

## Common Fixed Point for Compatible Mappings on a 2-Metric Space

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### Abstract

The aim of the present paper is to obtain i) a common fixed point theorem for compatible mappings by using the concept of asymptotic regularity and ii) a common fixed point theorem using the concept of joint reciprocal continuity in 2- metric spaces. A supporting example is also given.

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### Introduction

Gähler[2] introduced the concept of 2-metric space as a natural generalization of a metric space. Some fixed point theorems in 2-metric spaces are obtained in Iseki[3], Rhoades[5] and Jungck[4]. Gähler[2] introduced the notions of reciprocal continuity and asymptotic regularity for a pair of self maps on a 2-metric space. Using the above concepts Badshah and Gopal Meena[1] proved a fixed point theorem for a pair of self-maps on a 2-metric space using asymptotic regularity.

The present paper is a generalization of a result of Badshah and Gopal

Meena([1],Theorem 2).

In this paper, we obtain i) a common fixed point theorem (Th. (2.1)) for compatible mappings by using the concept of asymptotic regularity and ii) a common fixed point theorem (Th. (2.6)) using the concept of joint reciprocal continuity. We start with some definitions.

**Definition 1.1 (Gähler[2]):** Let  $X$  be a non-empty set with real valued function  $d: X^3 \rightarrow R$  satisfying :

For two distinct points  $x, y \in X$ , there exists  $z \in X$  such that  $d(x, y, z) \neq 0$   
 $d(x, y, z) = 0$  only if at least two of  $x, y$  and  $z$  are equal  
 $d(x, y, z) = d(x, z, y) = d(y, z, x)$  and  
 $d(x, y, z) \leq d(x, y, u) + d(x, u, z) + d(u, y, z)$  for all  $x, y, z, u \in X$ .

The function  $d$  is called a 2-metric on  $X$  and the pair  $(X, d)$  is called a 2-metric space.

**Definition 1.2 (Gähler[2]) :** Let  $(X, d)$  be a 2-metric space .

A sequence  $\{x_n\}$  is said to be convergent to a point

$x \in X$  if  $\lim_{n \rightarrow \infty} d(x_n, x, a) = 0, \forall a \in X$ .

A sequence  $\{x_n\}$  is said to be a Cauchy sequence in  $X$  if  $\lim_{n \rightarrow \infty} d(x_m, x_n, a) = 0, \forall a \in X$ .

A 2-metric space  $(X, d)$  is said to be complete if every Cauchy sequence in  $X$  converges to a point in  $X$ .

Note: i) In a 2-metric space  $(X, d), d: X^3 \rightarrow R$  is continuous if

$x_n \rightarrow x, y_n \rightarrow y$  implies  $d(x_n, y_n, a) \rightarrow d(x, y, a), \forall a \in X$  for  $n \rightarrow \infty$ .

ii) If  $x_n \rightarrow x$  and  $x_n \rightarrow y$  as  $n \rightarrow \infty$  then  $x = y$ .

**Definition 1.3 (Gähler[2]):** For self-mappings,  $S$  and  $T$  of a 2-metric space  $(X, d)$ , the pair  $(S, T)$  is called reciprocally continuous if  $\lim_{n \rightarrow \infty} d(STx_n, Sx, a) = 0 = d(TSx_n, Tx, a) \forall a \in X$ , 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  $x \in X$ .

**Definition 1.4 (Gähler[2]):** For self-mappings,  $S$  and  $T$  of a 2-metric space  $(X, d)$

A sequence  $\{x_n\}$  in  $X$  is called asymptotically regular with respect to the pair  $(S, T)$  if  $\lim_{n \rightarrow \infty} d(Sx_n, Tx_n, a) = 0 \forall a \in X$ .

The pair  $(S, T)$  is called compatible if

$\lim_{n \rightarrow \infty} d(STx_n, TSx_n, a) = 0 \forall a \in X$ , 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  $x \in X$ .

**Definition 1.5:** Suppose  $P, S$  and  $T$  are self maps on a 2-metric space  $(X, d)$ . The pair  $(S, T)$  is said to be joint reciprocal continuous with respect to  $P$  if there exists a sequence  $\{x_n\}$  in  $X$  such that  $\lim_{n \rightarrow \infty} Sx_n = \lim_{n \rightarrow \infty} Tx_n$  and  $\lim_{n \rightarrow \infty} d(PSx_n, SPx_n, a) = 0$  and  $\lim_{n \rightarrow \infty} d(PTx_n, TPx_n, a) = 0 \forall a \in X$ .

Note : If  $\{x_n\}$  is a sequence in  $X$  such that  $\lim_{n \rightarrow \infty} Sx_n = \lim_{n \rightarrow \infty} Tx_n$  and  $(P, S)$  and  $(P, T)$  are compatible then  $(S, T)$  is jointly reciprocally continuous with respect to  $P$ .

Notation:  $\Phi = \{\varphi: [0, \infty) \rightarrow [0, \infty), \varphi \text{ is continuous and } \varphi(t) < t \forall t > 0\}$ .

### Main Results

We begin with our first main result, from this we obtain corollaries of the main result and finally show that the result of Badshah and Gopal Meena[1 ] follows as a corollary.

**Theorem 2.1:** Let  $P, S$  and  $T$  be self-mappings of a complete 2-metric space  $(X, d)$  satisfying:

$$i) d(Px, Py, a) \leq \varphi(\max \{d(Py, Ty, a)(1 + d(Px, Sx, a)), d(Px, Sx, a)(1 + d(Py, Ty, a), d(Px, Sx, a), d(Py, Sy, a)\})$$

$\forall x, y, a \in X$  and for some  $\varphi \in \Phi$ ,

ii) the pair  $(P, S)$  and  $(P, T)$  are compatible

iii) there exists a sequence  $\{x_n\}$  which is asymptotically regular with respect  $(P, S)$  and  $(P, T)$

iv)  $S$  and  $T$  are continuous v)  $d$  is continuous.

Then  $P, S$  and  $T$  have a unique common fixed point in  $X$ .

**Proof:** Let  $\{x_n\}$  be a sequence in  $X$  satisfying condition (iii).

By taking  $x = x_n$  and  $y = x_m$  in (i), we obtain

$$d(Px_n, Px_m, a) \leq \varphi \left( \max \left\{ d(Px_m, Tx_m, a) \left( 1 + d(Px_n, Sx_n, a) \right), d(Px_n, Sx_n, a) \left( 1 + d(Px_m, Tx_m, a) \right), d(Px_n, Sx_n, a), d(Px_m, Sx_m, a) \right\} \right) \tag{2.1.1}$$

On letting  $n \rightarrow \infty$  and using condition (iii), we get

$$\lim_{n \rightarrow \infty} d(Px_n, Px_m, a) = 0 \forall a \in X$$

This implies that the sequence  $\{Px_n\}$  is a Cauchy sequence in  $X$ , since  $X$  is complete with respect to 2-metric  $d$ .

This implies

$$Px_n \rightarrow z, \quad \text{for some } z \in X. \quad (2.1.2)$$

Now

$$d(Sx_n, z, a) \leq d(Sx_n, z, Px_n) + d(Sx_n, Px_n, a) + d(Px_n, z, a)$$

On letting  $n \rightarrow \infty$ , using condition (iii) and equation (2.1.2), we get

$$\lim_{n \rightarrow \infty} d(Sx_n, z, a) = 0 \quad \forall a \in X.$$

$$\text{This implies } Sx_n \rightarrow z \text{ in } X. \quad (2.1.3)$$

Similarly we can obtain

$$Tx_n \rightarrow z \text{ in } X. \quad (2.1.4)$$

Since we can write

$$d(PSx_n, Sz, a) \leq d(PSx_n, Sz, SPx_n) + d(PSx_n, SPx_n, a) + d(SPx_n, Sz, a)$$

On letting  $n \rightarrow \infty$ , using the conditions (ii), (iv) and (v), we get

$$\lim_{n \rightarrow \infty} d(PSx_n, Sz, a) = 0 \quad \forall a \in X,$$

(v)  $Px_n \rightarrow z$  and  $S$  is continuous implies  $SPx_n \rightarrow Sz$

$$\text{This implies } PSx_n \rightarrow Sz. \quad (2.1.5)$$

$$\text{Similarly we can prove } PTx_n \rightarrow Tz. \quad (2.1.6)$$

By taking  $x = Sx_n$  and  $y = Tx_n$  in (i), we obtain

$$\begin{aligned} \mathbf{[d(PSx_n, PTx_n, a)]} &\leq \varphi(\max\{\mathbf{[d(PTx_n, TTx_n, a)]}(1 + \mathbf{[d(PSx_n, SSx_n, a)]}), \\ &\mathbf{[d(PSx_n, SSx_n, a)]}(1 + \mathbf{[d(PTx_n, TTx_n, a)]}), \\ &\mathbf{[d(PSx_n, SSx_n, a)]}, \mathbf{[d(PTx_n, TTx_n, a)]}\}) \end{aligned} \quad (2.1.7)$$

From condition (iv) we have  $S$  and  $T$  are continuous, applying continuity of  $S$  and  $T$  in (2.1.3) and (2.1.4), we get

$$SSx_n \rightarrow Sz, TTx_n \rightarrow Tz \text{ and } STx_n \rightarrow Sz \quad (2.1.8)$$

On letting  $n \rightarrow \infty$  in (2.1.7), using (2.1.5), (2.1.6), (2.1.8) and condition (v), we get

$$d(Tz, Sz, a) = 0, \quad \forall a \in X.$$

$$\text{This implies } Tz = Sz. \quad (2.1.9)$$

Similarly by taking  $x = Tx_n$  and  $y = z$  in (i), we get

$$d(PTx_n, Pz, a) \leq \varphi(\max\{d(Pz, Tz, a)(1 + d(PTx_n, STx_n, a)), d(PTx_n, STx_n, a)(1 + d(Pz, Tz, a)), d(PTx_n, STx_n, a), d(Pz, Sz, a)\})$$

On letting  $n \rightarrow \infty$ , using ((2.1.7), (2.1.8), (2.1.9) and condition (v), we get

$$d(Tz, Pz, a) = 0, \quad \forall a \in X.$$

$$\text{This implies } Tz = Pz. \quad (2.1.10)$$

$$\text{Therefore } Sz = Tz = Pz. \quad (2.1.11)$$

By taking  $x = x_n$  and  $y = z$  in (i), we get

$$d(Px_n, Pz, a) \leq \varphi(\max\{d(Pz, Tz, a)(1 + d(Px_n, Sx_n, a)), d(Px_n, Sx_n, a)(1 + d(Pz, Tz, a)), d(Px_n, Sx_n, a), d(Pz, Tz, a)\})$$

On letting  $n \rightarrow \infty$  and using (2.1.2), (2.1.3), (2.1.11) and condition (iv), we get

$$d(z, Pz, a) = 0, \quad \forall a \in X. \text{ This implies } Pz = z.$$

Therefore  $z$  is a fixed point of  $P$ . Hence  $z$  is a common fixed point of  $S, T$  and  $P$  in  $X$ .

Suppose if  $x$  is common fixed point of  $S, T$  and  $P$  in  $X$ . Then it can be easily proved that  $x = z$ . Hence  $z$  is a unique common fixed point of  $S, T$  and  $P$  in  $X$ .

Now we have the following corollaries of theorem 2.1.

**Corollary 2.2 :** Let  $P, S$  and  $T$  be self-mappings of a complete 2-metric space  $(X, d)$  satisfying:

i)  $d(Px, Py, a) \leq \lambda \max \{d(Py, Ty, a)(1 + d(Px, Sx, a)), d(Px, Sx, a)(1 + d(Py, Ty, a)), d(Px, Sx, a), d(Py, Sy, a)\}$   
 $\forall x, y, a \in X, 0 < \lambda < 1$  and also satisfying condition (ii), (iii), (iv) and (v) of theorem 2.1.

Then  $P, S$  and  $T$  have a unique common fixed point in  $X$ .

**Corollary 2.3:** Let  $P, S$  and  $T$  be self-mappings of a complete 2-metric space  $(X, d)$  satisfying:

i)  $d(Px, Py, a) \leq \alpha \max \{d(Py, Ty, a)(1 + d(Px, Sx, a)), d(Px, Sx, a)(1 + d(Py, Ty, a))\} + \beta \max\{d(Px, Sx, a), d(Py, Sy, a)\}$   
 $\forall x, y, a \in X, \alpha$  and  $\beta$  are non - negative numbers such that  $\alpha + \beta < 1$  and also satisfying condition (ii), (iii), (iv) and (v) of theorem 2.1.

Then  $P, S$  and  $T$  have a unique common fixed point in  $X$ .

**Corollary 2.4:** Let  $P, S$  and  $T$  be self-mappings of a complete 2-metric space  $(X, d)$  satisfying:

i)  $d(Px, Py, a) \leq \alpha \{d(Py, Ty, a)(1 + d(Px, Sx, a))\} + \beta \{d(Px, Sx, a) + d(Py, Sy, a)\}$   
 $\forall x, y, a \in X, \alpha$  and  $\beta$  are non - negative numbers such that  $\alpha + \beta < 1$  and also satisfying condition (ii), (iii), (iv) and (v) of theorem 2.1.

Then  $P, S$  and  $T$  have a unique common fixed point in  $X$ .

The following result due to Badshah and Gopal Meena[1 ] is a corollary of the above result.

**Corollary 2.5 (Badshah and Gopal Meena[1 ],Theorem 2):** Let  $P, S$  and  $T$  be self-mappings of a complete 2-metric space  $(X, d)$  satisfying:

i)  $d(Px, Py, a) \leq \alpha d(Py, Ty, a)(1 + d(Px, Sx, a)) / (1 + d(Sx, Ty, a)) + \beta \{d(Px, Sx, a) + d(Py, Sy, a)\}$

$\forall x, y, a \in X, \alpha$  and  $\beta$  are non - negative numbers such that  $\alpha + \beta < 1$ , and also satisfying condition (ii), (iii), (iv) and (v) of theorem 2.1.

Then  $P, S$  and  $T$  have a unique common fixed point in  $X$ .

Now we state our second main result which uses the concept of joint reciprocal continuity.

**Theorem 2.6:** Let  $P, S$  and  $T$  be self-mappings of a complete 2-metric space  $(X, d)$  satisfying:

$\max\{d(Py, Ty, a)(1 + d(Px, Sx, a)), d(Px, Sx, a)(1 + d(Py, Ty, a)), d(Px, Sx, a), d(Py, Sy, a)\}$

$\forall x, y, a \in X$  and  $0 < \lambda < 1$

ii)  $S$  and  $T$  are continuous

iii)  $d$  is continuous.

iv)  $(S, T)$  is joint reciprocal continuous w.r.t.  $P$  in  $X$ .

Then  $P, S$  and  $T$  have a unique common fixed point in  $X$ .

**Proof:** From *condition (iv)* there exists a sequence  $\{x_n\}$  in  $X$  such that

$$\lim_{n \rightarrow \infty} Sx_n = \lim_{n \rightarrow \infty} Px_n = \lim_{n \rightarrow \infty} Tx_n = z \text{ for some } z \in X \quad (2.5.1)$$

and

$$\lim_{n \rightarrow \infty} d(PSx_n, SPx_n, a) = 0 = \lim_{n \rightarrow \infty} d(PTx_n, TPx_n, a) \forall a \in X \quad (2.5.2)$$

Applying *condition (i)* in equation (2.5.1) and using this in the equation (2.5.2), we get

$$PSx_n \rightarrow Sz \text{ and } PTx_n \rightarrow Tz . \quad (2.5.3)$$

By taking  $x = Sx_n, y = Tx_n$  in (i) and letting  $n \rightarrow \infty$ , using conditions (ii), (iii) and (2.5.2) and (2.5.3), we get  $Sz = Tz$ . (as derived in theorem 2.1)

Similarly taking  $x = Tx_n$  and  $y = z$  in (i) and letting  $n \rightarrow \infty$ , we get

$$Pz = Tz \text{ (as derived in theorem 2.1). Therefore } Sz = Pz = Tz .$$

Taking  $x = x_n$  and  $y = z$  in (i) and letting  $n \rightarrow \infty$ , we get  $z = Pz$ .

This is  $z$  is a fixed point of  $P$ . Hence  $z$  is a common fixed point of  $S, T$  and  $P$  in  $X$ . Suppose if  $x$  is common fixed point of  $S, T$  and  $P$  in  $X$ . Then it can be easily proved that  $x = z$ . Hence  $z$  is a unique common fixed point of  $S, T$  and  $P$  in  $X$ .

Now we have the following corollaries of theorem 2.6.

**Corollary 2.7:** Let  $P, S$  and  $T$  be self-mappings of a complete 2-metric space  $(X, d)$  satisfying: condition (i) of corollary (2.2) and conditions (ii), (iii) and (iv) of theorem (2.6).

Then  $P, S$  and  $T$  have a unique common fixed point in  $X$ .

**Corollary 2.8:** Let  $P, S$  and  $T$  be self-mappings of a complete 2-metric space  $(X, d)$  satisfying: conditions (i) of corollary(2.3) and also conditions (ii), (iii) and (iv) of theorem (2.6).

Then  $P, S$  and  $T$  have a unique common fixed point in  $X$ .

**Corollary 2.9:** Let  $P, S$  and  $T$  be self-mappings of a complete 2-metric space  $(X, d)$  satisfying: conditions (i) of corollary (2.4) and also conditions (ii), (iii) and (iv) of theorem (2.6).

Then  $P, S$  and  $T$  have a unique common fixed point in  $X$ .

**Corollary 2.10:** Let  $P, S$  and  $T$  be self-mappings of a complete 2-metric space  $(X, d)$  satisfying: conditions (i) of corollary 2.5 and also the conditions (ii), (iii) and (iv) of theorem (2.6).

Then  $P, S$  and  $T$  have a unique common fixed point in  $X$ .

**Example 2.11:**

Let  $X = \mathbb{R} \times \mathbb{R}$  for  $A, B \in X$ , denote the Euclidean distance  $A$  and  $B$  by  $|A - B|$ .

Define  $d: X^3 \rightarrow \mathbb{R}$  by  $d(A, B, C) = \min\{|A - B|, |B - C|, |C - A|\}$ . Then  $(X, d)$  is a complete 2-metric space. Let  $A_0 \in X$ . Define the mappings

$P, S$  and  $T$  on  $X$  as  $P(A) = A_0 \forall A \in X$  and  $S = T = I$ .

Define  $\varphi(t) = \eta t, 0 < \eta < 1$  then  $\varphi \in \Phi$ . Then  $P, S$  and  $T$  satisfy all the properties of Theorem 2.1 and Theorem 2.6 and  $A_0$  is the unique common fixed point of  $P, S$  and  $T$  in  $X$ .

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