

Common Fixed Point Theorem in Intuitionistic Fuzzy Metric Space Weakly Compactible Set Maps by Using General Contractive Condition of Integral Type

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Abstract: The aim of this paper is to obtain common fixed points theorems in an intuitionistic fuzzy metric space for point wise R-weakly commuting mappings using contractive condition of integral type and to establish a situation in which a collection of maps has a fixed point which is a point of discontinuity.

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I. Introduction

Atanassov [3] introduced the concept of intuitionistic fuzzy sets as a generalization of fuzzy sets [22] and later there has been much progress in the study of intuitionistic fuzzy sets by many authors [4, 7]. In 2004, Park [17] introduced a notion of intuitionistic fuzzy metric spaces with the help of continuous t-norms and continuous t-conorms as a generalization of fuzzy metric space due to Kramosil and Michalek [12]. Fixed point theory has important applications in diverse disciplines of mathematics, statistics, engineering and economics in dealing with problems arising in: Approximation theory, potential theory, game theory, mathematical economics, etc. Several authors [9, 10, 12, 13, and 19] proved some fixed point theorems for various generalizations of contraction mappings in probabilistic and fuzzy metric space. Branciari [6] obtained a fixed point theorem for a single mapping satisfying an analogue of Banach's contraction principle for an integral type inequality. Sedhi et al [20] established a common fixed point theorem for weakly compatible mappings in intuitionistic fuzzy metric space satisfying a contractive condition of integral type.

In this paper, we prove a common fixed point theorem for six self maps in an intuitionistic fuzzy metric space for pointwise R-weakly commuting mappings using contractive condition of integral type and to establish a situation in which a collection of maps has a fixed point which is a point of discontinuity.

II. Preliminaries

Definition 2.1. [22] Let X be any set. A fuzzy set A in X is a function with domain X and values in $[0, 1]$.

Definition 2.2. [3] Let a set E be fixed. An intuitionistic fuzzy set (IFS) A of E is an object having the form,

$$A = \{ \langle x, \mu_A(x), \nu_A(x) \rangle / x \in E \}$$

where the function $\mu_A : E \rightarrow [0, 1]$, $\nu_A : E \rightarrow [0, 1]$ define respectively, the degree of membership and degree of non-membership of the element $x \in E$ to the set A , which is a subset of E , and for every $x \in E$, $0 \leq \mu_A(x) + \nu_A(x) \leq 1$.

Definition 2.3. [19] A binary operation $*$: $[0, 1] \times [0, 1] \rightarrow [0, 1]$ is a continuous t-norm if it satisfies the following conditions:

- (a) $*$ is commutative and associative;
- (b) $*$ is continuous;
- (c) $a * 1 = a$ for all $a \in [0, 1]$;
- (d) $a * b \leq c * d$ whenever $a \leq c$ and $b \leq d$, for each $a, b, c, d \in [0, 1]$.

Definition 2.4. [19] A binary operation \diamond : $[0, 1] \times [0, 1] \rightarrow [0, 1]$ is a continuous t-conorm if it satisfies the following conditions:

- (a) \diamond is commutative and associative;
- (b) \diamond is continuous;
- (c) $a \diamond 0 = a$ for all $a \in [0, 1]$;
- (d) $a \diamond b \leq c \diamond d$ whenever $a \leq c$ and $b \leq d$, for each $a, b, c, d \in [0, 1]$.

Definition 2.5. [1] A 5-tuple $(X, M, N, *, \diamond)$ is said to be an intuitionistic fuzzy metric space (shortly IFM-Space) if X is an arbitrary set, $*$ is a continuous t-norm, \diamond is a continuous t-conorm and M, N are fuzzy sets on $X^2 \times (0, \infty)$ satisfying the following conditions: for all $x, y, z \in X$ and $s, t > 0$;

(IFM-1) $M(x, y, t) + N(x, y, t) \leq 1$;

(IFM-2) $M(x, y, 0) = 0$;

- (IFM-3) $M(x, y, t) = 1$ if and only if $x = y$;
- (IFM-4) $M(x, y, t) = M(y, x, t)$;
- (IFM-5) $M(x, y, t) * M(y, z, s) \leq M(x, z, t + s)$;
- (IFM-6) $M(x, y, \cdot) : [0, \infty) \rightarrow [0, 1]$ is left continuous;
- (IFM-7) $\lim_{t \rightarrow \infty} M(x, y, t) = 1$;
- (IFM-8) $N(x, y, 0) = 1$;
- (IFM-9) $N(x, y, t) = 0$ if and only if $x = y$;
- (IFM-10) $N(x, y, t) = N(y, x, t)$;
- (IFM-11) $N(x, y, t) \diamond N(y, z, s) \geq N(x, z, t + s)$;
- (IFM-12) $N(x, y, \cdot) : [0, \infty) \rightarrow [0, 1]$ is right continuous;
- (IFM-13) $\lim_{t \rightarrow \infty} N(x, y, t) = 0$;

Then (M, N) is called an intuitionistic fuzzy metric on X . The functions $M(x, y, t)$ and $N(x, y, t)$ denote the degree of nearness and degree of non-nearness between x and y with respect to t , respectively.

Remark 2.6. Every fuzzy metric space $(X, M, *)$ is an intuitionistic fuzzy metric space if X of the form $(X, M, 1 - M, *, \diamond)$ such that t -norm $*$ and t -conorm \diamond are associated, that is, $x \diamond y = 1 - ((1-x) * (1-y))$ for any $x, y \in X$. But the converse is not true.

Example 2.7. [17] Let (X, d) be a metric space. Denote $a * b = ab$ and $a \diamond b = \min \{1, a + b\}$ for all $a, b \in [0, 1]$ and let M_d and N_d be fuzzy sets on $X^2 \times (0, \infty)$ defined as follows;

$M_d(x, y, t) = \frac{t}{t + d(x,y)}$, $N_d(x, y, t) = \frac{d(x,y)}{t + d(x,y)}$. Then (M_d, N_d) is an intuitionistic fuzzy metric on X . We call this intuitionistic fuzzy metric induced by a metric d the standard intuitionistic fuzzy metric.

Remark 2.8. Note the above example holds even with the t -norm $a * b = \min \{a, b\}$ and the t -conorm $a \diamond b = \max \{a, b\}$ and hence (M_d, N_d) is an intuitionistic fuzzy metric with respect to any continuous t -norm and continuous t -conorm.

Example 2.9. Let $X = \mathbb{N}$. Define $a * b = \max \{0, a + b - 1\}$ and $a \diamond b = a + b - ab$ for all $a, b \in [0, 1]$ and let M and N be fuzzy sets on $X^2 \times (0, \infty)$ defined as follows;

$$M(x, y, t) = \begin{cases} \frac{x}{y}, & \text{if } x \leq y \\ \frac{y}{x}, & \text{if } y \leq x \end{cases}$$

$$N(x, y, t) = \begin{cases} \frac{y-x}{y}, & \text{if } x \leq y, \\ \frac{x-y}{x}, & \text{if } y \leq x \end{cases}$$

for all $x, y, z \in X$ and $t > 0$. Then $(X, M, N, *, \diamond)$ is an intuitionistic fuzzy metric space.

Remark 2.10. Note that, in the above example, t -norm $*$ and t -conorm \diamond are not associated. And there exists no metric on X satisfying

$$M(x, y, t) = \frac{t}{t + d(x,y)}, N(x, y, t) = \frac{d(x,y)}{t + d(x,y)}$$

where $M(x, y, t)$ and $N(x, y, t)$ are as defined in above example. Also note the above function (M, N) is not an intuitionistic fuzzy metric with the t -norm and t -conorm defined as $a * b = \min \{a, b\}$ and $a \diamond b = \max \{a, b\}$.

Definition 2.11. [1] Let $(X, M, N, *, \diamond)$ be an intuitionistic fuzzy metric space.

(a) A sequence $\{x_n\}$ in X is called Cauchy sequence if for each $t > 0$ and $P > 0$,

$$\lim_{n \rightarrow \infty} M(x_{n+p}, x_n, t) = 1 \text{ and } \lim_{n \rightarrow \infty} N(x_{n+p}, x_n, t) = 0.$$

(b) A sequence $\{x_n\}$ in X is convergent to $x \in X$ if $\lim_{n \rightarrow \infty} M(x_n, x, t) = 1$ and

$$\lim_{n \rightarrow \infty} N(x_n, x, t) = 0 \text{ for each } t > 0.$$

(c) An intuitionistic fuzzy metric space is said to be complete if every Cauchy sequence is convergent.

Lemma 2.12. [17] In an intuitionistic fuzzy metric space X , $M(x, y, \cdot)$ is non-decreasing and $N(x, y, \cdot)$ is non-increasing for all $x, y \in X$.

Lemma 2.13. [21] Let $(X, M, N, *, \diamond)$ be an intuitionistic fuzzy metric space. If there exists a constant $k \in (0, 1)$ such that

$$M(y_{n+2}, y_{n+1}, kt) \geq M(y_{n+1}, y_n, t),$$

$$N(y_{n+2}, y_{n+1}, kt) \leq N(y_{n+1}, y_n, t)$$

$\forall t > 0$ and $n = 1, 2, \dots$ then $\{y_n\}$ is a Cauchy sequence in X .

Lemma 2.14. [21] Let $(X, M, N, *, \diamond)$ be an intuitionistic fuzzy metric space. If there exists a constant $k \in (0, 1)$ such that

$$M(x, y, kt) \geq M(x, y, t), N(x, y, kt) \leq N(x, y, t),$$

for $x, y \in X$. Then $x = y$.

Definition 2.15. [15] Let (X, d) be a metric space. Two self mappings f and g of X are said to be R -weakly commuting if there exists a positive real number $R > 0$ such that

$$d(fg(x), gf(x)) \leq Rd(f(x), g(x))$$

for all $x \in X$.

Definition 2.16. Let $(X, M, N, *, \diamond)$ be an intuitionistic fuzzy metric space. Two self mappings f and g of X are said to be pointwise R -weakly commuting on X if given $x \in X$ there exists a positive real number $R > 0$ such that

$$\begin{aligned} M(fg(x), gf(x), t) &\geq M(f(x), g(x), t/R) \\ N(fg(x), gf(x), t) &\leq N(f(x), g(x), t/R) \end{aligned}$$

and $t > 0$.

Definition 2.17. Let A and S be mappings from an intuitionistic fuzzy metric space $(X, M, N, *, \diamond)$ into itself. Then the mappings are said to be compatible if

$$\begin{aligned} \lim_{n \rightarrow \infty} M(ASx_n, SAx_n, t) &= 1, \\ \lim_{n \rightarrow \infty} N(ASx_n, SAx_n, t) &= 0, \end{aligned}$$

for every $t > 0$, whenever $\{x_n\}$ is a sequence in X such that

$$\lim_{n \rightarrow \infty} Ax_n = \lim_{n \rightarrow \infty} Sx_n = z,$$

for some $z \in X$.

Definition 2.18. Let A and S be mappings from an intuitionistic fuzzy metric space $(X, M, N, *, \diamond)$ into itself. Then the mappings are said to be non-compatible if whenever $\{x_n\}$ is a sequence in X such that

$$\lim_{n \rightarrow \infty} Ax_n = \lim_{n \rightarrow \infty} Sx_n = z,$$

for some $z \in X$. But

$$\lim_{n \rightarrow \infty} M(ASx_n, SAx_n, t) \neq 1$$

or non-existent,

$$\lim_{n \rightarrow \infty} N(ASx_n, SAx_n, t) \neq 0 \text{ or non-existent.}$$

Definition 2.19. Let A and S be mappings from an intuitionistic fuzzy metric space $(X, M, N, *, \diamond)$ into itself. Then the mappings are said to be reciprocally continuous if

$$\lim_{n \rightarrow \infty} ASx_n = Az, \text{ and } \lim_{n \rightarrow \infty} SAx_n = Sz,$$

whenever $\{x_n\}$ is a sequence in X such that

$$\lim_{n \rightarrow \infty} Ax_n = \lim_{n \rightarrow \infty} Sx_n = z,$$

for some $z \in X$.

Remark 2.20. If A and S are both continuous then they are obviously reciprocally continuous. But the converse need not be true.

III. Main Results

Theorem 3.1. Let P, Q, A, B, S & T be mappings from an intuitionistic metric space $(X, M, N, *, \diamond)$ in to itself. Let (P, ST) and (Q, AB) be a pointwise R -weakly commuting pairs of self mappings of a complete intuitionistic fuzzy metric space $(X, M, N, *, \diamond)$ with continuous t -norm $*$ and continuous t -corm \diamond defined by $t * t \geq t$ and $(1 - t)\diamond(1 - t) \leq (1 - t)$ for all $t \in [0, 1]$ such that,

(i) $P(X) \subset AB(X), Q(X) \subset ST(X)$

(ii) there exists a constant $k \in (0, 1)$ such that

$$\int_0^{M(Px, Qy, kt)} \phi(t) dt \geq \int_0^{m(x, y, t)} \phi(t) dt, \tag{3.1}$$

$$\int_0^{N(Px, Qy, kt)} \phi(t) dt \leq \int_0^{n(x, y, t)} \phi(t) dt, \tag{3.2} \text{ where } \phi: \mathbb{R}^+ \rightarrow \mathbb{R}^+ \text{ is a Lebesgue-integrable}$$

mapping which is summable, nonnegative, and such that

$$\int_0^\epsilon \phi(t) dt > 0 \text{ for each } \epsilon > 0,$$

where

$$m(x, y, t) = \min \{M(AB y, Qy, t), M(STx, Px, t), M(STx, Qy, \alpha t), M(AB y, Px, (2 - \alpha)t), M(AB y, STx, t)\}$$

$$n(x, y, t) = \max \{N(AB y, Qy, t), N(STx, Px, t), N(STx, Qy, \alpha t), N(AB y, Px, (2 - \alpha)t), N(AB y, STx, t)\}$$

for all $x, y \in X, \alpha \in (0, 2)$ and $t > 0$. Suppose that (P, ST) or (Q, AB) is a compatible pair of reciprocally continuous mappings. Then P, Q, ST and AB have a unique common fixed point. If the pairs $(A, B), (S, T), (Q, B)$ and (T, P) are commuting mappings then A, B, S, T, P and Q have a unique common fixed point.

Proof. Let x_0 be any point in X . we construct a sequence $\{y_n\}$ in X such that for $n = 0, 1, 2, \dots$

$$y_{2n} = Px_{2n} = ABx_{2n+1}$$

$$y_{2n+1} = Qx_{2n+1} = STx_{2n+2}.$$

(3.3) we show that $\{y_n\}$ is a Cauchy sequence. By (3.1) and (3.2), for all $t > 0$ and $\alpha = 1 - \beta$ with $\beta \in (0, 1)$, we have

$$\begin{aligned} \int_0^{M(y_{2n+1}, y_{2n+2}, kt)} \phi(t) dt &= \int_0^{M(Qx_{2n+1}, Px_{2n+2}, kt)} \phi(t) dt, \\ &= \int_0^{M(Px_{2n+2}, Qx_{2n+1}, kt)} \phi(t) dt, \\ &\geq \int_0^{m(x_{2n+2}, x_{2n+1}, t)} \phi(t) dt \end{aligned}$$

$$\int_0^{N(y_{2n+1}, y_{2n+2}, kt)} \phi(t) dt = \int_0^{N(Qx_{2n+1}, Px_{2n+2}, kt)} \phi(t) dt$$

$$= \int_0^{N(Px_{2n+2}, Qx_{2n+1}, kt)} \phi(t) dt$$

$$\leq \int_0^{n(x_{2n+2}, x_{2n+1}, t)} \phi(t) dt$$

$$m(x_{2n+2}, x_{2n+1}, t) = \min\{M(AB x_{2n+1}, Qx_{2n+1}, t), M(Px_{2n+2}, STx_{2n+2}, t), M(STx_{2n+2}, Qx_{2n+1}, \alpha t),$$

$$M(AB x_{2n+1}, Px_{2n+2}, (2 - \alpha)t), M(AB x_{2n+1}, STx_{2n+2}, t)\}$$

$$= \min\{M(y_{2n}, y_{2n+1}, t), M(y_{2n+1}, y_{2n+2}, t), M(y_{2n+1}, y_{2n+1}, \alpha t), M(y_{2n}, y_{2n+2}, (1 + \beta)t),$$

$$M(y_{2n}, y_{2n+1}, t)\}$$

$$\geq \min\{M(y_{2n}, y_{2n+1}, t), M(y_{2n+1}, y_{2n+2}, t), 1, M(y_{2n}, y_{2n+1}, t), M(y_{2n+1}, y_{2n+2}, \beta t),$$

$$M(y_{2n}, y_{2n+1}, t)\}$$

$$\geq \min\{M(y_{2n}, y_{2n+1}, t), M(y_{2n+1}, y_{2n+2}, t), M(y_{2n+1}, y_{2n+2}, \beta t)\}$$

$$n(x_{2n+2}, x_{2n+1}, t) = \max\{N(AB x_{2n+1}, Qx_{2n+1}, t), N(Px_{2n+2}, STx_{2n+2}, t), N(STx_{2n+2}, Qx_{2n+1}, \alpha t),$$

$$N(AB x_{2n+1}, Px_{2n+2}, (2 - \alpha)t), N(AB x_{2n+1}, STx_{2n+2}, t)\}$$

$$= \max\{N(y_{2n}, y_{2n+1}, t), N(y_{2n+1}, y_{2n+2}, t), N(y_{2n+1}, y_{2n+1}, \alpha t), N(y_{2n}, y_{2n+2}, (1 + \beta)t),$$

$$N(y_{2n}, y_{2n+1}, t)\}$$

$$\leq \max\{N(y_{2n}, y_{2n+1}, t), N(y_{2n+1}, y_{2n+2}, t), 1, N(y_{2n}, y_{2n+1}, t), N(y_{2n+1}, y_{2n+2}, \beta t), N(y_{2n}, y_{2n+1}, t)\}$$

$$\leq \max\{N(y_{2n}, y_{2n+1}, t), N(y_{2n+1}, y_{2n+2}, t), N(y_{2n+1}, y_{2n+2}, \beta t)\}$$

Since t-norm $*$, t-conorm \diamond , $M(x, y, \cdot)$ and $N(x, y, \cdot)$ is continuous. Letting $\beta \rightarrow 1$, we have

$$m(x_{2n+2}, x_{2n+1}, t) \geq \min\{M(y_{2n}, y_{2n+1}, t), M(y_{2n+1}, y_{2n+2}, t)\}$$

$$n(x_{2n+2}, x_{2n+1}, t) \leq \max\{N(y_{2n}, y_{2n+1}, t), N(y_{2n+1}, y_{2n+2}, t)\}$$

Therefore,

$$\int_0^{M(y_{2n+1}, y_{2n+2}, kt)} \phi(t) dt \geq \int_0^{\min\{M(y_{2n}, y_{2n+1}, t), M(y_{2n+1}, y_{2n+2}, t)\}} \phi(t) dt,$$

$$\int_0^{N(y_{2n+1}, y_{2n+2}, kt)} \phi(t) dt \leq \int_0^{\max\{N(y_{2n}, y_{2n+1}, t), N(y_{2n+1}, y_{2n+2}, t)\}} \phi(t) dt$$

Similarly, we can obtain

$$\int_0^{M(y_{2n+2}, y_{2n+3}, kt)} \phi(t) dt \geq \int_0^{\min\{M(y_{2n+1}, y_{2n+2}, t), M(y_{2n+2}, y_{2n+3}, t)\}} \phi(t) dt,$$

$$\int_0^{N(y_{2n+2}, y_{2n+3}, kt)} \phi(t) dt \leq \int_0^{\max\{N(y_{2n+1}, y_{2n+2}, t), N(y_{2n+2}, y_{2n+3}, t)\}} \phi(t) dt.$$

In general,

$$\int_0^{M(y_{n+1}, y_{n+2}, kt)} \phi(t) dt \geq \int_0^{\min\{M(y_n, y_{n+1}, t), M(y_{n+1}, y_{n+2}, t)\}} \phi(t) dt,$$

$$\int_0^{N(y_{n+1}, y_{n+2}, kt)} \phi(t) dt \leq \int_0^{\max\{N(y_n, y_{n+1}, t), N(y_{n+1}, y_{n+2}, t)\}} \phi(t) dt.$$

and, for every positive integer p ,

$$\int_0^{M(y_{n+1}, y_{n+2}, kt)} \phi(t) dt \geq \int_0^{\min\{M(y_n, y_{n+1}, t), M(y_{n+1}, y_{n+2}, t/k^p)\}} \phi(t) dt,$$

$$\int_0^{N(y_{n+1}, y_{n+2}, kt)} \phi(t) dt \leq \int_0^{\max\{N(y_n, y_{n+1}, t), N(y_{n+1}, y_{n+2}, t/k^p)\}} \phi(t) dt$$

Since $M(y_{n+1}, y_{n+2}, t/k^p) \rightarrow 1$ as $p \rightarrow \infty$, $N(y_{n+1}, y_{n+2}, t/k^p) \rightarrow 0$ as $p \rightarrow \infty$,

$$\int_0^{M(y_{n+1}, y_{n+2}, kt)} \phi(t) dt \geq \int_0^{M(y_n, y_{n+1}, t)} \phi(t) dt,$$

$$\int_0^{N(y_{n+1}, y_{n+2}, kt)} \phi(t) dt \leq \int_0^{N(y_n, y_{n+1}, t)} \phi(t) dt$$

By Lemma 2.13, $\{y_n\}$ is Cauchy sequence in X . Since X is a complete, there is a point z in X such that $y_n \rightarrow z \in X$. Hence from (3.3), we have

$$y_{2n} = Px_{2n} = ABx_{2n+1} \rightarrow z,$$

$$y_{2n+1} = Qx_{2n+1} = STx_{2n+2} \rightarrow z.$$

Since P and ST are compatible and reciprocally continuous mappings, then $PSTx_{2n} \rightarrow Pz$ and $STPx_{2n} \rightarrow STz$ as $n \rightarrow \infty$. The compatibility of the pair (P, ST) yields

$$\lim_{n \rightarrow \infty} M(PSTx_{2n}, STPx_{2n}, t) = 1$$

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$$M(Pz, STz, t) = 1. \text{ Hence } Pz = STz.$$

The compatibility of the pair (P, ST) yields

$$\lim_{n \rightarrow \infty} N(PSTx_{2n}, STPx_{2n}, t) = 0$$

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$N(Pz, STz, t) = 0$. Hence $Pz = STz$.

Since $P(X) \subset AB(X)$, there exist $w \in X$ such that $Pz = ABw$. Using (ii), we get

$$\int_0^{M(Pz, Qw, kt)} \phi(t) dt \geq \int_0^{M(z, w, t)} \phi(t) dt,$$

$$\int_0^{N(Pz, Qw, kt)} \phi(t) dt \leq \int_0^{N(z, w, t)} \phi(t) dt$$

Take $\alpha = 1$,

$$m(z, w, t) = \min\{M(ABw, Qw, t), M(STz, Pz, t), M(STz, Qw, t), M(ABw, Pz, t), M(ABw, STz, t)\}$$

$$= \min\{M(Pz, Qw, t), 1, M(Pz, Qw, t), 1, 1\}$$

$$= \min\{M(Pz, Qw, t), 1\},$$

$$n(z, w, t) = \max\{N(ABw, Qw, t), N(STz, Pz, t), N(STz, Qw, t), N(ABw, Pz, t), N(ABw, STz, t)\}$$

$$= \max\{N(Pz, Qw, t), 1, N(Pz, Qw, t), 1, 1\}$$

$$= \max\{N(Pz, Qw, t), 1\}$$

$$\int_0^{M(Pz, Qw, kt)} \phi(t) dt \geq \int_0^{m(Pz, Qw, t)} \phi(t) dt,$$

$$\int_0^{N(Pz, Qw, kt)} \phi(t) dt \leq \int_0^{n(Pz, Qw, t)} \phi(t) dt$$

By using Lemma 2.14, we get $Pz = Qw$. Thus,

$$STz = Pz = Qw = ABw.$$

Pointwise R -weakly commuting of P and ST implies that there exists $R > 0$ such that

$$M(PSTz, STPz, t) \geq M(Pz, STz, t/R) = 1,$$

$$N(PSTz, STPz, t) \leq N(Pz, STz, t/R) = 0.$$

That is,

$$PSTz = STPz \text{ and } PPz = PSTz = STPz = STSTz.$$

Similarly, Pointwise R -weakly commuting of Q and AB implies that there exists $R > 0$ such that

$$M(QABw, ABQw, t) \geq M(Qw, ABw, t/R) = 1,$$

$$N(QABw, ABQw, t) \leq N(Qw, ABw, t/R) = 0.$$

That is,

$$QABw = ABQw \text{ and } QQw = QABT = ABQw = ABABw.$$

Using (ii), we get

$$\int_0^{M(Pz, PPz, kt)} \phi(t) dt \geq \int_0^{M(PPz, Qw, kt)} \phi(t) dt,$$

$$\geq \int_0^{m(Pz, w, t)} \phi(t) dt$$

$$= \int_0^{M(Pz, PPz, t)} \phi(t) dt$$

$$\int_0^{N(Pz, PPz, kt)} \phi(t) dt = \int_0^{N(PPz, Qw, kt)} \phi(t) dt$$

$$\leq \int_0^{n(Pz, w, t)} \phi(t) dt$$

$$= \int_0^{N(Pz, PPz, t)} \phi(t) dt$$

By using Lemma 2.14, we get $Pz = PPz$ and $Pz = PPz = STPz$. Thus, Pz is a common fixed point of P and ST . Similarly, by using (ii), we get $Qw (=Pz)$ is a common fixed point of Q and AB . Uniqueness of the common fixed point follows easily and the proof is similar when Q and AB are assumed compatible and reciprocally continuous.

By using the commutativity of the pairs $(A, B), (S, T), (Q, B)$ and (P, T) we can show that the selfmaps A, B, P, Q, B, T have a Unique common fixed point in X .

Example 3.2. Let $X = [2, 20]$ and $(X, M, N, *, \diamond)$ be an intuitionistic fuzzy metric. Define mappings $P, B, S, T: X \rightarrow X$ by

$$P(x) = \begin{cases} 2, & \text{if } x = 2, \\ 3, & \text{if } x > 3. \end{cases}$$

$$S(x) = \begin{cases} 2, & \text{if } x = 2, \\ 6, & \text{if } x = 6. \end{cases}$$

$$Q(x) = \begin{cases} 2, & \text{if } x = 2 \text{ or } x > 5, \\ 6, & \text{if } 2 < x \leq 5 \end{cases}$$

$$A(x) = \begin{cases} 2, & \text{if } x = 2, \\ 12, & \text{if } 2 < x < 5, \\ x - 3, & \text{if } x > 5 \end{cases}$$

$$T(x) = B(x) = x, \forall x \in [2, 20]$$

Also, we define,

$$M(Px, Qy, t) = \frac{t}{(t+|x-y|)} \quad N(Px, Qy, t) = \frac{|x-y|}{(t+|x-y|)},$$

For all $x, y \in X, t > 0$. Then P, Q, ST and AB satisfy all the conditions of the above Theorem with $k = (0, 1)$ and $\phi(t) = 1$ and have a unique common fixed point $x = 2$. Here, P and ST are reciprocally continuous compatible maps. But neither P nor ST is continuous, even at the common fixed point $x = 2$. The mapping Q and AB are non-compatible but pointwise R -weakly commuting. Q and AB are pointwise R -weakly commuting since they commute at their coincidence points. To see that Q and AB are non-compatible, let us consider the sequence $\{x_n\}$ defined by

$x_n = 5 + 1/n, n \geq 1$. Then $ABx_n \rightarrow 2, Qx_n = 2, ABQx_n = 2, QABx_n = 6$. Hence Q and AB are non-compatible.

Remark 3.3. All the mappings involved in this example are discontinuous at the common fixed point.

Remark 3.4. Compatible maps are necessarily pointwise R weakly commuting since compatible maps commute at their coincidence points. However, as shown in the above example for the mappings Q and AB , pointwise R -weakly commuting maps need not be compatible.

Remark 3.5. In this remark we demonstrate that pointwise R -weak commutativity is a necessary condition for the existence of common fixed points of contractive mapping pairs. So, let us assume that the self mappings A and S of an intuitionistic fuzzy metric space $(X, M, N, *, \diamond)$ satisfy the contractive condition

$$\int_0^{M(Px, Py, kt)} \phi(t) dt \geq \int_0^{m(x, y, t)} \phi(t) dt,$$

where

$$m(x, y, t) = \min\{M(STx, STy, t), M(Px, STx, t), M(Py, STy, t), M(Px, STy, t), M(Py, STx, t)\},$$

$$\int_0^{N(Px, Py, kt)} \phi(t) dt < \int_0^{m(x, y, t)} \phi(t) dt,$$

where

$$n(x, y, t) = \max\{N(STx, STy, t), N(Px, STx, t), N(Py, STy, t), N(Px, STy, t), N(Py, STx, t)\}.$$

which is one of the general contractive definitions for a pair of mappings. If possible, suppose that P and ST fail to be pointwise R -weakly commuting and yet have a common fixed point z . Then $z = Pz = STz$ and there exists x in X such that $Px = STx$ but $PSTx \neq STPx$. clearly, $z \neq x$ since $PSTz = STPz = z$. Moreover, $Px \neq Pz$. But then we have

$$\int_0^{M(Px, Pz, kt)} \phi(t) dt > \int_0^{m(x, z, t)} \phi(t) dt,$$

where

$$m(x, z, t) = \min\{M(STx, STz, t), M(Px, STx, t), M(Pz, STz, t), M(Px, STz, t), M(Pz, STx, t)\} \\ = M(Px, Pz, t)$$

$$\int_0^{N(Px, Pz, kt)} \phi(t) dt < \int_0^{m(x, z, t)} \phi(t) dt,$$

where

$$n(x, z, t) = \max\{N(STx, STz, t), N(Px, STz, t), N(Pz, STz, t), N(Px, STz, t), N(Pz, STz, t)\} \\ = N(Px, Pz, t)$$

$$\int_0^{M(Px, Pz, kt)} \phi(t) dt > \int_0^{m(Px, Pz, t)} \phi(t) dt$$

$$\int_0^{N(Px, Pz, kt)} \phi(t) dt < \int_0^{m(Px, Pz, t)} \phi(t) dt$$

a contradiction. Hence the assertion.

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