

# Common Coupled Fixed Point Theorems in V-Fuzzy Metric Spaces

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**Abstract :** In this paper we establish a coupled common fixed point theorem in V-fuzzy metric spaces. These spaces are further generalization of fuzzy metric spaces in the sense of George and Veeramani. The concept of W-compatibility is utilized here.

## 1. INTRODUCTION AND PRELIMINARIES

The purpose of the paper is to establish a common coupled fixed point theorem in V- fuzzy metric spaces. In 1965 Zadeh introduced the concept of fuzzy sets in his famous work in [15]. After that many eminent authors established many fixed point results using this concepts. Some references may be noted as [6, 7, 9, 13]. Fuzzy metric spaces are important generalizations of metric spaces. Fuzzy metric spaces have been introduced in different ways by many authors [3, 2, 10]. George and Veeramani [4] introduced the concept of fuzzy metric spaces modifying the work of Kramosil and Michalek [11] to introduce a Hausdroff topology on fuzzy metric space. Recently Gupta and Kanwar introduced V-fuzzy metric spaces in their work [8]. The concept is another generalization of fuzzy metric spaces .

Before we go to our main result, we recall some of the basic concepts and results which are discussed below.

**Denition 1.1 ( $t$  – norm) [14]** A binary operation  $*$  :  $[0, 1] \times [0, 1] \rightarrow [0, 1]$  is a  $t$  – norm if it satises the following conditions:

1.  $*(1, a) = a, *(0, 0) = 0$
2.  $*(a, b) = *(b, a)$
3.  $*(c, d) \geq *(a, b)$  whenever  $c \geq a$  and  $d \geq b$
4.  $*(*(a, b), c) = *(a, *(b, c))$  where  $a, b, c, d \in [0, 1]$

Typical examples of  $t$ –norms are  $a_{*1} b = \min \{a, b\}$ ,  $a_{*2} = ab$  and  $a_{*3} b = \text{Max} \{a + b - 1, 0\}$ .

**Denition 1.2 (Fuzzy Metric Space – George and Veeramani) [4]** The 3-tuple  $(X, M, *)$  is said to be a fuzzy metric space if  $X$  is an arbitrary set,  $*$  is a continuous  $t$ –norm and  $M$  is a fuzzy set on  $X \times X \times (0, \infty)$  satisfying the following conditions:

1.  $M(x, y, 0) > 0$ ,
2.  $M(x, y, t) = 1$  for all  $t > 0$  iff  $x = y$ ,
3.  $M(x, y, t) = M(y, x, t)$ ,
4.  $M(x, z, t + s) \geq (M(x, y, t) * M(y, z, s))$ ,
5.  $M(x, y, \cdot) : (0, \infty) \rightarrow [0, 1]$  is left- continuous, where  $x, y, z \in X$  and  $t, s > 0$ .

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**Example 1.1** [4] Let  $X = \mathbb{R}$ . Let  $a * b = a.b$  for all  $a, b \in [0, 1]$ . For each  $t \in (0, \infty)$   $x, y \in X$ ,

$$\text{let } M(x, y, t) = \frac{t}{t + |x - y|}$$

Then  $(\mathbb{R}, M, *)$  is a fuzzy metric space.

**Definition 1.3** [5] Let  $(X, \preceq)$  be a partially ordered set and  $F : X \rightarrow X$  be a mapping from  $X$  to itself. The mapping  $F$  is said to be non-decreasing if, for all  $x_1, x_2 \in X$ ,  $x_1 \preceq x_2$  implies  $F(x_1) \preceq F(x_2)$  and non-increasing if, for all  $x_1, x_2 \in X$ ,  $x_1 \preceq x_2$  implies  $F(x_1) \succeq F(x_2)$ .

**Definition 1.4** [5] Let  $(X, \preceq)$  be a partially ordered set and  $F : X \times X \rightarrow X$  be a mapping. The mapping  $F$  is said to have the mixed monotone property if  $F$  is non-decreasing in its first argument and is non-increasing in its second argument, that is, if, for all  $x_1, x_2 \in X$ ,  $x_1 \preceq x_2$  implies  $F(x_1, y) \preceq F(x_2, y)$  for fixed  $y \in X$  and if, for all  $y_1, y_2 \in X$ ,  $y_1 \preceq y_2$  implies  $F(x, y_1) \succeq F(x, y_2)$ , for fixed  $x \in X$ .

**Definition 1.5** [5] Let  $(X, \preceq)$  be a partially ordered set and  $F : X \times X \rightarrow X$  and  $h : X \rightarrow X$  be two mappings. The mapping  $F$  is said to have the mixed  $h$ -monotone property if  $F$  is monotone  $h$ -non-decreasing in its first argument and is monotone  $h$ -non-increasing in its second argument, that is, if, for all  $x_1, x_2 \in X$ ,  $hx_1 \preceq hx_2$  implies  $F(x_1, y) \preceq F(x_2, y)$  for all  $y \in X$  and if, for all  $y_1, y_2 \in X$ ,  $hy_1 \preceq hy_2$  implies  $F(x, y_1) \succeq F(x, y_2)$ , for any  $x \in X$ .

**Definition 1.6** [5] Let  $X$  be a nonempty set. An element  $(x, y) \in X \times X$  is called a coupled fixed point of the mapping if

$$F(x, y) = x, F(y, x) = y.$$

Further Lakshmikantham and Ćirić have introduced the concept of coupled coincidence point.

**Definition 1.7** [12] Let  $X$  be a nonempty set. An element  $(x, y) \in X \times X$  is called a coupled coincidence point of a mapping  $F : X \times X \rightarrow X$  and if

$$F(x, y) = hx, F(y, x) = hy.$$

If further  $x = hx = F(x, y)$  and  $y = hy = F(y, x)$  then  $(x, y)$  is a common coupled fixed point of  $h$  and  $F$ .

**Definition 1.8** [1] Let  $X$  be a nonempty set. Mappings  $F$  and  $h$  are called  $W$ -compatible if

$$g(F(x, y)) = F(gx, gy)$$

whenever

$$g(x) = F(x, y) \text{ and } g(y) = F(y, x) \text{ for some } (x, y) \in X \times X.$$

**Example 1.2** Define  $P : X \times X \rightarrow X$  and  $Q : X \rightarrow X$  where  $X = [-1, 1]$ ,  $P(x, y) = \frac{x^2 + y^2}{2}$ ,  $Q(x) = x$ , which satisfies  $Q(P(x, y)) = P(Qx, Qy)$  and  $Q(P(y, x)) = P(Qy, Qx)$ . For  $x = 1$  and  $y = 1$ , we get  $P(x, y) = Q(x)$  and  $P(y, x) = Q(y)$ . This implies that the mappings  $P : X \times X \rightarrow X$  and  $Q : X \rightarrow X$  are  $W$ -compatible.

**Definition 1.9 (V – Fuzzy Metric Space)** [8] Let  $X$  be a nonempty set. A triplet  $(X, V, *)$  is said to be a  $V$ -fuzzy metric space (denoted by  $VF$ -space), where  $*$  is a continuous  $t$ -norm, and  $V$  is a fuzzy set on  $X^n \times (0, \infty)$  satisfying the following conditions for all  $t, s \geq 0$ :

1.  $V(x, x, x, \dots, x, y, t) \geq 0$  for all  $x, y \in X$  with  $x \neq y$ ,
2.  $V(x_1, x_1, x_1, \dots, x_1, x_2, t) \geq V(x_1, x_2, x_3, \dots, x_n, t)$  for all  $x_1, x_2, x_3, \dots, x_n \in X$  with  $x_1 \neq x_2 \neq x_3 \dots \neq x_n$ ,
3.  $V(x_1, x_2, x_3, \dots, x_n, t) = 1$  if and only if  $x_1 = x_2 = x_3 = \dots = x_n$ ,
4.  $V(x_1, x_2, x_3, \dots, x_n, t) = V(p(x_1, x_2, x_3, \dots, x_n), t)$  where  $p$  is a permutation function,
5.  $V(x_1, x_2, x_3, \dots, x_{n-1}, t + s) \geq V(x_1, x_2, x_3, \dots, x_{n-1}, l, t) * V(l, l, l, \dots, l, x_n, s)$ ,
6.  $\lim_{t \rightarrow \infty} V(x_1, x_2, x_3, \dots, x_n, t) = 1$ ,

7.  $V(x_1, x_2, x_3, \dots, x_n) : (0, \infty) \rightarrow [0, 1]$  is continuous.

**Example 1.3** [8] Let  $(X, A)$  be an  $A$ -metric space. The  $t$ -norm  $a * b = ab$  or  $a * b = \min\{a, b\}$ . For all  $x_1, x_2, x_3, \dots, x_n \in X, t > 0$ , denote

$$V(x_1, x_2, x_3, \dots, x_n, t) = \frac{t}{t + A(x_1, x_2, x_3, \dots, x_n)}$$

Then  $(X, V, *)$  is a  $V$ -fuzzy metric space.

**Lemma 1.1** [8] Let  $(X, V, *)$  be a  $V$ -fuzzy metric space. Then  $V(x_1, x_2, x_3, \dots, x_n, t)$  is nondecreasing with respect to  $t$ .

**Lemma 1.2** [8] Let  $(X, V, *)$  be a  $V$ -fuzzy metric space such that

$$V(x_1, x_2, x_3, \dots, x_n, kt) \geq V(x_1, x_2, x_3, \dots, x_n, t)$$

with  $k \in (0, 1)$ . Then  $x_1 = x_2 = x_3 = \dots = x_n$ .

**Definition 1.10** [8] Let  $(X, V, *)$  be a  $V$ -fuzzy metric space. A sequence  $\{x_r\}$  is said to converge to a point  $x \in X$  if  $V(x_r, x_r, x_r, \dots, x_r, x, t) \rightarrow 1$  as  $r \rightarrow \infty$  for all  $t > 0$ , that is, for each  $\epsilon > 0$ , there exists  $n \in \mathbb{N}$  such that for all  $r \geq n$ , we have  $V(x_r, x_r, x_r, \dots, x_r, x, t) > 1 - \epsilon$ , and we write  $\lim_{n \rightarrow \infty} x_r = x$ .

**Definition 1.11** [8] Let  $(X, V, *)$  be a  $V$ -fuzzy metric space. A sequence  $\{x_r\}$  is said to be a  $V$ -Cauchy sequence if  $V(x_r, x_r, x_r, \dots, x_r, x_q, t) \rightarrow 1$  as  $r, q \rightarrow \infty$  for all  $t > 0$ . In other words, for each  $\epsilon > 0$ , there exists  $n_0 \in \mathbb{N}$  such that for all  $r, q \geq n_0$ , we have  $V(x_r, x_r, x_r, \dots, x_r, x_q, t) > 1 - \epsilon$ .

**Definition 1.12** [8] The  $V$ -fuzzy metric space  $(X, V, *)$  is said to be  $V$ -complete if every Cauchy sequence in  $X$  is convergent.

Now we give our main result.

## 2. MAIN RESULT

**Lemma 2.1** Let  $(X, V, *)$  be a  $V$ -fuzzy metric space. If there exists  $k \in (0, 1)$  such that  $\min\{V(x_1, x_2, x_3, \dots, x_n, kt), V(y_1, y_2, y_3, \dots, y_n, kt)\} \geq \min\{V(x_1, x_2, x_3, \dots, x_n, t), V(y_1, y_2, y_3, \dots, y_n, t)\}$  for all  $x_1, x_2, x_3, \dots, x_n, y_1, y_2, y_3, \dots, y_n \in X$  and  $t > 0$  then  $x_1 = x_2 = x_3 = \dots = x_n$  and  $y_1 = y_2 = y_3 = \dots = y_n$ .

**Proof:** Using lemma 1.2 we can prove this lemma.

### 2.1. Main Theorem

Let  $(X, V, *)$  be a  $V$ -fuzzy metric space with  $a * b = \min\{a, b\}$  for all  $a, b \in [0, 1]$  and  $F: X \times X \rightarrow X, g: X \rightarrow X$  be mappings satisfying

$$V(F(x, y), F(u, v), F(u, v), \dots, F(u, v), kt) \geq \min\{V(gx, gu, gu, \dots, gu, t), V(gy, gv, gv, \dots, gv, t)\} \quad (2.1)$$

for all  $x, y, u, v \in X$ , where  $0 < k < 1, F(X \times X) \subset g(X)$  is a complete subspace of  $X$  and the pair  $(g, F)$  is  $W$ -compatible. Then  $F$  and  $g$  have unique common fixed point.

**Proof:** Let  $x_0, y_0 \in X$ , denote  $Z_n = F(x_n, y_n) = gx_{n+1}$  and  $p_n = F(y_n, x_n) = gy_{n+1}, n = 0, 1, 2, \dots$

$$\text{Let } r_n(t) = V(z_n, z_{n+1}, z_{n+1}, \dots, z_{n+1}, t)$$

$$\text{and } s_n(t) = V(p_n, p_{n+1}, p_{n+1}, \dots, p_{n+1}, t)$$

$$\begin{aligned} 2\text{Now, } r_{n+1}(kt) &= V(Z_{n+1}, Z_{n+2}, Z_{n+2}, \dots, Z_{n+2}, kt) \\ &= V(F(x_{n+1}, y_{n+1}), F(x_{n+2}, y_{n+2}), \dots, F(x_{n+2}, y_{n+2}), kt) \\ &\geq \min\{V(gx_{n+1}, gx_{n+2}, gx_{n+2}, \dots, gx_{n+2}, t), \\ &\quad V(gy_{n+1}, gy_{n+2}, gy_{n+2}, \dots, gy_{n+2}, t)\} \quad [\text{Using 2.1}] \\ &= \min\{V(Z_n, Z_{n+1}, Z_{n+1}, \dots, Z_{n+1}, t), V(p_n, p_{n+1}, p_{n+1}, \dots, p_{n+1}, t)\} \\ &= \{r_n(t), s_n(t)\} \end{aligned}$$

Therefore,

$$r_{n+1}(kt) \geq \min\{r_n(t), s_n(t)\}. \quad (2.2)$$

$$\begin{aligned} \text{Also, } s_{n+1}(kt) &= V(p_{n+1}, p_{n+2}, p_{n+2}, \dots, p_{n+2}, kt) \\ &= V(F(y_{n+1}, x_{n+1}), F(y_{n+2}, x_{n+2}), \dots, F(y_{n+2}, x_{n+2}), kt) \\ &\geq \min\{V(gy_{n+1}, gy_{n+2}, gy_{n+2}, \dots, y_{n+2}, t), V(gx_{n+1}, gx_{n+2}, gx_{n+2}, \dots, \\ &\quad gx_{n+2}, t)\} \text{ [Using 2:1]} \\ &= \min\{V(p_n, p_{n+1}, p_{n+1}, \dots, p_{n+1}, t), V(Z_n, Z_{n+1}, Z_{n+1}, \dots, Z_{n+1}, t)\} \\ &= \{s_n(t), r_n(t)\}: \end{aligned}$$

Therefore,

$$s_{n+1}(kt) \geq \min\{s_n(t), r_n(t)\}. \quad (2.3)$$

$$\text{Thus, } \min\{r_{n+1}(kt), s_{n+1}(kt)\} \geq \min\{r_n(t), s_n(t)\}.$$

$$\begin{aligned} \text{Hence, } \min\{r_n(t), s_n(t)\} &\geq \min\left\{r_{n-1}\left(\frac{1}{k}\right), s_{n-1}\left(\frac{t}{k}\right)\right\} \\ &\geq \min\left\{r_{n-2}\left(\frac{1}{k}\right), s_{n-2}\left(\frac{t}{k}\right)\right\} \\ &\geq \min\left\{r_0\left(\frac{1}{k^n}\right), s_0\left(\frac{t}{k^n}\right)\right\}. \end{aligned}$$

$$\text{So, } \min\{r_n(t), s_n(t)\} \geq \min\left\{V\left(z_0, z_1, z_1, \dots, z_1, \frac{t}{k^n}\right), V\left(p_0, p_1, p_1, \dots, p_1, \frac{t}{k^n}\right)\right\}. \quad (2.4)$$

For any positive integer  $n$  and fixed positive integer  $p$ , we have

$$\begin{aligned} V(z_n, z_{n+p}, z_{n+p}, \dots, z_{n+p}, t) &\geq V\left(z_{n+p-1}, z_{n+p}, z_{n+p}, \dots, z_{n+p}, \frac{t}{p}\right) \\ &\quad * V\left(z_{n+p-2}, z_{n+p-1}, z_{n+p-1}, \dots, z_{n+p-1}, \frac{t}{p}\right) \\ &\quad * \dots * V\left(z_n, z_{n+1}, z_{n+1}, \dots, z_{n+1}, \frac{t}{p}\right) \\ &\geq \min\left\{V\left(z_0, z_1, z_1, \dots, z_1, \frac{t}{pk^{n+p-1}}\right), V\left(p_0, p_1, p_1, \dots, p_1, \frac{t}{pk^{n+p-1}}\right)\right\} \\ &\quad * \min\left\{V\left(z_0, z_1, z_1, \dots, z_1, \frac{t}{pk^{n+p-2}}\right), V\left(p_0, p_1, p_1, \dots, p_1, \frac{t}{pk^{n+p-2}}\right)\right\} \\ &\quad * \dots * \min\left\{V\left(z_0, z_1, z_1, \dots, z_1, \frac{t}{pk^n}\right), V\left(p_0, p_1, p_1, \dots, p_1, \frac{t}{pk^n}\right)\right\} \end{aligned} \quad (2.5)$$

Letting  $n \rightarrow \infty$  and using the axiom (6) from the definition of V-fuzzy metric space we get,

$$\lim_{n \rightarrow \infty} V(Z_n, Z_{n+p}, Z_{n+p}, \dots, Z_{n+p}, t) \geq 1 * 1 * 1 \dots * 1 = 1. \quad (2.6)$$

Hence,

$$\lim_{n \rightarrow \infty} V(Z_n, Z_{n+p}, Z_{n+p}, \dots, Z_{n+p}, t) = 1:$$

Thus  $\{Z_n\}$  is V -Cauchy sequence in X. Similarly we can show that  $\{p_n\}$  is also a V - Cauchy sequence in X. Since  $g(X)$  is V -complete,  $\{Z_n\}$  and  $\{p_n\}$  converge to some  $u$  and  $v$  in  $g(X)$  respectively. Hence there exist  $x$  and  $y$  in X such that  $u = gx$  and  $v = gy$ .

$$\begin{aligned}
 \text{Now,} \quad & V(Z_n, F(x, y), F(x, y), \dots, F(x, y), kt) \\
 &= V(F(x_n, y_n), F(x, y), F(x, y), \dots, F(x, y), kt) \\
 &\geq \min \{V(gx_n, gx, gx, \dots, gx, t), V(gy_n, gy, gy, \dots, gy, t)\} \\
 &= \min \{V(Z_{n-1}, gx, gx, \dots, gx, t), V(p_{n-1}, gy, gy, \dots, gy, t)\} \quad (2.7)
 \end{aligned}$$

Taking  $n \rightarrow \infty$ , we get

$$V(gx, F(x, y), F(x, y), \dots, F(x, y), kt) \geq \min \{1, 1\} = 1. \quad (2.8)$$

Hence,  $F(x, y) = gx$ . Similarly we can show that  $F(y, x) = gy$ . So,

$$\begin{aligned}
 gu &= ggx \\
 &= g(F(x, y)) \\
 &= F(gx, gy) \quad [\text{as } (g, F) \text{ are W-compatible}] \\
 &= F(u, v).
 \end{aligned}$$

and

$$\begin{aligned}
 gv &= ggy \\
 &= g(F(y, x)) \\
 &= F(gy, gx) \quad [\text{as } (g, F) \text{ are W-compatible}] \\
 &= F(v, u).
 \end{aligned}$$

So,  $(u, v) \in X \times X$  is a coupled coincidence point of  $F$  and  $g$ . To show that  $(u, v)$  is also a common coupled fixed point of  $F$  and  $g$ .

$$\begin{aligned}
 \text{Now,} \quad & V(Z_n, gu, gu, \dots, gu, kt) = V(F(x_n, y_n), F(u, v), F(u, v), \dots, F(u, v), kt) \\
 &\geq \min \{V(gx_n, gu, gu, \dots, gu, t), V(gy_n, gv, gv, \dots, gv, t)\} \quad (2.9)
 \end{aligned}$$

Taking  $n \rightarrow \infty$  in above eqn,

$$V(u, gu, gu, \dots, gu, kt) \geq \min \{V(u, gu, gu, \dots, gu, t), V(v, gv, gv, \dots, gv, t)\} \quad (2.10)$$

Similarly we can show that

$$V(v, gv, gv, \dots, gv, kt) \geq \min \{V(v, gv, gv, \dots, gv, t), V(u, gu, gu, \dots, gu, t)\} \quad (2.11)$$

From (2.10) and (2.11)

$$\begin{aligned}
 &\min \{V(u, gu, gu, \dots, gu, kt), V(v, gv, gv, \dots, gv, kt)\} \\
 &\geq \min \{V(u, gu, gu, \dots, gu, t), V(v, gv, gv, \dots, gv, t)\}
 \end{aligned}$$

So by lemma 2.1  $u = gu$  and  $v = gv$ . Therefore,  $u = gu = F(u, v)$  and  $v = gv = F(v, u)$ . Hence  $(u, v)$  is a common coupled fixed point of  $F$  and  $g$ . For uniqueness, let  $(u_1, v_1)$  be another common coupled fixed point of  $F$  and  $g$ . So,

$$\begin{aligned}
 V(u, u_1, u_1, \dots, u_1, kt) &= V(F(u, v), F(u_1, v_1), F(u_1, v_1), \dots, F(u_1, v_1), kt) \\
 &\geq \min \{V(u, u_1, u_1, \dots, u_1, t), V(v, v_1, v_1, \dots, v_1, t)\} \quad (2.12)
 \end{aligned}$$

Similarly,

$$V(v, v_1, v_1, \dots, v_1, kt) \geq \min \{V(v, v_1, v_1, \dots, v_1, t), V(u, u_1, u_1, \dots, u_1, t)\} \quad (2.13)$$

Thus from (2.12) and (2.13),

$$\min \{V(u, u_1, u_1, \dots, u_1, kt), V(v, v_1, v_1, \dots, v_1, kt)\} \geq \min \{V(u, u_1, u_1, \dots, u_1, t), V(v, v_1, v_1, \dots, v_1, t)\}$$

From lemma 2.1  $u_1 = u$  and  $v_1 = v$ .

Hence  $(u, v)$  is the unique common coupled fixed point of  $F$  and  $g$ .

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