

## FIXED POINT THEOREM IN Menger PROBABILISTIC METRIC SPACE

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### ABSTRACT

*The Banach fixed point theorem guarantees the existence of unique fixed point under a contraction mapping on a complete metric space. A similar theorem does not hold in a complete Menger Probabilistic metric space. The problem is that the triangular function in such spaces is not enough to guarantee that the sequence of iterates of a point under a certain map is Cauchy sequence. Two different approaches have been pursued. One is to identify those triangle functions which guarantee that the sequence of iterates is a Cauchy sequence. The other is to modify the original definition of contraction map. First this was done by Hicks. In this paper I prove some fixed point in Menger space.*

### 2. INTRODUCTION

Menger [2] generalized the metric axioms by associating a distribution function with each pair of points of an abstract set  $X$ . (A distribution functions is a mapping  $f : R \rightarrow R^+$  which is non-decreasing, left continuous, with  $\inf f = 0$  and  $\sup f = 1$ ). Thus for any ordered pair of points  $p, q$  of  $X$ , we associate a distribution function denoted by  $F_{p,q}$  and, for any positive number  $x$ , we interpret  $F_{p,q}(x)$  as the probability that the distance between  $p$  and  $q$  is less than  $x$ . This gives rise to a new theory of 'probabilistic metric spaces' which started developing rapidly after the publication of the paper of Schweizer and Sklar [5].

### PROBABILISTIC METRIC SPACES [2]

**Definition 2.1:** A mapping  $f : R \rightarrow R^+$  is called a distribution function if it is non decreasing, left continuous and  $\inf f(x) = 0, \sup f(x) = 1$ .

We shall denote by  $L$  the set of all distribution functions. The specific distribution function  $H \in L$  is defined by

$$H(x) = \begin{cases} 0, & x \leq 0 \\ 1, & x > 0 \end{cases}$$

**Definition 2.2:** A probabilistic metric space (PM space) is an ordered pair,  $X$  is a nonempty set and  $F : X \times X \rightarrow L$  is mapping such that, by denoting  $F(p, q)$  by  $F_{p,q}$  for all  $p, q$  in  $X$ , we have

- (I)  $F_{p,q}(x) = 1 \quad \forall x > 0$  iff  $p = q$
- (II)  $F_{p,q}(0) = 0$
- (III)  $F_{p,q} = F_{q,p}$
- (IV)  $F_{p,q}(x) = 1, F_{q,r}(y) = 1 \Rightarrow F_{p,r}(x+y) = 1$

We note that  $F_{p,q}(x)$  is value of the distribution function  $F_{p,q} = F(p, q) \in L$  at  $x \in R$ .

**Definition 2.3:** A mapping  $t : [0,1] \times [0,1] \rightarrow [0,1]$  is called t-norm if it is non- decreasing (by non-decreasing, we mean  $a \leq c, b \leq d \Rightarrow t(a,b) \leq t(c,d)$ ), commutative, associative and  $t(a,1) = a$  for all  $a$  in  $[0, 1]$ ,  $t(0,0) = 0$ .

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**Definition 2.4:** A Menger PM space is a triple  $(X, F; t)$  where  $(X, F)$  is a PM space and  $t$  is  $t$ -norm such that,

$$F_{p,r}(x+y) \geq t(F_{p,q}(x), F_{q,r}(y)) \quad \forall x, y \geq 0.$$

If  $(X, F; t)$  is Menger Probabilistic metric space with  $\sup t(x, x) = 1, 0 < x < 1$ , then  $(X, F; t)$  is a Hausdorff topological space in the topology  $T$  induced by the family of  $(\varepsilon, \lambda)$  neighborhoods  $\{U_p(\varepsilon, \lambda) : p \in X, \varepsilon > 0, \lambda > 0\}$  where  $U_p(\varepsilon, \lambda) = \{x \in X : F_{x,p}(\varepsilon) > 1 - \lambda\}$  ([8]).

**Definition 2.5:** A sequence  $\{p_n\}$  in  $X$  is said to converge to  $p \in X$  iff  $\forall \varepsilon > 0$  and  $\forall \lambda > 0$ , there exists an integer  $M$  such that  $F_{p_n,p}(\varepsilon) > 1 - \lambda \quad \forall n \geq M$ . Again  $\{p_n\}$  is a Cauchy sequence if  $\forall \varepsilon > 0$  and  $\forall \lambda > 0$ , there exists an integer  $M$  such that,

$$F_{p_n,p_m}(\varepsilon) > 1 - \lambda \text{ for all } m, n \geq M.$$

Some common fixed point theorems using sequence which are not necessarily obtained as a sequence of iterates of certain mappings are motivated by a result of Jungck [1]. He proved that a continuous self mapping  $f$  of a complete metric space  $(X, d)$  has a fixed point provided there exists  $q \in (0, 1)$  and a mapping  $g : X \rightarrow X$  which commute with  $f$  and satisfies

$$(a) \quad g(X) \subseteq f(X)$$

$$(b) \quad d(gx, gy) \leq qd(fx, fy), \text{ for all } x, y \in X. \text{ Then } g \text{ and } f \text{ have unique common fixed point.}$$

In 1960, B. Schweizer and A. Sklar have been studied these spaces in depth. These spaces have also been considered by several other authors. The first result for a contractive self mapping on a Menger PM space was obtained by Sehgal and Bharucha Reid [3]. Let  $(X, F)$  be PM space and  $f : X \rightarrow X$  be a mapping. Then  $f$  is said to contraction if  $\exists k \in (0, 1)$  s.t.  $\forall p, q \in X, F_{f(p)f(q)}(kx) \geq F_{pq}(x), x > 0$ .

Recently Piyush Kumar Tripathi [6], [7] defined dual contraction and using to it he proved some fixed point theorems.

**2.1 Definition:** Let  $(X, F, t)$  be a Menger space. A mapping  $f : X \rightarrow X$  is called dual contraction if  $\exists k > 1$  such that  $F_{f^2p}(kx) \leq F_{fp}(x), x > 0$

**2.3 Theorem:** Let  $(X, F, t)$  be complete Menger space. Suppose  $f : X \rightarrow X$  is onto and continuous mapping satisfying the condition of dual contraction. Then  $f$  has a unique fixed point.

Piyush Kumar Tripathi [4] also proved the following lemma which is used in our results.

**2.1 Lemma:** Let  $(X, F, t)$  be a Menger space, where  $t$  is continuous. If  $\exists k > 1$  such that  $F_{f^2p}(kx) \leq F_{fp}(x), x > 0$ . Suppose  $f : X \rightarrow X$  is onto mapping then  $\exists$  a Cauchy sequence in  $X$ .

### 3. MAIN RESULTS

In this section, I have also prove some fixed point theorems under different contractive conditions using contraction constant  $k > 1$  or  $k < 1$ .

**3.1 Theorem:** Let  $(X, F; t)$  be a complete Menger probabilistic metric space where  $F_{p,q}$  is strictly increasing distribution function and  $f : X \rightarrow X$  is continuous mapping. If  $\exists k \in (0, 1)$  s. t.

$$F_{f(p),f(q)}(kx) \geq \min\{F_{p,q}(x), F_{p,f(p)}(x), F_{q,f(q)}(x), F_{q,f(p)}(x)\}.$$

Then  $\exists$  a unique fixed point.

**Proof:** Let  $p_0 \in X$ . Construct a sequence  $p_n = f(p_{n-1}), n = 1, 2, 3, \dots$ . Then

$$\begin{aligned} F_{p_n, p_{n+1}}(kx) &= F_{f(p_{n-1}), f(p_n)}(kx) \\ &\geq \min\{F_{p_{n-1}, p_n}(x), F_{p_{n-1}, p_n}(x), F_{p_n, p_{n+1}}(x), F_{p_n, p_n}(x)\} \end{aligned}$$

$$\text{i.e. } F_{p_n, p_{n+1}}(kx) \geq \min\{F_{p_{n-1}, p_n}(x), F_{p_n, p_{n+1}}(x)\}$$

$$F_{p_n, p_{n+1}}(kx) \geq F_{p_{n-1}, p_n}(x), x > 0$$

Therefore by lemma 2.1  $\{P_n\}$  is a Cauchy sequence. Since  $(X, F, t)$  is complete so  $p_n \rightarrow p \in X$ . Then by theorem 2.1,  $p$  is a unique fixed point of  $f$ . For uniqueness suppose  $f(p) = p, f(q) = q$ . Then

$$F_{p,q}(kx) = F_{f(p),g(q)}(x) \geq \min\{F_{p,q}(x), F_{p,p}(x), F_{q,q}(x), F_{q,p}(x)\}$$

i.e.  $F_{pq}(kx) \geq F_{p,q}(x)$ .

Which is not possible so  $p = q$ . Because  $F_{p,q}$  is strictly increasing function and  $kx < 0$

**3.2 Theorem:** Let  $(X, F; t)$  be a complete Menger probabilistic metric space where  $F_{p,q}$  strictly increasing distribution function is and  $f, g : X \rightarrow X$  is continuous mapping. If  $\exists k \in (0,1)$  such that

$$F_{f(p),g(q)}(kx) \leq \max\{F_{p,q}(x), F_{p,f(p)}(x), F_{q,g(q)}(x)\}.$$

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

**Proof:** Let  $p_0 \in X$ . Construct a sequence  $\{p_n\}$  defined by  $f(p_{2n}) = p_{2n+1}, g(p_{2n+1}) = p_{2n+2}, n = 1,2,3$ . If  $n = 2r + 1$  then

$$F_{p_n,p_{n+1}}(kx) \geq \min\{F_{p_{n-1},p_n}(x), F_{p_n,p_{n+1}}(x)\}$$

$$F_{p_n,p_{n+1}}(kx) \geq F_{p_{n-1},p_n}(x) \text{ because } F_{p,q} \text{ is strictly increasing and } kx < x$$

Again if  $n = 2r$  then

$$F_{p_n,p_{n+1}}(kx) = F_{p_{2r},p_{2r+1}}(kx) = F_{g(p_{2r-1}),f(p_{2r})}(kx) \leq \max\{F_{p_{2r},p_{2r+1}}(x), F_{p_{2r},p_{2r+1}}(x), F_{p_{2r-1},p_{2r}}(x)\}$$

$$F_{p_n,p_{n+1}}(kx) \leq \max\{F_{p_{2r},p_{2r-1}}(x), F_{p_{2r},p_{2r+1}}(x)\}$$

$$F_{p_n,p_{n+1}}(kx) \geq F_{p_n,p_{n-1}}(x), x > 0 \text{ therefore } \forall +ve \text{ integer } n$$

$$F_{p_n,p_{n+1}}(kx) \geq F_{p_n,p_{n-1}}(x)$$

Therefore by lemma 2.1.1,  $\{p_n\}$  is a Cauchy sequence. Then  $p_n \rightarrow p \in X$ .

Since  $\{p_{2n+1}\}, \{p_{2n}\}$  is subsequence of  $\{p_n\}$  so  $p_{2n+1} \rightarrow p, p_{2n} \rightarrow p$ . Then  $f(p) = p$  and

$g(p) = p$  that is  $p$  is common fixed point of  $f$  and  $g$ . For uniqueness suppose  $p$  and  $q$  are two common fixed-point  $f$  and  $g$ . Then,

$$F_{p,q}(kx) = F_{f(p),g(q)}(kx) \leq \max\{F_{p,q}(x), F_{p,p}(x), F_{q,q}(x)\} \Rightarrow F_{p,q}(kx) \geq F_{p,q}(x),$$

which is not possible because  $F_{p,q}$  is strictly increasing function and  $kx < x$ . Therefore  $f$  and  $g$  have unique common fixed point.

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