

## COMMON FIXED POINT FOR COMPATIBLE MAPPINGS OF TYPE (A-1) IN METRIC SPACES

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### ABSTRACT

The aim of this paper is to obtain a common fixed point theorem for compatible mappings of type (A-1) in a metric space which generalizes the result of A.K.Sharma, V.H.Badshah and V.K.Gupta [6].

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### 1. INTRODUCTION

In 1986, G.Jungck[1] introduced the concept of compatible maps which is more general than that of weakly commuting maps. In 1993, Jungck and Cho [7] introduced the concept of compatible mappings of type (A) by generalizing the definition of weakly uniformly contraction maps. Further Pathak and Khan [10] introduced the concepts of A-compatibility and S-compatibility by splitting the definition of compatible mapping of type (A). In 2007, Pathak *et.al* [8] renamed A-compatibility and S-compatibility as compatible mappings of type (A-1) and compatible mappings of type (A-2) respectively.

The purpose of this paper is to prove a common fixed point theorem for four self maps in metric space using weaker conditions such as compatible mappings of type (A-1) and associated sequence related to four self maps.

### 2. DEFINITIONS AND PRELIMINARIES

**2.1 Definition [1]:** Two self maps  $S$  and  $T$  of a metric space  $(X, d)$  are said to be compatible mappings if  $\lim_{n \rightarrow \infty} d(STx_n, TSx_n) = 0$  whenever  $\langle x_n \rangle$  is a sequence in  $X$  such that  $\lim_{n \rightarrow \infty} Sx_n = \lim_{n \rightarrow \infty} Tx_n = t$  for some  $t \in X$ .

**2.2 Definition [7]:** Two self maps  $S$  and  $T$  of a metric space  $(X, d)$  are said to be compatible mappings of type (A) if  $\lim_{n \rightarrow \infty} d(STx_n, TTx_n) = 0$  and  $\lim_{n \rightarrow \infty} d(TSx_n, SSx_n) = 0$  whenever  $\langle x_n \rangle$  is a sequence in  $X$  such that  $\lim_{n \rightarrow \infty} Sx_n = \lim_{n \rightarrow \infty} Tx_n = t$ , for some  $t \in X$ .

**2.3 Definition [8]:** Two self maps  $S$  and  $T$  of a metric space  $(X, d)$  are said to be compatible mappings of type (A-1) if  $\lim_{n \rightarrow \infty} d(TSx_n, SSx_n) = 0$  whenever  $\{x_n\}$  is a sequence in  $X$  such that  $\lim_{n \rightarrow \infty} Sx_n = \lim_{n \rightarrow \infty} Tx_n = t$ , for some  $t \in X$ .

**2.4 Definition [9]:** Suppose  $P, Q, S$  and  $T$  are self maps of a metric space  $(X, d)$  such that  $S(X) \subset Q(X)$  and  $T(X) \subset P(X)$ . Now for any arbitrary  $x_0 \in X$ , we have  $Sx_0 \in S(X) \subset Q(X)$  so that there is a  $x_1 \in X$  such that  $Sx_0 = Qx_1$  and for this  $x_1$ , there is a point  $x_2 \in X$  such that  $Tx_1 = Px_2$  and so on. Repeating this process to obtain a sequence  $\{y_n\}$  in  $X$  such that  $y_{2n} = Px_{2n} = Tx_{2n-1}$  and  $y_{2n+1} = Qx_{2n+1} = Sx_{2n}$  for  $n \geq 0$ . We shall call this sequence an associated sequence of  $x_0$  relative to the four self maps  $P, Q, S$  and  $T$ .

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**2.5 Proposition:** Let S and T be self mappings of a metric space  $(X, d)$ .

If the pair  $(S, T)$  is compatible mappings of type (A-1) and  $Sz = Tz$  for some  $z$  in  $X$ , then  $TSz = SSz$ .

**2.6 Lemma:** Let P, Q, S and T be self mappings of a metric space  $(X, d)$  satisfying

$$S(X) \subset Q(X) \text{ and } T(X) \subset P(X) \quad (2.6.1)$$

$$\text{and } d(Sx, Ty) \leq \left[ \alpha + \beta \frac{d(Sx, Px)}{1 + d(Px, Qy)} \right] d(Ty, Qy) \quad (2.6.2)$$

for all  $x, y$  in  $X$ , where  $\alpha, \beta \geq 0, \alpha + \beta < 1$ .

Further if  $X$  is complete, then for any  $x_0 \in X$  and for any of its associated sequence

$\{y_n\} = \{Sx_0, Tx_1, Sx_2, Tx_3, \dots, Sx_{2n}, Tx_{2n+1}, \dots\}$  relative to four self maps, converges to some point in  $X$ .

**Proof:** From (2.4) and (2.6.2), we have

$$\begin{aligned} d(y_{2n}, y_{2n+1}) &= d(Tx_{2n-1}, Sx_{2n}) \\ &= d(Sx_{2n}, Tx_{2n-1}) \\ &\leq \left[ \alpha + \beta \frac{d(Sx_{2n}, Px_{2n})}{1 + d(Px_{2n}, Qx_{2n-1})} \right] d(Tx_{2n-1}, Qx_{2n-1}) \\ &= \left[ \alpha + \beta \frac{d(y_{2n+1}, y_{2n})}{1 + d(y_{2n}, y_{2n-1})} \right] d(y_{2n}, y_{2n-1}) \\ &\leq \alpha d(y_{2n}, y_{2n-1}) + \beta d(y_{2n+1}, y_{2n}) \text{ implies} \end{aligned}$$

$$(1 - \beta)d(y_{2n}, y_{2n+1}) \leq \alpha d(y_{2n-1}, y_{2n}) \text{ so that}$$

$$d(y_{2n}, y_{2n+1}) \leq \frac{\alpha}{(1 - \beta)} d(y_{2n-1}, y_{2n}) = h d(y_{2n-1}, y_{2n}), \text{ where } h = \frac{\alpha}{1 - \beta}.$$

$$\text{That is, } d(y_{2n}, y_{2n+1}) \leq h d(y_{2n-1}, y_{2n}). \quad (2.6.3)$$

$$\text{Similarly, we can prove that } d(y_{2n+1}, y_{2n+2}) \leq h d(y_{2n}, y_{2n+1}). \quad (2.6.4)$$

Hence, from (2.6.3) and (2.6.4), we get

$$d(y_n, y_{n+1}) \leq h d(y_{n-1}, y_n) \leq h^2 d(y_{n-2}, y_{n-1}) \leq \dots \leq h^n d(y_0, y_1). \quad (2.6.5)$$

Now for any positive integer  $p$ , we have

$$\begin{aligned} d(y_n, y_{n+p}) &\leq d(y_n, y_{n+1}) + d(y_{n+1}, y_{n+2}) + \dots + d(y_{n+p-1}, y_{n+p}) \\ &\leq h^n d(y_0, y_1) + h^{n+1} d(y_0, y_1) + \dots + h^{n+p-1} d(y_0, y_1) \\ &= (h^n + h^{n+1} + \dots + h^{n+p-1}) d(y_0, y_1) \\ &= h^n (1 + h + h^2 + \dots + h^{p-1}) d(y_0, y_1) \\ &< \frac{h^n}{1 - h} d(y_0, y_1) \rightarrow 0 \text{ as } n \rightarrow \infty, \text{ since } h < 1. \end{aligned}$$

Thus the sequence  $\{y_n\}$  is a Cauchy sequence in  $X$ . Since  $X$  is complete, the sequence  $\{y_n\}$  converges to some point  $z$  in  $X$ .

**2.7 Remark:** The converse of the above Lemma is not true. That is, if P, Q, S and T are self maps of a metric space  $(X, d)$  satisfying (2.6.1), (2.6.2) and even if for any  $x_0$  in  $X$  and for any of its associated sequence converges, then the metric space  $(X, d)$  need not be complete.

**2.8 Example:** Let  $X = (0,1]$  with  $d(x, y) = |x - y|$  for  $x, y \in X$ . Define the self maps S, T, P and Q on X by

$$Sx = Tx = \begin{cases} 1-x & \text{if } 0 < x \leq \frac{1}{2} \\ \frac{1}{3} & \text{if } \frac{1}{2} < x \leq 1 \end{cases}, \quad Px = \begin{cases} \frac{1}{2} & \text{if } 0 < x \leq \frac{1}{2} \\ x & \text{if } \frac{1}{2} < x \leq 1 \end{cases} \quad \text{and } Qx = \begin{cases} \frac{1}{2} & \text{if } 0 < x \leq \frac{1}{2} \\ 2x-1 & \text{if } \frac{1}{2} < x \leq 1 \end{cases}.$$

Then  $S(X) = T(X) = \left[\frac{1}{2}, 1\right)$  while  $P(X) = \left[\frac{1}{2}, 1\right]$  and  $Q(X) = (0,1]$ .

Clearly  $S(X) \subset Q(X)$  and  $T(X) \subset P(X)$ . It is also easy to see that the sequence

$Sx_0, Tx_1, Sx_2, Tx_3, \dots, Sx_{2n}, Tx_{2n+1}, \dots$  converges to  $\frac{1}{2}$ . Also the inequality (2.6.2) holds for  $\alpha, \beta \geq 0, \alpha + \beta < 1$ . Note that  $(X, d)$  is not complete.

Now we generalize the result of A.K.Sharma, V.H.Badshah and V.K.Gupta as follows.

### 3. MAIN RESULT

**3.1 Theorem:** Let P, Q, S and T be self maps of a metric space  $(X, d)$  satisfying

$$S(X) \subset Q(X) \text{ and } T(X) \subset P(X) \quad (3.1.1)$$

$$d(Sx, Ty) \leq \left[ \alpha + \beta \frac{d(Sx, Px)}{1 + d(Px, Qy)} \right] d(Ty, Qy) \quad (3.1.2)$$

for all  $x, y$  in X where  $\alpha + \beta < 1$ .

one of P and Q is continuous and  $(3.1.3)$

the pairs (P, S) and (Q, T) are compatible mappings of type (A-1) .  $(3.1.4)$

Further if there is point  $x_0 \in X$  and an associated sequence  $Sx_0, Tx_1, Sx_2, Tx_3, \dots, Sx_{2n}, Tx_{2n+1}, \dots$  of  $x_0$  relative to four self maps P, Q, S and T converges to some point  $z \in X$ , then z is a unique common fixed point of P, Q, S and T.  $(3.1.5)$

**Proof:** From (3.1.5), we have

$$Sx_{2n} \rightarrow z, Qx_{2n+1} \rightarrow z, Tx_{2n+1} \rightarrow z \text{ and } Px_{2n+2} \rightarrow z \text{ as } n \rightarrow \infty \quad (3.1.6)$$

Let the pair (Q, T) be compatible mappings of type(A-1) and Q be continuous.

Then we have  $\lim_{n \rightarrow \infty} TQx_{2n+1} = \lim_{n \rightarrow \infty} QQx_{2n+1} = Qz$ .  $(3.1.7)$

Now by (3.1.2), we have

$$d(Sx_{2n}, TQx_{2n+1}) \leq \left[ \alpha + \beta \frac{d(Sx_{2n}, Px_{2n})}{1 + d(Px_{2n}, QQ_{2n+1})} \right] d(TQ_{2n+1}, QQ_{2n+1})$$

Letting  $n \rightarrow \infty$  and using (3.1.6) and (3.1.7), we obtain

$$d(z, Qz) \leq [\alpha + 0] d(Qz, Qz) \leq 0, \text{ a contradiction.}$$

Thus we have  $Qz = z$ .

Again from (3.1.2) we get

$$d(Sx_{2n}, Tz) \leq \left[ \alpha + \beta \frac{d(Sx_{2n}, Px_{2n})}{1 + d(Px_{2n}, Qz)} \right] d(Tz, Qz)$$

Letting  $n \rightarrow \infty$  and using  $Qz = z$ , we obtain

$$\begin{aligned} d(z, Tz) &\leq [\alpha + 0] d(Tz, z) \\ &= \alpha d(Tz, z) \\ &\leq d(Tz, z), \text{ a contradiction since } \alpha < 1. \end{aligned}$$

Thus we have  $Tz = z$ .

Now, since  $Tz = z$  and  $T(X) \subset P(X)$ , there exists a  $u \in X$  such that

$$Tz = Pu.$$

Hence from (3.1.2), we get

$$d(Su, Tz) \leq \left[ \alpha + \beta \frac{d(Su, Pu)}{1 + d(Pu, Qz)} \right] d(Tz, Qz)$$

Using  $Qz = Tz$ , we obtain

$$d(Su, Tz) \leq 0, \text{ a contradiction.}$$

Thus we have  $Su = Tz$ .

Hence  $Su = Pu = z$ . Since the pair  $(P, S)$  is compatible mappings of type (A-1)

and  $Su = Pu$ , so by the Proposition (2.5)

we have  $SPu = PPu$  implies  $Sz = Pz$ .

Now from (3.1.2), we get

$$d(Sz, Tz) \leq \left[ \alpha + \beta \frac{d(Sz, Pz)}{1 + d(Pz, Qz)} \right] d(Tz, Qz) \\ \leq 0, \text{ a contradiction.}$$

Thus we have  $Sz = Tz$ .

Therefore  $Sz = Pz = Qz = Tz = z$ , showing that  $z$  is a common fixed point of  $P, Q, S$  and  $T$ .

**Uniqueness:** Let  $z$  and  $w$  be two common fixed points of  $P, Q, S$  and  $T$ . Then we have  $z = Sz = Pz = Qz = Tz$  and  $w = Sw = Pw = Qw = Tw$ .

Using (3.1.2), we get

$$d(Sz, Tw) \leq \left[ \alpha + \beta \frac{d(Sz, Pz)}{1 + d(Pz, Qw)} \right] d(Tw, Qw) \text{ implies} \\ d(z, w) \leq 0, \text{ a contradiction.}$$

Thus we have  $d(z, w) = 0$  which implies  $z = w$ .

Hence  $z$  is a unique common fixed point of  $P, Q, S$  and  $T$ .

**3.2 Remark:** It is easy to verify that the self mappings  $P, Q, S$  and  $T$  defined in the example (2.8) satisfy all the conditions of the Theorem (3.1). It may be noted that ' $\frac{1}{2}$ ' is the unique common fixed point of  $P, Q, S$  and  $T$ .

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