



New multiplied common fixed point theorems in Menger PMT-spaces

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Abstract

In this work, we introduce the notion of Menger probabilistic metric type space, on the other hand, we introduce a more general class of auxiliary functions in contractivity condition, following that, we obtain some multiplied common fixed point theorems for a pair of mappings $T : \underbrace{X \times X \cdots \times X}_{m\text{-times}} \rightarrow X$ and $A : X \rightarrow X$. As an application, we give out an example to demonstrate the validity of the obtained results. ©2017 all rights reserved.

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1. Introduction

In 1942, Menger [12] initiated the study of PM-spaces and then Sehgal and Bharucha-Reid [16] followed Menger's line of research by using the notion of probabilistic q -contraction. They proved a unique fixed point result, which is an extension of the celebrated Banach's contraction principles [2]. Since then, many scholars have studied the existence of coupled fixed points in Menger spaces [3, 4, 8, 11, 15, 17, 18]. Recently, Choudhury and Das [5] gave a generalized unique fixed point theorem by using an altering distance function which was originally introduced by Khan et al. [9]. This extension of altering distance function is called ϕ -function, and has been further used in many related literatures [6, 13, 19]. Dutta et al. [7] defined nonlinear generalized contractive type mapping involving ψ -contractive mapping and proved their theorems for such kind of mapping in the setting of G -complete Menger PM-spaces. Then Kutbi et al. [10] weakened the notion of ψ -contractive mapping and established some fixed point theorems in G -complete Menger PM-spaces. After then, many fixed point results have been obtained by many authors. In 2015, Abdou et al. [1] introduced Menger PMT-spaces and established corresponding fixed point theorems. Moreover, Hierro and Sen [14] introduced a new auxiliary function and established corresponding fixed point theorems.

In this paper, motivated by the idea of Menger PMT-spaces and ψ -contractive mapping, we establish some multiplied common fixed point theorems for a pair of mappings $T : \underbrace{X \times X \cdots \times X}_{m\text{-times}} \rightarrow X$ and $A : X \rightarrow X$ in complete PMT-spaces. Finally, an example is given to support our main results.

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2. Preliminaries

Let \mathbb{R} denote the set of reals, \mathbb{R}^+ the nonnegative reals and \mathbb{Z}^+ be the set of all positive integers. A mapping $F : \mathbb{R} \rightarrow \mathbb{R}^+$ is called a distribution function if it is nondecreasing and left continuous with $\sup_{t \in \mathbb{R}} F(t) = 1$ and $\inf_{t \in \mathbb{R}} F(t) = 0$. We will denote by \mathcal{D} the set of all distribution functions, while H will always denote the special distribution function defined by

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

Definition 2.1 ([15]). A binary operation $T : [0, 1] \times [0, 1] \rightarrow [0, 1]$ is called a t-norm if the following conditions are satisfied:

- (1) $T(a, b) = T(b, a)$ and $T(a, T(b, c)) = T(T(a, b), c)$, for all $a, b, c \in [0, 1]$;
- (2) T is continuous;
- (3) $T(a, 1) = a$ for all $a \in [0, 1]$;
- (4) $T(a, b) \geq T(c, d)$, whenever $a \geq c$ and $b \geq d$, for $a, b, c, d \in [0, 1]$.

Form the definition of T , it follows that $T(a, b) = \min\{a, b\}$ for all $a, b \in [0, 1]$. The following are three basic continuous t-norms:

- (1) the minimum t-norm, defined by $T_M(a, b) = \min\{a, b\}$;
- (2) the product t-norm, defined by $T_P(a, b) = ab$;
- (3) the Lukasiewicz t-norm, defined by $T_L(a, b) = \max\{a + b - 1, 0\}$.

These t-norms are related in that way: $T_L \leq T_P \leq T_M$.

Definition 2.2 ([15]). A Menger probabilistic metric space (briefly, Menger PM-space) is a triplet (X, F, Δ) where X is a nonempty set, Δ is a continuous t-norm and F is a mapping from $X \times X$ into \mathcal{D}^+ such that, if $F_{x,y}$ denotes the value of F at the pair (x, y) , the following conditions hold:

- (PM-1) $F_{x,y}(t) = H(t)$ if and only if $x = y$, $t > 0$;
- (PM-2) $F_{x,y}(t) = F_{y,x}(t)$ for all $x, y \in X$ and $t > 0$;
- (PM-3) $F_{x,y}(t + s) \geq \Delta(F_{x,z}(t), F_{z,y}(s))$ for all $x, y, z \in X$ and $t, s \geq 0$.

Definition 2.3 ([1]). A Menger probabilistic metric type space (briefly, Menger PMT-space) is a triplet (X, F, Δ) where X is a nonempty set, Δ is a continuous t-norm and F is a mapping from $X \times X$ into \mathcal{D}^+ such that, if $F_{x,y}$ denotes the value of F at the pair (x, y) , the following conditions hold:

- (PM-1) $F_{x,y}(t) = H(t)$ if and only if $x = y$, $t > 0$;
- (PM-2) $F_{x,y}(t) = F_{y,x}(t)$ for all $x, y \in X$ and $t > 0$;
- (PM-3) $F_{x,y}(K(t + s)) \geq \Delta(F_{x,z}(t), F_{z,y}(s))$ for all $x, y, z \in X$ and $t, s \geq 0$ for some constant $K \geq 1$.

Clearly, every Menger PM-space is a Menger PMT-space, but the converse is false, as we can see in the following example.

Definition 2.4 ([1]). Let (X, F, Δ) be a PMT-space. For each $x \in X$ and $\lambda > 0$, the strong λ -neighborhood of x is the set

$$N_x(\lambda) = \{y \in X : F_{x,y}(\lambda) > 1 - \lambda\}$$

and strong neighborhood system for X is the union $\bigcup_{x \in V} N_x$, where

$$N_x = \{N_x(\lambda) : \lambda > 0\}.$$

The strong neighborhood system for X determines a Hausdorff topology for X .

Definition 2.5 ([1]). Let (X, F, Δ) be a PMT-space. Then,

- (1) a sequence $\{x_n\}$ in X is said to be convergent to $x \in X$ if for every $\varepsilon > 0$ and $\lambda > 0$, there exists a positive integer Z^+ such that $F_{x_n, x}(\varepsilon) > 1 - \lambda$ whenever $n \geq Z^+$;
- (2) a sequence $\{x_n\}$ in X is called a Cauchy sequence if for every $\varepsilon > 0$ and $\lambda > 0$ there exists a positive integer Z^+ such that $F_{x_n, x_m}(\varepsilon) > 1 - \lambda$ whenever $m, n \geq Z^+$;
- (3) a Menger PMT-space is said to be complete, if every Cauchy sequence in X is convergent to a point in X .

Definition 2.6 ([5]). A function $\Phi : \mathbb{R}^+ \rightarrow \mathbb{R}^+$ is said to be a ϕ -function if it satisfies the following conditions:

- (1) $\phi(t) = 0$ if and only if $t = 0$;
- (2) $\phi(t)$ is strictly increasing and $\phi(t) \rightarrow \infty$ as $t \rightarrow \infty$;
- (3) ϕ is left continuous in $(0, \infty)$;
- (4) ϕ is continuous at 0.

Definition 2.7 ([5]). Let Ψ_0 be the class of all non-decreasing functions $\psi : \mathbb{R}^+ \rightarrow \mathbb{R}^+$ satisfying:

- (1) ψ is nondecreasing;
- (2) ψ is continuous at $t = 0$;
- (3) $\psi(0) = 0$;
- (4) if $\{a_n\} \subset [0, +\infty)$ is a sequence such that $\{a_n\} \rightarrow 0$, then $\psi^n(a_n) \rightarrow 0$ (where ψ^n denotes the n th-iterate of ψ).

First of all, we show that we do not need to assume that ψ is continuous at $t = 0$ for function in Ψ_0 under the rest of the assumption.

Proposition 2.8 ([14]). Let $\psi : [0, +\infty) \rightarrow [0, +\infty)$ be a nondecreasing function such that $\psi(0) = 0$.

- (1) If ψ is not continuous at $t = 0$, then there exists $\varepsilon_0 \geq 0$ for all $t > 0$.
- (2) If ψ satisfies $\psi^n(a_n) \rightarrow 0$ whenever $\{a_n\} \rightarrow 0$ as $n \rightarrow \infty$, then ψ is continuous at $t = 0$.

Definition 2.9 ([19]). Let X be a non-empty set. Let $T : \underbrace{X \times X \cdots \times X}_{m\text{-times}} \rightarrow X$ and $A : X \rightarrow X$ be two mappings.

A is said to be commutative with T if $AT(x, y, \dots, z) = T(Ax, Ay, \dots, Az)$ for all $x, y, \dots, z \in X$. A point $u \in X$ is called a multiplied common fixed point of T and A if $u = Au = T(u, u, \dots, u)$.

Definition 2.10 ([14]). We shall denote by \mathcal{H} the family of function $h : (0, 1] \rightarrow [0, +\infty)$ satisfying:

- (\mathcal{H}_1) if $\{a_n\} \subset (0, 1]$, the $a_n \rightarrow 1$ if and only if, $h(a_n) \rightarrow 1$;
- (\mathcal{H}_2) if $\{a_n\} \subset (0, 1]$, the $a_n \rightarrow 0$ if and only if, $h(a_n) \rightarrow \infty$.

Proposition 2.11 ([14]). If $f \in \mathcal{H}$, then $h(1) = 0$. Furthermore, $h(t) = 0$ if and only if, $t = 1$.

3. Main results

Theorem 3.1 ([19]). Let (X, F, Δ) be a Menger PMT-space and Δ be a continuous t -norm. Then the following statements are equivalent:

- (1) the sequence $\{x_n\}$ is a Cauchy sequence;
- (2) for all $\varepsilon > 0$, there exists $M \in \mathbb{N}^+$ such that $\lim_{n \rightarrow \infty} F_{x_n, x_m}(\varepsilon) = 1$ for all $n, m > M$.

Proof. (1) \Rightarrow (2). This can be easily seen from Definition 2.5.

(2) \Rightarrow (1). Since Δ be a continuous t -norm, for every $\varepsilon > 0$ and $0 < \lambda < 1$, there exists $\lambda_0 \in (0, \lambda]$, such that $\Delta(1 - \lambda_0, 1 - \frac{\lambda}{2}) > 1 - \lambda$. Let $\lambda_1 = \min\{\lambda_0, \frac{\lambda}{2}\}$. Then $\Delta(1 - \lambda_1, 1 - \lambda_1) > 1 - \lambda$. Hence, from (2), there exists $M \in \mathbb{N}^+$ and $K \geq 1$, such that $F_{x_n, x_m}(\frac{\varepsilon}{2K}) > 1 - \lambda_1$ and $F_{x_l, x_m}(\frac{\varepsilon}{2K}) > 1 - \lambda_1$ for all $n, m, l \geq M$. Then we have $F_{x_n, x_l}(\varepsilon) \geq \Delta(F_{x_n, x_m}(\frac{\varepsilon}{2K}), F_{x_l, x_m}(\frac{\varepsilon}{2K})) \geq \Delta(1 - \lambda_1, 1 - \lambda_1) > 1 - \lambda$. Thus, $\{x_n\}$ is a Cauchy sequence. \square

Theorem 3.2. Let (X, F, Δ) be a complete Menger PMT-space with Δ as a continuous t -norm. Let

$$T : \underbrace{X \times X \cdots \times X}_{m\text{-times}} \rightarrow X$$

and $A : X \rightarrow X$ be two mappings satisfying the following inequality:

$$h(F_{T(x,y,\dots,z), T(p,q,\dots,r)}(\phi(ct))) \leq \psi \left\{ \frac{h(F_{Ax, Ap}(\phi(t))) + h(F_{Ay, Aq}(\phi(t))) + \cdots + h(F_{Az, Ar}(\phi(t)))}{m} \right\}, \quad (3.1)$$

for all $x, y, \dots, z \in X$, $p, q, \dots, r \in X$, $c \in (0, 1)$, $\phi \in \Phi$, $\psi \in \Psi_0$, $t > 0$, such that $F_{Ax, Ap}(\phi(t)) > 0$, $F_{Ay, Aq}(\phi(t)) > 0, \dots, F_{Az, Ar}(\phi(t)) > 0$, where $T(X \times X \cdots \times X) \subset A(X)$, and A is continuous and commutative with T . Then there exists a unique multiplied common fixed point of A and T , i.e., there exists $u \in X$ such that $u = Au = T(u, u, \dots, u)$.

Proof. Let $\{x_n\}_{n=1}^\infty, \{y_n\}_{n=1}^\infty, \dots, \{z_n\}_{n=1}^\infty$ be m -times sequences in X such that $Ax_{n+1} = T(x_n, y_n, \dots, z_n)$ and $Ay_{n+1} = T(y_n, \dots, z_n, x_n)$, $Az_{n+1} = T(z_n, x_n, y_n, \dots)$. From $\sup_{t \in \mathbb{R}} F_{Ax_0, Ax_1}(t) = 1$, $\sup_{t \in \mathbb{R}} F_{Ay_0, Ay_1}(t) = 1, \dots, \sup_{t \in \mathbb{R}} F_{Az_0, Az_1}(t) = 1$ and the definition of ϕ , one can find $t > 0$ such that $F_{Ax_0, Ax_1}(\phi(\frac{t}{c})) > 0$, $F_{Ay_0, Ay_1}(\phi(\frac{t}{c})) > 0, \dots, F_{Az_0, Az_1}(\phi(\frac{t}{c})) > 0$. From (3.1), we have

$$\begin{aligned} h(F_{Ax_1, Ax_2}(\phi(t))) &= h(F_{T(x_0, y_0, \dots, z_0), T(x_1, y_1, \dots, z_1)}(\phi(\frac{t}{c}))) \\ &\leq \psi \left\{ \frac{h(F_{Ax_0, Ax_1}(\phi(\frac{t}{c}))) + h(F_{Ay_0, Ay_1}(\phi(\frac{t}{c}))) + \cdots + h(F_{Az_0, Az_1}(\phi(\frac{t}{c})))}{m} \right\}. \end{aligned} \quad (3.2)$$

Similarly, we have

$$h(F_{Ay_1, Ay_2}(\phi(t))) \leq \psi \left\{ \frac{h(F_{Ay_0, Ay_1}(\phi(\frac{t}{c}))) + h(F_{Az_0, Az_1}(\phi(\frac{t}{c}))) + \cdots + h(F_{Ax_0, Ax_1}(\phi(\frac{t}{c})))}{m} \right\}, \quad (3.3)$$

⋮

$$h(F_{Az_1, Az_2}(\phi(t))) \leq \psi \left\{ \frac{h(F_{Az_0, Az_1}(\phi(\frac{t}{c}))) + h(F_{Ax_0, Ax_1}(\phi(\frac{t}{c}))) + h(F_{Ay_0, Ay_1}(\phi(\frac{t}{c}))) + \cdots}{m} \right\}. \quad (3.4)$$

Suppose that $P_0(t) = \frac{h(F_{Ax_0, Ax_1}(\phi(t))) + h(F_{Ay_0, Ay_1}(\phi(t))) + \cdots + h(F_{Az_0, Az_1}(\phi(t)))}{m}$, from (3.2), (3.3), and (3.4) we deduce that $F_{Ax_1, Ax_2}(\phi(t)) > 0$, $F_{Ay_1, Ay_2}(\phi(t)) > 0, \dots, F_{Az_1, Az_2}(\phi(t)) > 0$, and so $F_{Ax_1, Ax_2}(\phi(\frac{t}{c})) > 0$, $F_{Ay_1, Ay_2}(\phi(\frac{t}{c})) > 0, \dots, F_{Az_1, Az_2}(\phi(\frac{t}{c})) > 0$, then we have

$$\begin{aligned} h(F_{Ax_2, Ax_3}(\phi(t))) &= h(F_{T(x_1, y_1, \dots, z_1), T(x_2, y_2, \dots, z_2)}(\phi(t))) \\ &\leq \psi \left\{ \frac{h(F_{Ax_1, Ax_2}(\phi(\frac{t}{c}))) + h(F_{Ay_1, Ay_2}(\phi(\frac{t}{c}))) + \cdots + h(F_{Az_1, Az_2}(\phi(\frac{t}{c})))}{m} \right\} \\ &\leq \psi \left\{ \frac{\psi(P_0(\frac{t}{c^2})) + \psi(P_0(\frac{t}{c^2})) + \cdots + \psi(P_0(\frac{t}{c^2}))}{m} \right\} \\ &= \psi^2 \{ P_0(\frac{t}{c^2}) \}. \end{aligned}$$

Similarly, we have

$$h(F_{Ay_2, Ay_3}(\phi(t))) \leq \psi^2 \{ P_0(\frac{t}{c^2}) \},$$

⋮

$$h(F_{Az_2, Az_3}(\phi(t))) \leq \psi^2 \{ P_0(\frac{t}{c^2}) \}.$$

Reaping the above procedure, we get

$$h(F_{Ax_n, Ax_{n+1}}(\phi(t))) \leq \psi^n\{P_0(\frac{t}{c^n})\}. \quad (3.5)$$

If we change Ax_0 with Ax_r in (3.5), then for all $n > r$ we get

$$h(F_{Ax_n, Ax_{n+1}}(\phi(c^r t))) \leq \psi^{n-r}\{P_0(\frac{c^r t}{c^{n-r}})\}.$$

Since $\psi^n(a_n) \rightarrow 0$ whenever $a_n \rightarrow 0$ as $n \rightarrow \infty$, therefore the above inequality implies that

$$\lim_{n \rightarrow \infty} h(F_{Ax_n, Ax_{n+1}}(\phi(c^r t))) = 0.$$

In particular, as $h \in \mathcal{H}$, condition (\mathcal{H}_1) implies that

$$\lim_{n \rightarrow \infty} F_{Ax_n, Ax_{n+1}}(\phi(c^r t)) = 1.$$

Now, let $\varepsilon > 0$ be given, using the properties of function ϕ we can find $r \in \mathbb{Z}^+$ such that $\phi(c^r t) < \varepsilon$. Then we have

$$\lim_{n \rightarrow \infty} F_{Ax_n, Ax_{n+1}}(\varepsilon) \geq \lim_{n \rightarrow \infty} F_{Ax_n, Ax_{n+1}}(\phi(c^r t)) = 1. \quad (3.6)$$

By using a triangle inequality, we obtain

$$F_{Ax_n, Ax_{n+p}}(\varepsilon) \geq \Delta \left(\underbrace{F_{Ax_n, Ax_{n+1}}(\frac{\varepsilon}{Kp}), \Delta(F_{Ax_{n+1}, Ax_{n+2}}(\frac{\varepsilon}{Kp}), \dots, F_{Ax_{n+p-1}, Ax_{n+p}}(\frac{\varepsilon}{Kp}))}_{p\text{-times}} \right).$$

Letting $n \rightarrow \infty$ and making use of (3.6), for any integer p , we get

$$\lim_{n \rightarrow \infty} F_{Ax_n, Ax_{n+p}}(\varepsilon) = 1 \text{ for every } \varepsilon > 0.$$

Hence $\{Ax_n\}$ is a Cauchy sequence, similarly, we can obtain $\{Ay_n\}, \dots, \{Az_n\}$ are Cauchy sequences. Since (X, F, Δ) is complete, therefore $\lim_{n \rightarrow \infty} Ax_n = u, \lim_{n \rightarrow \infty} Ay_n = v, \dots, \lim_{n \rightarrow \infty} Az_n = w$ for some $u, v, \dots, w \in X$.

Now we show that $Au = T(u, v, \dots, w)$.

Since A is continuous, we have $\lim_{n \rightarrow \infty} AAx_n = Au, \lim_{n \rightarrow \infty} AAy_n = Av, \dots, \lim_{n \rightarrow \infty} AAz_n = Aw$. Then the commutative of A with T implies that $AAx_{n+1} = T(Ax_n, Ay_n, \dots, Az_n)$. From (3.1) we obtain

$$\begin{aligned} h(F_{AAx_{n+1}, T(u, v, \dots, w)}(\phi(t))) &= h(F_{T(Ax_n, Ay_n, \dots, Az_n), T(u, v, \dots, w)}(\phi(t))) \\ &\leq \psi \left\{ \frac{h(F_{AAx_n, Au}(\phi(\frac{t}{c}))) + h(F_{AAy_n, Av}(\phi(\frac{t}{c}))) + \dots + h(F_{AAz_n, Aw}(\phi(\frac{t}{c})))}{m} \right\}. \end{aligned}$$

Letting $n \rightarrow \infty$, since $\psi(0) = 0$, we have $\lim_{n \rightarrow \infty} AAx_n = T(u, v, \dots, w)$, from the above inequality, we get $Au = T(u, v, \dots, w)$. Similarly, we have $Av = T(u, v, \dots, w), \dots, Aw = T(u, v, \dots, w)$.

Next we show $Au = u$. From (3.1), we have

$$\begin{aligned} h(F_{Ax_1, Au}(\phi(t))) &= h(F_{T(Ax_0, Ay_0, \dots, Az_0), T(u, v, \dots, w)}(\phi(t))) \\ &\leq \psi \left\{ \frac{h(F_{Ax_0, Au}(\phi(\frac{t}{c}))) + h(F_{Ay_0, Av}(\phi(\frac{t}{c}))) + \dots + h(F_{Az_0, Aw}(\phi(\frac{t}{c})))}{m} \right\}, \quad (3.7) \end{aligned}$$

$$h(F_{Ay_1,Av}(\phi(t))) \leq \psi \left\{ \frac{h(F_{Ay_0,Av}(\phi(\frac{t}{c}))) + \cdots + h(F_{Az_0,Aw}(\phi(\frac{t}{c}))) + h(F_{Ax_0,Au}(\phi(\frac{t}{c})))}{m} \right\}, \quad (3.8)$$

$$\vdots$$

$$h(F_{Az_1,Aw}(\phi(t))) \leq \psi \left\{ \frac{h(F_{Az_0,Aw}(\phi(\frac{t}{c}))) + h(F_{Ax_0,Au}(\phi(\frac{t}{c}))) + h(F_{Ay_0,Av}(\phi(\frac{t}{c}))) + \cdots}{m} \right\}. \quad (3.9)$$

Suppose that $Q_0(t) = \frac{h(F_{Ax_0,Au}(\phi(t))) + h(F_{Ay_0,Av}(\phi(t))) + \cdots + h(F_{Az_0,Aw}(\phi(t)))}{m}$. Combining (3.7), (3.8), and (3.9) we obtain

$$\begin{aligned} h(F_{Ax_2,Au}(\phi(t))) &\leq \psi \left\{ \frac{h(F_{Ax_1,Au}(\phi(\frac{t}{c}))) + h(F_{Ay_1,Av}(\phi(\frac{t}{c}))) + \cdots + h(F_{Az_1,Aw}(\phi(\frac{t}{c})))}{m} \right\} \\ &\leq \psi \left\{ \frac{\psi(Q_0(\frac{t}{c^2})) + \psi(Q_0(\frac{t}{c^2})) + \cdots + \psi(Q_0(\frac{t}{c^2}))}{m} \right\} \\ &= \psi^2\{Q_0(\frac{t}{c^2})\}. \end{aligned}$$

Similarly, we have

$$\begin{aligned} h(F_{Ay_2,Av}(\phi(t))) &\leq \psi^2\{Q_0(\frac{t}{c^2})\}, \\ &\vdots \\ h(F_{Az_2,Aw}(\phi(t))) &\leq \psi^2\{Q_0(\frac{t}{c^2})\}. \end{aligned}$$

Repeating the above procedure, we obtain

$$h(F_{Ax_n,Au}(\phi(t))) \leq \psi^n\{Q_0(\frac{t}{c^n})\}.$$

Since $\psi^n(a_n) \rightarrow 0$ whenever $a_n \rightarrow 0$ as $n \rightarrow \infty$, we have $\lim_{n \rightarrow \infty} Ax_n = Au$, which implies that $Au = u = T(u, v, \dots, w)$, similarly, we have $Av = v = T(u, v, \dots, w), \dots, Aw = w = T(u, v, \dots, w)$.

Finally, we show $u = v = \cdots = w$. Without loss of generality, we denote $u = e_1, v = e_2, \dots, w = e_n$, then $Ae_1 = e_1 = T(e_1, e_2, e_3, \dots, e_{m-1}, e_m), Ae_2 = e_2 = T(e_2, e_3, \dots, e_{m-1}, e_m, e_1), \dots, Ae_m = e_m = T(e_m, e_1, e_2, e_3, \dots, e_{m-1})$.

First, we prove that $F_{e_1,e_2}(\phi(s)) > 0$ for all $s > 0$. By the definition of ϕ , we have $\phi(\frac{s}{c^n}) \rightarrow 0$ as $n \rightarrow \infty$. Since $\sup_{n \in \mathbb{Z}^+} F_{e_1,e_2}(\phi(\frac{s}{c^n})) = 1, \sup_{n \in \mathbb{Z}^+} F_{e_2,e_3}(\phi(\frac{s}{c^n})) = 1, \dots, \sup_{n \in \mathbb{Z}^+} F_{e_m,e_1}(\phi(\frac{s}{c^n})) = 1$, we deduce that there exists $n \in \mathbb{Z}^+$ such that $F_{e_1,e_2}(\phi(\frac{s}{c^n})) > 0, F_{e_2,e_3}(\phi(\frac{s}{c^n})) > 0, \dots, F_{e_m,e_1}(\phi(\frac{s}{c^n})) > 0$. Using (3.1), we obtain

$$\begin{aligned} &h(F_{e_1,e_2}(\phi(\frac{s}{c^{n-1}}))) \\ &= h(F_{T(e_1,e_2,\dots,e_{m-1},e_m),T(e_2,\dots,e_{m-1},e_m,e_1)}(\phi(\frac{s}{c^{n-1}}))) \\ &\leq \psi \left\{ \frac{h(F_{e_1,e_2}(\phi(\frac{s}{c^n}))) + h(F_{e_2,e_3}(\phi(\frac{s}{c^n}))) + \cdots + h(F_{e_{m-1},e_m}(\phi(\frac{s}{c^n}))) + h(F_{e_m,e_1}(\phi(\frac{s}{c^n})))}{m} \right\}, \end{aligned}$$

which implies that $F_{e_1,e_2}(\phi(\frac{s}{c^{n-1}})) > 0$, similarly, we have $F_{e_2,e_3}(\phi(\frac{s}{c^{n-1}})) > 0, \dots, F_{e_m,e_1}(\phi(\frac{s}{c^{n-1}})) > 0$. By repeating a similar reasoning n times we deduce that $F_{e_1,e_2}(\phi(s)) > 0, F_{e_2,e_3}(\phi(s)) > 0, \dots, F_{e_m,e_1}(\phi(s)) > 0$ for all $s > 0$.

Second, we show that $F_{e_1,e_2}(\phi(s)) = 1$. In fact, for every $s > 0$, we have $F_{e_1,e_2}(\phi(\frac{s}{c^i})) > 0$ for all $1 \leq i \leq n$ and for all $n \in \mathbb{Z}^+$. Then by using (3.1), we get

$$h(F_{e_1,e_2}(\phi(s))) = h(F_{T(e_1,e_2,\dots,e_{m-1},e_m),T(e_2,\dots,e_{m-1},e_m,e_1)}(\phi(s)))$$

$$\begin{aligned}
&\leq \psi\left\{\frac{h(F_{e_1,e_2}(\phi(\frac{s}{c}))) + h(F_{e_2,e_3}(\phi(\frac{s}{c}))) + \cdots + h(F_{e_{m-1},e_m}(\phi(\frac{s}{c}))) + h(F_{e_m,e_1}(\phi(\frac{s}{c})))}{m}\right\}, \\
h(F_{e_2,e_3}(\phi(s))) &= h(F_{T(e_2,e_3,\dots,e_m,e_1),T(e_3,e_4,\dots,e_1,e_2)}(\phi(s))) \\
&\leq \psi\left\{\frac{h(F_{e_2,e_3}(\phi(\frac{s}{c}))) + h(F_{e_3,e_4}(\phi(\frac{s}{c}))) + \cdots + h(F_{e_m,e_1}(\phi(\frac{s}{c}))) + h(F_{e_1,e_2}(\phi(\frac{s}{c})))}{m}\right\}, \\
&\vdots \\
h(F_{e_n,e_1}(\phi(s))) &= h(F_{T(e_m,e_1,\dots,e_{m-2},e_{m-1}),T(e_1,e_2,\dots,e_{m-1},e_m)}(\phi(s))) \\
&\leq \psi\left\{\frac{h(F_{e_m,e_1}(\phi(\frac{s}{c}))) + h(F_{e_1,e_2}(\phi(\frac{s}{c}))) + \cdots + h(F_{e_{m-2},e_{m-1}}(\phi(\frac{s}{c}))) + h(F_{e_{m-1},e_m}(\phi(\frac{s}{c})))}{m}\right\}.
\end{aligned}$$

Suppose that $E(s) = \frac{h(F_{e_1,e_2}(\phi(s))) + h(F_{e_2,e_3}(\phi(s))) + \cdots + h(F_{e_{m-1},e_m}(\phi(s))) + h(F_{e_m,e_1}(\phi(s)))}{m}$, then $E(s) \leq \psi\{E(\frac{s}{c})\}$. By n -iterations we get

$$h(F_{e_1,e_2}(\phi(s))) \leq \psi\{E(\frac{s}{c})\} \leq \psi^2\{E(\frac{s}{c^2})\} \leq \cdots \leq \psi^n\{E(\frac{s}{c^n})\}.$$

Thus, since $\psi^n(a_n) \rightarrow 0$ whenever $a_n \rightarrow 0$ as $n \rightarrow \infty$, we get $F_{e_1,e_2}(\phi(s)) = 1$. It follows that $F_{e_1,e_2}(t) = H(t)$ for all $t > 0$. In fact, if t is not in range of ϕ , since ϕ is continuous at 0, there exists $s > 0$ such that $\phi(s) < t$. This implies that $F_{e_1,e_2}(t) \geq F_{e_1,e_2}(\phi(s)) = 1$, then $e_1 = e_2$. Similarly, we have $e_2 = e_3, \dots, e_m = e_1$, i.e., $u = v = \cdots = w$. Thus, $u \in X$ is the unique multiplied common fixed point of A and T .

Taking $m = 1$ in Theorem 3.2, then $T : X \rightarrow X, A : X \rightarrow X, Ax = x$ for all $x \in X$. It is obvious that $T(X) \subset A(X)$. A is continuous and commutative with T , which also satisfy the conditions in Theorem 3.1, then we have the following consequence. \square

Corollary 3.3. Let (X, F, Δ) be a complete Menger space with Δ as a continuous t -norm. Let $T : X \rightarrow X$ satisfy the following inequality:

$$h(F_{Tx,Ty}(\phi(ct))) \leq \psi(h(F_{x,y}(\phi(t)))),$$

for all $x, y \in X, c \in (0, 1), \phi \in \Phi, \psi \in \Psi_0, t > 0$, such that $F_{x,y}(\phi(t)) > 0$. Then T has a unique fixed point such that $u = Au = Tu$.

Taking $A = I$ (I is the identity mapping) in Theorem 3.2, we obtain the following corollary.

Corollary 3.4. Let (X, F, Δ) be a complete Menger PMT-space and Δ be a continuous t -norm. Let

$$T : \underbrace{X \times X \cdots \times X}_{m\text{-times}} \rightarrow X$$

and $A : X \rightarrow X$ be two mappings satisfying the following inequality:

$$h(F_{T(x,y,\dots,z),T(p,q,\dots,r)}(\phi(ct))) \leq \psi\left\{\frac{h(F_{x,p}(\phi(t))) + h(F_{y,q}(\phi(t))) + \cdots + h(F_{z,r}(\phi(t)))}{m}\right\},$$

for all $x, y, \dots, z, p, q, \dots, r \in X, c \in (0, 1), \phi \in \Phi, \psi \in \Psi_0, t > 0$. Let T be continuous and commutative. Then there exists a unique multiplied common fixed point of T .

From the proof of Theorem 3.2, we can similarly prove the following result.

Theorem 3.5. Let (X, F, Δ) be a complete Menger PMT-space with Δ as a continuous t -norm. Let

$$T : \underbrace{X \times X \cdots \times X}_{m\text{-times}} \rightarrow X$$

and $A : X \rightarrow X$ be two mappings satisfying the following inequality:

$$h(F_{T(x,y,\dots,z),T(p,q,\dots,r)}(\phi(ct))) \leq \psi\{\min\{h(F_{Ax,Ap}(\phi(t))), h(F_{Ay,Aq}(\phi(t))), \dots, h(F_{Az,Ar}(\phi(t)))\}\}$$

for all $x, y, \dots, z, p, q, \dots, r \in X$, $c \in (0, 1)$, $\phi \in \Phi$, $\psi \in \Psi_0$, $t > 0$, such that $F_{Ax,Ap}(\phi(t)) > 0$, $F_{Ay,Aq}(\phi(t)) > 0$, $F_{Az,Ar}(\phi(t)) > 0$, where $T(X \times X \cdots \times X) \subset A(X)$, and A is continuous and commutative with T . Then there exists a unique multiplied common fixed point of A and T , i.e., there exists $u \in X$ such that $u = Au = T(u, u, \dots, u)$.

Taking $A = I$ (I is the identity mapping) in Theorem 3.5, we obtain the following corollary.

Corollary 3.6. Let (X, F, Δ) be a complete PMT-space with Δ as a continuous t -norm. Let

$$T : \underbrace{X \times X \cdots \times X}_{m\text{-times}} \rightarrow X$$

and $A : X \rightarrow X$ be two mappings satisfying the following inequality:

$$h(F_{T(x,y,\dots,z),T(p,q,\dots,r)}(\phi(ct))) \leq \psi\{\min\{h(F_{x,p}(\phi(t))), h(F_{y,q}(\phi(t))), \dots, h(F_{z,r}(\phi(t)))\}\},$$

for all $x, y, \dots, z, p, q, \dots, r \in X$, $c \in (0, 1)$, $\phi \in \Phi$, $\psi \in \Psi_0$, $t > 0$, and T is continuous and commutative. Then there exists a unique multiplied common fixed point of T .

Theorem 3.7. Let (X, F, Δ) be a complete Menger PMT-space with Δ as a continuous t -norm and $\Delta \leq \Delta_p$. Let $T : \underbrace{X \times X \cdots \times X}_{m\text{-times}} \rightarrow X$ and $A : X \rightarrow X$ be two mappings satisfying the following inequality:

$$h(F_{T(x,y,\dots,z),T(p,q,\dots,r)}(\phi(ct))) \leq \psi \left\{ \sqrt[m]{\Delta(h(F_{Ax,Ap}(\phi(t))), \Delta(h(F_{Ay,Aq}(\phi(t))), \dots, h(F_{Az,Ar}(\phi(t))))} \right\}$$

for all $x, y, \dots, z, p, q, \dots, r \in X$, $c \in (0, 1)$, $\phi \in \Phi$, $\psi \in \Psi_0$, $t > 0$, such that $F_{Ax,Ap}(\phi(t)) > 0$, $F_{Ay,Aq}(\phi(t)) > 0$, \dots , $F_{Az,Ar}(\phi(t)) > 0$, where $T(X \times X \cdots \times X) \subset A(X)$, and A is continuous and commutative with T . Then there exists a unique multiplied common fixed point of A and T , i.e., $u \in X$ such that $u = Au = T(u, u, \dots, u)$.

Proof. Since $\Delta \leq \Delta_p$, we get

$$\begin{aligned} h(F_{T(x,y,\dots,z),T(p,q,\dots,r)}(\phi(ct))) &\leq \psi \left\{ \sqrt[m]{\Delta(h(F_{Ax,Ap}(\phi(t))), \Delta(h(F_{Ay,Aq}(\phi(t))), \dots, h(F_{Az,Ar}(\phi(t))))} \right\} \\ &\leq \psi \left\{ \sqrt[m]{h(F_{Ax,Ap}(\phi(t)))h(F_{Ay,Aq}(\phi(t))), \dots, h(F_{Az,Ar}(\phi(t)))} \right\} \\ &\leq \psi \left\{ \frac{h(F_{Ax,Ap}(\phi(t))) + h(F_{Ay,Aq}(\phi(t))) + \dots + h(F_{Az,Ar}(\phi(t)))}{m} \right\}. \end{aligned}$$

Then we can complete the proof by Theorem 3.2. □

4. An application

Example 4.1. Let $X = [0, 1]$, $h(x) = \frac{1}{x} - 1$, and d be the usual metric on X . Define $T : \underbrace{X \times X \cdots \times X}_{m\text{-times}} \rightarrow X$ as

$T(x_1, x_2, \dots, x_m) = \frac{x_1 + x_2 + \dots + x_m}{5m}$. $A : X \rightarrow X$ as $Ax = \frac{x}{2}$ and

$$F_{x,y}(t) = \begin{cases} \frac{t}{t+d(x,y)}, & t > 0, \\ 0, & t = 0, \end{cases}$$

for all $x_1, x_2, \dots, x_m, x, y \in X$ where $T(X \times X \cdots \times X) \subset A(X)$. Then (X, F, Δ) is a complete Menger PMT-space with Δ is a continuous t-norm. Define $\phi \in \Phi$, $\psi \in \Psi_0$ by $\phi(t) = \frac{t}{5}$ and $\psi(t) = \frac{9t}{10}$ for all $t > 0$. And $c = \frac{5}{6}$. We obtain

$$\begin{aligned} h(F_{T(x,y,\dots,z),T(p,q,\dots,r)}(\phi(ct))) &= \frac{1}{F_{T(x_1,x_2,\dots,x_m),T(y_1,y_2,\dots,y_m)}(\phi(ct))} - 1 \\ &= \frac{|T(x_1, x_2, \dots, x_m) - T(y_1, y_2, \dots, y_m)|}{\phi(ct)} \\ &= \frac{6|(x_1 + x_2 + \dots + x_m) - (y_1 + y_2 + \dots + y_m)|}{5mt} \end{aligned}$$

and

$$\begin{aligned} &\psi \left\{ \frac{h(F_{Ax,Ap}(\phi(t))) + h(F_{Ay,Aq}(\phi(t))) + \dots + h(F_{Az,Ar}(\phi(t)))}{m} \right\} \\ &= \psi \left\{ \frac{(\frac{1}{F_{Ax_1,Ay_1}(\phi(t))} - 1) + (\frac{1}{F_{Ax_2,Ay_2}(\phi(t))} - 1) + \dots + (\frac{1}{F_{Ax_m,Ay_m}(\phi(t))} - 1)}{m} \right\} \\ &= \psi \left\{ \frac{|Ax_1 - Ay_1| + |Ax_2 - Ay_2| + \dots + |Ax_m - Ay_m|}{m\phi(t)} \right\} \\ &= \frac{9(|x_1 - y_1| + |x_2 - y_2| + \dots + |x_m - y_m|)}{4mt}. \end{aligned}$$

It is obvious that

$$h(F_{T(x,y,\dots,z),T(p,q,\dots,r)}(\phi(ct))) \leq \psi \left\{ \frac{h(F_{Ax,Ap}(\phi(t))) + h(F_{Ay,Aq}(\phi(t))) + \dots + h(F_{Az,Ar}(\phi(t)))}{m} \right\}.$$

Thus all the conditions of Theorem 3.5 are satisfied. Therefore, 0 is the unique multiplied common fixed point of A and T .

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