

## Some Coupled Fixed Point Theorems in Partially Ordered Metric Space

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### Abstract

Resently, J. Harjani, B. Lopez and K. Sadarangani establi established for mappings satisfying a rational type contractive condition in partially ordered metric space. In this paper, we obtain some corresponding coupled fixed point theorems in partially ordered metric spaces by employing a rational type contractive condition.

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### 1. Introduction

The notion of coupled fixed points was introduced by Chang and Ma [3]. Since then, the concept has been of interest to many researchers in metrical fixed point theory. Bhaskar and Lakshmikantham [2] established coupled fixed point theorems in a metric space endowed with partial order by employing the following contractivity condition: For a mapping  $T: X \times X \rightarrow X$ , there exists  $k \in (0, 1)$  such that

$$d(T(x, y), T(u, v)) \leq \frac{k}{2} [d(x, u) + d(y, v)] \forall x, y, u, v \in X, x \geq u, y \leq v. \text{ Harjani et al [5]}$$

established some fixed point theorem in partially ordered metric space setting by using a contractive condition of rational type. In this paper, we shall prove corresponding coupled fixed point theorems in partially ordered metric space by employing some notions of Bhaskar and Lakshmikantham [2] as well as a rational type contractive condition.

**2. Preliminaries**

**Definition 2.1:** Let  $(X, d)$  be a metric space. An element  $(x, y) \in X \times X$  is said to be a coupled fixed point of the mapping  $T: X \times X \rightarrow X$  if  $T(x, y) = x$  and  $T(y, x) = y$ .

**Definition 2.2:** Let  $(X, \leq)$  be a partially ordered set and  $T: X \times X \rightarrow X$ . We say that  $T$  has the mixed monotone property if  $T(x, y)$  is monotone nondecreasing in  $x$  and monotone nonincreasing in  $y$ , that is for all  $x, y \in X$ ,

$$\begin{aligned} \forall x_1, x_2 \in X, x_1 \leq x_2 &\Rightarrow T(x_1, y) \leq T(x_2, y) \\ \forall y_1, y_2 \in X, y_1 \leq y_2 &\Rightarrow T(x, y_1) \geq T(x, y_2) \end{aligned}$$

**3. Main results**

Let  $(X, \leq)$  be a partially ordered metric set and  $d$  be a metric on  $X$  such that  $(X, d)$  is a complete metric space. We also endow the product space  $X \times X$  with the following partial order: for  $(x, y), (u, v) \in X \times X, (u, v) \leq (x, y) \Leftrightarrow x \geq u, y \leq v$ .

**Theorem 3.1:** Let  $(X, \leq)$  be a partially ordered metric set and suppose that there exists a metric  $d$  on  $X$  such that  $(X, d)$  is a complete metric space. Let  $T: X \times X \rightarrow X$  be a continuous mapping which has the mixed monotone property such that,

for some  $\alpha, \beta \in [0, 1), \forall x, y, u, v \in X, x \neq u$ , we have

$$d(T(x, y), T(u, v)) \leq \alpha \left( \frac{d(x, T(x, y)) + d(u, T(u, v))}{d(x, u) + d(x, T(x, y))} \right) d(x, T(x, y)) + \beta d(x, u), \alpha + \beta < 1. \tag{1}$$

Then  $T$  has a coupled fixed point.

**Proof.** Choose  $(x_0, y_0) \in X \times X$  and set  $x_1 = T(x_0, y_0), y_1 = T(y_0, x_0)$ , and in general,  $x_{n+1} = T(x_n, y_n), y_{n+1} = T(y_n, x_n)$ .

With  $x_0 \leq T(x_0, y_0) = x_1$  (say) and  $y_0 \geq T(y_0, x_0) = y_1$  (say). By the iterative process above,  $x_2 = T(x_1, y_1)$  and  $y_2 = T(y_1, x_1)$ . Therefore,

$$\begin{aligned} T^2(x_0, y_0) &= T(T(x_0, y_0), T(y_0, x_0)) = T(x_1, y_1) = x_2, \\ \text{and } T^2(y_0, x_0) &= T(T(y_0, x_0), T(x_0, y_0)) = T(y_1, x_1) = y_2. \end{aligned}$$

Due to the mixed monotone property of  $T$ , we obtain

$$x_2 = T^2(x_0, y_0) = T(x_1, y_1) \geq T(x_0, y_0) = x_1, y_2 = T^2(y_0, x_0) = T(y_1, x_1) \leq T(y_0, x_0) = y_1.$$

In general, we have that for  $n \in \mathbb{N}$ ,

$$x_{n+1} = T^{n+1}(x_0, y_0) = T(T^n(x_0, y_0), T^n(y_0, x_0)), y_{n+1} = T^{n+1}(y_0, x_0) = T(T^n(y_0, x_0), T^n(x_0, y_0))$$

It is obvious that

$$\begin{aligned} x_0 \leq T(x_0, y_0) = x_1 \leq T^2(x_0, y_0) = x_2 \leq \dots \leq T^n(x_0, y_0) = x_n \leq \dots, \\ \text{and } y_0 \geq T(y_0, x_0) = y_1 \geq T^2(y_0, x_0) = y_2 \geq \dots \geq T^n(y_0, x_0) = y_n \geq \dots, \end{aligned}$$

Therefore, we have by condition (1) that

$$\begin{aligned} d(x_{n+1}, x_n) &= d(T(x_n, y_n), T(x_{n-1}, y_{n-1})) \\ &\leq \alpha \left( \frac{d(x_n, T(x_n, y_n)) + d(x_{n-1}, T(x_{n-1}, y_{n-1}))}{d(x_n, x_{n-1}) + d(x_n, T(x_n, y_n))} \right) d(x_n, T(x_n, y_n)) + \beta d(x_n, x_{n-1}) \end{aligned}$$

$$\begin{aligned}
 &= \alpha \left( \frac{d(x_n, x_{n+1}) + d(x_{n-1}, x_n)}{d(x_n, x_{n-1}) + d(x_n, x_{n+1})} \right) d(x_n, x_{n+1}) + \beta d(x_n, x_{n-1}) \\
 &= \alpha d(x_n, x_{n+1}) + \beta d(x_n, x_{n-1})
 \end{aligned}$$

from which it follows that

$$d(x_n, x_{n+1}) \leq \left( \frac{\beta}{1-\alpha} \right) d(x_n, x_{n-1}) \dots\dots\dots(2)$$

$$\begin{aligned}
 d(y_{n+1}, y_n) &= d(T(y_n, x_n), T(y_{n-1}, x_{n-1})) \\
 &\leq \alpha \left( \frac{d(y_n, T(y_n, x_n)) d(y_{n-1}, T(y_{n-1}, x_{n-1}))}{d(y_n, y_{n-1}) + d(y_n, T(y_n, x_n))} \right) d(y_n, T(y_n, x_n)) + \beta d(y_n, y_{n-1}) \\
 &= \alpha \left( \frac{d(y_n, y_{n+1}) + d(y_{n-1}, y_n)}{d(y_n, y_{n-1}) + d(y_n, y_{n+1})} \right) d(y_n, y_{n+1}) + \beta d(y_n, y_{n-1}) \\
 &= \alpha d(y_n, y_{n+1}) + \beta d(y_n, y_{n-1})
 \end{aligned}$$

$$d(y_n, y_{n+1}) \leq \left( \frac{\beta}{1-\alpha} \right) d(y_n, y_{n-1}) \dots\dots\dots(3)$$

From (2) and (3),

$$d(x_n, x_{n+1}) + d(y_n, y_{n+1}) \leq \left( \frac{\beta}{1-\alpha} \right) (d(x_n, x_{n-1}) + d(y_n, y_{n-1})) \dots\dots\dots(4)$$

Let  $\delta_n = d(x_n, x_{n+1}) + d(y_n, y_{n+1})$  and  $\lambda = \frac{\beta}{1-\alpha}$ . Then, we have from (4) that

$$\delta_n \leq \lambda \delta_{n-1} \leq \lambda^2 \delta_{n-2} \leq \dots \leq \lambda^n \delta_0. \dots\dots\dots(5)$$

If  $\delta_0 = 0$ , then  $(x_0, y_0)$  is a coupled fixed point of T.

Suppose that  $\delta_0 > 0$ . Then, for each  $r \in \mathbb{N}$ , we obtain by (5) and the repeated application of triangle inequality that

$$\begin{aligned}
 d(x_n, x_{n+r}) + d(y_n, y_{n+r}) &\leq [d(x_n, x_{n+1}) + d(x_{n+1}, x_{n+2}) + \dots + d(x_{n+r-1}, x_{n+r})] \\
 &+ [d(y_n, y_{n+1}) + d(y_{n+1}, y_{n+2}) + \dots + d(y_{n+r-1}, y_{n+r})] \\
 &= [d(x_n, x_{n+1}) + d(y_n, y_{n+1})] + [d(x_{n+1}, x_{n+2}) + d(y_{n+1}, y_{n+2})] \\
 &+ \dots + [d(x_{n+r-1}, x_{n+r}) + d(y_{n+r-1}, y_{n+r})] \\
 &\leq \delta_n + \delta_{n+1} + \dots + \delta_{n+r-1} \\
 &\leq \frac{\lambda^n (1-\lambda^r)}{1-\lambda} \delta_0 \rightarrow 0 \text{ as } n \rightarrow \infty \dots\dots(6)
 \end{aligned}$$

Therefore,  $\{x_n\}, \{y_n\}$  are Cauchy sequences in  $(X, d)$ .

Since  $(X, d)$  is a complete metric space, there exist  $x^*, y^* \in X$  such that

$\lim_{n \rightarrow \infty} x_n = x^*$  and  $\lim_{n \rightarrow \infty} y_n = y^*$ . We now show that  $(x^*, y^*)$  is a coupled fixed point

of T. Let  $\epsilon > 0$ . Continuity of T at  $(x^*, y^*)$  implies that, for a given  $\epsilon/2 > 0$ , there exists a  $\delta > 0$ , such that  $d(x^*, u) + d(y^*, v) < \delta$  implies  $d(T(x^*, y^*), T(u, v)) < \epsilon/2$ .

Since  $\{x_n\} \rightarrow x$  and  $\{y_n\} \rightarrow y$ , for  $\zeta = \min(\epsilon/2, \delta/2) > 0$ , there exist  $n_0, m_0$ , such that, for  $n \geq n_0, m \geq m_0$ , we have  $d(x_n, x^*) < \zeta$ , and  $d(x_m, x^*) < \zeta$ .

Therefore, for  $n \in \mathbb{N}, n \geq \max\{n_0, m_0\}$ ,

$$\begin{aligned}
 d(T(x^*, y^*), x^*) &\leq d(T(x^*, y^*), x_{n+1}) + d(x_{n+1}, x^*) \\
 &= d(T(x^*, y^*), T(x_n, y_n)) + d(x_{n+1}, x^*) < \epsilon/2 + \zeta \leq \epsilon,
 \end{aligned}$$

from which it follows that  $T(x^*, y^*) = x^*$ . In a similar manner, we can show that  $T(y^*, x^*) = y^*$ .

Hence,  $(x^*, y^*)$  is a coupled fixed point of  $T$ .

This complete the proof.

**Theorem 3.2:** In Theorem3.1, Adding the condition that there exists  $z \in X$  which is comparable to  $x$  and  $y$ ,  $\forall x, y \in X$ . Then,  $T$  has a unique coupled fixed point.

Suppose that there exist  $(x^*, y^*), (x^\square, y^\square) \in X \times X$  are coupled fixed points of  $T$ .

**Case(I):** If  $x^*, x^\square$  are comparable and  $y^*, y^\square$  are also comparable, and  $x^* \neq x^\square, y^* \neq y^\square$  then by the contractive condition, we have

$$\begin{aligned} d(x^*, x^\square) &= d(T(x^*, y^*), T(x^\square, y^\square)) \\ &\leq \alpha \left( \frac{d(x^*, T(x^*, y^*)) + d(x', T(x', y'))}{d(x^*, x') + d(x^*, T(x^*, y^*))} \right) d(x^*, T(x^*, y^*)) + \beta d(x^*, x') \\ &= \alpha \left( \frac{d(x^*, x^*) + d(x', x')}{d(x^*, x') + d(x^*, x^*)} \right) d(x^*, x^*) + \beta d(x^*, x') = \beta d(x^*, x') \end{aligned}$$

which gives  $d(x^*, x^\square) \leq 0, \beta < 1$  (a contradiction). Thus,  $x^* = x^\square$ .

$$\begin{aligned} d(y^*, y^\square) &= d(T(y^*, x^*), T(y^\square, x^\square)) \\ &\leq \alpha \left( \frac{d(y^*, T(y^*, x^*)) + d(y', T(y', x'))}{d(y^*, y') + d(y^*, T(y^*, x^*))} \right) d(y^*, T(y^*, x^*)) + \beta d(y^*, y') \\ &= \alpha \left( \frac{d(y^*, y^*) + d(y', y')}{d(y^*, y') + d(y^*, y^*)} \right) d(y^*, y^*) + \beta d(y^*, y') = \beta d(y^*, y') \end{aligned}$$

which gives  $d(y^*, y^\square) \leq 0$ , (a contradiction).

Hence,  $y^* = y^\square$ . Therefore,  $(x^*, y^*)$  is a unique coupled fixed point of  $T$ .

**Case II:** If  $x^*$  is not comparable to  $x^\square$  and  $y^*$  is not comparable to  $y^\square$  then by the contractive condition, there exists  $w$  comparable to  $x^*$  and  $x^\square$  and there exists  $v$  comparable to  $y^*$  and  $y^\square$ .

Monotonicity implies that  $w_n$  is comparable to  $x_n^* = T(x_{n-1}^*, y_{n-1}^*) = x^*$ , and  $w_n$  is comparable to  $w_1$ . Also, monotonicity implies that  $y_n^*$  is comparable to  $v$  and  $y_n^*$  is also comparable to  $w_2$ .

On the other hand, if  $x_n^* \neq w_1, x_n^* \neq w_1$ , then by the contractive condition, we get

$$d(w_1, x_n^*) = d(T(w_1, w_2), T(x_{n-1}^*, y_{n-1}^*))$$

**Case III:** If  $(x^*, y^*)$  is not comparable to  $(x^\square, y^\square)$ , then there exists  $(w, v)$  comparable to  $(x^*, y^*)$  and  $(x^\square, y^\square)$ . Monotonicity implies that

$$(T^n(w, v), T^n(v, w))$$

$$\begin{aligned}
& d \left( \begin{pmatrix} x^* \\ y^* \end{pmatrix}, \begin{pmatrix} x' \\ y' \end{pmatrix} \right) = d \left( \begin{pmatrix} T^n(x^*, y^*) \\ T^n(y^*, x^*) \end{pmatrix}, \begin{pmatrix} T^n(x', y') \\ T^n(y', x') \end{pmatrix} \right) \\
& \leq d \left( \begin{pmatrix} T^n(x^*, y^*) \\ T^n(y^*, x^*) \end{pmatrix}, \begin{pmatrix} T^n(w, v) \\ T^n(v, w) \end{pmatrix} \right) + d \left( \begin{pmatrix} T^n(w, v) \\ T^n(v, w) \end{pmatrix}, \begin{pmatrix} T^n(x', y') \\ T^n(y', x') \end{pmatrix} \right) \\
& \leq d(T^n(x^*, y^*), T^n(w, v)) + d(T^n(y^*, x^*), T^n(v, w)) \\
& \quad + d(T^n(w, v), T^n(x', y')) + d(T^n(v, w), T^n(y', x')) \\
& \leq \alpha^n \left( \frac{d(x^*, T^n(x^*, y^*)) + d(w, T^n(w, v))}{d(x^*, w) + d(x^*, T^n(x^*, y^*))} \right) d(x^*, T^n(x^*, y^*)) + \beta^n d(x^*, w) \\
& + \alpha^n \left( \frac{d(y^*, T^n(y^*, x^*)) + d(v, T^n(v, w))}{d(y^*, v) + d(y^*, T^n(y^*, x^*))} \right) d(y^*, T^n(y^*, x^*)) + \beta^n d(y^*, v) \\
& + \alpha^n \left( \frac{d(w, T^n(w, v)) + d(x', T^n(x', y'))}{d(w, x') + d(w, T^n(w, v))} \right) d(w, T^n(w, v)) + \beta^n d(w, x') \\
& + \alpha^n \left( \frac{d(v, T^n(v, w)) + d(y', T^n(y', x'))}{d(v, y') + d(v, T^n(v, w))} \right) d(v, T^n(v, w)) + \beta^n d(v, y') \\
& = \beta^n [ d(x^*, w) + d(y^*, v) + d(w, x') + d(v, y') ] \rightarrow 0 \text{ as } n \rightarrow \infty
\end{aligned}$$

Hence, T has a unique coupled fixed point.

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