

## Some Properties of $C^*$ -Graded Metric Spaces and Fixed Point Results

Sh. Sedghi\*\*

Islamic Azad University-Qaemshahr Branch

A. Gilani

Islamic Azad University-Kordkuy Branch

M. Foozooni

Imam Ali University

**Abstract.** In this paper, by using of  $C^*$ -algebra we give a metric with range in positive unit ball of a  $C^*$ -algebra. Indeed this is a generalization of a fuzzy metric space. Some definitions of compatible mappings of types (I) and (II) are introduced and some fixed and common fixed point theorems are proved.

**AMS Subject Classification:** 54E40; 54E35; 54H25.

**Keywords and Phrases:**  $C^*$ -algebra, common fixed point theorem, compatible mappings of type (I) and (II).

### 1. Introduction

The concept of fuzzy sets was introduced initially by Zadeh [34] in 1965. Since then, to use this concept in topology and analysis, many authors have expansively developed the theory of fuzzy sets and applications. Deng [8], Ereeg [9], Fang [10], George [11], Kaleva and Seikkala [18], Kramosil and Michalek [19] have introduced the concept of fuzzy metric spaces in different ways.

---

Received November 2009; Final Revised March 2010

\*\*Corresponding author

In fuzzy metric spaces given by Kramosil and Michalek [19], Grabiec [12] obtained the fuzzy version of Banach contraction principle, which has been improved and extended by some authors.

Sessa ([28]) defined a generalization of commutativity introduced by Jungck ([16]), which is called the weak commutativity. Further, Jungck ([17]) introduced more generalized commutativity, so called compatibility. Mishra et al. [21] obtained some common fixed point theorems for compatible mappings in fuzzy metric spaces. Pathak et al. [23] introduced the concept of compatible mappings of type (I) and (II) in metric spaces.

Many authors ([13,20,27,26,29]) have also proved some fixed point theorems in fuzzy (*probabilistic*) metric spaces (see [1-6,10,12,14,15,30]).

Now we give basic definitions and their properties as follows:

Recall that, a complex algebra is a vector space  $A$  over the field  $\mathbb{C}$  with one multiplication from  $A \times A$  into  $A$  that satisfies the following relations;

1.  $x(yz) = (xy)z$ ,
2.  $x(y + z) = xy + xz$ ,  $(x + y)z = xz + yz$ ,
3.  $\alpha(xy) = (\alpha x)y = x(\alpha y)$ ,

for all  $x, y, z$  in  $A$  and  $\alpha$  in  $\mathbb{C}$ .

If  $A$  is a Banach space with respect to  $\|\cdot\|$  that satisfies multiplicative inequality

$$\|xy\| \leq \|x\| \|y\| \quad (x \in A, y \in A)$$

and  $A$  contains unit element  $e$  such that

$$xe = ex = x \quad (x \in A)$$

and  $\|e\| = 1$ , then  $A$  is called a Banach algebra.

The map  $x \rightarrow x^*$  from complex algebra  $A$  into itself is called an involution if for all  $x$  and  $\lambda$  in  $\mathbb{C}$  we have,

1.  $(x + y)^* = x^* + y^*$
2.  $(\lambda x)^* = \bar{\lambda}x^*$

3.  $(xy)^* = y^*x^*$
4.  $x^{**} = x$ .

Every Banach algebra with an involution  $x \rightarrow x^*$  with the following relation is called a  $C^*$ -algebra,

$$\|xx^*\| = \|x\|^2 \quad (x \in A).$$

From now on,  $A$  is a  $C^*$ -algebra. For every  $x \in A$ , we define the spectrum of  $x$ , is  $\sigma(x)$ , as follows,

$$\sigma(x) = \{\lambda \in \mathbb{C} : \lambda e - x \text{ is not invertible in } A\}.$$

In [28], it has been that for all  $x \in A$ , where  $A$  is a Banach algebra,  $\sigma(x)$  is non-empty and compact.

We say that  $x \in A$  is positive (in symbol  $x \succeq 0$ ) if  $x = x^*$  and  $\sigma(x) \subseteq [0, \infty)$  and similarly  $x$  is strictly positive ( $x \succ 0$ ) if  $x = x^*$  and  $\sigma(x) \subseteq (0, \infty)$ . Positive unit ball of  $A$  is denoted by  $B_A^+$  i.e

$$B_A^+ := \{x \in A : x \succeq 0, \|x\| < 1\} \cup \{e\}.$$

Let  $A^+$  be the set of all positive elements of  $A$ .

Now we introduce two binary relation on  $A^+$  as,  $a \succeq b$  and  $a \succ b$ , which means that,  $a - b \succeq 0$  and  $a - b \succ 0$ , respectively. These two binary relations have some good properties that we are going to summarize some of it:

1. if  $a, b$  and  $c \in A^+$  and  $a \succeq b$  then  $a + c \succeq b + c$ ,
2. if  $a \succeq b$  then  $ta \succeq tb$  for all non-negative real number,
3.  $a \succeq b$  iff  $-b \succeq -a$ .

**Theorem 1.1.** *Let  $A$  be a  $C^*$ - algebra*

1. *If  $a \succeq 0$  and  $b \succeq 0$  then  $a + b \succeq 0$ .*
2.  $A^+ = \{a^*a \mid a \in A\}$ .

3. If  $a, b \in A^*$  and  $c \in A$ , then  $b \succeq a$  implies  $c^*bc \succeq c^*ac$ .
4. If  $b \succeq a \succeq 0$ , then  $\|b\| \geq \|a\|$ .
5. If  $a, b \in A^*$  and  $a, b$  are invertible elements, then  $b \succeq a$  implies  $a^{-1} \succeq b^{-1} \succeq 0$ .
6. If  $r \geq s$ , for all  $r, s \in \mathbb{R}^+$ , then  $re \succeq se$ .
7. If  $a, b \in A^+$ , then  $a \succeq b$  and  $b \succeq a$ , implies  $a = b$ .

**Proof.** See [21].  $\square$

**Definition 1.2.** A binary operation  $\bullet : B_A^+ \times B_A^+ \longrightarrow B_A^+$  is a continuous  $t$ -norm if it satisfies the following conditions:

1.  $\bullet$  is associative and commutative,
2.  $\bullet$  is continuous,
3.  $a \bullet e = a$  for all  $a \in B_A^+$ ,
4.  $a \bullet b \preceq c \bullet d$  whenever  $a \preceq c$  and  $b \preceq d$  for all  $a, b, c, d \in B_A^+$ ,
5.  $\|a \bullet b\|e = \|a\|e \bullet \|b\|e$ .

**Example 1.3.**  $\bullet : B_A^+ \times B_A^+ \longrightarrow B_A^+$  with  $\bullet(a, b) = ab$ , where  $ab$  is the product of  $C^*$ -algebra  $A$ , is a continuous  $t$ -norm.

**Definition 1.4.** The pair  $(M, F)$  with  $F : X \longrightarrow B_A^+$  is called a  $C^*$ -graded set on  $X$ . Every  $F(x)$  in  $B_A^+$  is called graded membership of  $x$  in  $B_A^+$ .

**Definition 1.5.** A triple  $(X, M, \bullet)$  is called a  $C^*$ -graded metric space if  $X$  is a non-empty arbitrary set,  $\bullet$  is a continuous  $t$ -norm and  $M$  is a  $C^*$ -graded set on  $X^2 \times (0, \infty)$  satisfying the following conditions for all  $x, y, z \in X, u \in B_A^+$  and  $t, s \succ 0$ .

1.  $M(x, y, \cdot) : (0, \infty) \longrightarrow B_A^+$  is continuous,

2.  $M(x, y, t) \succ 0$ ,
3.  $M(x, y, t) = e$  if  $x = y$ ,
4.  $M(x, y, t) = M(y, x, t)$ ,
5.  $M(x, y, t) \bullet M(y, z, s) \preceq M(x, z, t + s)$ .

**Definition 1.6.** Let  $(X, M, \bullet)$  be a  $C^*$ -graded metric space. For any  $t > 0$  and  $x \in X$  we define the open ball  $B(x, r, t)$  with center  $x$  and radius  $0 < r < 1$  is defined by,

$$B(x, r, t) = \{y \in X : M(x, y, t) \succ (1 - r)e\}.$$

**Definition 1.7.** Let  $(X, M, \bullet)$  be a  $C^*$ -graded metric space and  $A \subset X$ .

1. A sequence  $\{x_n\}$  in  $X$  converges to  $x$  if and only if  $M(x_n, x, t) \rightarrow e$  as  $n \rightarrow \infty$  for all  $t > 0$ .
2. Sequence  $\{x_n\}$  in  $X$  is called a Cauchy sequence if for each  $0 < \epsilon < 1$  and  $t > 0$ , there exists  $n_0 \in \mathbb{N}$  such that  $M(x_n, x_m, t) \succ (1 - \epsilon)e$ , for any  $n, m \geq n_0$ .
3. The  $C^*$ -graded metric space  $(X, M, *)$  is said to be complete if every Cauchy sequence is convergent.
4. Let  $\tau$  be the set of all  $A \subset X$  with  $x \in A$  if and only if there exist  $t > 0$  and  $0 < r < 1$  such that  $B(x, r, t) \subset A$ . Then  $\tau$  is a topology on  $X$  (induced by the  $C^*$ -graded metric  $M$ ).

**Example 1.8.** Let  $a \bullet b = ab$  (ordinary product in  $A$ ). For any  $t \in (0, \infty)$ , define

$$M(x, y, t) = \left(\frac{t}{t + \|x - y\|}\right)e, \quad (x, y \in X)$$

then  $(M, X, \bullet)$  is a  $C^*$ -graded metric space.

**Lemma 1.9.** *Let  $(X, M, \bullet)$  be a  $C^*$ -graded metric space then  $M(x, y, t)$  is non-decreasing with respect to  $t$  for all  $x, y$  in  $X$ .*

**Proof.** If  $t_1 \leq t_2$ , then  $t_2 = t_1 + \varepsilon$ , for some  $\varepsilon > 0$ . By using (5) from Definition 1.5., if  $y = x$ ,  $s = t_1$  and  $t = \varepsilon$  we have  $M(x, x, \varepsilon) \bullet M(x, z, t_1) \preceq M(x, z, t_1 + \varepsilon)$  then from (3) of Definition 1.5., and (3) of Definition 1.2., we have

$$M(x, z, t_1) \preceq M(x, z, t_1 + \varepsilon) = M(x, z, t_2)$$

for all  $x, y$  in  $X$ . Note that  $M(x, z, t_1) \preceq M(x, z, t_2)$  means that  $M(x, z, t_2) - M(x, z, t_1)$  is a positive element with norm less than one of  $C^*$ -algebra  $A$  or

$$M(x, z, t_2) - M(x, z, t_1) \in B_A^+. \quad \square$$

**Definition 1.10.** *Let  $(X, M, \bullet)$  be a  $C^*$ -graded metric space.  $M$  is said to be continuous on  $X^2 \times (0, \infty)$  if*

$$\lim_n M(x_n, y_n, t_n) = M(x, y, t)$$

whenever a sequence  $\{(x_n, y_n, t_n)\}_n$  in  $X^2 \times (0, \infty)$ , exists such that

$$\lim_n M(x_n, x, t) = \lim_n M(y_n, y, t) = e,$$

$$\lim_n M(x, y, t_n) = M(x, y, t).$$

**Remark 1.11.** *Note that  $B_A^+$  is a closed subset of  $A$ . Let  $\{b_n\}_n$  be a sequence in  $B_A^+$  such that converges to  $b \in A$ , we show that  $b \in B_A^+$ . Since  $b_n \rightarrow b$  and  $\|b_n\| \leq 1$  for every  $n$ , and norm is a continuous function then  $\|b\| \leq 1$ . Moreover  $\sigma(b_n) \subseteq [0, \infty)$ , for all  $n$ . If we prove that  $\sigma(b) \subseteq [0, \infty)$ , proof will be completed. Note that  $\sigma(b_n) = \widehat{b_n}(\Delta)$  where  $\Delta$  is a compact and Hausdorff space,  $\|\widehat{b_n}\|_\infty = |\widehat{b_n}(h)| \leq \|b_n\|$  and  $\widehat{b_n} - \widehat{b} = \widehat{b_n - b}$ , so  $\|\widehat{b_n} - \widehat{b}\|_\infty = \|\widehat{b_n - b}\|_\infty \leq \|b_n - b\|$ . Since  $b_n \rightarrow b$ , the right hand side of the last inequality tends to zero, so  $\widehat{b_n} \rightarrow \widehat{b}$ . Now since  $\sigma(b_n) = \widehat{b_n}(\Delta) \subseteq [0, \infty)$ , and  $\widehat{b} \rightarrow \widehat{b}$ , then  $\sigma(b_n) \rightarrow \sigma(b)$ . Therefore  $\sigma(b) \subseteq [0, \infty)$ .*

**Lemma 1.12.** *Let  $(X, M, \bullet)$  be a  $C^*$ -graded metric space, then  $M$  is a continuous function on  $X^2 \times (0, \infty)$ .*

**Proof.** Let  $M(x_{n'}, y_{n'}, t_{n'})$  be a sequence in  $B_A^+$ , then there is a subsequence  $\{M(x_n, y_n, t_n)\}$  such that converges to  $u$  belongs to  $B_A^+$ . Since  $t_n \rightarrow t$ , for  $0 < \delta < \frac{t}{2}$ , there exists  $N$  such that for all  $n \geq N$ ,  $|t_n - t| < \delta$ . From axiom (5) of  $C^*$ -graded metric we have,

$$M(x_n, y_n, t_n) \succeq M(x_n, x, \frac{\delta}{2}) \bullet M(x, y, t - 2\delta) \bullet M(y, y_n, \frac{\delta}{2})$$

So,

$$u = \lim_n M(x_n, y_n, t_n) \succeq e \bullet M(x, y, t - 2\delta) \bullet e.$$

Therefore,

$$u \succeq M(x, y, t - 2\delta).$$

In a similar way, we have,

$$M(x, y, t + \frac{3\delta}{2}) \succeq M(x, x_n, \frac{\delta}{4}) \bullet M(x_n, y_n, t_n) \bullet M(y_n, y, \frac{\delta}{4}).$$

Therefore,

$$M(x, y, t + \frac{3\delta}{2}) \succeq \lim_n M(x_n, y_n, t_n) = u.$$

Now from axiom (1) of  $C^*$ -graded metric space, since  $\delta > 0$  is arbitrary we deduce that

$$u \succeq M(x, y, t) \quad \text{and} \quad M(x, y, t) \succeq u.$$

So  $u = M(x, y, t)$  and therefore  $M$  is a continuous function on  $X^2 \times (0, \infty)$ .  $\square$

**Lemma 1.13.** *Let  $(X, M, \bullet)$  be a  $C^*$ -graded metric space. If we define  $E_{\lambda, M} : X^2 \rightarrow \mathbb{R}^+ \cup \{0\}$  by*

$$E_{\lambda, M}(x, y) = \inf\{t > 0 : \|M(x, y, t)\|e \succ (1 - \lambda)e\}$$

*for all  $\lambda \in (0, 1)$  and  $x, y \in X$  then the sequence  $\{x_n\}$  is convergent in  $C^*$ -graded metric space  $(X, M, \bullet)$  iff  $E_{\lambda, M}(x_n, x) \rightarrow 0$ . Also, the*

sequence  $\{x_n\}$  is a Cauchy sequence iff it is a Cauchy sequence with  $E_{\lambda,M}((i.e) E_{\lambda,M}(x_n, x_m) \text{ converges to zero})$ .

**Proof.** Since  $M$  is continuous in its third place and

$$E_{\lambda,M}(x, y) = \inf\{t > 0 : \|M(x, y, t)\|e \succ (1 - \lambda)e\},$$

we have

$$\|M(x_n, x, \eta)\|e \succ (1 - \lambda)e \quad \text{iff} \quad E_{\lambda,M}(x_n, x) \prec \eta$$

for all  $\eta \succ 0$ .  $\square$

**Lemma 1.14.** *Let  $(X, M, \bullet)$  be a  $C^*$ -graded metric space, and  $\{x_n\}_n$  be a sequence in  $X$  such that*

$$\|M(x_n, x_m, t)\|e \succeq \|M(x_0, x_1, k^n t)\|e$$

for  $k \geq 1$  and  $m > n$ , then the sequence  $\{x_n\}$  is a Cauchy sequence.

**Proof.** For all  $\lambda \in (0, 1)$  we have

$$\begin{aligned} E_{\lambda,M}(x_n, x_m) &= \inf\{t > 0 : \|M(x_n, x_m, t)\|e \succ (1 - \lambda)e\} \\ &\leq \inf\{t > 0 : \|M(x_0, x_1, k^n t)\|e \succ (1 - \lambda)e\} \\ &= \left\{\frac{t}{k^n} : \|M(x_0, x_1, t)\|e \succ (1 - \lambda)e\right\} \\ &= \frac{1}{k^n} E_{\lambda,M}(x_0, x_1). \end{aligned}$$

So from Lemma 1.13.,  $\{x_n\}$  is a Cauchy sequence.  $\square$

## 2. Compatible Mappings of Type (I) And (II)

**Definition 2.1.** *Let  $F$  and  $S$  be mappings from a  $C^*$ -graded metric space  $(X, M, \bullet)$  into itself, then the pair  $(F, S)$  is said to be compatible of type (I) if, for all  $t > 0$ ,*

$$\lim_n \|M(FSx_n, x, t)\|e \preceq \|M(Sx, x, t)\|e$$

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



$$\lim_n Fx_n = \lim_n Sx_n = x$$

and similarly we say  $(F, S)$  is compatible of type (II) iff  $(S, F)$  be compatible of type (I).

**Proposition 2.2.** *Let  $F$  and  $S$  be mappings from a  $C^*$ -graded metric space  $(X, M, \bullet)$  into itself. Suppose that the pair  $(F, S)$  is compatible of type (I), (respectively, (II)) and  $Fz = Sz$  for some  $z \in X$  then for all  $t > 0$ ,  $\|M(Fz, SSz, t)\|e \succeq \|M(Fz, FSz, t)\|e$ , (respectively  $\|M(Sz, FFz, t)\|e \succeq \|M(Sz, SFz, t)\|e$ ).*

**Proof.** Just take  $x_n = z$  for all  $n$  in Definition 2.1.  $\square$

### 3. Main Results

Let  $\Phi$  be the class of all continuous and increasing functions  $\phi : (B_A^+)^5 \rightarrow B_A^+$  in any coordinate and

$$\phi(te, te, te, te, te) \succ te$$

for all  $t \in [0, 1)$ .

**Example 3.1.** The function  $\phi : (B_A^+)^5 \rightarrow B_A^+$  defined as,

$$\phi(x_1, x_2, x_3, x_4, x_5) = (\min\{\|x_i\|\})^h e$$

for some  $0 < h < 1$ , belongs to  $\Phi$ .

**Example 3.2.**  $\phi(x_1, x_2, x_3, x_4, x_5) = \|x_1\|^h e$ , for some  $0 < h < 1$ , belongs to  $\Phi$ .

**Example 3.3.**  $\phi(x_1, x_2, x_3, x_4, x_5) = (\sum_{i=1}^5 a_i(t)\|x_i\|)^h e$ , such that  $0 < h < 1$  and for all  $t > 0$ ,  $a_i : \mathbb{R}^+ \rightarrow (0, 1]$  are functions with,  $\sum_{i=1}^5 a_i(t) = 1$ .

**Theorem 3.4.** *Let  $(X, M, \bullet)$  be a complete  $C^*$ -graded metric space with  $a \bullet a = a$  for all  $a \in B_A^+$ . let  $F, B, S$  and  $T$  be mappings from  $X$  into itself such that,*

$$1. F(X) \subseteq T(X), B(X) \subseteq S(X),$$

2. there exists a constant  $k \in (0, \frac{1}{2})$  such that

$$\|M(Fx, By, kt)\|e \succeq \phi \begin{pmatrix} \|M(Sx, Ty, t)\|e, \\ \|M(Fx, Sx, t)\|e, \\ \|M(By, Ty, t)\|e, \\ \|M(Fx, Ty, \alpha t)\|e, \\ \|M(By, Sx, (2 - \alpha)t)\|e \end{pmatrix},$$

for all  $x, y \in X$ ,  $\alpha \in (0, 2)$ ,  $t > 0$  and  $\phi \in \Phi$ . If the mappings  $F, B, S$  and  $T$  satisfy any one of the following conditions:

3. the pairs  $(F, S)$  and  $(B, T)$  are compatible of type (II) and  $F$  or  $B$  is continuous,
4. the pairs  $(F, S)$  and  $(B, T)$  are compatible of type (I) and  $S$  or  $T$  is continuous,

then  $F, B, S$  and  $T$  have a unique common fixed point in  $X$ .

**Proof.** Let  $x \in X$  be an arbitrary point. Since  $F(X) \subseteq T(X)$ ,  $B(X) \subseteq S(X)$ , there exists  $x_1, x_2 \in X$  such that  $Fx_0 = Tx_1$ ,  $Bx_1 = Sx_2$ . Inductively, construct the sequences  $y_n$  and  $x_n$  in  $X$  such that

$$y_{2n} = Fx_{2n} = Tx_{2n+1}, \quad y_{2n+1} = Bx_{2n+1} = Sx_{2n+2}$$

for  $n = 0, 1, 2, \dots$ . Then, by  $\alpha = 1 - q$  and  $q \in (\frac{1}{2}, 1)$ , if we set  $d_m(t) = \|M(y_m, y_{m+1}, t)\|e$  for all  $t > 0$ , then we prove that  $d_m(t)$  is increasing with respect to  $m$ . Setting  $m = 2n$ , then we have

$$\begin{aligned} d_{2n}(kt) &= \|M(y_{2n}, y_{2n+1}, kt)\|e = \|M(Ax_{2n}, Bx_{2n+1}, kt)\|e \\ &\succeq \phi \begin{pmatrix} \|M(Sx_{2n}, Tx_{2n+1}, t)\|e, \\ \|M(Fx_{2n}, Sx_{2n}, t)\|e, \\ \|M(Bx_{2n+1}, Tx_{2n+1}, t)\|e, \\ \|M(Fx_{2n}, Tx_{2n+1}, (1 - q)t)\|e, \\ \|M(Bx_{2n+1}, Sx_{2n}, (1 + q)t)\|e \end{pmatrix} \end{aligned}$$

$$\begin{aligned}
&= \phi \left( \begin{array}{c} \|M(y_{2n-1}, y_{2n}, t)\|e, \\ \|M(y_{2n}, y_{2n-1}, t)\|e, \\ \|M(y_{2n+1}, y_{2n}, t)\|e, \\ \|M(y_{2n}, y_{2n}, (1-q)t)\|e, \\ \|M(y_{2n+1}, y_{2n-1}, (1+q)t)\|e \end{array} \right) \\
&= \phi(d_{2n-1}(t), d_{2n-1}(t), d_{2n}(t), e, \|M(y_{2n+1}, y_{2n-1}, (1+q)t)\|e),
\end{aligned}$$

that is,

$$d_{2n}(kt) \succeq \phi(d_{2n-1}(qt), d_{2n-1}(qt), d_{2n}(qt), e, d_{2n-1}(t) \bullet d_{2n}(qt)). \quad (1)$$

We claim that, for all  $n \in \mathbb{N}$ ,  $d_{2n}(t) \succeq d_{2n-1}(t)$ . In fact if  $d_{2n}(t) \prec d_{2n-1}(t)$  then, since  $d_{2n}(qt) \bullet d_{2n-1}(t) \succeq d_{2n}(qt) \bullet d_{2n}(qt) = d_{2n}(qt)$ . In the inequality (1) we have

$$d_{2n}(kt) \succeq \phi(d_{2n}(qt), d_{2n}(qt), d_{2n}(qt), d_{2n}(qt), d_{2n}(qt)) \succ d_{2n}(qt)$$

that is,  $d_{2n}(kt) \succ d_{2n}(qt)$ , which is a contradiction. Hence  $d_{2n}(t) \succeq d_{2n-1}(qt)$  for all  $n \in \mathbb{N}$  and  $t > 0$ .

Similarly, for  $m = 2n + 1$ , we have  $d_{2n+1}(t) \succeq d_{2n}(t)$  and so  $\{d_n(t)\}$  is an increasing sequence in  $B_A^+$ . By the inequality (1), we have

$$\begin{aligned}
d_{2n}(kt) &\succeq \phi(d_{2n-1}(qt), d_{2n-1}(qt), d_{2n-1}(qt), d_{2n-1}(qt), d_{2n-1}(qt)) \\
&\succ d_{2n-1}(qt).
\end{aligned}$$

Similarly for  $m = 2n + 1$  we have  $d_{2n+1}(kt) \succeq d_{2n}(qt)$  and so  $d_n(kt) \succeq d_{n-1}(qt)$  for all  $n \in \mathbb{N}$ . That is,

$$\|M(y_n, y_{n+1}, t)\|e \succeq \|M(y_{n-1}, y_n, \frac{q}{k}t)\|e \succeq \dots \succeq \|M(y_0, y_1, (\frac{q}{k})^n t)\|e.$$

Hence, by Lemma 1.14.,  $\{y_n\}$  is a cauchy sequence and, by the completeness of  $X$ ,  $\{y_n\}$  converges to a point  $z$  in  $X$ . Let  $\lim_n y_n = z$ . Hence we have

$$\begin{aligned}
\lim_n y_{2n} &= \lim_n Fx_{2n} = \lim_n Tx_{2n+1} \\
&= \lim_n y_{2n+1} = \lim_n Bx_{2n+1} \\
&= \lim_n Sx_{2n+2} = z.
\end{aligned}$$

Now, suppose that  $T$  is continuous and the pairs  $(F, S)$  and  $(B, T)$  are compatible of type  $(I)$ . Hence we have

$$\lim_n TT x_{2n+1} = Tz,$$

$$\|M(Tz, z, t)\|e \succeq \lim_n \|M(BT x_{2n+1}, z, t)\|e.$$

Now, for  $\alpha = 1$ , put  $x = x_{2n}$  and  $y = T x_{2n+1}$  in the inequality (1) then we obtain

$$\|M(F x_{2n}, BT x_{2n+1}, kt)\|e \succeq \phi \left( \begin{array}{c} \|M(S x_{2n}, TT x_{2n+1}, t)\|e, \\ \|M(F x_{2n}, S x_{2n}, t)\|e, \\ \|M(BT x_{2n+1}, TT x_{2n+1}, t)\|e, \\ \|M(F x_{2n}, TT x_{2n}, t)\|e, \\ \|M(BT x_{2n+1}, S x_{2n}, t)\|e \end{array} \right).$$

Letting  $n \rightarrow \infty$ , then we have

$$\begin{aligned} \|M(z, \lim_n BT x_{2n+1}, kt)\|e &\succeq \phi \left( \begin{array}{c} \|M(z, Tz, t)\|e, \\ \|M(z, z, t)\|e, \\ \|M(\lim_n BT x_{2n+1}, Tz, t)\|e, \\ \|M(z, Tz, t)\|e, \\ \|M(\lim_n BT x_{2n+1}, z, t)\|e \end{array} \right) \\ &\succeq \phi \left( \begin{array}{c} \|M(z, Tz, \frac{t}{2})\|e, \\ \|M(z, z, \frac{t}{2})\|e, \\ \|M(\lim_n BT x_{2n+1}, Tz, \frac{t}{2})\|e, \\ \|M(z, Tz, \frac{t}{2})\|e, \\ \|M(\lim_n BT x_{2n+1}, z, \frac{t}{2})\|e \end{array} \right). \end{aligned}$$

Thus it follows that

$$\begin{aligned} \lim_n \|M(BT x_{2n+1}, Tz, t)\|e &\succeq \lim_n \|M(BT x_{2n+1}, z, \frac{t}{2})\|e \\ &\bullet \lim_n \|M(z, Tz, \frac{t}{2})\|e \end{aligned}$$

and so

$$\lim_n \|M(BT x_{2n+1}, Tz, t)\|e \succeq \lim_n \|M(BT x_{2n+1}, z, \frac{t}{2})\|e.$$

Since  $\phi(t, t, t, t, t) \succ t$ , by the above inequalities we have

$$\|M(z, \lim_{n \rightarrow \infty} BTx_{2n+1}, kt)\|e \succ \|M(z, \lim_{n \rightarrow \infty} BTx_{2n+1}, \frac{t}{2})\|e,$$

which is a contradiction. It follows that  $\lim_n BTx_{2n+1} = z$ .

Now, using the compatibility of type (I), we have

$$\|M(Tz, z, t)\|e \succeq \lim_n \|M(z, BTx_{2n+1}, t)\|e = e$$

and so  $Tz = z$ .

Again, replacing  $x$  by  $x_{2n}$  and  $y$  by  $z$  in (3.1). For  $\alpha = 1$ , we have

$$\|M(Fx_{2n}, Bz, kt)\|e \succeq \phi \left( \begin{array}{c} \|M(Sx_{2n}, Tz, t)\|e, \\ \|M(Fx_{2n}, Sx_{2n}, t)\|e, \\ \|M(Bz, Tz, t)\|e, \\ \|M(Fx_{2n}, Tz, t)\|e, \\ \|M(Bz, Sx_{2n}, t)\|e \end{array} \right)$$

Letting  $n \rightarrow \infty$ , we have

$$\|M(Bz, z, kt)\|e \succ \|M(Bz, z, t)\|e.$$

Which implies that  $Bz = z$ . Since  $B(X) \subseteq S(X)$ , there exist  $u \in X$  such that  $Su = z = Bz$ . So, for  $\alpha = 1$ , we have

$$\|M(Fu, Bz, kt)\|e \succeq \phi \left( \begin{array}{c} \|M(Su, Tz, t)\|e, \\ \|M(Fu, Su, t)\|e, \\ \|M(Bz, Tz, t)\|e, \\ \|M(Fu, Tz, t)\|e, \\ \|M(Bz, Su, t)\|e \end{array} \right)$$

and so,

$$\|M(Fu, z, kt)\|e \succ \|M(z, Fu, t)\|e,$$

which implies that  $Fu = z$ . Since the pair  $(F, S)$  is compatible of type (I) and  $Fu = z$ , by proposition (2.2.), we have

$$||M(Fu, SSu, t)||e \succeq ||M(Fz, FSu, t)||e$$

and so,

$$||M(z, Sz, t)||e \succeq ||M(z, Fz, t)||e.$$

Again, for  $\alpha = 1$ , we have

$$||M(Fz, Bz, kt)||e \succeq \phi \begin{pmatrix} ||M(Sz, Tz, t)||e, \\ ||M(Fz, Sz, t)||e, \\ ||M(Bz, Tz, t)||e, \\ ||M(Fz, Tz, t)||e, \\ ||M(Bz, Sz, t)||e \end{pmatrix}.$$

It follows that

$$\begin{aligned} M(Fz, Sz, t) &\succeq M(Fz, z, \frac{t}{2}) \bullet M(z, Sz, \frac{t}{2}) \\ &\succeq M(z, Fz, \frac{t}{2}) \bullet M(z, Fz, \frac{t}{2}) \\ &= M(z, Fz, \frac{t}{2}). \end{aligned}$$

Hence we have

$$||M(Fz, z, kt)||e \succeq \phi \begin{pmatrix} ||M(Sz, z, \frac{t}{2})||e, \\ ||M(Fz, z, \frac{t}{2})||e, \\ ||M(Fz, z, \frac{t}{2})||e, \\ ||M(Fz, z, \frac{t}{2})||e, \\ ||M(z, Fz, \frac{t}{2})||e \end{pmatrix} \succ ||M(z, Fz, \frac{t}{2})||e$$

and so  $Fz = z$ . Therefore,  $Fz = Bz = Sz = Tz = z$  and  $z$  is a common fixed point for the self-mappings  $F, B, S$  and  $T$ .

The uniqueness of a common fixed point of the mappings  $F, B, S, T$  is easily verified by using (1). In fact, if  $\acute{z}$  is another fixed point for  $F, B, S$

and  $T$ , then for  $\alpha = 1$ , we have

$$\begin{aligned}
||M(z, \acute{z}, t)||e &= ||M(Fz, B\acute{z}, kt)||e \\
&\succeq \phi \left( \begin{array}{c} ||M(Sz, T\acute{z}, t)||e, \\ ||M(Fz, Sz, t)||e, \\ ||M(B\acute{z}, T\acute{z}, t)||e, \\ ||M(Fz, T\acute{z}, t)||e, \\ ||M(B\acute{z}, Sz, t)||e \end{array} \right) \\
&\succ ||M(z, \acute{z}, t)||e
\end{aligned}$$

and so  $z = \acute{z}$ .  $\square$

## Acknowledgments

The authors would like to thank referee for giving useful comments and suggestions for the improvement of this paper.

## References

- [1] R. Badard, Fixed point theorems for fuzzy numbers, *Fuzzy Set Syst.*, 13 (1984), 291-302.
- [2] B. K. Bose and D. Sabani, Fuzzy mappings and fixed point theorems, *Fuzzy Set Syst.*, 21 (1987), 53-58.
- [3] D. Butnarin, Fixed point for fuzzy mappings, *Fuzzy Set Syst.*, 7 (1982), 191-207.
- [4] S. S. Chang, Fixed point theorems for fuzzy mappings, *Fuzzy Set Syst.*, 7 (1985), 181-187.
- [5] S. S. Chang, Y. J. Cho, B. S. Lee, J. S. Jung, and S. M. Kang, Coincidence point and minimization theorems in fuzzy metric spaces, *Fuzzy Set Syst.*, 88 (1997), 119-128.
- [6] S. S. Chang, Y. J. Cho, B. E. Lee, and G. M. Lee, Fixed degree and fixed point theorems for fuzzy mappings, *Fuzzy Set Syst.*, 87 (1997), 325-334.

- [7] Y. J. Cho, S. Sedghi and Nabi shobe, Generalized fixed point theorems for compatible mappings with some types in fuzzy metric spaces, *Chaos, Solitons and Fractals*, (2009), 2233-2244.
- [8] Z. K. Deng, Fuzzy psendo-metric spaces, *J. Math. Anal. Appl.*, 86 (1982), 74-95.
- [9] M. A. Ereeg, Metric spaces in fuzzy set theory, *J. Math. Anal. Appl.*, 69 (1979), 338-353.
- [10] J. X. Fang, On fixed point theorems in fuzzy metric spaces, *Fuzzy Set Syst.*, 46 (1992), 107-113.
- [11] A. George and P. Veeramani, On some result in fuzzy metric space, *Fuzzy Set Syst.*, 64 (1994), 395-399.
- [12] M. Grabiec, Fixed points in fuzzy metric spaces, *Fuzzy Set Syst.*, 27 (1988), 385-389.
- [13] V. Gregori and A. Sapena, On fixed-point theorem in fuzzy metric spaces, *Fuzzy Set Syst.*, 125 (2002), 245-252.
- [14] O. Hadzic, Fixed point theorems for multi-valued mappings in some classes of fuzzy metric spaces, *Fuzzy Set Syst.*, 29 (1989), 115-125.
- [15] J. S. Jung, Y. J. Cho, S. S. Chang, and S. M. Kang, Coincidence theorems for set-valued mappings and Eklands variational principle in fuzzy metric spaces, *Fuzzy Set Syst.*, 79 (1996), 239-250.
- [16] G. Jungck, Commuting maps and fixed points, *Amer. Math.*, Monthly, 83 (1976), 261-263.
- [17] G. Jungck, Compatible mappings and common fixed points, *Int. J. Math. Math Sci.*, 9 (1986), 771-779.
- [18] O. Kaleva and S. Seikkala, On fuzzy metric spaces, *Fuzzy Set Syst.*, 12 (1984), 215-229.
- [19] I. Kramosil and J. Michalek, Fuzzy metric and statistical metric spaces, *Kybernetika*, 11 (1975), 326-334.
- [20] D. Mihet, A Banach contraction theorem in fuzzy metric spaces, *Fuzzy Set Syst.*, 144 (2004), 431-439.
- [21] S. N. Mishra, S. N. Sharma, and S. L. Singh, Common fixed points of maps in fuzzy metric spaces, *Int. J. Math. Math Sci.*, 17 (1994), 253-258.



- [22] G. Y. Murphy,  *$C^*$ -algebras and operator theory*, Academic press.Inc., 1990.
- [23] H. K. Pathak, N. Mishra, and A. K. Kalinde, Common fixed point theorems with applications to nonlinear integral equation, *Demonstratio Math.*, 32 (1999), 517-564.
- [24] J. Rodriguez Lopez and S. Ramaguera, The Hausdorff fuzzy metric on compact sets, *Fuzzy Set Syst.*, 47 (2004), 273-283.
- [25] W. Rudin, *Functionel Analysis*, McGraw-Hill, Inc., 1973.
- [26] R. Saadati and S. Sedghi, A common fixed point theorem for R-weakly commuting maps in fuzzy metric spaces, *6th Iranian conference on fuzzy systems*, (2006), 387-391.
- [27] B. Schweizer, H. Sherwood, and R. M. Tardiff, Contractions on PM-space examples and counterexamples, *Stochastica*, (1988), 5-17.
- [28] S. Sessa, On some weak commutativity condition of mappings in fixed point considerations, *Publ. Inst. Math.*, (Beograd), 32 (1982), 149-153.
- [29] S. Sedghi, D. Turkoglu, and N. Shobe, Generalization common fixed point theorem in complete fuzzy metric spaces, *J.Comput. Anal. Appl.*, 93 (2007), 337-348.
- [30] S. Sharma and B. Desphaude, Common fixed points of compatible maps of type  $(\beta)$  on fuzzy metric spaces, *Demonstratio Math.*, (2002), 165-174.
- [31] B. Singh and S. Jain, A fixed point theorem in Menger space through weak compatibility, *J. Math. Anal. Appl.*, 301 (2005), 439-448.
- [32] Y. Tanaka, Y. Mizno, and T. Kado, Chaotic dynamics in Friedmann equation, *Chaos, Solitons and Fractals*, 24 (2005), 407-422.
- [33] D. Turkoglu, I. Altun, and Y. J. Cho, *Compatible maps and compatible maps of types  $(\alpha)$  and  $(\beta)$  in intuitionistic fuzzy metric spaces*, in press.
- [34] L. A. Zadeh, Fuzzy sets, *Inform Control*, 8 (1965), 338-353.

**Shaban Sedghi**

Department of Mathematics  
Associated Professor of Mathematics  
Islamic Azad University-Qaemshahr Branch  
P.O. Box 163  
Qaemshahr, Iran  
E-mail: sedghi\_gh@yahoo.com

**Aghil gilani**

Department of Mathematics  
Instructor of Mathematics  
Islamic Azad University-Kordkuy Branch  
P.O. Box 4881644479  
Kordkuy, Iran  
E-mail: ag.gilani@yahoo.com

**Mohammad foozooni**

Department of Mathematics  
Instructor of Mathematics  
Imam Ali University  
Tehran, Iran  
E-mail: m.foozooni@gmail.com