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ON UNIQUE COMMON FIXED POINT  
FOR COMPATIBLE MAPPINGS OF TYPE (A)

Let  $S$  and  $T$  be two self mappings of a metric space  $(X, d)$ . Sessa [6] defines  $S$  and  $T$  to be weakly commuting if  $d(STx, TSx) \leq d(Tx, Sx)$  for all  $x$  in  $X$ . Jungck [1] defines  $S$  and  $T$  to be compatible if  $\lim_{n \rightarrow \infty} d(STx_n, TSx_n) = 0$  whenever  $\{x_n\}$  is a sequence in  $X$  such that  $\lim_{n \rightarrow \infty} Sx_n = \lim_{n \rightarrow \infty} Tx_n = x$  for some  $x \in X$ . Clearly, commuting mappings are weakly commuting and weakly commuting mappings are compatible, but neither implication is reversible (Ex. 1 [7] and Ex. 2.2 [1]).

Recently, Jungck, Murthy and Cho [2] defines  $S$  and  $T$  to be compatible of type (A) if  $\lim_{n \rightarrow \infty} d(TSx_n, S^2x_n) = 0$  and  $\lim_{n \rightarrow \infty} d(STx_n, T^2x_n) = 0$  whenever  $\{x_n\}$  is a sequence in  $X$  such that  $\lim_{n \rightarrow \infty} Sx_n = \lim_{n \rightarrow \infty} Tx_n = x$  for some  $x \in X$ . Clearly, weakly commuting mappings are compatible of type (A). By (Ex. 2.2 [2]) follows that implications is not reversible. By (Ex. 2.1 and Ex. 2.2 [2]) follows that the notions of compatible mappings and compatible mappings of type (A) are independent.

LEMMA 1 [2]. *Let  $S, T : (X, d) \rightarrow (X, d)$  be compatible mappings of type (A). If one of  $S$  and  $T$  is continuous, then  $S$  and  $T$  are compatible.*

LEMMA 2 [1]. *Let  $S$  and  $T$  be compatible mappings from a metric space  $(X, d)$  into itself. Suppose that  $\lim_{n \rightarrow \infty} Sx_n = \lim_{n \rightarrow \infty} Tx_n = t$  for some  $t$  in  $X$ . Then  $\lim_{n \rightarrow \infty} TSx_n = St$  if  $S$  is continuous.*

LEMMA 3 [2]. *Let  $S, T : (X, d) \rightarrow (X, d)$  be mappings. If  $S$  and  $T$  are compatible of type (A) and  $S(t) = T(t)$  for some  $t \in X$ , then  $ST(t) = TT(t) = SS(t) = TS(t)$ .*

Let  $R_+$  be the set of all non-negative reals numbers and  $f : R_+^3 \rightarrow R_+$  be a real function.

DEFINITION 1 [5]. We say that  $f : R_+^3 \rightarrow R_+$  satisfies property (h) if there exists  $h \geq 1$  such that for every  $u, v \in R_+$  with  $u \geq f(v, u, v)$  or  $u \geq f(v, v, u)$ , we have  $u \geq h \cdot v$ .

DEFINITION 2 [3]. We say that  $f : R_+^3 \rightarrow R_+$  satisfies property (u) if  $f(u, 0, 0) > u, \forall u > 0$ .

The following theorem is proved in [5].

THEOREM 1. Let  $A, B, S$  and  $T$  be mappings from a complete metric space  $(X, d)$  into itself satisfying the conditions:

- 1°  $A$  and  $B$  are surjective,
- 2° One of  $A, B, S, T$  is continuous,
- 3°  $A$  and  $S$  as well as  $B$  and  $T$  are compatible of type  $(A)$ ,
- 4° The inequality

$$(1) \quad d(Ax, By) \geq f(d(Sx, Ty), d(Ax, Sx), d(By, Ty))$$

holds for all  $x, y$  in  $X$  where  $f$  satisfied the property (h) with  $h \geq 1$ . If the property (u) holds and  $f$  is continuous then  $A, B, S$  and  $T$  have a unique common fixed point.

The purpose of this paper is to extend Theorem 1.

Let  $\mathcal{H}$  the set of real continuous functions  $g(x_1, \dots, x_5) : R_+^5 \rightarrow R_+$  satisfying the following conditions:

$H_1$ :  $g$  is decreasing in variables  $x_4$  and  $x_5$ ,

$H_2$ : there exists  $h > 1$  such that for every  $u, v \geq 0$  with

$$H_a : u \geq g(v, v, u, 0, u + v) \quad \text{or} \quad H_b : u \geq g(v, u, v, u + v, 0),$$

we have  $u \geq h \cdot v$ .

DEFINITION 3. We say that  $g : R_+^5 \rightarrow R_+$  satisfies property (U) if  $g(u, 0, 0, u, u) > u, \forall u > 0$ .

Ex.  $g(x_1, \dots, x_5) = \left[ ax_1^2 + \frac{bx_2^2 + cx_3^2}{x_4x_5 + 1} \right]^{1/2}$ , where  $a > 0; b, c \geq 0$  and  $a + b + c > 1$ .

$H_1$ . Obvious.

$H_2$ . If  $u \geq g(v, v, u, 0, u + v)$  then  $u^2 \geq av^2 + bv^2 + cu^2$  and  $u \geq \left( \frac{a+b}{1-c} \right)^{1/2} \cdot v = h_1 \cdot v$ , where  $h_1 > 1$ .

If  $u \geq g(v, u, v, u + v, 0)$  then  $u^2 \geq av^2 + bu^2 + cv^2$  and  $u \geq \left( \frac{a+c}{1-b} \right)^{1/2} \cdot v = h_2 \cdot v$ , where  $h_2 > 1$ . Thus  $H_2$  holds for  $h = \min\{h_1, h_2\}$ .

THEOREM 2. Let  $(X, d)$  be a metric space and  $A, B, S, T$  four mappings of  $X$  satisfying the inequality

$$(2) \quad d(Ax, By) \geq g(d(Sx, Ty), d(Ax, Sx), d(By, Ty), d(Ax, Ty), d(By, Sx))$$

for all  $x, y$  in  $X$ , where  $g$  satisfies property (U). Then  $A, B, S, T$  have at most one common fixed point.

PROOF. Suppose that  $A, B, S, T$  have two common fixed points  $z$  and  $z'$ , with  $z \neq z'$ . Then

$$\begin{aligned} d(z, z') &= d(Az, Bz') \\ &\geq g(d(Sz, Tz'), d(Az, Sz), d(Bz', Tz'), d(Az, Tz'), d(Bz', Sz)) \\ &= g(d(z, z'), 0, 0, d(z, z'), d(z', z)) > d(z, z'), \end{aligned}$$

a contradiction.

THEOREM 3. Let  $A, B, S$  and  $T$  be mappings from a complete metric space  $(X, d)$  into itself satisfying the condition  $1^\circ, 2^\circ$  and  $3^\circ$  of Theorem 1. If the inequality (2) holds for all  $x, y$  in  $X$ , where  $g \in \mathcal{H}$  satisfies property (U), then  $A, B, S$  and  $T$  have a unique common fixed point.

PROOF. Let  $x_0 \in X$  be arbitrary. By  $(1^\circ)$  we can choose a point  $x_1$  in  $X$  such that  $Ax_1 = Tx_0 = y_0$  and for this point  $x_1$  there exists a point  $x_2$  in  $X$  such that  $Bx_2 = Sx_1 = y_1$ . Inductively, we can define a sequence  $\{y_n\}$  in  $X$  such that

$$(3) \quad Ax_{2n+1} = Tx_n = y_{2n} \quad \text{and} \quad Bx_{2n+2} = Sx_{2n+1} = y_{2n+1}.$$

By (2) and (3) we have

$$\begin{aligned} d(y_0, y_1) &= \\ &= d(Ax_1, Bx_2) \\ &\geq g(d(Sx_1, Tx_2), d(Sx_1, Tx_1), d(Tx_2, Bx_2), d(Ax_1, Tx_2), d(Bx_2, Sx_1)) \\ &= g(d(y_1, y_2), d(y_0, y_1), d(y_2, y_1), d(y_0, y_2), 0) \\ &\geq g(d(y_1, y_2), d(y_1, y_0), d(y_2, y_1), d(y_0, y_1) + d(y_1, y_2), 0). \end{aligned}$$

By  $H_b$  we have

$$d(y_0, y_1) \geq h \cdot d(y_2, y_1).$$

Thus

$$d(y_1, y_2) \leq \frac{1}{h} \cdot d(y_0, y_1).$$

Similarly, by (2), (3),  $(H_a)$  and  $(H_b)$  we have

$$d(y_n, y_{n+1}) \leq \left(\frac{1}{h}\right)^n \cdot d(y_0, y_1).$$

Then by a routine calculation one can show that  $\{y_n\}$  is a Cauchy sequence and since  $X$  is complete, there is a  $z \in X$  such that  $\lim_{n \rightarrow \infty} y_n = z$ . Consequently, the subsequences  $\{Ax_{2n+1}\}, \{Bx_{2n}\}, \{Sx_{2n+1}\}$  and  $\{Tx_{2n}\}$  converge to  $z$ .

Now, suppose that  $A$  is continuous. Since  $A$  and  $S$  are compatible of type (A) and  $A$  is continuous, then, by Lemma 1.,  $A$  and  $S$  are compatible. Lemma 2 implies that  $A^2x_{2n+1} \rightarrow Az$  and  $S Ax_{2n+1} \rightarrow Az$  as  $n \rightarrow \infty$ .

By (2) we have

$$d(A^2_{2n+1}, Bx_{2n}) \geq g(d(S Ax_{2n+1}, Tx_{2n}), d(S Ax_{2n+1}, A^2x_{2n+1}), d(Tx_{2n}, Bx_{2n}), d(A^2x_{2n+1}, Tx_{2n}), d(S Ax_{2n+1}, Bx_{2n})).$$

Letting  $n \rightarrow +\infty$  we have, by continuity of  $g$ , that

$$d(Az, z) \geq g(d(Az, z), 0, 0, Az, z), d(Az, z)).$$

By the property (U), it follows that  $d(Az, Az) > d(Az, z)$  if  $Az \neq z$ . Thus  $Az = z$ . By (2) we have

$$d(Az, Bx_{2n}) \geq g(d(Sz, Tx_{2n}), d(Sz, Az), d(Tx_{2n}, Bx_{2n}), d(Az, Tx_{2n}), d(Bx_{2n}, Sz)).$$

Letting  $n \rightarrow +\infty$  we have, by continuity of  $g$ , that

$$0 = d(Az, z) \geq g(d(Sz, z), d(Sz, z), 0, 0, d(Sz, z)).$$

By  $(H_a)$  we have  $0 \geq h \cdot d(Sz, z)$  which implies  $z = Sz$ . Let  $u = By$  for some  $u \in X$ . Then by (2) we have

$$d(A^2x_{2n+1}, Bu) \geq g(d(S Ax_{2n+1}, Tu), d(S Ax_{2n+1}, A^2x_{2n+1}), d(Tu, Bu), d(A^2x_{2n+1}, Tu), d(Ax_{2n+1}, Bu)).$$

Letting  $n \rightarrow +\infty$  we have, by continuity of  $g$ , that

$$0 = d(Az, Bu) \geq (g(d(Az, Tu), 0, d(Tu, Bu), d(Az, Tu), d(Az, Bu))) = g(d(z, Tu), 0, d(z, Tu), d(z, Tu), 0).$$

By  $(H_b)$  we have  $0 \geq h \cdot d(z, Tu)$ , which implies that  $z = Tu$ . Since  $B$  and  $T$  are compatible of type (A) and  $Bu = Tu = z$ , then by Lemma 3.,  $Bz = BTu = TBu = Tz$ . Moreover, by (2), we have

$$d(Ax_{2n+1}, Bz) \geq g(d(Sx_{2n+1}, Tz), d(Sx_{2n+1}, Ax_{2n+1}), d(Tz, Bz), d(Ax_{2n+1}, Tz), d(Bz, Sx_{2n+1})).$$

Letting  $n \rightarrow +\infty$  we have, by continuity of  $g$ , that

$$d(z, Tz) \geq g(d(z, Tz), 0, 0, d(z, Tz), d(z, Tz)).$$

From the property (U), it follows that  $d(z, Tz) > d(z, Tz)$  if  $z \neq Tz$ . Thus  $z = Tz$ . Therefore  $z$  is a common fixed point of  $A, B, S$  and  $T$ . Similarly, we can complete the proof in the case of continuity of  $B$ .

Next, suppose that  $S$  is continuous. Since  $A$  and  $S$  are compatible of type A and  $S$  is continuous, then, by Lemma 1,  $A$  and  $S$  are compatible.

Lemma 2 implies  $S^2x_{2n+1} \rightarrow Sz$  and  $ASx_{2n+1} \rightarrow Sz$  as  $n \rightarrow \infty$ . By (2), we have

$$d(ASx_{2n+1}, Bx_{2n}) \geq g(d(S^2x_{2n+1}, Tx_{2n}), d(S^2x_{2n+1}, ASx_{2n+1}), d(Tx_{2n}, Bx_{2n}), d(ASx_{2n+1}, Tx_{2n}), d(S^2x_{2n+1}, Bx_{2n})).$$

Letting  $n \rightarrow +\infty$ , we have, by continuity of  $g$ , that

$$d(Sz, z) \geq g(d(Sz, z), 0, 0, d(Sz, z), d(Sz, z)).$$

By the property (U), we have  $d(Sz, z) > d(Sz, z)$  if  $z \neq Sz$ . Thus  $z = Sz$ . Let  $z = Av$  and  $z = Bw$  for some  $v$  and  $w$  in  $X$ , respectively. Then, by (2), we have

$$d(ASx_{2n+1}, Bw) \geq g(d(S^2x_{2n+1}, Tw), d(S^2x_{2n+1}, ASx_{2n+1}), d(Tw, Bw), d(ASx_{2n+1}, Tw), d(Bw, S^2x_{2n+1})).$$

Letting  $n \rightarrow +\infty$ , we have, by continuity of  $g$ , that

$$\begin{aligned} 0 &= d(Sz, z) \geq g(d(Sz, Tw), 0, d(Bw, Tw), d(Sz, Tw), d(Bw, Sz)) \\ &= g(d(z, Tw), 0, d(z, Tw), d(z, Tw), 0). \end{aligned}$$

By  $(H_b)$  we have  $0 \geq h \cdot d(z, Tw)$ , which implies that  $z = Tw$ . Since  $B$  and  $T$  are compatible of type (A) and  $Bw = Tw = z$ , by Lemma 3., we see that  $Bz = BTw = TBw = Tz$ .

Moreover, by (2), we have

$$d(Ax_{2n+1}, Bz) \geq g(d(Sx_{2n+1}, Tz), d(Sx_{2n+1}, Ax_{2n+1}), d(Bz, Tz), d(Ax_{2n+1}, Tz), d(Bz, Sx_{2n+1})).$$

Letting  $n \rightarrow +\infty$  we have, by continuity of  $g$ , that

$$d(z, Tz) = d(z, Bz) \geq g(d(z, Tz), 0, 0, d(z, Tz), d(z, Tz)).$$

By the property (U), it follows that  $d(z, Tz) > d(z, Tz)$  if  $z \neq Tz$ . Thus  $z = Tz$ . Further, we have, by (2), that

$$d(Av, Bz) \geq g(d(Sv, Tz), d(Av, Sv), d(Tz, Bz), d(Av, Tz), d(Bz, Sv)).$$

and

$$0 = d(z, z) \geq g(d(Sv, z), d(Sv, z), 0, 0, d(Sv, z)).$$

By  $(H_a)$  we have  $0 \geq h \cdot d(Sv, z)$  and thus  $Sv = z$ . Since  $A$  and  $S$  are compatible of type (A) and  $Av = Sv = z$ , then, by Lemma 3.,  $Az = ASv = SAV = Sz$ . Therefore,  $z$  is a common fixed point of  $A, B, S$  and  $T$ . Similarly, we can complete the proof in the case of continuity of  $T$ .

From Theorem 2 follows that  $z$  is a unique common fixed point of  $A, B, S$  and  $T$ .

**THEOREM 4.** Let  $S, T$  and  $\{f_i\}_{i \in \mathbb{N}}$  be mappings from a complete metric space  $(X, d)$  into itself satisfying the following conditions:

- 1°  $\{f_i\}_{i \in N}$  are surjective;  
 2°  $S$  or  $T$  or every  $\{f_i\}_{i \in I}$  is continuous;  
 3°  $S$  and  $\{f_i\}_{i \in N}$  are compatible of type  $(A)$ ,  $T$  and  $\{f_i\}_{i \in N}$  are compatible of type  $(A)$ ,  
 4° the inequality

$$d(f_i x, f_{i+1} y) \geq$$

$$g(d(Sx, Ty), d(f_i x, Sx), d(f_{i+1} y, Ty), d(f_i x, Ty), d(f_{i+1} y, Sx))$$

holds for all  $x$  and  $y$  in  $X$ ,  $\forall i \in N$ , where  $g \in \mathcal{H}$  and satisfies the property  $(U)$ . Then  $\{f_i\}_{i \in N}$ ,  $S$  and  $T$  have a unique common fixed point.

PROOF. It is similar to the proof of ([4], Theorem 4.).

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