

SOME COMMON FIXED POINT THEOREMS OF COMPATIBLE MAPPINGS OF TYPE (K) IN FUZZY METRIC SPACES

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Abstract. In this paper, we prove common fixed point theorems for four self-mappings in the framework of fuzzy metric spaces, using the notion of compatible mappings of type (K). Our results unify, generalize, and extend earlier findings of Rohen et al. [25], Chaudhary et al. [8], and Manandhar et al. [21], thereby contributing to the ongoing development of fixed point theory in fuzzy settings.

1. INTRODUCTION

The concept of fuzzy sets was first introduced by Zadeh [31] in 1965, who laid the foundation for fuzzy mathematics and provided a new framework for dealing with uncertainty, vagueness, and imprecision. Since then, the theory has been extensively developed and successfully applied in diverse areas such

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as control theory, decision making, information sciences, and engineering. Extending these ideas into analysis, Kramosil and Michalek [19] introduced the notion of fuzzy metric spaces in 1975, thereby generalizing classical metric spaces into fuzzy environments. Later, George and Veeramani [11] refined this definition in 1994, which led to substantial advances in the field. The discovery that any metric space induces a fuzzy metric space, creating a natural bridge between the classical and fuzzy frameworks, was one of their main findings.

Fixed point theory was developing rapidly through generalizations of commuting mappings. Jungck [15] initiated this line of inquiry in 1986 by introducing the concept of compatible mappings, which extended the classical notion of commuting self-maps and proved instrumental in deriving common fixed point results. Jungck, Murthy and Cho [16] formulated compatible mappings of type (A) in 1993, Pathak and Khan [24] introduced compatible mappings of type (B) in 1995. Several variations of compatible mappings were proposed thereafter. Pathak and Cho [23] introduced compatible mappings of type (P) in 1994. Singh and Chauhan [28] in 2000 extended the concept to fuzzy metric spaces and obtained common fixed point theorems. To unify these developments, Rohen et al. [26] presented the concept of compatible mappings of type (R) in complete metric spaces in 2008, and Bhadauriya and Gangil [1] in 2016 subsequently established fixed point theorems for such mappings in fuzzy metric spaces.

Another significant extension was introduced by Singh and Singh [30] who defined compatible mappings of type (E) in both metric and fuzzy metric spaces in 2007. In 2014, Manandhar and Pathak [21, 20] extended this concept to prove a common fixed-point theorem for compatible mappings of type (K) in metric space and fuzzy metric space as well. Chaudhary et al. [8] generalized it in Menger space. For more works in this field, see [2, 3, 4, 5, 6, 7, 9, 10, 12, 14, 22, 25, 29].

In this paper, we focus on compatible mappings of type (K) in fuzzy metric spaces. More specifically, we establish common fixed point theorems for four self-mappings under the assumption that two of them are continuous. Our results generalize and extend the earlier contributions of Rohen et al. [18], Chaudhary et al. [8], and Manandhar et al. [21], and thus contribute to the ongoing development of fixed point theory in fuzzy metric spaces.

2. PRELIMINARIES

Definition 2.1. ([5]) A mapping $T : [0, 1] \times [0, 1] \rightarrow [0, 1]$ is called a triangular norm (t-norm) if, for all $x, y, z, w \in [0, 1]$:

- (i) $T(x, 1) = x$ (Boundary Condition),
- (ii) $T(x, y) = T(y, x)$ (Commutativity),

- (iii) $T(x, T(y, z)) = T(T(x, y), z)$ (Associativity),
- (iv) $T(x, y) \leq T(z, w)$, whenever $x \leq z$ and $y \leq w$ (Monotonicity).

Definition 2.2. ([27]) A triangular norm T is a continuous t -norm if, for all $x, y, z, w \in [0, 1]$:

- (i) T is associative and commutative,
- (ii) T is continuous,
- (iii) $T(x, 1) = x$ (Boundary Condition),
- (iv) $T(x, y) \leq T(z, w)$, whenever $x \leq z$ and $y \leq w$ (Monotonicity).

Example 2.3. $T(a, b) = ab$ for $a, b \in [0, 1]$ is a continuous t -norm.

Definition 2.4. ([31]) If X is a universal set and $x \in X$, then a fuzzy set A defined on X is a collection of ordered pairs:

$$A = \{(x, \mu_A(x)) : x \in X, \mu_A(x) \in [0, 1]\},$$

where $\mu_A : X \rightarrow [0, 1]$ is a membership function.

Example 2.5. Let $X = \{x_1, x_2, x_3, x_4, x_5, x_6\}$. Then A is a fuzzy set of clever students.

$$A = \{(x_1, 0.3), (x_2, 0), (x_3, 0.4), (x_4, 0.7), (x_5, 0.9)\},$$

where $\mu_A(x)$ is the degree of cleverness.

Definition 2.6. ([19]) The triplet $(X, M, *)$ is a fuzzy metric space if X is a set, $*$ is a continuous t -norm, and $M : X \times X \times [0, \infty) \rightarrow [0, 1]$ is a fuzzy set satisfying the following postulates: for all $x, y, z \in X$ and $t, s > 0$,

- (KM1) $M(x, y, 0) = 0$;
- (KM2) $M(x, y, t) = 1$ if and only if $x = y$;
- (KM3) $M(x, y, t) = M(y, x, t)$;
- (KM4) $M(x, y, t) * M(y, z, s) \leq M(x, z, t + s)$;
- (KM5) $M(x, y, \cdot) : [0, \infty) \rightarrow [0, 1]$ is left-continuous.

Note that $M(x, y, t)$ can be considered as the degree of nearness between x and y with respect to t . We identify $x = y$ with $M(x, y, t) = 1$ for all $t > 0$.

Definition 2.7. ([11]) The triplet $(X, M, *)$ is a fuzzy metric space if X is a set, $*$ is a continuous t -norm, and $M : X \times X \times (0, \infty) \rightarrow [0, 1]$ is a fuzzy set satisfying the following axioms: for all $x, y, z \in X$ and $t, s > 0$,

- (GV1) $M(x, y, t) > 0$;
- (GV2) $M(x, y, t) = 1$ iff $x = y$;
- (GV3) $M(x, y, t) = M(y, x, t)$;
- (GV4) $M(x, y, t) * M(y, z, s) \leq M(x, z, t + s)$;

(GV5) $M(x, y, \bullet) : (0, \infty) \rightarrow [0, 1]$ is continuous.

Example 2.8. Let (X, d) be a metric space. Define $a * b = ab$ for $a, b \in [0, 1]$ and

$$M(x, y, t) = \frac{kt^n}{kt^n + md(x, y)}, \quad k, m, n \in \mathbb{R}.$$

Then $(X, M, *)$ is a fuzzy metric space induced by d . If $k = m = n = 1$, then the above equation reduces to $M(x, y, t) = \frac{t}{t+d(x,y)}$ is called the standard fuzzy metric.

Remark 2.9. $(X, M, *)$ is not a fuzzy metric space if the t-norm defined by $a * b = \min(a, b)$, for $a, b \in [0, 1]$ and the metric d on X and satisfying $M(x, y, t) = \frac{t}{t+d(x,y)}$.

Definition 2.10. A function f is upper semi-continuous at x_0 if for every $\epsilon > 0$, there exists a neighborhood U of x_0 such that for all $x \in U$, $f(x) < f(x_0) + \epsilon$. It is lower semi-continuous if $f(x) > f(x_0) - \epsilon$. If f is continuous at x_0 , then for every $\epsilon > 0$ there exists U such that $f(x_0) - \epsilon < f(x) < f(x_0) + \epsilon$ for all $x \in U$.

Definition 2.11. ([13]) A sequence $\{x_n\}$ in a fuzzy metric space $(X, M, *)$ is convergent to $x \in X$ (denoted by $\lim_{n \rightarrow \infty} x_n = x$) 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 $n \geq n_0$.

George and Veeramani [1] showed that a sequence $\{x_n\}$ in a fuzzy metric space $(X, M, *)$ converges to a point $x \in X$ if and only if

$$\lim_{n \rightarrow \infty} M(x_n, x, t) = 1.$$

Definition 2.12. ([11]) A sequence $\{x_n\}$ in $(X, M, *)$ is Cauchy sequence if for each $\epsilon > 0$ and $t > 0$ there exists n_0 such that $M(x_n, x_m, t) > 1 - \epsilon$ for all $n, m \geq n_0$. A fuzzy metric space $(X, M, *)$ is complete if every Cauchy sequence converges to a point in X .

Definition 2.13. ([17]) Let U, V be mappings from a complete fuzzy metric space $(X, M, *)$ into itself. The mappings U, V are said to be compatible if

$$\lim_{n \rightarrow \infty} M(UVx_n, VUx_n, t) = 1 \quad \text{for all } t > 0,$$

where $\{x_n\}$ is a sequence in X with $\lim_{n \rightarrow \infty} Ux_n = \lim_{n \rightarrow \infty} Vx_n = s$ for some $s \in X$.

Definition 2.14. ([17]) Let U and V be mappings from a complete fuzzy metric space $(X, M, *)$ into itself. The mappings U and V are said to be compatible of type (A) if

$$\lim_{n \rightarrow \infty} M(UVx_n, VVx_n, t) = 1 \quad \text{and} \quad \lim_{n \rightarrow \infty} M(VUx_n, UUx_n, t) = 1$$

for all $t > 0$, whenever $\{x_n\}$ is a sequence in X such that

$$\lim_{n \rightarrow \infty} Ux_n = \lim_{n \rightarrow \infty} Vx_n = s$$

for some $s \in X$.

Definition 2.15. ([18]) Let U and V be mappings from a complete fuzzy metric space $(X, M, *)$ into itself. The mappings U and V are said to be compatible of type (R) if

$$\lim_{n \rightarrow \infty} M(UVx_n, VUx_n, t) = 1 \quad \text{and} \quad \lim_{n \rightarrow \infty} M(UUx_n, VVx_n, t) = 1$$

for all $t > 0$, whenever $\{x_n\}$ is a sequence in X such that

$$\lim_{n \rightarrow \infty} Ux_n = \lim_{n \rightarrow \infty} Vx_n = s$$

for some $s \in X$.

Definition 2.16. ([21]) Let U and V be mappings from a complete fuzzy metric space $(X, M, *)$ into itself. The mappings U and V are said to be compatible of type (K) if

$$\lim_{n \rightarrow \infty} M(UUx_n, Vs, t) = 1 \quad \text{and} \quad \lim_{n \rightarrow \infty} M(VVx_n, Us, t) = 1$$

for all $t > 0$, whenever $\{x_n\}$ is a sequence in X such that

$$\lim_{n \rightarrow \infty} Ux_n = \lim_{n \rightarrow \infty} Vx_n = s$$

for some $s \in X$.

Example 2.17. ([21]) Let $X = [0, 2]$ with the usual metric $d(x, y) = |x - y|$. Define

$$M(x, y, t) = \frac{t}{t + d(x, y)} \quad \text{for all } x, y \in X, t > 0$$

and

$$a * b = ab \quad \text{for all } a, b \in [0, 1].$$

Then $(X, M, *)$ is a fuzzy metric space. We define self-mappings U and V as follows:

$$\begin{aligned} U(x) &= 2, \quad V(x) = 0, \quad \text{for } x \in [0, 1) - \left\{\frac{1}{2}\right\}, \\ U\left(\frac{1}{2}\right) &= 0, \quad V\left(\frac{1}{2}\right) = 2, \\ U(x) &= \frac{2-x}{2}, \quad V(x) = \frac{x}{2} \quad \text{for } x \in (1, 2]. \end{aligned}$$

Let us consider a sequence $\{x_n\}$ in X such that

$$x_n = 1 + \frac{1}{n} \quad \text{for all } n \in \mathbb{N}.$$

Hence, U and V are compatible mappings of type (K).

3. SOME LEMMA, PROPOSITIONS, AND COMMON FIXED POINT THEOREMS

Lemma 3.1. ([20]) *Let $(X, M, *)$ be a fuzzy metric space. Then $M(x, y, t)$ is non-decreasing in t for all $x, y \in X$.*

We can easily prove the following two propositions by definitions.

Proposition 3.2. *Let U and V be mappings from a complete fuzzy metric space $(X, M, *)$ into itself. If U and V are compatible mappings of type (K) on X and $Us = Vs$ for $s \in X$, then*

$$UU s = VVs.$$

Proposition 3.3. *Let U and V be mappings from a complete fuzzy metric space $(X, M, *)$ into itself. If U and V are compatible mappings of type (K) on X and*

$$\lim_{n \rightarrow \infty} Ux_n = \lim_{n \rightarrow \infty} Vx_n = s \quad \text{for some } s \in X,$$

then we have

$$\lim_{n \rightarrow \infty} M(VVx_n, Us, t) = 1, \quad \text{if } U \text{ is continuous,}$$

$$\lim_{n \rightarrow \infty} M(UUx_n, Vs, t) = 1, \quad \text{if } V \text{ is continuous.}$$

Moreover, if U and V are both continuous at s , then

$$UU s = VVs \quad \text{and} \quad Us = Vs.$$

Theorem 3.4. ([18]) *Let $(X, M, *)$ be a complete metric space and S, T, U and V be four mappings from X into itself. Suppose that U and V are continuous mappings which satisfy the following conditions:*

- (i) $S(X) \subset V(X)$ and $T(X) \subset U(X)$,
- (ii) The pairs $\{S, U\}$ and $\{T, V\}$ are compatible of type (R),
- (iii)

$$M(Sx, Ty, t) \leq \Phi[\max\{M(Ux, Vy, t), M(Ux, Sx, t), M(Vy, Ty, t), \\ \frac{1}{2}[M(Ux, Ty, t) + M(Vy, Sx, t)]\}],$$

for all $x, y \in X$, where $\Phi: [0, \infty) \rightarrow [0, \infty)$ is a non-decreasing and upper semi-continuous function such that $\Phi(t) < t$ for all $t > 0$.

Then S, T, U and V have a unique common fixed point in X .

4. MAIN RESULTS

Theorem 4.1. *Let $(X, M, *)$ be a complete fuzzy metric space. Let S, T, U and V be four self-mappings which satisfy:*

- (i) $S(X) \subset V(X)$ and $T(X) \subset U(X)$;
- (ii) U and V are continuous;
- (iii) $\{S, U\}$ and $\{T, V\}$ are compatible of type (K) ;
- (iv)

$$M(Sx, Ty, t) \leq \Phi[\max\{M(Ux, Vy, t), M(Ux, Sx, t), M(Vy, Ty, t), \\ \frac{1}{2}[M(Ux, Ty, t) + M(Vy, Sx, t)]\}],$$

for all $x, y \in X$, where $\Phi : [0, \infty) \rightarrow [0, \infty)$ is non-decreasing, upper semi-continuous, and $\Phi(t) < t$ for all $t > 0$.

Then S, T, U, V have a unique common fixed point in X .

Proof. Let us consider $x_0 \in X$. Since $S(X) \subset V(X)$ and $T(X) \subset U(X)$, there exist $x_1, x_2 \in X$ such that

$$Sx_0 = Vx_1 \quad \text{and} \quad Tx_1 = Ux_2.$$

Inductively, we construct a sequence $\{x_n\}$ in X such that

$$Ux_{2n} = Tx_{2n-1}, \quad Vx_{2n-1} = Sx_{2n-2} \quad \text{for } n = 1, 2, 3, \dots$$

Suppose that

$$y_{2n-1} = Vx_{2n-1} = Sx_{2n-2}, \quad y_{2n} = Ux_{2n} = Tx_{2n-1} \quad \text{for } n = 1, 2, 3, \dots \quad (4.1)$$

Using condition (iv) and equation (4.1), we get

$$\begin{aligned} M(y_{2n+1}, y_{2n}, t) &= M(Sx_{2n}, Tx_{2n-1}, t) \\ &\leq \Phi \max[M(Ux_{2n}, Vx_{2n-1}, t), M(Ux_{2n}, Sx_{2n}, t), \\ &\quad M(Vx_{2n-1}, Tx_{2n-1}, t), \\ &\quad \frac{1}{2}(M(Ux_{2n}, Tx_{2n-1}, t) + M(Vx_{2n-1}, Sx_{2n}, t))] \\ &= \Phi \max[M(y_{2n}, y_{2n-1}, t), M(y_{2n}, y_{2n+1}, t), M(y_{2n-1}, y_{2n}, t), \\ &\quad \frac{1}{2}(M(y_{2n}, y_{2n}, t) + M(y_{2n-1}, y_{2n+1}, t))] \\ &\leq M(y_{2n}, y_{2n-1}, t). \end{aligned} \quad (4.2)$$

To show

$$\lim_{n \rightarrow \infty} M(y_n, y_m, t) = 1, \quad \forall t > 0.$$

For all n, m and by the upper semi-continuity of $\Phi(t) < t$ for all $t > 0$, we have from (4.2):

$$\begin{aligned} M(y_{n+1}, y_n, t) &\leq M(y_n, y_{n-1}, t) \leq M(y_{n-1}, y_{n-2}, t) \leq \cdots \leq M(y_1, y_0, t) \\ &\rightarrow 1 \quad \text{as } n \rightarrow \infty, t > 0. \end{aligned}$$

Hence, $\{y_n\}$ is a Cauchy sequence in X . Since X is complete, it converges to a point $s \in X$, that is,

$$y_n \rightarrow s \quad \text{as } n \rightarrow \infty.$$

Moreover, the subsequences $\{Sx_{2n-2}\}, \{Tx_{2n-1}\}, \{Ux_{2n}\}$ and $\{Vx_{2n-1}\}$ of $\{y_n\}$ converge to s , that is,

$$y_{2n} = Ux_{2n} = Tx_{2n-1} \rightarrow s, \quad y_{2n-1} = Vx_{2n-1} = Sx_{2n-2} \rightarrow s \quad \text{as } n \rightarrow \infty.$$

Since the pairs $\{S, U\}$ and $\{T, V\}$ are compatible of type (K), and by the continuity of U and V , equation (4.1), and Proposition 3.3, we have

$$\begin{cases} Vy_{2n} \rightarrow Vs & \text{and } Ty_{2n} = TTx_{2n-1} \rightarrow Vs, \\ Uy_{2n-1} \rightarrow Us & \text{and } Sy_{2n-1} = SSx_{2n-2} \rightarrow Us, \end{cases} \quad \text{as } n \rightarrow \infty. \quad (4.3)$$

By using condition (iv) and equation (1), we get

$$\begin{aligned} M(Sy_{2n-1}, Ty_{2n}, t) &\leq \Phi \left(\max \left\{ M(Uy_{2n-1}, Vy_{2n}, t), \right. \right. \\ &\quad M(Uy_{2n-1}, Sy_{2n-1}, t), \quad M(Vy_{2n}, Ty_{2n}, t), \\ &\quad \left. \left. \frac{1}{2} (M(Uy_{2n-1}, Ty_{2n}, t) + M(Vy_{2n}, Sy_{2n-1}, t)) \right\} \right). \end{aligned}$$

If $Us \neq Vs$, then by applying the upper semi-continuity of $\Phi(t)$, equations (4.1) and (4.3), we have

$$\begin{aligned} M(Us, Vs, t) &\leq \Phi \left(\max \left\{ M(Us, Vs, t), \quad M(Us, Us, t), \quad M(Vs, Vs, t), \right. \right. \\ &\quad \left. \left. \frac{1}{2} (M(Us, Vs, t) + M(Vs, Us, t)) \right\} \right). \end{aligned}$$

Since $M(Us, Us, t) = M(Vs, Vs, t) = 1$ and M takes values in $[0, 1]$, this simplifies to $M(Us, Vs, t) < M(Us, Vs, t)$. Since, $\Phi(t) < t$ for all $t > 0$, which is a contradiction. Hence,

$$Us = Vs. \quad (4.4)$$

Similarly, from condition (iv), equations (4.1), (4.3), and the upper semi-continuity of Φ , we can prove

$$Us = Ts \quad (4.5)$$

and

$$Vs = Ss. \quad (4.6)$$

Thus, from equations (4.4), (4.5), and (4.6), we get

$$Ss = Ts = Us = Vs. \quad (4.7)$$

Also, from condition (iv) and equation (4.1), we have

$$M(Sx_{2n}, Ts, t) \leq \Phi \left(\max \left\{ M(Ux_{2n}, Vs, t), M(Ux_{2n}, Sx_{2n}, t), M(Vs, Ts, t), \right. \right. \\ \left. \left. \frac{1}{2}(M(Ux_{2n}, Ts, t) + M(Vs, Sx_{2n}, t)) \right\} \right).$$

If $Ts \neq s$, then

$$M(s, Ts, t) \leq \Phi \left(\max \left\{ M(s, Vs, t), M(s, s, t), M(Vs, Ts, t), \right. \right. \\ \left. \left. \frac{1}{2}(M(s, Ts, t) + M(Vs, s, t)) \right\} \right) \\ = \Phi(M(s, Ts, t)) < M(s, Ts, t),$$

that is,

$$M(s, Ts, t) < M(s, Ts, t),$$

which is also a contradiction. Hence,

$$Ts = s. \quad (4.8)$$

Therefore, from equations (4.7) and (4.8), we obtain

$$Ss = Ts = Us = Vs = s.$$

Thus, s is a common fixed point of the mappings S, T, U and V .

To show the uniqueness of the common fixed point, let us consider w to be another common fixed point of S, T, U and V . Then

$$Sw = Tw = Uw = Vw = w.$$

We want to show that $s = w$. If possible, let us assume $s \neq w$. Then

$$M(s, w, t) = M(Ss, Tw, t) \\ \leq \Phi \left(\max \left\{ M(Us, Vw, t), M(Us, Ss, t), M(Vw, Tw, t), \right. \right. \\ \left. \left. \frac{1}{2}(M(Us, Tw, t) + M(Vw, Ss, t)) \right\} \right).$$

Since $Ss = s$, $Tw = w$, and $Sw = Tw = Uw = Vw = w$, this reduces to

$$M(s, w, t) \leq \Phi(M(Us, Vw, t)) = \Phi(M(s, w, t)) < M(s, w, t).$$

that is,

$$M(s, w, t) < M(s, w, t),$$

which is a contradiction, so $s = w$. This completes the proof. \square

Corollary 4.2. *Let $(X, M, *)$ be a complete fuzzy metric space and U and V be two mappings from X into itself which satisfy the following conditions:*

- (i) U and V are continuous mappings,
(ii) For all $x, y \in X$ and $t > 0$,

$$M(Ux, Vy, t) \leq \Phi \left(\max \left\{ M(x, y, t), M(x, Ux, t), M(y, Vy, t), \right. \right. \\ \left. \left. \frac{1}{2}(M(x, Vy, t) + M(y, Ux, t)) \right\} \right),$$

where $\Phi: [0, \infty) \rightarrow [0, \infty)$ is a non-decreasing and upper semi-continuous function such that $\Phi(t) < t$ for all $t > 0$.

Then U and V have a unique common fixed point in X .

Proof. Let us construct a sequence $\{x_n\}$ in X such that

$$x_{2n-1} = Ux_{2n-2}, \quad x_{2n} = Vx_{2n-2}, \quad (4.9)$$

for $n = 1, 2, 3, \dots$. Then we can easily show that $\{x_n\}$ is a Cauchy sequence in X . Since X is complete, there exists $s \in X$ such that

$$x_n \rightarrow s \quad \text{as } n \rightarrow \infty.$$

Consequently, the subsequences $\{x_{2n-1}\}$ and $\{x_{2n}\}$ also converge to s .

From condition (ii) of this corollary and equation (4.9), we get

$$M(Us, x_{2n}, t) = M(Us, Vx_{2n-2}, t) \\ \leq \Phi \left(\max \left\{ M(s, x_{2n-2}, t), M(s, Us, t), M(x_{2n-2}, Vx_{2n-2}, t), \right. \right. \\ \left. \left. \frac{1}{2}(M(s, Vx_{2n-2}, t) + M(x_{2n-2}, Us, t)) \right\} \right).$$

Since $x_{2n} = Vx_{2n-2}$, this reduces to

$$M(Us, x_{2n}, t) \leq \Phi \left(\max \left\{ M(s, x_{2n-2}, t), M(s, Us, t), M(x_{2n-2}, x_{2n}, t), \right. \right. \\ \left. \left. \frac{1}{2}(M(s, x_{2n}, t) + M(x_{2n-2}, Us, t)) \right\} \right).$$

If $Us \neq s$, then by the condition of upper semi-continuity of $\Phi(t)$, we get

$$M(Us, s, t) \leq \Phi(M(s, Us, t)) < M(s, Us, t) = M(Us, s, t),$$

that is,

$$M(Us, s, t) < M(Us, s, t),$$

which is a contradiction. Hence, $s = Us$.

A similar argument shows that $s = Vs$. Therefore, s is the unique common fixed point of U and V . \square

We can apply the Theorem 4.1 in sequential form as stated below:

Theorem 4.3. Let $(X, M, *)$ be a complete fuzzy metric space and U, V and $\{S_n\}$ be three mappings from X into itself, where $n = 1, 2, 3, \dots$. Assume further that U and V are continuous and for each $n \in \mathbb{N}$, the pairs $\{S_{2n-1}, U\}$ and $\{S_{2n}, V\}$ are compatible of type (K) , which satisfy the following conditions for any $n \in \mathbb{N}$:

- (i) $S_{2n-1}(X) \subset V(X)$ and $S_{2n}(X) \subset U(X)$,
- (ii) For all $x, y \in X$ and $t > 0$,

$$M(S_n x, S_{n+1} y, t) \leq \Phi \left(\max \left\{ M(Ux, Vy, t), M(Ux, S_n x, t), \right. \right. \\ \left. \left. M(Vy, S_{n+1} y, t), \right. \right. \\ \left. \left. \frac{1}{2} (M(Ux, S_{n+1} y, t) + M(Vy, S_n x, t)) \right\} \right),$$

where $\Phi: [0, \infty) \rightarrow [0, \infty)$ is a non-decreasing and upper semi-continuous function such that $\Phi(t) < t$ for all $t > 0$.

Then S_n, U , and V have a unique common fixed point in X .

5. CONCLUSION

In this paper, some fixed point theorems for four self-mappings of compatible maps of type (K) are established, generalizing and extending prior results in fuzzy metric spaces.

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