mathbb{R}^+$

$$F_{x, y}(\epsilon_1 + \epsilon_2) \geq t(F_{x, z}(\epsilon_1), F_{z, y}(\epsilon_2))$$

for every  $x, y, z \in S$ .

A set  $M \subset S$  is probabilistic bounded iff

$$\sup_{\epsilon} D_M(\epsilon) = 1$$

where

$$D_M(\epsilon) = \sup_{\delta < \epsilon} \inf_{x, y \in S} F_{x, y}(\delta)$$

is the probabilistic diameter of the set  $M$ .

If  $f: S \rightarrow S$  and  $x \in S$  then

$$O_f(x) = \{x, f(x), f^2(x), \dots\}.$$

DEFINITION 1. [1] Let  $(S, F)$  be a probabilistic metric space and  $f: S \rightarrow S$ . A point  $x \in S$  is regular for  $f$  iff

$$\sup_{\epsilon} D_{O_f(x)}(\epsilon) = 1.$$

DEFINITION 2. [1] Let  $(S, F)$  be a probabilistic metric space and  $f: S \rightarrow S$ . Two points  $x, y \in S$  are asymptotic under  $f$  iff

$$F_{f^n(x), f^n(y)}(\epsilon) \rightarrow 1 \text{ for } n \rightarrow \infty, \text{ for every } \epsilon > 0.$$

THEOREM 1. Let  $(S, F, t)$  be a Menger space with a continuous  $T$ -norm  $t$  and let the mapping  $f: S \rightarrow S$  be such that every point from  $S$  be regular for  $f$  and every pair of points from  $S$  is asymptotic under  $f$ . Let  $D_{O_f(x)} < D_{O_f(f(x))}$  whenever  $D_{O_f(x)} < H$ . If for some  $x \in S$  the sequence  $\{f^n(x)\}_{n \in \mathbb{N}}$  has a convergent subsequence  $\{f^{n_k}(x)\}_{n_k \in \mathbb{N}}$  with a limit  $a$  and if

$$\sup_{\delta < t} \phi(\delta) = \phi(t),$$

where

$$\phi(\delta) = \inf_{x, y \in O_f(a)} F_{x, y}(\delta),$$

then the point  $a$  is a unique fixed point of the mapping  $f$ .

P r o o f. First we shall prove that from the conditions of the theorem it follows that

$$F_{a, f^m(a)}(\epsilon) \geq D_{O_f(f(a))}(\epsilon)$$

for all  $m \in \mathbb{N}$  and for all  $\varepsilon > 0$ . From the definition of a Menger space we have for all  $\delta < \varepsilon$

$$F_{a, f^m(a)}(\varepsilon) \geq t(F_{a, f^{n_k}(x)}(\frac{\delta}{2}), F_{f^{n_k}(x), f^m(a)}(\varepsilon - \frac{\delta}{2})) \geq \\ \geq t(F_{a, f^{n_k}(x)}(\frac{\delta}{2}), t(F_{f^{n_k}(x), f^{n_k}(a)}(\frac{\delta}{2}), F_{f^{n_k}(a), f^m(a)}(\varepsilon - \delta))).$$

Also we have that

$$F_{f^{n_k}(a), f^m(a)}(\varepsilon - \delta) \geq \inf_{m, n \in \mathbb{N}} F_{f^m(a), f^n(a)}(\varepsilon - \delta),$$

which means that

$$F_{a, f^m(a)}(\varepsilon) \geq t(F_{a, f^{n_k}(x)}(\frac{\delta}{2}), t(F_{f^{n_k}(x), f^{n_k}(a)}(\frac{\delta}{2}), \\ \inf_{m, n \in \mathbb{N}} F_{f^m(a), f^n(a)}(\varepsilon - \delta))).$$

If  $n_k \rightarrow \infty$ , we have

$$\lim_{n_k \rightarrow \infty} F_{a, f^m(a)}(\varepsilon) \geq \lim_{n_k \rightarrow \infty} t(F_{a, f^{n_k}(x)}(\frac{\delta}{2}), t(F_{f^{n_k}(x), f^{n_k}(a)}(\frac{\delta}{2}), \\ \inf_{m, n \in \mathbb{N}} F_{f^m(a), f^n(a)}(\varepsilon - \delta))).$$

From the preceding inequality we get

$$F_{a, f^m(a)}(\varepsilon) \geq t(H(\frac{\delta}{2}), t(H(\frac{\delta}{2}), \inf_{m, n \in \mathbb{N}} F_{f^m(a), f^n(a)}(\varepsilon - \delta))),$$

since

$$\lim_{n_k \rightarrow \infty} F_{a, f^{n_k}(x)}(\frac{\delta}{2}) = H(\frac{\delta}{2}) \quad (\lim_{n_k \rightarrow \infty} f^{n_k}(x) = a)$$

$$\lim_{n_k \rightarrow \infty} F_{f^{n_k}(x), f^{n_k}(a)}(\frac{\delta}{2}) = H(\frac{\delta}{2})$$

( $x$  and  $a$  are asymptotic points). Therefore, we have

$$F_{a, f^m(a)}(\varepsilon) \geq t(1, t(1, \inf_{m, n \in \mathbb{N}} F_{f^m(a), f^n(a)}(\varepsilon - \delta))) \geq \\ \geq t(1, t(1, \sup_{0 < \delta < \varepsilon} \inf_{m, n \in \mathbb{N}} F_{f^m(a), f^n(a)}(\varepsilon - \delta))) = D_{O_f}(f(a))(\varepsilon).$$

So we have proved that

$$F_{a, f^m(a)}(\epsilon) \geq D_{O_f}(f(a))(\epsilon).$$

Now we shall show that

$$D_{O_f}(a)(\epsilon) = D_{O_f}(f(a))(\epsilon).$$

We have

$$D_{O_f}(a)(\epsilon) = \sup_{t < \epsilon} \inf_{n, k \in \mathbb{N} \cup \{0\}} F_{f^n(a), f^k(a)}(t) =$$

$$\sup_{t < \epsilon} (\min\{\inf_{n \in \mathbb{N}} F_{a, f^n(a)}(t), \inf_{n, k \in \mathbb{N}} F_{f^n(a), f^k(a)}(t)\}).$$

From the next two inequalities

$$F_{a, f^m(a)}(\epsilon) \geq D_{O_f}(f(a))(\epsilon) = \inf_{n, k \in \mathbb{N}} F_{f^n(a), f^k(a)}(\epsilon)$$

$$\inf_{n \in \mathbb{N}} F_{a, f^n(a)}(t) \geq \inf_{n, k \in \mathbb{N}} F_{f^n(a), f^k(a)}(t),$$

it follows that

$$\begin{aligned} \min\{\inf_{n \in \mathbb{N}} F_{a, f^n(a)}(t), \inf_{n, k \in \mathbb{N}} F_{f^n(a), f^k(a)}(t)\} &= \\ &= \inf_{n, k \in \mathbb{N}} F_{f^n(a), f^k(a)}(t) \end{aligned}$$

and then we get

$$D_{O_f}(a)(\epsilon) = \sup_{t < \epsilon} \inf_{n, k \in \mathbb{N}} F_{f^n(a), f^k(a)}(t) = D_{O_f}(f(a))(\epsilon).$$

Since  $D_{O_f}(x) < D_{O_f}(f(x))$  for all  $x \in S$  whenever  $D_{O_f}(f(x)) < H$ , it follows that

$$D_{O_f}(a) = H = D_{O_f}(f(a)).$$

Since

$$F_{a, f^m(a)}(\epsilon) \geq D_{O_f}(f(a))(\epsilon) = H(\epsilon)$$

for all  $m \in \mathbb{N}$ , and every  $\epsilon > 0$  for  $m=1$  we have that

$$F_{a, f(a)}(\epsilon) = H(\epsilon)$$

which means that

$$f(a) = a.$$

If we suppose that a point  $b \in S$  is also a fixed point of the mapping  $f$ , then we have

$$F_{a, b}(\epsilon) = F_{f^n(a), f^n(b)}(\epsilon) \rightarrow H(\epsilon)$$

for  $n \rightarrow \infty$  ( $a, b$  are asymptotic points). From the last equality we get  $a = b$ .

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#### REZIME

#### TEOREMA O NEPOKRETNOSTI TAČKI U VEROVATNOSNIM METRIČKIM PROSTORIMA

U ovom radu je dokazana teorema o fiksnoj tački za preslikavanja u verovatnosnim metričkim prostorima. Ona predstavlja generalizaciju teoreme o fiksnoj tački preslikavanja u metričkim prostorima dokazanoj u [3]. Teorem glasi: Neka je  $(S, F, t)$  Mengerov prostor sa neprekidnom T-normom  $t$  i neka je preslikavanje  $f : S \rightarrow S$  takvo da je svaka tačka iz  $S$  regularna za  $f$  i svaki par tačaka iz  $S$  je asimptotski u odnosu na  $f$ . Neka je  $D_{O_f}(x) < D_{O_f}(f(x))$  kadgod je  $D_{O_f}(x) < H$ . Ako za neko  $x \in S$  postoji

niz  $\{f^n(x)\}_{n \in \mathbb{N}}$  takav da konvergentni podniz  $\{f^{n_k}(x)\}_{n_k \in \mathbb{N}}$

ima graničnu vrednost  $a$  i ako je

$$\sup_{\delta < t} \phi(\delta) = \phi(t), \text{ gde je}$$

$$\phi(\delta) = \inf_{x, y \in O_f(a)} F_{x, Y}(\delta),$$

tada je tačka  $a$  jedinstvena nepokretna tačka preslikavanja  $f$ .