

# Coincidence Point Results for a New Class of Fuzzy Contractive Mappings

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## Abstract:

This work is mainly aimed to enhance the concept of fuzzy  $Z$ -contractive mapping [11] by establish a different contraction called fuzzy  $(Z, g)$ -contraction. we obtain some sufficient conditions for the existence and uniqueness of point of coincidence of fuzzy  $(Z, g)$ -contraction mappings in the context of fuzzy metric spaces and prove some intriguing results.

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## 1. Introduction

In light of its numerous uses across a variety of fields, the analysis of fixed points of mappings following contraction conditions has become the focus of numerous research initiatives. Regarding this, the classical findings of Banach [1] and Edelstien [2] have served as the inspiration for several writers working in the field of metric fixed-point theory.

Grabiec [4], who pioneered the introduction of fixed-point theory in fuzzy metric spaces, extended the discoveries of Banach [1] and Edelstein [2] in the framework of fuzzy metric spaces in the design of

Kramosil and Michlek [8]. The fixed-point conclusion proposed by Grabiec in his work [4] was based on the notion of the  $\mathcal{M}$ -completeness of fuzzy metric spaces, which George and Veeramani [3] weakened by introducing. Many authors explored and examined various contractions in fuzzy metric spaces, and they came up with insightful results. (See [5], [6], [9], [12], [13]).

In order to integrate various types of fuzzy contractive mappings, Shukla et al. [11] recently introduced fuzzy  $Z$ -contractive mappings. They demonstrated that this new type is more thorough than the well-known earlier ones and properly incorporates the classes that were proposed by numerous researchers ([5], [9], [12], and [13]) in fuzzy metric spaces in the sense of George and Veeramani [3].

By expanding on the work of Shukla et al. [11], we introduce the concept of fuzzy  $(Z, g)$ -contraction in this paper. In the context of fuzzy metric spaces, we also develop certain discoveries regarding the presence and uniqueness of coincidence points for such contractions.

## 2. Preliminaries

Let us recall some prefaces here:

**Definition 2.1.** [10] A continuous  $t$ -norm is a binary operation  $*$ :  $[0,1] \times [0,1] \rightarrow [0,1]$  which satisfies the following conditions  $\forall l, p, r, t \in [0,1]$

- (1)  $l * 1 = l$
- (2)  $l * p = p * l$
- (3)  $l * p \leq r * t$  whenever  $l \leq r$  &  $p \leq t$
- (4)  $l * (p * r) = (l * p) * r$

**Definition 2.2.** [3] A fuzzy metric space is a 3-tuple  $(X, M, *)$  where  $X$  is an arbitrary set,  $*$  is a continuous  $t$ -norm and  $M$  is a fuzzy set in  $X \times X \times (0, \infty)$ , satisfying the following conditions:

- (1)  $M(a, b, t) > 0$ ,
- (2)  $M(a, b, t) = 1, \forall t > 0 \Leftrightarrow a = b$ ,
- (3)  $M(a, b, t) = M(b, a, t)$ ,
- (4)  $M(a, c, t+r) \leq M(a, b, t) * M(b, c, r)$ ,
- (5)  $M(a, b, \cdot): (0, \infty) \rightarrow (0, 1]$  is a continuous function,  $\forall a, b, c \in X$  &  $t, r > 0$ .

**Lemma 2.3.** [4]  $M(a, b, \cdot)$  is nondecreasing  $\forall a, b \in X$ .

**Definition 2.4.** [3] Let  $(X, M, *)$  be a fuzzy metric space.

A sequence  $\{s_q\}$  in  $X$  is a  $M$ -Cauchy sequence, if  $\forall \varepsilon \in (0, 1)$  &  $t > 0$ , there exists  $q_0 \in \mathbb{N}$  such that  $M(s_p, s_q, t) > 1 - \varepsilon, \forall p \geq q_0$ .

A sequence  $\{s_q\}$  in  $X$  is convergent to  $x \in X$  if  $\lim_{q \rightarrow \infty} M(s_q, x, t) = 1$  for each  $t > 0$ .

If every  $M$ -Cauchy sequence in  $X$  is convergent, then such fuzzy metric space  $X$  is said to be  $M$ -complete.

**Definition 2.5.** [7] On a fuzzy metric space  $(X, M, *)$ , two self-mappings  $\omega$  &  $\xi$  are said to be compatible if  $\lim_{q \rightarrow \infty} M(\omega \xi x_q, \xi \omega x_q, t) = 1$  for each  $t > 0$ , whenever  $\{x_q\}$  is a sequence in  $X$   $\ni \lim_{q \rightarrow \infty} \omega x_q = \lim_{q \rightarrow \infty} \xi x_q = x \in X$ .

**Definition 2.6.** [7] Two self-maps  $\omega$  &  $\xi$  of a fuzzy metric space  $(X, M, *)$  are said to be weakly compatible if they commute at their coincidence points;  $\omega x = \xi x$  for some  $x \in X$  implies that  $\omega \xi x = \xi \omega x$ .

**Remark 2.7.** Let  $\omega$  &  $\xi$  be weakly compatible self-maps of a set  $X$ . If  $\omega$  &  $\xi$  have a unique point of coincidence  $w = \omega x = \xi x$ , then  $w$  is the unique common fixed point of  $\omega$  &  $\xi$ .

**Definition 2.8.** [11] Let the family of all functions  $\chi : (0, 1] \times (0, 1] \rightarrow \mathbb{R}$  satisfying,

$$\chi(t, r) > r, \forall t, r \in (0, 1)$$

be denoted by  $Z$ .

**Remark 2.9.** [11] From the above definition, we can see that  $\chi(t, t) > t, \forall t \in (0, 1)$ .

**Example 2.10.** [11] Consider the following functions  $\chi : (0, 1] \times (0, 1] \rightarrow \mathbb{R}$  by:

(1)  $\chi(p, q) = \psi(q)$ , where  $\psi : (0, 1] \rightarrow (0, 1]$  is a function such that  $q < \psi(q), \forall q \in (0, 1)$ ,

(2)  $\chi(p, q) = \frac{1}{q+p} + p$ ,

(3)  $\chi(p, q) = \frac{q}{p}$ .

Then, in all the cases  $\chi \in Z$ .

**Definition 2.11.** [11] Let  $\kappa : X \rightarrow X$  be a self - mapping on a fuzzy metric space  $(X, M, *)$ . Suppose,  $\exists \chi \in Z$  such that,

$$M(\kappa x, \kappa y, t) \geq \chi(M(\kappa x, \kappa y, t), M(x, y, t)) \tag{2.1}$$

for all  $x, y \in X, \kappa x = \kappa y, t > 0$ . Then  $\kappa$  is called a fuzzy  $Z$ -contractive mapping with respect to  $\chi \in Z$ .

**Remark 2.12.** Even in the  $M$ -complete fuzzy metric space, a fuzzy  $Z$ -contractive mapping may not have a fixed point. (See example 3.10. of [11])

S. Shukla et al. [11] considered a space with the additional characteristic listed below to guarantee the existence of the fixed point of a fuzzy  $Z$ -contractive mapping.

**Definition 2.13.** [11] Let  $\kappa : X \rightarrow X$  be a mapping in a fuzzy metric space  $(X, M, *)$  and  $\chi \in Z$ . Then, we say that the quadruple  $(X, M, \kappa, \chi)$  has the property  $(S)$ , if for any

Picard sequence  $\{s_q\}$  with initial value  $x \in X, i.e., s_q = \kappa^q x, \forall q \in \mathbb{N}$  such that

$\inf_{p>q} M(s_q, s_p, t) \leq \inf_{p>q} M(s_{q+1}, s_{p+1}, t), \forall q \in \mathbb{N}, t > 0$  implies that

$$\liminf_{q \rightarrow \infty} \inf_{p>q} \chi(M(s_{q+1}, s_{p+1}, t), M(s_q, s_p, t)) = 1 \forall t > 0. \tag{2.2}$$

**Theorem 2.14.** [11] Let  $\kappa: X \rightarrow X$  be a fuzzy  $Z$ -contraction on an  $M$ -complete fuzzy metric space  $(X, M, *)$ . If the quadruple  $(X, M, \kappa, \chi)$  has the property  $(S)$ , then  $f$  has a unique fixed point  $z \in X$ .

### 3. Main Results

**Definition 3.1.** Let  $\kappa$  &  $\nu$  be two self-mappings on a fuzzy metric space  $(X, M, *)$ . Then  $\kappa$  is called a fuzzy  $(Z, \nu)$ -contraction if  $\exists \chi \in Z$  such that

$$M(\kappa x, \kappa y, t) \geq \chi(M(\kappa x, \kappa y, t), M(\nu x, \nu y, t)) \tag{3.1}$$

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

**Remark 3.2.** If  $\nu = I$  (identity mapping) in (3.1), then we get fuzzy  $Z$ -contraction (Definition 2.11).

Now, we state our result for the notion of fuzzy  $(Z, \nu)$ -contraction.

**Theorem 3.3.** Let  $(X, M, *)$  be a fuzzy metric space and  $\kappa, \nu: X \rightarrow X$  be self-mappings. Let  $\kappa$  be a fuzzy  $(Z, \nu)$ -contraction and the quadruple  $(X, M, \kappa, \chi)$  has the property  $(S)$ . Also assume that, at least one of the following conditions hold:

- (i)  $\kappa(X)$  or  $\nu(X)$  is complete.
- (ii)  $X$  is complete,  $\nu$  is continuous and  $\kappa, \nu$  are commuting.
- (iii)  $X$  is complete,  $\nu$  is continuous and  $\kappa, \nu$  are compatible. Then  $\kappa$  &  $\nu$  have unique point of coincidence.

**Proof.** Firstly, we shall show that the point of coincidence of  $\kappa$  &  $\nu$ , if exists is unique. Let us suppose that  $z_1$  &  $z_2$  are distinct points of coincidence of  $\kappa$  &  $\nu$  which follows that there exist two points  $w_1$  &  $w_2$  ( $w_1 \neq w_2$ ) such that  $\kappa w_1 = \nu w_1 = z_1$  and  $\kappa w_2 = \nu w_2 = z_2$ .

In view of (3.1) and the property of  $\chi$ , we obtain

$$\begin{aligned} M(z_1, z_2, t) &= M(\kappa w_1, \kappa w_2, t) \geq \chi(M(\kappa w_1, \kappa w_2, t), M(\nu w_1, \nu w_2, t)) \\ &> M(\nu w_1, \nu w_2, t) = M(z_1, z_2, t) \end{aligned} \tag{3.2}$$

which is a contradiction.

Let us consider a sequence  $\{y_q\}$  such that  $y_q = \kappa x_q = \nu x_{q+1}$  where  $q \in N \cup \{0\}$ .

If  $y_{q_0} = y_{q_0+1}$  for any  $q_0 \in N \cup \{0\}$ , then  $\nu x_{q_0+1} = y_{q_0} = y_{q_0+1} = \kappa x_{q_0+1}$  which shows that  $\kappa$  &  $\nu$  have a point of coincidence. Thus, we assume that  $y_q \neq y_{q+1}$  for all  $q \in N \cup \{0\}$ .

Consider

$$\begin{aligned} M(y_{q+1}, y_{q+2}, t) &= M(\kappa x_{q+1}, \kappa x_{q+2}, t) \geq \chi(M(\kappa x_{q+1}, \kappa x_{q+2}, t), M(\nu x_{q+1}, \nu x_{q+2}, t)) \\ &> M(\nu x_{q+1}, \nu x_{q+2}, t) \\ &= M(y_q, y_{q+1}, t) \end{aligned} \tag{3.3}$$

which gives  $M(y_q, y_{q+1}, t) < M(y_{q+1}, y_{q+2}, t) \quad \forall t > 0$ .

If  $y_q = y_p$  for some  $q < p$ , then we have  $y_{q+1} = \kappa x_{q+1} = \kappa x_{p+1} = y_{p+1}$ .

Now using (3.1) and (3.3), one can get

$$M(y_q, y_{q+1}, t) < M(y_p, y_{p+1}, t) = M(M(y_q, y_{q+1}, t)), \quad \forall t > 0.$$

which is a contradiction. Thus, we assume that  $y_q = y_p$  for all distinct  $p, q \in N$ .

Now we prove  $\{y_q\}$  is a Cauchy sequence:

For  $t > 0$ , let us suppose that  $a_q(t) = \inf_{p>q} M(y_p, y_p, t)$ .

Consider

$$\begin{aligned} M(y_{q+1}, y_{p+1}, t) &= M(\kappa x_{q+1}, \kappa x_{p+1}, t) \\ &\geq \chi(M(\kappa x_{q+1}, \kappa x_{p+1}, t), M(\upsilon x_{q+1}, \upsilon x_{p+1}, t)) \\ &> M(\upsilon x_{q+1}, \upsilon x_{p+1}, t) = M(y_q, y_p, t), \quad \forall t > 0. \end{aligned} \tag{3.4}$$

Thus,  $M(y_q, y_p, t) < M(y_{q+1}, y_{p+1}, t)$ ,  $\forall q < p$ .

Taking infimum over all  $p(>q)$  in the above inequality, we get

$$\inf_{p>q} M(y_q, y_p, t) \leq \inf_{p>q} M(y_{q+1}, y_{p+1}, t)$$

i.e.,  $a_q(t) \leq a_{q+1}(t)$ ,  $\forall q \in N$ .

Thus,  $\{a_q(t)\}$  is monotonic and bounded for each  $t > 0$ .

We prove  $\lim_{q \rightarrow \infty} a_q(t) = 1$ ,  $\forall t > 0$ . On the contrary, let us suppose that  $\exists$  some  $t_0$ , where  $0 < t_0 < t$

such that  $\lim_{q \rightarrow \infty} a_q(t_0) = a(t_0) < 1$ . For such  $t_0$ , using the fact that the quadruple  $(X, M, \kappa, \chi)$

have the property (S) (Since  $y_q = q = \gamma^q(x)$ ), we obtain

$$\liminf_{q \rightarrow \infty} \inf_{p>q} \chi(M(y_{q+1}, y_{p+1}, t_0), M(y_q, y_p, t_0)) = 1 \tag{3.5}$$

$$\inf_{p>q} M(y_{q+1}, y_{p+1}, t_0) \geq \inf_{p>q} \chi(M(\kappa x_{q+1}, \kappa x_{p+1}, t_0), M(\upsilon x_{q+1}, \upsilon x_{p+1}, t_0)) \geq \varepsilon_{p>q} M(y_q, y_p, t_0)$$

$$\Rightarrow \inf_{p>q} M(y_{q+1}, y_{p+1}, t_0) \geq \inf_{p>q} \chi(M(y_{q+1}, y_{p+1}, t_0), M(y_q, y_p, t_0)) \geq \inf_{p>q} M(y_q, y_p, t_0)$$

$$i.e., a_{q+1}(t_0) \geq \inf_{p>q} \chi(M(y_{q+1}, y_{p+1}, t_0), M(y_q, y_p, t_0)) \geq a_q(t_0)$$

Letting  $q \rightarrow \infty$  in the above inequality and using (3.5), we get  $a(t_0) = 1$  which is a contradiction to our assumption. Thus,

$$\liminf_{q \rightarrow \infty} \inf_{p>q} M(y_q, y_p, t) = 1, \quad \forall t > 0.$$

Hence from the definition of  $a_q$ , we get

$$\lim_{p, q \rightarrow \infty} M(y_q, y_p, t) = 1, \quad \forall t > 0. \tag{3.6}$$

which shows  $\{y_q\}$  is an  $M$ -Cauchy sequence.

Suppose that (i) holds: i.e.,  $\upsilon(X)$  is complete.

Then since  $\{y_q\}$  is in  $\nu(X)$ , it has a limit in  $\nu(X)$ . Let  $y_q \rightarrow \nu u$  i.e.,  $\nu x_q \rightarrow \nu u$  as  $q \rightarrow \infty$  for  $u \in X$ . Now, we shall prove that  $u$  is the coincidence point of  $\kappa$  and  $\nu$  i.e.,  $\kappa u = \nu u$ .

It is clear that, we can suppose  $y_q \neq \kappa u, \nu u$  for all  $n \in N \cup \{0\}$ .

In view of (3.1) and the property of  $\chi$ , we have

$$M(\nu x_q, \nu u, t) < \chi(M(\kappa x_q, \kappa u, t), M(\nu x_q, \nu u, t)) \leq M(\kappa x_q, \kappa u, t)$$

Letting  $q \rightarrow \infty$  in the above inequality and considering the extremities gives

$$M(\nu u, \nu u, t) \leq \lim_{q \rightarrow \infty} M(\kappa x_n, \kappa u, t) \Rightarrow 1 \leq \lim_{q \rightarrow \infty} M(\kappa x_q, \kappa u, t).$$

Thus,  $\kappa x_q \rightarrow \kappa u$  as  $q \rightarrow \infty$  which implies  $y_q \rightarrow \kappa u$  as  $q \rightarrow \infty$ .

Since limit is unique, we obtain  $\kappa u = \nu u$ . Hence,  $\kappa u = \nu u$  is a (unique) point of coincidence of  $\kappa$  &  $\nu$ .

Similarly, we can show that  $\kappa u = \nu u$  is a (unique) point of coincidence of  $\kappa$  &  $\nu$  when  $\kappa(X)$  is complete.

Suppose that (ii) holds:

Since  $X$  is complete, there exists  $u \in X$  such that  $y_q \rightarrow u \Rightarrow \nu x_q \rightarrow u$  as  $q \rightarrow \infty$ . Since  $\nu$  is continuous, we have  $\nu^2 x_q \rightarrow \nu$  as  $q \rightarrow \infty$ .

In view of (3.1) and the property of  $\chi$ , we have

$$M(\nu(\nu x_q), \nu u, t) < \chi(M(\kappa(\nu x_q), \kappa u, t), M(\nu(\nu x_q), \nu u, t))) \leq M(\kappa(\nu x_q), \kappa u, t)$$

Letting  $q \rightarrow \infty$  in the above inequality and considering the extremities gives

$$M(\nu u, \nu u, t) \leq \lim_{q \rightarrow \infty} M(\kappa \nu x_q, \kappa u, t) = \lim_{q \rightarrow \infty} M(\nu \kappa x_q, \kappa u, t) \Rightarrow 1 \leq \lim_{q \rightarrow \infty} M(\nu \kappa x_n, \kappa u, t).$$

Thus,  $\nu \kappa x_q \rightarrow \kappa u$  as  $q \rightarrow \infty$ . But from the definition of  $y_q$ , we get  $\nu \kappa x_q = \nu \nu x_{q+1} = \nu^2 x_{q+1}$  from which the result follows i.e.,  $\kappa u = \nu u$  is a (unique) point of coincidence of  $\kappa$  &  $\nu$ .

Suppose that (iii) holds:

Since  $X$  is complete, there exists  $u \in X$  such that  $y_q \rightarrow u \Rightarrow \kappa x_q \rightarrow u$  as  $q \rightarrow \infty$ . Since  $\nu$  is continuous, we have  $\nu \kappa x_q \rightarrow \nu u$  as  $q \rightarrow \infty$ .

In view of (3.1) and the property of  $\chi$  and  $\nu \kappa x_q = \nu \nu x_{q+1} = \nu^2 x_{q+1}$ , we have

$$M(\nu \kappa x_{q-1}, \nu u, t) = M(\nu(\nu x_q), \nu u, t) < \chi(M(\kappa(\nu x_q), \kappa u, t), M(\nu(\nu x_q), \nu u, t))) \leq M(\kappa(\nu x_q), \nu u, t)$$

Letting  $q \rightarrow \infty$  in the above inequality and considering the extremities gives

$$M(\nu u, \nu u, t) \leq \lim_{q \rightarrow \infty} M(\kappa \nu x_q, \kappa u, t) \Rightarrow 1 \leq \lim_{q \rightarrow \infty} M(\kappa \nu x_q, \kappa u, t).$$

Thus  $\kappa \nu x_q \rightarrow \kappa u$  as  $q \rightarrow \infty$ .

Since  $\kappa, \nu$  are compatible, we have  $\lim_{q \rightarrow \infty} M(\kappa \nu x_q, \nu \kappa x_q, t) = 1, t > 0$ .

Consider  $M(\kappa u, \nu u, t) \leq M\left(\kappa u, \kappa \nu x_q, \frac{t}{3}\right) * M\left(\kappa \nu x_n, \nu \kappa x_q, \frac{t}{3}\right) * M\left(\nu \kappa x_q, \nu u, \frac{t}{3}\right)$

Letting  $q \rightarrow \infty$  in the above inequality gives  $\kappa u = \nu u$  thus showing that  $\kappa u = \nu u$  is a (unique) point of coincidence of  $\kappa$  &  $\nu$ .

Hence, the result is proved for all three cases (i), (ii) and (iii), *i.e.*, the mappings  $\kappa$  &  $\nu$  have a unique point of coincidence.

**Theorem 3.4.** Besides the hypotheses of Theorem 3.3, if  $\kappa$  &  $\nu$  are weakly compatible, then they have a unique common fixed point in  $X$ .

Proof. Using Theorem 3.3,  $\kappa$  &  $\nu$  have unique point of coincidence. Further, if  $\kappa$  &  $\nu$  are weakly compatible, then according to Remark 2.7, they have a unique common fixed point in  $X$ .

**Example 3.5.** Let  $X = [0,1]$  and  $M$  be the fuzzy set on  $X \times X \times (0, \infty)$  defined by

$$M(x, y, t) = \frac{t}{t + |x - y|} \text{ and } * \text{ is minimum norm. Then, } (X, M, *) \text{ is an complete fuzzy metric}$$

space. Let  $\{x_q\}$  be a sequence given by  $\forall q \in \mathbb{N}$ . Consider the function  $\chi : (0,1] \times (0,1] \rightarrow \mathbb{R}$  by

$$\chi(s, t) = \frac{s}{t} \quad \forall t, s \in (0,1]. \text{ Let } \kappa, \nu \text{ be given by}$$

$$\kappa x = \begin{cases} 0 & \text{if } x \in \left[0, \frac{1}{4}\right] \\ \frac{7}{20} & \text{if } x \in \left(\frac{1}{4}, \frac{1}{2}\right) \\ \frac{4}{25} & \text{if } x \in \left[\frac{1}{2}, 1\right] \end{cases} \quad \text{and} \quad \nu x = \begin{cases} \frac{x}{3} & \text{if } x \in \left[0, \frac{1}{4}\right] \\ \frac{2}{5} & \text{if } x \in \left(\frac{1}{4}, \frac{1}{2}\right) \\ \frac{2}{3} & \text{if } x \in \left[\frac{1}{2}, 1\right] \end{cases}$$

Then  $\chi \in \mathcal{Z}$  and the quadruple  $(X, M, \kappa, \chi)$  has the property  $(S)$ . Furthermore, the mapping  $\kappa$  is a fuzzy  $(\mathcal{Z}, \nu)$ -contractive mapping with respect to the function  $\chi$ . Thus, all the conditions of Theorem (3.4) are satisfied *i.e.*, the mappings  $\kappa$  and  $\nu$  have a coincidence point  $x=0$ . On the other word, they have a unique common fixed point *i.e.*, at  $x=0$ .

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