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# New multivalued fixed point results in cone *b*-metric spaces

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# Abstract

In this paper, we give a fixed point theorem for multivalued mappings in a cone *b*-metric space without the assumption of normality on cones and generalize some attractive results in recent literature. C2016 All rights reserved.

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# 1. Introduction

The Banach contraction theorem [1] is a very popular tool in solving existence problems of fixed points and plays an important role in several branches of mathematics. Nadler [9] gave its set-valued form in his classical paper on multivalued contractions. He used the concept of Hausdorff metric which is defined by

$$H(A,B)=\max\{\sup_{y\in B}d(y,A),\sup_{x\in A}d(x,B)\}$$

for  $A, B \in CB(X)$  and  $d(x, B) = \inf_{y \in B} d(x, y)$ , where CB(X) denotes the collection of all nonempty closed bounded subsets of X.

Kikkawa and Suzuki [6] gave a generalization of Nadle's fixed point theorem and proved the following theorem:

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**Theorem 1.1** ([6]). Define a strictly decreasing function  $\varphi : [0,1) \to (\frac{1}{2},1]$  such that  $\varphi(t) = \frac{1}{1+t}$ . Let (X,d) be a complete metric space and  $T : X \to CB(X)$  be a multivalued mapping. Assume that there exists  $a \in [0,1)$  such that

$$\varphi(a)d(x,Tx) \le d(x,y) \Rightarrow H(Tx,Ty) \le ad(x,y)$$

for all  $x, y \in X$ . Then there exists  $v \in X$  such that  $v \in Tv$ .

In 2009, Mot and Petrusel [8], presented the result of [6] for locally contractive mappings, in the context of complete metric spaces.

Huang and Zhang [3] introduced the concept of cone metric space as a generalization of a metric space. Rezapour and Hamlbarani [10] generalized the results of [3] for the case of a cone metric space without the normality in cone. Many authors worked on it (see [5]). Cho et al. [2] invented the Hausdorff distance function on cone metric spaces and generalized the result of [7] for multivalued mappings.

In this article we give a generalization of Theorem 1.1 to the case of cone b-metric spaces by using Hausdorff distance function. Finally, we give an example to support our main theorem.

### 2. Preliminaries

Let E be a real Banach space and P be a subset of E. By  $\theta$  we denote the zero element of E. The subset P of E is called a cone if and only if:

- (i) P is closed, nonempty, and  $P \neq \{\theta\}$ ;
- (ii)  $a, b \in R, a, b \ge 0, x, y \in P \Rightarrow ax + by \in P;$
- (iii)  $P \cap (-P) = \{\theta\}.$

For a given cone  $P \subseteq E$ , we define a partial ordering  $\leq$  with respect to P by  $x \leq y$  if and only if  $y - x \in P$ ;  $x \prec y$  will stand for  $x \leq y$  and  $x \neq y$ , while  $x \ll y$  will stand for  $y - x \in$  int P, where int P denotes the interior of P. The cone P is said to be solid if it has a nonempty interior.

**Definition 2.1** ([4]). Let X be a nonempty set and  $r \ge 1$  be a given real number. A function  $d: X \times X \to E$  is said to be a cone *b*-metric if the following conditions hold:

- (i)  $\theta \leq d(x, y)$  for all  $x, y \in X$  and  $d(x, y) = \theta$  if and only if x = y;
- (*ii*) d(x, y) = d(y, x) for all  $x, y \in X$ ;
- (*iii*)  $d(x, z) \preceq r[d(x, y) + d(y, z)]$  for all  $x, y, z \in X$ .

The pair (X, d) is called a cone *b*-metric space.

**Example 2.2.** Let X = R,  $E = R^n$  and  $P = \{(x_1, x_2, ..., x_n) \in R^n : x_i \ge 0 (1 \le i \le n)\}$ , we define  $d: X \times X \to E$  as

$$d(x,y) = (|x-y|^p, a_1|x-y|^p, ..., a_{n-1}|x-y|^p)$$

where  $a_i (i = 1, ..., n - 1)$  and p > 1 are constants. It is easy to see that (X, d) is a cone *b*-metric space with the coefficient  $r = 2^{p-1}$ .

*Remark* 2.3. It is obvious that any cone metric space must be a cone *b*-metric space. Moreover, cone *b*-metric spaces generalize cone metric spaces, *b*-metric spaces and metric spaces.

**Definition 2.4** ([4]). Let (X, d) be a cone *b*-metric space,  $x \in X$ ,  $\{x_n\}$  be a sequence in X. Then

- (i)  $\{x_n\}$  converges to x whenever for every  $c \in E$  with  $\theta \ll c$  there is a natural number  $n_0$  such that  $d(x_n, x) \ll c$  for all  $n \ge n_0$ . We denote this by  $\lim_{n \to \infty} x_n = x$ ;
- (*ii*)  $\{x_n\}$  is a Cauchy sequence whenever for every  $c \in E$  with  $\theta \ll c$  there is a natural number  $n_0$  such that  $d(x_n, x_m) \ll c$  for all  $n, m \ge n_0$ ;

(*iii*) (X, d) is complete cone *b*-metric if every Cauchy sequence in X is convergent.

Remark 2.5 ([5]). The results concerning fixed points and other results, in case of cone spaces with nonnormal solid cones, cannot be provided by reducing to metric spaces, because in this case none of the conditions of Lemmas 1 – 4 in [3] hold. Further, the vector cone metric is not continuous in the general case, *i.e.*, from  $x_n \to x$ ,  $y_n \to y$  it can not follow that  $d(x_n, y_n) \to d(x, y)$ .

**Lemma 2.6** ([4]). Let (X, d) be a cone b-metric space. The following properties are often used while dealing with cone b-metric spaces in which the cone is not necessarily normal.

- (i) If  $u \leq v$  and  $v \ll w$ , then  $u \ll w$ ;
- (ii) If  $\theta \leq u \ll c$  for each  $c \in int P$ , then  $u = \theta$ ;
- (iii) If  $a \leq b + c$  for each  $c \in int P$ , then  $a \leq b$ ;
- (iv) If  $\theta \leq d(x_n, x) \leq b_n$  and  $b_n \to \theta$ , then  $x_n \to x$ ;
- (v) If  $a \leq \lambda a$ , where  $a \in P$  and  $0 < \lambda < 1$ , then  $a = \theta$ ;
- (vi) If  $c \in int P$ ,  $\theta \leq a_n$  and  $a_n \rightarrow \theta$ , then there exists  $n_0 \in N$  such that  $a_n \ll c$  for all  $n > n_0$ .

## 3. Main result

According to [2], we denote by CB(X) the family of nonempty closed bounded subsets of X, and

$$s(p) = \{q \in E : p \preceq q\} \text{ for } p \in E,$$

$$s(a,B) = \bigcup_{b \in B} s(d(a,b)) = \bigcup_{b \in B} \{x \in E : d(a,b) \preceq x\} \text{ for } a \in X \text{ and } B \in CB(X)$$

For  $A, B \in CB(X)$ , we define

$$s(A,B) = (\bigcap_{a \in A} s(a,B)) \cap (\bigcap_{b \in B} s(b,A))$$

**Lemma 3.1.** Let (X, d) be a cone b-metric space with a cone P. For  $x, y \in X$  and  $y \in B \subseteq X$ , if  $d(x, y) \preceq a$ , then  $a \in s(x, B)$ .

We start with the following lemma and remark which will be used to prove our main result. (in particular when dealing with cone *b*-metric spaces in which the cone need not be normal).

**Lemma 3.2** ([2, 11]). Let (X, d) be a cone b-metric space and P a cone in Banach space E. Then we have:

- (i) Let  $p, q \in E$ . If  $p \preceq q$ , then  $s(q) \subset s(p)$ .
- (ii) Let  $x \in X$  and  $A \in CB(X)$ . If  $\theta \in s(x, A)$ , then  $x \in A$ .

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- (iii) Let  $q \in P$  and  $A, B \in CB(X)$  and  $a \in A$ . If  $q \in s(A, B)$ , then  $q \in s(a, B)$ .
- (iv) For all  $q \in P$  and  $A, B \in CB(X)$  we have  $q \in s(A, B)$  if and only if there exist  $a \in A$  and  $b \in B$  such that  $d(a, b) \preceq q$ .

Remark 3.3 ([2]). Let (X, d) be a cone b-metric space. If E = R and  $P = [0, +\infty)$ , then (X, d) is a b-metric space. Moreover, for  $A, B \in CB(X)$ , H(A, B) = infs(A, B) is the Hausdorff distance induced by d. Also,  $s(\{x\}, \{y\}) = s(d(x, y))$  for all  $x, y \in X$ .

Now, we start with the main result of this paper.

**Theorem 3.4.** Let (X, d) be a complete cone b-metric space with the coefficient  $r \ge 1$  and cone P, and let  $T : X \to CB(X)$  be a multivalued mapping. If there exists a function  $\varphi : [0,1) \to (\frac{1}{2},1]$  defined by  $\varphi(t) = \frac{1}{1+t}$ , we assume that there exists  $u \in [0,1)$  such that

$$\frac{1}{\varphi(u)}d(x,y) \in s(x,Tx) \Rightarrow ud(x,y) \in s(Tx,Ty)$$
(3.1)

for all  $x, y \in X$ . Then there exists  $v \in X$  such that  $v \in Tv$ .

*Proof.* Let  $x_0 \in X$  be an arbitrary element. Since  $Tx_0 \in CB(X)$ ,  $Tx_0$  is non-empty, there exists some  $x_1 \in Tx_0$ . Since

$$d(x_0, x_1) \preceq \frac{1}{\varphi(u)} d(x_0, x_1), (\varphi(u) \in (\frac{1}{2}, 1])$$

by Lemma 3.1 we have

$$\frac{1}{\varphi(u)}d(x_0, x_1) \in s(x_0, Tx_0).$$

Thus we get

$$ud(x_0, x_1) \in s(Tx_0, Tx_1),$$

so by Lemma 3.2 (iv), we can take  $x_2 \in Tx_1$  such that

$$d(x_1, x_2) \preceq ud(x_0, x_1).$$

Now, since

$$d(x_1, x_2) \preceq \frac{1}{\varphi(u)} d(x_1, x_2),$$

again by Lemma 3.1 we have

$$\frac{1}{\varphi(u)}d(x_1, x_2) \in s(x_1, Tx_1)$$

This implies

$$ud(x_1, x_2) \in s(Tx_1, Tx_2)$$

and again by Lemma 3.2 (iv), there exists some  $x_3 \in Tx_2$  such that

$$d(x_2, x_3) \preceq ud(x_1, x_2).$$

By induction we get an iterative sequence  $\{x_n\}_{n\geq 0}$  in X with  $x_{n+1} \in Tx_n$ , such that

$$d(x_n, x_{n+1}) \preceq ud(x_{n-1}, x_n).$$

If  $x_n = x_{n+1}$  for some  $n \in N$ , then T has a fixed point. Assume that  $x_n \neq x_{n+1}$ , then for all  $n \in N$ ,

$$d(x_n, x_{n+1}) \preceq u d(x_{n-1}, x_n) \preceq u^2 d(x_{n-2}, x_{n-1}) \preceq \cdots \preceq u^n d(x_0, x_1).$$

Now for m > n, applying Definition 2.1 (iii) to triple

$$\{x_n, x_{n+1}, x_m\}, \{x_{n+1}, x_{n+2}, x_m\}, \cdots, \{x_{m-2}, x_{m-1}, x_m\},\$$

we obtain

$$d(x_{n}, x_{m}) \leq r[d(x_{n}, x_{n+1}) + d(x_{n+1}, x_{m})]$$

$$\leq rd(x_{n}, x_{n+1}) + r^{2}[d(x_{n+1}, x_{n+2}) + d(x_{n+2}, x_{m})]$$

$$\leq \cdots$$

$$\leq rd(x_{n}, x_{n+1}) + r^{2}d(x_{n+1}, x_{n+2}) + \cdots + r^{m-n-1}[d(x_{m-2}, x_{m-1}) + d(x_{m-1}, x_{m})]$$

$$\leq rd(x_{n}, x_{n+1}) + r^{2}d(x_{n+1}, x_{n+2}) + \cdots + r^{m-n-1}d(x_{m-2}, x_{m-1}) + r^{m-n}d(x_{m-1}, x_{m}).$$
(3.2)

Since  $d(x_n, x_{n+1}) \leq u^n d(x_0, x_1)$ , we get

$$d(x_n, x_m) \leq (ru^n + r^2 u^{n+1} + \dots + r^{m-n} u^{m-1}) d(x_0, x_1)$$
  

$$\leq ru^n (1 + (ru) + \dots + (ru)^{m-n-1}) d(x_0, x_1)$$
  

$$= \frac{ru^n (1 - (ru)^{m-n})}{1 - ru} d(x_0, x_1) \to \theta \text{ as } n \to \infty.$$
(3.3)

Now, according to Lemma 2.6 (i) and (vi), we get that for a given  $\theta \ll c$  there exists  $m_0 \in N$  such that

 $d(x_m, x_n) \ll c$ , for all  $m, n > m_0$ .

This means that  $\{x_n\}$  is Cauchy sequence in (X, d). Since (X, d) is a complete cone *b*-metric space, there exists  $v \in X$  such that  $x_n \to v$ . Therefore, for  $\theta \ll c$ , there exists  $k_0 \in N$  such that for  $n \ge k_0$  we get  $d(v, x_{n+1}) \ll \frac{c}{2r}$ , and  $d(x_n, v) \ll \frac{c}{2r}$ .

Now we will prove  $v \in Tv$ . For this let us consider that from (3.1) there exists  $u \in [0, 1)$  such that

$$\frac{1}{\varphi(u)}d(x_n,v) \in s(x_n,Tx_n) \Rightarrow ud(x_n,v) \in s(Tx_n,Tv).$$

By Lemma 3.2 (iii) there exists some  $x_{n+1} \in Tx_n$  such that

$$ud(x_n, v) \in s(x_{n+1}, Tv) \in \bigcup_{x \in Tv} s(d(x_{n+1}, x)),$$

so there exists some  $v_n \in Tv$  such that

$$ud(x_n, v) \in s(d(x_{n+1}, v_n))$$

It gives

$$d(x_{n+1}, v_n) \preceq ud(x_n, v) \preceq d(x_n, v)$$

Now consider

$$d(v, v_n) \leq r[d(v, x_{n+1}) + d(x_{n+1}, v_n)] \\ \leq rd(v, x_{n+1}) + rd(x_n, v) \\ \ll \frac{c}{2} + \frac{c}{2} = c \text{ for all } n \geq k_0,$$
(3.4)

which means  $v_n \to v$ , since Tv is closed we have  $v \in Tv$ . This completes the proof.

**Corollary 3.5.** Let (X, d) be a complete cone b-metric space with the coefficient  $r \ge 1$  and cone P, and let  $T: X \to CB(X)$  be a multivalued mapping. Assume that there exists  $u \in [0, 1)$  such that

$$ud(x,y) \in s(Tx,Ty)$$

for all  $x, y \in X$ . Then there exists  $v \in X$  such that  $v \in Tv$ .

**Corollary 3.6** ([6]). Let (X, d) be a complete cone b-metric space with the coefficient  $r \ge 1$  and cone P, and let  $T : X \to CB(X)$  be a multivalued mapping. Let  $\varphi : [0, 1) \to (\frac{1}{2}, 1]$  be the strictly decreasing function defined by  $\varphi(t) = \frac{1}{1+t}$ . Assume that there exists  $a \in [0, 1)$  such that

$$\varphi(a)d(x,Tx) \le d(x,y) \Rightarrow H(Tx,Ty) \le ad(x,y)$$

for all  $x, y \in X$ . Then there exists  $v \in X$  such that  $v \in Tv$ .

**Corollary 3.7** ([7]). Let (X, d) be a complete cone b-metric space with the coefficient  $r \ge 1$  and cone P, and let  $T: X \to CB(X)$  be a multivalued mapping. Assume that there exists  $u \in [0, 1)$  such that

$$H(Tx, Ty) \leq ud(x, y)$$

for all  $x, y \in X$ . Then there exists  $v \in X$  such that  $v \in Tv$ .

Remark 3.8. Theorem 3.4 is a generalization of Theorem 1.1 of Kikkawa and Suzuk [6] from metric spaces to cone metric spaces without using normality of P. Moreover, we use the notion s(Tx, Ty) which analogue the concept H(Tx, Ty) in cone *b*-metric spaces.

$$(d(x,y))(t) = |x - y|^2 e^t$$

Let  $T: X \to CB(X)$  be a multivalued mapping and  $Tx = [0, \frac{x}{30}]$ .

Then (X, d) is a cone *b*-metric space. In fact, we can get that Definition 2.1 (i) and (ii) are obviously satisfied. Now, we show Definition 2.1 (iii) are satisfied.

For  $x, y, z \in X$ , set u = x - z, v = z - y, so x - y = u + v. From the inequality

 $(a+b)^2 \le 2(a^2+b^2)$  for all  $a, b \ge 0$ ,

we have

$$\begin{aligned} x - y|^2 &= |u + v|^2 \le 2(|u|^2 + |v|^2) = 2(|x - z|^2 + |z - y|^2), \\ x - y|^2 e^t \le 2(|x - z|^2 e^t + |z - y|^2 e^t), \end{aligned}$$

which implies that

$$d(x, y) \leq r[d(x, z) + d(y, z)]$$
 with  $r = 2 > 1$ .

We take  $u = \frac{1}{9} \in [0, 1)$ , then  $\varphi(u) = \frac{9}{10}$ . Since Tx is non-empty, there exists  $y \in Tx$  such that

$$s(x, Tx) = s(d(x, y)) = s(|x - y|^2 e^t)$$

Since

$$|x-y|^2 e^t \le \frac{1}{\varphi(u)} d(x,y) = \frac{10}{9} |x-y|^2 e^t,$$

we get

$$\frac{10}{9}|x-y|^2e^t \in s(x,Tx)$$

From  $Tx = [0, \frac{x}{30}]$ , for x < y,

$$s(Tx, Ty) = s(|\frac{x}{30} - \frac{y}{30}|^2 e^t).$$

Since

$$\left|\frac{x}{30} - \frac{y}{30}\right|^2 e^t \le \frac{1}{3^2} |x - y|^2 e^t = \frac{1}{9} |x - y|^2 e^t,$$

we get

$$\frac{1}{9}(|x-y|^2e^t) \in s(|\frac{x}{30} - \frac{y}{30}|^2e^t).$$

Therefore, for  $u = \frac{1}{9} \in [0, 1)$ , we have

$$\frac{1}{\varphi(u)}d(x,y) \in s(x,Tx) \Rightarrow ud(x,y) \in s(Tx,Ty).$$

Moreover, 0 is the fixed point. Thus all the conditions of Theorem 3.4 are satisfied.

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