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Solving an integral equation via generalized controlled fuzzy metrics

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Abstract

The purpose of this manuscript is to obtain some fixed point results in generalized controlled fuzzy metric spaces. Our results generalize and extend many of the previous findings in the same approach. Moreover, two examples to support our theorems are obtained. Finally, to examine and strengthen the theoretical results, the existence and uniqueness of the solution to a nonlinear integral equation is studied as a kind of application.

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1 Introduction

The concept of metric space was introduced by Fréchet in 1906 [1], and it plays an important role in mathematics and its applications. Many mathematicians did research on metric spaces because there are many mathematical concepts that can be discussed in this structure.

The Banach contraction principle is one of the famous and useful results in mathematics. In the last 100 years it has been extended in many different directions. The substitution of the metric space by other generalized metric spaces is one normal way to strengthen the Banach contraction principle, which was introduced by Banach [2] in 1922. Many researchers afterward applied this approach to other areas.

Later, Jleli and Samet [3] developed the concept of a generalized metric space in 2015 and proved certain fixed point theorems in it. In 1975, Kramosil and Michalek [4] for the first time introduced the concept of a fuzzy metric space, which can be regarded as a generalization of the statistical (probabilistic) metric space. Clearly, this work provides an important basis for the construction of fixed point theory in fuzzy metric spaces. Then fuzzy metric space was extended by many authors (see [5–10]). Recently, Ashraf et al. [11] established some fuzzy fixed point theorems in generalized fuzzy metric spaces in the year 2020.

In this paper, we introduce the concept of generalized controlled fuzzy metric space, which generalizes the notion of controlled fuzzy metric space, and state various fixed

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point theorems with an application, as suggested by Jleli and Samet [3] and Elkouch and Marhrani [12].

2 Preliminaries

Now, we begin with some basic concepts of a generalized metric space developed recently by Jleli and Samet [3].

Definition 2.1 ([3]) Let Φ be a nonempty set and $\Gamma : \Phi^2 \rightarrow [0, \infty]$ be a given mapping. For every $\sigma \in \Phi$, define the set $\mathcal{C}(\Gamma, \Phi, \sigma) = \{\{\sigma_n\} \subset \Phi : \lim_{n \rightarrow \infty} \Gamma(\sigma_n, \sigma) = 0\}$. Then Γ is a generalized metric on Φ^2 if it satisfies the following conditions:

- (1) For every $(\sigma, \vartheta) \in \Phi^2$, we have $\Gamma(\sigma, \vartheta) = 0 \implies \sigma = \vartheta$;
- (2) For every $(\sigma, \vartheta) \in \Phi^2$, we have $\Gamma(\sigma, \vartheta) = \Gamma(\vartheta, \sigma)$;
- (3) There exists $c > 0$ such that if $(\sigma, \vartheta) \in \Phi^2$ and $\{\sigma_n\} \in \mathcal{C}(\Gamma, \Phi, \sigma)$, then

$$\Gamma(\sigma, \vartheta) \leq c \limsup_{n \rightarrow \infty} \Gamma(\sigma_n, \vartheta).$$

Then the pair (Φ, Γ) is a generalized metric space (GMS).

Remark 2.2 ([2]) The above concept is also known as sequential metric spaces. For more details, see [13] and [14].

Remark 2.3 ([3]) If the set $\mathcal{C}(\Gamma, \Phi, \sigma)$ is empty for every $\sigma \in \Phi$, then (Φ, Γ) is a generalized metric space if and only if (1) and (2) are satisfied.

Definition 2.4 ([3]) Let Φ be a nonempty set and $\beta : \Phi^2 \rightarrow [1, \infty)$. Let $\Gamma : \Phi^2 \rightarrow [0, \infty]$ be a given function. For every $\sigma \in \Phi$, define the set $\mathcal{C}(\Gamma, \Phi, \sigma) = \{\{\sigma_n\} \subset \Phi : \lim_{n \rightarrow \infty} \Gamma(\sigma_n, \sigma) = 0\}$. Then Γ is a generalized controlled metric on Φ^2 if it satisfies the following conditions:

- (1) For every $(\sigma, \vartheta) \in \Phi^2$, we have $\Gamma(\sigma, \vartheta) = 0 \implies \sigma = \vartheta$;
- (2) For every $(\sigma, \vartheta) \in \Phi^2$, we have $\Gamma(\sigma, \vartheta) = \Gamma(\vartheta, \sigma)$;
- (3) If $(\sigma, \vartheta) \in \Phi^2$ and $\{\sigma_n\} \in \mathcal{C}(\Gamma, \Phi, \sigma)$, then

$$\Gamma(\sigma, \vartheta) \leq \limsup_{n \rightarrow \infty} \beta(\sigma_n, \vartheta) \Gamma(\sigma_n, \vartheta).$$

Then the pair (Φ, Γ) is a generalized controlled metric space (GCMS).

Schweizer and Sklar [15] introduced the continuous triangular norm in 1960 as follows.

Definition 2.5 ([15]) A binary operation $\star : [0, 1] \times [0, 1] \rightarrow [0, 1]$ is a continuous triangular norm (γ -norm) if the following conditions are satisfied:

- (1) \star is commutative, i.e., $a \star b = b \star a$ for all $a, b \in [0, 1]$ and \star is associative, i.e.,

$$a \star (b \star c) = (a \star b) \star c \text{ for all } a, b, c \in [0, 1];$$
- (2) $a \star 1 = a$ for all $a \in [0, 1]$;
- (3) \star is continuous; and
- (4) $a \star b \leq c \star d$ whenever $a \leq c$ and $b \leq d$ for all $a, b, c, d \in [0, 1]$.

With the help of the γ -norm, George and Veeramani [16] extended the concept of fuzzy metric space introduced by Kramosil and Michalek [17] and presented the following formulation in 1994.

Definition 2.6 ([17]) A nonempty set Φ together with a fuzzy set $F : \Phi^2 \times (0, \infty) \rightarrow [0, 1]$ and a continuous γ -norm \star is said to be a fuzzy metric space (FMS) if F satisfies the following conditions:

- (1) $F(\sigma, \vartheta, \gamma) > 0$ for all $(\sigma, \vartheta) \in \Phi^2$ and for all $\gamma > 0$;
- (2) $F(\sigma, \vartheta, \gamma) = 1$ if and only if $\sigma = \vartheta$ for all $(\sigma, \vartheta) \in \Phi^2$ and for all $\gamma > 0$;
- (3) $F(\sigma, \vartheta, \gamma) = F(\vartheta, \sigma, \gamma)$ for all $(\sigma, \vartheta) \in \Phi^2$ and $\gamma > 0$;
- (4) $F(\sigma, \delta, \gamma + s) \geq F(\sigma, \vartheta, \gamma) \star F(\vartheta, \delta, s)$ for all $(\sigma, \vartheta, \delta) \in \Phi$ and $\gamma, s > 0$;
- (5) $F(\sigma, \vartheta, \cdot)$ is continuous for all $(\sigma, \vartheta) \in \Phi^2$.

Many authors researched fuzzy metric spaces, and some useful fixed point theorems have been established in these spaces. Take, for example, [18–24]. Sezen [9] recently introduced the concept of controlled fuzzy metric spaces and demonstrated some related fixed point results.

Definition 2.7 ([9]) Let Φ be a nonempty set and a function $\beta : \Phi^2 \rightarrow [1, \infty)$. Suppose that \star is a continuous γ -norm and F is a fuzzy set on $\Phi^2 \times (0, \infty)$ satisfying the following conditions:

- (1) $F(\sigma, \vartheta, 0) = 0$ for all $(\sigma, \vartheta) \in \Phi^2$;
- (2) $F(\sigma, \vartheta, \gamma) = 1$ if and only if $\sigma = \vartheta$ for all $(\sigma, \vartheta) \in \Phi^2$ and for all $\gamma > 0$;
- (3) $F(\sigma, \vartheta, \gamma) = F(\vartheta, \sigma, \gamma)$ for all $(\sigma, \vartheta) \in \Phi^2$ and for all $\gamma > 0$;
- (4) $F(\sigma, \delta, \gamma + s) \geq F(\sigma, \vartheta, \frac{\gamma}{\beta(\sigma, \vartheta)}) \star F(\vartheta, \delta, \frac{s}{\beta(\vartheta, \delta)})$ for all $\sigma, \vartheta, \delta \in \Phi$ and for all $\gamma, s > 0$;
- (5) $F(\sigma, \vartheta, \cdot)$ is continuous for all $(\sigma, \vartheta) \in \Phi^2$.

Then the triplet (Φ, F, \star) is called controlled fuzzy metrics space (CFMS), and F is called a controlled fuzzy metric on $\Phi^2 \times (0, \infty)$.

3 Main results

We now propose the concept of a generalized controlled fuzzy metric space (GCFMS), as inspired by Jleli and Samet [3].

Definition 3.1 Consider a nonempty set Φ , a function $\beta : \Phi^2 \rightarrow [1, \infty)$, and a function $\Pi : \Phi^2 \times [0, \infty) \rightarrow [0, 1]$. Define a set

$$\mathcal{C}(\Pi, \Phi, \sigma) = \left\{ \{\sigma_n\} \subset \Phi : \lim_{n \rightarrow \infty} \Pi(\sigma_n, \sigma, \gamma) = 1 \text{ for all } \gamma > 0 \right\}$$

for every $\sigma \in \Phi$. Then Π is said to be a generalized controlled fuzzy metric if it satisfies the following conditions:

- (1) $\Pi(\sigma, \vartheta, \gamma) > 0$ for all $(\sigma, \vartheta) \in \Phi^2$ and $\gamma > 0$;
- (2) $\Pi(\sigma, \vartheta, \gamma) = 1 \implies \sigma = \vartheta$ for all $(\sigma, \vartheta) \in \Phi^2$ and $\gamma > 0$;
- (3) $\Pi(\sigma, \vartheta, \gamma) = \Pi(\vartheta, \sigma, \gamma)$ for all $(\sigma, \vartheta) \in \Phi^2$ and $\gamma > 0$;
- (4) If $\{\sigma_n\} \in \mathcal{C}(\Pi, \Phi, \sigma)$, then $\Pi(\sigma, \vartheta, \gamma) \geq \lim_{n \rightarrow \infty} \sup \Pi(\sigma_n, \vartheta, \frac{\gamma}{\beta(\sigma_n, \vartheta)})$ for all $(\sigma, \vartheta) \in \Phi^2$ and $\gamma > 0$;
- (5) $\Pi(\sigma, \vartheta, \cdot)$ is continuous for all $(\sigma, \vartheta) \in \Phi^2$, $\lim_{\gamma \rightarrow \infty} \Pi(\sigma, \vartheta, \gamma) = 1$.

Then (Π, Φ, \star) is called GCFMS.

The following example exemplifies the above definition.

Example 3.2 Consider a generalized controlled metrics space (Φ, Γ) . Define a mapping $\Pi : \Phi^2 \times [0, \infty) \rightarrow [0, 1]$ by

$$\Pi(\sigma, \vartheta, \gamma) = e^{-\frac{\Gamma(\sigma, \vartheta)}{\gamma}}, \quad (3.1)$$

and $\mathcal{C}(\Pi, \Phi, \sigma) = \{\{\sigma_n\} \subset \Phi : \lim_{n \rightarrow \infty} \Pi(\sigma_n, \sigma, \gamma) = 1\}$ for every $\sigma \in \Phi$ and $\gamma > 0$. Then (Π, Φ, \star) is a GCFMS, where the γ -norm “ \star ” is taken as a product norm, i.e., $\sigma \star \vartheta = \sigma \vartheta$.

Proof We only prove that Π satisfies property (4) of Definition 3.1. Let $(\sigma, \vartheta) \in \Phi^2$ and $\{\sigma_n\} \in \mathcal{C}(\Gamma, \Phi, \sigma)$: Since Γ is a condition (3) of Definition 2.4 and from equation (3.1), it is clear that $\{\sigma_n\}$ also belongs to $\mathcal{C}(\Pi, \Phi, \sigma)$. Then

$$\begin{aligned} \Pi(\sigma, \vartheta, \gamma) &= e^{-\frac{\Gamma(\sigma, \vartheta)}{\gamma}} \\ &\geq e^{-\frac{\beta(\sigma_n, \vartheta) \limsup_{n \rightarrow \infty} \Gamma(\sigma_n, \vartheta)}{\gamma}} \\ &= e^{-\frac{\limsup_{n \rightarrow \infty} \Gamma(\sigma_n, \vartheta)}{\beta(\sigma_n, \vartheta)}} \\ &= \limsup_{n \rightarrow \infty} e^{-\frac{\Gamma(\sigma_n, \vartheta)}{\beta(\sigma_n, \vartheta)}} \\ &= \limsup_{n \rightarrow \infty} \Pi\left(\sigma_n, \vartheta, \frac{\gamma}{\beta(\sigma_n, \vartheta)}\right). \end{aligned}$$

Therefore, $\Pi(\sigma, \vartheta, \gamma) \geq \lim_{n \rightarrow \infty} \sup \Pi(\sigma_n, \vartheta, \frac{\gamma}{\beta(\sigma_n, \vartheta)})$. \square

Proposition 3.3 The set $\mathcal{C}(\Pi, \Phi, \sigma)$ is nonempty if and only if $\Pi(\sigma, \sigma, \gamma) = 1$.

Proof If $\mathcal{C}(\Pi, \Phi, \sigma) \neq \emptyset$, then there is a sequence $\{\sigma_n\} \subset \Phi$ such that $\lim_{n \rightarrow \infty} \Pi(\sigma_n, \sigma, \gamma) = 1$ for all $\gamma > 0$. By property (4) of Definition 3.1, we obtain

$$\Pi(\sigma, \sigma, \gamma) \geq \limsup_{n \rightarrow \infty} \Pi\left(\sigma_n, \sigma, \frac{\gamma}{\beta(\sigma_n, \sigma)}\right).$$

Thus, $\Pi(\sigma, \sigma, \gamma) = 1$.

Conversely, if $\Pi(\sigma, \sigma, \gamma) = 1$, then we can take the sequence $\{\sigma_n\} \subset \Phi$ such that for all $n \in \mathbb{N}$, $\sigma_n = \sigma$ and $\lim_{n \rightarrow \infty} \Pi(\sigma_n, \sigma, \gamma) = 1$. Hence, $\mathcal{C}(\Pi, \Phi, \sigma) \neq \emptyset$. \square

Proposition 3.4 Every CFMS (F, Φ, \star) is a GCFMS.

Proof We only prove that F satisfies property (4) of Definition 3.1. Now, for all $(\sigma, \vartheta) \in \Phi^2$ and $\{\sigma_n\} \in \mathcal{C}(\Pi, \Phi, \sigma)$, by using the triangular inequality,

$$\begin{aligned} F(\sigma, \vartheta, \gamma) &\geq F\left(\sigma_n, \sigma, \frac{\gamma}{\beta(\sigma_n, \sigma_n)}\right) \star F\left(\sigma_n, \vartheta, \frac{\gamma}{\beta(\sigma_n, \vartheta)}\right) \\ &= 1 \star F\left(\sigma_n, \vartheta, \frac{\gamma}{\beta(\sigma_n, \vartheta)}\right) \\ &= F\left(\sigma_n, \vartheta, \frac{\gamma}{\beta(\sigma_n, \vartheta)}\right). \end{aligned} \quad \square$$

Definition 3.5 Let (Π, Φ, \star) be a GCFMS. A sequence $\{\sigma_n\} \in \Phi$ is said to be a Π -convergent sequence if there exists $\sigma \in \Phi$ such that $\{\sigma_n\} \in \mathcal{C}(\Pi, \Phi, \sigma)$.

The notion of a Cauchy sequence in GCFMSs can be expanded as follows, according to Grabiec [25]:

Definition 3.6 Let (Π, Φ, \star) be a GCFMS. A sequence $\{\sigma_n\} \in \Phi$ is said to be a Π -Cauchy sequence if $\lim_{n,m \rightarrow \infty} \Pi(\sigma_n, \sigma_{n+m}, \gamma) = 1$ for all $\gamma > 0$.

Definition 3.7 A Π -complete GCFMS is a GCFMS in which every Π -Cauchy sequence is Π -convergent.

A Π -convergent sequence in a GCFMS may not be a Π -Cauchy sequence, as we will prove now.

Example 3.8 Let $\Phi = \mathbb{R}^+ \cup \{0\}$. Define a set

$$\mathcal{C}(\Pi, \Phi, \sigma) = \left\{ \{\sigma_n\} \subset \Phi : \lim_{n \rightarrow \infty} \Pi(\sigma_n, \sigma, \gamma) = 1 \right\}$$

for every $\sigma \in \Phi$ and $\gamma > 0$, where $\Pi : \Phi^2 \times (0, \infty) \rightarrow [0, 1]$ is defined by

$$\Pi\left(\sigma, \vartheta, \frac{\gamma}{\beta(\sigma, \vartheta)}\right) = \begin{cases} e^{-\beta(\sigma, \vartheta) \frac{\sigma + \vartheta}{\gamma}} & \text{if either } \sigma = 0 \text{ or } \vartheta = 0, \\ e^{-\beta(\sigma, \vartheta) \frac{1 + \sigma + \vartheta}{\gamma}} & \text{otherwise.} \end{cases}$$

Then (Π, Φ, \star) is a GCFMS, where \star is the product γ -norm, i.e., $\sigma \star \vartheta = \sigma \vartheta$.

Consider a sequence $\{\sigma_n\}$ as $\sigma_n = \frac{1}{n}$ for all $n \in \mathbb{N}$. So,

$$\lim_{n \rightarrow \infty} \Pi\left(\sigma_n, 0, \frac{\gamma}{\beta(\sigma_n, 0)}\right) = \lim_{n \rightarrow \infty} e^{-\beta(\sigma_n, 0) \frac{\sigma_n}{\gamma}} = \lim_{n \rightarrow \infty} e^{-\frac{\beta(\sigma_n, 0)}{n\gamma}}.$$

Therefore, $\{\sigma_n\}$ Π -converges to 1.

Now,

$$\begin{aligned} \lim_{n,m \rightarrow \infty} \Pi\left(\sigma_n, \sigma_{n+m}, \frac{\gamma}{\beta(\sigma_n, \sigma_{n+m})}\right) &= \lim_{n,m \rightarrow \infty} e^{-\beta(\sigma_n, \sigma_{n+m}) \frac{1 + \sigma_n + \sigma_{n+m}}{\gamma}} \\ &= \lim_{n,m \rightarrow \infty} e^{-\beta(\sigma_n, \sigma_{n+m}) \frac{1 + \frac{1}{n} + \frac{1}{n+m}}{\gamma}} \\ &= \lim_{n,m \rightarrow \infty} e^{-\beta(\sigma_n, \sigma_{n+m}) \frac{1}{\gamma}} e^{-\beta(\sigma_n, \sigma_{n+m}) \frac{1}{n\gamma}} e^{-\beta(\sigma_n, \sigma_{n+m}) \frac{1}{(n+m)\gamma}} \\ &= e^{-\beta(\sigma_n, \sigma_{n+m}) \frac{1}{\gamma}} \cdot 1 \cdot 1 = e^{-\beta(\sigma_n, \sigma_{n+m}) \frac{1}{\gamma}} \neq 1. \end{aligned}$$

Hence, $\{\sigma_n\}$ is not a Π -Cauchy sequence.

Proposition 3.9 Let (Π, Φ, \star) be a GCFMS, $\{\sigma_n\}$ be a sequence in Φ , and $(\sigma, \vartheta) \in \Phi^2$. If $\{\sigma_n\}$ Π -converges to σ and $\{\sigma_n\}$ Π -converges to ϑ , then $\sigma = \vartheta$.

Proof By property (4) of Definition 3.1, we obtain

$$\Pi(\sigma, \vartheta, \gamma) \geq \lim_{n \rightarrow \infty} \sup \Pi\left(\sigma_n, \vartheta, \frac{\gamma}{\beta(\sigma_n, \vartheta)}\right) = 1,$$

so we have $\sigma = \vartheta$. \square

Definition 3.10 Let (Π, Φ, \star) be a GCFMS and $\sigma \in \Phi$. A self mapping $g : \Phi \rightarrow \Phi$ is said to be fuzzy continuous at σ if the Π -convergence of the sequence $\{\sigma_n\} \in \Phi$ to σ implies that the sequence $\{g\sigma_n\}$ Π -converges to $g\sigma$.

Definition 3.11 Let (Π, Φ, \star) be a GCFMS. A self mapping $g : \Phi \rightarrow \Phi$ is a GCFMS-contraction of type-I if for all $(\sigma, \vartheta) \in \Phi^2$ and for some $\xi \in (0, 1)$, we have

$$\Pi(g(\sigma), g(\vartheta), \xi\gamma) \geq \Pi(\sigma, g(\sigma), \gamma) \quad \text{for all } \gamma > 0.$$

Proposition 3.12 Let (Π, Φ, \star) be a GCFMS and g be a GCFMS-contraction of type-I. If $\Pi(v, v, \gamma) = 1$ for any fixed point v of g , which satisfies $\Pi(v, v, \gamma) > 0$.

Proof Let $v \in \Phi$ be a fixed point of g . Since g is a GCFMS-contraction of type-I, so

$$\begin{aligned} \Pi(v, v, \gamma) &= \Pi(g(v), g(v), \gamma) \\ &\geq \Pi\left(v, v, \frac{\gamma}{\xi}\right) \\ &\geq \Pi\left(v, v, \frac{\gamma}{\xi^2}\right) \\ &\vdots \\ &\geq \Pi\left(v, v, \frac{\gamma}{\xi^n}\right) \rightarrow 1 \quad \text{as } n \rightarrow \infty \text{ for all } \xi \in (0, 1). \end{aligned}$$

So, $\Pi(v, v, \gamma) = 1$. \square

Theorem 3.13 Let (Π, Φ, \star) be a Π -complete GCFMS and g be a GCFMS-contraction of type-I which is fuzzy continuous. If there exists $a_0 \in \Phi$ such that $\delta(\Pi, g, a_0, \gamma) > 0$, where

$$\delta(\Pi, g, a_0, \gamma) = \inf\{\Pi(g^i(a_0), g^j(a_0), \gamma); i, j \in \mathbb{N}, \gamma > 0\},$$

then $\{g^n(a_0)\}$ converges to a fixed point of g .

Proof Since g is a GCFMS-contraction of type-I, so, for all $i, j \in \mathbb{N}$, we obtain

$$\Pi(g^{n+i}(a_0), g^{n+j}(a_0), \gamma) \geq \Pi\left(g^{n-1+i}(a_0), g^{n+i}(a_0), \frac{\gamma}{\xi}\right).$$

Therefore

$$\inf\{\Pi(g^{n+i}(a_0), g^{n+j}(a_0), \gamma)\} \geq \inf\left\{\Pi\left(g^{n-1+i}(a_0), g^{n+i}(a_0), \frac{\gamma}{\xi}\right)\right\}.$$

So

$$\delta(\Pi, g, g^n(a_0), \gamma) \geq \delta\left(\Pi, g, g^{n-1}(a_0), \frac{\gamma}{\mathfrak{k}}\right).$$

For all $n > 0$, we obtain

$$\delta(\Pi, g, g^n(a_0), \gamma) \geq \delta\left(\Pi, g, a_0, \frac{\gamma}{\mathfrak{k}^n}\right). \quad (3.2)$$

For every $n, m \in \mathbb{N}$ such that $m > n$, we use (3.2) to obtain

$$\begin{aligned} \Pi(g^n(a_0), g^m(a_0), \gamma) &\geq \delta(\Pi, g, g^n(a_0), \gamma) \\ &\geq \delta\left(\Pi, g, a_0, \frac{\gamma}{\mathfrak{k}^n}\right). \end{aligned}$$

Since $\delta(\Pi, g, a_0, \frac{\gamma}{\mathfrak{k}^n}) > 0$ and $\mathfrak{k} \in (0, 1)$,

$$\lim_{n, m \rightarrow \infty} \Pi(g^n(a_0), g^m(a_0), \gamma) = 1,$$

which shows that $\{g^n(a_0)\}$ is a Π -Cauchy sequence. Since (Π, Φ, \star) is a Π -complete GCFMS, there exists a point $\mathfrak{d} \in \Phi$ such that $\{g^n(a_0)\}$ Π -converges to \mathfrak{d} . Since g is fuzzy continuous, $\{g^{n+1}(a_0)\}$ Π -converges to $g\mathfrak{d}$. Using Proposition 3.12, we have $g(\mathfrak{d}) = \mathfrak{d}$. Hence, \mathfrak{d} is a fixed point of g . \square

Example 3.14 Let $\Phi = [0, 1]$ and define $\Pi : \Phi^2 \times (0, \infty) \rightarrow [0, 1]$ by

$$\begin{cases} \Pi(\sigma, \vartheta, \gamma) = e^{-\frac{\sigma + \vartheta}{\gamma}} & \text{if } \sigma \neq 0 \text{ and } \vartheta \neq 0, \\ \Pi(0, \sigma, \gamma) = \Pi(\sigma, 0, \gamma) = e^{-\frac{\sigma}{2\gamma}} & \text{for all } \sigma \in \Phi, \end{cases}$$

where $\vartheta \in \Phi$ and $\gamma > 0$. It is easy to verify that (Π, Φ, \star) is a Π -complete GCFMS. For a constant $\mathfrak{k} \in (0, 1)$, we define $g : \Phi \rightarrow \Phi$ by

$$\begin{cases} g(\sigma) = \frac{\mathfrak{k}\sigma}{n} & \text{if } \sigma \in [0, 1], \\ g(1) = 1, \end{cases}$$

where $n \geq 1$. For any $\sigma \in \Phi$, we obtain

$$\begin{aligned} \Pi(g(\sigma), g(0), \mathfrak{k}\gamma) &= \Pi\left(\frac{\mathfrak{k}\sigma}{n}, 0, \mathfrak{k}\gamma\right) \\ &= e^{-\frac{\frac{\mathfrak{k}\sigma}{n}}{2\mathfrak{k}\gamma}} \\ &= e^{-\frac{\sigma}{2n\gamma}} \\ &\vdots \\ &\geq e^{-\frac{-(\sigma + \frac{\mathfrak{k}\sigma}{n})}{2\gamma}} \\ &= \Pi(\sigma, g(\sigma), \gamma). \end{aligned}$$

For $(\sigma, \vartheta) \in \Phi - \{0\}$ and $\mathfrak{k} \in (0, 1)$, we obtain

$$\begin{aligned}\Pi(\mathfrak{g}(\sigma), \mathfrak{g}(\vartheta), \mathfrak{k}\gamma) &= \Pi\left(\frac{\mathfrak{k}\sigma}{n}, \frac{\mathfrak{k}\vartheta}{n}, \mathfrak{k}\gamma\right) \\ &= e^{-\frac{\frac{\mathfrak{k}\sigma}{n} + \frac{\mathfrak{k}\vartheta}{n}}{\mathfrak{k}\gamma}} \\ &= e^{-\frac{\sigma + \vartheta}{n\gamma}} \\ &\vdots \\ &\geq e^{-\frac{\sigma + \frac{\mathfrak{k}\sigma}{n}}{\gamma}} \\ &= \Pi(\sigma, \mathfrak{g}(\sigma), \gamma).\end{aligned}$$

Then

$$\Pi(\mathfrak{g}(\sigma), \mathfrak{g}(\vartheta), \mathfrak{k}\gamma) \geq \Pi(\sigma, \mathfrak{g}(\sigma), \gamma) \quad \text{for all } \gamma > 0.$$

Thus, \mathfrak{g} is a GCFMS-contraction of type-I. Hence, all the conditions of Theorem 3.13 are satisfied. Therefore, \mathfrak{g} has a fixed point.

Definition 3.15 Let (Π, Φ, \star) be a GCFMS. A self mapping $\mathfrak{g} : \Phi \rightarrow \Phi$ is a GCFMS-contraction of type-II if for all $\sigma, \vartheta \in \Phi$ and for some $\mathfrak{k} \in (0, 1)$, we have

$$\Pi(\mathfrak{g}(\sigma), \mathfrak{g}(\vartheta), \mathfrak{k}\gamma) \geq \Pi(\sigma, \mathfrak{g}(\vartheta), \gamma) \quad \text{for all } \gamma > 0.$$

Theorem 3.16 Let (Π, Φ, \star) be a Π -complete GCFMS and \mathfrak{g} be a GCFMS-contraction of type-II which is fuzzy continuous. If there exists $\mathfrak{a}_0 \in \Phi$ such that $\delta(\Pi, \mathfrak{g}, \mathfrak{a}_0, \gamma) > 0$, where

$$\delta(\Pi, \mathfrak{g}, \mathfrak{a}_0, \gamma) = \inf\{\Pi(\mathfrak{g}^i(\mathfrak{a}_0), \mathfrak{g}^j(\mathfrak{a}_0), \gamma); i, j \in \mathbb{N}, \gamma > 0\},$$

then $\{\mathfrak{g}^n(\mathfrak{a}_0)\}$ converges to a unique fixed point of \mathfrak{g} .

Proof Since \mathfrak{g} is a GCFMS-contraction of type-II, for all $i, j \in \mathbb{N}$, we obtain

$$\Pi(\mathfrak{g}^{n+i}(\mathfrak{a}_0), \mathfrak{g}^{n+j}(\mathfrak{a}_0), \gamma) \geq \Pi\left(\mathfrak{g}^{n+i-1}(\mathfrak{a}_0), \mathfrak{g}^{n+j}(\mathfrak{a}_0), \frac{\gamma}{\mathfrak{k}}\right).$$

Therefore

$$\inf\{\Pi(\mathfrak{g}^{n+i}(\mathfrak{a}_0), \mathfrak{g}^{n+j}(\mathfrak{a}_0), \gamma)\} \geq \inf\left\{\Pi\left(\mathfrak{g}^{n-1+i}(\mathfrak{a}_0), \mathfrak{g}^{n+j}(\mathfrak{a}_0), \frac{\gamma}{\mathfrak{k}}\right)\right\}.$$

So

$$\delta(\Pi, \mathfrak{g}, \mathfrak{g}^n(\mathfrak{a}_0), \gamma) \geq \delta\left(\Pi, \mathfrak{g}, \mathfrak{g}^{n-1}(\mathfrak{a}_0), \frac{\gamma}{\mathfrak{k}}\right).$$

For all $n > 0$, we obtain

$$\delta(\Pi, g, g^n(a_0), \gamma) \geq \delta\left(\Pi, g, a_0, \frac{\gamma}{\mathfrak{k}^n}\right). \quad (3.3)$$

For every $n, m \in \mathbb{N}$ such that $m > n$, we use (3.3) to obtain

$$\begin{aligned} \Pi(g^n(a_0), g^m(a_0), \gamma) &\geq \delta(\Pi, g, g^n(a_0), \gamma) \\ &\geq \delta\left(\Pi, g, a_0, \frac{\gamma}{\mathfrak{k}^n}\right). \end{aligned}$$

Since $\delta(\Pi, g, a_0, \frac{\gamma}{\mathfrak{k}^n}) > 0$ and $\mathfrak{k} \in (0, 1)$,

$$\lim_{n, m \rightarrow \infty} \Pi(g^n(a_0), g^m(a_0), \gamma) = 1,$$

which implies that $\{g^n(a_0)\}$ is a Π -Cauchy sequence. Since (Π, Φ, \star) is a Π -complete GCFMS, there exists a point $\mathfrak{d} \in \Phi$ such that $\{g^n(a_0)\}$ Π -converges to \mathfrak{d} . Since g is fuzzy continuous, $\{g^{n+1}(a_0)\}$ Π -converges to $g\mathfrak{d}$. Using Proposition 3.12, we obtain that $g(\mathfrak{d}) = \mathfrak{d}$. Therefore, \mathfrak{d} is a fixed point of g .

Let $\mathfrak{e} \in \Phi$ be another fixed point of g such that $\Pi(\mathfrak{d}, \mathfrak{e}, \gamma) > 0$. Since g is a GCFMS-contraction of type-II, we obtain

$$\begin{aligned} \Pi(\mathfrak{d}, \mathfrak{e}, \gamma) &= \Pi(g(\mathfrak{d}), g(\mathfrak{e}), \gamma) \\ &\geq \Pi\left(\mathfrak{d}, g(\mathfrak{e}), \frac{\gamma}{\mathfrak{k}}\right) \\ &= \Pi\left(\mathfrak{d}, \mathfrak{e}, \frac{\gamma}{\mathfrak{k}}\right) \\ &\vdots \\ &\geq \Pi\left(\mathfrak{d}, \mathfrak{e}, \frac{\gamma}{\mathfrak{k}^n}\right) \rightarrow 1 \quad \text{as } n \rightarrow \infty \text{ for all } \mathfrak{k} \in (0, 1). \end{aligned}$$

Thus, $\mathfrak{d} = \mathfrak{e}$. □

Example 3.17 Let $\Phi = [0, 1]$ and define $\Pi : \Phi^2 \times (0, \infty) \rightarrow [0, 1]$ by

$$\begin{cases} \Pi(\sigma, \vartheta, \gamma) = e^{-\frac{\sigma + \vartheta}{\gamma}} & \text{if } \sigma \neq 0 \text{ and } \vartheta \neq 0, \\ \Pi(0, \sigma, \gamma) = \Pi(\sigma, 0, \gamma) = e^{-\frac{\sigma}{2\gamma}} & \text{for all } \sigma \in \Phi, \end{cases}$$

for all $(\sigma, \vartheta) \in \Phi^2$ and $\gamma > 0$. It is easy to verify that (Π, Φ, \star) is a Π -complete GCFMS. For $\mathfrak{k} \in (0, 1)$, we define $g : \Phi \rightarrow \Phi$ by $g(\sigma) = \frac{\mathfrak{k}\sigma}{n}$ for all $\sigma \in \Phi$ and for some $n \geq 1$. For any $\sigma \in \Phi$, we have

$$\begin{aligned} \Pi(g(\sigma), g(0), \mathfrak{k}\gamma) &= \Pi\left(\frac{\mathfrak{k}\sigma}{n}, 0, \mathfrak{k}\gamma\right) \\ &= e^{-\frac{\frac{\mathfrak{k}\sigma}{n}}{2\mathfrak{k}\gamma}} \end{aligned}$$

$$\begin{aligned}
&= e^{-\frac{\sigma}{2n\gamma}} \\
&\geq e^{-\frac{\sigma}{2\gamma}} \\
&= \Pi(\sigma, g(0), \gamma).
\end{aligned}$$

For $(\sigma, \vartheta) \in \Phi - \{0\}$ and for constant $\mathfrak{k} \in (0, 1)$, we obtain

$$\begin{aligned}
\Pi(g(\sigma), g(\vartheta), \mathfrak{k}\gamma) &= \Pi\left(\frac{\mathfrak{k}\sigma}{n}, \frac{\mathfrak{k}\vartheta}{n}, \mathfrak{k}\gamma\right) \\
&= e^{-\frac{\frac{\mathfrak{k}\sigma}{n} + \frac{\mathfrak{k}\vartheta}{n}}{\mathfrak{k}\gamma}} \\
&= e^{-\frac{\sigma + \vartheta}{n\gamma}} \\
&\geq e^{-\frac{\sigma + \frac{\mathfrak{k}\vartheta}{n}}{\gamma}} \\
&= \Pi(\sigma, g(\vartheta), \gamma).
\end{aligned}$$

Then

$$\Pi(g(\sigma), g(\vartheta), \mathfrak{k}\gamma) \geq \Pi(\sigma, g(\vartheta), \gamma) \quad \text{for all } \gamma > 0.$$

Thus, g is a GCFMS-contraction of type-II. Hence, all the conditions of Theorem 3.16 are satisfied and $\sigma = 0$ is a unique fixed point of g .

4 Application

Consider $\Phi = C[0, 1]$, the class of all real-valued continuous functions defined on $[0, 1]$. Define a Π -complete generalized controlled fuzzy metric $\Pi : \Phi^2 \times (0, \infty) \rightarrow [0, 1]$ by

$$\Pi(\sigma, \vartheta, \gamma) = e^{-\frac{\sup_{\kappa \in [0, 1]} |\sigma(\kappa) - \vartheta(\kappa)|}{\gamma}}$$

for all $(\sigma, \vartheta) \in \Phi^2$ and $\gamma > 0$. Consider the integral equation

$$\sigma(\kappa) = \mathfrak{f}(\kappa) + \int_0^1 \mathfrak{z}(\kappa, s) \mathcal{F}(\kappa, s, \sigma(s)) ds, \quad (4.1)$$

where $\mathfrak{f} : [0, 1] \rightarrow \mathbb{R}$, $\mathfrak{z} : [0, 1] \times [0, 1] \rightarrow \mathbb{R}$ and $\mathcal{F} : [0, 1] \times [0, 1] \times \mathbb{R} \rightarrow \mathbb{R}$ are continuous functions.

Theorem 4.1 *Let (Π, Φ, \star) be a Π -complete GCFMS defined in the above. Let $g : \Phi \rightarrow \Phi$ be the integral operator defined by*

$$g(\sigma(\kappa)) = \mathfrak{f}(\kappa) + \int_0^1 \mathfrak{z}(\kappa, s) \mathcal{F}(\kappa, s, \sigma(s)) ds$$

for all $\sigma \in \Phi$ and $\kappa, s \in [0, 1]$. Suppose that the following conditions are satisfied:

- (1) For all $\kappa, s \in [0, 1]$ and $(\sigma, \vartheta) \in \Phi^2$, we have

$$|\mathcal{F}(\kappa, s, \sigma(s)) - \mathcal{F}(\kappa, s, \vartheta(s))| < |\sigma(s) - g(\vartheta(s))|.$$

(2) For all $\kappa, s \in [0, 1]$ and for some $\mathfrak{k} < 1$,

$$\sup_{\kappa \in [0, 1]} \left| \int_0^1 \mathfrak{z}(\kappa, s) ds \right| \leq \mathfrak{k} < 1.$$

Then integral equation (4.1) has a unique solution $\sigma^* \in \Phi$.

Proof Note that, for all $\sigma^* \in \Phi$, we have

$$\begin{aligned} \delta(\Pi, \mathfrak{g}, \sigma^*, \gamma) &= \inf \{ \Pi(\mathfrak{g}^i(\sigma^*), \mathfrak{g}^j(\sigma^*), \gamma) : i, j \in \mathbb{N}, \gamma > 0 \} \\ &= \inf \left\{ e^{-\frac{\sup_{\kappa \in [0, 1]} |\mathfrak{g}^i(\sigma^*(\kappa)) - \mathfrak{g}^j(\sigma^*(\kappa))|}{\gamma}} \right\} > 0. \end{aligned}$$

We claim that \mathfrak{g} is a GCFMS-contraction of type-II. For all $(\sigma, \vartheta) \in \Phi^2$, we obtain

$$\begin{aligned} \Pi(\mathfrak{g}\sigma, \mathfrak{g}\vartheta, \mathfrak{k}\gamma) &= e^{-\frac{\sup_{\kappa \in [0, 1]} |\mathfrak{g}\sigma(\kappa) - \mathfrak{g}\vartheta(\kappa)|}{\mathfrak{k}\gamma}} \\ &= e^{-\frac{\sup_{\kappa \in [0, 1]} \left| \int_0^1 \mathfrak{z}(\kappa, s) \mathcal{F}(\kappa, s, \sigma(s)) ds - \int_0^1 \mathfrak{z}(\kappa, s) \mathcal{F}(\kappa, s, \vartheta(s)) ds \right|}{\mathfrak{k}\gamma}} \\ &= e^{-\frac{\sup_{\kappa \in [0, 1]} \left| \int_0^1 \mathfrak{z}(\kappa, s) [(\mathcal{F}(\kappa, s, \sigma(s)) - \mathcal{F}(\kappa, s, \vartheta(s)))] ds \right|}{\mathfrak{k}\gamma}} \\ &\geq e^{-\frac{\sup_{\kappa \in [0, 1]} \int_0^1 |\mathfrak{z}(\kappa, s)| |(\mathcal{F}(\kappa, s, \sigma(s)) - \mathcal{F}(\kappa, s, \vartheta(s)))| ds}{\mathfrak{k}\gamma}} \\ &= e^{-\frac{\sup_{\kappa \in [0, 1]} \int_0^1 |\mathfrak{z}(\kappa, s)| |\sigma(s) - \mathfrak{g}(\vartheta(s))| ds}{\mathfrak{k}\gamma}} \\ &= e^{-\frac{\sup_{\kappa \in [0, 1]} \int_0^1 |\mathfrak{z}(\kappa, s)| [\sup_{s \in [0, 1]} |\sigma(s) - \mathfrak{g}(\vartheta(s))|] ds}{\mathfrak{k}\gamma}} \\ &= e^{-\{\sup_{s \in [0, 1]} |\sigma(s) - \mathfrak{g}(\vartheta(s))|\} \frac{\sup_{\kappa \in [0, 1]} \int_0^1 |\mathfrak{z}(\kappa, s)| ds}{\mathfrak{k}\gamma}} \\ &\geq e^{-\{\sup_{s \in [0, 1]} |\sigma(s) - \mathfrak{g}(\vartheta(s))|\} \frac{\mathfrak{k}}{\mathfrak{k}\gamma}} \\ &= e^{-\frac{\sup_{s \in [0, 1]} |\sigma(s) - \mathfrak{g}(\vartheta(s))|}{\gamma}} \\ &= \Pi(\sigma, \mathfrak{g}\vartheta, \gamma). \end{aligned}$$

Because all of Theorem 3.16's criteria are met, \mathfrak{g} has a fixed point. As a result, integral equation (4.1) has only one solution. \square

5 Conclusion and future work

In this article, we have obtained some fixed point results in GCFMS. An example and an application are also presented to strengthen our main results. Khalehghli, Rahimi, and Eshaghi Gordji [9, 26] presented a real generalization of the mentioned Banach contraction principle by introducing R-metric spaces, where R is an arbitrary relation on L. We note that, in a special case, R can be considered as $R := \preceq$ [partially ordered relation], $R := \perp$ [orthogonal relation], etc. If one can find a suitable replacement for a Banach theorem that may determine the value of fixed point, then many problems can be solved in this R-relation. This will provide a structural method for finding a value of a fixed point. It is an interesting open problem to study the fixed point results on R-complete R-b-metric-like spaces.

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Abbreviations

GMS, Generalized metric space; GCMS, Generalized controlled metric space; FMS, Fuzzy metric space; GCFMS, Generalized controlled fuzzy metric space.

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