

# Some Fixed Point Theorems for a Pair of Asymptotically Regular and Compatible Mappings in Fuzzy 2-Metric Space

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## Abstract

*In this paper we use the concept of a pair of asymptotically regular and compatible mappings to prove some common fixed point theorems in a complete fuzzy 2-metric space.*

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## 1 Introduction

Fuzzy set was defined by Zadeh [6]. Kramosil and Michalek[7] introduced fuzzy metric space, George and Veeramani[1] modified the notion of fuzzy metric spaces with the help of continuous t-norms. Many researchers have obtained common fixed point theorems for mappings satisfying different types of commutativity conditions. Vasuki [12] proved fixed point theorems for R-weakly commuting mappings. Pant[9,10,11] introduced the new concept reciprocally continuous mappings and established some common fixed point theorems. Balasubramaniam [8], have shown that Rhoades[2] open problem on the existence of contractive definition which generates a fixed point but does not force the mappings to be continuous at the fixed point, posses an affirmative answer. Pant and Jha[11] obtained some analogous results proved by Balasubramaniam.

Rhoades [3] introduced the concept of asymptotic regularity for a pair of maps

and Jungck [5] proposed the concept of compatible mappings. The concept of 2-metric space was initiated by Gahler[14] whose abstract properties were suggested by the area function in Euclidean space. In a paper Sanjay Kumar [13] discussed fuzzy 2-metric space akin to 2-metric spaces introduced by Gahler[14].

This paper presents some common fixed point theorems for a pair of asymptotically regular and compatible mappings in fuzzy 2-metric space.

## 2 Preliminary Notes

**Definition 2.1** [6] A fuzzy set  $A$  in  $X$  is a function with domain  $X$  and values in  $[0,1]$ .

**Definition 2.2** [4] A binary operation  $*$  :  $[0, 1] \times [0, 1] \rightarrow [0, 1]$  is a continuous  $t$ -norm if  $*$  is satisfying conditions:

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

**Definition 2.3** [1] A 3-tuple  $(X, M, *)$  is said to be a fuzzy metric space if  $X$  is an arbitrary set,  $*$  is a continuous  $t$ -norm and  $M$  is a fuzzy set on  $X^2 \times (0, \infty)$  satisfying the following conditions, for all  $x, y, z \in X, s, t > 0$ ,

- 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.

Then  $M$  is called a fuzzy metric on  $X$ . Then  $M(x, y, t)$  denotes the degree of nearness between  $x$  and  $y$  with respect to  $t$ .

**Example 2.4** (Induced fuzzy metric [3]) Let  $(X, d)$  be a metric space. Denote  $a * b = ab$  for all  $a, b \in [0, 1]$  and let  $M_d$  be fuzzy sets on  $X^2 \times (0, \infty)$  defined as follows :

$$M_d = \frac{t}{t + d(x, y)}$$

Then  $(X, M_d, *)$  is a fuzzy metric space.

**Definition 2.5** A binary operation  $*$  :  $[0, 1] \times [0, 1] \times [0, 1] \rightarrow [0, 1]$  is called a continuous  $t$ -norm if  $([0, 1], \cdot)$  is an abelian topological monoid with unit 1 such that  $a * b * c \leq d * e * f$  whenever  $a \leq d, b \leq e$  and  $c \leq f$  for all  $a, b, c, d, e, f \in [0, 1]$ .

**Definition 2.6** [13] A triplet  $(X, M, *)$  is a **fuzzy 2-metric space** if  $X$  is an arbitrary set,  $*$  is a continuous t-norm, and  $M$  is a fuzzy set in  $X^3 \times [0, \infty)$  satisfying the following conditions:

- 1)  $M(x, y, a, 0) = 0$ ;
- 2)  $M(x, y, a, t) = 1$  for all  $t > 0$  if and only if at least two of them are equal;
- 3)  $M(x, y, a, t) = M(y, a, x, t) = M(a, y, x, t)$  (Symmetric);
- 4)  $M(x, y, z, r) * M(x, z, a, s) * M(z, y, a, t) \leq M(x, y, a, r+s+t)$  for all  $x, y, z \in X$  and  $r, s, t > 0$ ;
- 5)  $M(x, y, a, \cdot) : [0, \infty) \rightarrow (0, 1]$  is left continuous for all  $x, y, z, a \in X$  and  $r, s, t > 0$ .
- 6)  $\lim_{n \rightarrow \infty} M(x, y, a, t) = 1$  for all  $x, y, a \in X, t > 0$ .

**Example 2.7** [13] Let  $X$  be the set  $\{1, 2, 3, 4\}$  with 2-metric  $d$  defined by,

$$d(x, y, z) = \begin{cases} 0, & \text{if } x = y, y = z, z = x \text{ and } \{x, y, z\} = \{1, 2, 3\} \\ \frac{1}{2}, & \text{otherwise,} \end{cases}$$

For each  $t \in [0, \infty)$ , define  $a * b * c = abc$  and

$$M(x, y, z, t) = \begin{cases} 0, & \text{if } t = 0 \\ \frac{t}{t+d(x, y, z)}, & \text{if } t > 0, \text{ where } x, y, z \in X. \end{cases}$$

Then  $(X, M, *)$  is a fuzzy 2-metric space.

**Definition 2.8** [13] (a) A sequence  $\{x_n\}$  in  $(X, M, *)$  is **Convergent** to  $x \in X$  if  $\lim_{n \rightarrow \infty} M(x_n, x, a, t) = 1$  for each  $t > 0$ .

(b) A fuzzy 2-metric space,  $(X, M, *)$  is called **Cauchy** if  $\lim_{n, m \rightarrow \infty} M(x_n, x_m, a, t) = 1$  for each  $t > 0$ .

(c) A fuzzy 2-metric space in which every Cauchy sequence is convergent is said to be **Complete**.

**Definition 2.9** Two self mappings  $f$  and  $g$  of a fuzzy 2-metric space  $(X, M, *)$  are called compatible if  $\lim_{n \rightarrow \infty} M(fgx_n, gfx_n, a, t) = 1$  whenever  $\{x_n\}$  is a sequence in  $X$  such that  $\lim_{n \rightarrow \infty} fx_n = \lim_{n \rightarrow \infty} gx_n = x$  for some  $x$  in  $X$ .

**Definition 2.10** A sequence  $\{x_n\}$  in  $X$  is called asymptotically regular with respect to pair  $(S, T)$  if  $\lim_{n \rightarrow \infty} M(Sx_n, Tx_n, a, t) = 1$ .

**Lemma 2.11** Let  $(X, M, *)$  be a fuzzy 2-metric space. If there exists  $q \in (0, 1)$  such that  $M(x, y, a, qt) \geq M(x, y, a, t)$  for all  $x, y \in X$  and  $t > 0$ , then  $x = y$ .

**Proof:** If  $M(x, y, a, qt) \geq M(x, y, a, t)$ , for all  $t > 0$  and some constant  $0 < q < 1$ , then we have,  $M(x, y, a, qt) \geq M(x, y, a, \frac{t}{q}) \geq M(x, y, a, \frac{t}{q^2}) \geq \dots \geq M(x, y, a, \frac{t}{q^n})$ , for all  $t > 0$  and  $x, y \in X$ . Letting  $n \rightarrow \infty$ , we have  $M(x, y, a, t) = 1$  and thus  $x = y$ .

### 3 Main Results

**Theorem 3.1** Let  $P, S$  and  $T$  be self mappings of a complete fuzzy 2-metric space  $(X, M, *)$  with  $t$ -norm defined by  $a * b * c = a.b.c$  where  $a, b, c \in [0, 1]$  satisfying:

$$(i) M(Px, Py, a, qt) \geq \alpha M(Sy, Py, a, t) + \beta \min\{M(Tx, Px, a, t), M(Sx, Px, a, t), M(Ty, Py, a, t)\}$$

- for all  $x, y, a \in X$ , and  $q \in (0, 1)$  where  $\alpha, \beta > 0, (\alpha + \beta) \geq 1$ ,  
(ii) the pairs  $(P, S)$  and  $(P, T)$  are Compatible,  
(iii) there exists a sequence  $\{x_n\}$  which is asymptotically regular with respect to  $(P, S)$ ,  $(S, T)$  and  $(P, T)$ ,  
(iv)  $S$  and  $T$  are Continuous,  
Then  $P, S$  and  $T$  have a unique common fixed point.

**Proof:** Let  $\{x_n\}$  satisfy (iii). From (i), we have

$$M(Px_n, Px_m, a, qt) \geq \alpha M(Sx_m, Px_m, a, t) + \beta \min\{M(Tx_n, Px_n, a, t), M(Sx_n, Px_n, a, t), M(Tx_m, Px_m, a, t)\}$$

Making  $m, n \rightarrow \infty$  and using (iii), we get

$$\geq (\alpha + \beta) \quad (as, (\alpha + \beta) \geq 1)$$

$$\geq 1.$$

$$\lim_{m, n \rightarrow \infty} M(Px_n, Px_m, a, qt) \geq 1.$$

Hence  $\{Px_n\}$  is a Cauchy sequence and so converges to some  $z \in X$  (as  $X$  is complete).

Also,

$$M(Sx_n, z, a, r + s + t) \geq M(Sx_n, z, Px_n, r) * M(Sx_n, Px_n, a, s) * M(Px_n, z, a, t)$$

Making  $n \rightarrow \infty$  and using (iii), we have

$$\lim_{n \rightarrow \infty} M(Sx_n, z, a, r + s + t) \geq 1.$$

So,  $Sx_n \rightarrow z$ . Similarly,  $Tx_n \rightarrow z$ .

Now from (iv), we have

$$SPx_n \rightarrow Sz, S^2x_n = SSx_n \rightarrow Sz, STx_n \rightarrow Sz.$$

$$TPx_n \rightarrow Tz, T^2x_n = TTx_n \rightarrow Tz, TSx_n \rightarrow Tz.$$

Also, from (ii) we have

$$\begin{aligned} M(PSx_n, Sz, a, r+s+t) &\geq M(PSx_n, Sz, SPx_n, r) * M(PSx_n, SPx_n, a, s) \\ &\quad * M(SPx_n, Sz, a, t) \\ &= 1 * 1 * 1 \\ &= 1 \end{aligned}$$

So,  $PSx_n \rightarrow Sz$ . Similarly,  $PTx_n \rightarrow Tz$ . Also from (i) put  $x = Sx_n$  and  $y = Tx_n$  we get

$$\begin{aligned} M(PSx_n, PTx_n, a, qt) &\geq \alpha M(STx_n, PTx_n, a, t) + \beta \min\{M(TSx_n, PSx_n, a, t), \\ &\quad M(S^2x_n, PSx_n, a, t), M(T^2x_n, PTx_n, a, t)\} \end{aligned}$$

Making  $n \rightarrow \infty$  we get

$$\begin{aligned} M(Sz, Tz, a, qt) &\geq \alpha M(Sz, Tz, a, t) + \beta \min\{M(Tz, Sz, a, t), \\ &\quad M(Sz, Sz, a, t), M(Tz, Tz, a, t)\} \\ &= (\alpha + \beta)M(Sz, Tz, a, t) \quad \text{as, } (\alpha + \beta) \geq 1 \\ &\geq M(Sz, Tz, a, t) \end{aligned}$$

$\Rightarrow Sz = Tz$ . Again from (i) put  $x = Tx_n$  and  $y = z$  we get

$$\begin{aligned} M(PTx_n, Pz, a, qt) &\geq \alpha M(Sz, Pz, a, t) + \beta \min\{M(T^2x_n, PTx_n, a, t) \\ &\quad , M(STx_n, PTx_n, a, t), M(Tz, Pz, a, t), \end{aligned}$$

Making  $n \rightarrow \infty$  we get

$$\begin{aligned} M(Tz, Pz, a, qt) &\geq \alpha M(Tz, Pz, a, t) + \beta \min\{M(Tz, Tz, a, t) \\ &\quad , M(Sz, Tz, a, t), M(Tz, Pz, a, t)\} \\ &= (\alpha + \beta)M(Tz, Pz, a, t) \\ &= M(Tz, Pz, a, t) \end{aligned}$$

$$\Rightarrow Tz = Pz = Sz.$$

Also from (i) put  $x = Pz$  and  $y = z$  we get

$$\begin{aligned} M(PPz, Pz, a, qt) &\geq \alpha M(Sz, Pz, a, t) + \beta \min\{M(TPz, P^2z, a, t), \\ &M(SPz, P^2z, a, t), M(Tz, Pz, a, t)\} \\ &= \alpha M(Sz, Sz, a, t) + \beta \min\{M(TPz, PTz, a, t) \\ &, M(SPz, PSz, a, t), M(Tz, Tz, a, t)\} \\ &= (\alpha + \beta) \quad (\text{From(ii) and } (\alpha + \beta) \geq 1.) \\ &= 1 \end{aligned}$$

Hence,  $PPz = PSz = Pz = u$  (say). And

$$\begin{aligned} M(Su, u, a, r + s + t) &= M(SPz, u, a, r + s + t) \\ &\geq M(SPz, PSz, a, s) * M(SPz, PSz, u, r) * M(PSz, u, a, t) \\ &= 1 \quad (\text{From(ii)}) \end{aligned}$$

Thus  $Su = u$ . Similarly  $Tu = u$ . Thus  $Pu = Su = Tu = u$ , i.e.  $u$  is the common fixed point of  $P, S$  and  $T$ .

To prove the uniqueness of  $u$ , let  $v$  be another common fixed point of  $P, S$  and  $T$ . Then from (i), we have

$$\begin{aligned} M(Pu, Pv, a, qt) &\geq \alpha M(Sv, Pv, a, t) + \beta \min\{M(Tu, Pu, a, t) \\ &, M(Su, Pu, a, t), M(Tv, Pv, a, t)\} \\ &\geq (\alpha + \beta) \quad (as, (\alpha + \beta) \geq 1.) \\ &\geq 1 \end{aligned}$$

Hence,  $u = v$ . This completes the proof of the Theorem (3.1).

**Theorem 3.2** Let  $P, S$  and  $T$  be self mappings of a complete fuzzy 2-metric space  $(X, M, *)$  with  $t$ -norm defined by  $a * b * c = \min\{a, b, c\}$  where  $a, b, c \in [0, 1]$  satisfying:

$$(i) M(Px, Py, a, qt) \geq \alpha M(Sy, Py, a, t) + \beta \min\{M(Tx, Px, a, t), M(Sx, Px, a, t), M(Ty, Py, a, t)\}$$

for all  $x, y, a \in X$ , and  $q \in (0, 1)$ , where  $\alpha, \beta > 0$ ,  $(\alpha + \beta) \geq 1$ ,  
(ii) the pairs  $(P, S)$  and  $(P, T)$  are Compatible,  
(iii) there exists a sequence  $\{x_n\}$  which is asymptotically regular with respect to  $(P, S)$  and  $(P, T)$ ,  
(iv)  $S$  and  $T$  are Continuous,  
Then  $P, S$  and  $T$  have a unique common fixed point.

**Proof:** The proof of this theorem follows from Theorem 3.1.

**Theorem 3.3** Let  $P, S$  and  $T$  be self mappings of a complete fuzzy 2-metric space  $(X, M, *)$  with  $t$ -norm defined by  $a * b * c = a.b.c$  where  $a, b, c \in [0, 1]$  satisfying:

(i)  $M(Px, Py, a, qt) \geq r\{\min[M(Sx, Px, a, t), M(Tx, Px, a, t), M(Sy, Py, a, t), M(Ty, Py, a, t)]\}$

for all  $x, y, a \in X$ , and  $q \in (0, 1)$ , where  $r : [0, 1] \rightarrow [0, 1]$  is a continuous function such that  $r(t) > t$  for  $0 \leq t < 1$  and  $r(t) = 1$  for  $t = 1$ ,

(ii) the pairs  $(P, S)$  and  $(P, T)$  are Compatible,  
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(iv)  $S$  and  $T$  are Continuous,  
Then  $P, S$  and  $T$  have a unique common fixed point.

**Proof:** Let  $\{x_n\}$  satisfy (iii). From (i), we have  
 $M(Px_n, Px_m, a, qt) \geq r\{\min[M(Sx_n, Px_n, a, t), M(Tx_n, Px_n, a, t), M(Sx_m, Px_m, a, t)$

$$, M(Tx_m, Px_m, a, t)]\}$$

Making  $m, n \rightarrow \infty$  and using (iii), we get  
 $\lim_{m, n \rightarrow \infty} M(Px_n, Px_m, a, qt) \geq r(1)$ .

$$\geq 1.$$

Hence  $\{Px_n\}$  is a Cauchy sequence and so converges to some  $z \in X$  (as  $X$  is complete).

Also,

$$M(Sx_n, z, a, r + s + t) \geq M(Sx_n, z, Px_n, r) * M(Sx_n, Px_n, a, s) * M(Px_n, z, a, t)$$

Making  $n \rightarrow \infty$  and using (iii), we have

$$\lim_{n \rightarrow \infty} M(Sx_n, z, a, r + s + t) \geq 1.$$

So,  $Sx_n \rightarrow z$ . Similarly,  $Tx_n \rightarrow z$ .

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Also, from (ii) we have

$$M(PSx_n, Sz, a, r + s + t) \geq M(PSx_n, Sz, SPx_n, r) * M(PSx_n, SPx_n, a, s)$$

$$* M(SPx_n, Sz, a, t)$$

$$= 1 * 1 * 1$$

$$= 1$$

So,  $PSx_n \rightarrow Sz$ . Similarly,  $PTx_n \rightarrow Tz$ . Also from (i) put  $x = Sx_n$  and  $y = Tx_n$  we get

$$M(PSx_n, PTx_n, a, qt) \geq r\{\min[M(S^2x_n, PSx_n, a, t), M(TSx_n, PSx_n, a, t),$$

$$M(STx_n, PTx_n, a, t), M(T^2x_n, PTx_n, a, t)]\}$$

Making  $n \rightarrow \infty$  we get

$$M(Sz, Tz, a, qt) \geq r\{\min[M(Sz, Sz, a, t), M(Tz, Sz, a, t)$$

$$, M(Sz, Tz, a, t), M(Tz, Tz, a, t)]\}$$

$$= r\{\min[1, M(Tz, Sz, a, t), M(Sz, Tz, a, t), 1]\}$$

$$= M(Sz, Tz, a, t)$$

$\Rightarrow Sz = Tz$ . Again from (i) put  $x = Tx_n$  and  $y = z$  we get

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$$, PTx_n, a, t), M(Sz, Pz, a, t), M(Tz, Pz, a, t)]\}$$

Making  $n \rightarrow \infty$  we get

$$M(Tz, Pz, a, qt) \geq r\{\min[M(Tz, Tz, a, t), M(Tz, Tz, a, t), M(Tz, Pz, a, t)$$

$$, M(Tz, Pz, a, t)]\}$$

$$= r\{\min[1, 1, M(Tz, Pz, a, t), M(Tz, Pz, a, t)]\}$$

$$= M(Tz, Pz, a, t)$$



$$\Rightarrow Tz = Pz = Sz.$$

Also from (i) put  $x = Pz$  and  $y = z$  we get

$$\begin{aligned} M(PPz, Pz, a, qt) &\geq r\{\min[M(SPz, P^2z, a, t), M(TPz, P^2z, a, t), \\ &\quad , M(Sz, Pz, a, t), M(Tz, Pz, a, t)]\} \\ &= r\{\min[M(SPz, PSz, a, t), M(TPz, PTz, a, t), M(Sz, Sz, a, t), \\ &\quad M(Pz, Pz, a, t)]\} \\ &= r\{\min[1, 1, 1, 1]\} \quad (\text{From(ii)}) \\ &= 1 \end{aligned}$$

Hence,  $PPz = PSz = Pz = u$  (say). And

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$$\begin{aligned} M(Pu, Pv, a, qt) &\geq r\{\min[M(Su, Pu, a, t), M(Tu, Pu, a, t), M(Sv, Pv, a, t), \\ &\quad , M(Tv, Pv, a, t)]\} \\ &= r\{\min[M(Pu, Pu, a, t), M(Pu, Pu, a, t), M(Pv, Pv, a, t), \\ &\quad , M(Pv, Pv, a, t)]\} \\ &= r\{\min[1, 1, 1, 1]\} \\ &= 1 \end{aligned}$$

Hence,  $u = v$ . This completes the proof of the Theorem (3.1).

**Theorem 3.4** Let  $P, S$  and  $T$  be self mappings of a complete fuzzy 2-metric space  $(X, M, *)$  with  $t$ -norm defined by  $a * b * c = \min\{a, b, c\}$  where  $a, b, c \in$

$[0, 1]$  satisfying:

$$(i) M(Px, Py, a, qt) \geq r \{ \min [M(Sx, Px, a, t), M(Tx, Px, a, t), M(Sy, Py, a, t), M(Ty, Py, a, t)] \}$$

for all  $x, y, a \in X$ , and  $q \in (0, 1)$ , where  $r : [0, 1] \rightarrow [0, 1]$  is a continuous function such that  $r(t) > t$  for  $0 \leq t < 1$  and  $r(t) = 1$  for  $t = 1$ ,

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(iv)  $S$  and  $T$  are Continuous,

Then  $P, S$  and  $T$  have a unique common fixed point.

**Proof:** The proof follows from Theorem 3.3.

**Theorem 3.5** Let  $P, S$  and  $T$  be self mappings of a complete fuzzy 2-metric space  $(X, M, *)$  with  $t$ -norm defined by  $a * b * c = a.b.c$  where  $a, b, c \in [0, 1]$  satisfying:

$$(i) M(Px, Py, a, qt) \geq \min \{ M(Sx, Px, a, t), M(Tx, Px, a, t), M(Sy, Py, a, t), M(Ty, Py, a, t), M(Sy, Ty, a, t) \}$$

for all  $x, y, a \in X$ , and  $q \in (0, 1)$ ,

(ii) the pairs  $(P, S)$  and  $(P, T)$  are Compatible,

(iii) there exists a sequence  $\{x_n\}$  which is asymptotically regular with respect to  $(P, S), (S, T)$  and  $(P, T)$ ,

(iv)  $S$  and  $T$  are Continuous,

Then  $P, S$  and  $T$  have a unique common fixed point.

**Proof: Proof:** Let  $\{x_n\}$  satisfy (iii). From (i), we have

$$M(Px_n, Px_m, a, qt) \geq \min \{ M(Sx_n, Px_n, a, t), M(Tx_n, Px_n, a, t), M(Sx_m, Px_m, a, t), M(Tx_m, Px_m, a, t), M(Sx_m, Tx_m, a, t) \}$$

Making  $m, n \rightarrow \infty$  and using (iii), we get

$$\lim_{m, n \rightarrow \infty} M(Px_n, Px_m, a, qt) \geq 1.$$

Hence  $\{Px_n\}$  is a Cauchy sequence and so converges to some  $z \in X$  (as  $X$  is complete).

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Now from (iv), we have

$$SPx_n \rightarrow Sz, S^2x_n = SSx_n \rightarrow Sz, STx_n \rightarrow Sz.$$

$$TPx_n \rightarrow Tz, T^2x_n = TTx_n \rightarrow Tz, TSx_n \rightarrow Tz.$$

Also, from (ii) we have

$$\begin{aligned} M(PSx_n, Sz, a, r+s+t) &\geq M(PSx_n, Sz, SPx_n, r) * M(PSx_n, SPx_n, a, s) \\ &\quad * M(SPx_n, Sz, a, t) \\ &= 1 * 1 * 1 \\ &= 1 \end{aligned}$$

So,  $PSx_n \rightarrow Sz$ . Similarly,  $PTx_n \rightarrow Tz$ . Also from (i) put  $x = Sx_n$  and  $y = Tx_n$  we get

$$\begin{aligned} M(PSx_n, PTx_n, a, qt) &\geq \min\{M(S^2x_n, PSx_n, a, t), M(TSx_n, PSx_n, a, t), \\ &\quad M(STx_n, PTx_n, a, t), M(T^2x_n, PTx_n, a, t), M(STx_n, T^2x_n, a, t)\} \end{aligned}$$

Making  $n \rightarrow \infty$  we get

$$\begin{aligned} M(Sz, Tz, a, qt) &\geq \min\{M(Sz, Sz, a, t), M(Tz, Sz, a, t), M(Sz, Tz, a, t), M(Tz, Tz, a, t) \\ &\quad , M(Sz, Tz, a, t)\} \\ &= \min\{1, M(Tz, Sz, a, t), M(Sz, Tz, a, t), 1, M(Sz, Tz, a, t)\} \\ &= M(Sz, Tz, a, t) \end{aligned}$$

$\Rightarrow Sz = Tz$ . Again from (i) put  $x = Tx_n$  and  $y = z$  we get

$$\begin{aligned} M(PTx_n, Pz, a, qt) &\geq \min\{M(STx_n, PTx_n, a, t), M(T^2x_n, PTx_n, a, t), M(Sz, Pz, a, t), \\ &\quad M(Tz, Pz, a, t), M(Sz, Tz, a, t)\} \end{aligned}$$

Making  $n \rightarrow \infty$  we get

$$\begin{aligned} M(Tz, Pz, a, qt) &\geq \min\{M(Tz, Tz, a, t), M(Tz, Tz, a, t), M(Tz, Pz, a, t), M(Tz, Pz, a, t) \\ &\quad , M(Tz, Tz, a, t)\} \\ &= \min\{1, 1, M(Tz, Pz, a, t), M(Tz, Pz, a, t), 1\} \\ &= M(Tz, Pz, a, t) \end{aligned}$$

$$\Rightarrow Tz = Pz = Sz.$$

Also from (i) put  $x = Pz$  and  $y = z$  we get

$$\begin{aligned} M(PPz, Pz, a, qt) &\geq \min\{M(SPz, P^2z, a, t), M(TPz, P^2z, a, t), M(Sz, Pz, a, t), \\ &M(Tz, Pz, a, t), M(Sz, Tz, a, t)\} \\ &= \min\{M(SPz, PSz, a, t), M(TPz, PTz, a, t), M(Sz, Sz, a, t), \\ &M(Pz, Pz, a, t), M(Sz, Sz, a, t)\} \\ &= \min\{1, 1, 1, 1, 1\} \quad (\text{From(ii)}) \\ &= 1 \end{aligned}$$

Hence,  $PPz = PSz = Pz = u$  (say). And

$$\begin{aligned} M(Su, u, a, r + s + t) &= M(SPz, u, a, r + s + t) \\ &\geq M(SPz, PSz, a, s) * M(SPz, PSz, u, r) * M(PSz, u, a, t) \\ &= 1 \quad (\text{From(ii)}) \end{aligned}$$

Thus  $Su = u$ . Similarly  $Tu = u$ . Thus  $Pu = Su = Tu = u$ , i.e.  $u$  is the common fixed point of  $P, S$  and  $T$ .

To prove the uniqueness of  $u$ , let  $v$  be another common fixed point of  $P, S$  and  $T$ . Then from (i), we have

$$\begin{aligned} M(Pu, Pv, a, qt) &\geq \min\{M(Su, Pu, a, t), M(Tu, Pu, a, t), M(Sv, Pv, a, t), M(Tv, Pv, a, t) \\ &, M(Sv, Tv, a, t)\} \\ &= \min\{M(Pu, Pu, a, t), M(Pu, Pu, a, t), M(Pv, Pv, a, t), M(Pv, Pv, a, t) \\ &, M(Pv, Pv, a, t)\} \\ &= \min\{1, 1, 1, 1, 1\} \\ &= 1 \end{aligned}$$

Hence,  $u = v$ . This completes the proof of the Theorem (3.1).

**Theorem 3.6** Let  $P, S$  and  $T$  be self mappings of a complete fuzzy 2-metric space  $(X, M, *)$  with  $t$ -norm defined by  $a * b * c = \min\{a, b, c\}$  where  $a, b, c \in$

$[0, 1]$  satisfying:

$$(i) M(Px, Py, a, qt) \geq \min\{M(Sx, Px, a, t), M(Tx, Px, a, t), M(Sy, Py, a, t), M(Ty, Py, a, t), M(Sy, Ty, a, t)\}$$

for all  $x, y, a \in X$ , and  $q \in (0, 1)$ ,

(ii) the pairs  $(P, S)$  and  $(P, T)$  are Compatible,

(iii) there exists a sequence  $\{x_n\}$  which is asymptotically regular with respect to  $(P, S), (S, T)$  and  $(P, T)$ ,

(iv)  $S$  and  $T$  are Continuous,

Then  $P, S$  and  $T$  have a unique common fixed point.

**Proof: Proof:** The proof follows from Theorem 3.5.

## 4 Open Problem

Question 1. Are the above mentioned theorems true in an intuitionistic fuzzy 2-metric space?.

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