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# Common Fixed Point Theorems for Weakly Compatible of Four Mappings in Generalized Fuzzy Metric Spaces

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**Abstract**: In this paper, common fixed point theorems for weakly compatible maps in complete  $\mathcal{M}$ -fuzzy metric spaces is proved.

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### 1 Introduction and Preliminaries

The concept of fuzzy sets was introduced initially by Zadeh [17] in 1965. Since, then to use this concept in topology and analysis many authors have expansively developed the theory of fuzzy sets and application. George and Veeramani [2] and Kramosil and Michalek [5] have introduced the concept of fuzzy topological spaces induced by fuzzy metric which have very important applications in quantum particle physics particularly in connections with both string and E-infinity theory which were given and studied by  $E_1$  Naschie [1]. Many authors [2, 3, 5, 6] have proved fixed point theorem in fuzzy (probabilistic) metric spaces. One should there exists a space between spaces. And one such generalization is generalized metric space or D-metric space initiated by Dhage in 1992. He proved some results on fixed points for a self-map satisfying a contraction for complete and bounded D-metric spaces. Rhoades generalized Dhage's contractive condition by increasing the number of factors and proved the existence of unique fixed point of a self-map in D-metric space. Recently, Sedghi and Shobe [8] introduced  $D^*$  metric space, as a probable modification of the definition of D-metric.

Using  $D^*$ -metric concept, Sedghi and Shobe defined  $\mathcal{M}$ -fuzzy metric space and proved common fixed point theorem in it.

In this paper we prove common fixed point theorems in complete  $\mathcal{M}$ -fuzzy metric space.

**Definition 1.1.** A 3-tuple  $(X, \mathcal{M}, *)$  is called  $\mathcal{M}$ -fuzzy metric space if X is an arbitrary non-empty set, \* is a continuous t-norm, and  $\mathcal{M}$  is a fuzzy set on  $X^3 \times (0, \infty)$ , satisfying the following conditions for each  $x, y, z, a \in X$  and t, s > 0.

(FM-1)  $\mathcal{M}(x, y, z, t) > 0$ 

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- (FM-2)  $\mathcal{M}(x, y, z, t) = 1$  if and only if x = y = z
- (FM-3)  $\mathcal{M}(x,y,z,t) = \mathcal{M}(p\{x,y,z\},t)$ , where p is a permutation function.
- (FM-4)  $\mathcal{M}(x,y,a,t) * \mathcal{M}(a,z,z,s) \leq \mathcal{M}(x,y,z,t+s)$
- (FM-5)  $\mathcal{M}(x,y,z,.):(0,\infty)\to[0,1]$  is continuous
- (FM-6)  $\lim_{t\to\infty} \mathcal{M}(x,y,z,t) = 1.$

**Definition 1.2.** Let  $(X, \mathcal{M}, *)$  be a  $\mathcal{M}$ -fuzzy metric space and  $\{x_n\}$  be a sequence in X

- (a)  $\{x_n\}$  is said to be converges to point  $x \in X$  if  $\lim_{n \to \infty} \mathcal{M}(x_1, x_1, x_n, t) = 1$  for all t > 0
- (b)  $\{x_n\}$  is called Cauchy sequence if  $\lim_{n\to\infty} \mathcal{M}(x_{n+p},x_{n+p},x_n,t)=1$  for all t>0 and p>0
- (c) A M-fuzzy metric space in which every Cauchy sequence is convergent is said to be complete.

**Lemma 1.3.** Let  $(X, \mathcal{M}, *)$  be a  $\mathcal{M}$ -fuzzy metric space. Then  $\mathcal{M}(x, y, z, t)$  is non-decreasing with respect to t, for all x, y, z in X.

**Definition 1.4.** Let  $(X, \mathcal{M}, *)$  be a  $\mathcal{M}$ -fuzzy metric space.  $\mathcal{M}$  is said to be continuous function on  $X^3 \times (0, \infty)$  if  $\lim_{n \to \infty} \mathcal{M}(x_n, y_n, z_n, t_n) = \mathcal{M}(x, y, z, t)$ , whenever a sequence  $\{(x_n, y_n, z_n, t_n)\} = in X^3 \times (0, \infty)$  converges to a point  $(x, y, z, t) \in X^3 \times (0, \infty)$ . i.e.,  $\lim_{n \to \infty} x_n = x$ ,  $\lim_{n \to \infty} y_n = y$ ,  $\lim_{n \to \infty} z_n = z$  and  $\lim_{n \to \infty} \mathcal{M}(x, y, z, t_n) = \mathcal{M}(x, y, z, t)$ .

**Lemma 1.5.** Let  $(X, \mathcal{M}, *)$  be a  $\mathcal{M}$ -fuzzy metric space. Then  $\mathcal{M}$  is continuous function on  $X^3 \times (0, \infty)$ .

**Definition 1.6.** Let A and S be mappings from a M-fuzzy metric space  $(X, \mathcal{M}, *)$  into itself. Then the mappings are said to be weak compatible if they commute at their coincidence point, that is, Ax = Sx implies that ASx = SAx.

**Definition 1.7.** Let A and S be mappings from a  $\mathcal{M}$ -fuzzy metric space  $(X, \mathcal{M}, *)$  into itself. Then the mappings are said to be compatible if  $\lim_{n\to\infty} \mathcal{M}(ASx_n, SAx_n, SAx_n, t) = 1$  for all t > 0 whenever  $\{x_n\}$  is a sequence in X such that  $\lim_{n\to\infty} Ax_n = \lim_{n\to\infty} Sx_n = x \in X$ .

**Lemma 1.8.** Let  $(X, \mathcal{M}, *)$  be a  $\mathcal{M}$ -fuzzy metric space. If we define  $E_{\lambda}\mathcal{M}: X^3 \to \mathcal{R}^+ \cup \{0\}$  by  $E_{\lambda,\mathcal{M}}(x,y,z) = \inf\{t > 0 : \mathcal{M}(x,y,z,t) > 1 - \lambda\}$  for every  $\lambda \in (0,1)$ , then

- (1) for each  $\mu \in (0,1)$  there exists  $\lambda \in (0,1)$  such that  $E_{\mu,\mathcal{M}}(x_1,x_1,x_n) \leq E_{\lambda,\mathcal{M}}(x_1,x_2,x_2) + E_{\lambda,\mathcal{M}}(x_2,x_2,x_3) + \cdots + E_{\lambda,\mathcal{M}}(x_{n-1},x_{n-1},x_n)$  for any  $x_1,x_2,\ldots,x_n \in X$ .
- (2) The sequence  $\{x_n\}n \in \mathbb{N}$  is convergent in  $\mathcal{M}$ -fuzzy metric space  $(X, \mathcal{M}, *)$  if and only if  $E_{\lambda, \mathcal{M}}(x_n, x_n, x) \to 0$ . Also the sequence  $\{x_n\}, n \in \mathcal{N}$  is Cauchy sequence if and only if it is Cauchy with  $E_{\lambda, \mathcal{M}}$ .

**Lemma 1.9.** Let  $(X, \mathcal{M}, *)$  be a  $\mathcal{M}$ -fuzzy metric space. If  $\mathcal{M}(x_n, x_n, x_{n+1}, t) \geq \mathcal{M}(x_0, x_0, x_1, k^n t)$  for some k > 1 and for every  $n \in \mathcal{N}$ . Then sequence  $\{x_n\}$  is a cauchy sequence.

## 2 The Main Results

### A class of implicit relation

Let  $\Phi$  denotes a family of mappings such that each  $\phi \in \Phi$ ,  $\phi : [0,1]^3 \to [0,1]$  and  $\phi$  is continuous and increasing in each co-ordinate variable. Also  $\phi(s,s,s) > s$  for every  $s \in [0,1)$ .

**Example 2.1.** Let  $\phi:[0,1]^3 \to [0,1]$  be defined by

- (1)  $\phi(x_1, x_2, x_3) = (\min\{x_i\})^h$  for some 0 < h < 1.
- (2)  $\phi(x_1, x_2, x_3) = x_1^h$  for some 0 < h < 1.
- (3)  $\phi(x_1, x_2, x_3) = \max\{x_1^{\alpha_1}, x_2^{\alpha_2}, x_3^{\alpha_3}\}, \text{ where } 0 < \alpha_i < 1 \text{ for } i = 1, 2, 3.$

In this paper, p is a positive real number and  $\phi^{3p}(s,s,s) = [\phi(s,s,s)]^{3p}$  for every  $s \in [0,1)$ . Also,  $\mathcal{M}(Sx, By, Bz, t) \vee \mathcal{M}(Ty, Ax, Ty, t) \vee \mathcal{M}(Tz, Ax, Tz, t) = \max\{\mathcal{M}(Sx, By, Bz, t), \mathcal{M}(Ty, Ax, Ty, t), \max\{Tz, Ax, Tz, t\}\}$ . Our main result for a complete  $\mathcal{M}$ -fuzzy metric space X, as reads follows:

**Theorem 2.1.** Let A, B, S and T be self mappings of complete  $\mathcal{M}$ -fuzzy metric space  $(X, \mathcal{M}, *)$  satisfying the following conditions.

- (1) (A, S) and (S, T) are weakly compatible pairs such that  $A(X) \subseteq T(X)$  and  $B(X) \subseteq S(X)$  also A(X) or B(X) is a closed subset of X.
- (2) There exists  $\psi, Q \in \Phi$  such that for all  $x, y, z \in X$ .

$$\mathcal{M}^{3p}(Ax, By, Bz, t) \ge a(s)\phi^{3p}(\mathcal{M}(Sx, Ty, Tz, kt), \mathcal{M}(Ax, Sx, Sx, kt), \mathcal{M}(By, Ty, Tz, kt)$$

$$+ b(s)\psi^{p}(\mathcal{M}^{3}(Sx, Ty, Tz, kt), \mathcal{M}(Sx, Ax, Ax, kt)\mathcal{M}(Ty, By, By, kt)$$

$$\mathcal{M}(Tz, Bz, Bz, kt), \mathcal{M}(Sx, By, Bz, kt) \vee \mathcal{M}(Ty, Ax, Ty, kt) \vee \mathcal{M}(Tz, Ax, Tz, kt))$$

for some k > 1 where  $a, b : [0, 1] \to [0, 1]$  are two continuous functions such that a(s) + b(s) = 1 for every  $S = \mathcal{M}(x, y, z, t)$ . Then A, B and S, T have a unique common fixed point in X.

Proof. Let  $x_0 \in X$  an arbitrary point as  $A(X) \subseteq T(X)$ ,  $B(X) \subseteq S(X)$  there exists  $x_1, x_2 \in X$  be  $Ax_0 = Tx_1, Bx_1 = Sx_2$ . Inductively, construct sequence  $\{y_n\}$  and  $\{x_n\}$  in X such that  $y_{3n} = Ax_{3n} = Tx_{3n+1}, y_{3n+1} = Bx_{3n+1} = Sx_{3n+2}$ , for  $n = 0, 1, 2, \ldots$  Now, we prove  $\{y_n\}$  is a Cauchy sequence. For simplicity, we get  $d_n(t) = \mathcal{M}(y_n, y_{n+1}, y_{n+1}, t), n = 0, 1, 2, \ldots$  Then we have

$$d_{3n}^{3p}(t) = \mathcal{M}^{3p}(y_{3n}, y_{3n+1}, y_{3n+1}, t)$$

$$= \mathcal{M}^{3p}(Ax_{3n}, Bx_{3n+1}, Bx_{3n+1}, t)$$

$$\geq a(s)\phi^{3p}(\mathcal{M}(Sx_{3n}, Tx_{3n+1}, Tx_{3n+1}, kt), \mathcal{M}(Ax_{3n}, Bx_{3n+1}, Bx_{3n+1}, kt),$$

$$\mathcal{M}(Bx_{3n+1}, Tx_{3n+1}, Tx_{3n+1}, kt) + b(s)\psi^{k}(\mathcal{M}^{3}(Sx_{3n}, Tx_{3n+1}, Tx_{3n+1}, kt), \mathcal{M}(Sx_{3n}, Ax_{3n}, Ax_{3n}, kt))$$

$$\mathcal{M}(Tx_{3n+1}, Bx_{3n+1}, Bx_{3n+1}, kt)\mathcal{M}(Bx_{3n+1}, Tx_{3n+1}, kt)\mathcal{M}(Sx_{3n}, Bx_{3n+1}, Bx_{3n+1}, kt)\vee$$

$$\mathcal{M}(Tx_{3n+1}, Ax_{3n}, Tx_{3n+1}, kt) \vee \mathcal{M}(Tx_{3n+1}, Ax_{3n}, Tx_{3n+1}, kt))$$

$$\geq a(s)\phi^{3p}(\mathcal{M}(y_{3n-1}, y_{3n}, y_{3n}, kt), \mathcal{M}(y_{3n}, y_{3n+1}, y_{3n+1}, kt), \mathcal{M}(y_{3n+1}, y_{3n}, y_{3n}, kt)$$

$$+ b(s)\psi^{p}(\mathcal{M}^{3}(y_{3n-1}, y_{3n}, y_{3n}, kt), \mathcal{M}(y_{3n-1}, y_{n}, kt)\mathcal{M}(y_{n}, y_{3n+1}, y_{3n+1}, kt) \vee \mathcal{M}(y_{3n}, y_{3n}, kt) \vee \mathcal{M}(y_{3n}, y_{3n}, kt) \vee \mathcal{M}(y_{3n}, y_{3n}, y_{3n}, kt)).$$

We prove that  $d_{3n}(t) \ge d_{3n-1}(t)$ . Now, if  $d_{3n}(t) < d_{3n-1}(t)$  for some  $n \in N$ . Since  $\phi$  and  $\psi$  are increasing functions, then

$$d_{3n}^{3p}(t) \ge a(s)\phi^{3p}(d_{3n-1}(kt), d_{3n}(kt), d_{3n}(kt) + b(s)\psi^{p}(d_{3n-1}^{3}(kt), d_{3n-1}(kt)d_{3n}(kt)d_{3n}(kt), 1)$$

$$\ge a(s)\phi^{3p}(d_{3n}(kt), d_{3n}(kt), d_{3n}(kt)) + b(s)\psi^{p}(d_{3n}^{3}(kt), d_{3n}^{3}(kt), 1)$$

$$> a(s)d_{3n}^{3p}(kt) + b(s)d_{3n}^{3p}(kt)$$

$$= d_{3n}^{3p}(kt).$$

Hence we have  $d_{3n}(t) > d_{3n}(kt)$  is a contradiction. Therefore  $d_{3n}(t) \ge d_{3n-1}(t)$ . Similarly, one can prove that  $d_{3n+1}(t) \ge d_{3n}(t)$  for n = 0, 1, 2, ...

Consequently,  $\{d_n(t)\}\$  is a  $\{d_n(t)\}\$  is a increasing sequence of non-negative real. Thus,

$$d_{3n}^{3p}(t) \ge a(s)\phi^{3p}(d_{3n-1}(kt), d_{3n-1}(kt), d_{3n-1}(kt)) + b(s)\psi^{p}(d_{3n-1}^{3}(kt), d_{3n-1}^{3}(kt), 1)$$

$$\ge a(s)d_{3n-1}^{3p}(kt) + b(s)d_{3n-1}^{3p}(kt)$$

$$= d_{3n-1}^{3p}(kt).$$

That is  $d_{3n}(t) \geq d_{3n-1}(kt)$ , similarly we have  $d_{3n+1}(t) \geq d_{3n}(kt)$ . Thus  $d_n(t) \geq d_{n-1}(kt)$ . That is  $\mathcal{M}(y_n, y_{n+1}, y_{n+1}, t) \geq \mathcal{M}(y_{n-1}, y_n, y_n, kt)$ . So,

$$\mathcal{M}(y_n, y_{n+1}, y_{n+1}, t) \ge \mathcal{M}(y_{n-1}, y_n, y_n, kt) \ge \dots \ge \mathcal{M}(y_0, y_1, y_1, k^n t).$$

By Lemma 1.9 sequence  $\{y_n\}$  is a Cauchy sequence, then it converges to  $y \in X$ . That is

$$\lim_{n \to \infty} y_n = \lim_{n \to \infty} y_{3n} = \lim_{n \to \infty} y_{3n+1}$$

$$= \lim_{n \to \infty} Ax_{3n} = \lim_{n \to \infty} Bx_{3n+1}$$

$$= \lim_{n \to \infty} Sx_{3n} = \lim_{n \to \infty} Tx_{3n+1} = y.$$

As  $B(X) \subseteq S(X)$ , there exists  $u \in X$  such that Su = y, we have

$$\mathcal{M}^{3p}(Au, Bx_{3n+1}, Bx_{3n+1}, t) \geq a(s)\phi^{3p}(\mathcal{M}(Su, Tx_{3n+1}, Tx_{3n+1}, kt), \mathcal{M}(Au, Su, Su, kt),$$

$$\mathcal{M}(Bx_{3n+1}, Tx_{3n+1}, Tx_{3n+1}, kt)) + b(s)\psi^{p}(\mathcal{M}^{3}(Su, Tx_{3n+1}, Tx_{3n+1}, kt),$$

$$\mathcal{M}(Su, Au, Au, kt)\mathcal{M}(Tx_{3n+1}, Bx_{3n+1}, Bx_{3n+1}, kt)$$

$$\mathcal{M}(Tx_{3n+1}, Bx_{3n+1}, Bx_{3n+1}, kt)\mathcal{M}(Su, Bx_{3n+1}, Bx_{3n+1}, kt)$$

$$\vee \mathcal{M}(Tx_{3n+1}, Au, Tx_{3n+1}, kt) \vee \mathcal{M}(Tx_{3n+1}, Au, Tx_{3n+1}, kt).$$

By continuous  $\mathcal{M}$  and  $\phi$ , on making  $n \to \infty$  the above inequality, we get

$$\mathcal{M}^{3p}(Au, y, y, t) \ge a(s)\phi^{3p}(\mathcal{M}(y, y, y, kt), \mathcal{M}(Au, y, y, kt), \mathcal{M}(y, y, y, kt)$$
$$+ b(s)\psi^{p}(\mathcal{M}^{3}(y, y, y, kt), \mathcal{M}(y, Au, Au, kt)\mathcal{M}(y, y, y, kt)\mathcal{M}(y, y, y, kt), \mathcal{M}(y, y, y, kt)$$
$$\vee \mathcal{M}(y, Au, y, kt) \vee \mathcal{M}(y, Au, Ty, kt))$$

hence we have

$$\mathcal{M}^{3p}(Au, y, y, t) \ge a(s)\phi^{3p}(\mathcal{M}(Au, y, y, kt), \mathcal{M}(Au, y, y, kt), \mathcal{M}(Au, y, y, kt))$$
$$+ b(s)\psi^{p}(\mathcal{M}^{3}(Au, y, y, kt), \mathcal{M}(Au, y, y, kt))\mathcal{M}(Au, y, y, kt)\mathcal{M}(Au, y, y, kt), 1).$$

If  $Au \neq y$ , by above inequality we get

$$\mathcal{M}^{3p}(Au, y, y, t) \ge a(s)\mathcal{M}^{3p}(Au, y, y, kt) + b(s)\mathcal{M}^{3p}(Au, y, y, kt)$$
$$= \mathcal{M}^{3p}(Au, y, y, kt),$$

which is contradiction. Hence  $\mathcal{M}(Au, y, y, t) = 1$ . Therefore Au = y. Thus Au = Su = y. As  $A(X) \subseteq$ 

T(X) there exists  $v \in X$ , such that Tv = y, so,

$$\mathcal{M}^{3p}(y,Bv,Bv,t) = \mathcal{M}^{3p}(Au,Bv,Bv,t)$$

$$\geq a(s)\phi^{3p}(\mathcal{M}(Sv,Tv,Tv,kt),\mathcal{M}(Au,Su,Su,kt),\mathcal{M}(Bv,Tv,Tv,kt))$$

$$+b(s)\psi^{p}(\mathcal{M}^{3}(Su,Tv,Tv,kt),\mathcal{M}(Su,Av,Av,kt)\mathcal{M}(Tv,Bv,Bv,kt)$$

$$\mathcal{M}(Tv,Bv,Bv,xt)\mathcal{M}(Su,Bv,Bv,kt) \vee \mathcal{M}(Tv,Av,Tv,kt) \vee \mathcal{M}(Tv,Au,Tv,kt))$$

$$= a(s)\phi^{3p}(1,1,\mathcal{M}(Bv,y,y,kt)) + b(s)\psi^{p}(1,1,1).$$

We claim that Bv = y for if  $Bv \neq y$ , then  $\mathcal{M}(Bv, y, y, t) < 1$ . On the above inequality we get

$$\mathcal{M}^{3p}(y, Bv, Bv, t) \geq a(s)\phi^{3p}(\mathcal{M}(y, Bv, Bv, kt), \mathcal{M}(y, Bv, Bv, kt), \mathcal{M}(y, Bv, Bv, kt))$$

$$+ b(s)X^{p}(\mathcal{M}^{3}(y, Bv, Bv, kt), \mathcal{M}(y, Bv, Bv, kt)\mathcal{M}(y, Bv, Bv, kt)\mathcal{M}(y, Bv, Bv, kt)),$$

$$\mathcal{M}(y, Bv, Bv, kt) \vee \mathcal{M}(y, Bv, Bv, kt) \vee \mathcal{M}(y, Bv, Bv, kt))$$

$$= a(s)\mathcal{M}^{3p}(y, Bv, Bv, kt) + b(s)\mathcal{M}^{3p}(y, Bv, Bv, kt)$$

$$= \mathcal{M}^{3p}(y, Bv, Bv, kt) \text{ a contradiction.}$$

Hence Tv = Bv = Av = Su = y. Since (A, S) is weak compatible, we get that ASU = SAU, that is Ay = Sy. Since (B, T) is weak compatible. We get TBv = BTv, that is Ty = By. If  $Ay \neq y$ , then  $\mathcal{M}(Ay, y, y, t) < 1$  how ever

$$\begin{split} \mathcal{M}^{3p}(Ay,y,y,t) &= \mathcal{M}^{3p}(Ay,Bv,Bv,t) \\ &\geq a(s)\phi^{3p}(Sy,Tv,Tv,kt), \mathcal{M}(Ay,Sy,Sy,kt), \mathcal{M}(Bv,Tv,Tv,kt) \\ &\quad + b(s)\psi^p \mathcal{M}^3(Sy,Tv,Tv,kt), \mathcal{M}(Sy,Ay,Ay,kt) \mathcal{M}(Tv,Bv,Bv,kt) \mathcal{M}(Tv,Bv,Bv,kt), \\ &\quad \mathcal{M}(Sy,Bv,Bv,kt) \vee \mathcal{M}(Tv,Ay,Tv,kt) \vee \mathcal{M}(Tv,Ay,Tv,kt)) \\ &= a(s)\phi^{3p}(\mathcal{M}(Ay,y,y,kt),1,1) + b(s)\psi^p(\mathcal{M}^3(Ay,y,y,kt),1,\mathcal{M}(Ay,y,y,kt)) \\ &\geq a(s)\phi^{3p}(\mathcal{M}(Ay,y,y,kt),\mathcal{M}(Ay,y,y,kt),\mathcal{M}(Ay,y,y,kt)) + b(s)\psi^p(\mathcal{M}^3(Ay,y,y,kt), \\ &\quad \mathcal{M}^3(Ay,y,y,kt), \mathcal{M}^3(Ay,y,y,kt)) \\ &\geq a(s)(\mathcal{M}^{3p}(Ay,y,y,kt)) + b(s)\mathcal{M}^{3p}(Ay,y,y,kt) \\ &= \mathcal{M}^{3p}(Ay,y,y,kt), \text{ a contradiction.} \end{split}$$

Thus Ay = y, hence Ay = Sy = y. Similarly, we prove that By = y, for if  $By \neq y$ . Then  $\mathcal{M}(By, y, y, kt) < 1$ , how ever,

$$\mathcal{M}^{3p}(y, By, By, t) = \mathcal{M}^{3p}(Ay, By, By, t)$$

$$\geq a(s)\phi^{3p}(\mathcal{M}(Sy, Ty, Ty, kt)), \mathcal{M}(Ay, Sy, Sy, kt), \mathcal{M}(By, Ty, Ty, kt))$$

$$+ b(s)\psi^{p}(\mathcal{M}^{3}(Sy, Ty, Ty, kt), \mathcal{M}(Sy, Ay, Ay, kt)\mathcal{M}(Ty, By, By, kt)$$

$$\mathcal{M}(Ty, By, By, kt), \mathcal{M}(Sy, By, By, kt) \vee \mathcal{M}(Ty, Ay, Ty, kt) \vee \mathcal{M}(Ty, Ay, Ty, kt))$$

$$= a(s)\phi^{3p}(\mathcal{M}(y, By, By, kt), \mathcal{M}(y, y, y, kt), \mathcal{M}(By, By, By, kt)$$

$$+ b(s)\psi^{p}(\mathcal{M}^{3}(y, By, By, kt), \mathcal{M}(y, By, By, kt), \mathcal{M}(y, By, By, kt))$$

$$\geq a(s)\phi^{3p}(\mathcal{M}(y, By, By, kt), \mathcal{M}(y, By, By, kt), \mathcal{M}(y, By, By, kt))$$

$$+ b(s)\psi^{p}(\mathcal{M}^{3}(y, By, By, kt), \mathcal{M}^{3}(y, By, By, kt), \mathcal{M}^{3}(y, By, By, kt))$$

$$> a(s)\mathcal{M}^{3p}(y, By, By, kt), a \text{ contradiction.}$$

Therefore, Ay = By = Sy = Ty = y. That is y is a common fixed pint of A, B, S and T.

**Uniqueness:** Let w be another common fixed point of A, B, S and T. That is w = Aw = Sw = Bw = Tw. If  $\mathcal{M}(x, y, z, t) < 1$ , then

$$\mathcal{M}^{3p}(y,w,w,t) = \mathcal{M}^{3p}(Ay,Bw,Bw,t)$$

$$\geq a(s)\phi^{3p}(\mathcal{M}(Sy,Tw,Tw,kt),\mathcal{M}(Ay,Sy,Sy,kt)\mathcal{M}(Bw,Tw,Tw,kt))$$

$$+b(s)\psi^{p}(\mathcal{M}^{3}(Sy,Tw,Tw,kt),\mathcal{M}(Sy,Ay,Ay,kt)$$

$$\mathcal{M}(Tw,Bw,Bw,kt),\mathcal{M}(Tw,Bw,Bw,kt),\mathcal{M}(Sy,Bw,Bw,kt)$$

$$\vee \mathcal{M}(Tw,Ay,Tw,kt) \vee \mathcal{M}(Tw,Ay,Aw,kt)$$

$$= a(s)\phi^{3p}(\mathcal{M}(y,w,w,kt),1,1) + b(s)\psi^{p}(\mathcal{M}^{3}(y,w,w,kt),1,\mathcal{M}(y,w,w,kt))$$

$$\geq a(s)\phi^{3p}(\mathcal{M}(y,w,w,kt),\mathcal{M}(y,w,w,kt),\mathcal{M}(y,w,w,kt))$$

$$+b(s)\psi^{p}(\mathcal{M}^{3}(y,w,w,kt),\mathcal{M}^{3}(y,w,w,kt),\mathcal{M}^{3}(y,w,w,kt))$$

$$> a(s)\mathcal{M}^{3p}(y,w,w,kt) + b(s)\mathcal{M}^{3p}(y,w,w,kt)$$

$$= \mathcal{M}^{3p}(y,w,w,kt), \text{ a contradiction.}$$

Therefore y is the unique common fixed point of self-maps A, B, S and T.

In the following theorem, function  $\phi: [0,1]^4 \to [0,1]$ , is continuous and increasing in each co-ordinate variable. Also  $\phi(s,s,s,s) > s$  for every  $s \in [0,1)$ .

**Theorem 2.2.** Let A, B, S and T be self-mappings of a complete  $\mathcal{M}$ -fuzzy metric space  $(X, \mathcal{M}, *)$  satisfying that

- (1)  $A(X) \subseteq T(X), B(X) \subseteq S(X)$  and A(X) or B(X) is a complete subset of X.
- (2)  $\mathcal{M}(Ax, By, Bz, t) \ge \phi(\mathcal{M}(Sx, Ty, Tz, kt), \mathcal{M}(Ax, Sx, Sx, kt), \mathcal{M}(By, Ty, Tz, kt), \mathcal{M}(Sx, By, Bz, kt)$  $\vee \mathcal{M}(Ty, Ax, Ty, kt) \vee \mathcal{M}(Tz, Ax, Tz, kt))$  for every x, y, z in X, k > 1 and  $\phi \in \Phi$ .
- (3) The pairs (A, S) and (B, T) are weakly compatible. Then A, B, S and T have a unique common fixed point in X.

Proof. Let  $x_0 \in X$  be an arbitrary point. As  $A(X) \subseteq T(X)$ ,  $B(X) \subseteq S(X)$ , there exist  $x_1, x_2 \in X$  such that  $Ax_0 = Ax_1, Bx_1 = Sx_2$ . Inductively, construct sequence  $\{y_n\}$  and  $\{x_n\}$  in X such that  $y_{3n} = Ax_{3n} = Tx_{3n+1}, y_{3n+1} = Bx_{3n+1} = Sx_{3n+2}$  for  $n = 0, 1, 2, \ldots$ 

Now, we prove  $\{y_n\}$  is a Cauchy sequence. Let  $d_m(t) = \mathcal{M}(y_m, y_{m+1}, y_{m+1}, t), t > 0$ . We prove  $\{d_{\mathcal{M}}(t)\}$  is increasing with respect to m. Let m = 3n, we have

$$\begin{split} d_{3n}(t) &= \mathcal{M}(y_{3n}, y_{3n+1}, y_{3n+1}, t) \\ &= \mathcal{M}(Ax_{3n}, Bx_{3n+1}, Bx_{3n+1}, t) \\ &\geq \phi(\mathcal{M}(sx_{3n}, Tx_{3n+1}, Tx_{3n+1}, kt), \mathcal{M}(Ax_{3n}, Sx_{3n}, Sx_{3n}, kt), \mathcal{M}(Bx_{3n+1}, Tx_{3n+1}, Tx_{3n+1}, kt), \\ \mathcal{M}(Sx_{3n}, Bx_{3n+1}, Bx_{3n+1}, kt) \vee \mathcal{M}(Tx_{3n+1}, Ax_{3n}, Tx_{3n+1}, kt) \vee \mathcal{M}(Tx_{3n+1}, Ax_{3n}, Tx_{3n+1}, kt)) \\ &= \phi(\mathcal{M}(y_{3n-1}, y_{3n}, y_{3n}, kt), \mathcal{M}(y_{3n}, y_{3n-1}, y_{3n-1}, kt), \mathcal{M}(y_{3n+1}, y_{3n}, y_{3n}, kt), \\ \mathcal{M}(y_{3n-1}, y_{3n+1}, y_{3n+1}, kt) \vee \mathcal{M}(y_{3n}, y_{3n}, y_{3n}, kt) \vee \mathcal{M}(y_{3n}, y_{3n}, y_{3n}, kt)) \\ &= \phi(d_{3n-1}(kt), d_{3n-1}(kt), d_{3n}(kt), 1) \\ &\geq \phi(d_{3n-1}(kt), d_{3n}(kt), 1). \end{split}$$

Since  $\phi$  is an increasing function. We claim that for every  $n \in N$ ,  $d_{3n}(kt) \ge d_{3n-1}(kt)$ .

For if  $d_{3n}(kt) < d_{3n-1}(kt)$ . Then in inequality (2.1), we have

$$d_{3n}(t) \ge \phi(d_{3n}(kt), d_{3n}(kt), d_{3n}(kt), d_{3n}(kt))$$
  
>  $d_{3n}(kt)$ .

That is  $d_{3n}(t) > d_{3n}(kt)$  a contradiction. Hence  $d_{3n}(kt) \ge d_{3n-1}(kt)$  for every  $n \in N$  and for all t > 0. Similarly,we have  $d_{3n+1}(kt) \ge d_{3n}(kt)$ . Thus,  $\{d_n(t)\}$  is an increasing sequence in [0,1]. By inequality, (2.1) and  $d_n(t)$  is an increasing sequence, we get,

$$d_{3n}(t) \ge \phi(d_{3n-1}(kt), d_{3n-1}(kt), d_{3n-1}(kt), d_{3n-1}(kt))$$
  
 
$$\ge d_{3n-1}(kt).$$

Similarly, we have  $d_{3n+1}(t) \ge d_{3n}(kt)$ . Thus  $d_n(t) \ge d_{n-1}(kt)$ . That is

$$\mathcal{M}(y_n, y_{n+1}, y_{n+1}, t) \ge \mathcal{M}(y_{n-1}, y_n, y_n, kt) \ge \dots$$
$$\ge \mathcal{M}(y_0, y, y, k^n t).$$

Hence by Lemma 1.9  $\{y_n\}$  is Cauchy and the completeness of  $X, \{y_n\}$  converges of y in X. That is

$$\lim_{n \to \infty} y_n = y$$

$$\Rightarrow \lim_{n \to \infty} y_{3n} = \lim_{n \to \infty} Ax_{3n} = \lim_{n \to \infty} Tx_{3n+1}$$

$$= \lim_{n \to \infty} y_{3n+1} = \lim_{n \to \infty} Bx_{3n+1} = \lim_{n \to \infty} Sx_{3n+1} = y$$

As  $B(X) \subseteq S(X)$ , there exists  $u \in X$  such that Su = y. So we have

$$\mathcal{M}(Au, Bx_{3n+1}, Bx_{3n+1}, t) \ge \phi(\mathcal{M}(Su, Tx_{3n+1}, Tx_{3n+1}, kt), \mathcal{M}(Au, Su, Su, kt),$$

$$\mathcal{M}(Bx_{3n+1}, Bx_{3n+1}, Bx_{3n+1}, kt), \mathcal{M}(Su, Bx_{3n+1}, Bx_{3n+1}, kt))$$

$$\vee \mathcal{M}(Tx_{3n+1}, Au, Tx_{3n+1}, kt) \vee \mathcal{M}(Tx_{3n+1}, Au, Tx_{3n+1}, kt)).$$

If  $Au \neq y$ , by continuous m and  $\Phi$ , on making  $n \to \infty$ , the above inequality, we get

$$\mathcal{M}(Au, y, y, t) \ge \phi(\mathcal{M}(y, y, y, kt), \mathcal{M}(Au, y, y, kt), \mathcal{M}(y, y, y, kt))$$

$$\mathcal{M}(y, y, y, kt) \lor \mathcal{M}(y, Au, y, kt) \lor \mathcal{M}(y, Au, y, kt))$$

$$\ge \phi(\mathcal{M}(Au, y, y, kt), \mathcal{M}(Au, y, y, kt), \mathcal{M}(Au, y, y, kt), \mathcal{M}(Au, y, y, kt))$$

$$> \mathcal{M}(Au, y, y, kt).$$

That is  $\mathcal{M}(Au, y, y, kt) > \mathcal{M}(Av, y, y, kt)$  which is a contradiction. Hence  $\mathcal{M}(Av, y, y, t) = 1$ , i.e, Av = y. Thus, Au = Su = y. As  $A(X) \subseteq T(X)$ , there exists  $v \in X$ , such that Tv = y. So,

$$\mathcal{M}(y, Bv, Bv, t) = \mathcal{M}(Av, Bv, Bv, t)$$

$$\geq \phi(\mathcal{M}(Su, Tv, Tv, kt), \mathcal{M}(Av, Sv, Sv, kt), \mathcal{M}(Bv, Tv, Tv, kt), \mathcal{M}(Su, Bv, Bv, kt)$$

$$\vee \mathcal{M}(Tv, Au, Tv, kt) \vee \mathcal{M}(Tv, Au, Tv, kt))$$

$$= \phi(1, 1, \mathcal{M}(Bv, y, y, kt), 1).$$

We claim that Bv = y. For if  $Bv \neq y$ . Then  $\mathcal{M}(Bv, y, y, t) < 1$ . On the above inequality, we get

$$\mathcal{M}(y, Bv, Bv, t) \ge \phi(\mathcal{M}(y, Bv, Bv, kt), \mathcal{M}(y, Bv, Bv, kt), \mathcal{M}(y, Bv, Bv, kt), \mathcal{M}(y, Bv, Bv, kt))$$
  
>  $\mathcal{M}(y, Bv, Bv, kt)$  a contradiction.

Hence Tv = Bv = Av = Su = y. Since (A, S) is weakly compatible, we get that ASU = SAU, that is Ay = Sy. Since (B, T) is weakly compatible, we get that TBv = BTv that is Ty = By. If  $Ay \neq y$ , then  $\mathcal{M}(Ay, y, y, t) < 1$ . However,

$$\mathcal{M}(Ay, y, y, t) = \mathcal{M}(Ay, Bv, Bv, t)$$

$$\geq \phi(\mathcal{M}(Sy, Tv, Tv, kt), \mathcal{M}(Ay, Sy, Sy, kt), \mathcal{M}(Bv, Tv, Tv, kt), \mathcal{M}(Sy, Bv, Bv, kt))$$

$$\vee \mathcal{M}(Tv, Ay, Tv, kt) \vee \mathcal{M}(Tv, Ay, Tv, kt))$$

$$\geq \phi(\mathcal{M}(Ay, y, y, kt), 1, 1, \mathcal{M}(y, Ay, y, kt))$$

$$\geq \phi(\mathcal{M}(Ay, y, y, kt), \mathcal{M}(Ay, y, y, kt), \mathcal{M}(Ay, y, y, kt), \mathcal{M}(Ay, y, y, kt))$$

$$> \mathcal{M}(Ay, y, y, kt)) \text{ a contradiction.}$$

Thus Ay = y, hence Ay = Sy = y. Similarly, we prove that By = y. For if  $By \neq y$ . Then  $\mathcal{M}(By, y, y, t) < 1$ , how ever

$$\mathcal{M}(y, By, By, t) = \mathcal{M}(Ay, By, By, t)$$

$$\geq \phi(\mathcal{M}(Sy, Ty, Ty, kt), \mathcal{M}(Ay, Sy, Sy, kt), \mathcal{M}(By, Ty, Ty, kt), \mathcal{M}(Sy, By, By, kt)$$

$$\vee \mathcal{M}(Ty, Ay, Ty, kt) \vee \mathcal{M}(Ty, Ay, Ty, kt))$$

$$\geq \phi(\mathcal{M}(y, By, By, kt), \mathcal{M}(y, By, By, kt), \mathcal{M}(y, By, By, kt), \mathcal{M}(y, By, By, kt))$$

$$> \mathcal{M}(y, By, By, kt) \text{ a contradiction.}$$

Therefore, Ay = By = Sy = Ty = y, ie., y is a common fixed point of A, B, S and T.

**Uniqueness** Let w be another common fixed point of A, B, S and T.

That is 
$$w = Bw = Aw = Sw = Tw$$
. If  $\mathcal{M}(x, y, z, t) < 1$ , then

$$\mathcal{M}(y, w, w, t) = \mathcal{M}(Ay, Bw, Bw, t)$$

$$\geq \phi(\mathcal{M}(Sy, Tw, Tw, kt), \mathcal{M}(Ay, Sy, Sy, kt), \mathcal{M}(Bw, Tw, Tw, kt), \mathcal{M}(Sy, Bw, Bw, kt)$$

$$\vee \mathcal{M}(Tw, Ay, Tw, kt) \vee \mathcal{M}(Tw, Ay, Tw, kt))$$

$$= \phi(\mathcal{M}(y, w, w, kt), 1, 1, \mathcal{M}(y, w, w, kt) \vee \mathcal{M}(w, y, w, kt) \vee \mathcal{M}(w, y, w, kt))$$

$$\geq \phi(\mathcal{M}(y, w, w, kt), \mathcal{M}(y, w, w, kt), \mathcal{M}(y, w, w, kt), \mathcal{M}(y, w, w, kt))$$

$$> \mathcal{M}(y, w, w, kt) \text{ a contradiction.}$$

Therefore y is the unique common fixed point of self-maps A, B, S and T.

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