



# Fixed point theorems for $(\psi \circ \varphi)$ –contractions in a fuzzy metric spaces

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## Abstract

In this paper we prove some common fixed point theorems for  $(\psi \circ \varphi)$ –contractions in a fuzzy metric space. We offered a generalization of  $\varphi$ –contraction in fuzzy metric space. Our results generalize or improve many recent fixed point theorems in the literature. ©2015 All rights reserved.

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## 1. Introduction and Preliminaries

The concept of fuzzy metric space was introduced in different ways by some authors (see [5, 13]) and the fixed point theory in this kind of spaces has been intensively studied (see [4, 9, 10]). The notion of fuzzy metric space, introduced by Kramosil and Michalek [13] was modified by George and Veeramani [6, 7] that obtained a Hausdorff topology for this class of fuzzy metric spaces. Gregori and Sapena [10] have introduced a kind of contractive mappings in fuzzy metric spaces in the sense of George and Veeramani and proved a fuzzy Banach contraction theorem using a strong condition for completeness, now called the completeness in the sense of Grabiec, or G-completeness. Later, further studies have been done by different authors in fuzzy metric spaces (see i.e. [1, 2, 3, 16, 11, 19, 20, 21]).

Firstly we mention so called weakly contractive conditions of Alber and Guerre-Delabriere and Rhoades, altering distance functions used by Khan et al. and Boyd and Wong, as well as Meir and Keeler generalization of contractive condition.

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Cyclic representations and cyclic contractions were introduced by Kirk et al. [12] and further used by several authors to obtain various fixed point results (see [8]).

In 2010, the concept of cyclic  $\varphi$ -contraction is introduced by Păcurar and Rus [15]. Meantime, they constructed a fixed point theorem for the cyclic  $\varphi$ -contraction in a classical complete metric space. In addition, several problems in connection with the fixed point are investigated. Later the notion of cyclic  $\varphi$ -contraction in fuzzy metric space have been proved by Y. H. Shen, D. Qiu and W. Chen [18]. H. K. Nashine, Z. Kadelburg [14] have presented some fixed point results for mappings which satisfy cyclic weaker  $(\psi \circ \varphi)$ -contractions and cyclic weaker  $(\psi, \varphi)$ -contractions in 0-complete partial metric spaces.

In this paper we prove some common fixed point theorems for  $(\psi \circ \varphi)$ -contractions in a fuzzy metric space. We offered a generalization of  $\varphi$ -contraction in fuzzy metric space. Our results generalize or improve many recent fixed point theorems in the literature.

We shall require the following definitions and lemmas in the sequel.

**Definition 1.1** ([17]). A binary operation  $T : [0, 1] \times [0, 1] \rightarrow [0, 1]$  is called a continuous triangular norm (in short, continuous  $t$ -norm) if it satisfies the following conditions:

(TN-1)  $T$  is commutative and associative,

(TN-2)  $T$  is continuous,

(TN-3)  $T(a, 1) = a$  for every  $a \in [0, 1]$ ,

(TN-4)  $T(a, b) \leq T(c, d)$  whenever  $a \leq c, b \leq d$  and  $a, b, c, d \in [0, 1]$ .

An arbitrary  $t$ -norm  $T$  can be extended (by associativity) in a unique way to an  $n$  ary operator taking for  $(x_1, x_2, \dots, x_n) \in [0, 1]^n, n \in \mathbb{N}$ , the value  $T(x_1, x_2, \dots, x_n)$  is defined, in Ref.[7], by

$$T_{j=1}^0 x_i = 1, T_{j=1}^n x_i = T(T_{j=1}^{n-1} x_i, x_n) = T(x_1, x_2, \dots, x_n).$$

**Definition 1.2** ([6]). A fuzzy metric space is an ordered triple  $(X, M, T)$  such that  $X$  is a nonempty set,  $T$  is a continuous  $t$ -norm and  $M$  is a fuzzy set on  $X^2 \times (0, \infty)$ , satisfying the following conditions, for all  $x, y, z \in X, s, t > 0$ :

(FM-1)  $M(x, y, t) > 0$ ,

(FM-2)  $M(x, y, t) = 1$  iff  $x = y$ ,

(FM-3)  $M(x, y, t) = M(y, x, t)$ ,

(FM-4)  $T(M(x, y, t), M(y, z, s)) \leq M(x, z, t + s)$ ,

(FM-5)  $M(x, y, \cdot) : (0, \infty) \rightarrow (0, 1]$  is continuous.

**Definition 1.3** ([9]). Let  $(X, M, T)$  be a fuzzy metric space. Then

(i) A sequence  $\{x_n\}$  in  $X$  is said to converge to  $x$  in  $X$ , denoted by  $x_n \rightarrow x$ , if and only if  $\lim_{n \rightarrow \infty} M(x_n, x, t) = 1$  for all  $t > 0$ , i.e. for each  $r \in (0, 1)$  and  $t > 0$ , there exists  $n_0 \in \mathbb{N}$  such that  $M(x_n, x, t) > 1 - r$  for all  $n \geq n_0$ .

(ii) A sequence  $\{x_n\}$  is a G-Cauchy sequence if and only if  $\lim_{n \rightarrow \infty} M(x_n, x_{n+p}, t) = 1$  for any  $p > 0$  and  $t > 0$ .

(iii) The fuzzy metric space  $(X, M, T)$  is called G-complete if every G-Cauchy sequence is convergent.

**Definition 1.4** ([18]). Let  $(X, M, T)$  be a fuzzy metric space and let  $\{f_n\}$  be a sequence of self mapping on  $X$ .  $f_0 : X \rightarrow X$  is a given mapping. The sequence  $\{f_n\}$  is said to converge uniformly to  $f_0$  if for each  $\epsilon \in (0, 1)$  and  $t > 0$ , there exists  $n_0 \in \mathbb{N}$  such that

$$M(f_n(x), f_0(x), t) > 1 - \epsilon$$

for all  $n \geq n_0$  and  $x \in X$ .

**Definition 1.5** ([18]). A function  $\psi : [0, 1] \rightarrow [0, 1]$  is called a comparison function if it satisfies

(i)  $\psi$  is left continuous and non-decreasing,

(ii)  $\psi(t) > t$  for all  $t \in (0, 1)$ .

**Lemma 1.6** ([18]). *If  $\psi$  be a comparison function, then*

- (i)  $\psi(1) = 1$ ,
- (ii)  $\lim_{n \rightarrow +\infty} \psi^n(t) = 1$  for all  $t \in (0, 1)$ , where  $\psi^n(t)$  denotes the composition of  $\psi(t)$  with itself  $n$  times.

In 2003 Kirk et al. introduced the following notion of cyclic representation.

**Definition 1.7** ([15]). Let  $X$  be a nonempty set,  $m$  a positive integer and  $f : X \rightarrow X$  an operator. Then  $X = \cup_{i=1}^m A_i$  is a cyclic representation of  $X$  with respect to  $f$  if

- (a)  $A_i, i = 1, \dots, m$  are non-empty subsets of  $X$ ,
- (b)  $f(A_1) \subset A_2, f(A_2) \subset A_3, \dots, f(A_{m-1}) \subset A_m, f(A_m) \subset A_1$ .

**Definition 1.8** ([19]). Two mappings  $f$  and  $g$  of a fuzzy metric space  $(X, M, *)$  into itself are said to be weakly commuting if

$$M(fgx, gfx, t) \geq M(fx, gx, t) \quad \forall x \in X.$$

## 2. Main Results

**Definition 2.1.** Let  $(X, M, T)$  be a G-complete fuzzy metric space and  $P_{cl}(X)$  denotes the collection of nonempty closed subsets of  $X$ .  $m$  a positive integer,  $A_1, A_2, \dots, A_m \in P_{cl}(X)$ ,  $Y = \cup_{i=1}^m A_i$ , and  $f : Y \rightarrow Y$  an operator. If,

- (i)  $Y = \cup_{i=1}^m A_i$  is a cyclic representation of  $Y$  with respect to  $f$ ,
- (ii) There exists a function  $\varphi : [0, 1] \rightarrow [0, 1]$  such that
  - ( $\varphi_1$ )  $\varphi$  is non-decreasing and continuous function,
  - ( $\varphi_2$ )  $\varphi(t) > 0$  for  $t > 0$ ,  $\varphi(1) = 1$  and  $\varphi(0) = 0$ ,
  - ( $\varphi_3$ )  $\varphi(t) \leq t$  for all  $t \in (0, 1)$ ,
- (iii)  $\varphi(M(fx, fy, t)) \geq \psi(\varphi(M(x, y, t)))$  where  $\psi$  is a function as in Definition 1.5,

for any  $x \in A_i, y \in A_{i+1}$  and  $t > 0$ , where  $A_{m+1} = A_1$ , then  $f$  is called cyclic weaker  $(\psi \circ \varphi)$ - contraction in the fuzzy metric space  $(X, M, T)$ .

**Theorem 2.2.** *Let  $(X, M, T)$  be a G-complete fuzzy metric space,  $m$  a positive integer,  $A_1, A_2, \dots, A_m \in P_{cl}(X)$ ,  $Y = \cup_{i=1}^m A_i$ , and  $f : Y \rightarrow Y$  an operator. Assume that*

- (1)  $Y = \cup_{i=1}^m A_i$  is a cyclic representation of  $Y$  with respect to  $f$ ,
- (2)  $f : Y \rightarrow Y$  is a cyclic weaker  $(\psi \circ \varphi)$ - contraction.

*Then  $f$  has a unique fixed point  $x \in \cap_{i=1}^m A_i$  and the iterative sequence  $\{x_n\}_{n \geq 0}$  ( $x_n = f(x_{n-1}), n \in \mathbb{N}$ ) converges to  $x$  for any starting point  $x_0 \in Y$ .*

*Proof.* Fix  $x_0 \in X$  and define the sequence  $(x_n)$  by

$$x_1 = f(x_0), x_2 = f(x_1), \dots, x_{2n+1} = f(x_{2n}), x_{2n+2} = f(x_{2n+1}), \dots$$

For any  $n \geq 0$ , there exists  $i_n \in \{1, 2, \dots, m\}$  such that  $x_n \in A_{i_n}$  and  $x_{n+1} \in A_{i_{n+1}}$ . Therefore, we can obtain

$$\varphi(M(x_n, x_{n+1}, t)) = \varphi(M(f(x_{n-1}), f(x_n), t)) \geq \psi(\varphi(M(f(x_{n-1}), f(x_n), t)))$$

Consider the definition of  $\psi$ , we get by induction that

$$M(x_n, x_{n+1}, t) \geq \varphi(M(x_n, x_{n+1}, t)) \geq \psi^n(\varphi(M(x_0, x_1, t))) > 0.$$

Thus, for any  $p > 0$ , we have

$$\begin{aligned} M(x_n, x_{n+p}, t) &\geq T(M(x_n, x_{n+1}, \frac{t}{p}), M(x_{n+1}, x_{n+2}, \frac{t}{p}), \dots, M(x_{n+p-1}, x_{n+p}, \frac{t}{p})) \\ &\geq T(\psi^n(\varphi(M(x_0, x_1, \frac{t}{p}))), \psi^{n+1}(\varphi(M(x_0, x_1, \frac{t}{p}))), \dots, \psi^{n+p-1}(\varphi(M(x_0, x_1, \frac{t}{p})))) \\ &= T_{i=0}^{p-1} \psi^{n+i}(M(x_0, x_1, \frac{t}{p})). \end{aligned}$$

By Lemma 1.6, for every  $i \in \{0, 1, \dots, p - 1\}$ , we obtain that

$$\lim_{n \rightarrow \infty} \psi^{n+i}(M(x_0, x_1, \frac{t}{p})) = 1.$$

According to the continuity of  $t$ -norm  $T$ , it can easily be verified that  $M(x_n, x_{n+p}, t) \rightarrow 1$  as  $n \rightarrow \infty$ . It shows that  $\{x_n\}_{n \geq 0}$  is a G-Cauchy. Since  $Y$  is G-complete, then there exists  $x \in Y$  such that  $x_n \rightarrow x$ .

On the other hand, by the condition (1), it follows that the iterative sequence  $\{x_n\}_{n \geq 0}$  has an infinite number of terms in each  $A_i, i = 1, 2, \dots, m$ . Since  $Y$  is G-complete, from each  $A_i, i = 1, 2, \dots, m$ , one can extract a subsequence of  $\{x_n\}_{n \geq 0}$  which converges to  $x$  as well. Because each  $A_i, i = 1, 2, \dots, m$  is closed, we conclude that  $x \in \cap_{i=1}^m A_i$  and thus  $\cap_{i=1}^m A_i \neq \emptyset$ . Set  $Z = \cap_{i=1}^m A_i$ . Obviously,  $Z$  is also closed and G-complete. Consider the restriction of  $f$  to  $Z$ , that is,  $f|_Z : Z \rightarrow Z$ . Next, we will prove that  $f|_Z$  has a unique fixed point in  $Z \subset Y$ .

For the foregoing  $x \in Z$ , since  $f|_Z(x) \in Z$  and  $x_n \in A_{i_n}$ , we can choose  $A_{i_{n+1}}$  such that  $f|_Z(x) \in A_{i_{n+1}}$ . Hence, for any  $t > 0$ , we have

$$\begin{aligned} M(f|_Z(x), x, t) &= M(f(x), x, t) \\ &\geq T(M(f(x), f(x_n), \frac{t}{2}), M(x_{n+1}, x, \frac{t}{2})) \\ &\geq T(\psi(\varphi(M(x, x_n, \frac{t}{2}))), M(x_{n+1}, x, \frac{t}{2})) \end{aligned}$$

from (TN-3) we get  $n \rightarrow \infty, T(1, 1) = 1$ . Clearly, we get  $f|_Z(x) = x$ , namely,  $x$  a fixed point, which is obtained by iteration from starting point  $x_0$ . To show uniqueness, we assume that  $z \in \cap_{i=1}^m A_i$  is another fixed point of  $f|_Z$ . Since  $x, z \in A_i$  for all  $i \in \mathbb{N}$ , we can obtain

$$\varphi(M(x, z, t)) = \varphi(M((f|_Z(x), f|_Z(z), t))) = \varphi(M(f(x), f(z), t)) \geq \psi(\varphi(M(x, z, t))) > \varphi(M(x, z, t)).$$

This leads to a contradiction. Thus,  $x$  is the unique fixed of  $f|_Z$  for any starting point  $x_0 \in Z \subset Y$ .

Now, we still have to prove that iterative sequence  $\{x_n\}_{n \geq 0}$  converges to  $x$  for any initial point  $x_0 \in Y$ . Let  $y \in Y = \cup_{i=1}^m A_i$ , there exists  $i_0 \in \{0, 1, \dots, m\}$  such that  $y \in A_{i_0}$ . As  $x \in \cap_{i=1}^m A_i$ , it follows that  $x \in A_{i_0+1}$  as well. Then, for any  $t > 0$ , we have

$$\varphi(M(f(y), f(x), t)) \geq \psi(\varphi(M(y, x, t))).$$

By induction, we can obtain

$$\begin{aligned} \varphi(M(x_n, x, t)) &= \varphi(M(f^n(x_0), x, t)) = \varphi(M(f^n(x_0), f(x), t)) \\ &= \varphi(M(f(f^{n-1}(x_0), f(x), t))) \\ &\geq \psi(\varphi(f^{n-1}(x_0), x, t)) \\ &\geq \dots \\ &\geq \psi^n(\varphi(x_0, x, t)). \end{aligned}$$

Supposing  $x_0 \neq x$ , it follows immediately that  $x_n \rightarrow x$  as  $n \rightarrow \infty$ . So the iterative sequence  $\{x_n\}_{n \geq 0}$  converges to the unique fixed point  $x$  of  $f$  for any starting point  $x_0 \in Y$ .

Now, for all  $t > 0$ ,

$$\varphi(M(x_{2n+1}, f(x), t)) = \varphi(M(f(x_{2n}), f(x), t)) \geq \psi(\varphi(M(x_{2n}, x, t)))$$

and since  $f$  is continuous and property of  $\varphi$ , letting  $n \rightarrow \infty$  it follows,

$$M(x, f(x), t) \geq \varphi(M(x, f(x), t)) \geq \psi(1) = 1$$

hence  $f(x) = x$ . Then,  $x$  is a fixed point of  $f$ .

Now we prove the uniqueness of the fixed points of  $f$ . Assume that  $x, y \in X$  are two common fixed points

of  $f$ . If  $x \neq y$ , then there exists  $t > 0$  such that  $0 < M(x, y, t) < 1$  and hence

$$\begin{aligned} \varphi(M(x, y, t)) &= \varphi(M(f(x), f(y), t)) \geq \psi(\varphi(M(x, y, t))) \\ &= \psi(\varphi(M(x, y, t))) > \varphi(M(x, y, t)), \end{aligned}$$

which is a contradiction. Therefore  $x = y$ . □

**Example 2.3.** Let  $X$  be the subset of  $\mathbb{R}$  defined by  $X = \{1, 2, 3, 4, 5\}$ .  $\psi(\lambda) = \sqrt{\lambda}$ ,  $\varphi(\lambda) = \lambda$  for all  $\lambda \in [0, 1]$ . Define  $M(x, y, t) = e^{-\frac{2d(x, y)}{t}}$ , where  $d(x, y) = |x - y|$ . Clearly  $(X, M, T)$  is a G-complete fuzzy metric space with respect to  $t$ -norm  $T(a, b) = ab$ . Let  $f : X \rightarrow X$  be given by

$$f(1) = f(2) = f(3) = f(4) = 2, \quad f(5) = 1.$$

Set  $A_1 = \{1, 2, 3, 4\}$ ,  $A_2 = \{2, 4, 5\}$ .  $f(A_1) = \{2\} \subseteq A_2$ ,  $f(A_2) = \{1, 2\} \subseteq A_1$ . According to Definition 1.7,  $X = A_1 \cup A_2$  is a cyclic representation of  $X$  with respect to  $f$ . In addition, it can easily be verified that  $\varphi(M(fx, fy, t)) \geq \psi(\varphi(M(x, y, t)))$  for every  $x \in A_1$ ,  $y \in A_2$  and  $t > 0$ . This shows that  $f$  a cyclic weaker  $(\psi \circ \varphi)$ -contraction. Hence all the conditions of Theorem 2.2 are satisfied and then  $f$  has a unique fixed point, that is,  $x = 2$ .

**Theorem 2.4.** Let  $(X, M, T)$  be a G-complete fuzzy metric space,  $m$  a positive integer,  $A_1, A_2, \dots, A_m \in P_{cl}(X)$ ,  $Y = \cup_{i=1}^m A_i$ , and  $f, g : Y \rightarrow Y$  two operators. Assume that

- (1)  $Y = \cup_{i=1}^m A_i$  is a cyclic representation of  $Y$  with respect to  $f$  and  $g$ ,
- (2)  $f$  and  $g$  are two cyclic weaker  $(\psi \circ \varphi)$ -contractions,
- (3)  $\varphi(M(fx, gy, t)) \geq \psi(\varphi(\min\{M(x, y, t), M(fx, x, t), M(x, gx, t)\}))$  for all  $x, y \in X$  and  $t > 0$ .

Then  $f$  and  $g$  have a unique common fixed point  $x \in \cap_{i=1}^m A_i$ .

*Proof.* Fix  $x_0 \in X$  and define the sequence  $(x_n)$  by

$$x_1 = f(x_0), \quad x_2 = g(x_1), \dots, \quad x_{2n+1} = f(x_{2n}), \quad x_{2n+2} = g(x_{2n+1}), \dots$$

Similarly from the proof of Theorem 2.2,  $(x_n)$  is a G-Cauchy. Since  $X$  is G-complete, then there exists  $x \in X$  such that  $x_n \rightarrow x$ . Now, for all  $t > 0$ ,

$$\varphi(M(x_{2n+1}, f(x), t)) = \varphi(M(f(x_{2n}), f(x), t)) \geq \psi(\varphi(M(x_{2n}, x, t)))$$

and since  $f$  is continuous and property of  $\varphi$ , letting  $n \rightarrow \infty$  it follows,

$$M(x, f(x), t) \geq \varphi(M(x, f(x), t)) \geq \psi(1) = 1$$

hence  $f(x) = x$ . Then,  $x$  is a fixed point of  $f$ . Analogously, we obtain that  $g(x) = x$  and  $x$  is a common fixed point of  $f$  and  $g$ .

Now we prove the uniqueness of the fixed points of  $f$  and  $g$ . Assume that  $x, y \in X$  are two common fixed points of  $f$  and  $g$ . If  $x \neq y$ , then there exists  $t > 0$  such that  $0 < M(x, y, t) < 1$  and hence

$$\begin{aligned} \varphi(M(x, y, t)) &= \varphi(M(f(x), g(y), t)) \geq \psi(\varphi(\min\{M(x, y, t), M(fx, x, t), M(x, gx, t)\})) \\ &= \psi(\varphi(M(x, y, t))) > \varphi(M(x, y, t)), \end{aligned}$$

which is a contradiction. Therefore  $x = y$ . □

**Corollary 2.5.** If we get  $f = g$  in Theorem 2.4, we obtain Theorem 2.2.

**Theorem 2.6.** Let  $(X, M, T)$  be a  $G$ -complete fuzzy metric space,  $m$  a positive integer,  $A_1, A_2, \dots, A_m \in P_{cl}(X)$ ,  $Y = \cup_{i=1}^m A_i$ , and  $f$  and  $g$  satisfying the following conditions:

- (1)  $f$  is a cyclic weaker  $(\psi \circ \varphi)$ - contraction and  $g, s$  are two continuous mappings,
- (2)  $f(X) \subset g(X) \cap s(X)$  and  $(f, g), (f, s)$  are weakly commuting,
- (3)  $\varphi(M(fx, gy, t)) \geq \psi(\varphi(\min\{M(gx, sy, t), M(gx, fx, t), M(gx, fy, t), M(sy, fy, t)\}))$  for all  $x, y \in X$  and  $t > 0$ .

Then  $f, g$  and  $s$  have a unique common fixed point  $x \in \cap_{i=1}^m A_i$ .

*Proof.* Let  $x_0 \in X$  be any arbitrary point. Since  $f(X) \subset g(X)$  then there exists a point  $x_1 \in X$  such that  $fx_0 = gx_1$ . Also, since  $f(X) \subset s(X)$ , there exists another point  $x_2 \in X$  such that  $fx_1 = sx_2$ .

In general, we get a sequence  $(y_n)$  recursively as

$$y_n = gx_{n+1} = fx_n \quad \text{and} \quad y_{n+1} = sx_{n+2} = fx_{n+1}, \quad n \in \mathbb{N}.$$

Let  $M_n = M(y_{n+1}, y_n, t) = M(fx_{n+1}, fx_n, t)$  and  $M(y_0, y_1, t) > 0$ . Then,  $M_{n+1} = M(y_{n+2}, y_{n+1}, t) = M(fx_{n+2}, fx_{n+1}, t)$ .

Using inequality (3), we get,

$$\begin{aligned} \varphi(M_{n+1}) &= \varphi(M(fx_{n+2}, fx_{n+1}, t)) \geq \psi(\varphi(\min\{M(gx_{n+2}, sx_{n+1}, t), M(gx_{n+2}, fx_{n+2}, t), \\ &\quad M(gx_{n+2}, fx_{n+1}, t), M(sx_{n+1}, fx_{n+1}, t)\})) \\ &= \psi(\varphi(\min\{M(fx_{n+1}, fx_n, t), M(fx_{n+1}, fx_{n+2}, t), M(fx_{n+1}, fx_{n+1}, t), \\ &\quad M(fx_n, fx_{n+1}, t)\})) \\ &= \psi(\varphi \min\{M_n, M_{n+1}, 1, M_n\}) \end{aligned}$$

If  $M_n > M_{n+1}$ , then by definition of  $\psi$  and  $\varphi$  we have

$$\varphi(M_{n+1}) \geq \psi(\varphi(M_{n+1})) > \varphi(M_{n+1})$$

a contradiction. So,

$$\varphi(M_{n+1}) \geq \psi(\varphi(M_n)).$$

Thus, we get,

$$M(y_{n+2}, y_{n+1}, t) \geq \psi(\varphi(M(y_{n+1}, y_n, t))) \quad \forall n \in \mathbb{N}, \quad t > 0.$$

Hence, repeating this inequality  $n$  times we obtain,

$$M(y_n, y_{n+1}, t) \geq \psi^n(\varphi(M(y_0, y_1, t)))$$

Letting  $n \rightarrow \infty$ , from Lemma 1.6 we get,

$$\lim_{n \rightarrow \infty} M(y_n, y_{n+1}, t) = 1.$$

That is, from Definition 1.3 we get that  $(y_n)$  is a  $G$ -Cauchy. Since  $X$  is  $G$ -complete, then there exists  $z \in X$  such that  $y_n \rightarrow z$ . Hence  $(fx_n) \rightarrow z \in X$ . Since  $f$  is a cyclic weaker  $(\psi \circ \varphi)$ - contraction and by definition of  $\psi$  and  $\varphi$ ,

$$M(y_n, fz, t) \geq \varphi(M(y_n, fz, t)) = \varphi(M(fx_n, fz, t)) \geq \psi(\varphi(M(x_n, z, t))),$$

By taking the limit as  $n \rightarrow \infty$  we obtain,

$$M(z, fz, t) \geq \psi(1) = 1.$$

hence  $fz = z$ . Since  $(fx_n) \rightarrow z \in X$ , hence the subsequences  $(gx_n)$  and  $(sx_n)$  of  $(fx_n)$  have the same limit. Since  $g$  is continuous, in this case we have  $gfx_n \rightarrow gz$ ,  $ggx_n \rightarrow gz$ . Also  $(f, g)$  is weakly commuting, we have  $fzx_n \rightarrow gz$ . Let  $x = gx_n, y = x_n$  in (3) we get,

$$\begin{aligned} \varphi(M(fgx_n, fx_n, t)) &\geq \psi(\varphi(\min\{M(ggx_n, sx_n, t), M(ggx_n, fgx_n, t), \\ &\quad M(ggx_n, fx_n, t), M(sx_n, fx_n, t)\})). \end{aligned}$$

Taking limit  $n \rightarrow \infty$ ,

$$\begin{aligned} \varphi(M(gz, z, t)) &\geq \psi(\varphi(\min\{M(gz, z, t), M(gz, gz, t), M(gz, z, t), M(z, z, t)\})) \\ &= \psi(\varphi(\min\{M(gz, z, t), 1, M(gz, z, t), 1\})) \\ &= \psi(\varphi(M(gz, z, t))) \\ &> \varphi(M(gz, z, t)) \end{aligned}$$

So, we get  $gz = z$ . Since  $s$  is continuous, in this case we have  $ssx_n \rightarrow sz, sfx_n \rightarrow sz$ . Also  $(f, s)$  is weakly commuting, we have  $fsx_n \rightarrow sz$ . Now, let  $x = x_n, y = sx_n$  in (3) we get,

$$\begin{aligned} \varphi(M(fx_n, fsx_n, t)) &\geq \psi(\varphi(\min\{M(gx_n, ssx_n, t), M(gx_n, fx_n, t), \\ &M(gx_n, fsx_n, t), M(ssx_n, fsx_n, t)\})) \end{aligned}$$

Taking limit  $n \rightarrow \infty$ ,

$$\begin{aligned} \varphi(M(z, sz, t)) &\geq \psi(\varphi(\min\{M(z, sz, t), M(z, z, t), M(z, sz, t), M(sz, sz, t)\})) \\ &= \psi(\varphi(\min\{M(z, sz, t), 1, M(z, sz, t), 1\})) \\ &= \psi(\varphi(M(z, sz, t))) \\ &> \varphi(M(z, sz, t)) \end{aligned}$$

So, we get  $sz = z$ . Thus, we have  $gz = z, sz = z$ . Hence  $z$  is a common fixed point of  $f, g$  and  $s$ . Now we prove the uniqueness of the common fixed points of  $f, g$  and  $s$ . Let  $v$  be another common fixed point of  $f, g$  and  $s$ , then  $fv = gv = sv = v$ . Put  $x = z, y = v$  in (3), we get,

$$\begin{aligned} \varphi(M(z, v, t)) &\geq \psi(\varphi(\min\{M(gz, sv, t), M(gz, fz, t), M(gz, fv, t), M(sv, fz, t)\})) \\ &= \psi(\varphi(M(z, v, t))) \\ &> \varphi(M(z, v, t)) \end{aligned}$$

which gives  $z = v$ . Therefore  $z$  is a unique common fixed point of  $f, g$  and  $s$ .

If we take  $s = g$ , then we get following corollary: □

**Corollary 2.7.** *Let  $(X, M, T)$  be a G-complete fuzzy metric space,  $m$  a positive integer,  $A_1, A_2, \dots, A_m \in P_{cl}(X)$ ,  $Y = \cup_{i=1}^m A_i$ , and  $f$  and  $g$  satisfying the following conditions:*

- (1)  $f$  is a cyclic weaker  $(\psi \circ \varphi)$ - contraction and  $g$  is a continuous mapping,
  - (2)  $f(X) \subset g(X)$  and  $(f, g)$  is weakly commuting,
  - (3)  $\varphi(M(fx, gy, t)) \geq \psi(\varphi(\min\{M(gx, gy, t), M(gx, fx, t), M(gx, fy, t), M(gy, fy, t)\}))$
- for all  $x, y \in X$  and  $t > 0$ .

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

In this paper, we presented the notion of cyclic weaker  $(\psi \circ \varphi)$ - contraction in a fuzzy metric space and proved a fixed point theorem for this type of mapping in a G-complete fuzzy metric space. In our next research, we intend to establish a fixed point theorem for cyclic weaker  $(\psi \circ \varphi)$ - contraction in an M-complete fuzzy metric space.

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