



## Common Fixed Point Theorems in Fuzzy Normed Spaces

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**ABSTRACT :** In this paper, we prove a common fixed point theorem for four self-maps in fuzzy normed space using the concept of compatibility, which generalizes the result of Singh *et. al.* [5].

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### I. INTRODUCTION AND PRELIMINARY CONCEPTS

Zadeh [6] introduced the concept of fuzzy sets in 1965. Many researches have been done using this concept in different spaces. In 1999, Jose and Santiago [2] introduced the concept of Fuzzy norm on a real or complex vector space and defined Fuzzy normed space (called F-normed space) by modifying the definition of F-normed spaces given by George [1] in 1995. Jungck [3] introduced the concept of compatible mappings for a pair of self-maps. The concept of compatibility in fuzzy metric space was introduced by Mishra *et. al.* [4].

**Definition 1.** [2] A 3-tuple,  $(X, N, *)$  is said to be a F-normed space if  $X$  is a real or complex vector space,  $*$  is a continuous t-norm and  $N$  is function on  $X \times (0, \infty)$  satisfying the following conditions :

$$(5.1.1) N(x, t) > 0;$$

$$(5.1.2) N(x, t) = 1 \text{ if and only if } x = 0;$$

$$(5.1.3) N(kx, t) = N(x, t/|k|);$$

$$(5.1.4) N(x, t) * N(y, s) \leq N(x+y, t+s);$$

$$(5.1.5) N(x, \cdot) : (0, \infty) \rightarrow [0, 1] \text{ is continuous,}$$

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

**Remark 1.** [2] Let  $(X, N, *)$  be a F-normed space. For  $x, y \in X, t > 0$ , define  $M(x, y, t) = N(x-y, t)$ . Then  $(X, M, *)$  is a fuzzy metric space.

**Definition 2.** [2] A sequence  $\{x_n\}$  in a F-normed space  $(X, N, *)$  is said to be convergent to an element  $x \in X$  if and only if given  $t > 0, 0 < r < 1$ , there exists an  $n_0 \in J$  such that

$$N(x_n - x, t) > 1 - r, \text{ for every } n \geq n_0.$$

**Definition 3.** [2] A sequence  $\{x_n\}$  in a F-normed space  $(X, N, *)$  is said to be F-Cauchy sequence if and only if for every  $\epsilon$  such that  $0 < \epsilon < 1, t > 0$ , there exists an  $n_0 \in J$  such that

$$N(x_n - x_m, t) > 1 - \epsilon, \text{ for every } n, m \geq n_0.$$

**Definition 4.** [2] A F-normed space  $(X, N, *)$  is said to be complete if every F-Cauchy sequence in  $X$  converges to an element in  $X$ .

**Lemma 1.** [5] A sequence  $\{y_n\}$  in a F-normed space  $(X, N, *)$  is F-Cauchy if there exists a constant  $k \in (0, 1)$  such that

$$N(y_n - y_{n+1}, kt) \geq N(y_{n-1} - y_n, t) \text{ for all } n \in N, t > 0.$$

**Definition 5.** Let  $A$  and  $B$  be self-mappings in a F-normed space  $(X, N, *)$ . The pair  $(A, B)$  is said to be compatible if

$$\lim_{n \rightarrow \infty} N(ABx_n - BAx_n, t) = 1 \text{ for all } t > 0,$$

whenever  $\{x_n\}$  is a sequence in  $X$  such that

$$\lim_{n \rightarrow \infty} Ax_n = \lim_{n \rightarrow \infty} Bx_n = x, \text{ for some } x \in X.$$

### II. MAIN RESULT

Singh *et. al.* [5] established a result regarding fixed points in fuzzy normed space, which is as follows :

**Theorem 1.** [5] Let  $f$  and  $g$  be self-maps of a complete F-normed space  $(X, N, \min)$  such that, for  $k \in (0, 1)$

$$N(fu - gv, kt) \geq \min\{N(u - fu, t), N(v - gv, t), N(u - gv, 2t), N(v - fu, t)\}, \text{ holds for all } u, v \text{ in } X, t > 0,$$

$$f(X) \subseteq g(X).$$

Then  $f$  and  $g$  have a unique common fixed point.

In this paper, a common fixed point theorem for four self-mappings in F-normed space is proved which generalizes the result of Singh *et. al.* [5] as our result is proved for four self-mappings by using compatibility and different functional inequality.

**Theorem 2.** Let  $A, B, S$  and  $T$  be self-maps of a complete F-normed space  $(X, N, \min)$  satisfying the following conditions:

$$(2.2.1) \text{ for all } x, y \text{ in } X, k \in (0, 1), t > 0$$

$$N(Ax - By, kt) \geq \min\{N(Sx - Ty, t), N(Ax - Sx, t), N(By - Ty, t), N(Ax - Ty, t), N(Sx - By, 2t)\};$$

$$(2.2.2) \quad A(X) \subseteq T(X), B(X) \subseteq S(X);$$

$$(2.2.3) \quad \text{one of } A, B, S \text{ or } T \text{ is continuous};$$

$$(2.2.4) \quad \text{the pairs } [A, S] \text{ and } [B, T] \text{ are compatible};$$

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

**Proof.** Let  $x_0$  be an arbitrary point in  $X$ . As  $A(X) \subseteq T(X)$  and  $B(X) \subseteq S(X)$  then there exists  $x_1, x_2 \in X$  such that  $Ax_0 = Tx_1, Bx_1 = Sx_2$ . Construct a sequence  $\{y_n\}$  in  $X$  such that (2.2.5)  $y_{2n+1} = Tx_{2n+1} = Ax_{2n}$  and  $y_{2n} = Sx_{2n} = Bx_{2n-1}$  for  $n = 1, 2, 3, \dots$ .

Now to prove  $\{y_n\}$  is a Cauchy sequence, we shall prove that (2.2.6)  $N(y_{2n+1} - y_{2n+2}, kt) \geq N(y_{2n} - y_{2n+1}, t) \quad \forall t > 0$

Suppose this is not true, then we get

$$(2.2.7) \quad N(y_{2n+1} - y_{2n+2}, kt) < N(y_{2n} - y_{2n+1}, t) \quad \forall t > 0.$$

From (2.2.1) and (2.2.5), we have

$$\begin{aligned} N(y_{2n+1} - y_{2n+2}, kt) &= N(Ax_{2n} - Bx_{2n+1}, kt) \\ &\geq \min\{N(Sx_{2n} - Tx_{2n+1}, t), N(Ax_{2n} - Sx_{2n}, t), N(Bx_{2n+1} - Tx_{2n+1}, t), N(Ax_{2n} - Tx_{2n+1}, t), N(Sx_{2n} - Bx_{2n+1}, 2t)\}. \\ &= \min\{N(y_{2n} - y_{2n+1}, t), N(y_{2n+1} - y_{2n}, t), N(y_{2n+2} - y_{2n+1}, t), N(y_{2n+1} - y_{2n+2}, 2t)\}. \\ &= \min\{N(y_{2n} - y_{2n+1}, t), N(y_{2n+2} - y_{2n+1}, t), N(y_{2n} - y_{2n+1}, t), N(y_{2n+1} - y_{2n+2}, t)\}. \\ &= \min\{N(y_{2n+1} - y_{2n+2}, kt) \geq \min\{N(y_{2n} - y_{2n+1}, t), N(y_{2n+2} - y_{2n+1}, t), N(y_{2n+1} - y_{2n+2}, t)\}\}. \end{aligned}$$

Using (2.2.7), we get

$$N(y_{2n+1} - y_{2n+2}, kt) > \min\{N(y_{2n+1} - y_{2n+2}, kt), N(y_{2n+1} - y_{2n+2}, t)\}.$$

which is a contradiction. Hence (2.6) is true.

In general

$$N(y_n - y_{n+1}, kt) \geq N(y_{n-1} - y_n, t) \quad \forall t > 0, \forall n \in \mathbb{N}.$$

Therefore, by lemma 1.1,  $\{y_n\}$  is a Cauchy sequence and by completeness of  $F$ -normed space, it converges to some point  $z$  in  $X$ . Thus the subsequences  $\{Ax_{2n}\}, \{Bx_{2n-1}\}, \{Sx_{2n}\}$  and  $\{Tx_{2n+1}\}$  of sequence  $\{y_n\}$  also converges to  $z$  in  $X$ .

Suppose  $S$  is continuous and the pair  $(A, S)$  is compatible, we have

$$SAx_{2n} \rightarrow Sz, S^2x_{2n} \rightarrow Sz \text{ and } ASx_{2n} \rightarrow Sz.$$

**Step 1.** Putting  $x = Sx_{2n}$  and  $y = x_{2n-1}$  in (2.2.1), we have

$$\begin{aligned} N(ASx_{2n} - Bx_{2n-1}, kt) &\geq \min\{N(SSx_{2n} - Tx_{2n-1}, t), N(ASx_{2n} - SSx_{2n}, t), N(Bx_{2n-1} - Tx_{2n-1}, t), N(ASx_{2n-1} - Tx_{2n-1}, t), N(SSx_{2n} - Bx_{2n-1}, 2t)\}. \end{aligned}$$

Letting  $n \rightarrow \infty$  and using above results, we get

$$N(Sz - z, kt) \geq \min\{N(Sz - z, t), 1\}.$$

$$N(Sz - z, kt) \geq 1$$

which implies that

$$Sz = z.$$

**Step 2.** Putting  $x = z$  and  $y = x_{2n-1}$  in (2.2.1), we have  $N(Az - Bx_{2n-1}, kt) \geq \min\{N(Sz - Tx_{2n-1}, t), N(Az - Sz, t), N(Bx_{2n-1} - Tx_{2n-1}, t), N(Az - Tx_{2n-1}, t), N(Sz - Bx_{2n-1}, 2t)\}.$

Letting  $n \rightarrow \infty$  and using above results, we get

$$N(Az - z, kt) \geq \min\{N(Az - z, t), 1\}.$$

$$N(Az - z, kt) \geq 1$$

which implies that  $Az = z$ .

**Step 3.** Since  $A(X) \subseteq T(X)$ , there exists  $u \in X$  such that  $z = Az = Tu$ . Putting  $x = z$  and  $y = u$  in (2.2.1), we have  $N(Az - Bu, kt) \geq \min\{N(Sz - Tu, t), N(Az - Sz, t), N(Bu - Tu, t), N(Az - Tu, t), N(Sz - Bu, 2t)\}.$

Using above results, we get

$$N(z - Bu, kt) \geq \min\{1, N(z - Bu, t)\}.$$

$$N(z - Bu, kt) \geq 1$$

which implies that  $z = Bu$ .

Since  $B$  and  $T$  are compatible and  $Bu = Tu$  implies

$$N(BTu - TBu, t) = 1.$$

Therefore

$$Bz = BTu = TBu = Tz.$$

**Step 4.** Putting  $x = z$  and  $y = z$  in (2.2.1), we have  $N(Az - Bz, kt) \geq \min\{N(Sz - Tz, t), N(Az - Sz, t), N(Bz - Tz, t), N(Az - Tz, t), N(Sz - Bz, 2t)\}.$

Letting  $n \rightarrow \infty$  and using above results, we get

$$N(z - Bz, kt) \geq \min\{1, N(z - Bz, t)\}.$$

$$N(z - Bz, kt) \geq 1$$

which implies that

$$z = Bz.$$

Hence

$$Az = Bz = Sz = Tz = z.$$

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

Similarly, we can prove the theorem when  $T$  is continuous.

Now, suppose  $A$  is continuous and the pair  $(A, S)$  is compatible, we have

$$ASx_{2n} \rightarrow Az, A^2x_{2n} \rightarrow Az \text{ and } SAx_{2n} \rightarrow Az.$$

**Step 5.** Putting  $x = Ax_{2n}$  and  $y = x_{2n-1}$  in (2.2.1), we have

$$\begin{aligned} N(A^2x_{2n} - Bx_{2n-1}, kt) &\geq \min\{N(SAx_{2n} - Tx_{2n-1}, t), N(A^2x_{2n} - SAx_{2n}, t), N(Bx_{2n-1} - Tx_{2n-1}, t), N(A^2x_{2n} - Tx_{2n-1}, t), N(SAx_{2n} - Bx_{2n-1}, 2t)\}. \end{aligned}$$

Letting  $n \rightarrow \infty$  and using above results, we get

$$N(Az - z, kt) \geq \min\{N(Az - z, t), 1\}.$$

$$N(Az - z, kt) \geq 1$$

implies that

$$Az = z.$$

**Step 6.** Since  $A(X) \subseteq T(X)$ , there exists  $v \in X$  such that  $z = Az = Tv$ . Putting  $x = Ax_{2n}$  and  $y = v$  in (2.2.1), we have  $N(A^2x_{2n} - Bv, kt) \geq \min\{N(SAx_{2n} - Tv, t), N(A^2x_{2n} - SAx_{2n}, t), N(Bv - Tv, t), N(A^2x_{2n} - Tv, t), N(SAx_{2n} - Bv, 2t)\}.$

Letting  $n \rightarrow \infty$  and using above results, we get

$$N(z - Bv, kt) \geq \min\{N(z - Bv, t), 1\}.$$

$$N(z - Bv, kt) \geq 1$$

which implies that

$$z = Bv.$$

Since  $B$  and  $T$  are compatible and  $Bv = Tv$  implies that

$$N(BTv - TBv, t) = 1.$$

Therefore

$$Bz = BTv = TBv = Tz.$$

**Step 7.** Putting  $x = x_{2n}$  and  $y = z$  in (2.2.1), we have

$$N(Ax_{2n} - Bz, kt) \geq \min\{N(Sx_{2n} - Tz, t), N(Ax_{2n} - Sx_{2n}, t), N(Bz - Tz, t), N(Ax_{2n} - Tz, t), N(Sx_{2n} - Bz, 2t)\}.$$

Letting  $n \rightarrow \infty$  and using above results, we get

$$N(z - Bz, kt) \geq \min\{1, N(z - Bz, t)\}.$$

$$N(z - Bz, kt) \geq 1$$

which implies that

$$z = Bz.$$

**Step 8.** Since  $B(X) \subseteq S(X)$ , there exists  $w \in X$  such that

$$z = Bz = Sw.$$

Putting  $x = w$  and  $y = z$  in (2.2.1), we have

$$N(Aw - Bz, kt) \geq \min\{N(Sw - Tz, t), N(Aw - Sw, t), N(Bz - Tz, t), N(Aw - Tz, t), N(Sw - Bz, 2t)\}.$$

Using above results, we get

$$N(Aw - z, kt) \geq \min\{1, N(Aw - z, t)\}.$$

$$N(Aw - z, kt) \geq 1$$

which implies that

$$z = Aw.$$

Since  $A$  and  $S$  are compatible and  $Aw = Sw$  implies that

$$N(ASw - SAw, t) = 1.$$

Therefore

$$Az = ASw = SAw = Sz.$$

Hence

$$Az = Bz = Sz = Tz = z.$$

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

Similarly, we can prove the theorem when  $B$  is continuous.

**Uniqueness.**

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

$$\omega = A\omega = B\omega = S\omega = T\omega.$$

Putting  $x = z$  and  $y = \omega$  in (2.2.1), we have

$$N(Az - B\omega, kt) \geq \min\{N(Sz - T\omega, t), N(Az - Sz, t),$$

$$N(B\omega - T\omega, t), N(Az - T\omega, t), N(Sz - B\omega, 2t)\}.$$

Using above results, we get

$$N(z - \omega, kt) \geq \min\{N(z - \omega, t), 1\}.$$

$$N(z - \omega, kt) \geq 1$$

which implies that

$$z = \omega.$$

Therefore,  $z$  is unique common fixed point of  $A, B, S$  and

$T$ .

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