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A QUADRUPLE FIXED POINT THEOREM FOR A MULTIMAP IN A HAUSDORFF FUZZY METRIC SPACE

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Abstract

Rao and Rao[16] obtained a triple fixed point theorem for a multimap in Hausdorff fuzzy metric space. Extending this idea we generalize the concept of triple fixed point, we define quadruple fixed point. In this paper we have established a result regarding it in Hausdorff fuzzy metric space.

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1 Introduction and Preliminaries

Zadeh [23] introduced the concept of fuzzy sets in 1965. Since then, it was developed extensively by many authors. Fuzzy metric spaces have been defined by several researchers in several ways (e.g.[6,7]). The concepts of fuzzy metric space introduced by Kramosil and Michlek [12] have been modified by George and Veeramani [7] and also induced a Hausdro topology on such fuzzy metric space. The contraction principle in the setting of fuzzy metric spaces introduced in [7] was later proved by Grabiec[9]. Some interesting references for fixed point theorems in fuzzy metric spaces are given in [3,4,5,21].

Nadler [14] initiated the study of fixed points for multivalued contraction mappings using the Hausdor metric. In 2004, Rodrguez-Lpez and Romaguera [17] introduced Hausdors fuzzy metric on the set of the nonempty compact subsets of a given fuzzy metric space. Later some fixed point theorems for multivalued maps in fuzzy metric spaces (e.g., [1,11,20,22]) were proved by several authors. Many authors studied the existence of fixed points for various multivalued contractive mappings under dierent conditions, refer to [12-14] and the references therein.

In 2006 coupled fixed point in partially ordered metric spaces was introduced by Gnana Bhaskar and Lakshmikantham [8] and some problems of the uniqueness of a coupled fixed point was discussed and the results were applied to periodic boundary value problems. In 2011, Samet and Vetro [18] proved the coupled fixed point theorems for a multivalued mapping. Berinde and Borcut [2] also introduced the concept of triple fixed points and obtained a triple fixed point theorem for a single valued map in partially ordered metric spaces.

In this paper, we obtain a quadruple fixed point theorem for a multimap in a Hausdor fuzzy metric space and using it, we obtain a common quadruple fixed point for a multi- and single valued maps.

For this we need the following.

Definition 1.1 [19] A binary operation $*: [0,1] \times [0,1] \rightarrow [0,1]$ is a continuous t-norm if it satisfies the following conditions:

- 1. * is associative and commutative,
- 2. * is continuous,
- 3. $a * 1 = a \text{ for all } a \in [0, 1],$
- 4. $a * b \le c * d$ whenever $a \le c$ and $b \le d$, for each $a, b, c, d \in [0, 1]$.

Two typical examples of continuous t-norm are a*b=ab and $a*b=\min\{a,b\}$.

Definition 1.2 [7] A 3-tuple (X, M, *) is called a fuzzy metric space if X is an arbitrary (nonempty) set, * is a continuous t-norm, and is a fuzzy set on $X^2 \times (0, \infty)$, satisfying the following conditions for each $x, y, z \in X$ and each t and s > 0, 1. M(x, y, t) > 0,

- 2. M(x, y, t) = 1 if and only if x = y,
- 3. M(x, y, t) = M(y, x, t),
- 4. $M(x, y, t) * M(y, z, s) \le M(x, z, t + s)$,
- 5. $M(x, y,): (0, \infty) \rightarrow [0, 1]$ is continuous.

Let (X, M, *) be a fuzzy metric space. For > 0, the open ball B(x, r, t) with centre $x \in X$ and radius 0 < r < 1 is defined by $B(x, r, t) = \{y \in X : M(x, y, t) > 1 - r\}$.

A subset $A \subset X$ is called open if for each $x \in A$ there exist t > 0 and 0 < r < 1 such that $B(x, r, t) \subset A$. Let τ denote the family of all open subsets of X. Then τ is called the topology on X induced by the fuzzy metric M. This topology is Hausdorff and first countable. A subset A of X is said to be F-bounded if there exist t > 0 and 0 < r < 1 such that M(x, y, t) > 1 - r for all $x, y \in A$.

Lemma 1.1 [9] Let (X, M, *) be a fuzzy metric space. Then M(x, y, t) is nondecreasing with respect to t for all x, y in X

Definition 1.3 [17] Let (X, M, *) be a fuzzy metric space. M is said to be continuous on $X^2 \times (0, \infty)$ if

(1.1) $\lim_{n\to\infty} M(x_n, y_n, t_n) = M(x, y, t),$

whenever a sequence $\{(x_n, y_n, t_n)\}$ in $X^2 \times (0, \infty)$ converges to a point $(x, y, t) \in X^2 \times (0, \infty)$, that is, whenever $\lim_{n \to \infty} M(x_n, x, t) = \lim_{n \to \infty} M(y_n, y, t) = M(x, y, t) = 1$,

(1.2) $\lim_{n\to\infty} (x, y, t_n) = M(x, y, t).$

Lemma 1.2 [17] Let (X, M, *) be a fuzzy metric space. Then M is a continuous function on $X^2 \times (0, \infty)$. Also let us take the condition:

(1.3) $\lim_{t \to \infty} M(x, y, t) = 1, \ \forall \ x, y \in X.$

Lemma 1.3 [13] Let $\{y_n\}$ be a sequence in fuzzy metric space (X, M, *) satisfying condition (3). If there exists a positive number k < 1 such that

(1.4) $M(y_n, y_{n+1}, kt) \ge M(y_{n-1}, y_n, t), t > 0, n = 1, 2...$

Definition 1.4 [17] Let B be a nonempty subset of a fuzzy metric space (X, M, *). For $a \in X$ and t > 0, define $M(a, B, t) = \sup \left\{ \frac{a, b, t}{b} \in B \right\}$.

In this paper let K(X) denotes the class of all non empty compact subsets of X.

Lemma 1.4 [17] Let (X, M, *) be a fuzzy metric space. Then for each $a \in X$, $B \in K(X)$ and t > 0, there exists $b \in B$ such that M(a, B, t) = M(a, b, t).

Definition 1.5 [17] Let (X, M, *) be a fuzzy metric space. For each $A, B \in K(X)$ and t > 0, set

(1.5) $H_M(A, B, t) = \min \Big\{ \inf_{x \in A} M(x, B, t), \inf_{y \in B} M(A, y, t) \Big\}.$

The 3-tuple $(K(X), H_M, *)$ is called a Hausdorff fuzzy metric space.

Lemma 1.5 [10] Let X be a nonempty set and $g: X \to X$ be a mapping. Then there exists a subset $E \subseteq X$ such that g(E) = g(X) and $g: X \to X$ is one one.

Definition 1.6 Let X be a nonempty set, $T: X \times X \times X \times X \to 2^X$ (collection of all nonempty subset of X) and $f: X \to X$. (i) The point $(s, x, y, z) \in X \times X \times X \times X$ is called a quadruple fixed point of T if

 $(1.6)\ s\in T(s,x,y,z),$

$$y\in T(y,z,s,x),$$

$$z \in T(z, s, x, y)$$
.

- (ii) The point $(s, x, y, z) \in X \times X \times X \times X$ is called a quadruple coincident point of T and f if
- (1.7) $f_s \in T(s, x, y, z)$,

$$f_x \in T(x, y, z, s),$$

$$f_y \in T(y, z, s, x),$$

$$f_z \in T(z, s, x, y).$$

(iii) The point $(s, x, y, z) \in X \times X \times X \times X$ is called a quadruple common fixed point of T and f if

(1.8)
$$s = f_s \in T(s, x, y, z),$$

 $x = f_x \in T(x, y, z, s),$
 $y = f_y \in T(y, z, s, x),$
 $z = f_z \in T(z, s, x, y).$

Definition 1.7 Let $T: X \times X \times X \times X \to 2^X$ be a multivalued map and f be a self map on X. The Hybrid pair $\{T, f\}$ is called w-compatible if $f(T(s, x, y, z)) \subseteq T(fs, fx, fy, fz)$ whenever (s, x, y, z) is quadruple coincident point of T and f.

2 Main Result

Let us prove a slightly different result from Lemma 1.3 which we will use to prove our main result.

Lemma 2.1 Let $\{s_n\}, \{x_n\}, \{y_n\}$ and $\{z_n\}$ be sequences in fuzzy metric space (X, M, *) satisfying condition (1.3). If there exists a positive number k < 1 such that

$$(2.1) \min \left\{ M(s_n, s_{n+1}, kt)(x_n, x_{n+1}, kt)(y_n, y_{n+1}, kt)(z_n, z_{n+1}, kt) \right\}$$

$$\geq \min \left\{ M(s_{n-1}, s_n, t)(x_{n-1}, x_n, t)(y_{n-1}, y_n, t)(z_{n-1}, z_n, t) \right\},$$

for all t > 0, n = 1, 2, ..., then $\{s_n\}, \{x_n\}, \{y_n\}$ and $\{z_n\}$ are Cauchy sequences in X.

Proof. We have

(2.2)
$$\min \left\{ M(s_{n}, s_{n+1}, kt), M(x_{n}, x_{n+1}, kt), M(y_{n}, y_{n+1}, kt), M(z_{n}, z_{n+1}, kt) \right\}$$

$$\geq \min \left\{ M(s_{n-1}, s_{n}, t), M(x_{n-1}, x_{n}, t), M(y_{n-1}, y_{n}, t), M(z_{n-1}, z_{n}, t) \right\}$$

$$\geq \min \left\{ M\left(s_{n-2}, s_{n-1}, \frac{t}{k^{2}}\right), M\left(x_{n-2}, x_{n-1}, \frac{t}{k^{2}}\right), M\left(y_{n-2}, y_{n-1}, \frac{t}{k^{2}}\right), M\left(z_{n-2}, z_{n-1}, \frac{t}{k^{2}}\right) \right\}$$

$$\vdots$$

Hence,
$$(2.3) \ M(s_n, s_{n+1}, t) \ge \min \left\{ M\left(s_0, s_1, \frac{t}{k^n}\right), M\left(x_0, x_1, \frac{t}{k^n}\right), M\left(y_0, y_1, \frac{t}{k^n}\right), M\left(z_0, z_1, \frac{t}{k^n}\right) \right\}.$$

 $\geq \min \left\{ M\left(s_0, s_1, \frac{t}{k^n}\right), M\left(x_0, x_1, \frac{t}{k^n}\right), M\left(y_0, y_1, \frac{t}{k^n}\right), M\left(z_0, z_1, \frac{t}{k^n}\right) \right\}$

Now, for any positive integer p,

$$(2.4) \quad M\left(s_{n}, s_{n+p}, t\right) \geq M\left(s_{n}, s_{n+1}, \frac{t}{p}\right) * M\left(s_{n+1}, s_{n+2}, \frac{t}{p}\right) * \dots * M\left(s_{n+p-1}, s_{n+p}, \frac{t}{p}\right)$$

$$\geq \min\left\{M\left(s_{0}, s_{1}, \frac{t}{pk^{n}}\right), M\left(x_{0}, x_{1}, \frac{t}{pk^{n}}\right), M\left(y_{0}, y_{1}, \frac{t}{pk^{n}}\right), M\left(z_{0}, z_{1}, \frac{t}{pk^{n}}\right)\right\}$$

$$* \min\left\{M\left(s_{0}, s_{1}, \frac{t}{pk^{n+1}}\right)\left(x_{0}, x_{1}, \frac{t}{pk^{n+1}}\right)\left(y_{0}, y_{1}, \frac{t}{pk^{n+1}}\right)\left(z_{0}, z_{1}, \frac{t}{pk^{n+1}}\right)\right\}$$

$$* \dots * \geq \min\left\{M\left(s_{0}, s_{1}, \frac{t}{pk^{n+p-1}}\right), M\left(x_{0}, x_{1}, \frac{t}{pk^{n+p-1}}\right), M\left(y_{0}, y_{1}, tpk^{n+p-1}\right), M(z_{0}, z_{1}, \frac{t}{pk^{n+p-1}})\right\}.$$

Letting $n \to \infty$ and using condition (3), we have

$$\lim_{n \to \infty} M(x_n, x_{n+p}, t) \ge 1 * 1 * \dots * 1 = 1.$$

Hence.

(2.5)
$$\lim_{n\to\infty} M(x_n, x_{n+p}, t) = 1.$$

Thus $\{s_n\}$ is a Cauchy sequence in X. Similarly, we can show that $\{x_n\}$, $\{y_n\}$ and $\{z_n\}$ are Cauchy sequences in X. Now, let us prove our first main result.

Theorem 2.1 Let (X, M, *) be a complete fuzzy metric space satisfying condition (1.3) and $F: X \times X \times X \times X \to K(X)$ be a set valued mapping satisfying

$$(2.6) \ H_M(F(s, x, y, z), F(h, u, v, w), kt) \ge \min \left\{ M(s, h, t), M(x, u, t) M(y, v, t), M(z, w, t) \right\}$$

for each $s, x, y, z, h, u, v, w \in X$, t > 0, where 0 < k < 1.

Then F has a quadruple fixed point.

Proof. Let $s_0, x_0, y_0, z_0 \in X$.

Choose $s_1 \in F(s_0, x_0, y_0, z_0), x_1 \in F(x_0, y_0, z_0, s_0), y_1 \in (y_0, z_0, s_0, x_0), z_1 \in F(z_0, s_0, x_0, y_0).$ Since F is compact valued, by Lemma 1.4, there exists $s_2 \in F(s_1, x_1, y_1, z_1)$ such that

$$(2.7) \quad M(s_1, s_2, kt) = \sup_{x \in F(s_1, x_1, y_1, z_1)} M(s_1, s, kt)$$

$$\geq H_M \Big(F(s_0, x_0, y_0, z_0), F(s_1, x_1, y_1, z_1), kt \Big)$$

$$\geq \min \Big\{ M(s_0, s_1, t), M(x_0, x_1, t), M(y_0, y_1, t), M(z_0, z_1, t) \Big\}.$$

Since F is compact valued, by Lemma 1.4, there exists $x_2 \in F(x_1, y_1, z_1, s_1)$ such that

$$(2.8) \quad M(x_1, x_2, kt) = \sup_{x \in F(x_1, y_1, z_1, s_1)} M(x_1, x, kt)$$

$$\geq H_M(F(x_0, y_0, z_0, s_0), F(x_1, y_1, z_1, s_1), kt)$$

$$\geq \min\{M(x_0, x_1, t), M(y_0, y_1, t), M(z_0, z_1, t), M(s_0, s_1, t)\}$$

$$\geq \min\{M(s_0, s_1, t), M(x_0, x_1, t), M(y_0, y_1, t), M(z_0, z_1, t)\}.$$

Since F is compact valued, by Lemma 1.4, there exists $y_2 \in F(y_1, z_1, s_1, x_1)$ such that

$$(2.9) \quad M(y_1, y_2, kt) = \sup_{x \in F(y_1, z_1, s_1, x_1)} M(y_1, y, kt)$$

$$\geq H_M(F(y_0, z_0, s_0, x_0), F(y_1, z_1, s_1, x_1), kt)$$

$$\geq \min\{M(y_0, y_1, t), M(z_0, z_1, t), M(s_0, s_1, t), M(x_0, x_1, t)\}.$$

$$\geq \min\{M(s_0, s_1, t), M(x_0, x_1, t), M(y_0, y_1, t), M(z_0, z_1, t)\}.$$

Since *F* is compact valued, by Lemma 1.4, there exists $z_2 \in F(z_1, s_1, x_1, y_1)$ such that

$$(2.10) \ M(z_1, z_2, kt) = \sup_{x \in F(z_1, s_1, x_1, y_1)} M(z_1, z, kt)$$

$$\geq H_M(F(z_0, s_0, x_0, y_0), F(z_1, s_1, x_1, y_1), kt)$$

$$\geq \min\{M(z_0, z_1, t), M(s_0, s_1, t), M(x_0, x_1, t), M(y_0, y_1, t)\}$$

$$\geq \min\{M(s_0, s_1, t), M(x_0, x_1, t), M(y_0, y_1, t), M(z_0, z_1, t)\}.$$

Thus.

(2.11)
$$\min\{M(s_1, s_2, kt), M(x_1, x_2, kt), M(y_1, y_2, kt), M(z_1, z_2, kt)\}\$$

 $\geq \min\{M(s_0, s_1, t), M(x_0, x_1, t), M(y_0, y_1, t), M(z_0, z_1, t)\}.$

Continuing in this way we can find the sequences $\{s_n\}, \{x_n\}, \{y_n\}$ and $\{z_n\}$ in X such that

$$s_{n+1} \in F(s_n, x_n, y_n, z_n), x_{n+1} \in F(x_n, y_n, z_n, s_n), y_{n+1} \in F(y_n, z_n, s_n, x_n),$$

 $z_{n+1} \in F(z_n, s_n, x_n, y_n)$

Such that

(2.12)
$$\min\{M(s_n, s_{n+1}, kt), M(x_n, x_{n+1}, kt), M(y_n, y_{n+1}, kt), M(z_n, z_{n+1}, kt)\}\$$

 $\geq \min\{M(s_{n-1}, s_n, t), M(x_{n-1}, x_n, t), M(y_{n-1}, y_n, t), M(z_{n-1}, z_n, t)\}.$

Hence, by Lemma 2.1, $\{s_n\}$, $\{x_n\}$, $\{y_n\}$ and $\{z_n\}$ are Cauchy sequences in X.

Since X is complete, there exists $s, x, y, z \in X$ such that $\lim_{n\to\infty} \{s_n\} = s, \lim_{n\to\infty} \{x_n\} = x, \lim_{n\to\infty} \{y_n\} = y, \lim_{n\to\infty} \{z_n\} = z$.

Consider

$$(2.13) \ H_M(F(s_n, x_n, y_n, z_n), F(s, x, y, z), kt)$$

$$\geq \min\{M(s_n, s, t), M(x_n, x, t), M(y_n, y, t), M(z_n, z, t)\}.$$

Let $n \to \infty$, we get

(2.14)
$$\lim_{n \to \infty} H_M(F(s_n, x_n, y_n, z_n), F(s, x, y, z), kt) = 1$$
 so that $\lim_{n \to \infty} H_M(F(s_n, x_n, y_n, z_n), F(s, x, y, z), t) = 1.$

Similarly we can show that

(2.15)
$$\lim_{n \to \infty} H_M(F(x_n, y_n, z_n, s_n), F(x, y, z, s), t) = 1,$$
$$\lim_{n \to \infty} H_M(F(y_n, z_n, s_n, x_n), F(y, z, s, x), t) = 1,$$
$$\lim_{n \to \infty} H_M(F(z_n, s_n, x_n, y_n), F(z, s, x, y), t) = 1.$$

Since

$$s_{n+1} \in F(s_n, x_n, y_n, z_n), x_{n+1} \in F(x_n, y_n, z_n, s_n), y_{n+1} \in F(y_n, z_n, s_n, x_n),$$

 $z_{n+1} \in F(z_n, s_n, x_n, y_n),$

From (2.12) and (2.13), we have

(2.16)
$$\lim_{n \to \infty} \sup_{a \in F(s, x, y, z)} M(s_{n+1}, a, t) = 1,$$

$$\lim_{n \to \infty} \sup_{b \in F(x, y, z, s)} M(x_{n+1}, b, t) = 1,$$

$$\lim_{n \to \infty} \sup_{c \in F(y, z, s, x)} M(y_{n+1}, c, t) = 1,$$

$$\lim_{n \to \infty} \sup_{d \in F(z, s, x, y)} M(z_{n+1}, d, t) = 1.$$

Hence there exist sequences $l_n \in F(s, x, y, z)$, $p_n \in F(x, y, z, s)$, $q_n \in F(y, z, s, x)$ and $r_n \in F(z, s, x, y)$ such that

$$(2.17) \lim_{n\to\infty} M(s_{n+1}, l_n, t) = 1,$$

$$\lim_{n\to\infty} M(x_{n+1}, p_n, t) = 1,$$

$$\lim_{n\to\infty} M(y_{n+1}, q_n, t) = 1,$$

$$\lim_{n\to\infty}M(z_{n+1},r_n,t)=1.$$

for each t > 0.

Now for each $n \in N$, we have

$$(2.18) \ M(l_n, s, t) \ge M(l_n, s_{n+1}, t/2) * M(s_{n+1}, s, t/2).$$

Letting $n \to \infty$, we obtain

(2.19)
$$\lim_{n\to\infty} M(l_n, s, t) = 1$$
 so that $\lim_{n\to\infty} l_n = s$.

Similarly, we can show that

$$(2.20) \ \lim_{n\to\infty} p_n = x, \ \lim_{n\to\infty} q_n = y, \ \lim_{n\to\infty} r_n = z.$$

Since F(s, x, y, z), F(x, y, z, s), F(y, z, s, x) and F(z, s, x, y) are compact, we have $s \in F(s, x, y, z)$, $x \in F(x, y, z, s)$, $y \in F(y, z, s, x)$ and $z \in F(z, s, x, y)$.

Thus (s, x, y, z) is a quadruple fixed point of F.

Theorem 2.2 Let (X, M, *) be a complete fuzzy metric space satisfying condition (1.3) and $F: X \times X \times X \times X \to K(X)$ and $gX \to X$ be a mappings satisfying

$$(2.21) \ H_M(F(s, x, y, z), F(h, u, v, w), kt)$$

$$\geq \min \{ M(gs, gh, t), M(gx, gu, t), M(gy, gv, t), M(gz, gw, t) \},$$

for all $s, x, y, z, h, u, v, w \in X$, t > 0 and 0 < k < 1. further assume that $F(X \times X \times X \times X) \subseteq g(x)$, then F and g have a quadrupled coincidence point. Moreover, F and g have a quadrupled common fixed point if one of the following conditions holds.

- (a) The pair F, g is called w-compatible and there exists μ , α , β , $\gamma \in X$ such that $\lim_{n\to\infty} g^n s = \mu \lim_{n\to\infty} g^n x = \alpha$, $\lim_{n\to\infty} g^n y = \beta$, $\lim_{n\to\infty} g^n z = \gamma$, whenever (s, x, y, z) is a quadrupled coincidence point of F and g and g is continuous at μ , α , β , γ .
- (b) There exist $\mu, \alpha, \beta, \gamma \in X$ such that $\lim_{n \to \infty} g^n \mu = s$, $\lim_{n \to \infty} g^n \alpha = x$, $\lim_{n \to \infty} g^n \beta = y$, $\lim_{n \to \infty} g^n \gamma = z$, whenever (s, x, y, z) is a quadrupled coincidence point of F and g and g is continuous at s, x, y, z.

Proof. By Lemma 1.5, there exists $E \subseteq X$ such that $g: E \to X$ is one to one and g(E) = g(X).

Now, define $G: g(E) \times g(E) \times g(E) \times g(E) \to K(X)$ by G(gs, gx, gy, gz) = F(x, y, z) for all $gs, gx, gy, gz \in g(E)$. Since g is one-one one E, G is well defined.

Now.

$$(2.22) \ H_{M}(G(gs, gx, gy, gz), G(gh, gu, gv, gw), kt) = H_{M}(F(s, x, y, z), F(h, u, v, w), kt)$$

$$\geq \min \{ M(gs, gh, t), M(gx, gu, t), M(gy, gv, t), M(gz, gw, t) \}.$$

Hence G satisfies (2.6) and all the conditions of **Theorem 2.1**.

By **Theorem 2.1**, G has a quadruple fixed point $(h, u, v, w) \in g(E) \times g(E) \times g(E) \times g(E)$. Thus,

(2.23)
$$h \in (h, u, v, w),$$

 $u \in (u, v, w, h),$
 $v \in (v, w, h, u),$
 $w \in (w, h, u, v).$

Since $F(X \times X \times X \times X) \subseteq g(x)$, there exist $h, u, v, w \in X \times X \times X \times X$ such that $gh_1 = h, gu_1 = u, gv_1 = v$ and $gw_1 = w$. so from (2.23) we have

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gh_1 \in G(gh_1, gu_1, gv_1, gw_1) = F(h_1, u_1, v_1, w_1)
gu_1 \in G(gu_1, gv_1, gw_1, gh_1) = F(u_1, v_1, w_1, h_1)
gv_1 \in G(gv_1, gw_1, gh_1, gu_1) = F(v_1, w_1, h_1, u_1)
gw_1 \in G(gv_1, gw_1, gh_1, gu_1) = F(w_1, h_1, u_1, v_1).
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This implies that $h_1, u_1, v_1, w_1 \in X \times X \times X \times X$ is a quadruple fixed point of F and g.

Now following as in [15] except from the inequalities satisfied by M we can show that F and g have a quadruple fixed point.

3 Conclusion

Thus, our paper establishes the results regarding the quadruple fixed point in Hausdorff fuzzy metric space. **Acknowledgement.** The authors are very much grateful to the Editors and referees for their helpful suggestions.

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