

## Common Fixed Point Theorems for Sequence of Mappings in Generalisation of Partial Metric Spaces

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**Abstract:** The main purpose of this paper is to obtain fixed point theorems for sequence of mappings under partial metric spaces which generalizes theorem of four authors [5].

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### I. Introduction

Partial metric spaces were introduced by Matthews [1] in 1992 as a part of the study of denotational semantics of dataflow networks. In fact, it is widely recognized that partial metric spaces play an important role in constructing models in the theory of computation.

### II. Preliminaries

Before proving our results we need the following definitions and known results in this sequel [1, 2, 4].

**Definition 2.1. ([1]).** A partial metric on a nonempty set  $X$  is a function  $p: X \times X \rightarrow \mathbb{R}_+$  such that for all  $x, y, z \in X$ :

$$(p1) \ x=y \iff p(x, x) = p(x, y) = p(y, y),$$

$$(p2) \ p(x, x) \leq p(x, y),$$

$$(p3) \ p(x, y) = p(y, x),$$

$$(p4) \ p(x, y) \leq p(x, z) + p(z, y) - p(z, z).$$

A partial metric space is a pair  $(X, p)$  such that  $X$  is a nonempty set and  $p$  is a partial metric on  $X$ .

**Remark 2.2.** It is clear that, if  $p(x, y) = 0$ , then from (p1) and (p2),  $x = y$ . But if  $x = y$ ,  $p(x, y)$  may not be 0. A basic example of a partial metric space is the pair  $(\mathbb{R}_+, p)$ , where  $p(x, y) = \max\{x, y\}$  for all  $x, y \in \mathbb{R}_+$ . Each partial metric  $p$  on  $X$  generates a  $T_0$  topology  $\tau_p$  on  $X$  which has as a base the family of open  $p$ -balls

$\{B_p(x, \epsilon), x \in X, \epsilon > 0\}$  where  $B_p(x, \epsilon) = \{y \in X: p(x, y) < p(x, x) + \epsilon\}$  for all  $x \in X$  and  $\epsilon > 0$ .

If  $p$  is a partial metric on  $X$ , then the function  $p^s: X \times X \rightarrow \mathbb{R}_+$  given by  $p^s(x, y) = 2p(x, y) - p(x, x) - p(y, y)$  is a metric on  $X$ .

**Definition 2.3.** Let  $(X, p)$  be a partial metric space and  $\{x_n\}$  be a sequence in  $X$ . Then

(i)  $\{x_n\}$  converges to a point  $x \in X$  if and only if  $p(x, x) = \lim_{n \rightarrow +\infty} p(x, x_n)$

(ii)  $\{x_n\}$  is called a Cauchy sequence if there exists (and is finite)  $\lim_{n, m \rightarrow +\infty} p(x_n, x_m)$ .

**Definition 2.4.** A partial metric space  $(X, p)$  is said to be complete if every Cauchy sequence  $\{x_n\}$  in  $X$  converges, with respect to  $\tau_p$ , to a point  $x \in X$ , such that  $p(x, x) = \lim_{n, m \rightarrow +\infty} p(x_n, x_m)$ .

**Remark 2.5.** It is easy to see that every closed subset of a complete partial metric space is complete.

**Lemma 2.6 ([1, 2]).** Let  $(X, p)$  be a partial metric space. Then (a)  $\{x_n\}$  is a Cauchy sequence in  $(X, p)$  if and only if it is a Cauchy sequence in the metric space  $(X, p^s)$ ,

(b)  $(X, p)$  is complete if and only if the metric space  $(X, p^s)$  is complete. Furthermore,

$$\lim_{n \rightarrow +\infty} p^s(x_n, x) = 0 \text{ if and only if } p(x, x) = \lim_{n \rightarrow +\infty} p(x_n, x) = \lim_{n, m \rightarrow +\infty} p(x_n, x_m)$$

Matthews [1] obtained the following Banach fixed point theorem on complete partial metric spaces.

**Theorem 2.7[1].** Let  $f$  be a mapping of a complete partial metric space  $(X, p)$  into itself such that there is a real number  $c$  with  $0 \leq c < 1$ , satisfying for all  $x, y \in X: p(fx, fy) \leq c p(x, y)$ . Then  $f$  has a unique fixed point.

### III. Main Results

Before stating the main results, we recall the following definitions.

**Definition 3.1.** Let  $X$  be a non-empty set and  $T_1, T_2: X \rightarrow X$  are given self-maps on  $X$ . If  $w = T_1x = T_2x$  for some  $x \in X$ , then  $x$  is called a coincidence point of  $T_1$  and  $T_2$ , and  $w$  is called a point of coincidence of  $T_1$  and  $T_2$ .

**Definition 3.2 [3].** Let  $X$  be a non-empty set and  $T_1, T_2: X \rightarrow X$  are given self-maps on  $X$ . The pair  $\{T_1, T_2\}$  is said to be weakly compatible if  $T_1T_2t = T_2T_1t$ , whenever  $T_1t = T_2t$  for some  $t$  in  $X$ .

Our main result is the following.

**Theorem 3.3.** Suppose that  $S_i, T_i \forall i$  are self-maps of a complete partial metric space  $(X, p)$  such that  $T_i X \subseteq S_i X \forall i$ , and  $p(T_i x, T_i y) \leq \phi(M(x, y)) \dots (3.1) \forall i$  and for all  $x, y \in X$ , where  $\phi \in \Phi$  and  $M(x, y) = \max\{p(S_i x, S_i y), [p(T_i x, S_i x) + p(T_i y, S_i y)]/2, [p(T_i y, S_i x) + p(T_i x, S_i y)]/2\}$ . If one of the ranges  $T_i X$  and  $S_i X \forall i$  is a closed subset of  $(X, p)$ , then  $S_i$  and  $T_i \forall i$  have a coincidence point, (ii) Moreover if the pairs  $\{S_i, T_i\} \forall i$  is weakly compatible, then  $T_i$  and  $S_i \forall i$  have a unique common fixed point.

**Proof.**

Let  $x_0$  be an arbitrary point in  $X$ . Since  $T_i X \subseteq S_i X, \forall i$  there exists  $x_1 \in X$  such that  $S_i x_1 = T_i x_0$ . Continuing this process, we can construct sequences  $\{x_n\}$  and  $\{y_n\}$  in  $X$  defined by

$$y_{2n} = T_i x_{2n+1} = S_i x_{2n} \text{ or } y_{2n+1} = T_i x_{2n+2} = S_i x_{2n+1} \dots (3.2) \text{ for every } n \in \mathbb{N} \forall i.$$

We claim that  $\{y_n\}$  is a Cauchy sequence in the partial metric space  $(X, p)$ .

$$\text{We have, } M(x_{2p}, x_{2p+1}) \leq \max\{p(S_i x_{2p}, S_i x_{2p+1}), [p(T_i x_{2p}, S_i x_{2p}) + p(T_i x_{2p+1}, S_i x_{2p+1})]/2, [p(T_i x_{2p+1}, S_i x_{2p}) + p(T_i x_{2p}, S_i x_{2p+1})]/2\} \forall i.$$

$$= \text{Max}\{p(y_{2p-1}, y_{2p}), [p(y_{2p-1}, y_{2p-1}) + p(y_{2p}, y_{2p})]/2, [p(y_{2p}, y_{2p-1}) + p(y_{2p-1}, y_{2p})]/2\} \forall i,$$

$$= \text{Max}\{p(y_{2p-1}, y_{2p}), [p(y_{2p-1}, y_{2p-1}) + p(y_{2p}, y_{2p})]/2\} \forall i,$$

$$= p(y_{2p-1}, y_{2p}).$$

Using that  $\phi$  is non-decreasing function, we get:

$$\phi(M(x_{2p}, x_{2p+1})) \leq \phi(\text{max}\{p(y_{2p-1}, y_{2p})\}) \dots (3.3)$$

From the contraction condition (3.1) with  $x = x_{2p}$  and  $y = x_{2p+1}$ , we get:

$$p(y_{2p}, y_{2p+1}) \leq \phi(p(y_{2p-1}, y_{2p}))$$

Since,  $\phi(t) < t$  for each  $t > 0$ , the above inequality implies that  $p(y_{2p-1}, y_{2p}) = 0$  and  $p(y_{2p}, y_{2p+1}) = 0$  and then  $y_{2p-1} = y_{2p}$  and  $y_{2p} = y_{2p+1}$ .

Hence we have  $y_{2p-1} = y_{2p} = y_{2p+1} = y_{2p+2} = \dots$

Then  $\{y_n\}$  is a Cauchy sequence in  $(X, p)$ . The same conclusion holds if we suppose that there exists  $p \in \mathbb{N}$  such that  $p(y_{2p}, y_{2p+1}) = 0$ .

Now, we assume that  $p(y_n, y_{n+1}) > 0$ , for sufficiently large  $n \in \mathbb{N}$

Then from (3.3) as  $\phi(t) < t$  for all  $t > 0$ , we have

$$p(y_n, y_{n+1}) < \phi(p(y_{n-1}, y_n)) \text{ for all } n \geq 1 \dots (3.4)$$

Repeating this inequality  $n$  time we obtain  $p(y_n, y_{n+1}) \leq \phi^n(p(y_0, y_1)) \dots (3.5)$

By the properties (p2) and (p3) we have  $\text{Max}\{p(y_n, y_n), p(y_{n+1}, y_{n+1})\} \leq p(y_n, y_{n+1})$

Thus from (3.5),  $\text{max}\{p(y_n, y_n), p(y_{n+1}, y_{n+1})\} \leq \phi^n p(y_0, y_1) \dots (3.6)$

$$\text{Therefore, } p^s((y_n, y_{n+1})) = 2p(y_n, y_{n+1}) - p(y_n, y_n) - p(y_{n+1}, y_{n+1}) \leq 2p(y_n, y_{n+1}) + p(y_n, y_n) + p(y_{n+1}, y_{n+1}) \leq 4\phi^n p((y_0, y_1)).$$

Now by the triangle inequality for the metric  $p^s$  and (3.6), for any  $k, n \in \mathbb{N}^*$  we have

$$p^s(y_n, y_{n+k}) \leq p^s(y_n, y_{n+1}) + p^s(y_{n+1}, y_{n+2}) + \dots + p^s(y_{n+k-1}, y_{n+k}),$$

$$\leq 4\phi^n p((y_0, y_1)) + 4\phi^{n+1} p((y_0, y_1)) + \dots + 4\phi^{n+k-1} p((y_0, y_1))$$

$$\leq 4(\sum_{i=n}^{n+k-1} \phi^i(p(y_0, y_1)))$$

$$\leq 4(\sum_{i=n}^{\infty} \phi^i(p(y_0, y_1)))$$

Hence and from the property (b), lemma 2.6 of  $\phi$  we conclude that for an arbitrary  $\epsilon > 0$  there is a positive integer  $n_0$  such that  $p^s(y_n, y_{n+k}) < \epsilon$  for every  $n \geq n_0$  and all  $k \in \mathbb{N}$

Thus we proved that  $\{y_n\}$  is a Cauchy sequence in the metric space  $(X, p^s)$ .

Since  $(X, p)$  is complete, then from Lemma 2.6,  $(X, p^s)$  is a complete metric space.

Therefore, the sequence  $\{y_n\}$  converges to some  $y \in X$ , that is,  $\lim_{n \rightarrow +\infty} p^s(y_n, y) = 0$

From the properties (b) in Lemma 2.6, we have

$$P(y, y) = \lim_{n \rightarrow +\infty} p(y_n, y) = \lim_{m \geq n \rightarrow +\infty} p(y_n, y_m) \dots (3.7)$$

Moreover, since  $\{y_n\}$  is a Cauchy sequence in the metric space  $(X, p^s)$ , then  $\lim_{n, m \rightarrow +\infty} p^s(y_n, y_m) = 0$  and

so from (3.6) and the property (b) in lemma 2.6 of  $\phi$

$$\text{We have } \lim_{n \rightarrow +\infty} p(y_n, y_n) = 0 \dots (3.8)$$

Thus from the definition of  $p^s$  and (3.8), we have  $\lim_{m \geq n \rightarrow +\infty} p(y_n, y_m) = 0$

Therefore, from (3.7), we have

$$p(y, y) = \lim_{n \rightarrow +\infty} p(y_n, y) = \lim_{m \geq n \rightarrow +\infty} p(y_n, y_m) = 0 \dots (3.9)$$

This implies that  $\lim_{n \rightarrow +\infty} p(y_{2n}, y) = \lim_{n \rightarrow +\infty} p(y_{2n-1}, y) = 0$  ----- (3.10)

Thus from (3.10) we have  $\lim_{n \rightarrow +\infty} p(T_i x_{2n}, y) = \lim_{n \rightarrow +\infty} p(S_i x_{2n+1}, y) = 0 \quad \forall i$ ----- (3.11)

Now we can suppose, without loss of generality, that  $S_i X \quad \forall i$  is a closed subset of the partial metric space  $(X, p)$ . From (3.11), there exists  $u \in X$  such that  $y = S_i u \quad \forall i$

We claim that  $p(T_i u, y) = 0 \quad \forall i$ . Suppose, to the contrary, that  $p(T_i u, y) > 0 \quad \forall i$

By (p4) and (3.1) we get

$$\begin{aligned} p(y, T_i u) &\leq p(y, T_i x_{2n+2}) + p(T_i u, T_i x_{2n+2}) - p(T_i x_{2n+2}, T_i x_{2n+1}) \quad \forall i \\ &\leq p(y, T_i x_{2n+2}) + p(T_i u, T_i x_{2n+1}) \\ &\leq p(y, T_i x_{2n+2}) + \phi(M(u, x_{2n+2})) \end{aligned}$$

$$\begin{aligned} \text{By (3.2) we have } M(u, x_{2n+1}) &= \max \{ p(y, y_{2n+1}), [p(T_i u, y) + p(y_{2n+1}, y_{2n+1})]/2, [p(y_{2n+1}, y) + p(T_i u, y_{2n+1})] \} \quad \forall i \\ &\leq \max \{ p(y, y_{2n+1}), [p(T_i u, y) + p(y_{2n+1}, y_{2n+1})]/2, [p(y_{2n+1}, y) + p(T_i u, y) + p(y, y_{2n+1}) - p(y, y)]/2 \} \quad \forall i \end{aligned} \quad (3.12)$$

Since  $\Phi$  is continuous, from (3.12), (3.9), and letting  $n \rightarrow \infty$  we obtain

$$\begin{aligned} p(y, T_i u) &\leq \lim_{n \rightarrow \infty} [p(y, y_{2n+1}) + \phi(M(u, x_{2n+2}))] \\ &= \lim_{n \rightarrow \infty} p(y, y_{2n+1}) + \phi(\lim_{n \rightarrow \infty} M(u, x_{2n+2})) \\ &= \phi(1/2 p(T_i u, y)). \end{aligned}$$

Hence, as we supposed that  $p(T_i u, y) > 0 \quad \forall i$  and as  $\phi(t) < t$  for  $t > 0$ , we have

$$p(y, T_i u) < 1/2 p(y, T_i u) \quad \forall i, i=1, 2, 3, \dots \text{ Which is a contradiction.}$$

Thus we deduce that  $p(T_i u, y) = 0$  and  $y = T_i u \quad \forall i$  ----- (3.13)

Since  $y = S_i u \quad \forall i$ , then  $T_i u = S_i u \quad \forall i$ , that is,  $u$  is a coincidence point of  $S_i$  and  $T_i \quad \forall i$

Hence the proof of (i).

Since the pair  $\{T_i, S_i\} \quad \forall i$  is weakly compatible, from (3.13),

$$\text{We have } S_i y = S_i T_i u = T_i S_i u = T_i y \quad \forall i$$

We claim that  $p(T_i y, y) = 0 \quad \forall i$ . Suppose, to the contrary, that  $p(T_i y, y) > 0 \quad \forall i$

$$\text{We have } p(T_i y, y) \leq p(T_i y, y_{2n+1}) + p(y_{2n+1}, y) = p(T_i y, S_i x_{2n+2}) + p(y_{2n+1}, y)$$

$$\leq \phi(M(y, x_{2n+2})) + p(y_{2n+1}, y) \quad \text{----- (3.14)}$$

On the other hand, we have  $M(y, x_{2n+2}) = \max \{ p(S_i y, S_i x_{2n+1}), [p(T_i y, S_i y) + p(T_i x_{2n+1}, S_i x_{2n+2})]/2,$

$$[p(T_i x_{2n+2}, S_i y) + p(T_i y, S_i x_{2n+2})]/2 \} \quad \forall i$$

$$= \max \{ p(T_i y, y_{2n+2}), [p(T_i y, T_i y) + p(y_{2n+1}, y_{2n+2})]/2, [p(y_{2n+1}, T_i y) + p(T_i y, y_{2n+2})]/2 \} \quad \forall i$$

Using (3.9) and (p2), we get

For all  $i$  we have,

$$\begin{aligned} M(y, x_{2n+2}) &= \max \{ p(T_i y, y), [p(T_i y, T_i y) + 0]/2, p(T_i y, y) \} \quad \forall i \\ &= p(T_i y, y) \text{ as } n \rightarrow +\infty \quad \text{----- (3.15)} \end{aligned}$$

Using (3.15), the continuity of  $\phi$ , (3.9) and letting  $n \rightarrow +\infty$  in (3.14), we obtain

$$p(T_i y, y) \leq \phi(p(T_i y, y)) < p(T_i y, y) \quad \forall i$$

Which is a contradiction. Then we deduce that  $p(T_i y, y) = 0$  and  $T_i y = S_i y = y \quad \forall i$  ----- (3.16)

That is,  $y$  is a common fixed point of  $S_i$ , and  $T_i \quad \forall i$

**Uniqueness**

Let us suppose that  $z \in X$  is a common fixed point of  $S_i, T_i \quad \forall i$  with  $p(z, y) > 0 \quad \forall i$ .

Using (3.1), we get  $p(y, z) = p(T_i y, T_i z)$

$$\leq \phi \{ \max \{ p(S_i y, T_i z), [p(T_i y, T_i y) + p(T_i z, T_i z)]/2, [p(T_i z, S_i y) + p(T_i y, S_i z)]/2 \} \} \quad \forall i$$

$$= \phi \{ \max \{ p(y, z), [0+0]/2, [p(z, y) + p(y, z)]/2 \} \} = \phi \{ \max \{ p(y, z), p(y, z) \} \} < \phi(p(y, z)) < p(y, z)$$

$$p(y, z) < p(y, z)$$

Which is a contradiction. Then we deduce that  $z = y$ .

Therefore, the uniqueness of the common fixed point is proved.

That is, the proof of the theorem is complete.

**Corollary 3.4.** Suppose that  $S$  and  $T$  are self-maps of a complete partial metric space  $(X, p)$  such that  $TX \subseteq SX$  and  $p(Tx, Ty) \leq \phi(M(x, y))$  for all  $x, y \in X$ , where  $\phi \in \Phi$  and

$$M(x, y) \leq \max \{ p(Sx, Sy), 1/2[p(Tx, Sx) + p(Ty, Sy)], 1/2[p(Ty, Sx) + p(Tx, Sy)] \}.$$

If one of the ranges  $TX$  and  $SX$  is a closed subset of  $(X, p)$ , then (i)  $S$  and  $T$  have a coincidence point, (ii)

Moreover, if the pairs  $\{S, T\}$  are weakly compatible, then  $T$  and  $S$  have a unique common fixed point.

**Proof.** The proof follows from above theorem 3.3.

**Example 3.5 ([Theorem 3.3]).** Let  $X = \{1, 2, 3\}$  with the partial metric  $p$  is given by  $p(x,y) = \max\{x,y\}$  for all  $x,y \in X$ . It is clear that  $(X,p)$  is a complete partial metric space.

Define the mappings  $T_i, S_i: X \rightarrow X$  by  $T_1 = T_3 = 1, T_2 = 2, \forall i$

$S_1 = 1, S_2 = 3, S_3 = 2 \forall i$ .

We have  $T_i X \subseteq S_i X = X \forall i$ .

Consider the following  $\phi(t) = (5/6)t$ , for all  $t \in \mathbb{R}$ .

We have  $p(T_1, T_2) = 2 \leq [5/6](3) = (5/6)p(S_1, S_2) = \phi(p(S_1, S_2))$ .

$p(T_1, T_3) = 2 \leq [5/6](3) = (5/6)p(S_3, S_2) = \phi(p(S_3, S_2))$ .

Then the contractive condition (1) is satisfied for every  $x,y \in X$ .

Moreover, the pair of mappings  $\{T_i, S_i\} \forall i$  is weakly compatible.

Now all the required hypotheses of theorem 3.3 are satisfied.

Then, we deduce that the existence and uniqueness of a common fixed point theorem of  $T_i$  and  $S_i, \forall i$ . Here 1 is the unique common fixed point.

Now if  $X$  with metric  $d$  given by  $d(x,y) = |x-y|$  for all  $x,y \in X$ .

We have  $d(T_1, T_2) = |1-2| = 1 \leq \max\{d(S_1, S_2), [d(T_1, S_1) + d(T_2, S_2)]/2, [d(T_2, S_1) + d(T_1, S_2)]/2\}$ .

$= \max\{d(1,3)[d(1,1)+d(2,3)]/2, [d(2,1)+d(1,3)]/2\}$

$= \max\{2, 1/2(0+1), 1/2(1+2)\}$

$= \max\{2, 1/2, 3/2\} = 2$ .

Therefore the contractive condition (1) is satisfied for any function  $\phi \in \Phi$ .

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