

A COMMON FIXED POINT THEOREM FOR FOUR SELF MAPS ON A MENGER SPACE WITH HADZIC TYPE  $t$ -NORM

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ABSTRACT

In this paper, we proved a common fixed point theorem for four self maps on a complete Menger space and obtain a result of Geeta Modi and S. S. Khare [1] as a corollary.

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1. INTRODUCTION:

There have been a number of generalizations of a metric space one among them is Menger space introduced in 1942 by Menger [3] who used distribution functions instead of non-negative real numbers as values of the metric. Schweizer and Sklar [8] studied this concept and established some fundamental results on this space. In 1978, Hadzic [2] introduced a class  $\mathcal{H}$  of  $t$ -norms. Throughout this paper,  $\mathbb{R}$  represents the real line,  $\mathbb{R}^+ = [0, \infty)$  and  $\mathbb{N}$  is set of positive integers.

Definition: 1.1

A mapping  $F: \mathbb{R} \rightarrow \mathbb{R}^+$  is said to be a distribution function if

- (i)  $F$  is non- decreasing
- (ii)  $F$  is left continuous
- (iii)  $\inf_{x \in \mathbb{R}} F(x) = 0$  and  $\sup_{x \in \mathbb{R}} F(x) = 1$ .

We denote the set of all distribution functions by  $\mathcal{D}$ .

Define  $H: \mathbb{R} \rightarrow \mathbb{R}^+$  by  $H(t) = \begin{cases} 0 & \text{if } t \leq 0 \\ 1 & \text{if } t > 0 \end{cases}$ , then  $H$  is called the Heaviside function. Clearly  $H$  is a distribution function.

Definition: 1.2 (B. Schweizer and A. Sklar, [6]):

A Probabilistic Metric Space is an ordered pair  $(X, F)$ , where  $X$  is non-empty set and  $F$  is a function defined on  $X \times X$  to  $\mathcal{D}$  which satisfies the following conditions:

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For  $x, y, z \in X$

(i)  $F_{x,y}(0) = 0$

(ii)  $F_{x,y}(u) = 1$  for all  $u > 0$  if and only if  $x = y$

(iii)  $F_{x,y}(u) = F_{y,x}(u)$

(iv)  $F_{x,y}(u) = 1$  and  $F_{y,z}(v) = 1 \implies F_{x,z}(u + v) = 1$ .

**Definition: 1.3 (B. Schweizer and A. Sklar, [8]):**

A function  $t: [0,1] \times [0,1] \rightarrow [0,1]$  is said to be a  $t$ -norm if it satisfies the following conditions: For  $a, b, c, d \in [0,1]$

(i)  $t(a, 1) = a$

(ii)  $t(a, b) = t(b, a)$

(iii)  $t(t(a, b), c) = t(a, t(b, c))$

(iv)  $t(c, d) \geq t(a, b)$  if  $c \geq a$  and  $d \geq b$ .

For  $a, b \in [0,1]$ , if we define  $t(a, b) = \min\{a, b\}$ , then  $t$  is a  $t$ -norm.

**Definition: 1.4 (K.Menger, [3]):**

Let  $X$  be a non-empty set,  $t$  a  $t$ -norm and  $F$  is a function defined on  $X \times X$  to  $\mathcal{D}$  satisfy:

(i)  $F_{x,y}(0) = 0 \forall x, y \in X$

(ii)  $F_{x,y}(u) = 1$  for all  $u > 0$  if and only if  $x = y$

(iii)  $F_{x,y}(u) = F_{y,x}(u) \forall x, y \in X$

(iv)  $F_{x,y}(u + v) \geq t(F_{x,z}(u), F_{z,y}(v)) \forall u, v \geq 0$  and  $x, y, z \in X$ .

Then the triple  $(X, F, t)$  is called Menger space.

**Definition: 1.5 (B. Schweizer and A. Sklar, [7]):**

A sequence  $\{x_n\}$  in Menger space  $(X, F, t)$  is a Cauchy sequence if for any  $\varepsilon, \lambda > 0 \exists N(\varepsilon, \lambda)$  such that  $F_{x_n, x_m}(\varepsilon) > 1 - \lambda$  for  $n, m > N$ .

**Definition: 1.6 (B. Schweizer and A. Sklar, [7]):**

A sequence  $\{x_n\}$  in Menger space  $(X, F, t)$  is said to converge to  $x$  if for any  $\varepsilon, \lambda > 0 \exists N(\varepsilon, \lambda)$  such that  $F_{x_n, x}(\varepsilon) > 1 - \lambda$  for  $n > N$ .

**Definition: 1.7 (B. Schweizer and A. Sklar, [7]):**

A Menger space  $(X, F, t)$  is said to be complete if every Cauchy sequence in  $(X, F, t)$  is convergent.

**Note:** This notion of converge of sequences in  $X$  gives raise to a topology which is Hausdorff if  $t$  is continuous.

**Definition: 1.8 (R. P. Panth, [4]):**

Two mappings  $f, g$  of a Menger space  $(X, F, t)$  into itself are said to be R-weakly commuting provided there exist some positive real number  $R$  such that  $F_{fgx, gfx}(u) \geq F_{fx, gx}\left(\frac{u}{R}\right)$  for every  $x \in X$ .

**Definition: 1.9:**

Let  $(X, F, t)$  be a Menger space such that  $t$  is continuous and  $f, g$  be mappings from  $X$  into itself. Then  $f$  and  $g$  are said to be compatible if  $\lim_{n \rightarrow \infty} F_{fgx_n, gfx_n}(u) = 1 \forall u > 0$  when ever  $\{x_n\}$  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: 1.10:**

Two mappings  $f, g$  of a Menger space  $(X, F, t)$  into itself are said to be reciprocally continuous if  $\lim_{n \rightarrow \infty} fgx_n = fp$  and  $\lim_{n \rightarrow \infty} gfx_n = gp$  whenever  $\{x_n\}$  is a sequence in  $X$  such that  $\lim_{n \rightarrow \infty} fx_n = \lim_{n \rightarrow \infty} gx_n = p$  for some  $p \in X$ .

**Definition: 1.11 (O.Hadzic , [2]):**

Let  $t$  be a  $t$ - norm. For any  $x \in [0,1]$  write  $t^0(x) = 1$  and  $t^1(x) = t(t^0(x), x) = t(1, x) = x$ . In general recursively define  $t^{n+1}(x) = t(t^n(x), x)$ , for  $n = 0,1,2 \dots$

Suppose that given  $\varepsilon$  in  $(0,1) \exists \delta \in (0,1) \ni x > 1 - \delta \Rightarrow t^n(x) > 1 - \varepsilon \forall n \in N$

Then the sequence  $\{t^n\}$  is said to be equicontinuous at 1. If  $\{t^n\}$  is equicontinuous at 1, then we say that  $t$  is a Hadzic type  $t$ - norm. Define  $t_{min}$  by  $t_{min}(a, b) = \min\{a, b\}$  for  $a, b \in [0,1]$ , then we observe that  $t_{min}$  is a continuous  $t$ -norm of Hadzic type.

The following Lemma is proved in Sastry, Babu and Sandhya [5].

**Lemma: 1.12 (K. P. R. Sastry, G. V. R. Babu and M. L. Sandhya , [5]):**

Let  $(X, F, t)$  be a Menger space with continuous Hadzic-type  $t$ - norm  $t$  and  $0 < a < 1$ . Suppose  $\{x_n\}$  is a sequence in  $X$  such that for any  $u > 0, F_{x_n, x_{n+1}}(u) \geq F_{x_0, x_1}(\frac{u}{a^n})$ . Then  $\{x_n\}$  is a Cauchy sequence.

Geeta Modi and S. S. Khare [1] proved the following theorem.

**Theorem: 1.13 (Geeta Modi and S.S.Khare, [1]):**

Let  $(X, F, t)$  be a complete Menger space where  $t$  is defined as  $t(a, b) = \min\{a, b\}, a, b \in [0,1]$ .  $A, B, S$  and  $T$  be mappings from  $X$  to itself such that

$$A(X) \subseteq T(X) \text{ and } B(X) \subseteq S(X) \tag{1.13.1}$$

$$\text{the pair } (A, S) \text{ or } (B, T) \text{ are compatible pair of reciprocally continuous mappings} \tag{1.13.2}$$

$$(A, S) , (B, T) \text{ are point wise R-weakly commuting pair of mappings} \tag{1.13.3}$$

$$\text{for all } x, y \in X, k \in (0,1), u > 0 \tag{1.13.4}$$

$$F_{Ax, By}^3(ku) \geq \max\{F_{Sx, Ty}^3(u), F_{Ax, Sx}^3(u), F_{By, Ty}^3(u), F_{Ax, Ty}(2u), F_{By, Sx}(2u), F_{By, Ty}^2(u)\}$$

$$\text{for all } x, y \in X, \lim_{u \rightarrow \infty} F_{x, y}(u) = 1 \tag{1.13.5}$$

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

**2. MAIN RESULT:**

In this paper, we show that Theorem 1.13 [1] is not in general valid, but valid if  $0 < R < 1$ . Further, when  $0 < R < 1$ , we improve Theorem 1.13 significantly by

- (i) replacing the minimum  $t$  norm by Hadzic type  $t$  – norm
- (ii) do away with condition (1.13.2) and
- (iii) relax condition (1.13.4)

Also we conclude that under the given conditions,  $A = B = \text{constant}$ .

We observe that (1.13.5) is unnecessary, since it is a part of the definition of a distribution function.

Now we state our main result.

**Theorem: 2.1**

Let  $(X, F, t)$  be a complete Menger space where  $t$  is Hadzic type  $t$ -norm. Suppose  $A, B, S$  and  $T$  are mappings from  $X$  to itself such that

$$A(X) \subseteq T(X) \text{ and } B(X) \subseteq S(X) \tag{2.1.1}$$

$$(A, S), (B, T) \text{ are } R\text{-weakly commuting pair of mappings.} \tag{2.1.2}$$

$$\text{There exist } k \in (0,1) \text{ such that for all } x, y \in X \text{ and } u > 0 \tag{2.1.3}$$

$$F_{Ax,By}(ku) \geq \max\{F_{Ax,Sx}(u), F_{By,Ty}(u)\}$$

Then  $A = B$  is a constant function, Further, if  $0 < R < 1$ , then  $A, B, S$  and  $T$  have a unique common fixed point in  $X$ .

**Proof:** Let  $x_0 \in X$ . By (2.1.1), there exist  $x_1 \in X$  such that  $Ax_0 = Tx_1 = y_1$  (say). Inductively, construct a sequence  $\{y_n\}$  in  $X$  such that  $y_{2n-1} = Tx_{2n-1} = Ax_{2n-2}$  and  $y_{2n} = Sx_{2n} = Bx_{2n-1}$  for  $n = 1, 2, 3 \dots$

We have

$$\begin{aligned} F_{y_{2n+1},y_{2n+2}}(ku) &= F_{Ax_{2n},Bx_{2n+1}}(ku) \\ &\geq \max\{F_{Ax_{2n},Sx_{2n}}(u), F_{Bx_{2n+1},Tx_{2n+1}}(u)\} && \text{from (2.1.3)} \\ &= \max\{F_{y_{2n+1},y_{2n}}(u), F_{y_{2n+2},y_{2n+1}}(u)\} \\ &= F_{y_{2n+1},y_{2n}}(u) \\ \therefore F_{y_{2n+1},y_{2n+2}}(ku) &\geq F_{y_{2n+1},y_{2n}}(u) \end{aligned} \tag{2.1.4}$$

Also

$$\begin{aligned} F_{y_{2n},y_{2n+1}}(ku) &= F_{Bx_{2n-1},Ax_{2n}}(ku) \\ &= F_{Ax_{2n},Bx_{2n-1}}(ku) \\ &\geq \max\{F_{Ax_{2n},Sx_{2n}}(u), F_{Bx_{2n-1},Tx_{2n-1}}(u)\} \\ &= \max\{F_{y_{2n+1},y_{2n}}(u), F_{y_{2n},y_{2n-1}}(u)\} \\ &= F_{y_{2n},y_{2n-1}}(u) \\ \therefore F_{y_{2n},y_{2n+1}}(ku) &\geq F_{y_{2n-1},y_{2n}}(u) \end{aligned} \tag{2.1.5}$$

From (2.1.4) and (2.1.5), we have

$$F_{y_n,y_{n+1}}(ku) \geq F_{y_{n-1},y_n}(u) \tag{2.1.6}$$

From (2.1.6), we have

$$\begin{aligned} F_{y_n,y_{n+1}}(u) &\geq F_{y_{n-1},y_n}\left(\frac{u}{k}\right) \geq F_{y_{n-2},y_{n-1}}\left(\frac{u}{k^2}\right) \geq F_{y_{n-3},y_{n-2}}\left(\frac{u}{k^3}\right) \dots \geq F_{y_0,y_1}\left(\frac{u}{k^n}\right) \\ \therefore F_{y_n,y_{n+1}}(u) &\geq F_{y_0,y_1}\left(\frac{u}{k^n}\right) \end{aligned}$$

Since  $t$  is of Hadzic type  $t$ -norm, from Lemma 1.12,  $\{y_n\}$  is a Cauchy sequence.

Since  $(X, F, t)$  is complete, there exist  $z \in X$  such that  $\lim_{n \rightarrow \infty} y_n = z$

Then  $\lim_{n \rightarrow \infty} y_{2n-1} = \lim_{n \rightarrow \infty} Tx_{2n-1} = \lim_{n \rightarrow \infty} Ax_{2n-2} = z$  and  
 $\lim_{n \rightarrow \infty} y_{2n} = \lim_{n \rightarrow \infty} Sx_{2n} = \lim_{n \rightarrow \infty} Bx_{2n-1} = z$

Put  $x = x_{2n}$  and  $y = z$  in (2.1.3), we get

$$F_{Ax_{2n}Bz}(ku) \geq \max\{F_{Ax_{2n}Sx_{2n}}(u), F_{Bz,Tz}(u)\}$$

On letting  $n \rightarrow \infty$

$$F_{z,Bz}(ku) \geq \max\{F_{z,z}(u), F_{Bz,Tz}(u)\}$$

$$= \max\{1, F_{Bz,Tz}(u)\} = 1$$

$$\therefore F_{z,Bz}(ku) \geq 1$$

$$\therefore Bz = z.$$

Put  $x = z$  and  $y = x_{2n}$  in (2.1.3), we get

$$F_{Az,Bx_{2n}}(ku) \geq \max\{F_{Az,Sz}(u), F_{Bx_{2n},Tx_{2n}}(u)\}$$

On letting  $n \rightarrow \infty$

$$F_{Az,z}(ku) \geq \max\{F_{Az,Sz}(u), F_{z,z}(u)\}$$

$$= \max\{F_{Az,Sz}(u), 1\} = 1$$

$$\therefore F_{Az,z}(ku) \geq 1$$

$$\therefore Az = z.$$

Thus  $Az = Bz = z$

$\therefore A = B$  is a constant function.

Since the pair  $(A, S)$  is R- weakly commuting there exist a positive real number R such that

$$F_{ASz,SAz}(u) \geq F_{Az,Sz}\left(\frac{u}{R}\right)$$

$$\Rightarrow F_{z,Sz}(u) \geq F_{z,Sz}\left(\frac{u}{R}\right)$$

If  $0 < R < 1$ , then  $z = Sz$ .

Also since, the pair  $(B, T)$  is R- weakly commuting, if  $0 < R < 1$ , then we can show that  $z = Tz$ .

$$\therefore Az = Bz = Sz = Tz = z$$

Thus  $z$  is a common fixed point of  $A, B, S$  and  $T$ .

Let  $w$  be another fixed point of  $A, B, S$  and  $T$ .

Put  $x = z$  and  $y = w$  in (2.1.3), we get

$$F_{Az,Bw}(ku) \geq \max\{F_{Az,Sz}(u), F_{Bw,Tw}(u)\}$$

$$\Rightarrow F_{z,w}(ku) \geq \max\{F_{z,z}(u), F_{w,w}(u)\}$$

$$\Rightarrow F_{z,w}(ku) \geq \max\{1, 1\} = 1$$

$$\Rightarrow F_{z,w}(ku) \geq 1$$

Therefore  $z = w$

Hence  $z$  is a unique common fixed point of  $A, B, S$  and  $T$ .

Under the condition of Theorem 2.1, the following example shows that  $A, B, S$  and  $T$  may not have a common fixed point if  $R \geq 1$ , even in a metric space.

**Example: 2.2:**

Let  $X = \{1, 2, 3, \dots\}$ . For any  $m, n \in X$  and  $t \in \mathbb{R}$ , define  $F_{m,n}(t) = H(t - |m - n|)$ .

Define  $t_{min}$  by  $t_{min}(a, b) = \min\{a, b\}$ . Then  $t$  is a Hadzic type  $t$ -norm. Then clearly  $(X, F, t)$  is a complete Menger space.

Now define  $A, B, S$  and  $T$  on  $X$  as follows

$$An = 3 = Bn, Sn = n + 1 = Tn, \text{ for } n = 1, 2, 3 \dots$$

Then  $A, B, S$  and  $T$  satisfy the hypothesis of Theorem 2.1 with  $R \geq 1$ . Further  $A, B, S$  and  $T$  do not have a common fixed point.

**Corollary: 2.3:** Theorem 1.13 with  $0 < R < 1$

Let  $(X, F, t)$  be a complete Menger space where  $t$  is defined as  $t(a, b) = \min\{a, b\}, a, b \in [0, 1]$ .  $A, B, S$  and  $T$  be mappings from  $X$  to itself such that

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$$\text{for all } x, y \in X, \lim_{u \rightarrow \infty} F_{x,y}(u) = 1 \tag{1.13.5}$$

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

**Proof:** Since (1.13.4)  $\Rightarrow$  (2.1.3), the result follows.

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