

A COMMON FIXED POINT THEOREM FOR FOUR SELF MAPS ON A FUZZY METRIC SPACE  
CONTROLLED BELOW BY SB-FUNCTIONS INVOLVING RATIONAL PARAMETERS

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ABSTRACT

In this paper we use a special class of function called SB-functions due to Sastry *et.al* [6], use them with rational terms as control function to obtain a fixed point theorem for four self maps on a fuzzy metric. We observe that the result of Reena Jain *et.al* [5] follows as a corollary of this result.

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1. INTRODUCTION

Reena Jain *et.al* [5] proved a common fixed point theorem for four selfmaps on a fuzzy metric space satisfying an inequality containing rational functions. We use SB-functions due to Sastry *et.al* [6] as a control functions involving rational parameters to obtain a common fixed point theorem for four selfmaps on a fuzzy metric space and obtain the result of Reena Jain *et.al* [5] as a corollary.

We start with some definitions.

**Definition 1.1: (Zadeh. L.A [8])** A fuzzy set  $A$  in a nonempty set  $X$  is a function with domain  $X$  and values in  $[0,1]$ .

**Definition 1.2: ( Schweizer.B and Sklar. A [7] )** A function  $* : [0,1] \times [0,1] \rightarrow [0,1]$  is said to be a continuous t-norm if  $*$  satisfies the following conditions:

For  $a, b, c, d \in [0,1]$

- (i)  $*$  is commutative and associative
- (ii)  $*$  is continuous
- (iii)  $a * 1 = a \quad \forall a \in [0,1]$
- (iv)  $a * b \leq c * d$  whenever  $a \leq c$  and  $b \leq d$

**Definition 1.3: (Kramosil. I and Michelek. J [4])** A triple  $(X, M, *)$  is said to be a fuzzy metric space (FM space, briefly) if  $X$  is a nonempty set,  $*$  is a continuous t-norm and  $M$  is a fuzzy set on  $X^2 \times [0, \infty)$  satisfies the following conditions:

For  $x, y, z \in X$  and  $s, t > 0$ .

- (i)  $M(x, y, t) > 0, M(x, y, 0) = 0$
- (ii)  $M(x, y, t) = 1 \quad \forall t > 0$  if and only if  $x = y$
- (iii)  $M(x, y, t) = M(y, x, t)$
- (iv)  $M(x, y, t) * M(y, z, s) \leq M(x, z, t + s)$
- (v)  $M(x, y, \cdot) : [0, \infty) \rightarrow [0,1]$  is continuous.

Then  $M$  is called a fuzzy metric space on  $X$ .

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The function  $M(x, y, t)$  denotes the degree of nearness between  $x$  and  $y$  with respect to  $t$ .

**Definition 1.4:** (George. A and Veeramani. P [1]) Let  $(X, M, *)$  be a fuzzy metric space. Then,

- (i) A sequence  $\{x_n\}$  in  $X$  is said to be convergent to a point  $x \in X$  if  $\lim_{n \rightarrow \infty} M(x_n, x, t) = 1 \quad \forall t > 0$ .
- (ii) A sequence  $\{x_n\}$  in  $X$  is called a Cauchy sequence if  $\lim_{n \rightarrow \infty} M(x_{n+p}, x_n, t) = 1 \quad \forall t > 0$  and  $p = 1, 2, \dots$
- (iii) An FM –space in which every Cauchy sequence is convergent is said to be complete.

**Definition 1.5:** Let  $X$  be a nonempty set and  $f$  and  $g$  be selfmaps on  $X$ . A point  $x$  in  $X$  is called a coincidence point of  $f$  and  $g$  if  $fx = gx$ . We shall call  $w = fx = gx$  a point of coincidence of  $f$  and  $g$ .

**Definition 1.6:** (Jungck. G [2]) Two selfmaps  $S$  and  $T$  of a fuzzy metric space  $(X, M, *)$  are said to be weakly compatible pair if they commute at coincidence points, that is if  $Sx = Tx$  for some  $x \in X$ , then  $STx = TSx$ .

**Definition 1.7:** Two selfmaps  $f$  and  $g$  of a nonempty set  $X$  are occasionally weakly compatible (OWC), if there is a point  $x$  in  $X$  which is a coincidence point of  $f$  and  $g$  at which  $f$  and  $g$  commute. That is  $f$  and  $g$  are occasionally weakly compatible if there exists  $x \in X \ni fx = gx$  and  $f gx = g fx$ .

A pair  $S$  and  $T$  of maps may be OWC but may not be weakly compatible.

**Example 1.8:** Let  $\mathbb{R}$  be the real line with usual metric.

Define  $S, T: \mathbb{R} \rightarrow \mathbb{R}$  by  $Sx = 2x$  and  $Tx = x^2$  for all  $x \in \mathbb{R}$ .

Then 0 and 2 are coincidence points of  $S$  and  $T$ .

Also  $ST0 = 0, TS0 = 0$  but  $ST2 = 8 \neq 16 = TS2$ .

Therefore  $S$  and  $T$  are occasionally weakly compatible selfmaps but are not weakly compatible.

**Lemma 1.9:** (Jungck. G and Rhoades.B.E [3]) Let  $X$  be a nonempty set and  $f$  and  $g$  are OWC selfmaps on  $X$ . If  $f$  and  $g$  have unique point of coincidence,  $w = fx = gx$ , then  $w$  is the unique common fixed point of  $f$  and  $g$ .

Reena Jain, M.S.Rathore and Naval Singh [5] proved the following Theorem.

**Theorem 1.10:** (Reena Jain, M.S.Rathore and Naval Singh [5], Theorem 3.1)

Let  $(X, M, *)$  be a complete fuzzy metric space and  $A, B, S$  and  $T$  be self maps of  $X$ . Let the pairs  $(A, S)$  and  $(B, T)$  be OWC. Suppose there exists  $u \in (0, 1)$  such that

$$M(Ax, By, ut) \geq \min \left\{ M(Sx, Ty, t), M(Ax, Sx, t), M(By, Ty, t), M(By, Sx, t), M(Ax, Ty, t) \left( \frac{1+M(Ax, Sx, t)}{1+M(By, Ty, t)} \right) \right\} \quad (1.10.1)$$

for  $x, y \in X$  and for  $t > 0$ .

Then there exists a unique point  $w \in X$  such that  $w = Aw = Sw$  and a unique point  $z \in X$  such that  $z = Bz = Tz$ . Moreover  $z = w$ , so that there is a unique common fixed point of  $A, B, S$  and  $T$ .

The following Theorem follows immediately from Theorem 1.10

**Theorem 1.11:** (Reena Jain, M.S.Rathore and Naval Singh [5], Theorem 3.3)

Let  $(X, M, *)$  be a complete fuzzy metric space and  $A, B, S$  and  $T$  be self maps of  $X$ . Let the pairs  $(A, S)$  and  $(B, T)$  be OWC. Suppose there exists  $u \in (0, 1)$  such that

$$M(Ax, By, ut) \geq \phi \left( \min \left\{ M(Sx, Ty, t), M(Ax, Sx, t), M(By, Ty, t), M(By, Sx, t), M(Ax, Ty, t) \left( \frac{1+M(Ax, Sx, t)}{1+M(By, Ty, t)} \right) \right\} \right)$$

for  $x, y \in X$  and for  $t > 0$ , where  $\phi: [0, 1] \rightarrow [0, 1]$  is such that  $\phi(t) > t$  for  $t \in (0, 1)$ .

Then there exists a unique common fixed point of  $A, B, S$  and  $T$ .

## 2. MAIN RESULTS

In this section, we use a special class  $\Psi$  of self maps on  $[0,1]$  due to [6], called SB-function and use the members of this class as control functions, to prove a common fixed point theorem (Theorem 2.3) for four self maps on a fuzzy metric space. We also observe that condition (1.10.1) is not symmetric; Hence we restate the theorem, making the condition symmetric, and obtain this result as a corollary of our main result.

We start with

**Definition 2.1:** (K.P.R.Sastry, G.A.Naidu, D.Narayana Rao, and R.Venkata Bhaskar [6] ) A function  $\psi: [0,1] \rightarrow [0,1]$  is said to be a SB- function if (i)  $\psi(t) < t$  and (ii)  $\psi^n(t) \rightarrow 1$  as  $t \rightarrow 1$  and  $n \rightarrow \infty$ .

**Notation:** Let  $\Psi = \{\psi/\psi: [0,1] \rightarrow [0,1] \text{ is a SB - function}\}$ .

It is shown in [6] that the class  $\Psi$  is non-empty.

It may be observed that symmetric property in inequality (1.10.1) of Theorem 1.10 is lacking. Hence we restate Theorem 1.10 as follows.

**Theorem 2.2:** Let  $(X, M, *)$  be a complete fuzzy metric space and  $A, B, S$  and  $T$  be self maps of  $X$ . Let the pairs  $(A, S)$  and  $(B, T)$  be OWC. Suppose there exists  $u \in (0,1)$  such that

$$M(Ax, By, ut) \geq \min \left\{ M(Sx, Ty, t), M(Ax, Sx, t), M(By, Ty, t), M(By, Sx, t) \left( \frac{1+M(By, Ty, t)}{1+M(Ax, Sx, t)} \right), M(Ax, Ty, t) \left( \frac{1+M(Ax, Sx, t)}{1+M(By, Ty, t)} \right) \right\} \quad (2.2.1)$$

for  $x, y \in X$  and for  $t > 0$ .

Then there exists a unique point  $w \in X$  such that  $w = Aw = Sw$  and a unique point  $z \in X$  such that  $z = Bz = Tz$ . Moreover  $z = w$ , so that there is a unique common fixed point of  $A, B, S$  and  $T$ .

Now, we state and prove our main result.

**Theorem 2.3:** Let  $(X, M, *)$  be a fuzzy metric space and  $A, B, S$  and  $T$  be self maps of  $X$ . Let the pairs  $(A, S)$  and  $(B, T)$  be OWC. Suppose there exists  $\psi \in \Psi$  and  $u \in (0,1)$  such that

$$M(Ax, By, ut) \geq \psi \left( \min \left\{ M(Sx, Ty, t), M(Ax, Sx, t), M(By, Ty, t), M(By, Sx, t) \left( \frac{1+M(By, Ty, t)}{1+M(Ax, Sx, t)} \right), M(Ax, Ty, t) \left( \frac{1+M(Ax, Sx, t)}{1+M(By, Ty, t)} \right) \right\} \right) \quad (2.3.1)$$

for  $x, y \in X$  and for  $t > 0$ .

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

**Proof:** Since  $(A, S)$  and  $(B, T)$  are OWC self maps on  $X$ , there exist points  $x, y \in X$  such that  $Ax = Sx, By = Ty, ASx = SAsx$  and  $BTy = TBy$ .

Now we prove that  $Ax = By$ .

From (2.3.1), we have

$$\begin{aligned} M(Ax, By, ut) &\geq \psi \left( \min \left\{ M(Sx, Ty, t), M(Ax, Sx, t), M(By, Ty, t), M(By, Sx, t) \left( \frac{1+M(By, Ty, t)}{1+M(Ax, Sx, t)} \right), M(Ax, Ty, t) \left( \frac{1+M(Ax, Sx, t)}{1+M(By, Ty, t)} \right) \right\} \right) \\ &= \psi \left( \min \left\{ M(Ax, Ty, t), M(Ax, Ax, t), M(By, By, t), M(By, Ax, t) \left( \frac{1+M(By, By, t)}{1+M(Ax, Ax, t)} \right), M(Ax, Ty, t) \left( \frac{1+M(Ax, Ax, t)}{1+M(By, By, t)} \right) \right\} \right) \\ &= \psi \left( \min \left\{ M(Ax, By, t), 1, 1, M(Ax, By, t) \left( \frac{1+1}{1+1} \right), M(Ax, By, t) \left( \frac{1+1}{1+1} \right) \right\} \right) \\ &= \psi(M(Ax, By, t)) \end{aligned}$$

Therefore  $M(Ax, By, ut) \geq \psi(M(Ax, By, t))$  for  $t > 0$ .

Therefore  $M(Ax, By, t) \geq \psi \left( M \left( Ax, By, \frac{t}{u} \right) \right) \geq \psi^2 \left( M \left( Ax, By, \frac{t}{u^2} \right) \right) \geq \dots \geq \psi^n \left( M \left( Ax, By, \frac{t}{u^n} \right) \right)$

Since  $\psi \in \Psi$ ,  $\psi^n \left( M \left( Ax, By, \frac{t}{u^n} \right) \right) \rightarrow 1$  as  $n \rightarrow \infty$ .

Therefore  $M(Ax, By, t) \geq 1$

Therefore  $Ax = By$ .

Thus  $Ax = Sx = By = Ty$ .

Suppose that there exists another point  $z \in X \ni Az = Sz$ .

Then from (2.3.1), we have  $Az = Sz = By = Ty$ .

Therefore  $Ax = Az$  and  $Sx = Sz$

Therefore  $w = Ax = Sx$  is the unique point of coincidence of  $A$  and  $S$ .

Therefore by Lemma 1.9,  $w$  is the only common fixed point of  $A$  and  $S$ .

Since  $Ax = Sx = By = Ty$ ,  $w$  is the only common fixed point of  $B$  and  $T$ .

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

**Note:** In this Theorem, completeness of the fuzzy metric space is not used.

Now we show that Theorem 2.2 follows as a corollary from Theorem 2.3

#### **Proof of Theorem 2.2:**

If (2.2.1) is satisfied, then for any  $\psi \in \Psi, u \in (0,1), x, y \in X$  and  $t > 0$

$$\begin{aligned} M(Ax, By, ut) &\geq \min \left\{ M(Sx, Ty, t), M(Ax, Sx, t), M(By, Ty, t), \right. \\ &\quad \left. M(By, Sx, t) \left( \frac{1+M(By, Ty, t)}{1+M(Ax, Sx, t)} \right), M(Ax, Ty, t) \left( \frac{1+M(Ax, Sx, t)}{1+M(By, Ty, t)} \right) \right\} \\ &> \psi \left( \min \left\{ M(Sx, Ty, t), M(Ax, Sx, t), M(By, Ty, t), \right. \right. \\ &\quad \left. \left. M(By, Sx, t) \left( \frac{1+M(By, Ty, t)}{1+M(Ax, Sx, t)} \right), M(Ax, Ty, t) \left( \frac{1+M(Ax, Sx, t)}{1+M(By, Ty, t)} \right) \right\} \right) \end{aligned}$$

So that (2.3.1) is satisfied.

Consequently from Theorem 2.3,  $A, B, S$  and  $T$  have a unique common fixed point in  $X$ .

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