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COUPLED FIXED POINT THEOREM IN b -FUZZY METRIC SPACES

ABSTRACT. The aim of this paper is to prove a coupled coincidence fixed point theorem in complete b -fuzzy metric space using the concept of mixed monotone mappings, which represents a generalization of some recent results.

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1. Introduction and preliminaries

Banach contraction principle [2] is one of the most cited theorem in non-linear analysis. There are huge number of generalizations of mentioned theorem in different spaces which represent the generalization of metric space see ([1], [7], [11]-[14], [18], [19]).

Czerwik [4] introduced the notion of b -metric space, as a generalization of metric space in which the triangular inequality has been replaced by weaker one.

Definition 1. Let X be a non-empty set, and the mapping $d : X \times X \rightarrow [0, \infty)$ satisfies:

- (b1) $d(x, y) = 0$ if and only if $x = y$ for all $x, y \in X$,
- (b2) $d(x, y) = d(y, x)$ for all $x, y \in X$,
- (b3) there exists a real number $s \geq 1$ such that $d(x, y) \leq s(d(x, z) + d(y, z))$ for all $x, y, z \in X$.

Then d is called a b -metric on X and (X, d) is called a b -metric space with coefficient $s \geq 1$.

Obviously, each metric space is a b -metric space (for $s = 1$). However, Czerwik [4] has shown that a b -metric on X need not be a metric on X .

In the same paper Czerwik proved a generalization of Banach contraction principle in b -metric space.

As the focus of this paper is b -fuzzy metric spaces, first we list definitions related to fuzzy metric spaces, as well as b -fuzzy metric spaces.

The concept of fuzzy sets was introduced initially by Zadeh [20]. Using the results of Menger and Zadeh ([10, 20]), Kramosil and Michalek ([8]) introduced the notion of fuzzy metric space. Later, George and Veermani ([6]) modified their definition in way to associate each fuzzy metric to a Hausdorff topology.

Definition 2. A binary operation $*$: $[0, 1] \times [0, 1] \rightarrow [0, 1]$ is a continuous t -norm if it satisfies the following conditions:

1. $*$ is associative and commutative,
2. $*$ is continuous,
3. $a * 1 = a$ for all $a \in [0, 1]$,
4. $a * b \leq c * d$ whenever $a \leq c$ and $b \leq d$, for each $a, b, c, d \in [0, 1]$.

Two typical examples of continuous t -norm are $a * b = a \cdot b$ and $a * b = \min(a, b)$.

Definition 3. A 3-tuple $(X, M, *)$ is called a fuzzy metric space if X is an arbitrary (non-empty) set, $*$ is a continuous t -norm and M is a fuzzy set on $X^2 \times (0, \infty)$, satisfying the following conditions for each $x, y, z \in X$ and $t, s > 0$,

1. $M(x, y, t) > 0$,
2. $M(x, y, t) = 1$ if and only if $x = y$,
3. $M(x, y, t) = M(y, x, t)$,
4. $M(x, y, t) * M(y, z, s) \leq M(x, z, t + s)$,
5. $M(x, y, \cdot) : (0, \infty) \rightarrow [0, 1]$ is continuous.

Definition 4. A 3-tuple $(X, M, *)$ is called a b -fuzzy metric space if X is an arbitrary (non-empty) set, $*$ is a continuous t -norm and M is a fuzzy set on $X^2 \times (0, \infty)$, satisfying the following conditions for each $x, y, z \in X$, $t, s > 0$ and $b \geq 1$ be a given real number,

1. $M(x, y, t) > 0$,
2. $M(x, y, t) = 1$ if and only if $x = y$,
3. $M(x, y, t) = M(y, x, t)$,
4. $M(x, y, \frac{t}{b}) * M(y, z, \frac{s}{b}) \leq M(x, z, t + s)$,
5. $M(x, y, \cdot) : (0, \infty) \rightarrow [0, 1]$ is continuous.

It should be noted that, the class of b -fuzzy metric spaces is effectively larger than that of fuzzy metric spaces, since a b -fuzzy metric is a fuzzy metric when $b = 1$.

We present an example shows that a b -fuzzy metric on X need not be a fuzzy metric on X .

Example 1. Let $M(x, y, t) = e^{\frac{-|x-y|^p}{t}}$, where $p > 1$ is a real number. We show that M is a b -fuzzy metric with $b = 2^{p-1}$.

Obviously conditions (1), (2), (3) and (5) of Definition 4 are satisfied.

If $1 < p < \infty$, then the convexity of the function $f(x) = x^p$ ($x > 0$) implies

$$\left(\frac{a+c}{2}\right)^p \leq \frac{1}{2}(a^p + c^p),$$

and hence, $(a+c)^p \leq 2^{p-1}(a^p + c^p)$ holds. Therefore,

$$\begin{aligned} \frac{|x-y|^p}{t+s} &\leq 2^{p-1} \frac{|x-z|^p}{t+s} + 2^{p-1} \frac{|z-y|^p}{t+s} \\ &\leq 2^{p-1} \frac{|x-z|^p}{t} + 2^{p-1} \frac{|z-y|^p}{s} \\ &= \frac{|x-z|^p}{t/2^{p-1}} + \frac{|z-y|^p}{s/2^{p-1}} \end{aligned}$$

Thus for each $x, y, z \in X$ we obtain

$$M(x, y, t+s) = e^{\frac{-|x-y|^p}{t+s}} \geq M(x, z, \frac{t}{2^{p-1}}) * M(z, y, \frac{s}{2^{p-1}}),$$

where $a * b = a \cdot b$. So condition (4) of Definition 4 is hold and M is a b -fuzzy metric.

For $p = 2$ and $s = t$ we have

$$\begin{aligned} M(x, y, 2t) &= e^{\frac{-(x-y)^2}{2t}} \\ &= e^{\frac{-(x-z+z-y)^2}{2t}} \\ &\geq e^{\frac{-2((x-z)^2+(z-y)^2)}{2t}} \\ &= e^{\frac{-(x-z)^2}{t}} \cdot e^{\frac{-(y-z)^2}{t}} \\ &= *(M(x, z, t), M(z, y, t)), \end{aligned}$$

where $*(a, b) = a \cdot b$. For $s \neq t$, and $p \geq 2$ ($X, M, *$) is not a fuzzy metric space.

Example 2. Let $M(x, y, t) = e^{\frac{-d(x,y)}{t}}$ or $M(x, y, t) = \frac{t}{t+d(x,y)}$, where d is a b -metric on X and $a * c = a \cdot c$ for all $a, c \in [0, 1]$. Then it is easy to show that M is a b -fuzzy metric.

Obviously conditions (1), (2), (3) and (5) of Definition 4 are satisfied. For each $x, y, z \in X$ we obtain

$$\begin{aligned} M(x, y, t+s) &= e^{\frac{-d(x,y)}{t+s}} \\ &\geq e^{-b \frac{d(x,z)+d(z,y)}{t+s}} \end{aligned}$$

$$\begin{aligned}
&= e^{-b\frac{d(x,z)}{t+s}} \cdot e^{-b\frac{d(z,y)}{t+s}} \\
&\geq e^{-\frac{d(x,z)}{t/b}} \cdot e^{-\frac{d(z,y)}{s/b}} \\
&= M(x, z, \frac{t}{b}) * M(z, y, \frac{s}{b}).
\end{aligned}$$

So condition (4) of Definition 4 is hold and M is a b -fuzzy metric. Similarly, it is easy to see that $M(x, y, t) = \frac{t}{t+d(x,y)}$ is a b -fuzzy metric.

Before stating and proving our results, we present some definition and proposition in b -metric space.

Definition 5. Let $f : \mathbb{R} \rightarrow \mathbb{R}$ be a function. Then f is called b -nondecreasing, if $x > by$ implies $f(x) \geq f(y)$ for each $x, y \in \mathbb{R}$.

Lemma 1 ([15]). Let $(X, M, *)$ be a b -fuzzy metric space. Then $M(x, y, t)$ is b -nondecreasing with respect to t , for all x, y in X . Also,

$$M(x, y, b^n t) \geq M(x, y, t), \quad n \in \mathbb{N}.$$

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

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

We recall the notions of convergence and completeness in a b -fuzzy metric space. Let $(X, M, *)$ be a b -fuzzy metric space. Let τ be the set of all $A \subset X$ with $x \in A$ if and only if there exists $t > 0$ and $0 < r < 1$ such that $B(x, r, t) \subset A$. Then τ is a topology on X (induced by the b -fuzzy metric M). A sequence $\{x_n\}$ in X converges to x if and only if $M(x_n, x, t) \rightarrow 1$ as $n \rightarrow \infty$, for each $t > 0$. It is called a Cauchy sequence if for each $0 < \varepsilon < 1$ and $t > 0$, there exists $n_0 \in \mathbb{N}$ such that $M(x_n, x_m, t) > 1 - \varepsilon$ for each $n, m \geq n_0$. The b -fuzzy metric space $(X, M, *)$ is said to be complete if every Cauchy sequence is convergent. A subset A of X is said to be F -bounded if there exists $t > 0$ and $0 < r < 1$ such that $M(x, y, t) > 1 - r$ for all $x, y \in A$.

Lemma 2 ([15]). In a b -fuzzy metric space $(X, M, *)$ the following assertions hold:

- (i) If sequence $\{x_n\}$ in X converges to x , then x is unique,
- (ii) If sequence $\{x_n\}$ in X is converges to x , then sequence $\{x_n\}$ is a Cauchy sequence.

In b -fuzzy metric space we have the following proposition.

Proposition 1 ([16], Prop. 1.10). Let $(X, M, *)$ be a b -fuzzy metric space and suppose that $\{x_n\}$ is b -convergent to x then we have

$$M(x, y, \frac{t}{b}) \leq \limsup_{n \rightarrow \infty} M(x_n, y, t) \leq M(x, y, bt),$$

$$M(x, y, \frac{t}{b}) \leq \liminf_{n \rightarrow \infty} M(x_n, y, t) \leq M(x, y, bt).$$

Remark 1. In general, a b -fuzzy metric is not continuous.

Definition 6 ([3]). An element $(x, y) \in X \times X$ is called a coupled fixed point of a mapping $F : X \times X \rightarrow X$ if $F(x, y) = x$ and $F(y, x) = y$.

Definition 7 ([9]). An element $(x, y) \in X \times X$ is called a coupled coincidence point of the mappings $F : X \times X \rightarrow X$ and $g : X \rightarrow X$ if $F(x, y) = gx$ and $F(y, x) = gy$.

Definition 8 ([9]). Let X be a nonempty set. Then we say that the mappings $F : X \times X \rightarrow X$ and $g : X \rightarrow X$ are commutative if $gF(x, y) = F(gx, gy)$.

Theorem 1 ([17]). Let $(X, M, *)$ be a complete b -fuzzy metric space. Let $F : X \times X \rightarrow X$ and $g : X \rightarrow X$ be two functions such that

$$(1) \quad M(F(x, y), F(u, v), t) \geq \phi(\min\{M(gx, gu, b^2t), M(gy, gv, b^2t)\}),$$

for all $x, y, u, v \in X$ and $t > 0$. Assume that F and g satisfy the following conditions:

1. $F(X \times X) \subseteq g(X)$,
2. $g(X)$ is complete, and
3. g is continuous and commutes with F .

If $\phi \in \Phi$, then there is a unique x in X such that $gx = F(x, x) = x$.

2. The main results

Let Φ denote the class of all functions $\phi : [0, 1] \rightarrow [0, 1]$ such that ϕ is increasing, continuous, $\phi(t) > t$ for all $t \in (0, 1)$.

Note that $\phi(0) = 0$ and $\phi(1) = 1$, then $\phi(t) \geq t$ for all $t \in [0, 1]$.

We start our work by proving the following crucial lemma.

Lemma 3. Let $(X, M, *)$ be a b -fuzzy metric space with $b \geq 1$ and let $F : X \times X \rightarrow X$ and $g : X \rightarrow X$ be two mappings such that

$$(2) \quad M(F(x, y), F(u, v), t) \geq \phi(\min\{M(gx, gu, t), M(gy, gv, t)\}),$$

for some $\phi \in \Phi$ and for all $x, y, u, v \in X$ and $t > 0$. Assume that (x, y) is a coupled coincidence point of the mappings F and g . Then $F(x, y) = gx = gy = F(y, x)$.

Proof. Since (x, y) is a coupled coincidence point of the mappings F and g , we have $gx = F(x, y)$ and $gy = F(y, x)$. Assume $gx \neq gy$. Then by (2), we get

$$\begin{aligned} M(gx, gy, t) &= M(F(x, y), F(y, x), t) \\ &\geq \phi(\min\{M(gx, gy, t), M(gy, gx, t)\}) \\ &= \phi(M(gx, gy, t)) \\ &> M(gx, gy, t), \end{aligned}$$

which is a contradiction. So $gx = gy$, and hence $F(x, y) = gx = gy = F(y, x)$. \blacksquare

The following is the main result of this section.

Theorem 2. *Let $(X, M, *)$ be a complete b -fuzzy metric space. Let $F : X \times X \rightarrow X$ and $g : X \rightarrow X$ be two functions such that*

$$(3) \quad M(F(x, y), F(u, v), t) \geq \phi(\min\{M(gx, gu, b^2t), M(gy, gv, b^2t), \\ M(gx, F(x, y), b^2t), M(gu, F(u, v), b^2t), \\ M(gy, F(y, x), b^2t), M(gv, F(v, u), b^2t)\})$$

for all $x, y, u, v \in X$ and $t > 0$. Assume that F and g satisfy the following conditions:

- (i) $F(X \times X) \subseteq g(X)$,
- (ii) $g(X)$ is complete, and
- (iii) g is continuous and commutes with F .

If $\phi \in \Phi$, then there is a unique x in X such that $gx = F(x, x) = x$.

Proof. Let $x_0, y_0 \in X$. Since $F(X \times X) \subseteq g(X)$, we can choose $x_1, y_1 \in X$ such that $gx_1 = F(x_0, y_0)$ and $gy_1 = F(y_0, x_0)$. Again since $F(X \times X) \subseteq g(X)$, we can choose $x_2, y_2 \in X$ such that $gx_2 = F(x_1, y_1)$ and $gy_2 = F(y_1, x_1)$. Continuing this process, we can construct two sequences (x_n) and (y_n) in X such that $gx_{n+1} = F(x_n, y_n)$ and $gy_{n+1} = F(y_n, x_n)$. For $n \in \mathbb{N} \cup \{0\}$, by (3) we have

$$\begin{aligned} M(gx_{n-1}, gx_n, t) &= M(F(x_{n-2}, y_{n-2}), F(x_{n-1}, y_{n-1}), t) \\ &\geq \phi(\min\{M(gx_{n-2}, gx_{n-1}, b^2t), M(gy_{n-2}, gy_{n-1}, b^2t), \\ &\quad M(gx_{n-2}, gx_{n-1}, b^2t), M(gx_{n-1}, gx_n, b^2t), \\ &\quad M(gy_{n-2}, gy_{n-1}, b^2t), M(gy_{n-1}, gy_n, b^2t)\}). \end{aligned}$$

Similarly by (3) we have

$$\begin{aligned} M(gy_{n-1}, gy_n, t) &= M(F(y_{n-2}, x_{n-2}), F(y_{n-1}, x_{n-1}), t) \\ &\geq \phi(\min\{M(gy_{n-2}, gy_{n-1}, b^2t), M(gx_{n-2}, gx_{n-1}, b^2t), \end{aligned}$$

$$M(gy_{n-2}, gy_{n-1}, b^2t), M(gy_{n-1}, gy_n, b^2t), \\ M(gx_{n-2}, gx_{n-1}, b^2t), M(gx_{n-1}, gx_n, b^2t), \}.$$

Hence, we have

$$a_n(t) = \min\{M(gx_{n-1}, gx_n, t), M(gy_{n-1}, gy_n, t)\} \\ \geq \phi(\min\{M(gx_{n-2}, gx_{n-1}, b^2t), M(gy_{n-2}, gy_{n-1}, b^2t), \\ M(gx_{n-1}, gx_n, b^2t), M(gy_{n-1}, gy_n, b^2t)\}) \\ \geq \phi(\min\{M(gx_{n-2}, gx_{n-1}, b^2t), M(gy_{n-2}, gy_{n-1}, b^2t), \\ \min\{M(gx_{n-1}, gx_n, b^2t), M(gy_{n-1}, gy_n, b^2t)\}\}).$$

If $\min = \min\{M(gx_{n-1}, gx_n, b^2t), M(gy_{n-1}, gy_n, b^2t)\}$ and using Lemma 1 we have

$$\min\{M(gx_{n-1}, gx_n, t), M(gy_{n-1}, gy_n, t)\} \\ \geq \phi(\min\{M(gx_{n-1}, gx_n, b^2t), M(gy_{n-1}, gy_n, b^2t)\}) \\ > \min\{M(gx_{n-1}, gx_n, b^2t), M(gy_{n-1}, gy_n, b^2t)\} \\ \geq \min\{M(gx_{n-1}, gx_n, t), M(gy_{n-1}, gy_n, t)\}.$$

So, we get contraction, and therefore we have

$$a_n(t) \geq \phi(\min\{M(gx_{n-2}, gx_{n-1}, b^2t), M(gy_{n-2}, gy_{n-1}, b^2t)\}).$$

Now, we have

$$a_n(t) \geq \phi(a_{n-1}(b^2t)) > a_{n-1}(b^2t) \geq a_{n-1}(t).$$

Thus $a_n(t)$ is increasing sequence in $[0, 1]$ for every $t > 0$. Therefore, tends to a limit $a(t) \leq 1$. We claim that $a(t) = 1$. If $a(t) < 1$ on making $n \rightarrow \infty$ in the above inequality we get $a(t) \geq \phi(a(b^2t)) > a(b^2t) \geq a(t)$, a contradiction. Hence $a(t) = 1$, i.e.,

$$\lim_{n \rightarrow \infty} \min\{M(gx_{n-1}, gx_n, t), M(gy_{n-1}, gy_n, t)\} = 1,$$

respectively

$$\lim_{n \rightarrow \infty} M(gx_n, gx_{n+1}, t) = 1, \quad \lim_{n \rightarrow \infty} M(gy_n, gy_{n+1}, t) = 1.$$

Now, we prove that (gx_n) and (gy_n) are Cauchy sequence in $g(X)$ for $n \in \mathbb{N}$.

First, we prove that for every $\epsilon \in (0, 1)$, there exist two numbers $n, m \in \mathbb{N}$ such that

$$M(gx_n, gx_m, t) \wedge M(gy_n, gy_m, t) > 1 - \epsilon,$$

where

$$M(gx_n, gx_m, t) \wedge M(gy_n, gy_m, t) = \min\{M(gx_n, gx_m, t), M(gy_n, gy_m, t)\}.$$

Suppose that this is not true. Then there is an $\epsilon \in (0, 1)$ such that for each integer k , there exist integers $m(k)$ and $n(k)$ with $m(k) > n(k) \geq k$ such that

$$(4) \quad \begin{aligned} d_k(t) &= M(gx_{n(k)}, gx_{m(k)}, t) \wedge M(gy_{n(k)}, gy_{m(k)}, t) \\ &\leq 1 - \epsilon \quad \text{for } k = 1, 2, \dots \end{aligned}$$

We may assume that

$$(5) \quad M(gx_{n(k)}, gx_{m(k)-1}, t) \wedge M(gy_{n(k)}, gy_{m(k)-1}, t) > 1 - \epsilon,$$

by choosing $m(k)$ be the smallest number exceeding $n(k)$ for which (4) holds. Using (4), and the fact that $a * b \geq (a \wedge c) * (b \wedge d)$ we have

$$\begin{aligned} 1 - \epsilon &\geq d_k(t) \\ &\geq [M(gx_{n(k)}, gx_{m(k)-1}, \frac{t}{2b}) * M(gx_{m(k)-1}, gx_{m(k)}, \frac{t}{2b})] \\ &\quad \wedge [M(gy_{n(k)}, gy_{m(k)-1}, \frac{t}{2b}) * M(gy_{m(k)-1}, gy_{m(k)}, \frac{t}{2b})] \\ &\geq [M(gx_{n(k)}, gx_{m(k)-1}, \frac{t}{2b}) \wedge M(gy_{n(k)}, gy_{m(k)-1}, \frac{t}{2b})] \\ &\quad * [M(gx_{m(k)-1}, gx_{m(k)}, \frac{t}{2b}) \wedge M(gy_{m(k)-1}, gy_{m(k)}, \frac{t}{2b})] \\ &\quad \wedge [M(gx_{n(k)}, gx_{m(k)-1}, \frac{t}{2b}) \wedge M(gy_{n(k)}, gy_{m(k)-1}, \frac{t}{2b})] \\ &\quad * [M(gx_{m(k)-1}, gx_{m(k)}, \frac{t}{2b}) \wedge M(gy_{m(k)-1}, gy_{m(k)}, \frac{t}{2b})] \\ &\geq [M(gx_{m(k)-1}, gx_{m(k)}, \frac{t}{2b}) \wedge M(gy_{m(k)-1}, gy_{m(k)}, \frac{t}{2b})] * a_k(\frac{t}{2b}), \end{aligned}$$

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

$$1 - \epsilon \geq \lim_{k \rightarrow \infty} d_k(t) \geq (1 - \epsilon) * \lim_{k \rightarrow \infty} a_k(\frac{t}{2b}) = 1 - \epsilon$$

that is

$$\lim_{k \rightarrow \infty} d_k(t) = 1 - \epsilon,$$

for every $t > 0$.

On the other hand, we have

$$\begin{aligned}
d_k(t) &\geq [M(gx_{n(k)}, gx_{n(k)+1}, \frac{t}{3b}) * M(gx_{n(k)+1}, gx_{m(k)+1}, \frac{t}{3b}) \\
&* M(gx_{m(k)+1}, gx_{m(k)}, \frac{t}{3b})] \\
&\wedge [M(gy_{n(k)}, gy_{n(k)+1}, \frac{t}{3b}) * M(gy_{n(k)+1}, gy_{m(k)+1}, \frac{t}{3b}) \\
&* M(gy_{m(k)+1}, gy_{m(k)}, \frac{t}{3b})] \\
&\geq [M(gx_{n(k)}, gx_{n(k)+1}, \frac{t}{3b}) \wedge M(gy_{n(k)}, gy_{n(k)+1}, \frac{t}{3b})] \\
&* [M(gx_{n(k)+1}, gx_{m(k)+1}, \frac{t}{3b}) \wedge M(gy_{n(k)+1}, gy_{m(k)+1}, \frac{t}{3b})] \\
&* [M(gx_{m(k)+1}, gx_{m(k)}, \frac{t}{3b}) \wedge M(gy_{m(k)+1}, gy_{m(k)}, \frac{t}{3b})] \\
&\wedge [M(gx_{n(k)}, gx_{n(k)+1}, \frac{t}{3b}) \wedge M(gy_{n(k)}, gy_{n(k)+1}, \frac{t}{3b})] \\
&* [M(gx_{n(k)+1}, gx_{m(k)+1}, \frac{t}{3b}) \wedge M(gy_{n(k)+1}, gy_{m(k)+1}, \frac{t}{3b})] \\
&* [M(gx_{m(k)+1}, gx_{m(k)}, \frac{t}{3b}) \wedge M(gy_{m(k)+1}, gy_{m(k)}, \frac{t}{3b})] \\
&= [M(gx_{n(k)}, gx_{n(k)+1}, \frac{t}{3b}) \wedge M(gy_{n(k)}, gy_{n(k)+1}, \frac{t}{3b})] \\
&* [M(gx_{n(k)+1}, gx_{m(k)+1}, \frac{t}{3b}) \wedge M(gy_{n(k)+1}, gy_{m(k)+1}, \frac{t}{3b})] \\
&* [M(gx_{m(k)+1}, gx_{m(k)}, \frac{t}{3b}) \wedge M(gy_{m(k)+1}, gy_{m(k)}, \frac{t}{3b})] \\
&\geq a_k(\frac{t}{3b}) * [M(gx_{n(k)+1}, gx_{m(k)+1}, \frac{t}{3b}) \\
&\wedge M(gy_{n(k)+1}, gy_{m(k)+1}, \frac{t}{3b})] * a_k(\frac{t}{3b}) \\
&= a_k(\frac{t}{3b}) * \min \left\{ M(F(x_{n(k)}, y_{n(k)}), F(x_{m(k)}, y_{m(k)}), \frac{t}{3b}), \right. \\
&\quad \left. M(F(y_{n(k)}, x_{n(k)}), F(y_{m(k)}, x_{m(k)}), \frac{t}{3b}) \right\} * a_k(\frac{t}{3b})
\end{aligned}$$

From

$$\begin{aligned}
&M(gx_{n(k)+1}, gx_{m(k)+1}, \frac{t}{3b}) \\
&= M(F(x_{n(k)}, y_{n(k)}), F(x_{m(k)}, y_{m(k)}), \frac{t}{3b}) \\
&\geq \phi(\min\{M(gx_{n(k)}, gx_{m(k)}, \frac{tb}{3}), M(gy_{n(k)}, gy_{m(k)}, \frac{tb}{3}), \\
&\quad M(gx_{n(k)}, gx_{n(k)+1}, \frac{tb}{3}), M(gx_{m(k)}, gx_{m(k)+1}, \frac{tb}{3}), \\
&\quad M(gy_{n(k)}, gy_{n(k)+1}, \frac{tb}{3}), M(gy_{m(k)}, gy_{m(k)+1}, \frac{tb}{3})\}),
\end{aligned}$$

and

$$\begin{aligned}
& M(gy_{n(k)+1}, gy_{m(k)+1}, \frac{t}{3b}) \\
&= M(F(y_{n(k)}, x_{n(k)}), F(y_{m(k)}, x_{m(k)}), \frac{t}{3b}) \\
&\geq \phi(\min\{M(gy_{n(k)}, gy_{m(k)}, \frac{tb}{3}), M(gx_{n(k)}, gx_{m(k)}, \frac{tb}{3}), \\
&\quad M(gy_{n(k)}, gy_{n(k)+1}, \frac{tb}{3}), M(gy_{m(k)}, gy_{m(k)+1}, \frac{tb}{3}), \\
&\quad M(gx_{n(k)}, gx_{n(k)+1}, \frac{tb}{3}), M(gx_{m(k)}, gx_{m(k)+1}, \frac{tb}{3})\})
\end{aligned}$$

we have

$$\begin{aligned}
& \min\{M(F(x_{n(k)}, y_{n(k)}), F(x_{m(k)}, y_{m(k)}), \frac{t}{3b}), \\
& \quad M(F(y_{n(k)}, x_{n(k)}), F(y_{m(k)}, x_{m(k)}), \frac{t}{3b})\} \\
&\geq \phi(\min\{M(gx_{n(k)}, gx_{m(k)}, \frac{tb}{3}), M(gy_{n(k)}, gy_{m(k)}, \frac{tb}{3}), \\
& \quad M(gx_{n(k)}, gx_{n(k)+1}, \frac{tb}{3}), M(gx_{m(k)}, gx_{m(k)+1}, \frac{tb}{3}), \\
& \quad M(gy_{n(k)}, gy_{n(k)+1}, \frac{tb}{3}), M(gy_{m(k)}, gy_{m(k)+1}, \frac{tb}{3})\}) \\
&\geq \phi(\min\{\min\{M(gx_{n(k)}, gx_{m(k)}, \frac{tb}{3}), M(gy_{n(k)}, gy_{m(k)}, \frac{tb}{3})\}, \\
& \quad \min\{M(gx_{n(k)}, gx_{n(k)+1}, \frac{tb}{3}), M(gx_{m(k)}, gx_{m(k)+1}, \frac{tb}{3})\}, \\
& \quad \min\{M(gy_{n(k)}, gy_{n(k)+1}, \frac{tb}{3}), M(gy_{m(k)}, gy_{m(k)+1}, \frac{tb}{3})\}\}) \\
&= \phi(\min\{d_k(\frac{tb}{3}), a_k(\frac{tb}{3}), a_k(\frac{tb}{3})\}) \\
&= \phi(\min\{d_k(\frac{tb}{3}), a_k(\frac{tb}{3})\}).
\end{aligned}$$

Therefore,

$$d_k(t) \geq a_k(\frac{tb}{3}) * \phi(\min\{d_k(\frac{tb}{3}), a_k(\frac{tb}{3})\}) * a_k(\frac{tb}{3}).$$

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

$$1 - \epsilon \geq 1 * \phi(1 - \epsilon) * 1 = \phi(1 - \epsilon) > 1 - \epsilon$$

which is a contradiction.

Thus (gx_n) and (gy_n) are Cauchy in $g(X)$. Since $g(X)$ is complete, we get (gx_n) and (gy_n) are convergent to some $x \in X$ and $y \in X$ respectively.

Since g is continuous, we have (ggx_n) is convergent to gx and (ggy_n) is convergent to gy . Also, since g and F are commute, we have

$$ggx_{n+1} = g(F(x_n, y_n)) = F(gx_n, gy_n),$$

and

$$ggy_{n+1} = g(F(y_n, x_n)) = F(gy_n, gx_n).$$

Thus,

$$\begin{aligned} & \min\{M(ggx_{n+1}, F(x, y), t), M(ggy_{n+1}, F(y, x), t)\} \\ &= \min\{M(F(gx_n, gy_n), F(x, y), t), M(F(gy_n, gx_n), F(y, x), t)\} \\ &\geq \phi(\min\{M(ggx_n, gx, b^2t), M(ggy_n, gy, b^2t), \\ &\quad M(ggx_n, ggx_{n+1}, b^2t), M(gx, F(x, y), b^2t), \\ &\quad M(ggy_n, ggy_{n+1}, b^2t), M(gy, F(y, x), b^2t)\}), \end{aligned}$$

Letting $n \rightarrow \infty$ and using the Proposition 1 we get that

$$\begin{aligned} & \min\{M(gx, F(x, y), bt), M(gy, F(y, x), bt)\} \\ &\geq \limsup_{n \rightarrow \infty} \min\{M(F(gx_n, gy_n), F(x, y), t), \\ &\quad M(F(gy_n, gx_n), F(y, x), t)\} \\ &\geq \phi(\min\{M(gx, F(x, y), bt), M(gy, F(y, x), bt)\}). \end{aligned}$$

This is possible only if $gx = F(x, y)$ and $gy = F(y, x)$.

Hence, by Lemma 1, we have

$$\begin{aligned} & M(F(x, y), F(y, x), b^2t) = M(gx, gy, b^2t) \\ &\geq M(gx, gy, t) = M(F(x, y), F(y, x), t) \\ &\geq \phi(\min \left\{ \begin{array}{l} M(gx, gy, b^2t), M(gy, gx, b^2t), M(gx, F(x, y), b^2t), \\ M(gy, F(y, x), b^2t), M(gy, F(y, x), b^2t), \\ M(gx, F(x, y), b^2t) \end{array} \right\}) \\ &= \phi(\min\{M(gx, gy, b^2t), M(gy, gx, b^2t)\}). \end{aligned}$$

So, by Lemma 3 we have $gx = F(x, y) = gy = F(y, x)$.

Thus, using Proposition 1 we have

$$\begin{aligned} M(x, gx, bt) &\geq \limsup_{n \rightarrow \infty} M(gx_{n+1}, gx, t) \\ &= \limsup_{n \rightarrow \infty} M(F(x_n, y_n), F(x, y), t) \\ &\geq \limsup_{n \rightarrow \infty} \phi(\min\{M(gx_n, gx, b^2t), M(gy_n, gy, b^2t), \\ &\quad M(gx_n, gx_{n+1}, b^2t), M(gx, gx, b^2t), \\ &\quad M(gy_n, ggy_{n+1}, b^2t), M(gy, gy, b^2t)\}) \\ &\geq \phi(\min\{M(x, gx, bt), M(y, gy, bt)\}). \end{aligned}$$

Similarly, we may show that

$$M(y, gy, bt) \geq \phi(\min\{M(x, gx, bt), M(y, gy, bt)\}).$$

Thus

$$\begin{aligned} \min\{M(x, gx, bt), M(y, gy, bt)\} \\ &\geq \phi(\min\{M(x, gx, bt), M(y, gy, bt)\}) \\ &> \min\{M(x, gx, bt), M(y, gy, bt)\}. \end{aligned}$$

The last inequality happened only if $M(x, gx, t) = 1$ and $M(y, gy, t) = 1$. Hence $x = gx$ and $y = gy$. Thus we get

$$gx = F(x, x) = x.$$

To prove the uniqueness, let $z \in X$ with $z \neq x$ such that

$$z = gz = F(z, z).$$

Then

$$\begin{aligned} M(x, z, t) &= M(F(x, x), F(z, z), t) \\ &\geq \phi(\min\{M(gx, gz, b^2t), M(gx, gz, b^2t), M(gx, gx, b^2t), \\ &\quad M(gz, gz, b^2t), M(gx, gx, b^2t), M(gz, gz, b^2t)\}) \\ &= \phi(M(gx, gz, b^2t)) \\ &> M(gx, gz, b^2t) = M(x, z, b^2t) \\ &\geq M(x, z, t). \end{aligned}$$

We get $M(x, z, t) > M(x, z, t)$, which is a contradiction. Thus F and g have a unique common fixed point. \blacksquare

Remark 2. Let (x, y) and (u, v) be coupled coincidence point of mapping F and g . Then we get Theorem 1. That is the Theorem 2 is generalization of Theorem 1.

Corollary 1. *Let $(X, M, *)$ be a complete b -fuzzy metric space. Let $F : X \times X \rightarrow X$ be function such that*

$$(6) \quad \begin{aligned} M(F(x, y), F(u, v), t) &\geq \phi(\min\{M(x, u, b^2t), M(y, v, b^2t), \\ &\quad M(x, F(x, y), b^2t), M(u, F(u, v), b^2t), \\ &\quad M(y, F(y, x), b^2t), M(v, F(v, u), b^2t)\}) \end{aligned}$$

for all $x, y, u, v \in X$ and $t > 0$, and $\phi \in \Phi$. Then there is a unique x in X such that $F(x, x) = x$.

Proof. Let $g(x) = x$. Then all conditions of previous theorem are satisfied. ■

Corollary 2. Let $(X, M, *)$ be a complete fuzzy metric space. Let $F : X \times X \rightarrow X$ and $g : X \rightarrow X$ be two functions such that

$$(7) \quad M(F(x, y), F(u, v), t) \geq \phi(\min\{M(gx, gu, t), M(gy, gv, t), \\ M(gx, F(x, y), t), M(gu, F(u, v), b^2t), \\ M(gy, F(y, x), b^2t), M(gv, F(v, u), b^2t)\})$$

for all $x, y, u, v \in X$ and $t > 0$. Assume that F and g satisfy the following conditions:

1. $F(X \times X) \subseteq g(X)$,
2. $g(X)$ is complete, and
3. g is continuous and commutes with F .

If $\phi \in \Phi$, then there is a unique x in X such that $gx = F(x, x) = x$.

Proof. Let $b = 1$. Then all conditions of previous theorem are satisfied. ■

Example 3. Let $X = [0, 1]$ and $a * c = a \cdot c$ for all $a, c \in [0, 1]$ and let M be the b -fuzzy set on $X \times X \times (0, +\infty)$ defined as follows:

$$M(x, y, t) = e^{-\frac{(x-y)^2}{t}},$$

for all $t \in \mathbb{R}^+$. Then $(X, M, *)$ is a b -fuzzy metric space for $b = 2$. Define $g(x) = \frac{x}{4}$, $F(x, y) = \frac{2x+y}{32\sqrt{2}}$ and $\phi(t) = \sqrt{t}$, for $t > 0$. It is evident that $F(X \times X) \subseteq g(X)$, g is continuous, $g(X) = [0, \frac{x}{4}]$ is complete and g commutes with F .

Since,

$$\begin{aligned} \left(\frac{2x+y}{32\sqrt{2}} - \frac{2u+v}{32\sqrt{2}}\right)^2 &= \left(\frac{2x-2u}{32\sqrt{2}} + \frac{y-v}{32\sqrt{2}}\right)^2 \\ &\leq \frac{2}{32} \left[\frac{1}{4} \left(\frac{2x}{4} - \frac{2u}{4}\right)^2 + \frac{1}{4} \left(\frac{y}{4} - \frac{v}{4}\right)^2 \right] \\ &\leq \frac{1}{16} \left[\left(\frac{x}{4} - \frac{u}{4}\right)^2 + \left(\frac{y}{4} - \frac{v}{4}\right)^2 \right] \\ &\leq \frac{2}{16} \max\left\{ \left(\frac{x}{4} - \frac{u}{4}\right)^2, \left(\frac{y}{4} - \frac{v}{4}\right)^2 \right\} \\ &= \frac{1}{8} \max\left\{ \left(\frac{x}{4} - \frac{u}{4}\right)^2, \left(\frac{y}{4} - \frac{v}{4}\right)^2 \right\}, \end{aligned}$$

hence it follows that

$$M(F(x, y), F(u, v), t) = e^{-\frac{-(\frac{2x+y}{32\sqrt{2}} - \frac{2u+v}{32\sqrt{2}})^2}{t}} = e^{-\frac{-(\frac{2x-2u}{32\sqrt{2}} + \frac{y-v}{32\sqrt{2}})^2}{t}}$$

$$\begin{aligned}
&\geq e^{\frac{-[(\frac{x}{4}-\frac{y}{4})^2+(\frac{y}{4}-\frac{v}{4})^2]}{8t}} \geq e^{\frac{-\max\{(\frac{x}{4}-\frac{y}{4})^2,(\frac{y}{4}-\frac{v}{4})^2\}}{8t}} \\
&= \sqrt{e^{\frac{-\max\{(\frac{x}{4}-\frac{y}{4})^2,(\frac{y}{4}-\frac{v}{4})^2\}}{4t}}} \\
&= \sqrt{\min\{e^{\frac{-(\frac{x}{4}-\frac{y}{4})^2}{4t}}, e^{\frac{-(\frac{y}{4}-\frac{v}{4})^2}{4t}}\}} \\
&= \sqrt{\min\{M(gx, gu, 4t), M(gy, gv, 4t)\}} \\
&\geq \sqrt{\min\left\{M(gx, gu, 4t), M(gy, gv, 4t), M(gx, F(x, y), 4t),\right. \\
&\quad \left.M(gu, F(u, v), 4t), M(gy, F(y, x), 4t), M(gv, F(v, u), 4t)\right\}}
\end{aligned}$$

for all x, y, u, v in X . Thus all the conditions of Theorem 2 are satisfied and 0 is a unique point in X such that $g0 = F(0, 0) = 0$.

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