# Generalized Common Fixed Point Theorems on Menger PM-spaces

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#### **ABSTRACT**

More generalized common fixed point theorems for a sequence of fuzzy mappings to the nonexpansive case on Menger probabilistic metric spaces, which generalize recent results of Lee et al.[13], are obtained.

#### 1. Introduction

There have been many results on fixed point theorems for fuzzy mappings, multi-valued mappings and single-valued mappings on probabilistic metric spaces including metric spaces, considered by Bose *et al.* [1], Butnariu [2], Chang *et al.* [4-6], Hadzic [8], Heilpern [9], Lee *et al.* [10-13], and others [3,7,17-19].

In 1996, Lee *et al.* [12] obtained a common fixed point theorem for a sequence of fuzzy mappings to the nonexpansive case on Menger probabilistic metric spaces under some equality-type condition.

In this paper we obtain more generalized common fixed theorems for a sequence of fuzzy mappings to the nonexpansive case on Menger probabilistic metric spaces, which generalize and improve the previous results of Lee *et al.* [12].

### 2. Preliminaries

In this section, we recall some topological properties and others of Menger probabilistic metric spaces in [14-16].

**Definition 2.1** A probabilistic metric space (in short, a PM-space) is an ordered pair  $(E, \mathcal{F})$ , where E is a nonempty set and  $\mathcal{F}$  is a mapping from  $E \times E$  into  $D^+$ , where  $D^+$  is the set of all distribution functions. We denote the distribution function  $\mathcal{F}(x, y)$  by  $F_{x, y}$  for each  $x, y \in E$ . The function  $F_{x, y}$  is assumed to satisfy the following conditions;

(PM-1)  $F_{x,y}(t) = 1$  for all t > 0 if and only if x = y, (PM-2)  $F_{x,y}(0) = 0$ ,

(PM-3)  $F_{x,y}(t) = F_{y,x}(t)$  for all  $t \in \mathbb{R}$ ,

(PM-4) if  $F_{x,y}(t_1)=1$  and  $F_{y,z}(t_2)=1$ , then  $F_{x,z}(t_1+t_2)=1$ .

**Definition 2.2** A mapping  $\Delta : [0,1] \times [0,1] \rightarrow [0,1]$  is called a *t*-norm if it satisfies the following conditions; for any  $a, b, c, d \in [0,1]$ ,

(T-1)  $\Delta(a, 1) = a$ ,

(T-2)  $\Delta(a, b) = \Delta(b, a)$ ,

(T-3)  $\Delta(c, d) \ge \Delta(a, b)$  for  $c \ge a$  and  $d \ge b$ , (T-4)  $\Delta(\Delta(a, b), c) = \Delta(a, \Delta(b, c))$ .

**Definition 2.3** A Menger PM-space is a triplet  $(E, \mathcal{F}, \Delta)$ , where  $(E, \mathcal{F})$  is a PM-space and  $\Delta$  is a t-norm satisfying the following triangle inequality

 $F_{x,y}(t_1+t_2) \ge \Delta(F_{x,y}(t_1), F_{y,z}(t_2))$  for all  $x, y, z \le E$  and  $t_1, t_2 \ge 0$ .

Schweizer and Sklar have proved that if  $(E, \mathcal{F}, \Delta)$  is a Menger PM-space with a continuous t-norm  $\Delta$ , then  $(E, \mathcal{F}, \Delta)$  is a Hausdorff topological space in the topology  $\tau$  having

$$\beta = \{N_p(\varepsilon, \lambda) : p \in E, \varepsilon, \lambda > 0\}$$

as a basis, where

$$N_{\nu}(\varepsilon, \lambda) = \{x \in E : F_{x,\nu}(\varepsilon) > 1 - \lambda\}.$$

**Definition 2.4** Let  $(E, \mathcal{F}, \Delta)$  be a Menger PM-space with a continuous t-norm  $\Delta$ . Let  $(x_n)_{n=1}^{\infty}$  be any sequence in E.

 $(x_n)_{n=1}^{\infty}$  is said to be  $\tau$ -convergent to  $x \in E$ (we write  $x_n \stackrel{\tau}{\to} x$ ), if for any given  $\varepsilon > 0$  and  $\lambda > 0$ , there exists a positive integer  $N = N(\varepsilon, \lambda)$  such that  $F_{x_n,x}(\varepsilon) > 1 - \lambda$  whenever  $n \ge N$ .

 $(x_n)_{n=1}^{\infty} \subset E$  is called a  $\tau$ -Cauchy sequence if for any  $\varepsilon > 0$  and  $\lambda > 0$ , there exists a positive integer  $N = N(\varepsilon, \lambda)$  such that  $F_{x_n,x_m}(\varepsilon) > 1 - \lambda$ , whenever  $n, m \ge N$ .

A Menger PM-space  $(E, \mathcal{F}, \Delta)$  is said to be  $\tau$ -complete if each  $\tau$ -Cauchy sequence in E is  $\tau$ -convergent to some point in E.

**Definition 2.5** A function  $\varphi:[0,+\infty) \rightarrow [0,+\infty)$  is said to satisfy the condition  $(\Phi)$  if it is strictly increasing, left-continuous,  $\varphi(0)=0$ ,  $\lim_{t\to+\infty} \varphi(t)=+\infty$  and  $\sum_{n=0}^{\infty} \varphi^n(t)<+\infty$  for all t>0, where  $\varphi^n(t)$  is the *n*-th iterative of  $\varphi(t)$ .

**Lemma 2.6 [6,14]** Let a function  $\varphi: [0, +\infty) \rightarrow [0, +\infty)$  satisfy the condition  $(\Phi)$ , then a function

 $\psi: [0, +\infty) \rightarrow [0, +\infty)$  defined by

(2.1) 
$$\psi(t) = \begin{cases} 0, & t = 0, \\ \inf\{s > 0 : \varphi(s) > t\}, & t > 0. \end{cases}$$

is continuous, nondecreasing, and satisfies the following assertions;

- (i)  $\varphi(t) < t$  for all t > 0,
- (ii)  $\varphi(\psi(t)) \le t$  and  $\psi(\varphi(t)) = t$  for all  $t \ge 0$ ,
- (iii)  $\psi(t) \ge t$  for all  $t \ge 0$ ,
- (iv)  $\lim_{t\to\infty} \psi^n(t) = +\infty$  for all t>0.

**Definition 2.7** A t-norm  $\Delta$  is called h-type if a family of functions  $(\Delta^m(t))_{m=1}^{\infty}$  is equicontinuous at t=1, where

$$\Delta^{1}(t)=\Delta(t, t), \Delta^{m+1}(t)=\Delta(t, \Delta^{m}(t)), m=1, 2, \dots, t \in [0, 1].$$

Obviously,  $\Delta$  is an h-type t-norm if and only if for any  $\lambda \in (0, 1)$ , there exists  $\delta(\lambda) \in (0, 1)$  such that  $\Delta^m$ (t)>1  $-\lambda$  for all  $m \in \mathbb{N}$ , the set of natural numbers, when  $t > \delta(\lambda)$ .

**Lemma 2.8 [6]** Let  $(E, \mathcal{F}, \Delta)$  be a Menger PMspace with an h-type t-norm  $\Delta$ . If a sequence  $(x_n)_{n=0}^{\infty}$  in Esatisfies the following condition;

$$F_{x_0,x_{n+1}}(t) \ge F_{x_0,x_1}(\psi^n(t))t \ge 0,$$

where  $\psi$  is a function defined by (2.1), then  $(x_n)_{n=0}^{\infty}$ is a  $\tau$ -Cauchy sequence in E.

**Lemma 2.9** A sequence  $(x_n)_{n=0}^{\infty}$  converges to x in  $(E, \mathcal{F}, \Delta)$  if and only if the sequence  $(F_{x_m,x})_{n=1}^{\infty}$  converges to  $F_{xx} \in D^+$ .

# III. Common fixed point theorems

Throughout this section,  $(E, \mathcal{F}, \Delta)$  is a  $\tau$ -complete Menger PM-space with a left-continuous t-norm  $\Delta$  of h-type. We always assume that  $\hat{\Omega}$  is a family of all fuzzy sets A in E whose each  $\alpha$ -level set  $(A)_{\alpha} = \{x \in A \mid x \in A \}$  $E \mid A(x) \ge \alpha$  for  $\alpha \in (0, 1]$  is a nonempty  $\tau$ -closed set in E. We define a mapping  $\widehat{\mathcal{F}}$  on  $\widehat{\Omega} \times \widehat{\Omega} \rightarrow D^+$  as follows (we also denote  $\widehat{\mathcal{G}}(A, B)$  by  $\widehat{F}_{A,B}$  and the value of  $\widehat{\mathcal{G}}(A, B)$  at  $t \in \mathbb{R}$  by  $F_{A,B}(t)$ ;

$$\hat{\tilde{F}}_{A,B}(t) = \inf_{\substack{\alpha \in (0,1] \\ \tilde{F}_{\{x\},B}(t) = \inf_{\alpha \in (0,1]} F_{x,(B)\alpha}(t), \ t \geq 0, \ A, \ B \subseteq \hat{\Omega}, \text{ and }$$

where

$$F_{(A)_{\alpha},(B)_{\alpha}}(t) = \sup_{s < t} \Delta(\inf_{\alpha \in (A)_{\alpha}} \sup_{b \in (B)_{\alpha}} F_{a,b}(s), \inf_{b \in (B)_{\alpha}} \sup_{\alpha \in (A)_{\alpha}}$$

 $F_{a,b}(s)$ ), and

$$F_{x,(B)\alpha}(t) = \sup_{y \in (B)\alpha} F_{x,y}(t), \ t \ge 0 \text{ for } \alpha \in [0, 1].$$

The last equality is called the probabilistic distance between a point xand a set  $(B)_{\alpha}$ . It is easily shown that  $(\hat{\Omega}, \hat{\beta}, \Delta)$  is a Menger PM-space. For  $A, B \in \hat{\Omega}$ ,  $A \subseteq A$ B means  $A(x) \le B(x)$  for  $x \in E$ , and  $\{x\} \subseteq Tx$  or (Tx)(x)=1 means that x is a fixed point of a fuzzy mapping T from E to  $\hat{\Omega}$ 

**Proposition 3.1** Let A and B be elements of  $\hat{\Omega}$ Assume that the 1-level set  $(B)_1$  of the fuzzy set B is compact. Then for any  $\{x\} \subseteq A$ , there exists  $\{y\} \subseteq B$ such that  $F_{x,y}(t) \ge \hat{F}_{A,B}(t), t \ge 0.$ 

Proof.

$$\begin{split} & \bigwedge_{\alpha \in \{0,1\}} F_{(A)\alpha,(B)\alpha}(t) \\ &= \inf_{\alpha \in \{0,1\}} F_{(A)\alpha,(B)\alpha}(t) \\ &\leq F_{(A)_1,(B)_1}(t) \\ &= \sup_{s < t} \Delta \left( \inf_{a \in (A)_1} \sup_{b \in (B)_1} F_{a,b}(s), \inf_{b \in (B)_1} \sup_{a \in (A)_1} F_{a,b}(s) \right) \\ &\leq \sup_{s < t} \left( \inf_{a \in (A)_1} \sup_{b \in (B)_1} F_{a,b}(s) \right) \\ &\leq \sup_{b \in (B)_1} F_{x,b}(t) \end{split}$$

Putting  $k = \sup_{b \in (B)_1} F_{x,b}(t), t \ge 0$ , we obtain a sequence  $(y_n)_{n=1}^{\infty}$  converging to  $y \in (B)_1$  such that  $k-1/n < F_{x,y_n}(t)$  $\leq k$ . Letting  $n \rightarrow \infty$ , we have  $k = F_{x,y}(t)$ ,  $t \geq 0$ , i.e.,

$$\sup_{b \in (R)_1} F_{x,b}(t) = F_{x,y}(t), \ t \ge 0.$$

This completes the proof.

**Proposition 3.2** [13] Let A and B in  $\hat{\Omega}$ . Then the following hold;

(i)  $\hat{F}_{\{x\},A}(t)=1$ , t>0 only if  $\{x\}\subseteq A$ .

(ii)  $F_{x,(A)\alpha}(t) \ge \hat{F}_{(x),A}(t), t \ge 0.$ (iii) If  $\{x\} \subseteq A$ , then  $\hat{F}_{(x),B}(t) \ge \hat{F}_{A,B}(t), t \ge 0.$ 

**Proposition 3.3** Let  $B \subseteq \hat{\Omega}$  and  $\{y\} \subseteq B$ . Then for  $\{x\} \subseteq \hat{\Omega}$ ,

$$\hat{F}_{\{x\},B}(t) \ge F_{x,y}(t), \ t \ge 0.$$

**Proof.** For any 
$$\alpha \in (0, 1]$$
 and  $\{y\} \subseteq B$ ,  $F_{x,(B)\alpha}(t) = \sup_{z \in (B)\alpha} F_{x,z}(t)$   $\geq F_{x,y}(t), t \geq 0$ .

Hence we have

$$\hat{F}_{\{x\},B}(t) = \inf_{\alpha \in \{0,1\}} F_{x,(B)\alpha}(t)$$

$$\geq F_{x,y}(t), t \geq 0.$$

Now we introduce the main theorem of this paper.

**Theorem 3.4** Let  $(T_i)_{i=1}^{\infty}: (E, \mathcal{F}, \Delta) \rightarrow (\hat{\Omega}, \hat{\mathcal{F}}, \Delta)$  be a sequence of fuzzy mappings and a function  $\varphi: [0, +\infty) \rightarrow [0, +\infty)$  satisfy the condition  $(\Phi)$ . Assume that the 1-level set  $(B)_1$  of the fuzzy set B is compact. Suppose that for any  $x, y \in E$ ,

$$\hat{F}_{T_{x}, T_{y}}(\varphi(t)) \ge \min\{F_{x, y}(t), \hat{F}_{\{x\}, T_{x}}(t), \hat{F}_{\{y\}, T_{y}}(t)\}, t \ge 0.$$

Then there exists an  $x_* \in E$  such that

$$\{x_*\}\subset T_ix_*,\ i\in \mathbb{N}.$$

**Proof.** Define a function  $\psi: [0, +\infty) \rightarrow [0, +\infty)$  by

$$\psi(t) = \begin{cases} 0, & t = 0, \\ \inf\{s > 0 : \varphi(s) > t\}, & t > 0. \end{cases}$$

Then by Proposition 3.1, for any given  $x_0 \in E$  and any  $\{x_1\} \subseteq T_1 x_0$ , there exists  $\{x_2\} \subseteq T_2 x_1$  such that

$$F_{x_{1},x_{2}}(\varphi(\psi(t)))$$

$$\geq \hat{F}_{T_{1}x_{0},T_{2}x_{1}}(\varphi(\psi(t)))$$

$$\geq \min\{F_{x_{0},x_{1}}(\psi(t)), \hat{F}_{(x_{0}),T_{1}x_{0}}(\psi(t)), \hat{F}_{(x_{1}),T_{2}x_{1}}(\psi(t))\}.$$

Since  $F_{x_1,x_2}$  is nondecreasing, we obtain  $F_{x_1,x_2}(t) \ge F_{x_1,x_2}(\varphi(\psi(t)))$  from Lemma 2.6 (ii). Thus we have

$$F_{x_{1},x_{2}}(t) \ge \min\{F_{x_{0},x_{1}}(\psi(t)), \stackrel{\wedge}{F}_{\{x_{0}\},T_{1}x_{0}}(\psi(t)), \\ \stackrel{\wedge}{F}_{\{x_{1}\},T_{2}x_{1}}(\psi(t))\} \\ \ge \min\{F_{x_{0},x_{1}}(\psi(t)), F_{x_{1},x_{2}}(\psi(t))\},$$

from the definition of the probabilistic distance between a point and a set and Proposition 3.3.

Since  $F_{x_1,x_2}(t) \ge \min\{F_{x_0,x_1}(\psi(t)), F_{x_1,x_2}(\psi^n(t))\}\$  for all  $m \in N$  from Lemma 2.6 (iii), letting  $m \to \infty$  we have

$$F_{x_1,x_2}(t) \ge F_{x_0,x_1}(\psi(t)), t \ge 0.$$

Similarly, there exists  $\{x_3\} \subseteq T_3x_2$  such that

$$F_{x_2,x_3}(t) \ge F_{x_1,x_2}(\psi(t)).$$

Continuing this process, we have a sequence  $(x_n)_{n=0}^{\infty}$  such that

(i) 
$$\{x_n\} \subseteq T_n x_{n-1}$$
,

(ii) 
$$F_{x_n, x_{n+1}}(t) \ge F_{x_{n+1}, x_n}(\psi(t)), t \ge 0.$$

Hence we have

$$F_{x_n,x_{n+1}}(t) \ge F_{x_{n-1},x_n}(\psi(t)) \ge \cdots \ge F_{x_0,x_1}(\psi^n(t)), \ t \ge 0.$$

By Lemma 2.8.,  $(x_n)_{n=0}^{\infty}$  is a  $\tau$ -Cauchy sequence in E. By the completeness of  $(E, \mathcal{F}, \Delta)$ , there exists an  $x_* \in E$  such that  $x_n \stackrel{\tau}{\longrightarrow} x_*$ .

Next, we prove that  $x_*$  satisfies  $(T_i x_*)(x_*)=1$  for all  $i \in \mathbb{N}$ , i.e.,  $\{x_*\}$  is a common fixed point of  $(T_i)_{i=1}^{\infty}$ . In fact, for  $\{x_{n+1}\} \subset T_{n+1} x_n$ , we have  $\{z_i\} \subset T_i x_*$  for each fixed  $i \in \mathbb{N}$  such that

$$\begin{split} &F_{x_{n+1},z_{l}}(t) \\ &\geq \hat{F}_{T_{n+1}x_{n},T_{l},x_{\bullet}}(t) \\ &\geq \min\{F_{x_{n},x_{\bullet}}(\psi(t)), \ \hat{F}_{\{x_{n}\},T_{n+1}x_{n}}(\psi(t)), \ \hat{F}_{\{x_{\bullet}\},T_{l},x_{\bullet}}(\psi(t))\} \\ &\geq \min\{F_{x_{n},x_{\bullet}}(\psi(t)), \ F_{x_{n},x_{n+1}}(\psi(t)), \ \hat{F}_{\{x_{\bullet}\},T_{l},x_{\bullet}}(\psi(t))\} \\ &\geq \min\{F_{x_{n},x_{\bullet}}(\psi(t)), \ F_{x_{0},x_{1}}(\psi^{n}(t)), \ \hat{F}_{\{x_{\bullet}\},T_{l},x_{\bullet}}(\psi(t))\}. \end{split}$$

Taking limit inferior in (3.1) we have by Lemma 2.6 and Lemma 2.9

(3.2) 
$$\lim_{n \to \infty} F_{x_{n+1}, z_i}(t) \ge \hat{F}_{\{x_*\}, T_i x_*}(\psi(t)).$$

On the other hand,

$$\hat{F}_{x_{*}, T_{i}x_{*}}(\psi(t)) \ge F_{x_{*}, z_{i}}(\psi(t)) 
\ge \Delta \{F_{x_{*}, x_{n+1}}(\delta), F_{x_{n+1}, z_{i}}(\psi(t) - \delta)\}, \delta > 0.$$

Taking limit superior we have

$$\overset{\wedge}{F}_{x_*, T_i x_*}(\psi(t)) \ge \overline{\lim_{n \to \infty}} F_{x_{n+1}, z_i}(\psi(t) - \delta), \quad \delta > 0.$$

By the arbitrariness of  $\delta > 0$ , we have

$$\hat{F}_{\{x_*\}, T_{i}x_*}(\psi(t)) \geq \overline{\lim_{n \to \infty}} F_{x_{n+1}, z_i}(\psi(t)).$$

Combining (3.2) and (3.3) we have

$$\frac{\lim_{n\to\infty} F_{x_{n+1},z_i}(\psi(t)) \ge \lim_{n\to\infty} F_{x_{n+1},z_i}(t)}{\ge \frac{\bigwedge_{\{x_*\},T_ix_*}(\psi(t))}{\ge \lim_{n\to\infty} F_{x_{n+1},z_i}(\psi(t))}}$$

$$\ge \overline{\lim}_{n\to\infty} F_{x_{n+1},z_i}(t).$$

Therefore

(3.4) 
$$\lim_{n \to \infty} F_{x_{n+1}, z_i}(\psi(t)) = \hat{F}_{\{x_*\}, T_i x_*}(\psi(t)), \text{ and}$$

(3.5) 
$$\lim_{n \to \infty} F_{x_{n+1}, z_i}(t) = \hat{F}_{\{x_*\}, T_i x_*}(\psi(t)).$$

By the arbitrariness of t, from (3.4) we have

$$\lim_{n \to \infty} F_{x_{n+1}, z_i}(t) = \hat{F}_{\{x_*\}, T_i x_*}(t), \ t \ge 0.$$

Therefore from (3.5) we have

$$\lim_{n \to \infty} F_{x_{n+1}, z_i}(t) = \hat{F}_{\{x_*\}, T_i r_*}(\psi(t))$$

$$= \hat{F}_{\{x_*\}, T_i r_*}(\psi^2(t))$$

$$= \cdots$$

$$= \hat{F}_{\{x_*\}, T_i r_*}(\psi^n(t))$$

$$\geq F_{x_*, z_i}(\psi^n(t)).$$

Letting  $m \rightarrow \infty$ , we have

$$F_{x_*,z_i}(t)=1, t>0.$$

This shows that  $x_*=z_i$  for all i. Hence we have  $\{x_*\}$   $\subseteq T_i x_*$  for all  $i \in N$ . This completes the proof.

The following theorem can be obtained from Theorem 3.4 as a corollary.

**Theorem 3.5** Let  $(T_i)_{i=1}^{\infty}: (E, \mathcal{F}, \Delta) \to (\hat{\Omega}, \hat{\mathcal{F}}, \Delta)$  be a sequence of fuzzy mappings. Assume that 1-level sets of a fuzzy set in  $\hat{\Omega}$  are compact. Suppose that there exists a function  $\varphi: [0, +\infty) \to [0, +\infty)$  satisfying the condition  $(\Phi)$  such that for any  $i, j \in N$  and any  $x, y \in E$ ,

$$\hat{F}_{T_{ix},T_{jy}}(\varphi(t)) \ge \min\{F_{x,y}(t), F_{x,(T_{ix})}(t), F_{y,(T_{jy})}(t)\}, t \ge 0.$$

Then there exists an  $x_* \in E$  such that

 $\{x_*\}\subset T_ix_*,\ i\in \mathbb{N}.$ 

**Proof.** Since any closed subset of a compact set is compact, it is easily shown from Theorem 3.4 that this theorem holds.

In fact, Theorem 3.5 is a slight generalization and an improvement of the main result of Lee *et. al.* [12] by deleting some of it's conditions, which can be called as an equality-type condition.

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