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# Common fixed and coincidence point theorems for maps in Menger space with Hadzic type t - norm

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## Abstract

In this paper, we obtain a unique common fixed point theorem for two weakly compatible mappings in a Menger space and also obtain a common coincidence point theorem for two hybrid pairs of mappings.

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### 1. Introduction and preliminaries

In 1942, Menger [6] introduced the notion of a statistical metric space as a generalization of a metric space (M, d) in which the distance d(x, y),  $(x, y \in M)$  between x and y is replaced by a distribution function  $F_{x,y}$ . Schweizer and Sklar [9] studied this concept and established some fundamental results on this space. First, we give some known preliminaries.

**1.1. Definition.** A mapping  $F: R \to [0,1]$  is said to be a distribution function if

- (i) F is non-decreasing,
- (ii) F is left continuous,

(iii)  $\inf_{x \in R} F(x) = 0$  and  $\sup_{x \in R} F(x) = 1$ .

We denote the set of all distribution functions by  $\mathbb{D}$ .

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**1.2. Definition.** ([9]). A probabilistic metric space is an ordered pair (M, F), where M is a non empty set and F is a function defined on  $M \times M$  to  $\mathbb{D}$  which satisfies the following conditions: For  $x, y, z \in M$ ,

- (i)  $F_{x, y}(0) = 0$ ,
- (ii)  $F_{x, y}(s) = 1$  for all s > 0 if and only if x = y,
- (*iii*)  $F_{x, y}(s) = F_{y, x}(s)$  for all  $s \in R$  and
- (iv)  $F_{x, y}(s_1) = 1$  and  $F_{y, z}(s_2) = 1$  for all  $s_1, s_2 > 0$  imply  $F_{x, z}(s_1 + s_2) = 1$ .

**1.3. Definition.** ([9]). A function  $t : [0, 1] \times [0, 1] \rightarrow [0, 1]$  is said to be a triangular norm or t - norm if it satisfies the following conditions: For  $a, b, c, d \in [0, 1]$ ,

- (i) t(a,1) = a ,
- (ii) t(a,b) = t(b,a) ,
- (*iii*)  $t(c,d) \ge t(a,b)$  if  $c \ge a$  and  $d \ge b$ ,
- (iv) t(t(a,b),c) = t(a,t(b,c)).

**1.4. Definition.** ([9]). Let M be a nonempty set, 't' is a t - norm and  $F: M \times M \to \mathbb{D}$  satisfy:

- (i)  $F_{x,y}(0) = 0$  for all  $x, y \in M$ ,
- (ii)  $F_{x,y}(s) = 1$  for all s > 0 if and only if x = y,
- (*iii*)  $F_{x,y}(s) = F_{y,x}(s)$  for all  $s \in R$  and
- $(iv) \ \ F_{x,y}(u+v) \geq t(F_{x,z}(u),F_{z,y}(v)) \ \text{for all} \ u,v \geq 0 \ \text{and} \ x,y,z \in M \ .$

Then the triplet (M, F, t) is called a Menger space.

**1.5. Remark.** If (M, d) is a metric space then 'd' induces a mapping  $F : M \times M \to \mathbb{D}$ , where F is defined by  $F_{p,q}(x) = H(x - d(p,q))$ , where  $H(x) = \begin{cases} 0 & \text{if } x \leq 0, \\ 1 & \text{if } x > 0 \end{cases}$  is

the Heaviside function.

Further, if  $t:[0,1] \times [0,1] \to [0,1]$  is defined by  $t(a,b) = \min\{a,b\}$ , then (M,F,t) is a Menger space. It is complete if the metric space (M,d) is complete.

**1.6. Definition.** ([9]). Let (M, F, t) be a Menger space. Let  $x \in M$ . For  $\epsilon > 0$  and  $0 < \lambda < 1$ , the  $(\epsilon, \lambda)$  - neighbourhood of x is defined as  $N_x(\epsilon, \lambda) = \{y \in M : F_{x,y}(\epsilon) > 1 - \lambda\}$ .

The topology induced by the family  $\{N_p(\epsilon, \lambda) : p \in M, \epsilon > 0, 0 < \lambda < 1\}$  is known as the  $(\epsilon, \lambda)$ - topology.

**1.7. Proposition.** ([9]). If t is continuous then  $(\epsilon, \lambda)$ - topology is a Hausdorff topology on M.

**1.8. Definition.** ([9]). Let (M, F, t) be a Menger space. A sequence  $\{x_n\}$  in M converges to  $x \in M$ , if for any  $\epsilon > 0$  and  $0 < \lambda < 1$ , there exists a positive integer  $N = N(\epsilon, \lambda)$  such that  $F_{x_n,x}(\epsilon) > 1 - \lambda$  for all  $n \ge N$ . A sequence  $\{x_n\}$  in (M, F, t) is said to be Cauchy sequence in M if for  $\epsilon > 0$  and  $0 < \lambda < 1$ , there exists a positive integer  $N = N(\epsilon, \lambda)$  such that  $F_{x_n,x_m}(\epsilon) > 1 - \lambda$  for all  $n, m \ge N$ . A Menger space (M, F, t), where t is continuous, is said to be complete if every Cauchy sequence in M is convergent in  $(\epsilon, \lambda)$  - topology.

In 1972, Sehgal and Reid [10] introduced the notion of contraction mapping on a probabilistic metric space and proved fixed point theorems for such mappings.

**1.9. Definition.** ([10]). Let (M, F, t) be a Menger space. A map  $T : M \to M$  is said to be a contraction mapping if there exists a constant  $0 such that <math>F_{Tx,Ty}(s) \ge F_{x,y}(\frac{s}{p})$  for each  $x, y \in M$  and for all s > 0.

**1.10. Theorem.** ([10]). Let (M, F, t) be a complete Menger space, where 't' is a continuous function satisfying  $t(x, x) \ge x$  for each  $x \in [0, 1]$ . If  $T: M \to M$  is a contraction mapping then there is a unique  $p \in M$  such that Tp = p. Moreover  $T^nq \to p$  for each  $q \in M$ .

In 1978, Hadzic [4] introduced a class  $\mathcal{F}$  of t- norms  $t \neq t_{\min}$ , for which every contraction in a complete Menger space (M, F, t) has a fixed point.

**1.11. Definition.** ([4]). We say that the t - norm t is of Hadzic - type and we write  $t \in \mathcal{F}$  if the family  $\{t^n\}_{n \in \mathbb{N}}$  of it's iterates defined, for each  $x \in [0, 1]$  by  $t^0(x) = 1$  and  $t^{n+1}(x) = t(t^n(x), x)$  for all  $n \ge 0$  is equicontinuous at x = 1.

i.e., for each  $\epsilon \in (0, 1)$ , there exists  $\delta \in (0, 1)$  such that  $x > 1 - \delta$  implies  $t^n x > 1 - \epsilon$  for all  $n \ge 1$ .

**1.12. Theorem.** ([4]). Let (M, F, t) be a complete Menger space, where 't' is a continuous t - norm of Hadzic type. If  $T: M \to M$  is a contraction mapping then there is a unique  $p \in M$  such that Tp = p. Moreover  $T^nq \to p$  for each  $q \in M$ .

Recently Choudhury and Das [1], proved the following

**1.13. Theorem.** ([1]). Let  $(M, F, t_M)$  be a complete Menger space with continuous t-norm  $t_M$  given by  $t_M(a, b) = \min\{a, b\}$  and  $f: M \to M$  be satisfying  $F_{fx, fy}(\varphi(s)) \ge F_{x,y}(\varphi(\frac{s}{c}))$  for all  $x, y \in M$  and for  $s \ge 0$ , where 0 < c < 1 and  $\varphi: R \to R^+$  satisfies

- (*i*)  $\varphi(t) = 0$  iff t = 0,
- (*ii*)  $\varphi(t)$  is increasing and  $\varphi(t) \to \infty$  as  $t \to \infty$ ,
- (*iii*)  $\varphi$  is left continuous on  $(0, \infty)$ ,
- $(iv) \varphi$  is continuous at 0.

Then f has a unique fixed point in M.

Later several authors obtained fixed point theorems in Menger spaces using an altering distance function, for example refer [2], [3], [7] etc.

Sastry et.al. [8], defined altering function of type (S) as follows :

**1.14. Definition.** ([8]) A function  $\varphi : R^+ \to R^+$  is said to be an altering distance function of type (S) if it satisfies

- (*i*)  $\varphi(t) = 0$  iff t = 0,
- (*ii*)  $\varphi(t) \to \infty$  as  $t \to \infty$ ,
- (*iii*)  $\varphi$  is continuous at 0.

**1.15. Lemma.** ([8]) Let (M, F, t) be a Menger space with a continuous Hadzic type t-norm, 0 < c < 1 and  $\varphi$  be an altering distance function of type (S). Suppose  $\{x_n\}_{n=0}^{\infty}$  is a sequence in M such that for any r > 0,  $F_{x_n, x_{n+1}}(\varphi(r)) \ge F_{x_0, x_1}(\varphi(\frac{r}{c^n}))$ . Then  $\{x_n\}$  is a Cauchy sequence.

**1.16. Theorem.** ([8]) Let (M, F, t) be a complete Menger space with a continuous Hadzic type t - norm 't' and  $\varphi$  be an altering distance function of type (S),  $P: M \to M$  be satisfying  $F_{Px,Py}(\varphi(s)) \geq F_{x,y}(\varphi(\frac{s}{c}))$  for all  $x, y \in M$  and for s > 0 and 0 < c < 1. Then P has a unique fixed point  $z \in M$ . Moreover,  $P^n x \to z$  for each  $x \in M$ .

**1.17. Definition.** ([5]) A pair of self mappings is called weakly compatible if they commute at their coincidence points.

In this paper, we extend Theorem 1.16 for two pairs of weakly compatible mappings.

### 2. Main results

**2.1. Theorem.** Let (M, F, t) be a Menger space with continuous Hadzic type *t*-norm 't' and  $\varphi$  be an altering distance function of type (S). Let  $P, Q, f, g : M \to M$  be maps such that

 $(2.1.1) \ F_{Px,Qy}(\varphi(s)) \ge F_{fx,gy}(\varphi(\frac{s}{c})) \text{ for all } x, y \in M \text{ and for } s > 0 \text{ and } 0 < c < 1.$ 

(2.1.2)  $P(M) \subseteq g(M), Q(M) \subseteq f(M),$ 

(2.1.3) either f(M) or g(M) is complete,

(2.1.4) the pairs (f, P) and (g, Q) are weakly compatible.

Then f, g, P and Q have a unique common fixed point in M.

*Proof.* Let  $x_0 \in M$ .

Since  $P(M) \subseteq g(M)$ , there exists  $x_1 \in M$  such that  $y_1 = gx_1 = Px_0$ .

Since  $Q(M) \subseteq f(M)$ , there exists  $x_2 \in M$  such that  $y_2 = fx_2 = Qx_1$ .

Continuing in this way, we get sequences  $\{x_n\}$  and  $\{y_n\}$  in M such that  $y_{2n+1} = gx_{2n+1} = Px_{2n}$  and  $y_{2n+2} = fx_{2n+2} = Qx_{2n+1}, n = 0, 1, 2 \cdots$ 

Since  $\varphi$  is continuous at 0 and vanishes only at 0, it follows that for given s > 0 there exists r > 0 such that  $\frac{s}{2} > \varphi(r)$ . Now

$$F_{y_{2n+1}, y_{2n+2}}(s) \geq F_{y_{2n+1}, y_{2n+2}}(\varphi(r)), = F_{Px_{2n}, Qx_{2n+1}}(\varphi(r)) \geq F_{fx_{2n}, gx_{2n+1}}(\varphi(\frac{r}{c})), = F_{y_{2n}, y_{2n+1}}(\varphi(\frac{r}{c}))$$

Similarly,

$$F_{y_{2n+1}, y_{2n}}(s) \ge F_{y_{2n}, y_{2n-1}}(\varphi(\frac{r}{c})).$$

Thus

$$F_{y_{n+1}, y_n}(s) \ge F_{y_n, y_{n-1}}(\varphi(\frac{r}{c})) \ge \dots \ge F_{y_1, y_0}(\varphi(\frac{r}{c^n})).$$

Hence from Lemma 1.15,  $\{y_n\}$  is Cauchy.

Suppose g(M) is complete.

Then there exist  $z, v \in M$  such that  $y_{2n+1} = gx_{2n+1} \to z = gv$ . Since  $\{y_n\}$  is Cauchy, we have  $y_n \to z$ . Again for given s > 0 there exists r > 0 such that  $\frac{s}{2} > \varphi(r)$ . Now,

$$F_{z, Qv}(s) \geq t(F_{z, y_{2n+1}}(\varphi(r)), F_{y_{2n+1}, Qv}(s - \varphi(r))), \\\geq t(F_{z, y_{2n+1}}(\varphi(r)), F_{Px_{2n}, Qv}(\varphi(r))), \\\geq t(F_{z, y_{2n+1}}(\varphi(r)), F_{fx_{2n}, gv}(\varphi(\frac{r}{c}))), \text{ from } (2.1.1) \\= t(F_{z, y_{2n+1}}(\varphi(r)), F_{y_{2n}, gv}(\varphi(\frac{r}{c}))), \\\rightarrow 1 \text{ as } n \to \infty.$$

since  $y_n \to z$  and t is a continuous Hadzic type t-norm . Thus z=Qv. Hence

$$(2.1) \qquad gv = z = Qv.$$

Since  $z = Qv \in Q(M) \subseteq f(M)$ , there exists  $u \in M$  such that

$$(2.2) \qquad z = fu.$$

Now

$$F_{Pu, z}(\varphi(s)) = F_{Pu, Qv}(\varphi(s)) \ge F_{fu, gv}(\varphi(\frac{s}{c})) = F_{z, z}(\varphi(\frac{s}{c})) = 1.$$

Thus Pu = z. Hence

 $(2.3) \qquad Pu = z = fu.$ 

Since (f, P) is weakly compatible and from (2.3), we have Pz = fz. Now from (2.1.1), we have

$$F_{Pz, z}(\varphi(s)) = F_{Pz, Qv}(\varphi(s)) \ge F_{fz, gv}(\varphi(\frac{s}{c})) = F_{Pz, z}(\varphi(\frac{s}{c}))$$
$$\ge F_{Pz, z}(\varphi(\frac{s}{c^2})) \dots \ge F_{Pz, z}(\varphi(\frac{s}{c^n})) \to 1 \quad \text{as} \quad n \to \infty$$

Thus Pz = z. Hence

$$(2.4) z = Pz = fz.$$

Since (g, Q) is weakly compatible, from (2.1), we have gz = Qz. From (2.1.1), we have

$$F_{z, Qz}(\varphi(s)) = F_{Pu, Qz}(\varphi(s)) \ge F_{fu, gz}(\varphi(\frac{s}{c})) = F_{z, Qz}(\varphi(\frac{s}{c}))$$
$$\ge F_{z, Qz}(\varphi(\frac{s}{c^2})) \dots \ge F_{z, Qz}(\varphi(\frac{s}{c^n})) \to 1 \quad \text{as} \quad n \to \infty.$$

Thus Qz = z. Hence

$$(2.5) z = Qz = gz$$

From (2.4) and (2.5), z is a common fixed point of P, Q, f and g. Suppose z' is another common fixed point of P, Q, f and g. Then From (2.1.1), we have

$$F_{z, z'}(\varphi(s)) = F_{Pz, Qz'}(\varphi(s)) \ge F_{fz, gz'}(\varphi(\frac{s}{c})) = F_{z, z'}(\varphi(\frac{s}{c}))$$
$$\ge F_{z, z'}(\varphi(\frac{s}{c^2})) \dots \ge F_{z, z'}(\varphi(\frac{s}{c^n})) \to 1 \quad \text{as} \quad n \to \infty.$$

Thus z' = z. Hence z is the unique common fixed point of P, Q, f and g. Similarly the theorem holds when f(M) is complete.

Recently, Sastry et.al. [8] proved the following theorem for a multivalued map in a complete Menger space with Hadzic type *t*-norm.

**2.2. Theorem.** ([8]). Let (M, F, t) be a complete Menger space with a continuous Hadzic type t - norm 't',  $\varphi$  be an altering distance function of type (S) and P be a multivalued map of M into the class of nonempty subsets of M. Suppose that there exists 0 < c < 1such that for any  $x, y \in M$ ,  $F_{u, v}(\varphi(s)) \geq F_{x, y}(\varphi(\frac{s}{c}))$  for all s > 0, whenever  $u \in Px$ ,  $v \in Py$ .

Then P has a unique fixed point  $z \in M$  and  $Pz = \{z\}$ .

Now we extend this theorem for two pairs of hybrid mappings.

**2.3. Definition.** Let (M, F, t) be a Menger space and  $f: M \to M, P$  be a multi valued map of M into the class of nonempty subsets of M. Then f is said to be P- weakly commuting at  $x \in M$  if  $f^2 x \in Pfx$ .

**2.4.** Theorem. Let (M, F, t) be a Menger space with a continuous Hadzic type t - norm 't' and  $\varphi$  be an altering distance function of type (S). Let P and Q be multivalued maps of M into the class of nonempty subsets of M and f and g be self maps on M. Suppose that there exists 0 < c < 1 such that for any  $x, y \in M$ ,

 $\begin{array}{ll} (2.4.1) & F_{u,\ v}(\varphi(s)) \geq F_{fx,\ gy}(\varphi(\frac{s}{c})) \mbox{ for all } s>0, \mbox{ whenever } u\in Px \ , \ v\in Qy. \\ (2.4.2) & P(M)\subseteq g(M), \quad Q(M)\subseteq f(M), \end{array}$ 

- (2.4.3) either f(M) or g(M) is complete,
- (2.4.4) f is P-weakly commuting and g is Q-weakly commuting at their coincidence points.

Then the pairs (f, P) and (g, Q) have a common coincidence point in M.

*Proof.* Let  $x_0 \in M$ . Since  $P(x_0) \subseteq g(M)$ , there exists  $x_1 \in M$  such that  $y_1 = gx_1 \in Px_0$ . Since  $Q(x_1) \subseteq f(M)$ , there exists  $x_2 \in M$  such that  $y_2 = fx_2 \in Qx_1$ . Continuing in this way, we get sequences  $\{x_n\}$  and  $\{y_n\}$  in M such that  $y_{2n+1} = gx_{2n+1} \in Px_{2n}$  and  $y_{2n+2} = fx_{2n+2} \in Qx_{2n+1}$ ,  $n = 0, 1, 2 \cdots$ 

$$F_{y_{2n+1}, y_{2n+2}}(\varphi(s)) \geq F_{fx_{2n}, gx_{2n+1}}(\varphi(\frac{s}{c})), \\ = F_{y_{2n}, y_{2n+1}}(\varphi(\frac{s}{c}))$$

Similarly,

$$F_{y_{2n}, y_{2n+1}}(\varphi(s)) \ge F_{y_{2n-1}, y_{2n}}(\varphi(\frac{s}{c})).$$

Thus

$$F_{y_n, y_{n+1}}(\varphi(s)) \ge F_{y_{n-1}, y_n}(\varphi(\frac{s}{c}))$$

Since  $\varphi$  is continuous at 0 and vanishes only at 0, it follows that for given s > 0 there exists r > 0 such that  $\frac{s}{2} > \varphi(r)$ . Now

$$F_{y_{n,y_{n+1}}}(s) \ge F_{y_{n,y_{n+1}}}(\varphi(r)) \ge F_{y_{n-1,y_n}}(\varphi(\frac{r}{c})) \ge \dots \ge F_{y_0,y_1}(\varphi(\frac{r}{c^n})).$$

Hence from Lemma 1.15,  $\{y_n\}$  is Cauchy sequence in M. Suppose f(M) is complete.

Then there exist  $z, p \in M$  such that  $y_n \to z = fp$ . Let  $z_1 \in Pp$ . Since  $y_{2n+2} = fx_{2n+2} \in Qx_{2n+1}$ , from (2.4.1),we have

$$\begin{split} F_{fp, \ z_1}(s) &\geq t(F_{fp, \ fx_{2n+2}}(\varphi(r)), F_{fx_{2n+2}, \ z_1}(s-\varphi(r))), \\ &\geq t(F_{z, \ y_{2n+2}}(\varphi(r)), F_{fx_{2n+2}, \ z_1}(\varphi(r))), \\ &\geq t(F_{z, \ y_{2n+2}}(\varphi(r)), F_{fp, \ gx_{2n+1}}(\varphi(\frac{r}{c}))), \\ &= t(F_{z, \ y_{2n+2}}(\varphi(r)), F_{z, \ y_{2n+1}}(\varphi(\frac{r}{c}))), \\ &\rightarrow 1 \quad \text{as} \quad n \rightarrow \infty. \end{split}$$

since  $y_n \to z$  and t is a continuous Hadzic type t-norm. Thus  $F_{fp, z_1}(s) = 1$  for s > 0 so that  $fp = z_1$ . Thus

 $(2.6) \qquad fp \in Pp.$ 

Since  $z = fp \in Pp \subseteq g(M)$ , there exists  $q \in M$  such that z = fp = gq. Let  $z_2 \in Qq$ . Since  $y_{2n+1} = gx_{2n+1} \in Px_{2n}$ , from (2.4.1), we have

$$\begin{split} F_{gq, \ z_2}(s) &\geq t(F_{gq, \ gx_{2n+1}}(\varphi(r)), F_{gx_{2n+1}, \ z_2}(s-\varphi(r))), \\ &\geq t(F_{z, \ y_{2n+1}}(\varphi(r)), F_{gx_{2n+1}, \ z_2}(\varphi(r))), \\ &\geq t(F_{z, \ y_{2n+1}}(\varphi(r)), F_{fx_{2n}, \ gq}(\varphi(\frac{r}{c}))), \\ &= t(F_{z, \ y_{2n+1}}(\varphi(r)), F_{y_{2n}, \ z}(\varphi(\frac{r}{c}))), \\ &\rightarrow 1 \quad \text{as} \quad n \rightarrow \infty. \end{split}$$

since  $y_n \to z$  and t is a continuous Hadzic type t-norm. Thus  $F_{gq, z_2}(s) = 1$  for s > 0 so that  $gq = z_2$ . Thus

$$(2.7) \qquad gq \in Qq.$$

From (2.6) and (2.7), p is a coincidence point of f and P; q is a concidence point of g and Q.

From (2.4.4),  $fz \in Pz$  and  $gz \in Qz$ . Thus z is a common coincidence point of the hybrid pairs (f, P) and (g, Q).

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