

NEW COMMON FIXED POINT RESULTS UNDER IMPLICIT RELATION IN CONE METRIC SPACES WITH APPLICATIONS

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Abstract. The purpose of this paper is to establish the existence and uniqueness of common fixed point of a family of self-mappings satisfying implicit relation in a cone metric space. As an application of the main results, the well-posedness of the common fixed point problem is proved. Our results generalize and improve many known results in the literature.

1. INTRODUCTION

The well known Banach contraction mapping principle is widely recognized as the source of metric fixed point theory. A mapping $T : X \rightarrow X$, where (X, d) is a metric space, is said to be a contraction mapping if, for all $x, y \in X$,

$$d(T(x), T(y)) \leq \alpha d(x, y), \quad \text{for } 0 < \alpha < 1. \quad (1.1)$$

In the aspect of the Banach contraction principle, any mapping T satisfying (1.1) in a complete metric space has a unique fixed point. This principle has been generalized in different directions in different spaces by mathematicians over the years. Also, in the contemporary research, it remains a heavily investigated branch. The studies noted in [6, 7] [10]-[16], [18, 19, 21] are some examples from this line of research.

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Cone metric spaces are generalizations of metric spaces, where each pair of points is assigned to a member of a real Banach space with a cone. This cone naturally induces a partial order in the Banach space. The concept of cone metric space was introduced by Huang and Zhang [8] where they also established the Banach contraction mapping principle in such spaces. Moreover, they defined the convergence through interior points of the cone. Such an approach allows the investigation of the case that the cone is not necessarily normal. Afterwards, several authors have studied fixed point problems in cone metric spaces. Some of these works are noted in [1, 2, 5, 23, 24].

In this paper, we analyze the existence and uniqueness of common fixed points of a family of self mappings under implicit relation in cone metric spaces. As an application, we prove well-posedness of a common fixed point problem.

2. PRELIMINARIES

In this section, we recall the definition of cone metric space and some of their properties. The following notions will be used in order to prove the main results.

Definition 2.1. Let E be a real Banach space. A subset P of E is called a cone if the following conditions are satisfied:

- (i) P is closed, nonempty and $P \neq \{0\}$;
- (ii) $a, b \in \mathbb{R}, a, b \geq 0$ and $x, y \in P$ imply that $ax + by \in P$.
- (iii) $P \cap (-P) = \{0\}$.

Given a cone P of E , we define a partial ordering \leq with respect to P by $x \leq y$ if and only if $y - x \in P$. We shall write $x < y$ to indicate that $x \leq y$ but $x \neq y$, while $x \ll y$ will stand for $y - x \in \text{int}P$.

A cone P is called normal if there is a number $K > 0$ such that for all $x, y \in E$,

$$0 \leq x \leq y \text{ implies } \|x\| \leq K\|y\|.$$

The least positive number satisfying the above inequality is called the normal constant of P .

Definition 2.2. Let X be a nonempty set and $d : X \times X \rightarrow E$ be a mapping such that the following conditions hold:

- (i) $0 \leq d(x, y)$ for all $x, y \in X$ and $d(x, y) = 0$ if and only if $x = y$;
- (ii) $d(x, y) = d(y, x)$ for all $x, y \in X$;
- (iii) $d(x, y) \leq d(x, z) + d(z, y)$ for all $x, y, z \in X$.

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

Example 2.3. Let $X = \mathbb{R}$, $E = \mathbb{R}^2$, $P = \{(x, y) \in E : x, y \geq 0\} \subset \mathbb{R}^2$ and $d : X \times X \rightarrow E$ such that $d(x, y) = (|x - y|, \delta|x - y|)$, where $\delta \geq 0$ is a constant. Then (X, d) is a cone metric space.

Example 2.4. Let $E = C_{\mathbb{R}}^1([0, 1])$ with norm $\|f\| = \|f\|_{\infty} + \|f'\|_{\infty}$. The cone $P = \{f \in E : f \geq 0\}$ is a non-normal cone.

Definition 2.5. Let (X, d) be a cone metric space. We say that $\{x_n\}$ is

- (i) a Cauchy sequence if for every $c \in E$ with $0 \ll c$, there is N such that for all $m, n > N$, $d(x_n, x_m) \ll c$;
- (ii) a convergent sequence if for every $c \in E$ with $0 \ll c$, there is N such that for all $n > N$, $d(x_n, x) \ll c$, for some $x \in X$. We denote it by $\lim_{n \rightarrow \infty} x_n = x$ or $x_n \rightarrow x$.

A cone metric space X is said to be complete if every Cauchy sequence in X is convergent in X . The limit of a convergent sequence is unique provided P is a normal cone with normal constant K (see [8]).

Lemma 2.6. Let (X, d) be a cone metric space and P be a normal cone with normal constant K . Let $\{x_n\}$ be a sequence in X . Then $\{x_n\}$ is a Cauchy sequence if and only if $d(x_n, x_m) \rightarrow 0$ as $m, n \rightarrow \infty$.

Definition 2.7. (Implicit Relation) Let Φ be the class of real valued continuous functions $\phi : \mathbb{R}_+^3 \rightarrow \mathbb{R}_+$ which are non-decreasing in the first argument and satisfying the following condition: for $x, y > 0$,

- (i) $x \leq \phi\left(y, \frac{x+y}{2}, \frac{x+y}{2}\right)$ or
- (ii) $x \leq \phi(x, 0, x)$,

there exists a real number $0 < h < 1$ such that $x \leq hy$.

Example 2.8. Let $\phi(r, s, t) = r - \alpha \min(s, t) + (2 + \alpha)t$, where $\alpha > 0$.

Example 2.9. Let $\phi(r, s, t) = r^2 - ar \max(s, t) - bs$, where $a > 0, b > 0$.

Example 2.10. Let $\phi(r, s, t) = r + c \max(s, t)$, where $c \geq 0$.

Definition 2.11. A sequence $\{x_n\}$ in a cone metric space X is said to be asymptotically T -regular if $\lim_{n \rightarrow \infty} d(x_n, Tx_n) = 0$.

3. MAIN RESULTS

We shall now prove our main results.

Theorem 3.1. *Let (X, d) be a complete cone metric space, S and T be two continuous self-mappings of X such that for all $x, y \in X$ satisfying the condition*

$$d(Sx, Ty) \leq \phi \left(d(x, y), \frac{d(x, Sx) + d(y, Ty)}{2}, \frac{d(x, Ty) + d(y, Sx)}{2} \right). \quad (3.1)$$

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

Proof. For $x_0 \in X$, we define a sequence $\{x_n\}$ as follows:

$$x_{2n+1} = Sx_{2n}, \quad x_{2n+2} = Tx_{2n+1}, \quad n = 0, 1, 2, \dots$$

Now, for all $u \in X$, from (3.1), we have

$$\begin{aligned} d(x_{2n+1}, x_{2n}) &= d(Sx_{2n}, Tx_{2n-1}) \\ &\leq \phi \left(d(x_{2n}, x_{2n-1}), \frac{d(x_{2n}, Sx_{2n}) + d(x_{2n-1}, Tx_{2n-1})}{2}, \right. \\ &\quad \left. \frac{d(x_{2n}, Tx_{2n-1}) + d(x_{2n-1}, Sx_{2n})}{2} \right) \\ &\leq \phi \left(d(x_{2n}, x_{2n-1}), \frac{d(x_{2n}, x_{2n+1}) + d(x_{2n-1}, x_{2n})}{2}, \right. \\ &\quad \left. \frac{d(x_{2n}, x_{2n}) + d(x_{2n-1}, x_{2n+1})}{2} \right) \\ &\leq \phi \left(d(x_{2n}, x_{2n-1}), \frac{d(x_{2n}x_{2n+1}) + d(x_{2n-1}, x_{2n})}{2}, \right. \\ &\quad \left. \frac{d(x_{2n-1}, x_{2n}) + d(x_{2n}, x_{2n+1})}{2} \right). \end{aligned}$$

Hence by Definition 2.7 (i), we have

$$d(x_{2n+1}, x_{2n}) \leq hd(x_{2n}, x_{2n-1}), \quad \text{for } 0 < h < 1.$$

Proceeding in the similar way, we obtain

$$d(x_{2n+1}, x_{2n}) \leq h^{2n}d(x_1, x_0), \quad n = 1, 2, 3, \dots$$

Also for $n > m$, we have

$$\begin{aligned} d(x_n, x_m) &\leq d(x_n, x_{n-1}) + d(x_{n-1}, x_{n-2}) + \dots + d(x_{m+1}, x_m) \\ &\leq (h^{n-1} + h^{n-2} + \dots + h^m)d(x_1, x_0) \\ &\leq \frac{h^m}{1-h}d(x_1, x_0). \end{aligned}$$

Note that $\frac{h^m}{1-h} \rightarrow 0$ as $n \rightarrow \infty$, since $0 < h < 1$. Thus $d(x_n, x_m) \rightarrow 0$ as $m, n \rightarrow \infty$, which shows that $\{x_n\}$ is a Cauchy sequence in X . Hence there exists a point $z \in X$ such that $x_n \rightarrow z$ as $n \rightarrow \infty$. By the continuity of S and T , it is clear that $Sz = Tz = z$. Therefore, z is a common fixed point of S and T .

In order to prove the uniqueness, let take another common fixed point of S and T , say v with $v \neq z$. Then

$$\begin{aligned} d(v, z) &= d(Sv, Tz) \\ &\leq \phi\left(d(v, z), \frac{d(v, Sv) + d(z, Tz)}{2}, \frac{d(v, Tz) + d(z, Sv)}{2}\right) \\ &\leq \phi\left(d(v, z), 0, d(v, z)\right). \end{aligned}$$

Now, by Definition 2.7 (ii), we get

$$d(v, z) \leq hd(v, z), \text{ for } 0 < h < 1.$$

This means that z is a unique common fixed point of S and T . □

Remark 3.2. Theorem 3.1 extends the result of Pitchaimani and Ramesh [12] to cone metric spaces.

Theorem 3.3. *Let (X, d) be a complete cone metric space, S and T be two continuous self-mappings of X such that*

$$d(S^p x, T^q y) \leq \phi\left(d(x, y), \frac{d(x, S^p x) + d(y, T^q y)}{2} + \frac{d(x, T^q y) + d(y, S^p x)}{2}\right)$$

for all $x, y \in X$, where p and q are some positive integers. Then S and T have a unique common fixed point.

Proof. Since S^p and T^q satisfy the conditions of Theorem 3.1, S^p and T^q have a unique common fixed point. Let v be the common fixed point. Now

$$\begin{aligned} S^p v = v &\Rightarrow S(S^p v) = Sv, \\ S^p(Sv) &= Sv. \end{aligned}$$

If $Sv = x_0$ then $S^p(x_0) = x_0$. So, Sv is a fixed point of S^p . Similarly, $T^q(Tv) = Tv$. Now, we have

$$\begin{aligned} d(v, Tv) &= d(S^p v, T^q(Tv)) \\ &\leq \phi\left(d(v, Tv), \frac{d(v, S^p v) + d(Tv, T^q(Tv))}{2}, \frac{d(v, T^q(Tv)) + d(Tv, S^p v)}{2}\right) \\ &= \phi\left(d(v, Tv), 0, d(v, Tv)\right). \end{aligned}$$

Hence, by Definition 2.7 (ii), we obtain

$$d(v, Tv) \leq 0.$$

Thus $v = Tv$. Similarly, $v = Sv$.

For uniqueness of v , let $w \neq v$ be another common fixed point of S and T . Then clearly w is also a common fixed point of S^p and T^q which implies $w = v$. Hence S and T have a unique common fixed point. \square

Hence we have proved that if x_0 is a unique common fixed point of S^p and T^q for some positive integers p and q then x_0 is a unique common fixed point of S and T . Next we generalize Theorem 3.1 to the case of family of mappings satisfying the condition (3.1).

Theorem 3.4. *Let (X, d) be a complete cone metric space and $\{F_\alpha\}$ be a family of continuous self-mappings on X satisfying*

$$\begin{aligned} d(F_\alpha x, F_\beta y) &\leq \phi\left(d(x, y), \frac{d(x, F_\alpha x) + d(y, F_\beta y)}{2}, \frac{d(x, F_\beta y) + d(y, F_\alpha x)}{2}\right) \end{aligned} \quad (3.2)$$

for $\alpha, \beta \in \Lambda$ with $\alpha \neq \beta$ and $x, y \in X$, where Λ is an index set. Then there exists a unique $v \in X$ satisfying $F_\alpha v = v$ for all $\alpha \in \Lambda$.

Proof. As the proof is similar to that of Theorem 3.1, we omit the proof here. \square

Theorem 3.5. *Let (X, d) be a complete metric space and $\{F_n\}$ be a sequence of self-mappings on X such that $\{F_n\}$ converging pointwise to a self-mapping F and*

$$d(F_n x, F_n y) \leq \phi\left(d(x, y), \frac{d(x, F_n x) + d(y, F_n y)}{2}, \frac{d(x, F_n y) + d(y, F_n x)}{2}\right),$$

for all $x, y \in X$. If $\{F_n\}$ has a fixed point v_n and F has a fixed point v . Then the sequence $\{v_n\}$ converges to v .

Proof. Note that $F_nv_n = v_n$ and $Fv = v$. Now consider

$$\begin{aligned} d(v, v_n) &= d(Fv, F_nv_n) \\ &\leq d(Fv, F_nv) + d(F_nv, F_nv_n) \\ &\leq d(Fv, F_nv) + \phi\left(d(v, v_n), \frac{d(v, F_nv) + d(v_n, F_nv_n)}{2}, \right. \\ &\quad \left. \frac{d(v, F_nv_n) + d(v_n, F_nv)}{2}\right). \end{aligned}$$

By the fact that $F_nv \rightarrow Fv$ as $n \rightarrow \infty$, we get

$$d(v, v_n) \leq \phi\left(d(v, v_n), 0, d(v, v_n)\right).$$

Hence, by Implicit Relation 2.7 (ii), we obtain

$$d(v, v_n) \leq 0$$

which implies that $v_n \rightarrow v$ as $n \rightarrow \infty$. □

Theorem 3.6. *Let (X, d) be a complete cone metric space and $T : X \rightarrow X$ be a self-mapping such that*

$$d(Tx, Ty) \leq \phi\left(d(x, y), \frac{d(x, Tx) + d(y, Ty)}{2}, \frac{d(x, Ty) + d(y, Tx)}{2}\right).$$

Then T has a unique fixed point $v \in X$ and $\{z_n\}$ is asymptotically T -regular if and only if T is continuous at $v \in X$.

Proof. Let $v \in X$ and $z_n \rightarrow v$ as $n \rightarrow \infty$. Now

$$d(Tz_n, Tv) \leq \phi\left(d(z_n, v), \frac{d(z_n, Tz_n) + d(v, Tv)}{2}, \frac{d(z_n, Tv) + d(v, Tz_n)}{2}\right).$$

Since T has a fixed point and $\{z_n\}$ is asymptotically T -regular, we get

$$d(Tz_n, Tv) \leq \phi\left(d(Tz_n, Tv), 0, d(Tz_n, Tv)\right).$$

By Implicit Relation 2.7 (ii), there exists $0 < h < 1$ such that

$$d(Tz_n, Tv) \leq hd(Tz_n, Tv),$$

this implies that

$$Tz_n \rightarrow Tv \quad \text{as } n \rightarrow \infty.$$

Hence T is continuous at $v \in X$. Conversely, assume that T is continuous at $v \in X$. Note that

$$z_n \rightarrow v \Rightarrow Tz_n \rightarrow Tv \quad \text{as } n \rightarrow \infty,$$

which implies that

$$d(z_n, Tz_n) \rightarrow d(v, Tv) = 0,$$

since T has a fixed point. This completes the proof. \square

Remark 3.7. Theorem 3.4 extends the study of Saluja [22] to a family of continuous self-mappings using implicit relation in the setting of cone metric spaces. In Theorem 3.5, convergence of sequence of self-mappings to another self-mapping implies convergence of corresponding sequence of fixed points. One can notice that the continuity of mappings is not essential in Theorem 3.5.

4. APPLICATIONS

The concept of well-posedness of a fixed point problem has generated much interest to several mathematicians, for example [3, 4, 9, 17, 20]. Here, we study well-posedness of a common fixed point problem of mappings in Theorem 3.1.

Definition 4.1. Let (X, d) be a complete cone metric space and f be a self-mapping. Then the fixed point problem of f is said to be well-posed if

- (i) f has a unique fixed point $x_0 \in X$,
- (ii) for any sequence $\{x_n\} \subset X$ and $\lim_{n \rightarrow \infty} d(x_n, fx_n) = 0$, we have

$$\lim_{n \rightarrow \infty} d(x_n, x_0) = 0.$$

Let $CFP(T, f, X)$ denote a common fixed point problem of self-mappings T and f on X and $CF(T, f)$ denote the set of all common fixed points of T and f .

Definition 4.2. $CFP(T, f, X)$ is called well-posed if $CF(T, f)$ is singleton and for any sequence $\{x_n\}$ in X with

$$\tilde{x} \in CF(T, f) \text{ and } \lim_{n \rightarrow \infty} d(x_n, fx_n) = \lim_{n \rightarrow \infty} d(x_n, Tx_n) = 0$$

implies $\tilde{x} = \lim_{n \rightarrow \infty} x_n$.

Theorem 4.3. Let (X, d) be a complete cone metric space and T, f be self-mappings on X as in Theorem 3.1. Then the common fixed point problem of f and T is well-posed.

Proof. From Theorem 3.1, the mappings f and T have a unique common fixed point, say $v \in X$. Let $\{x_n\}$ be a sequence in X and $\lim_{n \rightarrow \infty} d(fx_n, x_n) = \lim_{n \rightarrow \infty} d(Tx_n, x_n) = 0$. Without loss of generality, assume that $v \neq x_n$ for any

non-negative integer n . Using (3.1) and $fv = Tv = v$, we get

$$\begin{aligned} d(v, x_n) &\leq d(Tv, Tx_n) + d(Tx_n, x_n) \\ &= d(fv, Tx_n) + d(Tx_n, x_n) \\ &\leq d(Tx_n, x_n) + \phi\left(d(v, x_n), \frac{d(v, fv) + d(x_n, Tx_n)}{2}, \right. \\ &\quad \left. \frac{d(v, Tx_n) + d(x_n, fv)}{2}\right) \\ &= \phi(d(v, x_n), 0, d(v, x_n)). \end{aligned}$$

Hence by Implicit Relation 2.7 (ii), we obtain $d(v, x_n) \rightarrow 0$ as $n \rightarrow \infty$. This completes the proof. \square

Corollary 4.4. *Let (X, d) be a complete cone metric space and T be a self-mapping on X such that*

$$d(Tx, Ty) \leq \phi\left(d(x, y), \frac{d(x, Tx) + d(y, Ty)}{2}, \frac{d(x, Ty) + d(y, Tx)}{2}\right),$$

for all $x, y \in X$. Then the fixed point problem of T is well-posed.

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