

A COMMON FIXED POINT THEOREM FOR SELF MAPS  
ON A PROBABILISTIC METRIC SPACE UNDER DNR COMMUTATIVITY ONDITION

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ABSTRACT

The aim of present paper is to obtain a common fixed point theorem for two maps and hence for a sequence of mappings with respect to another two self maps on a probabilistic metric space through DNR-commutativity property, the property (E.A) and implicit relations.

These results generalize the result of Mukesh Sharma and Dimri [9].

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1. INTRODUCTION AND PRELIMINARIES

In 1942, K. Menger [7] introduced the notion of probabilistic metric space (briefly PM-space) as a generalization of metric space. The development of fixed point theory in PM- spaces was due to Schweizer and Sklar [11, 12]. Sehgal [13] initiated study of contraction mapping theorems in PM-spaces. Ciric and Milovanovic - Arandjelovic [2] introduced the notion of pointwise R-weakly commutativity to PM-spaces. Pant [10] introduced the notion of reciprocal continuity and obtained common fixed point theorems in metric spaces using R-weak commutativity and reciprocal continuity of mappings, Kumar and Chugh [4] established common fixed point theorems in metric spaces.

Mihet [8] established a fixed point theorem concerning probabilistic contractions satisfying an implicit relation. S. Kumar and B.D. Pant [5] established common fixed point theorems in PM- spaces using implicit relations. J.K. Kohli, S. Vasista and D. Kumar [3] extended the result of [5] to six mappings.

Recently Aamri and Moutanakil [1] and Liu, J. wu and Z. Li [6] defined the property (E.A) and the common property (E.A) respectively and established some results by using the properties in metric spaces.

Mukesh Sharma and Dimri [9] established a common fixed point theorem for a sequence of self mappings on a probabilistic metric space satisfying pointwise R-weakly commutativity and property (E.A) and using an implicit relation.

In this paper, we introduce the notion of DNR-commutativity in PM-spaces, which includes the notion of pointwise R-weak commutativity. Using this new notion and property (E.A), under certain implicit relation, we establish a common fixed point theorem for a pair of self maps with respect to another pair of self maps on a probabilistic metric space and extend it to a sequence of self maps which in turn includes the result of Mukesh Sharma and Dimri [9].

Throughout the paper,  $\mathbb{R}$  stands for the real line and  $\mathbb{R}^+$  stands for the set of non negative real numbers. We begin with some definitions.

**Definition 1.1:** [12] A mapping  $F: \mathbb{R} \rightarrow \mathbb{R}^+$  is called a distribution function if it is non-decreasing and left continuous with  $\inf_{t \in \mathbb{R}} F(t) = 0$  and  $\sup_{t \in \mathbb{R}} F(t) = 1$ .

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We shall denote by  $\mathfrak{D}$ , the class of all distribution functions.

**Definition 1.2:** [12] A probabilistic metric space is a pair  $(X, F)$  where  $X$  is a non-empty set and  $F$  is a mapping from  $X \times X \rightarrow \mathfrak{D}$ . For  $(u, v) \in X \times X$ , the distribution function  $F(u, v)$  is denoted by  $F_{u,v}$ . The functions  $F_{u,v}$  are assumed to satisfy the following conditions.

- (P<sub>1</sub>)  $F_{u,v}(x) = 1$  for all  $x > 0$  if and only if  $u = v$ ,
- (P<sub>2</sub>)  $F_{u,v}(0) = 0$  for all  $u, v \in X$ ,
- (P<sub>3</sub>)  $F_{u,v}(x) = F_{v,u}(x)$  for every  $u, v \in X$ ,
- (P<sub>4</sub>) If  $F_{u,v}(x) = 1$  and  $F_{v,w}(y) = 1$  then  $F_{u,w}(x + y) = 1$  for all  $u, v, w \in X$  and  $x, y > 0$ .

**Definition 1.3:** [12] A mapping  $\Delta: [0,1] \times [0,1] \rightarrow [0,1]$  is called a triangular norm (briefly t -norm) if the following conditions are satisfied.

- (i)  $\Delta(a, 1) = a \quad \forall a \in [0,1]$
- (ii)  $\Delta(a, b) = \Delta(b, a) \quad \forall a, b \in [0,1]$
- (iii) If  $c \geq a$  and  $d \geq b$  then  $\Delta(c, d) \geq \Delta(a, b) \quad \forall a, b, c, d \in [0,1]$
- (iv)  $\Delta(\Delta(a, b), c) = \Delta(a, \Delta(b, c)) \quad \forall a, b, c \in [0,1]$

**Example 1.4:** (i)  $\Delta(a, b) = \min\{a, b\}$   
 (ii)  $\Delta(a, b) = ab$  and (iii)  $\Delta(a, b) = \min\{a + b - 1, 0\}$  are some t-norms.

**Definition 1.5:** [12] A Manger PM-space is a triplet  $(X, F, \Delta)$ , where  $(X, F)$  is a PM-space and  $t$  is a t-norm with the following condition:

$$F_{u,v}(x + y) \geq \Delta(F_{u,w}(x), F_{w,v}(y)) \quad \forall x, y \geq 0 \text{ and } u, v, w \in X.$$

**Definition 1.6:** [2] Two self mappings  $A$  and  $S$  of a PM-space  $(X, F)$  are said to be pointwise R-weakly commuting if given  $z \in X$ , there exists  $R_z > 0$  such that

$$F_{ASz,SAz}(t) \geq F_{Az,Sz}\left(\frac{t}{R_z}\right) \text{ for } t > 0.$$

**Definition 1.7:** [1] A pair  $(A, S)$  of self mappings of a PM space  $(X, F)$  is said to satisfy the property (E.A) if there exists a sequence  $\{x_n\}$  in  $X$  such that  $\lim_{n \rightarrow \infty} Ax_n = \lim_{n \rightarrow \infty} Sx_n = z$  for some  $z \in X$ .

**Definition 1.8:** [6] Two pairs  $(A, S)$  and  $(B, T)$  of self mappings of a PM-space  $(X, F)$  are said to satisfy the common property (E.A) if there exist two sequences  $\{x_n\}, \{y_n\} \in X$  such that  $\lim_{n \rightarrow \infty} Ax_n = \lim_{n \rightarrow \infty} Sx_n = \lim_{n \rightarrow \infty} Ty_n = \lim_{n \rightarrow \infty} By_n = z$  for some  $z \in X$ .

## 2. IMPLICIT RELATION

**Definition 2.1:** [9] Let  $\Phi$  be the class of all real valued continuous functions  $\varphi: (\mathbb{R}^+)^4 \rightarrow \mathbb{R}$ , non decreasing in first argument and satisfying the following conditions:

$$\text{for all } x, y \geq 0, \quad \varphi(x, y, x, y) \geq 0 \text{ (or) } \varphi(x, y, y, x) \geq 0 \Rightarrow x \geq y \tag{2.1.1}$$

$$\varphi(x, x, 1, 1) \geq 0 \text{ for all } x \geq 1 \tag{2.1.2}$$

Members of  $\Phi$  are called implicit relations.

**Definition 2.2:** Let  $X$  be a non empty set,  $\Psi$  denote the class of all functions  $\psi: X \times \mathbb{R}^+ \rightarrow \mathbb{R}^+$  satisfying  $\psi(x, t) > 0$  for all  $x \in X$  and  $t > 0$ .

Members of  $\Psi$  are called DNR functions with respect to  $X$ .

**Definition 2.3:** Two self mappings  $A$  and  $S$  of a PM-space  $(X, F)$  are said to be DNR-commutating if there exists  $\psi \in \Psi$  such that

$$F_{ASz,SAz}(t) \geq F_{Az,Sz}(\psi(z, t)) \text{ for all } z \in X \text{ and } t > 0.$$

We observe that if  $A$  and  $S$  are point wise R- weakly commuting self maps on a PM- space  $X$ , then  $A$  and  $S$  are DNR-commuting.

Mukesh Sharma and Dimri [9] proved the following lemma and theorem.

**Lemma 2.4:** [9] Let  $\{A_i\}_{i \in \mathbb{N} \cup \{0\}}$ ,  $S$  and  $T$  be self maps of a Menger space  $(X, F, \Delta)$  satisfying the following conditions

$$A_i(X) \subseteq T(X), A_0(X) \subseteq S(X) \tag{2.4.1}$$

There exists  $\varphi \in \Phi$  and  $h \in (0,1)$  such that

$$\varphi(F_{A_i x, A_0 y}(ht), F_{Sx, Ty}(t), F_{A_i x, Sx}(t), F_{A_0 y, Ty}(ht)) \geq 0 \tag{2.4.2}$$

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

Suppose that  $(A_0, T)$  satisfies property (E.A). Then the pairs  $(A_i, S)$  and  $(A_0, T)$  have the common property (E.A).

**Theorem 2.5:** [9] Let  $\{A_i\}_{i \in \mathbb{N} \cup \{0\}}$ ,  $S$  and  $T$  be self maps of a Menger space  $(X, F, \Delta)$  satisfying the conditions (2.4.1) and (2.4.2) of Lemma 2.4,  $(A_0, T)$  satisfies the property (E.A) and the pairs  $(A_i, S)$  and  $(A_0, T)$  are point wise R-weakly commuting. If range of one of  $S$  and  $T$  is a closed subspace of  $X$ , then  $\{A_i\}_{i \in \mathbb{N} \cup \{0\}}$ ,  $S$  and  $T$  have a unique common fixed point.

### 3. MAIN RESULTS

We prove our main theorem by using DNR commuting property instead of point wise R-weakly commuting property and our theorem is a generalization of Theorem 2.5. For this first we prove our theorem to four self maps and later extend to a sequence of self maps.

We also provide an example of a pair of maps which are DNR-commuting.

**Theorem 3.1:** Let  $A_0, A_1, S$  and  $T$  be self maps of a PM-space satisfying the conditions (2.4.1) and (2.4.2) of Lemma 2.4,  $(A_0, T)$  satisfies the property (E.A) and the pairs  $(A_1, S)$  and  $(A_0, T)$  are DNR- commuting. If one of  $S(X)$  and  $T(X)$  is a closed subspace of  $X$ , then  $A_0, A_1, S$  and  $T$  have a unique common fixed point.

**Proof:** In view of Lemma 2.4 the pairs  $(A_1, S)$  and  $(A_0, T)$  have the common property (E.A).

Hence there exist sequences  $\{x_n\}$  and  $\{y_n\}$  in  $X$  such that

$$\lim_{n \rightarrow \infty} A_0 x_n = \lim_{n \rightarrow \infty} T x_n = \lim_{n \rightarrow \infty} A_1 y_n = \lim_{n \rightarrow \infty} S y_n = z \text{ for some } z \in X.$$

Suppose  $S(X)$  is a closed subspace of  $X$ . Then there exists  $u \in X$  such that  $Su = z$ .

Now we claim that  $A_1 u = z$ .

Putting  $x = u$  and  $y = x_n$  in (2.4.2), we get

$$\varphi(F_{A_1 u, A_0 x_n}(ht), F_{Su, T x_n}(t), F_{A_1 u, Su}(t), F_{A_0 x_n, T x_n}(ht)) \geq 0$$

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

$$\varphi(F_{A_1 u, z}(ht), F_{z, z}(t), F_{A_1 u, z}(t), F_{z, z}(ht)) \geq 0$$

$$\text{i.e. } \varphi(F_{A_1 u, z}(ht), 1, F_{A_1 u, z}(t), 1) \geq 0$$

Since  $\varphi$  is non decreasing, (2.1.1) gives  $F_{A_1 u, z}(ht) \geq 1$

Hence  $A_1 u = z$ .

Thus we have  $z = Su = A_1 u$ .

Since  $A_1(X) \subseteq T(X)$ , there exists  $v \in X$  such that  $z = A_1 u = Tv$ .

We claim that  $A_0v = z$ .

Putting  $x = y_n$  and  $y = v$  in (2.4.2), we get

$$(F_{A_1y_n, A_0v}(ht), F_{Sy_n, Tv}(t), F_{A_1y_n, Sy_n}(t), F_{A_0v, Tv}(ht)) \geq 0$$

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

$$(F_{z, A_0v}(ht), F_{z, z}(t), F_{z, z}(t), F_{A_0v, z}(ht)) \geq 0$$

$$\text{i.e. } (F_{z, A_0v}(ht), 1, 1, F_{A_0v, z}(ht)) \geq 0.$$

Therefore (2.1.1) gives that  $F_{A_0v, z}(ht) \geq 1$ .

Hence  $A_0v = z$ .

Thus we have  $z = Su = A_1u = Tv = A_0v$ .

Since  $A_1, S$  are DNR-commuting, there exists  $\psi \in \Psi$  such that

$$F_{A_1Su, SA_1u}(t) \geq F_{A_1u, Su}(\psi(u, t)) = 1$$

i.e.  $A_1Su = SA_1u$  and hence  $A_1Su = SA_1u = A_1A_1u = SSu$ .

Also  $A_0$  and  $T$  are DNR-commuting. Hence there exists  $\psi \in \Psi$  such that

$$F_{A_0Tv, TA_0v}(t) \geq F_{A_0v, Tv}(\psi(v, t)) = 1$$

i.e.  $A_0Tv = TA_0v$  and  $A_0Tv = TA_0v = A_0A_0v = TTv$ .

Now putting  $x = A_1u$  and  $y = v$  in (2.4.2), we get

$$\varphi(F_{A_1A_1u, A_0v}(ht), F_{SA_1u, Tv}(t), F_{A_1A_1u, SA_1u}(t), F_{A_0v, Tv}(ht)) \geq 0$$

$$\text{i.e. } \varphi(F_{A_1A_1u, A_1u}(ht), F_{A_1A_1u, A_1u}(t), 1, 1) \geq 0.$$

Since  $\varphi$  is non decreasing (2.1.2) gives  $F_{A_1A_1u, A_1u}(t) \geq 1$

i.e.  $A_1A_1u = A_1u \Rightarrow A_1z = z$  and  $A_1z = z = Sz$ .

Now putting  $x = u$  and  $y = A_0v$  in (2.4.2), we get

$$\varphi(F_{A_1u, A_0A_0v}(ht), F_{Su, TA_0v}(t), F_{A_1u, Su}(t), F_{A_0A_0v, TA_0v}(ht)) \geq 0$$

$$\text{i.e. } \varphi(F_{A_0v, A_0A_0v}(ht), F_{A_0v, A_0A_0v}(t), 1, 1) \geq 0$$

i.e.  $A_0v = A_0A_0v$  (using (2.1.2), since  $\varphi$  is non decreasing)

$$\therefore z = A_0z \text{ and } z = A_0z = Tz$$

which gives  $z = A_1z = Sz = A_0z = Tz$ .

Hence  $z$  is a common fixed point for  $A_0, A_1, S$  and  $T$ .

Let if possible  $p$  be another fixed point of  $A_0, A_1, S$  and  $T$ .

Then  $A_0p = A_1p = Sp = Tp = p$ .

Now putting  $x = z$  and  $y = p$  in (2.4.2), we get

$$\varphi(F_{A_1z, A_0p}(ht), F_{Sz, Tp}(t), F_{A_1z, Sz}(t), F_{A_0p, Tp}(ht)) \geq 0$$

$$\text{i.e. } \varphi(F_{z,p}(ht), F_{z,p}(t), F_{z,z}(t), F_{p,p}(ht)) \geq 0$$

$$\text{i.e. } \varphi(F_{z,p}(ht), F_{z,p}(t), 1, 1) \geq 0$$

$$\text{i.e. } F_{z,p}(t) \geq 1 \quad (\because \text{by (2.1.2) and } \varphi \text{ is non decreasing})$$

$$\therefore z = p$$

Hence  $z$  is the unique common fixed point of  $A_0, A_1, S$  and  $T$ .

Now, we prove a common fixed point theorem for a sequence of self maps which are DNR commuting in pairs.

**Theorem 3.2:** Let  $\{A_i\}_{i \in \mathbb{N} \cup \{0\}}$ ,  $S$  and  $T$  be self maps of a PM space  $(X, F)$  satisfying the conditions (2.4.1) and (2.4.2) of Lemma 2.4,  $(A_0, T)$  satisfies the property (E.A) and the pairs  $(A_i, S)$  and  $(A_0, T)$  are DNR commuting. If range of one of  $S$  and  $T$  is a closed subspace of  $X$ , then  $\{A_i\}_{i \in \mathbb{N} \cup \{0\}}$ ,  $S$  and  $T$  have a unique common fixed point.

**Proof:** Let  $z_i, i > 1$  be the common fixed point of  $A_0, A_i, S$  and  $T$ .

In (2.4.2), put  $x = z_2, y = z_2$  and  $i = 1$ , we get

$$\varphi(F_{A_1z_2, A_0z_2}(ht), F_{Sz_2, Tz_2}(t), F_{A_1z_2, Sz_2}(t), F_{A_0z_2, Tz_2}(ht)) \geq 0$$

$$\Rightarrow \varphi(F_{A_1z_2, z_2}(ht), F_{z_2, z_2}(t), F_{A_1z_2, z_2}(t), F_{z_2, z_2}(ht)) \geq 0$$

$$\Rightarrow \varphi(F_{A_1z_2, z_2}(ht), 1, F_{A_1z_2, z_2}(t), 1) \geq 0$$

$$\Rightarrow A_1z_2 = z_2 \quad (\because \varphi \text{ is non decreasing, by (2.1.2)})$$

$\therefore z_2$  is fixed point of  $A_1$ .

Thus  $z_2$  is a fixed point of  $A_0, A_1, S$  and  $T$ , so that  $z_1 = z_2$ , by uniqueness of common fixed point.

In a similar manner, putting  $x = z_i, y = z_i$  and  $A_i = A_1$  in (2.4.2), we get  $A_1z_i = z_i$  and hence  $z_i = z_1$  for all  $i > 1$ .

Thus  $z_1$  is a common fixed point of  $A_0, A_1, A_2, \dots, A_i, \dots, S$  and  $T$ .

**Note:** Theorem 2.5 is a simple corollary of Theorem 3.2.

Now, we give an example to illustrate DNR commuting mappings.

**Example 3.3:** Let  $X = \{2, 3, 4, \dots\}$  with the metric  $d(x, y) = |x - y|$  and define

$$F_{x,y}(t) = \begin{cases} 0 & \text{if } t \leq x \\ 1 & \text{if } t > y \\ \frac{t-x}{y-x} & \text{if } x < t \leq y \end{cases}$$

for  $x < y$ .

Clearly  $(X, F)$  is a PM-space.

$$\text{Define } \psi(x, t) = \begin{cases} x & \text{if } t \leq x \\ \frac{t-1}{x} & \text{if } t > x \end{cases} \quad \text{for } x \in [2, \infty)$$

Then  $\psi$  is a DNR function.

Define  $A, S: X \rightarrow X$  by  $Ax = x + 1, Sx = x^2$ .

Then for  $z \in X$ ,  $ASz = z^2 + 1$  and  $SAz = (z + 1)^2$ .

Clearly  $z^2 + 1 < (z + 1)^2$  for  $z \in X$ .

Claim  $F_{z^2+1,(z+1)^2}(t) \geq F_{z+1,z^2}(\psi(z, t))$  for all  $t > 0$  (3.3.1)

**Case I:**  $t \leq z^2 + 1$

Then L.H.S of (1) is 0 and

$$\begin{aligned} t \leq z &\Rightarrow \psi(z, t) = z \Rightarrow F_{z+1,z^2}(\psi(z, t)) = 0 \\ t > z &\Rightarrow \psi(z, t) = \frac{t-1}{z} \leq z \Rightarrow F_{z+1,z^2}(\psi(z, t)) = 0 \end{aligned}$$

**Case II:**  $t \geq (z + 1)^2$

Then L.H.S of (3.3.1) is  $1 \geq F_{z+1,z^2}(\psi(z, t)) = 0$

**Case III:**  $z^2 + 1 < t < (z + 1)^2$  (3.3.2)

$$\text{L.H.S of (3.3.1)} = \frac{t-(z^2+1)}{(z+1)^2-(z^2+1)} = \frac{t-(z^2+1)}{2z}$$

$$\begin{aligned} \text{From (3.3.2), } z < z^2 + 1 < t &\Rightarrow \psi(z, t) = \frac{t-1}{z} \text{ and} \\ z < \frac{t-1}{z} = \psi(z, t) < z + 2 & (\because z^2 + 1 < t < (z + 1)^2) \end{aligned}$$

If  $z + 1 \geq \frac{t-1}{z} = \psi(z, t)$ , then R.H.S of (3.3.1) is '0'.

Suppose  $z + 1 < \frac{t-1}{z} < z + 2 \leq z^2$

$$\text{Then R.H.S of (3.3.1)} = \frac{\frac{t-1}{z}-(z+1)}{z^2-(z+1)} = \frac{t-(z^2+z+1)}{z(z^2-(z+1))}$$

Claim:  $\frac{t-(z^2+1)}{2z} \geq \frac{t-(z^2+z+1)}{z(z^2-(z+1))}$  (3.3.3)

$$\text{i.e. } \frac{t-(z^2+1)}{2} \geq \frac{t-(z^2+z+1)}{(z^2-(z+1))}$$

For  $z = 2$ , (3.3.3) holds since  $t < (z + 1)^2 = 9$

Now for  $z \geq 3$

We have  $2 \leq z^2 - (z + 1)$  so that

$$\frac{t-(z^2+1)}{2} \geq \frac{t-(z^2+1)}{z^2-(z+1)} \geq \frac{t-(z^2+z+1)}{z^2-(z+1)}$$

Hence (3.3.3) holds

Thus  $F_{ASz,SAz}(t) \geq F_{Az,Sz}(\psi(z, t))$ .

Hence the pair  $(A, S)$  is DNR commuting.

**Note:** The maps  $A$  and  $S$  of the above example do not have a common fixed point and do not have property (E.A). Thus Example 3.3 shows that in the absence of property (E.A), DNR commutativity alone may not guarantee the existence of a common fixed point.

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