

## Continuous and Uniform Continuous Mappings on a Standard Fuzzy Metric Spaces

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### ABSTRACT

In this paper we introduced the definition of standard fuzzy metric spaces then we discussed several properties of this space after some illustrative examples are given. Then we defined a continuous mapping from standard fuzzy metric space  $(X, M_X, *)$  into a standard fuzzy metric space  $(Y, M_Y, *)$  after that we proved some basic theorems of a continuous mappings. Finally we defined uniformly continuous mapping from a standard fuzzy metric space  $(X, M_X, *)$  into a standard fuzzy metric space  $(Y, M_Y, *)$  then we proved several properties of uniformly continuous mapping.

**Keyword:** Standard fuzzy metric space, Continuous mapping, Uniformly continuous mapping.

### الدوال المستمرة والدوال المنتظمة الاستمرارية على الفضاءات المترية الضبابية القياسية

#### الخلاصة

في هذا البحث قدمنا تعريف الفضاء المترية الضبابية القياسية بعد ذلك ناقشنا عدة خواص لهذا الفضاء بعد أن أعطينا امثلة توضيحية . بعد ذلك عرفنا الدوال المستمرة من فضاء مترية ضبابية قياسي  $(X, M_X, *)$  الى فضاء مترية ضبابية قياسي آخر  $(Y, M_Y, *)$  ثم برهنا بعض المبرهنات الاساسية للدوال المستمرة واخيرا عرفنا الدوال المستمرة المنتظمة من فضاء مترية ضبابية قياسي  $(X, M_X, *)$  الى فضاء مترية ضبابية قياسي آخر  $(Y, M_Y, *)$  بعد ذلك برهنا عدة خواص للدوال المستمرة المنتظمة .

### INTRODUCTION

Many authors have introduced and discussed several notions of fuzzy metric space from different points of view [1, 2, 8,10,11 and 12]. In particular, Kramosil and Michalek [7] generalized the concept of probabilistic metric space given by Menger [8], [11] to the fuzzy framework. Later on, George and Veeramani [2] have modified in a slight but appealing way the concept of fuzzy metric space of Kramosil and Michalek. Other recent contributions to the study of fuzzy metric spaces in the sense of [2] may be found in [3,4,5,6 and 9]. Here we introduce a new definition of fuzzy metric space we call it a standard fuzzy metric space then we give two examples to illustrated this notion after that in section one we explore several properties of this space. One of

the main aims in considering standard fuzzy metric spaces is the study of continuous functions. In section two we define continuous mapping from a standard fuzzy metric space  $(X, M_X, *)$  into a standard fuzzy metric space  $(Y, M_Y, *)$  then we proved several properties of a continuous mapping. In section three we define a uniformly continuous mapping from a standard fuzzy metric space  $(X, M_X, *)$  into a standard fuzzy metric space  $(Y, M_Y, *)$ .

Every function which is uniformly continuous is necessarily continuous we give a counter example to show that converse may not be true. Also we prove that uniformly continuous mapping maps a Cauchy sequence into a Cauchy sequence and we give an example to show that continuous mapping does not maps Cauchy sequence to a Cauchy sequence.

**Standard fuzzy metric spaces**

**Definition 1.1:[1]** A binary operation  $*$ :  $[0,1] \times [0,1] \rightarrow [0,1]$  is a continuous t-norm if  $*$  satisfies the following conditions:

- 1-  $*$  is associative and commutative.
- 2-  $*$  is continuous.
- 3-  $a*1 = a$  for all  $a \in [0,1]$ .
- 4-  $a*b \leq c*d$  whenever  $a \leq c$  and  $b \leq d$  where  $a,b, c,d \in [0,1]$ .

**Remark 1.2:[2]** For any  $r_1 > r_2$  we can find  $r_3$  such that  $r_1 * r_2 \geq r_3$  and for any  $r_4$  we can find an  $r_5$  such that  $r_5 * r_5 \geq r_4$  where  $r_1, r_2, r_3, r_4, r_5 \in (0,1)$ .

We introduce the following definition.

**Definition 1.3:** A triple  $(X, M, *)$  is said to be standard fuzzy metric space if  $X$  is an arbitrary set,  $*$  is a continuous t-norm and  $M$  is a fuzzy set on  $X^2$  satisfying the following conditions:

- (FM<sub>1</sub>)  $M(x,y) > 0$  for all  $x, y \in X$
- (FM<sub>2</sub>)  $M(x,y) = 1$  if and only if  $x = y$
- (FM<sub>3</sub>)  $M(x,y) = M(y,x)$  for all  $x, y \in X$
- (FM<sub>4</sub>)  $M(x,z) \geq M(x,y) * M(y,z)$  for all  $x, y$  and  $z \in X$
- (FM<sub>5</sub>)  $M(x,y)$  is a continuous fuzzy set

**Example 1.4:** Let  $X = \mathbb{N}$ , and let  $a*b = a.b$  for all  $a, b \in [0,1]$ .

$$\text{Define } M(x,y) = \begin{cases} \frac{x}{y} & \text{If } x \leq y \\ \frac{y}{x} & \text{If } y \leq x \end{cases}$$

for all  $x, y \in \mathbb{N}$ .

Then it is easy to show that  $(\mathbb{N}, M, .)$  is a standard fuzzy metric space.

**Example 1.5:** Let  $X = \mathbb{R}$  and let  $a*b = a.b$  for all  $a, b \in [0,1]$ .

Define  $M(x,y) = \frac{1}{e^{|x-y|}}$  for all  $x, y \in \mathbb{R}$ .

Then it is easy to show that  $(\mathbb{R}, M, .)$  is a standard fuzzy metric space.

**Definition 1.6:** Let  $(X, M, *)$  be a standard fuzzy metric space then  $M$  is continuous if whenever  $x_n \rightarrow x$  and  $y_n \rightarrow y$  in  $X$  then  $M(x_n, y_n) \rightarrow M(x, y)$  that is  $\lim_{n \rightarrow \infty} M(x_n, y_n) = M(x, y)$ .

**Definition 1.7:** Let  $(X, M, *)$  be a standard fuzzy metric space. Then  $B(x, r) = \{y \in X : M(x, y) > 1-r\}$  is an open ball with center  $x \in X$  and radius  $r, 0 < r < 1$ . The proof of the following result is easy and hence is omitted.

**Proposition 1.8:** Let  $B(x, r_1)$  and  $B(x, r_2)$  be two open balls with same center  $x$  in a standard fuzzy metric space  $(X, M, *)$ . Then either  $B(x, r_1) \subseteq B(x, r_2)$  or  $B(x, r_2) \subseteq B(x, r_1)$  where  $r_1, r_2 \in (0, 1)$ .

**Definition 1.9:** A subset  $A$  of a standard fuzzy metric space  $(X, M, *)$  is said to be open if given any point  $a$  in  $A$  there exists  $r, 0 < r < 1$  such that  $B(a, r) \subseteq A$ . A subset  $B$  is said to be closed if  $B^c$  is open.

The idea of the proof of the following result is similar to the idea of result 3.2 in [2] and hence is omitted.

**Theorem 1.10:** Every open ball in a standard fuzzy metric space  $(X, M, *)$  is an open set.

The proof of the following result is easy, hence is omitted.

**Theorem 1.11:** Let  $(X, M, *)$  is a standard fuzzy metric space. Define  $\tau_M = \{A \subseteq X : x \in A \text{ if and only if there exists } 0 < r < 1 \text{ such that } B(x, r) \subset A\}$  Then  $\tau_M$  is a topology on  $X$ .

**Theorem 1.12:** Every standard fuzzy metric space is a Hausdorff space.

**Proof :**

Let  $(X, M, *)$  be a standard fuzzy metric space. Let  $x$  and  $y$  be two distinct points of  $X$ . Then  $0 < M(x, y) < 1$ . Let  $M(x, y) = r$ , for some  $0 < r < 1$ . Now by Remark 2.2 for each  $r_0, r < r_0 < 1$ , we can find an  $r_1$  such that  $r_1 * r_1 \geq r_0$ . Consider the open balls  $B(x, 1-r_1)$  and  $B(y, 1-r_1)$ .

Clearly  $B(x, 1-r_1) \cap B(y, 1-r_1) = \emptyset$  for if there exists

$z \in B(x, 1-r_1) \cap B(y, 1-r_1)$ .

Then  $r = M(x, y) \geq M(x, z) * M(z, y) \geq r_1 * r_1 \geq r_0 > r$  which is a contradiction. Therefore  $(X, M, *)$  is a Hausdorff space.

**Definition 1.13:** A sequence  $(x_n)$  in a standard fuzzy metric space  $(X, M, *)$  is said to be converge to a point  $x$  in  $X$  if for each  $r, 0 < r < 1$  there exists a positive number  $N$  such that  $M(x_n, x) > (1-r)$ , for each  $n \geq N$ .

The idea of the proof of the following theorem is similar to the idea of the proof of Theorem 3.11 in [2] and hence is omitted.

**Theorem 1.14:** Let  $(X, M, *)$  be a standard fuzzy metric space then for a sequence  $(x_n)$  in  $X$  converge to  $x$  if and only if  $\lim_{n \rightarrow \infty} M(x_n, x) = 1$ .

**Definition 1.15:** A sequence  $(x_n)$  in a standard fuzzy metric space  $(X, M, *)$  is Cauchy if for each  $r, 0 < r < 1$ , there exists a positive number  $N$  such that  $M(x_n, x_m) > (1-r)$ , for each  $m, n \geq N$ .

**Lemma 1.16:[13]** Let  $f: X \rightarrow Y$  be an arbitrary function and  $A \subseteq X$  and  $B \subseteq Y$ .

Then  $f(A) \subseteq B$  if and only if  $A \subseteq f^{-1}(B)$ .

**Definition 1.17:[13]** Let  $X$  and  $Y$  be a standard fuzzy metric spaces and let  $A$  be a proper subset of  $X$ . If  $f$  is a mapping of  $A$  into  $Y$ , then a mapping  $g: X \rightarrow Y$  is called an extension of  $f$  if  $g(x) = f(x)$  for each  $x \in A$ , the function  $f$  is then called the restriction of  $g$  to  $A$ .

**Definition 1.18:** A standard fuzzy metric space  $(X, M, *)$  is complete if every Cauchy sequence in  $X$  converges to a point in  $X$ .

**Continuous mappings**

**Definition 2.1:** Let  $(X, M_X, *)$  and  $(Y, M_Y, *)$  be standard fuzzy metric spaces and  $A \subseteq X$ . A function  $f: A \rightarrow Y$  is said to be continuous at  $a \in A$ , if for every  $0 < \varepsilon < 1$ , there exist some  $0 < \delta < 1$ , such that  $M_Y(f(x), f(a)) > (1 - \varepsilon)$  whenever  $x \in A$  and

$M_X(x, a) > (1 - \delta)$ . If  $f$  is continuous at every point of  $A$ , then it is said to be continuous on  $A$ .

**Theorem 2.2:** Let  $(X, M_X, *)$  and  $(Y, M_Y, *)$  be standard fuzzy metric spaces and  $A \subseteq X$ . A function  $f: A \rightarrow Y$  is continuous at  $a \in A$  if and only if whenever a sequence  $(x_n)$  in  $A$  converge to  $a$ , the sequence  $(f(x_n))$  converges to  $f(a)$ .

**Proof:** First suppose the function  $f: A \rightarrow Y$  is continuous at  $a \in A$  and let  $(x_n)$  be a sequence in  $A$  converge to  $a$ . We shall show that  $(f(x_n))$  converges to  $f(a)$ . Let  $0 < \varepsilon < 1$  be given. By continuity of  $f$  at  $a$ , there exists some  $0 < \delta < 1$ , such that  $x \in A$  and  $M_X(x, a) > (1 - \delta)$ , implies

$M_Y(f(x), f(a)) > (1 - \varepsilon)$ . Since  $\lim_{n \rightarrow \infty} x_n = a$  there exist some positive integer  $N$  such that  $n \geq N$  implies  $M_X(x_n, a) > (1 - \delta)$ . Therefore  $n \geq N$  implies  $M_Y(f(x_n), f(a)) > (1 - \varepsilon)$ . Thus  $\lim_{n \rightarrow \infty} f(x_n) = f(a)$

Now suppose that every sequence  $(x_n)$  in  $A$  converging to  $a$  has the property that  $\lim_{n \rightarrow \infty} f(x_n) = f(a)$ . We shall show that  $f$  is continuous at  $a$ .

Suppose, if possible, that  $f$  is not continuous at  $a$ . There must exist

$0 < \varepsilon < 1$ , for which no  $\delta$ ,  $0 < \delta < 1$  can satisfy the requirement that  $x \in A$  and  $M_X(x, a) > (1 - \delta)$ , implies  $M_Y(f(x), f(a)) > (1 - \varepsilon)$ . This means that for every  $\delta$ ,  $0 < \delta < 1$  there exists  $x \in A$  such that  $M_X(x, a) > (1 - \delta)$  but  $M_Y(f(x), f(a)) \leq (1 - \varepsilon)$ . For every  $n \in \mathbb{N}$ , the number  $\frac{1}{n}$  is positive and therefore there exist  $x_n \in A$  such that  $M_X(x_n, a) > (1 - \frac{1}{n})$  but

$M_Y(f(x_n), f(a)) \leq (1 - \varepsilon)$ . The sequence  $(x_n)$  then converges to  $a$  but the sequence  $(f(x_n))$  does not converge to  $f(a)$ . This contradicts the assumption that every sequence  $(x_n)$  in  $A$  converging to  $a$  has the property that  $\lim_{n \rightarrow \infty} f(x_n) = f(a)$ . Therefore, the supposition that  $f$  is not continuous at  $a$  must be false ■

**Definition 2.3:** Let  $(X, M_X, *)$  and  $(Y, M_Y, *)$  be standard fuzzy metric spaces and  $A \subseteq X$ . Let  $f: A \rightarrow Y$  and  $a$  be a limit point of  $A$ . We write  $\lim_{x \rightarrow a} f(x) = b$ , where  $b \in Y$ , if for every  $0 < \varepsilon < 1$  there exists  $0 < \delta < 1$  such that  $M_Y(f(x), b) > 1 - \varepsilon$  wherever  $x \in A$  and  $M_X(x, a) > 1 - \delta$ .

**Proposition 2.4:** Let  $(X, M_X, *)$  and  $(Y, M_Y, *)$ ,  $A$ ,  $f$  and  $a$  be as in Definition 2.3. Then  $\lim_{x \rightarrow a} f(x) = b$  if and only if  $\lim_{n \rightarrow \infty} f(x_n) = b$  for every sequence  $(x_n)$  in  $A$  such that  $x_n \neq a$  and  $\lim_{n \rightarrow \infty} x_n = a$ .

**Proof:**

The argument is similar to that of Theorem 2.2 and is therefore not included.

**Proposition 2.5:** A mapping  $f$  of a standard fuzzy metric space  $(X, M_X, *)$  into a standard fuzzy metric space  $(Y, M_Y, *)$  is continuous at a point  $a \in X$  if and only if for every  $0 < \varepsilon < 1$ , there exists  $0 < \delta < 1$  such that  $B(a, \delta) \subseteq f^{-1}(B(f(a), \varepsilon))$  where  $B(x, r)$  denotes the open ball of radius  $r$  with center  $x$ .

**Proof:**

The mapping  $f: X \rightarrow Y$  is continuous at  $a \in X$  if and only if for every

$0 < \varepsilon < 1$ , there exists  $0 < \delta < 1$  such that  $M_Y(f(x), f(a)) > (1 - \varepsilon)$  for all  $x$  satisfying  $M_X(x, a) > 1 - \delta$  i.e  $x \in B(a, \delta)$  implies  $f(x) \in B(f(a), \varepsilon)$  or

$$f(B(a, \delta)) \subseteq B(f(a), \varepsilon)$$

This is equivalent to the condition

$$B(a, \delta) \subseteq f^{-1}(B(f(a), \varepsilon)) \blacksquare$$

**Theorem 2.6:** A mapping  $f: X \rightarrow Y$  is continuous on  $X$  if and only if  $f^{-1}(G)$  is open in  $X$  for all open subset  $G$  of  $Y$ .

**Proof:**

Suppose  $f$  is continuous on  $X$  and let  $G$  be an open subset of  $Y$ .

We have to show  $f^{-1}(G)$  is open in  $X$ . Since  $\emptyset$  and  $X$  are open, we may suppose that  $f^{-1}(G) \neq \emptyset$  and  $f^{-1}(G) \neq X$ . Let  $x \in f^{-1}(G)$ . Then  $f(x) \in G$ . Since  $G$  is open, there exists  $0 < \varepsilon < 1$  such that  $B(f(x), \varepsilon) \subseteq G$ . Since  $f$  is continuous at  $x$ , by Proposition 1.4.6 for this  $\varepsilon$  there exists  $0 < \delta < 1$  such that  $B(x, \delta) \subseteq f^{-1}(B(f(x), \varepsilon)) \subseteq f^{-1}(G)$

Thus, every point  $x$  of  $f^{-1}(G)$  is an interior point, and so  $f^{-1}(G)$  is open

in  $X$ . Suppose, conversely, that  $f^{-1}(G)$  is open in  $X$  for all open subsets  $G$  of  $Y$ . Let  $x \in X$  for each  $0 < \varepsilon < 1$ , the set  $B(f(x), \varepsilon)$  is open and so  $f^{-1}(B(f(x), \varepsilon))$  is open in  $X$ . Since  $x \in f^{-1}(B(f(x), \varepsilon))$  it follows that there exists  $0 < \delta < 1$  such that  $B(x, \delta) \subseteq f^{-1}(B(f(x), \varepsilon))$ .

By Proposition 2.5 it follows that  $f$  is continuous of  $x$   $\blacksquare$

**Theorem 2.7:**

A mapping  $f: X \rightarrow Y$  is continuous on  $X$  if and only if  $f^{-1}(F)$  is closed in  $X$  for all closed subset  $F$  of  $Y$ .

**Proof:**

Let  $F$  be a closed subset of  $Y$ . Then  $Y - F$  is open in  $Y$  so that  $f^{-1}(Y - F)$  is open in  $X$  by Theorem 2.6. But  $f^{-1}(Y - F) = X - f^{-1}(F)$  so  $f^{-1}(F)$  is closed in  $X$ . Suppose, conversely, that  $f^{-1}(F)$  is closed in  $X$  for all closed subset  $F$  of  $Y$ . But the empty set and the whole space  $X$  are closed sets. Then  $X - f^{-1}(F)$  is open in  $X$  and  $f^{-1}(Y - F) = X - f^{-1}(F)$  is open in  $X$ . Since every open subset of  $Y$  is of the type  $Y - F$  where  $F$  is suitable closed set. It follows by using Theorem 2.6, that  $f$  is continuous  $\blacksquare$

The characterization of continuity in terms of open sets of Theorem 2.6 leads to an elegant and brief proof of the fact that a composition of continuous maps is continuous. The idea of the proof of the following theorem is similar to the idea of the proof of the ordinary case .

**Theorem 2.8:** Let  $(X, M_X, *)$ ,  $(Y, M_Y, *)$  and  $(Z, M_Z, *)$  be a standard fuzzy metric spaces and let  $f: X \rightarrow Y$  and  $g: Y \rightarrow Z$  be continuous. Then the composition  $g \circ f$  is a continuous map of  $X$  into  $Z$ .

**Proof:**

Let  $G$  be open subset of  $Z$ . By Theorem 2.6,  $g^{-1}(G)$  is an open subset of  $Y$  and another application of the same theorem shows that  $f^{-1}(g^{-1}(G))$  is an open subset of  $X$ . Since  $(g \circ f)^{-1}(G) = f^{-1}(g^{-1}(G))$ , it follows from the same theorem again that  $g \circ f$  is continuous  $\blacksquare$

The idea of the proof of the following theorem is similar to the idea of the proof of the ordinary case .

**Theorem 2.9:** Let  $(X, M_X, *)$  and  $(Y, M_Y, *)$  be a standard fuzzy metric spaces and let  $f: X \rightarrow Y$ . Then the following statements are equivalent:

- (i)  $f$  is continuous on  $X$ .
- (ii)  $\overline{f^{-1}(B)} \subseteq f^{-1}(\overline{B})$  for all subsets  $B$  of  $Y$ .
- (iii)  $f(\overline{A}) \subseteq \overline{f(A)}$  for all subsets  $A$  of  $X$ .

**Proof:**

(i)⇒(ii): Let B be a subset of Y. Since  $\bar{B}$  is a closed subset of Y,  $f^{-1}(\bar{B})$  is closed in X. Moreover  $f^{-1}(B) \subseteq f^{-1}(\bar{B})$ , and so  $\overline{f^{-1}(B)} \subseteq f^{-1}(\bar{B})$ . [Recall that  $\overline{f^{-1}(B)}$  is the smallest closed set containing  $f^{-1}(B)$ ].

(ii)⇒(iii): Let A be a subset of X. Then if  $B = f(A)$ , we have  $A \subseteq f^{-1}(B)$  and  $\bar{A} \subseteq \overline{f^{-1}(B)} \subseteq f^{-1}(\bar{B})$ . Thus  $f(\bar{A}) \subseteq f(f^{-1}(\bar{B})) = \bar{B} = \overline{f(A)}$ .

(iii)⇒(i): Let F be a closed set in Y and set  $f^{-1}(F) = F_1$ . By Theorem 2.7, it is sufficient to show that  $F_1$  is closed in X, that is,  $F_1 = \overline{F_1}$ .

Now  $f(\overline{F_1}) \subseteq \overline{f(f^{-1}(F))} \subseteq \bar{F} = F$  so that  $\overline{F_1} \subseteq f^{-1}(f(\overline{F_1})) \subseteq f^{-1}(F) = F_1$  ■

**Definition 2.10:** Let X and Y be a standard fuzzy metric spaces and let A be a proper subset of X. If f is a mapping of A into Y, then a mapping  $g: X \rightarrow Y$  is called an extension of f if  $g(x) = f(x)$  for each  $x \in A$ , the function f is then called the restriction of g to A.

If X and Y are standard fuzzy metric spaces,  $A \subset X$  and  $f: A \rightarrow Y$  is continuous, then we might ask whether there exists a continuous extension g of f. Extension problems abound in analysis and have attracted the attention of many celebrated mathematicians. Below we deal with some simple extension techniques.

**Theorem 2.11:** Let  $(X, M_X, *)$  and  $(Y, M_Y, *)$  be two standard fuzzy metric spaces. Let  $f: X \rightarrow Y$  and  $g: X \rightarrow Y$  be continuous mappings. Then the set

$\{x \in X: M_Y(f(x), g(x)) = 1\}$  is closed subset of X.

**Proof:**

Let  $F = \{x \in X: M_Y(f(x), g(x)) = 1\}$ . Then  $X - F = \{x \in X: 0 < M_Y(f(x), g(x)) < 1\}$ . We show that  $X - F$  is open. If  $X - F = \emptyset$ , then there is nothing to prove. So let  $X - F \neq \emptyset$  and let  $a \in X - F$ . Then  $M_Y(f(a), g(a)) < 1$ .

Let  $M_Y(f(a), g(a)) = 1 - \epsilon$ , for some  $0 < \epsilon < 1$ . Then by continuity of f and g there is  $0 < \delta < 1$  such that  $M_X(x, a) > 1 - \delta$ . Implies

$M_Y(f(x), f(a)) > 1 - \epsilon$  and  $M_Y(g(x), g(a)) > 1 - \epsilon$ . Hence there exists

$(1 - r)$  for some  $0 < r < 1$ . By Remark 1.2, such that

$$(1 - \epsilon) * (1 - \epsilon) * (1 - \epsilon) > (1 - r)$$

Now  $M_Y(f(x), g(x)) \geq M(f(x), f(a)) * M(f(a), g(a)) * M(g(a), g(x)) > (1 - \epsilon) * (1 - \epsilon) * (1 - \epsilon) > (1 - r)$

For all x satisfying  $M_X(x, a) > (1 - \delta)$ .

Thus for each  $x \in B(a, \delta)$ ,  $M_Y(f(x), g(x)) < 1$ , i.e,  $f(x) \neq g(x)$ .

So  $B(a, \delta) \subseteq X - F$ . Hence,  $X - F$  is open and thus F is closed ■

**Corollary 2.12:** Let  $(X, M_X, *)$  and  $(Y, M_Y, *)$  be standard fuzzy metric spaces. Let  $f: X \rightarrow Y$  and  $g: X \rightarrow Y$  be continuous mappings. If  $F = \{x \in X: M_Y(f(x), g(x)) = 1\}$  is dense in X then  $f = g$ .

**Proof:**

By Theorem 2.11, F is closed. Since F is assumed dense in X, we have  $X = \bar{F} = F$  i.e  $f(x) = g(x)$  for all  $x \in X$  ■

**Theorem 2.13:** Let  $(X, M_X, *)$  and  $(Y, M_Y, *)$  be standard fuzzy metric spaces. Let A be a dense subset of X and  $f: A \rightarrow Y$  be a map. Then f has a continuous extension  $g: X \rightarrow Y$  if and only if for every  $x \in X$  that is a limit point of A, the limit  $\lim_{y \rightarrow x} f(y)$  not only exists in Y but also equals  $f(x)$  in case  $x \in A$ . When the extension exists, it is unique. [Note that the stipulation  $\lim_{y \rightarrow x} f(y) = f(x)$  when  $x \in A$  says that f is continuous on A].

**Proof:**

Suppose that  $f$  has a continuous extension  $g$ , and consider any  $x \in X$  that is a limit point of  $X$ . Since  $A$  is dense,  $x$  must be a limit point of  $A$  as well, as we now argue.

Any ball  $B(x, \varepsilon)$  contains a point  $y \in X, y \neq x$ .

There exists  $B(y, \hat{\varepsilon}) \subseteq B(x, \varepsilon)$  such that  $x \notin B(y, \hat{\varepsilon})$ . Since  $A$  is dense,

$B(y, \hat{\varepsilon})$  contains a point  $a \in A$ . Thus  $B(x, \varepsilon)$  contains the point  $a \in A$  and  $a \neq x$ . Now

$$\begin{aligned} g(x) &= \lim_{y \rightarrow x} g(y) \quad [g \text{ is continuous}] \\ &= \lim_{y \rightarrow x} g(y) \quad \text{with } y \in A \quad [x \text{ is a limit point of } A] \\ &= \lim_{y \rightarrow x} f(y) \quad [g \text{ is an extension of } f] \end{aligned}$$

Thus,  $\lim_{y \rightarrow x} f(y)$  exists and equals  $g(x)$ .

Conversely, suppose that for every limit point  $x \in X$ ,  $\lim_{y \rightarrow x} f(y)$  exists and that is equal to  $f(x)$  when  $x \in A$ .

Define  $g(x)$  by:

$$g(x) = \begin{cases} f(x) & \text{if } x \in A \\ \lim_{y \rightarrow x} f(y) & \text{if } x \notin A \text{ but } x \in \bar{A} \end{cases}$$

Since  $A$  is dense in  $X$ , the function  $g$  is defined on the whole of  $X$ . We need to show that  $g$  is continuous. By the definition of a limit, for every positive number

$0 < \varepsilon < 1$ , there exists a positive number  $0 < \delta < 1$  such that  $f(y) \in B(g(x), \frac{\varepsilon}{2})$  whenever  $y \neq x$  and  $y \in B(x, \delta) \cap A$ . Consider any  $z \in B(x, \delta)$ . In case  $z$  is an isolated point of  $X$ . Then  $g(z) \in B(g(x), \frac{\varepsilon}{2})$  in view of the observation above. If  $z$  is not an isolated point of  $X$ , then  $g(z)$  is the limit of  $f(y)$  as  $y \rightarrow z$  in  $B(x, \delta) \cap A$ .

Therefore  $g(z) \in \overline{f(A \cap B(x, \delta))} \subseteq B(g(x), \frac{\varepsilon}{2}) \subseteq B(g(x), \varepsilon)$

So that  $g$  is continuous of  $x$ . Hence  $g$  is continuous on  $X$ . By Corollary 2.12, it follows that  $g$  is the unique continuous extension of  $f$  ■

**Uniform Continuous Mappings**

**Definition 3.1:** Let  $(X, M_X, *)$  and  $(Y, M_Y, *)$  be two standard fuzzy metric spaces. A function  $f: X \rightarrow Y$  is said to be uniformly continuous on  $X$ , if for every  $0 < \varepsilon < 1$ , there exists  $\delta, 0 < \delta < 1$  (depending on  $\varepsilon$  alone) such that  $M_Y(f(x_1), f(x_2)) > (1 - \varepsilon)$  whenever  $M_X(x_1, x_2) > (1 - \delta)$ .

**Remark 3.2:** Every function  $f: X \rightarrow Y$  which is uniformly continuous on  $X$  is necessarily continuous on  $X$ . However the converse may not be true.

**Counter Example:** Let  $X = Y = \mathbb{R} - \{0\}$  and  $M_X(x, y) = \frac{1}{|x-y|}$  if  $x \neq y$  and  $M_X(x, x) = 1$ .

Let  $a * b = a \cdot b$  for all  $a, b \in [0, 1]$ . Then  $(X, M_X, *)$  is a standard fuzzy metric space. Let  $M_Y(y_1, y_2) = \frac{1}{|y_1 - y_2|}$  and

$M_Y(y_1, y_1) = 1$ , for all  $y_1, y_2 \in Y$ . Then  $(Y, M_Y, *)$  is a standard fuzzy metric space. Define  $f: X \rightarrow Y$  by  $f(x) = \frac{1}{x}, x \in \mathbb{R} - \{0\}$ . It is easy to see that  $f$  is continuous. We shall prove that it is not uniformly continuous by exhibiting an  $\varepsilon$  for which no  $\delta$  works. Let  $0 < \delta < 1$  be arbitrary.

Choose  $x = \frac{2}{1-\delta}$  and  $y = \frac{1}{1-\delta}$ .

$$\text{Then } M_X(x,y) = \frac{1}{|x-y|} = \frac{1}{|\frac{2}{1-\delta} - \frac{1}{1-\delta}|} = \frac{1}{\frac{1}{1-\delta}} = 1 - \delta$$

$$\text{But } M_Y(f(x),f(y)) = \frac{1}{|f(x)-f(y)|} = \frac{1}{|\frac{1-\delta}{2} - 1 + \delta|} = \frac{2}{|1-\delta|} > 1$$

Thus, whatever  $0 < \delta < 1$  may be there exists points  $x$  and  $y$  such that

$$M_X(x,y) > 1 - \delta, \quad 0 < \delta < 1 \text{ but } M_Y(f(x),f(y)) > 1 \blacksquare$$

**Remark 3.3:** A continuous function may not map a Cauchy sequence into a Cauchy sequence as the following example shows:

**Example 3.4:** Let  $X = (0, \infty)$ ,  $a * b = a \cdot b$  for all  $a, b \in [0, 1]$

and let  $M_X(x_1, x_2) = \frac{1}{1 + |x_1 - x_2|}$ , then  $(X, M_X, *)$  is a standard fuzzy metric space. Let

$Y = \mathbb{R} - \{0\}$  and let  $M_Y(y_1, y_2) = \frac{1}{|y_1 - y_2|}$ , if  $y_1 \neq y_2$  and  $M_Y(y_1, y_1) = 1$ . Let  $f: X \rightarrow Y$ ,

$f(x) = x$ ,  $x \in X$  and  $f$  is a continuous function. Now  $(\frac{1}{n})$  is Cauchy sequence in  $X$  because it is convergent sequence. But  $(f(\frac{1}{n})) = (\frac{1}{n})$  is not a Cauchy sequence in  $Y$ .

Since  $M_Y(\frac{1}{m}, \frac{1}{n}) = \frac{1}{|\frac{1}{m} - \frac{1}{n}|} = \frac{1}{|\frac{n-m}{mn}|} = |\frac{mn}{n-m}| > 1$ . Hence it is not Cauchy

sequence in  $Y$  ■

**Theorem 3.5:** Let  $(X, M_X, *)$  and  $(Y, M_Y, *)$  be two standard fuzzy metric spaces and  $f: X \rightarrow Y$  be uniformly continuous. If  $(x_n)$  a Cauchy sequence in  $X$  then so is  $(f(x_n))$  in  $Y$ .

**Proof:**

Since  $f$  is uniformly continuous, for every  $\varepsilon > 0$ , there exists  $\delta$ ,  $0 < \delta < 1$  such that  $M_Y(f(x), f(y)) > 1 - \varepsilon$  whenever  $M_X(x, y) > 1 - \delta$  for

all  $x, y \in X$ . Because the sequence  $(x_n)$  is Cauchy, corresponding to  $0 < \delta < 1$  there exists  $N$  such that  $M_X(x_n, x_m) > 1 - \delta$  for all  $m, n \geq N$ . We now conclude that  $M_Y(f(x_n), f(x_m)) > 1 - \varepsilon$  for all  $n, m \geq N$  and so  $(f(x_n))$  is a Cauchy in  $Y$  □

**Theorem 3.6:** Let  $f$  be a uniformly continuous mapping of a set  $A$ , dense in the standard fuzzy metric space  $(X, M_X, *)$  into a complete standard fuzzy metric space  $(Y, M_Y, *)$ . Then there exists a unique continuous mapping  $g: X \rightarrow Y$  such that  $g(x) = f(x)$  when  $x \in A$ . Moreover  $g$  is uniformly continuous.

**Proof:**

Since  $f$  is uniformly continuous, a fortiori, continuous, therefore, for every  $x \in A$  that is a limit point of  $X$ , the limit  $\lim_{y \rightarrow x} f(y)$  not only exists in  $Y$  but also equals  $f(x)$ . Therefore by Theorem 2.13, in order to prove the existence and uniqueness of such a continuous mapping  $g: X \rightarrow Y$ , it is sufficient to show for every  $x \in X - A$  that  $f(y)$  tends to a limit as  $y \rightarrow x$ . [ It is understood that  $y \in A$  because the domain of  $f$  is  $A$ ].

Let  $x \in X$  be arbitrary. Since  $A$  is dense in  $X$ , there exists a sequence  $(x_n)$  in  $A$  such that  $\lim_{n \rightarrow \infty} M_X(x_n, x) = 1$ . Since  $(x_n)$  is convergent, it is a fortiori Cauchy so by Theorem 3.5, it follows that  $(f(x_n))$  is a Cauchy sequence in the complete standard fuzzy metric space  $(Y, M_Y, *)$  and hence converges to a limit, which we shall denote by  $b$ . Now consider any sequence  $(x'_n)$  in  $A$  with  $x'_n \neq x$  for each  $n$  and  $\lim_{n \rightarrow \infty} x'_n = x$ . It follows from uniform continuity of  $f$  that, for



$0 < \varepsilon < 1$ , there exists a  $\delta$ ,  $0 < \delta < 1$  such that  $M_Y(f(z), f(y)) > 1 - \varepsilon$  whenever  $M_X(z, y) > 1 - \delta$  since  $\lim_{n \rightarrow \infty} x_n = x = \lim_{n \rightarrow \infty} x'_n$ , there exists an integer  $N_1$ , such that  $M_X(x_n, x'_n) > 1 - \delta$  whenever  $n \geq N_1$ . Letting  $n \rightarrow \infty$ , we get  $M_Y(\lim_{n \rightarrow \infty} f(x_n), \lim_{n \rightarrow \infty} f(x'_n)) \geq 1 - \varepsilon$  i.e  $M_Y(b, \lim_{n \rightarrow \infty} f(x'_n)) \geq 1 - \varepsilon$ . Since  $0 < \varepsilon < 1$  is arbitrary, it follows that  $\lim_{n \rightarrow \infty} f(x'_n) = b$ , for every sequence  $(x'_n)$  in  $A$  with  $x'_n \neq x$  for each  $n$ , and  $\lim_{n \rightarrow \infty} x'_n = x$ .

It follows, Proposition 2.4, that  $f(y)$  tends to a limit, namely  $b$ , as  $y \rightarrow x$ .

As already pointed out earlier, this shows that a unique continuous extension  $g$  of  $f$  to  $X$  exists. It remains to prove that  $g$  is uniformly continuous. Let  $x$  and  $\acute{x}$  be two points of  $X$  such that  $M_X(x, \acute{x}) > (1 - r)$ .

Let  $(x_n)$  and  $(x'_n)$  be sequence of points in  $A$  such that

$$\lim_{n \rightarrow \infty} M_X(x_n, x) = 1 \text{ and } \lim_{n \rightarrow \infty} M_X(x'_n, \acute{x}) = 1.$$

We can choose an integer  $N_2$  such that  $M_X(x_n, x) > (1 - r)$

and  $M_X(x'_n, \acute{x}) > (1 - r)$  whenever  $n \geq N_2$

Now we can find  $0 < \delta < 1$  such that  $(1 - r) * (1 - r) * (1 - r) > (1 - \delta)$

By Remark 1.2

$$\begin{aligned} M_X(x_m, x'_n) &\geq M_X(x_m, x) * M_X(x, \acute{x}) * M_X(\acute{x}, x'_n) \\ &\geq (1 - r) * (1 - r) * (1 - r) > (1 - \delta) \end{aligned}$$

For all  $m, n \geq N_2$ , it follows that  $M_Y(f(x_m), f(x'_n)) > 1 - \varepsilon$

Letting  $m \rightarrow \infty$  and then  $n \rightarrow \infty$  in the above in equality, we get,

$$M_Y(g(x), g(\acute{x})) > 1 - \varepsilon, \text{ whenever } M_X(x, \acute{x}) > (1 - r)$$

This proves that  $g$  is uniformly continuous  $\square$

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