

SOME COMMON FIXED POINT THEOREMS IN COMPLETE METRIC SPACES

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ABSTRACT

In the present paper, some common fixed point theorems have been proved which generalize the results recently proved in [3], [7] and [10].

1. Introduction. After the works of Khan et. al [3], Pathak and Sharma [6], Sastri and Babu [8], Sastri et. al. [10] etc. have obtained several common fixed point theorems in metric space. Sastri et. al. [10] have shown that the inequality used in Khan et. al. [3] does not hold for $x=y$ because $\alpha(0)$ is not defined there in while the unicity condition fails in Pathak and Sharma [6]. In their support they have provided examples [10].

Let R^+ denote the set of all non negative reals, N the set of all natural numbers and Φ , the set continuous of ψ such that ψ is monotonically increasing and $\psi(t)=0$ if and only if $t=0$.

Using this function ψ and altering the distance between points, Khan et. al. [3], Park [4,5], Pathak and Sharma [6], Sastri and Babu [8] Sastri et. al [10], etc. have obtained fixed point for one mapping and common fixed point for two mappings. Sastri et. al. [8] have proved the following

Theorem A. Let (X,d) be a bounded metric space and $T:X \rightarrow X$ such that

$$\psi(d(Tx, Ty)) \leq k \max \{ \psi(d(x, y)), \psi(d(x, Tx)), \psi(d(y, Ty)) \}$$

and $0 \leq k \leq 1$ for all x, y in X . Then T has a unique fixed point in X .

They have also proved the following

Theorem B. Let (X,d) be a bounded complete metric space and S and T be self maps of X such that $ST=TS$. Further, assume that S and T satisfy the following inequality

there exists $k \in (0,1)$ and $\psi \in \Phi$ such that

$$\psi(d(Sx, Ty)) \leq k \max \{ \psi(d(x, y)), \psi(d(x, Sx)), \psi(d(y, Ty)) \}$$

for all x, y in X . Then one of S and T (and hence both) have a unique common fixed point in X .

Sessa [11] introduced the notion of weakly commutativity which is weaker than commutativity. Every commutative pair is weakly commutative but the converse is not always true [10].

Definition 1. Two mappings $f, g : X \rightarrow X$, where X is a metric space are said to be weakly commutative if and only if $d(fgx, gfx) \leq d(fx, gx)$ for all $x \in X$.

Later on Jungck [1] extended the notion of weakly commutative to compatibility and showed that every weakly commutative maps are compatible but the converse is not always true.

Definition 2. Two mappings $f, g : X \rightarrow X$, where X is a complete metric space, are said to be compatible if and only if whenever $\{x_n\}$ is a sequence in X such that $fx_n, gx_n \rightarrow t$ then $d(gfx_n, fgx_n) \rightarrow 0$.

Jungck and Rhoades [2] established the following

Proposition A. Let f, g be compatible self maps of a metric space (X, d)

1. If $f(t) = g(t)$ then $fg(t) = gf(t)$,
2. Suppose that $\lim fx_n = \lim gx_n = t$ for some $t \in X$ and $x_n \in X$,

Then

- (a) If f is a continuous at t , $\lim gfx_n = f(t)$
- (b) If f and g are continuous at t then $f(t) = g(t)$ and $fg(t) = gf(t)$.

In this paper, we obtain a necessary and sufficient condition for a common fixed point of these compatible mappings which extend the results proved in [3], [7] and [10].

We now first prove the following

Theorem 1. Let (X, d) be a complete metric space and let f, g be continuous mappings of X into itself then a mapping $h : X \rightarrow f(X) \cap g(X)$ has a fixed point in X if and only if

$$\phi(d(hx, hy)) \leq k \max \{ \phi(d(hx, fx)), \phi(d(hy, gy)), \phi(d(fx, gy)), \phi((d(hx, gy)/2 + d(hy, fx)) \dots \text{(A)}$$

for all $x, y \in X$, $0 \leq k \leq 1$ and $\phi \in \Phi$ and f, g are compatible with h . Further f, g, h have a unique common fixed point in X .

Proof. We shall first show that the condition is sufficient. Let $x_0 \in X$ such that $hx_0 = fx_0$. Since $x_1 \in X$ and $h(X) \subset g(X)$, there exists a point $x_2 \in X$ such that $hx_1 = gx_2$. In this way a sequence $\{x_n\}$ is constructed. So that $hx_{2n} = fx_{2n+1}$ and $hx_{2n+1} = gx_{2n+2}$, $n = 0, 1, 2, \dots$

Define $d_n = d(hx_n, hx_{n+1})$. From (a)

$$\begin{aligned} \phi(d_{2n}) &= \phi(d(hx_{2n}, hx_{2n+1})) = \phi(d(hx_{2n+1}, hx_{2n})) \\ &\leq k \max \{ \phi(d(hx_{2n+1}, fx_{2n+1})), \phi(d(hx_{2n}, gx_{2n})), \phi(d(hx_{2n+1}, gx_{2n})) \}, \end{aligned}$$

$$\begin{aligned}
& \phi\{d(hx_{2n+1}, gx_{2n}) + d(hx_{2n}, fx_{2n+1})\}/2\} \\
& = k \max \{\phi(d(hx_{2n+1}, hx_{2n})), \phi(d(hx_{2n}, hx_{2n-1})), 0, \\
& \quad \phi\{(d(hx_{2n+1}, hx_{2n-1})/2)\}\} \\
& \leq k \max \{\phi(d_{2n}), \phi(d_{2n-1}), 0, \phi\{(d(hx_{2n-1}, hx_{2n}), (hx_{2n}, hx_{2n+1}))/2\}\} \\
& = k \max \{\phi(d_{2n}), \phi(d_{2n-1}), 0, \phi\{(d_{2n-1} + d_{2n})/2\}\}
\end{aligned}$$

If $d_{2n} > d_{2n-1}$, for any n . Then

$$\phi(d_{2n}) \leq k\phi(d_{2n}) < \phi(d_{2n}) \text{ a contradiction.}$$

Therefore

$$\phi(d_{2n}) \leq k\phi(d_{2n-1}) < \phi(d_{2n-1}) \quad \dots(1)$$

and because ϕ is non decreasing, $d_{2n} < d_{2n-1}$.

Similarly we can show that $d_{2n+1} < d_{2n}$, so that for each n , $d_{n+1} < d_n$ and $\{d_n\}$ strictly decreasing sequence of reals. Further as

$$\phi(d_n) \leq k\phi(d_{n-1}) \leq k^2\phi(d_{n-2}) \leq \dots \leq k^{n-1}\phi(d_1) \rightarrow 0 \text{ as } n \rightarrow \infty.$$

Since $\{d_n\}$ is a decreasing sequence of reals, it converges. Call the limit p .

Suppose $p > 0$, then since ϕ is continuous $\lim \phi(d_n) = \phi(p) = 0$ therefore $p = 0$. We now wish to show that $\{hx_n\}$ is a Cauchy sequence. Assume that it is not Cauchy.

Then for every positive number ϵ and for every positive integer k there exist two positive integers $2m(k)$ and $2n(k)$ such that $2m(k) > 2n(k) > k$ and $d(hx_{2m(k)}, hx_{2n(k)}) > \epsilon$. Further let $2m(k)$ denote the smallest even integer for which $2m(k) > 2n(k) > k$, $d(hx_{2m(k)}, hx_{2n(k)}) > \epsilon$ and $d(hx_{2m(k)-2}, hx_{2n(k)}) \leq \epsilon$.

$$\begin{aligned}
\text{Then } \phi(\epsilon) & < \phi(d(hx_{2n(k)}, hx_{2m(k)})) \\
& \leq \phi(d(hx_{2n(k)}, hx_{2m(k)-2}) + d_{2m(k)-2} + d_{2m(k)-1}).
\end{aligned}$$

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

$$\phi(\epsilon) = \lim \phi(d(hx_{2n(k)}, hx_{2m(k)})) \quad \dots(2)$$

Using triangle inequality

$$\begin{aligned}
|d(hx_{2m(k)}, hx_{2n(k)+1}) - d(hx_{2m(k)}, hx_{2n(k)})| & \leq d_{2n(k)}; \\
|d(hx_{2m(k)+1}, hx_{2n(k)+1}) - d(hx_{2m(k)}, hx_{2n(k)+1})| & \leq d_{2m(k)} \text{ and} \\
|d(hx_{2m(k)+1}, hx_{2n(k)+2}) - d(hx_{2m(k)+1}, hx_{2n(k)+1})| & \leq d_{2n(k)+1}.
\end{aligned}$$

$$\begin{aligned}
\text{These imply } \lim d(hx_{2m(k)}, hx_{2n(k)+1}) & \\
= \lim d(hx_{2m(k)}, hx_{2n(k)}) & = \lim d(hx_{2m(k)}, hx_{2n(k)}) = \lim d(hx_{2m(k)+1}, hx_{2n(k)+1}) \\
& = \lim d(hx_{2m(k)+1}, hx_{2n(k)+2}).
\end{aligned}$$

$$\begin{aligned}
\text{Since } \phi \text{ is continuous, } \lim \phi(d(hx_{2m(k)}, hx_{2n(k)+1})) & = \lim d(hx_{2m(k)+1}, hx_{2n(k)+2}) \\
& = \lim d(hx_{2m(k)+1}, hx_{2n(k)+2}) = \phi(\epsilon).
\end{aligned}$$

From (A),

$$\begin{aligned}
\phi(d(hx_{2m(k)+1}, hx_{2n(k)+2})) & \leq k \max \{\phi(d(hx_{2m(k)+1}, fx_{2m(k)+1}), \\
& \quad \phi(d(fx_{2m(k)+1}, gx_{2n(k)+2})), \phi(d(hx_{2m(k)+2}, gx_{2n(k)+2})), \\
& \quad \phi\{(d(hx_{2m(k)+1}, gx_{2n(k)+2}) + d(hx_{2n(k)+2}, fx_{2m(k)+1}))/2\} \\
& = k \max \{\phi(d_{2m(k)}), \phi(d(hx_{2m(k)}, hx_{2n(k)+1})), \phi(d_{2n(k)+1}), \\
& \quad \phi\{(d(hx_{2m(k)+1}, hx_{2n(k)+1}))/2\}.
\end{aligned}$$

Taking limit as $k \rightarrow \infty$, we get

$$\phi(\epsilon) \leq k\phi(\epsilon) < \phi(\epsilon), \text{ a contradiction.}$$

So $\{hx_n\}$ is a Cauchy sequence and because X is complete, it is convergent. Call the limit u . then

$$\begin{aligned} \lim hx_{2n+1} &= \lim fx_{2n+1} = u. \text{ Since } f \text{ and } h \text{ are compatible,} \\ \lim d(fhx_{2n+1}, hfx_{2n+1}) &= 0 \end{aligned} \quad \dots (3)$$

$$\begin{aligned} \text{Also } \lim hx_{2n+2} &= \lim gx_{2n+2} = u. \text{ Since } g \text{ and } h \text{ are compatible,} \\ \lim d(hgx_{2n+2}, ghx_{2n+2}) &= 0. \end{aligned} \quad \dots (4)$$

We now show that the continuity of f will imply

$$fu = gu = hu.$$

From the triangle inequality

$$\begin{aligned} d(fhx_{2n+1}, ghx_{2n+2}) &\leq d(fhx_{2n+1}, hfx_{2n+1}) + d(hfx_{2n+1}, hgx_{2n+2}) \\ &\quad + d(hgx_{2n+2}, ghx_{2n+2}). \end{aligned}$$

Taking limit as $n \rightarrow \infty$ using (3) and (4) and the continuity of f and g we have

$$d(fu, gu) \leq \lim (hfx_{2n+1}, hgx_{2n+2}).$$

From (1)

$$\begin{aligned} \phi(d(hfx_{2n+1}, hgx_{2n+2})) &\leq k \max \{ \phi(d(hfx_{2n+2}, ffx_{2n+1})), \phi(d(hgx_{2n+2}, ggx_{2n+2})), \\ &\quad \phi(d(ffx_{2n+1}, ggx_{2n+2})), \phi(d(hgx_{2n+1}, ffx_{2n+2}))/2 \} \end{aligned} \quad \dots (5)$$

From (3) and continuity of f ,

$$\lim d(hfx_{2n+1}, ffx_{2n+1}) \leq \lim d(hfx_{2n+1}, ffx_{2n+1}) + \lim d(fhx_{2n+1}, ffx_{2n+1}) = 0.$$

From (4) and continuity of g ,

$$\lim d(hgx_{2n+2}, ggx_{2n+2}) \leq \lim d(hgx_{2n+2}, ghx_{2n+2}) + \lim d(ghx_{2n+2}, ggx_{2n+2}) = 0.$$

From the continuity of f and g ,

$$\lim (d(ffx_{2n+1}, ggx_{2n+2})) = d(fu, gu).$$

From (3) and (4) and continuity of f and g ,

$$\begin{aligned} &\lim \{ d(hfx_{2n+1}, ggx_{2n+2}) \} + d(hgx_{2n+2}, ffx_{2n+1}) / 2 \\ &\leq \lim \{ d(hfx_{2n+1}, ffx_{2n+1}) + d(fhx_{2n+1}, ggx_{2n+2}) \} + d(hgx_{2n+2}, ghx_{2n+2}) \\ &\quad + d(hgx_{2n+2}, ghx_{2n+2}) + d(ghx_{2n+2}, ffx_{2n+1}) / 2 \\ &= d(fu, gu). \end{aligned}$$

Taking limit in (5) as $n \rightarrow \infty$ and using the continuity of ϕ ,

$$\phi(d(fu, gu)) \leq k\phi(d(fu, gu))$$

which implies that

$$fu = gu.$$

In the similar way it can be shown that $fu = hu$.

So $fu = hu = gu$.

Now

$$\begin{aligned} \phi(d(hfx_{2n+1}, hx_{2n+2})) &\leq k \max \{ \phi(d(hfx_{2n+1}, ffx_{2n+1})), \phi(d(hx_{2n+2}, gx_{2n+2})), \\ &\quad \phi(d(hfx_{2n+1}, gx_{2n+2}) + d(hx_{2n+2}, ffx_{2n+1})) / 2 \}. \end{aligned}$$

Taking limit as $n \rightarrow \infty$,

$$\lim \phi\{d(hfx_{2n+1}, hx_{2n+2})\} \leq k \phi(d(fu, u))$$

$$\text{i.e. } \phi(d(hu, u)) \leq k \phi(d(fu, u)) = k \phi(d(hu, u)),$$

which implies $u = hu = fu = gu$. Let v be the another common fixed point of f, g, h .

Then from (A)

$$\begin{aligned} \phi(d(u, v)) &= \phi(d(hu, hv)) \leq k \max \{ \phi(d(hu, fu)), \phi(d(hv, gv)), \phi(d(fu, gv)), \\ &\quad \phi\{d(hu, gv) + d(hv, fu)/2\} \\ &= k \max \{ \phi(d(u, v)), \phi(d(u, v)), \phi(d(u, v)), \phi(d(u, v)) \} \end{aligned}$$

Therefore, $\phi(d(u, v)) \leq k \max \phi(d(u, v))$

which implies $u = v$. This completes the necessary part of the proof.

The condition is sufficient. Let $fz = gz = z$ for some $z \in X$ and define h by $hx = z \forall x \in X$. Then h is continuous from X to $g(X) \cap f(X)$. Moreover for $x \in X$, $hfx = z$,

$$fhx = fz = z \text{ and } hgx = z, ghx = gz = z. \text{ So } h \text{ commutes with } f \text{ and } g \text{ hence the}$$

mapping h and f and h and g are compatible.

further

$$\phi(d(hx, hy)) = \phi(d(z, z)) = \phi(0) = 0.$$

Therefore

$$\begin{aligned} \phi(d(hx, hy)) &\leq k \max \{ \phi(d(hx, fx)), \phi(d(hy, gy)), \phi(d(fx, gy)), \\ &\quad \phi(d(hx, gy) + d(hy, fx))/2 \} \quad \forall x, y \in X. \end{aligned}$$

So, h satisfies the condition (A). This completes the proof of the theorem.

Theorem 2. Let (X, d) be complete metric space and let f, g and h be self maps on X such that for some positive integers m, n, p ,

$$\begin{aligned} \phi(d(h^p x, h^p y)) &\leq k \max \{ \phi(d(h^p x, f^m x)), \phi(d(h^p y, g^n y)), \phi(d(f^m x, g^n y)/2), \\ &\quad \phi\{d(h^p x, g^n y) + d(h^p y, f^m x)\} \end{aligned}$$

for all $x, y \in X$, $0 \leq k < 1$ and $\phi \in \Phi$.

Let $fh = hf$, $gh = hg$ and f, g be continuous. Then f, g, h have a unique common fixed point in X .

Proof. Let $H = h^p$, $F = f^m$ and $G = g^n$. Since $fh = hf$, $gh = hg$ it follows that $FH = HF$; $GH = HG$ and so F, H and G, H are compatible. Also F, G, H satisfy the inequality of Theorem 3, hence it follows that F, G and H have a unique common fixed point z , say in X .

It now remains to show that z is also unique common fixed point of f, g and h .

Now

$$\begin{aligned} \phi(d(z, hz)) &= \phi(d(Hz, H(hz))) \\ &\leq k \max \{ \phi(d(Hz, Fz)), \phi(d(H(hz), G(hz))), \phi(d(Fz, G(hz))), \\ &\quad \phi\{d(Hz, G(hz))/2 + d(Hhz, Fz)\} \\ &= k \max \{ \phi(d(z, z)), \phi(d(hz, hz)), \phi(d(z, hz)), \phi((z, hz) + d(hz, z))/2 \}, \end{aligned}$$

$$\text{i.e. } \phi(d(z, hz)) = k\phi(d(z, hz))$$

implies $\phi(d(z, hz)) = 0$ implies $hz = z$.

Next we show that $hz=fz=gz$. Now,

$$\begin{aligned}\phi(d(hz,fz)) &= \phi(d(Hhz,Hfz)) \\ &\leq k \max \{ \phi(d(Fhz,Hhz)), \phi(d(Gfz,Hfz))\phi(d(Fhz,Gfz)), \\ &\quad \phi\{d(Hz,G(hz)+d(Hhz,Fz))/2\} \\ &= k \max \{ \phi(d(z,z)), \phi(d(hz,hz))\phi(d(z,hz)), \phi\{(d(z,hz))/2+d(hz,z)\} \end{aligned}$$

i.e. $\phi(d(z,hz)) \leq \phi(d(z,hz))$ implies $\phi(d(z,hz))=0$ implies $hz=z$.

Next we show that $hz=fz=gz$. Now,

$$\begin{aligned}\phi(d(hz,fz)) &= \phi(d(Hhz,Hfz)) \\ &\leq k \max \{ \phi(d(Fhz,Hhz)), \phi(d(Gfz,Hfz))\phi(d(Gfz,hfz)), \\ &\quad \phi\{(d(Fhz,Hfz)+d(Gfz,Hhz))/2\} \\ &= k \max \{ \phi(d(FZ,HZ)), \phi(d(fz,fz))\phi(d(hz,fz)), \phi\{(d(hz,fz))/2+d(fz,hz)\} \\ &= k \phi(d(fz,hz)) \end{aligned}$$

which implies

$$\phi(d(gz,hz))=0 \text{ implies } d(fz, hz)=0$$

implies

$$fz=hz.$$

Similarly we can show that $gz=hz$ and $gz=hz=fz=z$.

The unicity part of the theorem follows easily.

Fixed point for a sequence of mappings.

Theorem 3. Let (X,d) be a complete metric space and let $\{T_i\}$ be a sequence of continuous mappings on X into itself. Then a mapping $h:X \rightarrow X$ has a unique fixed point in X if and only if

$$\begin{aligned}\phi(d(hx,hy)) &\leq k \max \{ \phi(d(hx,T_i x)), \phi(d(hy,T_j y)), \phi(d(T_i x, T_j y)), \\ &\quad \phi(d(hx, T_j y)/2+d(hy, T_i x)) \} \end{aligned}$$

for all $x,y \in X$, $0 \leq k < 1$; $i, j \in N$ and h is compatible with each $T_i \in \{T_i\}$ and h have a unique common fixed point in X .

Proof. Result follows from the Theorem 1.

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