

Common Fixed Point Theorems of Commuting Mappings

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Abstract In this paper, we give several fixed point theorems in a complete metric space for two multi-valued mappings commuting with two single-valued mappings. In fact, our main theorems show the existence of solutions of functional equations $f(x)=g(x) \in Sx \cap Tx$ and $x=f(x)=g(x) \in Sx \cap Tx$ under certain conditions. We also answer an open question proposed by Rhoades-Singh-Kulshrestha.

Throughout this paper, let (X, d) be a complete metric space. We shall follow the following notations :

$CL(X) = \{A; A \text{ is a nonempty closed subset of } X\}$,

$CB(X) = \{A; A \text{ is a nonempty closed and bounded subset of } X\}$,

$C(X) = \{A; A \text{ is a nonempty compact subset of } X\}$.

For each $A, B \in CL(X)$ and $\epsilon > 0$,

$N(\epsilon, A) = \{x \in X; d(x, a) < \epsilon \text{ for some } a \in A\}$,

$E_{A,B} = \{\epsilon > 0; A \subset N(\epsilon, B) \text{ and } B \subset N(\epsilon, A)\}$,

and

$$H(A, B) = \begin{cases} \inf E_{A,B} & \text{if } E_{A,B} \neq \phi \\ +\infty & \text{if } E_{A,B} = \phi. \end{cases}$$

Then H is called the generalized Hausdorff distance function for $CL(X)$ induced by a metric d and H defined $CB(X)$ is said to be the Hausdorff metric induced by d . $D(x, A)$ will denote the ordinary distance between $x \in X$ and a nonempty subset A of X . Let \mathbb{R}^+ and \mathbb{I}^+ denote the sets of nonnegative real numbers and positive integers, respectively, and G the family of functions ϕ from $(\mathbb{R}^+)^5$ into \mathbb{R}^+ satisfying the following conditions:

(1) ϕ is nondecreasing and upper semicontinuous in each coordinate variable, and

(2) for each $t > 0$, $\phi(t) = \max\{\phi(t, 0, 0, t, t), \phi(t, t, t, 2t, 0), \phi(0, t, 0, 0, t)\} < t$,

where $\phi: \mathbb{R}^+ \rightarrow \mathbb{R}^+$ is a nondecreasing and upper semicontinuous function from the right.

Before stating and proving our main theorems, we give the following lemmas:

Lemma 1. [5] Let $\phi: \mathbb{R}^+ \rightarrow \mathbb{R}^+$ be a nondecreasing and upper semicontinuous function from the right. Then $\lim_{n \rightarrow \infty} \phi^n(t) = 0$ if and only if $\phi(t) < t$ for all $t > 0$, where ϕ^n is the n -th iteration of ϕ .

Lemma 2. [11] *Let $A, B \in CB(X)$. Then for each $\epsilon > 0$ and $a \in A$, there exists a point $b \in B$ such that $d(a, b) < H(A, B) + \epsilon$. Furthermore, if $A, B \in C(X)$, then we can select a point $b \in B$ such that $d(a, b) \leq H(A, B)$.*

Now, we are ready to give our main theorems:

Theorem 3. *Let S and T be multi-valued mappings from X into $C(X)$. If there exist continuous single-valued mappings f and g from X into itself such that*

$$(3) T(X) \subseteq g(X) \text{ and } S(X) \subseteq f(X),$$

$$(4) fTx = Tfx \text{ and } gSx = Sgx \text{ for all } x \in X,$$

(5) $H(Tx, Sy) \leq \phi(d(fx, gy), D(fx, Tx), D(gy, Sy), D(fx, Sy), D(gy, Tx))$, for all $x, y \in X$ and some $\phi \in \mathcal{G}$, then f, g, S and T have a coincidence point in X . Further, if z is a coincidence point of f, g, S and T and fz is a fixed point of f (or gz is a fixed point of g), then fz is a common fixed point of f, g, S and T .

Proof. Pick any fixed point $x_0 \in X$. Since $S(X) \subseteq f(X)$, we can find a point $x_1 \in X$ such that $fx_1 \in Sx_0$. Noting that $T(X)$ is also a subset of $g(X)$, by Lemma 2, for a suitable point $x_2 \in X$, we can choose a point $gx_2 \in Tx_1$ such that $d(gx_2, fx_1) \leq H(Tx_1, Sx_0)$. In general, we can choose a sequence $\{x_n\}$ in X such that $fx_{2n-1} \in Sx_{2n-2}$, $gx_{2n} \in Tx_{2n-1}$, $fx_{2n+1} \in Sx_{2n}$ and $d(fx_{2n-1}, gx_{2n}) \leq H(Sx_{2n-2}, Tx_{2n-1})$, $d(gx_{2n}, fx_{2n+1}) \leq H(Tx_{2n-1}, Sx_{2n})$. Then by (5), we have

$$\begin{aligned} & d(gx_{2n}, fx_{2n+1}) \\ & \leq H(Tx_{2n-1}, Sx_{2n}) \\ & \leq \phi(d(fx_{2n-1}, gx_{2n}), D(fx_{2n-1}, Tx_{2n-1}), D(gx_{2n}, Sx_{2n}), D(fx_{2n-1}, Sx_{2n}), D(gx_{2n}, Tx_{2n-1})) \\ & \leq \phi(d(fx_{2n-1}, gx_{2n}), d(fx_{2n-1}, gx_{2n}), d(gx_{2n}, fx_{2n+1}), d(fx_{2n-1}, fx_{2n+1}), 0) \\ & \leq \phi(d(fx_{2n-1}, gx_{2n}), d(fx_{2n-1}, gx_{2n}), d(gx_{2n}, fx_{2n+1}), d(fx_{2n-1}, gx_{2n}) + d(gx_{2n}, fx_{2n+1}), 0). \end{aligned}$$

If $d(gx_{2n}, fx_{2n+1}) > d(fx_{2n-1}, gx_{2n})$,

then $d(gx_{2n}, fx_{2n+1})$

$$\begin{aligned} & \leq \phi(d(fx_{2n-1}, gx_{2n}), d(fx_{2n-1}, gx_{2n}), d(gx_{2n}, fx_{2n+1}), 2d(fx_{2n-1}, gx_{2n}), 0) \\ & \leq \phi(d(gx_{2n}, fx_{2n+1})) \\ & < d(gx_{2n}, fx_{2n+1}), \end{aligned}$$

which is a contradiction.

Thus, $d(gx_{2n}, fx_{2n+1})$

$$\begin{aligned} & \leq \phi(d(fx_{2n-1}, gx_{2n}), d(fx_{2n-1}, gx_{2n}), d(fx_{2n-1}, gx_{2n}), 2d(fx_{2n-1}, gx_{2n}), 0) \\ & \leq \phi(d(gx_{2n}, fx_{2n+1})). \end{aligned} \tag{6}$$

Similarly, we have

$$\begin{aligned} & d(fx_{2n+1}, gx_{2n+2}) \\ & \leq \phi(d(gx_{2n}, fx_{2n+1})). \end{aligned} \tag{7}$$

It follows from (6) and (7) that

$$\begin{aligned} & d(fx_{2n+1}, gx_{2n+2}) \\ & \leq \phi(d(gx_{2n}, fx_{2n+1})) \\ & \leq \phi^2(d(fx_{2n-1}, gx_{2n})) \leq \dots \\ & \leq \phi^{2n-1}(d(fx_1, gx_2)) \end{aligned}$$

$$\leq \psi^{2n}(d(fx_1, gx_2)). \quad (8)$$

By Lemma 1 and (8), we have

$$d(fx_{2n+1}, gx_{2n+2})=0. \quad (9)$$

$$\text{Similarly, we have } d(gx_{2n}, fx_{2n+1})=0 \quad (10)$$

For positive even integers $m, n(m > n), d(gx_m, gx_n)$.

$\leq d(gx_m, fx_{m-1}) + d(fx_{m-1}, gx_{m-2}) + \dots + d(fx_{n+1}, gx_n)$, which shows that $\{gx_{2n}\}$ is a Cauchy sequence in X , where $n \in I^*$. Similarly, $\{fx_{2n+1}\}$ is also a Cauchy sequence in X . Thus, since (X, d) is a complete metric space, $\{fx_{2n+1}\}$ and $\{gx_{2n}\}$ converge to some points in X and, by (9) and (10), their limits are equal.

Let $\lim_{n \rightarrow \infty} fx_{2n+1} = \lim_{n \rightarrow \infty} gx_{2n} = z$.

Since f and g are continuous,

$$fgx_{2n} \longrightarrow fz,$$

$$ffx_{2n-1} \longrightarrow fz,$$

$$gfx_{2n+1} \longrightarrow gz,$$

and $ggx_{2n} \longrightarrow gz$, as $n \rightarrow \infty$.

By (4) and (5), we have

$$\begin{aligned} & d(fgx_{2n}, gfx_{2n+1}) \\ & \leq H(fTx_{2n-1}, gSx_{2n}) \\ & = H(Tfx_{2n-1}, Sgx_{2n}) \\ & \leq \phi(d(ffx_{2n-1}, ggx_{2n}), D(ffx_{2n-1}, Tfx_{2n-1}), D(ggx_{2n}, Sgx_{2n}), D(ffx_{2n-1}, Sgx_{2n}), \\ & \quad D(ggx_{2n}, Tfx_{2n-1})) \\ & = \phi(d(ffx_{2n-1}, ggx_{2n}), D(ffx_{2n-1}, fTx_{2n-1}), D(ggx_{2n}, gSx_{2n}), D(ffx_{2n-1}, gSx_{2n}), \\ & \quad D(ggx_{2n}, fTx_{2n-1})) \\ & \leq \phi(d(ffx_{2n-1}, ggx_{2n}), d(ffx_{2n-1}, fgx_{2n}), d(ggx_{2n}, gfx_{2n+1}), d(ffx_{2n-1}, gfx_{2n+1}), \\ & \quad d(ggx_{2n}, fgx_{2n})), \text{ which implies that if } n \rightarrow \infty, \\ & d(fz, gz) \leq \phi(d(fz, gz), 0, 0, d(fz, gz), d(fz, gz)) \\ & \leq \psi(d(fz, gz)) \\ & < d(fz, gz), \text{ which is impossible.} \end{aligned}$$

Thus, we have $fz = gz$.

Also, again by (4) and (5),

$$\begin{aligned} D(gz, Tz) & \leq d(gz, gfx_{2n+1}) + D(gfx_{2n+1}, Tz) \\ & \leq d(gz, gfx_{2n+1}) + H(Tz, gSx_{2n}) \\ & = d(gz, gfx_{2n+1}) + H(Tz, Sgx_{2n}) \\ & \leq d(gz, gfx_{2n+1}) + \phi(d(fz, ggx_{2n}), D(fz, Tz), D(ggx_{2n}, Sgx_{2n}), \\ & \quad D(fz, Sgx_{2n}), D(ggx_{2n}, Tz)) \\ & \leq d(gz, gfx_{2n+1}) + \phi(d(gz, ggx_{2n}), D(gz, Tz), d(ggx_{2n}, gfx_{2n+1}), \\ & \quad d(gz, gfx_{2n+1}), D(ggx_{2n}, Tz)). \end{aligned}$$

Letting $n \rightarrow \infty$, this inequality obtains

$$\begin{aligned} D(gz, Tz) & \leq \phi(0, D(gz, Tz), 0, 0, D(gz, Tz)) \\ & \leq \psi(D(gz, Tz)) \\ & < D(gz, Tz), \text{ which is impossible.} \end{aligned}$$

Thus we have $gz \in Tz$. Similarly, we have $fz \in Sz$, that is, z is a coincidence point of f , g , s and T .

Next, since $f^2z = ffz \in fTz = Tfz$ and $fz = gz$, by (5), $d(f^2z, fz)$

$$\begin{aligned} &\leq H(Tfz, Sz) \\ &= \phi(d(f^2z, gz), D(f^2z, Tfz), D(gz, Sz), D(f^2z, Sz), D(gz, Tfz)) \\ &\leq \phi(d(f^2z, fz), 0, 0, d(f^2z, fz), d(fz, f^2z)) \\ &\leq \psi(d(f^2z, fz)) \\ &< d(f^2z, fz), \text{ which is impossible.} \end{aligned}$$

Thus, we have $fz = f^2z$.

Therefore, $gz = fz$ is a common fixed point of f , g , S and T .

Remark 1. Theorem 3 is a solution of an open problem proposed by Rhoades-Singh-Kulshrestha in [12]. As immediate consequences of Theorem 3, we have the following:

Corollary 4. Let S and T be multivalued mappings from X into $C(X)$. If there exist continuous single-valued mappings f and g from X into itself such that

- (11) $S(X) \cong f^s(X)$ and $T(X) \cong g^t(X)$ for some fixed positive integers s and t ,
- (12) $fTx = Tfx$ and $gSx = Sgx$ for all $x \in X$,
- (13) $H(T^p x, S^q y) \leq \phi(d(f^s x, g^t y), D(f^s x, T^p x), D(g^t y, S^q y), D(f^s x, S^q y), D(g^t y, T^p x))$ for all $x, y \in X$,

Where p and q are some positive integers, then the conclusion of Theorem 3 is valid.

Corollary 5. Let f , g , S and T be as in Theorem 3. Suppose that (3), (4) and (5) of Theorem 3 hold. If there exists a function $\phi \in \mathcal{J}$ satisfying (1) and (14):

(14) $\psi(t) = \phi(t, t, t, at, bt) < t$ for all $t > 0$, where $a + b = 2$, then the conclusion of Theorem 3 holds.

Remark 2. Theorem 3 and Corollary 4 extend some main results of [1], [3], [4], [7]-[9], [13] and [14] to multivalued mappings and the main theorem of [10] is a special case of Corollary 5.

Theorem 6. Let S and T be multivalued mappings from X into $C(X)$. If there exist continuous mappings f and g from X into itself such that (4) and (5) of Theorem 3 hold and

(15) $T(f^{t-1}(X)) \cong g^s(X)$ and $S(g^{s-1}(X)) \cong f^t(X)$ for some fixed positive integers s and t , then the conclusion of Theorem 3 is valid.

Proof. Pick any point $x_0 \in g^{s-1}(X)$.

By the hypothesis, there exists a sequence $\{x_n\}$ in X such that, for each $n \in \mathbb{N}$, $gx_{2n} \in Tx_{2n-1}$ and $fx_{2n+1} \in Sx_{2n}$. Using same argument of Theorem 3, $\{fx_{2n+1}\}$ and $\{gx_{2n}\}$ are Cauchy sequences in X and so, since (X, d) is a complete metric space, they converges to some points in X and their limits are equal.

Let $\lim_{n \rightarrow \infty} fx_{2n+1} = \lim_{n \rightarrow \infty} gx_{2n} = z$. Since f^t and g^s are continuous,

$$f^t gx_{2n} \longrightarrow f^t z,$$

$$f^t fx_{2n+1} \longrightarrow f^t z,$$

$$g^s fx_{2n+1} \longrightarrow gz,$$

and

$$g^s gx_{2n} \longrightarrow gz \text{ as } n \longrightarrow \infty.$$

By (4) and (5), we can also show that z is a coincidence point of f , g , S and T and

$f^t z (= g^s z)$ is a common fixed point of f , g , S and T .

Corollary 6. Let f and g be continuous mappings from X into itself. Suppose that \mathcal{J} is a family of multivalued mappings from X into $C(X)$ such that

(16) $Ffx = fFx$ and $Fgx = gFx$ for all $x \in X$ and $F \in \mathcal{J}$,

(17) $F(f^t X) \subseteq g^s(X)$ and $F(g^{s-1}(X)) \subseteq f^t(X)$ for some fixed positive integers s and t , If for all s , $T \in \mathcal{J}$, (5) of Theorem 3 holds, then f , g and \mathcal{J} have a common fixed point in X .

Remark 3. Corollary 6 extends the main theorems of [2] and [4] to multivalued mappings.

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