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# Common Fixed Theorem on Intuitionistic Fuzzy 2-Metric Spaces

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## Abstract

*The aim of this paper is to prove the existence and uniqueness of common fixed point theorem for four mappings in complete intuitionistic fuzzy 2-metric spaces*

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## 1 Introduction

The concept of fuzzy sets was introduced by L. A. Zadeh [24] in 1965, which became active field of research for many researchers. In 1975, Karmosil and Michalek [16] introduced the concept of a fuzzy metric space based on fuzzy sets, this notion was further modified by George and Veermani [11] with the help of t-norms. Many authors made use of the definition of a fuzzy metric space in proving fixed point theorems. In 1976, Jungck [14] established common fixed point theorems for commuting maps generalizing the Banach's fixed point theorem. Sessa [23] defined a generalization of commutativity, which is called weak commutativity. Further Jungck [15] introduced more generalized commutativity, so called compatibility. Mishra et. al. [21] introduced the concept of compatibility in fuzzy metric spaces. Atanassov [1-8] introduced the notion of intuitionistic fuzzy sets and developed its theory. Park [22] using the idea of intuitionistic fuzzy sets to define the notion of intuitionistic fuzzy metric spaces with the help of continuous t-norm and continuous t co-norm as a

generalization of fuzzy metric space. Muralisankar and Kalpana [20] proved a common fixed point theorem in an intuitionistic fuzzy metric space for point-wise R-weakly commuting mappings using contractive condition of integral type and established a situation in which a collection of maps has a fixed point which is a point of discontinuity. Gahler [10] introduced and studied the concept of 2-metric spaces in a series of his papers. Iseki et. al. [13] investigated, for the first time, contraction type mappings in 2-metric spaces. In 2002 Sharma [18] introduced the concept of fuzzy 2- metric spaces. Mursaleen et. al. [19] introduced the concept of intuitionistic fuzzy 2-metric space. In this paper, we prove the existence and uniqueness of common fixed point theorem for four mappings in complete intuitionistic fuzzy 2-metric spaces

## 2 Preliminaries

**Definition 2.1 (17)** *A binary operation  $*$  :  $[0, 1] \times [0, 1] \longrightarrow [0, 1]$  is called continuous  $t$ -norm if  $*$  is satisfying the following conditions:*

- (TN1)  $*$  is commutative and associative;
- (TN2)  $*$  is continuous;
- (TN3)  $a * 1 = a$  for all  $a \in [0, 1]$ ;
- (TN4)  $a * b \leq c * d$  whenever  $a \leq c$  and  $b \leq d$  and  $a, b, c, d \in [0, 1]$ .

Examples of  $t$ -norms are  $a * b = ab$  and  $a * b = \min\{a, b\}$

**Definition 2.2 (16)** *A binary operation  $\diamond$  :  $[0, 1] \times [0, 1] \longrightarrow [0, 1]$  is called continuous  $t$ -conorm if  $\diamond$  is satisfying the following conditions:*

- (TCN1)  $\diamond$  is commutative and associative;
- (TCN2)  $\diamond$  is continuous;
- (TCN3)  $a \diamond 0 = a$  for all  $a \in [0, 1]$ ;
- (TCN4)  $a \diamond b \leq c \diamond d$  whenever  $a \leq c$  and  $b \leq d$  and  $a, b, c, d \in [0, 1]$ .

**Definition 2.3 (16)** *A fuzzy metric space (shortly, FM-space) is a triple  $(X, M, *)$ , where  $X$  is a nonempty set,  $*$  is a continuous  $t$ -norm and  $M$  is a fuzzy set on  $X^2 \times [0, \infty)$  satisfying the following conditions : for all  $x, y, z \in X$  and  $s, t > 0$ ,*

- (FM1)  $M(x, y, 0) = 0$

(FM2)  $M(x, y, t) = 1$ , for all  $t > 0$  if and only if  $x = y$ ,

(FM3)  $M(x, y, t) = M(y, x, t)$ ,

(FM4)  $M(x, y, t + s) \geq M(x, z, t) * M(z, y, s)$ ,

(FM5)  $M(x, y, \cdot) : [0, 1] \longrightarrow [0, 1]$  is left continuous.

Note that  $M(x, y, t)$  can be thought of as the degree of nearness between  $x$  and  $y$  with respect to  $t$ . We identify  $x = y$  with  $M(x, y, t) = 1$  for all  $t > 0$  and  $M(x, y, t) = 0$  with  $\infty$ .

**Definition 2.4 (9)** *The 5-tuple  $(X, M, N, *, \diamond)$  is said to be an intuitionistic fuzzy metric space (shortly, IFM-space) if  $X$  is an arbitrary set,  $*$  is a continuous  $t$ -norm,  $\diamond$  is a continuous  $t$ -conorm, and  $M, N$  are fuzzy sets on  $X^2 \times [0, \infty)$  satisfying the following conditions:*

(IFM1)  $M(x, y, t) + N(x, y, t) \leq 1$ ;

(IFM2)  $M(x, y, 0) = 0$ ;

(IFM3)  $M(x, y, t) = 1$ , for all  $t > 0$  if and only if  $x = y$ ;

(IFM4)  $M(x, y, t) = M(y, x, t)$ ;

(IFM5)  $M(x, y, t + s) \geq M(x, z, t) * M(z, y, s)$  for all  $x, y, z \in X$  and  $s, t > 0$ ;

(IFM6)  $M(x, y, \cdot) : [0, \infty) \longrightarrow [0, 1]$  is left continuous.

(IFM7)  $\lim_{t \rightarrow \infty} M(x, y, t) = 1$  for all  $x, y \in X$ ;

(IFM8)  $N(x, y, 0) = 1$ ;

(IFM9)  $N(x, y, t) = 0$ , for all  $t > 0$  if and only if  $x = y$ ;

(IFM10)  $N(x, y, t) = N(y, x, t)$ ;

(IFM11)  $N(x, z, t + s) \leq N(x, y, t) \diamond N(y, z, s)$  for all  $x, y, z \in X$  and  $s, t > 0$ ;

(IFM12)  $N(x, y, \cdot) : [0, \infty) \longrightarrow [0, 1]$  is right continuous.

(IFM13)  $\lim_{t \rightarrow \infty} N(x, y, t) = 0$  for all  $x, y \in X$ ;

Then  $(M, N)$  is called an intuitionistic fuzzy metric on  $X$ .

The function  $M(x, y, t)$  and  $N(x, y, t)$  denote the degree of nearness and the degree of non-nearness between  $x$  and  $y$  with respect to  $t$  respectively.

**Remark 2.5** Every fuzzy metric  $(X, M, *)$  is an intuitionistic fuzzy metric space of the form  $(X, M, 1 - M, *, \diamond)$  such that  $t$ -norm  $*$  and  $t$ -conorm  $\diamond$  are associated [12] i.e.,  $x \diamond y = 1 - ((1 - x) * (1 - y))$  for any  $x, y \in X$ .

**Remark 2.6** In intuitionistic fuzzy metric space  $X$ ,  $M(x, y, \cdot)$  is non-decreasing and  $N(x, y, \cdot)$  is non-increasing for any  $x, y \in X$ .

**Definition 2.7 (10)** A 2-metric space is a set  $X$  with a real-valued function  $d$  on  $X^3$  satisfying the following conditions:

- (2M1) For distinct elements  $x, y \in X$ , there exists  $z \in X$  such that  $d(x, y, z) \neq 0$ .
- (2M2)  $d(x, y, z) = 0$  if at least two of  $x, y$  and  $z$  are equal.
- (2M3)  $d(x, y, z) = d(x, z, y) = d(y, z, x)$  for all  $x, y, z \in X$ .
- (2M4)  $d(x, y, z) \leq d(x, y, w) + d(x, w, z) + d(w, y, z) \quad \forall x, y, z, w \in X$ .

The function  $d$  is called a 2-metric for the space  $X$  and the pair  $(X, d)$  denotes a 2-metric space. It has shown by Gähler [10] that a 2-metric  $d$  is non-negative and although  $d$  is a continuous function of any one of its three arguments, it need not be continuous in two arguments. A 2-metric  $d$  which is continuous in all of its arguments is said to be continuous.

Geometrically a 2-metric  $d(x, y, z)$  represents the area of a triangle with vertices  $x, y$  and  $z$ .

**Example 2.8** Let  $X = \mathbb{R}^3$  and let  $d(x, y, z)$  is the area of the triangle spanned by  $x, y$  and  $z$  which may be given explicitly by the formula,  $d(x, y, z) = [x_1(y_2z_3 - y_3z_2) - x_2(y_1z_3 - y_3z_1) + x_3(y_1z_2 - y_2z_1)]$ , where  $x = (x_1, x_2, x_3)$ ,  $y = (y_1, y_2, y_3)$ ,  $z = (z_1, z_2, z_3)$ . Then  $(X, d)$  is a 2-metric space.

**Definition 2.9 (18)** The 3-tuple  $(X, M, N, *)$  is said to be a fuzzy 2-metric space (shortly, F2M-space) if  $X$  is an arbitrary set,  $*$  is a continuous  $t$ -norm, and  $M$  is fuzzy sets on  $X^3 \times [0, \infty)$  satisfying the following conditions: for all  $x, y, z, u \in X$  and  $r, s, t > 0$ .

- (IFM2)  $M(x, y, z, 0) = 0$ ,
- (IFM3)  $M(x, y, z, t) = 1$ , if and only if at least two of the three points are equal,
- (IFM4)  $M(x, y, z, t) = M(x, z, y, t) = M(y, z, x, t)$ .  
(Symmetry about first three variables)

(IFM5)  $M(x, y, z, r + s + t) \geq M(x, y, u, r) * M(x, u, z, s) * M(u, y, z, t)$ .

(This corresponds to tetrahedron inequality in 2-metric space, the function value  $M(x, y, z, t)$  may be interpreted as the probability that the area of triangle is less than  $t$ .)

(IFM6)  $M(x, y, z, \cdot) : [0, \infty) \longrightarrow [0, 1]$  is left continuous.

**Definition 2.10 (19)** *The 5-tuple  $(X, M, N, *, \diamond)$  is said to be an intuitionistic fuzzy 2-metric space (shortly, IF2M-space) if  $X$  is an arbitrary set,  $*$  is a continuous  $t$ -norm,  $\diamond$  is a continuous  $t$ -conorm, and  $M, N$  are fuzzy sets on  $X^3 \times [0, \infty)$  satisfying the following conditions:*

for all  $x, y, z, w \in X$  and  $r, s, t > 0$ .

(IF2M1)  $M(x, y, z, t) + N(x, y, z, t) \leq 1$ ,

(IF2M2) given distinct elements  $x, y, z$  of  $X$  there exists an element  $z$  of  $X$  such that  $M(x, y, z, 0) = 0$ ,

(IF2M3)  $M(x, y, z, t) = 1$ , if at least two of  $x, y, z$  of  $X$  are equal,

(IF2M4)  $M(x, y, z, t) = M(x, z, y, t) = M(y, z, x, t)$ ,

(IF2M5)  $M(x, y, z, r + s + t) \geq M(x, y, w, r) * M(x, w, z, s) * M(w, y, z, t)$  ;

(IF2M6)  $M(x, y, z, \cdot) : [0, \infty) \longrightarrow [0, 1]$  is left continuous,

(IF2M7)  $N(x, y, z, 0) = 1$ ,

(IF2M8)  $N(x, y, z, t) = 0$ , if at least two of  $x, y, z$  of  $X$  are equal,

(IF2M9)  $N(x, y, z, t) = N(x, z, y, t) = N(y, z, x, t)$ ,

(IF2M10)  $N(x, y, z, r + s + t) \leq N(x, y, w, r) \diamond N(x, w, z, s) \diamond N(w, y, z, t)$  ;

(IF2M11)  $N(x, y, z, \cdot) : [0, \infty) \longrightarrow [0, 1]$  is left continuous,

In this case  $(M, N)$  is called an intuitionistic fuzzy 2-metric on  $X$ . The function  $M(x, y, z, t)$  and  $N(y, x, z, t)$  denote the degree of nearness and the degree of non-nearness between  $x, y$  and  $z$  with respect to  $t$ , respectively.

**Example 2.11** *Let  $(X, d)$  be a 2-metric space. Denote  $a * b = ab$  and  $a \diamond b = \min\{1, a + b\}$  for all  $a, b \in [0, 1]$  and  $M_d$  and  $N_d$  be fuzzy sets on  $X^3 \times [0, \infty)$  defined by*

$$M_d(x, y, z, t) = \frac{ht^n}{ht^n + md(x, y, z)}, N_d(x, y, z, t) = \frac{d(x, y, z)}{kt^n + md(x, y, z)}$$

for all  $h, k, m, n \in R^+$ . Then  $(X, M_d, N_d, *, \diamond)$  is IF2M-space.

**Definition 2.12** Let  $(X, M, N, *, \diamond)$  be an IF2M-space.

- (a) A sequence  $\{x_n\}$  in IF2M-space  $X$  is said to be convergent to a point  $x \in X$  (denoted by  $\lim_{n \rightarrow \infty} x_n = x$  or  $x_n \rightarrow x$ ) if for any  $\lambda \in (0, 1)$  and  $t > 0$ , there exists  $n_0 \in N$  such that for all  $n \geq n_0$  and  $a \in X$ ,  $M(x_n, x, a, t) > 1 - \lambda$  and  $N(x_n, x, a, t) < \lambda$ . That is  $\lim_{n \rightarrow \infty} M(x_n, x, a, t) = 1$  and  $\lim_{n \rightarrow \infty} N(x_n, x, a, t) = 0$ , for  $a \in X$  and  $t > 0$ .
- (b) A sequence  $\{x_n\}$  in IF2M-space  $X$  is called a Cauchy sequence, if for any  $\lambda \in (0, 1)$  and  $t > 0$ , there exists  $n_0 \in N$  such that for all  $m, n \geq n_0$  and  $a \in X$ ,  $M(x_m, x_n, a, t) > 1 - \lambda$  and  $N(x_m, x_n, a, t) < \lambda$ . That is  $\lim_{m, n \rightarrow \infty} M(x_m, x_n, a, t) = 1$  and  $\lim_{m, n \rightarrow \infty} N(x_m, x_n, a, t) = 0$ , for  $a \in X$  and  $t > 0$ .
- (c) The IF2M-space  $X$  is said to be complete if and only if every Cauchy sequence is convergent.

**Definition 2.13** Self mappings  $A$  and  $B$  of an IF2M-space  $(X, M, N, *, \diamond)$  is said to be compatible, if  $\lim_{n \rightarrow \infty} M(ABx_n, BAx_n, a, t) = 1$  and  $\lim_{n \rightarrow \infty} N(ABx_n, BAx_n, a, t) = 0$  for all  $a \in X$  and  $t > 0$ , whenever  $\{x_n\}$  is a sequence in  $X$  such that  $\lim_{n \rightarrow \infty} Ax_n = \lim_{n \rightarrow \infty} Bx_n = z$  for some  $z \in X$

### 3 Main Results

**Lemma 3.1** Let  $(X, M, N, *, \diamond)$  be an IF2M-space. Then  $M(x, y, z, t)$  is non-decreasing and  $N(x, y, z, t)$  is non-increasing for all  $x, y, z \in X$ .

**Proof:** Let  $s, t > 0$  be any points such that  $t > s$ .  $t = s + \frac{t-s}{2} + \frac{t-s}{2}$ . Hence we have

$$\begin{aligned} N(x, y, z, t) &= N(x, y, z, s + \frac{t-s}{2} + \frac{t-s}{2}) \\ &\leq N(x, y, z, s) \diamond N(x, z, z, \frac{t-s}{2}) \diamond N(z, y, z, \frac{t-s}{2}) \\ &= N(x, y, z, s) \end{aligned}$$

Thus  $N(x, y, z, t) < N(x, y, z, s)$ . Similarly,  $M(x, y, z, t) > M(x, y, z, s)$ . Therefore,  $M(x, y, z, t)$  is non-decreasing and  $N(x, y, z, t)$  is non-increasing.

From Lemma 3.1, let  $(X, M, N, *, \diamond)$  be an IF2M-space with the following conditions:

$$\lim_{t \rightarrow \infty} M(x, y, z, t) = 1, \quad \lim_{t \rightarrow \infty} N(x, y, z, t) = 0$$

**Lemma 3.2** *Let  $(X, M, N, *, \diamond)$  be an IF2M-space. If there exists  $q \in (0, 1)$  such that  $M(x, y, z, qt + 0) \geq M(x, y, z, t)$  and  $N(x, y, z, qt + 0) \leq N(x, y, z, t)$  for all  $x, y, z \in X$  with  $z \neq x, z \neq y$  and  $t > 0$ . Then  $x = y$ .*

**Proof:** Since

$$M(x, y, z, t) \geq M(x, y, z, qt + 0) \geq M(x, y, z, t), \quad \text{and}$$

$$N(x, y, z, t) \leq N(x, y, z, qt + 0) \leq N(x, y, z, t)$$

for all  $t > 0$ ,  $M(x, y, z, \cdot)$  and  $N(x, y, z, \cdot)$  are constant. Since  $\lim_{t \rightarrow \infty} M(x, y, z, t) = 1$ ,  $\lim_{t \rightarrow \infty} N(x, y, z, t) = 0$ . Then  $M(x, y, z, t) = 1$  and  $N(x, y, z, t) = 0$ . Consequently, for all  $t > 0$ . Hence  $x = y$  because  $z \neq x, z \neq y$ .

**Lemma 3.3** *Let  $(X, M, N, *, \diamond)$  be an IF2M-space and let  $\lim_{t \rightarrow \infty} x_n = x, \lim_{t \rightarrow \infty} y_n = y$ . Then the following are satisfied for all  $a \in X$  and  $t \geq 0$*

$$(1) \lim_{n \rightarrow \infty} \inf M(x_n, y_n, a, t) \geq M(x, y, a, t) \text{ and}$$

$$\lim_{n \rightarrow \infty} \sup N(x_n, y_n, a, t) \leq N(x, y, a, t)$$

$$(2) M(x, y, a, t + 0) \geq \lim_{n \rightarrow \infty} \sup M(x_n, y_n, a, t)$$

$$\text{and } N(x, y, a, t + 0) \leq \lim_{n \rightarrow \infty} \inf N(x_n, y_n, a, t)$$

**Proof:** (1) For all  $a \in X$  and  $t \geq 0$  we have

$$\begin{aligned} M(x_n, y_n, a, t) &\geq M(x_n, y_n, x, t_1) * M(x_n, x, a, t_2) * M(x, y_n, a, t), t_1 + t_2 = 0 \\ &\geq M(x_n, y_n, x, t_1) * M(x_n, x, a, t_2) * M(x, y_n, y, t_3) \\ &\quad * M(x, y, a, t_4) * M(y, y_n, a, t), t_3 + t_4 = 0 \end{aligned}$$

which implies  $\lim_{n \rightarrow \infty} \inf M(x_n, y_n, a, t) \geq 1 * 1 * 1 * M(x, y, a, t) * 1 = M(x, y, a, t)$   
Also,

$$\begin{aligned} N(x_n, y_n, a, t) &\leq N(x_n, y_n, x, t_1) \diamond N(x_n, x, a, t_2) \diamond N(x, y_n, a, t), t_1 + t_2 = 0 \\ &\leq N(x_n, y_n, x, t_1) \diamond N(x_n, x, a, t_2) \diamond N(x, y_n, y, t_3) \\ &\quad \diamond N(x, y, a, t_4) \diamond N(y, y_n, a, t), t_3 + t_4 = 0 \end{aligned}$$

which implies  $\lim_{n \rightarrow \infty} \sup N(x_n, y_n, a, t) \leq 0 \diamond 0 \diamond 0 \diamond N(x, y, a, t) \diamond 0 = N(x, y, a, t)$

(2) Let  $\epsilon > 0$  be given. For all  $a \in x$  and  $t > 0$  we have

$$\begin{aligned} M(x, y, a, t + 2\epsilon) &\geq M(x, y, x_n, \frac{\epsilon}{2}) * M(x, x_n, a, \frac{\epsilon}{2}) * M(x_n, y, a, t + \epsilon) \\ &\geq M(x, y, x_n, \frac{\epsilon}{2}) * M(x, x_n, a, \frac{\epsilon}{2}) * M(x_n, y, y_n, \frac{\epsilon}{2}) \\ &\quad * M(x_n, y_n, a, t) * M(y_n, y, a, \frac{\epsilon}{2}). \end{aligned}$$

Consequently,

$$M(x, y, a, t + 2\epsilon) \geq \lim_{n \rightarrow \infty} \sup M(x_n, y_n, a, t).$$

Letting  $\epsilon \rightarrow 0$ , we have

$$M(x, y, a, t + 0) \geq \lim_{n \rightarrow \infty} \sup M(x_n, y_n, a, t).$$

Also, we have

$$\begin{aligned} N(x, y, a, t + 2\epsilon) &\leq N(x, y, x_n, \frac{\epsilon}{2}) \diamond N(x, x_n, a, \frac{\epsilon}{2}) \diamond N(x_n, y, a, t + \epsilon) \\ &\leq N(x, y, x_n, \frac{\epsilon}{2}) \diamond N(x, x_n, a, \frac{\epsilon}{2}) \diamond N(x_n, y, y_n, \frac{\epsilon}{2}) \\ &\quad \diamond N(x_n, y_n, a, t) \diamond N(y_n, y, a, \frac{\epsilon}{2}). \end{aligned}$$

Consequently,

$$N(x, y, a, t + 2\epsilon) \leq \lim_{n \rightarrow \infty} \inf N(x_n, y_n, a, t).$$

Letting  $\epsilon \rightarrow 0$ , we have

$$N(x, y, a, t + 0) \leq \lim_{n \rightarrow \infty} \inf N(x_n, y_n, a, t).$$

**Lemma 3.4** *Let  $(X, M, N, *, \diamond)$  be an IF2M-space and let  $A$  and  $B$  be continuous self mappings of  $X$  and  $[A, B]$  are compatible. Let  $x_n$  be a sequence in  $X$  such that  $Ax_n \rightarrow z$  and  $Bx_n \rightarrow z$ . Then  $ABx_n \rightarrow Bz$ .*

**Proof:** Since  $A, B$  are continuous maps,  $ABx_n \rightarrow Az$ ,  $Bx_n \rightarrow Bz$  and so,  $M(ABx_n, Az, a, \frac{t}{3}) \rightarrow 1$  and  $M(BAx_n, Bz, a, \frac{t}{3}) \rightarrow 1$  for all  $a \in X$  and  $t > 0$ .

Since the pair  $[A, B]$  is compatible,  $M(BAx_n, ABx_n, a, \frac{t}{3}) \rightarrow 1$  for all or all  $a \in X$  and  $t > 0$ . Thus

$$\begin{aligned} M(ABx_n, Bz, a, t) &\geq M(ABx_n, Bz, BAx_n, \frac{t}{3}) * M(ABx_n, BAx_n, a, \frac{t}{3}) \\ &\quad * M(BAx_n, Bz, a, \frac{t}{3}) \\ &\geq M(BAx_n, Bz, ABx_n, \frac{t}{3}) * M(BAx_n, ABx_n, a, \frac{t}{3}) \\ &\quad * M(BAx_n, Bz, a, \frac{t}{3}) \\ &\rightarrow 1 \end{aligned}$$

Also we have

$$\begin{aligned}
N(ABx_n, Bz, a, t) &\leq N(ABx_n, Bz, BAx_n, \frac{t}{3}) \diamond N(ABx_n, BAx_n, a, \frac{t}{3}) \\
&\quad \diamond N(BAx_n, Bz, a, \frac{t}{3}) \\
&\leq N(BAx_n, Bz, ABx_n, \frac{t}{3}) \diamond N(BAx_n, ABx_n, a, \frac{t}{3}) \\
&\quad \diamond N(BAx_n, Bz, a, \frac{t}{3}) \\
&\rightarrow 0
\end{aligned}$$

for all  $a \in X$  and  $t > 0$ .

Hence  $ABx_n \rightarrow Bz$ .

**Theorem 3.5** *Let  $(X, M, N, *, \diamond)$  be a complete IF2M-space with continuous  $t$ -norm  $*$  and continuous  $t$ -conorm  $\diamond$ . Let  $S$  and  $T$  be continuous self mappings of  $X$ . Then  $S$  and  $T$  have a unique common fixed point in  $X$  if and only if there exists two self mappings  $A, B$  of  $X$  satisfying*

- (1)  $AX \subset TX, BX \subset SX,$
- (2) the pair  $\{A, S\}$  and  $\{B, T\}$  are compatible,
- (3) there exists  $q \in (0, 1)$  such that for every  $x, y, a \in X$  and  $t > 0$ 

$$M(Ax_n, By, a, qt) \geq \min\{M(Sx, Ty, a, t), M(Ax, Sx, a, t), M(By, Ty, a, t), M(Ax, Ty, a, t)\}.$$

$$N(Ax_n, By, a, qt) \leq \max\{N(Sx, Ty, a, t), N(Ax, Sx, a, t), N(By, Ty, a, t), N(Ax, Ty, a, t)\}.$$
Then  $A, B, S$  and  $T$  have a unique common fixed point in  $X$ .

**Proof:** Suppose that  $S$  and  $T$  have a (unique) common fixed point say  $z \in X$ . Define  $A : X \rightarrow X$  be  $Ax = z$  for all  $x \in X$ , and  $B : X \rightarrow X$  be  $Bx = z$  for all  $x \in X$ .

Then one can see that (1)-(3) are satisfied.

Conversely, assume that there exist two self mappings  $A, B$  of  $X$  satisfying condition (1)-(3). From condition (1) we can construct two sequences  $x_n$  and  $y_n$  of  $X$  such that  $y_{2n-1} = Tx_{2n-1} = Ax_{2n-2}$  and  $y_{2n} = Sx_{2n} = Bx_{2n-1}$  for  $n = 1, 2, 3, \dots$ . Putting  $x = x_{2n}$  and  $x = x_{2n+1}$  in condition (3), we have that for all  $a \in X$  and  $t > 0$

$$\begin{aligned}
M(yx_{2n+1}, yx_{2n+2}, a, qt) &= M(Ax_{2n}, Bx_{2n+1}, a, qt) \\
&\geq \min\{M(Sx_{2n}, Tx_{2n+1}, a, t), M(Ax_{2n}, Sx_{2n}, a, t)
\end{aligned}$$

$$\begin{aligned} & M(Bx_{2n+1}, Tx_{2n+1}, a, t), M(Ax_{2n}, Tx_{2n+1}, a, t) \} \\ \geq & \min\{M(yx_{2n}, yx_{2n+1}, a, qt), M(yx_{2n+1}, yx_{2n+1}, a, qt)\} \end{aligned}$$

and

$$\begin{aligned} N(yx_{2n+1}, yx_{2n+2}, a, qt) &= N(Ax_{2n}, Bx_{2n+1}, a, qt) \\ &\leq \max\{N(Sx_{2n}, Tx_{2n+1}, a, t), N(Ax_{2n}, Sx_{2n}, a, t) \\ &\quad N(Bx_{2n+1}, Tx_{2n+1}, a, t), N(Ax_{2n}, Tx_{2n+1}, a, t)\} \\ &\leq \max\{N(yx_{2n}, yx_{2n+1}, a, qt), N(yx_{2n+1}, yx_{2n+1}, a, qt)\} \end{aligned}$$

which implies  $M(yx_{2n+1}, yx_{2n+2}, a, qt) \geq M(yx_{2n+1}, yx_{2n+1}, a, qt)$  and  $N(yx_{2n+1}, yx_{2n+2}, a, qt) \leq N(yx_{2n+1}, yx_{2n+1}, a, qt)$ , by Lemma 3.1. Also, letting  $x = x_{2n+2}$  and  $y = x_{2n+1}$  in condition (3), we have that

$$\begin{aligned} M(y_{2n+2}, y_{2n+3}, a, qt) &\geq M(y_{2n+1}, y_{2n+2}, a, t) \text{ and} \\ N(y_{2n+2}, y_{2n+3}, a, qt) &\leq N(y_{2n+1}, y_{2n+2}, a, t), \text{ for all } a \in X \text{ and } t > 0. \end{aligned}$$

In general we obtain that for all  $a \in X$  and  $t > 0$  and  $n = 1, 2, \dots$

$M(y_n, y_{n+1}, a, qt) \geq M(y_{n-1}, y_n, a, t)$  and  $N(y_n, y_{n+1}, a, qt) \leq N(y_{n-1}, y_n, a, t)$ . Thus, for all  $a \in X$  and  $t > 0$  and  $n = 1, 2, \dots$

$$M(y_n, y_{n+1}, a, t) \geq M(y_0, y_1, a, \frac{t}{q^n}) \quad (3.1)$$

and

$$N(y_n, y_{n+1}, a, t) \leq N(y_0, y_1, a, \frac{t}{q^n}) \quad (3.2)$$

We now show that  $\{y_n\}$  is a Cauchy sequence in  $X$ .

Let  $m > n$ . Then for all  $a \in X$  and  $t > 0$  we have

$$\begin{aligned} M(y_m, y_n, a, t) &\geq M(y_m, y_n, y_{n+1}, \frac{t}{3}) * M(y_{n+1}, y_n, a, \frac{t}{3}) * \\ &\quad M(y_m, y_{n+1}, a, \frac{t}{3}) \\ &\geq M(y_m, y_n, y_{n+1}, \frac{t}{3}) * M(y_{n+1}, y_n, a, \frac{t}{3}) * \\ &\quad M(y_m, y_{n+1}, y_{n+2}, \frac{t}{3^2}) * M(y_{n+2}, y_{n+1}, a, \frac{t}{3^2}) \\ &\quad M(y_m, y_{n+2}, a, \frac{t}{3^2}) \end{aligned}$$

$$\begin{aligned} & \cdot \\ & \cdot \\ & \cdot \\ & M(y_m, y_{m-n}, a, \frac{t}{3^{m-n}}) \end{aligned}$$

and

$$\begin{aligned} N(y_m, y_n, a, t) & \leq N(y_m, y_n, y_{n+1}, \frac{t}{3}) \diamond N(y_{n+1}, y_n, a, \frac{t}{3}) \diamond \\ & N(y_m, y_{n+1}, a, \frac{t}{3}) \\ & \leq N(y_m, y_n, y_{n+1}, \frac{t}{3}) \diamond N(y_{n+1}, y_n, a, \frac{t}{3}) \diamond \\ & N(y_m, y_{n+1}, y_{n+2}, \frac{t}{3^2}) \diamond N(y_{n+2}, y_{n+1}, a, \frac{t}{3^2}) \\ & N(y_m, y_{n+2}, a, \frac{t}{3^2}) \\ & \cdot \\ & \cdot \\ & \cdot \\ & N(y_m, y_{m-n}, a, \frac{t}{3^{m-n}}) \end{aligned}$$

letting  $m, n \rightarrow \infty$  we have

$\lim_{n \rightarrow \infty} M(y_m, y_n, a, t) = 1$ ,  $\lim_{n \rightarrow \infty} N(y_m, y_n, a, t) = 0$ . Thus  $\{y_n\}$  is a Cauchy sequence in  $X$ .

It follows from completeness of  $X$  that there exists  $z \in X$  such that  $\lim_{n \rightarrow \infty} y_n = z$ . Hence  $\lim_{n \rightarrow \infty} y_{2n-1} = \lim_{n \rightarrow \infty} T x_{2n-1} = \lim_{n \rightarrow \infty} A x_{2n-2} = z$  and  $\lim_{n \rightarrow \infty} y_{2n} = \lim_{n \rightarrow \infty} S x_{2n} = \lim_{n \rightarrow \infty} B x_{2n-1} = z$ . From Lemma 3.4,  $ASx_{2n+1} = Sz$  and  $BTx_{2n+1} = Tz$  (3.3)

Mean while, for all  $a \in X$  with  $a \neq Sz$  and  $a \neq Tz$  and  $t > 0$ .

$$\begin{aligned} M(ASx_{2n+1}, BTx_{2n+1}, a, qt) & \geq \min\{M(SSx_{2n+1}, TTx_{2n+1}, a, t), \\ & M(ASx_{2n+1}, SSx_{2n+1}, a, t), \\ & M(BTx_{2n+1}, TTx_{2n+1}, a, t), \\ & M(ASx_{2n+1}, TTx_{2n+1}, a, t)\} \end{aligned}$$

and

$$\begin{aligned} N(ASx_{2n+1}, BTx_{2n+1}, a, qt) & \leq \max\{N(SSx_{2n+1}, TTx_{2n+1}, a, t), \\ & N(ASx_{2n+1}, SSx_{2n+1}, a, t), \\ & N(BTx_{2n+1}, TTx_{2n+1}, a, t), \\ & N(ASx_{2n+1}, TTx_{2n+1}, a, t)\}. \end{aligned}$$

Taking limit as  $n \rightarrow \infty$  and using (3.3), we have for all  $a \in X$  with  $a \neq Sz$  and  $a \neq Tz$  and  $t > 0$ .

$$\begin{aligned} M(Sz, Tz, a, qt + 0) &\geq \min\{M(Sz, Tz, a, t), M(Sz, Sz, a, t), \\ &M(Tz, Tz, a, t), M(Sz, Tz, a, t)\} \\ &M(Sz, Tz, a, t) \end{aligned}$$

and

$$\begin{aligned} N(Sz, Tz, a, qt + 0) &\leq \max\{N(Sz, Tz, a, t), N(Sz, Sz, a, t), \\ &N(Tz, Tz, a, t), N(Sz, Tz, a, t)\} \\ &N(Sz, Tz, a, t) \end{aligned}$$

By Lemma 3.2, we have  $Sz = Tz$  (3.4)

From condition (3), we get for all  $a \in X$  with  $a \neq Az$ ,  $a \neq Tz$  and  $t > 0$

$$\begin{aligned} M(Az, BTx_{2n+1}, a, qt) &\geq \min\{M(Sz, TTx_{2n+1}, a, t), M(Az, Sz, a, t), \\ &M(BTx_{2n+1}, TTx_{2n+1}, a, t), M(Az, TTx_{2n+1}, a, t)\} \end{aligned}$$

and

$$\begin{aligned} N(Az, BTx_{2n+1}, a, qt) &\leq \max\{N(Sz, TTx_{2n+1}, a, t), N(Az, Sz, a, t), \\ &N(BTx_{2n+1}, TTx_{2n+1}, a, t), N(Az, TTx_{2n+1}, a, t)\} \end{aligned}$$

Taking limit as  $n \rightarrow \infty$  and using condition (3), and Lemma 3.3, we have for all  $a \in X$

$$\begin{aligned} M(Az, Tz, a, qt + 0) &\geq \min\{M(Sz, Tz, a, t), M(Az, Sz, a, t), \\ &M(Tz, Tz, a, t), M(Az, Tz, a, t)\} \\ &M(Az, Tz, a, t) \end{aligned}$$

and

$$\begin{aligned} N(Az, Tz, a, qt + 0) &\leq \max\{N(Sz, Tz, a, t), N(Az, Sz, a, t), \\ &N(Tz, Tz, a, t), N(Az, Tz, a, t)\} \\ &N(Az, Tz, a, t) \end{aligned}$$

By Lemma 3.2, we have,  $Az = Tz$  (3.5)

And for all  $a \in X$  with  $a \neq Az$  and  $a \neq Bz$ , and  $t > 0$ .

$$\begin{aligned} M(Az, Bz, a, qt) &\geq \min\{M(Sz, Tz, a, t), M(Az, Sz, a, t), \\ &M(Bz, Tz, a, t), M(Az, Tz, a, t)\} \\ &\geq \min\{M(Tz, Tz, a, t), M(Tz, Tz, a, t), \\ &M(Bz, Az, a, t), M(Tz, Tz, a, t)\} \\ &M(Az, Bz, a, t) \end{aligned}$$

and

$$\begin{aligned}
N(Az, Bz, a, qt) &\leq \min\{N(Sz, Tz, a, t), N(Az, Sz, a, t), \\
&\quad N(Bz, Tz, a, t), N(Az, Tz, a, t)\} \\
&\leq \max\{N(Tz, Tz, a, t), N(Tz, Tz, a, t), \\
&\quad N(Bz, Az, a, t), N(Tz, Tz, a, t)\} \\
&\quad N(Az, Bz, a, t)
\end{aligned}$$

By Lemma 3.2,  $Az = Bz$  (3.6)

It follows that  $Az = Bz = Sz = Tz$ . For all  $a \in X$  with  $a \neq Bz$  and  $a \neq z$ , and  $t > 0$ .

$$\begin{aligned}
M(Ax_{2n}, Bz, a, qt) &\geq \min\{M(Sx_{2n}, Tz, a, t), M(Ax_{2n}, Sx_{2n}, a, t), \\
&\quad M(Bz, Tz, a, t), M(Ax_{2n}, Tz, a, t)\}
\end{aligned}$$

and

$$\begin{aligned}
N(Ax_{2n}, Bz, a, qt) &\leq \max\{N(Sx_{2n}, Tz, a, t), N(Ax_{2n}, Sx_{2n}, a, t), \\
&\quad N(Bz, Tz, a, t), N(Ax_{2n}, Tz, a, t)\}
\end{aligned}$$

Taking limit as  $n \rightarrow \infty$  and using (3.3) and Lemma 3.3, we have for all  $a \in X$  with  $a \neq Bz$ ,  $a \neq z$  and  $t > 0$ .

$$\begin{aligned}
M(z, Bz, a, qt + 0) &\geq \min\{M(z, Tz, a, t), M(z, z, a, t), \\
&\quad M(Bz, Bz, a, t), M(z, Tz, a, t)\} \\
&\geq M(z, Tz, a, t) \geq M(z, Bz, a, t)
\end{aligned}$$

and

$$\begin{aligned}
N(z, Bz, a, qt + 0) &\leq \max\{N(z, Tz, a, t), N(z, z, a, t), \\
&\quad N(Bz, Bz, a, t), N(z, Tz, a, t)\} \\
&\leq N(z, Tz, a, t) \leq N(z, Bz, a, t),
\end{aligned}$$

and so we have,  $M(z, Bz, a, qt) \geq M(z, Bz, a, t)$  and  $N(z, Bz, a, qt) \leq N(z, Bz, a, t)$ , and hence  $Bz = z$ . Thus,  $z = Az = Bz = Sz = Tz$ , and so  $z$  is a common fixed point of  $A, B, C$  and  $T$ .

For uniqueness, let  $w$  be another common fixed point of  $A, B, S, T$ . Then, for all  $a \in X$  with  $a \neq z$ ,  $a \neq w$  and  $t > 0$ .

$$M(z, w, a, qt) = M(Az, Bw, a, qt)$$

$$\begin{aligned}
&\geq \min\{M(Sz, Tw, a, t), M(Az, Sz, a, t), \\
&\quad M(Bw, Tw, a, t), M(Az, Tw, a, t)\} \\
&\geq \min\{M(z, w, a, t), M(z, z, a, t), \\
&\quad M(w, w, a, t), M(z, w, a, t)\} \\
&\geq M(z, w, a, t).
\end{aligned}$$

and

$$\begin{aligned}
N(z, w, a, qt) &= N(Az, Bw, a, qt) \\
&\leq \max\{N(Sz, Tw, a, t), N(Az, Sz, a, t), \\
&\quad N(Bw, Tw, a, t), N(Az, Tw, a, t)\} \\
&\leq \max\{N(z, w, a, t), N(z, z, a, t), \\
&\quad N(w, w, a, t), N(z, w, a, t)\} \\
&\leq N(z, w, a, t).
\end{aligned}$$

which implies that  $M(z, w, a, qt) \geq M(z, w, a, t)$  and  $N(z, w, a, qt) \geq N(z, w, a, t)$ , hence  $z = w$ . This complete the proof of.

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