



# Common Fixed Point Theorems for Four Weakly Compatible Self Maps Along with (CLR) Property in Fuzzy 2-Metric Spaces

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## Abstract

In this paper, we prove some common fixed point theorems for four weakly compatible self-maps along with (CLR) property in fuzzy 2- metric spaces. Our results are the improved version of the theorems proved by Shojajei et al. [1] in 2013, since our results does not require closedness of ranges of subsets of  $X$ .

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## 1 Introduction and Preliminaries

In 1965, L.A. Zadeh [2] introduced the notion of fuzzy sets. A lot of authors proved several fixed point theorems by using the concept of fuzzy set theory. The notion of 2-metric spaces was introduced by Gahler [3,4,5].

**Definition 1.1:** A triangular norm  $*$  (shortly t-norm) is a binary operation on the unit interval  $[0,1]$  such that for all  $a, b, c, d \in [0,1]$ . The following conditions are satisfied:

1.  $a * 1 = a$ ;
2.  $a * b = b * a$ ;
3.  $a * b \leq c * d$  whenever  $a \leq c$  and  $b \leq d$
4.  $a * (b * c) = (a * b) * c$ .

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**Definition 1.2** ([6]): The 3-tuple  $(X, M, *)$  is called a fuzzy metric space, if  $X$  is an arbitrary set,  $*$  is a continuous t-norm and  $M$  is a fuzzy set in  $X^2 \times [0, \infty)$  satisfying the following condition:

for all  $x, y, z \in X$  and  $s, t > 0$

1.  $M(x, y, 0) = 0$ ,
2.  $M(x, y, t) = 1$ , for all  $t > 0$  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 left continuous,
6.  $\lim_{n \rightarrow \infty} M(x, y, t) = 1$ .

**Example 1.3:** Let  $(X, d)$  be a metric space. Define  $a * b = ab$  (or  $a * b = \min\{a, b\}$ ) and for all  $x, y \in X$  and  $t > 0$ ,  $M(x, y, t) = \frac{t}{t+d(x,y)}$ . Then  $(X, M, *)$  is a fuzzy metric space and this metric  $d$  is the standard fuzzy metric.

**Definition 1.4** ([7]): A binary operation  $*$ :  $[0, 1] \times [0, 1] \times [0, 1] \rightarrow [0, 1]$  is called a continuous t - norm if  $([0, 1], *)$  is an abelian topological monoid with unit 1 such that  $a_1 * b_1 * c_1 \leq a_2 * b_2 * c_2$  whenever  $a_1 \leq a_2, b_1 \leq b_2, c_1 \leq c_2$  for all  $a_1, a_2, b_1, b_2$  and  $c_1, c_2$  in  $[0, 1]$ .

**Definition 1.5:** The 3- tuple  $(X, M, *)$  is called 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, for all  $x, y, z, u \in X$  and  $t_1, t_2, t_3 > 0$ .

- 1  $M(x, y, z, 0) = 0$ .
- 2  $M(x, y, z, t) = 1, t > 0$  and when at least two of the three points are equal,
- 3  $M(x, y, z, t) = M(x, z, y, t) = M(y, z, x, t)$
- 4  $M(x, y, z, t_1 + t_2 + t_3) \geq M(x, y, u, t_1) * M(x, u, z, t_2) * M(u, y, z, t_3)$

(This correspond to tetrahedron inequality in 2-metric space)

The function value  $M(x, y, z, t)$  may be interpreted as the probability that the area of triangle is less than  $t$ .

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

**Example 1.6:** Let  $(X, d)$  be 2-metric space and denote  $a * b = ab$  for all  $a, b \in [0, 1]$ .

For each  $h, m, n \in R^+$  and  $t > 0$ , define  $M(x, y, z, t) = \frac{ht^n}{ht^n + md(x,y,z)}$ .

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

**Definition 1.7** ([6]): A sequence  $\{x_n\}$  in a fuzzy 2-metric space  $(X, M, *)$  is said to converge to  $x$  (in  $X$ ) if and only if  $\lim_{n \rightarrow \infty} M(x_n, x, a, t) = 1$  for all  $a \in X$  and  $t > 0$ .

**Definition 1.8:** Let  $(X, M, *)$  be a fuzzy 2-metric space. A sequence  $\{x_n\}$  in  $X$  is called Cauchy sequence, if and only if  $\lim_{n \rightarrow \infty} M(x_{n+p}, x_n, a, t) = 1$  for all  $a \in X, p > 0$  and  $t > 0$ .

**Definition 1.9** ([6]): A fuzzy 2-metric space  $(X, M, *)$  is said to be complete if and only if every Cauchy sequence in  $X$  is convergent in  $X$ .

**Definition 1.10:** Let  $(X, M, *)$  be a fuzzy 2-metric space. Suppose  $f$  and  $g$  be self maps on  $X$ . A point  $x$  in  $X$  is called a coincidence point of  $f$  and  $g$  iff  $fx = gx$ . In this case,  $w = fx = gx$  is called a point of coincidence of  $f$  and  $g$ .

**Definition 1.11** ([8]): A pair of self mapping  $\{f, g\}$  of a fuzzy 2-metric space  $(X, d)$  is said to be weakly compatible if they commute at the coincidence point i.e., if  $fu = gu$  for some  $u \in X$ , then  $fgu = gfu$ .

It is to see that two compatible maps are weakly compatible but converse is not true.

## 2 Main Results

**Definition 2.1** ([9]): Let  $f$  and  $g$  be two self-maps of a 2-metric space  $(X, M, *)$ , then

they are said to satisfy  $(CLR_g)$  property if there exists a sequence  $\{x_n\}$  in  $X$  such that

$$\lim_{n \rightarrow \infty} f x_n = \lim_{n \rightarrow \infty} g x_n = g x \text{ for some } x \in X.$$

Similarly, the property  $(CLR_T)$  and the property  $(CLR_S)$  hold if in the above definition the mapping  $g: X \rightarrow X$  has been replaced by the mapping  $T: X \rightarrow X$  and  $S: X \rightarrow X$ .

**Example 2.2:** let  $X = [3, \infty)$ . Define  $f, g : X \rightarrow X$  by  $g x = x + 2$  and  $f x = 4x + 2$ , for all  $x \in X$ . Suppose that the  $(CLR_g)$  property holds. Then, there exists a sequence  $\{x_n\}$  in  $X$  satisfying  $\lim_{n \rightarrow \infty} f x_n = \lim_{n \rightarrow \infty} g x_n = g x$  for some  $x \in X$ .

Therefore,  $\lim_{n \rightarrow \infty} x_n = g x - 2$  and  $\lim_{n \rightarrow \infty} x_n = \frac{g x - 2}{4}$ .

Thus,  $g x = 2$ , which is a contradiction, since 2 is not in  $X$ .

Hence,  $f$  and  $g$  do not satisfy  $(CLR_g)$  property.

**Lemma 2.3** ([10]): Let  $(X, M, *)$  be a fuzzy 2-metric space. If there exists  $k \in (0, 1)$  such that  $M(x, y, z, kt) \geq M(x, y, z, t)$ , for all  $x, y, z \in X$  with  $z \neq x, z \neq y$  and  $t > 0$ , then  $x = y$ .

**Theorem 2.4.** Let  $A, B, S$  and  $T$  be self-maps of a fuzzy 2-metric spaces  $(X, M, *)$  satisfying the following condition :

(2.1)  $A X \subset T X$  and  $B X \subset S X$ ,

(2.2)  $M(Ax, By, z, kt) \geq \phi(M(Sx, Ty, z, t), M(Ax, Sx, z, t), M(By, Ty, z, t), M(Sx, By, z, t), M(Ax, Ty, z, t))$ ,  
for all  $x, y, z$  in  $X$  and  $t > 0$ , where  $k \in (0, 1)$ .

(2.3) the pairs  $(A, S)$  and  $(B, T)$  are weakly compatible.

(2.4) the pair  $(A, S)$  satisfies  $(CLR_S)$  property or the pair  $(B, T)$  satisfies the  $(CLR_T)$  property.

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

**Proof.** Suppose that  $B X \subset S X$  and  $(B, T)$  satisfies property  $(CLR_T)$ , then there exists a sequence  $\{x_n\}$  in  $X$  such that

$$\lim_{n \rightarrow \infty} B x_n = \lim_{n \rightarrow \infty} T x_n = T x, \text{ for some } x \in X.$$

Since  $B X \subset S X$ , therefore there exists a sequence  $\{y_n\}$  in  $X$  such that

$$\lim_{n \rightarrow \infty} B x_n = \lim_{n \rightarrow \infty} S y_n = T x$$

Hence,  $\lim_{n \rightarrow \infty} S y_n = T x$

Now, We shall show that  $\lim_{n \rightarrow \infty} A y_n = T x$

Suppose that  $\lim_{n \rightarrow \infty} Ay_n = l$

Putting  $x = y_n$  and  $y = x_n$  in (2.2), we have

$$M(Ay_n, Bx_n, z, kt) \geq \phi(M(Sy_n, Tx_n, z, t), M(Ay_n, Sy_n, z, t), M(Bx_n, Tx_n, z, t), M(Sy_n, Bx_n, z, t), M(Ay_n, Tx_n, z, t)).$$

Proceeding limit when  $n \rightarrow \infty$ , we have

$$M(l, Tx, z, kt) \geq \phi(1, M(l, Tx, z, t), 1, 1, M(l, Tx, z, t)) \geq M(l, Tx, z, t).$$

By Lemma 2.3, we have

$$l = Tx.$$

Therefore, we have  $\lim_{n \rightarrow \infty} Ay_n = Tx$ .

$$\lim_{n \rightarrow \infty} Ay_n = \lim_{n \rightarrow \infty} Bx_n = \lim_{n \rightarrow \infty} Tx_n = \lim_{n \rightarrow \infty} Sy_n = Tx = Sv.$$

Now, we shall show that  $Av = Tx$ .

From (2.2), we have

$$M(Av, Bx_n, z, kt) \geq \phi(M(Sv, Tx_n, z, t), M(Av, Sv, z, t), M(Bx_n, Tx_n, z, t), M(Sv, Bx_n, z, t), M(Av, Tx_n, z, t)).$$

Letting limit as  $n \rightarrow \infty$ ,

$$M(Av, Tx, z, kt) \geq \phi(1, M(Av, Tx, z, t), 1, 1, M(Av, Tx, z, t)) \geq M(Av, Tx, z, t).$$

By Lemma 2.3, we have  $Av = Sv = Tx$ .

Since  $AX \subset TX$ , so, there exists  $w \in X$  such that  $Tx = Av = Tw$ .

Now, we claim that

$$Tx = Bw.$$

From (2.2), we have

$$M(Av, Bw, z, kt) \geq \phi(M(Sv, Tw, z, t), M(Av, Sv, z, t), M(Bw, Tw, z, t), M(Sv, Bw, z, t), M(Av, Tw, z, t)).$$

Letting limit as  $n \rightarrow \infty$ ,

$$M(Tx, Bw, z, kt) \geq \phi(1, 1, M(Bw, Tx, z, t), M(Tx, Bw, z, t), 1) \geq M(Tx, Bw, z, t).$$

By Lemma 2.3, we have

$$Tx = Bw.$$

Thus, we have  $Av = Sv = Tw = Bw = Tx$ .

Since the pair  $(A, S)$  is weakly compatible, therefore  $ASv = SAV, i.e., ATx = STx$ .

Now, we show that  $ATx = Tx$

Since,

$$M(ATx, Bw, z, kt) \geq \phi(M(STx, Tw, z, t), M(ATx, STx, z, t), M(Bw, Tw, z, t), M(STx, Bw, z, t), M(ATx, Tw, z, t)), \text{ that is,}$$

$$M(ATx, Tx, z, kt) \geq \phi(M(ATx, Tx, z, t), 1, 1, M(ATx, Tx, z, t), M(ATx, Tx, z, t)) \geq M(ATx, Tx, z, t).$$

By Lemma 2.3, we have

$$ATx = STx = Tx.$$

The weak compatibility of B and T implies that

$$\begin{aligned} BTw &= TBw \\ \text{i.e. } BTx &= TTx. \end{aligned}$$

Now we shall further show that  $Tx$  is the common fixed point of  $B$ .

From (2.2), we have

$$M(ATx, BTx, z, kt) \geq \phi(M(STx, TTx, z, t), M(ATx, STx, z, t), M(BTx, TTx, z, t), M(STx, BTx, z, t), M(ATx, TTx, z, t)).$$

or

$$M(ATx, BTx, z, kt) \geq \phi(M(ATx, BTx, z, t), 1, 1, M(ATx, BTx, z, t), 1).$$

By Lemma 2.3, we have

$$BTx = Tx.$$

Hence,  $ATx = BTx = STx = TTx = Tx$ .

Therefore,  $Tx$  is the common fixed point of  $A, B, S$  and  $T$ .

**Corollary 2.5.** Let  $A, B, S$  and  $T$  be self-maps of a fuzzy 2-metric space  $(X, M, *)$  with continuous t-norm satisfying (2.1), (2.3), (2.4) and the following :

$$(2.5) \quad M(Ax, By, z, t) \geq \min \{M(Sx, Ty, z, t), M(Ax, Sx, z, t), M(Sx, By, z, t), M(Ax, Ty, z, t)\}$$

Holds, for all  $x, y, z$  in  $X$  and  $t > 0$ .

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

**Proof:** Taking in the Theorem 2.2

$$\phi(x_1, x_2, x_3, x_4, x_5) = \min \{x_1, x_2, x_3, x_4, x_5\}$$

Now, we consider a function  $\psi: [0,1] \rightarrow [0,1]$  satisfying the conditions  
 (\*)  $\psi$  if continuous and non-decreasing on  $[0,1]$  and  $\psi(t) > t$  for all  $t \in (0,1)$

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

i.e.  $\psi(M(x, y, z, t)) \geq M(x, y, z, t)$  holds for every  $t > 0$  and for all  $x, y \in X$ .

**Theorem 2.6.** Let  $A, B, S$  and  $T$  be self maps of a fuzzy 2 – metric space  $(X, M, *)$  with continuous t-norm  $*$  satisfying (2.1), (2.3), (2.4) and the following :

$$(2.6) M(Ax, By, z, t) \geq \psi(\min\{M(Sx, Ty, z, t), M(Ax, Sx, z, t), M(By, Ty, z, t), \\ M(Sx, By, z, t), M(Ax, Ty, z, t)\}).$$

with  $M(x, y, z, t) > 0$  for all  $x, y, z \in X$  and  $t > 0$ .

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

**Proof.** Let  $(A, B)$  satisfies the (CLR) property.

Then there exists a sequence  $\{x_n\}$  in  $X$  such that

$$\lim_{n \rightarrow \infty} Bx_n = \lim_{n \rightarrow \infty} Tx_n = Tx, \text{ for some } x \in X$$

Since  $BX \subset SX$ , there exists a sequence  $\{y_n\} \in X$  such that  $Bx_n = Sy_n = Tx$ .

Hence,  $\lim_{n \rightarrow \infty} Sy_n = Tx$ .

Now, we show that  $\lim_{n \rightarrow \infty} Ax_n = Tx$ .

Putting  $x = y_n, y = x_n$  in (2.6), we have

$$M(Ay_n, Bx_n, z, t) \geq \psi(\min\{M(Sy_n, Tx_n, z, t), M(Ay_n, Sy_n, z, t), M(Bx_n, Tx_n, z, t), \\ M(Sy_n, Bx_n, z, t), M(Ay_n, Tx_n, z, t)\}).$$

Proceeding limit when  $n \rightarrow \infty$ , we have

$$\lim_{n \rightarrow \infty} Ay_n = Tx.$$

Now,

$$\lim_{n \rightarrow \infty} Ay_n = \lim_{n \rightarrow \infty} Bx_n = \lim_{n \rightarrow \infty} Tx_n = \lim_{n \rightarrow \infty} Sy_n = Tx = Sv.$$

Now, we shall show that  $Av = Sv$

From (2.6),

$$M(Av, Bx_n, z, t) \geq \psi(\min\{M(Sv, Tx_n, z, t), M(Av, Sv, z, t), M(Bx_n, Tx_n, z, t), \\ M(Sv, Bx_n, z, t), M(Av, Tx_n, z, t)\}).$$

Letting limit as  $n \rightarrow \infty$ ,

$$M(Av, Tx, z, t) \\ \geq \psi(\min\{M(Tx, Tx, z, t), M(Av, Tx, z, t), M(Tx, Tx, z, t), M(Tx, Tx, z, t), M(Av, Tx, z, t)\}).$$

Using (\*), we have  $Av = Sv = Tx$ .

Since  $AX \subset TX$  (from (2.1)),

So, there exists  $w \in X$  such that  $Tx = Av = Tw$ .

Now, we prove that  $Tx = Tw = Bw$ .

From(2.6),

$$M(Av, Bw, z, t) \geq \psi(\min\{M(Sv, Tw, z, t), M(Av, Sv, z, t), M(Bw, Tw, z, t), M(Sv, Bw, z, t), M(Av, Tw, z, t)\}),$$

i.e.,

$$M(Tx, Bw, z, t) = \psi(\min\{M(Tx, Tx, z, t), M(Tx, Tx, z, t), M(Bw, Tx, z, t), M(Tx, Bw, z, t), M(Tx, Tx, z, t)\}).$$

Using (\*) we have  $Tx = Bw$ .

Thus we have

$$Av = Sv = Tw = Bw = Tx.$$

Since the pair  $(A, S)$  is weak compatible

$$\text{Therefore, } ASv = SAV$$

$$\text{i.e. } ATx = STx.$$

From (2.6)

$$M(ATx, Bw, z, t) \geq \psi(\min\{M(STx, Tw, z, t), M(ATx, STx, z, t), M(Bw, Tw, z, t), M(STx, Bw, z, t), M(ATx, Tw, z, t)\}).$$

From (\*), we get

$$ATx = STx = Tx.$$

As  $(B, T)$  is weakly compatible, which gives  $BTw = TBw$  i.e.,  $BTx = TTx$ .

Now, we show that  $Tx$  is the common fixed point of  $A, B, T$  and  $S$ .

Consider  $BTx \neq Tx$ , then using (2.6), we get

$$M(ATx, BTx, z, t)$$

Using (\*), we have  $BTx = Tx$ .

$$\text{Hence, } ATx = BTx = STx = TTx = Tx.$$

Therefore,  $Tx$  is a common fixed point of  $A, B, S$  and  $T$ .

**Theorem 2.7:** Let  $A, B, S$  and  $T$  be self maps of a fuzzy 2-metric space  $(X, M, *)$  satisfying (2.1), (2.2), (2.3) and the following conditions :

(2.7) The pair  $(A, S)$  satisfies property  $(CLR_{\zeta})$  and the pair  $(B, T)$  also satisfies property  $(CLR_{\tau})$ .

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

**Proof.** Consider that  $(A, S)$  and  $(B, T)$  satisfy a common  $(CLR)$  property.

Then there exists sequences  $\{X_n\}$  and  $\{y_n\}$  in  $X$  such that

$$\lim_{n \rightarrow \infty} Ax_n = \lim_{n \rightarrow \infty} Sx_n = \lim_{n \rightarrow \infty} By_n = \lim_{n \rightarrow \infty} Ty_n = Tx \text{ for some } Tx \in X.$$

We get,  $Tx = Sv = Tw$  for some  $v, w$  in  $X$ ,

From (2.6)

$$M(Av, By_n, z, t) \geq \psi(\min\{M(Sv, Ty_n, z, t), M(Av, Sv, z, t), M(By_n, Ty_n, z, t), M(Sv, By_n, z, t), M(Av, Ty_n, z, t)\}).$$

Letting limit as  $n \rightarrow \infty$  and by (\*), we get

$$Tx = Av = Sv = Tw.$$

Thus, from Theorem (2.4),

A, B, S and T have a unique common fixed point Tx in X.

### 3 Conclusion

In this paper, we have extended the results of Shojaei et al. [7] by using (CLR) property for four weakly compatible self maps in fuzzy 2-metric spaces.

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Author has declared that no competing interests exist.

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