### COMMON FIXED POINT FOR COMPATIBLE MAPPINGS ON 2-MENGER SPACES

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### **ABSTRACT**

**T**he aim of the present paper is to obtain i) a common fixed point theorem for compatible mappings by using the concept of asymptotic regularity and ii) a common fixed point theorem using the concept of joint reciprocal continuity in a 2-Menger space.

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### 1. INTRODUCTION

The study of 2-metric spaces was initiated by Gähler [3] and some fixed point theorems in 2-Metric spaces were proved in Hadžić [7], Rhoades [9] and Iseki [8]. The probabilistic 2-metric spaces were first introduced in Golet ([4], [5]), proved a fixed point theorem in probabilistic metric spaces. Some fixed point theorems in a 2-Menger space are proved in Golet [6] and Hadžić [7]. Badshah and Gopal Meena [1] proved a fixed point theorem for a pair of self-maps on a 2-metric space.

In this paper we introduce the notion of a 2-Menger space and obtain i) a common fixed point theorem (Th 2.1) for compatible mappings by using the concept of asymptotic regularity and ii) a common fixed point theorem using the concept of joint reciprocal continuity in a 2-Menger space. Supporting example is also provided (example 2.3).

- 1.1 Notations: The set of all real numbers is denoted by R and set of all non-negative real numbers is denoted by  $R^+$ .
- **1.2 Definition (Sehgal and Bharucha-Reid [10]):** A mapping  $F: R \to [0,1]$  is said to be a distribution function if it is non-decreasing, left-continuous with  $\inf_{t \in R} F(t) = 0$  and  $\sup_{t \in R} F(t) = 1$ .

The set of all distribution functions is denoted by  $\mathfrak{D}$  and  $\mathfrak{D}^+ = \{ F \in \mathfrak{D} | F(0) = 0 \}$ .

- **1.3 Definition** (Gähler [3]): A 2-metric space is an ordered pair (X, d) where X is an abstract set and  $d: X^3 \to R^+$  such that
  - i) For distinct points  $x, y \in X$  there exists a point  $z \in X$  such that  $d(x, y, z) \neq 0$
  - ii) d(x, y, z) = 0 if at least two of x, y and z are equal
  - iii)  $d(x, y, z) = d(x, z, y) = d(y, z, x) \forall x, y, z \in X$
  - iv)  $d(x, y, z) \le d(x, y, u) + d(x, u, z) + d(u, y, z) \ \forall x, y, z, u \in X$ .

The function d is called a 2-metric for the space X and the pair (X, d) denotes a 2-metric space.

The following definitions on the concept of 2-Menger spaces are given by Golet [6].

- **1.4 Definition** (Golet [6]): A probabilistic 2-metric space (P-2-M space) is an ordered pair (X, F) where  $F: X^3 \to \mathfrak{D}^+$  is such that
  - i)  $F_{x y z}(t) = 1 \ \forall \ t > 0$  if and only if at least two of the three points x, y and z are equal,  $F_{x y z}(t) = 0 \ \forall t \le 0 \ \forall x, y, z \in X$
  - ii) For distinct points  $x, y \in X$  there exists a point  $z \in X$  such that  $F_{x,y,z}(t) \neq 1$  if t > 0

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- iii)  $F_{x y z}(t) = F_{x z y}(t) = F_{y z x}(t)$
- iv) If  $F_{x y w}(t_1) = 1$ ,  $F_{x w z}(t_2) = 1$  and  $F_{w y z}(t_3) = 1$  then

$$F_{x y z}(t_1 + t_2 + t_3) = 1$$

- **1.5 Definition** (Golet [6]): A mapping  $*: [0,1]^3 \rightarrow [0,1]$  is said to be 2- t- norm if
  - i) \*(a, 1, 1) = a
  - ii) \*(a,b,c) = \*(a,c,b) = \*(c,b,a)
  - iii)  $*(a,b,c) \le *(d,e,f)$  if  $a \le d,b \le e$  and  $c \le f$
  - iv)  $*(*(a,b,c),d,e) = *(a,*(b,c,d),e) = *(a,b,*(c,d,e)) \forall a,b,c,d,e \in [0,1]$
- **1.6 Example:** If \* is defined as \*= min(a, b, c),  $a, b, c \in [0,1]$  then \* is a 2-t-norm.
- **1.7 Definition** (Golet [6]): A 2-Menger space is a triplet (X, F, \*) where (X, F) is a P -2 -M space, \* is a 2-t-norm satisfying the following inequality:

$$F_{x y z}(t_1+t_2+t_3) \ge *(F_{x y w}(t_1), F_{x w z}(t_2), F_{w y z}(t_3)) \forall x, y, z, w \in X.$$

**1.8 Definition** (Golet [6]): Let (X, F, \*) be a 2-Menger space and \* be a continuous 2-t-norm, then (X, F, \*) is Hausdroff in the topology induced by the family of neighborhoods,  $U_x(\varepsilon, \lambda, a_1, a_2, ..., a_n), x, a_i \in X, \varepsilon > 0$ ,

$$\begin{split} i &= 1, 2, \dots, n \text{ and } \lambda \in (0, 1) \text{ where } \quad \mathbf{U}_x \left( \varepsilon, \lambda, a_1, a_2, \dots, a_n \right) = \left\{ y \in X \middle| F_{x \mid y \mid a_i} (\varepsilon) > 1 - \lambda, 1 \leq i \leq n \right\} \\ &= \bigcap_{i=1}^n \left\{ y \in X \middle| F_{x \mid y \mid a_i} (\varepsilon) > 1 - \lambda, 1 \leq i \leq n \right\}. \end{split}$$

**1.9 Definition** (Golet [6]): Let (X, F, \*) be a 2-Menger space and \* be a continuous 2- t-norm. A sequence  $\{x_n\}$  in X is said to converge to a point  $x \in X$  if for every  $\varepsilon > 0$  and  $\lambda \in (0,1)$ , there exists an integer  $M(\varepsilon,\lambda)$  such that

$$F_{x_n x_a}(t) > 1 - \lambda$$
 whenever m,  $n \ge M(\varepsilon, \lambda)$  and  $a \in X$ .

**1.10 Definition** (Golet [6]): A sequence  $\{x_n\}$  in a 2-Menger space (X, F, \*) is said to be a Cauchy sequence if for every $\varepsilon > 0$  and  $\lambda \in (0,1)$ , there exists an integer  $M(\varepsilon, \lambda)$  such that

$$F_{x_n, x_m, a}(t) > 1 - \lambda$$
 whenever  $m, n \ge M(\varepsilon, \lambda)$  and  $a \in X$ .

- **1.11 Definition** (Golet [6]): A 2-Menger space (X, F, \*) is said to be complete if each Cauchy sequence in X converges to a point of X.
- **1.12 Definition:** A sequence  $\{x_n\}$  in a 2-Menger space (X, F, \*) is said to be asymptotically regular with respect to the pair (S, T) of self-mappings on X if

$$\lim_{n\to\infty} F_{Sx_n Tx_n a}(t) = 1 \,\forall a \in X.$$

**1.13 Definition** (Chang [2]): Two self-mapping S and T on 2-Menger space (X, F, \*) is said to be compatible if  $\lim_{n\to\infty}^{\lim m} F_{STx_n \ TSx_n \ a}(t) = 1 \ \forall t > 0, \text{ whenever } \{x_n\} \text{ is a sequence in } X \text{ such that}$   $\lim_{n\to\infty}^{\lim m} Sx_n = z = \lim_{n\to\infty}^{\lim} Tx_n \text{ for some } z \in X.$ 

$$\lim_{n\to\infty} Sx_n = z = \lim_{n\to\infty} Tx_n$$
 for some  $z \in X$ .

**1.14 Example:** Let 
$$X = R$$
 and define  $d: X^3 \to R$  by 
$$d(x,y,z) = \begin{cases} 0 & \text{if at least two of the three points } x,y,z \text{ are equal} \\ 2 & \text{otherwise} \end{cases}.$$

Then 
$$(X, d)$$
 is a 2-metric space. Define  $F: X^3 \to \mathfrak{D}^+$  by  $F_{x y z}(t) = \frac{t}{t + d(x, y, z)}$ , then  $(X, F)$  is a probabilistic 2-metric space.

If \*:  $[0,1]^3 \to [0,1]$  is defined as \* =  $\min\{r, s, t\}$ ,  $r, s, t \in [0,1]$ , then (X, F, \*) is a 2-Menger space.

1.15 Notation: Write

$$\Psi = \{\psi | \psi : [0,1] \to [0,1], \psi \text{ is continous }, \psi(1) = 1 \text{ and } \psi(t) > t \, \forall t \in (0,1)\}.$$

- **1.16 Example:** Define  $\psi: [0,1] \to [0,1]$  as  $\psi(t) = \frac{t+1}{2}$ . Then  $\psi \in \Psi$ .
- 2. MAIN RESULTS

In this section first we prove our first main result using the concept of asymptotic regularity.

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**2.1Theorem:** Let P, S and T be self-mappings of a complete 2-Menger space(X, F,\*), where \* is a continuous 2-t-norm, satisfying the following conditions:

- i)  $F_{Px Py a}(t) \ge \psi \left( \min \left\{ F_{Px Sx a}(t), F_{Py Sy a}(t) \right\} \right)$ ,  $\forall x, y, a \in X \text{ and for some } \psi \in \Psi$
- ii) the pairs (P, S) and (P, T) are compatible
- iii) there exists a sequence  $\{x_n\}$  which is asymptotically regular with respect to (P,S) and (P,T)
- iv) S and T are continuous.

Then P, S and T have unique common fixed point in X.

**Proof:** Let  $\{x_n\}$  be a sequence in X satisfying condition (iii).

By taking  $x = x_n$  and  $y = x_m$  in (i), we obtain

$$F_{Px_n Px_m a}(t) \ge \psi \left( \min \left\{ F_{Px_n Sx_n a}(t), F_{Px_m Sx_m a}(t) \right\} \right)$$

On letting  $n \to \infty$ , using condition(iii), we obtain

$$\lim_{n \to \infty} F_{Px_n Px_m q}(t) \ge \psi(\min\{1,1\}) = \psi(1) = 1$$

This implies

$$\lim_{n\to\infty} F_{Px_n Px_m a}(t) = 1 \,\forall a \in X.$$

Thus  $\{Px_n\}$  is a Cauchy sequence in X. Since X is complete we have

$$Px_n \to z \quad \text{for some} \quad z \in X \ .$$
 (2.1.1)

Now 
$$F_{Sx_n z a}(t) \ge * \left( F_{Sx_n z Px_n}(t), F_{Sx_n Px_n a}(t), F_{Px_n z a}(t) \right)$$

On letting  $n \to \infty$ , using condition(iii), (2.1.1) and continuity of \*, we get

$$\lim_{n \to \infty} F_{Sx_n z a}(t) \ge * (1,1,1) = 1$$

This implies  $\lim_{n\to\infty} F_{Sx_n z a}(t) = 1 \ \forall t > 0$ .

$$i.e Sx_n \to z.$$
 (2.1.2)

Now

$$F_{Tx_n z a}(t) \ge * (F_{Tx_n z Px_n}(t), F_{Tx_n Px_n a}(t), F_{Px_n z a}(t))$$

On letting  $n \to \infty$ , using condition (iii), (2.1.1) and continuity of \*, we get

$$\lim_{n\to\infty} F_{Tx_n z a}(t) \ge * (1,1,1) = 1$$

This implies  $\lim_{n\to\infty} F_{Tx_n z a}(t) = 1 \quad \forall t > 0$ 

i.e 
$$Tx_n \to z$$
. (2.1.3)

Since

$$F_{PSx_n Sz a}(t) \ge * \left( F_{PTx_n Sz SPx_n}(t), F_{PSx_n SPx_n a}(t), F_{SPx_n Sz a}(t) \right) \tag{2.1.4}$$

applying condition (iv) in (2.1.1), we get

$$SPx_n \to Sz$$
 (2.1.5)

On letting  $n \to \infty$  in (2.1.4), using condition (ii) and (2.1.5), we get

 $\lim_{n\to\infty} F_{PSx_nSz\;a}(t)=1 \;\; \forall a\in X\; and\; t>0.$ 

This implies

$$PS x_n \to Sz$$
 (2.1.6)

From condition (iv) we have T is continuous, applying this in (2.1.1) we get

$$TPx_n \to Tz \tag{2.1.7}$$

Since

$$F_{PTx_nTz\ a}(t) \ge * \left( F_{PTx_nTz\ TPx_n}(t), F_{PTx_n\ TPx_n\ a}(t), F_{TPx_nTz\ a}(t) \right)$$

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On letting  $n \to \infty$ , using condition (ii) and (2.1.7), we get

$$\lim_{n\to\infty} F_{PTx_nTz} a(t) = 1, \quad \forall a \in X \text{ and } t > 0.$$

This implies

$$PTx_n \to Tz$$
. (2.1.8)

By letting  $x = Sx_n$  and  $y = Tx_n$  in (i), we get

$$F_{PSx_nPTx_n|a}(t) \ge \psi(\min\{F_{PSx_nSSx_n|a}(t), F_{PTx_nSTx_n|a}(t)\})$$

On letting  $n \to \infty$ , using condition(*iv*), we have

$$Tx_n \rightarrow z$$
 implies  $TTx_n \rightarrow Tz$  and  $Sx_n \rightarrow z$  implies  $SSx_n \rightarrow Sz$ 

Using this and also using (2.1.7) and (2.1.8), we get

$$F_{Sz Tz a}(t) \ge \psi(\min\{F_{Sz Sz a}(t), F_{Tz Sz a}(t)\})$$

This implies  $F_{Sz Tz a}(t) \ge \psi(F_{Tz Sz a}(t))$ 

That is  $F_{Sz Tz a}(t) = 1$ 

Therefore

$$Sz = Tz (2.1.9)$$

Again by taking  $x = Tx_n$  and y = z in (i), we have

$$F_{PTx_n Pz a}(t) \ge \psi \Big( \min \Big\{ F_{PTx_n STx_n a}(t), F_{Pz Sz a}(t) \Big\} \Big)$$

On letting  $n \to \infty$ , using (2.1.8) and applying condition (*iv*) in (2.1.3) implies  $STx_n \to Sz$ , applying this in the above equation, we get

$$F_{Tz Pz a}(t) \ge \psi(min\{1, F_{Pz Tz a}(t)\})$$

This implies

$$F_{Tz Pz a}(t) \ge \psi(F_{Pz Tz a}(t))$$

That is

$$F_{Tz Pz a}(t) = 1 \quad \forall a \in X$$

Hence

Tz = Pz

Thus

$$Pz = Tz = Sz. (2.1.10).$$

Now by taking  $x = x_n$  and y = z in(i), we get

$$F_{Px_nPz_a}(t) \ge \psi \left( \min \left\{ F_{Px_nSx_n a}(t), F_{Pz_Tz_a}(t) \right\} \right)$$

On letting  $n \to \infty$ , using (2.1.1), (2.1.2) and (2.1.10), we get

$$F_{z P z a}(t) \ge \psi(min\{1,1\}) = \psi(1) = 1$$

This implies  $F_{z Pz a}(t) = 1 \quad \forall t > 0$ 

Thus z = Pz.

Hence z is a common fixed point of P, S and T.

Let x be a common fixed point of P, S and T, then from(i), we have

$$F_{Px Pz a}(t) \ge \psi(min\{F_{Px Sx a}(t), F_{Pz Sz a}(t)\})$$

This implies

$$F_{x z a}(t) \ge \psi(min\{F_{x x a}(t), F_{z z a}(t)\})$$

That is  $F_{xza}(t) \ge \psi(min\{1,1\}) = \psi(1) = 1$  and thus  $F_{xza}(t) = 1$  hence x = z.

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Therefore z is the unique common fixed point of P, S and T.

Now, we state our second main result which uses the concept of joint reciprocal continuity.

**2.2 Theorem:** Let P, S and T be self-mappings of a complete 2-Menger space (X, F, \*), where \* is a continuous 2 -t-norm, satisfying the following conditions:-

- i)  $F_{Px Py a}(t) \ge \psi \left( \min \left\{ F_{Px Sx a}(t), F_{Py Sy a}(t) \right\} \right)$ ,  $\forall x, y, a \in X \text{ and for some } \psi \in \Psi$
- ii) S and T are continuous.
- iii) (S,T) is jointly reciprocally continuous with respect P in X. Then P, S and T have unique common fixed point in X.

**Proof:** From condition (iii) there exists a sequence  $\{x_n\}$  in X such that

$$\lim_{n \to \infty} Sx_n = \lim_{n \to \infty} Px_n = \lim_{n \to \infty} Tx_n = z \quad \text{for some } z \in X$$
 (2.2.1)

$$\operatorname{and}_{n\to\infty}^{\lim} F_{PSx_nSPx_n a}(t) = 1 = \lim_{n\to\infty} F_{PTx_nTPx_n a}(t) \ \forall a \in X$$
 (2.2.2)

Applying condition (ii) in equation (2.2.1) and using this in the equation (2.2.2), we get  $PSx_n \rightarrow Sz$  and  $PTx_n \rightarrow Tz$  (2.2.3)

By taking  $x = Sx_n$ ,  $y = Tx_n$  in (i) and on letting  $n \to \infty$ , using (ii), (iii), (2.2.2) and (2.2.3), we get Sz = Tz

Similarly by taking  $x = Tx_n$  and y = z in (i) and on letting  $n \to \infty$ , we get Pz = Tz.

Therefore Sz = Pz = Tz.

By taking  $x = x_n$  and y = z in (i) and on letting  $n \to \infty$ , we get Pz = z. Therefore z is a fixed point of P.

Hence z is a common fixed point of P, S and T. Suppose x is a common fixed point of P, S and T. Then it can be easily proved that x = z.

Hence z is the unique common fixed point of P, S and T.

**2.3 Example:** Let (X, F, \*) be a complete 2-Menger space as defined in example (1.14) and  $\psi \in \Psi$  be as defined in example (1.16). Let P, S and T be self-maps on X such that  $P(x) = x_0, x_0 \in X$  and S = T = I. Then P, S and T satisfy all the hypothesis of theorem 2.1 and Theorem 2.2 and  $x_0$  is the unique common fixed point of P, S and T in X.

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