# SUB-COMPATIBLE MAPPINGS AND FIXED POINT THEOREMS IN

# INTUITIONISTIC FUZZY METRIC SPACE

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### ABSTRACT

In this paper, common fixed point theorems for sub-compatible and subsequentially continuous mappings in intuitionistic fuzzy metric space has been proved which is a generalization of the result of Turkoglu et. al. [11]. We also cited an example in support of our result.

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## 1. INTRODUCTION

The concept of fuzzy set has been investigated by Zadeh's [12] which led to a rich growth of fuzzy Mathematics. Many authors have introduced the concept of fuzzy metric in different ways. Atanassov [3] introduced and studied the concept of intuitionistic fuzzy set. In 2004, the notion of intuitionistic fuzzy metric space defined by Park [10] is a generalization of fuzzy metric space due to George and Veeramani [5]. Afterwards, using the idea of Intuitionistic Fuzzy set, Alaca et.al. [1] defined the notion of Intuitionistic Fuzzy Metric space, as Park [10] with the help of continuous t – norms and continuous t–conorms, as a generalization of fuzzy metric space due to Kramosil and Michalek [7], further Coker [4], Turkoglu [11] and others have been expansively developed the theory of Intuitionistic Fuzzy set and applications. After generalizing the Jungck's [6] common fixed point theorem in intuitionistic fuzzy metric, Turkoglu et. al. [11] introduced the notion of Cauchy sequences in intuitionistic fuzzy metric space space and proved the intuitionistic fuzzy version of Pant's theorem [9] by giving the definition of weakly commuting and R-weakly commuting mappings in intuitionistic

fuzzy metric space. For the sake of completeness, we recall some definitions and known results in Fuzzy metric space.

### 2. **PRELIMINARIES**

**Definition 2.1.** [1] A binary operation  $*:[0,1] \times [0, 1] \rightarrow [0,1]$  is continuous t-norm if \* satisfies the following conditions :

- (i) \* is commutative and associative;
- (ii) \* is continuous;
- (iii)  $a * 1 = a \text{ for all } a \in [0,1];$
- (iv)  $a * b \le c * d$  whenever  $a \le c$  and  $b \le d$  for all  $a, b, c, d \in [0,1]$ .

**Definition 2.2.** [1] A binary operation  $\diamond$ :  $[0,1] \times [0,1] \rightarrow [0,1]$  is continuous t-conorm if satisfies the following conditions :

- (i)  $\diamond$  is commutative and associative;
- (ii)  $\diamond$  is continuous;
- (iii)  $a \diamond 0 = a \text{ for all } a \in [0,1];$
- (iv)  $a \diamond b \le c \diamond d$  whenever  $a \le c$  and  $b \le d$

for all a, b, c,  $d \in [0,1]$ .

**Remark 2.1.** [1] The concepts of triangular norms (t-norms) and triangular co-norms (tconorms) are known as axiomatic skeletons that we use for characterizing fuzzy intersections and unions respectively.

**Definition 2.3.** [1] A 5-tuple (X,M,N,\*,) is said to be an intuitionistic fuzzy metric space if X is an arbitrary set, \* is a continuous t-norm, is a continuous t-conorm and M, N are fuzzy set on  $X^2 \times [0, \infty)$  satisfying the following conditions :

- $(i) \qquad M(x,\,y,\,t)+N(x,\,y,\,t)\,\leq 1\,\,\text{for all}\,\,x,\,y\in X\,\,\text{and}\,\,t\geq 0;$
- (ii) M(x, y, 0) = 0 for all  $x, y \in X$ ;
- (iii) M(x, y, t) = 1 for all  $x, y \in X$  and t > 0 if and only if x = y;
- $(iv) \qquad M(x,\,y,\,t)=M(y,\,x,\,t) \text{ for all } x,\,y\in X \text{ and } t\geq 0;$
- (v)  $M(x, y, t) * M(y, z, s) \le M(x, z, t+s)$  for all  $x, y, z \in X$  and s, t > 0;
- (vi) for all x,  $y \in X$ ,  $M(x, y, .) : [0, \infty) \rightarrow [0,1]$  is left continuous;

- $(vii) \quad \lim_{t\to\infty} M(x,\,y,\,t) = 1 \ \text{for all } x,\,y\in X \ \text{and} \ t\geq 0;$
- (viii) N(x, y, 0) = 1 for all  $x, y \in X$ ;
- (ix) N(x, y, t) = 0 for all  $x, y \in X$  and t > 0 if and only if x = y;
- (x) N(x, y, t) = N(y, x, t) for all  $x, y \in X$  and t > 0;
- (xi)  $N(x, y, t) \diamond N(y, z, s) \ge N(x, z, t+s)$  for all x, y,  $z \in X$  and s, t > 0;
- (xii) for all x,  $y \in X$ ,  $N(x, y, .) : [0, \infty) \rightarrow [0, 1]$  is right continuous ;
- (xiii)  $\lim_{t\to\infty} N(x, y, t) = 0$  for all x, y in X.

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 the degree of non nearness between x and y with respect to t, respectively.

**Remark 2.2.** [1] Every fuzzy metric space (X, M, \*) is an intuitionistic fuzzy metric space of the form  $(X, M, 1-M, *, \diamond)$  such that t-norm \* and t-conorm are associated, i.e,

 $x \diamond y = 1 - (1 - x) * (1 - y)$  for all  $x, y \in X$ .

**Example 2.1.** [1] Let (X, d) be a metric space. Define t -norm a \* b = min{a,b} and t -

conorm  $a \diamond b = max\{a, b\}$ ) and for all  $x, y \in X$  and t > 0,

$$M_{d}(x, y, t) = \frac{t}{t + d(x, y)}, N_{d}(x, y, t) = \frac{d(x, y)}{t + d(x, y)}$$

Then (X, M,N, \*,  $\diamond$ ) is an IFM-space and the intuitionistic fuzzy metric (M, N) induced by the metric d is often referred to as the standard intuitionistic fuzzy metric.

**Remark 2.3.** [1] In intuitionistic fuzzy metric space X, M(x, y, .) is non-decreasing and N(x, y, .) is non-increasing for all  $x, y \in X$ .

**Definition 2.4.** [1] Let  $(X, M, N, *, \diamond)$  be an intuitionistic fuzzy metric space. Then

(a) a sequence  $\{x_n\}$  in X is said to be Cauchy sequence if, for all t > 0 and p > 0,

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

(b) a sequence  $\{x_n\}$  in X is said to be convergent to a point  $x \in X$  if, for all  $t \ge 0$ ,

$$\lim_{n \to \infty} M(x_n, x, t) = 1 \quad \text{and} \quad \lim_{n \to \infty} N(x_n, x, t) = 0$$

**Definition 2.5.** [1] An intuitionistic fuzzy metric space (X, M, N, \*,  $\diamond$ ) is said to be complete if and only if every Cauchy sequence in X is convergent.

**Lemma 2.1.** [3] Let (X, M, N, \*,  $\diamond$ ) be an intuitionistic fuzzy metric space. If there exists  $k \in (0,1)$  such that

$$M(x,y,kt) \ge M(x,y,t)$$
 and  $N(x,y,kt) \le N(x,y,t)$  for  $x, y \in X$ .

Then x = y.

**Lemma 2.2.** [3] Let (X, M, N, \*,  $\diamond$ ) be an intuitionistic fuzzy metric space. If there exists a number  $k \in (0,1)$  such that

(a) 
$$M(y_{n+2}, y_{n+1}, kt) \ge M(y_{n+1}, y_n, t), \qquad N(y_{n+2}, y_{n+1}, kt) \le N(y_{n+1}, y_n, t)$$

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

**Definition 2.6.**[1] Two maps A and B from an intuitionistic fuzzy metric space  $(X, M, N, *, \diamond)$  into itself are said to compatible if

$$\lim_{n \to \infty} M(ABx_n, BAx_n, t) = 1 \quad \text{and} \quad \lim_{n \to \infty} N(ABx_n, BAx_n, t) = 0$$

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

$$\lim_{n\to\infty} Ax_n = \lim_{n\to\infty} Bx_n = x \qquad \text{ for some } x \in X.$$

**Definition 2.7.** [2] Two maps A and B from an intuitionistic fuzzy metric space  $(X, M, N, *, \diamond)$  into itself are said to occasionally weakly compatible if and only if there is a point x in X which is coincidence point of A and B at which A and B commute.

**Definition 2.8.** [8] Two self maps A and B of an intuitionistic fuzzy metric space (X, M, N, \*,  $\diamond$ ) are said to be sub-compatible if and only if there exists a sequence {x<sub>n</sub>} in X such that  $\lim_{n \to \infty} Ax_n = \lim_{n \to \infty} Sx_n = z$ ,  $z \in X$  and which satisfy the condition

 $\lim_{n\to\infty} M(ABx_n, BAx_n, t) = 1 \quad \text{ and } \quad \lim_{n\to\infty} N(ABx_n, BAx_n, t) = 0.$ 

**Remark 2.4.** Two occasionally weakly compatible maps are sub-compatible maps, but the converse is not true as shown in the following example.

**Example 2.2.** Let X = R be the set of real numbers with \* continuous t-norm and  $\diamond$  continuous t-conorm defined by a \* b = ab and a  $\diamond$  b = min {1, a+ b} respectively, for all a, b  $\in$  [0,1].

Define A,B:  $X \rightarrow X$  as;

$$Ax = \begin{cases} x, x < 1 \\ 2x - 1, x \ge 1 \end{cases}, Bx = \begin{cases} 4x - 3, x < 1 \\ x + 3, x \ge 1 \end{cases}$$

Define a sequence  $x_n = 1 - \frac{1}{n}$ , then  $Ax_n = \left(1 - \frac{1}{n}\right) \rightarrow 1$ 

$$Bx_{n} = 4\left(1 - \frac{1}{n}\right) - 3 = 1 - \frac{4}{n} \rightarrow 1$$
  

$$ABx_{n} = A\left(1 - \frac{4}{n}\right) = 1 - \frac{4}{n}$$
  

$$BAx_{n} = B\left(1 - \frac{1}{n}\right) = 4\left(1 - \frac{1}{n}\right) - 3 = 1 - \frac{4}{n} \text{ and}$$

 $\lim_{n\to\infty} M(ABx_n, BAx_n, t)) \to 0 \text{ and } \lim_{n\to\infty} N(ABx_n, BAx_n, t)) \to 0.$ 

Thus, A and B are sub compatible but A and B are not occasionally weakly compatible maps as, A (4) = 7 = B(4)

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**Definition 2.9.** [8] Two self maps A and B of an intuitionistic fuzzy metric space (X, M, N, \*,  $\diamond$ ) are said to be sub sequentially continuous if and only if there exists a sequence  $\{x_n\}$  in X such that  $\lim_{n\to\infty} Ax_n = \lim_{n\to\infty} Bx_n = t$  for some  $t \in X$  and satisfy  $\lim_{n\to\infty} ABx_n = At$  and  $\lim_{n\to\infty} BAx_n = Bt$ .

In 2006, Turkoglu et. al. [11] proved the following :

**Theorem 2.1.** [11] Let (X, M, N, \*,  $\diamond$ ) be a complete intuitionistic fuzzy metric space. Let f, g : X  $\rightarrow$  X be self mappings satisfying the following conditions :

(i) 
$$g(X) \subset f(X);$$

(ii) f is continuous;

(iii) there exists a number  $k \in (0, 1)$  such that

 $M(g(x), g(y), kt) \ge M(f(x), f(y), t)$ 

$$N(g(x), g(y), kt) \le N(f(x), f(y), t)$$

for all x,  $y \in X$  and t > 0.

Then f and g have a unique common fixed point in X provided f and g commute.

#### 3. MAIN RESULT.

In this section, we prove a common fixed point theorem for sub-compatible and sub-sequentially continuous mappings in intuitionistic fuzzy metric space which is a generalization of Turkoglu et. al. [11].

**Theorem 3.1.** Let  $(X, M, N, *, \diamond)$  be an intuitionistic fuzzy metric spaces. Let f, g :  $X \rightarrow X$  be sub-compatible and sub-sequential mappings satisfying the following conditions :

- $(3.1) g(X) \subset f(X);$
- (3.2) there exists a number  $k \in (0, 1)$  such that

 $M(gx, gy, kt) \ge M(fx, fy, t)$  $N(gx, gy, kt) \le N(fx, fy, t)$ 

for all  $x, y \in X$  and  $t \ge 0$ ;

(3.3) one of the subspace g(X) or f(X) is complete.

Then f and g have a unique common fixed point in X.

**Proof.** By (3.1), since  $g(X) \subset f(X)$ , for any  $x_0 \in X$ , there exists a point  $x_1 \in X$  such that  $gx_0 = fx_1$ .

In general, chose  $x_{n+1}$  such that

$$\mathbf{y}_n = \mathbf{f}\mathbf{x}_{n+1} = \mathbf{g}\mathbf{x}_{n}$$

From Turkoglu et. al. [11], we conclude that  $\{y_n\}$  is a Cauchy sequence in X.

Since either f(X) or g(X) is complete, for definiteness assume that f(X) is complete.

Since f(X) is complete, so there exists a point  $p \in X$  such that

fp = z.

Now using (3.2), we have

 $M(gp, gx_n, kt) \ge M(fp, fx_n, t)$ 

and  $N(gp, gx_n, kt) \leq N(fp, fx_n, t).$ 

Taking limit as  $n \rightarrow \infty$ , we obtain

gp = z.

Therefore, we have fp = gp =z. If the pair (f, g) is sub-compatible and subsequentially continuous then there exists a sequence  $\{x_n\}$  in X such that  $\lim_{n\to\infty} fx_{2n} = \lim_{n\to\infty} gx_{2n} = z$  for some  $z \in X$  and which satisfy

 $\lim_{n \to \infty} M(fgx_n, gfx_n, t) = M(fz, gz, t) = 1 \quad \text{and} \quad \lim_{n \to \infty} N(fgx_n, gfx_n, t) = N(fz, gz, t) = 0$ 

i.e. fz = gz.

Now we show that z is a common fixed point of f and g.

From (3.2), we get

 $M(gz, gx_n, kt) \ge M(fz, fx_n, t)$ 

and 
$$N(gz, gx_n, kt) \leq N(fz, fx_n, t)$$

Proceeding limit as  $n \rightarrow \infty$ , we obtain

 $g_Z = z$ .

Hence z is a common fixed point of f and g both.

Uniqueness : Let w be another common fixed point of f and g then

fw = gw = w.

Using (3.2), we get

 $M(gz, gw, kt) \ge M(fz, fw, t)$ 

 $N(gz, gw, kt) \le N(fz, fw, t)$ 

or

 $M(z, w, kt) \ge M(z, w, t)$ 

$$N(z, w, kt) \le N(z, w, t).$$

Using lemma 2.1, we get

z = w.

Hence, z is the unique common fixed point of f and g.

This completes the proof.

**Example 3.1.** Let  $X = \left\{\frac{1}{n} : n \in N\right\} \cup \{0\}$  with \* continuous t-norm and  $\diamond$  continuous tconorm defined by a \* b = ab and a  $\diamond$  b = min  $\{1, a+b\}$  respectively, for all a, b  $\in [0,1]$ . For each t  $\in [0, \infty)$  and x, y  $\in X$ , define (M, N) by

$$M(x, y, t) = \begin{cases} \frac{t}{t + |x - y|} &, t > 0, \\ 0 &, t = 0 \end{cases}$$
  
and 
$$N(x, y, t) = \begin{cases} \frac{|x - y|}{t + |x - y|} &, t > 0, \\ 1 &, t = 0 \end{cases}$$

Clearly,  $(X, M, N, *, \diamond)$  is an intuitionistic fuzzy metric space.

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Define 
$$g(x) = \frac{x}{6}$$
 and  $f(x) = \frac{x}{2}$  on X. It is clear that  $g(x) \subseteq f(x)$ .

Now, 
$$M\left(gx, gy, \frac{t}{3}\right) = \frac{\frac{t}{2}}{\frac{t}{2} + \frac{|x-y|}{6}} = \frac{3t}{3t + |x-y|} \ge \frac{t}{t + \frac{|x-y|}{3}} = \frac{3t}{3t + |x-y|} = M(fx, fy, t),$$

and

$$N\left(gx, gy, \frac{t}{3}\right) = \frac{\frac{|x-y|}{6}}{\frac{t}{2} + \frac{|x-y|}{6}} = \frac{|x-y|}{3t + |x-y|} \le \frac{\frac{|x-y|}{3}}{t + \frac{|x-y|}{3}} = \frac{|x-y|}{3t + |x-y|} = N(fx, fy, t).$$

Thus, all the conditions of Theorem 3.1 are satisfied and so f and g have a unique common fixed point 0.

As an application of Theorem 3.1, we prove a common fixed point theorem for four finite families of mappings which runs as follows:

**Theorem 3.2.** Let  $\{f_1, f_2, ..., f_m\}$  and  $\{g_1, g_2, ..., g_n\}$  be two finite families of selfmappings of a intuitionistic fuzzy metric spaces with continuous t-norm \* and continuous t-conorm  $\diamond$  defined by  $a^*a \ge a$  and  $(1-a) \diamond (1-a) \le (1-a)$  for all  $a \in [0, 1]$  such that  $f = f_1 f_2 \dots f_m$ ,  $g = g_1 g_2 \dots g_n$ , satisfy condition (3.1), (3.2) and (3.3).

Then f and g have a point of coincidence. Moreover, if  $f_i f_j = f_j f_i$ ,  $g_k g_l = g_l g_k$  for all  $i, j \in I_1 = \{1, 2, ..., m\}$ ,  $k, l \in I_2 = \{1, 2, ..., n\}$ , then (for all  $i \in I_1$ ,  $k \in I_2$ )  $f_i$  and  $g_k$  have a common fixed point.

**Proof.** The conclusion is immediate i.e., f and g have a point of coincidence as f and g satisfy all the conditions of Theorem 3.1. Now appealing to component wise commutativity of various pairs, one can immediately prove that fg = gf, hence, obviously pair (f, g) is sub-compatible. Note that all the conditions of Theorem 3.1 are satisfied which ensured the existence of a unique common fixed point, say z. Now one need to show that z remains the fixed point of all the component maps.

For this consider

$$\begin{split} f(f_i z) &= ((f_1 f_2 \dots f_m) f_i) z = (f_1 f_2 \dots f_{m-1})((f_m f_i) z) = (f_1 \dots f_{m-1})(f_i f_m z) \\ &= (f_1 \dots f_{m-2})(f_{m-1} f_i(f_m z) = (f_1 \dots f_{m-2})(f_i f_{m-1}(f_m z)) \\ &= \dots f_1 f_i(f_2 f_3 f_4 \dots f_m z) = f_i f_1(f_2 f_3 \dots f_m z) \\ &= f_i(fz) = f_i z. \end{split}$$

Similarly, one can show that

$$f(g_k z) = g_k(fz) = g_k z, \ g(g_k z) = g_k(gz) = g_k z$$

and  $g(f_i z) = f_i(g z) = f_i z$ ,

which show that (for all i and k)  $f_i z$  and  $g_k z$  are other fixed points of the pair (f, g).

Now appealing to the uniqueness of common fixed points of both pairs separately, we get

 $z = f_i z = g_k z$ , which shows that z is a common fixed point of  $f_i$ ,  $g_k$  for all i and k.

**Conclusion.** Theorem 3.1 is a generalization of the result of Turkoglu et. al. [11] in the sense that condition of commuting mappings of the pairs of self maps has been restricted to sub-compatible sub-sequential self maps.

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