



**COMMON FIXED POINT THEOREM FOR A PAIR OF WEAKLY  
COMPATIBLE SELF-MAPPINGS IN  
FUZZY METRIC SPACE USING (CLRG) PROPERTY**

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**ABSTRACT**

In this paper we prove a common fixed point theorem for a pair of weakly compatible self-mappings in fuzzy metric space by using (CLRG) property. The result is extended for two finite families of self-mappings in fuzzy metric space by using the concept of pairwise commuting. An example is provided which demonstrates the validity of main theorem.

**Key Words:** Fuzzy Metric Space; Weakly Compatible Mappings; E.A Property and (CLRG) Property.



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## 1. INTRODUCTION

In 1965, Zadeh [33] introduced the concept of fuzzy sets which opened an avenue for further development of analysis. In 1975, Kramosil and Michalek [10] introduced the concept of fuzzy metric space. George and Veeramani [5] modified the concept of fuzzy metric space introduced by Kramosil and Michalek [10]. In 2002, Aamri and El-Moutawakil [1] defined the notion of E.A property for self-mappings. E.A property allows replacing completeness requirement of the space with a more natural condition of closedness of the range in the proof of fixed point theorems. Many authors have proved common fixed point theorems in fuzzy metric spaces using E.A. property. For example we referer to [2, 7, 8, 11-13, 15, 19-21, 23, 25-27, 29, 30].

Recently, Sintunavarat and Kumam [28] defined the notion of (CLRg) property and proved the results of Mihet [14] without any requirement of the closedness of the range subspace.

In this paper, we prove a common fixed point theorem for a pair of weakly compatible self-mappings by using (CLRg) property in fuzzy metric space. We give an example satisfying the theorem. We also extend the theorem for two finite families of self-mappings in fuzzy metric space by using the notion of pairwise commuting due to Imdad, Ali and Tanveer [9].

Our results improved the results of Sedghi et al. [22].

## 2. Preliminaries

### 2.1 Fuzzy Metric Space

A fuzzy metric space is a triple  $(X, M, T)$  where  $X$  is a nonempty set,  $T$  is a continuous  $t$ -norm and  $M$  is a fuzzy set on  $X^2 \times (0, \infty)$  and the following conditions are satisfied for all  $x, y \in X$  and  $t, s > 0$ :

$$(FM-1) \quad M(x, y, t) > 0;$$

$$(FM-2) \quad M(x, y, t) = 1 \Leftrightarrow x = y;$$

$$(FM-3) \quad M(x, y, t) = M(y, x, t);$$

$$(FM-4) \quad M(x, y, \cdot): (0, \infty) \rightarrow [0, 1] \text{ is continuous};$$

$$(FM-5) \quad M(x, z, t + s) \geq T(M(x, y, t), M(y, z, s)). \quad \square$$

### 2.2 Weakly Compatible Mappings

Two self-mappings  $f$  and  $g$  of a non-empty set  $X$  are said to be weakly compatible (or coincidentally commuting) if they commute at their coincidence points, i.e., if  $fgz = ggz$  for some  $z \in X$ , then  $fgz = ggz$ .  $\square$

### 2.3 E.A. Property

Let  $f$  and  $g$  be self-mappings on a fuzzy metric space  $(X, M, T)$ . Then the pair  $(f, g)$  is said to satisfy E.A. property, if there exists a sequence  $\{x_n\}$  in  $X$  such that  $\lim_{n \rightarrow \infty} fx_n = \lim_{n \rightarrow \infty} gx_n = gx_n = u$  for some  $u \in X$ .

### 2.4 (CLRg) Property

Let  $f$  and  $g$  be self-mappings on a fuzzy metric space  $(X, M, T)$ . Then the pair  $(f, g)$  is said to satisfy CLRg property (common limit in the range of  $g$  property) if  $\lim_{n \rightarrow \infty} fx_n = \lim_{n \rightarrow \infty} gx_n = gx_n = gx$  for some  $x \in X$ .  $\square$

### 2.5 Pairwise Commuting

Two families of self-mappings  $\{f_i\}_{i=1}^m$  and  $\{g_k\}_{k=1}^n$  are said to be pairwise commuting if

$$1. \quad f_i f_j = f_j f_i \text{ for all } i, j \in \{1, 2, \dots, m\},$$

$$2. \quad g_k g_l = g_l g_k \text{ for all } k, l \in \{1, 2, \dots, n\},$$

$$3. \quad f_i g_k = g_k f_i \text{ for all } i \in \{1, 2, \dots, m\} \text{ and } k \in \{1, 2, \dots, n\}. \quad \square$$

## 3 Main Result

In 2010, Sedghi et al. [22] proved a common fixed point theorem for a pair of weakly compatible self-mappings with E.A property in fuzzy metric space by using an increasing and continuous function:

$$\phi: (0, 1] \rightarrow (0, 1] \text{ such that } \phi(t) > t \text{ for every } t \in (0, 1).$$

An example of increasing and continuous function satisfying the above condition is given by

$$\phi: (0, 1] \rightarrow (0, 1] \text{ defined by } \phi(t) = t^{\frac{1}{2}}.$$



### 3.1 Theorem

Let  $(X, M, T)$  be a fuzzy metric space and  $f$  and  $g$  be self-mappings of  $X$  satisfying the following conditions:

1.  $f(X) \subseteq g(X)$
2.  $f(X)$  or  $g(X)$  is a closed subset of  $X$
3.  $M(fx, fy, t) \geq$

$$\phi \left( \min \left\{ \sup_{t_1+t_2=\frac{2}{k}t} \min \{ M(gx, gy, t), M(gx, fx, t_1), M(gy, fy, t_2) \}, \sup_{t_3+t_4=\frac{2}{k}t} \min \{ M(gx, fy, t_3), M(gy, fx, t_4) \} \right\} \right) \quad \text{-- (1)}$$

for all  $x, y \in X$ , and  $t > 0$  and for some  $1 \leq k < 2$ .

Suppose that the pair  $(f, g)$  is weakly compatible and satisfies E.A property. Then  $f$  and  $g$  have a unique common fixed point in  $X$ .  $\square$

### 3.2 Theorem

Let  $(X, M, T)$  be a fuzzy metric space. Let  $f, g$  be self-mappings of  $X$  satisfying inequality (1) of Theorem 3.1. If the pair  $(f, g)$  is weakly compatible and satisfies the (CLRg) property, then  $f$  and  $g$  have a unique common fixed point.

**Proof :** Since the pair  $(f, g)$  satisfies the (CLRg) property, there exists a sequence  $\{x_n\}$  in  $X$  such that

$$\lim_{n \rightarrow \infty} fx_n = \lim_{n \rightarrow \infty} gx_n = qx_n = gu$$

for some  $u \in X$ . Now we assert that  $fu = gu$ . Let, on the contrary,  $fu \neq gu$ , then there exists  $t_0 > 0$  such that

$$M \left( fu, gu, \frac{2}{k}t_0 \right) > M(fu, gu, t_0) \quad \text{-- (2)}$$

To support the claim, let it be untrue. Then we have

$$M \left( fu, gu, \frac{2}{k}t_0 \right) = M(fu, gu, t_0), \text{ for all } t > 0.$$

Repeatedly using this equality, we obtain

$$M(fu, gu, t) = M \left( fu, gu, \frac{2}{k}t \right) = \dots = M \left( fu, gu, \left( \frac{2}{k} \right)^n t \right) \rightarrow 1,$$

as  $n \rightarrow \infty$ . This shows that  $M(fu, gu, t) = 1$  for all  $t > 0$  which contradicts  $fu \neq gu$  and hence  $fu = gu$ .

Putting  $x = x_n, y = u$ , in inequality (1), we get, for some  $t_0 > 0$

$$M(fx_n, fu, t_0) \geq$$

$$\phi \left( \min \left\{ \sup_{t_1+t_2=\frac{2}{k}t_0} \min \{ M(gx_n, gu, t_0), M(gx_n, fx_n, t_1), M(gu, fu, t_2) \}, \sup_{t_3+t_4=\frac{2}{k}t_0} \min \{ M(gx_n, fu, t_3), M(gu, fx_n, t_4) \} \right\} \right).$$

For all  $\varepsilon \in \left( 0, \frac{2}{k}t_0 \right)$  and  $n \rightarrow \infty$ , it follows that

$$M(gu, fu, t_0) \geq$$

$$\begin{aligned} & \phi \left( \min \left\{ \min \{ M(gu, gu, \varepsilon), M(gu, fu, \frac{2}{k}t_0 - \varepsilon) \}, \max \{ M(gu, fu, \frac{2}{k}t_0 - \varepsilon), M(gu, gu, \varepsilon) \} \right\} \right) \\ & = \phi \left( M(gu, fu, \frac{2}{k}t_0 - \varepsilon) \right) \\ & > M(gu, fu, \frac{2}{k}t_0 - \varepsilon). \end{aligned}$$

As  $\varepsilon \rightarrow 0$ , we have



$$M(gu, fu, t_0) \geq M\left(gu, fu, \frac{2}{k}t_0\right)$$

which contradicts (2). Thus we have  $gu = fu$ . Next, we let  $z = fu = gu$ . Since the pair  $(f, g)$  is weakly compatible  $fgu = gfu$  which implies that  $fz = fgu = gfu = gz$ .

Now, we show that  $z = fz$ . Suppose that  $z \neq fz$ , then on using (1) with  $x = z, y = u$ , we get, for some  $t_0 > 0$  and for all  $\varepsilon \in (0, \frac{2}{k}t_0)$

$$M(fu, fu, t_0) \geq \phi\left(\min\left\{\sup_{t_1+t_2=\frac{2}{k}t_0} M(gz, gu, t_0), \min\{M(gz, fz, t_1), M(gu, fu, t_2)\}, \sup_{t_3+t_4=\frac{2}{k}t_0} \max\{M(gz, fu, t_3), M(gu, fz, t_4)\}\right\}\right).$$

$$M(fz, z, t_0) \geq \phi\left(\min\left\{\min\{M(fz, z, \varepsilon), M\left(z, z, \frac{2}{k}t_0 - \varepsilon\right)\}, \max\{M(fz, z, \varepsilon), M\left(z, fz, \frac{2}{k}t_0 - \varepsilon\right)\}\right\}\right).$$

As  $\varepsilon \rightarrow 0$ , we have

$$M(fz, z, t_0) \geq \phi\left(\min\{M(fz, z, t_0), M\left(z, z, \frac{2}{k}t_0\right)\}\right) = \phi(M(fz, z, t_0)) > M(fz, z, t_0)$$

which is a contradiction. Hence  $z = fz = gz$ . Therefore  $z$  is a common fixed point of  $f$  and  $g$ .  $\square$

**Uniqueness** Let  $w (\neq z)$  be another common fixed point of  $f$  and  $g$ . On using inequality (1) with  $x = z, y = w$ , we get, for some  $t_0 > 0$

$$M(fz, fw, t_0) \geq \phi\left(\min\left\{\sup_{t_1+t_2=\frac{2}{k}t_0} M(gz, gw, t_0), \min\{M(gz, fz, t_1), M(gw, fw, t_2)\}, \sup_{t_3+t_4=\frac{2}{k}t_0} \max\{M(gz, fw, t_3), M(gw, fz, t_4)\}\right\}\right).$$

And for all  $\varepsilon \in (0, \frac{2}{k}t_0)$ , we have

$$M(z, w, t_0) \geq \phi\left(\min\left\{\min\{M(z, z, \varepsilon), M\left(w, w, \frac{2}{k}t_0 - \varepsilon\right)\}, \max\{M(z, w, \varepsilon), M\left(w, z, \frac{2}{k}t_0 - \varepsilon\right)\}\right\}\right).$$

As  $\varepsilon \rightarrow 0$ , we have

$$M(z, w, t_0) \geq \phi\left(\min\{M(z, w, t_0), M\left(w, z, \frac{2}{k}t_0\right)\}\right) = \phi(M(z, w, t_0)) > M(z, w, t_0)$$

which is a contradiction. Therefore  $fz = z = gz$ . It implies that  $f$  and  $g$  have a unique a common fixed point.  $\square$

### 3.3 Remark

Theorem 3.2 improves the main result of Sedghi, Shobe and Aliouche ([22] Theorem 1) without any requirement on containment of ranges amongst the involved mappings and closedness of one or more subspaces.

The following example illustrates Theorem 3.2.

### 3.4 Example

Let  $(X, M, T)$  be a fuzzy metric space, where  $X = [3, 19)$ , with  $t$ -norm  $T$  defined by  $T(a, b) = ab$  for all  $a, b \in [0, 1]$  and



$$M(x, y, t) = \begin{cases} \frac{t}{t + |x - y|}, & \text{if } t > 0 \\ 0, & \text{if } t = 0 \end{cases}$$

for all  $x, y \in X$ . Let the function  $\phi: (0, 1] \rightarrow (0, 1]$  be defined by  $\phi(t) = t^{\frac{1}{2}}$ . Define the self-mappings  $f$  and  $g$  by

$$f(x) = \begin{cases} 3, & \text{if } x \in \{3\} \cup (5, 19) \\ 12, & \text{if } x \in (3, 5]. \end{cases}$$

$$g(x) = \begin{cases} 3, & \text{if } x = 3 \\ 11, & \text{if } x \in (3, 5] \\ \frac{x+1}{2}, & \text{if } x \in (5, 19). \end{cases}$$

Taking  $\{x_n\} = \{5 + \frac{1}{n}\}$  or  $\{x_n\} = \{3\}$ , it is clear that the pair  $(f, g)$  satisfies the (CLRg) property

$$\lim_{n \rightarrow \infty} f x_n = \lim_{n \rightarrow \infty} g x_n = 3 = g(3) \in X.$$

It is noted that  $f(X) = \{3, 12\} \not\subseteq [3, 10] \cup \{11\} = g(X)$ . Thus, all the conditions of Theorem 3.2 are satisfied and 3 is a unique common fixed point of the pair  $(f, g)$ . Also, all the involved mappings are even discontinuous at their unique common fixed point 3. Here, it may be pointed out that  $g(X)$  is not a closed subspace of  $X$ .  $\square$

Now we utilize the notion of pairwise commuting due to Imdad, Ali and Tanveer [9] and extend Theorem 3.2 to two finite families of self-mappings in fuzzy metric space.

### 3.5 Corollary

Let  $(X, M, T)$  be a fuzzy metric space. Let  $\{f_1, f_2, \dots, f_m\}$  and  $\{g_1, g_2, \dots, g_n\}$  be two finite families of self-mappings of  $X$ . Suppose  $f = f_1 f_2 \dots f_m$  and  $g = g_1 g_2 \dots g_n$  and satisfy inequality (1) of Theorem 3.1. Assume that the pair  $(f, g)$  satisfies the (CLRg) property.

If the family  $\{f_i\}_{i=1}^m$  commutes pairwise with the family  $\{g_j\}_{j=1}^n$ , then for all  $i \in \{1, 2, \dots, m\}$  and  $j \in \{1, 2, \dots, n\}$   $f_i$  and  $g_j$  have a unique common fixed point.

**Proof:** The proof of this theorem is similar to that of Theorem 3.1 contained in Imdad, Ali and Tanveer [9], hence details are avoided.  $\square$

**3.6 Remark** Corollary 3.5 improves the result of Sedghi, Shobe and Aliouche ([22] Theorem 2).  $\square$

By setting  $f_1 = f_2 = \dots = f_m = f$  and  $g_1 = g_2 = \dots = g_n = g$  in Corollary 3.5, we deduce the following:

### 3.7 Corollary

Let  $(X, M, T)$  be a fuzzy metric space. Let  $f$  and  $g$  be self-mappings of  $X$  such that the pair  $(f^m, g^n)$  satisfies the (CLRg) property and

$$M(f^m x, f^m y, t) \geq$$

$$\phi \left( \min \left\{ \begin{aligned} &M(g^n x, g^n y, t), \\ &\sup_{t_1+t_2=\frac{2}{k}t_0} \min\{M(g^n x, f^m x, t_1), M(g^n y, f^m y, t_2)\}, \\ &\sup_{t_3+t_4=\frac{2}{k}t_0} \max\{M(g^n x, f^m y, t_3), M(g^n y, f^m x, t_4)\} \end{aligned} \right\} \right)$$

holds for all  $x, y \in X$  and  $t > 0$ , for some  $1 \leq k < 2$  and  $m, n$  are fixed positive integers. If  $(f^m, g^n)$  commutes pairwise, then  $f$  and  $g$  have a unique common fixed point.  $\square$

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