



# Fixed Point Theorems for Generalized $(\psi, \phi)$ -contractive Mappings in a Complete Strong Fuzzy Metric Space

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**Abstract:** In this paper, we introduce generalized  $(\psi, \phi)$ -contractive mapping in strong fuzzy metric spaces and prove fixed point theorems to this class of maps. Further we introduce a generalized  $(\psi, \phi)$ -contractive mapping  $f$  with respect a mapping  $g$  and prove common fixed point theorems. We provide examples in support of our results.

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## 1. Introduction

The concept of fuzzy metric space was introduced in different ways by various authors (see [5, 9]) and the fixed point theory in these spaces has been intensively studied. The notion of fuzzy metric space, introduced by Kramosil and Michálek [9] was modified by George and Veeramani [3] and that obtained a Hausdorff topology for this section of fuzzy metric spaces. Gregori and Sapena [5] have introduced a kind of contractive mappings in fuzzy metric spaces in the sense of George and Veeramani and proved a fuzzy Banach contraction theorem using a strong condition for completeness, which is Completeness in the sense of Grabiec, or G-completeness. Subsequently, deeper and significant research in fuzzy metric spaces was undertaken by various researchers (see [1, 14, 15]). In 2010, Gregori et al. [11] introduced Strong fuzzy metric space and proved a fixed point theorem. Motivated from Azizollah et al. [2], we have developed this paper. In this paper, we first introduce generalized contractive conditions of maps and also prove some fixed point theorems for generalized  $(\psi, \phi)$ -contractive mapping in strong fuzzy metric spaces.

## 2. Preliminaries

We begin with some basic definitions and results which will be used in the main part of our paper.

**Definition 2.1** ([16]). A binary operation  $* : [0, 1] \times [0, 1] \rightarrow [0, 1]$  is said to be a continuous  $t$ -norm if it satisfies the following conditions :

(T1)  $*$  is associative and commutative,

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(T2)  $*$  is continuous,

(T3)  $a * 1 = a$  for all  $a \in [0, 1]$ ,

(T4)  $a * b \leq c * d$  whenever  $a \leq c$  and  $b \leq d$  for all  $a, b, c, d \in [0, 1]$ .

**Remark 2.2.** A  $t$ -norm  $*$  is called positive, if  $a * b > 0$  for all  $a, b \in (0, 1)$ .

The Lukasiewicz  $t$ -norm, i.e.,  $a *_L b = \max\{a + b - 1, 0\}$ , product  $t$ -norm, i.e.,  $a * b = ab$  and minimum  $t$ -norm, i.e.,  $a *_M b = \min\{a, b\}$ , for  $a, b \in [0, 1]$  are some examples of  $t$ -norms. The concept of fuzzy metric space as defined by George and Veeramani [3] is as follows.

**Definition 2.3** ([3]). Let  $X$  be a nonempty set,  $*$  be a continuous  $t$ -norm. Assume that a fuzzy set  $M : X \times X \times (0, \infty) \rightarrow [0, 1]$  satisfies the following conditions, for each  $x, y, z \in X$  and  $t, s > 0$ ,

(M1)  $M(x, y, t) > 0$ ,

(M2)  $M(x, y, t) = 1$  if and only if  $x = y$ ,

(M3)  $M(x, y, t) = M(y, x, t)$ ,

(M4)  $M(x, y, t) * M(y, z, s) \leq M(x, z, t + s)$ ,

(M5)  $M(x, y, \cdot) : (0, \infty) \rightarrow [0, 1]$  is continuous,

then we call  $M$  a fuzzy metric on  $X$ , and we call the 3-tuple  $(X, M, *)$  a fuzzy metric space.

**Definition 2.4** ([6]). Let  $(X, M, *)$  be a fuzzy metric space. The fuzzy metric  $M$  is said to be strong (non-Archimedean) if it satisfies

$$(M4') : M(x, z, t) \geq M(x, y, t) * M(y, z, t), \text{ for each } x, y, z \in X \text{ and each } t > 0.$$

**Remark 2.5.** Axiom  $(M4')$  can not replace axiom  $(M4)$  in the above definition of fuzzy metric, since in that case,  $M$  could not be a fuzzy metric on  $X$  (See Example 8 in [13]).

Note that it is possible to define a strong fuzzy metric by replacing  $(M4)$  by  $(M4')$  and demanding in  $(M5)$  that the function  $M(x, y, \cdot)$  be an increasing continuous function on  $t$ , for each  $x, y \in X$ . (In fact, in such a case we have that  $M(x, z, t + s) \geq M(x, y, t + s) * M(y, z, t + s) \geq M(x, y, t) * M(y, z, s)$ ).

**Remark 2.6.** Not every fuzzy metric space is a strong fuzzy metric space.

The following example shows that there exists non -strong fuzzy metric spaces.

**Example 2.7** ([8]). Let  $X = \{x, y, z\}$ ,  $* = \cdot$  and  $M : X \times X \times (0, \infty) \rightarrow [0, 1]$  be defined for each  $t > 0$  as  $M(x, x, t) = M(y, y, t) = M(z, z, t) = 1$ ,  $M(x, z, t) = M(z, x, t) = M(y, z, t) = M(z, y, t) = \frac{t}{t+1}$ ,  $M(x, y, t) = M(y, x, t) = \frac{t^2}{(t+2)^2}$ . Then  $(X, M, *)$  is non-strong fuzzy metric space.

**Lemma 2.8** ([4]). Let  $(X, M, *)$  be a fuzzy metric space. For all  $x, y \in X$ ,  $M(x, y, \cdot)$  is a non-decreasing function on  $(0, \infty)$ .

**Remark 2.9.** We observe that  $0 < M(x, y, t) < 1$ , provided  $x \neq y$ , for all  $t > 0$  (see [10]). Let  $(X, M, *)$  be a fuzzy metric space. For  $t > 0$ , the open ball  $B(x, r, t)$  with a center  $x \in X$  and 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 exists  $t > 0$  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 a topology on  $X$ , called the topology induced by the fuzzy metric  $M$ . This topology is metrizable (see [7]).

**Definition 2.10** ([3]). Let  $(X, M, *)$  be a fuzzy metric space.

1. A sequence  $\{x_n\}$  in  $X$  is said to be convergent to a point  $x \in X$  if  $\lim_{n \rightarrow \infty} M(x_n, x, t) = 1$  for all  $t > 0$ .
2. A sequence  $\{x_n\}$  in  $X$  is called a Cauchy sequence if, for each  $0 < \epsilon < 1$  and  $t > 0$ , there exists  $n_0 \in \mathbb{N}$  such that  $M(x_n, x_m, t) > 1 - \epsilon$  for each  $n, m \geq n_0$ .
3. A fuzzy metric space in which every Cauchy sequence is convergent is said to be complete.
4. A fuzzy metric space in which every sequence has a convergent subsequence is said to be compact.

**Remark 2.11.** In a fuzzy metric space the limit of a convergent sequence is unique.

**Definition 2.12** ([17]). Let  $(X, M, *)$  be a fuzzy metric space. Then the mapping  $M$  is said to be continuous on  $X \times X \times (0, \infty)$  if

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

when  $\{(x_n, y_n, t_n)\}$  is a sequence in  $X \times X \times (0, \infty)$  which converges to a point  $(x, y, t) \in X \times X \times (0, \infty)$ , 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 2.13** ([12]). If  $(X, M, *)$  is a fuzzy metric space, then  $M$  is a continuous function on  $X \times X \times (0, \infty)$ .

In section 3, we prove the existence of fixed points to generalized  $(\psi, \phi)$ - contractive mappings of a complete strong fuzzy metric space.

### 3. Main results

We begin our main results with the following definition

**Definition 3.1.** Let  $\psi : (0, 1] \rightarrow [1, \infty)$  be a function which satisfies the following conditions.

- (1).  $\psi$  is continuous and non-increasing, and
- (2).  $\psi(x) = 1$  if and only if  $x = 1$ .

We denote by  $\Psi$  the class of all functions which satisfies the above conditions. Note that  $\Psi \neq \emptyset$ , in fact the map  $\psi : (0, 1] \rightarrow [1, \infty)$  defined by  $\psi(t) = \frac{1}{t}$  is in  $\Psi$ .

**Definition 3.2.** Let  $\phi : (0, 1] \times (0, 1] \rightarrow (0, 1]$  be a function which satisfies the following conditions.

- (1).  $\phi$  is upper semi continuous and non-decreasing, and
- (2).  $\phi(s, t) = 1$  if and only if  $s = t = 1$ .

We denote by  $\Phi$  the class of all functions which satisfies the above conditions. Note that  $\Phi \neq \emptyset$ , in fact the map  $\phi : (0, 1] \times (0, 1] \rightarrow (0, 1]$  defined by  $\phi(s, t) = st$  is in  $\Phi$ .

Now, we introduce generalized  $(\psi, \phi)$  contractive mapping in fuzzy metric space.

**Definition 3.3.** Let  $(X, M, *)$  be a fuzzy metric space. We say that a mapping  $T : X \rightarrow X$  is a generalized  $(\psi, \phi)$ -contractive mapping if there exists  $(\psi, \phi) \in \Psi \times \Phi$  such that,

$$\psi(M(Tx, Ty, t)) \leq \psi(N(x, y, t))\phi(N'(x, y, t), N''(x, y, t)), \quad (1)$$

for all  $x, y \in X$ , and for all  $t > 0$ , where

$$\begin{aligned} N(x, y, t) &= \min\{M(x, y, t), M(x, Tx, t), M(y, Ty, t)\}, \\ N'(x, y, t) &= \min\{M(x, y, t), M(x, Tx, t), M(x, Ty, t)\}, \\ N''(x, y, t) &= \min\{M(x, y, t), M(y, Ty, t), M(y, Tx, t)\}. \end{aligned}$$

**Definition 3.4.** Let  $(X, M, *)$  be a fuzzy metric space and let  $f, g$  be two self mappings on  $X$ . A mapping  $f$  is said to be generalized  $(\psi, \phi)$ -contractive with respect to  $g$  if there exist  $(\psi, \phi) \in \Psi \times \Phi$  such that,

$$\psi(M(fx, gy, t)) \leq \psi(N(x, y, t))\phi(N'(x, y, t), N''(x, y, t)), \quad (2)$$

for all  $x, y \in X$ , and for all  $t > 0$ , where

$$\begin{aligned} N(x, y, t) &= \min\{M(x, y, t), M(x, fx, t), M(y, gy, t)\}, \\ N'(x, y, t) &= \min\{M(x, y, t), M(x, fx, t), M(x, gy, t)\}, \\ N''(x, y, t) &= \min\{M(x, y, t), M(y, Ty, t), M(y, Tx, t)\}. \end{aligned}$$

The following propositions are useful to prove our main results.

**Proposition 3.5.** Let  $(X, M, *)$  be a strong fuzzy metric space. Let  $T : X \rightarrow X$  be a generalized  $(\psi, \phi)$ -contractive mapping. Fix  $x_0 \in X$ . Define a sequence  $\{x_n\}$  in  $X$  by  $x_{n+1} = Tx_n$  for  $n = 0, 1, 2, \dots$ . If  $\lim_{n \rightarrow \infty} M(x_n, x_{n+1}, t) = 1$  for all  $t > 0$  then  $\{x_n\}$  is a Cauchy sequence.

*Proof.* Since the mapping  $T$  is generalized  $(\psi, \phi)$ -contractive there exists  $(\psi, \phi) \in \Psi \times \Phi$  such that

$$\psi(M(Tx, Ty, t)) \leq \psi(N(x, y, t))\phi(N'(x, y, t), N''(x, y, t)) \quad \forall x, y \in X.$$

Suppose that sequence  $\{x_n\}$  is not a Cauchy sequence. Then there exist  $\epsilon \in (0, 1)$  and  $t_0 > 0$  such that for all  $k \geq 1$ , there are positive integers  $m(k), n(k) \in \mathbb{N}$  with  $m(k) > n(k) \geq k$  and

$$M(x_{n(k)}, x_{m(k)}, t_0) \leq 1 - \epsilon. \quad (3)$$

We assume that  $m(k)$  is the least integer exceeding  $n(k)$  and satisfying the above inequality, that is equivalently,

$$M(x_{n(k)}, x_{m(k)-1}, t_0) > 1 - \epsilon \text{ and } M(x_{n(k)}, x_{m(k)}, t_0) \leq 1 - \epsilon.$$

Now, we have

$$\begin{aligned} 1 - \epsilon &\geq M(x_{n(k)}, x_{m(k)}, t_0) \geq M(x_{n(k)}, x_{m(k)-1}, t_0) * M(x_{m(k)-1}, x_{m(k)}, t_0) \\ &> (1 - \epsilon) * M(x_{m(k)-1}, x_{m(k)}, t_0). \end{aligned}$$

$\lim_{k \rightarrow \infty} (1 - \epsilon) * M(x_{m(k)-1}, x_{m(k)}, t_0) = 1 - \epsilon$ . It follows that  $\lim_{k \rightarrow \infty} M(x_{n(k)}, x_{m(k)}, t_0)$  exists and equal to  $1 - \epsilon$ . First we prove that

$$(i). \lim_{k \rightarrow \infty} M(x_{m(k)-1}, x_{n(k)-1}, t_0) = 1 - \epsilon,$$

$$(ii). \lim_{k \rightarrow \infty} M(x_{m(k)-1}, x_{n(k)}, t_0) = 1 - \epsilon,$$

$$(iii). \lim_{k \rightarrow \infty} M(x_{n(k)-1}, x_{m(k)}, t_0) = 1 - \epsilon.$$

We have

$$M(x_{m(k)}, x_{n(k)}, t_0) \geq M(x_{m(k)}, x_{m(k)-1}, t_0) * M(x_{m(k)-1}, x_{n(k)-1}, t_0) * M(x_{n(k)-1}, x_{n(k)}, t_0), \quad (4)$$

$$M(x_{m(k)-1}, x_{n(k)-1}, t_0) \geq M(x_{m(k)-1}, x_{m(k)}, t_0) * M(x_{m(k)}, x_{n(k)}, t_0) * M(x_{n(k)}, x_{n(k)-1}, t_0). \quad (5)$$

Taking limit superior in (4) and limit inferior in (5) we get,

$$1 - \epsilon \geq \limsup_{k \rightarrow \infty} M(x_{m(k)-1}, x_{n(k)-1}, t_0) \quad (6)$$

and

$$\liminf_{k \rightarrow \infty} M(x_{m(k)-1}, x_{n(k)-1}, t_0) \geq 1 - \epsilon. \quad (7)$$

Since limit superior is always greater than or equal to limit inferior, from (6) and (7), we obtain

$$\limsup_{k \rightarrow \infty} M(x_{m(k)-1}, x_{n(k)-1}, t_0) = 1 - \epsilon$$

and

$$\liminf_{k \rightarrow \infty} M(x_{m(k)-1}, x_{n(k)-1}, t_0) = 1 - \epsilon.$$

Thus,  $\lim_{k \rightarrow \infty} M(x_{m(k)-1}, x_{n(k)-1}, t_0)$  exists and equal to  $1 - \epsilon$ . Thus (i) holds.

We now prove (ii). By condition  $(M4')$  of strong fuzzy metric space, we have

$$M(x_{m(k)-1}, x_{n(k)}, t_0) \geq M(x_{m(k)-1}, x_{m(k)}, t_0) * M(x_{m(k)}, x_{n(k)}, t_0), \quad (8)$$

and

$$M(x_{m(k)}, x_{n(k)}, t_0) \geq M(x_{m(k)}, x_{m(k)-1}, t_0) * M(x_{m(k)-1}, x_{n(k)}, t_0). \quad (9)$$

Taking limit inferior in (8) and limit superior in (9) as  $n \rightarrow \infty$ , we have

$$\liminf_{k \rightarrow \infty} M(x_{m(k)-1}, x_{n(k)}, t_0) \geq 1 - \epsilon,$$

and

$$1 - \epsilon \geq \limsup_{k \rightarrow \infty} M(x_{m(k)-1}, x_{n(k)}, t_0).$$

This implies that

$$1 - \epsilon \geq \limsup_{k \rightarrow \infty} M(x_{m(k)-1}, x_{n(k)}, t_0) \geq \liminf_{k \rightarrow \infty} M(x_{m(k)-1}, x_{n(k)}, t_0) \geq 1 - \epsilon.$$

Thus,

$$\limsup_{k \rightarrow \infty} M(x_{m(k)-1}, x_{n(k)}, t_0) = \liminf_{k \rightarrow \infty} M(x_{m(k)-1}, x_{n(k)}, t_0) = 1 - \epsilon.$$

Hence  $\lim_{k \rightarrow \infty} M(x_{m(k)-1}, x_{n(k)}, t_0)$  exists and  $\lim_{k \rightarrow \infty} M(x_{m(k)-1}, x_{n(k)}, t_0) = 1 - \epsilon$ . Thus (ii) holds.

We now prove (iii). By Condition  $(M'4)$  in a strong fuzzy metric space, we have

$$M(x_{n(k)-1}, x_{m(k)}, t_0) \geq M(x_{n(k)-1}, x_{n(k)}, t_0) * M(x_{n(k)}, x_{m(k)}, t_0), \tag{10}$$

and

$$M(x_{n(k)}, x_{m(k)}, t_0) \geq M(x_{n(k)}, x_{n(k)-1}, t_0) * M(x_{n(k)-1}, x_{m(k)}, t_0). \tag{11}$$

Taking limit inferior in (10) and limit superior in (11) as  $n \rightarrow \infty$ , we obtain

$$\liminf_{k \rightarrow \infty} M(x_{n(k)-1}, x_{m(k)}, t_0) \geq 1 - \epsilon,$$

and

$$1 - \epsilon \geq \limsup_{k \rightarrow \infty} M(x_{n(k)-1}, x_{m(k)}, t_0).$$

This implies that

$$1 - \epsilon \geq \limsup_{k \rightarrow \infty} M(x_{n(k)-1}, x_{m(k)}, t_0) \geq \liminf_{k \rightarrow \infty} M(x_{n(k)-1}, x_{m(k)}, t_0) \geq 1 - \epsilon.$$

Thus,

$$\limsup_{k \rightarrow \infty} M(x_{n(k)-1}, x_{m(k)}, t_0) = \liminf_{k \rightarrow \infty} M(x_{n(k)-1}, x_{m(k)}, t_0) = 1 - \epsilon.$$

Hence  $\lim_{k \rightarrow \infty} M(x_{n(k)-1}, x_{m(k)}, t_0)$  exists and  $\lim_{k \rightarrow \infty} M(x_{n(k)-1}, x_{m(k)}, t_0) = 1 - \epsilon$ . Hence (iii) holds. Now, from the inequality (1), we have

$$\begin{aligned} \psi(M(x_{m(k)}, x_{n(k)}, t_0)) &= \psi(M(Tx_{m(k)-1}, Tx_{n(k)-1}, t_0)) \\ &\leq \psi(N(x_{m(k)-1}, x_{n(k)-1}, t_0))\phi(N'(x_{m(k)-1}, x_{n(k)-1}, t_0), N''(x_{m(k)-1}, x_{n(k)-1}, t_0)) \end{aligned}$$

where

$$N(x_{m(k)-1}, x_{n(k)-1}, t_0) = \min\{M(x_{m(k)-1}, x_{n(k)-1}, t_0), M(x_{m(k)-1}, x_{m(k)}, t_0), M(x_{n(k)-1}, x_{n(k)}, t_0)\},$$

$$N'(x_{m(k)-1}, x_{n(k)-1}, t_0) = \min\{M(x_{m(k)-1}, x_{n(k)-1}, t_0), M(x_{m(k)-1}, x_{m(k)}, t_0), M(x_{m(k)-1}, x_{m(k)}, t_0)\},$$

$$N''(x_{m(k)-1}, x_{n(k)-1}, t_0) = \min\{M(x_{m(k)-1}, x_{n(k)-1}, t_0), M(x_{n(k)-1}, x_{n(k)}, t_0), M(x_{n(k)-1}, x_{m(k)}, t_0)\}.$$

Hence, it follows that

$$\lim_{k \rightarrow \infty} N(x_{m(k)-1}, x_{n(k)-1}, t_0) = 1 - \epsilon, \tag{12}$$

$$\lim_{k \rightarrow \infty} N'(x_{m(k)-1}, x_{n(k)-1}, t_0) = 1 - \epsilon, \tag{13}$$

$$\lim_{k \rightarrow \infty} N''(x_{m(k)-1}, x_{n(k)-1}, t_0) = 1 - \epsilon. \tag{14}$$

Since  $\psi$  is continuous and  $\phi$  is upper semi continuous with respect to both components, by taking limit superior as  $k \rightarrow \infty$  in (12), and by using (12), (13) and (14), we get

$$\psi(1 - \epsilon) \leq \psi(1 - \epsilon)\phi(1 - \epsilon, 1 - \epsilon).$$

it follows that,  $\phi(1 - \epsilon, 1 - \epsilon) = 1$ . Hence from the property of  $\phi$ , we have  $\epsilon = 0$ , which contradicts that  $0 < \epsilon < 1$ . Therefore,  $\{x_n\}$  is a Cauchy sequence in  $X$ . □

**Proposition 3.6.** *Let  $(X, M, *)$  be a strong fuzzy metric space. Let  $f, g$  be two self maps on  $X$  and let  $f$  be a generalized  $(\psi, \phi)$ - contractive mapping with respect to  $g$ . Fix  $x_0 \in X$ . Define a sequence  $\{x_n\}$  in  $X$  by  $x_{2n} = fx_{2n-1}$  and  $x_{2n+1} = gx_{2n}$  for all  $n = 0, 1, 2, \dots$ . If  $\lim_{n \rightarrow \infty} M(x_n, x_{n+1}, t) = 1, \forall t > 0$ . Then  $\{x_n\}$  is a Cauchy sequence.*

*Proof.* Suppose that the sequence  $\{x_n\}$  is not a Cauchy sequence. Since  $\lim_{n \rightarrow \infty} M(x_n, x_{n+1}, t) = 1$  for all  $t > 0$ , the sequence  $\{x_{2n}\}$  is not Cauchy. Then there exist  $\epsilon \in (0, 1)$  and  $t_0 > 0$  such that for all  $k \geq 1$ , there are positive integers  $m(k), n(k) \in \mathbb{N}$  with  $n(k) > m(k) \geq k$  and

$$M(x_{2n(k)}, x_{2m(k)}, t_0) \leq 1 - \epsilon. \tag{15}$$

We assume that  $2n(k)$  is the least positive even integer exceeding  $2m(k)$  and satisfying the above inequality, that is equivalently,

$$M(x_{2n(k)}, x_{2m(k)}, t_0) \leq 1 - \epsilon, \text{ and } M(x_{2m(k)}, x_{2n(k)-2}, t_0) > 1 - \epsilon.$$

By condition  $(M4')$  in a strong fuzzy metric space, we have

$$\begin{aligned} 1 - \epsilon \geq M(x_{2n(k)}, x_{2m(k)}, t_0) &\geq M(x_{2n(k)}, x_{2n(k)-2}, t_0) * M(x_{2n(k)-2}, x_{2m(k)}, t_0) \\ &\geq M(x_{2n(k)-2}, x_{2n(k)}, t_0) * (1 - \epsilon) \quad \forall k \in \mathbb{N}. \end{aligned} \tag{16}$$

Since  $\{M(x_{2n(k)}, x_{2n(k)}, t)\}$  is a sub sequence of  $\{M(x_n, x_{n+1}, t)\}$  by taking limit as  $k \rightarrow \infty$  on both sides of (16) we get ,

$$\lim_{k \rightarrow \infty} M(x_{2n(k)}, x_{2m(k)}, t_0) = 1 - \epsilon. \tag{17}$$

From the condition  $(M'4)$  of strong fuzzy metric space, we have

$$\begin{aligned} M(x_{2m(k)}, x_{2n(k)}, t_0) &\geq M(x_{2m(k)}, x_{2m(k)+1}, t_0) * M(x_{2m(k)+1}, x_{2n(k)}, t_0) \geq M(x_{2m(k)}, x_{2m(k)+1}, t_0) * \\ &M(x_{2m(k)+1}, x_{2n(k)+1}, t_0) * M(x_{2n(k)+1}, x_{2n(k)}, t_0) \geq M(x_{2m(k)}, x_{2m(k)+1}, t_0) * M(x_{2m(k)+1}, x_{2m(k)+2}, t_0) * \\ &M(x_{2m(k)+2}, x_{2n(k)+1}, t_0) * M(x_{2n(k)+1}, x_{2n(k)}, t_0) \geq M(x_{2m(k)}, x_{2m(k)+1}, t_0) * M(x_{2m(k)+1}, x_{2m(k)+2}, t_0) * \\ &M(x_{2m(k)+2}, x_{2n(k)}, t_0) * M(x_{2n(k)}, x_{2n(k)+1}, t_0) * M(x_{2n(k)}, x_{2n(k)+1}, t_0) \geq M(x_{2m(k)}, x_{2m(k)+1}, t_0) * \\ &M(x_{2m(k)+1}, x_{2m(k)+2}, t_0) * M(x_{2m(k)+2}, x_{2m(k)+1}, t_0) * M(x_{2m(k)+1}, x_{2m(k)}, t_0) * M(x_{2m(k)}, x_{2n(k)}, t_0) * M(x_{2n(k)}, x_{2n(k)+1}, t_0) * \\ &M(x_{2n(k)}, x_{2n(k)+1}, t_0). \end{aligned}$$

By taking limits on both sides of the above inequality we obtain,  $\lim_{k \rightarrow \infty} M(x_{2n(k)}, x_{2m(k)+1}, t_0) = 1 - \epsilon$ ,  $\lim_{k \rightarrow \infty} M(x_{2m(k)+2}, x_{2n(k)}, t_0) = 1 - \epsilon$  and  $\lim_{k \rightarrow \infty} M(x_{2m(k)+1}, x_{2n(k)+1}, t_0) = 1 - \epsilon$ . Since  $f$  is a generalized  $(\psi, \phi)$ - contractive mapping with respect to  $g$  by substituting  $x$  with  $x_{2m(k)+1}$  and  $y$  with  $x_{2n(k)}$  in (2), we get that

$$\begin{aligned} \psi(M(x_{2m(k)+2}, x_{2n(k)+1}, t_0)) &= \psi(M(fx_{2m(k)+1}, gx_{2n(k)}, t_0)) \\ &\leq \psi(N(x_{2m(k)+1}, x_{2n(k)}, t_0))\phi(N'(x_{2m(k)+1}, x_{2n(k)}, t_0), N''(x_{2m(k)+1}, x_{2n(k)}, t_0)), \end{aligned}$$

where

$$N(x_{2m(k)+1}, x_{2n(k)}, t_0) = \min\{M(x_{2m(k)+1}, x_{2n(k)}, t_0), M(x_{2m(k)+1}, fx_{2m(k)+1}, t_0), M(x_{2n(k)}, gx_{2n(k)}, t_0)\}, \tag{18}$$

$$N'(x_{2m(k)+1}, x_{2n(k)}, t_0) = \min\{M(x_{2m(k)+1}, x_{2n(k)}, t_0), M(x_{2m(k)+1}, fx_{2m(k)+1}, t_0), M(x_{2m(k)}, gx_{2n(k)}, t_0)\} \tag{19}$$

and

$$N''(x_{2m(k)+1}, x_{2n(k)}, t_0) = \min\{M(x_{2m(k)+1}, x_{2n(k)}, t_0), M(x_{2n(k)}, gx_{2n(k)}, t_0), M(x_{2n(k)}, fx_{2m(k)+1}, t_0)\}. \tag{20}$$

Thus, letting as  $k \rightarrow \infty$  in (18), (19) and (20), it follows that

$$\lim_{k \rightarrow \infty} N(x_{2m(k)+1}, x_{2n(k)}, t_0) = 1 - \epsilon, \quad (21)$$

$$\lim_{k \rightarrow \infty} N'(x_{2m(k)+1}, x_{2n(k)}, t_0) = 1 - \epsilon, \quad (22)$$

$$\lim_{k \rightarrow \infty} N''(x_{2m(k)+1}, x_{2n(k)}, t_0) = 1 - \epsilon. \quad (23)$$

On taking limit as  $k \rightarrow \infty$  in (18) and by using (21), (22) and (23), it follows that

$$\psi(1 - \epsilon) \leq \psi(1 - \epsilon)\phi(1 - \epsilon, 1 - \epsilon). \quad (24)$$

Which implies  $\epsilon = 0$ , a contradiction. Therefore  $\{x_n\}$  is a Cauchy Sequence.  $\square$

We now prove our main theorems and draw some corollaries.

**Theorem 3.7.** *Let  $(X, M, *)$  be a strong fuzzy metric space and  $T : X \rightarrow X$  be continuous and generalized  $(\psi, \phi)$ -contractive mapping. Then  $T$  has a unique fixed point.*

*Proof.* Let  $x_0 \in X$  be arbitrary element of  $X$ . We define a sequence  $x_{n+1} = Tx_n$  for  $n = 0, 1, 2, \dots$ . If there exist  $n_0 \in \mathbb{N} \cup \{0\}$  such that  $x_{n_0} = x_{n_0+1} = Tx_{n_0}$ , then  $x_0$  is the fixed point of  $T$ . Assume that  $x_n \neq x_{n+1}$ , for all  $n = 1, 2, 3, \dots$ . Since  $T$  is a generalized  $(\psi, \phi)$ -contractive mapping there exists  $(\psi, \phi) \in \Psi \times \Phi$  such that

$$\psi(M(Tx, Ty, t)) \leq \psi(N(x, y, t))\phi(N'(x, y, t), N''(x, y, t)) \text{ for all } x, y \in X \text{ and for each } t > 0.$$

Thus, for  $x_{n-1} \neq x_n$  and  $t > 0$ , we have

$$\psi(M(Tx_{n-1}, Tx_n, t)) \leq \psi(N(x_{n-1}, x_n, t))\phi(N'(x_{n-1}, x_n, t), N''(x_{n-1}, x_n, t)).$$

This implies,

$$\psi(M(x_n, x_{n+1}, t)) \leq \psi(N(x_{n-1}, x_n, t))\phi(N'(x_{n-1}, x_n, t), N''(x_{n-1}, x_n, t)),$$

where

$$\begin{aligned} N(x_{n-1}, x_n, t) &= \min\{M(x_{n-1}, x_n, t), M(x_{n-1}, x_n, t), M(x_n, x_{n+1}, t)\}, \\ N'(x_{n-1}, x_n, t) &= \min\{M(x_{n-1}, x_n, t), M(x_{n-1}, x_n, t), M(x_{n-1}, x_{n+1}, t)\}, \\ N''(x_{n-1}, x_n, t) &= \min\{M(x_{n-1}, x_n, t), M(x_n, x_{n+1}, t), M(x_n, x_n, t)\}. \end{aligned}$$

Since  $\phi(N'(x_{n-1}, x_n, t), N''(x_{n-1}, x_n, t)) < 1$ , we conclude that

$$\psi(M(x_n, x_{n+1}, t)) < \psi(\min\{M(x_{n-1}, x_n, t), M(x_{n-1}, x_n, t)\})$$

Again  $\psi$  is non-increasing imply that

$$M(x_n, x_{n+1}, t) > \min\{M(x_n, x_{n+1}, t), M(x_{n-1}, x_n, t)\}.$$



This implies,

$$\min\{M(x_n, x_{n+1}, t), M(x_{n-1}, x_n, t)\} = M(x_{n-1}, x_n, t).$$

Thus,  $M(x_n, x_{n+1}, t) > M(x_{n-1}, x_n, t)$ . Therefore, for every  $t > 0$ ,  $\{M(x_n, x_{n+1}, t)\}$  is an increasing sequence of real numbers in  $(0, 1]$ . Since every bounded and monotone sequence is convergent, the sequence  $\{M(x_n, x_{n+1}, t)\}$  converges to some number in  $(0, 1]$ . Let  $\lim_{n \rightarrow \infty} M(x_n, x_{n+1}, t) = l_t$ .

**Claim:**  $l_t = 1, \forall t > 0$ . We have that  $T$  is a generalized contractive mapping, so for all  $n \in \mathbb{N}$  and  $t > 0$

$$\psi(M(Tx_{n-1}, Tx_n, t)) \leq \psi(N(x_{n-1}, x_n, t))\phi(N'(x_{n-1}, x_n, t), N''(x_{n-1}, x_n, t)).$$

Since  $\phi$  is non-decreasing with respect to both variables, we get that

$$\psi(M(x_n, x_{n+1}, t)) \leq \psi(N(x_{n-1}, x_n, t))\phi(M(x_{n-1}, x_n, t_0), \min\{M(x_{n-1}, x_n, t_0), M(x_n, x_{n+1}, t_0)\}). \tag{25}$$

Taking limit superior as  $k \rightarrow \infty$  in the inequality (25), the continuity of  $\psi$  and the upper semi continuity of  $\phi$ , shows  $\psi(l_t) \leq \psi(l_t)\phi(l_t, l_t)$ . Which implies  $\phi(l_t, l_t) = 1$ . Hence  $l_t = 1$ . Now by Proposition (3.5) the sequence  $\{x_n\}$  is Cauchy. Since  $X$  is a complete strong fuzzy metric space there exists  $x \in X$  such that  $x_n \rightarrow x$  as  $n \rightarrow \infty$ . The continuity of  $T$  implies that  $Tx_n \rightarrow Tx$  as  $n \rightarrow \infty$ . Since the limit of a convergent sequence in fuzzy metric space is unique, we have that  $Tx = x$ . Therefore  $x$  is a fixed point of  $T$ . We show the uniqueness of fixed points of  $T$ . Let  $u$  and  $v$  be two fixed points of  $T$ . Then  $Tu = u$  and  $Tv = v$ . Since  $T$  is a generalized  $(\psi, \phi)$ -contractive map, for  $u, v \in X$ , and  $t > 0$  we have

$$\begin{aligned} \psi(M(u, v, t)) &= \psi(M(Tu, Tv, t)) \\ &\leq \psi(N(u, v, t))\phi(N'(u, v, t), N''(u, v, t)), \end{aligned} \tag{26}$$

where

$$\begin{aligned} N(u, v, t) &= \min\{M(u, v, t), M(u, Tu, t), M(v, Tv, t)\} \\ &= \min\{M(u, v, t), 1, 1\} \\ &= M(u, v, t), \end{aligned} \tag{27}$$

$$\begin{aligned} N'(u, v, t) &= \min\{M(u, v, t), M(u, Tu, t), M(u, Tv, t)\} \\ &= \min\{M(u, v, t), 1, M(u, v, t)\} = M(u, v, t), \end{aligned} \tag{28}$$

$$\begin{aligned} N''(u, v, t) &= \min\{M(u, v, t), M(v, Tv, t), M(v, Tu, t)\} \\ &= \min\{M(u, v, t), 1, M(v, u, t)\} = M(u, v, t). \end{aligned} \tag{29}$$

From (26)-(29) we have observed that

$$\psi(M(u, v, t)) \leq \psi(M(u, v, t))\phi((M(u, v, t), M(u, v, t))).$$

This implies,  $\phi((M(u, v, t), M(u, v, t))) = 1$ , thus  $M(u, v, t) = 1$ , which implies  $u = v$ . Therefore, the fixed point of  $T$  is unique. □

If we take  $\psi(t) = \frac{1}{t}$  and  $\phi(s, t) = st$  in Theorem 3.7 we get the following corollary.

**Corollary 3.8.** *Let  $(X, M, *)$  be a strong fuzzy metric space and  $T$  be a self map of  $X$  which satisfies*

$$N(x, y, t) \leq M(Tx, Ty, t)N'(x, y, t)N''(x, y, t),$$

where

$$\begin{aligned} N(x, y, t) &= \min\{M(x, y, t), M(x, Tx, t), M(y, Ty, t)\}, \\ N'(x, y, t) &= \min\{M(x, y, t), M(x, Tx, t), M(x, Ty, t)\}, \\ N''(x, y, t) &= \min\{M(x, y, t), M(y, Ty, t), M(y, Tx, t)\}. \end{aligned}$$

Then  $T$  has a unique fixed point.

For the next result we use the following notation: Let  $f : X \rightarrow X$ ,  $g : X \rightarrow X$  be maps, we denote the set of all fixed points of  $f$  by  $F(f) = \{x \in X | f(x) = x\}$  and the set of all common fixed points of  $f$  and  $g$  by  $F(f, g) = \{x \in X | f(x) = g(x) = x\}$ .

**Theorem 3.9.** *Let  $(X, M, *)$  be a strong complete fuzzy metric space. Let  $f, g : X \rightarrow X$  be two mappings and  $f$  is generalized  $(\psi, \phi)$ -contractive mapping with respect  $g$  then  $F(f) = F(g)$ . Further if either  $f$  or  $g$  is continuous then  $f$  and  $g$  have a unique common fixed point.*

*Proof.* By our assumption there exists  $(\psi, \phi) \in \Psi \times \Phi$ , for all  $x, y$  in  $X$  and  $t > 0$  such that

$$\psi(M(fx, gy, t)) \leq \psi(N(x, y, t))\phi(N'(x, y, t), N''(x, y, t)), \quad (30)$$

where

$$\begin{aligned} N(x, y, t) &= \min\{M(x, y, t), M(x, fx, t), M(y, gy, t)\}, \\ N'(x, y, t) &= \min\{M(x, y, t), M(x, fx, t), M(x, gy, t)\}, \\ N''(x, y, t) &= \min\{M(x, y, t), M(y, gy, t), M(y, fx, t)\}. \end{aligned}$$

We now show that  $F(f) = F(g) = F(f, g)$ . Let  $z \in F(f)$ , so  $fx = z$ . Thus, for  $x = y = z$ , we have

$$\psi(M(z, gz, t)) \leq \psi(N(z, z, t))\phi(N'(z, z, t), N''(z, z, t)) \text{ for all } t > 0, \quad (31)$$

where

$$N(z, z, t) = M(z, gz, t), N'(z, z, t) = M(z, gz, t) \text{ and } N''(z, z, t) = M(z, gz, t).$$

Thus from (31) and the above result we get the following inequality;

$$\psi(M(z, gz, t)) \leq \psi(M(z, gz, t))\phi(M(z, gz, t), M(z, gz, t)), \text{ for all } t > 0. \quad (32)$$

Which yields  $\phi(M(z, gz, t), M(z, gz, t)) = 1$ , for all  $t > 0$ . Since  $\phi \in \Phi$ , we obtain  $M(z, gz, t) = 1, \forall t > 0$ . Hence  $gz = z$ , that is  $z \in F(g)$ . Thus  $F(f) \subset F(g)$ . Similarly we can show that  $F(g) \subset F(f)$ . Therefore, we have  $F(f, g) = F(f) = F(g)$ .

Now let  $x_0 \in X$ , we define a sequence  $\{x_n\}$  by  $x_1 = x_0$  and

$$x_{2n} = fx_{2n-1}, \quad x_{2n+1} = gx_{2n} \text{ for } n = 1, 2, 3, \dots \quad (33)$$

If there exist  $m \in \mathbb{N}$  such that either  $x_{2m} = x_{2m-1}$  or  $x_{2m+1} = x_{2m}$  holds then  $F(f)$  is nonempty. Since if  $x_{2m} = x_{2m-1}$ , then  $fx_{2m-1} = x_{2m} = x_{2m-1}$ , so  $x_{2m-1} \in F(f)$ . Hence  $x_{2m} \in F(g) = F(f)$ . Therefore we may suppose that  $x_n \neq x_{n+1}$ , for all  $n \in \mathbb{N}$ . Suppose  $n$  arbitrary. For each  $t > 0$ , we have

$$\begin{aligned} \psi(M(x_{2n}, x_{2n+1}, t)) &= \psi(M(fx_{2n-1}, gx_{2n}, t)) \\ &\leq \psi(N(x_{2n-1}, x_{2n}, t))\phi(N'(x_{2n-1}, x_{2n}, t), N''(x_{2n-1}, x_{2n}, t)), \end{aligned} \tag{34}$$

where

$$N(x_{2n-1}, x_{2n}, t) = \min\{M(x_{2n-1}, x_{2n}, t), M(x_{2n-1}, fx_{2n-1}, t), M(x_{2n}, gx_{2n}, t)\}, \tag{35}$$

$$N'(x_{2n-1}, x_{2n}, t) = \min\{M(x_{2n-1}, x_{2n}, t), M(x_{2n-1}, fx_{2n-1}, t), M(x_{2n-1}, gx_{2n}, t)\}, \tag{36}$$

$$N''(x_{2n-1}, x_{2n}, t) = \min\{M(x_{2n-1}, x_{2n}, t), M(x_{2n}, gx_{2n}, t), M(x_{2n}, fx_{2n-1}, t)\}. \tag{37}$$

From (34), (35), (36) and (37) we have

$$\begin{aligned} \psi(M(x_{2n}, x_{2n+1}, t)) &\leq \psi(\min\{M(x_{2n-1}, x_{2n}, t), M(x_{2n}, x_{2n+1}, t)\}) \\ &\quad \times \phi(\min\{M(x_{2n-1}, x_{2n}, t), M(x_{2n-1}, x_{2n+1}, t)\}, \min\{M(x_{2n-1}, x_{2n}, t), M(x_{2n}, x_{2n+1}, t)\}). \end{aligned}$$

Since  $\phi$  is non-decreasing with respect to both components it follows that

$$\begin{aligned} \psi(M(x_{2n}, x_{2n+1}, t)) &\leq \psi(\min\{M(x_{2n-1}, x_{2n}, t), M(x_{2n}, x_{2n+1}, t)\})\phi(M(x_{2n-1}, x_{2n}, t), \\ &\quad \min\{M(x_{2n-1}, x_{2n}, t), M(x_{2n}, x_{2n+1}, t)\}). \end{aligned} \tag{38}$$

If  $\phi(M(x_{2n-1}, x_{2n}, t), \min\{M(x_{2n-1}, x_{2n}, t), M(x_{2n}, x_{2n+1}, t)\}) = 1$  then

$$M(x_{2n-1}, x_{2n}, t) = \min\{M(x_{2n-1}, x_{2n}, t), M(x_{2n}, x_{2n+1}, t)\},$$

which implies  $M(x_{2n-1}, x_{2n}, t) \leq M(x_{2n}, x_{2n+1}, t)$ . On the hand, if

$$\phi(M(x_{2n-1}, x_{2n}, t), \min\{M(x_{2n-1}, x_{2n}, t), M(x_{2n}, x_{2n+1}, t)\}) < 1$$

then from (38) we have

$$\psi(M(x_{2n}, x_{2n+1}, t)) < \psi(\min\{M(x_{2n-1}, x_{2n}, t), M(x_{2n}, x_{2n+1}, t)\}). \tag{39}$$

Combining (39) with the non-increasing property of  $\psi$ , we get

$$M(x_{2n}, x_{2n+1}, t) > \min\{M(x_{2n-1}, x_{2n}, t), M(x_{2n}, x_{2n+1}, t)\}.$$

Which implies  $\min\{M(x_{2n-1}, x_{2n}, t), M(x_{2n}, x_{2n+1}, t)\} = M(x_{2n-1}, x_{2n}, t)$ . Thus,  $M(x_{2n}, x_{2n+1}, t) > M(x_{2n-1}, x_{2n}, t)$ . Hence  $\{M(x_{2n}, x_{2n+1}, t)\}$  is an increasing sequence in  $(0, 1]$ . Consequently there exist  $l_t \in (0, 1]$  such that  $\lim_{n \rightarrow \infty} M(x_{2n}, x_{2n+1}, t) = l_t, \forall t > 0$ . We now prove that  $l_t = 1$  for all  $t > 0$ . Let  $t > 0$ , from (38) we have

$$\psi(M(x_{2n}, x_{2n+1}, t)) = \psi(M(fx_{2n-1}, gx_{2n}, t)) \leq \psi(N(x_{2n-1}, x_{2n}, t))\phi(M(x_{2n-1}, x_{2n}, t), N''(x_{2n-1}, x_{2n}, t)). \tag{40}$$

Since  $\psi$  is continuous and  $\phi$  is upper semi continuous with respect to both variables on taking limit superior in (40) we get

$$\psi(l_t) \leq \psi(l_t)\phi(l_t, l_t). \quad (41)$$

Which implies  $\phi(l_t, l_t) = 1$ . By property of  $\phi$ ,  $l_t = 1$ . Hence by Proposition 2 it follows that  $\{x_n\}$  is a Cauchy sequence. Since  $(X, M, *)$  is a complete strong fuzzy metric space there exist  $u \in X$  such that  $x_n \rightarrow u$ . Without loss of generality we assume that  $f$  is Continuous. As  $x_{2n-1} \rightarrow u$  as  $n \rightarrow \infty$ , the continuity of  $f$  implies that  $fx_{2n-1} = x_{2n} \rightarrow fu$  as  $n \rightarrow \infty$ , by uniqueness of the limit, we obtain  $fu = u$ . Therefore  $u \in F(f) = F(g)$ . We will show  $u$  is unique. Suppose that  $v \in F(f, g) = F(f) = F(g)$ . For each  $t > 0$ , we have

$$\begin{aligned} \psi(M(u, v, t)) &= \psi(M(fu, gv, t)) \\ &\leq \psi(N(u, v, t))\phi(N'(u, v, t), N''(u, v, t)), \end{aligned} \quad (42)$$

where

$$N(u, v, t) = \min\{M(u, v, t), M(u, fu, t), M(v, gv, t)\} = \min\{M(u, v, t), 1, 1\} = M(u, v, t), \quad (43)$$

$$N'(u, v, t) = \min\{M(u, v, t), M(u, fu, t), M(u, gv, t)\} = \min\{M(u, v, t), 1, M(u, v, t)\} = M(u, v, t), \quad (44)$$

$$N''(u, v, t) = \min\{M(u, v, t), M(v, gv, t), M(v, fu, t)\} = \min\{M(u, v, t), 1, M(u, v, t)\} = M(u, v, t). \quad (45)$$

From (42), (43), (44) and (45), we have

$$\psi(M(u, v, t)) = \psi(M(fu, gv, t)) \leq \psi(M(u, v, t))\phi(M(u, v, t), M(u, v, t)).$$

Thus,  $\phi(M(u, v, t), M(u, v, t)) = 1$ . Which implies  $M(u, v, t) = 1$ . Therefore  $u = v$ . □

By taking  $\psi(t) = \frac{1}{t}$  and  $\phi(s, t) = st$  in Theorem 3.9 we draw the following corollary:

**Corollary 3.10.** *Let  $(X, M, *)$  be a strong complete fuzzy metric space. Let  $f, g : X \rightarrow X$  be two mappings such that for each  $x, y \in X$  and  $t > 0$*

$$\frac{M(x, y, z)}{M(fx, gy, t)} \leq N'(x, y, t)N''(x, y, t),$$

where

$$N'(x, y, t) = \min\{M(x, y, t), M(x, fx, t), M(x, gy, t)\}$$

$$N''(x, y, t) = \min\{M(x, y, t), M(y, gy, t), M(y, fx, t)\}.$$

Then  $F(f) = F(g)$ . Further if either  $f$  or  $g$  is continuous then  $f$  and  $g$  have a unique common fixed point.

## 4. Examples

In this section we provide examples in support of the main results of section 3. The following example is in support of Theorem 3.7.

**Example 4.1.** Let  $X = [0, \infty)$  and  $M(x, y, t) = (\frac{t}{t+1})^{d(x,y)}$ , where  $d(x, y) = |x - y|$ ,  $*$  be product continuous  $t$ -norm. Here  $(X, M, *)$  is complete strong fuzzy metric space. Let  $T : X \rightarrow X$  be a map defined by

$$Tx = \begin{cases} \frac{x}{2}, & \text{if } x \in [0, 1) \\ \frac{1}{2}, & \text{if } x \in [1, \infty) \end{cases}$$

**Claim .**  $T$  is a generalized  $(\psi, \phi)$ -contractive map for  $\psi(t) = \frac{1}{t^6}$  and  $\phi(s, t) = \sqrt{st}$ . clearly  $(\psi, \phi) \in \Psi \times \Phi$ . Now we wish to show for all  $x, y$  in  $X$  and  $t > 0$

$$\psi(M(Tx, Ty, t)) \leq \psi(N(x, y, t))\phi(N'(x, y, t), N''(x, y, t)). \tag{46}$$

**Case 1:** Let  $x, y \in [0, 1]$ ,  $Tx = \frac{x}{2}$ ,  $Ty = \frac{y}{2}$  and let  $a = \frac{t}{t+1}$ .

**Sub case 1;** if  $x \geq y$  then  $M(Tx, Ty, t) = a^{\frac{x-y}{2}}$ ,  $M(x, y, t) = a^{x-y}$ ,  $M(x, Tx, t) = a^{\frac{x}{2}}$ ,  $M(y, Ty, t) = a^{\frac{y}{2}}$ ,  $M(x, Ty, t) = a^{x-\frac{y}{2}}$  and

$$M(y, Tx, t) = \begin{cases} a^{y-\frac{x}{2}}, & \text{if } y \geq \frac{x}{2} \\ a^{\frac{x}{2}-y}, & \text{if } y < \frac{x}{2} \end{cases}$$

When  $y \geq \frac{x}{2}$ ,

$$N(x, y, t) = \min\{a^{x-y}, a^{\frac{x}{2}}, a^{\frac{y}{2}}\} = a^{\frac{x}{2}}, \quad N'(x, y, t) = \min\{a^{x-y}, a^{\frac{x}{2}}, a^{x-\frac{y}{2}}\} = a^{x-\frac{y}{2}} \quad \text{and}$$

$$N''(x, y, t) = \min\{a^{x-y}, a^{\frac{y}{2}}, a^{y-\frac{x}{2}}\} = \begin{cases} a^{x-y}, & \text{if } x \geq \frac{3y}{2}, \\ a^{\frac{y}{2}}, & \text{if } x < \frac{3y}{2}. \end{cases}$$

For  $x \geq \frac{3y}{2}$ , we have  $\psi(M(Tx, Ty, t)) = a^{-3x+3y}$ ,  $\psi(N(x, y, t)) = a^{-3x}$ ,  $\phi(N'(x, y, t), N''(x, y, t)) = a^{x-\frac{3y}{4}}$ . Since  $-3x+3y \geq -3x+x-\frac{3y}{4}$ ,  $\forall y \geq \frac{x}{2}$ , we have

$$\psi(M(Tx, Ty, t)) \leq \psi(N(x, y, t))\phi(N'(x, y, t), N''(x, y, t)).$$

If  $x < \frac{3y}{2}$ , then  $\phi(N'(x, y, t), N''(x, y, t)) = a^{\frac{x}{2}}$ . Again since  $-3x+3y \geq -3x+\frac{x}{2}$ ,  $\forall y \geq \frac{x}{2}$ , we have

$$\psi(M(Tx, Ty, t)) \leq \psi(N(x, y, t))\phi(N'(x, y, t), N''(x, y, t)).$$

If  $y < \frac{x}{2}$  then  $N(x, y, t) = a^{x-y}$ ,  $N'(x, y, t) = a^{x-\frac{y}{2}}$ , and  $N''(x, y, t) = a^{x-y}$ . Thus we have

$$\psi(M(Tx, Ty, t)) = a^{-3x+3y}, \quad \psi(N(x, y, t)) = a^{-6x+6y} \quad \text{and} \quad \phi(N'(x, y, t), N''(x, y, t)) = a^{x-\frac{3y}{4}}.$$

Here,  $-3x+3y \geq -6x+6y+x-\frac{3y}{4}$ ,  $\forall y < \frac{x}{2}$ , so  $\psi(M(Tx, Ty, t)) \leq \psi(N(x, y, t))\phi(N'(x, y, t), N''(x, y, t))$ .

**Sub case 2:** if  $y > x$  then  $M(Tx, Ty, t) = a^{\frac{y-x}{2}}$ ,  $M(x, y, t) = a^{y-x}$ ,  $M(x, Tx, t) = a^{\frac{x}{2}}$ ,  $M(y, Ty, t) = a^{\frac{y}{2}}$ ,  $M(y, Tx, t) = a^{y-\frac{x}{2}}$ , and

$$M(x, Ty, t) = \begin{cases} a^{x-\frac{y}{2}}, & \text{if } x \geq \frac{y}{2}, \\ a^{\frac{y}{2}-x}, & \text{if } x < \frac{y}{2}. \end{cases}$$

When  $x \geq \frac{y}{2}$  we have  $N(x, y, t) = a^{\frac{y}{2}}$ ,  $N''(x, y, t) = a^{y-\frac{x}{2}}$  and  $N'(x, y, t) = \begin{cases} a^{\frac{x}{2}}, & \text{if } y \leq \frac{3x}{2} \\ a^{y-x}, & \text{if } y > \frac{3x}{2} \end{cases}$  If  $y \leq \frac{3x}{2}$  then

$\psi(M(Tx, Ty, t)) = a^{-3y+3x}$ ,  $\psi(N(x, y, t)) = a^{-3y}$ ,  $\phi(N'(x, y, t), N''(x, y, t)) = a^{\frac{y}{2}}$ . Since  $-3y+3x \geq -3y+y-\frac{y}{2}$ ,  $\forall y \leq \frac{3x}{2}$ , we have

$$\psi(M(Tx, Ty, t)) \leq \psi(N(x, y, t))\phi(N'(x, y, t), N''(x, y, t)).$$

If  $y > \frac{3x}{2}$ ,  $\phi(N'(x, y, t), N''(x, y, t)) = a^{y - \frac{3x}{4}}$ . Again since  $-3y + 3x \geq -3y + y - \frac{3x}{4}$ ,  $\forall x \geq \frac{y}{2}$ , so we have

$$\psi(M(Tx, Ty, t)) \leq \psi(N(x, y, t))\phi(N'(x, y, t), N''(x, y, t)), \forall t > 0.$$

If  $x < \frac{y}{2}$  then  $N(x, y, t) = a^{y-x}$ ,  $N'(x, y, t) = a^{y-x}$ ,  $N''(x, y, t) = a^{y - \frac{x}{2}}$ .

$$\psi(M(Tx, Ty, t)) = a^{-3y+3x}, \psi(N(x, y, t)) = a^{-6x+6y}, \phi(N'(x, y, t) \text{ and } N''(x, y, t)) = a^{y - \frac{3x}{4}}.$$

Here  $-3y + 3x \geq -6y + 6x + y - \frac{3x}{4}$ ,  $\forall y > 2x$ , imply that

$$\psi(M(Tx, Ty, t)) \leq \psi(N(x, y, t))\phi(N'(x, y, t), N''(x, y, t)), t > 0.$$

Thus, for all  $x, y \in [0, 1)$

$$\psi(M(Tx, Ty, t)) \leq \psi(N(x, y, t))\phi(N'(x, y, t), N''(x, y, t)).$$

**Case 2:**  $x \in [0, 1)$  and  $y \in [1, \infty)$

**Sub case 1:**  $\frac{y}{2} \leq x < y$ ;  $M(Tx, Ty, t) = a^{\frac{1}{2} - \frac{x}{2}}$ ,  $M(x, y, t) = a^{y-x}$ ,  $M(x, Tx, t) = a^{\frac{x}{2}}$ ,  $M(y, Ty, t) = a^{y - \frac{1}{2}}$ ,  $M(y, Tx, t) = a^{y - \frac{x}{2}}$ ,  $M(x, Ty, t) = a^{x - \frac{1}{2}}$ . We observe that

$$\begin{aligned} N(x, y, t) &= a^{y - \frac{1}{2}} \\ N'(x, y, t) &= \begin{cases} a^{y-x}, & \text{if } y \leq \frac{3x}{2} \\ a^{\frac{x}{2}}, & \text{if } y > \frac{3x}{2} \end{cases} \\ N''(x, y, t) &= a^{y - \frac{x}{2}} \end{aligned}$$

When  $y \leq \frac{3x}{2}$ , we get that  $\psi(M(Tx, Ty, t)) = a^{-3+3x}$ ,  $\psi(N(x, y, t)) = a^{-6y+3}$ ,  $\phi(N'(x, y, t), N''(x, y, t)) = a^{y - \frac{3x}{4}}$ . It can easily be observed that  $-3 + 3x \geq -6y + 3 + y - \frac{3x}{4}$ ,  $\forall x \geq \frac{y}{2}$ . Thus, for  $y \leq \frac{3x}{2}$

$$\psi(M(Tx, Ty, t)) \leq \psi(N(x, y, t))\phi(N'(x, y, t), N''(x, y, t)).$$

When  $y > \frac{3x}{2}$ ,  $\phi(N'(x, y, t), N''(x, y, t)) = a^{\frac{y}{2}}$ . Similarly, we observe that,  $-3 + 3x \geq -6y + 3 + \frac{y}{2}$ . Thus,  $\forall y > \frac{3x}{2}$ ,

$$\psi(M(Tx, Ty, t)) \leq \psi(N(x, y, t))\phi(N'(x, y, t), N''(x, y, t)).$$

**Sub case 2** If  $x < \frac{y}{2}$  then

$M(Tx, Ty, t) = a^{\frac{1}{2} - \frac{x}{2}}$ ,  $M(x, y, t) = a^{y-x}$ ,  $M(x, Tx, t) = a^{\frac{x}{2}}$ ,  $M(y, Ty, t) = a^{y - \frac{1}{2}}$ ,  $M(y, Tx, t) = a^{y - \frac{x}{2}}$  and

$$M(x, Ty, t) = \begin{cases} a^{x - \frac{1}{2}}, & \text{if } x \geq \frac{1}{2} \\ a^{\frac{1}{2} - x}, & \text{if } x < \frac{1}{2}. \end{cases}$$

When  $x \geq \frac{1}{2}$ , we get that

$$\begin{aligned} N(x, y, t) &= a^{y - \frac{1}{2}}. \\ N'(x, y, t) &= a^{y-x}. \\ N''(x, y, t) &= a^{y - \frac{x}{2}}. \end{aligned}$$

Hence

$$\psi(M(Tx, Ty, t)) = a^{-3+3x}, \psi(N(x, y, t)) = a^{-6y+3} \text{ and } \phi(N'(x, y, t), N''(x, y, t)) = a^{y-\frac{3x}{4}}.$$

Since  $-3 + 3x \geq -6y + 3 + y - \frac{3x}{4}, \forall x \geq \frac{1}{2}$  and  $y > 1$ , we have

$$\psi(M(Tx, Ty, t)) \leq \psi(N(x, y, t))\phi(N'(x, y, t), N''(x, y, t)).$$

When  $x < \frac{1}{2}$ , we get that  $N(x, y, t) = a^{y-x}, N'(x, y, t) = a^{y-x}$  and  $N''(x, y, t) = a^{y-\frac{x}{2}}$ . Here we can easily observe that  $\psi(M(Tx, Ty, t)) = a^{-3+3x}, \psi(N(x, y, t)) = a^{-6y+6x}, \phi(N'(x, y, t), N''(x, y, t)) = a^{y-\frac{3x}{4}}$ . Since  $-3 + 3x \geq -6y + 6x + y - \frac{3x}{4}, \forall x < \frac{1}{2}$  and  $y > 1$ , we get that

$$\psi(M(Tx, Ty, t)) \leq \psi(N(x, y, t))\phi(N'(x, y, t), N''(x, y, t)).$$

Therefore, for all  $x \in [0, 1), y \in [1, \infty)$  and  $t > 0$ ,

$$\psi(M(Tx, Ty, t)) \leq \psi(N(x, y, t))\phi(N'(x, y, t), N''(x, y, t)).$$

In a similar way, we can show that  $\forall y \in [0, 1), \forall x \in [1, \infty)$  and  $t > 0$ ,

$$\psi(M(Tx, Ty, t)) \leq \psi(N(x, y, t))\phi(N'(x, y, t), N''(x, y, t)).$$

**Case 3.** Let  $x, y \in [1, \infty)$  and  $x \geq y$ .

**Sub case 1:** if  $x > 2y$  then  $M(Tx, Ty, t) = 1, M(x, y, t) = a^{x-y}, M(x, Tx, t) = a^{x-\frac{1}{2}}, M(y, Ty, t) = a^{y-\frac{1}{2}}, M(y, Tx, t) = a^{y-\frac{1}{2}}$  and  $M(x, Ty, t) = a^{x-\frac{1}{2}}$ . Now, we have  $N(x, y, t) = a^{x-\frac{1}{2}}, N'(x, y, t) = a^{x-\frac{1}{2}}$  and

$$N''(x, y, t) = \min\{a^{y-x}, a^{y-\frac{1}{2}}\} = \begin{cases} a^{x-y}, & \text{if } x \geq 2y - \frac{1}{2} \\ a^{y-\frac{1}{2}}, & \text{if } x < 2y - \frac{1}{2} \end{cases}.$$

When  $x < 2y - \frac{1}{2}$ , we get that

$$\psi(M(Tx, Ty, t)) = 1, \psi(N(x, y, t)) = a^{-6x+3}, \phi(N'(x, y, t), N''(x, y, t)) = a^{\frac{x}{2}+\frac{y}{2}-\frac{1}{2}}.$$

Since  $-6x + 3 + \frac{x}{2} + \frac{y}{2} - \frac{1}{2} \leq 0, \forall x \geq y$  and  $y > 1$ , we have

$$\psi(M(Tx, Ty, t)) \leq \psi(N(x, y, t))\phi(N'(x, y, t), N''(x, y, t)).$$

When  $x \geq 2y - \frac{1}{2}$ , we get that

$$\psi(M(Tx, Ty, t)) = 1, \psi(N(x, y, t)) = a^{-6x+3} \text{ and } \phi(N'(x, y, t), N''(x, y, t)) = a^{x-\frac{y}{2}-\frac{1}{4}}$$

Since  $-6x + 3 + x - \frac{y}{2} - \frac{1}{4} \leq 0, \forall x \geq 1$  and  $y \geq 1$ ,

$$\psi(M(Tx, Ty, t)) \leq \psi(N(x, y, t))\phi(N'(x, y, t), N''(x, y, t)).$$

In a similar way we Show that (46) is true when  $x, y \in [1, \infty)$  and  $y \geq x$ . Hence, from all the cases we conclude that,

$$\psi(M(Tx, Ty, t)) \leq \psi(N(x, y, t))\phi(N'(x, y, t), N''(x, y, t)), \forall x, y \in [0, \infty)$$

and  $t > 0$ . Therefore,  $T$  is generalized  $(\psi, \phi)$  contractive mapping. By theorem (3.7)  $T$  has a unique fixed point. Indeed, 0 is the unique fixed point of  $T$ .

The following example is in support of Theorem 3.9.

**Example 4.2.** Let  $X = [0, \infty)$  and  $f, g : X \rightarrow X$  defined by  $fx = \frac{x}{2}$  and  $g(x) = \frac{x}{3}$ . Let  $M$  be a strong fuzzy metric space define by  $M(x, y, t) = (\frac{t}{t+1})^{d(x,y)}$ , where  $d(x, y) = |x - y|$ . Let  $\psi : (0, 1] \rightarrow [1, \infty)$  and  $\phi : (0, 1] \times (0, 1] \rightarrow (0, 1]$  define by  $\psi(t) = \frac{1}{t^8}$  and  $\phi(s, t) = st$ . we prove that  $f$  is  $(\psi, \phi)$ -generalized contractive mapping with respect to  $g$ . Thus, by Theorem 3.9 we conclude that  $f$  and  $g$  have a unique common fixed point in  $X$ , in fact 0 is a common fixed point for  $f$  and  $g$  in  $X$ .

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