

## Common Fixed Point Theorems in Menger Spaces

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### Abstract

In this paper Theorem 3.1 of Kubiacyk and Sushil Sharma [5] is shown to hold even under weaker hypothesis (Theorem 2.2) and we obtain a fixed point theorem (Theorem 2.3) involving occasionally weakly compatible maps and also prove a coincidence point theorem (Theorem 2.4) for a pair of self maps under certain conditions. Examples are provided to show that the hypothesis in Theorems 2.3 and 2.4 can not be further weakened.

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### Introduction

In this paper, we show that Theorem 3.1 of Kubiacyk and Sushil Sharma [5] holds even if some hypothesis is dropped.

**Definition 1.1:** [7] A function  $F: R \rightarrow [0,1]$  is called a distribution function if

1.  $F$  is non-decreasing,
2.  $F$  is left continuous,
3.  $\inf_{x \in R} F(x) = 0$  and  $\sup_{x \in R} F(x) = 1$

**Definition 1.2:** [7] Let  $X$  be a non-empty set and  $F: X \times X \rightarrow \mathfrak{D}$  (The set of distribution functions). For,  $p, q \in X$ , we denote the image of the pair  $(p, q)$  by  $F_{p,q}$  which is a distribution function so that  $F_{p,q}(x) \in [0,1]$ , for every real  $x$ .

Suppose  $F$  satisfies:

1.  $F_{p,q}(x) = H(x)$  if and only if  $p = q$
2.  $F_{p,q}(0) = 0$
3.  $F_{p,q}(x) = F_{q,p}(x)$
4. If  $F_{p,q}(x) = 1$  and  $F_{q,r}(y) = 1$  then  $F_{p,r}(x + y) = 1$  where  $p, q, r \in X$ .

Then  $(X, F)$  is called a probabilistic metric space.

**Definition 1.3:** [7] A triangular norm  $t : [0,1] \times [0,1] \rightarrow [0,1]$  is a function satisfying the following conditions

1.  $t(\alpha, 1) = \alpha \quad \forall \alpha \in [0,1]$
2.  $t(\alpha, \beta) = t(\beta, \alpha) \quad \forall \alpha, \beta \in [0,1]$
3.  $t(\gamma, \delta) \geq t(\alpha, \beta) \quad \forall \alpha, \beta, \gamma, \delta \in [0,1]$  with  $\gamma \geq \alpha$  and  $\delta \geq \beta$
4.  $t(t(\alpha, \beta), \gamma) = t(\alpha, t(\beta, \gamma)) \quad \forall \alpha, \beta, \gamma \in [0,1]$

**Definition 1.4:** [7] A Menger probabilistic metric space  $(X, F, t)$  is an ordered triad, where  $t$  is a t-norm and  $(X, F)$  is probabilistic metric space satisfies the following:  
 $F_{x,z}(r + s) \geq t(F_{x,y}(r), F_{y,z}(s)) \quad \forall x, y, z \in X$  and  $r, s \geq 0$ .

**Definition 1.5:** [4] Two self mappings  $f$  and  $g$  of a probabilistic semi-metric space  $(X, F)$  are said to be Occasionally weakly compatible (owc) iff there is a point  $x$  in  $X$  which is a coincidence point of  $f$  and  $g$  at which  $f$  and  $g$  commute.

**Definition 1.6:** [6] Let  $(X, F, t)$  is a Menger space with the continuous T-norm  $t$ . A sequence  $\{p_n\}$  in  $X$  is said to be convergent to a point  $p \in X$  if for every  $\varepsilon > 0$  and  $\lambda \in (0, 1)$ , there exists an integer  $N = N(\varepsilon, \lambda)$  such that  $p_n \in U_p(\varepsilon, \lambda)$  for all  $n \geq N$ , or equivalently,  $F_{p,p_n}(\varepsilon) > 1 - \lambda$ , for all  $n \geq N$ .

We write  $p_n \rightarrow p$  as  $n \rightarrow \infty$  or  $\lim_{n \rightarrow \infty} p_n = p$

**Definition 1.7:** [2] Let  $(X, F, t)$  be as Menger space such that the T-norm.  $t$  is continuous and  $S, T$  be mappings from  $X$  into itself. Then  $S$  and  $T$  are said to be compatible if  $\lim_{n \rightarrow \infty} F_{STx_n, TSx_n}(x) = 1$  for all  $x > 0$ , whenever  $\{x_n\}$  is a sequence in  $X$  such that  $\lim_{n \rightarrow \infty} Sx_n = \lim_{n \rightarrow \infty} Tx_n = z$  for some  $z \in X$ .

**Definition 1.8:** [3] Two self mappings  $S$  and  $T$  are said to be weakly compatible if they commute at their coincidence points if  $Tu = Su$  for some  $u \in X$  then  $STu = TSu$ .

**Definition 1.9:** [1] Let  $S$  and  $T$  be two self mappings of a Menger space  $(X, F, t)$ . We say that  $S$  and  $T$  satisfy the property (E.A) if there exists a sequence  $\{x_n\}$  in  $X$

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

### Main Results

The following Theorem is proved in [5].

**Theorem 2.1 ([5], Theorem 3.1):** Let  $(X, F, t)$  be a Menger space with  $t(x, y) = \{x, y\} \forall x, y \in [0, 1]$  and  $S$  and  $T$  be weakly compatible mappings of  $X$  into itself such that  $S$  and  $T$  satisfy the property (E.A), there exists a number  $k \in (0, 1)$  such that

$$F_{Tu, Tv}(kx) \geq \min\{F_{Su, Sv}(x), F_{Su, Tu}(x), F_{Sv, Tv}(x), F_{Sv, Tu}(x), F_{Su, Tv}(x)\}$$

for all  $u, v \in X$ ,

$$T(X) \subset S(X).$$

If  $S(X)$  or  $T(X)$  be a closed subset of  $X$ , then  $S$  and  $T$  have a unique common fixed point.

It can be shown that Theorem 2.1 holds even when condition (iii) is dropped.

This is the essence of the following theorem.

**Theorem 2.2:** Let  $(X, F, t)$  be a Menger space with  $t(x, y) = \{x, y\} \forall x, y \in [0, 1]$ ,  $S$  and  $T$  be weakly compatible mappings of  $X$  into itself such that

1.  $S$  and  $T$  satisfy the property (E.A)
2. there exists a number  $k \in (0, 1)$  such that

$$F_{Tu, Tv}(kx) \geq \min\{F_{Su, Sv}(x), F_{Su, Tu}(x), F_{Sv, Tv}(x), F_{Sv, Tu}(x), F_{Su, Tv}(x)\}$$

for all  $u, v \in X$  and for  $x > 0$ .

If  $S(X)$  be a closed subset of  $X$ , then  $S$  and  $T$  have a unique common fixed point.

**Proof:** Since  $S$  and  $T$  satisfy the property (E.A), there exists a sequence  $\{x_n\}$  in  $X$  satisfying  $\lim_{n \rightarrow \infty} S x_n = \lim_{n \rightarrow \infty} T x_n = z$  for some  $z \in X$

Suppose that  $S(X)$  is closed.

Then  $\lim_{n \rightarrow \infty} S x_n = Sa$  for some  $a \in X$ , also  $\lim_{n \rightarrow \infty} T x_n = Sa$ .

By condition (ii), for  $x > 0$ , we have

$$F_{Tx_n, Ta}(kx) \geq \min\{F_{Sx_n, Sa}(x), F_{Sx_n, Tx_n}(x), F_{Sa, Ta}(x), F_{Sa, Tx_n}(x), F_{Sx_n, Ta}(x)\}$$

Letting  $\rightarrow \infty$ , we get

$$F_{Sa, Ta}(kx) \geq F_{Sa, Ta}(x) \geq F_{Sa, Ta}(kx)$$

$$\star F_{Sa, Ta}(t) = F_{Sa, Ta}(x) \forall t \in [kx, x] \text{ for } x > 0.$$

Similarly, for any  $t \in [k^2x, kx]$ ,

$$F_{Sa, Ta}(t) = F_{Sa, Ta}(kx) = F_{Sa, Ta}(x)$$

In general, we can prove that

$$F_{Sa, Ta}(t) = F_{Sa, Ta}(x) \forall t \in [k^n x, x]$$

Or equivalently,  $F_{Sa, Ta}(t) = F_{Sa, Ta}(x) \quad \forall t \in \left[ x, \frac{x}{k^n} \right]$  for  $n = 1, 2, 3, \dots$

Hence

$$\begin{aligned} F_{Sa, Ta}(x) &= 1 \quad \forall x > 0 \\ \therefore Ta &= Sa. \end{aligned}$$

Since S and T are weakly compatible  $STa = TSa$ .

$$\star TTa = TSa = STa = SSa$$

We prove that Ta is a common fixed point of T and S.

Consider, for  $x > 0$ ,

$$\begin{aligned} F_{Ta, TTa}(kx) &\geq \min \{ F_{Sa, STa}(x), F_{Sa, Ta}(x), F_{STa, TTa}(x), F_{STa, Ta}(t), F_{Sa, TTa}(x) \} \\ &= F_{Ta, TTa}(x) \end{aligned}$$

Hence  $F_{Ta, TTa}(kx) \geq F_{Ta, TTa}(x)$ .

So that  $F_{Ta, TTa}(t) = F_{Ta, TTa}(x) \quad \forall t \in [kx, x]$ .

Consequently,  $F_{Ta, TTa}(t) = 1 \quad \forall t > 0$ .

$\therefore Ta = TTa$

Hence  $TTa = Ta$  and  $STa = TTa = Ta$

i.e. Ta is common fixed point for S and T.

Uniqueness of the common fixed point follows easily.

**Theorem 2.3:** Let  $(X, F, t)$  be a Menger space with  $t(x, y) = \min\{x, y\}$  for all  $x, y \in [0, 1]$ , S and T be occasionally weakly compatible maps of X satisfying there exists a number  $k \in (0, 1)$  such that

$$\begin{aligned} F_{Tu, Tv}(kx) &\geq \min\{F_{Su, Sv}(x), F_{Su, Tu}(x), F_{Sv, Tv}(x), F_{Sv, Tu}(x), F_{Su, Tv}(x)\} \\ &\text{for all } u, v \in X. \end{aligned}$$

Then S and T have a unique common fixed point.

**Proof:** Since S, T are occasionally weakly compatible maps there exists  $a \in X$  such that  $Sa = Ta$  and  $STa = TSa$ .

Suppose  $Sa = Ta = w$  and  $Sb = Tb = w'$  be two points of coincidence, then by (i), we have

$$\begin{aligned} F_{Tu, Tv}(kx) &\geq \min\{F_{Su, Sv}(x), F_{Su, Tu}(x), F_{Sv, Tv}(x), F_{Sv, Tu}(x), F_{Su, Tv}(x)\} \\ &\Rightarrow F_{w, w'}(kx) = F_{Ta, Tb}(kx) \geq F_{Ta, Tb}(x) \\ &\Rightarrow F_{w, w'}(kx) \geq 1 \\ &\Rightarrow w = w' \end{aligned}$$

Since S, T are occasionally weakly compatible and have unique point of coincidence, then have w is a unique common fixed point of S and T.

**Theorem 2.4:** Let  $(X, F, t)$  be a Menger space with  $t(x, y) = \min\{x, y\}$  for all  $x, y \in [0, 1]$ , S and T be self mappings of X into itself such that

1. S and T satisfy the property (E.A)

2. there exist a number  $k \in (0,1)$  such that

$$F_{Tu,Tv}(kx) \geq \min\{F_{Su,Sv}(x), F_{Su,Tu}(x), F_{Sv,Tv}(x), F_{Sv,Tu}(x), F_{Su,Tv}(x)\}$$

for all  $u, v \in X$

If  $S(X)$  be a closed subset of  $X$ , then  $S$  and  $T$  have a coincidence point.

**Proof:** Since  $S$  and  $T$  satisfy the property (E.A) there exist a sequence  $\{x_n\}$  in  $X$  satisfying  $\lim_{n \rightarrow \infty} Sx_n = \lim_{n \rightarrow \infty} Tx_n = z$  for some  $z \in X$ .

Suppose that  $S(X)$  is closed.

Then  $\lim_{n \rightarrow \infty} Sx_n = Sa$  for some  $a \in X$ , also  $\lim_{n \rightarrow \infty} Tx_n = Sa$ .

By taking  $u = x_n$  and  $v = a$  in condition (5.13.2), we get

$$F_{Tx_n, Ta}(kx) \geq \min\{F_{Sx_n, Sa}(x), F_{Sx_n, Tx_n}(x), F_{Sa, Ta}(x), F_{Sa, Tx_n}(x), F_{Sx_n, Ta}(x)\}$$

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

$$F_{Sa, Ta}(kx) \geq F_{Sa, Ta}(x) \geq F_{Sa, Ta}(kx)$$

$$\therefore F_{Sa, Ta}(t) = F_{Sa, Ta}(x) \quad \forall t \in [kx, x] \text{ for } x > 0$$

For any  $t \in [k^2x, kx]$ ,

$$F_{Sa, Ta}(t) = F_{Sa, Ta}(x)$$

In general we can prove that

$$F_{Sa, Ta}(t) = F_{Sa, Ta}(x) \quad \forall x \in [x, \frac{x}{k}]$$

$$F_{Sa, Ta}(t) = F_{Sa, Ta}(x) \quad \forall x \in [\frac{x}{k}, \frac{x}{k^2}]$$

Continuing this way we can prove that

$$F_{Sa, Ta}(x) = 1 \quad \forall x > 0$$

$$\therefore Ta = Sa.$$

Hence  $S$  and  $T$  have a coincidence point.

Theorem 2.2 is not valid if  $S$  and  $T$  are not weakly compatible in view of the following example:

$$\text{Example 2.5: Let } X = \{-1, 1, \frac{1}{2}, \dots, \frac{1}{n}, \dots, 0, -\frac{1}{2}, \dots, -\frac{(2^n-1)}{2^n}, \dots\}$$

$$\text{Define } S, T \text{ on } X \text{ as: } S(1) = 0, S(-1) = -1, S\left(\frac{1}{n}\right) = \frac{1}{n+1}, n \geq 2;$$

$$S(0) = \frac{-1}{2}, \dots, S\left(-\frac{(2^n-1)}{2^n}\right) = \frac{-(2^{n+1}-1)}{2^{n+1}}, \dots$$

$$\text{And } T(x) = 0 \quad \forall x$$

$$\text{Then } S(X) = X - \{1, \frac{1}{2}\}, T(X) \subseteq S(X),$$

$T(X)$  is closed and  $SX$  is closed.

Since  $T\left(\frac{1}{n}\right) \rightarrow 0, S\left(\frac{1}{n}\right) = \frac{1}{n+1} \rightarrow 0$  and therefore property (E.A) holds.

$$F_{0,1}(t) = 1, t = kx \text{ and condition (ii) holds.}$$

But  $S1 = T1$  and  $ST1 = S0 = -\frac{1}{2}$ ,  $TS1 = T0 = 0$

Therefore S and T are not weakly compatible.

The following example shows that Theorem 2.3 may not be valid if occasional weak compatibility is dropped.

**Example 2.6:** Let  $X = \{1, \frac{1}{2}, \dots, \frac{1}{n}, \dots, 0, -\frac{1}{2}, \dots, -\frac{(2^2-1)}{2^2}, \dots, -\frac{(2^n-1)}{2^n}, \dots\}$

Define S by  $S\left(\frac{1}{n}\right) = \frac{1}{n+1}$  for  $n \geq 2$ ,  $S0 = -\frac{1}{2}, \dots$   
 $S\left(-\frac{(2^n-1)}{2^n}\right) = -\frac{(2^{n+1}-1)}{2^{n+1}}, \dots$  and  $S1 = 0$

Then  $S(X) = X - \left\{1, \frac{1}{2}\right\}$ ,

Define T by  $Tx = 0 \forall x$ .

Then property (E.A) holds,

since  $T\left(\frac{1}{n}\right) \rightarrow 0$ ,  $S\left(\frac{1}{n}\right) = \frac{1}{n+1} \rightarrow 0$

since  $F_{0,0}(kx) = 1$  and condition (i) holds.

$S1 = 0 = T1$ ,  $TS1 = T0 = 0$ ,  $ST1 = S0 = \frac{1}{2}$

Hence S and T are not occasionally weakly compatible

Clearly S and T do not have a common fixed point.

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