

## COUPLED FIXED POINT THEOREM IN $b$ -FUZZY METRIC SPACES<sup>1</sup>

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**Abstract.** The aim of this paper is to prove a coupled coincidence fixed point theorem in complete  $b$ -fuzzy metric space. The results presented in this paper are generalizations of some well known, up to date research.

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### 1. Introduction

The concept of fuzzy sets was introduced initially by Zadeh [19] in 1965. Since then, to use this concept in topology and analysis, many authors have expansively developed the theory of fuzzy sets and application. George and Veeramani [7], Kramosil and Michalek [10] 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  $E$ -infinity theory which were given and studied by El Naschie [3, 4, 5, 6, 18]. For more information about the fuzzy metric and probabilistic metric spaces and fixed point theory in these spaces, we recommend [1, 8, 12, 13, 14, 17].

In this paper we dealt with a  $b$ -fuzzy metric spaces, and we proved a coupled coincidence point theorem in that spaces.

### 2. Preliminaries

This section we will start with the basic definitions and notations.

**Definition 2.1.** [9] A binary operation  $*$  :  $[0, 1] \times [0, 1] \rightarrow [0, 1]$  is a continuous  $t$ -norm if it satisfies the following conditions:

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

Further on, by a fuzzy set  $A$  on some universal set  $X$  we shall consider its membership function (see [19]). For the sake of simplicity, the membership function will be also denoted by  $A$ , i.e.,  $A : X \rightarrow [0, 1]$ .

**Definition 2.2.** [9] 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.

The function  $M$  is called a fuzzy metric.

**Definition 2.3.** [15] 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 a given real number  $b \geq 1$ ,

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.

The function  $M$  is called a  $b$ -fuzzy metric.

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 space is a fuzzy metric space when  $b = 1$ .

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

**Example 2.4.** Let  $M(x, y, t) = e^{-\frac{|x-y|^p}{t}}$ , where  $p > 1$  is a real number, and  $a * b = a \cdot b$ . We will show that  $(X, M, *)$  is a  $b$ -fuzzy metric space with  $b = 2^{p-1}$ .

Obviously conditions (1), (2),(3) and (5) of Definition 2.3 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

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

So condition (4) of Definition 2.3 holds and  $(X, M, *)$  is a  $b$ - fuzzy metric space.

It should be noted that in preceding example, for  $p = 2$   $(X, M, *)$  is not a fuzzy metric space.

**Example 2.5.** 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  $(X, M, *)$  is a  $b$ -fuzzy metric space.

Obviously conditions (1), (2),(3) and (5) of Definition 2.3 are satisfied. For each  $x, y, z \in X$  we obtain

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

So condition (4) of Definition 2.3 holds and  $(X, M, *)$  is a  $b$ - fuzzy metric space. Similarly, it is easy to see that for  $M(x, y, t) = \frac{t}{t+d(x,y)}$ ,  $(X, M, *)$  is a  $b$ - fuzzy metric space.

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

**Definition 2.6.** [15] A function  $f : \mathbb{R} \rightarrow \mathbb{R}$  is called  $b$ -nondecreasing, if  $x > by$  implies  $f(x) \geq f(y)$  for each  $x, y \in \mathbb{R}$ .

**Lemma 2.7.** [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,

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

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 [15].

Let  $(X, M, *)$  be a  $b$ -fuzzy metric space. Let  $\tau$  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  $\tau$  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 2.8.** [15] In a  $b$ -fuzzy metric space  $(X, M, *)$  the following assertions hold:

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

In a  $b$ -fuzzy metric space we have the following Proposition.

**Proposition 2.9.** [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 2.10.* In general, a  $b$ -fuzzy metric is not continuous.

**Definition 2.11.** [2] 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 2.12.** [11] 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 2.13.** [11] 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  $gF(x, y) = F(gx, gy)$ .

### 3. The Main Results

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

Note that if  $\phi(0) = 0$  and  $\phi(1) = 1$  additionally hold, then  $\phi(t) \geq t$ ,  $t \in [0, 1]$ , for all functions from  $\Phi$ .

We start our work by proving the following crucial lemma.

**Lemma 3.1.** *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*

$$(3.1) \quad M(F(x, y), F(u, v), t) \geq \phi(\min\{M(gx, gu, t), M(gy, gv, t)\}),$$

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 (3.1), 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, since the values of  $M$  can not be either 0 or 1. So  $gx = gy$ , and hence  $F(x, y) = gx = gy = F(y, x)$ .  $\square$

The following is the main result of this section.

**Theorem 3.2.** *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*

$$(3.2) \quad M(F(x, y), F(u, v), t) \geq \phi(\min\{M(gx, gu, b^2t), M(gy, gv, b^2t)\})$$

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

*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 (3.2) we have

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

Similarly by (3.2) we have

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

Hence, we have

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

holds for all  $n \in \mathbb{N}$ . Thus, we get that

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

Thus  $\{a_n(t)\}$  is an increasing sequence in  $[0, 1]$  for every  $t > 0$ . Therefore,  $\{a_n(t)\}$  tends to a limit  $a(t) \leq 1$ . We claim that  $a(t) = 1$ . For if  $a(t) < 1$ , letting  $n \rightarrow \infty$  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.,

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

Now, we prove that  $\{gx_n\}$  and  $\{gy_n\}$  are Cauchy sequence in  $g(X)$  for  $n = 1, 2, 3, \dots$

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

$$\min\{M(gx_n, gx_m, t), M(gy_n, gy_m, t)\} > 1 - \varepsilon.$$

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

$$(3.3) \quad \min\{M(gx_{n(k)}, gx_{m(k)}, t), M(gy_{n(k)}, gy_{m(k)}, t)\} \leq 1 - \varepsilon \quad \text{for } k = 1, 2, \dots$$

We may assume that

$$(3.4) \quad \min\{M(gx_{n(k)}, gx_{m(k)-1}, t), M(gy_{n(k)}, gy_{m(k)-1}, t)\} > 1 - \varepsilon,$$

by choosing  $m(k)$  be the smallest number exceeding  $n(k)$  for which (3.3) holds.

Let

$$d_k(t) = \min\{M(gx_{n(k)}, gx_{m(k)}, t), M(gy_{n(k)}, gy_{m(k)}, t)\}.$$

Using (3.3), and the fact that  $a * b \geq \min\{a, c\} * \min\{b, d\}$  we have

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

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

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

that is

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

for every  $t > 0$ .

On the other hand, we have

$$\begin{aligned}
& d_k(t) \\
& \geq \min\{M(gx_{n(k)}, gx_{n(k)+1}, \frac{t}{3b}) * M(gx_{n(k)+1}, gx_{m(k)+1}, \frac{t}{3b}) \\
& \quad * M(gx_{m(k)+1}, gx_{m(k)}, \frac{t}{3b})\}, \{M(gy_{n(k)}, gy_{n(k)+1}, \frac{t}{3b}) \\
& \quad * M(gy_{n(k)+1}, gy_{m(k)+1}, \frac{t}{3b}) * M(gy_{m(k)+1}, gy_{m(k)}, \frac{t}{3b})\} \\
& \geq \min\{\min\{M(gx_{n(k)}, gx_{n(k)+1}, \frac{t}{3b}), M(gy_{n(k)}, gy_{n(k)+1}, \frac{t}{3b})\} \\
& \quad * \min\{M(gx_{n(k)+1}, gx_{m(k)+1}, \frac{t}{3b}), M(gy_{n(k)+1}, gy_{m(k)+1}, \frac{t}{3b})\} \\
& \quad * \min\{M(gx_{m(k)+1}, gx_{m(k)}, \frac{t}{3b}), M(gy_{m(k)+1}, gy_{m(k)}, \frac{t}{3b})\}, \\
& \quad \min\{M(gx_{n(k)}, gx_{n(k)+1}, \frac{t}{3b}), M(gy_{n(k)}, gy_{n(k)+1}, \frac{t}{3b})\} \\
& \quad * \min\{M(gx_{n(k)+1}, gx_{m(k)+1}, \frac{t}{3b}), M(gy_{n(k)+1}, gy_{m(k)+1}, \frac{t}{3b})\}
\end{aligned}$$

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

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

$$1 - \varepsilon \geq 1 * \phi(1 - \varepsilon) * 1 = \phi(1 - \varepsilon) > 1 - \varepsilon,$$

which is a contradiction.

Thus  $\{gx_n\}$  and  $\{gy_n\}$  are Cauchy sequences in  $g(X)$ . Since  $g(X)$  is complete, we obtain  $\{gx_n\}$  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  $F$  do 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

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

Letting  $n \rightarrow \infty$ , and using the Proposition 2.9, we get that

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

Hence  $gx = F(x, y)$ . Similarly, we may show that  $gy = F(y, x)$ . By Lemma 3.1,  $(x, y)$  is coupled fixed point of the mappings  $F$  and  $g$ . So

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



Thus, using the Proposition 2.9 we have

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

Hence, we get

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

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

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

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

**Corollary 3.3.** *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*

$$(3.5) \quad M(F(x, y), F(u, v), t) \geq \sqrt{\min\{M(gx, gu, b^2t), M(gy, gv, b^2t)\}}$$

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  $F$ .

Then there is a unique  $x$  in  $X$  such that  $gx = F(x, x) = x$ .

**Corollary 3.4.** 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

$$(3.6) \quad \begin{aligned} M(F(x, y), F(u, v), t) \\ \geq 2 \min\{M(gx, gu, b^2t), M(gy, gv, b^2t)\} \\ - (\min\{M(gx, gu, b^2t), M(gy, gv, b^2t)\})^2 \end{aligned}$$

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  $F$ .

Then there is a unique  $x$  in  $X$  such that  $gx = F(x, x) = x$ .

*Proof.* It is enough to set  $\phi(t) = 2t - t^2$  in Theorem 3.2. □

**Corollary 3.5.** 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

$$(3.7) \quad M(F(x, y), F(u, v), t) \geq \phi(\min\{M(gx, gu, t), M(gy, gv, t)\})$$

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.* It is enough to set  $b = 1$  in Theorem 3.2. □

Now we give an example to support our Theorem 3.2.

**Example 3.6.** Let  $X = [0, 1]$  and  $a * c = ac$  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.

Since,

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

hence it follows that

$$\begin{aligned} M(F(x, y), F(u, v), t) &= e^{-\frac{-(\frac{2x+y}{32\sqrt{2}} - \frac{2u+v}{32\sqrt{2}})^2}{t}} \\ &= e^{-\frac{-(\frac{2x-2u}{32\sqrt{2}} + \frac{y-v}{32\sqrt{2}})^2}{t}} \\ &\geq e^{-\frac{-(\frac{x}{4} - \frac{u}{4})^2 + (\frac{y}{4} - \frac{v}{4})^2}{st}} \\ &\geq e^{-\frac{\max\{(\frac{x}{4} - \frac{u}{4})^2, (\frac{y}{4} - \frac{v}{4})^2\}}{st}} \\ &= \sqrt{e^{-\frac{\max\{(\frac{x}{4} - \frac{u}{4})^2, (\frac{y}{4} - \frac{v}{4})^2\}}{4t}}} \\ &= \sqrt{\min\left\{e^{-\frac{-(\frac{x}{4} - \frac{u}{4})^2}{4t}}, e^{-\frac{-(\frac{y}{4} - \frac{v}{4})^2}{4t}}\right\}} \\ &= \sqrt{\min\{M(gx, gu, 4t), M(gy, gv, 4t)\}} \end{aligned}$$

for all  $x, y, u, v$  in  $X$ . Thus all the conditions of last theorem 3.2 are satisfied and 0 is a unique point in  $X$  such that  $g0 = F(0, 0) = 0$ .

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