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COMMON FIXED POINTS OF F-CONTRACTION MAPPING WITH GENERALIZED ALTERING DISTANCE FUNCTION IN PARTIALLY ORDERED METRIC SPACES

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1. Introduction

This study is focused on proving the existence of common fixed points of f-contraction mapping defined on complete metric spaces endowed with a partial order by using generalized altering distance functions. I tried to answer the questions how can we prove the existence of common fixed points of f-contraction mappings defined on complete metric spaces endowed with a partial order by using generalized altering distance functions?

Yan *et al.* (2012) established a new contraction mapping principle in partially ordered metric spaces. Su (2014) has proved some fixed point theorems of generalized contraction mappings in a complete metric space endowed with a partial order by using generalized altering distance functions. In recent years, many results appeared related to fixed point theorem in complete metric spaces endowed with a partial ordering (Amini-Harandi and Emami, 2010; Ciri *et al.*, 2008; Naidu, 2003; Suzuki, 2008; Yan *et al.*, 2012). I inspired and motivated by the results mentioned on (Yan *et al.*, 2012) and (Su, 2012), I extend the main theorem of (Su, 2012) to f-contraction mapping in a complete metric space endowed with a partial order by using generalized altering distance functions with examples. In (Arvanitakis, 2003; Amini-Harandi and Emami, 2010; Babu *et al.*, 2007; Beg *et al.*, 2006; Boyd and Wong, 1969; Chidume *et al.*, 2007; Choudhury *et al.*, 2000),

the authors proved some types of weak contractions in complete metric spaces. In particular the existence of a fixed point for weak contraction is extended to partial ordered metric spaces in (Amini-Harandi and Emami, 2010; Choudhury *et al.*, 2000; Harjani and Sadarangni, 2009).

2. Basic Facts and Definitions

Definition 2.1. (Khan *et al.*, 1984) A function $\eta: [0, \infty) \rightarrow [0, \infty)$ is called an altering distance function if the following properties are satisfied:

- a. η is continuous and monotonically non-decreasing.
- b. $\eta(t) = 0$ if and only if $t = 0$.

Example 2.1.1. The following function is an altering distance function

$$\eta(t) = \begin{cases} 0, & t = 0 \\ at, & t \geq 1, \end{cases} \text{ where } a \geq 1.$$

Theorem 2.1. (Khan *et al.*, 1984) Let (X, d) be a complete metric space, let η be an altering distance function, and let $f: X \rightarrow X$ be a self-mapping which satisfies the following inequality:

$$\eta(d(fx, fy)) \leq c\eta(d(x, y))$$

for all $x, y \in X$ and for some $0 \leq c < 1$. Then f has a unique fixed point.

Definition 2.2. (Ciri *et al.*, 2008) We shall say that the mapping S is f -non-decreasing (resp. f -non-increasing) if $fx \preceq fy \Rightarrow Sx \preceq Sy$ (respectively $fx \preceq fy \Rightarrow Sy \preceq Sx$) holds for each $x, y \in X$.

Definition 2.3. Consider a function $S: \mathbb{R} \rightarrow \mathbb{R}$ and a point $x_0 \in \mathbb{R}$. The function S is said to be upper (resp. lower) semi-continuous at the point x_0 if

$$S(x_0) \geq \lim_{x \rightarrow x_0} \sup S(x), \text{ (resp. } S(x_0) \leq \lim_{x \rightarrow x_0} \inf S(x)).$$

Theorem 2.2. (Su, 2014) Let (X, \preceq) be a partially ordered set and suppose that there exists a metric d in X such that (X, d) is a complete metric space. Let $T: X \rightarrow X$ be a continuous and non-decreasing mapping such that

$$\eta(d(Tx, Ty)) \leq \varphi(d(x, y)), \forall y \preceq x,$$

where η is a generalized altering distance function and $\varphi: [0, \infty) \rightarrow [0, \infty)$ is a right upper semi-continuous function with the condition: $\eta(t) > \varphi(t)$ for all $t > 0$. If there exists $x_0 \in X$ such that $x_0 \preceq Tx_0$, then T has a fixed point.

Definition 2.4 Let f and S be self maps of a metric space (X, d) . The pair (f, S) is called occasionally weakly compatible (OWC) if there exists $x \in X$ which is a coincidence point for f and S at which f and S commute (i.e. if $f(S(x)) = S(f(x))$ for some $x \in C(f, S)$).

3. Main result

Definition 3.1. Let (X, d) be a metric space and $S, f: X \rightarrow X$ be two self-maps. A mapping S is said to be f -contraction with generalized altering distance function if there exist $\eta \in H$ and $\varphi \in \Phi$ such that

$$\eta(d(Sx, Sy)) \leq \varphi(d(fx, fy)) \text{ for all } x, y \in X.$$

Definition 3.2. A point $y \in X$ is called point of coincidence of two mappings $f, S: X \rightarrow X$ if there exists a point $x \in X$ such that $y = fx = Sx$. In this case x is called the coincidence point of f and S and the set of coincidence points of f and S is denoted by $C(f, S)$.

Definition 3.3. Let (X, d) be a metric space and f, S be two self-mappings on (X, d) . A point $z \in X$ is said to be a common fixed point of f and S if $fz = Sz = z$.

Theorem 3.1. Let (X, \preceq) be a partially ordered set and suppose that there exists a metric d on X such that (X, d) is a complete metric space. Let $f, T: X \rightarrow X$ be two continuous self-maps on X satisfying the following conditions:

- i) $TX \subset fX$;
- ii) fX is closed;
- iii) T is f -non-decreasing;
- iv) there exists $x_0 \in X$ such that $fx_0 \preceq Tx_0$;
- v) if $z \in C(f, T)$, then $fz \preceq f(fz)$.

Such that

$$\eta(d(Tx, Ty)) \leq \varphi(d(fx, fy)), \forall x, y \in X \text{ with, } fy \preceq fx \tag{1}$$

where η is a generalized altering distance function and $\varphi: [0, \infty) \rightarrow [0, \infty)$ is a right upper semi-continuous function with the condition $\eta(t) > \varphi(t), \forall t > 0$ and $\varphi(t) = 0 \Leftrightarrow t = 0$. Then f and T have a coincidence point. Furthermore if f and T are occasionally weakly compatible maps, then f and T have common fixed point, in X .

Proof. From condition (iv) we have $x_0 \in X$ such that $fx_0 \preceq Tx_0$. Since $TX \subset fX$, we can choose $x_1 \in X$ such that $fx_1 = Tx_0$. Again from $TX \subset fX$, we can choose $x_2 \in X$ such that $fx_2 = Tx_1$. Continuing this process, we can choose a sequence $\{y_n\}$ which is called Jungck sequence in X such that

$$fx_{n+1} = Tx_n = y_n, \forall n \geq 0. \tag{2}$$

Since $fx_0 \preceq Tx_0$ and $fx_1 = Tx_0$, we have $fx_0 \preceq fx_1$. Then by (iii), we have

$$Tx_0 \preceq Tx_1. \tag{3}$$

Thus by (2) we obtain $fx_1 \preceq fx_2$. Again by (iii), we have

$$Tx_1 \preceq Tx_2. \tag{4}$$

That is $fx_2 \preceq fx_3$. Continuing this process we obtain

$$Tx_0 \preceq Tx_1 \preceq Tx_2 \preceq Tx_3 \preceq \dots \preceq Tx_n \preceq Tx_{n+1} \preceq \dots. \tag{5}$$

Now considering (2) (i.e. $y_n = Tx_n = fx_{n+1}$), from (5) we note that y_n and y_{n+1} are comparable $n \geq 0$.

Case (i) Suppose $y_{n_0} = y_{n_0+1}$ for some $n_0 \in \mathbb{N}$.

Since $y_{n_0} = fx_{n_0+1} = Tx_{n_0}$ and $y_{n_0+1} = Tx_{n_0+1}$, we get $fx_{n_0+1} = Tx_{n_0+1}$. This implies x_{n_0+1} is a coincidence point of f and T and hence $x_{n_0+1} \in C(f, T)$ so that $C(f, T) \neq \emptyset$.

Since f and T are occasionally weakly compatible, there exist $p \in C(f, T)$ such that $fTp = Tfp$. Now let $q = fp = Tp$. Then we have $fq = Tq$.

Next we show that $Tq = fq = q$.

Suppose that $Tq \neq q$. Then by condition (v), we have $fp \preceq f(fp) = fq$ and hence using the contraction condition (1) we obtain

$$\eta(d(Tq, q)) = \eta(d(Tq, Tp)) \leq \varphi(d(fq, fp)) = \varphi(d(Tq, q)) < \eta(d(Tq, q)),$$

which implies

$$\eta(d(Tq, q)) < \eta(d(Tq, q)),$$

a contradiction, since $d(Tq, q) > 0$. Thus, $q = Tq = fq$.

Case (ii) Suppose that $y_n \neq y_{n+1}, \forall n \in \mathbb{N}$.

Now from the contractive condition (1), we obtain

$$\eta(d(y_{n+1}, y_n)) = \eta(d(Tx_{n+1}, Tx_n)) \leq \varphi(d(fx_{n+1}, fx_n)) = \varphi(d(y_n, y_{n-1})) < \eta(d(y_n, y_{n-1})).$$

This implies that

$$\eta(d(y_{n+1}, y_n)) < \eta(d(y_n, y_{n-1})) \tag{6}$$

By the non-decreasingness of η , from (6) we get

$$d(y_{n+1}, y_n) < d(y_n, y_{n-1}) \quad (7)$$

Hence, the sequence $\{d(y_n, y_{n+1})\}$ is a decreasing sequence and consequently there exists $r \geq 0$ such that

$$d(y_{n+1}, y_n) \rightarrow r, \text{ as } n \rightarrow \infty$$

Now we claim that $r = 0$. Suppose $r > 0$.

$$\eta(d(Tx_{n+1}, Tx_n)) \leq \varphi(d(fx_{n+1}, fx_n)) \quad (8)$$

Considering the non-decreasingness of η and the upper semi-continuity of φ , and letting $n \rightarrow \infty$ in (8) we get

$$\eta(r) \leq \lim_{n \rightarrow \infty} \sup \eta(d(y_{n+1}, y_n)) \leq \lim_{n \rightarrow \infty} \sup \varphi(d(y_n, y_{n-1})) \leq \varphi(r).$$

Hence, we have

$$\eta(r) \leq \varphi(r).$$

Consequently, we obtain

$$\eta(r) < \eta(r),$$

which is impossible since $r > 0$. Thus $r = 0$. Hence

$$d(y_{n+1}, y_n) \rightarrow 0 \quad (9)$$

Here we claim that $\{y_n\}$ is a Cauchy sequence.

Now, suppose that $\{y_n\}$ is not a Cauchy sequence. Then there exists a positive real number ε such that for a given $N \in \mathbb{N}$ there exists $m, n \in \mathbb{N}$ such that $m > n > N$ and $d(y_m, y_n) \geq \varepsilon$. Since $\{d(y_{n+1}, y_n)\}$ converges to zero, it follows that there exist strictly increasing sequences $\{n_k\}$ and $\{m_k\}$, $k \geq 1$ of positive integers such that $1 < n_k < m_k$,

$$d(y_{m_k}, y_{n_k}) \geq \varepsilon, \quad \forall k \geq 1 \quad (10)$$

and

$$d(y_{m_k-1}, y_{n_k}) < \varepsilon \quad (11)$$

Using the triangular inequality and the conditions (10) and (11) we have

$$\varepsilon \leq d(y_{m_k}, y_{n_k}) \leq d(y_{m_k}, y_{m_k-1}) + d(y_{m_k-1}, y_{n_k}) < d(y_{m_k}, y_{m_k-1}) + \varepsilon$$

Letting $k \rightarrow \infty$ and using (7), we obtain

$$\lim_{k \rightarrow \infty} d(y_{m_k}, y_{n_k}) = \varepsilon \quad (12)$$

Using the triangular inequality, we obtain

$$d(y_{m_k-1}, y_{n_k-1}) \leq d(y_{m_k-1}, y_{m_k}) + d(y_{m_k}, y_{n_k}) + d(y_{n_k}, y_{n_k-1}),$$

and

$$d(y_{m_k}, y_{n_k}) \leq d(y_{m_k}, y_{m_k-1}) + d(y_{m_k-1}, y_{n_k-1}) + d(y_{n_k-1}, y_{n_k}).$$

Now letting $k \rightarrow \infty$ in the above two inequalities and using (12), we have

$$\lim_{k \rightarrow \infty} d(y_{m_k-1}, y_{n_k-1}) = \varepsilon \quad (13)$$

Since η is non-decreasing on $[0, \infty)$, from (10) we have,

$$\eta(\varepsilon) \leq \eta(d(y_{n_k}, y_{m_k})), \quad \forall k \geq 1, \quad (14)$$

As $m_k > n_k$, by (5), y_{m_k-1} and y_{n_k-1} are comparable. So from the condition (1), using (5) and the upper semi-continuity of φ , we have

$$\begin{aligned} \eta(\varepsilon) &\leq \limsup_{k \rightarrow \infty} \eta(d(y_{m_k}, y_{n_k})) = \limsup_{k \rightarrow \infty} \eta(d(Tx_{m_k}, Tx_{n_k})) \\ &\leq \limsup_{k \rightarrow \infty} \varphi(d(y_{m_k-1}, y_{n_k-1})) \leq \varphi(\varepsilon). \end{aligned}$$

This implies

$$\eta(\varepsilon) \leq \varphi(\varepsilon) < \eta(\varepsilon),$$

which is impossible since $\varepsilon > 0$.

Thus the sequence $\{y_n\}$ is a Cauchy sequence in X .

Since (X, d) is a complete metric space, there exists $y \in X$ such that $y_n \rightarrow y$ as $n \rightarrow \infty$.

By (2), $\{y_n\} \subseteq fX$ where $y_n = fx_{n+1}$, for each $n = 1, 2, 3, \dots$ and fX is closed then there exists $p \in X$ such that $y = fp$.

Next we show that $Tp = y$.

Now by the continuity of f and T , we obtain

$$\begin{aligned} \eta(d(Tp, y)) &= \eta\left(d\left(Tp, \lim_{n \rightarrow \infty} Tx_n\right)\right) \\ &= \eta\left(d\left(Tp, T\left(\lim_{n \rightarrow \infty} x_n\right)\right)\right) \\ &\leq \varphi\left(d\left(fp, f\left(\lim_{n \rightarrow \infty} x_n\right)\right)\right) \\ &= \varphi\left(d\left(fp, \lim_{n \rightarrow \infty} fx_n\right)\right) \\ &= \varphi(d(fp, fp)) = 0. \end{aligned}$$

This implies that $\eta(d(Tp, y)) = 0$ and hence $d(Tp, y) = 0$. As a result we have

$$Tp = y = fp \quad (15)$$

Thus p is a coincidence point of f and T , which implies $C(f, T) \neq \emptyset$. Since f and T are occasionally weakly compatible pair of self maps, f and T commute at some $z \in C(f, T)$.

Now set $w = fz = Tz$. Since f and T are occasionally weakly compatible,

$$fw = f(Tz) = T(fz) = Tw,$$

which implies

$$fw = Tw \quad (16)$$

Next we claim that $fw = Tw = w$. Suppose $Tw \neq w$. By the condition (v), we have

$$fz \preceq f(fz) = fw.$$

Then

$$\eta(d(Tw, w)) = \eta(d(Tw, Tz)) \leq \varphi(d(fw, fz)) = \varphi(d(Tw, w)) < \eta(d(Tw, w))$$

which implies that

$$\eta(d(Tw, w)) < \eta(d(Tw, w)),$$

a contradiction. Thus $Tw = w$. And hence by (15), we have

$$fw = Tw = w.$$

Thus, we have proved that f and T have a common fixed point in X .

The following is an example in support of Theorem 3.1.

Example 3.1.1. Let $X = \{-2, -1, 0, 1\}$. We define a partial order " \preceq " on X by

$$\preceq = \{(-2, -2), (-1, -1), (0, 0), (1, 1), (0, -1), (1, 0), (1, -1)\}.$$

Let d be the usual metric on X . Define $f, T: X \rightarrow X$ by

$$f(-1) = 1, f(0) = 0, f(1) = -2, f(-2) = -1, \text{ and } T(-1) = 0, T(0) = 0, T(1) = 1, T(-2) = 0.$$

Then $T(X) = \{0, 1\}$ and $f(X) = \{-2, -1, 0, 1\}$ and hence $T(X) \subset f(X)$ and $f(X) = \{-2, -1, 0, 1\}$ is closed.

Next we show that T is f -non-decreasing.

$$\begin{aligned} -2 = f(1) \preceq f(1) = -2 &\Rightarrow 1 = T(1) \preceq T(1) = 1; \\ -1 = f(-2) \preceq f(-2) = -1 &\Rightarrow 0 = T(-2) \preceq T(-2) = 0; \\ 0 = f(0) \preceq f(0) = 0 &\Rightarrow 0 = T(0) \preceq T(0) = 0; \\ 1 = f(-1) \preceq f(-1) = 1 &\Rightarrow 0 = T(-1) \preceq T(-1) = 0; \\ 0 = f(0) \preceq f(-2) = -1 &\Rightarrow 0 = T(0) \preceq T(-2) = 0; \\ 1 = f(-1) \preceq f(0) = 0 &\Rightarrow 0 = T(-1) \preceq T(0) = 0; \text{ and } \\ 1 = f(-1) \preceq f(-2) = -1 &\Rightarrow 0 = T(-1) \preceq T(-2) = 0. \end{aligned}$$

This shows that T is f -non-decreasing. We also observe that $f(1) \preceq T(1)$ and $z = 0 \in C(f, T)$ such that $fz \preceq ffz$.

Now we show that f and T satisfy the contraction condition of Theorem 3.1 with $\eta(t) = \frac{1}{2}t$ and $\varphi(t) = \frac{1}{3}t$.

$$\begin{aligned} \eta(d(T(0), T(-2))) &= 0 \leq \frac{1}{3} = \varphi(d(0, -1)) \\ &= \varphi(d(f(0), f(-2))); \end{aligned}$$

$$\begin{aligned} \eta(d(T(-1), T(0))) &= 0 \leq \frac{1}{3} = \varphi(d(1, 0)) = \\ \varphi(d(f(-1), f(0))); \text{ and } \eta(d(T(-1), T(-2))) &= 0 \leq \frac{2}{3} = \\ \varphi(d(1, -1)) &= \varphi(d(f(-1), f(-2))). \end{aligned}$$

Thus, the pair of mappings f and T satisfy all conditions of Theorem 3.1 and 0 is the common fixed point of f and T .

Remark 1: If we choose $f = I_X$ = The identity map on X , Theorem 2.1 follows as corollary to Theorem 3.1.

Note that the map T in Example 3.1 is a non-decreasing map, since

$$\begin{aligned} -2 \preceq -2 &\Rightarrow 0 = T(-2) \preceq T(-2) = 0; \\ -1 \preceq -1 &\Rightarrow 0 = T(-1) \preceq T(-1) = 0; \\ 0 \preceq 0 &\Rightarrow 0 = T(0) \preceq T(0) = 0; \\ 1 \preceq 1 &\Rightarrow 1 = T(1) \preceq T(1) = 1; \\ 0 \preceq -1 &\Rightarrow 0 = T(0) \preceq T(-1) = 0; \\ 1 \preceq 0 &\Rightarrow 1 = T(1) \preceq T(0) = 0; \text{ and } \\ 1 \preceq -1 &\Rightarrow 1 = T(1) \preceq T(-1) = 0. \end{aligned}$$

So in Example 3.1, if we choose $f = I_X$ = The identity map on X , one can observe that for $x = 1$ and $y = 0$, where $(1, 0) \in \preceq$, we get $\eta(1) \leq \varphi(1)$ which is absurd and hence the selfmap T cannot satisfy the contraction condition of Su [26] for any φ and η such that $\eta(t) > \varphi(t) \forall t > 0$.

4. Conclusion

In this work I developed f -contraction mappings and obtained a new common fixed point theorem for f -contraction mapping in a complete metric space endowed with a partial order by using generalized altering distance functions and common fixed point theorems obtained are proved. This theorem will help us to develop many theorems in further development of f -contraction mappings.

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