

# Common Fixed Point Results in Menger Spaces

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**Abstract** - The purpose of the paper is to prove a common fixed point theorem in Menger spaces by using five compatible mappings.

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## I. Introduction:

There have been a number of generalizations of metric space. One such generalization is Menger space initiated by K. Menger [10] in 1942. The idea of Menger was to use distribution functions instead of nonnegative real numbers as values of the metric. Schweizer and Sklar [16] studied this concept and gave some fundamental results on this space.

The important development of fixed point theory in Menger spaces were due to Sehgal and Bharucha-Reid [13]. Sessa [14] introduced weakly commuting maps in metric spaces. Jungck [7] enlarged this concept to compatible maps. The notion of compatible maps in Menger spaces has been introduced by Mishra [11]. Recently, Singh and Jain [15] generalized the results of Mishra [11] using the concept of weak compatibility and compatibility of pair of self maps. In this paper, using the idea of weak compatibility due to Singh and Jain [15] and the idea of compatibility due to Mishra [11]. In this paper we prove a common fixed point theorem in Menger spaces by using five compatible mappings.

## II. PRELIMINARIES

In [16], introduced the concept of probabilistic metric space by using the notion of triangular norm which is followings

**Definition 2.1:-** A triangular norm  $*$  (shortly t- norm) is a binary operation on the unit interval  $[0, 1]$  such that for all  $a, b, c, d \in [0, 1]$  the following conditions are satisfied:

- (a)  $a * 1 = a$ ;
- (b)  $a * b = b * a$ ;
- (c)  $a * b \leq c * d$  whenever  $a \leq c$  and  $b \leq d$ ;
- (d)  $a * (b * c) = (a * b) * c$ .

**Example 2.2:-** Two typical examples of continuous t-norm are

- (a)  $a * b = \max\{a + b - 1, 0\}$  and
- (b)  $a * b = \min\{a, b\}$

**Definition 2.3:-** A distribution function is a function  $F: (-\infty, \infty) \rightarrow [0, 1]$  which is left continuous on  $\mathbb{R}$ , non-decreasing and  $F(-\infty) = 0, F(\infty) = 1$ .

We will denote by  $\Delta$  the family of all distribution functions on  $[-\infty, \infty]$ .  $H$  is a special element of  $\Delta$  defined by

$$H(t) = \begin{cases} 0 & \text{if } t \leq 0, \\ 1 & \text{if } t > 0. \end{cases}$$

If  $X$  is a nonempty set,  $F: X \times X \rightarrow \Delta$  is called a probabilistic distance on  $X$  and  $F(x, y)$  is usually denoted by  $F_{x,y}$ .

**Definition 2.4 [16]:-** The ordered pair  $(X, F)$  is called a probabilistic metric space (shortly PM-space) if  $X$  is a nonempty set and  $F$  is a probabilistic distance satisfying the following conditions: for all  $x, y, z \in X$  and  $t, s > 0$ ,

- (FM - 0)  $F_{x,y}(t) = 1 \Leftrightarrow x = y$ ;
- (FM - 1)  $F_{x,y}(0) = 0$ , if  $t=0$ ;
- (FM - 2)  $F_{x,y} = F_{y,x}$ ;
- (FM - 3)  $F_{x,y}(t) = 1, F_{z,y}(s) = 1 \Rightarrow F_{x,z}(t+s) = 1$ .

The ordered triple  $(X, F, *)$  is called Menger space if  $(X, F)$  is a PM-space,  $*$  is a t-norm and the following condition is also satisfies: for all  $x, y, z \in X$  and  $t, s > 0$ ,

(FM-4)  $F_{x,y}(t+s) \geq F_{x,z}(t) * F_{z,y}(s)$ .

**Proposition 2.5 [13]:-** Let  $(X, d)$  be a metric space. Then the metric  $d$  induces a distribution function  $F$  defined by

$$F_{x,y}(t) = H(t - d(x, y))$$

for all  $x, y \in X$  and  $t > 0$ . If t-norm  $*$  is defined  $a * b = \min\{a, b\}$  for all  $a, b \in [0, 1]$  then  $(X, F, *)$  is a Menger space. Further,  $(X, F, *)$  is a complete Menger space if  $(X, d)$  is complete.

**Definition 2.6 [11]:-** Let  $(X, F, *)$  be a Menger space and  $*$  be a continuous t-norm.

- (a) A sequence  $\{x_n\}$  in  $X$  is said to be converge to a point  $x$  in  $X$  (written  $x_n \rightarrow x$ ) iff for every  $\epsilon > 0$  and  $\lambda \in (0, 1)$ , there exists an integer  $n_0 = n_0(\epsilon, \lambda)$  such that  $F_{x_n, x}(\epsilon) > 1 - \lambda$  for all  $n \geq n_0$ .
- (b) A sequence  $\{x_n\}$  in  $X$  is said to be Cauchy if for every  $\epsilon > 0$  and  $\lambda \in (0, 1)$ , there exists an integer  $n_0 = n_0(\epsilon, \lambda)$  such that  $F_{x_n, x_{n+p}}(\epsilon) > 1 - \lambda$  for all  $n \geq n_0$  and  $p > 0$ .

(c) A Menger space in which every Cauchy sequence is convergent is said to be complete.

**Remark 2.7:-** If  $*$  is a continuous t-norm, it follows from (FM – 4) that the limit of sequence in Menger space is uniquely determined.

**Definition 2.8[15]:-** Self maps  $A$  and  $B$  of a Menger space  $(X, F, *)$  are said to be weakly compatible (or coincidentally commuting) if they commute at their coincidence points, i.e. if  $Ax = Bx$  for some  $x \in X$  then  $ABx = BAx$ .

**Definition 2.9[11]:-** Self maps  $A$  and  $B$  of a Menger space  $(X, F, *)$  are said to be compatible if  $F_{ABx_n, BAx_n}(t) \rightarrow 1$  for all  $t > 0$ , whenever  $\{x_n\}$  is a sequence in  $X$  such that  $Ax_n \rightarrow x, Bx_n \rightarrow x$  for some  $x$  in  $X$  as  $n \rightarrow \infty$ .

**Remark 2.10:-** If self maps  $A$  and  $B$  of a Menger space  $(X, F, *)$  are compatible then they are weakly compatible.

The following is an example of pair of self maps in a Menger space which are weakly compatible but not compatible.

**Example 2.11:-** Let  $(X, d)$  be a metric space where  $X = [0, 2]$  and  $(X, F, *)$  be the induced Menger space with  $F_{x,y}(t) = H(t - d(x, y)), \forall x, y \in X$  and  $\forall t > 0$ . Define self maps  $A$  and  $B$  as follows:

$$Ax = \begin{cases} 2 - x, & \text{if } 0 \leq x < 1, \\ 2 & \text{if } 1 \leq x \leq 2, \end{cases}$$

and

$$Bx = \begin{cases} x, & \text{if } 0 \leq x < 1, \\ 2, & \text{if } 1 \leq x \leq 2, \end{cases}$$

Take  $x_n = 1 - 1/n$ . Then  $F_{Ax_{n+1}}(t) = H(t - (1/n))$  and  $\lim_{n \rightarrow \infty} F_{Ax_{n+1}}(t) = H(t) = 1$ . Hence  $Ax_n \rightarrow \infty$  as  $n \rightarrow \infty$ . Similarly,  $Bx_n \rightarrow \infty$  as  $n \rightarrow \infty$ . Also  $F_{ABx_n, BAx_n}(t) = H(t - (1 - 1/n))$  and  $\lim_{n \rightarrow \infty} F_{ABx_n, BAx_n}(t) = H(t - 1) \neq 1, \forall t > 0$ . Hence the pair  $(A, B)$  is not compatible. Set of coincidence points of  $A$  and  $B$  is  $[1, 2]$ . Now for any  $x \in [1, 2]$ ,  $Ax = Bx = 2$ , and  $AB(x) = A(2) = 2 = S(2) = SA(x)$ . Thus  $A$  and  $B$  are weakly compatible but not compatible.

**Lemma 2.12:-** Let  $\{x_n\}$  be a sequence in a Menger space  $(X, F, *)$  with continuous t-norm  $*$  and  $t * t \geq t$ . If there exists a constant  $k \in (0, 1)$  such that  $F_{x_n, x_{n+1}}(kt) \geq F_{x_{n-1}, x_n}(t)$  for all  $t > 0$  and  $n = 1, 2, \dots$ , then  $\{x_n\}$  is a Cauchy sequence in  $X$ .

**Lemma 2.13[15]:-** Let  $(X, F, *)$  be a Menger space. If there exists  $k \in (0, 1)$  such that  $F_{x,y}(kt) \geq F_{x,y}(t)$  for all  $x, y \in X$  and  $t > 0$ , then  $x = y$ .

### III. MAIN RESULTS

**Theorem 3.1** Let  $A, B, S, T$  and  $P$  be self maps on a complete Menger space  $(X, F, *)$  with  $t * t \geq t$  for all  $t \in [0, 1]$ , satisfying:

(a)  $P(X) \subseteq AB(X), P(X) \subseteq ST(X)$ ;

(b) there exists a constant  $k \in (0, 1)$  such that

$$\frac{M_{Px, Py}(kt) \geq M_{ABx, Px}(t) * M_{Px, STy}(t) * M_{ABx, STy}(t) * M_{Px, ABx}(t) * M_{Px, STy}(t)}{M_{STy, ABx}(t)} * M_{ABx, Py}(3 - \alpha)t$$

for all  $x, y \in X, \alpha \in (0, 3)$  and  $t > 0$ ,

(c)  $PB = BP, PT = TP, AB = BA$  and  $ST = TS$ ,

(d)  $A$  and  $B$  are continuous,

(e) the pair  $(P, AB)$  is compatible (if compatible then it is weak compatible)

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

**Proof:-** Since  $P(X) \subset AB(X)$ , for  $x_0 \in X$ , we can choose a point  $x_0 \in X$  such that  $Px_0 = ABx_1$ . Since  $P(X) \subset ST(X)$ , for this point  $x_1$ , we can choose a point  $x_2 \in X$  such that

$Px_1 = STx_2$ . Thus by induction, we can define a sequence  $y_n \in X$  as follows:

$$y_{2n} = Px_{2n} = ABx_{2n+1}$$

and

$$y_{2n+1} = Px_{2n+1} = STx_{2n+1}$$

for  $n = 1, 2, \dots$ . By (b),

For all  $t > 0$  and  $\alpha = 2 - q$  with  $q \in (0, 2)$ , we have

$$\begin{aligned} M_{y_{2n+1}, y_{2n+2}}(kt) &= M_{Px_{2n+1}, Px_{2n+2}}(kt) \\ &\geq M_{y_{2n+1}, y_{2n+1}}(t) * M_{y_{2n}, y_{2n+1}}(t) * M_{y_{2n}, y_{2n+1}}(t) * \\ &\frac{M_{y_{2n+1}, y_{2n}}(t) * M_{y_{2n+1}, y_{2n+1}}(t)}{M_{y_{2n+1}, y_{2n}}(t)} * M_{y_{2n}, y_{2n+2}}(1 + q)t, \end{aligned}$$

$$M_{y_{2n+1}, y_{2n+2}}(kt) \geq M_{y_{2n}, y_{2n+1}}(t) * M_{y_{2n}, y_{2n+2}}(1 + q)t$$

$$\geq M_{y_{2n}, y_{2n+1}}(t) * M_{y_{2n}, y_{2n+1}}(t) * M_{y_{2n+1}, y_{2n+2}}(qt)$$

$$\geq M_{y_{2n}, y_{2n+1}}(t) * M_{y_{2n+1}, y_{2n+2}}(t)$$

as  $q \rightarrow 1$ . Since  $*$  is continuous and  $M_{x,y}(\cdot)$  is continuous, letting  $q \rightarrow 1$  in above eq, we get

$$M_{y_{2n+1}, y_{2n+2}}(kt) \geq M_{y_{2n}, y_{2n+1}}(t) * M_{y_{2n+1}, y_{2n+2}}(t) \dots \dots (1)$$

Similarly, we have

$$M_{y_{2n+2}, y_{2n+3}}(kt) \geq M_{y_{2n+1}, y_{2n+2}}(t) * M_{y_{2n+2}, y_{2n+2}}(t) \dots \dots (2)$$

Thus from (1) and (2), it follows that

$$M_{y_{n+1}, y_{n+2}}(kt) \geq M_{y_n, y_{n+1}}(t) * M_{y_{n+1}, y_{n+2}}(t)$$

for  $n = 1, 2, \dots$

and then for positive integers  $n$  and  $p$ ,

$$M_{y_{n+1}, y_{n+2}}(kt) \geq M_{y_n, y_{n+1}}(t) * M_{y_{n+1}, y_{n+2}}\left(\frac{t}{k^p}\right).$$

Thus, since

$$M_{y_{n+1}, y_{n+1}}\left(\frac{t}{k^p}\right) \rightarrow 1 \text{ as } p \rightarrow \infty$$

we have

$M_{y_{n+1}, y_{n+2}}(kt) \geq M_{y_n, y_{n+1}}(t)$ .  
 $\{y_n\}$  is Cauchy sequence in  $X$  and since  $x$  is complete,  $y_n$  converges to a point  $z \in X$ . Since  $Px_n, ABx_{2n+1}$  and  $STx_{2n+2}$  are subsequences of  $y_n$ , they also converge to the point  $z$ . Since  $A, B$  are continuous and pair  $\{P, AB\}$  is compatible and also weak compatible, we have

$$\lim_{n \rightarrow \infty} PABx_{2n+1} = ABz$$

$$\text{and } \lim_{n \rightarrow \infty} (AB)^2 x_{2n+1} = ABz.$$

By (b) with  $\alpha = 2$ , we get

$$M_{PABx_{2n+1}, Px_{2n+2}}(kt) \geq M_{(AB)^2 x_{2n+1}}(t) * M_{PABx_{2n+1}, STx_{2n+2}}(t) * M_{(AB)^2 x_{2n+1}, STx_{2n+2}}(t) * \frac{M_{PABx_{2n+1}, (AB)^2 x_{2n+1}}(t) * M_{PABx_{2n+1}, STx_{2n+2}}(t)}{M_{STx_{2n+2}, (AB)^2 x_{2n+1}}(t)} * M_{(AB)^2 x_{2n+1}, Px_{2n+2}}(t)$$

which implies that

$$M_{ABz, z}(kt) = \lim_{n \rightarrow \infty} M_{PABx_{2n+2}}(kt) \geq 1 * M_{ABz, z}(t) * M_{ABz, z}(t) * \frac{1 * M_{ABz, z}(t)}{M_{z, ABz}(t)} * M_{ABz, z}(t)$$

we have  $ABz = z$ , since  $M_{z, STz}(t) \geq M_{z, ABz}(t) = 1$  for all  $t > 0$ , we get  $STz = z$ . Again by (b) with  $\alpha = 2$ , we have

$$M_{PABx_{2n+1}, Pz}(kt) \geq M_{(AB)^2 x_{2n+1}, PABx_{2n+1}}(t) * M_{PABx_{2n+1}, STz}(t) * M_{(AB)^2 x_{2n+1}, STz}(t) * \frac{M_{PABx_{2n+1}, (AB)^2 x_{2n+1}}(t) * M_{PABx_{2n+1}, STz}(t)}{M_{STz, (AB)^2 x_{2n+1}}(t)} * M_{(AB)^2 x_{2n+1}, Pz}(t)$$

which implies that

$$M_{ABz, Pz}(kt) = \lim_{n \rightarrow \infty} M_{PABx_{2n+1}, Pz}(kt) \geq 1 * 1 * 1 * 1 * M_{ABz, Pz}(t) \geq M_{ABz, Pz}(t).$$

we have  $ABz = Pz$ . Now, we show that  $Bz = z$ . Infact, by (b) with  $\alpha = 2$ , and (c) we get,  $M_{Bz, z}(kt) = M_{BPz, Pz}(kt) = M_{PBz, Pz}(kt)$

$$M_{PBz, Pz}(kt) \geq M_{PBz, STz}(t) * M_{ABz, STz}(t) * \frac{M_{PBz, ABz}(t) * M_{PBz, z}(t)}{M_{z, PBz}(t)} * M_{PBz, z}(t) = 1 * M_{Bz, z}(t) * M_{Bz, z}(t) * 1 * M_{Bz, z}(t) = M_{Bz, z}(t).$$

which implies that  $Bz = z$ . Since  $ABz = z$ , we have  $Az = z$ . Next, we show that  $Tz = z$ . Indeed by (b) with  $\alpha = 2$ , and (c) we get

$$M_{Tz, z}(kt) = M_{TPz, Pz}(kt) = M_{Pz, Pz}(kt) \geq 1 * M_{z, Tz}(t) * M_{z, Tz}(t) * 1 * M_{z, Tz}(t) \geq M_{Tz, z}(t),$$

which implies that  $Tz = z$ . Since  $STz = z$ , we have  $Sz = STz = z$ . Therefore, by combining the above results we obtain,

$Az = Bz = Sz = Tz = Pz$ , that is  $z$  is the common fixed point of  $A, B, S, T$  and  $P$ .

Finally, the uniqueness of the fixed point of  $A, B, S, T$  and  $P$ .

**COROLLARY:-** Let  $(X, F, *)$  be a complete Menger Space with  $t * t \geq t$  for all  $t \in [0, 1]$ , and let  $A, S$  and  $P$  be mappings from  $X$  into itself such that

- (a)  $P(X) \subseteq A(X)$  and  $P(X) \subseteq S(X)$
- (b) there exists a constant  $k \in (0, 1)$  such that

$$M_{Px, Py}(kt) \geq M_{Ax, Px}(t) * M_{Px, Sy}(t) * M_{Ax, Sy}(t) * \frac{M_{Px, Ax}(t) * M_{Px, Sy}(t)}{M_{Sy, Ax}(t)} * M_{Ax, Py}(3 - \alpha)t$$

for all  $x, y \in X, \alpha \in (0, 3)$  and  $t > 0$ ,

- (c)  $A$  or  $P$  are continuous,
- (d) the pair  $\{P, A\}$  is compatible,

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

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