

**COMMON FIXED POINTS FOR WEAKLY COMPATIBLE MAPS IN  
INTUITIONISTIC FUZZY METRIC SPACES USING PROPERTY (S-B)**

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**ABSTRACT.** In this note we prove a common fixed point theorem for weakly compatible maps in intuitionistic fuzzy metric spaces using property (S-B), which generalize the results of Kumar and Vats [26], Alaca, Turkoglu and Yildiz [5]

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## 1. INTRODUCTION

The concept of fuzzy sets was introduced initially by Zadeh [45] in 1965. Since, then to use this concept in topology and analysis many authors have expansively developed the theory of fuzzy sets and applications. A fuzzy set  $A$  in  $X$  is a function with domain  $X$  and values in  $[0, 1]$ . The concept of fuzzy set corresponds to the degree of nearness between two objects. Deng [9], Erceg [11], Fang [12], George and Veeramani [14], Kaleva and Seikkala [20], Kramosil and Michalek [23] have introduced the concept of fuzzy metric spaces in different ways. Atanassove [6] introduced and studied the concept of intuitionistic fuzzy sets as a generalization of fuzzy sets. Intuitionistic fuzzy sets deals with both degree of nearness and non-nearness. Park [32] defined the notion of intuitionistic fuzzy metric space with the help of continuous  $t$ -norms and continuous  $t$ -conorms as a generalization of fuzzy metric spaces due to George and Veeramani [14]. Further, Alaca et al. [4] using the idea of intuitionistic fuzzy sets, defined the notion of intuitionistic fuzzy metric space, as park with the help of continuous  $t$ -norms and continuous  $t$ -conorms, as a generalization of fuzzy metric space due to Kramosil and Michalek [24]. Further Coker [8] introduced the concept of intuitionistic fuzzy topological spaces. Turkoglu et. al. [42] gave a generalization of Jungck's common fixed point

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theorem [17] to intuitionistic fuzzy metric spaces. They first formulated the definition of weakly commuting and R-weakly commuting mappings in intuitionistic fuzzy metric spaces and proved the intuitionistic fuzzy version of Pant's theorem [31]. Recently, many authors have also studied the fixed point and common fixed point theorems in intuitionistic fuzzy metric space (See [2], [39], [40], [41]). Sharma and Bambaria [38] defined a property (S-B) for self maps and obtained some common fixed point theorems for such mappings under strict contractive conditions. The class of (S-B) maps contains the class of non compatible maps. Kamran [21] obtained some coincidence and fixed point theorems for hybrid strict contractions. Sharma and Sharma [37] proved common fixed point theorem in intuitionistic fuzzy metric spaces under (S-B) property.

## 2. PRELIMINARIES

The concept of triangular norms (t-norm) and triangular conorms (t-conorm) are known as the axiomatic skeletons that we use for characterization fuzzy intersections and union respectively. These concepts were originally introduced by Menger [29] in study of statistical metric spaces.

**Definition 2.1:[36]** A binary operation  $*$  :  $[0, 1] \times [0, 1] \longrightarrow [0, 1]$  is continuous t-norm if  $*$  is satisfying the following conditions:

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

**Definition 2.2:[36]** A binary operation  $\diamond$  :  $[0, 1] \times [0, 1] \longrightarrow [0, 1]$  is continuous t-conorm if  $\diamond$  is satisfying the following conditions:

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

Alaca et al. [4] using the idea of intuitionistic fuzzy sets, defined the notion of intuitionistic fuzzy metric space with the help of continuous t-norms and continuous t-conorms as a generalization of fuzzy metric space due to Kramosil and Michalek [24] as follows:

**Definition 2.3:[4]** A 5 tuple  $(X, M, N, *, \diamond)$  is said to an intuitionistic fuzzy metric 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;

- (i)  $M(x, y, t) + N(x, y, t) \leq 1 \forall x, y \in X$  and  $t > 0$ ;
- (ii)  $M(x, y, t) = 0 \forall x, y \in X$ ;
- (iii)  $M(x, y, t) = 1$  for all  $x, y \in X$  and  $t > 0$
- (iv)  $M(x, y, t) = M(y, x, t) \forall x, y \in X$  and  $t > 0$ ;
- (v)  $M(x, y, t) * M(y, z, s) \leq M(x, z, t + s)$  for all  $x, y, z \in X$  and  $s, t > 0$ ;
- (vi) For all  $x, y \in X$ ,  $M(x, y, \cdot) : [0, \infty) \longrightarrow [0, 1]$  is continuous;
- (vii)  $\lim_{t \rightarrow \infty} M(x, y, t) = 1$  for all  $x, y \in X$  and  $t > 0$ ;
- (viii)  $N(x, y, 0) = 1$  for all  $x, y \in X$ ;
- (ix)  $N(x, y, t) = 0$  for all  $x, y \in X$  and  $t > 0$  iff  $x = y$ ;
- (x)  $N(x, y, t) = N(y, x, t)$  for all  $x, y \in X$  and  $t > 0$ ;
- (xi)  $N(x, y, t) \diamond N(y, z, s) \geq N(x, z, t + s)$  for all  $x, y, z \in X$  and  $s, t > 0$ ;

- (xii) For all  $x, y \in X, N(x, y, \cdot) : [0, \infty) \rightarrow [0, 1]$  is continuous;  
 (xiii)  $\lim_{t \rightarrow \infty} N(x, y, t) = 0$  for all  $x, y \in X$ ;

Then  $(M, N)$  is called an intuitionistic fuzzy metric on  $X$ . The functions  $M(x, y, t)$  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.

**Example 2.1:[26]** Let  $X = \{1/n : n \in \mathbb{N}\} \cup \{0\}$  with  $*$  continuous t-norm and  $\diamond$  continuous t-conorm defined by  $a * b = ab$  and  $a \diamond b = \min \{1, a + b\}$  respectively for all  $a, b \in [0, 1]$ . For each  $t \in (0, \infty)$  and  $x, y \in X$ , define  $(M, N)$  by

$$M(x, y, t) = \begin{cases} \frac{t}{t+|x-y|} & \text{if } t > 0. \\ 0 & \text{if } t = 0. \end{cases} \text{ and } N(x, y, t) = \begin{cases} \frac{|x-y|}{t+|x-y|} & \text{if } t > 0. \\ 1 & \text{if } t = 0. \end{cases}$$

Then  $(X, M, N, *, \diamond)$  is an intuitionistic fuzzy metric space.

**Remark 2.1:[27]** Every fuzzy metric space  $(X, M, *)$  is an intuitionistic fuzzy metric space of the form  $(X, M, 1 - M, *, \diamond)$  such that t-norm  $*$  and t-conorm  $\diamond$  are associated as  $x \diamond y = 1 - ((1 - x) * (1 - y)) \forall x, y \in X$ .

**Remark 2.2:[26]** An intuitionistic fuzzy metric spaces with continuous t-norm  $*$  and continuous t-conorm  $\diamond$  defined by  $a * a \geq a$  and  $(1 - a) \diamond (1 - a) \leq (1 - a) \forall a \in [0, 1]$ . Then for all  $x, y \in X, M(x, y, *)$  is non-decreasing and  $N(x, y, \diamond)$  is non-increasing.

Alaca, Turkoglu, and Yildiz [4] introduced the following notions:

**Definition 2.4:** Let  $(X, M, N, *, \diamond)$  be an intuitionistic fuzzy metric space. Then

- (i) a sequence  $\{x_n\}$  is said to be Cauchy sequence if, for all  $t > 0$  and  $p > 0$ ,  $\lim_{n \rightarrow \infty} M(x_{n+p}, x_n, t) = 1, \lim_{n \rightarrow \infty} N(x_{n+p}, x_n, t) = 0$   
 (ii) a Sequence  $\{x_n\}$  in  $X$  is said to be convergent to a point  $x \in X$  if, for all  $t > 0, \lim_{n \rightarrow \infty} M(x_n, x, t) = 1, \lim_{n \rightarrow \infty} N(x_n, x, t) = 0$

Since  $*$  and  $\diamond$  are continuous, the limit is uniquely determined from (v) and (xi) of definitions 3 respectively.

**Definition 2.5:** An intuitionistic fuzzy metric space  $(X, M, N, *, \diamond)$  is said to be complete if and only if every Cauchy sequence in  $X$  is convergent.

Turkoglu, Alaca and Yildiz [43] introduced the notions of compatible mappings in intuitionistic fuzzy metric space, akin to the concept of compatible mappings introduced by Jungck [18] in metric spaces.

**Definition 2.6:** A pair of self mappings  $(f, g)$  of a intuitionistic fuzzy metric space  $(X, M, N, *, \diamond)$  is said to be compatible if  $\lim_{n \rightarrow \infty} M(fgx_n, gfx_n, t) = 1$  and  $\lim_{n \rightarrow \infty} N(fgx_n, gfx_n, t) = 0$  for every  $t > 0$ , whenever  $\{x_n\}$  is a sequence in  $X$  such that  $\lim_{n \rightarrow \infty} fx_n = \lim_{n \rightarrow \infty} gx_n = z$  for some  $z \in X$ .

**Definition 2.7:** A pair of self mappings  $(f, g)$  of a intuitionistic fuzzy metric space

$(X, M, N, *, \diamond)$  is said to be non-compatible if  $\lim_{n \rightarrow \infty} M(fgx_n, gfx_n, t) \neq 1$  or non-existent and  $\lim_{n \rightarrow \infty} N(fgx_n, gfx_n, t) \neq 0$  or non-existent for every  $t > 0$ , whenever  $\{x_n\}$  is a sequence in  $X$  such that  $\lim_{n \rightarrow \infty} fx_n = \lim_{n \rightarrow \infty} gx_n = z$  for some  $z \in X$ .

In 1998, Jungck and Rhoades [19] introduced the concept of weakly compatible maps as follows.

**Definition 2.8:** Two self maps  $f$  and  $g$  are said to be weakly compatible if they commute at coincidence points.

**Example 2.2:** Let  $X = R$  and define  $f, g : R \rightarrow R$  by  $fx = x/3$  and  $gx = x^2 \forall x \in R$ . Here 0 and  $1/3$  are two coincidence points for the maps  $f$  and  $g$ . Note that  $f$  and  $g$  commute at 0, i.e.  $fg(0) = gf(0) = 0$ . But  $fg(1/3) = f(1/9) = 1/27$  and  $gf(1/3) = g(1/9) = 1/81$  and so  $f$  and  $g$  are not weakly compatible maps on  $R$ .

**Remark 2.3:** Weakly compatible maps need not be compatible.

Aamri and Moutawakil [1] generalized the concept of non compatibility in metric spaces by defining the notion of E.A. property and proved common fixed point theorems. Using this property Sharma and Bamboria [38] defined  $(S - B)$  property in fuzzy metric space.

**Definition 2.9:[38]** A pair of self mappings  $(S, T)$  of an intuitionistic fuzzy metric space  $(X, M, N, *, \diamond)$  is said to satisfy the  $(S - B)$  property if there exists a sequence  $\{x_n\}$  in  $X$  such that  $\lim_{n \rightarrow \infty} M(Sx_n, Tx_n, t) = 1, \lim_{n \rightarrow \infty} N(Sx_n, Tx_n, t) = 0$ .

**Example 2.3:** Let  $X = [0, \infty)$  consider  $(X, M, N, *, \diamond)$  be an intuitionistic fuzzy metric space, where  $M$  and  $N$  are two fuzzy sets defined by  $M(x, y, t) = t/[t + d(x, y)]$  and  $N(x, y, t) = d(x, y)/[t + d(x, y)]$  where  $d$  is usual metric. Define  $T, S : X \rightarrow [0, \infty)$  by  $Tx = x/5$  and  $Sx = 2x/5$  for all  $x$  in  $X$ . Consider  $x_n = 1/n$ . Now,  $\lim_{n \rightarrow \infty} M(Sx_n, Tx_n, t) = 1, \lim_{n \rightarrow \infty} N(Sx_n, Tx_n, t) = 0$ . Therefore  $S$  and  $T$  satisfy property  $(S - B)$ .

Now we state two lemmas which are useful in proving our main results.

**Lemma 2.1:[3]** Let  $(X, M, N, *, \diamond)$  be an intuitionistic fuzzy metric space and for all  $x, y \in X, t > 0$  and if for a number  $k \in (0, 1), M(x, y, kt) \geq M(x, y, t)$  and  $N(x, y, kt) \leq N(x, y, t)$  then  $x = y$ .

**Lemma 2.2:[3]** Let  $(X, M, N, *, \diamond)$  be an intuitionistic fuzzy metric space and  $\{y_n\}$  be a sequence in  $X$ . If there exists a number  $k \in (0, 1)$  such that;  $M(y_{n+2}, y_{n+1}, kt) \geq M(y_{n+1}, y_n, t), N(y_{n+2}, y_{n+1}, kt) \leq N(y_{n+1}, y_n, t)$  for all  $t > 0$  and  $n = 1, 2, \dots$  then  $\{y_n\}$  is a Cauchy sequence in  $X$ .

Alaca et al [5] proved the following theorem.

**Theorem A:** Let  $A, B, S$  and  $T$  be self maps of a complete intuitionistic fuzzy metric spaces  $(X, M, N, *, \diamond)$  with continuous t-norm  $*$  and continuous t-conorm  $\diamond$  defined by  $a * a \geq a$  and  $(1 - a) \leq (1 - a) \diamond (1 - a)$  for all  $a \in [0, 1]$  satisfying the

following conditions;

(A.1)  $A(X) \subset T(X), B(X) \subset S(X)$ ;

(A.2)  $S$  and  $T$  are continuous;

(A.3) The pairs  $\{A, S\}$  and  $\{B, T\}$  are compatible maps;

(A.4) For all  $x, y \in X, t > 0$  and  $k \in (0, 1)$  such that

$$\begin{aligned} M(Ax, By, kt) &\geq M(Sx, Ty, t) * M(Ax, Sx, t) * M(By, Ty, t) * M(By, Sx, 2t) * \\ &M(Ax, Ty, t) \\ N(Ax, By, kt) &\leq N(Sx, Ty, t) \diamond N(Ax, Sx, t) \diamond N(By, Ty, t) \diamond N(By, Sx, 2t) \diamond N(Ax, Ty, t). \end{aligned}$$

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

Kumar and Vats [26] proved the following.

**Theorem B:** Let  $A, B, S$  and  $T$  be self maps of a complete intuitionistic fuzzy metric spaces  $(X, M, N, *, \diamond)$  with continuous t-norm  $*$  and continuous t-conorm  $\diamond$  defined by  $a * a \geq a$  and  $(1 - a) \diamond (1 - a) \leq (1 - a)$  for all  $a \in [0, 1]$  satisfying the following conditions;

(B.1)  $A(X) \subset T(X), B(X) \subset S(X)$

(B.2)  $\forall x, y \in X, t > 0$  and  $k \in (0, 1)$  such that

$$\begin{aligned} M(Ax, By, kt) &\geq M(Sx, Ty, t) * M(Ax, Sx, t) * M(By, Ty, t) * M(By, Sx, 2t) * \\ &M(Ax, Ty, t) \\ N(Ax, By, kt) &\leq N(Sx, Ty, t) \diamond N(Ax, Sx, t) \diamond N(By, Ty, t) \diamond N(By, Sx, 2t) \diamond N(Ax, Ty, t) \end{aligned}$$

Then

(i)  $A$  and  $S$  have a point of coincidence;

(ii)  $B$  and  $T$  have a point of coincidence.

Moreover, if the pairs  $\{A, S\}$  and  $\{B, T\}$  are weakly compatible maps, then  $A, B, S$  and  $T$  have a unique common fixed point in  $X$ .

### 3. MAIN RESULTS

Now, we prove our main result which generalizes the theorems A and B.

**Theorem 3.1.** Let  $A, B, S$  and  $T$  be self maps of a intuitionistic fuzzy metric spaces  $(X, M, N, *, \diamond)$  with continuous t-norm  $*$  and continuous t-conorm  $\diamond$  defined by  $a * a \geq a$  and  $(1 - a) \diamond (1 - a) \leq (1 - a)$  for all  $a \in [0, 1]$  satisfying the following conditions;

(3.1)  $A(X) \subset T(X), B(X) \subset S(X)$

(3.2) pairs  $\{A, S\}$  and  $\{B, T\}$  are weakly compatible.

(3.3) pairs  $\{A, S\}$  or  $\{B, T\}$  satisfies the property (S-B)

(3.4) for all  $x, y \in X, t > 0$  and  $k \in (0, 1)$  such that

$$\begin{aligned} M(Ax, By, kt) &\geq M(Sx, Ty, t) * M(Ax, Sx, t) * M(By, Ty, t) * M(By, Sx, 2t) * M(Ax, Ty, \\ &t) \\ N(Ax, By, kt) &\leq N(Sx, Ty, t) \diamond N(Ax, Sx, t) \diamond N(By, Ty, t) \diamond N(By, Sx, 2t) \diamond N(Ax, Ty, \\ &t) \end{aligned}$$

(3.5) one of  $A(X), B(X), S(X)$  or  $T(X)$  is a closed subset of  $X$ .

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

*Proof.* Suppose that  $(B, T)$  satisfies the property  $(S - B)$ , then there exists a sequence  $\{x_n\}$  in  $X$  such that  $\lim_{n \rightarrow \infty} Bx_n = \lim_{n \rightarrow \infty} Tx_n = z$  for some  $z \in X$ .

Since  $B(X) \subset S(X)$  there exists a sequence  $\{x_n\} \in X$  such that

$$\lim_{n \rightarrow \infty} Bx_n = \lim_{n \rightarrow \infty} Sy_n = z$$

Now we shall show that  $\lim_{n \rightarrow \infty} Ay_n = z$

From (3.4), we have;

$$M(Ay_n, Bx_n, kt) \geq M(Sy_n, Tx_n, t) * M(Ay_n, Sy_n, t) * M(Bx_n, Tx_n, t) * M(Bx_n, Sy_n, 2t) * M(Ay_n, Tx_n, t)$$

and

$$N(Ay_n, Bx_n, kt) \leq N(Sy_n, Tx_n, t) \diamond N(Ay_n, Sy_n, t) \diamond N(Bx_n, Tx_n, t) \diamond N(Bx_n, Sy_n, 2t) \diamond N(Ay_n, Tx_n, t)$$

Proceeding limit as  $n \rightarrow \infty$ , we have;

$$\lim_{n \rightarrow \infty} M(Ay_n, z, kt) \geq \lim_{n \rightarrow \infty} [M(z, z, t) * M(Ay_n, z, t) * M(z, z, t) * M(z, z, 2t) * M(Ay_n, z, t)]$$

and

$$\lim_{n \rightarrow \infty} N(Ay_n, z, kt) \leq \lim_{n \rightarrow \infty} [N(z, z, t) \diamond N(Ay_n, z, t) \diamond N(z, z, t) \diamond N(z, z, 2t) \diamond N(Ay_n, z, t)],$$

$$\lim_{n \rightarrow \infty} M(Ay_n, z, kt) \geq \lim_{n \rightarrow \infty} [1 * M(Ay_n, z, t) * 1 * 1 * M(Ay_n, z, t)]$$

and

$$\lim_{n \rightarrow \infty} N(Ay_n, z, kt) \leq \lim_{n \rightarrow \infty} [0 \diamond N(Ay_n, z, t) \diamond 0 \diamond 0 \diamond N(Ay_n, z, t)]$$

It follows that

$$\lim_{n \rightarrow \infty} M(Ay_n, z, kt) \geq \lim_{n \rightarrow \infty} M(Ay_n, z, t)$$

and

$$\lim_{n \rightarrow \infty} N(Ay_n, z, kt) \leq \lim_{n \rightarrow \infty} N(Ay_n, z, t)$$

and we deduce that  $\lim_{n \rightarrow \infty} Ay_n = z$

Suppose that  $S(X)$  is a closed subset of  $X$ . Then  $z = Su$  for some  $u \in X$ .

Subsequently, we have,

$$\lim_{n \rightarrow \infty} Ay_n = \lim_{n \rightarrow \infty} Bx_n = \lim_{n \rightarrow \infty} Tx_n = \lim_{n \rightarrow \infty} Sy_n = z = Su.$$

Now, we shall show that  $Au = Su$

From (3.4) we have,

$$M(Au, Bx_n, kt) \geq M(Su, Tx_n, t) * M(Au, Su, t) * M(Bx_n, Tx_n, t) * M(Bx_n, Su, 2t) * M(Au, Tx_n, t)$$

and

$$N(Au, Bx_n, kt) \leq N(Su, Tx_n, t) \diamond N(Au, Su, t) \diamond N(Bx_n, Tx_n, t) \diamond N(Bx_n, Su, 2t) \diamond N(Au, Tx_n, t)$$

Taking the limit as  $n \rightarrow \infty$ , we have,

$$M(Au, Su, kt) \geq M(Su, Su, t) * M(Au, Su, t) * M(Su, Su, t) * M(Su, Su, 2t) * M(Au, Su, t)$$

and

$$N(Au, Su, kt) \leq N(Su, Su, t) \diamond N(Au, Su, t) \diamond N(Su, Su, t) \diamond N(Su, Su, 2t) \diamond N(Au, Su, t),$$

$$M(Au, Su, kt) \geq 1 * M(Au, Su, t) * 1 * 1 * M(Au, Su, t)$$

and

$$N(Au, Su, t) \leq 0 * N(Au, Su, t) * 0 * 0 * N(Au, Su, t),$$

$$M(Au, Su, kt) \geq M(Au, Su, t)$$

and

$$N(Au, Su, kt) \leq N(Au, Su, t)$$

Therefore by lemma 2.1, we have;  $Au = Su$ .

i.e.  $u$  is a coincidence point of  $A$  and  $S$

The weak compatibility of  $A$  and  $S$  implies that  $ASu = SAu$  and then  $AAu = ASu = SAu = SSu$  on the other hand since  $A(X) \subset T(X)$ , there exists a point  $v \in X$  such that  $Au = Tv$ . We claim that  $Tv = Bv$ .

Suppose that  $Tv \neq Bv$ . Then (3.4) implies that.

$$M(Au, Bv, kt) \geq M(Su, Tv, t) * M(Au, Su, t) * M(Bv, Tv, t) * M(Bv, Su, 2t) * M(Au, Tv, t)$$

and

$$N(Au, Bv, kt) \leq N(Su, Tv, t) \diamond N(Au, Su, t) \diamond N(Bv, Tv, t) \diamond N(Bv, Su, 2t) \diamond N(Au, Tv, t),$$

$$M(Au, Bv, kt) \geq M(Au, Au, t) * M(Au, Au, t) * M(Bv, Au, t) * M(Bv, Au, 2t) * M(Au, Au, t)$$

and

$$N(Au, Bv, kt) \leq N(Au, Au, t) \diamond N(Au, Au, t) \diamond N(Bv, Tu, t) \diamond N(Bv, Au, 2t) \diamond N(Au, Au, t),$$

$$M(Au, Bv, kt) \geq 1 * 1 * M(Bv, Au, t) * M(Bv, Au, 2t) * 1$$

and

$$N(Au, Bv, kt) \leq 0 \diamond 0 \diamond N(Bv, Au, t) \diamond N(Bv, Au, 2t) \diamond 0$$

Thus, it follows that  $M(Au, Bv, kt) \geq M(Au, Bv, t)$

and

$$N(Au, Bv, kt) \leq N(Au, Bv, t)$$

Therefore by lemma 2.1 we have;  $Au = Bv$ . Hence  $Tv = Bv$ .

i.e.  $v$  is a coincidence point of  $B$  and  $T$ .

Thus we have:  $Au = Su = Tv = Bv$ .

The weak compatibility of  $B$  and  $T$  implies that

$$BTv = TBv \text{ and } TTv = TBv = BTv = BBv.$$

Let us show that  $Au$  is a common fixed point of  $A, B, S$  and  $T$ .

Suppose that  $AAu \neq Au$ . Then using (3.4) we have;

$$M(AAu, Bv, kt) \geq M(SAu, Tv, t) * M(AAu, SAu, t) * M(Bv, Tv, t) * M(Bv, SAu, 2t) \\ * M(AAu, Tv, t)$$

and

$$N(AAu, Bv, kt) \leq N(SAu, Tv, t) \diamond N(AAu, SAu, t) \diamond N(Bv, Tv, t) \diamond N(Bv, SAu, 2t) \diamond N(AAu, Tv, t),$$

$$M(AAu, Au, kt) \geq M(AAu, Au, t) * M(AAu, AAu, t) * M(Bv, Bv, t) * M(Au, AAu, 2t) \\ * M(AAu, Au, t)$$

and

$$N(AAu, Au, kt) \leq N(AAu, Au, t) \diamond N(AAu, AAu, t) \diamond N(Bv, Bv, t) \diamond N(Au, AAu, 2t) \diamond N(AAu, Au, t),$$

$$M(AAu, Au, kt) \geq M(AAu, Au, t) * 1 * 1 * M(Au, AAu, 2t) * M(AAu, Au, t)$$

and

$$N(AAu, Au, kt) \leq N(AAu, Au, t) \diamond 0 \diamond 0 \diamond N(Au, AAu, 2t) \diamond N(AAu, Au, t)$$

$$M(AAu, Au, kt) \geq M(AAu, Au, t)$$

and

$$N(AAu, Au, kt) \leq N(AAu, Au, t)$$

Therefore by lemma 2.1, we have;  $AAu = Au$ .

Since  $AAu = SAu$ , therefore,  $Au = AAu = SAu$

i.e.  $Au$  is a common fixed point of  $A$  and  $S$ .

Similarly, we prove that  $Bv$  is a common fixed point of  $B$  and  $T$ . Since  $Au = Bv$ , we conclude that  $Au$  is a common fixed point of  $A, B, S$  and  $T$ . The proof is similar when  $T(X)$  is assumed to be a closed subset of  $X$ . The cases in which  $A(X)$  or  $B(X)$  is a closed subset of  $X$  are similar to the cases in which  $T(X)$  or  $S(X)$  respectively is closed subset of  $X$ , since  $A(X) \subset T(X)$  and  $B(X) \subset S(X)$ . Uniqueness follows easily.

□

**Theorem 3.2.** Let  $A, B$  and  $S$  be self maps of a intuitionistic fuzzy metric spaces  $(X, M, N, *, \diamond)$  with continuous  $t$ -norm  $*$  and continuous  $t$ -conorm  $\diamond$  defined by  $a * a \geq a$  and  $(1 - a) \diamond (1 - a) \leq (1 - a)$  for all  $a \in [0, 1]$  satisfying the following conditions;

$$(3.21) A(X) \subset S(X), B(X) \subset S(X)$$

(3.22) pairs  $\{A, S\}$  and  $\{B, S\}$  are weakly compatible.

(3.23) pairs  $\{A, S\}$  or  $\{B, S\}$  satisfies the property  $(S-B)$

(3.24) for all  $x, y \in X, t > 0$  and  $k \in (0, 1)$  such that

$$M^2(Ax, By, kt) \geq [M(Ax, Sx, t) * M(By, Sx, t)]^2$$

$$N^2(Ax, By, kt) \leq [N(Ax, Sx, t) \diamond N(By, Sx, t)]^2$$

(3.25) one of  $A(X), B(X), S(X)$  or  $T(X)$  is a closed subset of  $X$ .

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

*Proof.* Suppose that  $(B, S)$  satisfies the property  $(S - B)$ , then there exists a sequence  $\{x_n\}$  in  $X$  such that  $\lim_{n \rightarrow \infty} Bx_n = \lim_{n \rightarrow \infty} Sx_n = z$  for some  $z \in X$ .



Since  $B(X) \subset S(X)$  there exists a sequence  $\{y_n\} \in X$  such that  $\lim_{n \rightarrow \infty} Bx_n = \lim_{n \rightarrow \infty} Sy_n = z$

Now, we shall show that  $\lim_{n \rightarrow \infty} Ay_n = z$

From (3.24), we have; (at  $x = y_n, y = x_n$ )

$$[M(Ay_n, Bx_n, kt)]^2 \geq [M(Ay_n, Sy_n, t) * M(Bx_n, Sy_n, t)]^2$$

$$[N(Ay_n, Bx_n, kt)]^2 \leq [N(Ay_n, Sy_n, t) \diamond N(Bx_n, Sy_n, t)]^2$$

Proceeding limit as  $n \rightarrow \infty$ , we have;

$$[\lim_{n \rightarrow \infty} M(Ay_n, z, kt)]^2 \geq [\lim_{n \rightarrow \infty} M(Ay_n, z, t) * M(z, z, t)]^2$$

and

$$[\lim_{n \rightarrow \infty} N(Ay_n, z, kt)]^2 \leq [\lim_{n \rightarrow \infty} N(Ay_n, z, t) \diamond N(z, z, t)]^2$$

$$[\lim_{n \rightarrow \infty} M(Ay_n, z, kt)]^2 \geq [\lim_{n \rightarrow \infty} M(Ay_n, z, t) * 1]^2$$

and

$$[\lim_{n \rightarrow \infty} N(Ay_n, z, kt)]^2 \leq [\lim_{n \rightarrow \infty} N(Ay_n, z, t) \diamond 0]^2$$

Thus, it follows that,

$$\lim_{n \rightarrow \infty} M(Ay_n, z, kt) \geq \lim_{n \rightarrow \infty} M(Ay_n, z, t)$$

and

$$\lim_{n \rightarrow \infty} N(Ay_n, z, kt) \leq \lim_{n \rightarrow \infty} N(Ay_n, z, t)$$

and we deduce that  $\lim_{n \rightarrow \infty} Ay_n = z$ .

Suppose that  $S(X)$  is a closed subset of  $X$ . then  $z = Su$ . For some  $u \in X$ , subsequently we have;

$$\lim_{n \rightarrow \infty} Ay_n = \lim_{n \rightarrow \infty} Bx_n = \lim_{n \rightarrow \infty} Sy_n = z = Su$$

Now, we shall show that  $Au = Su$ .

From (3.24) we have ( at  $x = u, y = x_n$ )

$$[M(Au, Bx_n, kt)]^2 \geq [M(Au, Su, t) * M(Bx_n, Su, t)]^2$$

and

$$[N(Au, Bx_n, kt)]^2 \leq [N(Au, Su, t) \diamond N(Bx_n, Su, t)]^2$$

Taking the limit as  $n \rightarrow \infty$ , we have;

$$[M(Au, Su, kt)]^2 \geq [M(Au, Su, t) * M(Su, Su, t)]^2$$

and

$$[N(Au, Su, kt)]^2 \leq [N(Au, Su, t) \diamond N(Su, Su, t)]^2$$

$$[M(Au, Su, kt)]^2 \geq [M(Au, Su, t) * 1]^2$$

and

$$[N(Au, Su, kt)]^2 \leq [N(Au, Su, t) \diamond 0]^2$$

Thus, it follows that,

$$M(Au, Su, kt) \geq M(Au, Su, t)$$

and

$$N(Au, Su, kt) \leq N(Au, Su, t)$$

Therefore, by lemma 2.1, we have;  $Au = Su$ .

i.e.  $u$  is a coincidence point of  $A$  and  $S$ .

The weak compatibility of  $A$  and  $S$  implies that  $ASu = SAu$  and then  $AAu = ASu = SAu = SSu$ . On the other hand, since  $A(X) \subset S(X)$ , there exist a point  $v \in X$  such that  $Au = Sv$ . We claim that  $Sv = Bv$ .

i.e.  $v$  is a coincidence point of  $S$  and  $B$ .

Using (3.24), we have;

$$[M(Au, Bv, kt)]^2 \geq [M(Au, Su, t) * M(Bv, Su, t)]^2$$

and

$$[N(Au, Bv, kt)]^2 \leq [N(Au, Su, t) \diamond N(Bv, Su, t)]^2$$

$$[M(Au, Bv, kt)]^2 \geq [M(Au, Au, t) * M(Bv, Au, t)]^2$$

and

$$[N(Au, Bv, kt)]^2 \leq [N(Au, Au, t) \diamond N(Bv, Au, t)]^2$$

$$[M(Au, Bv, kt)]^2 \geq [1 * M(Au, Bv, t)]^2$$

and

$$[N(Au, Bv, kt)]^2 \leq [0 \diamond N(Au, Bv, t)]^2$$

Thus, it follows that,

$$M(Au, Bv, kt) \geq M(Au, Bv, t)$$

and

$$N(Au, Bv, kt) \leq N(Au, Bv, t)$$

Therefore, by lemma 2.1, we have;  $Au = Bv$

Thus  $Au = Su = Sv = Bv$ .

The weak compatibility of  $B$  and  $S$  implies  $BSv = SBv$  and then  $BBv = BSv = SBv = SSv$ .

Let us show that  $Au$  is a common fixed point of  $A$ ,  $B$  and  $S$ .

In view of (3.24), it follows that

$$[M(AAu, Bv, kt)]^2 \geq [M(AAu, SAu, t) * M(Bv, SAu, t)]^2$$

and

$$[N(AAu, Bv, kt)]^2 \leq [N(AAu, SAu, t) \diamond N(Bv, SAu, t)]^2$$

$$[M(AAu, Bv, kt)]^2 \geq [M(AAu, AAu, t) * M(Au, AAu, t)]^2$$

and

$$[N(AAu, Bv, kt)]^2 \leq [N(AAu, AAu, t) \diamond N(Au, AAu, t)]^2$$

$$[M(AAu, Bv, kt)]^2 \geq [1 * M(Au, AAu, t)]^2$$

and

$$[N(AAu, Bv, kt)]^2 \leq [0 \diamond N(Au, AAu, t)]^2$$

That, it follows that,

$$M(AAu, Au, kt) \geq M(Au, AAu, t)$$

and

$$N(AAu, Au, kt) \leq N(Au, AAu, t)$$

Therefore, by lemma 2.1, we have;  $AAu = Au$ .

Thus  $AAu = Au = SAu$  and  $Au$  is a common fixed point of  $A$  and  $S$ .

Similarly, we prove that  $Bv$  is a common fixed point of  $B$  and  $S$ .

Since  $Au = Bv$ , we conclude that  $Au$  is a common fixed point of  $A, B$  and  $S$ .

If  $Az = Bz = Sz = z$  and  $Aw = Bw = Sw = w$ , then by (3.24), we have;

$$[M(Az, Bw, kt)]^2 \geq [M(Az, Sz, t) * M(Bw, Sz, t)]^2$$

and

$$[N(Az, Bw, kt)]^2 \leq [N(Az, Sz, t) \diamond N(Bw, Sz, t)]^2$$

$$[M(z, w, kt)]^2 \geq [M(z, z, t) * M(w, z, t)]^2$$

and

$$[N(z, w, kt)]^2 \leq [N(z, z, t) \diamond N(w, z, t)]^2$$

$$[M(z, w, kt)]^2 \geq [1 * M(z, w, t)]^2$$

and

$$[N(z, w, kt)]^2 \leq [0 \diamond N(z, w, t)]^2$$

Thus, it follows that,

$$M(z, w, kt) \geq M(z, w, t)$$

and

$$N(z, w, kt) \leq N(z, w, t)$$

Therefore, by lemma 2.1, we have;  $z = w$ .

Hence the common fixed point is unique.

This completes the proof of the theorem.

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