

# COMMON FIXED POINT THEOREMS FOR SIX WEAKLY COMPATIBLE SELF-MAPPINGS IN $M$ - FUZZY METRIC SPACES

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**Abstract**— In this paper we define  $M$  - fuzzy metric space and prove a common fixed point theorem for six weakly compatible self-mappings in complete  $M$ - fuzzy metric space.

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## 1. Introduction

The concept of fuzzy sets was introduced initially by Zadeh [39], in 1965. Since then many authors have used this concept expansively and developed the theory of fuzzy sets and applications especially, Deng [2]

Erceg [6], George and Veeramani [8] have introduced fuzzy metric which was used in topology and analysis. Recently Gregori et. al [10, 12] and Rafi et. al [28] have studied some property in fuzzy metric spaces. Many authors [1, 6-8, 9, 11, 13, 14, 17, 18, 25, 26, 27-33, 37, 38] have studied fixed point theory in fuzzy metric spaces.

In this paper we define  $M$ - fuzzy metric space and prove a common fixed point theorem for six weakly compatible self-mappings in complete  $M$ - fuzzy metric spaces.

## 2. Preliminaries

### 2.1 Coincidence Point

Let  $f, g$  be self-mappings on a non-empty set  $X$ .

A point  $x \in X$  is

said to be coincidence point of  $f$  and  $g$  if  $f(x) = g(x)$ .

□

### 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  $fz = gz$  for some  $z \in X$ , then  $fgz = gfgz$ .

### 2.3 Hadzic-Type $t$ -norm

Let  $T$  be a  $t$ -norm and  $T^n : [0, 1] \rightarrow [0, 1]$  be defined by  $T^1(x) = T(x)$ ,  $T^{n+1}(x) = T(T^n(x), x)$ , for all  $n \in \mathbb{N}$ , and  $x \in (0, 1)$ .

Then we say that the  $t$ -norm  $T$  is of Hadzic-Type if the family  $\{T^n(x); n \in \mathbb{N}\}$  is equicontinuous at  $x=1$  if for

every  $\lambda \in (0, 1)$  there exists  $\delta(\lambda) \in (0, 1)$  such that

$$x > 1 - \delta(\lambda) \Rightarrow T^n(x) > 1 - \lambda.$$

### 2.4 M- Fuzzy Metric Space

A 3-tuple  $(X, M, T)$  is called a  $M$ -fuzzy metric space if  $X$  is a non-empty set,  $T$  is continuous  $t$ -norm, and  $M$  is a fuzzy set on  $X^3 \times (0, \infty)$  satisfying the following conditions: for all  $x, y, z, a \in X$  and  $t, s > 0$ ,

(FM-1)  $M(x, y, z, t) > 0$ ,

(FM-2)  $M(x, y, z, t) = 1$  if and only if  $x = y = z$ ,

(FM-3)  $M(x, y, z, t) = M(p\{x, y, z\}, t)$  (symmetry), where  $p$  is a permutation function

(FM-4)  $T(M(x, y, a, t), M(a, z, z, s)) \leq M(x, y, z, t + s)$ ,

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

## 3. Common Fixed Point Theorem for Six Weakly Compatible Self- Mappings in M -Fuzzy Metric Space

### 3.1 Definition

Let  $(X, M, T)$  be a  $M$ -fuzzy metric space. Then  $M$  is said to

be continuous function on  $X^3 \times (0, \infty)$  if

$$\lim_{n \rightarrow \infty} M(x_n, y_n, z_n, t_n) = M(x, y, z, t)$$

whenever a sequence  $\{(x_n, y_n, z_n, t_n)\}$  in  $X^3 \times (0, \infty)$  converges to a

point  $(x, y, z, t) \in X^3 \times (0, \infty)$ , i.e.,

$$\lim_{n \rightarrow \infty} x_n = x, \quad \lim_{n \rightarrow \infty} y_n = y, \quad \lim_{n \rightarrow \infty} z_n = z, \quad \lim_{n \rightarrow \infty} t_n = t$$

and

$$\lim_{n \rightarrow \infty} M(x_n, y_n, z_n, t_n) = M(x, y, z, t). \quad \square$$

### 3.2 Lemma

Let  $(X, M, T)$  be a  $M$ -fuzzy metric space. Then  $M$  is a continuous function on  $X^3 \times (0, \infty)$ .

**Proof :**

Let  $x, y, z \in X$  and  $t > 0$ , and let  $\{(x'_n, y'_n, z'_n, t'_n)\}$  be a sequence in  $X^3 \times (0, \infty)$  that converges to  $(x, y, z, t)$ . Since  $\{M(x'_n, y'_n, z'_n, t'_n)\}$

is a sequence in  $[0, 1]$ , there is a subsequence  $\{x_{n_k}, y_{n_k}, z_{n_k}, t_{n_k}\}$  of the

sequence  $\{(x_n, y_n, z_n, t_n)\}$  such that the sequence  $\{M(x_n, y_n, z_n, t_n)\}$

converges to some point of  $[0, 1]$ . Fix  $\delta > 0$  such that  $\delta < \frac{t}{2}$ . Then there

is an  $n_0 \in \mathbb{N}$  such that  $|t - t_n| < \delta$  for all  $n \geq n_0$ . Hence we have

$$M(x_n, y_n, z_n, t_n)$$

$$\geq M(x_n, y_n, z_n, t - \delta)$$

$$\geq T M(x_n, y_n, z_n, t - \frac{4\delta}{3}), M(x_n, y_n, z_n, \frac{\delta}{3})$$

$$\geq T^2 M(x_n, y_n, z_n, t - \frac{5\delta}{3}), M(x_n, y_n, z_n, \frac{\delta}{3}), M(x_n, y_n, z_n, \frac{\delta}{3})$$

$$\geq T^3 M(x_n, y_n, z_n, t - 2\delta), M(x_n, y_n, z_n, \frac{\delta}{3}), M(x_n, y_n, z_n, \frac{\delta}{3})$$

$$\geq T^3 M(x_n, y_n, z_n, t - 2\delta), M(x_n, y_n, z_n, \frac{\delta}{3})$$

$$M(x_n, y_n, z_n, t_n)$$

and

$$M(x_n, y_n, z_n, t + 2\delta)$$

$$\geq M(x_n, y_n, z_n, t_n + \delta)$$

$$\geq T M(x_n, y_n, z_n, t_n + \frac{2\delta}{3}), M(x_n, y_n, z_n, \frac{\delta}{3})$$

$$\begin{aligned} & \geq T^2 M(x, z_n, y_n, t_n + \frac{\delta}{3}, My_n, y, y, \frac{\delta}{3}, M(z_n, z, z, \frac{\delta}{3})) \\ & \geq T^3 M(z_n, y_n, x, t_n), M(x, x, x, \frac{\delta}{3}), M(y_n, y, y, \frac{\delta}{3}), \\ & M(z_n, z, z, \frac{\delta}{3}) \end{aligned}$$

for all  $n \geq n_0$ . Letting  $n \rightarrow \infty$ , we obtain

$$\begin{aligned} \lim_{n \rightarrow \infty} M(x_n, y_n, z_n, t_n) & \geq T^3 (M(x, y, z, t - 2\delta), 1, 1, 1) \\ & = M(x, y, z, t - 2\delta) \end{aligned}$$

and

$$\begin{aligned} M(x, y, z, t + 2\delta) & \geq \lim_{n \rightarrow \infty} T^3 (M(x_n, y_n, z_n, t_n), 1, 1, 1) \\ & = \lim_{n \rightarrow \infty} M(x_n, y_n, z_n, t_n) \end{aligned}$$

respectively. So, by continuity of the function  $t \rightarrow M(x, y, z, t)$ , we

immediately deduce that

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

Therefore  $M$  is continuous on  $X^3 \times (0, \infty)$ . □

### 3.3 Definition

Let  $f$  and  $r$  be mappings from a  $M$ -fuzzy metric space  $(X, M, T)$  into itself. Then the mappings  $f$  and  $r$  are said to be

- (1) Weakly compatible if they commute at a coincidence point, that is,

$$fx = rx \text{ implies } frx = rfx.$$

(2) Compatible if for all  $t > 0$ ,

$$\lim_{n \rightarrow \infty} M(frx_n, rfx_n, rfx_n, t) = 1$$

whenever  $\{x_n\}$  is a sequence in  $X$  such that

$$\lim_{n \rightarrow \infty} f_x n = \lim_{n \rightarrow \infty} r_x n = x$$

for some  $x \in X$ . □

### 3.4 Lemma

Let  $(X, M, T)$  be a  $M$ -fuzzy metric space. If a sequence  $\{x_n\}$

in  $X$  exists such that for every  $n \in \mathbb{N}$ ,  $0 < k < 1$  and  $t > 0$

$$M(x_n, x_n, x_{n+1}, k^n t) \geq M(x_0, x_0, x_1, t)$$

then the sequence  $\{x_n\}$  is a Cauchy sequence.

**Proof:**

Since  $t$ -norm  $T$  is of Hadzic-type, we have for each  $\varepsilon \in (0, 1)$  there

exists a  $\delta \in (0, 1)$  such that

$$x > 1 - \delta \Rightarrow T^n(x) > 1 - \varepsilon, \forall n \geq 1.$$

Since,  $\lim_{t \rightarrow \infty} M(x_0, x_0, x_1, t) = 1$ , there exists  $t_0 > 0$  such that

$$M(x_0, x_0, x_1, t_0) > 1 - \delta \quad \text{and} \quad T^n(M(x_0, x_0, x_1, t_0)) > 1 - \varepsilon, \forall n \geq 1.$$

Since  $\sum_{n=0}^{\infty} k^n t_0 < \infty$ , we have for every  $t > 0$  there exists an  $n$  such that for  $n \geq n_0$  we have,

$$\sum_{i=n}^{\infty} k^i t_0 < t.$$

Thus for every  $n \geq n_0$  and  $\forall m$ ,

$$M(x_n, x_n, x_{n+m+1}, t) \geq M(x_n, x_n, x_{n+m+1}, \sum_{i=n}^{\infty} k^i t_0)$$

$$\begin{aligned}
 &\geq M_{n, n, n+m+1}(x, x, x), \sum_{i=n}^{n+m} k^i t > 0 \\
 &\geq T_{i=n}^{n+m} M(x_i, x_i, x_{i+1}, k^i t_0) \\
 &\geq T_{i=0}^m M(x_{i+n}, x_{i+n}, x_{i+n+1}, k^{i+n} t_0) \\
 &\geq T^m M(x_0, x_0, x_1, t_0) \\
 &> 1 - \epsilon.
 \end{aligned}$$

Hence the sequence  $\{x_n\}$  is Cauchy. □

Now we prove our main result of this paper.

### 3.5 Theorem

Let  $f, g, h, p, q$  and  $r$  be self-mappings of a fuzzy metric space

$(X, M, T)$  satisfying:

- (i)  $p(X) \subseteq hr(X), q(X) \subseteq fg(X)$  subset of  $X$
- (ii)  $hr(X)$  or  $fg(X)$  is a closed
- (iii) The pairs  $(q, hr)$  and  $(p, fg)$  are weakly compatible and

$$hr = rh, gh = hg, qr = rq \text{ and } fg = gf$$

$$\begin{aligned}
 \text{(iv)} \quad &M(px, qy, qy, kt) \times \\
 &T(M(px, qy, qy, kt), M(fgx, px, px, kt)) \times M(hry, qy, qy, kt) \\
 &\geq a(t)M(fgx, px, px, t) + b(t)M(fgx, hry, hry, t) \\
 &\quad \times M(hry, qy, qy, kt)
 \end{aligned}$$

for every  $x, y \in X$ , and  $t > 0$  and for some  $k \in (0, 1)$ , where  $a, b : \mathbb{R}^+ \rightarrow (0, 1]$  be two functions such that  $a(t) + b(t) = 1$ .

Then,  $f, g, h, p, q$  and  $r$  have a unique common fixed point in  $X$ .

**Proof :**

Let  $x_0 \in X$  be an arbitrary point. By (i), there exist  $x_1, x_2 \in X$  such that

$$px_0 = hr x_1 = y_0 \text{ and } qx_1 = fg x_2 = y_1.$$

Inductively construct a sequence  $\{y_n\}$  in  $X$  such that

$$y_{2n} = px_{2n} = hr x_{2n+1} \text{ and } y_{2n+1} = fg x_{2n+2} = qx_{2n+1}, n = 0, 1, 2, \dots$$

Now, we prove that the sequence  $\{y_n\}$  is Cauchy. Let

$$d_m(t) = M(y_m, y_{m+1}, y_{m+1}, t).$$

Then, putting  $x = x_{2n}, y = x_{2n+1}$  in (iii), we have

$$\begin{aligned} & M(px_{2n}, qx_{2n+1}, qx_{2n+1}, kt) \times \\ & T(M(px_{2n}, qx_{2n+1}, qx_{2n+1}, kt), M(fgx_{2n}, px_{2n}, px_{2n}, kt)) \\ & \quad \times M(hrx_{2n+1}, qx_{2n+1}, qx_{2n+1}, kt) \\ & \geq (a(t)M(fgx_{2n}, px_{2n}, px_{2n}, t) + b(t)M(fgx_{2n}, hr x_{2n+1}, hr x_{2n+1}, t)) \\ & \quad \times M(fgx_{2n}, qx_{2n+1}, qx_{2n+1}, 2kt). \end{aligned}$$

Thus

$$\begin{aligned} & M(y_{2n}, y_{2n+1}, y_{2n+1}, kt) \times \\ & T(M(y_{2n}, y_{2n+1}, y_{2n+1}, kt), M(y_{2n-1}, y_{2n}, y_{2n}, kt)) \\ & \geq (a(t)M(y_{2n-1}, y_{2n}, y_{2n}, t) + b(t)M(y_{2n-1}, y_{2n}, y_{2n}, t)) \\ & \quad \times M(y_{2n-1}, y_{2n+1}, y_{2n+1}, 2kt). \end{aligned}$$

Hence

$$\begin{aligned} & d_{2n}(kt)M(y_{2n-1}, y_{2n+1}, y_{2n+1}, 2kt) \\ & \geq a(t)d_{2n-1}(t) + b(t)d_{2n-1}(t)M(y_{2n-1}, y_{2n+1}, y_{2n+1}, 2kt). \end{aligned}$$

Thus

$$d_{2n}(kt) \geq d_{2n-1}(t). \text{ Putting } x = x_{2n+2}, y = x_{2n+1}$$

$x_{n+1}$  in (iii) we have

$$M(px_{2n+2}, qx_{2n+1}, qx_{2n+1}, kt) \times$$

$$\begin{aligned}
 & T(M(p_{2n+2}, q_{2n+1}, q_{2n+1}, kt), M(fg_{2n+2}, p_{2n+2}, p_{2n+2}, kt)) \\
 & \quad \times M(hr_{2n+1}, q_{2n+1}, q_{2n+1}, kt) \\
 & \geq (a(t)M(fg_{2n+2}, p_{2n+2}, p_{2n+2}, t) + b(t)M(fg_{2n}, hr_{2n+1}, hr_{2n+1}, t)) \\
 & \quad \times M(fg_{2n+2}, q_{2n+1}, q_{2n+1}, 2kt).
 \end{aligned}$$

Thus

$$\begin{aligned}
 & M(y_{2n+2}, y_{2n+1}, y_{2n+1}, kt) \times \\
 & T(M(y_{2n+2}, y_{2n+1}, y_{2n+1}, kt), M(y_{2n+1}, y_{2n+2}, y_{2n+2}, kt)) \\
 & \quad \times M(y_{2n}, y_{2n+1}, y_{2n+1}, kt) \\
 & \geq (a(t)M(y_{2n+1}, y_{2n+2}, y_{2n+2}, t) + b(t)M(y_{2n+1}, y_{2n}, y_{2n}, t)) \\
 & \quad \times M(y_{2n+1}, y_{2n+1}, y_{2n+1}, 2kt).
 \end{aligned}$$

Therefore

$$\begin{aligned}
 d_{2n+1}(kt) & \geq d_{2n+1}(kt) T^{M(y_{2n+2}, y_{2n+1}, y_{2n+1}, kt), M(y_{2n+1}, y_{2n+2}, y_{2n+2}, kt)} \\
 & \geq a(t)d_{2n+1}(t) + b(t)d_{2n}(t) \\
 & \geq a(t)d_{2n+1}(kt) + b(t)d_{2n}(t).
 \end{aligned}$$

Thus

$$(1 - a(t))d_{2n+1}(kt) \geq b(t)d_{2n}(t).$$

It follows that

$$d_{2n+1}(kt) \geq \frac{b(t)}{1 - a(t)} d_{2n}(t) = d_{2n}(t).$$

Hence for every  $n \in \mathbb{N}$  we have  $d_n(kt) \geq d_{n-1}(t)$ . Now, we have

$$M(y_n, y_{n+1}, y_{n+1}, t) \geq M(y_{n-1}, y_n, y_n, t) \geq \dots \geq M(y_0, y_1, y_1, t).$$

So, by Lemma 3.4, the sequence  $\{y_n\}$  is Cauchy and by the completeness of  $X$  there is a  $y$  in  $X$  such that  $\{y_n\}$  converges to  $y$ . Hence

$$\lim_{n \rightarrow \infty} p_{2n} = \lim_{n \rightarrow \infty} hr_{2n} = \lim_{n \rightarrow \infty} q_{2n} = \lim_{n \rightarrow \infty} fg_{2n} = y.$$



$$+1 \quad \rightarrow \infty \quad +1 \quad \quad \quad n+2$$

Let  $fg(X)$  be a closed subset of  $X$ , then there exists  $v \in X$  such

that  $fgv = y$ . Putting  $x = v, y = x_{2n+1}$  in (iii) we have

$$\begin{aligned} &M(pv, qx_{2n+1}, qx_{2n+1}, kt) \times \\ &T(M(pv, qx_{2n+1}, qx_{2n+1}, kt), M(fgv, pv, pv, kt)) \\ &\quad \times M(hrx_{2n+1}, qx_{2n+1}, qx_{2n+1}, kt) \\ &\geq (a(t)M(fgv, pv, pv, t) + b(t)M(fgv, hrx_{2n+1}, hrx_{2n+1}, t)) \\ &\quad \times M(fgv, qx_{2n+1}, qx_{2n+1}, 2kt). \end{aligned}$$

Letting  $n \rightarrow \infty$ , we get

$$\begin{aligned} &M(pv, y, y, kt) \times \\ &(T(M(pv, y, y, kt), M(y, pv, pv, kt)) \times M(y, y, y, kt)) \\ &\geq (a(t)M(y, pv, pv, t) + b(t)M(y, y, y, t)) \times M(y, y, y, 2kt). \end{aligned}$$

Thus

$$\begin{aligned} M(pv, y, y, kt) &\geq M(pv, y, y, kt) \times \\ &\quad T(M(pv, y, y, kt), M(pv, y, y, kt)) \\ &\geq a(t)M(y, pv, pv, t) + b(t) \\ &\geq a(t)M(y, y, pv, kt) + b(t). \end{aligned}$$

So,

$$M(pv, y, y, kt) \geq \frac{b(t)}{1-a(t)} = 1.$$

Hence  $pv = y$ . Since the pair  $(p, fg)$  is weakly compatible we have

$fgpv = pfgv$ , hence  $fgy = py$ . Now from (iii), we have

$$\begin{aligned}
 &M(py, qx_{2n+1}, qx_{2n+1}, kt) \times \\
 &T(M(py, qx_{2n+1}, qx_{2n+1}, kt), M(fgy, py, py, kt)) \\
 &\quad \times M(hrx_{2n+1}, qx_{2n+1}, qx_{2n+1}, kt) \\
 &\geq (a(t)M(fgy, py, py, t) + b(t)M(fgy, hrx_{2n+1}, hrx_{2n+1}, t)) \\
 &\quad \times M(fgy, qx_{2n+1}, qx_{2n+1}, 2kt).
 \end{aligned}$$

Letting  $n \rightarrow \infty$ , we get

$$\begin{aligned}
 &M(py, y, y, kt) \times \\
 &(T(M(py, y, y, kt), M(py, py, py, kt)) \times M(y, y, y, kt)) \\
 &\geq (a(t)M(y, py, py, t) + b(t)M(y, y, y, t)) \times M(fgy, y, y, 2kt).
 \end{aligned}$$

Thus

$$\begin{aligned}
 &M(py, y, y, kt) \times M(py, y, y, 2kt) \\
 &\geq a(t)M(y, py, py, t) + b(t) \times M(py, y, y, 2kt)
 \end{aligned}$$

It follows that

$$M(py, y, y, kt) \geq a(t)M(y, y, py, kt) + b(t),$$

so that,

$$M(py, y, y, kt) \geq 1 - \frac{b(t)}{a(t)} = 1.$$

Thus  $py = y$ . Hence  $fgy = py = y$ . Since  $y = py \in p(X) \subseteq hr(X)$ , there

exists  $w \in X$  such that  $hrw = y$ . From (iii), we have

$$\begin{aligned}
 &M(py, qw, qw, kt) \times \\
 &T(M(py, qw, qw, kt), M(fgy, py, py, kt)) \\
 &\quad \times M(hrw, qw, qw, kt) \\
 &\geq (a(t)M(fgy, py, py, t) + b(t)M(fgy, hrw, hrw, t)) \\
 &\quad \times M(fgy, qw, qw, 2kt).
 \end{aligned}$$

$$M(y, qw, qw, kt) \times$$

$$\begin{aligned} & (T(M(y, qw, qw, kt), M(y, y, y, kt)) \times M(y, qw, qw, kt)) \\ & \geq (a(t)M(y, y, y, t) + b(t)M(y, y, y, t)) \times M(y, qw, qw, 2kt). \end{aligned}$$

Thus

$$\begin{aligned} & M(y, qw, qw, kt) \times M(y, qw, qw, kt) \\ & \geq (a(t) + b(t))M(y, qw, qw, 2kt) \\ & = M(y, qw, qw, 2kt). \end{aligned}$$

Hence  $M(y, qw, qw, kt) = 1$  so that  $qw = y$ .

Since the pair  $(q, hr)$  is weakly compatible, we have  $hrqw = qhrw$  and

hence  $hry = qy$ . By (iii), we get

$$\begin{aligned} & M(py, qy, qy, kt) \times T(M(py, qy, qy, kt), M(fgy, py, py, kt)) \\ & \quad \times M(hry, qy, qy, kt) \\ & \geq (a(t)M(fgy, py, py, t) + b(t)M(fgy, hry, hry, t)) \\ & \quad \times M(fgy, qy, qy, 2kt). \end{aligned}$$

Thus

$$\begin{aligned} & M^2(y, qy, qy, kt) \\ & \geq M(y, qy, qy, kt) \times T(M(y, qy, qy, kt), M(y, y, y, kt)) \\ & \quad \times M(qy, qy, qy, kt) \\ & = (a(t)M(y, y, y, t) + b(t)M(y, qy, y, t)) \times M(y, qy, y, 2kt) \\ & \geq a(t) + b(t)M(y, qy, y, t) \times M(y, qy, y, t). \end{aligned}$$

This implies that

$$M(y, qy, y, kt) \geq \frac{a(t)}{1-b(t)} = 1.$$

Hence  $qy = y$ . Since  $fg = gf$  and  $pg = gp$ , we have

$fg(gy) = g(fgy) = gy$ , and  $pgy = gpy = gy$ . Similarly, since  $hr = rh$  and

$qr = rq$  we have  $hr(ry) = r(hry) = ry$  and  $qry = rqy = ry$ . By (iii), we

have

$$M(pgy, qy, qy, kt) \times$$

$$T(M(pgy, qy, qy, kt), M(fg(gy), pgy, pgy, kt))$$

$$\geq (a(t)M(fg(gy), pgy, pgy, t) + b(t)M(fg(gy), hry, hry, t)) \times M(hry, qy, qy, kt) \\ \times M(fg(gy), qy, qy, 2kt).$$

Thus

$$M(gy, y, y, kt) \times T(M(gy, y, y, kt), M(gy, gy, gy, kt))$$

$$\times M(y, y, y, kt)$$

$$\geq (a(t)M(gy, gy, gy, t) + b(t)M(gy, y, y, t)) \times M(gy, y, y, 2kt)$$

Hence

$$M^2(gy, y, y, kt) \geq a(t) + b(t)M(gy, y, y, kt) \times M(gy, y, y, kt)$$

$$M(gy, y, y, kt) \geq a(t) + b(t)M(gy, y, y, kt)$$

$$M(gy, y, y, kt) \geq \frac{a(t)}{1 - b(t)} = 1.$$

It follows that  $gy = y$ . From (iii), we have

$$M(py, qry, qry, kt) \times$$

$$T(M(py, qry, qry, kt), M(fgy, py, py, kt))$$

$$\times M(hry, qry, qry, kt)$$

$$\geq (a(t)M(fgy, py, py, t) + b(t)M(fgy, hry, hry, t))$$

$$\times M(fgy, qry, qry, 2kt).$$

Thus

$$M^2(y, ry, ry, kt)$$

$$\begin{aligned} &\geq M(y, ry, ry, kt) \times T(M(y, ry, ry, kt), M(y, y, y, kt)) \\ &\qquad \qquad \qquad \times M(ry, ry, ry, kt) \\ &\geq (a(t)M(y, y, y, t) + b(t)M(y, ry, ry, t)) \times M(y, ry, ry, 2kt) \\ &a(t) + b(t)M(y, ry, ry, kt) \times M(y, ry, ry, kt). \end{aligned}$$

Hence

$$M(y, ry, ry, kt) \geq \frac{a(t)}{1-b(t)} = 1$$

so that  $ry = y$ . Therefore,

$$ry = gy = py = qy = fgy = hry = fy = hy = y.$$

Thus  $y$  is a common fixed point of the self maps of  $f, g, h, p, q$  and  $r$ .

To prove uniqueness, let  $x$  be another common fixed point of  $f, g, h, p, q$  and  $r$ .

Then

$$\begin{aligned} &M(px, qy, qy, kt) \times T(M(px, qy, qy, kt), M(fgx, px, px, kt)) \\ &\qquad \qquad \qquad \times M(hry, qy, qy, kt) \\ &\geq (a(t)M(fgx, px, px, t) + b(t)M(fgx, hry, y, t)) \times M(fgx, qy, qy, 2kt). \end{aligned}$$

Thus

$$\begin{aligned} &M(x, y, y, kt) \times M(x, y, y, kt) \\ &\geq a(t) + b(t)M(x, y, y, t) M(x, y, y, 2kt) \\ &\geq a(t) + b(t)M(x, y, y, kt) M(x, y, y, kt) \end{aligned}$$

Therefore,

$$M(x, y, y, kt) \geq a(t) + b(t)M(x, y, y, kt).$$

Hence

$$M(x, y, y, kt) \geq 1 - \frac{a(t)}{b(t)} = 1.$$

So  $x = y$ . □

Now we give an Example to illustrate our Theorem.

### 3.6 Example

Let  $X = [0, 1]$ ,  $T(a, b) = \min\{a, b\}$  and define mappings  $f, g, h,$

$p, q, r : X \rightarrow X$  as

$$px = qx = gx = rx = 1, fx = hx = \begin{cases} 1 & \text{if } x \text{ is rational} \\ 0 & \text{if } x \text{ is irrational} \end{cases}$$

for all  $x \in X$ .

Let  $a(t)$  and  $b(t)$  be any arbitrary functions mapping from

$\mathbb{R}^+ \rightarrow (0, 1]$  such that  $a(t) + b(t) = 1$  and

$$M(x, y, z, t) \geq \frac{t}{t + |x - y| + |y - z| + |z - x|}.$$

Then all conditions of Theorem 3.5 are satisfied and 1 is the unique common fixed point of  $f, g, h, p, q$  and  $r$ .

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