

Some Common Fixed Point Theorems in *N*-Fuzzy Metric Spaces with Applications

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Abstract: In this paper, we prove some common fixed point theorems in newly defined space *N*-fuzzy metric space [8]. Our results generalize and extend the results of Mahmoud Boussealsal and Mohamed Laid Kadri [M. Boussealsal and M.L. Kadri, [1] A common fixed point theorem in fuzzy metric spaces; Thai J. Math. Vol. X(20XX) No. X:XX-XX [1]].

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1. Introduction

In 1975, Kramosil and Michalek [7] introduced fuzzy metric spaces. By a slight modification of the Kramosil-Michalek definition, George and Veeramani [6] introduced fuzzy metric spaces and topological spaces induced by fuzzy metric. In the literature there are several generalization of metric spaces [2],[3],[4],[5],[9],[10],[11] as well as fuzzy metric space [6],[7],[8]. Very recently Neeraj Malviya introduced the *N*-Fuzzy metric space induced by *S*-metric space [11], which is the generalization of *Q*(*G*) fuzzy metric space [13].

In present paper we extend and generalized the results of M. Boussealsal and M.L. Kadri [1]. We prove the existence and uniqueness of a common fixed point in *N*-fuzzy metric space for by using a ϕ and ψ functions with examples.

2. Preliminaries and the definition of *N*-fuzzy metric space

We assume that the function $\phi: [0,1] \rightarrow [0,1]$ satisfying the following properties:

(P₁) ϕ is strictly decreasing and left continuous.

(P₂) $\phi(m) = 0$ if and only if $m = 1$

obviously, we obtain that $\lim_{m \rightarrow 1^-} \phi(m) = \phi(1) = 0$.

2.1 Definition

A triplet $(X, N, *)$ is an *N*-fuzzy metric space, if *X* is an arbitrary set, $*$ is a continuous *t*-norm and *N* is a fuzzy set on $X^3 \times (0, \infty)$ satisfying the following conditions for all $u, v, w \in X$ and $r, s, t > 0$

(1) $N(u, v, w, t) > 0$

(2) $N(u, v, w, t) = 1$ if and only if $u = v = w$

(3) $N(u, v, w, r + s + t) \geq N(u, u, a, r) * N(v, v, a, s) * N(w, w, a, t)$

(4) $N(u, v, w, \cdot): (0, \infty) \rightarrow (0, 1)$ is a continuous function.

3. Main Results

Theorem 3.1. Let $(X, N, *)$ be a complete *N*-fuzzy metric space and assume that $\phi: [0,1] \rightarrow [0,1]$ satisfying the foregoing properties (P₁) and (P₂). Furthermore, let α be a function from $(0, \infty) \rightarrow (0, 1)$. Let *S* and *T* be maps that satisfy the following condition.

(i) $T(X) \subseteq S(X)$

(ii) *S* is continuous.

$$\phi(N(T(x), T(x), T(y), t)) \leq \alpha(t)\phi(N(S(x), S(x), S(y), t)) \tag{3.1}$$

Where $x, y \in X$ and $t > 0$, then S and T have a unique fixed point provided S and T commute.

Proof. Let x_0 be a point in X . By hypothesis (i), we can fixed x_1 such that $Sx_1 = Tx_0$, by induction we can define a sequence $\{x_n\}$ in X such that $Sx_n = Tx_{n-1}$. By induction again and by (3.1) we have

$$\begin{aligned} \phi(N(Sx_n, Sx_n, Sx_{n+1}, t)) &= \phi(N(Tx_{n-1}, Tx_{n-1}, Tx_n, t)) \\ &\leq \alpha(t)\phi(N(Sx_{n-1}, Sx_{n-1}, Sx_n, t)) \\ &< \phi(N(Sx_{n-1}, Sx_{n-1}, Sx_n, t)) \end{aligned} \quad (3.2)$$

Since ϕ is strictly decreasing, then

$$N(Sx_n, Sx_n, Sx_{n+1}, t) > N(Sx_{n-1}, Sx_{n-1}, Sx_n, t) \quad (3.3)$$

Setting $y_n(t) = N(Sx_n, Sx_n, Sx_{n+1}, t)$. For (3.3), the sequence $\{y_n(t)\}$ is strictly increasing and bounded then $y_n(t)$ converges to $y(t)$ for all $t > 0$.

Assume that $y(t) \in]0, 1[$. Since $y_n(t) > y_{n-1}(t)$ for all $t > 0$, then

$$\phi(y_n(t)) \leq \alpha(t)\phi(y_{n-1}(t))$$

for every $t > 0$. Letting $n \rightarrow \infty$, since ϕ is left continuous, we have

$$\phi(y(t)) \leq \alpha(t)\phi(y(t)) < \phi(y(t))$$

for every $t > 0$, which is a contradiction. Hence $y(t) = 1$, that is the sequence $\{y_n(t)\}$ converges to 1 for every $t > 0$. Next, we show that the sequence $\{Sx_n\}$ is a Cauchy sequence. Assume that it is not, then there exist $0 < \varepsilon < 1$ and two sequences $\{p(n)\}$ and $\{q(n)\}$ such that

$$\begin{aligned} p(n) > q(n) &\geq n \\ N(Sx_{p(n)}, Sx_{p(n)}, Sx_{q(n)}, t) &\leq 1 - \varepsilon \\ N(Sx_{p(n)-1}, Sx_{p(n)-1}, Sx_{q(n)-1}, t) &> 1 - \varepsilon \\ N(Sx_{p(n)-1}, Sx_{p(n)-1}, Sx_{q(n)}, t) &> 1 - \varepsilon \end{aligned} \quad (3.4)$$

for each $n \in \mathbb{N} \cup \{0\}$, we get $\delta_n(t) = N(Sx_{p(n)}, Sx_{p(n)}, Sx_{q(n)}, t)$ then we have

$$\begin{aligned} 1 - \varepsilon &\geq \delta_n(t) = N(Sx_{p(n)}, Sx_{p(n)}, Sx_{q(n)}, t) \\ &\geq N(Sx_{p(n)}, Sx_{p(n)}, Sx_{p(n)-1}, \frac{t}{3}) * N(Sx_{p(n)}, Sx_{p(n)}, Sx_{p(n)-1}, \frac{t}{3}) \\ &\quad * N(Sx_{q(n)}, Sx_{q(n)}, Sx_{p(n)-1}, \frac{t}{3}) \\ &\geq y_{p(n)-1}(\frac{t}{3}) * y_{p(n)-1}(\frac{t}{3}) * 1 - \varepsilon \quad \text{by 3.4} \end{aligned} \quad (3.5)$$

Since $y_{p(n)-1}(\frac{t}{3}) \rightarrow 1$ as $n \rightarrow \infty$ for every $t > 0$. Supposing that $n \rightarrow \infty$, we note that the sequence $\{\delta_n(t)\}$ converges to $1 - \varepsilon$ for every $t > 0$. Moreover by (3.1) we have

$$\begin{aligned} N(Sx_{p(n)}, Sx_{p(n)}, Sx_{q(n)}, t) &\leq \alpha(t)\phi(N(Sx_{p(n)-1}, Sx_{p(n)-1}, Sx_{q(n)-1}, t)) \\ &< \phi(N(Sx_{p(n)-1}, Sx_{p(n)-1}, Sx_{q(n)-1}, t)) \end{aligned} \quad (3.6)$$

According to the monotonicity of ϕ , we know that

$$N(Sx_{p(n)}, Sx_{p(n)}, Sx_{q(n)}, t) > N(Sx_{p(n-1)}, Sx_{p(n-1)}, Sx_{q(n-1)}, t)$$

for each n . Thus, on the basis of formula (3.6) we can obtain.

$$1 - \varepsilon \geq N(Sx_{p(n)}, Sx_{p(n)}, Sx_{q(n)}, t) > N(Sx_{p(n-1)}, Sx_{p(n-1)}, Sx_{q(n-1)}, t) > 1 - \varepsilon \tag{3.7}$$

Clearly, this leads to a contradiction. Hence $\{Sx_n\}$ is a Cauchy sequence. By the completeness of X , $\{Sx_n\}$ converges to y , so $Tx_{n-1} = Sx_n$ tends to y . It can be seen that from (3.1) and the left continuous of ϕ that the continuity of S implies the continuity of T . So $T(Sx_n) \rightarrow T(y)$.

However $TS(x_n) = ST(x_n)$ by the commutativity of S and T . So $S(T(x_n))$ converges to $S(y)$.

Because the limit is unique $S(y) = T(y)$ so $S(S(y)) = S(T(y))$ by commutativity and

$$\begin{aligned} \phi(N(T(y), T(y), T(T(y)), t)) &\leq \alpha(t) \phi(N(Sy, Sy, S(T(y)), t)) \\ &\leq \alpha(t) \phi(N(Ty, Ty, T(T(y)), t)) \\ &< \phi(N(Ty, Ty, T(T(y)), t)) \end{aligned}$$

then if $Ty \neq T(T(y))$, we have a contradiction hence, $T(y) = T(T(y))$. Then $T(y) = T(T(y)) = S(T(y))$. So $T(y)$ is a common fixed point of S and T . Now we prove the uniqueness of the common fixed point of S and T . If y and z are two common fixed points to S and T , and $y \neq z$, then

$$\begin{aligned} \phi(N(y, y, z, t)) &= (N(Ty, Ty, Tz, t)) \\ &\leq \alpha(t) \phi(N(Sy, Sy, Sz, t)) \\ &< \phi(N(Sy, Sy, Sz, t)) \\ &= \phi(N(y, y, z, t)) \end{aligned}$$

then $N(y, y, z, t) > N(y, y, z, t)$, which is a contradiction so $y = z$.

Remark 3.2. If we choose $S = I$ in theorem (3.1), we obtain the following corollary which is the main result of [12] and it will generalize in the setting of N -fuzzy metric space.

Corollary 3.3. Let $(X, N, *)$ be an complete N -fuzzy metric space and T a self map of X and assume that $\phi: [0,1] \rightarrow [0,1]$ satisfy the foregoing properties (P_1) and (P_2) . Furthermore, let α be a function from $(0, \infty) \rightarrow (0,1)$. Let T be a continuous map that satisfies the following conditions :

$$\phi(N(T(x), T(x), T(y), t)) \leq \alpha(t) \phi(N(x, x, y, t))$$

where $x, y \in X$ and $t > 0$, then T has a unique fixed point.

We now give an example that illustrate our main result.

Example 3.4: Let $X = \{\frac{1}{n} \mid n \in \mathbb{N}\} \cup \{0\}$ with the N -fuzzy metric space N is defined by

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

Clearly $N(x, y, z, *)$ is complete N -fuzzy metric space on X . Where is defined by $a*b*c=abc$. Define $T(x) = \frac{x}{6}$ and $S(x) = \frac{x}{2}$ on X . It is evident that $T(X) \subset S(X)$. Also, define the function $\alpha : (0, \infty) \rightarrow (0, 1)$ by $\alpha(t) = \frac{2+\frac{1}{t}}{6+\frac{1}{t}}$ for

$t > 0$, the function $\phi: [0,1] \rightarrow [0,1]$ defined by $\phi(t) = \frac{1-t}{1+t}$ satisfies the properties (P_1) and (P_2) .

$$N(Tx, Tx, Ty, t) = \frac{3t}{3t+|x-y|} \quad t > 0, \quad x, y \in X$$

$$\phi(N(Tx, Tx, Ty, t)) = \frac{|x-y|}{6t+|x-y|} \quad t > 0, \quad x, y \in X$$

$$\phi(N(Sx, Sx, Sy, t)) = \frac{|x-y|}{2t+|x-y|} \quad t > 0, \quad x, y \in X$$

Since $|x-y| \leq 1$ for $x, y \in X$, then it is easy to see that

$$N((Tx, Tx, T(y), t)) \leq \alpha(t) \phi(N(S(x), S(x), S(y), t))$$

All the hypothesis of theorem (3.1) are satisfied and thus S and T have a unique common fixed point $x = 0$.

Application: Let $Y = \{\chi : [0,1[\rightarrow [0,1[, \chi \text{ is a Lebesgue integrable mapping which is summable, nonnegative and satisfies } \int_{1-\varepsilon}^1 \chi(t) dt > 0 \text{ for each } 0 < \varepsilon < 1\}$

Theorem 3.5. Let $(X, N, *)$ be a complete N -fuzzy metric space and T a self map of X and assume that $\phi: [0,1] \rightarrow [0,1]$ satisfies the foregoing properties (P_1) and (P_2) . If for any $t > 0$, S and T satisfy the following condition:

$$\int_{1-\phi(N(Tx, Tx, T(y), t))}^1 \chi(s) ds \leq \alpha(t) \int_{1-\phi(N(Sx, Sx, S(y), t))}^1 \chi(s) ds \quad \text{for } \chi \in Y. \quad (3.5)$$

where $x, y \in X$, then S and T have a unique common fixed point.

Proof. for $\chi \in Y$, we consider the function :

$$\Lambda : [0,1] \rightarrow [0,1] \text{ by } \Lambda(\varepsilon) = \int_{1-\varepsilon}^1 \chi(s) ds.$$

Λ is continuous, $\Lambda(0) = 0$, Λ is strictly increasing (3.1) becomes.

$$\Lambda(\phi(N(T(x), T(x), T(y), t))) \leq \alpha(t) \Lambda(\phi(N(Sx, Sx, S(y), t)))$$

Setting $\phi_1 = \Lambda \circ \phi$ and ϕ_1 is strictly decreasing, left continuous and satisfies the properties (P_1) and (P_2) for any $t > 0$, then by theorem (3.1), S and T have a unique common fixed point.

4 The Second Main Result

In this section, we assume that the functions $\phi, \psi : [0,1] \rightarrow [0,1]$ satisfying the following properties:

- (q₁) ϕ is strictly decreasing and left continuous,
 - (q₂) $\phi(m) = 0$ if and only if $m = 1$
 - (q₃) ψ is lower semi-continuous and $\psi(m) = 0$ if and only if $m = 1$.
- Obviously, we obtain that $\lim_{m \rightarrow 1^-} \phi(m) = \phi(1) = 0$

Theorem 4.1: Let $(X, N, *)$ be a complete N -fuzzy metric space and assume that $\phi, \psi : [0,1] \rightarrow [0,1]$ satisfies the foregoing properties (q₁), (q₂) and (q₃). Let S and T be maps that satisfy the following condition:

- (i) $T(X) \subset S(X)$
- (ii) S continuous

$$\phi(N(Tx, Tx, Ty, t)) \leq \phi(N(Sx, Sx, Sy, t)) - \psi(N(Sx, Sx, Sy, t)) \quad (4.1)$$

where $x, y \in X$ and $t > 0$, then S and T have a unique common fixed point provided S and T commute.

Proof Let x_0 be a point in X . By hypothesis (i), we can fixed $x_1 \in X$ such that $Sx_1=Tx_0$, by induction, we can define a sequence $\{x_n\}$ in X such that $Sx_n=Tx_{n-1}$. By induction again and by (4.1) we have

$$\begin{aligned} \phi(N(Sx_n, Sx_n, Sx_{n+1}, t)) &= \phi(N(Tx_{n-1}, Tx_{n-1}, Tx_n, t)) \\ &\leq \phi(N(Sx_{n-1}, Sx_{n-1}, Sx_n, t)) - \psi(N(Sx_{n-1}, Sx_{n-1}, Sx_n, t)) \end{aligned} \tag{4.2}$$

Setting $\theta_n(t) = N(Sx_n, Sx_n, Sx_{n+1}, t)$ then,
 $\phi(\theta_n(t)) \leq \phi(\theta_{n-1}(t)) - \psi(\theta_{n-1}(t))$

Since ϕ is strictly decreasing, it is easy to show that $\{\theta_n(t)\}$ is an increasing sequence for every $t > 0$ with respect to n . That is $\theta_n(t) \geq \theta_{n-1}(t)$ for all $n \geq 1$. We put $\lim_{n \rightarrow \infty} \theta_n(t) = \theta(t)$ and assume that $0 < \theta(t) < 1$. From (4.2), we have

$$\phi(\theta_n(t)) \leq \phi(\theta_{n-1}(t)) - \psi(\theta_{n-1}(t)) \tag{4.3}$$

for every t , by supposing that $n \rightarrow \infty$, Since ϕ is left continuous, we have

$$\phi(\theta(t)) \leq \phi(\theta(t)) - \psi(\theta(t)) \tag{4.4}$$

which implies that $\psi(\theta(t)) = 0$. Hence $\theta(t) = 1$. That is the sequence $\{\theta_n(t)\}$ converges to 1 for any $t > 0$. Next, we show that the sequence $\{Sx_n\}$ is a Cauchy sequence. Assume that it is not, then there exist $0 < \varepsilon < 1$ and two sequences $\{p(n)\}$ and $\{q(n)\}$ such that for every $n \in N \cup \{0\}$ and $t > 0$, we obtain:

$$\begin{aligned} p(n) > q(n) &\geq n \\ N(x_{p(n)}, x_{p(n)}, x_{q(n)}, t) &\leq 1 - \varepsilon \\ N(Sx_{p(n)-1}, Sx_{p(n)-1}, Sx_{q(n)-1}, t) &> 1 - \varepsilon \\ N(Sx_{p(n)-1}, Sx_{p(n)-1}, Sx_{q(n)}, t) &> 1 - \varepsilon \end{aligned} \tag{4.5}$$

for each $n \in N \cup \{0\}$, we assume that $\delta n(t) = N(Sx_{p(n)}, Sx_{p(n)}, Sx_{q(n)}, t)$, then we have

$$\begin{aligned} 1 - \varepsilon &\geq \delta n(t) = N(Sx_{p(n)}, Sx_{p(n)}, Sx_{q(n)}, t) \\ &> N(Sx_{p(n)}, Sx_{p(n)}, Sx_{p(n)-1}, \frac{t}{3}) * N(Sx_{p(n)}, Sx_{p(n)}, Sx_{p(n)-1}, \frac{t}{3}) \\ &\quad * N(Sx_{q(n)}, Sx_{q(n)}, Sx_{p(n)-1}, \frac{t}{3}) \\ &> \theta_{p(n)-1}(\frac{t}{3}) * \theta_{p(n)-1}(\frac{t}{3}) * 1 - \varepsilon \quad \text{by (4.5)} \end{aligned} \tag{4.6}$$

Since $\theta_{p(n)-1}(\frac{t}{3}) \rightarrow 1$ as $n \rightarrow \infty$ for every t . We note that $\{\delta n(t)\}$ converges to $1 - \varepsilon$ as $n \rightarrow \infty$ for any $t > 0$, moreover by (4.1), we have

$$\phi(\delta_n(t)) \leq \phi(\delta_{n-1}(t)) - \psi(\delta_{n-1}(t)) \tag{4.7}$$

Going to the limit in (4.7) as $n \rightarrow \infty$, for every $t > 0$, we obtain:

$$\phi(1 - \varepsilon) \leq \phi(1 - \varepsilon) - \psi(1 - \varepsilon)$$

Clearly, this leads to $1 - \varepsilon = 1$, which is a contradiction. Hence $\{Sx_n\}$ is Cauchy sequence in the complete N -fuzzy metric space X . Therefore we conclude that there exists a point $y \in X$ such that

$$\lim_{n \rightarrow \infty} Sx_n = \lim_{n \rightarrow \infty} Tx_{n-1} = y.$$

It can be seen that from (4.1) and the properties of ϕ and ψ , that the continuity of S implies the continuity of T . So $T(Sx_n) \rightarrow T(y)$. However $T(Sx_n) = S(Tx_n)$ by the commutativity of S and T . So $S(Tx_n)$ converges to $S(y)$. Because the limit is unique $S(y) = T(y)$. So by commutativity, we have $S(S(y)) = S(T(y))$ and

$$\phi(N(Ty, Ty, T(Ty), t)) = \phi(N(Sy, Sy, S(Ty), t))$$

$$\leq \phi(N(Ty, Ty, T(Ty), t)) - \psi(N(Ty, Ty, T(Ty), t))$$

Hence, necessarily $Ty = T(T(y))$, thus $Ty = T(Ty) = S(Ty)$. So Ty is a common fixed point of S and T . Now we prove the uniqueness of the common fixed point of S and T .

If y and z are two common fixed points to S and T with $y \neq z$, then

$$\begin{aligned} \phi(N(y, y, z, t)) &= \phi(N(Ty, Ty, Tz, t)) \\ &\leq \phi(N(Sy, Sy, Sz, t)) - \psi(N(Sy, Sy, Sz, t)) \\ &\leq \phi(N(y, y, z, t)) - \psi(N(y, y, z, t)) \end{aligned}$$

then $\psi(N(y, y, z, t)) \leq 0$, So $N(y, y, z, t) = 1$ contradiction.

Example 4.2: Let $X = [0, \infty)$, $a * b * c = a.b.c$ for all $a, b, c \in [0, 1]$. Define $N : X \times X \times X \times [0, \infty) \rightarrow [0, 1]$ by

$$N(x, y, z, t) = \begin{cases} e^{-\frac{|x-y|+|y-z|+|z-x|}{2t}} & \text{if } t > 0, \\ 0 & \text{if } t = 0, \text{ for all } x, y, z \in X. \end{cases}$$

We claim that $(X, N, *)$ is an N -fuzzy metric space. In fact, it is enough to prove that for $r, s, t > 0, x, y, z, a \in X$

$$\begin{aligned} N(x, x, a, r) * N(y, y, a, s) * N(z, z, a, t) &\leq e^{-\frac{2|x-a|}{2r}} \cdot e^{-\frac{2|y-a|}{2s}} \cdot e^{-\frac{2|z-a|}{2t}} \\ &\leq e^{-\frac{2|x-a|}{2(r+s+t)}} \cdot e^{-\frac{2|y-a|}{2(r+s+t)}} \cdot e^{-\frac{2|z-a|}{2(r+s+t)}} \\ &= e^{-\frac{2(|x-a|+|y-a|+|z-a|)}{2(r+s+t)}} \\ &\leq e^{-\frac{|x-y|+|y-z|+|z-x|}{2(r+s+t)}} \\ &= N(x, y, z, r + s + t) \end{aligned}$$

$$\begin{aligned} \phi &= 1 - \sqrt{t}, \quad \psi(t) = 1 - \frac{\sqrt{t}}{2} \text{ for } t \in [0, 1] \\ f(x) &= \frac{x}{2} \text{ and } g(x) = \frac{x}{6} \text{ for } x \in X. \end{aligned}$$

Application: Let $Y = \{ \chi : [0, 1[\rightarrow [0, 1[, \chi \text{ is Lebesgue integrable mapping which is summable, nonnegative and satisfies } \int_{1-\varepsilon}^1 \chi(t) dt > 0 \text{ for each } 0 < \varepsilon < 1 \}$

Theorem 4.3: Let $(X, N, *)$ be a complete N -fuzzy metric space and assume that $\phi, \psi : [0, 1] \rightarrow [0, 1]$ satisfy the foregoing properties (q_1) , (q_2) and (q_3) . Let S and T be maps that satisfy the following condition:

- (i) $T(X) \subset S(X)$
- (ii) S is continuous and

$$\int_{1-\phi(N(Tx, Tx, Ty, t))}^1 \chi(s) ds \leq \int_{1-\phi(N(Sx, Sx, Sy, t))}^1 \chi(s) ds - \int_{1-\psi(N(Sx, Sx, Sy, t))}^1 \chi(s) ds \quad (4.3)$$

for $y \in \chi$, where $x, y \in X$ and $x \neq y$. Then S and T have a unique common fixed point.

Proof. For $\chi \in Y$, we consider the function $\Lambda : [0, 1] \rightarrow [0, 1]$ by $\Lambda(\varepsilon) = \int_{1-\varepsilon}^1 \chi(s) ds$.

Λ is continuous, $\Lambda(0) = 0$, Λ is strictly increasing (4.3) becomes

$$\wedge (\phi(N(Tx, Tx, Ty, t))) = \wedge (\phi(N(Sx, Sx, Sy, t))) - \wedge (\psi(N(Sx, Sx, Sy, t)))$$

Setting $\phi_1 = \wedge \circ \phi$ and $\psi_1 = \wedge \circ \psi$. ϕ_1 is strictly decreasing, continuous and satisfies the foregoing properties (q₁) and (q₂) for any $t > 0$, and ψ_1 satisfies the property (q₃) then by theorem (4.1) S and T have a unique common fixed point.

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