



**A GENERAL FIXED POINT THEOREM FOR FOUR  
WEAKLY COMPATIBLE MAPPINGS SATISFYING  
AN IMPLICIT RELATION**

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**Abstract**

In this paper, using a combination of methods used in [5], [14], [15] and [17] the results of [1, Theorems 2.2 and 2.3] and [15, Theorem 3] are improved by removing the assumptions of continuity and reciprocally continuity, relaxing compatibility and compatibility of type (A) to weakly compatibility and replacing the completeness of the space with a set of four alternative conditions for four mappings satisfying an implicit relation.

**1. Introduction**

Let  $S$  and  $T$  be self mappings of a metric space  $(X, d)$ . Jungck [7] defines  $S$  and  $T$  to be compatible if  $\lim d(STx_n, TSx_n) = 0$  whenever  $\{x_n\}$  is a sequence in  $X$  such that  $\lim Sx_n = \lim Tx_n = x$  for some  $x \in X$ . In 1993, Jungck, Murthy and Cho [9] defined  $S$  and  $T$  to be compatible of type (A) if  $\lim d(TSx_n, S^2x_n) = 0$  and  $\lim d(STx_n, T^2x_n) = 0$ , whenever  $\{x_n\}$  is a sequence in  $X$  such that  $\lim Sx_n = \lim Tx_n = x$  for some  $x \in X$ . By [9 Ex. 2.1. and Ex. 2.2.] it follows that the notions of compatible mappings and compatible mappings of type (A) are independent.

Recently, Pathak and Khan [12] introduced a new concept of compatible mappings of type (B) as a generalization of compatible mappings of type (A). We say that  $S$  and  $T$  are compatible of type (B) if

$$\lim d(STx_n, T^2x_n) \leq \frac{1}{2} [\lim d(STx_n, St) + \lim d(St, S^2x_n)],$$

$$\lim d(TSx_n, S^2x_n) \leq \frac{1}{2} [\lim d(TSx_n, Tt) + \lim d(Tt, T^2x_n)],$$

whenever  $\{x_n\}$  is a sequence in  $X$  such that  $\lim Sx_n = \lim Tx_n = t$  for some  $t \in X$ .

Clearly, compatible mappings of type (A) are compatible mappings of type (B). By [12, Ex. 2.4] it follows that the implication is not reversible. In [13] the concept of compatible mappings of type (P) was introduced and compared with the concepts of compatible mappings of type (A).  $S$  and  $T$  are compatible of type (P) if  $\lim d(S^2x_n, T^2x_n) = 0$  whenever  $\{x_n\}$  is a sequence in  $X$  such that  $\lim Sx_n = \lim Tx_n = t$  for some  $t \in X$ .

**Lemma 1.** [7] (resp. [9], [12], [13]). Let  $S$  and  $T$  be compatible (resp. compatible of type (A), compatible of type (B), compatible of type (P)) self mappings of a metric space  $(X, d)$ . If  $Sx = Tx$  for some  $x \in X$ , then  $STx = TSx$ .

In 1994, Pant [10] introduced the notion of pointwise  $R$  – weakly commuting mappings. It is proved in [11] that the notion of pointwise  $R$  – weak commutativity is equivalent to commutativity at coincidence points.

Recently, Jungck [8] (resp. Dhage [2]) defines  $S$  and  $T$  to be weakly compatible (resp. coincidentally commuting) if  $Sx = Tx$  implies  $STx = TSx$ . Thus,  $S$  and  $T$  are weakly compatible or coincidentally commuting mappings if and only if  $S$  and  $T$  are pointwise  $R$  – weakly commuting mappings. It may, however, be noted that the notion of point-wise  $R$ -weakly commuting maps (1996) is older than the equivalent notions of weakly compatible maps (1996) and coincidentally commuting maps (1999).

**Remark 1.** By Lemma 1 it follows that every compatible (compatible of type (A), compatible of type (B), compatible of type (P)) pair of mappings are weakly compatible.

The following example from [15] is an example of weakly compatible pair of mappings which is not compatible (compatible of type (A), compatible of type (P)).

Let  $X = [2, 20]$  with the usual metric. Define

$$Tx = \begin{cases} x & \text{if } x = 2 \\ 12 + x & \text{if } 2 < x \leq 5 \\ x - 3 & \text{if } 5 < x \leq 20 \end{cases}; \quad Sx = \begin{cases} 2 & \text{if } x \in \{2\} \cup (5, 20) \\ 8 & \text{if } 2 < x \leq 5 \end{cases}$$

$S$  and  $T$  are weakly compatible since they commute at their coincidence point.  $S$  and  $T$  are not compatible of type (B).

Let us consider a decreasing sequence  $\{x_n\}$  such that  $\lim x_n = 5$ . Then  $\lim Tx_n = 2$ ,  $\lim Sx_n = 2$ ,  $\lim STx_n = 8$ ,  $\lim T^2x_n = 14$ ,  $\lim S^2x_n = 2$ . Then

$$\lim d(STx_n, T^2x_n) = 6 > \frac{1}{2} [\lim d(STx_n, Sx_n) + \lim d(Sx_n, S^2x_n)] = \frac{1}{2} (6 + 0) = 3.$$

The following theorems are proved in [1].

**Theorem 1** [1]. Let  $\{S, I\}$  and  $\{T, J\}$  be compatible pairs of a complete metric space  $(X, d)$  into itself such that

- (a)  $T(X) \subset I(X)$ ,  $S(X) \subset J(X)$ ,
- (b) For all  $x, y$  in  $X$ , with  $a, b \geq 0$ ,  $a + b < 1$ , either

$$(1) \quad d(Sx, Ty) \leq \frac{a[d(Ix, Sx)d(Ix, Ty) + d(Jy, Ty)d(Jy, Sx)]}{d(Ix, Sx) + d(Jy, Ty)} + bd(Ix, Jy) \quad \text{whenever}$$

$d(Ix, Sx) + d(Jy, Ty) \neq 0$ , or

$$(1') \quad d(Sx, Ty) = 0 \text{ whenever } d(Ix, Sx) + d(Jy, Ty) = 0.$$

If one of  $S, T, I$  and  $J$  is continuous then  $S, T, I$  and  $J$  have a common fixed point  $z$  in  $X$ .

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Further,  $z$  is the unique common fixed point of  $S$  and  $I$ , and  $T$  and  $J$ .

**Theorem 2** [1]. Let  $\{S, I\}$  and  $\{T, J\}$  be compatible of type (A) pairs of mappings of a complete metric space  $(X, d)$  into itself such that condition (a) and (b) of Theorem 1 are satisfied. If one of  $S, T, I$  and  $J$  is continuous then  $S, T, I$  and  $J$  have a common fixed point  $z$  in  $X$ . Further,  $z$  is the unique common fixed point of  $S$  and  $I$ , and  $T$  and  $J$ .

### 2. Implicit relations

Let  $K_6$  be the set of all real continuous functions  $F(x_1, \dots, x_6): \mathbb{R}_+^6 \rightarrow \mathbb{R}$  with  $t_3 + t_4 \neq 0$  satisfying the following conditions:

- (K<sub>1</sub>)  $F$  is decreasing in variables  $t_5$  and  $t_6$ ,
- (K<sub>2</sub>) there exists  $h \in [0, 1)$  such that for every  $u, v \geq 0$  with
  - (K<sub>a</sub>)  $F(u, v, v, u, u+v, 0) \leq 0$  or
  - (K<sub>b</sub>)  $F(u, v, u, v, 0, u+v) \leq 0$

we have  $u \leq hv$ .

Ex. 1. 
$$F(t_1, \dots, t_6) = t_1 - \frac{a[t_3 t_5 + t_4 t_6]}{t_3 + t_4} - bt_2, \text{ where } 0 \leq a + b < 1.$$

(K<sub>1</sub>) Obviously.

(K<sub>2</sub>) Let 
$$F(u, v, v, u, u+v, 0) = u - \frac{av(u+v)}{u+v} - bv \leq 0.$$

Then  $u \leq hv$ , where  $h = a + b < 1$ .

Similarly,  $F(u, v, u, v, 0, u+v) \leq 0$  implies  $u \leq hv$ .

Ex. 2. 
$$F(t_1, \dots, t_6) = t_1 - \frac{a[t_3^2 + t_4^2]}{t_3 + t_4} - bt_2 - ct_5 t_6 \leq 0, \text{ where } 0 < c + b < 1, a > 0 \text{ and } c \geq 0.$$

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(K<sub>1</sub>) Obviously.

(K<sub>2</sub>) Let 
$$F(u, v, v, u, u+v, 0) = u - \frac{a(u^2 + v^2)}{u+v} - bv \leq 0, \text{ which implies}$$

$$u^2(1-a) + uv(1-b) - (a+b)v^2 \leq 0.$$

If  $v = 0$ , then  $u = 0$ , a contradiction. Then  $f(t) = t^2(1-a) + t(1-b) - (a+b) \leq 0$ ,

where  $t = \frac{u}{v}$ ,  $f(0) < 0$  and  $f(1) = 2[1 - (a+b)] > 0$ . Let  $h \in (0, 1)$  be the root of the equation  $f(t) = 0$ , then  $f(t) < 0$  for  $t \leq h$  and thus  $u \leq hv$ .

Similarly,  $F(u, v, u, v, 0, u+v) \leq 0$  implies  $u \leq hv$ .

Ex. 3. 
$$F(t_1, \dots, t_6) = t_1 - \frac{ct_3 t_4 + bt_5 t_6}{t_3 + t_4}, \text{ where } 1 \leq c < 2.$$

(K<sub>1</sub>) Obviously.

(K<sub>2</sub>) Let  $u > 0$  and 
$$F(u, v, v, u, u+v, 0) = u - \frac{cuv}{u+v} \leq 0. \text{ Then } u^2 + uv - cuv$$

$\leq 0$  which implies  $u \leq hv$ , where  $0 \leq h = c - 1 < 1$ .

Similarly,  $F(u, v, u, v, 0, u+v) \leq 0$  implies  $u \leq hv$ .

If  $u = 0$  and  $v > 0$  then  $u \leq hv$ .

Ex. 4.  $F(t_1, \dots, t_6) = t_1^3 + t_1^2 + t_1 - \frac{(bt_5 + ct_6)^2}{t_3 + t_4}$  where  $1 \leq b < \frac{\sqrt{2}}{2}$ ,  $0 \leq c < \frac{\sqrt{2}}{2}$ .

(K<sub>1</sub>) Obviously.

(K<sub>2</sub>)  $F(u, v, v, u, u+v, 0) = u^3 + u^2 + u - \frac{b^2(u+v)^2}{u+v} \leq 0$  which implies

$u - b^2(u+v) \leq 0$ , hence  $u \leq h_1 v$ , where  $h_1 = \frac{b^2}{1-b^2} < 1$ .

Similarly,  $F(u, v, u, v, 0, u+v) \leq 0$  implies  $u \leq h_2 v$ , where  $h_2 = \frac{c^2}{1-c^2}$

$< 1$ . Then  $u \leq hv$ , where  $h = \max \{h_1, h_2\}$ .

Other examples are presented in [15].

S and T are said to be reciprocally continuous [11] if  $\lim TSx_n = Tt$  and  $\lim STx_n = St$  whenever  $\{x_n\}$  is a sequence in X such that  $\lim Sx_n = \lim Tx_n = t$  for some  $t \in X$ . If S and T are both continuous then they are obviously reciprocally continuous, but the converse is not true. There exists reciprocally continuous mappings S and T such that S and T are non-continuous [11]. The following theorem is proved in [15].

**Theorem 3** [15]. Let (S,I) and (T,J) a weakly compatible pair of self-mappings on a complete metric space (X,d) such that

(a)  $S(X) \subset J(X)$ ,  $T(X) \subset I(X)$ ;

(b)  $F(d(Sx, Ty), d(Ix, Jy), d(Ix, Sx), d(Jy, Ty), d(Ix, Ty), d(Jy, Sx)) \leq 0$  for all  $x, y \in X$  with  $d(Ix, Sx) + d(Jy, Ty) \neq 0$ , where  $F \in K_6$ , or

(b')  $d(Sx, Ty) = 0$  if  $d(Ix, Sx) + d(Jy, Ty) = 0$ ;

(c) (S,I) and (T,J) is a compatible pair of reciprocally continuous mappings.

Then S, T, I and J have a unique common fixed point.

In this paper, using a combination of methods used in [5], [14], [15] and [17] the results of Theorems 1 – 3 are improved by removing the assumptions of continuity and reciprocally continuity, relaxing compatibility and compatibility of type (A) to weakly compatibility and replacing the completeness of the space with a set of four alternative conditions for four mappings satisfying an implicit relation.

### 3. Main results

**Theorem 4.** Let S, T, I and J be self mappings of a metric space (X,d) such that

(a)  $S(X) \subset J(X)$  and  $T(X) \subset I(X)$ ;

(b) The pairs (S,I) and (T,J) are weakly compatible;

(c)  $F(d(Sx, Ty), d(Ix, Jy), d(Ix, Sx), d(Jy, Ty), d(Ix, Ty), d(Jy, Sx)) \leq 0$  for all  $x, y \in X$  with  $d(Ix, Sx) + d(Jy, Ty) \neq 0$ , where  $F \in K_6$ , or

(c')  $d(Sx, Ty) = 0$  if  $d(Ix, Sx) + d(Jy, Ty) = 0$ .

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If one of  $S(X)$ ,  $T(X)$ ,  $I(X)$  and  $J(X)$  is a complete subspace of  $X$ , then  $S$ ,  $T$ ,  $I$  and  $J$  have a common fixed point  $u$ . Further,  $u$  is the unique common fixed point of  $S$  and  $I$ , and  $T$  and  $J$ .

**Proof.** Let  $x_0$  be an arbitrary point in  $X$ . Then since (a) holds, we can inductively define the sequences  $\{x_n\}$  and  $\{y_n\}$  by

$$y_{2n} = Sx_{2n} = Jx_{2n+1}; \quad y_{2n+1} = Tx_{2n+1} = Ix_{2n+2} \text{ for } n = 0, 1, 2, \dots$$

(i). If

$$d(Ix_{2n}, Sx_{2n}) + d(Jx_{2n+1}, Tx_{2n+1}) \neq 0 \text{ and } d(Ix_{2n}, Sx_{2n}) + d(Jx_{2n-1}, Tx_{2n-1}) \neq 0$$

for  $n = 0, 1, 2, \dots$  as in the proof of [15, Theorem 3] it follows that  $\{y_n\}$  is a Cauchy sequence.

Now suppose that  $J(X)$  is a complete subspace of  $X$ , then the sequence  $y_{2n} = Jx_{2n+1} = Sx_{2n}$  is a Cauchy sequence in  $J(X)$  and hence has a limit  $u$ . Let  $v \in J^{-1}u$ , then  $Jv = u$ . Since  $\{y_{2n}\}$  is convergent and  $y_{2n+1} = Tx_{2n+1} = Ix_{2n+2}$  also converges to  $u$ . To prove that  $u = Tv$ , assume that  $d(u, Tv) > 0$ . Setting  $x = x_{2n}$  and  $y = v$  in (c) we have

$$F(d(Sx_{2n}, Tv), d(Ix_{2n}, Jv), d(Ix_{2n}, Sx_{2n}), d(Jv, Tv), d(Ix_{2n}, Tv), d(Jv, Sx_{2n})) \leq 0$$

and letting  $n$  tend to infinity we get

$$F(d(u, Tv), 0, 0, d(u, Tv), d(u, Tv), 0) \leq 0$$

which implies by  $(K_a)$  that  $d(u, Tv) = 0$ , a contradiction. Then  $u = Tv$ .

Since  $T(X) \subset I(X)$ ,  $u = Tv$  implies  $u \in I(X)$ . Let  $w \in I^{-1}u$ , then  $Iw = u$ . Now using the earlier arguments one can show that  $Sw = u$ . Therefore,  $u = Jv = Tv = Iw = Sw$ . If one assumes that  $I(X)$  is complete then analogous arguments establish the earlier conclusion. The remaining two cases are essentially the same as the previous cases. Indeed, if  $S(X)$  is complete then by (a)  $u \in S(X) \subset J(X)$ . Similarly, if  $T(X)$  is complete,  $u \in T(X) \subset I(X)$ .

By  $u = Jv = Tv$  and weak compatibility of  $(J, T)$  we have

$$Tu = TJv = JTv = Ju.$$

By  $u = Iw = Sw$  and weak compatibility of  $(I, S)$  we have

$$Su = SIw = ISw = Iu.$$

Then  $d(Iw, Sw) + d(Ju, Tu) = 0$  and by  $(c')$  we have  $d(Sw, Tu) = 0$ , i. e.  $d(u, Tu) = 0$ , which implies  $u = Tu$ . Similarly one can show that  $u = Su$ . Then

$$u = Tu = Ju = Su = Iu.$$

Let  $z$  be other fixed point of  $T$  and  $J$ . Then

$$d(Su, Iu) + d(Tz, Jz) = d(u, u) + d(z, z) = 0.$$

Therefore, by  $(c')$  we have  $d(Su, Tz) = d(u, z) = 0$ . Hence,  $u = z$ . Similarly,  $u$  is the unique fixed point of  $S$  and  $I$ .

(ii). If

$$d(Ix_{2n}, Sx_{2n}) + d(Jx_{2n+1}, Tx_{2n+1}) = 0$$

and

$$d(Ix_{2n}, Sx_{2n}) + d(Jx_{2n-1}, Tx_{2n-1}) = 0$$

for some  $n = 1, 2, \dots$  the proof is identical with the proof of case (ii) by [15, Theorem 3]

**Corollary 1.** Theorems 1 and 2.

**Proof.** It is follows from Theorem 4 and Ex. 1 .

**Corollary 2.** Theorem 3.

**Proof.** It is follows from Theorem 4.

If  $I = J = \text{id}$  there we obtain the following theorem.

**Theorem 5.** Let  $S$  and  $T$  self mappings of a complete metric space such that for all  $x, y$  in  $X$  either

$F(d(Sx, Ty), d(x, y), d(x, Sx), d(y, Ty), d(x, Ty), d(y, Sx)) \leq 0$   
 if  $d(x, Sx) + d(y, Ty) \neq 0$  or  $d(Sx, Ty) = 0$  otherwise. Then  $S$  and  $T$  have a unique common fixed point.

**Remark 2.** By Theorem 5 and Ex. 2 for  $b = c = 0$  we obtain Theorem 2 of [3]. By Theorem 5 and Ex. 3 we obtain Theorem 3 of [4] because the condition  $(K_2)$  is not necessary in the proof.

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