

## ON MULTIVALUED CONTRACTIONS IN PROBABILISTIC METRIC SPACES

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### Abstract

Some properties of multivalued contractions in probabilistic metric spaces are investigated.

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### 1. Introduction

For singlevalued mappings there are two types of contractions in probabilistic metric spaces. The first one is introduced by V.H.Sehgal and A.T.Bharucha-Reid in [9] and the second one by T.L.Hicks in [5].

**Definition 1.** A mapping  $f : S \rightarrow S$ , where  $(S, \mathcal{F})$  is a probabilistic semi-metric space, is a  $B$ -contraction if there is a  $k \in (0, 1)$  such that for every  $p, q \in S$  and all  $x > 0$

$$F_{fp, fq}(kx) \geq F_{p, q}(x).$$

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**Definition 2.** A mapping  $f : S \rightarrow S$ , where  $(S, \mathcal{F})$  is a probabilistic semimetric space, is an  $H$ -contraction if there is a  $k \in (0, 1)$  such that for every  $p, q \in S$  and every  $x > 0$

$$F_{p,q}(x) > 1 - x \Rightarrow F_{f_p, f_q}(kx) > 1 - kx.$$

Let  $(S, \mathcal{F})$  be a probabilistic semimetric space and for every  $p, q \in S$

$$\beta(p, q) = \inf\{h; F_{p,q}(h^+) > 1 - h\}.$$

If  $(S, \mathcal{F}, t)$  is a probabilistic metric space with  $t \geq t_m$  ( $t_m(x, y) = \max\{x + y - 1, 0\}, (x, y) \in [0, 1]^2$ ) then  $\beta$  is a metric on  $S$  [6].

In [6] the following Theorem is proved.

**Theorem A.** The mapping  $f : S \rightarrow S$  is an  $H$ -contraction on probabilistic metric space  $(S, \mathcal{F}, t)$  with  $t \geq t_m$  if and only if  $f$  is a metric contraction on the metric space  $(S, \beta)$ .

A  $B$ -contraction need not be an  $H$ -contraction and an  $H$ -contraction need not be a  $B$ -contraction [8].

In [8] some sufficient conditions for  $\mathcal{F}$  are given such that every  $B$  contraction on  $(S, \mathcal{F})$  is an  $H$ -contraction.

**Theorem B.** Let  $(S, \mathcal{F})$  be a probabilistic semimetric space such that  $\text{Ran}(\mathcal{F})$  is finite and  $\text{Ran}(\mathcal{F}) \setminus \{\epsilon_0\}$  is strictly increasing on  $[0, 1]$ , where  $\epsilon_0(x) = 0$  for  $x \leq 0$  and  $\epsilon_0(x) = 1$  for  $x > 0$ . Then every  $B$ -contraction on  $(S, \mathcal{F})$  is an  $H$ -contraction.

In general, it is not true that every  $B$ -contraction is an  $H$ -contraction and some examples are given in [8].

For multivalued mappings up to now there are three definitions of multivalued probabilistic contractions which are in some sense generalization of Definitions 1 and 2. The aim of this paper is to give some properties of a multivalued probabilistic contraction with respect to Definitions 3, 4 and 5 given below.

## 2. Preliminaries

Let  $(S, \mathcal{F})$  be a probabilistic semimetric space and  $A$  a nonempty subset of  $S$ . The function  $D_A(\cdot)$ , defined by

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

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

$$\sup_{u \in \mathbb{R}^+} D_A(u) = 1.$$

For every two probabilistic bounded subsets  $A$  and  $B$  from  $S$

$$\bar{F}_{A, B}(u) = \sup_{s < u} \inf_{x \in A} \sup_{y \in B} F_{x, y}(s).$$

**Definition 3.** Let  $(S, \mathcal{F})$  be a probabilistic semimetric space,  $f : S \rightarrow nB(S)$  (nonempty, bounded subsets of  $S$ ) and there exists  $k \in (0, 1)$  such that

$$\bar{F}_{f_p, f_q}(ku) \geq F_{p, q}(u), \quad \text{for every } p, q \in S \text{ and every } u > 0.$$

Then  $f$  is a  $B$  - contraction type mapping .

**Definition 4.** Let  $(S, \mathcal{F})$  be a probabilistic semimetric space,  $f : S \rightarrow n(S)$  and there exists  $k \in (0, 1)$  such that the following condition is satisfied:

$$\begin{aligned} &\text{For every } p, q \in S \text{ and for every } v \in f_p \\ &\text{there exists } w \in f_q \text{ such that for every } u > 0 \\ &F_{v, w}(ku) \geq F_{p, q}(u). \end{aligned}$$

Then  $f$  is a  $C$  - contraction type mapping.

**Definition 5.** Let  $(S, \mathcal{F})$  be a probabilistic semimetric space,  $f : S \rightarrow n(S)$  and there exists  $k \in (0, 1)$  such that the following implication holds for every  $p, q \in S$  and  $u > 0$ :

$$F_{p, q}(u) > 1 - u \Rightarrow \bar{F}_{f_p, f_q}(ku) > 1 - ku.$$

Then  $f$  is an  $H_1$  - contraction type mapping.

**Definition 6.** Let  $(S, \mathcal{F})$  be a probabilistic semimetric space,  $f : S \rightarrow n(S)$  and there exists  $k \in (0, 1)$  such that the following implication holds for every  $p, q \in S$  and  $x > 0$ :

$$F_{p,q}(x) > 1 - x \Rightarrow \text{for every } u \in fp \text{ there exists } v(u) \in fq \text{ such that } F_{u,v(u)}(kx) > 1 - kx.$$

Then  $f$  is an  $H_2$  - contraction.

The Hausdorff function of noncompactness  $\beta_A(\cdot)$  ( $A$  is a probabilistic bounded subset of  $S$ ) is defined in the following way [10]:

$$\beta_A(u) = \sup\{\epsilon > 0; \text{ there exists a finite subset } A_\epsilon \text{ of } S \text{ such that } \tilde{F}_{A, A_\epsilon}(u) \geq \epsilon\}.$$

The function  $\beta$  has the following properties:

- (i)  $\beta_A \in \Delta$ , where  $\Delta$  is the set of distribution functions.
- (ii)  $\beta_A(u) \geq D_A(u)$ , for every  $u \in \mathbf{R}$ .
- (iii)  $\emptyset \neq A \subset B \subset S \Rightarrow \beta_A(u) \geq \beta_B(u)$ , for every  $u \in \mathbf{R}$ .
- (iv)  $\beta_{A \cup B}(u) = \min\{\beta_A(u), \beta_B(u)\}$ , for every  $u \in \mathbf{R}$ .
- (v)  $\beta_A(u) = \beta_{\bar{A}}(u)$  ( $u \in \mathbf{R}$ ), where  $\bar{A}$  is the closure of  $A$ .
- (vi)  $\beta_A = \epsilon_0 \Rightarrow A$  is precompact.

If  $(S, \mathcal{F})$  is a probabilistic semimetric space,  $K$  a probabilistic bounded subset of  $S$  and  $T$  a mapping from  $K$  into  $n(S)$  (nonempty subsets of  $S$ ) we say that  $T$  is densifying on  $K$  with respect to  $\beta$  if  $T(K)$  is probabilistic bounded and for every  $B \subset K$ :

$$\beta_{T(B)}(u) \leq \beta_B(u) \text{ for every } u > 0 \Rightarrow B \text{ is precompact.}$$

A mapping  $f : K \rightarrow n(S)$  is a  $k$  - set probabilistic contraction if  $T(A) \in B(S)$ , for every  $A \subseteq K$  and

$$\beta_{T(A)}(ks) \geq \beta_A(s), \text{ for every } s > 0.$$

The first result is a generalization of Theorem 3.1 from [8].

**Theorem 1.** Let  $(S, \mathcal{F})$  be a probabilistic semimetric space and  $f : S \rightarrow \text{Com}(S)$  (nonempty compact subsets of  $S$ ) be a  $B$ -contraction type mapping. If  $\text{Ran}(\mathcal{F})$  is finite and each element of  $\text{Ran}(\tilde{\mathcal{F}}) \setminus \{\epsilon_0\}$  is strictly increasing on  $[0, 1]$  then there exists  $\gamma \in (0, 1)$  such that

$$D_\beta(fp, fq) \leq \gamma\beta(p, q), \quad \text{for every } p, q \in S$$

where  $D_\beta$  is defined by:

$$D_\beta(A, B) = \max\{\sup_{p \in A} \inf_{q \in B} \beta(p, q), \sup_{p \in B} \inf_{q \in A} \beta(p, q)\}.$$

First, we shall prove the following Lemma.

**Lemma 1.** Let  $(S, \tilde{\mathcal{F}})$  be a probabilistic semimetric space and  $f : S \rightarrow \text{Com}(S)$  be a  $B$ -contraction type mapping such that each element of  $\text{Ran}(\tilde{\mathcal{F}}) \setminus \{\epsilon_0\}$  is strictly increasing on  $[0, 1]$ . Then

$$D_\beta(fp, fq) \leq \beta(p, q), \quad \text{for every } p, q \in S.$$

If  $(S, \mathcal{F}, t)$  is a Menger space such that  $t \geq t_m$  then  $D_\beta(fp, fq) < \beta(p, q)$  for every  $p \neq q$ .

*Proof.* Let  $r > 0$  be such that  $0 < r < \frac{1-k}{k}\beta(p, q)$  where  $k$  is the contraction constant and  $\beta(p, q) > 0$ . Then  $\beta(p, q) > k[\beta(p, q) + r]$  and since  $\tilde{F}_{fp, fq}$  is strictly increasing we have that

$$\tilde{F}_{fp, fq}(\beta(p, q)) > \tilde{F}_{fp, fq}(k(\beta(p, q) + r)) \geq F_{p, q}(\beta(p, q) + r) > 1 - \beta(p, q).$$

From the Definition of  $\tilde{F}_{fp, fq}$  it follows that

$$\sup_{s < \beta(p, q)} \inf_{u \in fp} \sup_{v \in fq} F_{u, v}(s) > 1 - \beta(p, q)$$

which implies

$$(1) \quad \inf_{u \in fp} \sup_{v \in fq} F_{u, v}(\beta(p, q)) > 1 - \beta(p, q)$$

and similarly

$$(2) \quad \inf_{v \in fq} \sup_{u \in fp} F_{u, v}(\beta(p, q)) > 1 - \beta(p, q).$$

From (1) it follows that for every  $u \in fp$

$$\sup_{v \in fq} F_{u,v}(\beta(p,q)) > 1 - \beta(p,q)$$

and from (2) that for every  $v \in fq$

$$\sup_{u \in fp} F_{u,v}(\beta(p,q)) > 1 - \beta(p,q).$$

This means that for every  $u \in fp$  there exists  $v(u) \in fq$  such that

$$(3) \quad F_{u,v(u)}(\beta(p,q)) > 1 - \beta(p,q)$$

and similarly for every  $v \in fq$  there exists  $u(v) \in fp$  such that

$$(4) \quad F_{u(v),v}(\beta(p,q)) > 1 - \beta(p,q).$$

Relation (3) implies that  $\beta(u, v(u)) < \beta(p,q)$  and relation (4) implies that  $\beta(u(v), v) < \beta(p,q)$ . Hence

$$\inf_{v \in fq} \beta(u, v) < \beta(p,q), \quad \inf_{u \in fp} \beta(u, v) < \beta(p,q)$$

which implies that

$$(5) \quad \sup_{u \in fp} \inf_{v \in fq} \beta(u, v) \leq \beta(p,q)$$

$$(6) \quad \sup_{v \in fq} \inf_{u \in fp} \beta(u, v) \leq \beta(p,q).$$

From (5) and (6) we have that

$$D_\beta(fp, fq) \leq \beta(p,q), \quad \text{for every } p, q \in S.$$

If  $(S, \mathcal{F}, t)$  is a Menger space such that  $t \geq t_m$  then  $\beta(\cdot, \cdot)$  is a metric on  $S$  and  $\psi(u) = \inf_{v \in fq} \beta(u, v)$  and  $\varphi(v) = \inf_{u \in fp} \beta(u, v)$  are continuous function  $\psi: fp \rightarrow \mathbb{R}^+$ ,  $\varphi: fq \rightarrow \mathbb{R}^+$ . Since  $fp$  and  $fq$  are compact there exist  $u_0 \in fp$  and  $v_0 \in fq$  such that

$$\psi(u_0) = \sup_{u \in fp} \psi(u), \quad \varphi(v_0) = \sup_{v \in fq} \varphi(v).$$

Hence

$$\sup_{u \in fp} \inf_{v \in fq} \beta(u, v) = \inf_{v \in fq} \beta(u_0, v) < \beta(p,q)$$

and

$$\sup_{v \in f_q} \inf_{u \in f_p} \beta(u, v) = \inf_{u \in f_p} \beta(u, v_0) < \beta(p, q).$$

This means that  $D_\beta(fp, fq) < \beta(p, q)$  for  $p \neq q$ .

*Proof of Theorem 1.* As in [8] for every  $(p, q) \in S \times S$ ,  $p \neq q$  there exists  $\gamma_{p,q} \in (0, 1)$  such that

$$D(fp, fq) < \gamma_{p,q} \beta(p, q).$$

Since the set  $Ran(\mathcal{F})$  is finite there exists  $\gamma$  such that  $\text{Max}\{\gamma_{p,q}; p, q \in S\} < \gamma < 1$ . Hence, for every  $p, q \in S$

$$(7) \quad D_\beta(fp, fq) \leq \gamma \beta(p, q).$$

**Remark 1.** If  $(S, \mathcal{F}, t)$  is a Menger space such that  $t \geq t_m$  and that  $(S, \beta)$  is a compact metric space using the Lemma we can obtain a fixed point result for  $f : S \rightarrow Cl(S)$  (the family of nonempty closed subsets of  $S$ ) which is a continuous  $B$ -contraction and  $\tilde{\mathcal{F}}$  is such that every element of  $Ran(\tilde{\mathcal{F}}) \setminus \{\epsilon_0\}$  is strictly increasing.

Namely, the following result is well known [2]: *Let  $(S, d)$  be a compact metric space and  $f : S \rightarrow Cl(S)$  a continuous mapping such that*

$$D(fp, fq) < d(p, q), \quad p \neq q.$$

*Then  $f$  has a fixed point.*

Hence, we have the following result:

**Proposition 1.** *Let  $(S, \mathcal{F}, t)$  be a Menger space such that  $t \geq t_m$  and  $(S, \beta)$  is a compact metric space,  $f : S \rightarrow Cl(S)$  a continuous  $B$ -contraction and every element of  $Ran(\tilde{\mathcal{F}}) \setminus \{\epsilon_0\}$  is strictly increasing. Then there exists  $x \in S$  such that  $x \in fx$ .*

**Remark 2.** Using the well known Nadler's fixed point theorem we have the following result.

**Proposition 2.** *Suppose that all the conditions of Theorem 1 are satisfied and that  $(S, \beta)$  is a complete metric space. Then there exists  $x \in S$  such that  $x \in fx$ .*

**Remark 3.** Suppose that (7) holds for every  $p, q \in S$  and that  $F_{p,q}(x) > 1 - x$ . This implies that  $\beta(p, q) < x$  and (7) implies that  $D_\beta(fp, fq) < \gamma x$ . Using the definition of  $D_\beta$  we have that  $\sup_{u \in fp} \inf_{v \in fq} \beta(u, v) < \gamma x$  and  $\sup_{v \in fq} \inf_{u \in fp} \beta(u, v) < \gamma x$ . Hence  $\inf_{v \in fq} \beta(u, v) < \gamma x$ , for every  $u \in fp$  and  $\inf_{u \in fp} \beta(u, v) < \gamma x$ , for every  $v \in fq$ . Since  $fp$  and  $fq$  are compact for every  $u \in fp$  there exists  $v(u) \in fq$  such that

$$F_{u,v(u)}(\gamma x) > 1 - \gamma x$$

and similarly for every  $v \in fq$  there exists  $u(v) \in fp$  such that

$$F_{u(v),v}(\gamma x) > 1 - \gamma x.$$

From this we have that  $f$  is an  $H_2$ -contraction.

**Theorem 2.** Let  $(S, \mathcal{F})$  be a probabilistic semimetric space and  $f : S \rightarrow nB(S)$  an  $H_1$ -contraction. Then  $f$  is an  $H_2$ -contraction and

$$(8) \quad D_\beta(fp, fq) \leq k \cdot \beta(p, q) \quad \text{for every } p, q \in S.$$

*Proof.* Let  $\beta(p, q) < s$ . We shall prove that

$$(9) \quad D_\beta(fp, fq) \leq ks$$

which implies (8).

From  $\beta(p, q) < s$  it follows that  $F_{p,q}(s) > 1 - s$ . Since  $f$  is an  $H_1$ -contraction we have that

$$\tilde{F}_{fp, fq}(ks) > 1 - ks$$

and so

$$(10) \quad \sup_{u < ks} \inf_{u \in fp} \sup_{v \in fq} F_{u,v}(u) > 1 - ks$$

$$(11) \quad \sup_{u < ks} \inf_{v \in fq} \sup_{v \in fp} F_{u,v}(u) > 1 - ks.$$

Relations (10) and (11) implies that

$$(12) \quad \inf_{u \in fp} \sup_{v \in fq} F_{u,v}(ks) > 1 - ks$$



$$(13) \quad \inf_{v \in fq} \sup_{u \in fp} F_{u,v}(ks) > 1 - ks$$

and so for every  $u \in fp$  and  $v \in fq$  we have that

$$(14) \quad \sup_{v \in fq} F_{u,v}(ks) > 1 - ks$$

$$(15) \quad \sup_{u \in fp} F_{u,v}(ks) > 1 - ks.$$

Hence, for every  $u \in fp$  there exists  $v(u) \in fq$  such that  $F_{u,v(u)}(ks) > 1 - ks$  and for every  $v \in fq$  there exists  $u(v) \in fp$  such that  $F_{v,u(v)}(ks) > 1 - ks$ . Thus,  $\beta(u, v(u)) < ks$  and  $\beta(v, u(v)) < ks$  which implies that

$$D_\beta(fp, fq) \leq ks.$$

**Corollary 1.** *If  $(S, \mathcal{F}, t)$  is a complete Menger space such that  $t \geq t_m$  and  $f : S \rightarrow CB(S)$  (closed and bounded subsets of  $S$ ) an  $H_1$ -contraction then there exists  $x \in S$  such that  $x \in fx$ .*

**Theorem 3.** *Let  $(S, \mathcal{F}, t)$  be a probabilistic bounded Menger space with continuous  $T$ -norm  $t$  and  $f : S \rightarrow Com(S)$  a  $C$ -contraction. Then  $f$  is a  $k$ -set probabilistic contraction.*

*Proof.* The proof of this theorem is in fact given in a part of the proof of Theorem 1 from [4] but we shall give it here for the completeness.

In order to prove the inequality

$$(16) \quad \beta_{f(A)}(ks) \geq \beta_A(s), \quad \text{for every } s > 0$$

and every  $A \subset S$  we shall prove that for every  $\epsilon \in (0, s)$

$$(17) \quad \beta_A(s - \epsilon) \leq \beta_{f(A)}(ks)$$

which implies (16), since  $\beta_A(\cdot)$  is a left continuous function. If  $\beta_A(s) = 0$  then (16) follows and suppose that  $\beta_A(s) > 0$ . In order to prove (17) we shall prove the implication:

$$(18) \quad r < \beta_A(s - \epsilon) \Rightarrow r < \beta_{f(A)}(ks)$$

since (18) implies (17). From  $r < \beta_A(s - \epsilon)$  it follows that there exists a finite set  $A_f = \{x_1, x_2, \dots, x_n\} \subset S$  such that

$$\inf_{z \in A} \max_{w \in A_f} F_{z,w}(s - \epsilon) > r$$

and so for every  $z \in A$  there exists  $w(z) \in A_f$  so that  $F_{z,w(z)}(s - \epsilon) > r$ . If  $y \in fz$  ( $z \in A$ ) then there exists  $x \in f(w(z))$  so that

$$F_{y,x}(k(s - \epsilon)) \geq F_{z,w(z)}(s - \epsilon).$$

Let  $\delta \in (0, r)$  and  $\lambda(\delta) \in (0, 1)$  be such that  $t(r, 1) = r$

$$1 \geq u > 1 - \lambda(\delta) \Rightarrow t(r, u) > r - \delta$$

and for every  $i \in \{1, 2, \dots, n\}$  let

$$fx_i \subset \bigcup_{j=1}^{n(i)} U_{z_j} \left( \frac{k\epsilon}{2}, \lambda(\delta) \right)$$

where

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

It can be proved that

$$(19) \quad \tilde{F}_{f(A), \bigcup_{i=1}^n \bigcup_{j=1}^{n(i)} \{z_j^i\}}(ks) > r\delta$$

and (19) implies  $\beta_{f(A)}(ks) \geq r - \delta$ . Hence  $\beta_{f(A)}(ks) \geq r$  since  $\delta$  is an arbitrary element from  $(0, r)$ .

**Remark 4.** It is obvious that  $f$  is densifying on  $S$  with respect to  $\beta$  if  $S$  is complete.

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## **REZIME**

### **O VIŠEZNAČNIM KONTRAKCIJAMA U VEROVATNOSNIM METRIČKIM PROSTORIMA**

Neke osobine višeznačnih kontrakcija u verovatnosnim metričkim prostorima su ispitane.

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