

SOME FIXED POINT THEOREMS IN D^* METRIC SPACES

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Abstract. Recently Shaban Sedghi et al [16] introduced D^* metric space and proved some common fixed point in it. In this paper we improved the results of Shaban Sedghi et al [16] by introducing D^* compatible and semicompatible mappings in D^* metric spaces.

1. INTRODUCTION

The metric space is generalized by many authors see [11-17], one of its generalization is D -metric space initiated by B. C. Dhage [3]. He proved some fixed point theorems for self mappings satisfying different types of contractive conditions. Rhoades [6] generalized Dhage's contractive condition by increasing number of factors and prove existence and uniqueness of a fixed point in complete and bounded D -metric space. Ahmad et al [1], Dhage [4], Dhage et al [5] give some special contribution in D -metric space.

Jungck [11] introduced concept of compatible mappings. This concept extended to D -compatible mappings in D -metric space by Bijendra Singh and A. K. Sharma [7] and proved common fixed point theorems in it. Cho, Sharms and Sahu [2] introduced the concept of semi-compatible mappings in d -topological spaces. Bijendra Singh et al [8] used semicompatibility in D -metric and obtained some common fixed theorems in D -metric spaces.

Recently Shaban Sedghi et al [16] modify the D -metric space as follows.

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Definition 1.1. Let X be a nonempty set. A generalized metric (or D^* -metric) on X is a function, $D^* : X^3 \rightarrow [0, \infty)$, that satisfies the following conditions for each $x, y, z, a \in X$:

- (1) $D^*(x, y, z) \geq 0$,
- (2) $D^*(x, y, z) = 0$ if and only if $x = y = z$,
- (3) $D^*(x, y, z) = D^*(p\{x, y, z\})$, (symmetry) where p is a permutation function,
- (4) $D^*(x, y, z) \leq D^*(x, y, a) + D^*(a, z, z)$,

The pair (X, D^*) is called a generalized metric (or D^* -metric) space.

Example 1.2. Let (X, d) be a metric space. Define

- (a) $D^*(x, y, z) = \max\{d(x, y), d(y, z), d(z, x)\}$.
- (b) $D^*(x, y, z) = d(x, y) + d(y, z) + d(z, x)$.
- (c) If $X = \mathbb{R}^n$, then we define

$$D^*(x, y, z) = (\|x - y\|^p + \|y - z\|^p + \|z - x\|^p)^{1/p}$$

for every $p \in \mathbb{R}^+$.

- (d) If $X = \mathbb{R}$ then we define

$$D^*(x, y, z) = \begin{cases} 0 & \text{if } x = y = z \\ \max\{x, y, z\} & \text{otherwise.} \end{cases}$$

Then it is easy to verify that every D^* is a D^* -metric.

Remark 1.3. [16] Let (X, D^*) be a D^* metric space. Then for all $x, y, z \in X$, we have $D^*(x, x, y) = D^*(x, y, y)$.

Definition 1.4. [16] Let (X, D^*) be a D^* -metric space and $A \subset X$.

- (1) If for every $x \in A$ there exists $r > 0$ such that $B_{D^*}(x, r) \subset A$, then subset A is called open subset of X .
- (2) A is said to be D^* -bounded if there exists $r > 0$ such that $D^*(x, y, y) < r$ for all $x, y \in A$.
- (3) A sequence $\{x_n\}$ in X converges to x if there exists $n_0 \in \mathbb{N}$ such that $D^*(x_n, x_n, x) < \epsilon$.
- (4) A sequence $\{x_n\}$ in X is called Cauchy if for each $\epsilon > 0$, there exists $n_0 \in \mathbb{N}$ such that $D^*(x_n, x_n, x_m) < \epsilon$ for each $n, m \geq n_0$.
- (5) A D^* -metric space (X, D^*) is said to be complete if every Cauchy sequence in X is convergent.

Let τ be the set of all open subsets A of X . Then τ is a topology on X (induced by the D^* -metric D^*).

Lemma 1.5. [16] Let (X, D^*) be a D^* -metric space. If $r > 0$, then the ball $B_{D^*}(x, r)$ with center $x \in X$ and radius r is open.

Definition 1.6. [16] Let (X, D^*) be a D^* metric space. D^* is said to be a continuous function on X^3 if $\lim_{n \rightarrow \infty} D^*(x_n, y_n, z_n) = D^*(x, y, z)$ whenever a sequence $\{(x_n, y_n, z_n)\}$ in X^3 converges to a point $(x, y, z) \in X^3$ i.e. $\lim_{n \rightarrow \infty} x_n = x, \lim_{n \rightarrow \infty} y_n = y, \lim_{n \rightarrow \infty} z_n = z$

Lemma 1.7. [16] Let (X, D^*) be a D^* -metric space. Then D^* is a continuous function on X^3 .

Lemma 1.8. [16] Let (X, D^*) be a D^* -metric space. If sequence $\{x_n\}$ in X converges to x , then x is unique.

Lemma 1.9. [16] Let (X, D^*) be a D^* -metric space. Then the convergent sequence is Cauchy.

Definition 1.10. [16] Let A and S be two mappings from a D^* -metric space (X, D^*) into itself. Then the pair $\{A, S\}$ is said to be weakly commuting if

$$D^*(ASx, SAx, SAx) \leq D^*(Ax, Sx, Sx),$$

for all $x \in X$.

Clearly, a commuting pair is weakly commuting, but not conversely.

We extended D^* -compatible and semicompatible mappings as follows.

Definition 1.11. Self maps S and T on a D^* -metric space (X, D^*) are said to be D^* -compatible if $\lim_{n \rightarrow \infty} D^*(STx_n, TSx_n, z) = 0$, where $z = STx_n$ or TSx_n , whenever $\{x_n\}$ is a sequence in X such that

$$\lim_{n \rightarrow \infty} Tx_n = \lim_{n \rightarrow \infty} Sx_n = x \in X.$$

Clearly the pair of mappings (S, T) is D^* -compatible if and only if (T, S) is D^* -compatible.

Definition 1.12. A pair (S, T) of self-mappings of a D^* -metric space is said to be semicompatible if $\lim_{n \rightarrow \infty} STx_n = Tx$, whenever $\{x_n\}$ is a sequence in X such that

$$\lim_{n \rightarrow \infty} Tx_n = \lim_{n \rightarrow \infty} Sx_n = x \in X.$$

It follows that (S, T) is semicompatible and $Sy = Ty$ then $STy = TSy$.

Proposition 1.13. S and T are D^* -compatible self-maps on a D^* -metric space (X, D^*) and T is continuous then the pair (S, T) is semicompatible.

Proof. Let $\{Sx_n\} \rightarrow u, \{Tx_n\} \rightarrow u$ for some $u \in X$. To show this, $STx_n \rightarrow Tu$. As T is continuous $TSx_n \rightarrow Tu$. Now, as (S, T) is D^* -compatible we have $\lim_{n \rightarrow \infty} D^*(STx_n, STx_n, TSx_n) = 0$. That is, $\lim_{n \rightarrow \infty} D^*(Tu, Tu, TSx_n) = 0$. That is, $\lim_{n \rightarrow \infty} STx_n = Tu$. Hence (S, T) is semicompatible. \square

Proposition 1.14. *If S and T are semicompatible self-maps on a D^* -metric space (X, D^*) and T is continuous, then (S, T) is D^* -compatible.*

Proof. Let $\{Sx_n\} \rightarrow u$, $\{Tx_n\} \rightarrow u$ and T be continuous $TSx_n \rightarrow Tu$. Then semicompatibility of (S, T) gives $STx_n \rightarrow Tu$. Now,

$$\lim_{n \rightarrow \infty} D^*(STx_n, STx_n, TSx_n) = D^*(Tu, Tu, Tu) = 0.$$

Hence (S, T) is D^* -compatible. \square

The following is an example of a pair of self-maps (S, T) which is semicompatible but not compatible. Further, it is shown that the semicompatibility of the pair (S, T) need not imply the semicompatibility of (T, S) .

Example 1.15. *Let $X = [0, 1]$ and consider the D^* -metric space (X, D^*) , where D^* is defined by $D^*(x, y, z) = \max\{|x - y|, |y - z|, |z - x|\}$, for all $x, y, z \in X$. Define a self-map as follows:*

$$Sx = \begin{cases} x & \text{if } 0 \leq x < \frac{1}{2} \\ 1 & \text{if } x \geq \frac{1}{2}. \end{cases}$$

Let I be the identity map on X and $x_n = 1/2 - 1/n$. Then $\{Ix_n\} = \{x_n\} \rightarrow 1/2$ and $\{Sx_n\} \rightarrow 1/2$. Again, $\{ISx_n\} = \{Sx_n\} \rightarrow 1/2 \neq S(1/2)$. Thus (I, S) is not semicompatible though it is compatible. Also for any sequence $\{x_n\}$ in X such that $\{x_n\} \rightarrow x$ and $\{Sx_n\} \rightarrow x$ we have $\{SIx_n\} = \{Sx_n\} \rightarrow x = Ix$. Thus (S, I) is always semicompatible.

Example 1.16. *Let $X = [0, 2]$, define $D(x, y, z) = \text{Max}\{|x - y|, |y - z|, |z - x|\}$, for all $x, y, z \in X$. Define self-maps A and S on X as follows:*

$$Ax = \begin{cases} x & \text{if } x \in [0, 1) \\ 2 & \text{if } x = 1 \\ \frac{x+3}{5} & \text{if } x \in (1, 2]. \end{cases}$$

$$Sx = \begin{cases} 2 & \text{if } x \in [0, 1] \\ \frac{x}{2} & \text{if } x \in [1, 2]. \end{cases}$$

Taking $x_n = 2 - \frac{1}{2n}$, then we have $S(1) = A(1) = 2$ and $S(2) = A(2) = 1$. Also $SA(1) = AS(1) = 1$ and $SA(2) = AS(2) = 2$. Hence $Ax_n \rightarrow 1$ and $Sx_n \rightarrow 1$, $ASx_n \rightarrow 2$, and $SAx_n \rightarrow 1$. Now, $\lim_{n \rightarrow \infty} D^(ASx_n, ASx_m, Sy) = D(2, 2, 2) = 0$, $\lim_{n \rightarrow \infty} D^*(ASx_n, SAx_n, ASx_n) = D(2, 1, 2) = 1 \neq 0$. Hence (A, S) is D^* -semicompatible but it is not D^* -compatible*

2. MAIN RESULTS

Let Φ denotes a family of mappings such that each $\phi \in \Phi$, $\phi : (R^+)^5 \rightarrow R^+$, and ϕ is continuous and increasing in each coordinate variable. Also $\phi(t, t, a_1t, a_2t, t) < t$ for every $t \in R^+$ where $a_1 + a_2 = 3$.

Lemma 2.1. *For every $t > 0$, $\gamma(t) < t$ if and only if $\lim_{n \rightarrow \infty} \gamma^n(t) = 0$, where γ^n denotes the composition of γ with itself n times.*

Theorem 2.2. *Let A be a self-mapping of a complete D^* -metric space (X, D^*) , and let S, T be continuous self-mappings on X satisfying the following conditions:*

(i) $\{A, S\}$ and $\{A, T\}$ are semicompatible pairs such that

$$A(X) \subset S(X) \cup T(X),$$

(ii) there exists a $\phi \in \Phi$ such that for all $x, y \in X$,

$$D^*(Ax, Ay, Az) \leq \phi(D^*(Sx, Ty, Tz), D^*(Sx, Ax, Ax), D^*(Sx, Ay, Ay), \\ D^*(Ty, Ax, Ax), D^*(Ty, Ay, Ay)).$$

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

Proof. Let $x_0 \in X$ be given. Construct a sequence $\{x_n\}$, as follows

$$Sx_{2n+1} = Ax_{2n} = y_{2n}, n = 0, 1, 2, \dots, \\ Tx_{2n+2} = Ax_{2n+1} = y_{2n+1}, n = 0, 1, 2, \dots.$$

Denote $d_n = D^*(y_n, y_{n+1}, y_{n+1})$, $n = 0, 1, 2, \dots$. We prove that $d_{2n} \leq d_{2n-1}$. Now, if $d_{2n} > d_{2n-1}$ for some $n \in N$, since ϕ is an increasing function,

$$d_{2n} = D^*(y_{2n}, y_{2n+1}, y_{2n+1}) = D^*(Ax_{2n}, Ax_{2n+1}, Ax_{2n+1}) \\ = D^*(Ax_{2n+1}, Ax_{2n}, Ax_{2n}) \\ \leq \phi((D^*(Sx_{2n+1}, Tx_{2n}, Tx_{2n}), D^*(Sx_{2n+1}, Ax_{2n+1}, Ax_{2n+1}), \\ D^*(Sx_{2n+1}, Ax_{2n}, Ax_{2n}), D^*(Tx_{2n}, Ax_{2n+1}, Ax_{2n+1}), \\ D^*(Tx_{2n}, Ax_{2n}, Ax_{2n})) \\ = \phi(D^*(y_{2n}, y_{2n-1}, y_{2n-1}), D^*(y_{2n}, y_{2n+1}, y_{2n+1}), D^*(y_{2n}, y_{2n}, y_{2n}), \\ D^*(y_{2n-1}, y_{2n+1}, y_{2n+1}), D^*(y_{2n-1}, y_{2n}, y_{2n})).$$

Since

$$D^*(y_{2n-1}, y_{2n+1}, y_{2n+1}) \leq D^*(y_{2n-1}, y_{2n-1}, y_{2n}) + D^*(y_{2n}, y_{2n+1}, y_{2n+1}) \\ = d_{2n-1} + d_{2n},$$

from the above inequality we have

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

which is a contradiction. Hence $d_{2n} \leq d_{2n-1}$. Similarly, one can prove that $d_{2n+1} \leq d_{2n}$ for $n = 0, 1, 2, \dots$. Consequently, $\{d_n\}$ is a nonincreasing sequence of nonnegative reals. Now,

$$\begin{aligned}
d_1 &= D^*(y_1, y_2, y_2) = D^*(Ax_1, Ax_2, Ax_2) \\
&\leq \phi(D^*(Sx_1, Tx_2, Tx_2), D^*(Sx_1, Ax_1, Ax_1), D^*(Sx_1, Ax_2, Ax_2), \\
&\quad D^*(Tx_2, Ax_1, Ax_1), D^*(Tx_2, Ax_2, Ax_2)) \\
&= \phi(D^*(y_0, y_1, y_1), D^*(y_0, y_1, y_1), D^*(y_0, y_2, y_2), D^*(y_1, y_1, y_1), D^*(y_1, y_2, y_2)) \\
&= \phi(d_0, d_0, d_0 + d_1, 0, d_0) \leq \phi(d_0, d_0, 2d_0, d_0, d_0) \\
&= \gamma(d_0),
\end{aligned}$$

which implies that $d_n \leq \gamma^n(d_0)$. So if $d_0 > 0$, then $\lim_{n \rightarrow \infty} d_n = 0$. For $d_0 = 0$, we clearly have $\lim_{n \rightarrow \infty} d_n = 0$, since then $d_n = 0$ for each n . Now we prove that sequence $\{Ax_n = y_n\}$ is Cauchy. Since $\lim_{n \rightarrow \infty} d_n = 0$, it is sufficient to show that the sequence $\{Ax_{2n} = y_{2n}\}$ is Cauchy. Suppose that $\{Ax_{2n} = y_{2n}\}$ is not a Cauchy sequence. Then there is an $\epsilon > 0$ such that for each even integer $2k$, for $k = 0, 1, 2, \dots$, there exist even integers $2n(k)$ and $2m(k)$ with $2k \leq 2n(k) < 2m(k)$ such that $D^*(Ax_{2n(k)}, Ax_{2n(k)}, Ax_{2m(k)}) > \epsilon$. Let, for each even integer $2k$, $2m(k)$ be the least integer exceeding $2n(k)$ satisfying the above inequality. Therefore $D^*(Ax_{2n(k)}, Ax_{2n(k)}, Ax_{2m(k)-2}) \leq \epsilon$, $D^*(Ax_{2n(k)}, Ax_{2n(k)}, Ax_{2m(k)}) > \epsilon$. Then, for each even integer $2k$ we have

$$\begin{aligned}
\epsilon &< D^*(Ax_{2n(k)}, Ax_{2n(k)}, Ax_{2m(k)}) \\
&\leq D^*(Ax_{2n(k)}, Ax_{2n(k)}, Ax_{2m(k)-2}) + D^*(Ax_{2m(k)-2}, Ax_{2m(k)-2}, Ax_{2m(k)-1}) \\
&\quad + D^*(Ax_{2m(k)-1}, Ax_{2m(k)-1}, Ax_{2m(k)}) \\
&= D^*(Ax_{2n(k)}, Ax_{2n(k)}, Ax_{2m(k)-2}) + d_{2m(k)-2} + d_{2m(k)-1}.
\end{aligned}$$

From, $d_n \rightarrow 0$, we obtain $\lim_{k \rightarrow \infty} D^*(Ax_{2n(k)}, Ax_{2n(k)}, Ax_{2m(k)}) = \epsilon$. It follows immediately from the triangular inequality that

$$\begin{aligned}
|D^*(Ax_{2n(k)}, Ax_{2n(k)}, Ax_{2m(k)-1}) - D^*(Ax_{2n(k)}, Ax_{2n(k)}, Ax_{2m(k)})| &\leq d_{2m(k)-1}, \\
|D^*(Ax_{2n(k)+1}, Ax_{2n(k)+1}, Ax_{2m(k)-1}) - D^*(Ax_{2n(k)}, Ax_{2n(k)}, Ax_{2m(k)})| & \\
< d_{2m(k)-1} + d_{2n(k)}. &\text{ Hence as } k \rightarrow \infty,
\end{aligned}$$

$$\begin{aligned}
D^*(Ax_{2n(k)}, Ax_{2n(k)}, Ax_{2m(k)-1}) &\rightarrow \epsilon, \\
D^*(Ax_{2n(k)+1}, Ax_{2n(k)+1}, Ax_{2m(k)-1}) &\rightarrow \epsilon.
\end{aligned}$$

Now

$$\begin{aligned}
& D^*(Ax_{2n(k)}, Ax_{2n(k)}, Ax_{2m(k)}) \\
& \leq D^*(Ax_{2n(k)}, Ax_{2n(k)}, Ax_{2n(k)+1}) + D^*(Ax_{2n(k)+1}, Ax_{2m(k)}, Ax_{2m(k)}) \\
& \leq d_{2n(k)} + \phi((D^*(Ax_{2n(k)}, Ax_{2m(k)-1}, Ax_{2m(k)-1}), d_{2n(k)}, \\
& \quad D^*(Ax_{2n(k)}, Ax_{2m(k)}, Ax_{2m(k)}), \\
& \quad D^*(Ax_{2m(k)-1}, Ax_{2n(k)+1}, Ax_{2n(k)+1}), d_{2m(k)-1})).
\end{aligned}$$

Using, $\lim_{k \rightarrow \infty} d_n = 0$, and continuity and nondecreasing property of ϕ in each coordinate variable, we have

$$\epsilon \leq \phi(\epsilon, 0, \epsilon, \epsilon, 0) \leq \phi(\epsilon, \epsilon, 2\epsilon, \epsilon, \epsilon) = \phi(\epsilon) < \epsilon$$

as $k \rightarrow \infty$, which is a contradiction. Thus $\{Ax_n = y_n\}$ is a Cauchy sequence and hence by completeness of X , it converges to $z \in X$. That is, $\lim_{n \rightarrow \infty} Ax_n = \lim_{n \rightarrow \infty} y_n = z$. Since the sequences $\{Sx_{2n+1} = y_{2n+1}\}$ and $\{Tx_{2n} = y_{2n}\}$ are subsequences of $\{Ax_n = y_n\}$; they have the same limit z . As S and T are continuous, we have $STx_{2n} \rightarrow Sz$ and $TSx_{2n+1} \rightarrow Tz$. Since $\{A, S\}$ is semicompatible, hence $ASx_{2n+1} \rightarrow Sz$. Put $x = Sx_{2n+1}, y = Sx_{2n+1}, z = Tx_{2n}$ in (ii) we have

$$\begin{aligned}
& D^*(ASx_{2n+1}, ASx_{2n+1}, ATx_{2n}) \\
& \leq \phi(D^*(SSx_{2n+1}, TSx_{2n+1}, TTx_{2n}), D^*(SSx_{2n+1}, ASx_{2n+1}, ASx_{2n+1}), \\
& \quad D^*(SSx_{2n+1}, ASx_{2n+1}, ASx_{2n+1}), D^*(TSx_{2n+1}, ASx_{2n+1}, ASx_{2n+1}), \\
& \quad D^*(TSx_{2n+1}, ASx_{2n+1}, ASx_{2n+1})).
\end{aligned}$$

As $n \rightarrow \infty$ and if $D^*(Sz, Sz, Tz) \neq 0$, then

$$\begin{aligned}
D^*(Sz, Sz, Tz) & \leq \phi(D^*(Sz, Tz, Tz), D^*(Sz, Sz, Sz), D^*(Sz, Sz, Sz), \\
& \quad D^*(Tz, Sz, Sz), D^*(Tz, Sz, Sz)) \\
& \leq \phi(D^*(Sz, Sz, Tz), D^*(Sz, Sz, Sz), D^*(Sz, Sz, Sz), \\
& \quad D^*(Sz, Sz, Tz), D^*(Sz, Sz, Tz)) \\
& < D^*(Sz, Sz, Tz),
\end{aligned}$$

which is a contradiction. Hence $D^*(Sz, Sz, Tz) = 0$ that is, $Sz = Tz$.

Now

$$\begin{aligned}
D^*(SAx_{2n+1}, Az, Az) & \leq D^*(SAx_{2n+1}, ASx_{2n+1}, ASx_{2n+1}) \\
& \quad + D^*(Az, Az, ASx_{2n+1}).
\end{aligned}$$

Using (ii) and the semicompatibility of (A,S), we have

$$\begin{aligned} & D^*(SAx_{2n+1}, Az, Az) \\ & \leq D^*(SAx_{2n+1}, ASx_{2n+1}, ASx_{2n+1}) + \phi(D^*(Sz, Tz, TSx_{2n+1}), \\ & D^*(Sz, Az, Az), D^*(Sz, Az, Az), D^*(Tz, Az, Az), D^*(Tz, Az, Az)). \end{aligned}$$

Letting $n \rightarrow \infty$, then we have

$$\begin{aligned} D^*(Sz, Az, Az) & \leq D^*(Sz, Sz, Dz) + \phi(D^*(Sz, Tz, Tz), D^*(Sz, Az, Az), \\ & D^*(Sz, Az, Az), D^*(Tz, Az, Az), D^*(Tz, Az, Az)) \\ & = \phi(0, D^*(Sz, Az, Az), D^*(Sz, Az, Az), D^*(Sz, Az, Az), \\ & D^*(Sz, Az, Az)) \\ & < D^*(Sz, Az, Az). \end{aligned}$$

Since $Sz = Az$, $Az = Sz = Tz$. It now follows that

$$\begin{aligned} & D^*(Az, Ax_{2n}, Ax_{2n}) \\ & \leq \phi(D^*(Sz, Tx_{2n}, Tx_{2n}), D^*(Sz, Az, Az), D^*(Sz, Ax_{2n}, Ax_{2n}), \\ & D^*(Tx_{2n}, Az, Az), D^*(Tx_{2n}, Ax_{2n}, Ax_{2n})) \end{aligned}$$

Then as $n \rightarrow \infty$, we get

$$\begin{aligned} D^*(Az, z, z) & \leq \phi(D^*(Sz, z, z), 0, D^*(Sz, z, z), D^*(z, Az, Az), 0) \\ & < D^*(Az, z, z), \end{aligned}$$

which is a contradiction, and therefore $Az = z = Sz = Tz$. Thus z is a common fixed point of A , S and T . The uniqueness is easy one. This completes the proof. \square

Theorem 2.3. *Let A be a self-mapping of complete D^* -metric space (X, D^*) , and let S, T be continuous self-mappings on X satisfying the following conditions:*

- (i) $\{A, S\}$ and $\{A, T\}$ are D^* -compatible pairs such that $A(X) \subset S(X) \cup T(X)$;
- (ii) there exists a $\phi \in \Phi$ such that for all $x, y \in X$,

$$D^*(Ax, Ay, Az) \leq \phi(D^*(Sx, Ty, Tz), D^*(Sx, Ax, Ax), D^*(Sx, Ay, Ay), D^*(Ty, Ax, Ax), D^*(Ty, Ay, Ay)).$$

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

Proof. Since the semicompatibility implies D^* -compatibility, the result is obvious. \square

Example 2.4. Let $X = [0, 1]$ and consider the D^* -metric space (X, D^*) , where D^* is defined by $D^*(x, y, z) = \max\{|x - y|, |y - z|, |z - x|\}$, for all $x, y, z \in X$. Define a self-map as follows:

$$Ax = \begin{cases} \frac{1}{2} & \text{if } 0 \leq x < \frac{1}{2} \\ 1 & \text{if } x \geq \frac{1}{2}. \end{cases}$$

Let $Sx = x$ and $Tx = 1 - x$. Let $x_n = 1/2 - 1/n$ be sequence in X . Then $Ax_n = \frac{1}{2}$, $\{Sx_n\} = \{\frac{1}{2} - \frac{1}{n}\} \rightarrow 1/2$ and $\{Tx_n\} = \{1 - \frac{1}{2} + \frac{1}{n}\} \rightarrow 1/2$. Again, $\{ASx_n\} = A(\frac{1}{2}) = \frac{1}{2} = S(\frac{1}{2})$ and $\{ATx_n\} = A(\frac{1}{2}) = \frac{1}{2} = T(\frac{1}{2})$. Thus (A, S) and (A, T) is semicompatible. For all $x, y, z \in X$, we have $D^*(\frac{1}{2}, \frac{1}{2}, 1) = D^*(\frac{1}{2}, 1, 1) = D^*(1, \frac{1}{2}, \frac{1}{2}) = D^*(1, \frac{1}{2}, 1) = D^*(1, 1, \frac{1}{2}) = D^*(\frac{1}{2}, 1, \frac{1}{2}) = \frac{1}{2}$ and $D^*(\frac{1}{2}, \frac{1}{2}, \frac{1}{2}) = D^*(1, 1, 1) = 0$. we easily verified that

$$D^*(Ax, Ay, Az) \leq \phi(D^*(Sx, Ty, Tz), D^*(Sx, Ax, Ax), D^*(Sx, Ay, Ay), \\ D^*(Ty, Ax, Ax), D^*(Ty, Ay, Ay)).$$

That requirement of Theorem 2.2 is fulfil and clearly A, S and T have unique fixed point.

As Theorem 2.2 it is easy to prove following theorem.

Theorem 2.5. Let A be a self-mapping of a complete D^* -metric space (X, D^*) , and let S, T be continuous self-mappings on X satisfying the following conditions:

- (i) $\{A, S\}$ and $\{A, T\}$ are semicompatible pairs such that $A(X) \subset S(X) \cup T(X)$;
- (ii) there exists a $\phi : R^+ \rightarrow R^+$ such that $\phi(0) = 0, \phi(t) < t$ and for all $x, y \in X$,

$$D^*(Ax, Ay, Az) \leq \phi(\max\{(D^*(Sx, Ty, Tz), D^*(Sx, Ax, Ax), D^*(Sx, Ay, Ay), \\ D^*(Ty, Ax, Ax), D^*(Ty, Ay, Ay))\}).$$

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

Theorem 2.6. Let A be a self-mapping of a complete D^* -metric space (X, D^*) , and let S, T be continuous self-mappings on X satisfying the following conditions:

- (i) $\{A, S\}$ and $\{A, T\}$ are D^* -compatible pairs such that $A(X) \subset S(X) \cup T(X)$;

- (ii) there exists a $\phi : R^+ \rightarrow R^+$ such that $\phi(0) = 0, \phi(t) < t$ and for all $x, y \in X$,

$$D^*(Ax, Ay, Az) \leq \phi(\max\{(D^*(Sx, Ty, Tz), D^*(Sx, Ax, Ax), D^*(Sx, Ay, Ay), D^*(Ty, Ax, Ax), D^*(Ty, Ay, Ay))\}).$$

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

Theorem 2.7. Let A be a self-mapping of a complete D^* -metric space (X, D^*) , and let S be continuous self-mappings on X satisfying the following conditions:

- (i) $\{A, S\}$ is a semicompatible pair such that $A(X) \subset S(X)$;
(ii) there exists a $\phi \in \Phi$ such that for all $x, y \in X$,

$$D^*(Ax, Ay, Az) \leq \phi(D^*(Sx, Ay, Az), D^*(Sx, Ax, Ax), D^*(Sx, Ay, Ay), D^*(Ay, Ax, Ax)).$$

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

Proof. The proof follows from Theorem 3.1 by putting $T = A$. □

Theorem 2.8. Let A be a self-mapping of a complete D^* -metric space (X, D^*) , and let S be continuous self-mappings on X satisfying the following conditions:

- (i) $\{A, S\}$ is a D^* -compatible pair such that $A(X) \subset S(X)$;
(ii) there exists a $\phi \in \Phi$ such that for all $x, y \in X$,

$$D^*(Ax, Ay, Az) \leq \phi(D^*(Sx, Ay, Az), D^*(Sx, Ax, Ax), D^*(Sx, Ay, Ay), D^*(Ay, Ax, Ax)).$$

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

Proof. The proof follows from Theorem 2.3 by putting $T = A$. □

Corollary 2.9. Let A, R, S, T , and H be self-mappings of a complete D^* -metric space (X, D^*) , and let SR, TH be continuous self-mappings on X satisfying the following conditions:

- (i) $\{A, SR\}$ and $\{A, TH\}$ are semicompatible pairs such that $A(X) \subset SR(X) \cap TH(X)$;
(ii) there exists a $\phi \in \Phi$ such that for all $x, y \in X$,

$$D^*(Ax, Ay, Az) \leq \phi(D^*(SRx, THy, THz), D^*(SRx, Ax, Ax), D^*(SRx, Ay, Ay), D^*(THy, Ax, Ax), D^*(THy, Ay, Ay)).$$

If $SR = RS, TH = HT, AH = HA$, and $AR = RA$, then A, S, R, H , and T have a unique common fixed point in X .

Proof. By Theorem 2.2, A, TH , and SR have a unique common fixed point in X . That is, there exists $a \in X$, such that $A(a) = TH(a) = SR(a) = a$. We prove that $R(a) = a$. By (ii), we get

$$\begin{aligned} D^*(ARa, Aa, Aa) &\leq \phi(D^*(SRRa, THa, THa), D^*(SRRa, ARa, ARa), \\ &\quad D^*(SRRa, Aa, Aa), D^*(THa, ARa, ARa), \\ &\quad D^*(THa, Aa, Aa)). \end{aligned}$$

Hence if $Ra \neq a$, then we have

$$\begin{aligned} D^*(Ra, a, a) &\leq \phi((D^*(Ra, a, a), D^*(Ra, Ra, Ra), D^*(Ra, a, a), D^*(a, Ra, Ra), \\ &\quad D^*(a, a, a)) \\ &\leq \phi(D^*(Ra, a, a), D^*(Ra, a, a), D^*(Ra, a, a), 2D^*(Ra, a, a), \\ &\quad D^*(Ra, a, a)) \\ &< D^*(Ra, a, a), \end{aligned}$$

which is a contradiction. Therefore it follows that $Ra = a$. Hence $S(a) = SR(a) = a$. Similarly, we get that $T(a) = H(a) = a$. \square

Corollary 2.10. *Let A, R, S, T , and H be self-mappings of a complete D^* -metric space (X, D^*) , and let SR, TH be continuous self-mappings on X satisfying the following conditions:*

(i) $\{A, SR\}$ and $\{A, TH\}$ are D^* -compatible pairs such that $A(X) \subset SR(X) \cap TH(X)$;

(ii) there exists a $\phi \in \Phi$ such that for all $x, y \in X$,

$$\begin{aligned} D^*(Ax, Ay, Az) &\leq \phi(D^*(SRx, THy, THz), D^*(SRx, Ax, Ax), D^*(SRx, Ay, Ay), \\ &\quad D^*(THy, Ax, Ax), D^*(THy, Ay, Ay)). \end{aligned}$$

If $SR = RS, TH = HT, AH = HA$, and $AR = RA$, then A, S, R, H , and T have a unique common fixed point in X .

Corollary 2.11. *Let A_i be a sequence self-mapping of complete D^* -metric space (X, D^*) for each $i \in N$, and let S, T be continuous self-mappings on X satisfying the following conditions:*

(i) there exists $i_0 \in N$ such that $\{A_{i_0}, S\}$ and $\{A_{i_0}, T\}$ are semicompatible pairs such that $A_{i_0}(X) \subset S(X) \cap T(X)$;

(ii) there exists a $\phi \in \Phi$ and $i, j, k \in N$ such that for all $x, y \in X$,

$$\begin{aligned} D^*(A_i x, A_j y, A_k z) &\leq \phi(D^*(Sx, Ty, Tz), D^*(Sx, A_i x, A_i x), D^*(Sx, A_j y, A_j y), \\ &\quad D^*(Ty, A_i x, A_i x), D^*(Ty, A_j y, A_j y)). \end{aligned}$$

Then A_i, S , and T have a unique common fixed point in X for every $i \in N$.

Proof. By Theorem 2.3, S, T , and A_{i_0} , for some $i = j = k = i_0 \in N$, have a unique common fixed point in X . That is, there exists a unique $a \in X$ such that $S(a) = T(a) = A_{i_0}(a) = a$ and using Corollary 2.6 in [16] A_i, S , and T have a unique common fixed point in X for every $i \in N$. \square

Corollary 2.12. *Let A_i be a sequence self-mapping of complete D^* -metric space (X, D^*) for each $i \in N$, and let S, T be continuous self-mappings on X satisfying the following conditions:*

- (i) *there exists $i_0 \in N$ such that $\{A_{i_0}, S\}$ and $\{A_{i_0}, T\}$ are D^* -compatible pairs such that $A_{i_0}(X) \subset S(X) \cap T(X)$;*
- (ii) *there exists a $\phi \in \Phi$ and $i, j, k \in N$ such that for all $x, y \in X$,*

$$D^*(A_{i_0}x, A_{j_0}y, A_{k_0}z) \leq \phi(D^*(Sx, Ty, Tz), D^*(Sx, A_{i_0}x, A_{i_0}x), D^*(Sx, A_{j_0}y, A_{j_0}y), D^*(Ty, A_{i_0}x, A_{i_0}x), D^*(Ty, A_{j_0}y, A_{j_0}y)).$$

Then A_i, S , and T have a unique common fixed point in X for every $i \in N$.

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