



# Common Coupled Fixed Point Theorems in Fuzzy Metric Spaces

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## ABSTRACT

In this paper, we obtain two general common coupled fixed point theorems for maps in fuzzy metric spaces.

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## 1. INTRODUCTION

The theory of fuzzy sets was introduced by L. Zadeh [13] in 1965. George and Veeramani [1] modified the concept of fuzzy metric space introduced by Kramosil and Michalek [11]. Grabiec[15] proved the contraction principle in the setting of fuzzy metric spaces introduced in [1]. For fixed point theorems in fuzzy metric spaces some of the interesting references are [ 1,3-12,15-21, 25, 26]. In the sequel, we need the following.

**Definition 1.1** ([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  $a*b = ab$  and  $a*b = \min\{a, b\}$ .

**Definition 1.2** ([1]). 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 each  $t$  and  $s > 0$ ,

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.

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

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

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A subset  $A \subset X$  is called open if for each  $x \in A$ , there exist  $t > 0$  and  $0 < r < 1$  such that  $B(x, r, t) \subset A$ . Let  $\tau$  denote the family of all open subsets of  $X$ . Then  $\tau$  is called the topology on  $X$  induced by the fuzzy metric  $M$ . This topology is Hausdorff and first countable. A subset  $A$  of  $X$  is said to be F-bounded if there exist  $t > 0$  and  $0 < r < 1$  such that  $M(x, y, t) > 1 - r$  for all  $x, y \in A$ .

**Lemma 1.3** ([15]). *Let  $(X, M, *)$  be a fuzzy metric space. Then  $M(x, y, t)$  is non-decreasing with respect to  $t$ , for all  $x, y$  in  $X$ .*

**Definition 1.4** Let  $(X, M, *)$  be a fuzzy metric space.  $M$  is said to be continuous on  $X^2 \times (0, \infty)$  if

$$\lim_{n \rightarrow \infty} M(x_n, y_n, t_n) = M(x, y, t) \text{ whenever a sequence } \{(x_n, y_n, t_n)\} \text{ in } X^2 \times (0, \infty) \text{ converges to a point } (x, y, t) \in X^2 \times (0, \infty), \text{ i.e., whenever}$$

$$\lim_{n \rightarrow \infty} M(x_n, y_n, t_n) = M(x, y, t) \text{ and } \lim_{n \rightarrow \infty} M(x, y, t_n) = M(x, y, t).$$

**Lemma 1.5** ([12]). *Let  $(X, M, *)$  be a fuzzy metric space. Then  $M$  is continuous function on  $X^2 \times (0, \infty)$ .*

$$\lim_{t \rightarrow \infty} M(x, y, t) = 1, \forall x, y \in X \dots\dots\dots(A).$$

**Lemma 1.6** ([20]). *Let  $\{y_n\}$  be a sequence in fuzzy metric space  $(X, M, *)$  satisfying (A). If there exists a positive number  $k < 1$  such that*

$$M(y_n, y_{n+1}, kt) \geq M(y_{n-1}, y_n, t), \quad t > 0, \quad n = 1, 2, \dots,$$

then  $\{y_n\}$  is a Cauchy sequence in  $X$ .

Now, we prove a lemma slight different from Lemma 1.6.

**Lemma 1.7** Let  $\{z_n\}$  and  $\{p_n\}$  be sequences in fuzzy metric space  $(X, M, *)$  satisfying (A). If there exists a positive number  $k < 1$  such that

$$\min\{M(z_n, z_{n+1}, kt), M(p_n, p_{n+1}, kt)\} \geq \min\{M(z_{n-1}, z_n, t), M(p_{n-1}, p_n, t)\}$$

for all  $t > 0, n = 1, 2, \dots$ , then  $\{z_n\}$  and  $\{p_n\}$  are Cauchy sequences in  $X$ .

**Proof.** We have

$$\min\{M(z_n, z_{n+1}, t), M(p_n, p_{n+1}, t)\} \geq \min\left\{M(z_{n-1}, z_n, \frac{t}{k}), M(p_{n-1}, p_n, \frac{t}{k})\right\}$$

$$\geq \min\left\{M(z_{n-2}, z_{n-1}, \frac{t}{k^2}), M(p_{n-2}, p_{n-1}, \frac{t}{k^2})\right\} \\ \dots \\ \geq \min\left\{M(z_0, z_1, \frac{t}{k^n}), M(p_0, p_1, \frac{t}{k^n})\right\}.$$

Hence

$$M(z_n, z_{n+1}, t) \geq \min\left\{M(z_0, z_1, \frac{t}{k^n}), M(p_0, p_1, \frac{t}{k^n})\right\}.$$

Now, for any positive integer  $p$ ,

$$M(z_n, z_{n+p}, t) \geq M(z_n, z_{n+1}, \frac{t}{p}) * M(z_{n+1}, z_{n+2}, \frac{t}{p}) * \dots * M(z_{n+p-1}, z_{n+p}, \frac{t}{p}) \\ \geq \min\left\{M(z_0, z_1, \frac{t}{p k^n}), M(p_0, p_1, \frac{t}{p k^n})\right\} * \dots * \min\left\{M(z_0, z_1, \frac{t}{p k^{n+1}}), M(p_0, p_1, \frac{t}{p k^{n+1}})\right\} \\ * \dots * \min\left\{M(z_0, z_1, \frac{t}{p k^{n+p-1}}), M(p_0, p_1, \frac{t}{p k^{n+p-1}})\right\}.$$

Letting  $n \rightarrow \infty$  and using (A), we have

$$\lim_{n \rightarrow \infty} M(z_n, z_{n+p}, t) \geq 1 * 1 * \dots * 1 = 1.$$

Hence  $\lim_{n \rightarrow \infty} M(z_n, z_{n+p}, t) = 1$ .

Thus  $\{z_n\}$  is a Cauchy sequence in  $X$ . Similarly, we can show that  $\{p_n\}$  is also a Cauchy sequence in  $X$ .

**Lemma 1.8** ([20]). *Let  $(X, M, *)$  be a fuzzy metric space satisfying (A). If there exists  $k \in (0, 1)$  such that  $M(x, y, kt) \geq M(x, y, t)$  for all  $x, y \in X$  and  $t > 0$ , then  $x = y$ .*

Now, we give the following lemma.

**Lemma 1.9** Let  $(X, M, *)$  be a fuzzy metric space satisfying (A). Let  $f : X \rightarrow X$  be a mapping such that  $\min\{M(fx, x, kt), M(fy, y, kt)\} \geq \min\{M(fx, x, t), M(fy, y, t)\}$  for all  $x, y \in X, t > 0$  and  $k \in (0, 1)$ . Then  $fx = x$  and  $fy = y$ .

**Proof.** We have

$$\begin{aligned} \min\{M(\hat{f}x, x, t), M(\hat{f}y, y, t)\} &\geq \min\left\{M\left(\hat{f}x, x, \frac{t}{k}\right), M\left(\hat{f}y, y, \frac{t}{k}\right)\right\} \\ &\geq \min\left\{M\left(\hat{f}x, x, \frac{t}{k^2}\right), M\left(\hat{f}y, y, \frac{t}{k^2}\right)\right\} \\ &\dots \\ &\geq \min\left\{M\left(\hat{f}x, x, \frac{t}{k^n}\right), M\left(\hat{f}y, y, \frac{t}{k^n}\right)\right\} \\ &\rightarrow 1 \text{ as } n \rightarrow \infty \text{ from the condition (A).} \end{aligned}$$

Hence  $M(\hat{f}x, x, t) = M(\hat{f}y, y, t) = 1$  for all  $t > 0$ . Thus  $\hat{f}x = x$  and  $\hat{f}y = y$ .

In 2010, Sedghi, Altun and Shobe [22] introduced  $\mathcal{N}$ -property in fuzzy metric spaces as follows:

**Definition 1.10** ([22]). Let  $(X, M, *)$  be a fuzzy metric space.  $M$  is said to satisfy the  $\mathcal{N}$ -property on

$$X^2 \times (0, \infty) \text{ if } \lim_{n \rightarrow \infty} [M(x, y, k^n t)]^{n^p} = 1 \text{ whenever } x, y \in X, k > 1 \text{ and } p > 0.$$

Based on this they [22] obtained the Lemma 1.6 without the condition (A).

Recently Xin-Qi Hu [24] observed that if  $M$  satisfies the  $\mathcal{N}$ -property then the condition (A) is satisfied. He also given an example (Ex.2, [24]) to show that the condition (A) need not imply the  $\mathcal{N}$ -property.

In 2006, Bhaskar and Lakshmikantham [23] introduced the notion of a coupled fixed point in partially ordered metric spaces, also discussed some problems of the uniqueness of a coupled fixed point and applied their results to the problems of the existence and uniqueness of a solution for the periodic boundary value problems.

In this paper, we prove coupled fixed point theorems for two and four mappings in fuzzy metric spaces.

**Definition 1.11** ([23]). Let  $X$  be a nonempty set. An element  $(x, y) \in X \times X$  is called a coupled fixed point of the mapping  $F : X \times X \rightarrow X$  if  $x = F(x, y)$  and  $y = F(y, x)$ .

**Definition 1.12** ([14]). Let  $X$  be a nonempty set. An element  $(x, y) \in X \times X$  is called

- (i) a coupled coincidence point of  $F : X \times X \rightarrow X$  and  $g : X \rightarrow X$  if  $gx = F(x, y)$  and  $gy = F(y, x)$ .
- (ii) a common coupled fixed point of  $F : X \times X \rightarrow X$  and  $g : X \rightarrow X$  if  $x = gx = F(x, y)$  and  $y = gy = F(y, x)$ .
- (iii) a point  $x \in X$  is called a common fixed point of  $F : X \times X \rightarrow X$  and  $g : X \rightarrow X$  if  $x = gx = F(x, x)$ .

**Definition 1.13** ([9]). Let  $X$  be a nonempty set. The

mappings  $F : X \times X \rightarrow X$  and  $g : X \rightarrow X$  are called  $W$ -compatible if  $g(F(x, y)) = F(gx, gy)$  and  $g(F(y, x)) = F(gy, gx)$  whenever  $gx = F(x, y)$  and  $gy = F(y, x)$  for some  $(x, y) \in X \times X$ .

**2. MAIN RESULTS**

**Theorem 2.1.** Let  $(X, M, *)$  be a fuzzy metric space satisfying (A) and  $f, g : X \rightarrow X$  and  $F, G : X \times X \rightarrow X$  be mappings satisfying

$$\begin{aligned} (2.1.1) \quad &M(F(x, y), G(u, v), kt) \\ &\geq \min\left\{M(\hat{f}x, gu, t), M(\hat{f}y, gv, t), \right. \\ &\left. M(\hat{f}x, F(x, y), t), M(gu, G(u, v), t)\right\} \end{aligned}$$

for all  $x, y, u, v \in X, \forall t > 0$  and  $k \in (0, 1)$ ,

$$(2.1.2) \quad F(X \times X) \subseteq g(X) \text{ and } G(X \times X) \subseteq f(X),$$

$$(2.1.3) \quad \text{one of } f(X) \text{ and } g(X) \text{ is complete and}$$

$$(2.1.4) \quad \text{the pairs } (f, F) \text{ and } (g, G) \text{ are } W\text{-compatible.}$$

Then  $f, g, F$  and  $G$  have a unique common coupled fixed point in  $X \times X$  and also they have a unique common fixed point in  $X$ .

**Proof.** Let  $x_0$  and  $y_0$  be 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  $gy_1 = F(y_0, x_0)$ .

Since  $G(X \times X) \subseteq f(X)$ , we can choose  $x_2, y_2 \in X$  such that  $\hat{f}x_2 = G(x_1, y_1)$  and  $\hat{f}y_2 = G(y_1, x_1)$ .

Continuing this process we can construct two sequences  $\{x_n\}$  and  $\{y_n\}$  in  $X$  such that

$$\begin{aligned} gx_{2n+1} &= F(x_{2n}, y_{2n}) = z_{2n}, \quad \text{say;} \\ gy_{2n+1} &= F(y_{2n}, x_{2n}) = p_{2n}, \quad \text{say;} \\ \hat{f}x_{2n+2} &= G(x_{2n+1}, y_{2n+1}) = z_{2n+1}, \quad \text{say and} \\ \hat{f}y_{2n+2} &= G(x_{2n+1}, x_{2n+1}) = p_{2n+1}, \quad \text{say for } n = 0, 1, 2, \dots \\ M(z_{2n}, z_{2n+1}, kt) &= M(F(x_{2n}, y_{2n}), G(x_{2n+1}, y_{2n+1}), kt) \\ &\geq \min\{M(z_{2n-1}, z_{2n}, t), M(p_{2n-1}, p_{2n}, t), M(z_{2n-1}, z_{2n}, t), M(z_{2n}, z_{2n+1}, t)\} \\ &= \min\{M(z_{2n-1}, z_{2n}, t), M(p_{2n-1}, p_{2n}, t)\} \\ M(p_{2n}, p_{2n+1}, kt) &= M(F(y_{2n}, x_{2n}), G(y_{2n+1}, x_{2n+1}), kt) \\ &\geq \min\left\{M(p_{2n-1}, p_{2n}, t), M(z_{2n-1}, z_{2n}, t), M(p_{2n-1}, p_{2n}, t), \right. \\ &\quad \left. M(p_{2n}, p_{2n+1}, t)\right\} \\ &= \min\{M(p_{2n-1}, p_{2n}, t), M(z_{2n-1}, z_{2n}, t)\} \end{aligned}$$

Thus

$$\min\left\{M(z_{2n}, z_{2n+1}, kt), M(p_{2n}, p_{2n+1}, kt)\right\} \geq \min\left\{M(z_{2n-1}, z_{2n}, t), M(p_{2n-1}, p_{2n}, t)\right\} \dots\dots\dots(I)$$

Similarly we can show that

$$\min \left\{ M(z_{2n+1}, z_{2n+2}, kt), M(p_{2n+1}, p_{2n+2}, kt) \right\} \geq \min \left\{ M(z_{2n}, z_{2n+1}, t), M(p_{2n}, p_{2n+1}, t) \right\} \dots (II)$$

Thus from (I) and (II) we have

$$\min \left\{ M(z_n, z_{n+1}, kt), M(p_n, p_{n+1}, kt) \right\} \geq \min \left\{ M(z_{n-1}, z_n, t), M(p_{n-1}, p_n, t) \right\}.$$

From Lemma 1.7, it follows that  $\{z_n\}$  and  $\{p_n\}$  are Cauchy sequences in  $X$ .

Suppose  $f(X)$  is complete.

Then  $\{z_{2n+1}\} \rightarrow fx = \alpha$ , say and  $\{p_{2n+1}\} \rightarrow fy = \beta$ , say for some  $x, y \in X$ .

Since  $\{z_n\}$  and  $\{p_n\}$  are Cauchy, we have  $\{z_{2n+2}\} \rightarrow \alpha$  and  $\{p_{2n+2}\} \rightarrow \beta$ .

$$M(F(x, y), z_{2n+1}, kt) = M(F(x, y), G(x_{2n+1}, y_{2n+1}), kt) \geq \min \{ M(fx, z_{2n}, t), M(fy, p_{2n}, t), M(fx, F(x, y), t), M(z_{2n}, z_{2n+1}, t) \}$$

Letting  $n \rightarrow \infty$ , we get

$$M(F(x, y), fx, kt) \geq \min \{ 1, 1, M(fx, F(x, y), t), 1 \} = M(fx, F(x, y), t).$$

From Lemma 1.8, we have  $F(x, y) = fx = \alpha$ .

$$M(F(y, x), p_{2n+1}, kt) = M(F(y, x), G(y_{2n+1}, x_{2n+1}), kt) \geq \min \left\{ \begin{matrix} M(fy, p_{2n}, t), M(fx, z_{2n}, t), M(fy, F(y, x), t), \\ M(p_{2n}, p_{2n+1}, t) \end{matrix} \right\}$$

Letting  $n \rightarrow \infty$ , we get

$$M(F(y, x), fy, kt) \geq \min \{ 1, 1, M(fy, F(y, x), t), 1 \} = M(fy, F(y, x), t).$$

From Lemma 1.8, we have  $F(y, x) = fy = \beta$ .

Since the pair  $(F, f)$  is W-compatible, we have

$$f\alpha = f(fx) = f(F(x, y)) = F(fx, fy) = F(\alpha, \beta) \text{ and } f\beta = f(fy) = f(F(y, x)) = F(fy, fx) = F(\beta, \alpha) \dots (III)$$

$$M(f\alpha, z_{2n+1}, kt) = M(F(\alpha, \beta), G(x_{2n+1}, y_{2n+1}), kt) \geq \min \{ M(f\alpha, z_{2n}, t), M(f\beta, p_{2n}, t), 1, M(z_{2n}, z_{2n+1}, t) \}.$$

Letting  $n \rightarrow \infty$ , we get

$$M(f\alpha, \alpha, kt) \geq \min \{ M(f\alpha, \alpha, t), M(f\beta, \beta, t), 1, 1 \} = \min \{ M(f\alpha, \alpha, t), M(f\beta, \beta, t) \}.$$

Also,

$$M(f\beta, p_{2n+1}, kt) = M(F(\beta, \alpha), G(y_{2n+1}, x_{2n+1}), kt) \geq \min \{ M(f\beta, p_{2n}, t), M(f\alpha, z_{2n}, t), 1, M(p_{2n}, p_{2n+1}, t) \}.$$

Letting  $n \rightarrow \infty$ , we get

$$M(f\beta, \beta, kt) \geq \min \{ M(f\beta, \beta, t), M(f\alpha, \alpha, t) \}.$$

Thus

$$\min \{ M(f\alpha, \alpha, kt), M(f\beta, \beta, kt) \} \geq \min \{ M(f\alpha, \alpha, t), M(f\beta, \beta, t) \}.$$

From Lemma 1.9, we have  $f\alpha = \alpha$  and  $f\beta = \beta$ .

Thus  $\alpha = f\alpha = F(\alpha, \beta) \dots (IV)$  and

$$\beta = f\beta = F(\beta, \alpha) \dots (V)$$

Since  $F(X \times X) \subseteq g(X)$ , there exist  $\gamma$  and  $\delta$  in  $X$  such that

$$g\gamma = F(\alpha, \beta) = f\alpha = \alpha \text{ and } g\delta = F(\beta, \alpha) = f\beta = \beta.$$

$$M(g\gamma, G(\gamma, \delta), kt) = M(F(\alpha, \beta), G(\gamma, \delta), kt) = \min \{ 1, 1, 1, M(g\gamma, G(\gamma, \delta), t) \} = M(g\gamma, G(\gamma, \delta), t).$$

From Lemma 1.8, we have  $G(\gamma, \delta) = g\gamma$ .

Similarly, we can show that  $G(\delta, \gamma) = g\delta$ .

Since the pair  $(G, g)$  is weakly compatible, we have

$$g\alpha = g(g\gamma) = g(G(\gamma, \delta)) = G(g\gamma, g\delta) = G(\alpha, \beta) \text{ and } g\beta = g(g\delta) = g(G(\delta, \gamma)) = G(g\delta, g\gamma) = g(\beta, \alpha).$$

$$M(z_{2n}, G(\alpha, \beta), kt) = M(F(x_{2n}, y_{2n}), G(\alpha, \beta), kt) \geq \min \{ M(z_{2n-1}, g\alpha, t), M(z_{2n-1}, g\beta, t), M(z_{2n-1}, z_{2n}, t), 1 \}.$$

Letting  $n \rightarrow \infty$ , we get

$$M(\alpha, g\alpha, kt) \geq \min \{ M(\alpha, g\alpha, t), M(\beta, g\beta, t), 1, 1 \} = \min \{ M(\alpha, g\alpha, t), M(\beta, g\beta, t) \}.$$

Similarly, we have

$$M(\beta, g\beta, kt) \geq \min \{ M(\alpha, g\alpha, t), M(\beta, g\beta, t) \}.$$

Thus

$$\min \{ M(\alpha, g\alpha, kt), M(\beta, g\beta, kt) \} \geq \min \{ M(\alpha, g\alpha, t), M(\beta, g\beta, t) \}.$$

From Lemma 1.9, we have  $g\alpha = \alpha$  and  $g\beta = \beta$ .

Hence  $\alpha = g\alpha = G(\alpha, \beta) \dots (VI)$  and

$$\beta = g\beta = G(\beta, \alpha) \dots (VII)$$

From (IV), (V), (VI), and (VII), we have

$$f\alpha = g\alpha = \alpha = F(\alpha, \beta) = G(\alpha, \beta) \text{ and } f\beta = g\beta = \beta = F(\beta, \alpha) = G(\beta, \alpha). \text{ Thus } (\alpha, \beta) \text{ is a coupled common fixed point of } f, g, F \text{ and } G.$$

Suppose  $(\alpha_1, \beta_1)$  is another coupled common fixed point of  $f, g, F$  and  $G$ .

$$M(\alpha_1, \alpha, kt) = M(F\alpha_1, \beta_1), G(\alpha, \beta), kt) \geq \min \{ M(\alpha_1, \alpha, t), M(\beta_1, \beta, t), 1, 1 \} = \min \{ M(\alpha_1, \alpha, t), M(\beta_1, \beta, t) \}.$$

Similarly we can show that

$$M(\beta_1, \beta, kt) \geq \min \{ M(\alpha_1, \alpha, t), M(\beta_1, \beta, t) \}.$$

Thus

$$\min\{M(\alpha, \alpha, kt), M(\beta, \beta, kt)\} \geq \min\{M(\alpha, \alpha, t), M(\beta, \beta, t)\}.$$

From Lemma 1.9, we have  $\alpha_1 = \alpha$  and  $\beta_1 = \beta$ .

Thus  $(\alpha, \beta)$  is the unique common coupled fixed point of  $f, g, F$  and  $G$ .

Now, we prove that  $\alpha = \beta$ . Consider

$$\begin{aligned} M(\alpha, \beta, kt) &= M(F(\alpha, \beta), G(\beta, \alpha), kt) \\ &\geq \min\{M(\alpha, \beta, t), M(\beta, \alpha, t), 1, 1\} = M(\alpha, \beta, t). \end{aligned}$$

Hence  $\alpha = \beta$ .

Thus  $\alpha = f\alpha = F(\alpha, \alpha) = G(\alpha, \alpha)$ .

That is  $\alpha$  is a common fixed point of  $f, g, F$  and  $G$ .

Suppose  $\alpha'$  is another common fixed point of  $f, g, F$  and  $G$ . Then

$$\begin{aligned} M(\alpha, \alpha', kt) &= M(F(\alpha, \alpha), G(\alpha', \alpha'), kt) \\ &\geq \min\{M(\alpha, \alpha', t), M(\alpha, \alpha', t), 1, 1\} = M(\alpha, \alpha', t). \end{aligned}$$

Hence  $\alpha = \alpha'$ . Thus  $\alpha'$  is the unique common fixed point of  $f, g, F$  and  $G$ .

**Corollary 2.2.** Let  $(X, M, *)$  be a fuzzy metric space and  $f : X \rightarrow X$  and  $F : X \times X \rightarrow X$  be mappings satisfying

$$\begin{aligned} (2.2.1) \quad &M(F(x, y), F(u, v), kt) \\ &\geq \min\left\{ \begin{array}{l} M(fx, fu, t), M(fy, fv, t), \\ M(fx, F(x, y), t), M(fu, F(u, v), t) \end{array} \right\} \\ &\text{for all } x, y, u, v \in X, \forall t > 0 \text{ and } k \in (0, 1), \end{aligned}$$

$$(2.2.2) \quad F(X \times X) \subseteq f(X),$$

$$(2.2.3) \quad f(X) \text{ is complete and}$$

$$(2.2.4) \quad \text{the pair } (f, F) \text{ is W-compatible.}$$

Then  $f, F$  have a unique common coupled fixed point in  $X \times X$  and also they have a unique common fixed point in  $X$ .

**Example 2.3.** Let  $(X, M, *)$  be a fuzzy metric space,

where  $X = [0, 1]$  and  $M(x, y, t) = \frac{t}{t + |x - y|}$  for all

$x, y \in X$  and  $t > 0$ . Define  $f : X \rightarrow X$  by  $fx = \frac{2x + 1}{3}$

and  $F : X \times X \rightarrow X$  by  $F(x, y) = 1$  for all  $x, y \in X$ .

It is easy to see that all conditions of Corollary 2.2 are satisfied. Consequently, 1 is the unique common fixed point of  $f$  and  $F$ .

Finally using the boundedness of a fuzzy metric space, we prove a common fixed point theorem for two maps satisfying a general contractive condition.

**Theorem 2.4.** Let  $(X, M, *)$  be a bounded fuzzy metric space and  $f : X \rightarrow X, F : X \times X \rightarrow X$  be mappings

satisfying

$$(2.4.1) \quad M(F(x, y), F(u, v), t)$$

$$\geq \phi \left( \min \left\{ \begin{array}{l} M(fx, fu, t), M(fy, fv, t), \\ M(fx, F(x, y), t), M(fu, F(u, v), t), \\ M(fx, F(u, v), t), M(fu, F(x, y), t) \end{array} \right\} \right)$$

for all  $x, y, u, v \in X, \forall t > 0$ , where

$\phi : [0, 1] \rightarrow [0, 1]$  is continuous monotonically increasing such that  $\phi(s) > s$  for all  $s \in [0, 1)$ ,

$$(2.4.2) \quad F(X \times X) \subseteq f(X) \text{ and } f(X) \text{ is complete,}$$

$$(2.4.3) \quad \text{the pair } (f, F) \text{ is W-compatible.}$$

Then  $f$  and  $F$  have a unique common coupled fixed point in  $X \times X$  and also they have a unique common fixed point in  $X$ .

**Proof.** Let  $x_0$  and  $y_0$  be in  $X$ .

From (2.4.2), we can find  $\{x_n\}$  and  $\{y_n\}$  in  $X$  such that

$$fx_{n+1} = F(x_n, y_n) = z_n, \text{ say,}$$

$$fy_{n+1} = F(y_n, x_n) = p_n, \text{ say for } n = 0, 1, 2, 3, \dots$$

For  $n \in \mathbb{N}$ , let  $\alpha_n(t) = \inf \{M(z_i, z_j, t) \mid i \geq n, j \geq n\}$  and

$$\beta_n(t) = \inf \{M(p_i, p_j, t) \mid i \geq n, j \geq n\} \text{ for all } t > 0.$$

Then  $\{\alpha_n(t)\}$  and  $\{\beta_n(t)\}$  monotonically increasing sequences of real numbers between 0 and 1 for all  $t > 0$ .

Hence  $\lim_{n \rightarrow \infty} \alpha_n(t) = \alpha(t)$  for some  $0 \leq \alpha(t) \leq 1$  and

$$\lim_{n \rightarrow \infty} \beta_n(t) = \beta(t) \text{ for some } 0 \leq \beta(t) \leq 1.$$

For any  $n \in \mathbb{N}$  and integers  $i \geq n, j \geq n$  we have

$$M(z_i, z_j, t) = M(F(x_i, y_i), F(x_j, y_j), t)$$

$$\geq \phi \left( \min \left\{ \begin{array}{l} M(z_{i-1}, z_{j-1}, t), M(p_{i-1}, p_{j-1}, t), M(z_{i-1}, z_i, t), \\ M(z_{j-1}, z_j, t), M(z_{i-1}, z_j, t), M(z_{j-1}, z_i, t) \end{array} \right\} \right)$$

$$\geq \phi(\min\{\alpha_{n-1}(t), \beta_{n-1}(t)\}).$$

Taking supremum over all  $i \geq n, j \geq n$  we get

$$\alpha_n(t) \geq \phi(\min\{\alpha_{n-1}(t), \beta_{n-1}(t)\}).$$

Similarly we can show that

$$\beta_n(t) \geq \phi(\min\{\alpha_{n-1}(t), \beta_{n-1}(t)\}).$$

Thus

$$\min\{\alpha_n(t), \beta_n(t)\} \geq \phi(\min\{\alpha_{n-1}(t), \beta_{n-1}(t)\}).$$

Letting  $n \rightarrow \infty$ , we get

$$\min\{\alpha(t), \beta(t)\} \geq \phi(\min\{\alpha(t), \beta(t)\}).$$

It is contradiction if  $\min\{\alpha(t), \beta(t)\} < 1$ .

Hence  $\alpha(t) = 1$  and  $\beta(t) = 1$ .

Thus  $\lim_{n \rightarrow \infty} \alpha_n(t) = 1 = \lim_{n \rightarrow \infty} \beta_n(t)$ .

Hence  $\{z_n\}$  and  $\{p_n\}$  are Cauchy sequences in  $X$ .

Since  $f(X)$  is complete, it follows that  $\{z_n\}$  and  $\{p_n\}$  converge to some  $p$  and  $q$  respectively in  $f(X)$ .

Hence there exist  $x$  and  $y$  in  $X$  such that  $p = fx$  and  $q = fy$ .

$$M(z_n, F(x, y), t) = M(F(x_n, y_n), F(x, y), t)$$

$$\geq \phi \left( \min \left\{ \begin{array}{l} M(z_{n-1}, fx, t), M(p_{n-1}, fy, t), M(z_{n-1}, z_n, t), \\ M(fx, F(x, y), t), M(z_{n-1}, F(x, y), t), M(fx, z_{n+1}, t) \end{array} \right\} \right)$$

Letting  $n \rightarrow \infty$ , we get

$$\begin{aligned} M(fx, F(x, y), t) &\geq \phi \left( \min \left\{ \begin{array}{l} 1, 1, 1, M(fx, F(x, y), t), \\ M(fx, F(x, y), t), 1 \end{array} \right\} \right) \\ &= \phi(M(fx, F(x, y), t)) \\ &> M(fx, F(x, y), t) \text{ if } M(fx, F(x, y), t) < 1. \end{aligned}$$

Hence  $M(fx, F(x, y), t) = 1$  so that  $fx = F(x, y)$ .

Similarly we can show that  $fy = F(y, x)$ .

Since  $(F, f)$  is a W-compatible pair, we have

$$fp = f(fx) = f(F(x, y)) = F(fx, fy) = F(p, q) \text{ and}$$

$$fq = f(fy) = f(F(y, x)) = F(fy, fx) = F(q, p).$$

$$M(z_n, F(p, q), t) = M(F(x_n, y_n), F(p, q), t)$$

$$\geq \phi \left( \min \left\{ \begin{array}{l} M(z_n, fp, t), M(p_n, fq, t), M(z_{n-1}, z_n, t), \\ 1, M(z_{n-1}, F(p, q), t), M(fp, z_n, t) \end{array} \right\} \right)$$

Letting  $n \rightarrow \infty$ , we get

$$\begin{aligned} M(p, fp, t) &\geq \phi \left( \min \left\{ \begin{array}{l} M(p, fp, t), M(q, fq, t), 1, 1, \\ M(p, fp, t), M(fp, p, t) \end{array} \right\} \right) \\ &= \phi(\min\{M(p, fp, t), M(q, fq, t)\}) \end{aligned}$$

Similarly we can show that

$$M(q, fq, t) \geq \phi(\min\{M(p, fp, t), M(q, fq, t)\}).$$

Thus

$$\min\{M(p, fp, t), M(q, fq, t)\} \geq \phi(\min\{M(p, fp, t), M(q, fq, t)\}).$$

It is contradiction if  $\min\{M(p, fp, t), M(q, fq, t)\} < 1$ .

Hence from this we can conclude that  $fp = p$  and  $fq = q$ .

Thus  $p = fp = F(p, q)$  and  $q = fq = F(q, p)$ .

Using (2.4.1) two times, one can show that  $(p, q)$  is the unique common coupled fixed point of  $F$  and  $f$ .

Now we will show that  $p = q$ . Consider

$$M(p, q, t) = M(F(p, q), F(q, p), t)$$

$$\begin{aligned} &\geq \phi(\min\{M(p, q, t), M(q, p, t), 1, 1, M(p, q, t), M(q, p, t)\}) \\ &= \phi(M(p, q, t)). \end{aligned}$$

Hence  $p = q$ .

Thus  $p = fp = F(p, p)$ . i.e  $p$  is a common fixed point of  $F$  and  $f$ .

Using (2.4.1), we can show that  $p$  is the unique common fixed point of  $F$  and  $f$ .

## CONFLICT OF INTEREST

The authors declare that they have no conflict of interest.

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