

Common Fixed Point Theorem in Intuitionistic Fuzzy Metric Space Using General Contractive Condition of Integral Type

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Abstract

The aim of this paper is to obtain a common fixed point theorem 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.

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1 Introduction

Atanassov [3] introduced the concept of intuitionistic fuzzy sets as a generalization of fuzzy sets [21] and later there has been much progress in the study of intuitionistic fuzzy sets by many authors [4, 7]. In 2004, Park [16] 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, 18] 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. Sedghi et al [19] 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 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.

2 Preliminaries

Definition 2.1. [21] 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,

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

where the function $\mu_A : E \rightarrow [0, 1]$, $V_A : E \rightarrow [0, 1]$ 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 $x \in E$, $0 \leq \mu_A(x) + V_A(x) \leq 1$.

Definition 2.3. [18] 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. [18] 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 $s, t > 0$;

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

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

$$(IFM-3) \quad M(x, y, t) = 1 \text{ if and only if } x = y;$$

$$(IFM-4) \quad M(x, y, t) = M(y, x, t);$$

$$(IFM-5) \quad M(x, y, t) * M(y, z, s) \leq M(x, z, t + s);$$

$$(IFM-6) \quad M(x, y, \cdot) : [0, \infty) \rightarrow [0, 1] \text{ is left continuous};$$

$$(IFM-7) \quad \lim_{t \rightarrow \infty} M(x, y, t) = 1;$$

$$(IFM-8) \quad N(x, y, 0) = 1;$$

$$(IFM-9) \quad N(x, y, t) = 0 \text{ if and only if } x = y;$$

$$(IFM-10) \quad N(x, y, t) = N(y, x, t);$$

$$(IFM-11) \quad N(x, y, t) \diamond N(y, z, s) \geq N(x, z, t + s) ;$$

$$(IFM-12) \quad N(x, y, \cdot) : [0, \infty) \rightarrow [0, 1] \text{ is right continuous};$$

$$(IFM-13) \quad \lim_{t \rightarrow \infty} N(x, y, t) = 0;$$

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. [16] 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 $X = N$. 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 $P > 0$, $\lim_{n \rightarrow \infty} M(x_{n+p}, x_n, t) = 1$ 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 $\lim_{n \rightarrow \infty} N(x_n, x, t) = 0$ for each $t > 0$.

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

Lemma 2.12. [16] 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. [20] 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. [20] 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. [14] 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

$$M(fg(x), gf(x), t) \geq M(f(x), g(x), t/R)$$

$$N(fg(x), gf(x), t) \leq N(f(x), g(x), t/R)$$

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

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

$$\lim_{n \rightarrow \infty} N(ASx_n, SAx_n, t) = 0,$$

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,

$$\lim_{n \rightarrow \infty} N(ASx_n, SAx_n, t) \neq 0$$

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

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

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.

3 Main Results

Theorem 3.1. Let (A, S) and (B, T) be a pointwise R -weakly commuting pairs of selfmappings 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) $AX \subset TX, BX \subset SX$

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

$$\int_0^{M(Ax, By, kt)} \varphi(t) dt \geq \left(\int_0^{m(x, y, t)} \varphi(t) dt \right), \quad (3.1)$$

$$\int_0^{N(Ax, By, kt)} \varphi(t) dt \leq \left(\int_0^{n(x, y, t)} \varphi(t) dt \right), \quad (3.2)$$

where $\varphi : \mathbb{R}^+ \rightarrow \mathbb{R}^+$ is a Lebesgue-integrable mapping which is summable, nonnegative, and such that

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

where

$$m(x, y, t) = \min\{M(Ty, By, t), M(Sx, Ax, t), M(Sx, By, \alpha t), \\ M(Ty, Ax, (2 - \alpha)t), M(Ty, Sx, t)\}$$

$$n(x, y, t) = \max\{N(Ty, By, t), N(Sx, Ax, t), N(Sx, By, \alpha t), \\ N(Ty, Ax, (2 - \alpha)t), N(Ty, Sx, t)\}$$

for all $x, y \in X$, $\alpha \in (0, 2)$ and $t > 0$. Suppose that (A, S) or (B, T) is a compatible pair of reciprocally continuous mappings. Then A, B, S and T 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 $n = 0, 1, 2, \dots$

$$\begin{aligned} y_{2n} &= Ax_{2n} = Tx_{2n+1} \\ y_{2n+1} &= Bx_{2n+1} = Sx_{2n+2}. \end{aligned} \tag{3.3}$$

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

$$\begin{aligned} \int_0^{M(y_{2n+1}, y_{2n+2}, kt)} \varphi(t) dt &= \int_0^{M(Bx_{2n+1}, Ax_{2n+2}, kt)} \varphi(t) dt, \\ &= \int_0^{M(Ax_{2n+2}, Bx_{2n+1}, kt)} \varphi(t) dt, \\ &\geq \int_0^{m(x_{2n+2}, x_{2n+1}, t)} \varphi(t) dt, \\ \int_0^{N(y_{2n+1}, y_{2n+2}, kt)} \varphi(t) dt &= \int_0^{N(Bx_{2n+1}, Ax_{2n+2}, kt)} \varphi(t) dt, \\ &= \int_0^{N(Ax_{2n+2}, Bx_{2n+1}, kt)} \varphi(t) dt, \\ &\leq \int_0^{n(x_{2n+2}, x_{2n+1}, t)} \varphi(t) dt. \end{aligned}$$

$$\begin{aligned} m(x_{2n+2}, x_{2n+1}, t) &= \min\{M(Tx_{2n+1}, Bx_{2n+1}, t), M(Ax_{2n+2}, Sx_{2n+2}, t), M(Sx_{2n+2}, Bx_{2n+1}, \alpha t), \\ &\quad M(Tx_{2n+1}, Ax_{2n+2}, (2 - \alpha)t), M(Tx_{2n+1}, Sx_{2n+2}, t)\} \\ &= \min\{M(y_{2n}, y_{2n+1}, t), M(y_{2n+1}, y_{2n+2}, t), M(y_{2n+1}, y_{2n+1}, \alpha t), \\ &\quad M(y_{2n}, y_{2n+2}, (1 + \beta)t), M(y_{2n}, y_{2n+1}, t)\} \\ &\geq \min\{M(y_{2n}, y_{2n+1}, t), M(y_{2n+1}, y_{2n+2}, t), 1, \\ &\quad M(y_{2n}, y_{2n+1}, t), M(y_{2n+1}, y_{2n+2}, \beta t), M(y_{2n}, y_{2n+1}, t)\} \\ &\geq \min\{M(y_{2n}, y_{2n+1}, t), M(y_{2n+1}, y_{2n+2}, t), \\ &\quad M(y_{2n+1}, y_{2n+2}, \beta t)\} \end{aligned}$$

$$\begin{aligned} n(x_{2n+2}, x_{2n+1}, t) &= \max\{N(Tx_{2n+1}, Bx_{2n+1}, t), N(Ax_{2n+2}, Sx_{2n+2}, t), N(Sx_{2n+2}, Bx_{2n+1}, \alpha t), \\ &\quad N(Tx_{2n+1}, Ax_{2n+2}, (2 - \alpha)t), N(Tx_{2n+1}, Sx_{2n+2}, t)\} \\ &= \max\{N(y_{2n}, y_{2n+1}, t), N(y_{2n+1}, y_{2n+2}, t), N(y_{2n+1}, y_{2n+1}, \alpha t), \\ &\quad N(y_{2n}, y_{2n+2}, (1 + \beta)t), N(y_{2n}, y_{2n+1}, t)\} \\ &\leq \max\{N(y_{2n}, y_{2n+1}, t), N(y_{2n+1}, y_{2n+2}, t), 1, \\ &\quad N(y_{2n}, y_{2n+1}, t), N(y_{2n+1}, y_{2n+2}, \beta t), N(y_{2n}, y_{2n+1}, t)\} \\ &\leq \max\{N(y_{2n}, y_{2n+1}, t), N(y_{2n+1}, y_{2n+2}, t), \\ &\quad N(y_{2n+1}, y_{2n+2}, \beta t)\} \end{aligned}$$

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,

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

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

Similarly, we can obtain

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

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

In general,

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

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

and, for every positive integer p ,

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

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

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 $p \rightarrow \infty$,

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

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

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

$$y_{2n} = Ax_{2n} = Tx_{2n+1} \rightarrow z,$$

$$y_{2n+1} = Bx_{2n+1} = Sx_{2n+2} \rightarrow z.$$

Since A and S are compatible and reciprocally continuous mappings, then $ASx_{2n} \rightarrow Az$ and $Sx_{2n} \rightarrow Sz$ as $n \rightarrow \infty$. The compatibility of the pair (A, S) yields

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

That is,

$$M(Az, Sz, t) = 1. \text{ Hence } Az = Sz.$$

The compatibility of the pair (A, S) yields

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

That is,

$$N(Az, Sz, t) = 0. \text{ Hence } Az = Sz.$$

Since $AX \subset TX$, there exist $w \in X$ such that $Az = Tw$. Using (ii), we get

$$\int_0^{M(Az, Bw, kt)} \varphi(t) dt \geq \int_0^{m(z, w, t)} \varphi(t) dt,$$

$$\int_0^{N(Az, Bw, kt)} \varphi(t) dt \leq \int_0^{n(z, w, t)} \varphi(t) dt,$$

Take $\alpha = 1$,

$$\begin{aligned} m(z, w, t) &= \min\{M(Tw, Bw, t), M(Sz, Az, t), M(Sz, Bw, t), \\ &\quad M(Tw, Az, t), M(Tw, Sz, t)\} \\ &= \min\{M(Az, Bw, t), 1, M(Az, Bw, t), 1, 1\} \\ &= \min\{M(Az, Bw, t), 1\}, \end{aligned}$$

$$\begin{aligned} n(z, w, t) &= \max\{N(Tw, Bw, t), N(Sz, Az, t), N(Sz, Bw, t), \\ &\quad N(Tw, Az, t), N(Tw, Sz, t)\} \\ &= \max\{N(Az, Bw, t), 1, N(Az, Bw, t), 1, 1\} \\ &= \max\{N(Az, Bw, t), 1\}. \end{aligned}$$

$$\int_0^{M(Az, Bw, kt)} \varphi(t) dt \geq \int_0^{M(Az, Bw, t)} \varphi(t) dt,$$

$$\int_0^{N(Az, Bw, kt)} \varphi(t) dt \leq \int_0^{N(Az, Bw, t)} \varphi(t) dt.$$

By using Lemma 2.14, we get $Az = Bw$. Thus,

$$Sz = Az = Bw = Tw.$$

Pointwise R -weakly commuting of A and S implies that there exists $R > 0$ such that

$$M(ASz, SAz, t) \geq M(Az, Sz, t/R) = 1,$$

$$N(ASz, SAz, t) \leq N(Az, Sz, t/R) = 0.$$

That is,

$$ASz = SAz \text{ and } AAz = ASz = SAz = SSz.$$

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

$$M(BTw, TBw, t) \geq M(Bw, Tw, t/R) = 1,$$

$$N(BTw, TBw, t) \leq N(Bw, Tw, t/R) = 0.$$

That is,

$$BTw = TBw \text{ and } BBw = BTw = TBw = TTW.$$

Using (ii), we get

$$\begin{aligned} \int_0^{M(Az, AAz, kt)} \varphi(t) dt &= \int_0^{M(AAz, Bw, kt)} \varphi(t) dt, \\ &\geq \int_0^{m(Az, w, t)} \varphi(t) dt, \\ &= \int_0^{M(Az, AAz, t)} \varphi(t) dt, \end{aligned}$$

$$\begin{aligned} \int_0^{N(Az, AAz, kt)} \varphi(t) dt &= \int_0^{N(AAz, Bw, kt)} \varphi(t) dt, \\ &\leq \int_0^{n(Az, w, t)} \varphi(t) dt, \\ &= \int_0^{N(Az, AAz, t)} \varphi(t) dt. \end{aligned}$$

By using Lemma 2.14, we get $Az = AAz$ and $Az = AAz = SAz$. Thus, Az is a common fixed point of A and S . Similarly, by using (ii), we get $Bw (=Az)$ is a common fixed point of B and T . Uniqueness of the common fixed point follows easily and the proof is similar when B and T are assumed compatible and reciprocally continuous. \square

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

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

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

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

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

Also, we Define,

$$M(Ax, By, t) = \frac{t}{(t + |x - y|)}, N(Ax, By, t) = \frac{|x - y|}{(t + |x - y|)},$$

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

$$x_n = 5 + 1/n, n \geq 1. \text{ Then } Tx_n \rightarrow 2, Bx_n = 2, TBx_n = 2, BTx_n = 6.$$

Hence B and T are noncompatible.

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 B and T , 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*

$$\int_0^{M(Ax, Ay, kt)} \varphi(t) dt > \int_0^{m(x, y, t)} \varphi(t) dt,$$

where

$$m(x, y, t) = \min\{M(Sx, Sy, t), M(Ax, Sx, t), M(Ay, Sy, t), \\ M(Ax, Sy, t), M(Ay, Sx, t)\},$$

$$\int_0^{N(Ax, Ay, kt)} \varphi(t) dt < \int_0^{n(x, y, t)} \varphi(t) dt,$$

where

$$n(x, y, t) = \max\{N(Sx, Sy, t), N(Ax, Sx, t), N(Ay, Sy, t), \\ N(Ax, Sy, t), N(Ay, Sx, t)\}.$$

which is one of the general contractive definitions for a pair of mappings. If possible, suppose that A and S fail to be pointwise R -weakly commuting and yet have a common fixed point z . Then $z = Az = Sz$ and there exists x in X such that $Ax = Sx$ but $ASx \neq SAx$. clearly, $z \neq x$ since $ASz = SAz = z$. Moreover, $Ax \neq Az$. But then we have

$$\int_0^{M(Ax, Az, kt)} \varphi(t) dt > \int_0^{m(x, z, t)} \varphi(t) dt,$$

where

$$m(x, z, t) = \min\{M(Sx, Sz, t), M(Ax, Sx, t), M(Ay, Sz, t), \\ M(Ax, Sz, t), M(Az, Sx, t)\} \\ = M(Ax, Az, t)$$

$$\int_0^{N(Ax,Ay,kt)} \varphi(t)dt < \int_0^{n(x,y,t)} \varphi(t)dt,$$

where

$$\begin{aligned} n(x, z, t) &= \max\{N(Sx, Sz, t), N(Ax, Sz, t), N(Az, Sz, t), \\ &\quad N(Ax, Sz, t), N(Ay, Sz, t)\} \\ &= N(Ax, Az, t) \end{aligned}$$

$$\int_0^{M(Ax,Az,kt)} \varphi(t)dt > \int_0^{M(Ax,Az,t)} \varphi(t)dt,$$

$$\int_0^{N(Ax,Az,kt)} \varphi(t)dt < \int_0^{N(Ax,Az,t)} \varphi(t)dt,$$

a contradiction. Hence the assertion.

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