

# A COMMON FIXED POINT THEOREM FOR OCCASIONALLY WEAKLY COMPATIBLE MAPPINGS IN FUZZY METRIC SPACE

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## ABSTRACT

In this paper, we prove a common fixed point theorem for occasionally weakly compatible mappings in fuzzy metric spaces using the property (E.A.).

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## I. INTRODUCTION

The concept of fuzzy sets was introduced initially by Zadeh [21] in 1965. Following the concept of fuzzy sets, fuzzy metric spaces have been introduced by Kramosil and Michalek [11], George and Veeramani [8] modified the notion of fuzzy metric space with the help of continuous t-norms.

For example, Deng [5], Ereeg [6], Fang [7], George and Veeramani [8], Kaleva and Seikkala [12], Kramosil and Michalek [11] have introduced the concept of fuzzy metric spaces in different ways. In applications of fuzzy set theory the field of engineering has undoubtedly been a leader. All engineering disciplines such as civil engineering, electrical engineering, nuclear engineering etc. have already been affected to various degrees by the new methodological possibilities opened by fuzzy sets.

## II. PRELIMINARIES

**Definition 2.1.** [16] A binary operation  $*$ :  $[0,1]^2 \rightarrow [0, 1]$  is called a continuous t-norm if  $([0, 1],*)$  is an abelian topological monoid; i.e.

- (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  $b \leq d$ , for each  $a,b,c,d \in [0,1]$ .

Two typical examples of a continuous t-norm are  $a * b=ab$  and  $a * b=\min \{a, b\}$ .

**Definition 2.2.** [15] The 3-tuple  $(X, M,*)$  is called a fuzzy metric space if  $X$  is an arbitrary non-empty set,  $*$  is a continuous t-norm and  $M$  is a fuzzy set on  $X^2 \times [0, \infty)$  satisfying the following conditions.

for each  $x,y,z \in X$  and  $t,s >0$ ,

(FM-1)  $M(x,y,t) > 0$ ,

(FM-2)  $M(x,y,t) = 1$  if and only if  $x=y$ ,

$$(FM-3) M(x, y, t) = M(y, x, t),$$

$$(FM-4) M(x, y, t) * M(y, z, s) \leq M(x, z, t+s),$$

$$(FM-5) M(x, y, \cdot) : [0, \infty) \rightarrow [0, 1] \text{ is continuous.}$$

Let  $(X, M, *)$  be a fuzzy metric space. For  $t > 0$ , the open ball  $B(x, r, t)$  with a centre  $x \in X$  and a radius  $0 < r < 1$  is defined by

$$B(x, r, t) = \{y \in X : M(x, y, t) > 1-r\}.$$

A subset  $A \subset X$  is called open if for each  $x \in A$ , there exist  $t > 0$  and  $0 < r < 1$  such that  $B(x, r, t) \subset A$ . Let  $\tau$  denote the family of all open subsets of  $X$ . Then  $\tau$  is called the topology on  $X$  induced by the fuzzy metric  $M$ . This topology is Hausdorff and first countable.

**Example 2.1.**[18] Let  $X = \mathbb{R}$ . Denote  $a * b = a \cdot b$  for all  $a, b \in [0, 1]$ . For each  $t \in (0, \infty)$ , define  $M(x, y, t) = \frac{t}{t + |x - y|}$

for all  $x, y \in X$ .

**Example 2.2.**[18] Let  $X$  be an arbitrary non-empty set and  $\psi$  be an increasing and a continuous function of  $\mathbb{R}_+$  into  $(0, 1)$  such that  $\lim_{t \rightarrow \infty} \psi(t) = 1$ . Three typical examples of these functions are  $\psi(x) = \frac{x}{x+1}$ ,  $\psi(x) = \sin(\frac{\pi x}{2x+1})$  and  $\psi(x) = 1 - e^{-x}$ . Denote  $a * b = a \cdot b$  for all  $a, b \in [0, 1]$ . For each  $t \in (0, \infty)$ , define

$$M(x, y, t) = \psi\left(\frac{t}{d(x, y)}\right)$$

for all  $x, y \in X$ , where  $d(x, y)$  is an ordinary metric. It is easy to see that  $(X, M, *)$  is fuzzy metric space.

**Definition 2.3.** [15] Let  $(X, M, *)$  be a fuzzy metric space

(i) A sequence  $\{x_n\}$  in  $X$  is said to be convergent to  $x \in X$  if for each  $\epsilon > 0$ , and  $t > 0$ , there exists  $n_0 \in \mathbb{N}$  such that  $M(x_n, x, t) > 1 - \epsilon$  for all  $n \geq n_0$ ; i.e.,  $M(x_n, x, t) \rightarrow 1$  as  $n \rightarrow \infty$  for all  $t > 0$ .

(ii) A sequence  $\{x_n\}$  in  $X$  is said to be Cauchy if for each  $\epsilon > 0$  and each  $t > 0$ , there exists  $n_0 \in \mathbb{N}$  such that  $M(x_n, x_m, t) > 1 - \epsilon$  for all  $n, m \geq n_0$ ; i.e.,  $M(x_n, x_m, t) \rightarrow 1$  as  $n, m \rightarrow \infty$  for all  $t > 0$ .

(iii) A fuzzy metric space in which every Cauchy sequence is convergent is said to be complete.

**Lemma 2.1.**[9] For all  $x, y \in X$ ,  $M(x, y, \cdot)$  is a non-decreasing function.

**Definition 2.4.**[18] Let  $(X, M, *)$  be a fuzzy metric space.  $M$  is said to be continuous on  $X^2 \times [0, \infty)$  if  $\lim_{n \rightarrow \infty} M(x_n, y_n, t_n) = M(x, y, t)$ , whenever  $\{(x_n, y_n, t_n)\}$  is a sequence in  $X^2 \times [0, \infty)$  which converges to a point  $(x, y, t) \in X^2 \times [0, \infty)$ ;

$$\text{i.e. } \lim_{n \rightarrow \infty} M(x_n, x, t) = \lim_{n \rightarrow \infty} M(y_n, y, t) = 1 \text{ and } \lim_{n \rightarrow \infty} M(x, y, t_n) = M(x, y, t).$$

**Lemma 2.2.** [9] M is a continuous function on  $X^2 \times [0, \infty)$ .

**Definition 2.5.**[10] Self mappings A and S of a fuzzy metric space are said to be weakly compatible if they commute at their coincidence points; i.e,  $Ax=Sx$  for some  $x \in X$  implies that  $ASx=SAx$ .

**Definition 2.6.**[10] Two self maps f and g of a set X are called occasionally weakly compatible iff there is a point  $x \in X$  which is coincidence point of f and g at which f and g commute.

**Definition 2.7.**[1] The pair (A, S) satisfies the property (E.A.) if there exists a sequence  $\{x_n\}$  in X such that

$$\lim_{n \rightarrow \infty} M(Ax_n, u, t) = \lim_{n \rightarrow \infty} M(x_n, u, t) = 1 \quad \text{for some } x \in X \text{ and all } t > 0.$$

**Example 2.3.** Let  $X=R$  and  $M(x,y,t) = \frac{t}{t+|x-y|}$  for every  $x,y \in X$  and  $t > 0$ . Define A and S by  $Ax = 2x + 1$  and  $Sx = x + 2$ . and the sequence  $\{x_n\}$  by  $x_n = 1 + \frac{1}{n}$ ,  $n = 1, 2, \dots$ . We have

$$\lim_{n \rightarrow \infty} M(Ax_n, 3, t) = \lim_{n \rightarrow \infty} M(Sx_n, 3, t) = 1$$

for every  $t > 0$ . Then, the pair (A, S) satisfies the property (E.A.). However, A and S are not weakly compatible.

The following example shows that there are some pairs of mappings which do not satisfy the property (E.A.).

**Example 2.4.** Let  $X=R$  and  $M(x, y, t) = \frac{t}{t+|x-y|}$  for every  $x, y, \in X$  and  $t > 0$ . Define A and B by  $Ax = x + 1$  and  $Sx = x + 2$ . Assume that there exists a sequence  $\{x_n\}$  in X such that

$$\lim_{n \rightarrow \infty} M(Ax_n, u, t) = \lim_{n \rightarrow \infty} M(Sx_n, u, t) = 1$$

for some  $u \in X$  and all  $t > 0$ . Therefore

$$\lim_{n \rightarrow \infty} M(x_n, u, t) = \lim_{n \rightarrow \infty} M(x_n + 2, u, t) = 1$$

We conclude that  $x_n \rightarrow u - 1$  and  $x_n \rightarrow u - 2$  which is a contradiction. Hence, the pair (A, S) does not satisfy property (E.A.).

It is our purpose in this paper to prove a common fixed point theorem for occasionally weakly compatible mappings satisfying a contractive condition in fuzzy metric spaces using the property (E.A.).

### III. MAIN RESULTS

Let  $\emptyset$  be the set of all increasing and continuous functions  $\emptyset: (0,1] \rightarrow (0,1]$ , such that  $\emptyset(t) > t$  for every  $t \in (0,1)$ .

**Example 3.1.** Let  $\emptyset : (0,1] \rightarrow (0,1]$  defined by  $\emptyset(t) = t^{1/2}$ .

**Theorem 3.1.** Let  $(X, M, *)$  be a fuzzy metric space and S and T be self –mappings of X satisfying the following conditions:

(i)  $T(X) \subseteq S(X)$  and  $T(X)$  or  $S(X)$  is a closed subset of  $X$

$$(ii) \quad M(Tx, Ty, t) \geq \phi \left( \min \left\{ \begin{array}{l} M(Sx, Sy, t), \\ \sup_{t_1+t_2=\frac{2}{k}t} \min \{ M(Sx, Tx, t_1), \\ M(Sy, Ty, t_2) \}, \\ M(Sx, Ty, t) \} \right\} \right)$$

for all  $x, y \in X, t > 0$  and for some  $1 \leq k < 2$ . Suppose that the pair  $(T, S)$  satisfies the property (E.A.) and  $(T, S)$  is occasionally weakly compatible. Then  $S$  and  $T$  have a unique common fixed point in  $X$ .

**Proof.** Since the pair  $(T, S)$  satisfies the property (E.A.), there exists a sequence  $\{x_n\}$  in  $X$  such that

$$\lim_{n \rightarrow \infty} M(Tx_n, z, t) = \lim_{n \rightarrow \infty} M(Sx_n, z, t) = 1$$

for some  $z \in X$  and every  $t > 0$ . Suppose that  $S(X)$  is a closed subset of  $X$ . Then, there exist  $v \in X$  such that  $Sv = z$  and so

$$\lim_{n \rightarrow \infty} Tx_n = \lim_{n \rightarrow \infty} Sx_n = Sv = z. \quad (*)$$

Assume that  $T(X)$  is a closed subset of  $X$ . Therefore, there exist  $v \in X$  such that  $Sv = z$ . Hence  $(*)$  still holds. Now, we show that  $Tv = Sv$ . Suppose that  $Tv \neq Sv$ . It is not difficult to prove that there exist  $t_0 > 0$  such that

$$M(Tv, Sv, \frac{2}{k}t_0) > M(Tv, Sv, t_0) \quad (**)$$

If not, we have  $M(Tv, Sv, t) = M(Tv, Sv, \frac{2}{k}t)$  for all  $t > 0$ .

Repeatedly using this equality, we obtain

$$M(Tv, Sv, t) = M(Tv, Sv, \frac{2}{k}t) = \dots = M(Tv, Sv, (\frac{2}{k})^n t) \rightarrow 1 \quad (n \rightarrow \infty).$$

This shows that  $M(Tv, Sv, t) = 1$  for all  $t > 0$  which contradicts  $Tv \neq Sv$  and so  $(**)$  is proved.

Using (ii) we get

$$\begin{aligned} M(Tx_n, Tv, t_0) &\geq \phi \left( \min \left\{ \begin{array}{l} M(Sx_n, Sv, t_0) \\ \sup_{t_1+t_2=\frac{2}{k}t_0} \min \{ M(Sx_n, Tx_n, t_1), \\ M(Sv, Tv, t_2) \}, \\ \sup_{t_3+t_4=\frac{2}{k}t_0} \max \{ M(Sx_n, Tv, t_3), \\ M(Sv, Tx_n, t_4) \} \} \right\} \right) \\ &\geq \phi \left( \min \left\{ \begin{array}{l} M(Sx_n, Sv, t_0), \\ \min \{ M(Sx_n, Tx_n, \epsilon), M(Sv, Tv, \frac{2}{k}t_0 - \epsilon) \}, \\ \max \{ M(Sx_n, Tv, \frac{2}{k}t_0 - \epsilon), M(Sv, Tx_n, \epsilon) \} \} \right\} \right) \end{aligned}$$

$\forall \varepsilon \in \left(0, \frac{2}{k}t_0\right)$ . As  $n \rightarrow \infty$ , it follows that

$$M(Sv, Tv, t_0) \geq \phi \left( \min \left\{ \begin{array}{l} M(Sv, Sv, t_0), \\ \min \left\{ \begin{array}{l} M(Sv, Sv, \varepsilon), \\ M\left(Sv, Tv, \frac{2}{k}t_0 - \varepsilon\right) \end{array} \right\}, \\ \max \left\{ \begin{array}{l} M\left(Sv, Tv, \frac{2}{k}t_0 - \varepsilon\right), \\ M(Sv, Sv, \varepsilon) \end{array} \right\} \end{array} \right\} \right)$$

$$= \phi \left( M\left(Sv, Tv, \frac{2}{k}t_0 - \varepsilon\right) \right)$$

$$> M\left(Sv, Tv, \frac{2}{k}t_0 - \varepsilon\right)$$

As  $\varepsilon \rightarrow 0$ , we have

$$M(Sv, Tv, t_0) \geq M\left(Sv, Tv, \frac{2}{k}t_0\right)$$

which is a contradiction. Therefore,  $z = Sv = Tv$ . Since  $S$  and  $T$  are occasionally weakly compatible, we have  $Tz = Sz$ .

Now, we show that  $z$  is a common fixed point of  $S$  and  $T$ . if  $Tz \neq z$

Using (ii) we obtain

$$M(z, Tz, t) \geq \phi \left( \min \left\{ \begin{array}{l} M(z, Tz, t), \\ \sup_{t_1+t_2=\frac{2}{k}t} \min \left\{ \begin{array}{l} M(z, Tz, t_1), \\ M(Sz, Tz, t_2) \end{array} \right\}, \\ \sup_{t_3+t_4=\frac{2}{k}t} \max \left\{ \begin{array}{l} M(z, Tz, t_3), \\ M(Tz, z, t_4) \end{array} \right\} \end{array} \right\} \right)$$

$$\geq \phi \left( \min \left\{ \begin{array}{l} M(z, Tz, t), \\ \min \left\{ \begin{array}{l} M\left(z, Tz, \frac{2}{k}t - \varepsilon\right), \\ M(Sz, Tz, \varepsilon) \end{array} \right\}, \\ \max \left\{ \begin{array}{l} M\left(z, Tz, \frac{2}{k}t - \varepsilon\right), \\ M(Tz, z, \varepsilon) \end{array} \right\} \end{array} \right\} \right)$$

for all  $\varepsilon \in \left(0, \frac{2}{k}t\right)$ . as  $\varepsilon \rightarrow 0$ , we have

$$M(z, Tz, t) \geq \phi \left( \min \left\{ M(z, Tz, t), M\left(z, Tz, \frac{2}{k}t\right) \right\} \right)$$

$$= \phi \left( M(z, Tz, t) \right) > M(z, Tz, t)$$

which is a contradiction. Hence  $Tz = Sz = z$ . Thus  $z$  is a common fixed point of  $S$  and  $T$ . The uniqueness of  $z$  follows from the inequality (ii).

**Example 3.2.** Let  $(X, M, *)$  be a fuzzy metric space, where  $X=[0,1]$  with a t-norm defined  $a * b = a \cdot b$  for all  $a, b \in [0,1]$  and  $\psi$  is an increasing and a continuous function of  $\mathbb{R}_+$  into  $(0,1)$  such  $\lim_{t \rightarrow \infty} \psi(t) = 1$ . for each  $t \in (0, \infty)$ , define

$$M(x, y, t) = \psi(t)^{|x-y|}$$

for all  $x, y \in X$ . Define self – maps  $T$  and  $S$  on  $x$  as follows:

$$Tx = \frac{x+2}{3}, Sx = \tan\left(\frac{\pi x}{4}\right)$$

It is easy to see that

(i)  $T(X) = [\frac{2}{3}, 1] \subseteq [0,1] = S(X)$ ,

(ii) for a sequence  $x_n = 1 - \frac{1}{n}$ , we have

$$\lim_{n \rightarrow \infty} M(Tx_n, 1, t) = \psi(t)^{\left|\frac{1-1/n+2}{3}-1\right|} = 1$$

$$\lim_{n \rightarrow \infty} M(Sx_n, 1, t) = \psi(t)^{\left|\tan\left(\frac{\pi(1-1/n)}{4}\right)-1\right|} = 1$$

for every  $t > 0$ . Hence the pair  $(T, S)$  satisfies the property (E.A). it is easy to see that the pair  $(T, S)$  is occasionally weakly compatible. Let  $\phi: (0,1] \rightarrow (0,1]$  defined by  $\phi(t) = t^{1/2}$  as

$$\left| \tan\left(\frac{\pi x}{4}\right) - \tan\left(\frac{\pi y}{4}\right) \right| \geq \frac{\pi}{4} |x - y|.$$

We get

$$\begin{aligned} M(Tx, Ty, t) &= \psi(t)^{\frac{1}{3}|x-y|} \\ &\geq \psi(t)^{\frac{2}{3}|x-y|} = \phi(M(Sx, Sy, t)). \end{aligned}$$

Thus for  $\phi(t) = t^{1/2}$  we have

$$M(Tx, Ty, t) \geq \phi\left(\min \left\{ \begin{aligned} &M(Sx, Sy, t), \\ &\sup_{t_1+t_2=\frac{2}{k}t} \min \left\{ \begin{aligned} &M(Sx, Tx, t_1), \\ &M(Sy, Ty, t_2) \end{aligned} \right\}, \\ &\sup_{t_3+t_4=\frac{2}{k}t} \max \left\{ \begin{aligned} &M(Sx, Ty, t_3), \\ &M(Sy, Tx, t_4) \end{aligned} \right\} \end{aligned} \right\}$$

for all  $x, y \in X, t > 0$  and for some  $1 \leq k < 2$ . all conditions of theorem 1 hold and  $z=1$  is a unique common fixed point of  $S$  and  $T$ .

**Corollary 3.1.** Let  $T$  and  $S$  be self-mappings of a fuzzy metric space  $(X, M, *)$  satisfying the following conditions:

(i)  $T^n(X) \subseteq S^m(X)$ ,  $T^n(X)$  or  $S^m(X)$  is a closed subset of  $X$  and  $T^n S = S T^n$ ,  $T S^m = S^m T$ ,

$$(ii) \quad M(T^n x, T^n y, t) \geq \phi \left( \min \left\{ \begin{array}{l} M(S^m x, S^m y, t), \\ \sup_{t_1+t_2=\frac{2}{k}t} \min \{ M(S^m x, T^n x, t_1), \\ M(S^m y, T^n y, t_2) \}, \\ \sup_{t_3+t_4=\frac{2}{k}t} \max \{ M(S^m x, T^n y, t_3), \\ M(S^m y, T^n x, t_4) \} \end{array} \right\} \right)$$

for all  $x, y \in X$  for some  $n, m = 2, 3, \dots, t > 0$  and for some  $1 \leq k < 2$ .

Suppose that the pair  $(T^n, S^m)$  satisfies the property (E.A) and  $(T^n, S^m)$  is occasionally weakly compatible. Then  $S$  and  $T$  have a unique common fixed point in  $X$ .

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