

## $\mathcal{L}$ -FUZZY NONLINEAR APPROXIMATION THEORY WITH APPLICATION

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ABSTRACT. In this paper, we show that cartesian product with a fixed compact set preserve various nonlinear approximation-theoretic properties in  $\mathcal{L}$ -fuzzy metric space. In fact, we show that for approximative compactness and proximality, points can be replaced by compact sets (Theorem 2.4); also that cartesian product (Theorem 2.8), preserve the compactness hierarchy properties when we operate by cartesian product with a compact subset. Further, the set of points in an approximatively compact subset which minimize the distance to a given compact subset is itself compact (Theorem 2.9).

### 1. PRELIMINARIES

The notion of fuzzy sets was introduced by Zadeh [13]. Using the idea of  $\mathcal{L}$ -fuzzy sets [5], the author introduced the notion of  $\mathcal{L}$ -fuzzy metric spaces with the help of continuous  $t$ -norms as a generalization of fuzzy metric space due to George and Veeramani [4].

In the sequel, we shall adopt usual terminology, notation and conventions of  $\mathcal{L}$ -fuzzy metric spaces introduced by Saadati et al. [1, 8, 11].

**Definition 1.1.** ([5]) Let  $\mathcal{L} = (L, \leq_L)$  be a complete lattice, and  $U$  a non-empty set called universe. An  $\mathcal{L}$ -fuzzy set  $\mathcal{A}$  on  $U$  is defined as a mapping  $\mathcal{A} : U \rightarrow L$ . For each  $u$  in  $U$ ,  $\mathcal{A}(u)$  represents the degree (in  $L$ ) to which  $u$  satisfies  $\mathcal{A}$ .

**Lemma 1.2.** ([3]) Consider the set  $L^*$  and operation  $\leq_{L^*}$  defined by:

$$L^* = \{(x_1, x_2) : (x_1, x_2) \in [0, 1]^2 \text{ and } x_1 + x_2 \leq 1\},$$

$(x_1, x_2) \leq_{L^*} (y_1, y_2) \iff x_1 \leq y_1 \text{ and } x_2 \geq y_2$ , for every  $(x_1, x_2), (y_1, y_2) \in L^*$ . Then  $(L^*, \leq_{L^*})$  is a complete lattice.

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**Definition 1.3.** ([2]) An intuitionistic fuzzy set  $\mathcal{A}_{\zeta,\eta}$  on a universe  $U$  is an object  $\mathcal{A}_{\zeta,\eta} = \{(\zeta_{\mathcal{A}}(u), \eta_{\mathcal{A}}(u)) : u \in U\}$ , where, for all  $u \in U$ ,  $\zeta_{\mathcal{A}}(u) \in [0, 1]$  and  $\eta_{\mathcal{A}}(u) \in [0, 1]$  are called the membership degree and the non-membership degree, respectively, of  $u$  in  $\mathcal{A}_{\zeta,\eta}$ , and furthermore satisfy  $\zeta_{\mathcal{A}}(u) + \eta_{\mathcal{A}}(u) \leq 1$ .

Classically, a triangular norm  $T$  on  $([0, 1], \leq)$  is defined as an increasing, commutative, associative mapping  $T : [0, 1]^2 \rightarrow [0, 1]$  satisfying  $T(1, x) = x$ , for all  $x \in [0, 1]$ . These definitions can be straightforwardly extended to any lattice  $\mathcal{L} = (L, \leq_L)$ . Define first  $0_{\mathcal{L}} = \inf L$  and  $1_{\mathcal{L}} = \sup L$ .

**Definition 1.4.** A triangular norm (t-norm) on  $\mathcal{L}$  is a mapping  $\mathcal{T} : L^2 \rightarrow L$  satisfying the following conditions:

- (i)  $(\forall x \in L)(\mathcal{T}(x, 1_{\mathcal{L}}) = x)$ ; (boundary condition)
- (ii)  $(\forall (x, y) \in L^2)(\mathcal{T}(x, y) = \mathcal{T}(y, x))$ ; (commutativity)
- (iii)  $(\forall (x, y, z) \in L^3)(\mathcal{T}(x, \mathcal{T}(y, z)) = \mathcal{T}(\mathcal{T}(x, y), z))$ ; (associativity)
- (iv)  $(\forall (x, x', y, y') \in L^4)(x \leq_L x' \text{ and } y \leq_L y' \Rightarrow \mathcal{T}(x, y) \leq_L \mathcal{T}(x', y'))$ . (monotonicity)

A  $t$ -norm  $\mathcal{T}$  on  $\mathcal{L}$  is said to be continuous if for any  $x, y \in \mathcal{L}$  and any sequences  $\{x_n\}$  and  $\{y_n\}$  which converge to  $x$  and  $y$  we have

$$\lim_n \mathcal{T}(x_n, y_n) = \mathcal{T}(x, y)$$

For example,  $\mathcal{T}(x, y) = \min(x, y)$  and  $\mathcal{T}(x, y) = xy$  are two continuous  $t$ -norms on  $[0, 1]$ .

A  $t$ -norm can also be defined recursively as an  $(n + 1)$ -ary operation ( $n \in \mathbf{N}$ ) by  $\mathcal{T}^1 = \mathcal{T}$  and

$$\mathcal{T}^n(x_1, \dots, x_{n+1}) = \mathcal{T}(\mathcal{T}^{n-1}(x_1, \dots, x_n), x_{n+1})$$

for  $n \geq 2$  and  $x_i \in L$ .

We say the continuous  $t$ -norm is *natural* and write  $\mathcal{T}_N$  whenever  $\mathcal{T}_N(a, b) = \mathcal{T}_N(c, d)$  and  $a \leq_L c$  implies  $b \geq_L d$ .

**Definition 1.5.** ([3]) A  $t$ -norm  $\mathcal{T}$  on  $L^*$  is called *t-representable* if and only if there exist a  $t$ -norm  $T$  and a  $t$ -conorm  $S$  on  $[0, 1]$  such that, for all  $x = (x_1, x_2), y = (y_1, y_2) \in L^*$ ,

$$\mathcal{T}(x, y) = (T(x_1, y_1), S(x_2, y_2)).$$

**Definition 1.6.** A negation on  $\mathcal{L}$  is any decreasing mapping  $\mathcal{N} : L \rightarrow L$  satisfying  $\mathcal{N}(0_{\mathcal{L}}) = 1_{\mathcal{L}}$  and  $\mathcal{N}(1_{\mathcal{L}}) = 0_{\mathcal{L}}$ . If  $\mathcal{N}(\mathcal{N}(x)) = x$ , for all  $x \in L$ , then  $\mathcal{N}$  is called an involutive negation.

**Definition 1.7.** The 3-tuple  $(X, \mathcal{M}, \mathcal{T})$  is said to be an  $\mathcal{L}$ -fuzzy metric space if  $X$  is an arbitrary (non-empty) set,  $\mathcal{T}$  is a continuous  $t$ -norm on  $\mathcal{L}$  and  $\mathcal{M}$  is an  $\mathcal{L}$ -fuzzy set on  $X^2 \times ]0, +\infty[$  satisfying the following conditions for every  $x, y, z$  in  $X$  and  $t, s$  in  $]0, +\infty[$ :

- (a)  $\mathcal{M}(x, y, t) >_L 0_{\mathcal{L}}$ ;
- (b)  $\mathcal{M}(x, y, t) = 1_{\mathcal{L}}$  for all  $t > 0$  if and only if  $x = y$ ;
- (c)  $\mathcal{M}(x, y, t) = \mathcal{M}(y, x, t)$ ;
- (d)  $\mathcal{T}(\mathcal{M}(x, y, t), \mathcal{M}(y, z, s)) \leq_L \mathcal{M}(x, z, t + s)$ ;
- (e)  $\mathcal{M}(x, y, \cdot) : ]0, \infty[ \rightarrow L$  is continuous.

In this case  $\mathcal{M}$  is called an  $\mathcal{L}$ -fuzzy metric. If  $\mathcal{M} = \mathcal{M}_{M,N}$  is an intuitionistic fuzzy set (see Definition 1.3) then the 3-tuple  $(X, \mathcal{M}_{M,N}, \mathcal{T})$  is said to be an *intuitionistic fuzzy metric space*.

Let  $(X, \mathcal{M}, \mathcal{T})$  be an  $\mathcal{L}$ -fuzzy metric space. For  $t \in ]0, +\infty[$ , we define the *open ball*  $B(x, r, t)$  with center  $x \in X$  and radius  $r \in L \setminus \{0_{\mathcal{L}}, 1_{\mathcal{L}}\}$ , as

$$B(x, r, t) = \{y \in X : \mathcal{M}(x, y, t) >_L \mathcal{N}(r)\}.$$

A subset  $A \subseteq X$  is called *open* if for each  $x \in A$ , there exist  $t > 0$  and  $r \in L \setminus \{0_{\mathcal{L}}, 1_{\mathcal{L}}\}$  such that  $B(x, r, t) \subseteq A$ . Let  $\tau_{\mathcal{M}}$  denote the family of all open subsets of  $X$ . Then  $\tau_{\mathcal{M}}$  is called the *topology induced by the  $\mathcal{L}$ -fuzzy metric  $\mathcal{M}$* . A subset  $A$  of  $X$  is said to be  $\mathcal{L}F$ -*bounded* if there exist  $t > 0$  and  $r \in L \setminus \{0_{\mathcal{L}}, 1_{\mathcal{L}}\}$  such that  $\mathcal{M}(x, y, t) >_L \mathcal{N}(r)$  for each  $x, y \in A$ .

**Example 1.8.** ([12]) Let  $(X, d)$  be a metric space. Denote  $\mathcal{T}(a, b) = (a_1 b_1, \min(a_2 + b_2, 1))$  for all  $a = (a_1, a_2)$  and  $b = (b_1, b_2)$  in  $L^*$  and let  $M$  and  $N$  be fuzzy sets on  $X^2 \times (0, \infty)$  defined as follows:

$$\mathcal{M}_{M,N}(x, y, t) = (M(x, y, t), N(x, y, t)) = \left( \frac{t}{t + md(x, y)}, \frac{d(x, y)}{t + d(x, y)} \right),$$

in which  $m > 1$ . Then  $(X, \mathcal{M}_{M,N}, \mathcal{T})$  is an intuitionistic fuzzy metric space.

**Example 1.9.** Let  $X = \mathbf{N}$ . Define  $\mathcal{T}(a, b) = (\max(0, a_1 + b_1 - 1), a_2 + b_2 - a_2 b_2)$  for all  $a = (a_1, a_2)$  and  $b = (b_1, b_2)$  in  $L^*$  and let  $M$  and  $N$  be fuzzy sets on  $X^2 \times (0, \infty)$  defined as follows:

$$\mathcal{M}_{M,N}(x, y, t) = (M(x, y, t), N(x, y, t)) = \begin{cases} \left( \frac{x}{y}, \frac{y-x}{y} \right) & \text{if } x \leq y \\ \left( \frac{y}{x}, \frac{x-y}{x} \right) & \text{if } y \leq x. \end{cases}$$

for all  $x, y \in X$  and  $t > 0$ . Then  $(X, \mathcal{M}_{M,N}, \mathcal{T})$  is an intuitionistic fuzzy metric space.

**Definition 1.10.** A sequence  $\{x_n\}_{n \in \mathbf{N}}$  in an  $\mathcal{L}$ -fuzzy metric space  $(X, \mathcal{M}, \mathcal{T})$  is called a *Cauchy sequence*, if for each  $\varepsilon \in L \setminus \{0_{\mathcal{L}}\}$  and  $t > 0$ , there exists  $n_0 \in \mathbf{N}$  such that for all  $m \geq n \geq n_0$  ( $n \geq m \geq n_0$ ),

$$\mathcal{M}(x_m, x_n, t) >_L \mathcal{N}(\varepsilon).$$

The sequence  $\{x_n\}_{n \in \mathbf{N}}$  is said to be *convergent* to  $x \in X$  in the  $\mathcal{L}$ -fuzzy metric space  $(X, \mathcal{M}, \mathcal{T})$  (denoted by  $x_n \xrightarrow{\mathcal{M}} x$ ) if  $\mathcal{M}(x_n, x, t) = \mathcal{M}(x, x_n, t) \rightarrow 1_{\mathcal{L}}$  whenever  $n \rightarrow +\infty$  for every  $t > 0$ .

**Definition 1.11.** Let  $(X, \mathcal{M}, \mathcal{T})$  be an  $\mathcal{L}$ -fuzzy metric space.  $\mathcal{M}$  is said to be *continuous* on  $X \times X \times ]0, \infty[$  if

$$\lim_{n \rightarrow \infty} \mathcal{M}(x_n, y_n, t_n) = \mathcal{M}(x, y, t)$$

whenever a sequence  $\{(x_n, y_n, t_n)\}$  in  $X \times X \times ]0, \infty[$  converges to a point  $(x, y, t) \in X \times X \times ]0, \infty[$  i.e.,  $\lim_n \mathcal{M}(x_n, x, t) = \lim_n \mathcal{M}(y_n, y, t) = 1_{\mathcal{L}}$  and  $\lim_n \mathcal{M}(x, y, t_n) = \mathcal{M}(x, y, t)$ .

**Lemma 1.12.** *Let  $(X, \mathcal{M}, \mathcal{T})$  be an  $\mathcal{L}$ -fuzzy metric space. Then  $\mathcal{M}$  is continuous function on  $X \times X \times ]0, \infty[$ .*

**Proof.** The proof is same as fuzzy metric spaces (see Proposition 1 of [9]). □

2. MAIN RESULTS

**Definition 2.1.** Let  $(X, \mathcal{M}, \mathcal{T})$  be an  $\mathcal{L}$ -fuzzy metric space and  $A, B \subset X$ . We define

$$\mathcal{M}(A, B, t) = \sup\{\mathcal{M}(a, b, t) : a \in A \text{ and } b \in B\}.$$

For  $a \in X$ , we write  $\mathcal{M}(a, B, t)$  instead of  $\mathcal{M}(\{a\}, B, t)$ .

**Definition 2.2.** A sequence converges sub-sequentially if it has a convergent subsequence; the notation  $x_n \gg x_{n'} \rightarrow x_0$  identifies the subsequence and the point to which it converges. Recall that a subset  $C$  of an  $\mathcal{L}$ -fuzzy metric space is compact if every sequence in  $C$  converges sub-sequentially to an element of  $C$ . Also, given sequences  $x_n; y_n$ , and a subsequence  $x_{n'}$  of the first sequence, the corresponding subsequence of the second is denoted  $y_{n'}$ . A subset of a  $\mathcal{L}$ -fuzzy metric space is  $\mathcal{L}F$ -boundedly compact if every  $\mathcal{L}F$ -bounded sequence in the subset is sub-sequentially convergent. In the above notation,  $Y$  is  $\mathcal{L}F$ -boundedly compact if for any  $\mathcal{L}F$ -bounded sequence  $y_n$  in  $Y$ , there is a point  $x_0$  (not necessarily in  $Y$ ) for which  $y_n \gg y_{n'} \rightarrow x_0$ .

**Definition 2.3.** For an  $\mathcal{L}$ -fuzzy metric space  $(X, \mathcal{M}, \mathcal{T})$  and nonempty subsets  $B$  and  $C$ , a sequence  $b_n \in B$  is said to converge in distance to  $C$  if

$$\lim_{n \rightarrow \infty} \mathcal{M}(b_n, C, t) = \mathcal{M}(B, C, t).$$

The subset  $B$  is *approximatively compact* relative to  $C$  if every sequence  $b_n \in B$  which converges in distance to  $C$  is sub-sequentially convergent to an element of  $B$ . We call  $B$  a subset of  $X$  approximatively compact if  $B$  is approximatively compact relative to each of the singletons of  $X$ ;  $B$  is proximal if for every  $x \in X$  some element  $b$  in  $B$  satisfies the equation  $\mathcal{M}(x, b, t) = \mathcal{M}(x, B, t)$ .

The first result says that points can be replaced by compact subsets in the definition of approximative compactness.

**Theorem 2.4.** *Let  $B$  and  $C$  be nonempty subsets of a  $\mathcal{L}$ -fuzzy metric space  $(X, \mathcal{M}, \mathcal{T})$ . If  $B$  is approximatively compact and  $C$  is compact, then  $B$  is approximatively compact relative to  $C$ .*

**Proof.** Let  $b_n \in B$  be any sequence converging in distance to  $C$  and let the sequence  $c_n \in C$  satisfy

$$\lim_{n \rightarrow \infty} \mathcal{M}(b_n, c_n, t) = \mathcal{M}(B, C, t). \tag{2.1}$$

Since  $C$  is compact,  $c_n \gg c_{n'} \rightarrow c_0 \in C$ . Hence, for every  $\epsilon \in L \setminus \{0_{\mathcal{L}}\}$  there exists  $n_0$  such that for  $n' > n_0$

$$\begin{aligned} \mathcal{M}(B, C, t) &\geq_L \mathcal{M}(b_{n'}, c_0, t) \\ &\geq_L \mathcal{T}(\mathcal{M}(b_{n'}, c_{n'}, t - \delta), \mathcal{M}(c_{n'}, c_0, \delta)) \\ &\geq_L \mathcal{T}(\mathcal{M}(B, C, t - \delta), \mathcal{N}(\epsilon)) \end{aligned}$$

for  $\delta \in (0, t)$ . Since  $\epsilon \in L \setminus \{0_{\mathcal{L}}\}$  and  $\delta$  were arbitrary, then  $\lim_{n \rightarrow \infty} \mathcal{M}(b_{n'}, c_0, t) = \mathcal{M}(B, C, t)$ . Therefore,  $b_{n'}$  converges in distance to  $c_0$  so, since  $B$  is approximatively compact,  $b_n \gg b_{n'} \rightarrow b_0 \in B$ , that is,  $b_n$  converges sub-sequentially to an element of  $B$ .  $\square$

**Theorem 2.5.** *Let  $B$  and  $C$  be nonempty subsets of a  $\mathcal{L}$ -fuzzy metric space  $(X, \mathcal{M}, \mathcal{T})$ . If  $B$  is approximatively compact and  $\mathcal{L}F$ -bounded, and  $C$  is  $IF$ -boundedly compact, then  $B$  is approximatively compact relative to  $C$ .*

**Proof.** Let  $b_n \in B$  be any sequence converging in distance to  $C$  and let  $c_n \in C$  satisfy (2.1). As  $b_n$  is  $\mathcal{L}F$ -bounded, so is  $c_n$ . Since  $C$  is  $\mathcal{L}F$ -boundedly compact,  $c_n \gg c_{n'} \rightarrow c_0 \in C$ . Now proceed as in the proof of last theorem.  $\square$

**Theorem 2.6.** ([7]) *Let  $B$  and  $C$  be nonempty subsets of a  $\mathcal{L}$ -fuzzy metric space  $(X, \mathcal{M}, \mathcal{T})$ . If  $B$  is closed and  $\mathcal{L}F$ -boundedly compact and  $C$  is  $\mathcal{L}F$ -bounded, then  $B$  is approximatively compact relative to  $C$ .*

**Lemma 2.7.** ([6, 10]) *Let  $(X, \mathcal{M}, \mathcal{T})$  and  $(Y, \mathcal{M}, \mathcal{T})$  be  $\mathcal{L}$ -fuzzy metric spaces. If we define*

$$\mathbf{M}((x, y), (x', y'), t) = \mathcal{T}(\mathcal{M}(x, x', t), \mathcal{M}(y, y', t)),$$

*then  $(X \times Y, \mathbf{M}, \mathcal{T})$  is a  $\mathcal{L}$ -fuzzy metric space and the topology induced on  $X \times Y$  is the product topology.*

**Theorem 2.8.** *Let  $S$  and  $P$  be nonempty subsets of  $\mathcal{L}$ -fuzzy metric spaces  $(X, \mathcal{M}, \mathcal{T}_N)$  and  $(Y, \mathcal{M}, \mathcal{T}_N)$ , respectively. Suppose that  $P$  is compact. If  $S$  is  $\mathcal{L}F$ -boundedly compact or approximatively compact, then so is  $S \times P$ .*

**Proof.** If  $S$  is  $\mathcal{L}F$ -boundedly compact, we show that any sequence  $(s_n, p_n)$  in  $S \times P$  which is  $\mathcal{L}F$ -bounded has a convergent subsequence. Indeed, by definition of the product  $\mathcal{L}$ -fuzzy metric,  $s_n$  is  $\mathcal{L}F$ -bounded and since  $S$  is  $\mathcal{L}F$ -boundedly compact,  $s_n \gg s_{n'} \rightarrow s_0 \in S$ . By compactness of  $P$ ,  $p_n \gg p_{n'} \rightarrow p_0 \in P$ . Hence,  $(s_n, p_n) \gg (s_{n'}, p_{n'}) \rightarrow (s_0, p_0) \in S \times P$ . If  $S$  is approximatively compact, let  $(x, y)$  be any element in  $X \times Y$  and suppose that  $(s_n, p_n)$  is a sequence in  $S \times P$  which converges in distance to  $(x, y)$ , that is,

$$\lim_{n \rightarrow \infty} \mathbf{M}((s_n, p_n), (x, y), t) = \mathbf{M}(S \times P, (x, y), t).$$

By compactness of  $P$ ,  $p_n \gg p_{n'} \rightarrow p_0 \in P$ . Hence,  $\lim_{n \rightarrow \infty} \mathbf{M}((s_{n'}, p_0), (x, y), t) = \mathbf{M}(S \times P, (x, y), t)$  so

$$\lim_{n' \rightarrow \infty} \mathcal{T}_N(\mathcal{M}(s_{n'}, x, t), \mathcal{M}(p_0, y, t)) = \mathcal{T}_N(\mathcal{M}(S, x, t), \mathcal{M}(P, y, t)).$$

Since  $\mathcal{M}(p_0, y, t) \leq_L \mathcal{M}(P, y, t)$  then  $\lim_{n' \rightarrow \infty} \mathcal{M}(s_{n'}, x, t) \geq_L \mathcal{M}(S, x, t)$  which implies  $\lim_{n' \rightarrow \infty} \mathcal{M}(s_{n'}, x, t) = \mathcal{M}(S, x, t)$ . Hence,  $s_{n'}$  converges in distance to  $x$  and since  $S$  is approximatively compact,  $s_{n'} \gg s_{n''} \rightarrow s_0 \in S$ . Therefore,  $(s_n, p_n) \gg (s_{n'}, p_{n'}) \rightarrow (s_0, p_0) \in S \times P$ , i.e.,  $S \times P$  is approximatively compact.  $\square$

**Theorem 2.9.** *Let  $B$  and  $C$  be nonempty subsets of a  $\mathcal{L}$ -fuzzy metric space  $(X, \mathcal{M}, \mathcal{T})$ . If  $B$  is approximatively compact and  $C$  is compact, then  $K = \{b \in B : \exists c \in C, \mathcal{M}(b, c, t) = \mathcal{M}(B, c, t)\}$  is compact.*

**Proof.** Let  $(y_n)$  be a sequence in  $K$  and for every  $n \in \mathbf{N}$  choose  $c_n$  in  $C$  so that  $y_n$  minimizes the distance from  $B$  to  $c_n$ . Since  $C$  is compact,  $c_n \gg c_{n'} \rightarrow c_0 \in C$ . Hence, for

every  $\epsilon \in L \setminus \{0_{\mathcal{L}}\}$ , there exists  $n_0$  such that for all  $n' > n_0$ ,  $\mathcal{M}(c_{n'}, c_0, t) \geq_L \mathcal{N}(\epsilon)$ , therefore, for all  $n' > n_0$ ,

$$\begin{aligned} \mathcal{M}(B, c_0, t) &\geq_L \mathcal{M}(y_{n'}, c_0, t) \\ &\geq_L \mathcal{T}^2(\mathcal{M}(B, c_0, t - 2\delta), \mathcal{M}(c_{n'}, c_0, \delta), \mathcal{M}_{M,N}(c_{n'}, c_0, \delta)) \\ &\geq_L \mathcal{T}^2(\mathcal{M}(B, c_0, t - 2\delta), \mathcal{N}(\epsilon), \mathcal{N}(\epsilon)) \end{aligned}$$

for every  $\delta \in (0, t/2)$ . Since  $\epsilon \in L \setminus \{0_{\mathcal{L}}\}$  and  $\delta \in (0, t/2)$  were arbitrary, then  $\mathcal{M}(B, c_0, t) = \lim_{n' \rightarrow \infty} \mathcal{M}(y_{n'}, c_0, t)$ . Therefore,  $y_{n'}$  converges in distance to  $c_0$ , so it converges sub-sequentially.  $\square$

It follows that  $\{b \in B : \mathcal{M}(b, C, t) = \mathcal{M}(B, c, t)\}$  is compact when  $C$  is compact and  $B$  is approximatively compact. Thus, in an  $\mathcal{L}$ -fuzzy metric space, the  $\mathcal{L}$ -fuzzy metric projection of a compact subset into an approximatively compact subset is compact.

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