

# COMMON FIXED POINT THEOREM IN b<sub>2</sub>-METRIC SPACES

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#### **ABSTRACT**

We establish a unique common fixed point theorem for two pair of weekly compatible maps satisfying a contractive condition in a complete  $b_2$ -metric space. When the following have been proved, I recommend it to be published, which extends and generalizes some known results in metric space to  $b_2$ -metric space.

**Keywords:** Common fixed point; complete  $b_2$ -metric space; weekly compatible maps.

#### 1 Introduction

Fixed point theory has been studied by many authors for its useful function in a variety of areas. In 1992, a polish mathematician, Banach, proved a theorem known as Banach contraction principle [1]. This principle presents useful results in nonlinear analysis, functional analysis and topology. The concept of weakly commuting has been introduced by Sessas S [2]. Years later, Gerald Jungck [3] introduced weakly compatible mappings ,which are more generalized commuting mappings.

In this paper, we present fixed point results for two pair of mappings satisfying a contractive type condition by using the concept of weakly compatible mappings in a complete generalized metric space, which is called  $b_2$ -metric space [5] and this space was generalized from both 2-metric space [6-8] and b-metric space [9-10].

## 2 Preliminaries

The following definitions will be needed to present before giving our results.

**Definition 2.1** [2] Let f and g be two self-maps on a set X. Maps f and g are said to be commuting if fgx = gfx for all  $x \in X$ .

**Definition 2.2** [4] Let f and g be two self-maps on a set X. If fx = gx, for some x of X, then x is called coincidence point of f and g.

**Definition 2.3** [4] Let f and g be two self-maps defined on a set X. Then f and g are said to be weakly compatible if they commute at coincidence points. That is, if fx = gx for some  $x \in X$ , then fgx = gfx.

**Lemma 2.4** [4] Let f and g be weakly compatible self mappings of a set X. If f and g have a unique point of coincidence, that is,  $\omega = fx = gx$ , then  $\omega$  is the unique common fixed point of f and g.

**Definition 2.5** [5] Let X be a nonempty set,  $s \ge 1$  be a real number and let  $d: X \times X \times X \to R$  be a map satisfying the following conditions:

1. For every pair of distinct points  $x, y \in X$ , there exists a point  $z \in X$  such that  $d(x, y, z) \neq 0$ .

- 2. If at least two of three points x, y, z are the same, then d(x, y, z) = 0,
- 3. The symmetry: d(x, y, z) = d(x, z, y) = d(y, x, z) = d(y, z, x) = d(z, x, y) = d(z, x, y) for all  $x, y, z \in X$ .
- 1. The rectangle inequality:  $d(x, y, z) \le s[d(x, y, a) + d(y, z, a) + d(z, x, a)]$ , for all  $x, y, z, a \in X$ .

Then d is called a  $b_2$  metric on X and (X,d) is called a  $b_2$  metric space with parameter s. Obviously, for s=1,  $b_2$  metric reduces to 2-metric.

**Definition 2.6** [5] Let  $\{x_n\}$  be a sequence in a  $b_2$  metric space (X,d).

- (1). A sequence  $\{x_n\}$  is said to be  $b_2$ -convergent to  $x \in X$ , written as  $\lim_{n \to \infty} x_n = x$ , if all  $a \in X$   $\lim_{n \to \infty} d(x_n, x, a) = 0$ .
- (2).  $\{x_n\}$  is Cauchy sequence if and only if  $d(x_n, x_m, a) \to 0$ , when  $n, m \to \infty$ . for all  $a \in X$ .
- (3). (X,d) is said to be -complete if every  $b_2$ -Cauchy sequence is a  $b_2$ -convergent sequence.

**Definition 2.7** [5] Let (X,d) and (X',d') be two  $b_2$ -metric spaces and let  $f: X \to X'$  be a mapping. Then f is said to be  $b_2$ -continuous, at a point  $z \in X$  if for a given  $\varepsilon > 0$ , there exists  $\delta > 0$  such that  $x \in X$  and  $d(z,x,a) < \delta$  for all  $a \in X$  imply that  $d'(fz,fx,a) < \varepsilon$ . The mapping f is  $b_2$ -continuous on X if it is  $b_2$ -continuous at all  $z \in X$ .

**Definition 2.8** [5] Let (X,d) and (X',d') be two  $b_2$ -metric spaces. Then a mapping  $f: X \to X'$  is  $b_2$ -continuous at a point  $x \in X'$  if and only if it is  $b_2$ -sequentially continuous at x; that is, whenever  $\{x_n\}$  is  $b_2$ -convergent to x,  $\{fx_n\}$  is  $b_2$ -convergent to f(x).

**Definition 2.9** [6-8] Let X be an nonempty set and let  $d: X \times X \times X \to R$  be a map satisfying the following conditions:

- 1. For every pair of distinct points  $x, y \in X$ , there exists a point  $z \in X$  such that  $d(x, y, z) \neq 0$ .
- 2. If at least two of three points x, y, z are the same, then d(x, y, z) = 0,
- 3. The symmetry: d(x, y, z) = d(x, z, y) = d(y, x, z) = d(y, z, x) = d(z, x, y) = d(z, x, y) for all  $x, y, z \in X$ .
- 4. The rectangle inequality:  $d(x, y, z) \le d(x, y, a) + d(y, z, a) + d(z, x, a)$  for all  $x, y, z, a \in X$ .

Then d is called a 2 metric on X and (X,d) is called a 2 metric space.

**Definition 2.10** [9-10] Let X be a nonempty set and  $s \ge 1$  be a given real number. A function  $d: X \times X \to R^+$  is a b metric on X if for all  $x, y, z \in X$ , the following conditions hold:

2. d(x, y) = 0 if and only if x = y.

- 3. d(x, y) = d(y, x).
- 4.  $d(x, y) \le s[d(x, y) + d(y, z)].$

In this case, the pair (X,d) is called a b metric space.

## 3 Main results

**Theorem 3.1.** Let (X,d) be a complete  $b_2$ -metric space, and  $P,Q,S,T:X\to X$  are four mappings, satisfying the following conditions:

- (a).  $T(X) \subseteq P(X)$  and  $S(X) \subseteq Q(X)$ ; Both P and Q are surjections.
- (b).  $d(Sx,Ty,a) \le c(\lambda(x,y,a))$ .

Where  $\lambda(x, y, a) = \max\{d(Px, Qx, a), d(Px, Sx, a), d(Qx, Ty, a)\}$  for all  $x, y \in X$  and  $0 \le c < \frac{1}{s}$ .

(c) .(S,P) and (T,Q) are weakly compatible.

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

*Proof* In this part, we will show that  $\lim_{n \to \infty} d(y_{n+1}, y_n, a) = 0$ .

Let  $x_0$  be an arbitrary point in X and construct two sequences  $\{x_n\}$  and  $\{y_n\}$  in X such that

$$y_n = Qx_{n+1} = Sx_n$$
,  
 $y_{n+1} = Px_{n+2} = Tx_{n+1}$ .

From (b), we have

$$d(y_n, y_{n+1}, a) = d(Sx_n, Tx_{n+1}, a) \le c\lambda(x_n, x_{n+1}, a)$$
(3.1)

where

$$\begin{split} &\lambda(x_n, x_{n+1}, a) \\ &= \max\{d(Px_n, Qx_{n+1}, a), d(Px_n, Sx_n, a), d(Qx_{n+1}, Tx_{n+1}, a)\} \\ &= \max\{d(Tx_{n-1}, Sx_n, a), d(Tx_{n-1}, Sx_n, a), d(Sx_n, Tx_{n+1}, a)\} \\ &= \max\{d(Tx_{n-1}, Sx_n, a), d(Sx_n, Tx_{n+1}, a)\} \\ &= \max\{d(y_{n-1}, y_n, a), d(y_n, y_{n+1}, a)\} \end{split}$$

Assume  $\lambda(x_n, x_{n+1}, a) = d(y_n, y_{n+1}, a)$  and from (3.1) we have,

$$d(y_n, y_{n+1}, a) < cd(y_n, y_{n+1}, a)$$

which is impossible. Then we get  $\lambda(x_n, x_{n+1}, a) = d(y_{n-1}, y_n, a)$  also from (3.1) we get

$$d(y_n, y_{n+1}, a) < cd(y_{n-1}, y_n, a) . (3.2)$$

This implies that the sequence  $\{d(y_n, y_{n+1}, a)\}$  is decreasing and it must converge to  $r \ge 0$ . Therefore as  $n \to \infty$ , from (3.2) we get  $r \le cr$ , this gives us that r = 0, then the result is obtained:

$$\lim_{n \to \infty} (y_{n+1}, y_n, a) = 0 . (3.3)$$

Then we show that  $d(y_i, y_j, y_k) = 0$ 

From part 2 of Definition 2.5, we have  $d(x_m, x_m, x_{m-1}) = 0$ . Since  $\{d(x_n, x_{n+1}, a)\}$  is decreasing, we get  $d(x_n, x_{n+1}, a) = 0$  from the assumption that  $d(x_{n-1}, x_n, a) = 0$ , then it is easy to get

$$d(x_n, x_{n+1}, x_m) = 0$$
, for all  $n+1 \ge m$ . (3.4)

For  $0 \le n+1 < m$ , we get  $m-1 \ge n+1$  and that is  $m-2 \ge n$ , from (3.4)

$$d(x_{m-1}, x_m, x_{n+1}) = d(x_{m-1}, x_m, x_n) = 0, (3.5)$$

For (3.5) and triangular inequality, we have

$$\begin{split} d(x_n, x_{n+1}, x_m) &\leq s d(x_n, x_{n+1}, x_{m-1}) + s d(x_{n+1}, x_m, x_{m-1}) \\ &+ d(x_m, x_n, x_{m-1}) \\ &= s d(x_n, x_{n+1}, x_{m-1}) \,. \end{split}$$

And since  $d(x_n, x_{n+1}, x_{n+1}) = 0$ , and from the inequality above,

$$d(x_{n+1}, x_n, x_m) \le s^{m-n-1} d(x_{n+1}, x_{n+1}, x_n) = 0$$
, for all  $0 \le n+1 \le m$ . (3.6)

Now for all  $i, j, k \in N$ , now we consider the condition of j > i, from the above equation

$$d(x_{i-1}, x_i, x_i) = d(x_k, x_{i-1}, x_i) = 0$$
(3.7)

From (3.7) and triangular inequality, therefore

$$d(x_{i}, x_{k}, x_{j}) \leq s[d(x_{i}, x_{j}, x_{j-1}) + d(x_{j}, x_{k-1}, x_{k}) + d(x_{i}, x_{j-1}, x_{k})]$$

$$\leq \Lambda$$

$$\leq s^{j-1}d(x_{i}, x_{k}, x_{i})$$

$$= 0$$

In conclusion, the result below is gotten

$$d(x_i, x_k, x_i) = 0$$
, for all  $i, j, k \in N$ . (3.8)

Now we prove that  $\{y_n\}$  is a Cauchy sequence.

Suppose to the contrary, that is,  $\{y_n\}$  is not a Cauchy sequence. Then there exists  $\varepsilon > 0$  for which we can find two subsequences  $\{n_i\}$  and  $\{m_i\}$  such that  $i < m_i < n_i$  and

$$d(y_{m_i}, y_{n_i}, a) \ge \varepsilon$$
 and  $d(y_{m_i}, y_{n_i-1}, a) < \varepsilon$  (3.9)

From the part 4 of Definition 2.5 and (3.8), we get

$$d(y_{m_i}, y_{n_i}, a) \le s[d(y_{m_i}, y_{m_i+1}, a) + d(y_{m_i+1}, y_{n_i}, a) + d(y_{m_i}, y_{n_i}, y_{m_i+1})]$$
  
$$\le s[d(y_{m_i}, y_{m_i+1}, a) + d(y_{m_i+1}, y_{n_i}, a)]$$

Taking  $i \to \infty$ , from (3.3) and (3.9) we have

$$\frac{\varepsilon}{s} \le \lim_{n \to \infty} d(y_{m_i+1}, y_{n_i}, a) \tag{3.10}$$

From (b), we get

$$d(y_{n_i}, y_{m_i+1}, a) = d(Sx_{n_i}, Tx_{m_i+1}, a) \le c\lambda(x_{n_i}, y_{m_i+1}, a)$$
(3.11)

Since

$$\begin{split} \lim_{n \to \infty} & \lambda(x_{n_i}, x_{m_i+1}, a) = \max \{ \lim_{n \to \infty} d(Px_{n_i}, Qx_{m_i+1}, a), \lim_{n \to \infty} d(Px_{n_i}, Sx_{m_i+1}, a), \\ & \lim_{n \to \infty} d(Qx_{m_i+1}, Tx_{m_i+1}, a) \\ & = \max \{ \lim_{n \to \infty} d(y_{n_i-1}, y_{m_i}, a), \lim_{n \to \infty} d(y_{n_i-1}, y_{n_i}, a), \lim_{n \to \infty} d(y_{m_i+1}, y_{m_i}, a) \} \\ & = \lim_{n \to \infty} d(y_{n_i-1}, y_{m_i}, a) \end{split}$$

And by (3.11) we have

$$\lim_{n \to \infty} d(y_{n_i}, y_{m_i+1}, a) \le \lim_{n \to \infty} c(d(y_{n_i-1}, y_{m_i}, a))$$
(3.12)

Again taking  $i \rightarrow \infty$  by (3.9) and (3.12) we get

$$\frac{\varepsilon}{s} \le \lim_{n \to \infty} d(y_{m_i+1}, y_{n_i}, a) \le c\varepsilon < \frac{\varepsilon}{s}$$
(3.13)

Which is a contraction. Therefore  $\{y_n\}$  is a Cauchy sequence in X.

Since X is complete, there exists a point  $z \in X$  such that  $n \to \infty$ ,  $\{y_n\} \to z$ .

Thus 
$$\lim_{n \to \infty} Sx_n = \lim_{n \to \infty} Qx_{n+1} = z$$
 and  $\lim_{n \to \infty} Tx_{n+1} = \lim_{n \to \infty} Px_{n+2} = z$ .

That is  $\lim_{n\to\infty} Sx_n = \lim_{n\to\infty} Qx_{n+1} = \lim_{n\to\infty} Tx_{n+1} = \lim_{n\to\infty} Px_{n+2} = z$ . From  $T(X) \subseteq P(X)$  and P is a

surjection, there exists a point u in X such that z = Pu, then from (b), we get

$$d(Su, z, a) \le s[d(Su, Tx_{n+1}, a) + d(Tx_{n+1}, z, a) + d(Tx_{n+1}, Su, z)]$$

$$\leq s[c\lambda(u, x_{n+1}, a) + d(Tx_{n+1}, z, a) + d(Tx_{n+1}, Su, a)]$$

where

$$\lambda(u, x_{n+1}, a) = \max\{d(Pu, Qx_{n+1}, a), d(Pu, Su, a), d(Qx_{n+1}, Tx_{n+1}, a)\}$$
  
= \text{max}\{d(z, Sx\_n, a), d(z, Su, a), d(Sx\_n, Tx\_{n+1}, a)\}

We take  $n \to \infty$ , we get

$$\lambda(u, x_{n+1}, a) = \max\{d(z, z, a), d(z, Su, a), d(z, z, a)\} = d(z, Su, a)$$

Therefore as  $n \to \infty$ ,  $d(Su, z, a) \le sc(d(z, Su, a))$ .

Assume there exists  $a \in X$  such that d(Su, z, a) > 0 then we get  $\frac{1}{s} \le c$  from the above

inequality, which is contraction with  $c < \frac{1}{s}$ . Thus Su = z, furthermore Pu = Su = z. So P

and S have a coincidence point u in X. Since P and S are weakly compatible, SPu = PSu that is Sz = Pz.

From  $S(X) \subseteq Q(X)$  and Q is a surjection, there exists a point v in X such that z = Qv, then from (b), we get

$$d(Tv, z, a) \le c\lambda(u, v, a)$$

where

$$\lambda(u, v, a) = \max\{d(Pu, Qv, a), d(Pu, Su, a), d(Qv, Tv, a)\}$$

$$= \max\{d(z, z, a), d(z, z, a), d(z, Tv, a)\}$$

$$= d(z, Tv, a)$$

Then

$$d(z,Tv,a) \le cd(z,Tv,a)$$

Assume d(z,Tv,a) > 0, then we have  $1 \le c$ , which is contraction with  $c < \frac{1}{s} < 1$ .

Therefore Tv = Qv = z. So Q and T have a coincidence point v in X. Since Q and T are weakly compatible, QTv = TQv that is Qz = Tz.

Now we prove that z is a fixed point of S. By (b), we get

$$d(Sz, z, a) = d(Sz, Tv, a) \le c\lambda(z, v, a)$$

where

$$\lambda(z, v, a) = \max\{d(Pz, Qv, a), d(Pz, Sz, a), d(Qv, Tv, a)\}\$$

$$= \max\{d(Sz, z, a), d(Sz, Sz, a), d(z, z, a)\}\$$

$$= d(Sz, z, a)$$

then we get

$$d(Sz, z, a) \le cd(Sz, z, a)$$

Assume d(z,Tv,a) > 0, we get  $1 \le c$ , which is a contraction. Thus Sz = Pz = z. Now we prove that z is a fixed point of T. Then from (b), we get

$$d(Tz,z,a) = d(Sz,Tz,a) \leq c\lambda(z,z,a),$$
 where 
$$\lambda(z,z,a) = \max\{d(Pz,Qz,a),d(Pz,Sz,a),d(Qz,Tz,a)\}$$
 
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$$= d(Tz,z,a).$$
 then we get 
$$d(z,Tz,a) \leq cd(z,Tv,a).$$
 Assume 
$$d(z,Tz,a) > 0, \text{ we have } 1 \leq c, \text{ which is a contraction. Thus } Tz = Qz = z.$$
 So we get  $z$  is a common fixed point of  $P,Q,S,T$ . From (b), we get 
$$d(z,\omega,a) = d(Sz,T\omega,a) \leq c\lambda d(z,\omega,a),$$
 where 
$$\lambda(z,\omega,a) = \max\{d(Pz,Q\omega,a),d(Pz,Sz,a),d(Q\omega,T\omega,a)\}$$
 
$$= \max\{d(z,\omega,a),d(z,z,a),d(\omega,\omega,a)\}$$
 
$$= d(z,\omega,a)$$

thus  $d(z, \omega, a) \le c\lambda d(z, \omega, a)$ .

Suppose that  $d(z, \omega, a) > 0$ , we get  $1 \le c$ , which is a contraction. Thus  $z = \omega$ , then P,Q,S,T have a unique common fixed point  $z \in X$ . П

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