

A COMMON FIXED POINT THEOREM FOR ψ -WEAKLY COMMUTING MAPS IN \mathcal{L} -FUZZY METRIC SPACES

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ABSTRACT. In this paper, a common fixed point theorem for ψ -weakly commuting maps in \mathcal{L} -fuzzy metric spaces is proved.

1. Introduction and Preliminaries

The notion of fuzzy sets was introduced by Zadeh [26] and various concepts of fuzzy metric spaces were considered in [7, 8, 14, 15]. Many authors have studied fixed point theory in fuzzy metric spaces. The most interesting references are [3, 4, 10, 11, 16, 18, 25].

In the sequel, we shall adopt the usual terminology, notation and conventions of \mathcal{L} -fuzzy metric spaces introduced by Saadati et al. [21, 22] and [1].

Definition 1.1. [10] Let $\mathcal{L} = (L, \leq_L)$ be a complete lattice, and U a non-empty set called universe. An \mathcal{L} -fuzzy set \mathcal{A} on U is defined as a mapping $\mathcal{A} : U \rightarrow L$. For each u in U , $\mathcal{A}(u)$ represents the degree (in L) to which u satisfies \mathcal{A} .

Lemma 1.2. [6] Consider the set L^* and operation \leq_{L^*} defined by:

$$L^* = \{(x_1, x_2) : (x_1, x_2) \in [0, 1]^2 \text{ and } x_1 + x_2 \leq 1\},$$

$(x_1, x_2) \leq_{L^*} (y_1, y_2) \iff x_1 \leq y_1 \text{ and } x_2 \geq y_2$, for every $(x_1, x_2), (y_1, y_2) \in L^*$. Then (L^*, \leq_{L^*}) is a complete lattice .

Definition 1.3. [2] An intuitionistic fuzzy set $\mathcal{A}_{\zeta, \eta}$ on a universe U is an object $\mathcal{A}_{\zeta, \eta} = \{(\zeta_{\mathcal{A}}(u), \eta_{\mathcal{A}}(u)) : u \in U\}$, where, for all $u \in U$, $\zeta_{\mathcal{A}}(u) \in [0, 1]$ and $\eta_{\mathcal{A}}(u) \in [0, 1]$ are called the membership degree and the non-membership degree, respectively, of u in $\mathcal{A}_{\zeta, \eta}$, and furthermore satisfy $\zeta_{\mathcal{A}}(u) + \eta_{\mathcal{A}}(u) \leq 1$.

Classically, a triangular norm T on $([0, 1], \leq)$ is defined as an increasing, commutative, associative mapping $T : [0, 1]^2 \rightarrow [0, 1]$ satisfying $T(1, x) = x$, for all $x \in [0, 1]$. These definitions can be straightforwardly extended to any lattice $\mathcal{L} = (L, \leq_L)$. Define first $0_{\mathcal{L}} = \inf L$ and $1_{\mathcal{L}} = \sup L$.

Definition 1.4. A triangular norm (t-norm) on \mathcal{L} is a mapping $\mathcal{T} : L^2 \rightarrow L$ satisfying the following conditions:

- (i) $(\forall x \in L)(\mathcal{T}(x, 1_{\mathcal{L}}) = x)$; (boundary condition)
- (ii) $(\forall (x, y) \in L^2)(\mathcal{T}(x, y) = \mathcal{T}(y, x))$; (commutativity)

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- (iii) $(\forall(x, y, z) \in L^3)(\mathcal{T}(x, \mathcal{T}(y, z)) = \mathcal{T}(\mathcal{T}(x, y), z));$ (associativity)
- (iv) $(\forall(x, x', y, y') \in L^4)(x \leq_L x' \text{ and } y \leq_L y' \Rightarrow \mathcal{T}(x, y) \leq_L \mathcal{T}(x', y')).$ (monotonicity)

A t-norm can also be defined recursively as an $(n+1)$ -ary operation $(n \in \mathbf{N} \setminus \{0\})$ by $\mathcal{T}^1 = \mathcal{T}$ and

$$\mathcal{T}^n(x_{(1)}, \dots, x_{(n+1)}) = \mathcal{T}(\mathcal{T}^{n-1}(x_{(1)}, \dots, x_{(n)}), x_{(n+1)})$$

for $n \geq 2$ and $x_{(i)} \in L$.

Definition 1.5. [5] A t-norm \mathcal{T} on L^* is called *t-representable* if and only if there exist a t-norm T and a t-conorm S on $[0, 1]$ such that, for all $x = (x_1, x_2), y = (y_1, y_2) \in L^*$,

$$\mathcal{T}(x, y) = (T(x_1, y_1), S(x_2, y_2)).$$

Definition 1.6. A negation on \mathcal{L} is any decreasing mapping $\mathcal{N} : L \rightarrow L$ satisfying $\mathcal{N}(0_{\mathcal{L}}) = 1_{\mathcal{L}}$ and $\mathcal{N}(1_{\mathcal{L}}) = 0_{\mathcal{L}}$. If $\mathcal{N}(\mathcal{N}(x)) = x$, for all $x \in L$, then \mathcal{N} is called an involutive negation.

If, for all $x \in [0, 1]$, $N_s(x) = 1 - x$, we say that N_s is the standard negation on $([0, 1], \leq)$.

Definition 1.7. The 3-tuple $(X, \mathcal{M}, \mathcal{T})$ is said to be an *\mathcal{L} -fuzzy metric space* if X is an arbitrary (non-empty) set, \mathcal{T} is a continuous t-norm on \mathcal{L} and \mathcal{M} is an \mathcal{L} -fuzzy set on $X^2 \times]0, +\infty[$ satisfying the following conditions for every x, y, z in X and t, s in $]0, +\infty[$:

- (a) $\mathcal{M}(x, y, t) >_L 0_{\mathcal{L}}$;
- (b) $\mathcal{M}(x, y, t) = 1_{\mathcal{L}}$ for all $t > 0$ if and only if $x = y$;
- (c) $\mathcal{M}(x, y, t) = \mathcal{M}(y, x, t)$;
- (d) $\mathcal{T}(\mathcal{M}(x, y, t), \mathcal{M}(y, z, s)) \leq_L \mathcal{M}(x, z, t + s)$;
- (e) $\mathcal{M}(x, y, \cdot) :]0, \infty[\rightarrow L$ is continuous.

In this case \mathcal{M} is called an *\mathcal{L} -fuzzy metric*. If $\mathcal{M} = \mathcal{M}_{M,N}$ is an intuitionistic fuzzy set (see Definition 1.3) then the 3-tuple $(X, \mathcal{M}_{M,N}, \mathcal{T})$ is said to be an *intuitionistic fuzzy metric space*.

Example 1.8. [24] Let (X, d) be a metric space. Set $\mathcal{T}(a, b) = (a_1 b_1, \min(a_2 + b_2, 1))$ for all $a = (a_1, a_2)$ and $b = (b_1, b_2)$ in L^* and let M and N be fuzzy sets on $X^2 \times (0, \infty)$ defined as follows:

$$\mathcal{M}_{M,N}(x, y, t) = (M(x, y, t), N(x, y, t)) = \left(\frac{t}{t + md(x, y)}, \frac{d(x, y)}{t + d(x, y)} \right),$$

in which $m > 1$. Then $(X, \mathcal{M}_{M,N}, \mathcal{T})$ is an intuitionistic fuzzy metric space.

Example 1.9. [22] Let $X = \mathbf{N}$. Define $\mathcal{T}(a, b) = (\max(0, a_1 + b_1 - 1), a_2 + b_2 - a_2 b_2)$ for all $a = (a_1, a_2)$ and $b = (b_1, b_2)$ in L^* and let M and N be fuzzy sets on $X^2 \times (0, \infty)$ defined as follows:

$$\mathcal{M}_{M,N}(x, y, t) = (M(x, y, t), N(x, y, t)) = \begin{cases} \left(\frac{x}{y}, \frac{y-x}{y} \right) & \text{if } x \leq y \\ \left(\frac{y}{x}, \frac{x-y}{x} \right) & \text{if } y \leq x. \end{cases}$$

for all $x, y \in X$ and $t > 0$. Then $(X, \mathcal{M}_{M,N}, \mathcal{T})$ is an intuitionistic fuzzy metric space.

Let $(X, \mathcal{M}, \mathcal{T})$ be an \mathcal{L} -fuzzy metric space. For $t \in]0, +\infty[$, we define the *open ball* $B(x, r, t)$ with center $x \in X$ and radius $r \in L \setminus \{0_{\mathcal{L}}, 1_{\mathcal{L}}\}$, as

$$B(x, r, t) = \{y \in X : \mathcal{M}(x, y, t) >_L \mathcal{N}(r)\}.$$

A subset $A \subseteq X$ is called *open* if for each $x \in A$, there exist $t > 0$ and $r \in L \setminus \{0_{\mathcal{L}}, 1_{\mathcal{L}}\}$ such that $B(x, r, t) \subseteq A$. Let $\tau_{\mathcal{M}}$ denote the family of all open subsets of X . Then $\tau_{\mathcal{M}}$ is called the *topology induced by the \mathcal{L} -fuzzy metric \mathcal{M}* .

Lemma 1.10. [9] *Let $(X, \mathcal{M}, \mathcal{T})$ be an \mathcal{L} -fuzzy metric space. Then, $\mathcal{M}(x, y, t)$ is nondecreasing with respect to t , for all x, y in X .*

Proof. Let $t, s \in]0, +\infty[$ be such that $t < s$. Then $k = s - t > 0$ and

$$\mathcal{M}(x, y, t) = \mathcal{T}(\mathcal{M}(x, y, t), 1_{\mathcal{L}}) = \mathcal{T}(\mathcal{M}(x, y, t), \mathcal{M}(y, y, k)) \leq_L \mathcal{M}(x, y, s).$$

□

Definition 1.11. A sequence $\{x_n\}_{n \in \mathbf{N}}$ in an \mathcal{L} -fuzzy metric space $(X, \mathcal{M}, \mathcal{T})$ is called a *Cauchy sequence*, if for each $\varepsilon \in L \setminus \{0_{\mathcal{L}}\}$ and $t > 0$, there exists $n_0 \in \mathbf{N}$ such that for all $m \geq n \geq n_0$ ($n \geq m \geq n_0$),

$$\mathcal{M}(x_m, x_n, t) >_L \mathcal{N}(\varepsilon).$$

The sequence $\{x_n\}_{n \in \mathbf{N}}$ is said to be *convergent* to $x \in X$ in the \mathcal{L} -fuzzy metric space $(X, \mathcal{M}, \mathcal{T})$ (denoted by $x_n \xrightarrow{\mathcal{M}} x$) if $\mathcal{M}(x_n, x, t) = \mathcal{M}(x, x_n, t) \rightarrow 1_{\mathcal{L}}$ whenever $n \rightarrow +\infty$ for every $t > 0$. A \mathcal{L} -fuzzy metric space is said to be *complete* if and only if every Cauchy sequence is convergent.

Definition 1.12. Let $(X, \mathcal{M}, \mathcal{T})$ be an \mathcal{L} -fuzzy metric space. \mathcal{M} is said to be continuous on $X \times X \times]0, \infty[$ if

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

whenever a sequence $\{(x_n, y_n, t_n)\}$ in $X \times X \times]0, \infty[$ converges to a point $(x, y, t) \in X \times X \times]0, \infty[$ i.e., $\lim_n \mathcal{M}(x_n, x, t) = \lim_n \mathcal{M}(y_n, y, t) = 1_{\mathcal{L}}$ and $\lim_n \mathcal{M}(x, y, t_n) = \mathcal{M}(x, y, t)$.

Lemma 1.13. *Let $(X, \mathcal{M}, \mathcal{T})$ be an \mathcal{L} -fuzzy metric space. Then \mathcal{M} is a continuous function on $X \times X \times]0, \infty[$.*

Proof. The proof is same as for fuzzy metric spaces (see Proposition 1 of [20]). □

2. The Main Results

Definition 2.1. Let f and g be maps from an \mathcal{L} -fuzzy metric space $(X, \mathcal{M}, \mathcal{T})$ into itself. The maps f and g are said to be weakly commuting if

$$\mathcal{M}(fgx, gfx, t) \geq_L \mathcal{M}(fx, gx, t)$$

for each x in X and $t > 0$.

Definition 2.2. Let f and g be maps from an \mathcal{L} -fuzzy metric space $(X, \mathcal{M}, \mathcal{T})$ into itself. The maps f and g are said to be ψ -weakly commuting if there exists a positive real function $\psi : (0, \infty) \rightarrow (0, \infty)$ such that

$$\mathcal{M}(fgx, gfx, t) \geq_L \mathcal{M}(fx, gx, \psi(t))$$

for each x in X and $t > 0$.

Weak commutativity implies ψ -weak commutativity in \mathcal{L} -fuzzy metric spaces. However, ψ -weak commutativity implies weak commutativity only when $\psi(t) \geq t$.

Example 2.3. Let $X = \mathbf{R}$. Let $\mathcal{T}(a, b) = (a_1b_1, \min(a_2 + b_2, 1))$ for all $a = (a_1, a_2), b = (b_1, b_2) \in L^*$ and let $\mathcal{M}_{M,N}$ be the intuitionistic fuzzy set on $X \times X \times]0, +\infty[$ defined as follows:

$$\mathcal{M}_{M,N}(x, y, t) = \left(\left(\exp\left(\frac{|x-y|}{t}\right) \right)^{-1}, \frac{\exp\left(\frac{|x-y|}{t}\right) - 1}{\exp\left(\frac{|x-y|}{t}\right)} \right),$$

for all $t \in \mathbf{R}^+$. Then $(X, \mathcal{M}_{M,N}, \mathcal{T})$ is an intuitionistic fuzzy metric space. Define $f(x) = 2x - 1$ and $g(x) = x^2$. Then

$$\begin{aligned} \mathcal{M}_{M,N}(fgx, gfx, t) &= \left(\left(\exp\left(2\frac{|x-1|^2}{t}\right) \right)^{-1}, \frac{\exp\left(2\frac{|x-1|^2}{t}\right) - 1}{\exp\left(2\frac{|x-1|^2}{t}\right)} \right) \\ &= \left(\left(\exp\left(\frac{|x-1|^2}{t/2}\right) \right)^{-1}, \frac{\exp\left(\frac{|x-1|^2}{t/2}\right) - 1}{\exp\left(\frac{|x-1|^2}{t/2}\right)} \right) = \mathcal{M}_{M,N}(fx, gx, t/2) \\ &<_{L^*} \left(\left(\exp\left(\frac{|x-1|^2}{t}\right) \right)^{-1}, \frac{\exp\left(\frac{|x-1|^2}{t}\right) - 1}{\exp\left(\frac{|x-1|^2}{t}\right)} \right) = \mathcal{M}_{M,N}(fx, gx, t) \end{aligned}$$

Therefore, for $\psi(t) = t/2$, f and g are ψ -weakly commuting. But f and g are not weakly commuting since the exponential function is strictly increasing.

Theorem 2.4. Let $(X, \mathcal{M}, \mathcal{T})$ be a left complete \mathcal{L} -fuzzy metric space and let f and g be ψ -weakly commuting self-mappings of X satisfying the following conditions:

- (a) $f(X) \subseteq g(X)$;
- (b) Either f or g is continuous;
- (c) $\mathcal{M}(fx, fy, t) \geq_L \mathcal{C}(\mathcal{M}(gx, gy, t))$, where $\mathcal{C} : L \rightarrow L$ is a continuous function such that $\mathcal{C}(a) >_L a$ for each $a \in L \setminus \{0_{\mathcal{L}}, 1_{\mathcal{L}}\}$.

Then f and g have a unique common fixed point.

Proof. Let x_0 be an arbitrary point in X . By (a), choose a point x_1 in X such that $fx_0 = gx_1$. In general choose x_{n+1} such that $fx_n = gx_{n+1}$. Then for $t > 0$,

$$\begin{aligned} \mathcal{M}(fx_n, fx_{n+1}, t) &\geq_L \mathcal{C}(\mathcal{M}(gx_n, gx_{n+1}, t)) = \mathcal{C}(\mathcal{M}(fx_{n-1}, fx_n, t)) \\ &>_L \mathcal{M}(fx_{n-1}, fx_n, t) \end{aligned}$$

Thus $\{\mathcal{M}(fx_n, fx_{n+1}, t); n \geq 0\}$ is an increasing sequence in L and therefore, tends to a limit $a \leq_L 1_{\mathcal{L}}$. We claim that $a = 1_{\mathcal{L}}$. For if $a <_L 1_{\mathcal{L}}$, when $n \rightarrow \infty$ in the

above inequality we get $a \geq_L \mathcal{C}(a) >_L a$, a contradiction. Hence $a = 1_{\mathcal{L}}$, i.e.,

$$\lim_n \mathcal{M}(fx_n, fx_{n+1}, t) = 1_{\mathcal{L}}.$$

If we define

$$(2.1) \quad c_n(t) = \mathcal{M}(fx_n, fx_{n+1}, t)$$

then $\lim_{n \rightarrow \infty} c_n(t) = 1_{\mathcal{L}}$. Now, we prove that $\{fx_n\}$ is a Cauchy sequence in $f(X)$. Suppose that $\{fx_n\}$ is not a Cauchy sequence in $f(X)$. For convenience, let $y_n = fx_n$ for $n = 1, 2, 3, \dots$. Then there is an $\epsilon \in L \setminus \{0_{\mathcal{L}}, 1_{\mathcal{L}}\}$ such that for each integer k , there exist integers $m(k)$ and $n(k)$ with $m(k) > n(k) \geq k$ such that

$$(2.2) \quad d_k(t) = \mathcal{M}(y_{n(k)}, y_{m(k)}, t) \leq \mathcal{N}(\epsilon) \text{ for } k = 1, 2, \dots$$

We may assume that

$$(2.3) \quad \mathcal{M}(y_{n(k)}, y_{m(k)-1}, t) > \mathcal{N}(\epsilon),$$

by choosing $m(k)$ to be the smallest number exceeding $n(k)$ for which (2.2) holds. Using (2.1), we have

$$(2.4) \quad \mathcal{N}(\epsilon) \geq d_k(t) \geq \mathcal{T}(\mathcal{M}(y_{n(k)}, y_{m(k)-1}, t/2), \mathcal{M}(y_{m(k)-1}, y_{m(k)}, t/2)) \geq \mathcal{T}(c_k(t/2), \mathcal{N}(\epsilon))$$

Hence, $d_k(t) \rightarrow \mathcal{N}(\epsilon)$ for every $t > 0$ as $k \rightarrow \infty$.

We note that

$$\begin{aligned} d_k(t) &= \mathcal{M}(y_{n(k)}, y_{m(k)}, t) \\ &\geq \mathcal{T}^2(\mathcal{M}(y_{n(k)}, y_{n(k)+1}, t/3), \mathcal{M}(y_{n(k)+1}, y_{m(k)+1}, t/3), \mathcal{M}(y_{m(k)+1}, y_{m(k)}, t/3)) \\ &\geq \mathcal{T}^2(c_k(t/3), \mathcal{C}(\mathcal{M}(y_{n(k)}, y_{m(k)}, t/3)), c_k(t/3)) \\ &= \mathcal{T}^2(c_k(t/3), \mathcal{C}(d_k(t/3)), c_k(t/3)). \end{aligned}$$

Thus, as $k \rightarrow \infty$ in the above inequality we have

$$\mathcal{N}(\epsilon) \geq \mathcal{C}(\mathcal{N}(\epsilon)) > \mathcal{N}(\epsilon)$$

which is a contradiction. Thus, $\{fx_n\}_n$ is Cauchy and by the completeness of X , $\{fx_n\}_n$ converges to z in X . Also $\{gx_n\}_n$ converges to z in X . Let us suppose that the mapping f is continuous. Then $\lim_n ffx_n = fz$ and $\lim_n fgx_n = fz$. Further we have since f and g are ψ -weakly commuting

$$\mathcal{M}(fgx_n, gfx_n, t) \geq_L \mathcal{M}(fx_n, gx_n, \psi(t)).$$

On letting $n \rightarrow \infty$ in the above inequality we get $\lim_n gfx_n = fz$, by Lemma 1.13. We now prove that $z = fz$. Suppose $z \neq fz$ then $\mathcal{M}(z, fz, t) <_L 1_{\mathcal{L}}$. By (c)

$$\mathcal{M}(fx_n, ffx_n, t) \geq_L \mathcal{C}(\mathcal{M}(gx_n, gfx_n, t)).$$

Letting $n \rightarrow \infty$ in the above inequality we get

$$\mathcal{M}(z, fz, t) \geq_L \mathcal{C}(\mathcal{M}(z, fz, t)) >_L \mathcal{M}(z, fz, t),$$

a contradiction. Therefore, $z = fz$. Since $f(X) \subseteq g(X)$ we can find z_1 in X such that $z = fz = gz_1$. Now,

$$\mathcal{M}(ffx_n, fz_1, t) \geq_L \mathcal{C}(\mathcal{M}(gfx_n, gz_1, t)).$$

Taking limits as $n \rightarrow \infty$ we get

$$\mathcal{M}(fz, fz_1, t) \geq_L \mathcal{C}(\mathcal{M}(fz, gz_1, t)) = 1_{\mathcal{L}}$$

. Since $\mathcal{C}(1_{\mathcal{L}}) = 1_{\mathcal{L}}$, this implies that $fz = fz_1$, i.e., $z = fz = fz_1 = gz_1$. Also for any $t > 0$,

$$\mathcal{M}(fz, gz, t) = \mathcal{M}(fgz_1, gfz_1, t) \geq_L \mathcal{M}(fz_1, gz_1, \psi(t)) = 1_{\mathcal{L}}$$

which again implies that $fz = gz$. Thus z is a common fixed point of f and g .

Now, to prove uniqueness suppose $z' \neq z$ is another common fixed point of f and g . Then there exists $t > 0$ such that $\mathcal{M}(z, z', t) <_L 1_{\mathcal{L}}$, and

$$\begin{aligned} \mathcal{M}(z, z', t) &= \mathcal{M}(fz, fz', t) \geq_L \mathcal{C}(\mathcal{M}(gz, gz', t)) = \mathcal{C}(\mathcal{M}(z, z', t)) \\ &>_L \mathcal{M}(z, z', t) \end{aligned}$$

which is contradiction. Therefore, $z = z'$, i.e., z is a unique common fixed point of f and g . \square

Example 2.5. Consider Example 1.8 in which $X = [0, 1]$. Define $f(x) = 1$ and

$$g(x) = \begin{cases} 1, & \text{if } x \text{ is rational,} \\ 0, & \text{if } x \text{ is irrational,} \end{cases}$$

on X . It is evident that $f(X) \subseteq g(X)$, f is continuous and g is discontinuous. Define $\mathcal{C} : L^* \rightarrow L^*$ by $\mathcal{C}(a) = (\sqrt{a_1}, a_2^2)$, then

$$\mathcal{C}(a) = (\sqrt{a_1}, a_2^2) >_{L^*} (a_1, a_2) = a$$

for $0 < a_i < 1$, $i = 1, 2$ and

$$\mathcal{M}(fx, fy, t) \geq_{L^*} \mathcal{C}(\mathcal{M}(gx, gy, t))$$

for all x, y in X , f and g are ψ -weakly commuting. Thus all the conditions of last theorem are satisfied and 1 is a common fixed point of f and g .

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