

## A COMMON FIXED POINT THEOREM FOR SIX WEAKLY COMPATIBLE MAPPINGS IN $\mathcal{M}$ -FUZZY METRIC SPACES

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**ABSTRACT.** In this paper, we give some new definitions of  $\mathcal{M}$ -fuzzy metric spaces and we prove a common fixed point theorem for six mappings under the condition of weakly compatible mappings in complete  $\mathcal{M}$ -fuzzy metric spaces.

### 1. Introduction and Preliminaries

The concept of fuzzy sets was introduced initially by Zadeh [39] in 1965. Since then, to use this concept in topology and analysis many authors have expansively developed the theory of fuzzy sets and applications. Especially, Deng [2], Erceg [10], Kaleva and Seikkala [19] and Kramosil and Michalek [20] have introduced the concepts of fuzzy metric spaces in different ways. George and Veeramani [14] and Kramosil and Michalek [20] have introduced the concept of fuzzy topological spaces induced by fuzzy metric which have very important applications in quantum particle physics particularly in connections with both string and  $\epsilon^{(\infty)}$  theory which were given and studied by El Naschie [6-9] and Tanaka et.al [36]. Recently Gregori et.al [15,16] and Rafi et.al [28] studied some properties in fuzzy and intuitionistic fuzzy metric spaces. Many authors [1,10-14,17,18,21,22,25-27,29-33,35,37,38] have studied the fixed point theory in fuzzy (probabilistic) metric spaces. On the other hand, there have been a number of generalizations of metric spaces. Recently Dhage [5] introduced the concept of  $D$ -metric and has studied some fixed point theorems in [5,3,4]. Unfortunately, almost all theorems of Dhage are not valid (see [23,24]). Sedgi and Shobe [34] introduced  $D^*$ -metric space by altering the tetrahedron inequality in  $D$ -metric and using  $D^*$ -metric analogy, they defined  $\mathcal{M}$ -fuzzy metric space and studied some fixed point theorems. In this paper we define  $\mathcal{M}$ -fuzzy metric space using triangular norm and prove some results in it. We also prove a common fixed point theorem for six self maps in a  $\mathcal{M}$ -fuzzy metric space.

**Definition 1.1.** A triangular norm (shortly t-norm) is a binary operation  $T : [0, 1] \times [0, 1] \longrightarrow [0, 1] = I$  which is a continuous t-norm if it satisfies the following conditions

- (1)  $T$  is associative and commutative,
- (2)  $T$  is continuous,

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- (3)  $T(a, 1) = a$  for all  $a \in [0, 1]$ ,
- (4)  $T(a, b) \leq T(c, d)$  whenever  $a \leq c$  and  $b \leq d$ , for each  $a, b, c, d \in [0, 1]$ .

Some examples of continuous  $t$ -norm are the Lukasiewicz  $t$ -norm  $T_L : I \times I \longrightarrow I$ ,  $T(a, b) = \max(a + b - 1, 0)$ ,  $T_P(a, b) = ab$ , and  $T_M(a, b) = \min\{a, b\}$ .

$t$ -norms are recursively defined by  $T^1(x_1, x_2) = T(x_1, x_2)$  and

$$T^n(x_1, \dots, x_{n+1}) = T(T^{n-1}(x_1, \dots, x_n), x_{n+1})$$

for  $n \geq 2$  and  $x_i \in [0, 1]$ , for all  $i \in \{1, 2, \dots, n+1\}$ .

Now, we define the concept of  $\mathcal{M}$ -fuzzy metric spaces with the help of continuous  $t$ -norms as a generalization of fuzzy metric space due to George and Veeramani [14].

**Definition 1.2.** A 3-tuple  $(X, \mathcal{M}, T)$  is called a  $\mathcal{M}$ -fuzzy metric space if  $X$  is an arbitrary (non-empty) set,  $T$  is a continuous  $t$ -norm, and  $\mathcal{M}$  is a fuzzy set on  $X^3 \times (0, \infty)$  satisfying the following conditions: for all  $x, y, z, a \in X$  and  $t, s > 0$ ,

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

**Lemma 1.3.** Let  $(X, \mathcal{M}, T)$  be a  $\mathcal{M}$ -fuzzy metric space. For any  $x, y \in X$  and  $t > 0$ , we have

- (1)  $\mathcal{M}(x, x, y, t) = \mathcal{M}(x, y, y, t)$ .
- (2)  $\mathcal{M}(x, y, z, \cdot)$  is nondecreasing.

*Proof.* (1) Let  $\epsilon > 0$ . Then by (FM-4) we have

$$(1.1) \quad \mathcal{M}(x, x, y, \epsilon + t) \geq T(\mathcal{M}(x, x, x, \epsilon), \mathcal{M}(x, y, y, t)) = \mathcal{M}(x, y, y, t),$$

$$(1.2) \quad \mathcal{M}(y, y, x, \epsilon + t) \geq T(\mathcal{M}(y, y, y, \epsilon), \mathcal{M}(y, x, x, t)) = \mathcal{M}(y, x, x, t).$$

By taking limit  $\epsilon \rightarrow 0$  in (1.1) and (1.2), we get  $\mathcal{M}(x, x, y, t) = \mathcal{M}(x, y, y, t)$ .

(2) By (FM-4) we have  $T(\mathcal{M}(x, y, a, t), \mathcal{M}(a, z, z, s)) \leq \mathcal{M}(x, y, z, t + s)$  for any  $z, a \in X$  and  $t, s > 0$ . Let  $a = z$ , then we have  $T(\mathcal{M}(x, y, z, t), \mathcal{M}(z, z, z, s)) \leq \mathcal{M}(x, y, z, t + s)$  so that  $\mathcal{M}(x, y, z, t + s) \geq \mathcal{M}(x, y, z, t)$ .  $\square$

In the following examples, we know that both  $d$ -metric and fuzzy metric induce a  $\mathcal{M}$ -fuzzy metric.

**Example 1.4.** Let  $(X, d)$  be a metric space. Denote  $T(a, b) = a.b$  for all  $a, b \in [0, 1]$ . For each  $t \in ]0, \infty[$ , let

$$\mathcal{M}(x, y, z, t) = \frac{t}{t + D(x, y, z)}$$

where  $D(x, y, z) = \max\{d(x, y), d(y, z), d(x, z)\}$  for all  $x, y, z \in X$ . Then  $(X, \mathcal{M}, T)$  is a  $\mathcal{M}$ -fuzzy metric space. We call the  $\mathcal{M}$ -fuzzy metric  $\mathcal{M}$ , induced by the metric  $d$ , as the standard  $\mathcal{M}$ -fuzzy metric.

**Example 1.5.** Let  $X = [0, 1]$ . Let  $T(a, b) = \min\{a, b\}$  for all  $a, b \in [0, 1]$  and let  $\mathcal{M}$  be the fuzzy set on  $X \times X \times X \times (0, +\infty)$  defined as follows:

$$\mathcal{M}(x, y, z, t) = \frac{t}{t + |x - y| + |y - z| + |z - x|},$$

for all  $t > 0$ . Then  $(X, \mathcal{M}, T)$  is a fuzzy metric space.

**Example 1.6.** Let  $(X, M, T)$  be a fuzzy metric space. If we define  $\mathcal{M} : X^3 \times (0, \infty) \rightarrow [0, 1]$  by

$$\mathcal{M}(x, y, z, t) = T(T(M(x, y, t), M(y, z, t)), M(z, x, t))$$

for every  $x, y, z \in X$ , then  $(X, \mathcal{M}, T)$  is a  $\mathcal{M}$ -fuzzy metric space.

*Proof.* Let  $x, y, z \in X$  and  $t > 0$ .

(FM-1) It is easy to see that  $\mathcal{M}(x, y, z, t) > 0$ .

(FM-2)  $\mathcal{M}(x, y, z, t) = 1 \Leftrightarrow M(x, y, t) = M(y, z, t) = M(z, x, t) = 1 \Leftrightarrow x = y = z$ .

(FM-3) It is easy to see that  $\mathcal{M}(x, y, z, t) = \mathcal{M}(p\{x, y, z\}, t)$ , where  $p$  is a permutation function.

(FM-4) Since  $M(x, y, \cdot)$  is nondecreasing, we have

$$\begin{aligned} \mathcal{M}(x, y, z, t + s) &= T(T(M(x, y, t + s), M(y, z, t + s)), M(z, x, t + s)) \\ &\geq T^4(M(x, y, t), M(y, a, t), M(a, z, s), M(z, a, s), M(a, x, t)) \\ &= T^4(\mathcal{M}(x, y, a, t), M(a, z, s), M(z, a, s), M(z, z, s)) \\ &= T(\mathcal{M}(x, y, a, t), \mathcal{M}(a, z, z, s)) \end{aligned}$$

for any  $s > 0$ .

(FM-5)  $\mathcal{M}(x, y, z, \cdot) : (0, \infty) \rightarrow [0, 1]$  is continuous.

Hence  $(X, \mathcal{M}, T)$  is a  $\mathcal{M}$ -fuzzy metric space.  $\square$

Let  $(X, \mathcal{M}, T)$  be a  $\mathcal{M}$ -fuzzy metric space. For  $t > 0$ , the open ball  $B_{\mathcal{M}}(x, r, t)$  with center  $x \in X$  and radius  $0 < r < 1$  is defined by

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

A subset  $A$  of  $X$  is called open set if for each  $x \in A$  there exist  $t > 0$  and  $0 < r < 1$  such that  $B_{\mathcal{M}}(x, r, t) \subseteq A$ .

**Proposition 1.7.** In a  $\mathcal{M}$ -fuzzy metric space, every open ball is an open set.

*Proof.* Let  $B_{\mathcal{M}}(x, r, t)$  be an open ball and  $y \in B_{\mathcal{M}}(x, r, t)$ . Then  $\mathcal{M}(x, y, y, t) > 1 - r$  and there exists  $0 < t_0 < t$  such that  $\mathcal{M}(x, y, y, t_0) > 1 - r$ . Put  $r_0 = \mathcal{M}(x, y, y, t_0)$ . Since  $r_0 > 1 - r$ , there exists  $0 < s < 1$  such that  $r_0 > 1 - s > 1 - r$ . Now, for a given  $r_0$  and  $s$  with  $r_0 > 1 - s$ , we can find  $0 < r_1 < 1$  such that  $T(r_0, r_1) \geq 1 - s$ . Now consider the ball  $B_{\mathcal{M}}(y, 1 - r_1, t - t_0)$ . We claim that  $B_{\mathcal{M}}(y, 1 - r_1, t - t_0) \subset B_{\mathcal{M}}(x, r, t)$ . Let  $z \in B_{\mathcal{M}}(y, 1 - r_1, t - t_0)$ . Then

$\mathcal{M}(y, z, z, t - t_0) > r_1$  and hence by Lemma 1.3,

$$\begin{aligned} \mathcal{M}(x, z, z, t) &= \mathcal{M}(z, z, x, t) \geq T(\mathcal{M}(y, x, x, t_0), \mathcal{M}(z, z, y, t - t_0)) \\ &= T(\mathcal{M}(x, y, y, t_0), \mathcal{M}(y, z, z, t - t_0)) \geq T(r_0, r_1) \\ &\geq 1 - s \\ &> 1 - r. \end{aligned}$$

Thus  $z \in B_{\mathcal{M}}(x, r, t)$  and hence  $B_{\mathcal{M}}(y, 1 - r_1, t - t_0) \subset B_{\mathcal{M}}(x, r, t)$ .  
Thus  $B_{\mathcal{M}}(x, r, t)$  is an open set.  $\square$

**Remark 1.8.** Let  $(X, \mathcal{M}, T)$  be a  $\mathcal{M}$ -fuzzy metric space. Define

$$\tau_{\mathcal{M}} = \{A \subset X : \forall x \in A, \exists t > 0 \text{ and } 0 < r < 1 \text{ such that } B_{\mathcal{M}}(x, r, t) \subset A\}.$$

Then  $\tau_{\mathcal{M}}$  is a topology on  $X$ .

**Theorem 1.9.** Every  $\mathcal{M}$ -fuzzy metric space is Hausdorff.

*Proof.* Let  $(X, \mathcal{M}, T)$  be the given  $\mathcal{M}$ -fuzzy metric space. Let  $x, y$  be two distinct points of  $X$ . Then  $0 < \mathcal{M}(x, y, y, t) < 1$ . Put  $\mathcal{M}(x, y, y, t) = r$  for some  $r \in (0, 1)$ . For each  $r$  with  $r < r_0 < 1$ , there exists  $r_1$  such that  $T(r_1, r_1) \geq r_0$ . Now consider the open balls  $B_{\mathcal{M}}(x, 1 - r_2, \frac{1}{2}t)$  and  $B_{\mathcal{M}}(y, 1 - r_2, \frac{1}{2}t)$ . Clearly,  $B_{\mathcal{M}}(x, 1 - r_2, \frac{1}{2}t) \cap B_{\mathcal{M}}(y, 1 - r_2, \frac{1}{2}t) = \emptyset$ . For if there exists  $z \in B_{\mathcal{M}}(x, 1 - r_2, \frac{1}{2}t) \cap B_{\mathcal{M}}(y, 1 - r_2, \frac{1}{2}t)$ , then

$$\begin{aligned} r &= \mathcal{M}(x, y, y, t) = \mathcal{M}(x, x, y, t) \geq T(\mathcal{M}(x, x, z, \frac{1}{2}t), \mathcal{M}(z, y, y, \frac{1}{2}t)) \\ &= T(\mathcal{M}(x, z, z, \frac{1}{2}t), \mathcal{M}(y, z, z, \frac{1}{2}t)) \\ &\geq T(r_1, r_1) \geq r_0 \\ &> r, \end{aligned}$$

which is a contradiction. Hence  $(X, \mathcal{M}, T)$  is Hausdorff.  $\square$

**Definition 1.10.** Let  $(X, \mathcal{M}, T)$  be a  $\mathcal{M}$ -fuzzy metric space and  $\{x_n\}$  be a sequence in  $X$ .

(1)  $\{x_n\}$  is said to be convergent to a point  $x \in X$  (denoted by  $\lim_{n \rightarrow \infty} x_n = x$ ) if  $\lim_{n \rightarrow \infty} \mathcal{M}(x, x, x_n, t) = 1$  for all  $t > 0$ .

(2)  $\{x_n\}$  is called a Cauchy sequence if for each  $0 < \epsilon < 1$  and  $t > 0$ , there exist  $n_0 \in \mathbb{N}$  such that  $\mathcal{M}(x_n, x_n, x_m, t) > 1 - \epsilon$  for all  $n, m \geq n_0$ .

(3) A  $\mathcal{M}$ -fuzzy metric in which every Cauchy sequence is convergent is said to be complete.

## 2. The Main Results

**Definition 2.1.** Let  $(X, \mathcal{M}, T)$  be a  $\mathcal{M}$ -fuzzy metric space.  $\mathcal{M}$  is said to be continuous function on  $X^3 \times (0, \infty)$  if

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

whenever a sequence  $\{(x_n, y_n, z_n, t_n)\}$  in  $X^3 \times (0, \infty)$  converges to a point  $(x, y, z, t) \in X^3 \times (0, \infty)$ , i.e.

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

**Lemma 2.2.** *Let  $(X, \mathcal{M}, T)$  be a  $\mathcal{M}$ -fuzzy metric space. Then  $\mathcal{M}$  is continuous function on  $X^3 \times (0, \infty)$ .*

*Proof.* Let  $x, y, z \in X$  and  $t > 0$ , and let  $\{(x'_n, y'_n, z'_n, t'_n)\}$  be a sequence in  $X^3 \times (0, \infty)$  that converges to  $(x, y, z, t)$ . Since  $\{\mathcal{M}(x'_n, y'_n, z'_n, t'_n)\}$  is a sequence in  $(0, 1]$ , there is a subsequence  $\{(x_n, y_n, z_n, t_n)\}$  of sequence  $\{(x'_n, y'_n, z'_n, t'_n)\}$  such that sequence  $\{\mathcal{M}(x_n, y_n, z_n, t_n)\}$  converges to some point of  $[0, 1]$ . Fix  $\delta > 0$  such that  $\delta < \frac{t}{2}$ . Then there is  $n_0 \in \mathbb{N}$  such that  $|t - t_n| < \delta$  for all  $n \geq n_0$ . Hence we have

$$\begin{aligned} & \mathcal{M}(x_n, y_n, z_n, t_n) \\ & \geq \mathcal{M}(x_n, y_n, z_n, t - \delta) \geq T(\mathcal{M}(x_n, y_n, z, t - \frac{4\delta}{3}), \mathcal{M}(z, z_n, z_n, \frac{\delta}{3})) \\ & \geq T^2(\mathcal{M}(x_n, z, y, t - \frac{5\delta}{3}), \mathcal{M}(y, y_n, y_n, \frac{\delta}{3}), \mathcal{M}(z, z_n, z_n, \frac{\delta}{3})) \\ & \geq T^3(\mathcal{M}(z, y, x, t - 2\delta), \mathcal{M}(x, x_n, x_n, \frac{\delta}{3}), \mathcal{M}(y, y_n, y_n, \frac{\delta}{3}), \mathcal{M}(z, z_n, z_n, \frac{\delta}{3})) \end{aligned}$$

and

$$\begin{aligned} & \mathcal{M}(x, y, z, t + 2\delta) \\ & \geq \mathcal{M}(x, y, z, t_n + \delta) \geq T(\mathcal{M}(x, y, z_n, t_n + \frac{2\delta}{3}), \mathcal{M}(z_n, z, z, \frac{\delta}{3})) \\ & \geq T^2(\mathcal{M}(x, z_n, y_n, t_n + \frac{\delta}{3}), \mathcal{M}(y_n, y, y, \frac{\delta}{3}), \mathcal{M}(z_n, z, z, \frac{\delta}{3})) \\ & \geq T^3(\mathcal{M}(z_n, y_n, x_n, t_n), \mathcal{M}(x_n, x, x, \frac{\delta}{3}), \mathcal{M}(y_n, y, y, \frac{\delta}{3}), \mathcal{M}(z_n, z, z, \frac{\delta}{3})) \end{aligned}$$

for all  $n \geq n_0$ . By taking limit  $n \rightarrow \infty$ , we obtain

$$\lim_{n \rightarrow \infty} \mathcal{M}(x_n, y_n, z_n, t_n) \geq T^3(\mathcal{M}(x, y, z, t - 2\delta), 1, 1, 1) = \mathcal{M}(x, y, z, t - 2\delta)$$

and

$$\mathcal{M}(x, y, z, t + 2\delta) \geq \lim_{n \rightarrow \infty} T^3(\mathcal{M}(x_n, y_n, z_n, t_n), 1, 1, 1) = \lim_{n \rightarrow \infty} \mathcal{M}(x_n, y_n, z_n, t_n),$$

respectively. So, by continuity of the function  $t \mapsto \mathcal{M}(x, y, z, t)$ , we immediately deduce that

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

Therefore  $\mathcal{M}$  is continuous on  $X^3 \times (0, \infty)$ . □

**Definition 2.3.** Let  $A$  and  $S$  be mappings from a  $\mathcal{M}$ -fuzzy metric space  $(X, \mathcal{M}, *)$  into itself. Then the mappings  $A$  and  $S$  are said to be

(1) weakly compatible if they commute at a coincidence point, that is,  $Ax = Sx$  implies  $ASx = SAx$ .

(2) compatible if for all  $t > 0$ ,

$$\lim_{n \rightarrow \infty} \mathcal{M}(ASx_n, SAx_n, SAx_n, t) = 1$$

whenever  $\{x_n\}$  is a sequence in  $X$  such that  $\lim_{n \rightarrow \infty} Ax_n = \lim_{n \rightarrow \infty} Sx_n = x$  for some  $x \in X$ .

We also mention the following families of t-norms:

**Definition 2.4.** It is said that the t-norm  $T$  is of Hadzic-type (H-type for short) and  $T \in \mathcal{H}$  if the family  $\{T^n\}_{n \in \mathbf{N}}$  of its iterates defined, for each  $x$  in  $[0,1]$ , by

$$T^0(x) = 1, \quad T^{n+1}(x) = T(T^n(x), x), \quad \forall n \geq 0,$$

is equicontinuous at  $x = 1$ , that is,

$$\forall \epsilon \in (0, 1) \exists \delta \in (0, 1) \text{ such that } x > 1 - \delta \implies T^n(x) > 1 - \epsilon, \quad \forall n \geq 1,$$

There is a nice characterization of continuous t-norm  $T$  of the class  $\mathcal{H}$  [27].

- (i) If there exists a strictly increasing sequence  $\{b_n\}_{n \in \mathbf{N}}$  in  $[0,1]$  such that  $\lim_{n \rightarrow \infty} b_n = 1$  and  $T(b_n, b_n) = b_n \quad \forall n \in \mathbf{N}$ , then  $T$  is of Hadzic-type.
- (ii) If  $T$  is continuous and  $T \in \mathcal{H}$ , then there exists a sequence  $\{b_n\}_{n \in \mathbf{N}}$  as in (i).

The t-norm  $T_M$  is an trivial example of a t-norm of H-type, but there are t-norms  $T$  of Hadzic-type with  $T \neq T_M$  (see, e.g., [17]).

**Definition 2.5.** [17]. If  $T$  is a t-norm and  $(x_1, x_2, \dots, x_n) \in [0,1]^n (n \in \mathbf{N})$ , then  $T_{i=1}^n x_i$  is defined recurrently by 1, if  $n = 0$  and  $T_{i=1}^n x_i = T(T_{i=1}^{n-1} x_i, x_n)$  for all  $n \geq 1$ . If  $\{x_i\}_{i \in \mathbf{N}}$  is a sequence of numbers from  $[0,1]$ , then  $T_{i=1}^\infty x_i$  is defined as  $\lim_{n \rightarrow \infty} T_{i=1}^n x_i$  (this limit always exists) and  $T_{i=n}^\infty x_i$  as  $T_{i=1}^\infty x_{n+i}$ . In fixed point theory in probabilistic metric spaces there are of particular interest t-norms  $T$  and sequences  $\{x_n\} \subset [0,1]$  such that  $\lim_{n \rightarrow \infty} x_n = 1$  and  $\lim_{n \rightarrow \infty} T_{i=1}^\infty x_{n+i} = 1$ .

Throughout this section, a binary operation  $T : [0,1] \times [0,1] \longrightarrow [0,1]$  is a continuous t-norm of Hadzic-type with  $\lim_{t \rightarrow \infty} \mathcal{M}(x, y, z, t) = 1$ , for every  $x, y, z \in X$ .

**Lemma 2.6.** Let  $(X, \mathcal{M}, T)$  be a  $\mathcal{M}$ -fuzzy metric space. If sequence  $\{x_n\}$  in  $X$  exists such that for every  $n \in \mathbf{N}, 0 < k < 1$  and  $t > 0$ ,

$$\mathcal{M}(x_n, x_n, x_{n+1}, k^n t) \geq \mathcal{M}(x_0, x_0, x_1, t)$$

then sequence  $\{x_n\}$  is a Cauchy sequence.

*Proof.* Since t-norm  $T$  of Hadzic-type, hence we have

$$\forall \epsilon \in (0, 1) \exists \delta \in (0, 1) \text{ such that } x > 1 - \delta \implies T^n(x) > 1 - \epsilon, \quad \forall n \geq 1.$$

Since,  $\lim_{t \rightarrow \infty} \mathcal{M}(x_0, x_0, x_1, t) = 1$ , there exists  $t_0 > 0$  such that  $\mathcal{M}(x_0, x_0, x_1, t_0) > 1 - \delta$ , for some  $\delta \in (0, 1)$ . Therefore,

$$T^n(\mathcal{M}(x_0, x_0, x_1, t_0)) > 1 - \epsilon, \quad \forall n \geq 1.$$

Since  $\sum_{n=0}^{\infty} k^n t_0 < \infty$ , we have for every  $t > 0$  there exists  $n_0 \in \mathbf{N}$  such that  $\forall n \geq n_0$  we have,

$$\sum_{i=n}^{\infty} k^i t_0 < t.$$

Thus for every  $n \geq n_0$  and  $\forall m \in \mathbf{N}$ ,

$$\begin{aligned} \mathcal{M}(x_n, x_n, x_{n+m+1}, t) &\geq \mathcal{M}(x_n, x_n, x_{n+m+1}, \sum_{i=n}^{\infty} k^i t_0) \\ &\geq \mathcal{M}(x_n, x_n, x_{n+m+1}, \sum_{i=n}^{n+m} k^i t_0) \\ &\geq T_{i=n}^{n+m} \mathcal{M}(x_i, x_i, x_{i+1}, k^i t_0) \\ &= T_{i=0}^m \mathcal{M}(x_{i+n}, x_{i+n}, x_{i+n+1}, k^{i+n} t_0) \\ &\geq T^m \mathcal{M}(x_0, x_0, x_1, t_0) \\ &> 1 - \epsilon, \end{aligned}$$

for each  $0 < \epsilon < 1$  and  $t > 0$ . Hence sequence  $\{x_n\}$  is Cauchy .  $\square$

Now we prove a common fixed point theorem for six self maps.

**Theorem 2.7.** Let  $A, B, R, S, C$  and  $Q$  be self-mappings of a fuzzy metric space  $(X, \mathcal{M}, T)$  satisfying:

- (i)  $Q(X) \subseteq CS(X)$ ,  $R(X) \subseteq AB(X)$  and  $CS(X)$  or  $AB(X)$  is a closed subset of  $X$ ,
- (ii) The pair  $(R, CS)$  and  $(Q, AB)$  are weakly compatible and  $CS = SC$ ,  $BQ = QB, RS = SR$  and  $AB = BA$ ,

$$\begin{aligned} &(iii) \mathcal{M}(Qx, Ry, Ry, kt) \times \\ &\quad T(\mathcal{M}(Qx, Ry, Ry, kt), \mathcal{M}(ABx, Qx, Qx, kt)) \mathcal{M}(CSy, Ry, Ry, kt) \\ &\geq [p(t)\mathcal{M}(ABx, Qx, Qx, t) + q(t)\mathcal{M}(ABx, CSy, CSy, t)] \mathcal{M}(ABx, Ry, Ry, 2kt) \end{aligned}$$

for every  $x, y \in X$ , all  $t > 0$  and some  $k \in (0, 1)$ , where  $p, q : \mathbb{R}^+ \rightarrow (0, 1]$  be two functions such that  $p(t) + q(t) = 1$ .

Then,  $A, B, C, S, Q$  and  $R$  have a unique common fixed point in  $X$ .

*Proof.* Let  $x_0 \in X$  be an arbitrary point . By (i), there exist  $x_1, x_2 \in X$  such that

$$Qx_0 = CSx_1 = y_0 \text{ and } Rx_1 = ABx_2 = y_1.$$

Inductively, construct sequence  $\{y_n\}$  in  $X$  such that

$$y_{2n} = Qx_{2n} = CSx_{2n+1} \text{ and } y_{2n+1} = ABx_{2n+2} = Rx_{2n+1},$$

for  $n = 0, 1, 2, \dots$ .

Now, we prove  $\{y_n\}$  is a Cauchy sequence. Let  $d_m(t) = \mathcal{M}(y_m, y_{m+1}, y_{m+1}, t)$ . Then, by (iii) we have

$$\begin{aligned} & \mathcal{M}(Qx_{2n}, Rx_{2n+1}, Rx_{2n+1}, kt) \times \\ & \left( \begin{array}{c} T(\mathcal{M}(Qx_{2n}, Rx_{2n+1}, Rx_{2n+1}, kt), \mathcal{M}(ABx_{2n}, Qx_{2n}, Qx_{2n}, kt)) \\ \times \mathcal{M}(CSx_{2n+1}, Rx_{2n+1}, Rx_{2n+1}, kt) \end{array} \right) \\ & \geq \left( \begin{array}{c} p(t)\mathcal{M}(ABx_{2n}, Qx_{2n}, Qx_{2n}, t) \\ +q(t)\mathcal{M}(ABx_{2n}, CSx_{2n+1}, CSx_{2n+1}, t) \end{array} \right) \mathcal{M}(ABx_{2n}, Rx_{2n+1}, Rx_{2n+1}, 2kt) \end{aligned}$$

Thus

$$\begin{aligned} & \mathcal{M}(y_{2n}, y_{2n+1}, y_{2n+1}, kt) \left( \begin{array}{c} T(\mathcal{M}(y_{2n}, y_{2n+1}, y_{2n+1}, kt), \mathcal{M}(y_{2n-1}, y_{2n}, y_{2n}, kt)) \\ \times \mathcal{M}(y_{2n}, y_{2n+1}, y_{2n+1}, kt) \end{array} \right) \\ & \geq \left( \begin{array}{c} p(t)\mathcal{M}(y_{2n-1}, y_{2n}, y_{2n}, t) \\ +q(t)\mathcal{M}(y_{2n-1}, y_{2n}, y_{2n}, t) \end{array} \right) \mathcal{M}(y_{2n-1}, y_{2n+1}, y_{2n+1}, 2kt). \end{aligned}$$

Hence  $d_{2n}(kt)\mathcal{M}(y_{2n-1}, y_{2n+1}, y_{2n+1}, 2kt)$

$$\geq [p(t)d_{2n-1}(t) + q(t)d_{2n-1}(t)]\mathcal{M}(y_{2n-1}, y_{2n+1}, y_{2n+1}, 2kt).$$

Thus

$$d_{2n}(kt) \geq d_{2n-1}(t)$$

Putting  $x = x_{2n+2}, y = x_{2n+1}$  in (iii) we have

$$\begin{aligned} & \mathcal{M}(Qx_{2n+2}, Rx_{2n+1}, Rx_{2n+1}, kt) \times \\ & \left( \begin{array}{c} T(\mathcal{M}(Qx_{2n+2}, Rx_{2n+1}, Rx_{2n+1}, kt), \mathcal{M}(ABx_{2n+2}, Qx_{2n+2}, Qx_{2n+2}, kt)) \\ \times \mathcal{M}(CSx_{2n+1}, Rx_{2n+1}, Rx_{2n+1}, kt) \end{array} \right) \\ & \geq \left( \begin{array}{c} p(t)\mathcal{M}(ABx_{2n+2}, Qx_{2n+2}, Qx_{2n+2}, t) \\ +q(t)\mathcal{M}(ABx_{2n+2}, CSx_{2n+1}, CSx_{2n+1}, t) \end{array} \right) \mathcal{M}(ABx_{2n+2}, Rx_{2n+1}, Rx_{2n+1}, 2kt). \end{aligned}$$

Thus

$$\begin{aligned} & \mathcal{M}(y_{2n+2}, y_{2n+1}, y_{2n+1}, kt) \times \\ & \left( \begin{array}{c} T(\mathcal{M}(y_{2n+2}, y_{2n+1}, y_{2n+1}, kt), \mathcal{M}(y_{2n+1}, y_{2n+2}, y_{2n+2}, kt)) \\ \times \mathcal{M}(y_{2n}, y_{2n+1}, y_{2n+1}, kt) \end{array} \right) \\ & \geq \left( \begin{array}{c} p(t)\mathcal{M}(y_{2n+1}, y_{2n+2}, y_{2n+2}, t) \\ +q(t)\mathcal{M}(y_{2n+1}, y_{2n}, y_{2n}, t) \end{array} \right) \mathcal{M}(y_{2n+1}, y_{2n+1}, y_{2n+1}, 2kt). \end{aligned}$$

Therefore

$$\begin{aligned} d_{2n+1}(kt) & \geq d_{2n+1}(kt)[T(\mathcal{M}(y_{2n+2}, y_{2n+1}, y_{2n+1}, kt), \mathcal{M}(y_{2n}, y_{2n+1}, y_{2n+1}, kt))] \\ & \geq p(t)d_{2n+1}(t) + q(t)d_{2n}(t) \\ & \geq p(t)d_{2n+1}(kt) + q(t)d_{2n}(t). \end{aligned}$$

Thus

$$(1 - p(t))d_{2n+1}(kt) \geq q(t)d_{2n}(t).$$

It follows that

$$d_{2n+1}(kt) \geq \frac{q(t)}{1 - p(t)}d_{2n}(t) = d_{2n}(t)$$

Hence for every  $n \in \mathbb{N}$  we have  $d_n(kt) \geq d_{n-1}(t)$ . Now, we have

$$\mathcal{M}(y_n, y_{n+1}, y_{n+1}, t) \geq \mathcal{M}(y_{n-1}, y_n, y_n, \frac{t}{k}) \geq \cdots \geq \mathcal{M}(y_0, y_1, y_1, \frac{t}{k^n})$$



So, by Lemma 2.6, sequence  $\{y_n\}$  is Cauchy and the completeness of  $X$ ,  $\{y_n\}$  converges to  $y$  in  $X$ . Hence

$$\lim_{n \rightarrow \infty} Qx_{2n} = \lim_{n \rightarrow \infty} CSx_{2n+1} = \lim_{n \rightarrow \infty} Rx_{2n+1} = \lim_{n \rightarrow \infty} ABx_{2n+2} = y.$$

Let  $AB(X)$  be a closed subset of  $X$ , then there exists  $v \in X$  such that  $ABv = y$ . Putting  $x = v, y = x_{2n+1}$  in (iii) we get

$$\begin{aligned} \mathcal{M}(Qv, Rx_{2n+1}, Rx_{2n+1}, kt) & \left( \begin{array}{c} T(\mathcal{M}(Qv, Rx_{2n+1}, Rx_{2n+1}, kt), \mathcal{M}(ABv, Qv, Qv, kt)) \\ \times \mathcal{M}(CSx_{2n+1}, Rx_{2n+1}, Rx_{2n+1}, kt) \end{array} \right) \\ & \geq \left( \begin{array}{c} p(t)\mathcal{M}(ABv, Qv, Qv, t) \\ + q(t)\mathcal{M}(ABv, CSx_{2n+1}, CSx_{2n+1}, t) \end{array} \right) \mathcal{M}(ABv, Rx_{2n+1}, Rx_{2n+1}, 2kt). \end{aligned}$$

Letting  $n \rightarrow \infty$ , we get

$$\begin{aligned} \mathcal{M}(Qv, y, y, kt) & \left( \begin{array}{c} T(\mathcal{M}(Qv, y, y, kt), \mathcal{M}(y, Qv, Qv, kt)) \\ \times \mathcal{M}(y, y, y, kt) \end{array} \right) \\ & \geq \left( \begin{array}{c} p(t)\mathcal{M}(y, Qv, Qv, t) \\ + q(t)\mathcal{M}(y, y, y, t) \end{array} \right) \mathcal{M}(y, y, y, 2kt). \end{aligned}$$

Thus

$$\begin{aligned} \mathcal{M}(Qv, y, y, kt) & \geq \mathcal{M}(Qv, y, y, kt)[T(\mathcal{M}(Qv, y, y, kt), \mathcal{M}(Qv, y, y, kt))] \\ & \geq p(t)\mathcal{M}(y, Qv, Qv, t) + q(t) \\ & \geq p(t)\mathcal{M}(y, y, Qv, kt) + q(t) \end{aligned}$$

So,

$$\mathcal{M}(Qv, y, y, kt) \geq \frac{q(t)}{1 - p(t)} = 1.$$

Hence  $Qv = y$ . Since the pair  $(Q, AB)$  is weakly compatible we have  $ABQv = QABv$ , hence  $ABv = Qy$ . Now from (iii), we have

$$\begin{aligned} \mathcal{M}(Qy, Rx_{2n+1}, Rx_{2n+1}, kt) & \left( \begin{array}{c} T(\mathcal{M}(Qy, Rx_{2n+1}, Rx_{2n+1}, kt), \mathcal{M}(ABv, Qy, Qy, kt)) \\ \times \mathcal{M}(CSx_{2n+1}, Rx_{2n+1}, Rx_{2n+1}, kt) \end{array} \right) \\ & \geq \left( \begin{array}{c} p(t)\mathcal{M}(ABv, Qy, Qy, t) \\ + q(t)\mathcal{M}(ABv, CSx_{2n+1}, CSx_{2n+1}, t) \end{array} \right) \mathcal{M}(ABv, Rx_{2n+1}, Rx_{2n+1}, 2kt). \end{aligned}$$

Letting  $n \rightarrow \infty$ , we get

$$\begin{aligned} \mathcal{M}(Qy, y, y, kt) & \left( \begin{array}{c} T(\mathcal{M}(Qy, y, y, kt), \mathcal{M}(Qy, Qy, Qy, kt)) \\ \times \mathcal{M}(y, y, y, kt) \end{array} \right) \\ & \geq \left( \begin{array}{c} p(t)\mathcal{M}(y, Qy, Qy, t) \\ + q(t)\mathcal{M}(y, y, y, t) \end{array} \right) \mathcal{M}(ABv, y, y, 2kt). \end{aligned}$$

Thus

$$\mathcal{M}(Qy, y, y, kt)\mathcal{M}(Qy, y, y, 2kt) \geq [p(t)\mathcal{M}(y, Qy, Qy, t) + q(t)]\mathcal{M}(Qy, y, y, 2kt)$$

It follows that

$$\mathcal{M}(Qy, y, y, kt) \geq p(t)\mathcal{M}(y, y, Qy, kt) + q(t),$$

so that ,

$$\mathcal{M}(Qy, y, y, kt) \geq \frac{q(t)}{1-p(t)} = 1.$$

Thus  $Qy = y$ . Hence  $ABy = Qy = y$ . Since  $y = Qy \in Q(X) \subseteq CS(X)$ , there exists  $w \in X$  such that  $CSw = y$ . From (iii), we have

$$\begin{aligned} \mathcal{M}(Qy, Rw, Rw, kt) & \left( \begin{array}{c} T(\mathcal{M}(Qy, Rw, Rw, kt), \mathcal{M}(ABy, Qy, Qy, kt)) \\ \times \mathcal{M}(CSw, Rw, Rw, kt) \end{array} \right) \\ & \geq \left( \begin{array}{c} p(t)\mathcal{M}(ABy, Qy, Qy, t) \\ +q(t)\mathcal{M}(ABy, CSw, CSw, t) \end{array} \right) \mathcal{M}(ABy, Rw, Rw, 2kt). \end{aligned}$$

$$\begin{aligned} \mathcal{M}(y, Rw, Rw, , kt) & \left( \begin{array}{c} T(\mathcal{M}(y, Rw, Rw, kt), \mathcal{M}(y, y, y, kt)) \\ \times \mathcal{M}(y, Rw, Rw, kt) \end{array} \right) \\ & \geq \left( \begin{array}{c} p(t)\mathcal{M}(y, y, y, t) \\ +q(t)\mathcal{M}(y, y, y, t) \end{array} \right) \mathcal{M}(y, Rw, Rw, 2kt). \end{aligned}$$

Thus  $\mathcal{M}(y, Rw, Rw, kt)\mathcal{M}(y, Rw, Rw, 2kt)$

$$\geq (p(t) + q(t))\mathcal{M}(y, Rw, Rw, 2kt) = \mathcal{M}(y, Rw, Rw, 2kt).$$

Hence  $\mathcal{M}(y, Rw, Rw, kt) = 1$  so that  $Rw = y$ .

Since the pair  $(R, CS)$  is weakly compatible , we have  $CSRw = RCSw$  and hence  $CSy = Ry$ . By (iii), we get

$$\begin{aligned} \mathcal{M}(Qy, Ry, Ry, kt) & \left( \begin{array}{c} T(\mathcal{M}(Qy, Ry, Ry, kt), \mathcal{M}(ABy, Qy, Qy, kt)) \\ \times \mathcal{M}(CSy, Ry, Ry, kt) \end{array} \right) \\ & \geq \left( \begin{array}{c} p(t)\mathcal{M}(ABy, Qy, Qy, t) \\ +q(t)\mathcal{M}(ABy, CSy, y, t) \end{array} \right) \mathcal{M}(ABy, Ry, Ry, 2kt). \end{aligned}$$

Thus

$$\begin{aligned} \mathcal{M}^2(y, Ry, Ry, kt) & \geq \mathcal{M}(y, Ry, Ry, kt) \left( \begin{array}{c} T(\mathcal{M}(y, Ry, Ry, kt), \mathcal{M}(y, y, y, kt)) \\ \times \mathcal{M}(Ry, Ry, Ry, kt) \end{array} \right) \\ & \geq \left( \begin{array}{c} p(t)\mathcal{M}(y, y, y, t) \\ +q(t)\mathcal{M}(y, Ry, y, kt) \end{array} \right) \mathcal{M}(y, Ry, y, 2kt) \\ & \geq [p(t) + q(t)\mathcal{M}(y, Ry, y, kt)]\mathcal{M}(y, Ry, y, kt) \end{aligned}$$

This implies that

$$\mathcal{M}(y, Ry, y, kt) \geq \frac{p(t)}{1-q(t)} = 1.$$

Hence  $Ry = y$ . Since  $AB = BA$  and  $QB = BQ$ , we have  $AB(By) = B(ABy) = By$ , and  $QBy = BQy = By$ . Similarly, since  $CS = SC$  and  $RS = SR$  we have  $CS(Sy) = S(CSy) = Sy$  and  $RSy = SRy = Sy$ . By (iii), we have

$$\begin{aligned} \mathcal{M}(QBy, Ry, Ry, , kt) & \left( \begin{array}{c} T(\mathcal{M}(QBy, Ry, Ry, kt), \mathcal{M}(AB(By), QBy, QBy, kt)) \\ \times \mathcal{M}(CSy, Ry, Ry, kt) \end{array} \right) \\ & \geq \left( \begin{array}{c} p(t)\mathcal{M}(AB(By), QBy, QBy, t) \\ +q(t)\mathcal{M}(AB(By), CSy, CSy, t) \end{array} \right) \mathcal{M}(AB(By), Ry, Ry, 2kt). \end{aligned}$$

Thus

$$\begin{aligned} \mathcal{M}(By, y, y, kt) & \left( \begin{array}{c} T(\mathcal{M}(By, y, y, kt), \mathcal{M}(By, By, By, kt)) \\ \times \mathcal{M}(y, y, y, kt) \end{array} \right) \\ & \geq \left( \begin{array}{c} p(t)\mathcal{M}(By, By, By, t) \\ +q(t)\mathcal{M}(By, y, y, t) \end{array} \right) \mathcal{M}(By, y, y, 2kt) \end{aligned}$$

Hence

$$\mathcal{M}^2(By, y, y, kt) \geq [p(t) + q(t)\mathcal{M}(By, y, y, kt)]\mathcal{M}(By, y, y, kt).$$

$$\mathcal{M}(By, y, y, kt) \geq p(t) + q(t)\mathcal{M}(By, y, y, kt).$$

$$\mathcal{M}(By, y, y, kt) \geq \frac{p(t)}{1 - q(t)} = 1.$$

It follows that  $By = y$ . From (iii), we have

$$\begin{aligned} \mathcal{M}(Qy, RSy, RSy, , kt) & \left( \begin{array}{c} T(\mathcal{M}(Qy, RSy, RSy, kt), \mathcal{M}(ABy, Qy, Qy, kt)) \\ \times \mathcal{M}(CSy, RSy, RSy, kt) \end{array} \right) \\ & \geq \left( \begin{array}{c} p(t)\mathcal{M}(ABy, Qy, Qy, t) \\ +q(t)\mathcal{M}(ABy, CSy, CSy, t) \end{array} \right) \mathcal{M}(ABy, RSy, RSy, 2kt). \end{aligned}$$

Thus

$$\begin{aligned} \mathcal{M}^2(y, Sy, Sy, kt) & \geq \mathcal{M}(y, Sy, Sy, kt) \left( \begin{array}{c} T(\mathcal{M}(y, Sy, Sy, kt), \mathcal{M}(y, y, y, kt)) \\ \times \mathcal{M}(Sy, Sy, Sy, kt) \end{array} \right) \\ & \geq \left( \begin{array}{c} p(t)\mathcal{M}(y, y, y, t) \\ +q(t)\mathcal{M}(y, Sy, Sy, t) \end{array} \right) \mathcal{M}(y, Sy, Sy, 2kt) \\ & \geq [p(t) + q(t)\mathcal{M}(y, Sy, Sy, kt)]\mathcal{M}(y, Sy, Sy, kt) \end{aligned}$$

Hence

$$\mathcal{M}(y, Sy, Sy, kt) \geq \frac{p(t)}{1 - q(t)} = 1$$

so that  $Sy = y$ . Therefore,

$$Sy = By = Qy = Ry = ABy = CSy = Ay = Cy = y.$$

To prove uniqueness, let  $x$  be another common fixed point of  $Q, A, B, C, R, S$ . Then

$$\begin{aligned} \mathcal{M}(Qx, Ry, Ry, kt) & \left( \begin{array}{c} T(\mathcal{M}(Qx, Ry, Ry, kt), \mathcal{M}(ABx, Qx, Qx, kt)) \\ \times \mathcal{M}(CSy, Ry, Ry, kt) \end{array} \right) \\ & \geq \left( \begin{array}{c} p(t)\mathcal{M}(ABx, Qx, Qx, t) \\ +q(t)\mathcal{M}(ABx, CSy, y, t) \end{array} \right) \mathcal{M}(ABx, Ry, Ry, 2kt). \end{aligned}$$

Thus

$$\begin{aligned} \mathcal{M}(x, y, y, kt)\mathcal{M}(x, y, y, kt) & \geq [p(t) + q(t)\mathcal{M}(x, y, y, t)]\mathcal{M}(x, y, y, 2kt) \\ & \geq [p(t) + q(t)\mathcal{M}(x, y, y, kt)]\mathcal{M}(x, y, y, kt) \end{aligned}$$

Therefore,

$$\mathcal{M}(x, y, y, kt) \geq p(t) + q(t)\mathcal{M}(x, y, y, kt).$$

Hence

$$\mathcal{M}(x, y, y, kt) \geq \frac{p(t)}{1 - q(t)} = 1.$$

So  $x = y$ .

□

Now we give an Example to illustrate our Theorem.

**Example 2.8.** Let  $X = [0, 1]$ ,  $T(a, b) = \min\{a, b\}$  and define  $A, B, C, Q, R, S : X \rightarrow X$  as

$$Qx = Rx = Bx = Sx = 1, Ax = Cx = \begin{cases} 1 & \text{if } x \text{ is rational,} \\ 0 & \text{if } x \text{ is irrational.} \end{cases}$$

for all  $x \in X$ .

Let  $p(t)$  and  $q(t)$  be any arbitrary functions mapping from  $\mathbb{R}^+ \rightarrow (0, 1]$  such that  $p(t) + q(t) = 1$  and

$$\mathcal{M}(x, y, z, t) = \frac{t}{t + |x - y| + |y - z| + |z - x|}.$$

Then all conditions of Theorem 2.7 are satisfied and 1 is the unique common fixed point of  $A, B, C, Q, R$  and  $S$ .

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