

A FIXED POINT THEOREM FOR THREE MAPPINGS

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Abstract: In this paper two fixed point theorems for three mappings have been proved.

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1. Introduction

A well known Banach contraction principle states that a contraction mappings on a complete metric space has a unique fixed point. Jaggi and Das [1] in 1980 gave an extension of Banach fixed point theorem through a rational expressions. This result was generalized by Murthy and Sharma [2] in 1991. In this paper, we prove two fixed point theorems for three self mappings.

2. Main Results

We establish the following theorems:

Theorem 1. Let E, F and T be the three self maps of a complete metric space (X, d) satisfying the following conditions:

- (a) (E, T) and (F, T) are commuting pairs.
- (b) $EX \subset TX, FX \subset TX$.
- (c) There exist integers $r, s > 0$ such that

$$d(E^r x, F^s y) \leq \frac{K \cdot d(Tx, E^r x) \cdot d(Ty, F^s y)}{d(Ty, F^s y) + d(Ty, E^r x)}$$

for every $x, y \in X$ and $0 < K < 1$.

Then E, F and T have a unique common fixed point in X , provided T is continuous.

Proof. Using (a) and (b)

$$E^r T = T E^r, \quad F^s T = T F^s \quad (1)$$

and

$$E^r X \subset EX \subset TX, \quad F^s X \subset FX \subset TX \quad (2)$$

Let x_0 be any arbitrary point in X . Since $E^r X \subset TX$. We can choose a point x_1 in X such that $Tx_1 = E^r x_0$. Also $F^s X \subset TX$. We can also choose a point x_2 in X such that $Tx_2 = F^s x_1$. In general $Tx_{2n+1} = E^r x_{2n+1}$, $Tx_{2n+2} = F^s x_{2n+1}$ for $n = 0, 1, 2, \dots$

$$\begin{aligned} d(Tx_{2n+1}, Tx_{2n+2}) &= d(E^r x_{2n}, F^s x_{2n+1}) \\ &\leq \frac{K.d(Tx_{2n}, E^r x_{2n}).d(Tx_{2n+1}, F^s x_{2n+1})}{d(Tx_{2n+1}, F^s x_{2n+1}) + d(Tx_{2n+1}, E^r x_{2n})} \\ &\leq \frac{K.d(Tx_{2n}, Tx_{2n+1}).d(Tx_{2n+1}, Tx_{2n+2})}{d(Tx_{2n+1}, Tx_{2n+2}) + d(Tx_{2n+1}, Tx_{2n+1})} \\ &\leq K.d(Tx_{2n}, Tx_{2n+1}) \end{aligned}$$

$$\Rightarrow d(Tx_{2n+1}, Tx_{2n+2}) \leq Kd(Tx_{2n}, Tx_{2n+1})$$

Similarly we can see $d(Tx_{2n}, Tx_{2n+1}) \leq Kd(Tx_{2n-1}, Tx_{2n})$

Proceeding in this way, we have $d(Tx_{2n+1}, Tx_{2n+2}) \leq K^{2n+1} d(Tx_0, Tx_1)$.

By routine calculation the following inequality holds for $q > 0$

$$\begin{aligned} d(Tx_n, Tx_{n+q}) &\leq \sum_{i=1}^q d(Tx_{n+i-1}, Tx_{n+i}) \\ d(Tx_n, Tx_{n+q}) &\leq K^{n+1} d(Tx_0, Tx_1) \rightarrow 0 \text{ as } n \rightarrow \infty \text{ (since } K < 1) \end{aligned}$$

Hence $\{Tx_n\}$ is a Cauchy sequence. By the completeness of X , $\{Tx_n\}$ converge to a point p in X . From (2) $\{E^r x_{2n}\}$ and $\{F^s x_{2n+1}\}$ are subsequences of $\{Tx_n\}$ also converge to the same point p in X .

$$\text{Now } E^r Tx_{2n} = T E^r x_{2n} \rightarrow Tp, \quad F^s Tx_{2n+1} = T F^s x_{2n+1} \rightarrow Tp, \quad TTx_n \rightarrow Tp \quad (3)$$

Now we prove $E^r p = Tp$ and $F^s p = Tp$ using (c), (1) and (3)

$$d(E^r p, Tp) = d(E^r p, T F^s x_{2n+1})$$

$$\begin{aligned}
&= d(E^r p, F^s T x_{2n+1}) \\
&\leq \frac{K d(Tp, E^r p) d(TT x_{2n+1}, F^s T x_{2n+1})}{d(TT x_{2n+1}, F^s x_{2n+1}) + d(T x_{2n+1}, E^r p)}
\end{aligned}$$

Since $TTx_{2n+1} \rightarrow Tp$ and $F^s T x_{2n+1} \rightarrow Tp$ by (3). Thus we get $E^r p = Tp$ as $n \rightarrow \infty$. Similarly we can see $F^s p = Tp$ as $n \rightarrow \infty$. Thus we get $E^r p = Tp = F^s p$.

Also

$$\begin{aligned}
d(Tp, p) &= d(T E^r x_{2n}, F^s x_{2n+1}) \\
&= d(E^r T x_{2n}, F^s x_{2n+1}) \\
&\leq \frac{d(TT x_{2n}, E^r T x_{2n}) d(T x_{2n+1}, F^s x_{2n+1})}{d(T x_{2n+1}, F^s x_{2n+1}) + d(T x_{2n+1}, E^r T x_{2n})}
\end{aligned}$$

Since $TTx_{2n} \rightarrow Tp$ and $E^r T x_{2n} \rightarrow Tp$ by (3). Thus we get $Tp = p$ as $n \rightarrow \infty$.

Now

$$E^r = Tp = F^s p = p \Rightarrow E^r p = p \Rightarrow E(E^r p) = Ep \quad (4)$$

Also

$$Tp = p \Rightarrow ETp = Ep \Rightarrow TEp = Ep \quad (5)$$

i.e. from (4) and (5) $E(E^r p) = Ep = T(Ep)$ i.e. $E^r(Ep) = Ep = T(Ep)$.

i.e. Ep is the common fixed point of E^r and T . Similarly Fp is the common fixed point of T and Fp . But p is unique common fixed point of E^r , F^s and T . Hence $Ep = Tp = p = Fp$, uniqueness of p is trivial.

Theorem 2. Let E, F and T be three self maps of a complete metric space (X, d) satisfying the following conditions:

- (a) $\{E, T\}$ and $\{F, T\}$ are commuting pairs
- (b) $EX \subset TX$, $FX \subset TX$.
- (c) There exist integers $r, s > 0$ such that

$$d(E^r x, F^s y) \leq K \frac{d(Tx, E^r x)(Ty, F^s y)}{d(Tx, F^s y) + d(Ty, E^r x) + d(Tx, Ty)}$$

for every $x, y \in X$ and $0 < K < 1$.

Then E, F and T have a unique common fixed point in X , provided T is continuous.

Proof. using (a) and (b)

$$E^r T = T E^r, \quad F^s T = T F^s \quad (6)$$

and

$$E^r X \subset EX \subset TX, \quad F^s X \subset FX \subset TX \quad (7)$$

Let x_0 be any arbitrary point in X . Since $E^r X \subset TX$. We can choose a point x_1 in X such that $Tx_1 = E^r x_0$. Also $F^s X \subset TX$, We can choose a point x_2 in X such that $Tx_2 = F^s x_1$. In general $Tx_{2n+1} = E^r x_{2n}$, $Tx_{2n+2} = F^s x_{2n+1}$, for $n = 0, 1, 2, \dots$

Now we consider

$$\begin{aligned} d(Tx_{2n+1}, Tx_{2n+2}) &= d(E^r x_{2n}, F^s x_{2n+1}) \\ &\leq \frac{K d(Tx_{2n}, E^r x_{2n}) d(Tx_{2n+1}, F^s x_{2n+1})}{d(Tx_{2n}, F^s x_{2n+1}) + d(Tx_{2n+1}, E^r x_{2n}) + d(x_{2n}, Tx_{2n+1})} \\ &\leq K d(Tx_{2n}, Tx_{2n+1}) \end{aligned}$$

$$\Rightarrow d(Tx_{2n+1}, Tx_{2n+2}) \leq K d(Tx_{2n}, Tx_{2n+1})$$

Similarly we can see $d(Tx_{2n}, Tx_{2n+1}) \leq K d(Tx_{2n-1}, Tx_{2n})$

Proceeding in this way, we have $d(Tx_{2n}, Tx_{2n+1}) \leq K^{2n+1} d(Tx_0, Tx_1)$

By routine calculation the following inequality holds for $p > 0$

$$\begin{aligned} d(Tx_n, Tx_{n+p}) &\leq \sum_{i=1}^p d(Tx_{n+i-1}, Tx_{n+i}) \\ \Rightarrow d(Tx_n, Tx_{n+p}) &\leq \frac{K^{n+i-1}}{1-K} d(Tx_0, Tx_1) \rightarrow 0 \text{ as } n \rightarrow \infty \text{ (since } K < 1) \end{aligned}$$

Hence $\{Tx_n\}$ is a Cauchy sequence. By the completeness of X , $\{Tx_n\}$ converges to a point u in X . From (7), $\{E^r x_{2n}\}$ and $\{F^s x_{2n+1}\}$ are subsequence of $\{Tx_n\}$, also converge to the same point u in X .

Now

$$\begin{aligned}
E^r T x_{2n} &= T E^r x_{2n} \rightarrow T u \\
F^s T x_{2n+1} &= T F^s x_{2n+1} \rightarrow T u \\
T T x_n &\rightarrow T u
\end{aligned} \tag{8}$$

Now we prove $E^r u = T u$ and $F^s u = T u$ using (7), (c) and (8)

$$\begin{aligned}
d(E^r u, T u) &= d(E^r u, T F^s x_{2n+1}) \\
&= d(E^r u, F^s T x_{2n+1}) \\
&\leq \frac{K d(T u, E^r u) d(T T x_{2n+1}, F^s T x_{2n+1})}{d(T u, F^s T x_{2n+1}) + d(T T x_{2n+1}, E^r u) + d(T u, T T x_{2n+1})}
\end{aligned}$$

Since $T T x_{2n+1} \rightarrow T u$, and $F^s T x_{2n+1} \rightarrow T u$ by (8). Thus we get $E^r u = T u$ as $n \rightarrow \infty$. Similarly we can see $F^s u = T u$ as $n \rightarrow \infty$. Thus we get $E^r u = T u = F^s u$.

Also

$$\begin{aligned}
d(T u, u) &= d(E^r x_{2n}, F^s x_{2n+1}) \\
&= d(E^r T x_{2n}, F^s x_{2n+1}) \\
&\leq \frac{K d(T T x_{2n}, E^r T x_{2n}) d(T x_{2n+1}, F^s x_{2n+1})}{d(T T x_{2n}, F^s x_{2n+1}) + d(T x_{n+1}, E^r T x_{2n}) + d(T T x_{2n}, T x_{2n+1})}
\end{aligned}$$

Since $T T x_{2n} \rightarrow T u$ and $E^r T x_{2n} \rightarrow T u$ by (3). Thus we get $T u = u$ as $n \rightarrow \infty$.

Now

$$E^r u = T u = F^s u = u \Rightarrow E^r u = u \Rightarrow E(E^r u) = E u \tag{9}$$

Also

$$T u = u \Rightarrow E T u = E u \Rightarrow T E u = E u \tag{10}$$

i.e. from (9) and (10) $E(E^r u) = E u = T(E u)$ i.e. $E^r(E u) = E u = T(E u)$.

i.e. $E u$ is the common fixed point of E^r and T . Similarly $F u$ is the common fixed point of T and F^s . But u is unique common fixed point of E^r , F^s and T . Hence $E u = T u = u = F u$. Uniqueness of u is trivial.

Corollary. Let E, F and T be three self maps of a complete metric space (X, d) such that T is continuous and E, F, T satisfy the conditions

(a) $\{E, T\}$ and $\{F, T\}$ are commuting pairs.

(b) $EX \subset TX, FX \subset TX$.

(c) There exist integers $r, s > 0$ such that

$$d(E^r x, F^s y) \leq K \frac{d(Tx, E^r x)(Ty, F^s y)}{d(Tx, F^s y) + d(Tx, Ty)}$$

for every $x, y \in X$ and $0 < K < 1$. Then E, F and T have a unique common fixed point in X .

Proof. Proof is obvious.

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