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# $L$ -fuzzy Fixed Point Theorems for $L$ -fuzzy Mappings via $\beta_{FL}$ -admissible with Applications

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## Abstract

In this paper, the authors use the idea of  $\beta_{FL}$ -admissible mappings to prove some  $L$ -fuzzy fixed point theorems for a generalized contractive  $L$ -fuzzy mappings. Some examples and applications to  $L$ -fuzzy fixed points for  $L$ -fuzzy mappings in partially ordered metric spaces are also given, to support main findings.

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## Introduction

Solving real-world problems becomes apparently easier with the introduction of fuzzy set theory in 1965 by L. A. Zadeh [1], as it helps in making the description of vagueness and imprecision clear and more precise. Later in 1967, Goguen [2] extended this idea to  $L$ -fuzzy set theory by replacing the interval  $[0, 1]$  with a completely distributive lattice  $L$ .

In 1981, Heilpern [3] gave a fuzzy extension of Banach contraction principle [4] and Nadler's [5] fixed point theorems by introducing the concept of fuzzy contraction mappings and established a fixed point theorem for fuzzy contraction mappings in a complete metric linear spaces. Frigon and Regan [6] generalized the Heilpern theorem under a contractive condition for 1-level sets of a fuzzy contraction on a complete metric space, where the 1-level sets need not be convex and compact. Subsequently, various generalizations of result in [6] were obtained (see [7–12]). While in 2001, Estruch and Vidal [13] established the existence of a fixed fuzzy point for fuzzy contraction mappings (in the Heilpern's sense) on a complete metric space. Afterwards, several authors [11, 14–17] among others studied and generalized the result in [13].

On the other hand, the concept of  $\beta$ -admissible mapping was introduced by Samet et al. [18] for a single-valued mappings and proved the existence of fixed point theorems via this concept, while Asl et al. [19] extended the notion to  $\alpha - \psi$ -multi-valued mappings. Afterwards, Mohammadi et al. [20] established the notion of  $\beta$ -admissible mapping for the multi-valued mappings (different from the  $\beta_*$ -admissible mapping provided in [19]).

Recently, Phiangsungnoen et al. [21] use the concept of  $\beta$ -admissible defined by Mohammadi et al. [20] to proved some fuzzy fixed point theorems. In 2014, Rashid et al. [22] introduced the notion of  $\beta_{FL}$ -admissible for a pair of  $L$ -fuzzy mappings and utilized it to proved a common  $L$ -fuzzy fixed point theorem. The notions of  $d_L^\infty$ -metric and

Hausdorff distances for  $L$ -fuzzy sets were introduced by Rashid et al. [23], they presented some fixed point theorems for  $L$ -fuzzy set valued-mappings and coincidence theorems for a crisp mapping and a sequence of  $L$ -fuzzy mappings. Many researchers have studied fixed point theory in the fuzzy context of metric spaces and normed spaces (see [24–27] and [28–30], respectively).

In this manuscript, the authors developed a new  $L$ -fuzzy fixed point theorems on a complete metric space via  $\beta_{FL}$ -admissible mapping in sense of Mohammadi et al. [20] which is a generalization of main result of Phiangsungnoen et al. [21]. We also construct some examples to support our results and infer as an application, the existence of  $L$ -fuzzy fixed points in a complete partially ordered metric space.

**Preliminaries**

In this section we present some basic definitions and preliminary results which we will use throughout this paper. Let  $(X, d)$  be a metric space,  $CB(X) = \{A : A \text{ is closed and bounded subsets of } X\}$  and  $C(X) = \{A : A \text{ is nonempty compact subsets of } X\}$ .

Let  $A, B \in CB(X)$  and define

$$\begin{aligned}
 d(x, A) &= \inf_{y \in A} d(x, y), \\
 d(A, B) &= \inf_{x \in A, y \in B} d(x, y), \\
 p_{\alpha_L}(x, A) &= \inf_{y \in A_{\alpha_L}} d(x, y), \\
 p_{\alpha_L}(A, B) &= \inf_{x \in A_{\alpha_L}, y \in B_{\alpha_L}} d(x, y), \\
 p(A, B) &= \sup_{\alpha_L} p_{\alpha_L}(A, B), \\
 H(A_{\alpha_L}, B_{\alpha_L}) &= \max \left\{ \sup_{x \in A_{\alpha_L}} d(x, B_{\alpha_L}), \sup_{y \in B_{\alpha_L}} d(y, A_{\alpha_L}) \right\}, \\
 D_{\alpha_L}(A, B) &= H(A_{\alpha_L}, B_{\alpha_L}), \\
 d_{\alpha_L}^{\infty}(A, B) &= \sup_{\alpha_L} D_{\alpha_L}(A, B).
 \end{aligned}$$

**Definition 1** A fuzzy set in  $X$  is a function with domain  $X$  and range in  $[0, 1]$ . i.e  $A$  is a fuzzy set if  $A : X \rightarrow [0, 1]$ .

Let  $\mathcal{F}(X)$  denotes the collection of all fuzzy subsets of  $X$ . If  $A$  is a fuzzy set and  $x \in X$ , then  $A(x)$  is called the grade of membership of  $x$  in  $A$ . The  $\alpha$ -level set of  $A$  is denoted by  $[A]_{\alpha}$  and is defined as below:

$$\begin{aligned}
 [A]_{\alpha} &= \{x \in X : A(x) \geq \alpha\}, \text{ for } \alpha \in (0, 1], \\
 [A]_0 &= \text{closure of the set } \{x \in X : A(x) > 0\}.
 \end{aligned}$$

**Definition 2** A partially ordered set  $(L, \leq_L)$  is called

- i a lattice; if  $a \vee b \in L, a \wedge b \in L$  for any  $a, b \in L$ ,
- ii a complete lattice; if  $\bigvee A \in L, \bigwedge A \in L$  for any  $A \subseteq L$ ,
- iii a distributive lattice; if  $a \vee (b \wedge c) = (a \vee b) \wedge (a \vee c),$   
 $a \wedge (b \vee c) = (a \wedge b) \vee (a \wedge c)$  for any  $a, b, c \in L$ ,

- iv a complete distributive lattice; if  $a \vee (\bigwedge b_i) = \bigwedge_i(a \wedge b_i)$ ,  
 $a \wedge (\bigvee_i b_i) = \bigvee_i(a \wedge b_i)$  for any  $a, b_i \in L$ ,
- v a bounded lattice; if it is a lattice and additionally has a top element  $1_L$  and a bottom element  $0_L$ , which satisfy  $0_L \leq_L x \leq_L 1_L$  for every  $x \in L$ .

**Definition 3** An  $L$ -fuzzy set  $A$  on a nonempty set  $X$  is a function  $A : X \rightarrow L$ , where  $L$  is bounded complete distributive lattice with  $1_L$  and  $0_L$ .

**Definition 4** (Goguen [2]). Let  $L$  be a lattice, the top and bottom elements of  $L$  are  $1_L$  and  $0_L$  respectively, and if  $a, b \in L, a \vee b = 1_L$  and  $a \wedge b = 0_L$  then  $b$  is a unique complement of  $a$  denoted by  $\acute{a}$ .

**Remark 1** If  $L = [0, 1]$ , then the  $L$ -fuzzy set is the special case of fuzzy sets in the original sense of Zadeh [1], which shows that  $L$ -fuzzy set is larger.

Let  $\mathcal{F}_L(X)$  denotes the class of all  $L$ -fuzzy subsets of  $X$ . Define  $\mathcal{Q}_L(X) \subset \mathcal{F}_L(X)$  as below:

$$\mathcal{Q}_L(X) = \{A \in \mathcal{F}_L(X) : A_{\alpha_L} \text{ is nonempty and compact, } \alpha_L \in L \setminus \{0_L\}\}.$$

The  $\alpha_L$ -level set of an  $L$ -fuzzy set  $A$  is denoted by  $A_{\alpha_L}$  and define as below:

$$A_{\alpha_L} = \{x \in X : \alpha_L \leq_L A(x)\} \text{ for } \alpha_L \in L \setminus \{0_L\},$$

$$A_{0_L} = \overline{\{x \in X : 0_L \leq_L A(x)\}}.$$

Where  $\bar{B}$  denotes the closure of the set  $B$  (Crisp).

For  $A, B \in \mathcal{F}_L(X)$ ,  $A \subset B$  if and only if  $A(x) \leq_L B(x)$  for all  $x \in X$ . If there exists an  $\alpha_L \in L \setminus \{0_L\}$  such that  $A_{\alpha_L}, B_{\alpha_L} \in CB(X)$ , then we define

$$D_{\alpha_L}(A, B) = H(A_{\alpha_L}, B_{\alpha_L}).$$

If  $A_{\alpha_L}, B_{\alpha_L} \in CB(X)$  for each  $\alpha_L \in L \setminus \{0_L\}$ , then we define

$$d_L^\infty(A, B) = \sup_{\alpha_L} D_{\alpha_L}(A, B).$$

We note that  $d_L^\infty$  is a metric on  $\mathcal{F}_L(X)$  and the completeness of  $(X, d)$  implies that  $(C(X), H)$  and  $(\mathcal{F}_L(X), d_L^\infty)$  are complete.

**Definition 5** Let  $X$  be an arbitrary set,  $Y$  be a metric space. A mapping  $T$  is called  $L$ -fuzzy mapping, if  $T$  is a mapping from  $X$  to  $\mathcal{F}_L(Y)$  (i.e class of  $L$ -fuzzy subsets of  $Y$ ). An  $L$ -fuzzy mapping  $T$  is an  $L$ -fuzzy subset on  $X \times Y$  with membership function  $T(x)(y)$ . The function  $T(x)(y)$  is the grade of membership of  $y$  in  $T(x)$ .

**Definition 6** Let  $X$  be a nonempty set. For  $x \in X$ , we write  $\{x\}$  the characteristic function of the ordinary subset  $\{x\}$  of  $X$ . The characteristic function of an  $L$ -fuzzy set  $A$ , is denoted by  $\chi_{LA}$  and define as below:

$$\chi_{LA} = \begin{cases} 0_L & \text{if } x \notin A; \\ 1_L & \text{if } x \in A. \end{cases}$$

**Definition 7** Let  $(X, d)$  be a metric space and  $T : X \rightarrow \mathcal{F}_L(X)$ . A point  $z \in X$  is said to be an  $L$ -fuzzy fixed point of  $T$  if  $z \in [Tz]_{\alpha_L}$ , for some  $\alpha_L \in L \setminus \{0_L\}$ .

**Remark 2** If  $\alpha_L = 1_L$ , then it is called a fixed point of the L-fuzzy mapping  $T$ .

**Definition 8** (Asl et al. [19]). Let  $X$  be a nonempty set.  $T : X \rightarrow 2^X$ , where  $2^X$  is a collection of nonempty subsets of  $X$  and  $\beta : X \times X \rightarrow [0, \infty)$ . We say that  $T$  is  $\beta_*$ -admissible if

$$\text{for } x, y \in X, \beta(x, y) \geq 1 \implies \beta_*(Tx, Ty) \geq 1,$$

where

$$\beta_*(Tx, Ty) := \inf \{ \beta(a, b) : a \in Tx \text{ and } b \in Ty \}.$$

**Definition 9** (Mohammadi et al. [20]). Let  $X$  be a nonempty set.  $T : X \rightarrow 2^X$ , where  $2^X$  is a collection of nonempty subsets of  $X$  and  $\beta : X \times X \rightarrow [0, \infty)$ . We say that  $T$  is  $\beta$ -admissible whenever for each  $x \in X$  and  $y \in Tx$  with  $\beta(x, y) \geq 1$ , we have  $\beta(y, z) \geq 1$  for all  $z \in Ty$ .

**Remark 3** If  $T$  is  $\beta_*$ -admissible mapping, then  $T$  is also  $\beta$ -admissible mapping.

**Example 1** Let  $X = [0, \infty)$  and  $d(x, y) = |x - y|$ . Define  $T : X \rightarrow 2^X$  and  $\beta : X \times X \rightarrow [0, \infty)$  by

$$T(x) = \begin{cases} [0, \frac{x}{3}], & \text{if } 0 \leq x \leq 1; \\ [x^2, \infty), & \text{if } x > 1. \end{cases}$$

and

$$\beta(x, y) = \begin{cases} 1, & \text{if } x, y \in [0, 1]; \\ 0, & \text{otherwise.} \end{cases}$$

Then,  $T$  is  $\beta$ -admissible.

### Main Result

#### L-fuzzy Fixed Point Theorems

Now, we recall some well known results and definitions to be used in the sequel.

**Lemma 1** Let  $x \in X, A \in \mathcal{W}_L(X)$ , and  $\{x\}$  be an L-fuzzy set with membership function equal to characteristic function of set  $\{x\}$ . If  $\{x\} \subset A$ , then  $p_{\alpha_L}(x, A) = 0$  for  $\alpha_L \in L \setminus \{0_L\}$ .

**Lemma 2** (Nadler [5]). Let  $(X, d)$  be a metric space and  $A, B \in CB(X)$ . Then for any  $a \in A$  there exists  $b \in B$  such that  $d(a, b) \leq H(A, B)$ .

**Definition 10** Let  $\Psi$  be the family of non-decreasing functions  $\psi : [0, \infty) \rightarrow [0, \infty)$  such that  $\sum_{n=1}^{\infty} \psi^n(t) < \infty$  for all  $t > 0$  where  $\psi^n$  is the  $n$ th iterate of  $\psi$ . It is known that  $\psi(t) < t$  for all  $t > 0$  and  $\psi(0) = 0$ .

Below, we introduce the concept of  $\beta$ -admissible in the sense of Mohammadi et al. [20] for L-fuzzy mappings.

**Definition 11** Let  $(X, d)$  be a metric space,  $\beta : X \times X \rightarrow [0, \infty)$  and  $T : X \rightarrow F_L(X)$ . A mapping  $T$  is said to be  $\beta_{F_L}$ -admissible whenever for each  $x \in X$  and  $y \in [Tx]_{\alpha_L}$  with  $\beta(x, y) \geq 1$ , we have  $\beta(y, z) \geq 1$  for all  $z \in [Ty]_{\alpha_L}$ , where  $\alpha_L \in L \setminus \{0_L\}$ .

Here, the existence of an  $L$ -fuzzy fixed point theorem for some generalized type of contraction  $L$ -fuzzy mappings in complete metric spaces is presented.

**Theorem 1** *Let  $(X, d)$  be a complete metric space,  $\alpha_L \in L \setminus \{0_L\}$  and  $T : X \rightarrow \mathcal{Q}_L(X)$  be an  $L$ -fuzzy mapping. Suppose that there exist  $\psi \in \Psi$  and  $\beta : X \times X \rightarrow [0, \infty)$  such that for all  $x, y \in X$ ,*

$$\beta(x, y)D_{\alpha_L}(Tx, Ty) \leq \psi(\Omega(x, y)) + K \min \{p_{\alpha_L}(x, Tx), p_{\alpha_L}(y, Ty), p_{\alpha_L}(x, Ty), p_{\alpha_L}(y, Tx)\}, \tag{1}$$

where  $K \geq 0$  and

$$\Omega(x, y) = \max \left\{ d(x, y), p_{\alpha_L}(x, Tx), p_{\alpha_L}(y, Ty), \frac{p_{\alpha_L}(x, Ty) + p_{\alpha_L}(y, Tx)}{2} \right\}.$$

If the following conditions hold,

- i. if  $\{x_n\}$  is a sequence in  $X$  so that  $\beta(x_n, x_{n+1}) \geq 1$  and  $x_n \rightarrow b (n \rightarrow \infty)$ , then  $\beta(x_n, b) \geq 1$ ,
- ii. there exists  $x_0 \in X$  and  $x_1 \in [Tx_0]_{\alpha_L}$  so that  $\beta(x_0, x_1) \geq 1$ ,
- iii.  $T$  is  $\beta_{FL}$ -admissible,
- iv.  $\psi$  is continuous.

Then  $T$  has atleast an  $L$ -fuzzy fixed point.

*Proof* For  $x_0 \in X$  and  $x_1 \in [Tx_0]_{\alpha_L}$  by condition (ii) we have  $\beta(x_0, x_1) \geq 1$ . Since  $[Tx_0]_{\alpha_L}$  is nonempty and compact, then there exists  $x_2 \in [Tx_1]_{\alpha_L}$ , such that

$$d(x_1, x_2) = p_{\alpha_L}(x_1, Tx_1) \leq D_{\alpha_L}(Tx_0, Tx_1). \tag{2}$$

By (2) and the fact that  $\beta(x_0, x_1) \geq 1$ , we have

$$\begin{aligned} d(x_1, x_2) &\leq D_{\alpha_L}(Tx_0, Tx_1) \\ &\leq \beta(x_0, x_1)D_{\alpha_L}(Tx_0, Tx_1) \\ &\leq \psi(\Omega(x_0, x_1)) + K \min \{p_{\alpha_L}(x_0, Tx_0), p_{\alpha_L}(x_1, Tx_1), \\ &\quad p_{\alpha_L}(x_0, Tx_1), p_{\alpha_L}(x_1, Tx_0)\} \\ &\leq \psi(\Omega(x_0, x_1)) + K \min \{p_{\alpha_L}(x_0, x_1), p_{\alpha_L}(x_1, x_2), p_{\alpha_L}(x_0, x_2), 0\} \\ &= \psi(\Omega(x_0, x_1)). \end{aligned}$$

Similarly, For  $x_2 \in X$ , we have  $[Tx_2]_{\alpha_L}$  which is nonempty and compact subset of  $X$ , then there exists  $x_3 \in [Tx_2]_{\alpha_L}$ , such that

$$d(x_2, x_3) = p_{\alpha_L}(x_2, Tx_2) \leq D_{\alpha_L}(Tx_1, Tx_2). \tag{3}$$

For  $x_0 \in X$  and  $x_1 \in [Tx_0]_{\alpha_L}$  with  $\beta(x_0, x_1) \geq 1$ , by condition (iii) we have  $\beta(x_1, x_2) \geq 1$ . From (1), (2) and the fact that  $\beta(x_1, x_2) \geq 1$ , we have

$$\begin{aligned} d(x_2, x_3) &\leq D_{\alpha_L}(Tx_1, Tx_2) \\ &\leq \beta(x_1, x_2)D_{\alpha_L}(Tx_1, Tx_2) \\ &\leq \psi(\Omega(x_1, x_2)) + K \min \{p_{\alpha_L}(x_1, Tx_1), p_{\alpha_L}(x_2, Tx_2), \\ &\quad p_{\alpha_L}(x_1, Tx_2), p_{\alpha_L}(x_2, Tx_1)\} \\ &\leq \psi(\Omega(x_1, x_2)) + K \min \{p_{\alpha_L}(x_1, x_2), p_{\alpha_L}(x_2, x_3), p_{\alpha_L}(x_1, x_3), 0\} \\ &= \psi(\Omega(x_1, x_2)). \end{aligned}$$

Continuing in this pattern, a sequence  $\{x_n\}$  is obtained such that, for each  $n \in \mathbb{N}$ ,  $x_n \in [Tx_{n-1}]_{\alpha_L}$  with  $\beta(x_{n-1}, x_n) \geq 1$ , we have

$$d(x_n, x_{n+1}) \leq \psi(\Omega(x_{n-1}, x_n)),$$

where

$$\begin{aligned} \Omega(x_{n-1}, x_n) &= \max \left\{ d(x_{n-1}, x_n), p_{\alpha_L}(x_{n-1}, Tx_{n-1}), \right. \\ &\quad \left. p_{\alpha_L}(x_n, Tx_n), \frac{p_{\alpha_L}(x_{n-1}, Tx_n) + p_{\alpha_L}(x_n, Tx_{n-1})}{2} \right\} \\ &\leq \max \left\{ d(x_{n-1}, x_n), d(x_n, x_{n+1}), \frac{d(x_{n-1}, x_{n+1})}{2} \right\} \\ &= \max\{d(x_{n-1}, x_n), d(x_n, x_{n+1})\}. \end{aligned}$$

Hence,

$$d(x_n, x_{n+1}) \leq \psi(\max\{d(x_{n-1}, x_n), d(x_n, x_{n+1})\}), \tag{4}$$

for all  $n \in \mathbb{N}$ . Now, if there exists  $n^* \in \mathbb{N}$  such that  $p_{\alpha_L}(x_{n^*}, Tx_{n^*}) = 0$  then by Lemma 1, we have  $\{x_{n^*}\} \subset Tx_{n^*}$ , that is  $x_{n^*} \in [Tx_{n^*}]_{\alpha_L}$  implying that  $x_{n^*}$  is an  $L$ -fuzzy fixed point of  $T$ . So, we suppose that for each  $n \in \mathbb{N}$ ,  $p_{\alpha_L}(x_n, Tx_n) > 0$ , implying that  $d(x_{n-1}, x_n) > 0$  for all  $n \in \mathbb{N}$ . Thus, if  $d(x_n, x_{n+1}) > d(x_{n-1}, x_n)$  for some  $n \in \mathbb{N}$ , then by (4) and Definition 10, we have

$$d(x_n, x_{n+1}) \leq \psi(d(x_n, x_{n+1})) < d(x_n, x_{n+1}),$$

which is a contradiction. Thus, we have

$$\begin{aligned} d(x_n, x_{n+1}) &\leq \psi(d(x_{n-1}, x_n)) \\ &\leq \psi(\psi(d(x_{n-2}, x_{n-1}))) \\ &\vdots \\ &\leq \psi^n d(x_0, x_1). \end{aligned} \tag{5}$$

Next we show that,  $\{x_n\}$  is a Cauchy sequence in  $X$ . Since  $\psi \in \Psi$  and continuous, then there exist  $\epsilon > 0$  and a positive integer  $h = h(\epsilon)$  such that

$$\sum_{n \geq h} \psi^n d(x_0, x_1) < \epsilon. \tag{6}$$

Let  $m > n > h$ . By triangular inequality, (5) and (6), we have

$$\begin{aligned} d(x_n, x_m) &\leq \sum_{k=n}^{m-1} d(x_k, x_{k+1}) \\ &\leq \sum_{k=n}^{m-1} \psi^k d(x_0, x_1) \\ &\leq \sum_{n \geq h} \psi^n d(x_0, x_1) < \epsilon. \end{aligned}$$

Thus,  $\{x_n\}$  is Cauchy sequence and since  $X$  is complete therefore we have  $b \in X$  so that  $x_n \rightarrow b$  as  $n \rightarrow \infty$ . Now, we show that  $b \in [Tb]_{\alpha_L}$ . Let us assume the contrary and consider

$$\begin{aligned} d(b, [Tb]_{\alpha_L}) &\leq d(b, x_{n+1}) + d(x_{n+1}, [Tb]_{\alpha_L}) \\ &\leq d(b, x_{n+1}) + H([Tx_n]_{\alpha_L}, [Tb]_{\alpha_L}) \\ &\leq d(b, x_{n+1}) + D_{\alpha_L}(Tx_n, Tb) \\ &\leq d(b, x_{n+1}) + \beta(x_n, b)D_{\alpha_L}(Tx_n, Tb) \\ &\leq \psi(\Omega(x_n, b)) + K \min\{p_{\alpha_L}(x_n, Tx_n), p_{\alpha_L}(b, Tb), p_{\alpha_L}(x_n, Tb), p_{\alpha_L}(b, Tx_n)\} \\ &\leq \psi\left(\max\left\{d(x_n, b), p_{\alpha_L}(x_n, Tx_n), p_{\alpha_L}(b, Tb), \frac{p_{\alpha_L}(x_n, Tb) + p_{\alpha_L}(b, Tx_n)}{2}\right\}\right) \\ &\quad + K \min\{p_{\alpha_L}(x_n, Tx_n), p_{\alpha_L}(b, Tb), p_{\alpha_L}(x_n, Tb), p_{\alpha_L}(b, Tx_n)\} \\ &= \psi(p_{\alpha_L}(b, Tb)). \end{aligned} \tag{7}$$

Letting  $n \rightarrow \infty$  in (7), we have

$$\begin{aligned} d(b, [Tb]_{\alpha_L}) &\leq \psi(p_{\alpha_L}(b, Tb)) \\ &< p_{\alpha_L}(b, Tb) \\ &= d(b, [Tb]_{\alpha_L}), \end{aligned}$$

a contraction. Hence,

$$b \in [Tb]_{\alpha_L}, \quad \alpha_L \in L \setminus \{0_L\}.$$

□

Next, we give an example to support the validity of our result.

**Example 2** Let  $X = [0, 1]$ ,  $d(x, y) = |x - y|$  for all  $x, y \in X$ , then  $(X, d)$  is a complete metric space. Let  $L = \{\eta, \kappa, \omega, \tau\}$  with  $\eta \leq_L \kappa \leq_L \tau$ , and  $\eta \leq_L \omega \leq_L \tau$ , where  $\kappa$  and  $\omega$  are not comparable, therefore  $(L, \leq_L)$  is a complete distributive lattice. Define  $T : X \rightarrow \mathcal{Q}_L(X)$  as below:

$$T(x)(t) = \begin{cases} \tau, & \text{if } 0 \leq t \leq \frac{x}{6}; \\ \kappa, & \text{if } \frac{x}{6} < t \leq \frac{x}{4}; \\ \eta, & \text{if } \frac{x}{4} < t \leq \frac{x}{2}; \\ \omega, & \text{if } \frac{x}{2} < t \leq 1. \end{cases}$$

For every  $x \in X$ ,  $\alpha_L = \tau$  exists for which

$$[Tx]_\tau = \left[0, \frac{x}{6}\right].$$

Define  $\beta : X \times X \rightarrow [0, \infty)$  as below:

$$\beta(x, y) = \begin{cases} 1, & \text{if } x = y; \\ x + 1, & \text{if } x \neq y. \end{cases}$$

Then, it is easy to see that  $T$  is  $\beta_{F_L}$ -admissible. For each  $x, y \in X$  we have

$$\begin{aligned} \beta(x, y)D_{\alpha_L}(Tx, Ty) &= \beta(x, y)H([Tx]_{\alpha_L}, [Ty]_{\alpha_L}) \\ &= \beta(x, y)H\left(\left[0, \frac{x}{6}\right], \left[0, \frac{y}{6}\right]\right) \\ &= \frac{1}{6}\beta(x, y)|x - y| \\ &= \frac{1}{6}\beta(x, y)d(x, y) \\ &< \frac{1}{3}d(x, y) \\ &\leq \psi(\Omega(x, y)) \\ &\quad + K \min \{p_{\alpha_L}(x, Tx), p_{\alpha_L}(y, Ty), p_{\alpha_L}(x, Ty), p_{\alpha_L}(y, Tx)\}. \end{aligned}$$

Where  $\psi(t) = \frac{t}{3}$  for all  $t > 0$  and  $K \geq 0$ . Conditions (ii) and (iii) of Theorem 1 holds obviously. Thus, all the conditions of Theorem 1 are satisfied. Hence, there exists a  $0 \in X$  such that  $0 \in [T0]_\tau$ .

Below, we introduce the concept of  $\beta_*$ -admissible for  $L$ -fuzzy mappings in the sense of Asl et al. [19].

**Definition 12** Let  $(X, d)$  be a metric space,  $\beta : X \times X \rightarrow [0, \infty)$  and  $T : X \rightarrow F_L(X)$ . A mapping  $T$  is said to be  $\beta_{F_L}^*$ -admissible if

$$\text{for } x, y \in X, \alpha_L \in L \setminus \{0_L\}, \beta(x, y) \geq 1 \implies \beta^*([Tx]_{\alpha_L}, [Ty]_{\alpha_L}) \geq 1,$$

where

$$\beta^*([Tx]_{\alpha_L}, [Ty]_{\alpha_L}) := \inf \{ \beta(a, b) : a \in [Tx]_{\alpha_L} \text{ and } b \in [Ty]_{\alpha_L} \}.$$

**Theorem 2** Let  $(X, d)$  be a complete metric space,  $\alpha_L \in L \setminus \{0_L\}$  and  $T : X \rightarrow Q_L(X)$  be an  $L$ -fuzzy mapping. Suppose that there exist  $\psi \in \Psi$  and  $\beta : X \times X \rightarrow [0, \infty)$  such that for all  $x, y \in X$ ,

$$\begin{aligned} \beta(x, y)D_{\alpha_L}(Tx, Ty) &\leq \psi(\Omega(x, y)) \\ &\quad + K \min \{p_{\alpha_L}(x, Tx), p_{\alpha_L}(y, Ty), p_{\alpha_L}(x, Ty), p_{\alpha_L}(y, Tx)\}, \end{aligned}$$

where  $K \geq 0$  and

$$\Omega(x, y) = \max \left\{ d(x, y), p_{\alpha_L}(x, Tx), p_{\alpha_L}(y, Ty), \frac{p_{\alpha_L}(x, Ty) + p_{\alpha_L}(y, Tx)}{2} \right\}.$$

If the following conditions hold,

- i. if  $\{x_n\}$  is a sequence in  $X$  such that  $\beta(x_n, x_{n+1}) \geq 1$  and  $x_n \rightarrow u$  as  $n \rightarrow \infty$ , then  $\beta(x_n, u) \geq 1$ ,
- ii. there exist  $x_0 \in X$  and  $x_1 \in [Tx_0]_{\alpha_L}$  such that  $\beta(x_0, x_1) \geq 1$ ,



- iii.  $T$  is  $\beta_{FL}^*$ -admissible,
- iv.  $\psi$  is continuous.

Then,  $T$  has atleast an  $L$ -fuzzy fixed point.

*Proof* By Remark 3 and Theorem 1 the result follows immediately. □

Taking  $K = 0$  in Theorem 1 and 2, we obtain the following corollary.

**Corollary 1** *Let  $(X, d)$  be a complete metric space,  $\alpha_L \in L \setminus \{0_L\}$  and  $T : X \rightarrow \mathcal{Q}_L(X)$  be an  $L$ -fuzzy mapping. Suppose that there exist  $\psi \in \Psi$  and  $\beta : X \times X \rightarrow [0, \infty)$  such that for all  $x, y \in X$ ,*

$$\beta(x, y)D_{\alpha_L}(Tx, Ty) \leq \psi \left( \max \left\{ d(x, y), p_{\alpha_L}(x, Tx), p_{\alpha_L}(y, Ty), \frac{p_{\alpha_L}(x, Ty) + p_{\alpha_L}(y, Tx)}{2} \right\} \right).$$

*If the following conditions hold,*

- i. if  $\{x_n\}$  is a sequence in  $X$  such that  $\beta(x_n, x_{n+1}) \geq 1$  and  $x_n \rightarrow u$  as  $n \rightarrow \infty$ , then  $\beta(x_n, u) \geq 1$ ,
- ii. there exist  $x_0 \in X$  and  $x_1 \in [Tx_0]_{\alpha_L}$  such that  $\beta(x_0, x_1) \geq 1$ ,
- iii.  $T$  is  $\beta_{FL}$ -admissible (or  $\beta_{FL}^*$ -admissible),
- iv.  $\psi$  is continuous.

Then,  $T$  has atleast an  $L$ -fuzzy fixed point.

If  $\beta(x, y) = 1$  for all  $x, y \in X$ . Theorem 1 or 2 will reduce to the following result.

**Corollary 2** *Let  $(X, d)$  be a complete metric space,  $\alpha_L \in L \setminus \{0_L\}$  and  $T : X \rightarrow \mathcal{Q}_L(X)$  be an  $L$ -fuzzy mapping. Suppose that there exist  $\psi \in \Psi$  such that for all  $x, y \in X$ ,*

$$D_{\alpha_L}(Tx, Ty) \leq \psi(\Omega(x, y)) + K \min \{p_{\alpha_L}(x, Tx), p_{\alpha_L}(y, Ty), p_{\alpha_L}(x, Ty), p_{\alpha_L}(y, Tx)\},$$

where  $K \geq 0$  and

$$\Omega(x, y) = \max \left\{ d(x, y), p_{\alpha_L}(x, Tx), p_{\alpha_L}(y, Ty), \frac{p_{\alpha_L}(x, Ty) + p_{\alpha_L}(y, Tx)}{2} \right\}.$$

Then,  $T$  has atleast an  $L$ -fuzzy fixed point.

By taking  $K = 0$  and  $\beta(x, y) = 1$  for all  $x, y \in X$  in Theorem 1 or 2, Corollary 1 or 2, we have the following.

**Corollary 3** *Let  $(X, d)$  be a complete metric space,  $\alpha_L \in L \setminus \{0_L\}$  and  $T : X \rightarrow \mathcal{Q}_L(X)$  be an  $L$ -fuzzy mapping. Suppose that there exist  $\psi \in \Psi$  such that for all  $x, y \in X$ ,*

$$\begin{aligned} &D_{\alpha_L}(Tx, Ty) \\ &\leq \psi \left( \max \left\{ d(x, y), p_{\alpha_L}(x, Tx), p_{\alpha_L}(y, Ty), \frac{p_{\alpha_L}(x, Ty) + p_{\alpha_L}(y, Tx)}{2} \right\} \right). \end{aligned}$$

Then,  $T$  has atleast an  $L$ -fuzzy fixed point.

**Remark 4**

- i If we consider  $L = [0, 1]$  in Theorem 1 and 2, Corollary 1, 2 and 3 we get Theorem 1, 2 Corollary 2, 4 and 5 of [21] respectively;
- ii If  $\alpha_L = 1_L$  in Theorem 1 and 2, Corollary 1, 2 and 3, then by Remark 2 the  $L$ -fuzzy mappings  $T$  has atleast a fixed point.

**Applications**

In this section, we establish as an application the existence of an  $L$ -fuzzy fixed point theorems in complete partially ordered metric spaces.

Below, we present some results which are essential in the remaining part of our work.

**Definition 13** Let  $X$  be a nonempty set. Then,  $(X, d, \preceq)$  is said to be an ordered metric space if  $(X, d)$  is a metric space and  $(X, \preceq)$  is a partially ordered set.

**Definition 14** Let  $(X, \preceq)$  be a partially ordered set. Then,  $x, y \in X$  are said to be comparable if  $x \preceq y$  or  $y \preceq x$  holds.

For a partially ordered set  $(X, \preceq)$ , we define

$$\bar{\wedge} := \{(x, y) \in X \times X : x \preceq y \text{ or } y \preceq x\}.$$

**Definition 15** A partially ordered set  $(X, \preceq)$  is said to satisfy the ordered sequential limit property if  $(x_n, x) \in \bar{\wedge}$  for all  $n \in \mathbb{N}$ , whenever a sequence  $x_n \rightarrow x$  as  $x \rightarrow \infty$  and  $(x_n, x_{n+1}) \in \bar{\wedge}$  for all  $n \in \mathbb{N}$ .

**Definition 16** Let  $(X, \preceq)$  be a partially ordered set and  $\alpha_L \in L \setminus \{0_L\}$ . An  $L$ -fuzzy mapping  $T : X \rightarrow \mathcal{Q}_L(X)$  is said to be comparative, if for each  $x \in X$  and  $y \in [Tx]_{\alpha_L}$  with  $(x, y) \in \bar{\wedge}$ , we have  $(y, z) \in \bar{\wedge}$  for all  $z \in [Ty]_{\alpha_L}$ .

Now, the existence of an  $L$ -fuzzy fixed point theorem for  $L$ -fuzzy mappings in complete partially ordered metric spaces is presented.

**Theorem 3** Let  $(X, d, \preceq)$  be a complete partially ordered metric space,  $\alpha_L \in L \setminus \{0_L\}$  and  $T : X \rightarrow \mathcal{Q}_L(X)$  be an  $L$ -fuzzy mapping. Suppose that there exist  $\psi \in \Psi$  such that for all  $(x, y) \in \bar{\wedge}$ ,

$$D_{\alpha_L}(Tx, Ty) \leq \psi(\Omega(x, y)) + K \min\{p_{\alpha_L}(x, Tx), p_{\alpha_L}(y, Ty), p_{\alpha_L}(x, Ty), p_{\alpha_L}(y, Tx)\}, \tag{8}$$

where  $K \geq 0$  and

$$\Omega(x, y) = \max \left\{ d(x, y), p_{\alpha_L}(x, Tx), p_{\alpha_L}(y, Ty), \frac{p_{\alpha_L}(x, Ty) + p_{\alpha_L}(y, Tx)}{2} \right\}.$$

If the following conditions hold,

- I.  $X$  satisfies the order sequential limit property,
- II. there exist  $x_0 \in X$  and  $x_1 \in [Tx_0]_{\alpha_L}$  such that  $(x_0, x_1) \in \bar{\wedge}$ ,
- III.  $T$  is comparative  $L$ -fuzzy mapping,
- IV.  $\psi$  is continuous.

Then,  $T$  has atleast an  $L$ -fuzzy fixed point.

*Proof* Let  $\beta : X \times X \rightarrow [0, \infty)$  be defined as:

$$\beta(x, y) = \begin{cases} 1 & \text{if } (x, y) \in \bar{\Lambda}; \\ 0 & \text{if } (x, y) \notin \bar{\Lambda}. \end{cases}$$

Now by condition (II), we have  $\beta(x_0, x_1) \geq 1$  which implies that condition (ii) of Theorem 1 holds. And since  $T$  is comparative  $L$ -fuzzy mapping, then condition (iii) of Theorem 1 follows. By (8) and for all  $x, y \in X$ , we have

$$\begin{aligned} \beta(x, y)D_{\alpha_L}(Tx, Ty) & \leq \psi(\Omega(x, y)) + K \min \{p_{\alpha_L}(x, Tx), p_{\alpha_L}(y, Ty), p_{\alpha_L}(x, Ty), p_{\alpha_L}(y, Tx)\}. \end{aligned} \tag{9}$$

Condition (i) of Theorem 1 also holds by condition (I). Now that all the hypothesis of Theorem 1 are fulfilled, hence the existence of the  $L$ -fuzzy fixed point for  $L$ -fuzzy mapping  $T$  follows.  $\square$

Applying similar technique in the proof of Theorem 3 with Corollary 1, we arrive at the following result.

**Corollary 4** *Let  $(X, d, \preceq)$  be a complete partially ordered metric space,  $\alpha_L \in L \setminus \{0_L\}$  and  $T : X \rightarrow Q_L(X)$  be an  $L$ -fuzzy mapping. Suppose that there exist  $\psi \in \Psi$  such that for all  $(x, y) \in \bar{\Lambda}$ ,*

$$D_{\alpha_L}(Tx, Ty) \leq \psi \left( \max \left\{ d(x, y), p_{\alpha_L}(x, Tx), p_{\alpha_L}(y, Ty), \frac{p_{\alpha_L}(x, Ty) + p_{\alpha_L}(y, Tx)}{2} \right\} \right).$$

*If the following conditions hold,*

- I.  $X$  satisfies the order sequential limit property,
- II. there exist  $x_0 \in X$  and  $x_1 \in [Tx_0]_{\alpha_L}$  such that  $(x_0, x_1) \in \bar{\Lambda}$ ,
- III.  $T$  is comparative  $L$ -fuzzy mapping,
- IV.  $\psi$  is continuous.

*Then,  $T$  has at least an  $L$ -fuzzy fixed point.*

Setting  $\beta(x, y) = 1$  for all  $(x, y) \in \bar{\Lambda}$  and using similar argument in the proof of Theorem 3 with Corollary 2 and 3 we get the followings, respectively.

**Corollary 5** *Let  $(X, d, \preceq)$  be a complete partially ordered metric space,  $\alpha_L \in L \setminus \{0_L\}$  and  $T : X \rightarrow Q_L(X)$  be an  $L$ -fuzzy mapping. Suppose that there exist  $\psi \in \Psi$  such that for all  $(x, y) \in \bar{\Lambda}$ ,*

$$D_{\alpha_L}(Tx, Ty) \leq \psi(\Omega(x, y)) + K \min \{p_{\alpha_L}(x, Tx), p_{\alpha_L}(y, Ty), p_{\alpha_L}(x, Ty), p_{\alpha_L}(y, Tx)\},$$

*where  $K \geq 0$  and*

$$\Omega(x, y) = \max \left\{ d(x, y), p_{\alpha_L}(x, Tx), p_{\alpha_L}(y, Ty), \frac{p_{\alpha_L}(x, Ty) + p_{\alpha_L}(y, Tx)}{2} \right\}.$$

*Then,  $T$  has at least an  $L$ -fuzzy fixed point.*

**Corollary 6** *Let  $(X, d, \preceq)$  be a complete partially ordered metric space,  $\alpha_L \in L \setminus \{0_L\}$  and  $T : X \rightarrow Q_L(X)$  be an  $L$ -fuzzy mapping. Suppose that there exist  $\psi \in \Psi$  such that for all  $(x, y) \in \bar{\Lambda}$ ,*

$$D_{\alpha_L}(Tx, Ty) \leq \psi \left( \max \left\{ d(x, y), p_{\alpha_L}(x, Tx), p_{\alpha_L}(y, Ty), \frac{p_{\alpha_L}(x, Ty) + p_{\alpha_L}(y, Tx)}{2} \right\} \right).$$

Then,  $T$  has at least an  $L$ -fuzzy fixed point.

### Remark 5

- i. If we consider  $L = [0, 1]$  in Theorem 3 and Corollary 4 above, we get Theorem 3 and Corollary 7 of [21], respectively;
- ii. If  $\alpha_L = 1_L$  in Theorem 3, Corollary 4, 5 and 6, then by Remark 2 the  $L$ -fuzzy mappings  $T$  has at least a fixed point.

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