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## FUZZY CONE B-METRIC SPACES

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## ABSTRACT

In this article, we present the theory of fuzzy cone b-metric space as a new type of generalized metric spaces. We give some basic properties of this new space as Hausdorffness, convergence, completeness etc. In addition to, we introduce fuzzy cone b-metric Banach contraction theorem using our results.

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## 1. INTRODUCTION

Firstly, the theory of cone metric space was defined by Huang and Zhang in 2007 [3]. They handled ordering Banach space in lieu of the  $R$  as follows:

Consider a real Banach space  $E$ . When the following conditions are satisfied, the set  $P \subset E$  is defined as a cone: for  $a, b \in R^+ \cup \{0\}$ ;

- 1)  $P$  is nonempty,  $P \neq \{\theta\}$ ,
- 2)  $P$  is closed,
- 3)  $ax_1 + bx_2 \in P$ , if  $x_1, x_2 \in P$ ,
- 4)  $x_1 = \theta$ , if  $x_1 \in P$  and  $-x_1 \in P$ ,

When  $P \subset E$  is a cone, a partial ordering  $\preceq$  according to  $P$  is found where  $x_1 \preceq x_2$  means  $x_2 - x_1 \in P$ . Moreover, the followings will be used:

- $x_1 \prec x_2 \Leftrightarrow x_1 \preceq x_2$  and  $x_1 \neq x_2$ ,
- $x_1 \ll x_2 \Leftrightarrow x_2 - x_1 \in \text{int } P$  ( $\text{int } P$  is the set of interior points of  $P$ ).

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If there exists a  $K > 0$  which holds  $\theta \preceq x_1 \preceq x_2 \Rightarrow \|x_1\| \leq K \|x_2\|$  for each  $x_1, x_2 \in E$ , in that case  $P$  is called a normal cone. Also, the normal constant of  $P$  is  $K$  that is the smallest positive number satisfying above inequality.

**Definition 1.1** [3] Let  $X \neq \emptyset$  be an arbitrary set and a mapping  $d$  be defined from  $X \times X$  to  $E$ . When the followings are hold,  $d$  is defined as cone metric on  $X$ . Also,  $(X, d)$  is called cone metric space: for each  $x_1, x_2, x_3 \in X$ ,

- d1.  $\theta \prec d(x_1, x_2)$  and  $d(x_1, x_2) = \theta \Leftrightarrow x_1 = x_2$ ,
- d2.  $d(x_1, x_2) = d(x_2, x_1)$ ,
- d3.  $d(x_1, x_2) \preceq d(x_1, x_3) + d(x_3, x_2)$ .

Obviously, cone metric spaces are a generalization of metric spaces.

**Example 1.2** [3] Let  $E = R^2$ ,  $P = \{(x_1, x_2) : x_1, x_2 \geq 0\} \subset E$  and  $X = R$ . Let  $d$  be defined from  $X \times X$  to  $E$  where  $d(x_1, x_2) = (|x_1 - x_2|, \alpha |x_1 - x_2|)$  for a constant  $\alpha \geq 0$ . In that case,  $(X, d)$  is a cone metric space.

In 2011, the structure of cone b-metric space was presented by Hussain and Shah [4]. They examined some basic properties of this space.

**Definition 1.3** [4] Let  $X \neq \emptyset$  be an arbitrary set,  $P$  be a cone of  $E$  and  $D : X \times X \rightarrow P$  be a vector-valued function. If the following conditions are hold, then  $D$  is said to be a cone b-metric on  $X$  with the constant  $k \geq 1$ . Also,  $(X, D)$  is called a cone b-metric space: for each  $x_1, x_2, x_3 \in X$ ,

- M1.  $\theta \preceq D(x_1, x_2)$  and  $D(x_1, x_2) = \theta \Leftrightarrow x_1 = x_2$ ,
- M2.  $D(x_1, x_2) = D(x_2, x_1)$ ,
- M3.  $D(x_1, x_3) \preceq k [D(x_1, x_2) + D(x_2, x_3)]$ .

**Lemma 1.4** [4] Let  $d$  be a cone b-metric on  $X$ . For each  $t_1 \gg \theta$  and  $t_2 \gg \theta$ ,  $t_1, t_2 \in E$ , there exists a  $t \in E$ ,  $t \gg \theta$  satisfying  $t \ll t_1$  and  $t \ll t_2$ .

The notion of fuzzy sets was defined by Zadeh [8]. Later, the theory of fuzzy metric space given by Kramosil and Michalek was modified by George and Veeramani and they give basic properties of this space [1, 5].

**Definition 1.5** [7] A continuous  $t$ -norm  $* : [0, 1] \times [0, 1] \rightarrow [0, 1]$  is a binary operation if the followings are satisfied: for all  $x, y, z, t \in [0, 1]$ ,

- (1)  $*$  is associative and commutative,
- (2)  $*$  is continuous,

- (3)  $x * 1 = x$ ,
- (4)  $x * y \leq z * t$  whenever  $x \leq z$  and  $y \leq t$ .

The following equalities which are given by the symbols  $*_M$ ,  $*_P$  and  $*_L$  respectively are the three basic continuous t-norms:

- $x *_M y = \min\{x, y\}$ ,
- $x *_P y = x.y$ ,
- $x *_L y = \max\{x + y - 1, 0\}$ .

**Definition 1.6** Let  $X$  be an arbitrary set and  $*$  be a continuous  $t$  – norm. A fuzzy set  $M$  on  $X^2 \times (0, \infty)$  is called a fuzzy metric on  $X$  if for each  $x_1, x_2, x_3 \in X$  and  $t, s > 0$ , the following axioms are hold:

- FM1.  $M(x_1, x_2, t) > 0$ ,
- FM2.  $M(x_1, x_2, t) = 1 \Leftrightarrow x_1 = x_2$ ,
- FM3.  $M(x_1, x_2, t) = M(x_2, x_1, t)$ ,
- FM4.  $M(x_1, x_3, t + s) \geq M(x_1, x_2, t) * M(x_2, x_3, s)$ ,
- FM5.  $M(x_1, x_2, \cdot) : (0, \infty) \rightarrow [0, 1]$  is continuous.

The ordered triple  $(X, M, *)$  is called a fuzzy metric space.

In 2015, the theory of fuzzy cone metric space was defined by Oner et al. [6].

**Definition 1.7** [6] Let  $X$  be an arbitrary set,  $E$  be a real Banach space and  $P$  be a cone of  $E$ . A fuzzy set  $M$  on  $X^2 \times \text{int}(P)$  is called a fuzzy cone metric on  $X$  if for each  $x_1, x_2, x_3 \in X$  and  $t, s \in \text{int}(P)$ , the following axioms are hold:

- FCM1.  $M(x_1, x_2, t) > 0$ ,
- FCM2.  $M(x_1, x_2, t) = 1 \Leftrightarrow x_1 = x_2$ ,
- FCM3.  $M(x_1, x_2, t) = M(x_2, x_1, t)$ ,
- FCM4.  $M(x_1, x_3, t + s) \geq M(x_1, x_2, t) * M(x_2, x_3, s)$ ,
- FCM5.  $M(x_1, x_2, \cdot) : \text{int}(P) \rightarrow [0, 1]$  is continuous.

The ordered triple  $(X, M, *)$  is called a fuzzy cone metric space.

## 2. FUZZY CONE B-METRIC SPACE

We introduce a new concept of generalized metric space called fuzzy cone b-metric space. Also, we give some basic properties of this new space as Hausdorffness, convergence, completeness etc.

**Definition 2.1** Let  $X$  be an arbitrary set,  $E$  be a real Banach space,  $P$  be a cone of  $E$  and  $*$  be a continuous t-norm. A fuzzy set  $M$  on  $X^2 \times \text{int}(P)$  is said to be fuzzy cone  $b$ -metric with the constant  $b \geq I$  on  $X$  if for each  $x_1, x_2, x_3 \in X$  and  $t, s \in \text{int}(P)$ , the following axioms are hold:

- FCB1.  $M(x_1, x_2, t) > 0$ ,
- FCB2.  $M(x_1, x_2, t) = 1 \Leftrightarrow x_1 = x_2$ ,
- FCB3.  $M(x_1, x_2, t) = M(x_2, x_1, t)$ ,
- FCB4.  $M(x_1, x_3, b(t + s)) \geq M(x_1, x_2, t) * M(x_2, x_3, s)$ ,
- FCB5.  $M(x_1, x_2, \cdot) : \text{int}(P) \rightarrow [0, 1]$  is continuous.

The ordered triple  $(X, M, *)$  is said to be fuzzy cone  $b$ -metric space.

Note that if we take  $b = 1$  in the definition of fuzzy cone b-metric space, then condition FCM4 in the definition of fuzzy cone metric space is satisfied. So, every fuzzy cone metric space is a fuzzy cone b-metric space. Also the family of fuzzy cone b-metric spaces is larger than that of the fuzzy cone metric spaces. If we take  $E = R$ ,  $P = (0, \infty)$  and  $x *_p y = x \cdot y$  for all  $x, y \in [0, 1]$  in the definition of fuzzy cone metric space, then fuzzy cone metric space becomes a fuzzy metric space. So, every fuzzy metric space is a fuzzy cone metric space. Also the family of fuzzy cone metric spaces is larger than that of the fuzzy metric spaces. Consequently, if we take  $b = 1$ ,  $E = R$ ,  $P = (0, \infty)$  and  $x *_p y = x \cdot y$  for all  $x, y \in [0, 1]$  in the definition of fuzzy cone b-metric space, it becomes a fuzzy metric space. Namely, every fuzzy metric space is a fuzzy cone b-metric space.

$$\left( \begin{array}{ccc} \text{Fuzzy cone b-metric} & \xrightarrow{b=1} & \text{Fuzzy cone metric} \\ \text{space} & & \text{space} \end{array} \right) \xrightarrow{E=R, P=(0,\infty), x*_p y=x \cdot y} \left( \begin{array}{ccc} \text{Fuzzy metric} & & \\ \text{space} & & \end{array} \right)$$

**Example 2.2** Let  $E = R^2$ ,  $X = R$  and  $m *_p n = m \cdot n$  for all  $m, n \in [0, 1]$ . Take a normal cone  $P = \{(k_1, k_2) : k_1, k_2 \geq 0\} \subset E$  such that  $K = 1$  [2]. Let  $M$  be defined from  $X^2 \times \text{int}(P)$  to  $[0, 1]$  by

$$M(x_1, x_2, t) = e^{-\frac{|x_1 - x_2|}{\|t\|}}$$

for all  $x_1, x_2 \in X$  and  $t \gg \theta$ . In that case,  $M$  is a fuzzy cone b-metric on  $X$ .

First three conditions can be easily verified.

FCB4. For each  $x_1, x_2, x_3 \in X$ ,

$$|x_1 - x_3| \leq |x_1 - x_2| + |x_2 - x_3|.$$

$s \preceq t + s$  and  $t \preceq t + s$  imply  $\|s\| \leq \|t + s\|$  and  $\|t\| \leq \|t + s\|$  for all  $t \gg \theta$  and  $s \gg \theta$ , respectively because of normal cone  $P$ . Then,  $\frac{\|t+s\|}{\|s\|} \geq 1$  and  $\frac{\|t+s\|}{\|t\|} \geq 1$ . Thus, we have

$$\begin{aligned} |x_1 - x_3| &\leq \frac{\|t + s\|}{\|t\|} |x_1 - x_2| + \frac{\|t + s\|}{\|s\|} |x_2 - x_3| \\ \frac{|x_1 - x_3|}{\|t + s\|} &\leq \frac{|x_1 - x_2|}{\|t\|} + \frac{|x_2 - x_3|}{\|s\|} \end{aligned}$$

and for  $b \geq 1$ ,

$$\frac{|x_1 - x_3|}{b\|t + s\|} \leq \frac{|x_1 - x_2|}{\|t + s\|} \leq \frac{|x_1 - x_2|}{\|t\|} + \frac{|x_2 - x_3|}{\|s\|}.$$

Hence,

$$\begin{aligned} e^{\frac{|x_1-x_3|}{b\|t+s\|}} &\leq e^{\frac{|x_1-x_2|}{\|t\|}} e^{\frac{|x_2-x_3|}{\|s\|}} \\ e^{-\frac{|x_1-x_3|}{b\|t+s\|}} &\geq e^{-\frac{|x_1-x_2|}{\|t\|}} e^{-\frac{|x_2-x_3|}{\|s\|}}. \end{aligned}$$

Thus the condition is satisfied.

FCB5. Let  $n$  be defined from  $\text{int}(P)$  to  $(0, \infty)$  by  $n(t) = \|t\|$  and  $f$  be defined from  $(0, \infty)$  to  $[0, 1]$  by  $f(u) = e^{-\frac{|x_1-x_2|}{u}}$ . Then,  $M$  can be thought as composition of  $f$  and  $n$ . Since both  $n$  and  $f$  are continuous functions,  $M$  is also a continuous function.

In that case,  $(X, M, *)$  is a fuzzy cone b-metric space.

**Example 2.3** Let  $d$  be a cone b-metric on  $X$ . Take a normal cone  $P$  with  $K = 1$  and  $m *_p n = m.n$  for all  $m, n \in [0, 1]$ . Define  $M : X^2 \times \text{int}(P) \rightarrow [0, 1]$  by

$$M(x_1, x_2, t) = \frac{\|t\|}{\|t\| + \|d(x_1, x_2)\|}$$

for each  $x_1, x_2 \in X$  and  $t \gg \theta$ . In that case,  $M$  is a fuzzy cone b-metric on  $X$ . Also,  $M$  is said to be the standard fuzzy cone b-metric induced by a cone b-metric.

First three conditions and FCB5 can be easily verified.

FCB4. Since  $d$  is a cone b-metric on  $X$ , for each  $x_1, x_2, x_3 \in X$ ,

$$d(x_1, x_3) \leq b[d(x_1, x_2) + d(x_2, x_3)]$$

and we have

$$\begin{aligned} \|d(x_1, x_3)\| &\leq \|b[d(x_1, x_2) + d(x_2, x_3)]\| \\ &\leq b\|d(x_1, x_2)\| + b\|d(x_2, x_3)\|. \end{aligned}$$

$s \preceq t + s$  and  $t \preceq t + s$  imply  $\|s\| \leq \|t + s\|$  and  $\|t\| \leq \|t + s\|$  for each  $t \gg \theta$  and  $s \gg \theta$ , respectively because of normal cone  $P$ . Then,  $\frac{\|t+s\|}{\|s\|} \geq 1$  and  $\frac{\|t+s\|}{\|t\|} \geq 1$ . So, we get

$$\begin{aligned} \|d(x_1, x_3)\| &\leq \frac{b\|t + s\|}{\|t\|} \|d(x_1, x_2)\| + \frac{b\|t + s\|}{\|s\|} \|d(x_2, x_3)\| \\ \frac{\|d(x_1, x_3)\|}{b\|t + s\|} &\leq \frac{\|d(x_1, x_2)\|}{\|t\|} + \frac{\|d(x_2, x_3)\|}{\|s\|} \\ &= \frac{\|s\|\|d(x_1, x_2)\| + \|t\|\|d(x_2, x_3)\|}{\|s\|\|t\|} \end{aligned}$$

and we have

$$\begin{aligned} 1 + \frac{\|d(x_1, x_3)\|}{b\|t + s\|} &\leq 1 + \frac{\|s\|\|d(x_1, x_2)\| + \|t\|\|d(x_2, x_3)\|}{\|s\|\|t\|} \\ &\leq \frac{\|s\|\|t\| + \|s\|\|d(x_1, x_2)\| + \|t\|\|d(x_2, x_3)\|}{\|s\|\|t\|} \\ &\leq \frac{\|s\|\|t\| + \|s\|\|d(x_1, x_2)\| + \|t\|\|d(x_2, x_3)\| + \|d(x_1, x_2)\|\|d(x_2, x_3)\|}{\|s\|\|t\|} \\ &= \frac{(\|t\| + \|d(x_1, x_2)\|)(\|s\| + \|d(x_2, x_3)\|)}{\|s\|\|t\|}. \end{aligned}$$

Then,

$$\frac{b\|t + s\| + \|d(x_1, x_3)\|}{b\|t + s\|} \leq \frac{\|t\| + \|d(x_1, x_2)\|}{\|t\|} + \frac{\|s\| + \|d(x_2, x_3)\|}{\|s\|}$$

and we have

$$\frac{b\|t + s\|}{b\|t + s\| + \|d(x_1, x_3)\|} \geq \frac{\|t\|}{\|t\| + \|d(x_1, x_2)\|} \cdot \frac{\|s\|}{\|s\| + \|d(x_2, x_3)\|}.$$

Thus, FCB4 is satisfied. As a result,  $M$  is a fuzzy cone b-metric on  $X$ .

**Example 2.4** Let  $M_1$  be a fuzzy cone b-metric on  $X$  and  $M_2$  be a fuzzy cone b-metric on  $Y$ . Let  $M$  be defined from  $(X \times Y)^2 \times \text{int}(P)$  to  $[0,1]$  by

$$M((x_1, x_2), (y_1, y_2), t) = M_1(x_1, y_1, t) * M_2(x_2, y_2, t)$$

for all  $(x_1, x_2), (y_1, y_2) \in X \times Y$  and  $t \gg \theta$ . In that case,  $M$  is a fuzzy cone b-metric on  $X$ .

First three conditions and FCB5 can be easily verified.

FCB4. For all  $(x_1, x_2), (y_1, y_2), (z_1, z_2) \in X \times Y$ ,

$$\begin{aligned} M((x_1, x_2), (z_1, z_2), b(t+s)) &= M_1(x_1, z_1, b(t+s)) * M_2(x_2, z_2, b(t+s)) \\ &\geq M_1(x_1, y_1, t) * M_1(y_1, z_1, s) * M_2(x_2, y_2, t) * M_2(y_2, z_2, s) \\ &= M((x_1, x_2), (y_1, y_2), t) * M((y_1, y_2), (z_1, z_2), s) \end{aligned}$$

Thus, FCB4 is satisfied. As a result,  $M$  is a fuzzy cone b-metric on  $X \times Y$ .

**Proposition 2.5** Let  $M$  be a fuzzy cone b-metric on a set  $X$ . In that case it is nondecreasing mapping for each  $x_1, x_2 \in X$ .

**Proof** Showing that  $M$  is a nondecreasing mapping according to  $t \in \text{int}(P)$  is easy. Firstly, assume that  $M(x_1, x_2, t) > M(x_1, x_2, t_0)$  for  $t_0 \gg t \gg \theta$ . For  $b \geq 1$ ,

$$\begin{aligned} M(x_1, x_2, bt_0) &\geq M(x_1, x_2, t) * M(x_2, x_2, t_0 - t) \\ &= M(x_1, x_2, t) \\ &> M(x_1, x_2, t_0). \end{aligned}$$

So, we obtain a contradiction. Then,  $M(x_1, x_2, \cdot)$  is nondecreasing.

**Remark 2.6 (1)** Let  $M$  be a fuzzy cone b-metric on a set  $X$ . If  $M(x_1, x_2, bt) > 1 - \rho$  for all  $x_1, x_2 \in X$ ,  $t \gg \theta$  and  $0 < \rho < 1$ , then there exists a  $s$ ,  $\theta \ll s \ll t$  such that  $M(x_1, x_2, s) > 1 - \rho$ .

(2) If  $\rho_1 > \rho_2$ , then a  $\rho_3$  such that  $\rho_1 * \rho_3 \geq \rho_2$  can be found. Also, a  $\rho_5$  such that  $\rho_5 * \rho_5 \geq \rho_4$  for any  $\rho_4$  can be found ( $\rho_1, \rho_2, \rho_3, \rho_4, \rho_5 \in (0,1)$ ).

**Definition 2.7** Let  $(X, M, *)$  be a fuzzy cone b-metric space and  $x_1 \in X$ . Then, for any  $0 < \rho < 1$  and  $t \gg \theta$ , the set

$$B(x_1, \rho, bt) = \{ x_2 \in X : M(x_1, x_2, bt) > 1 - \rho \}$$

is defined as an open ball.

**Definition 2.8** A subset  $G$  of a fuzzy cone b-metric space  $(X, M, *)$  is called open if given any point  $x_1$  in  $G$ , there exist a  $I > \rho > 0$  and a  $t \gg \theta$  such that  $M(x_1, x_2, bt) > I - \rho$ . There  $x_2$  also belongs to  $G$ .

**Lemma 2.9** For any  $x_1 \in X$ ,  $0 < \rho < 1$  and  $t \gg \theta$ ,  $B(x_1, \rho, bt)$  is an open set in fuzzy cone  $b$ -metric space.

*Proof* Let  $B(x_1, \rho, bt)$  be an open ball. Then,

$$x_2 \in B(x_1, \rho, bt) \Rightarrow M(x_1, x_2, bt) > 1 - \rho.$$

If we consider Remark 2.6(1), since  $M(x_1, x_2, bt) > 1 - \rho$ , a  $s$  for  $\theta \ll s \ll t$  which satisfies  $M(x_1, x_2, s) > 1 - \rho$  can be found. Assume that  $\rho_0 = M(x_1, x_2, s)$ . Since  $\rho_0 > 1 - \rho$ , a  $t_0$  for  $0 < t_0 < 1$  such that  $\rho_0 > 1 - t_0 > 1 - \rho$  can be found. If we consider Remark 2.6(2), for  $\rho_0$  and  $t_0$  such that  $\rho_0 > 1 - t_0$ , a  $\rho_1$  such that  $\rho_0 * \rho_1 \geq 1 - t_0$  can be found. Take into consideration the ball  $B(x_2, 1 - \rho_1, b(t - s))$ . We claim that

$$B(x_2, 1 - \rho_1, b(t - s)) \subset B(x_1, \rho, bt).$$

Take  $x_3 \in B(x_2, 1 - \rho_1, b(t - s))$ . Then,  $M(x_2, x_3, b(t - s)) > 1 - (1 - \rho_1) = \rho_1$  for  $b \geq 1$ . For this reason,

$$\begin{aligned} M(x_1, x_3, bt) &\geq M(x_1, x_2, s) * M(x_2, x_3, t - s) \\ &> \rho_0 * \rho_1 \\ &\geq 1 - t_0 \\ &> 1 - \rho. \end{aligned}$$

Then,  $x_3 \in B(x_1, \rho, bt)$ . So, the proof is completed.

**Proposition 2.10**

$\tau_b = \{G \subset X : x_1 \in G \text{ iff there exist } t \gg \theta \text{ and } \rho \in (0,1) \text{ such that } B(x_1, \rho, bt) \subset G\}$  is a topology in fuzzy cone b-metric space.

*Proof i)* If  $x_1 \in \phi$ , so  $\phi = B(x_1, r, bt) \subset \phi$ . Therefore,  $\phi \in \tau_b$ . Since

$B(x_1, \rho, bt) \subset X$  for any  $x_1 \in X$ ,  $\rho \in (0,1)$  and  $t \gg \theta$ ,  $X \in \tau_b$ .

*ii)* Let  $U, V \in \tau_b$  and  $x_1 \in U \cap V$ . In that case,  $x_1 \in U$  and  $x_1 \in V$ . Since  $x_1 \in U$  and  $U \in \tau_b$ , there exist a  $t_1 \in E$ ,  $t_1 \gg \theta$  and  $\rho_1 \in (0,1)$  such that



$B(x_1, \rho_1, bt_1) \subset U$ . Similarly, since  $x_1 \in V$  and  $V \in \tau_b$ , there exist a  $t_2 \in E, t_2 \gg \theta$  and  $\rho_2 \in (0,1)$  such that  $B(x_1, \rho_2, bt_2) \subset V$ . From Lemma 1.4, for  $t_1 \gg \theta$  and  $t_2 \gg \theta$ , there exists a  $t \in E, t \gg \theta$  such that  $t \ll t_1$  and  $t \ll t_2$ . Take  $\rho = \min\{\rho_1, \rho_2\}$ . In that case,  $B(x_1, \rho, bt) \subset B(x_1, \rho_1, bt_1) \subset U$  and

$$B(x_1, \rho, bt) \subset B(x_1, \rho_2, bt_2) \subset V.$$

$$\text{So, } B(x_1, \rho, bt) \subset B(x_1, \rho_1, bt_1) \cap B(x_1, \rho_2, bt_2) \subset U \cap V.$$

Consequently,  $U \cap V \in \tau_b$ .

iii) For all  $i \in I$ , let  $U_i \in \tau$  and  $x_1 \in \bigcup_{i \in I} U_i$ . Then, for  $\exists i_0 \in I, x_1 \in U_{i_0}$ . Since  $U_{i_0} \in \tau_b$ , there exist a  $t \in E, t \gg \theta$  and  $\rho \in (0,1)$  such that  $B(x_1, \rho, bt) \subset U_{i_0}$ . In this case,

$$B(x_1, \rho, bt) \subset U_{i_0} \subset \bigcup_{i \in I} U_i \in \tau_b.$$

Hence,  $(X, \tau_b)$  is a topological space.

**Theorem 2.11** Let  $M$  be a fuzzy cone b-metric on a set  $X$ . In that case,  $(X, \tau_b)$  is a Hausdorff space.

**Proof** Suppose that  $x_1 \neq x_2$  for  $x_1, x_2 \in X$ . It is obvious that  $1 > M(x_1, x_2, b^2t) > 0$ . Consider  $M(x_1, x_2, bt) = \rho$  for some  $\rho, 1 > \rho > 0$ . From Remark 2.6 (2), for each  $\rho_0$  such that  $1 > \rho_0 > \rho$ , there exists a  $\rho_1 \in (0,1)$  such that  $\rho_1 * \rho_1 \geq \rho_0$ . Take into consideration the open sets  $B(x_1, 1 - \rho_1, \frac{bt}{2})$  and  $B(x_2, 1 - \rho_1, \frac{bt}{2})$ . We claim that

$$B(x_1, 1 - \rho_1, \frac{bt}{2}) \cap B(x_2, 1 - \rho_1, \frac{bt}{2}) = \phi.$$

Suppose that  $B(x_1, 1 - \rho_1, \frac{bt}{2}) \cap B(x_2, 1 - \rho_1, \frac{bt}{2}) \neq \phi$ . Then, we can find a  $x_3$  such that

$$x_3 \in B(x_1, 1 - \rho_1, \frac{bt}{2}) \cap B(x_2, 1 - \rho_1, \frac{bt}{2}).$$

So,  $x_3 \in B(x_1, 1 - \rho_1, \frac{bt}{2})$  and  $x_3 \in B(x_2, 1 - \rho_1, \frac{bt}{2})$ . Therefore,

$$M(x_1, x_3, \frac{bt}{2}) > 1 - (1 - \rho_1) = \rho_1$$

and

$$M(x_2, x_3, \frac{bt}{2}) > 1 - (1 - \rho_1) = \rho_1.$$

For  $b \geq 1$ ,

$$\begin{aligned} \rho &= M(x_1, x_2, b^2t) \\ &\geq M(x_1, x_3, \frac{bt}{2}) * M(x_3, x_2, \frac{bt}{2}) \\ &> \rho_1 * \rho_1 \\ &\geq \rho_0 \\ &> \rho. \end{aligned}$$

Thus, we obtain a contradiction. As a result, the proof is completed.

**Theorem 2.12** Let  $(X, M, *)$  be a fuzzy cone b-metric space, then  $X$  is a first countable space.

*Proof* Let  $x_1 \in X$  and  $t \gg \theta$ . Also, take

$$\beta_{x_1} = \{B(x_1, \frac{1}{n}, \frac{bt}{n}) : n \in N\}$$

where  $B(x_1, \frac{1}{n}, \frac{bt}{n})$  denotes the open ball of  $x_1$  in  $X$ . It suffices to show that  $\beta_{x_1}$  is a local basis at  $x_1$ . Then, let  $G \in \tau_b$  and  $x_1 \in G$ . By the definition of an open set, there exist  $0 < \rho < 1$  and  $t \in E, t \gg \theta$  which satisfies  $B(x_1, \rho, bt) \subset G$ . Take  $n \in N$  such that  $\frac{1}{n} < \rho$ . Since  $\frac{1}{n} < 1, \frac{bt}{n} \ll bt$ . Now, we must show  $B(x_1, \frac{1}{n}, \frac{bt}{n}) \subset B(x_1, \rho, bt)$ . Let  $x_2 \in B(x_1, \frac{1}{n}, \frac{bt}{n})$ . In this case,  $M(x_1, x_2, \frac{bt}{n}) > 1 - \frac{1}{n} > 1 - \rho$ . Since  $\frac{bt}{n} \ll bt$ , by Proposition 2.5, we get  $M(x_1, x_2, bt) > M(x_1, x_2, \frac{bt}{n}) > 1 - \rho$ . So,  $x_2 \in B(x_1, \rho, bt)$  which implies  $B(x_1, \frac{1}{n}, \frac{bt}{n}) \subset B(x_1, \rho, bt) \subset G$ . As a result,  $x_1$  has a countable local basis as  $\beta_{x_1}$ . The proof is completed.

Let  $(X, M, *)$  be a fuzzy cone b-metric space and take a sequence  $\{x_k\}$  in this space. In that case, definitions of convergent sequence and Cauchy sequence are as follows:

**Definition 2.13** If for each  $\varepsilon \in (0,1)$  and  $t \gg \theta$ , there exists a  $k_0 \in N$  which satisfies  $M(x_k, x, bt) > 1 - \varepsilon$  for each  $k \geq k_0$ , then  $\{x_k\}$  is said to be convergent to  $x$  in  $X$ .

Also,  $x$  is said to be the limit of  $\{x_k\}$  and this is denoted by  $\lim_{k \rightarrow \infty} x_k = x$  or  $x_k \rightarrow x$  as  $k \rightarrow \infty$ .

In other words,  $\{x_k\}$  converges to  $x$  if and only if  $M(x_k, x, bt) \rightarrow 1$  as to  $k \rightarrow \infty$  for each  $t \gg \theta$ .

**Definition 2.14** If for each  $\varepsilon \in (0, 1)$  and  $t \gg \theta$ , there exists a  $k_0 \in N$  such that  $M(x_k, x_m, bt) > 1 - \varepsilon$  for each  $k, m \geq k_0$ , then  $\{x_k\}$  is said to be Cauchy sequence in this space.

In other words,  $\{x_k\}$  is a Cauchy sequence if and only if  $M(x_k, x_m, bt) \rightarrow 1$  as to  $k, m \rightarrow \infty$  for each  $t \gg \theta$ .

Also, one can say that a complete fuzzy cone b-metric space is a fuzzy cone b-metric space in which every Cauchy sequence is convergent.

**Lemma 2.15** Let  $(X, M, *)$  is a fuzzy cone b-metric space. Then, every convergent sequence in  $X$  has a unique limit.

*Proof.* Suppose that  $x_k \rightarrow x_1$ ,  $x_k \rightarrow x_2$  and  $x_1 \neq x_2$ . Since  $\{x_k\}$  converges to  $x_1$  and  $x_2$ , for any  $t \gg \theta$  and  $\varepsilon_1 \in (0, 1)$ , there exist  $k_1, k_2 \in N$  such that  $M(x_k, x_1, bt) > 1 - \varepsilon_1$  for each  $k \geq k_1$  and  $M(x_k, x_2, bt) > 1 - \varepsilon_1$  for each  $k \geq k_2$ . If we set  $k_0 = \max\{k_1, k_2\}$ , then for each  $k \geq k_0$ ,  $t \gg \theta$  and  $s \gg \theta$ ,

$$\begin{aligned} M(x_1, x_2, bt) &\geq M(x_1, x_k, s) * M(x_k, x_2, t - s) \\ &> (1 - \varepsilon_1) * (1 - \varepsilon_1). \end{aligned}$$

From Remark 2.6(2), for  $1 - \varepsilon_1$ , we can find  $1 - \varepsilon$  such that

$$(1 - \varepsilon_1) * (1 - \varepsilon_1) \geq 1 - \varepsilon.$$

Thus,

$$M(x_1, x_2, bt) > 1 - \varepsilon.$$

Then,  $M(x_1, x_2, t) = 1 \Leftrightarrow x_1 = x_2$ . So, the proof is completed.

**Lemma 2.16** Let  $(X, M, *)$  be a fuzzy cone b-metric space. Then, every convergent sequence is a Cauchy sequence.

*Proof* Since  $\{x_k\}$  converges to  $x$ , for any  $t \gg \theta$  and  $\varepsilon_1 \in (0, 1)$ , there exists a  $k_0 \in N$  which satisfies  $M(x_k, x, bt) > 1 - \varepsilon_1$  for each  $k \geq k_0$ . Then for each  $k, m \geq k_0$ ,  $t \gg \theta$  and  $s \gg \theta$ ,

$$M(x_k, x_m, bt) \geq M(x_k, x, s) * M(x, x_m, t - s) > (1 - \varepsilon_1) * (1 - \varepsilon_1).$$

From Remark 2.6(2), for  $1 - \varepsilon_1$ , we can find  $1 - \varepsilon$  such that

$$(1 - \varepsilon_1) * (1 - \varepsilon_1) \geq 1 - \varepsilon.$$

Hence  $M(x_k, x_m, bt) > 1 - \varepsilon$ . So, the proof is completed.

### 3. FUZZY CONE B-METRIC BANACH CONTRACTION THEOREM

The fuzzy Banach contraction theorem was given by Grabiec [2] in 1988. We extend it to the complete fuzzy cone  $b$ -metric space.

**Theorem 3.1** Let  $M$  be a complete fuzzy cone b-metric on a set  $X$  which satisfies

$$\lim_{t \rightarrow \infty} M(x, y, t) = 1 \tag{3.1.1}$$

for each  $x, y \in X$ . Let  $T : X \rightarrow X$  be a mapping such that

$$M(Tx, Ty, qt) \geq M(x, y, t) \tag{3.1.2}$$

for each  $x, y \in X$  where  $0 < q < 1$ . In that case, there exists a unique fixed point of  $T$ .

**Proof** Take  $x \in X$  and  $x_k = T^k x$  for each  $k \in N$ . Let us use the method of induction. Then, we have

$$M(x_k, x_{k+1}, qt) \geq M(x, x_1, \frac{t}{q^{k-1}}) \tag{3.1.3}$$

for each  $k \in N$  and  $t \gg \theta$ . For any  $p \in Z^+$ , we get

$$\begin{aligned} M(x_k, x_{k+p}, bt) &\geq M(x_k, x_{k+1}, \frac{t}{p}) * \dots * M(x_{k+p-1}, x_{k+p}, \frac{t}{p}) \\ &\geq M(x, x_1, \frac{t}{p \cdot q^k}) * \dots * M(x, x_1, \frac{t}{p \cdot q^{k+p-1}}) \end{aligned}$$

by (3.1.3). According to (3.1.1), we have

$$\lim_{k \rightarrow \infty} M(x_k, x_{k+p}, bt) \geq 1 * \dots * 1 = 1.$$

Thus,  $\{x_k\}$  is a Cauchy sequence. Also, since  $X$  is complete,  $\{x_k\}$  is a convergent sequence. Then, assume that  $\{x_k\}$  converges to  $y \in X$ . So, we obtain

$$\begin{aligned}
 M(Ty, y, bt) &\geq M(Ty, Tx_k, \frac{t}{2}) * M(Tx_k, y, \frac{t}{2}) \\
 &= M(Ty, Tx_k, \frac{t}{2}) * M(T^{k+1}x, y, \frac{t}{2}).
 \end{aligned}$$

From (3.1.2),

$$\begin{aligned}
 M(Ty, y, bt) &\geq M(y, x_k, \frac{t}{2q}) * M(x_{k+1}, y, \frac{t}{2}) \\
 &\geq 1 * 1 = 1.
 \end{aligned}$$

By FCB2, we obtain  $Ty = y$ , a fixed point. Finally, to verify uniqueness of the fixed point, suppose that  $Tz = z$  for some  $z \in X$ . In this case,

$$\begin{aligned}
 1 &\geq M(z, y, t) = M(Tz, Ty, t) \\
 &\geq M(z, y, \frac{t}{q}) = M(Tz, Ty, \frac{t}{q}) \\
 &\geq M(z, y, \frac{t}{q^2}) \\
 &\vdots \\
 &\geq M(z, y, \frac{t}{q^k}) \rightarrow 1 \text{ as } k \rightarrow \infty.
 \end{aligned}$$

By FCB2,  $z = y$ .

Consequently,  $T$  has a unique fixed point.

**Example 3.2:** We consider Example 2.3 and define  $T : X \rightarrow X$  by  $Tx = \frac{x}{5}$ . In that case,  $(X, M, *)$  is a complete fuzzy cone b-metric space which satisfies (3.1.1) and  $T$  satisfies (3.1.2) with  $q = \frac{1}{5} \in (0, 1)$ . Thus, there exists a unique fixed point of  $T$  which is  $0$ .

#### 4. CONCLUSIONS

In this paper, we introduce theory of fuzzy cone b-metric space and examine basic properties of this space. Also, we extend Banach contraction theorem to the complete fuzzy cone b-metric spaces.

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