

## FIXED POINT THEOREMS FOR MULTIVALUED MAPPINGS OF FENG-LIU TYPE $\Theta$ -CONTRACTIONS ON $M$ -METRIC SPACES

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ABSTRACT. In this paper, we present a new fixed point result for multivalued  $\theta$ -contractions on  $M$ -complete  $M$ -metric spaces using Feng-Liu's technique. Our results extend and generalize some related fixed point theorems in the literature.

### 1. INTRODUCTION AND PRELIMINARIES

Matthews [9] introduced the notion of the partial metric space, which is more general than the metric space, and presented a fundamental fixed point theorem on partial metric spaces. Then, Asadi, Karapınar and Salimi [5] extended the concept of partial metric spaces to  $M$ -metric spaces and presented some fixed point theorems for single valued mappings on  $M$ -metric spaces.

**Definition 1.1** ([5]). *Let  $X$  be a nonempty set. A function  $m : X \times X \rightarrow [0, \infty)$  is called an  $M$ -metric if the following conditions are satisfied: for all  $x, y, z \in X$*

- (m1)  $m(x, x) = m(y, y) = m(x, y) \Leftrightarrow x = y$ ,
- (m2)  $m_{xy} = \min\{m(x, x), m(y, y)\} \leq m(x, y)$ ,
- (m3)  $m(x, y) = m(y, x)$ ,
- (m4)  $m(x, x) - m_{xy} \leq m(x, z) - m_{xz} + m(z, y) - m_{zy}$ .

*Then, the pair  $(X, m)$  is called an  $M$ -metric space.*

Next, Altun et al. [4] studied on the topological structures of  $M$ -metric space, and then presented some fixed point theorems for multivalued mappings of Feng-Liu type on  $M$ -metric space (see [4, 14, 15] and references therein). Let  $(X, m)$  be an  $M$ -metric space,  $x \in X$  and  $\varepsilon > 0$ . The open ball with centered  $x \in X$  and

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radius  $\varepsilon$  is defined by

$$B_m(x, \varepsilon) = \{y \in X : m(x, y) < m_{xy} + \varepsilon\}.$$

Then, the family

$$\{B_m(x, \varepsilon) : x \in X, \varepsilon > 0\}$$

is a base of a topology on  $X$ . This topology is defined by  $\tau_m$  and the closure of a subset  $A$  of  $X$  with respect to  $\tau_m$  by  $\overline{A^m}$ .

**Example 1.1.** Let  $X = \{\frac{1}{n^2} : n \in \{1, 2, 3, \dots\}\} \cup \{0\}$  and  $m : X \times X \rightarrow [0, \infty)$  be defined by  $m(x, y) = \min\{x, y\}$ . Then,  $(X, m)$  is a  $M$ -metric space. In this case, we have  $\tau_m = \{\emptyset, X\}$ .

**Definition 1.2.** Let  $(X, m)$  be an  $M$ -metric space,  $\{x_n\}$  be a sequence in  $X$  and  $x \in X$ . Then,

- (1)  $\{x_n\}$  is said to be  $M$ -converges to  $x$  if and only if

$$\lim_{n \rightarrow \infty} [m(x_n, x) - m_{x_n x}] = 0.$$

- (2)  $\{x_n\}$  is said to be  $M$ -Cauchy sequence if  $\lim_{n, m \rightarrow \infty} [m(x_n, x_m) - m_{x_n x_m}]$  exists and is finite.

- (3)  $(X, m)$  is said to be  $M$ -complete if every  $M$ -Cauchy sequence  $M$ -converges to a point  $x \in X$ .

Note that the  $M$ -convergence of a sequence on an  $M$ -metric space coincides with the convergence with respect to  $\tau_m$ .

Altun et al [4] proved the following fixed point theorem, which is  $M$ -metric version of Feng-Liu's fixed point theorem [12].

**Theorem 1.1.** Let  $(X, m)$  be a  $M$ -complete  $M$ -metric space and  $T : X \rightarrow C_m(X)$  (the family of all nonempty closed subsets of  $X$ ) be a multivalued map. If there exist two constants  $b, c \in (0, 1)$  such that for all  $x \in X$  with  $m(x, Tx) > 0$  there is  $y \in T_b^x(m)$  satisfying

$$m(y, Ty) \leq cm(x, y),$$

where

$$T_b^x(m) = \{y \in Tx : bm(x, y) \leq m(x, Tx)\},$$

and

$$m(x, Tx) = \inf\{m(x, y) : y \in Tx\}.$$

Then,  $T$  has a fixed point in  $X$  provided that  $c < b$  and the function  $f(x) = m(x, Tx)$  is lower semicontinuous with respect to  $\tau_m$ .

On the other hand, Jleli and Samet [12] introduced the concept of  $\theta$ -contraction and then gave a fixed point theorem. So that, they generalize Banach contraction principle which is a quite different from many results in literature.

Let  $\Theta$  be the family of all functions  $\theta : (0, \infty) \rightarrow (1, \infty)$  satisfying the following conditions:

- ( $\Theta$ 1)  $\theta$  is non-decreasing;  
 ( $\Theta$ 2) for each sequence  $\{t_n\} \subset (0, \infty)$ ,  $\lim_{n \rightarrow \infty} t_n = 0$  if and only if  $\lim_{n \rightarrow \infty} \theta(t_n) = 1$ ;  
 ( $\Theta$ 3) there exist  $r \in (0, 1)$  and  $\ell \in (0, \infty]$  such that  $\lim_{t \rightarrow 0^+} \frac{\theta(t)-1}{t^r} = \ell$ .

**Example 1.2.** Let us consider the functions  $\theta_1(t) = e^{\sqrt{t}}$ ,  $\theta_2(t) = e^{\sqrt{te^t}}$ ,  $\theta_3(t) = 2 - \frac{2}{\pi} \arctan\left(\frac{1}{t^\alpha}\right)$  for  $0 < \alpha < 1$  and  $\theta_4(t) = e^{\sqrt{t^2+t}}$ . Then it can be seen that  $\theta_i \in \Theta$  for  $i \in \{1, 2, 3, 4\}$ .

Jleli and Samet [12] proved the following theorem.

**Theorem 1.2.** Let  $(X, d)$  be a complete metric space and  $T : X \rightarrow X$  be a mapping. Suppose that there exist  $\theta \in \Theta$  and  $k \in (0, 1)$  such that

$$x, y \in X, d(Tx, Ty) > 0 \Rightarrow \theta(d(Tx, Ty)) \leq [\theta(d(x, y))]^k.$$

Then,  $T$  has a unique fixed point.

Then, taking into account the family  $\Theta$ , many authors have presented some fixed point results for both single valued and multivalued mappings on metric space. For example, in [2] the authors obtained a fixed point theorem for compact set valued mappings on metric space. Also, a similar result for closed set valued mappings on metric spaces have been provided by taking the following condition  $(\Theta 4)$  into consideration (see [1, 2, 3, 6, 7, 8, 10, 11, 13] and references therein):

$(\Theta 4)$   $\theta(\inf A) = \inf \theta(A)$  for all  $A \subset (0, \infty)$  with  $\inf A > 0$ .

We denote by  $\Xi$  the set of all functions  $\theta : (0, \infty) \rightarrow (1, \infty)$  satisfying  $(\Theta 1)$ - $(\Theta 4)$ .

In this paper, we present Feng-Liu type fixed point theorems for multivalued mappings considering the both families  $\Theta$  and  $\Xi$  in  $M$ -metric spaces.

## 2. MAIN RESULT

Let  $(X, m)$  be an  $M$ -metric space.  $P_m(X)$  and  $C_m(X)$  denotes the family of all nonempty subsets and the family of all nonempty closed (w.r.t.  $\tau_m$ ) subsets of  $X$ , respectively. Also, we indicate the family of all subsets  $A$  of  $X$  satisfying the following property by  $A_m(X)$ : for all  $x \in X$

$$\left. \begin{array}{l} m(x, A) = 0 \Rightarrow x \in A \\ \text{and} \\ m(x, A) > 0 \Rightarrow \exists a_x \in A, m(x, A) = m(x, a_x) \end{array} \right\}.$$

If  $(X, m)$  is a metric space, then it is clear that

$$A_m(X) = \{A \subseteq X : \forall x \in X, \exists a_x \in A, m(x, A) = m(x, a_x)\}$$

and also  $A_m(X) \subseteq C_m(X)$ . Let  $T : X \rightarrow P_m(X)$  be a mapping,  $\theta \in \Theta$  and  $b \in (0, 1]$ . For  $x \in X$  with  $m(x, Tx) > 0$ , consider the set

$$\Theta_b^x(m) = \left\{ y \in Tx : [\theta(m(x, y))]^b \leq \theta(m(x, Tx)) \right\}.$$

It is clear that if  $b_1 \leq b_2$ , then  $\Theta_{b_1}^x(m) \subseteq \Theta_{b_2}^x(m)$  for fixed  $x \in X$ .

**Theorem 2.1.** Let  $(X, m)$  be an  $M$ -complete  $M$ -metric space and  $T : X \rightarrow A_m(X)$  be a multivalued map  $\theta \in \Theta$ . If there exists a constant  $k \in (0, 1)$  such that for any  $x \in X$  with  $m(x, Tx) > 0$ , there is  $y \in \Theta_b^x(m)$  for  $b \in (0, 1]$  satisfying

$$\theta(m(y, Ty)) \leq [\theta(m(x, y))]^k, \quad (2.1)$$

then  $T$  has a fixed point in  $X$  provided that  $k < b$  and the function  $f(x) = m(x, Tx)$  is lower semi-continuous with respect to  $\tau_m$ .

*Proof.* Suppose that  $T$  has no fixed point. Then, for all  $x \in X$  we have  $m(x, Tx) > 0$ . Since  $Tx \in A_m(X)$  for every  $x \in X$ , the set  $\Theta_b^x(m)$  is nonempty for any  $b \in (0, 1]$ . Let  $x_0 \in X$  be any initial point, then there exists  $x_1 \in \Theta_b^{x_0}(m)$  such that

$$\Theta(m(x_1, Tx_1)) \leq [\Theta(m(x_0, x_1))]^k$$

and for  $x_1 \in X$ , there exists  $x_2 \in \Theta_b^{x_1}(m)$  satisfying

$$\Theta(m(x_2, Tx_2)) \leq [\Theta(m(x_1, x_2))]^k.$$

Continuing this process, we get an iterative sequence  $\{x_n\}$ , where  $x_{n+1} \in \Theta_b^{x_n}(m)$  and

$$\theta(m(x_{n+1}, Tx_{n+1})) \leq [\theta(m(x_n, x_{n+1}))]^k. \quad (2.2)$$

We will show that  $\{x_n\}$  is a Cauchy sequence. Since  $x_{n+1} \in \Theta_b^{x_n}(m)$ , we have

$$[\theta(m(x_n, x_{n+1}))]^b \leq \theta(m(x_n, Tx_n)). \quad (2.3)$$

From (2.2) and (2.3), we have

$$\theta(m(x_{n+1}, Tx_{n+1})) \leq [\theta(m(x_n, Tx_n))]^{\frac{k}{b}}$$

and

$$\theta(m(x_{n+1}, x_{n+2})) \leq [\theta(m(x_n, x_{n+1}))]^{\frac{k}{b}}.$$

By the way, we can obtain

$$1 < \theta(m(x_n, x_{n+1})) \leq [\theta(m(x_0, x_1))]^{\left(\frac{k}{b}\right)^n} \quad (2.4)$$

and

$$1 < \theta(m(x_n, Tx_n)) \leq [\theta(m(x_0, Tx_0))]^{\left(\frac{k}{b}\right)^n}. \quad (2.5)$$

Letting  $n \rightarrow \infty$  in (2.4),

$$\lim_{n \rightarrow \infty} \theta(m(x_n, x_{n+1})) = 1.$$

From  $(\Theta_2)$ ,

$$\lim_{n \rightarrow \infty} m(x_n, x_{n+1}) = 0^+.$$

Similarly, we can obtain

$$\lim_{n \rightarrow \infty} m(x_n, Tx_n) = 0.$$

So from  $(\Theta_3)$ , there exist  $r \in (0, 1)$  and  $\ell \in (0, \infty]$  such that

$$\lim_{n \rightarrow \infty} \frac{\theta(m(x_n, x_{n+1})) - 1}{(m(x_n, x_{n+1}))^r} = \ell.$$

Suppose that  $\ell < \infty$ . In this case, let  $\varepsilon = \ell/2 > 0$ . From the definition of the limit, there exists  $n_0 \in \mathbb{N}$  such that, for all  $n \geq n_0$

$$\left| \frac{\theta(m(x_n, x_{n+1})) - 1}{(m(x_n, x_{n+1}))^r} - \ell \right| \leq \varepsilon.$$

This implies that, for all  $n \geq n_0$ ,

$$\frac{\theta(m(x_n, x_{n+1})) - 1}{(m(x_n, x_{n+1}))^r} \geq \ell - \varepsilon = \varepsilon.$$

Then, for all  $n \geq n_0$ ,

$$n [m(x_n, x_{n+1})]^r \leq An [\theta(m(x_n, x_{n+1})) - 1],$$

where  $A = \frac{1}{\varepsilon}$ .

Suppose now that  $\ell = \infty$ . Let  $\varepsilon > 0$  be arbitrary positive number. From the definition of the limit, there exists  $n_0 \in \mathbb{N}$  such that, for all  $n \geq n_0$

$$\frac{\theta(m(x_n, x_{n+1})) - 1}{(m(x_n, x_{n+1}))^r} \geq \varepsilon.$$

This implies that, for all  $n \geq n_0$ ,

$$n [m(x_n, x_{n+1})]^r \leq An [\theta(m(x_n, x_{n+1})) - 1],$$

where  $A = \frac{1}{\varepsilon}$ . Thus, in all cases, there exist  $A > 0$  and  $n_0 \in \mathbb{N}$  such that, for all  $n \geq n_0$

$$n [m(x_n, x_{n+1})]^r \leq An [\theta(m(x_n, x_{n+1})) - 1].$$

Using (2.4), we obtain for all  $n \geq n_0$

$$n [m(x_n, x_{n+1})]^r \leq An \left[ [\theta(m(x_0, x_1))]^{(\frac{k}{b})^n} - 1 \right].$$

Letting  $n \rightarrow \infty$  in the above inequality, we obtain

$$\lim_{n \rightarrow \infty} n [m(x_n, x_{n+1})]^r = 0.$$

Thus, there exists  $n_1 \in \mathbb{N}$  such that, for all  $n \geq n_1$

$$m(x_n, x_{n+1}) \leq \frac{1}{n^{1/r}}. \quad (2.6)$$

In order to show that  $\{x_n\}$  is a Cauchy sequence, consider  $m, n \in \mathbb{N}$  such that  $m > n \geq n_1$ . Using (m4) and from (2.6), we have

$$\begin{aligned} m(x_n, x_m) - m_{x_n x_m} &\leq [m(x_n, x_{n+1}) - m_{x_n x_{n+1}}] + [m(x_{n+1}, x_m) - m_{x_{n+1} x_m}] \\ &\leq [m(x_n, x_{n+1}) - m_{x_n x_{n+1}}] + \cdots + [m(x_{m-1}, x_m) - m_{x_{m-1} x_m}] \\ &\leq m(x_n, x_{n+1}) + m(x_{n+1}, x_{n+2}) + \cdots + m(x_{m-1}, x_m) \\ &\leq \sum_{i=n}^{m-1} m(x_i, x_{i+1}) \leq \sum_{i=n}^{\infty} m(x_i, x_{i+1}) \leq \sum_{i=n}^{\infty} \frac{1}{i^{1/k}}. \end{aligned}$$

By the convergence of the series  $\sum_{i=n}^{\infty} \frac{1}{i^{1/k}}$ , letting to limit  $n \rightarrow \infty$ , we get

$$\lim_{n, m \rightarrow \infty} [m(x_n, x_m) - m_{x_n x_m}] = 0.$$

Hence, we find that  $\{x_n\}$  is an  $M$ -Cauchy sequence. Because  $X$  is  $M$ -complete, one sees that there exists  $z \in X$  such that

$$\lim_{n \rightarrow \infty} [m(x_n, z) - m_{x_n z}] = 0$$

that is,  $\{x_n\}$  converges to  $z$  with respect to  $\tau_m$ . Now, we show that  $z$  is fixed point of  $T$ . On the other hand, from (2.5) and  $(\Theta_2)$ , we have  $\lim_{n \rightarrow \infty} m(x_n, Tx_n) = 0$ . Since  $f(x) = m(x, Tx)$  is lower semi-continuous with respect to  $\tau_m$ , then

$$0 < m(z, Tz) = f(z) \leq \liminf_{n \rightarrow \infty} f(x_n) = \liminf_{n \rightarrow \infty} m(x_n, Tx_n) = 0.$$

This is a contradiction. Hence,  $T$  has a fixed point.  $\square$

To give a fixed point result for  $C_m(X)$  valued multivalued mappings, we will consider the family  $\Xi$ .

**Theorem 2.2.** *Let  $(X, m)$  be an  $M$ -complete  $M$ -metric space and  $T : X \rightarrow C_m(X)$  be a multivalued map  $\theta \in \Xi$ . If there exists a constant  $k \in (0, 1)$  such that for all any  $x \in X$  with  $m(x, Tx) > 0$ , there is  $y \in \Theta_b^x(m)$  for  $b \in (0, 1)$  satisfying*

$$\theta(m(y, Ty)) \leq [\theta(m(x, y))]^k.$$

*Then,  $T$  has a fixed point in  $X$  provided that  $k < b$  and the function  $f(x) = m(x, Tx)$  is lower semi-continuous with respect to  $\tau_m$ .*

*Proof.* Suppose that  $T$  has no fixed point. Then, for all  $x \in X$  we have  $m(x, Tx) > 0$ . Indeed, if  $m(x, Tx) = 0$ , then  $x \in \overline{Tx} = Tx$ . Since  $\theta \in \Xi$ , for any  $x \in X$  with  $m(x, Tx) > 0$ , the set  $\Theta_b^x(m)$  is nonempty for any  $b \in (0, 1)$ . Indeed, using the property  $(\Theta_4)$ , we obtain

$$\begin{aligned} \Theta_b^x(m) &= \left\{ y \in Tx : [\theta(m(x, y))]^b \leq \theta(m(x, Tx)) \right\} \\ &= \left\{ y \in Tx : [\theta(m(x, y))]^b \leq \theta(\inf \{m(x, y) : y \in Tx\}) \right\} \\ &= \left\{ y \in Tx : [\theta(m(x, y))]^b \leq \inf \{\theta(m(x, y)) : y \in Tx\} \right\} \\ &\neq \emptyset. \end{aligned}$$

The rest of the proof can be completed as in the proof of Theorem 2.1 by considering the  $Tz \in C_m(X)$ .  $\square$

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