

## On Common Fixed Point Theorems for Occasionally Weakly Compatible Mappings in Menger Space

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**Abstract:** *In this paper, the concept of occasionally weak compatibility in Menger space has been applied to prove a common fixed point theorem for six self maps. Our result generalizes and extends the result of Pathak and Verma [1].*

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### 1. INTRODUCTION

There have been a number of generalizations of metric space. One such generalization is Menger space initiated by Menger [2]. It is a probabilistic generalization in which we assign to any two points  $x$  and  $y$ , a distribution function  $F_{x,y}$ . Schweizer and Sklar [3] studied this concept and gave some fundamental results on this space. Sehgal and Bharucha-Reid [4] obtained a generalization of Banach Contraction Principle on a complete Menger space which is a milestone in developing fixed-point theory in Menger space.

Recently, Jungck and Rhoades [5] termed a pair of self maps to be coincidentally commuting or equivalently weakly compatible if they commute at their coincidence points. Sessa [6] initiated the tradition of improving commutativity in fixed-point theorems by introducing the notion of weak commuting maps in metric spaces. Jungck [7] soon enlarged this concept to compatible maps. The notion of compatible mapping in a Menger space has been introduced by Mishra [8]. In the sequel, Pathak and Verma [1] proved a common fixed point theorem in Menger space using compatibility and weak compatibility. Using the concept of compatible mappings of type (A), Jain et. al. [9, 10] proved some interesting fixed point theorems in Menger space. Afterwards, Jain et. al. [11] proved the fixed point theorem using the concept of weak compatible maps in Menger space.

In this paper a fixed point theorem for six self maps has been proved using the concept of occasionally weak compatibility which turns out to be a material generalization of the result of Pathak and Verma [1].

### 2. PRELIMINARIES

**Definition 2.1.** A mapping  $\mathcal{F}: \mathbb{R} \rightarrow \mathbb{R}^+$  is called a *distribution* if it is non-decreasing left continuous with

$$\inf \{ F(t) \mid t \in \mathbb{R} \} = 0 \quad \text{and} \quad \sup \{ F(t) \mid t \in \mathbb{R} \} = 1.$$

We shall denote by  $L$  the set of all distribution functions while  $H$  will always denote the specific distribution function defined by  $H(t) = \begin{cases} 0, & t \leq 0 \\ 1, & t > 0 \end{cases}$ .

**Definition 2.2.** [8] A mapping  $t : [0, 1] \times [0, 1] \rightarrow [0, 1]$  is called a *t-norm* if it satisfies the following conditions :

- (t-1)  $t(a, 1) = a, \quad t(0, 0) = 0$  ;
- (t-2)  $t(a, b) = t(b, a)$  ;
- (t-3)  $t(c, d) \geq t(a, b)$  ;  $\quad$  for  $c \geq a, d \geq b$ ,
- (t-4)  $t(t(a, b), c) = t(a, t(b, c))$  for all  $a, b, c, d \in [0, 1]$ .

**Definition 2.3.** [8] A *probabilistic metric space (PM-space)* is an ordered pair  $(X, \mathcal{F})$  consisting of a non-empty set  $X$  and a function  $\mathcal{F} : X \times X \rightarrow L$ , where  $L$  is the collection of all distribution functions and the value of  $F$  at  $(u, v) \in X \times X$  is represented by  $F_{u,v}$ . The function  $F_{u,v}$  assumed to satisfy the following conditions:

- (PM-1)  $F_{u,v}(x) = 1$ , for all  $x > 0$ , if and only if  $u = v$ ;
- (PM-2)  $F_{u,v}(0) = 0$ ;
- (PM-3)  $F_{u,v} = F_{v,u}$  ;
- (PM-4) If  $F_{u,v}(x) = 1$  and  $F_{v,w}(y) = 1$  then  $F_{u,w}(x + y) = 1$ , for all  $u, v, w \in X$  and  $x, y > 0$ .

**Definition 2.4.** [8] A *Menger space* is a triplet  $(X, \mathcal{F}, t)$  where  $(X, \mathcal{F})$  is a PM-space and  $t$  is a t-norm such that the inequality

$$(PM-5) F_{u,w}(x + y) \geq t \{ F_{u,v}(x), F_{v,w}(y) \}, \text{ for all } u, v, w \in X, x, y \geq 0.$$

**Definition 2.5.** [8] A sequence  $\{x_n\}$  in a Menger space  $(X, \mathcal{F}, t)$  is said to be *convergent* and *converges to a point*  $x$  in  $X$  if and only if for each  $\epsilon > 0$  and  $\lambda > 0$ , there is an integer  $M(\epsilon, \lambda)$  such that

$$F_{x_n, x}(\epsilon) > 1 - \lambda \text{ for all } n \geq M(\epsilon, \lambda).$$

Further the sequence  $\{x_n\}$  is said to be *Cauchy sequence* if for  $\epsilon > 0$  and  $\lambda > 0$ , there is an integer  $M(\epsilon, \lambda)$  such that

$$F_{x_n, x_m}(\epsilon) > 1 - \lambda \quad \text{for all } m, n \geq M(\epsilon, \lambda).$$

A Menger PM-space  $(X, \mathcal{F}, t)$  is said to be *complete* if every Cauchy sequence in  $X$  converges to a point in  $X$ .

A complete metric space can be treated as a complete Menger space in the following way:

**Proposition 2.1.** [8] If  $(X, d)$  is a metric space then the metric  $d$  induces mappings  $\mathcal{F} : X \times X \rightarrow L$ , defined by  $F_{p,q}(x) = H(x - d(p, q))$ ,  $p, q \in X$ , where

$$H(k) = 0, \text{ for } k \leq 0 \quad \text{and} \quad H(k) = 1, \text{ for } k > 0.$$

Further if,  $t : [0,1] \times [0,1] \rightarrow [0,1]$  is defined by  $t(a, b) = \min \{ a, b \}$ . Then  $(X, \mathcal{F}, t)$  is a Menger space. It is complete if  $(X, d)$  is complete.

The space  $(X, \mathcal{F}, t)$  so obtained is called the *induced Menger space*.

**Definition 2.6.** [1] Self mappings  $A$  and  $S$  of a Menger space  $(X, \mathcal{F}, t)$  are said to be weak compatible if they commute at their coincidence points i.e.  $Ax = Sx$  for  $x \in X$  implies  $ASx = SAx$ .

**Definition 2.7.** [1] Self mappings  $A$  and  $S$  of a Menger space  $(X, \mathcal{F}, t)$  are said to be *compatible* if  $F_{ASx_n, SAx_n}(x) \rightarrow 1$  for all  $x > 0$ , whenever  $\{x_n\}$  is a sequence in  $X$  such that  $Ax_n, Sx_n \rightarrow u$  for some  $u$  in  $X$ , as  $n \rightarrow \infty$ .

**Definition 2.8.** [12] Self maps  $A$  and  $S$  of a Menger PM-space  $(X, \mathcal{F}, t)$  are said to be occasionally weakly compatible (owc) if and only if there is a point  $x$  in  $X$  which is coincidence point of  $A$  and  $S$  at which  $A$  and  $S$  commute.

**Example 2.1.** Let  $(X, \mathcal{F}, t)$  be the Menger PM-space, where  $X = [0, 4]$ . Define  $F$  by

$$F_{X, y}(t) = \begin{cases} \frac{t}{t + |x - y|}, & \text{if } t > 0. \\ 0, & \text{if } t = 0 \end{cases}$$

Define  $A, S : X \rightarrow X$  by

$Ax = 9x$  and  $Sx = x^3$  for all  $x \in X$  then  $Ax = Sx$  for  $x = 0$  and  $3$ .

But  $AS(0) = SA(0)$  and  $AS(9) \neq SA(9)$ .

Thus,  $S$  and  $T$  are occasionally weakly compatible mappings but not weakly compatible.

**Remark 2.1.** In view of above example, it follows that the concept of occasionally weakly compatible is more general than that of weak compatibility.

**Lemma 2.1.** [1] Let  $(X, \mathcal{F}, *)$  be a Menger space with  $t$ -norm  $*$  such that the family  $\{*_n(x)\}_{n \in \mathbb{N}}$  is equicontinuous at  $x = 1$  and let  $E$  denote the family of all functions  $\phi : \mathbb{R}^+ \rightarrow \mathbb{R}^+$  such that  $\phi$  is non-decreasing with  $\lim_{n \rightarrow \infty} \phi^n(t) = +\infty, \forall t > 0$ . If  $\{y_n\}_{n \in \mathbb{N}}$  is a sequence in  $X$  satisfying the condition

$$F_{y_n, y_{n+1}}(t) \geq F_{y_{n-1}, y_n}(\phi(t)),$$

for all  $t > 0$  and  $\alpha \in [-1, 0]$ , then  $\{y_n\}_{n \in \mathbb{N}}$  is a Cauchy sequence in  $X$ .

**Proposition 2.2.** Let  $\{x_n\}$  be a Cauchy sequence in a Menger space  $(X, \mathcal{F}, t)$  with continuous  $t$ -norm  $t$ . If the subsequence  $\{x_{2n}\}$  converges to  $x$  in  $X$ , then  $\{x_n\}$  also converges to  $x$ .

**Proof.** As  $\{x_{2n}\}$  converges to  $x$ , we have

$$F_{x_n, x}(\varepsilon) \geq t \left( F_{x_n, x_{2n}} \left( \frac{\varepsilon}{2} \right), F_{x_{2n}, x} \left( \frac{\varepsilon}{2} \right) \right).$$

Then

$$\lim_{n \rightarrow \infty} F_{x_n, x}(\varepsilon) \geq t(1, 1), \text{ which gives } \lim_{n \rightarrow \infty} F_{x_n, x}(\varepsilon) = 1, \forall \varepsilon > 0 \text{ and the result follows.}$$

### 3. MAIN RESULT

**Theorem 3.1.** Let  $A, B, S, T, P$  and  $Q$  be self mappings on a Menger space  $(X, \mathcal{F}, *)$  with continuous  $t$ -norm  $*$  satisfying :

(3.1.1)  $P(X) \subseteq ST(X), Q(X) \subseteq AB(X);$

(3.1.2)  $AB = BA, ST = TS, PB = BP, QT = TQ;$

(3.1.3) One of  $ST(X), Q(X), AB(X)$  or  $P(X)$  is complete;

(3.1.4) The pairs  $(P, AB)$  and  $(Q, ST)$  are occasionally weak compatible;

(3.1.5)  $[1 + \alpha F_{ABx, STy}(t)] * F_{Px, Qy}(t) \geq \alpha \min\{F_{Px, ABx}(t) * F_{Qy, STy}(t), F_{Px, STy}(2t) * F_{Qy, ABx}(2t)\} + F_{ABx, STy}(\phi(t)) * F_{Px, ABx}(\phi(t)) * F_{Qy, STy}(\phi(t)) * F_{Px, STy}(2\phi(t)) * F_{Qy, ABx}(2\phi(t))$

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

Then  $A, B, S, T, P$  and  $Q$  have a unique common fixed point in  $X$ .

**Proof.** Suppose  $x_0 \in X$ . From condition (3.1.1)  $\exists x_1, x_2 \in X$  such that

$$Px_0 = STx_1 \quad \text{and} \quad Qx_1 = ABx_2.$$

Inductively, we can construct sequences  $\{x_n\}$  and  $\{y_n\}$  in  $X$  such that

$$y_{2n} = Px_{2n} = STx_{2n+1} \quad \text{and} \quad y_{2n+1} = Qx_{2n+1} = ABx_{2n+2} \quad \text{for } n = 0, 1, 2, \dots$$

**Step I.** Let us show that  $F_{y_{n+2}, y_{n+1}}(t) \geq F_{y_{n+1}, y_n}(\phi(t))$ .

For, putting  $x_{2n+2}$  for  $x$  and  $x_{2n+1}$  for  $y$  in (3.1.5) and then on simplification, we have

$$\begin{aligned} & [1 + \alpha F_{ABx_{2n+2}, STx_{2n+1}}(t)] * F_{Px_{2n+2}, Qx_{2n+1}}(t) \\ & \geq \alpha \min\{F_{Px_{2n+2}, ABx_{2n+2}}(t) * F_{Qx_{2n+1}, STx_{2n+1}}(t), F_{Px_{2n+2}, STx_{2n+1}}(2t) F_{Qx_{2n+1}, ABx_{2n+2}}(2t)\} \\ & \quad + F_{ABx_{2n+2}, STx_{2n+1}}(\phi(t)) * F_{Px_{2n+2}, ABx_{2n+2}}(\phi(t)) * F_{Qx_{2n+1}, STx_{2n+1}}(\phi(t)) \\ & \quad * F_{Px_{2n+2}, STx_{2n+1}}(2\phi(t)) * F_{Qx_{2n+1}, ABx_{2n+2}}(2\phi(t)) \end{aligned}$$

$$\begin{aligned} & [1 + \alpha F_{y_{2n+1}, y_{2n}}(t)] * F_{y_{2n+2}, y_{2n+1}}(t) \\ & \geq \alpha \min\{F_{y_{2n+2}, y_{2n+1}}(t) * F_{y_{2n+1}, y_{2n}}(t), F_{y_{2n+2}, y_{2n}}(2t) * F_{y_{2n+1}, y_{2n+1}}(2t)\} + F_{y_{2n+1}, y_{2n}}(\phi(t)) \\ & \quad * F_{y_{2n+2}, y_{2n+1}}(\phi(t)) * F_{y_{2n+1}, y_{2n}}(\phi(t)) * F_{y_{2n+2}, y_{2n}}(2\phi(t)) * F_{y_{2n+1}, y_{2n+1}}(2\phi(t)) \\ & \quad + F_{y_{2n+2}, y_{2n+1}}(t) + \alpha F_{y_{2n+1}, y_{2n}}(t) * F_{y_{2n+2}, y_{2n+1}}(t) \\ & \geq \alpha \min\{F_{y_{2n+2}, y_{2n}}(2t), F_{y_{2n+2}, y_{2n}}(2t)\} + F_{y_{2n+1}, y_{2n}}(\phi(t)) * F_{y_{2n+2}, y_{2n+1}}(\phi(t)) \\ & \quad * F_{y_{2n+2}, y_{2n}}(2\phi(t)) * 1 \end{aligned}$$

$$\begin{aligned} & F_{y_{2n+2}, y_{2n+1}}(t) + \alpha F_{y_{2n+1}, y_{2n}}(t) * F_{y_{2n+2}, y_{2n+1}}(t) \\ & \geq \alpha F_{y_{2n+2}, y_{2n}}(2t) + F_{y_{2n+1}, y_{2n}}(\phi(t)) * F_{y_{2n+2}, y_{2n+1}}(2\phi(t)) \end{aligned}$$

$$\begin{aligned} & F_{y_{2n+2}, y_{2n+1}}(t) + \alpha F_{y_{2n+2}, y_{2n}}(2t) \\ & \geq \alpha F_{y_{2n+2}, y_{2n}}(2t) + F_{y_{2n+1}, y_{2n}}(\phi(t)) * F_{y_{2n+2}, y_{2n+1}}(\phi(t)) * F_{y_{2n+1}, y_{2n}}(\phi(t)) \end{aligned}$$

$$F_{y_{2n+2}, y_{2n+1}}(t) \geq F_{y_{2n+1}, y_{2n}}(\phi(t)) * F_{y_{2n+2}, y_{2n+1}}(\phi(t))$$

or,  $F_{y_{2n+2}, y_{2n+1}}(t) \geq F_{y_{2n+1}, y_{2n+2}}(\phi(t)) * F_{y_{2n}, y_{2n+1}}(\phi(t))$

or,  $F_{y_{2n+2}, y_{2n+1}}(t) \geq \min\{F_{y_{2n+1}, y_{2n+2}}(\phi(t)), F_{y_{2n}, y_{2n+1}}(\phi(t))\}$ .

If  $F_{y_{2n+1}, y_{2n+2}}(\phi(t))$  is chosen 'min' then we obtain

$$F_{y_{2n+2}, y_{2n+1}}(t) \geq F_{y_{2n+2}, y_{2n+1}}(\phi(t)), \quad \forall t > 0$$

a contradiction as  $\phi(t)$  is non-decreasing function.

Thus,

$$F_{y_{2n+2}, y_{2n+1}}(t) \geq F_{y_{2n+1}, y_{2n}}(\phi(t)), \quad \forall t > 0.$$

Similarly, by putting  $x_{2n+2}$  for  $x$  and  $x_{2n+3}$  for  $y$  in (3.1.5), we have

$$F_{y_{2n+3}, y_{2n+2}}(t) \geq F_{y_{2n+2}, y_{2n+1}}(\phi(t)), \quad \forall t > 0.$$

Using these two, we obtain

$$F_{y_{n+2}, y_{n+1}}(t) \geq F_{y_{n+1}, y_n}(\phi(t)), \quad \forall n = 0, 1, 2, \dots, t > 0.$$

Therefore, by lemma 2.1,  $\{y_n\}$  is a Cauchy sequence in  $X$ .

**Case I.  $ST(X)$  is complete.** In this case  $\{y_{2n}\} = \{STx_{2n+1}\}$  is a Cauchy sequence in  $ST(X)$ , which is complete. Thus  $\{y_{2n+1}\}$  converges to some  $z \in ST(X)$ . By proposition 2.2, we have

$$\{Qx_{2n+1}\} \rightarrow z \quad \text{and} \quad \{STx_{2n+1}\} \rightarrow z, \tag{3.1.6}$$

$$\{Px_{2n}\} \rightarrow z \quad \text{and} \quad \{ABx_{2n}\} \rightarrow z. \tag{3.1.7}$$

As  $z \in ST(X)$  there exists  $u \in X$  such that  $z = STu$ .

**Step I.** Put  $x = x_{2n}$  and  $y = u$  in (3.1.5), we get

$$\begin{aligned} & [1 + \alpha F_{ABx_{2n}, STu}(t)] * F_{Px_{2n}, Qu}(t) \\ & \geq \alpha \min\{F_{Px_{2n}, ABx_{2n}}(t) * F_{Qu, STu}(t), F_{Px_{2n}, STu}(2t) * F_{Qu, ABx_{2n}}(2t)\} \\ & \quad + F_{ABx_{2n}, STu}(\phi(t)) * F_{Px_{2n}, ABx_{2n}}(\phi(t)) * F_{Qu, STu}(\phi(t)) * F_{Px_{2n}, STu}(2\phi(t)) \\ & \quad * F_{Qu, ABx_{2n}}(2\phi(t)). \end{aligned}$$

Letting  $n \rightarrow \infty$  and using (3.1.6), (3.1.7), we get

$$\begin{aligned} & [1 + \alpha F_{z, z}(t)] * F_{z, Qu}(t) \\ & \geq \alpha \min\{F_{z, z}(t) * F_{Qu, z}(t), F_{z, z}(2t) * F_{Qu, z}(2t)\} \\ & \quad + F_{z, z}(\phi(t)) * F_{z, z}(\phi(t)) \\ & \quad * F_{Qu, z}(\phi(t)) * F_{z, z}(2\phi(t)) * F_{Qu, z}(2\phi(t)) \end{aligned}$$

$$F_{z, Qu}(t) + \alpha F_{z, Qu}(t) \geq \alpha \min\{F_{Qu, z}(t), F_{Qu, z}(2t)\} + F_{Qu, z}(\phi(t)) * F_{Qu, z}(2\phi(t))$$

$$F_{Qu, z}(t) + \alpha F_{Qu, z}(t) \geq \alpha \min\{F_{Qu, z}(t), F_{Qu, z}(t) * F_{z, z}(t)\} + F_{Qu, z}(\phi(t)) * F_{Qu, z}(\phi(t)) * F_{z, z}(\phi(t))$$

$$F_{Qu, z}(t) + \alpha F_{Qu, z}(t) \geq \alpha F_{Qu, z}(t) + F_{Qu, z}(\phi(t))$$

$$F_{Qu, z}(t) \geq F_{Qu, z}(\phi(t))$$

which is a contradiction and we get

$$Qu = z \quad \text{and so} \quad Qu = z = STu.$$

Since  $(Q, ST)$  is occasionally weakly compatible, we have

$$STz = Qz.$$

**Step III.** Put  $x = x_{2n}$  and  $y = Tz$  in (3.1.5), we have

$$\begin{aligned}
 & [1 + \alpha F_{ABx_{2n}, STz}(t)] * F_{Px_{2n}, QTz}(t) \\
 & \geq \alpha \min\{F_{Px_{2n}, ABx_{2n}}(t) * F_{QTz, STz}(t), F_{Px_{2n}, STz}(2t) * F_{QTz, ABx_{2n}}(2t)\} \\
 & \quad + F_{ABx_{2n}, STz}(\phi(t)) * F_{Px_{2n}, ABx_{2n}}(\phi(t)) * F_{QTz, STz}(\phi(t)) \\
 & \quad * F_{Px_{2n}, STz}(2\phi(t)) * F_{QTz, ABx_{2n}}(2\phi(t)).
 \end{aligned}$$

As  $QT = TQ$  and  $ST = TS$ , we have

$$QTz = TQz = Tz \quad \text{and} \quad ST(Tz) = T(STz) = Tz.$$

Letting  $n \rightarrow \infty$ , we get

$$\begin{aligned}
 & [1 + \alpha F_{z, Tz}(t)] * F_{z, Tz}(t) \geq \alpha \min\{F_{z, z}(t) * F_{Tz, Tz}(t), F_{z, Tz}(2t) * F_{Tz, z}(2t)\} \\
 & \quad + F_{z, Tz}(\phi(t)) * F_{z, z}(\phi(t)) \\
 & \quad * F_{Tz, Tz}(\phi(t)) * F_{z, Tz}(2\phi(t)) * F_{Tz, z}(2\phi(t)) \\
 & F_{z, Tz}(t) + \alpha\{F_{z, Tz}(t) * F_{z, Tz}(t)\} \geq \alpha \min\{1 * F_{Tz, z}(2t)\} + F_{z, Tz}(\phi(t)) * 1 * 1 * F_{Tz, z}(2\phi(t)) \\
 & F_{Tz, z}(t) + \alpha F_{Tz, z}(t) \geq \alpha F_{Tz, z}(2t) + F_{Tz, z}(\phi(t)) * F_{Tz, z}(2\phi(t)) \\
 & F_{Tz, z}(t) + \alpha F_{Tz, z}(t) \geq \alpha \{F_{Tz, z}(t) * F_{z, z}(t)\} + F_{Tz, z}(\phi(t)) * F_{Tz, z}(\phi(t)) * F_{z, z}(\phi(t)) \\
 & F_{Tz, z}(t) + \alpha F_{Tz, z}(t) \geq \alpha F_{Tz, z}(t) + F_{Tz, z}(\phi(t)) \\
 & F_{Tz, z}(t) \geq F_{Tz, z}(\phi(t))
 \end{aligned}$$

which is a contradiction and we get  $Tz = z$ .

Now,  $STz = Tz = z$  implies  $Sz = z$ .

Hence,  $Sz = Tz = Qz = z$ .

**Step IV.** As  $Q(X) \subseteq AB(X)$ , there exists  $w \in X$  such that

$$z = Qz = ABw.$$

Put  $x = w$  and  $y = x_{2n+1}$  in (3.1.5), we get

$$\begin{aligned}
 & [1 + \alpha F_{ABw, STx_{2n+1}}(t)] * F_{Pw, Qx_{2n+1}}(t) \\
 & \geq \alpha \min\{F_{Pw, ABw}(t) * F_{Qx_{2n+1}, STx_{2n+1}}(t), F_{Pw, STx_{2n+1}}(2t) \\
 & \quad * F_{Qx_{2n+1}, ABw}(2t)\} + F_{ABw, STx_{2n+1}}(\phi(t)) * F_{Pw, ABw}(\phi(t)) \\
 & \quad * F_{Qx_{2n+1}, STx_{2n+1}}(\phi(t)) * F_{Pw, STx_{2n+1}}(2\phi(t)) * F_{Qx_{2n+1}, ABw}(2\phi(t)).
 \end{aligned}$$

Letting  $n \rightarrow \infty$ , we get

$$\begin{aligned}
 & [1 + \alpha F_{z, z}(t)] * F_{Pw, z}(t) \geq \alpha \min\{F_{Pw, z}(t) * F_{z, z}(t), F_{Pw, z}(2t) * F_{z, z}(2t)\} \\
 & \quad + F_{z, z}(\phi(t)) * F_{Pw, z}(\phi(t)) \\
 & \quad * F_{z, z}(\phi(t)) * F_{Pw, z}(2\phi(t)) * F_{z, z}(2\phi(t)) \\
 & F_{Pw, z}(t) + \alpha F_{Pw, z}(t) \geq \alpha \min\{F_{Pw, z}(t), F_{Pw, z}(2t)\} + F_{Pw, z}(\phi(t)) * F_{Pw, z}(2\phi(t)) \\
 & F_{Pw, z}(t) + \alpha F_{Pw, z}(t) \geq \alpha \min\{F_{Pw, z}(t), F_{Pw, z}(t) * F_{z, z}(t)\} + F_{Pw, z}(\phi(t)) * F_{z, z}(\phi(t))
 \end{aligned}$$

$$\begin{aligned}
 F_{Pw, z}(t) + \alpha F_{Pw, z}(t) &\geq \alpha \min\{F_{Pw, z}(t), F_{Pw, z}(t)\} + F_{Pw, z}(\phi(t)) \\
 F_{Pw, z}(t) + \alpha F_{Pw, z}(t) &\geq \alpha F_{Pw, z}(t) + F_{Pw, z}(\phi(t)) \\
 F_{Pw, z}(t) &\geq F_{Pw, z}(\phi(t))
 \end{aligned}$$

which is a contradiction and hence, we get  $Pw = z$ .

Hence,  $Pz = z = ABz$ .

**Step V.** Put  $x = z$  and  $y = x_{2n+1}$  in (3.1.5), we have

$$\begin{aligned}
 [1 + \alpha F_{ABz, STx_{2n+1}}(t)] * F_{Pz, Qx_{2n+1}}(t) \\
 \geq \alpha \min\{F_{Pz, ABz}(t) * F_{Qx_{2n+1}, STx_{2n+1}}(t), F_{Pz, STx_{2n+1}}(2t) * F_{Qx_{2n+1}, ABz}(2t)\} \\
 + F_{ABz, STx_{2n+1}}(\phi(t)) * F_{Pz, ABz}(\phi(t)) * F_{Qx_{2n+1}, STx_{2n+1}}(\phi(t)) * F_{Pz, STx_{2n+1}}(2\phi(t)) \\
 * F_{Qx_{2n+1}, ABz}(2\phi(t)).
 \end{aligned}$$

Letting  $n \rightarrow \infty$ , we get

$$\begin{aligned}
 [1 + \alpha F_{Pz, z}(t)] * F_{Pz, z}(t) \\
 \geq \alpha \min\{F_{Pz, Pz}(t) * F_{z, z}(t), F_{Pz, z}(2t) * F_{z, Pz}(2t)\} + F_{Pz, z}(\phi(t)) * F_{Pz, Pz}(\phi(t)) \\
 * F_{z, z}(\phi(t)) * F_{Pz, z}(2\phi(t)) * F_{z, Pz}(2\phi(t)) \\
 F_{Pz, z}(t) + \alpha\{F_{Pz, z}(t) * F_{Pz, z}(t)\} \\
 \geq \alpha \min\{1 * 1, F_{Pz, z}(2t) * F_{Pz, z}(2t)\} + F_{Pz, z}(\phi(t)) * 1 * 1 * F_{Pz, z}(2\phi(t)) * F_{z, Pz}(2\phi(t)) \\
 F_{Pz, z}(t) + \alpha F_{Pz, z}(t) \geq \alpha \min\{1, F_{Pz, z}(2t)\} + F_{Pz, z}(\phi(t)) * F_{Pz, z}(2\phi(t)) \\
 F_{Pz, z}(t) + \alpha F_{Pz, z}(t) \geq \alpha F_{Pz, z}(2t) + F_{Pz, z}(\phi(t)) * F_{Pz, z}(2\phi(t)) \\
 F_{Pz, z}(t) + \alpha F_{Pz, z}(t) \geq \alpha\{F_{Pz, z}(t) * F_{z, z}(t)\} + F_{Pz, z}(\phi(t)) * F_{Pz, z}(\phi(t)) * F_{z, z}(\phi(t)) \\
 F_{Pz, z}(t) + \alpha F_{Pz, z}(t) \geq \alpha\{F_{Pz, z}(t) * 1\} + F_{Pz, z}(\phi(t)) * 1 \\
 F_{Pz, z}(t) + \alpha F_{Pz, z}(t) \geq \alpha F_{Pz, z}(t) + F_{Pz, z}(\phi(t)) \\
 F_{Pz, z}(t) \geq F_{Pz, z}(\phi(t))
 \end{aligned}$$

which is a contradiction and hence,  $Pz = z$

and so  $z = Pz = ABz$ .

**Step VI.** Put  $x = Bz$  and  $y = x_{2n+1}$  in (3.1.5), we get

$$\begin{aligned}
 [1 + \alpha F_{ABBz, STx_{2n+1}}(t)] * F_{PBz, Qx_{2n+1}}(t) \\
 \geq \alpha \min\{F_{PBz, ABBz}(t) * F_{Qx_{2n+1}, STx_{2n+1}}(t), F_{PBz, STx_{2n+1}}(2t) \\
 * F_{Qx_{2n+1}, ABBz}(2t)\} + F_{ABBz, STx_{2n+1}}(\phi(t)) * F_{PBz, ABBz}(\phi(t)) \\
 * F_{Qx_{2n+1}, STx_{2n+1}}(\phi(t)) * F_{PBz, STx_{2n+1}}(2\phi(t)) * F_{Qx_{2n+1}, ABBz}(2\phi(t)).
 \end{aligned}$$

As  $BP = PB, AB = BA$  so we have

$$P(Bz) = B(Pz) = Bz \text{ and } AB(Bz) = B(AB)z = Bz.$$

Letting  $n \rightarrow \infty$  and using (3.1.6), we get

$$\begin{aligned}
 & [1 + \alpha F_{Bz, z}(t)] * F_{Bz, z}(t) \\
 & \geq \alpha \min\{F_{Bz, Bz}(t) * F_{z, z}(t), F_{Bz, z}(2t) * F_{z, Bz}(2t)\} \\
 & \quad + F_{Bz, z}(\phi(t)) * F_{Bz, Bz}(\phi(t)) * F_{z, z}(\phi(t)) * F_{Bz, z}(2\phi(t)) * F_{z, Bz}(2\phi(t)) \\
 & F_{Bz, z}(t) + \alpha\{F_{Bz, z}(t) * F_{Bz, z}(t)\} \\
 & \geq \alpha \min\{1 * 1, F_{Bz, z}(2t)\} + F_{Bz, z}(\phi(t)) * 1 * 1 * F_{Bz, z}(2\phi(t)) \\
 & F_{Bz, z}(t) + \alpha F_{Bz, z}(t) \geq \alpha F_{Bz, z}(2t) + F_{Bz, z}(\phi(t)) * F_{Bz, z}(2\phi(t)) \\
 & F_{Bz, z}(t) + \alpha F_{Bz, z}(t) \geq \alpha \{F_{Bz, z}(t) * F_{z, z}(t)\} + F_{Bz, z}(\phi(t)) * F_{Bz, z}(\phi(t)) * F_{z, z}(\phi(t)) \\
 & F_{Bz, z}(t) + \alpha F_{Bz, z}(t) \geq \alpha \{F_{Bz, z}(t) * 1\} + F_{Bz, z}(\phi(t)) * 1 \\
 & F_{Bz, z}(t) + \alpha F_{Bz, z}(t) \geq \alpha F_{Bz, z}(t) + F_{Bz, z}(\phi(t)) \\
 & F_{Bz, z}(t) \geq F_{Bz, z}(\phi(t))
 \end{aligned}$$

which is a contradiction and we get  $Bz = z$  and so

$$z = ABz = Az.$$

Therefore,  $Pz = Az = Bz = z$ .

Combining the results from different steps, we get

$$Az = Bz = Pz = Qz = Tz = Sz = z.$$

Hence, the six self maps have a common fixed point in this case.

Case when  $P(X)$  is complete follows from above case as  $P(X) \subseteq ST(X)$ .

**Case II.  $AB(X)$  is complete.** This case follows by symmetry. As  $Q(X) \subseteq AB(X)$ , therefore the result also holds when  $Q(X)$  is complete.

**Uniqueness:**

Let  $z_1$  be another common fixed point of  $A, B, P, Q, S$  and  $T$ . Then

$$Az_1 = Bz_1 = Pz_1 = Sz_1 = Tz_1 = Qz_1 = z_1, \text{ assuming } z \neq z_1.$$

Put  $x = z$  and  $y = z_1$  in (3.1.5), we get

$$\begin{aligned}
 & [1 + \alpha F_{ABz, STz_1}(t)] * F_{Pz, Qz_1}(t) \\
 & \geq \alpha \min\{F_{Pz, ABz}(t) * F_{Qz_1, STz_1}(t), F_{Pz, STz_1}(2t) * F_{Qz_1, ABz}(2t)\} \\
 & \quad + F_{ABz, STz_1}(\phi(t)) * F_{Pz, ABz}(\phi(t)) * F_{Qz_1, STz_1}(\phi(t)) * F_{Pz, STz_1}(2\phi(t)) * F_{Qz_1, ABz}(2\phi(t)) \\
 & [1 + \alpha F_{z, z_1}(t)] * F_{z, z_1}(t) \\
 & \geq \alpha \min\{F_{z, z}(t) * F_{z_1, z_1}(t), F_{z, z_1}(2t) * F_{z_1, z}(2t)\} + F_{z, z_1}(\phi(t)) * F_{z, z}(\phi(t)) \\
 & \quad * F_{z_1, z_1}(\phi(t)) * F_{z, z_1}(2\phi(t)) * F_{z_1, z}(2\phi(t)) \\
 & F_{z, z_1}(t) + \alpha\{F_{z, z_1}(t) * F_{z, z_1}(t)\} \geq \alpha \min\{1, F_{z, z_1}(2t)\} + F_{z, z_1}(\phi(t)) * F_{z, z_1}(2\phi(t)) \\
 & F_{z, z_1}(t) + \alpha F_{z, z_1}(t) \geq \alpha F_{z, z_1}(2t) + F_{z, z_1}(\phi(t)) * F_{z, z_1}(\phi(t)) * F_{z, z}(\phi(t))
 \end{aligned}$$



$$F_{z_1, z}(t) + \alpha F_{z_1, z}(t) \geq \alpha \{F_{z_1, z}(t) * F_{z, z}(t)\} + F_{z_1, z}(\phi(t)) * 1$$

$$F_{z_1, z}(t) + \alpha F_{z_1, z}(t) \geq \alpha F_{z_1, z}(t) + F_{z_1, z}(\phi(t))$$

$$F_{z_1, z}(t) \geq F_{z_1, z}(\phi(t))$$

which is a contradiction.

Hence  $z = z_1$  and so  $z$  is the unique common fixed point of  $A, B, S, T, P$  and  $Q$ .

This completes the proof.

**Remark 3.1.** If we take  $B = T = I$ , the identity map on  $X$  in theorem 3.1, then condition (3.1.2) is satisfied trivially and we get

**Corollary 3.1.** Let  $A, S, P$  and  $Q$  be self mappings on a Menger space  $(X, \mathcal{F}, *)$  with continuous  $t$ -norm  $*$  satisfying :

- (i)  $P(X) \subseteq T(X), Q(X) \subseteq A(X)$ ;
- (ii) One of  $S(X), Q(X), A(X)$  or  $P(X)$  is complete;
- (iii) The pairs  $(P, A)$  and  $(Q, S)$  are occasionally weak compatible;
- (iv)  $[1 + \alpha F_{Ax, Sy}(t)] * F_{Px, Qy}(t) \geq \alpha \min\{F_{Px, Ax}(t) * F_{Qy, Sy}(t), F_{Px, Sy}(2t) * F_{Qy, Ax}(2t)\} + F_{Ax, Sy}(\phi(t)) * F_{Px, Ax}(\phi(t)) * F_{Qy, Sy}(\phi(t)) * F_{Px, Sy}(2\phi(t)) * F_{Qy, Ax}(2\phi(t))$

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

Then  $A, S, P$  and  $Q$  have a unique common fixed point in  $X$ .

**Remark 3.2.** In view of remark 3.1, corollary 3.1 is a generalization of the result of Pathak and Verma [1] in the sense that both the pair of self maps has been restricted to occasionally weak compatibility and we have dropped the condition of continuity in a Menger space with continuous  $t$ -norm.

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