

## FIXED POINT THEOREM IN MENGER SPACE FOR SEMI-COMPATIBLE MAPPINGS

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### ABSTRACT

In this paper, the concept of semi-compatibility and weak compatibility in Menger space has been applied to prove a common fixed point theorem for six self maps.

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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 [4]. 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 [8] studied this concept and gave some fundamental results on this space. Sehgal and Bharucha-Reid [9] 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 [3] termed a pair of self maps to be coincidentally commuting or equivalently weakly compatible if they commute at their coincidence points. Sessa [10] initiated the tradition of improving commutativity in fixed-point theorems by introducing the notion of weak commuting maps in metric spaces. Jungck [2] soon enlarged this concept to compatible maps. The notion of compatible mapping in a Menger space has been introduced by Mishra [5].

Cho, Sharma and Sahu [1] introduced the concept of semi-compatibility in a  $d$ -complete topological space. Popa [7] proved interesting fixed point results using implicit real functions and semi-compatibility in  $d$ -complete topological space. In the sequel, Pathak and Verma [6] proved a common fixed point theorem in Menger space using compatibility and weak compatibility.

In this paper a fixed point theorem for six self maps has been proved using the concept of semi-compatible maps and weak compatible maps.

### 2. PRELIMINARIES

**Definition 2.1.** A mapping  $f : \mathbb{R} \rightarrow \mathbb{R}^+$  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.** A triangular norm  $*$  (shortly  $t$ -norm) is a binary operation on the unit interval  $[0, 1]$  such that for all  $a, b, c, d \in [0, 1]$  the following conditions are satisfied :

- (a)  $a * 1 = a$ ;
- (b)  $a * b = b * a$ ;
- (c)  $a * b \leq c * d$  whenever  $a \leq c$  and  $b \leq d$ ;
- (d)  $a * (b * c) = (a * b) * c$ .

Examples of  $t$ -norms are  $a * b = \max\{a + b - 1, 0\}$  and  $a * b = \min\{a, b\}$ .

**Definition 2.3.** [8] A probabilistic metric space (PM-space) is an ordered pair  $(X, f)$  consisting of a non empty set  $X$  and a function  $f : X \times X \rightarrow L$ , 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  $(X, f, t)$  where  $(X, f)$  is a PM-space and  $*$  is a t-norm such that the inequality

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

**Proposition 2.1.** [9] Let  $(X, d)$  be a metric space. Then the metric  $d$  induces a distribution function  $F$  defined by  $F_{x,y}\{t\} = H(t - d(x,y))$  for all  $x, y \in X$  and  $t > 0$ . If t-norm  $*$  is a  $a * b = \min\{a, b\}$  for all  $a, b \in [0, 1]$  then  $(X, f, *)$  is a Menger space. Further,  $(X, f, *)$  is a complete Menger space if  $(X, d)$  is complete.

**Definition 2.5.** [5] Let  $(X, f, *)$  be a Menger space and  $*$  be a continuous t-norm.

(a) A sequence  $\{x_n\}$  in  $X$  is said to be converge to a point  $x$  in  $S$  (written  $x_n \rightarrow x$ ) iff for every  $\varepsilon > 0$  and  $\lambda \in (0,1)$ , there exists an integer  $n_0 = n_0(\varepsilon, \lambda)$  such that  $F_{x_n, x}(\varepsilon) > 1 - \lambda$  for all  $n \geq n_0$ .

(b) A sequence  $\{x_n\}$  in  $X$  is said to be Cauchy if for every  $\varepsilon > 0$  and  $\lambda \in (0,1)$ , there exists an integer  $n_0 = n_0(\varepsilon, \lambda)$  such that  $F_{x_n, x_{n+p}}(\varepsilon) > 1 - \lambda$  for all  $n \geq n_0$  and  $p > 0$ .

(c) A Menger space in which every Cauchy sequence is convergent is said to be complete.

**Remark 2.1.** If  $*$  is a continuous t-norm, it follows from (PM-4) that the limit of sequence in Menger space is uniquely determined.

**Definition 2.6.** [11] Self mappings  $A$  and  $S$  of a Menger space  $(X, f, t)$  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.** [5] Self mappings  $A$  and  $S$  of a Menger space  $(X, f, t)$  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.** Self mappings  $A$  and  $S$  of a Menger space  $(X, f, t)$  are said to be semi-compatible if  $F_{ASx_n, Su}(x) \rightarrow 1$  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  $n \rightarrow \infty$ .

Now, we give an example of pair of self maps  $(S, T)$  which is semi-compatible but not compatible. Further we observe here that the pair  $(T, S)$  is not semi-compatible though  $(S, T)$  is semi-compatible.

**Example 2.1.** Let  $(X, d)$  be a metric space where  $X = [0, 1]$  and  $(X, f, t)$  be the induced Menger space with  $F_{p,q}(\varepsilon) = H(\varepsilon - d(p, q))$ ,  $\forall p, q \in X$  and  $\forall \varepsilon > 0$ . Define self maps  $S$  and  $T$  as follows :

$$Sx = \begin{cases} x & \text{if } 0 \leq x < \frac{1}{2} \\ 1 & \text{if } \frac{1}{2} \leq x \leq 1 \end{cases} \quad \text{and} \quad Tx = \begin{cases} 1-x & \text{if } 0 \leq x < \frac{1}{2} \\ 1 & \text{if } \frac{1}{2} \leq x \leq 1 \end{cases}.$$

Take  $x_n = \frac{1}{2} - \frac{1}{n}$ . Now,

$$F_{Sx_n, 1/2}(\varepsilon) = H(\varepsilon - (1/n)).$$

Therefore,  $\lim_{n \rightarrow \infty} F_{Sx_n, 1/2}(\varepsilon) = H(\varepsilon) = 1$ .

Hence,  $Sx_n \rightarrow 1/2$  as  $n \rightarrow \infty$ .

Similarly,  $Tx_n \rightarrow 1/2$  as  $n \rightarrow \infty$ .

Also

$$F_{STx_n, TSx_n}(\varepsilon) = H\left(\varepsilon - \left(\frac{1}{2} - \frac{1}{n}\right)\right) \neq 1, \quad \forall \varepsilon > 0.$$

Hence, the pair (S, T) is not compatible.

Again,  $\lim_{n \rightarrow \infty} F_{STx_n, Tx}(\varepsilon) = \lim_{n \rightarrow \infty} F_{STx_n, 1}(\varepsilon) = H(\varepsilon - |1-1|) = 1 \quad \forall \varepsilon > 0.$

Thus, (S, T) is semi-compatible.

$$\text{Now, } \lim_{n \rightarrow \infty} F_{TSx_n, Sx}(\varepsilon) \neq 1, \quad \forall \varepsilon > 0.$$

Thus, (T, S) is not semi-compatible.

**Remark 2.2.** In view of above example, it follows that the concept of semi-compatibility is more general than that of compatibility.

**Lemma 2.1. [11]** Let  $\{x_n\}$  be a sequence in a Menger space  $(X, f, *)$  with continuous t-norm  $*$  and  $t * t \geq t$ . If there exists a constant  $k \in (0, 1)$  such that

$$F_{x_n, x_{n+1}}(kt) \geq F_{x_{n-1}, x_n}(t)$$

for all  $t > 0$  and  $n = 1, 2, 3, \dots$ , then  $\{x_n\}$  is a Cauchy sequence in X.

**3. MAIN RESULT**

**Theorem 3.1.** Let A, B, S, T, L and M be self maps of a complete Menger space  $(X, f, *)$  with  $t * t \geq t$  satisfying :

- (3.1.1)  $L(X) \subseteq ST(X), M(X) \subseteq AB(X)$ ;
- (3.1.2)  $AB = BA, ST = TS, LB = BL, MT = TM$ ;
- (3.1.3) either L or AB is continuous;
- (3.1.4) (L, AB) is semi-compatible and (M, ST) is weak compatible;
- (3.1.5) there exists a constant  $k \in (0, 1)$  such that

$$F_{Lx, My}^2(kt) * [F_{ABx, Lx}(kt).F_{STy, My}(kt)] \geq [pF_{ABx, Lx}(t) + qF_{ABx, STy}(t)].F_{ABx, My}(2kt)$$

for all  $x, y \in X$  and  $t > 0$  where  $0 < p, q < 1$  such that  $p + q = 1$ .

Then A, B, S, T, L and M 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

$$Lx_0 = STx_1 \quad \text{and} \quad Mx_1 = ABx_2.$$

Inductively, we can construct sequences  $\{x_n\}$  and  $\{y_n\}$  in X such that  $y_{2n} = Lx_{2n} = STx_{2n+1}$  and  $y_{2n+1} = Mx_{2n+1} = ABx_{2n+2}$  for  $n = 0, 1, 2, \dots$ .

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

$$\begin{aligned} &F_{Lx_{2n}, Mx_{2n+1}}^2(kt) * [F_{ABx_{2n}, Lx_{2n}}(kt).F_{STx_{2n+1}, Mx_{2n+1}}(kt)] \\ &\geq [pF_{ABx_{2n}, Lx_{2n}}(t) + qF_{ABx_{2n}, STx_{2n+1}}(t)].F_{ABx_{2n}, Mx_{2n+1}}(2kt) \\ &F_{y_{2n}, y_{2n+1}}^2(kt) * [F_{y_{2n-1}, y_{2n}}(kt).F_{y_{2n}, y_{2n+1}}(kt)] \\ &\geq [pF_{y_{2n}, y_{2n-1}}(t) + qF_{y_{2n-1}, y_{2n}}(t)].F_{y_{2n}, y_{2n+1}}(2kt) \\ &F_{y_{2n}, y_{2n+1}}(kt) [F_{y_{2n-1}, y_{2n}}(kt) * F_{y_{2n}, y_{2n+1}}(kt)] \\ &\geq (p + q)F_{y_{2n}, y_{2n-1}}(t).F_{y_{2n-1}, y_{2n+1}}(2kt) \\ &F_{y_{2n}, y_{2n+1}}(kt)F_{y_{2n-1}, y_{2n+1}}(2kt) \geq F_{y_{2n-1}, y_{2n}}(t)F_{y_{2n-1}, y_{2n+1}}(2kt). \end{aligned}$$

Hence, we have

$$F_{y_{2n}, y_{2n+1}}(kt) \geq F_{y_{2n-1}, y_{2n}}(t).$$

Similarly, we also have

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

In general, for all n even or odd, we have

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

for  $k \in (0, 1)$  and all  $t > 0$ . Thus, by lemma 2.1,  $\{y_n\}$  is a Cauchy sequence in X. Since  $(X, f, *)$  is complete, it converges to a point z in X. Also its subsequences converge as follows :

$$\{Lx_{2n}\} \rightarrow z, \{ABx_{2n}\} \rightarrow z, \{Mx_{2n+1}\} \rightarrow z \text{ and } \{STx_{2n+1}\} \rightarrow z. \tag{3.1.6}$$

**Case I. Suppose AB is continuous.**

As AB is continuous and (L, AB) is semi-compatible, we get

$$LABx_{2n+2} \rightarrow Lz \quad \text{and} \quad LABx_{2n+2} \rightarrow ABz. \tag{3.1.7}$$

Since the limit in Menger space is unique, we get

$$Lz = ABz. \tag{3.1.8}$$

**Step 2.** By taking  $x = ABx_{2n}$  and  $y = x_{2n+1}$  in (3.1.5), we have

$$\begin{aligned} F^2_{LABx_{2n}, Mx_{2n+1}}(kt) * [F_{ABABx_{2n}, LABx_{2n}}(kt) \cdot F_{STx_{2n+1}, Mx_{2n+1}}(kt)] \\ \geq [pF_{ABABx_{2n}, LABx_{2n}}(t) + qF_{ABABx_{2n}, STx_{2n+1}}(t)] \cdot F_{ABABx_{2n}, Mx_{2n+1}}(2kt). \end{aligned}$$

Taking limit  $n \rightarrow \infty$

$$\begin{aligned} F^2_{z, ABz}(kt) * [F_{ABz, ABz}(kt) \cdot F_{z, z}(kt)] &\geq [pF_{ABz, ABz}(t) + qF_{z, ABz}(t)] \cdot F_{z, ABz}(2kt) \\ &\geq [p + qF_{z, ABz}(t)] F_{z, ABz}(kt) \\ F_{z, ABz}(kt) &\geq p + qF_{z, ABz}(t) \\ &\geq p + qF_{z, ABz}(kt) \end{aligned}$$

$$F_{z, ABz}(kt) \geq \frac{p}{1 - q} = 1$$

for  $k \in (0, 1)$  and all  $t > 0$ . Thus, we have

$$z = ABz.$$

**Step 3.** By taking  $x = z$  and  $y = x_{2n+1}$  in (3.1.5), we have

$$\begin{aligned} F^2_{Lz, Mx_{2n+1}}(kt) * [F_{ABz, Lz}(kt) \cdot F_{STx_{2n+1}, Mx_{2n+1}}(kt)] \\ \geq [pF_{ABz, Lz}(t) + qF_{ABz, STx_{2n+1}}(t)] \cdot F_{ABz, Mx_{2n+1}}(2kt) \end{aligned}$$

Taking limit  $n \rightarrow \infty$

$$F^2_{z, Lz}(kt) * [F_{z, Lz}(kt) \cdot F_{z, z}(kt)] \geq [pF_{z, Lz}(t) + qF_{z, z}(t)] \cdot F_{z, z}(2kt)$$

$$F^2_{z, Lz}(kt) * F_{z, Lz}(kt) \geq pF_{z, Lz}(t) + q.$$

Noting that  $F^2_{z, Lz}(kt) \leq 1$  and using (c) in Definition 2.2, we have

$$\begin{aligned} F_{z, Lz}(kt) &\geq pF_{z, Lz}(t) + q \\ &\geq pF_{z, Lz}(kt) + q \end{aligned}$$

$$F_{z, Lz}(kt) \geq \frac{q}{1 - p} = 1$$

for  $k \in (0, 1)$  and all  $t > 0$ . Thus, we have  $z = Lz = ABz$ .

**Step 4.** By taking  $x = Bz$  and  $y = x_{2n+1}$  in (3.1.5), we have

$$\begin{aligned} F^2_{LBz, Mx_{2n+1}}(kt) * [F_{ABBz, LBz}(kt) \cdot F_{STx_{2n+1}, Mx_{2n+1}}(kt)] \\ \geq [pF_{ABBz, LBz}(t) + qF_{ABBz, STx_{2n+1}}(t)] \cdot F_{ABBz, Mx_{2n+1}}(2kt). \end{aligned}$$

Since  $AB = BA$  and  $BL = LB$ , we have

$$L(Bz) = B(Lz) = Bz \quad \text{and}$$

$$AB(Bz) = B(ABz) = Bz.$$

Taking limit  $n \rightarrow \infty$ , we have

$$F^2_{z, Bz}(kt) * [F_{Bz, Bz}(kt) \cdot F_{z, z}(kt)] \geq [pF_{Bz, Bz}(t) + qF_{z, Bz}(t)] \cdot F_{z, Bz}(2kt)$$

$$F^2_{z, Bz}(kt) \geq [p + qF_{z, Bz}(t)] F_{z, Bz}(2kt)$$

$$\geq [p + qF_{z, Bz}(t)] F_{z, Bz}(kt)$$

$$F_{z, Bz}(kt) \geq p + qF_{z, Bz}(t)$$

$$\geq p + qF_{z, Bz}(kt)$$

$$F_{z,Bz}(kt) \geq \frac{p}{1-q} = 1$$

for  $k \in (0, 1)$  and all  $t > 0$ .

Thus, we have

$$z = Bz.$$

Since  $z = ABz$ , we also have

$$z = Az.$$

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

**Step 5.** Since  $L(X) \subseteq ST(X)$  there exists  $v \in X$  such that

$$z = Lz = STv.$$

By taking  $x = x_{2n}$  and  $y = v$  in (3.1.5), we get

$$\begin{aligned} F_{Lx_{2n}, Mv}^2(kt) * [F_{ABx_{2n}, Lx_{2n}}(kt) \cdot F_{STv, Mv}(kt)] \\ \geq [pF_{ABx_{2n}, Lx_{2n}}(t) + qF_{ABx_{2n}, STv}(t)] \cdot F_{ABx_{2n}, Mv}(2kt). \end{aligned}$$

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

$$\begin{aligned} F_{z, Mv}^2(kt) * [F_{z,z}(kt) \cdot F_{z, Mv}(kt)] &\geq [pF_{z,z}(t) + qF_{z,z}(t)] \cdot F_{z, Mv}(2kt) \\ F_{z, Mv}^2(kt) * F_{z, Mv}(kt) &\geq (p + q)F_{z, Mv}(2kt). \end{aligned}$$

Noting that  $F_{z, Mv}^2(kt) \leq 1$  and using (c) in Definition 2.2, we have

$$\begin{aligned} F_{z, Mv}(kt) &\geq F_{z, Mv}(2kt) \\ &\geq F_{z, Mv}(t). \end{aligned}$$

Thus, we have

$$z = Mv \quad \text{and so} \quad z = Mv = STv.$$

Since  $(M, ST)$  is weakly compatible, we have

$$STMv = MSTv.$$

Thus,  $STz = Mz$ .

**Step 6.** By taking  $x = x_{2n}$ ,  $y = z$  in (3.1.5) and using Step 5, we have

$$\begin{aligned} F_{Lx_{2n}, Mz}^2(kt) * [F_{ABx_{2n}, Lx_{2n}}(kt) \cdot F_{STz, Mz}(kt)] \\ \geq [pF_{ABx_{2n}, Lx_{2n}}(t) + qF_{ABx_{2n}, STz}(t)] \cdot F_{ABx_{2n}, Mz}(2kt) \end{aligned}$$

which implies that, as  $n \rightarrow \infty$

$$\begin{aligned} F_{z, Mz}^2(kt) * [F_{z,z}(kt) \cdot F_{z, Mz}(kt)] &\geq [pF_{z,z}(t) + qF_{z,z}(t)] \cdot F_{z, Mz}(2kt) \\ F_{z, Mz}^2(kt) &\geq [p + qF_{z, Mz}(t)] F_{z, Mz}(2kt) \\ &\geq [p + qF_{z, Mz}(t)] F_{z, Mz}(kt) \\ F_{z, Mz}(kt) &\geq p + qF_{z, Mz}(t) \\ &\geq p + qF_{z, Mz}(kt) \\ F_{z, Mz}(kt) &\geq \frac{p}{1-q} = 1. \end{aligned}$$

Thus, we have  $z = Mz$  and therefore  $z = Az = Bz = Lz = Mz = STz$ .

**Step 7.** By taking  $x = x_{2n}$ ,  $y = Tz$  in (3.1.5), we have

$$\begin{aligned} F_{Lx_{2n}, MTz}^2(kt) * [F_{ABx_{2n}, Lx_{2n}}(kt) \cdot F_{STTz, MTz}(kt)] \\ \geq [pF_{ABx_{2n}, Lx_{2n}}(t) + qF_{ABx_{2n}, STTz}(t)] \cdot F_{ABx_{2n}, MTz}(2kt). \end{aligned}$$

Since  $MT = TM$  and  $ST = TS$ , we have

$$MTz = TMz = Tz \quad \text{and} \quad ST(Tz) = T(STz) = Tz.$$

Letting  $n \rightarrow \infty$ , we have

$$\begin{aligned} F_{z, Tz}^2(kt) * [F_{z,z}(kt) \cdot F_{Tz, Tz}(kt)] &\geq [pF_{z,z}(t) + qF_{z,z}(t)] \cdot F_{z, Tz}(2kt) \\ F_{z, Tz}(kt) &\geq p + qF_{z, Tz}(t) \\ &\geq p + qF_{z, Tz}(kt) \\ F_{z, Tz}(kt) &\geq \frac{p}{1-q} = 1. \end{aligned}$$

Thus, we have  $z = Tz$ . Since  $Tz = STz$ , we also have  $z = Sz$ .

Therefore,  $z = Az = Bz = Lz = Mz = Sz = Tz$ , that is,  $z$  is the common fixed point of the six maps.

**Case II. L is continuous.**

Since  $L$  is continuous,  $LLx_{2n} \rightarrow Lz$  and  $L(AB)x_{2n} \rightarrow Lz$ .

Since  $(L, AB)$  is semi-compatible,  $L(AB)x_{2n} \rightarrow ABz$ .

**Step 8.** By taking  $x = Lx_{2n}$ ,  $y = x_{2n+1}$  in (3.1.5), we have

$$F_{LLx_{2n}, Mx_{2n+1}}^2(kt) * [F_{ABLx_{2n}, LLx_{2n}}(kt) \cdot F_{STx_{2n+1}, Mx_{2n+1}}(kt)] \geq [pF_{ABLx_{2n}, LLx_{2n}}(t) + qF_{ABLx_{2n}, STx_{2n+1}}(t)] \cdot F_{ABLx_{2n}, Mx_{2n+1}}(2kt)$$

Letting  $n \rightarrow \infty$ , we have

$$F_{z, Lz}^2(kt) * [F_{Lz, Lz}(kt) \cdot F_{z, z}(kt)] \geq [pF_{Lz, Lz}(t) + qF_{z, Lz}(t)] \cdot F_{z, Lz}(2kt)$$

$$F_{z, Lz}^2(kt) \geq [p + qF_{z, Lz}(t)] F_{z, Lz}(2kt)$$

$$\geq [p + qF_{z, Lz}(t)] F_{z, Lz}(kt),$$

$$F_{z, Lz}(kt) \geq p + qF_{z, Lz}(t)$$

$$\geq p + qF_{z, Lz}(kt),$$

$$F_{z, Lz}(kt) \geq \frac{p}{1 - q} = 1.$$

Thus, we have  $z = Lz$  and using Steps 5-7, we have

$$z = Lz = Mz = Sz = Tz.$$

**Step 9.** Since  $L$  is continuous,

$LLx_{2n} \rightarrow Lz$  and  $LABx_{2n} \rightarrow Lz$

Since  $(L, AB)$  is semi-compatible,

$L(AB)x_{2n} \rightarrow ABz$ .

Since limit in Menger space is unique, so

$Lz = ABz$  and using Step 4, we also have  $z = Bz$ .

Therefore,  $z = Az = Bz = Sz = Tz = Lz = Mz$ , that is,  $z$  is the common fixed point of the six maps in this case also.

**Step 10.** For uniqueness, let  $w (w \neq z)$  be another common fixed point of  $A, B, S, T, L$  and  $M$ .

Taking  $x = z$ ,  $y = w$  in (3.1.5), we have

$$F_{Lz, Mw}^2(kt) * [F_{ABz, Lz}(kt) \cdot F_{STw, Mw}(kt)] \geq [pF_{ABz, Lz}(t) + qF_{ABz, STw}(t)] \cdot F_{ABz, Mw}(2kt)$$

which implies that

$$F_{z, w}^2(kt) \geq [p + qF_{z, w}(t)] F_{z, w}(2kt)$$

$$\geq [p + qF_{z, w}(t)] F_{z, w}(kt),$$

$$F_{z, w}(kt) \geq p + qF_{z, w}(t)$$

$$\geq p + qF_{z, w}(kt)$$

$$F_{z, w}(kt) \geq \frac{p}{1 - q} = 1.$$

Thus, we have  $z = w$ .

This completes the proof of the theorem.

If we take  $B = T = I_X$  (the identity map on  $X$ ) in theorem 3.1, we have the following :

**Corollary 3.2.** Let  $A, S, L$  and  $M$  be self maps of a complete Menger space  $(X, f, *)$  with  $t * t \geq t$  satisfying :

- (a)  $L(X) \subseteq S(X)$ ,  $M(X) \subseteq A(X)$ ;
- (b) either  $L$  or  $A$  is continuous;
- (c)  $(L, A)$  is semi-compatible and  $(M, S)$  is weak compatible;
- (d) there exists a constant  $k \in (0, 1)$  such that

$$F_{Lx, My}^2(kt) * [F_{Ax, Lx}(kt) \cdot F_{Sy, My}(kt)] \geq [pF_{Ax, Lx}(t) + qF_{Ax, Sy}(t)] \cdot F_{Ax, My}(2kt)$$

for all  $x, y \in X$  and  $t > 0$  where  $0 < p, q < 1$  such that  $p + q = 1$ .

Then  $A, S, L$  and  $M$  have a unique common fixed point in  $X$ .

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