



Common fixed point theorems for (ψ, φ) -weak contractive conditions in metric spaces

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Abstract

The intent of this paper is to prove common fixed point theorems under (ψ, φ) -weak contractive conditions satisfying the common limit range property and the common property-(E.A) of four self mappings in the setting of metric spaces. Illustrative examples are also furnished to justify the validity of our results.

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1. Introduction and Preliminaries

Let (X, d) be a metric space. A mapping $T : X \rightarrow X$, is called contraction if for each $x, y \in X$, there exists a constant $k \in (0, 1)$ such that

$$d(Tx, Ty) \leq kd(x, y). \quad (1.1)$$

Alber and Guerre- Delabriere [5] introduced the concept of weak contractive mapping on a Hilbert space and proved the existence of fixed point of such mapping. Rhoades [23] showed that the results of Alber and Guerre-Delabriere [5] are also valid for any Banach space. A mapping $T : (X, d) \rightarrow (X, d)$ is called a weakly contractive (in the sense of Rhoades [23]), if for each $x, y \in X$

$$d(Tx, Ty) \leq d(x, y) - \varphi(d(x, y)) \quad (1.2)$$

where, $\varphi : [0, \infty) \rightarrow [0, \infty)$ is continuous, non-decreasing such that $\varphi(t) = 0$ if and only if $t = 0$. If $\varphi(t) = (1 - k)t$, then (1.2) reduces to (1.1).

In 2008, Dutta and Choudhury [10] introduced a generalization of Banach contraction mapping principle which includes weak contractive condition (φ -weak contraction). Song [27] and Zhang and Song [28] generalized φ -weak contractive condition in two mappings and proved existence of common fixed points. Doric [9], introduced the concept of (ψ, φ) -weak contractive mappings which generalized the contractive principle of Dutta

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and Choudhury [10]. In the recent years, many authors used varieties of weak contractive conditions to prove the existence of fixed point theorems (e.g. [2–4, 6–8], [21, 22, 24]).

Let A and S be two self mappings on a metric space (X, d) .

Definition 1.1 ([13]). Mappings A and S are said to be *commuting*, if $ASx = SAx$, for all $x \in X$.

Definition 1.2 ([14]). Mappings A and S are said to be *compatible*, if

$$\lim_{n \rightarrow \infty} d(ASx_n, SAx_n) = 0$$

whenever, $\{x_n\}$ is a sequence in X such that $\lim_{n \rightarrow \infty} Ax_n = \lim_{n \rightarrow \infty} Sx_n$.

Definition 1.3 ([19, 20]). Mappings A and S are said to be *non-compatible*, if there exists at least one sequence $\{x_n\}$ in X such that $\lim_{n \rightarrow \infty} Ax_n = \lim_{n \rightarrow \infty} Sx_n$, but $\lim_{n \rightarrow \infty} d(ASx_n, SAx_n)$ is either non-zero or non-existent.

Definition 1.4 ([1, 25]). Mappings A and S are said to satisfy *property-(E.A)* (or, *tangential mappings*), if there exists at least one sequence $\{x_n\}$ in X such that $\lim_{n \rightarrow \infty} Ax_n = \lim_{n \rightarrow \infty} Sx_n$.

Definition 1.5 ([15]). Mappings A and S are said to be *weakly compatible* if $ASx = SAx$, whenever $Ax = Sx$, for some $x \in X$.

Definition 1.6 ([26]). Mappings A and S are said to satisfy the *common limit range property* with respect to S , denoted by $(CRLS)$, if there exists at least one sequence $\{x_n\}$ in X such that $\lim_{n \rightarrow \infty} Ax_n = \lim_{n \rightarrow \infty} Sx_n = t \in SX$, for some $t \in X$.

The concept of *property-(E.A)*(or, *tangential mappings*) is contained in the classes of *compatible* and *non-compatible* mappings. Furthermore, the *property-(E.A)*(or, *tangential mappings*) is also contained in the class of *common limit range property*. Therefore, every pair (A, S) of mappings which satisfies the *common limit range property* (i.e., $(CRLA)$ or $(CRLS)$) also satisfies *property-(E.A)*. We denote \mathbb{N} , the set of natural numbers.

Example 1.7. Let $X = [0, 1)$ with usual metric d . Define self mappings A and S on X by

$$Ax = \begin{cases} 0, & 0 \leq x \leq \frac{1}{2} \\ 1 - x, & \frac{1}{2} < x < 1 \end{cases} ; \quad Sx = \begin{cases} \frac{3}{4}, & 0 \leq x \leq \frac{1}{2} \\ x, & \frac{1}{2} < x < 1. \end{cases}$$

Consider a sequence $\{x_n\} = \{\frac{1}{2} + \frac{1}{n}\}_{n \in \mathbb{N}}$, then $\lim_{n \rightarrow \infty} Ax_n = \lim_{n \rightarrow \infty} Sx_n = \frac{1}{2} = t$. Since, $AX = [0, \frac{1}{2})$ and $SX = (\frac{1}{2}, 1)$ where $\frac{1}{2} = t \notin AX \cap SX$. Therefore, the pair (A, S) satisfies the *property-(E.A)* but it satisfies neither the $(CRLA)$ -property nor the $(CRLS)$ -property.

Example 1.8. Let $X = [0, 1]$ with usual metric d . Define self mappings A and S on X by

$$Ax = \begin{cases} \frac{1}{3}, & 0 \leq x \leq \frac{1}{2} \\ 1 - x, & \frac{1}{2} < x \leq 1 \end{cases} ; \quad Sx = \begin{cases} \frac{3}{4}, & 0 \leq x < \frac{1}{2} \\ x, & \frac{1}{2} \leq x \leq 1. \end{cases}$$

Since, $AX = [0, \frac{1}{2})$ and $SX = [\frac{1}{2}, 1]$. Consider a sequence $\{x_n\} = \{\frac{1}{2} + \frac{1}{n}\}_{n \in \mathbb{N}}$, then $\lim_{n \rightarrow \infty} Ax_n = \lim_{n \rightarrow \infty} Sx_n = \frac{1}{2} = t$, where $t \in SX$ i.e., the pair (A, S) satisfies the $(CRLS)$ -property. Therefore, the pair (A, S) is also satisfied *property-(E.A)*.

Let A, B, S, T be four self mappings defined on a metric space (X, d) .

Definition 1.9 ([17]). Pairs of mappings (A, S) and (B, T) are said to satisfy *common property-(E.A)*, if there exists two sequences $\{x_n\}$ and $\{y_n\}$ in X such that $\lim_{n \rightarrow \infty} Ax_n = \lim_{n \rightarrow \infty} Sx_n = \lim_{n \rightarrow \infty} By_n = \lim_{n \rightarrow \infty} Ty_n$.

Definition 1.10 ([11, 12]). Pairs of mappings (A, S) and (B, T) are said to satisfy *common limit range property* with respect to S and T , denoted by (CRL_{ST}) , if there exists two sequences $\{x_n\}$ and $\{y_n\}$ in X such that $\lim_{n \rightarrow \infty} Ax_n = \lim_{n \rightarrow \infty} Sx_n = \lim_{n \rightarrow \infty} By_n = \lim_{n \rightarrow \infty} Ty_n = t \in SX \cap TX$, for some $t \in X$.

Example 1.11. Let $X = [0, 12)$ with usual metric d . Define self mappings A, B, S and T by

$$Ax = \begin{cases} 6, & 0 \leq x \leq 6 \\ 9, & 6 < x < 12 \end{cases} ; \quad Bx = \begin{cases} 0, & 0 \leq x < 6 \\ 6, & 6 \leq x < 12 \end{cases} ;$$

$$Sx = \begin{cases} 6, & 0 \leq x \leq 6 \\ 3, & 6 < x < 12 \end{cases} ; \quad Tx = \begin{cases} 4, & 0 \leq x < 6 \\ 12 - x, & 6 \leq x < 12. \end{cases}$$

Consider two sequences $\{x_n\} = \{\frac{1}{n}\}_{n \in \mathbb{N}}$ and $\{y_n\} = \{6 + \frac{1}{n}\}_{n \in \mathbb{N}}$ in X . Since, $SX = \{3, 6\}$ and $TX = (0, 6]$. Also, $\lim_{n \rightarrow \infty} Ax_n = \lim_{n \rightarrow \infty} Sx_n = 6 \in SX$ and $\lim_{n \rightarrow \infty} By_n = \lim_{n \rightarrow \infty} Ty_n = 6 \in TX$ i.e., $\lim_{n \rightarrow \infty} Ax_n = \lim_{n \rightarrow \infty} Sx_n = \lim_{n \rightarrow \infty} By_n = \lim_{n \rightarrow \infty} Ty_n = 6 = t \in SX \cap TX$. Therefore, the pairs (A, S) and (B, T) satisfy (CRL_{ST}) -property.

Khan et al. [16] introduced a new class of fixed point results considering with the help of control function which they called an altering distance function.

Definition 1.12 ([16]). A function $\psi : [0, \infty) \rightarrow [0, \infty)$ is called an *altering distance* if ψ is continuous, monotonically non-decreasing and $\psi(0) = 0$.

Let $\varphi : [0, \infty) \rightarrow [0, \infty)$ be a lower semi-continuous function with $\varphi(t) = 0$ if and only if $t = 0$. We denote Ψ and Φ , the sets of all real functions satisfying the definitions of ψ and φ respectively. Let A, B, S and T be self mappings on a metric space (X, d) . Motivated by the recent work of Murthy et al. [18], we define

$$M(x, y) = \max \left\{ d(Sx, Ty), \frac{1}{2} \left(d(Sx, Ax) + d(Sx, By) \right), \right. \\ \left. \frac{1}{2} \left(d(Ty, By) + d(Ty, Ax) \right) \right\}$$

$$m(x, y) = \min \left\{ d(Sx, Ty), \frac{1}{2} \left(d(Sx, Ax) + d(Sx, By) \right), \right. \\ \left. \frac{1}{2} \left(d(Ty, By) + d(Ty, Ax) \right) \right\}$$

$$N(x, y) = \max \left\{ d(Sx, Ty), \frac{1}{2} \left(d(Sx, Ax) + d(Ty, By) \right), \right. \\ \left. \frac{1}{2} \left(d(Sx, By) + d(Ty, Ax) \right) \right\}$$

and

$$n(x, y) = \min \left\{ d(Sx, Ty), \frac{1}{2} \left(d(Sx, Ax) + d(Ty, By) \right), \right. \\ \left. \frac{1}{2} \left(d(Sx, By) + d(Ty, Ax) \right) \right\}.$$

The utility and pivoting role of *common limit range property* for two pairs of mappings are shown in Imdad et al. ([11, 12]) in order to prove the existence of common fixed points without considering the inclusion of one range set to the other range set and the closeness of the underlying subspaces. In this paper, we prove common fixed point theorems under (ψ, φ) -weak contractive conditions satisfying the *common limit range property* and the *property-(E.A)* of four self mappings in the setting of metric spaces.

2. Main results

Before we start to prove our main theorems, we discuss two lemmas by employing the *property-(E.A)* and the *common limit range property*.

Lemma 2.1. *Let A, B, S and T be self mappings on a metric space (X, d) . Suppose that*

- (i) $AX \subset TX$;
- (ii) the pair (A, S) satisfies the *property-(E.A)*;
- (iii) there exists $\varphi \in \Phi, \psi \in \Psi$ such that

$$\psi(d(Ax, By)) \leq \psi(M(x, y)) - \varphi(m(x, y)), \forall x, y \in X$$

Then, the pairs (A, S) and (B, T) share the common *property-(E.A)*.

Proof. Since the pair (A, S) satisfies *property-(E.A)*, there exists a sequence $\{x_n\}$ in X such that $\lim_{n \rightarrow \infty} Ax_n = \lim_{n \rightarrow \infty} Sx_n = t$, for some $t \in X$. Since $AX \subset TX$, there exists a sequence $\{y_n\}$ in X such that $Ax_n = Ty_n$. Therefore, $\lim_{n \rightarrow \infty} Ax_n = \lim_{n \rightarrow \infty} Ty_n = t$. Now, we claim that $\lim_{n \rightarrow \infty} By_n = t$. By triangular inequality, $d(By_n, t) \leq d(Ax_n, By_n) + d(Ax_n, t)$, therefore in order to prove our claim it is sufficient to prove $d(Ax_n, By_n) \rightarrow 0$ as $n \rightarrow \infty$. Suppose not, there exists $\epsilon > 0$ such that for some positive integer $k \geq n$ and $d(Ax_{n_k}, By_{n_k}) \geq \epsilon$. From (iii) with $x = x_{n_k}, y = y_{n_k}$, we obtain

$$\psi(d(Ax_{n_k}, By_{n_k})) \leq \psi(M(x_{n_k}, y_{n_k})) - \varphi(m(x_{n_k}, y_{n_k})) \tag{2.1}$$

where

$$M(x_{n_k}, y_{n_k}) = \max \left\{ d(Sx_{n_k}, Ty_{n_k}), \frac{1}{2} \left(d(Sx_{n_k}, Ax_{n_k}) + d(Sx_{n_k}, By_{n_k}) \right), \right. \\ \left. \frac{1}{2} \left(d(Ty_{n_k}, By_{n_k}) + d(Ty_{n_k}, Ax_{n_k}) \right) \right\}$$

and

$$m(x_{n_k}, y_{n_k}) = \min \left\{ d(Sx_{n_k}, Ty_{n_k}), \frac{1}{2} \left(d(Sx_{n_k}, Ax_{n_k}) + d(Sx_{n_k}, By_{n_k}) \right), \right. \\ \left. \frac{1}{2} \left(d(Ty_{n_k}, By_{n_k}) + d(Ty_{n_k}, Ax_{n_k}) \right) \right\}.$$

Letting $k \rightarrow \infty$ in (2.1) and using the definitions of ψ and φ , we thus obtain

$$\lim_{k \rightarrow \infty} \psi(d(Ax_{n_k}, By_{n_k})) \leq \lim_{k \rightarrow \infty} \psi(M(x_{n_k}, y_{n_k})) - \lim_{k \rightarrow \infty} \varphi(m(x_{n_k}, y_{n_k})) \\ \psi(\epsilon) \leq \psi\left(\lim_{k \rightarrow \infty} M(x_{n_k}, y_{n_k})\right) - \lim_{k \rightarrow \infty} \varphi(m(x_{n_k}, y_{n_k})) \tag{2.2}$$

where

$$\lim_{k \rightarrow \infty} M(x_{n_k}, y_{n_k}) = \max \left\{ 0, \frac{\epsilon}{2}, \frac{\epsilon}{2} \right\} = \frac{\epsilon}{2}$$

and

$$\lim_{k \rightarrow \infty} m(x_{n_k}, y_{n_k}) = \min \left\{ 0, \frac{\epsilon}{2}, \frac{\epsilon}{2} \right\} = 0.$$

Also,

$$\varphi(0) \leq \liminf_{k \rightarrow \infty} \varphi(m(x_{n_k}, y_{n_k})). \tag{2.3}$$

From (2.2) and (2.3), we obtain

$$\psi(\epsilon) \leq \psi\left(\frac{\epsilon}{2}\right) - \lim_{k \rightarrow \infty} \varphi(m(x_{n_k}, y_{n_k})) \\ \leq \psi\left(\frac{\epsilon}{2}\right)$$

a contradiction with the definition of ψ and hence, $\lim_{n \rightarrow \infty} By_n = t$. Therefore, the pairs (A, S) and (B, T) share the common property-(E.A). \square

On the same line of the above Lemma 2.1, we establish the following.

Lemma 2.2. *Let A, B, S and T be self mappings on a metric space (X, d) satisfying conditions (i) and (iii) of Lemma 2.1, but condition (ii) is replaced by (ii)^o the pair (A, S) satisfies the (CRL_S) -property; (iv) TX is closed. Then, the pairs (A, S) and (B, T) share the (CRL_{ST}) -property.*

Proof. Since the pair (A, S) satisfies (CRL_S) -property, there exists a sequence $\{x_n\}$ in X such that $\lim_{n \rightarrow \infty} Ax_n = \lim_{n \rightarrow \infty} Sx_n = t \in SX$, for some $t \in X$ i.e., the pair (A, S) satisfies property-(E.A). Now, the pairs (A, S) and (B, T) satisfy all the conditions of Lemma 2.1. Therefore, by Lemma 2.1 and the closeness of TX , the pairs (A, S) and (B, T) share the (CRL_{ST}) -property. \square

Now, we prove the following theorems for two pairs of self mappings satisfying the common property-(E.A) and the (CRL_{ST}) -property.

Theorem 2.3. *Let A, B, S and T be self mappings on a metric space (X, d) satisfying the inequality (iii) of Lemma 2.1. If the pairs (A, S) and (B, T) satisfy the (CRL_{ST}) -property, then A, B, S and T have a unique common fixed point in X , provided both the pairs (A, S) and (B, T) are weakly compatible.*

Proof. Suppose that the pairs (A, S) and (B, T) share the (CRL_{ST}) -property, there exist the sequences $\{x_n\}$ and $\{y_n\}$ in X such that

$$\lim_{n \rightarrow \infty} Ax_n = \lim_{n \rightarrow \infty} Sx_n = \lim_{n \rightarrow \infty} By_n = \lim_{n \rightarrow \infty} Ty_n = t$$

where $t \in SX \cap TX$, for some $t \in X$. Therefore, $t \in SX \cap TX$ implies that $t \in SX$ and $t \in TX$. First, we consider the case $t \in SX$, then there exists $u \in X$ such that $Su = t$. Now, we claim that $Au = Su$, otherwise using inequality (iii) taking with $x = u, y = y_n$, we obtain

$$\psi(d(Au, By_n)) \leq \psi(M(u, y_n)) - \varphi(m(u, y_n)) \quad (2.4)$$

where

$$M(u, y_n) = \max \left\{ d(Su, Ty_n), \frac{1}{2} \left(d(Su, Au) + d(Su, By_n) \right), \frac{1}{2} \left(d(Ty_n, By_n) + d(Ty_n, Au) \right) \right\}$$

and

$$m(u, y_n) = \min \left\{ d(Su, Ty_n), \frac{1}{2} \left(d(Su, Au) + d(Su, By_n) \right), \frac{1}{2} \left(d(Ty_n, By_n) + d(Ty_n, Au) \right) \right\}.$$

Letting $n \rightarrow \infty$ in (2.4) and using the definitions of ψ and φ , we thus obtain

$$\begin{aligned} \lim_{n \rightarrow \infty} \psi(d(Au, By_n)) &\leq \lim_{n \rightarrow \infty} \psi(M(u, y_n)) - \lim_{n \rightarrow \infty} \varphi(m(u, y_n)) \\ \psi(d(Au, t)) &\leq \psi\left(\lim_{n \rightarrow \infty} M(u, y_n)\right) - \lim_{n \rightarrow \infty} \varphi(m(u, y_n)) \end{aligned} \quad (2.5)$$

where

$$\lim_{n \rightarrow \infty} M(u, y) = \max \left\{ 0, \frac{1}{2} d(t, Au), \frac{1}{2} d(t, Au) \right\} = \frac{1}{2} d(Au, t)$$

and

$$\lim_{n \rightarrow \infty} m(u, y) = \min \left\{ 0, \frac{1}{2} d(t, Au), \frac{1}{2} d(t, Au) \right\} = 0$$

also,

$$\varphi(0) \leq \liminf_{n \rightarrow \infty} \varphi(m(u, y_n)). \tag{2.6}$$

From (2.5) and (2.6), we obtain

$$\begin{aligned} \psi(d(Au, t)) &\leq \psi\left(\frac{1}{2}d(Au, t)\right) - \lim_{n \rightarrow \infty} \varphi(m(u, y_n)) \\ &\leq \psi\left(\frac{1}{2}d(Au, t)\right) \end{aligned}$$

a contradiction with the definition of ψ , which in turn gives $d(Au, t) = 0$ i.e., $Au = t$. Therefore, $Au = Su = t$ i.e., A and S have a coincidence point. Secondly, we consider the case $t \in TX$, there exists $v \in X$ such that $Tv = t$. Now, we show that $Bv = Tv$, otherwise using inequality (iii) taking with $x = x_n$ and $y = v$, we obtain

$$\psi(d(Ax_n, Bv)) \leq \psi(M(x_n, v)) - \varphi(m(x_n, v)) \tag{2.7}$$

where

$$M(x_n, v) = \max \left\{ d(Sx_n, Tv), \frac{1}{2}(d(Sx_n, Ax_n) + d(Sx_n, Bv)), \frac{1}{2}(d(Tv, Bv) + d(Tv, Ax_n)) \right\}$$

and

$$m(x_n, v) = \min \left\{ d(Sx_n, Tv), \frac{1}{2}(d(Sx_n, Ax_n) + d(Sx_n, Bv)), \frac{1}{2}(d(Tv, Bv) + d(Tv, Ax_n)) \right\}.$$

Letting $n \rightarrow \infty$ in (2.7), and using definition of ψ and φ , we obtain

$$\begin{aligned} \lim_{n \rightarrow \infty} \psi(d(Ax_n, Bv)) &\leq \lim_{n \rightarrow \infty} \psi(M(x_n, v)) - \lim_{n \rightarrow \infty} \varphi(m(x_n, v)) \\ \psi(d(t, Bv)) &\leq \psi\left(\lim_{n \rightarrow \infty} M(x_n, v)\right) - \lim_{n \rightarrow \infty} \varphi(m(x_n, v)) \end{aligned} \tag{2.8}$$

where

$$\lim_{n \rightarrow \infty} M(x_n, v) = \max \left\{ 0, \frac{1}{2}d(t, Bv), \frac{1}{2}d(t, Bv) \right\} = \frac{1}{2}d(t, Bv)$$

and

$$\lim_{n \rightarrow \infty} m(x_n, v) = \min \left\{ 0, \frac{1}{2}d(t, Bv), \frac{1}{2}d(t, Bv) \right\} = 0$$

also,

$$\varphi(0) \leq \liminf_{n \rightarrow \infty} \varphi(m(x_n, v)). \tag{2.9}$$

From (2.8) and (2.9), we thus obtain

$$\begin{aligned} \psi(d(t, Bv)) &\leq \psi\left(\frac{1}{2}d(t, Bv)\right) - \lim_{n \rightarrow \infty} \varphi(m(x_n, v)) \\ &\leq \psi\left(\frac{1}{2}d(t, Bv)\right) \end{aligned}$$

a contradiction with the definition of ψ , which in turn yields $d(t, Bv) = 0$ i.e., $t = Bv = Tv$ so, B and T have a coincidence point. Therefore, for some $t \in SX \cap TX$, we thus obtain $Au = Su = Bv = Tv = t$. Since, the pairs (A, S) and (B, T) are weakly compatible,

so that $ASu = SAu$ i.e., $At = St$ and $BTv = TBv$ i.e., $Bt = Tt$. Now, we show that $At = St = Bt = Tt$. If not, putting $x = y = t$ in (iii), we obtain

$$\psi(d(At, Bt)) \leq \psi(M(t, t)) - \varphi(m(t, t)) \quad (2.10)$$

where

$$\begin{aligned} M(t, t) &= \max \left\{ d(St, Tt), \frac{1}{2} \left(d(St, At) + d(Tt, Bt) \right), \right. \\ &\quad \left. \frac{1}{2} \left(d(St, Bt) + d(Tt, At) \right) \right\} \\ &= d(At, Bt) \end{aligned}$$

and

$$\begin{aligned} m(t, t) &= \min \left\{ d(St, Tt), \frac{1}{2} \left(d(St, At) + d(St, Bt) \right), \right. \\ &\quad \left. \frac{1}{2} \left(d(Tt, Bt) + d(Tt, At) \right) \right\} \\ &= \frac{1}{2} d(At, Bt). \end{aligned}$$

Therefore, (2.10) becomes

$$\psi(d(At, Bt)) \leq \psi(d(At, Bt)) - \varphi\left(\frac{1}{2}d(At, Bt)\right)$$

a contradiction if $\varphi\left(\frac{1}{2}d(At, Bt)\right) \neq 0$, which in turn yields $d(At, Bt) = 0$ i.e., $At = Bt$. Therefore, $At = St = Bt = Tt$ i.e., the mappings A, B, S and T have a common coincidence point. Now, we claim that $At = t$. For this, putting $x = t$ and $y = y_n$ in (iii), we obtain

$$\psi(d(At, By_n)) \leq \psi(M(t, y_n)) - \varphi(m(t, y_n)) \quad (2.11)$$

where

$$M(t, y_n) = \max \left\{ d(St, Ty_n), \frac{1}{2} \left(d(St, At) + d(St, By_n) \right), \frac{1}{2} \left(d(Ty_n, By_n) + d(Ty_n, At) \right) \right\}$$

and

$$m(t, y_n) = \min \left\{ d(St, Ty_n), \frac{1}{2} \left(d(St, At) + d(St, By_n) \right), \frac{1}{2} \left(d(Ty_n, By_n) + d(Ty_n, At) \right) \right\}.$$

Letting $n \rightarrow \infty$ in (2.11), we obtain

$$\begin{aligned} \lim_{n \rightarrow \infty} \psi(d(At, By_n)) &\leq \lim_{n \rightarrow \infty} \psi(M(t, y_n)) - \lim_{n \rightarrow \infty} \varphi(m(t, y_n)) \\ \psi(d(At, t)) &\leq \psi\left(\lim_{n \rightarrow \infty} M(t, y_n)\right) - \lim_{n \rightarrow \infty} \varphi(m(t, y_n)) \end{aligned} \quad (2.12)$$

where

$$\lim_{n \rightarrow \infty} M(t, y_n) = \max \left\{ d(At, t), \frac{1}{2}d(At, t), \frac{1}{2}d(t, At) \right\} = d(At, t)$$

and

$$\lim_{n \rightarrow \infty} m(t, y_n) = \min \left\{ d(At, t), \frac{1}{2}d(At, t), \frac{1}{2}d(t, At) \right\} = \frac{1}{2}d(At, t)$$

also,

$$\varphi\left(\frac{1}{2}d(At, t)\right) \leq \lim_{n \rightarrow \infty} \inf \varphi(m(t, y_n)). \quad (2.13)$$

From (2.12) and (2.13), we obtain

$$\begin{aligned} \psi(d(At, t)) &\leq \psi(d(At, t)) - \lim_{n \rightarrow \infty} \varphi(m(t, y_n)) \\ &\leq \psi(d(At, t)) - \varphi\left(\frac{1}{2}d(At, t)\right) \end{aligned}$$

a contradiction if $\varphi\left(\frac{1}{2}d(At, t)\right) \neq 0$, which in turn gives $d(At, t) = 0$ i.e., $At = t$. Since, $At = St = Bt = Tt$. Therefore, $At = St = Bt = Tt = t$ i.e., t is a common fixed point of A, B, S and T . Now, it remains to show that z is the uniqueness common fixed point of A, B, S and T . If not, there is another point $z \in X$ such that $Az = Sz = Bz = Tz = z$. For this, using (iii) with $x = t$ and $y = z$, we obtain

$$\psi(d(t, z)) = \psi(d(At, Bz)) \leq \psi(M(t, z)) - \varphi(m(t, z))$$

where

$$M(t, z) = \max \left\{ d(t, z), \frac{1}{2}d(t, z), \frac{1}{2}d(z, t) \right\} = d(t, z)$$

and

$$m(t, z) = \min \left\{ d(t, z), \frac{1}{2}d(t, z), \frac{1}{2}d(z, t) \right\} = \frac{1}{2}d(t, z).$$

Therefore,

$$\psi(d(t, z)) \leq \psi(d(t, z)) - \varphi\left(\frac{1}{2}d(t, z)\right)$$

a contradiction if $\varphi\left(\frac{1}{2}d(t, z)\right) \neq 0$, which yields $d(t, z) = 0$ i.e., $t = z$. This completes the proof. □

The following example shows the validity of Theorem 2.3.

Example 2.4. Let $X = [2, 11]$ with usual metric d . Define A, B, S and T on X by

$$\begin{aligned} Ax &= \begin{cases} 3, & x \in [2, 3] \cup (5, 11) \\ 2, & x \in (3, 5] \end{cases}; & Bx &= \begin{cases} 3, & x \in [2, 3] \cup (5, 11) \\ 5, & x \in (3, 5] \end{cases} \\ Sx &= \begin{cases} 3, & x \in [2, 3] \\ 6, & x \in (3, 5] \\ \frac{x+4}{3}, & x \in (5, 11) \end{cases}; & Tx &= \begin{cases} 3, & x \in [2, 3] \\ 10, & x \in (3, 5] \\ x - 2, & x \in (5, 11). \end{cases} \end{aligned}$$

Since, $AX = \{2, 3\} \not\subseteq TX = [3, 9] \cup \{10\}$ and $BX = \{3, 5\} \not\subseteq [3, 5] \cup \{6\} = SX$. Consider two sequences $\{x_n\} = \{3\}, \{y_n\} = \{5 + \frac{1}{n}\}_{n \in \mathbb{N}}$ (or, $\{x_n\} = \{5 + \frac{1}{n}\}_{n \in \mathbb{N}}, \{y_n\} = \{3\}$). Then, $\lim_{n \rightarrow \infty} Ax_n = \lim_{n \rightarrow \infty} Sx_n = \lim_{n \rightarrow \infty} By_n = \lim_{n \rightarrow \infty} Ty_n = 3 = t \in SX \cap TX$ i.e., the pairs (A, S) and (B, T) satisfy the (CRL_{ST}) -property. Now, taking in particular

$$\psi(t) = 2t, \quad \varphi(t) = \begin{cases} \frac{1}{t}, & t > 0 \\ 0, & t = 0, \end{cases}$$

then, one can verify that the contractive condition (iii) is satisfied for every $x, y \in X$. Thus, all the conditions of Theorem 2.3 are satisfied and hence, 3 is the unique common fixed point of A, B, S and T .

Theorem 2.5. Let A, B, S and T be self mappings on a metric space (X, d) satisfying any one of the conditions $(1^\circ), (2^\circ)$ and (3°) of the following:

- (1°) (a) all the conditions of Lemma 2.1,
- (b) SX is closed in X ;
- (2°) (a) Inequality (iii) of Lemma 2.1,

- (b) SX and TX are closed in X ,
 (c) the pairs (A, S) and (B, T) satisfy common property-(E.A);
 (3°) all the conditions of Lemma 2.2;

Then, A, B, S and T have a unique common fixed point in X , provided both the pairs (A, S) and (B, T) are weakly compatible.

Theorem 2.6. Let A, B, S and T be self mappings on a metric space (X, d) satisfying the inequality

$$\psi(d(Ax, By)) \leq \psi(N(x, y)) - \varphi(m(x, y)), \forall x, y \in X$$

where $\psi \in \Psi, \varphi \in \Phi$. If the pairs (A, S) and (B, T) satisfy the (CRL_{ST}) -property, then A, B, S and T have a unique common fixed point in X , provided both the pairs (A, S) and (B, T) are weakly compatible.

Taking $\psi(t) = t$ in Theorem 2.3 and Theorem 2.6, we obtain the following corollaries.

Corollary 2.7. Let A, B, S and T be self mappings on a metric space (X, d) satisfying the inequality

$$d(Ax, By) \leq M(x, y) - \varphi(m(x, y)), \forall x, y \in X$$

where $\varphi \in \Phi$. If the pairs (A, S) and (B, T) satisfy the (CRL_{ST}) -property, then A, B, S and T have a unique common fixed point in X , provided both the pairs (A, S) and (B, T) are weakly compatible.

Corollary 2.8. Let A, B, S and T be self mappings on a metric space (X, d) satisfying the inequality

$$d(Ax, By) \leq N(x, y) - \varphi(m(x, y)), \forall x, y \in X$$

where $\varphi \in \Phi$. If the pairs (A, S) and (B, T) satisfy the (CRL_{ST}) -property, then A, B, S and T have a unique common fixed point in X provided, both the pairs (A, S) and (B, T) are weakly compatible.

One can check the validity of Theorem 2.6, Corollaries 2.7 and 2.8 with Example 2.4.

Discussion

We write the following inequality

$$\psi(d(Ax, By)) \leq \psi(N(x, y)) - \varphi(n(x, y)), \forall x, y \in X \quad (2.14)$$

in lieu of inequality (iii) and retain the remaining conditions of Theorem 2.6. Taking two points $z, z' \in X$, where $z \neq z'$ such that $Az = Bz = Sz = Tz = z$ and $Az' = Bz' = Sz' = Tz' = z'$. Using the above inequality (2.14), we have

$$\begin{aligned} \psi(d(z, z')) &= \psi(d(Az, Bz')) \\ &\leq \psi(N(z, z')) - \varphi(n(z, z')) \\ &= \psi(d(z, z')) - \varphi(0) \\ &= \psi(d(z, z')) \end{aligned}$$

In view of above, inequality (2.14) does not work in order to obtain a unique common fixed point of the pairs (A, S) and (B, T) , so the inequality (2.14) is not applicable in Theorem 2.6. It notices that Theorem 2.1 of Murthy et al.[18] does not give a unique common fixed point. Therefore, the revised version of Theorem 2.1[18] may be stated as follows:

Theorem 2.9. Let A, B, S and T be self mappings on a complete metric space (X, d) . Suppose that

- (i) $AX \subset TX$ and $BX \subset SX$;
(ii) there exists $\varphi \in \Phi$, $\psi \in \Psi$ such that

$$\psi(d(Ax, By)) \leq \psi(M(x, y)) - \varphi(m(x, y)), \forall x, y \in X$$

Then, the pairs (A, S) and (B, T) have a unique common fixed point in X , provided both the pairs (A, S) and (B, T) are weakly compatible.

Note that the above theorem is a corollary of Theorem 2.3.

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