

COMMON FIXED POINTS FOR NONEXPANSIVE AND NONEXPANSIVE TYPE FUZZY MAPPINGS

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ABSTRACT. In this paper we define g -nonexpansive and g -nonexpansive type fuzzy mappings and prove common fixed point theorems for sequences of fuzzy mappings satisfying certain conditions on a Banach space. Thus we obtain fixed point theorems for nonexpansive type multi-valued mappings.

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1. INTRODUCTION

Fixed point theorems for fuzzy mappings were obtained by Chang, Heilpern and others [1-5, 7, 9-13, 16]. Especially, Lee and Cho [10] showed that a sequence of fuzzy mappings with the condition (*) satisfies the condition (**), that a sequence with the condition (**) has a common fixed point and consequently that a sequence of fuzzy mappings with the condition (*) has a common fixed point. These results are fuzzy analogues of common fixed theorems for sequences of g -contractive and g -contractive type multi-valued mappings [8]. In [11] and [13] Lee et al. also obtained a common fixed point theorem for sequences of fuzzy mappings which generalize the results in [1] and [10] respectively.

In this paper we define g -nonexpansive and g -nonexpansive type fuzzy mappings and show that a sequence of fuzzy mappings with the condition (****), which are defined on a nonempty weakly compact star-shaped subset of a Banach space X satisfying Opial's condition, has a common fixed point. As corollaries, firstly we show that similar results are obtained for the conditions (*), (**) or (***). Secondly we obtain fixed point theorems for nonexpansive type fuzzy [respectively, compact-valued] mappings F [resp., f] from $K(\subset X)$ to $W(K)$ [resp., 2^K]. Thirdly we show that similar results are obtained for nonexpansive fuzzy [resp., compact-valued] mappings.

2. PRELIMINARIES

We review briefly some definitions and terminologies needed.

A fuzzy set A in a metric space X is a function with domain X and values in $[0,1]$. (In particular, if A is an ordinary (crisp) subset of X , its characteristic function χ_A is a fuzzy set with domain X and values $\{0,1\}$). Especially $\{x\}$ is a fuzzy set with a membership function equal to a characteristic function of the set $\{x\}$. The α -level set of A , denoted by A_α , is defined by

$$A_\alpha = \{x : A(x) \geq \alpha\} \quad \text{if } \alpha \in (0, 1],$$

$$A_0 = \overline{\{x : A(x) > 0\}}$$

where \overline{B} denotes the closure of the (nonfuzzy) set B .

$W(X)$ denotes the collection of all fuzzy sets A in X such that (i) A_α is compact in X for each $\alpha \in [0,1]$ and (ii) A_1 is a nonempty subset of X . For $A, B \in W(X)$, $A \subset B$ means $A(x) \leq B(x)$ for each $x \in X$.

Let A and B be two nonempty bounded subsets of a Banach space X . The Hausdorff distance between A and B is

$$d_H(A, B) = \max \left[\sup_{a \in A} \inf_{b \in B} \|a - b\|, \sup_{b \in B} \inf_{a \in A} \|a - b\| \right].$$

DEFINITION 2.1. Let $A, B \in W(X)$ and $\alpha \in [0,1]$. Then we define

$$D(A, B) = \sup_{\alpha} d_H(A_\alpha, B_\alpha).$$

We note that D is a metric on $W(X)$ such that $D(\{x\}, \{y\}) = \|x - y\|$, where $x, y \in X$.

DEFINITION 2.2. Let X be an arbitrary set and Y be any metric space. F is called a fuzzy mapping iff F is a mapping from the set X into $W(Y)$.

A fuzzy mapping F is a fuzzy subset on $X \times Y$ with a membership function $F(x)(y)$. The function value $F(x)(y)$ is the grade of membership of y in $F(x)$. In case $X = Y$, $F(x)$ is a function from X into $[0,1]$. Especially for a multi-valued mapping $f: X \rightarrow 2^X$, $\chi_{f(x)}$ is a function from X to $\{0,1\}$. Hence a fuzzy mapping $F: X \rightarrow W(X)$ is another extension of a multi-valued mapping $f: X \rightarrow 2^X$.

DEFINITION 2.3. Let g be a mapping from a Banach space $(X, \|\cdot\|)$ to itself. A fuzzy mapping $F: X \rightarrow W(X)$ is g -contractive [respectively, g -nonexpansive] if $D(F(x), F(y)) \leq k \cdot \|g(x) - g(y)\|$ for all $x, y \in X$, for some fixed $k, 0 \leq k < 1$ [resp., $k = 1$].

PROPOSITION 2.4 [9]. Let $(X, \|\cdot\|)$ be a Banach space, $F: X \rightarrow W(X)$ a fuzzy mapping and $x \in X$, then there exists $u_x \in X$ such that $\{u_x\} \subset F(x)$.

DEFINITION 2.5. Let g be a mapping from a Banach space $(X, \|\cdot\|)$ to itself. We call a fuzzy mapping $F: X \rightarrow W(X)$ g -contractive type [respectively, g -nonexpansive type] if for all $x \in X$, $\{u_x\} \subset F(x)$ there exists $\{v_x\} \subset F(y)$ for all $y \in X$ such that $D(\{u_x\}, \{v_x\}) \leq k \cdot \|g(x) - g(y)\|$ for some fixed $k, 0 \leq k < 1$ [resp., $k = 1$].

REMARK. When g is an identity, a g -contractive [respectively, g -contractive type, g -nonexpansive, g -nonexpansive type] fuzzy mapping F is said to be contractive [resp., contractive-type, nonexpansive, nonexpansive type].

LEMMA 2.6. Let $A, B \in W(X)$. Then for each $\{x\} \subset A$, there exists $\{y\} \subset B$ such that $D(\{x\}, \{y\}) \leq D(A, B)$.

PROOF. If $\{x\} \subset A$, then $x \in A_1$. By compactness of A_1 , we can choose a $y \in B_1$, i.e., $\{y\} \subset B$, such that $\|x - y\| \leq d_H(A_1, B_1)$. By the facts $D(\{x\}, \{y\}) = \|x - y\|$ and $d_H(A_1, B_1) \leq D(A, B)$, we have $D(\{x\}, \{y\}) \leq D(A, B)$.

PROPOSITION 2.7. Let g be a mapping from a Banach space $(X, \|\cdot\|)$ to itself. If $F: X \rightarrow W(X)$ is a g -nonexpansive [respectively, g -contractive] fuzzy mapping, then F is g -nonexpansive type [resp., g -contractive type].

PROOF. It can be easily proved by Lemma 2.6.

3. COMMON FIXED POINTS FOR FUZZY MAPPINGS

For a mapping g of a Banach space X into itself and a sequence $(F_i)_{i=1}^\infty$ of fuzzy mappings of X into $W(X)$ we consider the following conditions (*), (**), (***) and (****).

(*) there exists a constant K with $0 \leq k < 1$ such that for each pair of fuzzy mappings $F_i, F_j: X \rightarrow W(X)$, $D(F_i(x), F_j(y)) \leq k \cdot \|g(x) - g(y)\|$ for all $x, y \in X$.

(**) there exists a constant k with $0 \leq k < 1$ such that for each pair of fuzzy mappings $F_i, F_j : X \rightarrow W(X)$ and for any $x \in X$, $\{u_i\} \subset F_i(x)$ implies that there is $\{v_j\} \subset F_j(y)$ for all $y \in X$ with $D(\{u_i\}, \{v_j\}) \leq k \cdot \|g(x) - g(y)\|$.

(***) for each pair of fuzzy mappings $F_i, F_j : X \rightarrow W(X)$, $D(F_i(x), F_j(y)) \leq \|g(x) - g(y)\|$ for all $x, y \in X$.

(****) for each pair of fuzzy mappings $F_i, F_j : X \rightarrow W(X)$, and for any $x \in X$, $\{u_i\} \subset F_i(x)$ implies that there is $\{v_j\} \subset F_j(y)$ for all $y \in X$ with $D(\{u_i\}, \{v_j\}) \leq \|g(x) - g(y)\|$.

It is easily proved that the condition (*) [respectively, (****)] implies the condition (**) [resp., (****)] by Lemma 2.6, but the following example shows that the converses do not hold in general.

EXAMPLE 3.1. Let g be an identity mapping from a Euclidean metric space $([0, \infty), |\cdot|)$ to itself. Let $(F_i)_{i=1}^{\infty}$ be a sequence of fuzzy mappings from $[0, \infty)$ into $W([0, \infty))$, where $F_i(x) : [0, \infty) \rightarrow [0, 1]$ is defined as follows;

$$\begin{aligned} \text{if } x = 0, \quad F_i(x)(z) &= \begin{cases} 1, & z = 0, \\ 0, & z \neq 0, \end{cases} \\ \text{otherwise, } F_i(x)(z) &= \begin{cases} 1, & 0 \leq z \leq x/2, \\ 1/2, & x/2 < z \leq ix, \\ 0, & z > ix. \end{cases} \end{aligned}$$

Then the sequence $(F_i)_{i=1}^{\infty}$ satisfies the condition (****), but does not satisfy the condition (**).

In this section we show that a sequence of fuzzy mappings with the condition (****), which are defined on a nonempty weakly compact star-shaped subset K of a Banach space X which satisfies Opial's condition, has a common fixed point using a common fixed point theorem due to Lee and Cho [10], and consequently a sequence of fuzzy mappings with the condition (*), (**) or (****) has a common fixed point. As corollaries we obtain fixed point theorems for nonexpansive type fuzzy [respectively, compact-valued] mappings F [resp., f] from a nonempty weakly compact and star-shaped subset K of a Banach space X which satisfies Opial's condition to $W(X)$ [resp., 2^K].

The results for the nonexpansive compact-valued mappings are the case of replacing convexity with star-shapedness in Theorem 3.5 due to Husain and Latif [8].

Following Nguyen [14] we define: Let X, Y and Z be any nonempty sets, and $A \in \mathcal{F}(X)$ and $B \in \mathcal{F}(Y)$ where $\mathcal{F}(X)$ is the collection of all fuzzy sets in X . If $f : X \rightarrow Y$, then the fuzzy set $f(A)$ is defined via the extension principle by $f(A) \in \mathcal{F}(Y)$ and $f(A)(y) = \sup_{x \in f^{-1}(y)} A(x)$.

If $f : X \times Y \rightarrow Z$, then the fuzzy set $f(A, B)$ is defined via the extension principle by $f(A, B) \in \mathcal{F}(Z)$ and $f(A, B)(z) = \sup_{(x, y) \in f^{-1}(z)} [\min\{A(x), B(y)\}]$.

PROPOSITION (NGUYEN). Let $f : X \times Y \rightarrow Z$ and $A \in \mathcal{F}(X)$ and $B \in \mathcal{F}(Y)$. Then a necessary and sufficient condition for the equality $[f(A, B)]_{\alpha} = f(A_{\alpha}, B_{\alpha})$ for all $\alpha \in [0, 1]$ is that for all $z \in Z$, $\sup_{(x, y) \in f^{-1}(z)} [\min\{A(x), B(y)\}]$ is attained.

A subset K of a Banach space X is said to be star-shaped if there exists a point $v \in K$ such that $tv + (1-t)x \in K$ for all $x \in K$ and $0 < t < 1$. The point v is called the star center of K .

THEOREM 3.2 [10]. Let g be a nonexpansive mapping from a complete metric linear space (X, d) to itself. If $(F_i)_{i=1}^{\infty}$ is a sequence of fuzzy mappings of X into $W(X)$ satisfying the condition (**), then there exists a point $x \in X$ such that $\{x\} \subset \bigcap_{i=1}^{\infty} F_i(x)$.

PROPOSITION 3.3. Let K be a nonempty bounded star-shaped subset of a Banach space X and g a nonexpansive mapping from X into itself. If $(F_i)_{i=1}^{\infty}$ is a sequence of fuzzy mappings of K into $W(X)$ satisfying the condition (***) * , then there exist a sequence $(x_n)_{n=1}^{\infty}$ in K and a sequence $(u_n)_{n=1}^{\infty}$ in X satisfying $\{u_n\} \subset F_i(x_n)$ for all $i \in \mathbb{N}$ such that $\|x_n - u_n\| \rightarrow 0$ as $n \rightarrow \infty$.

PROOF. Let x_0 be the star-center of K . Choose a real sequence $(k_n)_{n=1}^{\infty}$ such that $0 < k_n < 1$ and $k_n \rightarrow 0$ as $n \rightarrow \infty$. Then for each $x \in K$, $k_n x_0 + (1 - k_n)x \in K$. Define a fuzzy mapping F_i^n of K into $W(X)$ by setting $F_i^n(x) = k_n \{x_0\} + (1 - k_n)F_i(x)$ for all $i \in \mathbb{N}$, then by Proposition 3.3 in [14] it follows that $[F_i^n(x)]_{\alpha} = k_n x_0 + (1 - k_n) [F_i(x)]_{\alpha}$ for all $i \in \mathbb{N}$ and each $\alpha \in [0, 1]$. Now we show that for each $n \in \mathbb{N}$, $(F_i^n)_{i=1}^{\infty}$ is a sequence of fuzzy mappings satisfying the condition (**). If we let $\{u_x\} \subset F_i^n(x)$ for each $x \in K$, we get $u_x = k_n x_0 + (1 - k_n)v_x$ for some $v_x \in K$ such that $\{v_x\} \subset F_i(x)$. Since $(F_i)_{i=1}^{\infty}$ satisfies the condition (***) * , there exists a $\{v_y\} \subset F_j(y)$ for all $y \in K$ such that $\|v_x - v_y\| \leq \|g(x) - g(y)\| \leq \|x - y\|$. Put $u_y = k_n x_0 + (1 - k_n)v_y$, clearly by definition of $F_j(y)$ we get $\{u_y\} \subset F_j^n(y)$ and $\|u_x - u_y\| = \|(1 - k_n)(v_x - v_y)\| \leq (1 - k_n)\|g(x) - g(y)\| \leq (1 - k_n)\|x - y\|$ which proves that $(F_i^n)_{i=1}^{\infty}$ is a sequence of fuzzy mappings satisfying the condition (**). The common fixed point theorem for a sequence of fuzzy mappings due to Lee and Cho [10] i.e., Theorem 3.2 guarantees that for each fixed $n \in \mathbb{N}$, $(F_i^n)_{i=1}^{\infty}$ has a common fixed point in K , say $\{x_n\} \subset F_i^n(x_n) \in W(K)$ for all $i \in \mathbb{N}$. From the definition of $F_i^n(x_n)$ there exists a $\{u_n\} \subset F_i(x_n)$ such that $x_n = k_n x_0 + (1 - k_n)u_n$ for all $i \in \mathbb{N}$ and each fixed $n \in \mathbb{N}$. Thus $\|x_n - u_n\| = \|k_n x_0 + (1 - k_n)u_n - u_n\| = k_n \|x_0 - u_n\|$. By the definition of $W(K)$, $\{u_n\} \subset F_i(x_n) \in W(K)$ implies $u_n \in K$. Thus $\{\|u_n - x_0\|\}$ is bounded. So by the fact that $k_n \rightarrow 0$ as $n \rightarrow \infty$, we have $\|x_n - u_n\| \rightarrow 0$ as $n \rightarrow \infty$.

We use the following notion due to Opial [15]. A Banach space X is said to satisfy Opial's condition [15] if for each $x \in X$ and each sequence $(x_n)_{n=1}^{\infty}$ weakly convergent to x ,

$$\lim_{n \rightarrow \infty} \|x_n - y\| > \lim_{n \rightarrow \infty} \|x_n - x\|$$

for all $y \neq x$.

PROPOSITION 3.4. Let K be a nonempty subset of a Banach space X which satisfies Opial's condition and F a g -nonexpansive type fuzzy mapping of K into $W(K)$. Let $(x_n)_{n=1}^{\infty}$ be a sequence in K which converges weakly to an element $x \in K$. If $(y_n)_{n=1}^{\infty}$ is a sequence in X such that $\{x_n - y_n\} \subset F(x_n)$ and converges to $y \in X$, then $\{x - y\} \subset F(x)$.

PROOF. Since F is a g -nonexpansive type fuzzy mapping, there exists a $\{v_n\} \subset F(x)$ such that $\|x_n - y_n - v_n\| \leq \|g(x_n) - g(x)\| \leq \|x_n - x\|$. It follows that $\lim_{n \rightarrow \infty} \|x_n - y_n - v_n\| \leq \lim_{n \rightarrow \infty} \|x_n - x\|$. Since every weakly convergent sequence is necessarily bounded, limits in the proceeding expression are finite. Since $(v_n)_{n=1}^{\infty}$ is a sequence in a compact subset $[F(x)]_{\alpha}$ of X for each $\alpha \in [0, 1]$, there is a subsequence of $(v_n)_{n=1}^{\infty}$, also denoted by $(v_n)_{n=1}^{\infty}$, converging to $v \in [F(x)]_{\alpha}$ for each $\alpha \in [0, 1]$. Hence $\{v\} \subset F(x)$, therefore

$$\begin{aligned} \lim_{n \rightarrow \infty} \|x_n - y_n - v_n\| &= \lim_{n \rightarrow \infty} \|x_n - y_n - v_n - (y + v) + (y + v)\| \\ &\geq \lim_{n \rightarrow \infty} (\|x_n - (y + v)\| - \|y_n + v_n - (y + v)\|) \\ &\geq \lim_{n \rightarrow \infty} \|x_n - (y + v)\| + \lim_{n \rightarrow \infty} (-\|y_n + v_n - y - v\|) \\ &= \lim_{n \rightarrow \infty} \|x_n - (y + v)\| \end{aligned}$$

Thus we have shown that $\lim_{n \rightarrow \infty} \|x_n - x\| \geq \lim_{n \rightarrow \infty} \|x_n - (y + v)\|$.

Since $(x_n)_{n=1}^{\infty}$ converges to x weakly, Opial's condition implies that $x = y + v$, so $x - y = v \in [F(x)]_{\alpha}$ for each $\alpha \in [0,1]$. Hence $\{x - y\} \subset F(x)$ and the proposition is proved.

REMARK. From the above proof it follows that the weak limit of fixed points of a nonexpansive-type fuzzy mapping F defined on a nonempty subset K of a Banach space X satisfying Opial's condition, in particular for a Hilbert space is also a fixed point of F .

THEOREM 3.5. Let K be a nonempty weakly compact star-shaped subset of a Banach space X which satisfies Opial's condition. If $(F_i)_{i=1}^{\infty}$ is a sequence of fuzzy mappings of K into $W(K)$ satisfying the condition (****), then $(F_i)_{i=1}^{\infty}$ has a common fixed point.

PROOF. Since K is weakly compact, it is a bounded subset of X . By the Proposition 3.3 there exist a sequence $(x_n)_{n=1}^{\infty}$ in K and a sequence $(u_n)_{n=1}^{\infty}$ in X satisfying $\{u_n\} \subset F_i(x_n)$ for all $i \in \mathbb{N}$ such that $\|x_n - u_n\| \rightarrow 0$ as $n \rightarrow \infty$. Put $y_n = x_n - u_n$. K being weakly compact, we can find a weakly convergent subsequence $(x_m)_{m=1}^{\infty}$ of $(x_n)_{n=1}^{\infty}$. Let x_0 be the weak limit of the sequence $(x_m)_{m=1}^{\infty}$. Clearly $x_0 \in K$ and we have $y_m = x_m - u_m$, $\{u_m\} \subset F_i(x_m)$ for all $i \in \mathbb{N}$. Then it follows that $y_m \rightarrow 0$ and by Proposition 3.4 there exists a fixed point $x_0 \in X$ such that $\{x_0\} \subset F_i(x_0)$ for all $i \in \mathbb{N}$.

THEOREM 3.6. Let K be a nonempty weakly compact star-shaped subset of a Banach space X which satisfies Opial's condition. If $(F_i)_{i=1}^{\infty}$ is a sequence of fuzzy mappings of K into $W(K)$ satisfying the condition (*), (**) or (***), then $(F_i)_{i=1}^{\infty}$ has a common fixed point.

PROOF. It is proved by the fact that the condition (***)[respectively, (*)] implies the condition (****)[resp., (**)].

If we put $F_i = F$ for all $i \in \mathbb{N}$ in Proposition 3.3, then the sequence of fuzzy mappings $(F_i)_{i=1}^{\infty} = (F)$ in the condition (****) is a sequence of g -nonexpansive type fuzzy mappings. Thus we obtain the following corollary for g -nonexpansive type fuzzy mappings.

COROLLARY 3.7. Let K be a nonempty weakly compact star-shaped subset of a Banach space X which satisfies Opial's condition. Then each g -nonexpansive type fuzzy mapping $F : K \rightarrow W(K)$ has a fixed point.

COROLLARY 3.8. Let K be a nonempty weakly compact star-shaped subset of a Banach space X which satisfies Opial's condition. Then each nonexpansive type, compact-valued mapping $f : K \rightarrow 2^K$ has a fixed point.

PROOF. Define $F : K \rightarrow W(K)$ by $F(x) = \chi_{f(x)}$ then F is a nonexpansive-type fuzzy mapping. By Corollary 3.7 there exists a point $x \in X$ such that $\{x\} \subset F(x) = \chi_{f(x)}$ i.e., $x \in f(x)$.

Corollary 3.8 is a generalization of the following theorem due to Husain and Latif [8].

THEOREM 3.9. Let K be a nonempty weakly compact convex subset of a Banach space X which satisfies Opial's condition. Then each nonexpansive type, compact-valued mapping $f : K \rightarrow 2^K$ has a fixed point.

COROLLARY 3.10. Let K be a nonempty weakly compact star-shaped subset of a Banach space X which satisfies Opial's condition. Then each nonexpansive fuzzy mapping $F : K \rightarrow W(K)$ has a fixed point.

COROLLARY 3.11. Let K be a nonempty weakly compact star-shaped subset of a Banach space X having a weakly continuous duality mapping. Then each nonexpansive-type fuzzy mapping $F : K \rightarrow W(K)$ has a fixed point.

PROOF. If a Banach space X admits a weakly continuous duality mapping, then it satisfies Opial's condition [6].

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