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#### **COMMON FIXED POINTS IN FUZZY METRIC SPACES**

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#### **ABSTRACT**

In this paper, we prove common fixed point theorems for six maps using some conditions in fuzzy metric spaces in the sense of George and Veremani [6], which turns out to be a material generalization of the results of Kutukcu et al. [20]. We also give an example to illustrate our main theorem.

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#### 1. INTRODUCTION

The notion of fuzzy sets was introduced by Zadeh [1]. Deng [2], Erceg [3]Kaleva and Seikkala[4] and Kramosil and Michalek[5] have introduced the concept of fuzzy metric spaces in different ways. George and Veeramani [6] modified the concept of fuzzy metric spaces introduced by Kramosil and Michalek [5] in order to get the Hausdorff topology.

Grabiec [7] extended the fixed point theorems of Banach [8] and Edelstein [9] to fuzzy metric spaces in the sense of Kramosil and Michalek[5] whose study is useful in the field of fixed point theorems of contractive type maps. Since then Fang [10] proved some fixed point theorems in fuzzy metric spaces, which improve, generalize and extend some main resultsof [8,9,11-13,14]. Sessa [15] defined a generalization of commutativity, which called weak commutativity. Further Jungck[16] introduced more generalized commutativty, so called compatibility. Following Grabiec [7], Kramosil and Michalek[5] and Mishra et al. [17] obtained common fixed point theorems for compatible maps and asymptotically commuting maps on fuzyy metric spaces which generalize, extend and fuzzify several fixed point theorems for contractive-type maps on metric spaces and other spaces. Pathak et al. [18] introduced the concept of compatible maps of type (P) in metric spaces, which is equivalent to the concept of compatible maps under some conditions and proved common fixed point theorems in metric spaces. Cho et al. [19] introduced the notion of compatible,maps of type ( $\beta$ ) on fuzzy metric spaces. Many authors have studied the fixed point theory in fuzzymetric spaces. The

most interesting references are [7,10,11,12,17,20,21,22]. Recently, Sharma et al. [22] proved a common fixed point theorem for six maps under the condition of compatible maps of type ( $\beta$ ) on fuzzy metric spaces.

In this paper, we prove common fixed point theorems for six maps using some conditions in fuzzy metric spaces in the sense of George and Veremani [6], which turns out to be a material generalization of the results of Kutukcu et al. [20]. We also give an example to illustrate our main theorem.

#### 2. PRELIMINARIES

**Definition 2.1** ( [14] ). A binary operation  $*: [0,1] \times [0,1] \to [0,1]$  is a continuous t-norm if \* satisfies the following conditions; for all  $a, b, c, d \in [0,1]$ ,

- (1) a \* 1 = a,
- (2) a \* b = b \* a,
- (3) (a \* b) \* c = a \* (b \* c),
- (4)  $a * b \le c * d$ whenever $a \le c$  and  $b \le d$ .

Basic *t*riangular norms are as follows;

$$a*b=min\{a,b\}$$
 (mint-norm)  
 $a*b=a.b$  (productt-norm)  
 $a*b=maks\{a+b-1,0\}$  (Lukasiewicz t-norm)

There exists the following inequality between these triangular norms, from weak to strong;

$$maks\{a + b - 1, 0\} \le a.b \le min\{a, b\}.$$

**Example 2.2**  $a*b = min\{a,b\}$  is a *t*-norm for all  $a,b \in [0,1]$ . Really,

- (1)  $a * 1 = min\{a, 1\} = a$ .
- (2)  $a * b = \min\{a, b\} = \min\{b, a\} = b * a$ .

(3) 
$$a * (b * c) = a * min\{b, c\} = min\{a, min\{b, c\}\} = min\{a, b, c\}$$
  
=  $min\{min\{a, b\}, c\}$   
=  $min\{a * b, c\}$   
=  $(a * b) * c$ .

- (4) Let  $a \le b$  and  $c \le d$  for all  $a, b, c, d \in [0,1]$ . Then,
  - 1.  $a \le b \le c \le d \Rightarrow a * c = min\{a, c\} = a \le b = min\{b, d\} = b * d$ .
  - 2.  $a \le d \le c \le b \Rightarrow a * c = min\{a, c\} = a \le d = min\{b, d\} = b * d$ .
  - 3.  $a \le c \le b \le d \implies a * c = min\{a, c\} = a \le b = min\{b, d\} = b * d$ .
  - 4.  $c \le a \le b \le d \implies a * c = min\{a, c\} = c \le b = min\{b, d\} = b * d$ .
  - 5.  $c \le a \le d \le b \Rightarrow a * c = min\{a, c\} = c \le b = min\{b, d\} = b * d$ .
  - 6.  $c \le d \le a \le b \Rightarrow a * c = min\{a, c\} = c \le d = min\{b, d\} = b * d$ .

**Definition 2.3** ([6]). A 3-tuple (X, M, \*) is said to be a fuzzy metric space if X is an arbitrary set, \* is a continuous t-norm and M is a fuzzy set on  $X^2x[0, \infty)$  satisfying the following conditions; for all  $x, y, z \in X$  and t, s > 0,

- (1) M(x, y, t) > 0,
- (2)  $M(x, y, t) = 1 \iff x = y$ ,
- (3) M(x, y, t) = M(y, x, t),
- (4)  $M(x, y, t) * M(y, z, s) \le M(x, z, t + s)$ ,
- (5)  $M(x, y, .): [0, \infty) \rightarrow [0, 1]$  is continuous.

**Example 2.4** Let (X, d) be a metric space and a \* b = a.b for all  $a, b \in [0, 1]$ . Define  $M: X^2 \times [0, \infty) \to [0, 1]$  by

$$M_d(x, y, t) = \frac{t}{t + d(x, y)}$$

for all  $x, y \in X$  and t > 0. Then  $(X, M_d, *)$  is a fuzzy metric space. This fuzzy metric space is called the standart fuzzy metric space .

**Example 2.5** Let  $X = N^+$  and a \* b = a.b for all  $a, b \in [0, 1]$ . Define  $M: X^2 \times [0, \infty) \to [0, 1]$  by

$$M(x, y, t) = \begin{cases} \frac{x}{y}, & x \le y \\ \frac{y}{x}, & y \le x \end{cases}$$

for all  $x, y \in X$  and t > 0. In this case,(X, M, \*) is a fuzzy metric space. There exists no metric on X satisfying M(x, y, t).

**Lemma 2.6** ([7]). The mapping M(x, y, .) is nondecreasing for all  $x, y \in X$ ,

**Proof.** We must show when  $t < s, M(x, y, t) \le M(x, y, s)$  for all t, s > 0. Assume that M(x, y, s) > M(x, y, t) for t > s. Then,

$$M(x, y, s) > M(x, y, t)$$

$$\geq M(x, y, s) * M(y, y, t - s)$$

$$> M(x, y, s)$$

Thus, we get a contradiction. Then M(x, y, .) is nondecreasing.

**Lemma 2.7** ( [17], [19] ). Let  $\{y_n\}$  be a sequence in an FM-space (X, M, \*) with  $t * t \ge t$  for all  $t \in [0, 1]$ . If there is a number  $k \in (0, 1)$  such that

$$M(y_{n+2}, y_{n+1}, kt) \ge M(y_{n+1}, y_n, t)$$

for all t > 0 and n=1,2,3,....then  $\{y_n\}$  is a Cauchy sequence in X.

**Definition 2.8** ([6]). Let(X, M, \*) be a fuzzy metric space. We define open ball B(x, r, t) with center  $x \in X$  and radius r, 0 < r < 1, as

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

for t > 0.

**Definition 2.9** ([7]). Let(X, M, \*) be a fuzzy metric space.

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

### 3. COMPATIBLE MAPS OF TYPE $(\beta)$

In this section, we give the concept of compatible maps of type ( $\beta$ ) and some properties of these maps in fuzzy metric spaces.

**Definition 3.1** ( [17] ). Self maps A and B offuzzy metric space (X,M,\*) are said to be compatible if  $\lim_{n\to\infty} M(ABx_n,BAx_n,t)=1$  for all t>0 whenever  $\{x_n\}$  is a sequence in X such that  $\lim_{n\to\infty} A\,x_n=\lim_{n\to\infty} B\,x_n=z$ , for some  $z\in X$ .

**Definition 3.2** ( [19] ). Self maps A and B of fuzzy metric space (X, M, \*) are said to be compatible of type  $(\beta)$  if  $\lim_{n\to\infty} M(AAx_n, BBx_n, t) = 1$  for all t>0 whenever  $\{x_n\}$  is a sequence in X such that  $\lim_{n\to\infty} A x_n = \lim_{n\to\infty} B x_n = z$ , for some  $z \in X$ .

**Proposition 3.3** ( [19] ). Let(X, M, \*) be a fuzzy metric space with  $t * t \ge t$  for all  $t \in [0,1]$  and A, B be continuous maps from X into itself. Then A and B are compatible if and only if they are compatible of type ( $\beta$ ).

**Proof.** Suppose that A and B are compatible and let  $\{x_n\}$  be sequence in X such that  $\lim_{n\to\infty}A\,x_n=\lim_{n\to\infty}B\,x_n=z$  for some  $z\in X$ . Since A and B are continuous, we have

$$\lim_{n\to\infty} AAx_n = \lim_{n\to\infty} ABx_n = Az,$$

$$\lim_{n\to\infty} BAx_n = \lim_{n\to\infty} BBx_n = Bz.$$

Further, since A and B are compatible,

$$\lim_{n\to\infty} M(AB\,x_n, BAx_n, t) = 1$$

for all t > 0. Now, since

$$M(AAx_n, BBx_n, t) \ge M(AAx_n, ABx_n, \frac{t}{2}) * M(ABx_n, BBx_n, \frac{t}{2}),$$

$$M(AAx_n, BBx_n, t) \ge M\left(AAx_n, ABx_n, \frac{t}{2}\right) * M\left(ABx_n, BAx_n, \frac{t}{4}\right) * M\left(BAx_n, BBx_n, \frac{t}{4}\right)$$

for all t > 0, it follows that

$$\lim_{n\to\infty} M(AAx_n, BBx_n, t) \ge 1*1*1 \ge 1*1 \ge 1$$

which implies that

$$\lim\nolimits_{n\to\infty}M(AA\,x_n,BBx_n,t)=1.$$

Therefore, A and B are compatible of type  $(\beta)$ .

Conversely, suppose that A and B are compatible type ( $\beta$ ) and let  $\{x_n\}$  be a sequence in X such that

 $\lim_{n\to\infty}A\,x_n=\lim_{n\to\infty}B\,x_n=z$  for some  $z\in X$ . Since A and B are continuous, we have

$$\lim_{n\to\infty} AAx_n = \lim_{n\to\infty} ABx_n = Az,$$

$$\lim_{n\to\infty} BAx_n = \lim_{n\to\infty} BBx_n = Bz.$$

Further, since A and B are compatible of type  $(\beta)$ , we have, for all t > 0,

$$\lim_{n\to\infty} M(AAx_n, BBx_n, t) = 1.$$

Thus, from the inequality

$$M(ABx_n, BAx_n, t) \ge M(ABx_n, AAx_n, \frac{t}{2}) * M(AAx_n, BAx_n, \frac{t}{2})$$

$$\geq M\left(ABx_n, AAx_n, \frac{t}{2}\right) * M\left(AAx_n, BBx_n, \frac{t}{4}\right) * M\left(BBx_n, BAx_n, \frac{t}{4}\right),$$

it follows that

$$\lim_{n\to\infty} M(ABx_n$$
 ,  $BAx_n$  ,  $t) \ge 1*1*1 \ge 1*1 \ge 1$ 

for all t > 0, which implies that

$$\lim_{n\to\infty} M(AB\,x_n, BAx_n, t) = 1.$$

Therefore, A and B are compatible. This completes the proof.

**Proposition 3.4** ( [19] ). Let(X, M, \*) be afuzzy metric space with  $t * t \ge t$  for all  $t \in [0,1]$  and A, B be maps from X into itself. If A and B is compatible of type ( $\beta$ ) and Az = Bz for some  $z \in X$ , then ABz = BBz = BAz = AAz.

**Proof.** Suppose that  $\{x_n\}$  is a sequence in X defined by  $x_n=z$ , for some  $z\in X$  and n=1,2,3,... and Az=Bz. Then we have

$$\lim_{n\to\infty} Ax_n = \lim_{n\to\infty} Bx_n = Az.$$

Since A and B be compatible of type  $(\beta)$ , we have for all t > 0,

$$M(AAz, BBz, t) = \lim_{n \to \infty} M(AAx_n, BBx_n, t) = 1$$

So ABz = BBz = BAz = AAz. This completes the proof.

**Proposition 3.5** ( [19] ). Let(X, M, \*) be a fuzzy metric space with  $t * t \ge t$  for all  $t \in [0,1]$  and A, B be maps from X into itself. Let  $\{x_n\}$  be a sequence in X such that  $\lim_{n\to\infty} Ax_n = \lim_{n\to\infty} Bx_n = z$  for some  $z \in X$ . Then we have the followings:

- (i)  $\lim_{n\to\infty} BBx_n = Az$  if A is continuous at z,
- (ii)  $\lim_{n\to\infty} AAx_n = Bz$  if B is continuous at z,
- (iii) ABz=BAz and Az=Bz if A and B are continuous at z.

**Proof.**(1 )Suppose that A is continuous at z. From  $\lim_{n\to\infty}Ax_n=z$  for some  $z\in X$ , it follows that  $\lim_{n\to\infty}AAx_n=Az$ . Further since A and B are compatible of type  $(\beta)$ , for all t>0,

$$\lim_{n\to\infty} M(AAx_n, BBx_n, t) = 1.$$

Thus, from the inequality

$$M(BBx_n, Az, t) \ge M(BBx_n, AAx_n, \frac{t}{2}) * M(AAx_n, Az, \frac{t}{2})$$

for all t > 0, it follows that

 $\lim_{n\to\infty} M(BBx_n, Az, t) \ge 1 * 1 \ge 1.$ 

Therefore, we have  $\lim_{n\to\infty} BBx_n = Az$ .

- (2) The proof of  $\lim_{n\to\infty} AAx_n = Bz$  follows from the same proof lines of (1).
- (3) Suppose that A and B are continuous at z. Since A is continuous at z, by (1), we have  $\lim_{n\to\infty}BBx_n=Az$ . On the other hand, since  $\lim_{n\to\infty}Bx_n=z$  for some  $z\in X$  and B is continuous at z,  $\lim_{n\to\infty}BBx_n=Bz$ . Therefore, by the uniqueness of the limit, we have Az=Bz and so, by Proposition 2, it follows that ABz=BAz. This completes the proof.

**Example 3.6.** Let  $X = [0, \infty)$  with the metric d defined by d(x, y) = |x - y| and

 $M(x,y,t) = \frac{t}{t+d(x,y)}$  for all  $x,y \in X$  and t > 0. Clearly (X,M,\*) is a fuzzy metric space where \* is

defined by a\*b=a.b. Define  $A,B:X\to X$  by Ax=1 for  $x\in[0,1], Ax=1+x$  for  $x\in(1,\infty)$  and Bx=1+x for  $x\in[1,\infty)$ , Bx=x for  $x\in[1,\infty)$ . Then both A and B are discontinuous at x=1.

Consider the sequence  $\{x_n\}$  in X defined by  $x_n = \frac{1}{n}$ , n = 1,2,... Then, we have

 $\lim_{n\to\infty} Ax_n = \lim_{n\to\infty} Bx_n = 1$ . Therefore A and B are compatible of type ( $\beta$ ) but they are not compatible.

**Example 3.7.** Let  $X = \mathbb{R}$  with the metric d defined by d(x,y) = |x-y| and define

 $M(x,y,t) = \frac{t}{t+d(x,y)}$  for all  $x,y \in X$  and t>0.Clearly (X,M,\*) is a fuzzy metric space where \* is defined

by a\*b=a. b. Define  $A,B:X\to X$  by  $Ax=\frac{1}{x^3}$ , for  $x\neq 0$ , Ax=1 for x=0 and  $Bx=\frac{1}{x^2}$  for  $x\neq 0$ ,

Bx=2 for x=0. Then both A and B are discontinuous at x=0. Consider the sequence  $\{x_n\}$  in X defined by  $x_n=n$ , n=1,2,... Then, we have  $\lim_{n\to\infty}Ax_n=\lim_{n\to\infty}Bx_n=0$ . Therefore A and B are compatible but they are not compatible of type  $(\beta)$ .

## 4. MAIN RESULTS

**Theorem 4.1.** Let (X, M, \*) be a complete fuzzy metric space with  $t * t \ge t$  for all  $t \in [0,1]$  and A, B, P, S, T and Q be maps from X into itself such that

- (1)  $P(ST)(X) \cup Q(AB)(X) \subset AB(ST)(X)$ ,
- (2) There exists a constant  $k \in (0,1)$  such that

 $M^2(Px,Qy,kt) * [M(ABx,Px,kt)M(STy,Qy,kt)] + \alpha M(STy,Qy,kt)M(ABx,Qy,2kt) \ge [pM(ABx,Px,t) + qM(ABx,STy,t)]M(ABx,Qy,2kt)$ 

for all x, y in X and t > 0 where  $0 < p, q < 1, 0 \le \alpha < 1$ , such that  $p + q - \alpha = 1$ ,

- (3) AB = BA, PB = BP, TQ = QT, ST = TS, AB(ST) = ST(AB),
- (4) A, B, S and T are continuous,
- (5) The pairs (P, AB) and (Q, ST) are compatible of type  $(\beta)$ .

Then A, B, P, S, T and Q have unique common fixed point in X.

**Proof.**Let  $x_0$  be an arbitrary point of X. By (1), we can construct a sequence  $\{x_n\}$  in X as follows;

$$P(ST)x_{2n} = AB(ST)x_{2n+1}, Q(AB)x_{2n+1} = AB(ST)x_{2n+2}.$$

Now, let  $z_n = AB(ST)x_n$ . Then, by (2), we have

 $M^{2}(P(ST)x_{2n},Q(AB)x_{2n+1},kt) *$ 

 $[M(AB(ST)x_{2n}, P, (ST)x_{2n}kt)M(ST(AB)x_{2n+1}, Q(AB)x_{2n+1}, kt)]+$ 

$$\alpha M(ST(AB)x_{2n+1}, Q(AB)x_{2n+1}, kt)M(AB(ST)x_{2n}, Q(ST)x_{2n}, 2kt) \ge$$

 $[pM(AB(ST)x_{2n}, P(ST)x_{2n}, t) +$ 

qMABSTx2n,STABx2n+1,tM(ABSTx2n,QABx2n+1,2kt)

and

$$\begin{split} &M^2(AB(ST)x_{2n+1},AB(ST)x_{2n+2},kt) * \\ &[M(z_{2n},AB(ST)x_{2n+1},kt)M(z_{2n+1},AB(ST)x_{2n+2},kt)] + \\ &\alpha M(z_{2n+1},AB(ST)x_{2n+2},kt)M(z_{2n},AB(ST)x_{2n+2},2kt) \geq [pM(z_{2n},AB(ST)x_{2n+1},t) + \\ &qMz2n,z2n+1,tMz2n,z2n+2,2kt. \end{split}$$
 Then 
$$&M^2(z_{2n+1},z_{2n+2},kt) * [M(z_{2n},z_{2n+1},kt)M(z_{2n+1},z_{2n+2},kt)] + \\ &\alpha M(z_{2n+1},z_{2n+2},kt)M(z_{2n},z_{2n+2},2kt) \geq \\ &[pM(z_{2n},z_{2n+1},t) + qM(z_{2n},z_{2n+1},t)]M(z_{2n},z_{2n+2},2kt) \\ &\text{and} \\ &M(z_{2n+1},z_{2n+2},kt) * M(z_{2n+1},z_{2n+2},kt) * [M(z_{2n},z_{2n+1},kt) * M(z_{2n+1},z_{2n+2},kt)] \\ &+ \alpha M(z_{2n+1},z_{2n+2},kt)M(z_{2n},z_{2n+2},2kt) \\ &\geq (p+q)M(z_{2n},z_{2n+1},t)M(z_{2n},z_{2n+2},2kt). \end{split}$$
 So

$$M(z_{2n+1}, z_{2n+2}, kt)M(z_{2n}, z_{2n+2}, 2kt) + \alpha M(z_{2n+1}, z_{2n+2}, kt)M(z_{2n}, z_{2n+2}, 2kt)$$

$$\geq (p+q)M(z_{2n}, z_{2n+1}, t)M(z_{2n}, z_{2n+2}, 2kt).$$

Thus, it follows that

$$M(z_{2n+1},z_{2n+2},kt) \geq \left(\frac{p+q}{1+\alpha}\right) M(z_{2n},z_{2n+1},t)$$

for 0 < k < 1 and t > 0. Similary  $P(ST)x_{2n+1} = AB(ST)x_{2n+2}$ ,  $Q(AB)x_{2n+2} = AB(ST)x_{2n+3}$  and  $z_n = AB(ST)x_n$ . We also have

$$M(z_{2n+2}, z_{2n+3}, kt) \ge M(z_{2n+1}, z_{2n+2}, t)$$

for 0 < k < 1 and t > 0. In general, for m = 1,2,3,..., we have

$$M(z_{m+1}, z_{m+2}, kt) \ge M(z_m, z_{m+1}, t)$$

for 0 < k < 1 and t > 0. Hence, by Lemma 2.7,  $\{z_n\}$  is a Cauchy sequence in X. Since (X, M, \*) is complete, it converges to a point z in X. Since  $\{P(ST)x_{2n}\}$  and  $\{Q(AB)x_{2n+1}\}$  are subsequences of  $\{z_n\}$ ,  $P(ST)x_{2n} \to z$  and  $Q(AB)x_{2n+1} \to z$  as  $n \to \infty$ .

Let  $y_n = STx_n$  and  $w_n = ABx_n$  for n = 1,2,... Then, we have  $y_{2n} \to z$ ,  $ABy_{2n} \to z$ ,  $STw_{2n+1} \to z$  and  $Qw_{2n+1} \to z$ . Since the pairs (P, AB) and (Q, ST) are compatible of type  $(\beta)$ , we have

 $M(P P y_{2n}, AB(AB) y_{2n}, t) \rightarrow 1$  and  $M(Q Q w_{2n+1}, ST(ST) w_{2n+1}, t) \rightarrow 1$  as  $n \rightarrow \infty$ . Moreover, by the continuity of A, B and Proposition 3.5, we have

 $AB(P)y_{2n} \rightarrow ABz$  and  $PPy_{2n} \rightarrow ABz$ 

as  $n \to \infty$ . Similary,

$$ST(Q) w_{2n+1} \rightarrow STzveQ Qw_{2n+1} \rightarrow STz$$

as  $n \to \infty$ . Now, taking  $x = y_{2n}$  and  $y = Qw_{2n+1}$  in (2), we have

$$M^{2}(Py_{2n},Qw_{2n+1},kt)[M(ABy_{2n},Py_{2n},kt)M(ST(Q)w_{2n+1},QQw_{2n+1},kt)]+$$

 $\alpha M(ST(Q)w_{2n+1}, QQw_{2n+1}, kt)M(ABy_{2n}, QQw_{2n+1}, 2kt) \ge$ 

$$[pM(ABy_{2n}Py_{2n},t)+qM(ABy_{2n},ST(Q)w_{2n+1},t)]M(ABy_{2n},QQw_{2n+1},2kt)$$

 $M^2(z, STz, kt) * [M(z, z, kt)M(STz, STz, kt)] + \alpha M(STz, STz, kt)M(z, STz, 2kt) \ge [pM(z, z, t) + \alpha M(sTz, STz, kt)] + \alpha M(sTz, STz, kt)M(z, STz, 2kt) \ge [pM(z, z, t) + \alpha M(sTz, STz, kt)] + \alpha M(sTz, STz, kt)M(z, STz, 2kt) \ge [pM(z, z, t) + \alpha M(sTz, STz, kt)M(z, STz, 2kt)] + \alpha M(sTz, STz, kt)M(z, STz, 2kt) \ge [pM(z, z, t) + \alpha M(sTz, STz, kt)M(z, STz, 2kt)] + \alpha M(sTz, STz, kt)M(z, STz, 2kt) \ge [pM(z, z, t) + \alpha M(sTz, STz, kt)M(z, STz, 2kt)] + \alpha M(sTz, STz, kt)M(z, STz, 2kt) \ge [pM(z, z, t) + \alpha M(sTz, STz, kt)M(z, STz, 2kt)] + \alpha M(sTz, STz, kt)M(z, STz, 2kt) \ge [pM(z, z, t) + \alpha M(sTz, STz, kt)M(z, STz, 2kt)] + \alpha M(sTz, STz, kt)M(z, STz, 2kt) \ge [pM(z, z, t) + \alpha M(sTz, STz, kt)M(z, STz, 2kt)] + \alpha M(sTz, STz, kt)M(z, STz, 2kt)$ qMz,STz,tMz,STz,2kt.

Then, it follows that

 $M^2(z, STz, kt) + \alpha M(z, STz, 2kt) \ge [p + qM(z, STz, t]M(z, STz, 2kt).$ 

Since M(x, y, ...) is non-decreasing for all x, y in X, we have

$$M(z,STz,2kt)M(z,STz,t) + \alpha M(z,STz,2kt) \ge [p+qM(z,STz,t)]M(z,STz,2kt)$$

and

$$M(z, STz, t) + \alpha \ge p + qM(z, STz, t)$$
.

Thus

$$M(z,STz,t) - qM(z,STz,t) \ge p - \alpha$$
  

$$M(z,STz,t)[1-q] \ge p - \alpha$$
  

$$M(z,STz,t) \ge \frac{p - \alpha}{1-q} = 1$$

for all t > 0. So z = STz. Similarly for  $x = y_{2n}$  an  $y = AB(Q)w_{2n+1}$  we have z = ABz.

Now, taking  $x=y_{2n}$  and y=z in (2), we have

$$M^{2}(Py_{2n},Qz,kt) * [M(ABy_{2n},Py_{2n},kt)M(STz,Qz,kt)]$$

 $\alpha M(STz, Qz, kt) M(ABy_{2n}, Qz, 2kt)$ 

 $\geq [pM(ABy_{2n}Py_{2n},t) + qM(ABy_{2n},STz,t)]M(ABy_{2n},Qz,2kt)$ 

and

 $M^2(z,Qz,kt) * [M(z,z,kt)M(z,Qz,kt)] + \alpha M(z,Qz,kt)M(z,Qz,2kt) \ge [pM(z,z,t) + qMz,z,tMz,Qz,2kt]$ 

Then

$$M^2(z,Qz,kt) * [M(z,Qz,kt)] + \alpha M(z,Qz,kt) M(z,Qz,2kt) \geq [p+q]M(z,Qz,2kt).$$

So

$$M(z,Qz,kt)[M(z,Qz,kt)*1] + \alpha M(z,Qz,kt)M(z,Qz,2kt) \geq (p+q)M(z,Qz,2kt)$$

and since M(x, y, .) is non-decreasing for all x, y in X, we have

$$M(z,Qz,2kt)M(z,Qz,kt) + \alpha M(z,Qz,kt)M(z,Qz,2kt) \ge (p+q)M(z,Qz,2kt).$$

Thus it follows that

$$M(z, Qz, kt) + \alpha M(z, Qz, kt) \ge p + q$$

and

$$M(z, Qz, kt) \ge \frac{p+q}{1+\alpha} = 1$$

for 0 < k < 1 and t > 0. So z = Qz. Similarlyfor  $x = (P)y_{2n}$ , y = z we have z = Pz.

Now, taking x = Bz and y = z in (2), we have

$$M^2(P(B)z,Qz,kt)[M(AB(B)z,P(B)z,kt)M(STz,Qz,kt)] +$$

 $\alpha M(STz, Qz, kt)M(AB(B)z, Qz, 2kt) \ge$ 

$$[pM(AB(B)z, P(B)z, t) + qM(AB(B)z, STz, t)]M(AB(B)z, Qz, 2kt)$$

and

 $M^2(BPz,Qz,kt) * [M(Bz,BPz,kt)M(z,z,kt)] + \alpha M(z,z,kt)M(Bz,z,2kt) \ge [pM(Bz,BPz,t) + qMBz,z,tMBz,z,2kt]$ 

Then

$$M^{2}(Bz,z,kt)*M(Bz,Bz,kt)+\alpha M(Bz,z,2kt) \geq [pM(Bz,BPz,t)+qM(Bz,z,t)]M(Bz,z,2kt).$$

 $M^2(Bz, z, kt) + \alpha M(Bz, z, 2kt) \ge [p + qM(Bz, z, t)]M(Bz, z, 2kt)$ 

and since M(x, y, ...) is non-decreasing for all x, y in X, we have

 $M(Bz, z, 2kt)M(Bz, z, t)\alpha M(Bz, z, 2kt) \ge [p + qM(Bz, z, t)]M(Bz, z, 2kt).$ 

Thus it follows that

$$M(Bz, z, t) + \alpha \ge p + qM(Bz, z, t)$$

and

$$M(Bz, z, t) - qM(Bz, z, t) \ge p - \alpha$$

$$M(Bz, z, t)[1 - q] \ge p - \alpha$$

$$M(Bz, z, kt) \ge \frac{p - \alpha}{1 - q} = 1$$

for 0 < k < 1 and all t > 0. So z = Bz. Similarly for x = z, y = Tz we have z = Tz. Since ABz = z and STz = z, we also have Az = z and Sz = z. Therefore, z is a common fixed point of A, B, P, Q, S and T.

Let  $v(v \neq z)$  be another common fixed point of A, B, P, Q, S and T. Then using inequality (2), we have

$$M^2(Pz,Qv,kt) * [M(ABz,Pz,kt)M(STv,Qv,kt)] +$$

$$\alpha M(STv, Qv, kt)M(ABz, Qv, 2kt) \ge$$

$$[pM(ABz, Pz, t) + qM(ABz, STv, t)]M(ABz, Qv, 2kt).$$

So

$$M^2(z, v, kt) * [M(z, z, kt)M(v, v, kt)] + \alpha M(v, v, kt)M(z, v, 2kt) \ge$$

$$[pM(z,z,t) + qM(z,v,t)]M(z,v,2kt)$$

$$M^{2}(z, v, kt) * M(z, v, 2kt) \ge [p + qM(z, v, t)]M(z, v, 2kt)$$

and

$$M(z,v,t)M(z,v,2kt) + \alpha M(z,v,2kt) \ge [p + qM(z,v,t)]M(z,v,2kt).$$

Thus, it follows that

$$M(z, v, 2kt)[M(z, v, t) + \alpha] \ge [p + qM(z, v, t)]M(z, v, 2kt)$$

$$M(z, v, t) - qM(z, v, t) \ge p - \alpha$$

$$M(z, v, t)[1 - q] \ge p - \alpha$$

$$M(z, v, t) \ge \frac{p - \alpha}{1 - q} = 1$$

for all t > 0. So z = v. Hence A, B, P, S, T and Q have unique common fixed point.

If we put  $\alpha = 0$  in Theorem 4.1, we have the following result:

**Corollary 4.2.**Let (X, M, \*) be a complete fuzzy metric space with  $t * t \ge t$  for all  $t \in [0,1]$  and A, B, P, S, T and Q be maps from X into itself such that the conditions (1), (3), (4) and (5) of the Theorem 4.1 hold and there exists a constant  $k \in (0,1)$  such that

$$M^2(Px,Qy,kt) * [M(ABx,Px,kt)M(STy,Qy,kt)] \ge$$

$$[pM(ABx, Px, t) + qM(ABx, STy, t)]M(ABx, Qy, 2kt)$$

for all x, y in X and t > 0 where 0 < p, q < 1 such that p + q = 1. Then A, B, P, S, T and Q have unique common fixed point in X.

If we put B = T = I (the identity map on X) in Theorem 4.1, we have the following result in Kütükcü et al. ([20]);

**Corollary 4.2.** Let (X, M, \*) be a complete fuzzy metric space with  $t * t \ge t$  for all  $t \in [0,1]$  and A, B, P, S, T and Q be maps from X into itself such that

- (1)  $PS(X) \cup QA(X) \subset AS(X)$
- (2) there exists a constant  $k \in (0,1)$  such that

 $M^2(Px,Qy,kt)$ 

 $|*[M(Ax, Px, kt)M(Sy, Qy, kt)] + \alpha M(Sy, Qy, kt)M(Ax, Qy, 2kt) \ge$ 

$$[pM(Ax, Px, t) + qM(Ax, Sy, t)]M(Ax, Qy, 2kt)$$

for all x, y in X and t > 0 where 0 < p, q < 1,  $0 \le \alpha < 1$  such that  $p + q - \alpha = 1$ ,

- (3) A, S are continuous and AS = SA,
- (4) the pairs (P, A) and (Q, S) are compatible of type  $(\beta)$ .

Then *A*, *P*, *S* and *Q* have unique common fixed point in *X*.

If we put A = S, B = T and P = Q in Theorem 4.1, we have the following result:

**Corollary 4.3.** Let (X, M, \*) be a complete fuzzy metric space with  $t * t \ge t$  for all  $t \in [0,1]$  and A, B and P be maps from X into itself such that

(1) 
$$P(X) \subset AB(X)$$
,

(2) there exists a constant  $k \in (0,1)$  such that

 $M^2(Px,Py,kt) * [M(ABx,Px,kt)M(ABy,Py,kt)] + \alpha M(ABy,Py,kt)M(ABx,Py,2kt) \ge [pM(ABx,Px,t) + qM(ABx,ABy,t)]M(ABx,Py,2kt)$ 

for all x, y in X and t > 0 where 0 < p, q < 1,  $0 \le \alpha < 1$  such that  $p + q - \alpha = 1$ ,

- (3) AB = BA,
- (4) A and B is continuous
- (5) the pair (P, AB) is compatible of type  $(\beta)$ .

Then A, B and P have unique common fixed point in X.

The following example illustrates our main Threorem.

**Example 4.4.** Let  $X = \left\{\frac{1}{n} : n \in N\right\} \cup \{0\}$  with the metric d defined by d(x,y) = |x-y| and

$$M(x, y, t) = \frac{t}{t + d(x, y)}$$

for all  $x, y \in X$  and t > 0. Clearly,(X, M, \*) is a complete fuzzy metric space where \* is defined by a \* b = a.b. Let A, B, P, S, T and Q be maps from X into itself defined as  $Ax = x, Bx = \frac{x}{2}, Px = \frac{x}{4}, Sx = \frac{x}{5}, Tx = \frac{x}{6}, Qx = 0$  for all  $x \in X$ . Then

$$P(ST)(X) \cup Q(AB)(X) = \left\{ \frac{1}{120n} : n \in N \right\} \cup \{0\} \subset \left\{ \frac{1}{60n} : n \in N \right\} \cup \{0\} = AB(ST)(X).$$

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