

FIXED POINT THEOREMS FOR MULTIVALUED MAPPINGS IN  
PROBABILISTIC METRIC SPACES WITH A CONVEX STRUCTURE

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ABSTRACT

In this paper we shall introduce the notion of a probabilistic metric space with a convex structure and prove fixed point theorems for multivalued mappings in such spaces.

1. INTRODUCTION

In [16] K.Menger introduced the notion of a probabilistic metric space and there are many papers from the theory of probabilistic metric spaces (for bibliographies see the books [4], [15] and [27]). Since 1972, when V.Sehgal and A.Bharucha-Reid published the paper [29], there is an increasing interest in the fixed point theory in probabilistic metric spaces and this theory is now an important part of the stochastic analysis [1].

Fixed point theorems for singlevalued and multivalued mappings in probabilistic metric spaces are proved in [3], [5]-[14], [19]-[24], [31][32] and [37]. Some very interesting results from the theory of probabilistic metric spaces are obtained by a group of Romanian mathematicians from the University of Timisoara.

Japan mathematician W.Takahashi introduced in [35] the notion of a metric space with a convex structure. This class of metric spaces includes normed linear spaces and metric spaces of

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hyperbolic type (see the books [33] and [34]). Iterative processes on metric spaces of hyperbolic type are investigated by W.A. Kirk and K. Goebel ([33], [34]). Some fixed point theorems in such spaces are proved in [18], [25], [33], [34], [35] and [36].

In this paper we shall generalize this notion to the class of probabilistic metric spaces, give a nontrivial example of such a space and prove fixed point theorems for multivalued mappings of nonexpansive type, which are defined on such spaces.

## 2. PRELIMINARIES

In this section we shall give necessary definitions and notations. By  $\Delta$  we shall denote the set of all distribution functions  $F$  such that  $F(0) = 0$  ( $F$  is a nondecreasing, left continuous mapping from  $\mathbb{R}$  into  $[0, 1]$  so that  $\sup_{x \in \mathbb{R}} F(x) = 1$ ).

The ordered pair  $(S, F)$  is a probabilistic metric space if  $S$  is a nonempty set and  $F: S \times S \rightarrow \Delta$  ( $F(p, q)$  for  $p, q \in S$  is denoted by  $F_{p, q}$ ) so that the following conditions are satisfied:

1.  $F_{u, v}(x) = 1$ , for every  $x > 0 \Rightarrow u = v$ , and  $F$  is symmetric.

2.  $F_{u, v}(x) = 1$  and  $F_{v, w}(y) = 1 \Rightarrow F_{u, w}(x+y) = 1$ .

for every  $(u, v, w) \in S \times S \times S$  and  $(x, y) \in \mathbb{R}^+ \times \mathbb{R}^+$ .

A Menger space is a triple  $(S, F, t)$  where  $(S, F)$  is a probabilistic metric space and  $t$  is a T-norm [27] so that:

$$F_{u, v}(x+y) \geq t(F_{u, v}(x), F_{v, w}(y))$$

for every  $u, v, w \in S$  and every  $x, y \in \mathbb{R}^+$ .

The  $(\epsilon, \lambda)$ -topology is introduced by the family of neighbourhoods given by:

$$U = \{U_v(\epsilon, \lambda)\}_{(v, \epsilon, \lambda) \in S \times \mathbb{R}^+ \times (0, 1)}$$

where  $U_v(\epsilon, \lambda)$  is defined in the following way:

$$U_v(\epsilon, \lambda) = \{u \mid u \in S, F_{u, v}(\epsilon) > 1 - \lambda\}.$$

Let  $A$  be a nonempty subset of  $S$  where  $(S, F)$  is a probabilistic metric space. The function  $D_A(\cdot)$ , defined on  $\mathbb{R}^+$  by:

$$D_A(x) = \sup_{t < x} \inf_{p, q \in A} F_{p, q}(t), \quad x \in \mathbb{R}^+$$

is called the probabilistic diameter of  $A$  and the set  $A$  is probabilistic bounded if and only if [2]

$$\sup_{x \in R} D_A(x) = 1$$

The notion of a random normed space is introduced by Sherstnev in [30]. A random normed space  $(S, F, t)$  is an ordered triple where  $S$  is a real or complex vector space,  $t$  is a T-norm which is stronger than T-norm  $T_m$ :  $T_m(x, y) = \max\{x+y-1, 0\}$  and the mapping  $F: S \rightarrow \Delta$  satisfies the following conditions:

- (a)  $F_p = H * p = \theta$ , where  $\theta$  is the neutral element of  $S$  and the mapping  $H$  is defined by:

$$H(x) = \begin{cases} 0, & x \leq 0 \\ 1, & x > 0 \end{cases}$$

- (b) For every  $p \in S$ , every  $x \in R^+$  and every  $\lambda \in K \setminus \{0\}$  ( $K$  is the scalar field of  $S$ ):

$$F_{\lambda p}(x) = F_p\left(\frac{x}{|\lambda|}\right)$$

- (c) For every  $p, q \in S$  and every  $x, y \in R^+$ :

$$F_{p-q}(x+y) \geq t(F_p(x), F_q(y))$$

Every random normed space is a Menger space, where  $F: S \times S \rightarrow \Delta$  is defined by  $F(p, q) = F_{p-q}$ , for every  $p, q \in S$ .

The notion of a metric space with a convex structure is introduced in [35] by Takahashi and we shall generalize this notion on a Menger space.

Definition 1. Let  $(S, F, t)$  be a Menger space. A mapping  $W: S \times S \times [0, 1] \rightarrow S$  is said to be a convex structure if for every  $(x, y) \in S \times S$ :

$$W(x, y, 0) = y, W(x, y, 1) = x$$

and for every  $\lambda \in (0, 1)$ :

$$F_{u, W(x, y, \lambda)}\left(\frac{\epsilon}{\lambda}\right) \geq t\left(F_{u, x}\left(\frac{\epsilon}{\lambda}\right), F_{u, y}\left(\frac{\epsilon}{1-\lambda}\right)\right)$$

for every  $\epsilon \in R^+$  and every  $(u, x, y) \in S \times S \times S$ .

Let us prove that every metric space  $(S, d)$  with a convex structure in the sense of Takahashi is a Menger space with a convex structure.

Let  $(S, d)$  be a metric space with a convex structure  $W$  which means that  $W: S \times S \times [0, 1] \rightarrow S$  so that for every  $(x, y, \lambda) \in S \times S \times [0, 1]$

- (1)  $d(u, W(x, y, \lambda)) \leq \lambda d(u, x) + (1-\lambda)d(u, y)$ , for every  $u \in S$ .

It is known that  $(S, F, \min)$  is a Menger space, where :

$$F_{u,v}(x) = \begin{cases} 0, & d(u,v) \geq x \\ 1, & d(u,v) < x \end{cases}.$$

Let us prove that :

- (2)  $F_{u,W(x,y,\lambda)}(2\varepsilon) \geq \min\{F_{u,x}(\frac{\varepsilon}{\lambda}), F_{u,y}(\frac{\varepsilon}{1-\lambda})\}$

for every  $(u, x, y) \in S \times S \times S$  and every  $(\varepsilon, \lambda) \in \mathbb{R}^+ \times (0, 1)$ . Suppose that  $F_{u,x}(\frac{\varepsilon}{\lambda}) = 1$  and  $F_{u,y}(\frac{\varepsilon}{1-\lambda}) = 1$ . Then  $d(u, x) < \frac{\varepsilon}{\lambda}$  and  $d(u, y) < \frac{\varepsilon}{1-\lambda}$  and (1) implies that :

$$d(u, W(x, y, \lambda)) < \lambda \frac{\varepsilon}{\lambda} + (1-\lambda) \frac{\varepsilon}{1-\lambda} = 2\varepsilon$$

Hence, we have that :

$$F_{u,W(x,y,\lambda)}(2\varepsilon) = 1 = \min\{F_{u,x}(\frac{\varepsilon}{\lambda}), F_{u,y}(\frac{\varepsilon}{1-\lambda})\}.$$

If  $\min\{F_{u,x}(\frac{\varepsilon}{\lambda}), F_{u,y}(\frac{\varepsilon}{1-\lambda})\} = 0$  then from  $F_{u,W(x,y,\lambda)}(2\varepsilon) \geq 0$

it follows that (2) is satisfied.

Furthermore from (1) we obtain, for  $\lambda = 0$  and  $u = y$  that  $W(x, y, 0) = y$  and for  $\lambda = 1$  and  $u = x$  that  $W(x, y, 1) = x$ .

Every random normed space is a Menger space with the convex structure defined by  $W(x, y, \lambda) = \lambda x + (1-\lambda)y$ , for every  $(x, y, \lambda) \in S \times S \times [0, 1]$ . This follows from the inequality:

$$\begin{aligned} F_{u,W(x,y,\lambda)}(2\varepsilon) &= F_{u-\lambda x-(1-\lambda)y}(2\varepsilon) = F_{\lambda(u-x) + (1-\lambda)(u-y)}(2\varepsilon) \\ &\geq t(F_{u-x}(\frac{\varepsilon}{\lambda}), F_{u-y}(\frac{\varepsilon}{1-\lambda})). \end{aligned}$$

EXAMPLE Let us give a nontrivial example of a probabilistic metric space with a convex structure. Suppose that  $(M, d)$  is a separable metric space with a convex structure  $W$  so that for every  $\lambda \in [0, 1]$  the mapping  $(x, y) \mapsto W(x, y, \lambda)$  is continuous and  $(\Omega, \mathcal{A}, P)$  is a probability space.

Let  $S$  be the space of all measurable mappings from  $\Omega$  into  $M$  (i.e. the space of all equivalence classes). It is well known [4] that the triple  $(S, F, T_m)$  is a Menger space, if for every  $X \in S, Y \in S, \varepsilon > 0, u \in [0, 1]$  and  $v \in [0, 1]$  :

$$F_{X,Y}(\varepsilon) = P \{ \omega \mid d(X(\omega), Y(\omega)) < \varepsilon \}$$

$$T_m(u, v) = \max\{u+v-1, 0\}.$$

Let  $\bar{W}: S \times S \times [0, 1] \rightarrow S$  be defined by the relation:

$$\bar{W}(X, Y, \lambda)(\omega) = W(X(\omega), Y(\omega), \lambda), \text{ for every } \omega \in \Omega$$

and for every  $X \in S, Y \in S, \lambda \in [0, 1]$ .

Since  $X$  and  $Y$  are measurable mappings and  $W$  is, for every fixed  $\lambda \in [0, 1]$ , a continuous mapping it follows that for every  $X \in S$  and  $Y \in S, \bar{W}(X, Y, \lambda) \in S$ .

Now, prove that for every  $U \in S, X \in S, Y \in S$  and  $\lambda \in (0, 1)$ :

$$(*) F_{U, \bar{W}(X, Y, \lambda)}(2\varepsilon) \geq T_m(F_{U, X}(\frac{\varepsilon}{\lambda}), F_{U, Y}(\frac{\varepsilon}{1-\lambda})), \text{ for every } \varepsilon > 0.$$

From the definition of the mapping  $F$  it follows that:

$$F_{U, \bar{W}(X, Y, \lambda)}(2\varepsilon) = P \{ \omega \mid d(U(\omega), W(X(\omega), Y(\omega), \lambda)) < 2\varepsilon \}.$$

Further, from (1) it follows that for every  $\omega \in \Omega$ :

$$d(U(\omega), W(X(\omega), Y(\omega), \lambda)) \leq \lambda d(U(\omega), X(\omega)) + (1-\lambda)d(U(\omega), Y(\omega)).$$

This inequality implies that:

$$\{ \omega \mid d(U(\omega), W(X(\omega), Y(\omega), \lambda)) < 2\varepsilon \} \supset \{ \omega \mid d(U(\omega), X(\omega)) < \frac{\varepsilon}{\lambda} \}$$

$$\cap \{ \omega \mid d(U(\omega), Y(\omega)) < \frac{\varepsilon}{1-\lambda} \} \text{ and so we obtain that:}$$

$$P[\{ \omega \mid d(U(\omega), W(X(\omega), Y(\omega), \lambda)) < 2\varepsilon \}] \geq P[\{ \omega \mid d(U(\omega), X(\omega)) < \frac{\varepsilon}{\lambda} \}]$$

$\cap \{ \omega \mid d(U(\omega), Y(\omega)) < \frac{\varepsilon}{1-\lambda} \}$ . Since for every  $A, B \in \mathcal{A}: P(A \cap B) = P(A) + P(B) - P(A \cup B)$  we obtain that:

$$P[\{ \omega \mid d(U(\omega), X(\omega)) < \frac{\varepsilon}{\lambda} \} \cap \{ \omega \mid d(U(\omega), Y(\omega)) < \frac{\varepsilon}{1-\lambda} \}] \\ = P[\{ \omega \mid d(U(\omega), X(\omega)) < \frac{\varepsilon}{\lambda} \}] + P[\{ \omega \mid d(U(\omega), Y(\omega)) < \frac{\varepsilon}{1-\lambda} \}]$$

$$- P[\{ \omega \mid d(U(\omega), X(\omega)) < \frac{\varepsilon}{\lambda} \} \cup \{ \omega \mid d(U(\omega), X(\omega)) < \frac{\varepsilon}{1-\lambda} \}]$$

$$\geq F_{U, X}(\frac{\varepsilon}{\lambda}) + F_{U, Y}(\frac{\varepsilon}{1-\lambda}) - 1, \text{ which completes the proof of } (*).$$

In a Menger space with a convex structure the notion of a star-convex subset can be introduced similarly as in the case of a normed space.

Definition 2. Let  $(S, F, t)$  be a Menger space with a convex structure  $W: S \times S \times [0, 1] \rightarrow S$  and  $M$  a subset of  $S$ . The set  $M$  is said to be star-convex if there exists  $x_0 \in M$  such that :

$$W(x, x_0, \lambda) \in M, \text{ for every } (x, \lambda) \in S \times [0, 1].$$

Then  $x_0$  is a star point of the set  $M$ .

In this paper we shall suppose that  $(S, F, t)$  is a Menger space with a convex structure  $W: S \times S \times [0, 1] \rightarrow S$  so that the following condition is satisfied :

$$(3) \quad F_{W(x, z, \lambda), W(y, z, \lambda)}(\lambda \epsilon) \geq F_{x, y}(\epsilon) \\ \text{for every } (\epsilon, \lambda) \in \mathbb{R}^+ \times (0, 1) \text{ and every } (x, y, z) \in S \times S \times S.$$

A similar condition for metric spaces with a convex structure is introduced in [25]. If  $(S, F, t)$  is a random normed space condition (3) is satisfied since :

$$F_{\lambda x + (1-\lambda)z - \lambda y - (1-\lambda)z}(\lambda \epsilon) = F_{x-y}(\epsilon), \text{ for every } (x, y, z) \in S \times S \times S \text{ and every } (\epsilon, \lambda) \in \mathbb{R}^+ \times (0, 1).$$

If  $M$  is a nonempty subset of  $S$ , by  $2^M$  we shall denote the family of all nonempty subsets of  $S$  and by  $2_C^M$  the family of all nonempty, closed subsets of  $M$ .

Let  $T: M \rightarrow 2_C^S$  ( $M \subset S$ ). The mapping  $T$  is demicompact if for every two sequences  $\{x_n\}_{n \in \mathbb{N}}$  and  $\{y_n\}_{n \in \mathbb{N}}$  such that  $x_n \in M$  ( $n \in \mathbb{N}$ ),  $y_n \in Tx_n$  ( $n \in \mathbb{N}$ ) and that :

$$\lim_{n \rightarrow \infty} F_{x_n, y_n}(\epsilon) = 1, \text{ for every } \epsilon > 0$$

there exists a convergent subsequence  $\{x_{n_k}\}_{k \in \mathbb{N}}$ . This definition is introduced in [8].

If a singlevalued mapping is demicompact in the sense of a normed space it is also demicompact in the above sense. In the case of normed spaces it is well known that a densifying mapping is an example of a demicompact mapping.

### 3. FIXED POINT THEOREMS

The following fixed point theorem is a generalization of the well known Nadler's fixed point theorem [17] and it is proved in [8].

**Theorem** Let  $(S, F, t)$  be a complete Menger space with a continuous T-norm  $t$ ,  $M$  a nonempty closed subset of  $S$ ,  $T: M \rightarrow 2^M_C$  so that the following conditions are satisfied:

(i) For every  $u, v \in M$ , every  $x \in Tu$  and every  $\delta > 0$  there exists  $y \in Tv$  such that:

$$F_{x,y}(\epsilon) \geq F_{u,v}\left(\frac{\epsilon - \delta}{q}\right), \text{ for every } \epsilon > 0 \text{ where } q \in (0, 1).$$

(ii)  $T$  is demicompact or the family  $\{t_n(u)\}_{n \in \mathbb{N}}$  is equicontinuous at the point  $u = 1$ , where

$$t_n(u) = t(\underbrace{t(t(\dots t(t(u, u), u) \dots))}_{n\text{-times}}).$$

Then there exists at least one element  $x \in M$  such that  $x \in Tx$ .

If  $(S, d)$  is a metric space and  $(S, F, \min)$  the induced Menger space the condition (i) is satisfied if:

$$D(Tu, Tv) \leq q d(u, v) \quad (u, v \in M, q \in (0, 1))$$

and  $D$  is the Hausdorff metric  $(T: M \rightarrow CB(M))$ .

This was proved in [8] and since for T-norm  $t = \min$  the family  $\{t_n(u)\}_{n \in \mathbb{N}}$  is equicontinuous at the point  $u = 1$  it follows that the Nadler fixed point theorem is a corollary of the above fixed point theorem.

Let us give an example of a T-norm  $t \neq \min$  such that the family  $\{t_n(u)\}_{n \in \mathbb{N}}$  is equicontinuous at the point  $u = 1$ .

Let  $\bar{t}$  be a continuous t-norm and for every  $m \in \mathbb{N} \setminus \{0\}$ :

$$I_m = [1 - 2^{-m}, 1 - 2^{-m-1}].$$

We shall define T-norm  $t$  in the following way:

$$t(x, y) = \begin{cases} 1 - 2^{-m} + 2^{-m-1} \bar{t}(2^{m+1}(x - 1 + 2^{-m}), 2^{m+1}(y - 1 + 2^{-m})) \\ \text{for } (x, y) \in I_m \times I_m \\ \min\{x, y\} \quad , \text{ for } (x, y) \notin \bigcup_{m \in \mathbb{N} \setminus \{0\}} I_m \times I_m. \end{cases}$$

It is easy to see that the family  $\{t_n(u)\}_{n \in \mathbb{N}}$  is equicontinuous at the point  $u = 1$ .

Using the above theorem we shall prove a fixed point theorem for multivalued mappings which are of nonexpansive type .

Theorem 1. Let  $(S, F, t)$  be a complete Menger space with a convex structure  $W$  and continuous  $T$ -norm  $t$ ,  $M$  a nonempty, closed star-convex subset of  $S$ ,  $T: M \rightarrow 2_C^M$  so that the set  $T(M)$  is probabilistically precompact (in the sense of [2] ) and the following condition is satisfied: For every  $u, v \in M$ , every  $x \in Tu$  and every  $\delta > 0$  there exists  $y \in Tv$  such that :

$$(4) \quad F_{x,y}(\epsilon) \geq F_{u,v}(\epsilon - \delta), \text{ for every } \epsilon > 0.$$

Then there exists at least one element  $x \in M$  such that  $x \in Tx$  .

Proof: Let  $x_0$  be the star-point of the set  $M$  and  $\{k_n\}_{n \in \mathbb{N}}$  a sequence of real numbers from  $(0, 1)$  such that  $\lim_{n \rightarrow \infty} k_n = 1$  .

For every  $n \in \mathbb{N}$  and  $x \in M$  let  $T_n x = \bigcup_{z \in Tx} W(z, x_0, k_n)$ . We shall prove that for every  $n \in \mathbb{N}$  there exists  $x_n \in M$  such that  $x_n \in T_n x_n$  .

Since  $x_0$  is a star-point of the set  $M$  it follows that  $\bigcup_{z \in Tx} W(z, x_0, k_n) \subset M$  and so  $T_n x \subset M$  for every  $n \in \mathbb{N}$  and every  $x \in M$  .

From (3) it follows that the mapping  $W$  is continuous in respect to the first variable . Since  $Tx$  is closed it follows that  $Tx$  is compact (as a subset of  $TM$ ) and so the set  $W(Tx, x_0, k_n)$  is closed for every  $n \in \mathbb{N}$  . This implies that the set  $T_n x$  is closed for every  $n \in \mathbb{N}$  and every  $x \in M$  .

We shall prove that for every  $u, v \in M$ , every  $x \in T_n u$  and every  $\delta > 0$  there exists  $y \in T_n v$  such that :

$$F_{x,y}(\epsilon) \geq F_{u,v}\left(\epsilon - \frac{\delta}{k_n}\right), \text{ for every } \epsilon > 0.$$

Let  $u, v \in M$ ,  $\delta > 0$  and  $x \in T_n u$  . Then there exists  $z \in Tu$  such that  $x = W(z, x_0, k_n)$  . From (4) it follows that there exists  $y' \in Tv$  such that :

$$F_{z,y'}(\epsilon') \geq F_{u,v}\left(\epsilon' - \frac{\delta}{k_n}\right), \text{ for every } \epsilon' > 0.$$

Let  $y = W(y', x_0, k_n) \in T_n v$  . Then we have that :

$$\begin{aligned} F_{x,y}(\epsilon) &= F_{W(z, x_0, k_n), W(y', x_0, k_n)}\left(k_n \frac{\epsilon}{k_n}\right) \geq F_{z,y'}\left(\frac{\epsilon}{k_n}\right) \\ &\geq F_{u,v}\left(\frac{\epsilon - \delta}{k_n}\right). \end{aligned}$$

The set  $T(M)$  is probabilistically precompact . This means that for every  $\epsilon > 0$  and every  $\lambda \in (0, 1)$  there exists a finite



cover of  $T(M), \{A_i\}_{i \in I}$  ( $I$  is finite) such that  $D_{A_i}(\varepsilon) > 1 - \lambda$ ,  $i \in I$

where  $D$  is the probabilistic diameter, which is defined by  $D_A(x) = \sup_{t < x} \inf_{p, q \in A^p, q} F_{p, q}(t)$ . From this it is obvious that  $TM$  is a probabilistically bounded subset of  $S(\sup_x D_{TM}(x) = 1)$  and in [2] it is proved that  $TM$  is precompact in respect to the metric  $\rho$  which metrizes the uniformity of  $S$  generated by the  $(\varepsilon, \lambda)$ -topology. Hence, the set  $\overline{T(M)}$  is compact. From the continuity of the mapping  $W$  in respect to the first variable it follows that the set  $T_n(M) = W(T(M), x_0, k_n)$  ( $n \in \mathbb{N}$ ) is relatively compact. Let us prove that  $T_m$  is a demicompact mapping.

Suppose that  $\{x_n\}_{n \in \mathbb{N}}$  and  $\{y_n\}_{n \in \mathbb{N}}$  are two sequences from  $M$  such that  $y_n \in T_m x_n$  and  $\lim_{n \rightarrow \infty} F_{x_n, y_n}(\varepsilon) = 1$ , for every  $\varepsilon > 0$ . Then there exists a convergent subsequence  $\{y_{n_k}\}$  of the sequence  $\{y_n\}_{n \in \mathbb{N}}$  and suppose that  $\lim_{k \rightarrow \infty} y_{n_k} = z$ . Then from the inequality

$$F_{x_{n_k}, z}(\varepsilon) \geq t(F_{x_{n_k}, y_{n_k}}(\frac{\varepsilon}{2}), F_{y_{n_k}, z}(\frac{\varepsilon}{2}))$$

it follows that  $\lim_{k \rightarrow \infty} x_{n_k} = z$ .

This means that the mapping  $T_m$  is demicompact. Hence, all the conditions of the Theorem are satisfied and for every  $n \in \mathbb{N}$  there exists  $x_n \in M$  such that  $x_n \in T_n x_n$ .

Since  $T_n x_n = \bigcup_{z \in T x_n} W(z, x_0, k_n)$  it follows that there exists  $z_n \in T x_n$  such that  $x_n = W(z_n, x_0, k_n)$ . Then we have that:

$$\begin{aligned} F_{x_n, z_n}(\varepsilon) &= F_{z_n, W(z_n, x_0, k_n)}(\varepsilon) \geq t(F_{z_n, z_n}(\frac{\varepsilon}{2k_n}), F_{z_n, x_0}(\frac{\varepsilon}{2(1-k_n)})) = \\ &= t(1, F_{z_n, x_0}(\frac{\varepsilon}{2(1-k_n)})) = F_{z_n, x_0}(\frac{\varepsilon}{2(1-k_n)}), \text{ for every } n \in \mathbb{N}. \end{aligned}$$

Since  $TM$  is probabilistically bounded we have that for every  $z \in TM$ ,  $\lim_{n \rightarrow \infty} F_{z_n, z}(\frac{\varepsilon}{4(1-k_n)}) = 1$  (for every  $\varepsilon > 0$ ). Using the inequality:

$$F_{z_n, x_0}(\frac{\varepsilon}{2(1-k_n)}) \geq t(F_{z_n, z}(\frac{\varepsilon}{4(1-k_n)}), F_{z, x_0}(\frac{\varepsilon}{4(1-k_n)}))$$

and  $\lim_{n \rightarrow \infty} F_{z, x_0}(\frac{\varepsilon}{4(1-k_n)}) = 1$  (for every  $\varepsilon > 0$ ) it follows that

$$\lim_{n \rightarrow \infty} F_{z_n, x_0}(\frac{\varepsilon}{2(1-k_n)}) = 1 \quad (\text{for every } \varepsilon > 0). \text{ Hence we have that:}$$

$$(5) \quad \lim_{n \rightarrow \infty} F_{x_n, z_n}(\varepsilon) = 1 \quad (\text{for every } \varepsilon > 0).$$

Since  $z_{n_k} \in Tx_{n_k}$  and the set  $\overline{T(M)}$  is compact there exists a convergent subsequence  $\{z_{n_k}\}_{k \in \mathbb{N}}$  and let  $z = \lim_{k \rightarrow \infty} z_{n_k}$ .

Then (5) and the inequality :

$$F_{x_{n_k}, z}(\varepsilon) \geq t(F_{x_{n_k}, z_{n_k}}(\frac{\varepsilon}{2}), F_{z_{n_k}, z}(\frac{\varepsilon}{2}))$$

implies that  $\lim_{k \rightarrow \infty} x_{n_k} = z$ . Let us prove that  $z \in Tz$ . We shall

prove that  $z \in \overline{Tz}$ , which implies, since  $Tz$  is closed, that  $z \in Tz$ .

Let  $\varepsilon > 0$  and  $\lambda \in (0, 1)$ . We shall prove that there exists  $b \in Tz$  such that  $b \in U_z(\varepsilon, \lambda)$ . Let us take in (4) that  $\delta = \frac{\varepsilon}{4}$ ,  $u = x_{n_k}$  and  $v = z$ . Then there exists  $b_{n_k} \in Tz$  such that :

$$F_{z_{n_k}, b_{n_k}}(\frac{\varepsilon}{2}) \geq F_{x_{n_k}, z}(\frac{\varepsilon}{4})$$

Suppose that  $\eta(\lambda)$  be such an element from the interval  $(0, 1)$  that we have the following implication:

$$x > 1 - \eta(\lambda) \Rightarrow t(x, x) > 1 - \lambda$$

If  $n_0(\varepsilon, \lambda) \in \mathbb{N}$  is such that :

$$F_{z, x_{n_k}}(\frac{\varepsilon}{4}) > 1 - \frac{\eta(\lambda)}{2}, F_{z, z_{n_k}}(\frac{\varepsilon}{2}) > 1 - \frac{\eta(\lambda)}{2}, \text{ for every } k > n_0(\varepsilon, \lambda)$$

it follows that :

$$F_{z, b_{n_k}}(\varepsilon) \geq t(F_{z, z_{n_k}}(\frac{\varepsilon}{2}), F_{z_{n_k}, b_{n_k}}(\frac{\varepsilon}{2})) \geq t(1 - \frac{\eta(\lambda)}{2}, 1 - \frac{\eta(\lambda)}{2}) > 1 - \lambda$$

and so  $b_{n_k} \in U_z(\varepsilon, \lambda) \cap Tz$ . Since  $Tz$  is closed, we conclude that  $z \in Tz$ .

Using Theorem 1 we can prove the following theorem.

**Theorem 2.** Let  $(S, F, t)$  be a complete Menger space with a convex structure  $W$  and continuous  $T$ -norm  $t$  such that the family  $\{t_n(u)\}_{n \in \mathbb{N}}$  is equicontinuous at the point  $u = 1$ ,  $M$  as in Theorem 1.  $T$  a demicompact mapping from  $M$  into the family of all nonempty, and compact subsets of  $M$  such that  $\overline{T(M)}$  is bounded and the condition (4) is satisfied. Then there exists  $x \in M$  such that  $x \in Tx$ .

**Proof:** As in the proof of Theorem 1, let for every  $n \in \mathbb{N}$  and every  $x \in M$  :  $T_n x = \bigcup_{z \in Tx} W(z, x_0, k_n)$ . Since the set  $Tx$  is compact, for every

$x \in M$  it follows that  $T_n x$  is closed, for every  $n \in \mathbb{N}$  and every  $x \in M$ . From the equicontinuity of the family  $\{t_n(u)\}_{n \in \mathbb{N}}$  at the point  $u = 1$  we obtain that the mapping  $T_n$  satisfies all the conditions of Theorem 1. Hence, there exists, for every  $n \in \mathbb{N}$ ,  $x_n \in M$  such that

$x_n \in T_n x_n$ . Since  $TM$  is bounded, as in Theorem 1 it follows that :

$$\lim_{n \rightarrow \infty} F_{x_n, z_n}(\epsilon) = 1, \text{ for every } \epsilon > 0$$

where  $z_n \in Tx_n$ , for every  $n \in \mathbb{N}$ . Since the mapping  $T$  is demicompact we obtain the existence of a convergent sequence  $\{x_{n_k}\}_{k \in \mathbb{N}}$ . The rest of the proof is as in Theorem 1.

**Corollary** Let  $(S, d)$  be a complete metric space with a convex structure  $W$  such that for every  $(x, y, z) \in S \times S \times S$  and every  $\lambda \in [0, 1]$  :

$$d(W(x, z, \lambda), W(y, z, \lambda)) \leq \lambda d(x, y).$$

Let  $\emptyset \neq M \subseteq S$ ,  $T$  be a demicompact mapping from  $M$  into the family of all nonempty and compact subsets of  $M$ ,  $TM$  be a bounded subset of the space  $S$  and the set  $M$  closed and star-convex. If for every  $u \in M$  and  $v \in M$  :

$$D(Tu, Tv) \leq d(u, v)$$

there exists at least one element  $x \in M$  such that  $x \in Tx$ .

**Proof:** The triple  $(S, F, \min)$  is a Menger space where:

$$F_{x, y}(\epsilon) = \begin{cases} 1 & , d(x, y) < \epsilon \\ 0 & , d(x, y) \geq \epsilon \end{cases}$$

and the topology induced by the metric  $d$  is the  $(\epsilon, \lambda)$ -topology. Further, for  $t = \min$  the family  $\{t_n(u)\}_{n \in \mathbb{N}}$  is equicontinuous at the point  $u = 1$ . From the definition of the Hausdorff metric  $D$  it follows that for every  $\delta > 0$ , every  $u, v \in M$  and every  $x \in Tu$  there exists  $y \in Tv$  such that :

$$(6) \quad d(x, y) < d(u, v) + \delta.$$

Inequality (6) implies that for  $d(u, v) < \epsilon - \delta$  we obtain that  $d(x, y) < \epsilon$ . Then from the definition of the mapping  $F$  it follows that (4) is satisfied. Hence, all the conditions of Theorem 2 are satisfied and so there exists  $x \in M$  such that  $x \in Tx$ .

**Remark** In the books [33] and [34] further information on the existence of a fixed point for nonexpansive mappings defined on some types of metric spaces with a convex structure may be obtained.

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