



## FIXED POINT THEOREM IN A COMPLETE Menger SPACE USING IMPLICIT RELATION

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**ABSTRACT:** In this paper, a common fixed point theorem of six self-maps is proved using semi-compatibility, weak compatibility, reciprocal continuity and implicit relation in Integral setting in a Menger space.

**KEYWORDS:** Semi-compatible, Weak compatible, Reciprocal continuity, Implicit relation in Integral setting, Menger Space.

### 1. INTRODUCTION

The Probabilistic Metric Space (or Statistical Metric Space) was defined by Menger [5] in 1944, as a generalization of metric space. Then Schweizer and Sklar [7] gave some basic results in this space. Some mathematicians observed that condition of contraction in metric space may be translated into PM-Space with minimum norm. Sehgal and Bharucha [8] gave a generalization of Banach contraction principle in Menger space. Some basic definitions and theorems in Menger space which are used for proving the main result are as follows.

**Definition 1.1 [7]** "Let  $\Delta : [0, 1] \times [0, 1] \rightarrow [0, 1]$  be a mapping. Then  $\Delta$  is said to be a triangular-norm ( briefly, t-norm) if for all  $\alpha, \beta, \gamma \in [0, 1]$ ,

- (i)  $\Delta(\alpha, 1) = \alpha, \Delta(0, 0) = 0$ ;
- (ii)  $\Delta(\alpha, \beta) = \Delta(\beta, \alpha)$ ;
- (iii)  $\Delta(\alpha, \beta) \geq \Delta(\gamma, \delta)$  for  $\alpha \geq \gamma, \beta \geq \delta$ ;
- (iv)  $\Delta(\Delta(\alpha, \beta), \gamma) = \Delta(\alpha, \Delta(\beta, \gamma))$ ."

**Example 1.2 [7]** "The four basic t-norms are as follows:

- (i) The minimum t-norm:  $\Delta_M(\alpha, \beta) = \min\{\alpha, \beta\}$ .
- (ii) The product t-norm:  $\Delta_p(\alpha, \beta) = \alpha\beta$ .
- (iii) The Lukasiewicz t-norm:  $V_L(\alpha, \beta) = \min\{\alpha + \beta - 1, 0\}$ .
- (iv) The weakest t-norm, the drastic product:

$$\Delta_D(\alpha, \beta) = \begin{cases} \min\{\alpha, \beta\} & \text{if } \max\{\alpha, \beta\} = 1, \\ 0, & \text{otherwise.} \end{cases}$$



We have the following ordering in the above stated norms:

$$\Delta_D < \Delta_L < \Delta_P < \Delta_M."$$

**Definition 1.3 [7]** "A mapping  $\mathcal{F} : \mathbb{R} \rightarrow \mathbb{R}^+$  is a distribution function if it is left continuous and non-decreasing with  $\inf \mathcal{F}(x) = 0$  and  $\sup \mathcal{F}(x) = 1$  for all real  $x$ ."

We shall denote the set of all distribution functions by  $\mathcal{L}$  whereas  $\mathcal{H}(t)$  be the Heaviside distribution function defined as

$$\mathcal{H}(t) = \begin{cases} 0, & \text{if } t \leq 0 \\ 1, & \text{if } t > 0. \end{cases}$$

**Definition 1.4 [6]** "The ordered pair  $(\mathcal{K}, \mathcal{F})$  is called a PM space if  $\mathcal{K}$  be a non-empty set and  $\mathcal{F} : \mathcal{K} \times \mathcal{K} \rightarrow \mathcal{L}$  be a mapping satisfying:

(p<sub>1</sub>)  $\mathcal{F}_{x,y}(t) = 1$  for all  $t > 0$ , if and only if  $x = y$  ;

(p<sub>2</sub>)  $\mathcal{F}_{x,y}(0) = 0$  ;

(p<sub>3</sub>)  $\mathcal{F}_{x,y}(t) = \mathcal{F}_{y,x}(t)$ ;

(p<sub>4</sub>)  $\mathcal{F}_{x,y}(t) = 1$  and  $\mathcal{F}_{y,z}(s) = 1$ , then  $\mathcal{F}_{x,z}(t+s) = 1$ ,

for all  $x, y, z$  in  $\mathcal{K}$  and  $t, s \geq 0$  .

Every metric space can always be realized as a probabilistic metric space by putting the relation  $\mathcal{F}_{x,y}(t) = \mathcal{H}(t - d(x,y))$  for all  $x, y$  in  $\mathcal{K}$ ."

**Definition 1.5 [6]** "The ordered triplet  $(\mathcal{K}, \mathcal{F}, \Delta)$  is called a Menger space if  $(\mathcal{K}, \mathcal{F})$  is a probabilistic metric space,  $\Delta$  is a  $t$ -norm and satisfies for all  $x, y, z$  in  $\mathcal{K}$  and  $t, s \geq 0$ ,

(p<sub>5</sub>)  $\mathcal{F}_{x,z}(t+s) \geq \Delta(\mathcal{F}_{x,y}(t), \mathcal{F}_{y,z}(s))$ ."

**Definition 1.6 [6]** "A sequence  $\{x_n\}$  in a Menger space  $(\mathcal{K}, \mathcal{F}, \Delta)$  is said to be:

(i) Cauchy sequence in  $\mathcal{K}$  if for every  $\epsilon > 0$  and  $\lambda > 0$ , we can find a positive integer

$N_{\epsilon,\lambda}$  satisfying  $\mathcal{F}_{x_n, x_m}(\epsilon) > 1 - \lambda$ , for all  $n, m \geq N_{\epsilon,\lambda}$ .

(ii) Convergent at a point  $x \in \mathcal{K}$  if for every  $\epsilon > 0$  and  $\lambda > 0$ , there exists a

positive integer  $N_{\epsilon,\lambda}$  satisfying  $\mathcal{F}_{x_n, x}(\epsilon) > 1 - \lambda$ , for all  $n \geq N_{\epsilon,\lambda}$ ."

The space  $\mathcal{K}$  is said to be complete if every Cauchy sequence is convergent in  $\mathcal{K}$ .

**Definition 1.7 [6]** "Let  $S$  and  $T$  be two self-mappings of a Menger space  $(\mathcal{K}, \mathcal{F}, \Delta)$ . Then  $S$

and  $T$  are said to be compatible if  $\lim_{n \rightarrow \infty} \mathcal{F}_{STx_n, TSx_n}(t) = 1$  for all

$t > 0$  where  $\{x_n\}$  is a sequence in  $\mathcal{K}$  satisfying

$\lim_{n \rightarrow \infty} Sx_n = \lim_{n \rightarrow \infty} Tx_n = u$ , where  $u \in \mathcal{K}$ ."



**Definition 1.8 [10]** “Two self-mappings A and S of a non-empty set  $\mathcal{K}$  are said to be weakly compatible (or coincidentally commuting) if they commute at their coincidence points i.e. if  $Az = Sz$  for some  $z \in \mathcal{K}$ , then  $ASz = SAz$ .”

**Theorem 1.9 [10]** “If two self-mappings A and S of a Menger space  $(\mathcal{K}, \mathcal{F}, \Delta)$  are compatible, then they are weakly compatible.”

**Definition 1.10 [2]** “Let S and T be two self-mappings of a Menger space  $(\mathcal{K}, \mathcal{F}, \Delta)$ . Then S and T are said to be compatible of type (A) if we can find a sequence  $\{x_n\}$  in  $\mathcal{K}$  satisfying  $\lim_{n \rightarrow \infty} Sx_n = \lim_{n \rightarrow \infty} Tx_n = u$ , where  $u \in \mathcal{K}$  and  $\lim_{n \rightarrow \infty} \mathcal{F}_{STx_n, TTx_n}(t) = 1$  and  $\lim_{n \rightarrow \infty} \mathcal{F}_{TSx_n, SSx_n}(t) = 1$  for all  $t > 0$ .”

**Definition 1.11 [2]** “Let S and T be two self-mappings of a Menger space  $(\mathcal{K}, \mathcal{F}, \Delta)$ . Then S and T are said to be compatible of type ( $\beta$ ) if we can find a sequence  $\{x_n\}$  in  $\mathcal{K}$  satisfying  $\lim_{n \rightarrow \infty} Sx_n = \lim_{n \rightarrow \infty} Tx_n = u$ , where  $u \in \mathcal{K}$  and  $\lim_{n \rightarrow \infty} \mathcal{F}_{SSx_n, TTx_n}(t) = 1$  for all  $t > 0$ .”

**Definition 1.12 [1]** “Two self-maps S and T of a set  $\mathcal{K}$  are occasionally weakly compatible maps (shortly owc) if and only if we can find a point x in  $\mathcal{K}$  satisfying  $Sx = Tx$  and  $STx = TSx$ .”

**Theorem 1.13 [3]** “Let S and T be compatible maps of type (A) in a Menger space  $(\mathcal{K}, \mathcal{F}, \Delta)$  and  $Sx_n, Tx_n \rightarrow u$  for some u in  $\mathcal{K}$ . Then

- (i)  $TSx_n \rightarrow Su$  if S is continuous.
- (ii)  $STu = TSu$  and  $Su = Tu$  if S and T are continuous.”

**Theorem 1.14 [11]** “Let  $(\mathcal{K}, \mathcal{F}, \Delta)$  be a Menger space. If there exists a constant  $k \in (0, 1)$  such that  $\mathcal{F}_{x_{n+1}, x_n}(kt) \geq \mathcal{F}_{x_n, x_{n-1}}(t)$  for all x, y in  $\mathcal{K}$  and  $t > 0$ , then  $\{x_n\}$  is a Cauchy sequence in  $\mathcal{K}$ .”

**Theorem 1.15 [10]** “Let  $(\mathcal{K}, \mathcal{F}, \Delta)$  be a Menger space. If there exists a constant  $k \in (0, 1)$  such that  $\mathcal{F}_{x,y}(kt) \geq \mathcal{F}_{x,y}(t)$  for all x, y in  $\mathcal{K}$  and  $t > 0$ , then  $x = y$ .”

**Theorem 1.16 [10]** “In a Menger space  $(\mathcal{K}, \mathcal{F}, \Delta)$  if  $\Delta(a, a) \geq a$ , for all  $a \in [0, 1]$ , then  $\Delta(a, b) = \text{Min}\{a, b\}$  for  $a, b \in [0, 1]$ .”

**Definition 1.17 [15]** “Let S and T be two self-mappings on a Menger space  $(\mathcal{K}, \mathcal{F}, \Delta)$ . Then S and T are called reciprocally continuous if

$$\lim_{n \rightarrow \infty} STx_n = Sz \text{ and } \lim_{n \rightarrow \infty} TSx_n = Tz,$$

whenever  $\{x_n\}$  is a sequence in  $\mathcal{K}$  satisfying  $\lim_{n \rightarrow \infty} Tx_n = \lim_{n \rightarrow \infty} Sx_n = z, z \in \mathcal{K}$ .”



**Definition 1.18 [14]** “Let  $S$  and  $T$  be two self-mappings of a Mengerspace  $(\mathcal{K}, \mathcal{F}, \Delta)$  with continuous  $t$ -norm  $\Delta$ . Then  $S$  and  $T$  are called semi compatible if

$$\lim_{n \rightarrow \infty} \mathcal{F}_{STx_n, Su} (t) = 1,$$

whenever  $\{x_n\}$  in  $\mathcal{K}$  satisfies  $\lim_{n \rightarrow \infty} Sx_n = \lim_{n \rightarrow \infty} Tx_n = u$ , where  $u \in \mathcal{K}, t > 0$ .”

**Theorem 1.19 [16]** “If self-mappings  $A$  and  $S$  of a Menger space  $(\mathcal{K}, \mathcal{F}, \Delta)$  are semi-compatible then they are weak compatible.”

**Theorem 1.20 [16]** “Let  $S$  and  $T$  be two self-maps on a Menger space  $(\mathcal{K}, \mathcal{F}, \Delta)$  with  $\Delta(a,a) \geq a$ , for all  $a \in [0,1]$  and  $T$  is continuous. Then  $(S,T)$  is semi-compatible if and only if  $(S,T)$  is compatible.”

**Definition 1.21 [15]** A Class of Implicit Relation. “Let  $\Phi$  be the set of all real continuous functions  $\varphi : (\mathbb{R}^+)^4 \rightarrow \mathbb{R}$ , non-decreasing in the first argument with the property:

- (a) for  $u, v \geq 0, \varphi(u, v, v, u) \geq 0$  or  $\varphi(u, v, u, v) \geq 0$  implies that  $u \geq v$ ;
- (b)  $\varphi(u, u, 1, 1) \geq 0$  implies  $u \geq 1$ .”

Branciari proved the following theorem:

**Theorem 1.22 [13]** “Let  $(X, d)$  be a complete metric space. Suppose  $f : X \rightarrow X$  be a mapping such that for each  $x, y \in X$  and  $c \in [0,1]$ ,

$$\int_0^{d(fx, fy)} \varphi(t) dt \leq c \int_0^{d(x, y)} \varphi(t) dt;$$

where  $\varphi : \mathbb{R}^+ \rightarrow \mathbb{R}^+$  is a Lebesgue-integrable mapping which is a summable (with finite integral) on each compact subset of  $\mathbb{R}^+$ , non-negative and such that for each

$\epsilon > 0, \int_0^\epsilon \varphi(t) dt > 0$ . Then  $f$  has a unique fixed point  $z \in X$  such that for each

$x \in X, \lim_{n \rightarrow \infty} f^n x = z$ .”

**Definition 1.23** Implicit Relation in Integral Setting: Let  $\Phi$  be the set of all real continuous functions  $\varphi : (\mathbb{R}^+)^4 \rightarrow \mathbb{R}$ , non-decreasing in the first argument with the property:

- (a) For  $u, v \geq 0, \int_0^{\varphi(u, v, v, u)} \psi(t) dt \geq 0$  or  $\int_0^{\varphi(u, v, u, v)} \psi(t) dt \geq 0$  implies that  $u \geq v$ .
- (b)  $\int_0^{\varphi(u, u, 1, 1)} \psi(t) dt \geq 0$  implies  $u \geq 1$ ,

where  $\psi : \mathbb{R}^+ \rightarrow \mathbb{R}^+$  is a Lebesgue integrable mapping which is a summable (with finite integral) on each compact subset of  $\mathbb{R}^+$ , non-negative and such that for each



$$\epsilon > 0, \int_0^\epsilon \psi(t) dt > 0.$$

**Theorem 1.24 [12]** “Let  $(\mathcal{K}, \mathcal{F}, \Delta)$  be a Menger space. If there exists a constant

$k \in (0, 1)$  such that  $\int_0^{\mathcal{F}_{x,y}(kt)} \psi(t) dt \geq \int_0^{\mathcal{F}_{x,y}(t)} \psi(t) dt$  for all  $t > 0$  with fixed

$x, y \in \mathcal{K}$ , where  $\psi: [0, 1) \rightarrow [0, 1)$  is a non-negative summable Lebesgue integrable function

such that  $\int_\epsilon^1 \psi(t) dt > 0$  for each  $\epsilon \in [0, 1)$ , then  $x = y$ .”

## 2. Main Result

**Theorem 2.1** Let  $A, B, S, T, I$  and  $J$  be self-mappings of a complete Menger space  $(\mathcal{K}, \mathcal{F}, \Delta)$  such that

- (i)  $AB(\mathcal{K}) \subset J(\mathcal{K})$  and  $ST(\mathcal{K}) \subset I(\mathcal{K})$ ;
- (ii) the pair  $(AB, I)$  is semi-compatible and  $(ST, J)$  is weak compatible;
- (iii) the pair  $(AB, I)$  or  $(ST, J)$  is reciprocally continuous;
- (iv) for some  $\phi \in \Phi$ , there exists  $k \in (0, 1)$  such that for all  $x, y \in \mathcal{K}$  and  $t > 0$ ,

$$\int_0^{\phi(\mathcal{F}_{ABx,STy}(kt), \mathcal{F}_{Ix,Jy}(t), \mathcal{F}_{ABx,Ix}(t), \mathcal{F}_{STy,Jy}(kt))} \psi(t) dt \geq 0, \quad (2.1)$$

$$\int_0^{\phi(\mathcal{F}_{ABx,STy}(kt), \mathcal{F}_{Ix,Jy}(t), \mathcal{F}_{ABx,Ix}(kt), \mathcal{F}_{STy,Jy}(t))} \psi(t) dt \geq 0. \quad (2.2)$$

Then  $AB, ST, I$  and  $J$  have a unique common fixed point .

Furthermore, if the pairs  $(A, B), (A, I), (B, I), (S, T), (S, J)$  and  $(T, J)$  are commuting mappings then  $A, B, S, T, I$  and  $J$  have a unique common fixed point.

**Proof.** Let  $x_0 \in \mathcal{K}$ . Since  $AB(\mathcal{K}) \subset J(\mathcal{K})$  and  $ST(\mathcal{K}) \subset I(\mathcal{K})$ ,

there exist  $x_1, x_2 \in \mathcal{K}$  such that  $ABx_0 = Jx_1 = y_0$  and  $STx_1 = Ix_2 = y_1$ .

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

$ABx_{2n} = Jx_{2n+1} = y_{2n+1}$  and  $STx_{2n+1} = Ix_{2n+2} = y_{2n+2}$  for  $n = 0, 1, 2, \dots$

Now putting  $x = x_{2n}, y = x_{2n+1}$  in inequality (2.1), we obtain

$$\int_0^{\phi(\mathcal{F}_{ABx_{2n},STx_{2n+1}}(kt), \mathcal{F}_{Ix_{2n},Jx_{2n+1}}(t), \mathcal{F}_{ABx_{2n},Ix_{2n}}(t), \mathcal{F}_{STx_{2n+1},Jx_{2n+1}}(kt))} \psi(t) dt \geq 0.$$

$$(2.3)$$

That is,

$$\int_0^{\phi(\mathcal{F}_{y_{2n+1},y_{2n+2}}(kt), \mathcal{F}_{y_{2n},y_{2n+1}}(t), \mathcal{F}_{y_{2n},y_{2n+1}}(t), \mathcal{F}_{y_{2n+2},y_{2n+1}}(kt))} \psi(t) dt \geq 0. \quad (2.4) \quad \text{Using (a)}$$

of Definition 1.21, we get



$$\mathcal{F}_{y_{2n+2}, y_{2n+1}}(kt) \geq \mathcal{F}_{y_{2n+1}, y_{2n}}(t). \quad (2.5)$$

Analogously, putting  $x = x_{2n+2}$ ,  $y = x_{2n+1}$  in (2.2), we have

$$\int_0^{\phi(\mathcal{F}_{ABx_{2n+2}, STx_{2n+1}}(kt), \mathcal{F}_{Ix_{2n+2}, Jx_{2n+1}}(t), \mathcal{F}_{ABx_{2n+2}, Ix_{2n+2}}(kt), \mathcal{F}_{STx_{2n+1}, Jx_{2n+1}}(t))} \psi(t) dt \geq 0.$$

Using (a) of Definition 1.24, we get

$$\mathcal{F}_{y_{2n+2}, y_{2n+1}}(kt) \geq \mathcal{F}_{y_{2n+2}, y_{2n+1}}(t). \quad (2.6)$$

Thus, from (2.5) and (2.6), for any  $n$  and  $t$ , we have

$$\mathcal{F}_{y_n, y_{n+1}}(kt) \geq \mathcal{F}_{y_{n-1}, y_n}(t). \quad (2.7)$$

Hence by Theorem 1.14,  $\{y_n\}$  is a Cauchy sequence in  $\mathcal{K}$  which is complete. Therefore  $\{y_n\}$  converges to  $p \in \mathcal{K}$ . The sequences  $\{ABx_{2n}\}$ ,  $\{STx_{2n+1}\}$ ,  $\{Ix_{2n}\}$

And  $\{Jx_{2n+1}\}$ , being subsequences of  $\{y_n\}$  also converge to  $p$ , that is

$$\{ABx_{2n}\} \rightarrow p, \{STx_{2n+1}\} \rightarrow p, \quad (2.8)$$

$$\{Ix_{2n}\} \rightarrow p, \{Jx_{2n+1}\} \rightarrow p. \quad (2.9)$$

The reciprocal continuity of the pair  $(AB, I)$  gives

$$ABIx_{2n} \rightarrow ABp \text{ and } IABx_{2n} \rightarrow Ip.$$

The semi-compatibility of the pair  $(AB, I)$  gives  $\lim_{n \rightarrow \infty} ABIx_{2n} = Ip$ .

From the uniqueness of the limit in a Menger metric space, we obtain that

$$ABp = Ip \quad (2.10)$$

Step1. By putting  $x = p$ ,  $y = x_{2n+1}$  in (2.1), we obtain

$$\int_0^{\phi(\mathcal{F}_{ABp, STx_{2n+1}}(kt), \mathcal{F}_{Ip, Jx_{2n+1}}(t), \mathcal{F}_{ABp, Ip}(t), \mathcal{F}_{STx_{2n+1}, Jx_{2n+1}}(kt))} \psi(t) dt \geq 0.$$

Letting  $n \rightarrow \infty$  and using (2.8), (2.9) and (2.10), we get

$$\int_0^{\phi(\mathcal{F}_{Ip, p}(kt), \mathcal{F}_{Ip, p}(t), \mathcal{F}_{Ip, Ip}(t), \mathcal{F}_{p, p}(kt))} \psi(t) dt \geq 0.$$

As  $\phi$  is non-decreasing in first argument, we have

$$\int_0^{\phi(\mathcal{F}_{Ip, p}(t), \mathcal{F}_{Ip, p}(t), 1, 1)} \psi(t) dt \geq 0.$$

Using (b) of Definition 1.21, we have  $\mathcal{F}_{Ip, p}(t) \geq 1$  for all  $t > 0$ ,

which gives  $\mathcal{F}_{Ip, p}(t) = 1$ , that is  $Ip = p = ABp$ . (2.11)

Step 2. As  $AB(\mathcal{K}) \subset J(\mathcal{K})$ , there exists  $u \in \mathcal{K}$  such that  $ABp = Ip = p = Ju$ .

Putting  $x = x_{2n}$ ,  $y = u$  in (2.1) we obtain that

$$\int_0^{\phi(\mathcal{F}_{ABx_{2n}, STu}(kt), \mathcal{F}_{Ix_{2n}, Ju}(t), \mathcal{F}_{ABx_{2n}, Ix_{2n}}(t), \mathcal{F}_{STu, Ju}(kt))} \psi(t) dt \geq 0.$$



Letting  $n \rightarrow \infty$  and using (2.8) and (2.9), we get

$$\int_0^{\phi(\mathcal{F}_{p,STu}(kt), 1, 1, \mathcal{F}_{STu,p}(kt))} \psi(t) dt \geq 0.$$

Using (a) of Definition 1.21, we have  $\mathcal{F}_{p,STu}(kt) \geq 1$  for all  $t > 0$ , which gives

$\mathcal{F}_{p,STu}(kt) = 1$ . Thus  $p = STu$ . Therefore,  $STu = Ju = p$ . Since  $(ST, J)$  is weak compatible, we get

$$JSTu = STJu, \text{ that is } STp = Jp. \quad (2.12)$$

Step 3. By putting  $x = p$ ,  $y = p$  in (2.1) and using (2.11) and (2.12), we obtain

$$\int_0^{\phi(\mathcal{F}_{ABp,STp}(kt), \mathcal{F}_{Ip,Jp}(t), \mathcal{F}_{ABp,Ip}(t), \mathcal{F}_{STp,Jp}(kt))} \psi(t) dt \geq 0,$$

that is,

$$\int_0^{\phi(\mathcal{F}_{ABp,STp}(kt), \mathcal{F}_{ABp,STp}(t), 1, 1)} \psi(t) dt \geq 0.$$

As  $\phi$  is non-decreasing in first argument, we have

$$\int_0^{\phi(\mathcal{F}_{ABp,STp}(kt), \mathcal{F}_{ABp,STp}(t), 1, 1)} \psi(t) dt \geq 0.$$

Using (b) of Definition 1.21, we have  $\mathcal{F}_{ABp,STp}(t) \geq 1$  for all  $t > 0$ , which gives

$$\mathcal{F}_{ABp,STp}(t) = 1. \text{ Thus } ABp = STp.$$

Therefore  $p = ABp = STp = Ip = Jp$ , that is  $p$  is a common fixed point of  $AB, ST, I$  and  $J$ .

Uniqueness. Let  $q$  be another common fixed point of  $AB, ST, I$  and  $J$ .

$$\text{Then } q = ABq = STq = Iq = Jq.$$

By putting  $x = p$  and  $y = q$  in (2.1), we get

$$\int_0^{\phi(\mathcal{F}_{ABp,STq}(kt), \mathcal{F}_{Ip,Jq}(t), \mathcal{F}_{ABp,Ip}(t), \mathcal{F}_{STq,Jq}(kt))} \psi(t) dt \geq 0,$$

that is

$$\int_0^{\phi(\mathcal{F}_{p,q}(kt), \mathcal{F}_{p,q}(t), 1, 1)} \psi(t) dt \geq 0.$$

As  $\phi$  is non-decreasing in first argument, we have

$$\int_0^{\phi(\mathcal{F}_{p,q}(kt), \mathcal{F}_{p,q}(t), 1, 1)} \psi(t) dt \geq 0.$$

Using (a) of Definition 1.21, we have  $\mathcal{F}_{p,q}(t) \geq 1$  for all  $t > 0$ ,

which gives  $\mathcal{F}_{p,q}(t) = 1$ , that is  $p = q$ .

Therefore,  $p$  is the unique common fixed point of the self-maps  $AB, ST, I$  and  $J$ .

Finally, we need to show that  $p$  is also a common fixed point of  $A, B, S, T, I$  and  $J$ . For this

let  $p$  be the unique common fixed point of both the pairs  $(AB, I)$  and  $(ST, J)$ .

Then by using commutativity of the pairs  $(A, B), (A, I)$  and  $(B, I)$ , we obtain



$$Ap = A(ABp) = A(BAp) = AB(Ap), \quad Ap = A(Ip) = I(Ap),$$

$$Bp = B(ABp) = B(A(Bp)) = BA(Bp) = AB(Bp), \quad Bp = B(Ip) = I(Bp),$$

which shows that  $Ap$  and  $Bp$  are common fixed point of  $(AB, I)$ , yielding thereby

$$Ap = p = Bp = Ip = ABp \quad (2.13)$$

in the view of uniqueness of the common fixed point of the pair  $(AB, I)$ .

Similarly using the commutativity of  $(S, T)$ ,  $(S, J)$  and  $(T, J)$ , it can be shown that

$$Sp = Tp = Jp = STp = p. \quad (2.14)$$

Now we need to show that  $Ap = Sp$  and  $Bp = Tp$ .

For this put  $x = p$  and  $y = p$  in (2.1) and using (2.13) and (2.14), we get

$$\int_0^{\phi(\mathcal{F}_{ABp,STp}(kt), \mathcal{F}_{Ip,Jp}(t), \mathcal{F}_{ABp,Ip}(t), \mathcal{F}_{STp,Jp}(kt))} \psi(t) dt \geq 0,$$

that is,

$$\int_0^{\phi(\mathcal{F}_{Ap,Sp}(kt), \mathcal{F}_{Ap,Sp}(t), \mathcal{F}_{Ap,Ap}(t), \mathcal{F}_{Sp,Sp}(kt))} \psi(t) dt \geq 0.$$

As  $\phi$  is non-decreasing in first argument, we have

$$\int_0^{\phi(\mathcal{F}_{Ap,Sp}(kt), \mathcal{F}_{Ap,Sp}(t), 1, 1)} \psi(t) dt \geq 0.$$

Using (b) of Definition 1.21, we obtain

$$\mathcal{F}_{Ap,Sp}(t) \geq 1 \text{ for all } t > 0, \text{ which gives } \mathcal{F}_{Ap,Sp}(t) = 1, \text{ that is } Ap = Sp.$$

Similarly it can be shown that  $Bp = Tp$ .

Thus  $p$  is the unique common fixed point of  $A, B, S, T, I$  and  $J$ .

This completes the proof.

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