A UNIQUE COMMON FIXED POINT THEOREM FOR FOUR MAPS UNDER $\psi - \phi$ CONTRACTIVE CONDITION IN PARTIAL METRIC SPACES

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Abstract. In this paper, we obtain a unique common fixed point theorem for four self maps satisfying $\psi - \phi$ contractive condition in partial metric spaces. Our result generalizes and improves a theorem of Altun et. al. in partial metric spaces.

1. Introduction

The notion of partial metric space was introduced by S.G.Matthews [1] as a part of the study of denotational semantics of data flow networks. In fact, it is widely recognized that partial metric spaces play an important role in constructing models in the theory of computation ([2 - 9], etc).


In this paper, we obtain a unique common fixed point theorem for four self mappings satisfying a generalized $\psi - \phi$ contractive condition in partial metric spaces. Our result generalizes and improves a theorem of Altun et. al. [12] and some known theorems in partial metric spaces.

First we recall some definitions and lemmas of partial metric spaces.

2. Basic Facts and Definitions

Definition 2.1. [1]. A partial metric on a nonempty set $X$ is a function $p : X \times X \to R^+$ such that for all $x, y, z \in X$:

$\begin{align*}
(p_1) & \quad x = y \iff p(x, x) = p(x, y) = p(y, y), \\
(p_2) & \quad p(x, x) \leq p(x, y), p(y, y) \leq p(x, y), \\
(p_3) & \quad p(x, y) = p(y, x), \\
(p_4) & \quad p(x, y) \leq p(x, z) + p(z, y) - p(z, z).
\end{align*}$

$(X, p)$ is called a partial metric space.

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It is clear that \(|p(x, y) - p(y, z)| \leq p(x, z)\) \(\forall x, y, z \in X\).

Also clear that \(p(x, y) = 0\) implies \(x = y\) from \((p_1)\) and \((p_2)\).

But if \(x = y\), \(p(x, y)\) may not be zero. A basic example of a partial metric space is the pair \((R^+, p)\), where \(p(x, y) = \max\{x, y\}\) for all \(x, y \in R^+\).

Each partial metric \(p\) on \(X\) generates \(\tau\) topology \(\tau_p\) on \(X\) which has a base the family of open \(p\) - balls \(\{B_p(x, \epsilon) / x \in X, \epsilon > 0\}\) for all \(x \in X\) and \(\epsilon > 0\), where \(B_p(x, \epsilon) = \{y \in X / p(x, y) < p(x, x) + \epsilon\}\) for all \(x \in X\) and \(\epsilon > 0\).

If \(p\) is a partial metric metric on \(X\), then the function \(p^* : X \times X \to R^+\) given by \(p^*(x, y) = 2p(x, y) - p(x, x) - p(y, y)\) is a metric on \(X\).

**Definition 2.2.** [1]. Let \((X, p)\) be a partial metric space.

(i) A sequence \(\{x_n\}\) in \((X, p)\) is said to converge to a point \(x \in X\) if and only if \(p(x, x) = \lim_{n \to \infty} p(x, x_n)\).

(ii) A sequence \(\{x_n\}\) in \((X, p)\) is said to be Cauchy sequence if \(\lim_{n, m \to \infty} p(x_n, x_m)\) exists and is finite .

(iii) \((X, p)\) is said to be complete if every Cauchy sequence \(\{x_n\}\) in \((X, p)\) converges, w.r.to \(\tau_p\), to a point \(x \in X\) such that \(p(x, x) = \lim_{n, m \to \infty} p(x_n, x_m)\).

**Lemma 2.3.** [1]. Let \((X, p)\) be a partial metric space.

(a) \(\{x_n\}\) is a Cauchy sequence in \((X, p)\) if and only if it is a Cauchy sequence in the metric space \((X, p^*)\).

(b) \((X, p)\) is complete if and only if the metric space \((X, p^*)\) is complete. Furthermore, \(\lim_{n \to \infty} p^*(x_n, x) = 0\) if and only if \(p(x, x) = \lim_{n \to \infty} p(x_n, x) = \lim_{n, m \to \infty} p(x_n, x_m)\).

**Note 2.4.** If \(\{x_n\}\) converges to \(x\) in \((X, p)\), then \(\lim_{n \to \infty} p(x_n, y) \leq p(x, y) \forall y \in X\).

**Proof.** Since \(\{x_n\}\) converges to \(x\) we have \(p(x_n, x) = \lim_{n \to \infty} p(x_n, x)\).

Now \(p(x_n, y) \leq p(x_n, x) + p(x, y) - p(x, x)\)

Letting \(n \to \infty\),

\(\lim_{n \to \infty} p(x_n, y) \leq \lim_{n \to \infty} p(x_n, x) + p(x, y) - p(x, x)\).

Thus \(\lim_{n \to \infty} p(x_n, y) \leq p(x, y)\).

\(\square\)

3. **Main Result**

**Theorem 3.1.** Let \((X, p)\) be a partial metric space and let \(S, T, f, g : X \to X\) be such that

\[\psi(p(Sx, Ty)) \leq \psi(M(x, y)) - \phi(M(x, y)) , \forall x, y \in X,\] \hspace{1cm} (3.1)

where \(\psi : [0, \infty) \to [0, \infty)\) is continuous , non-decreasing and \(\phi : [0, \infty) \to [0, \infty)\) is lower semi continuous with \(\phi(t) > 0\) for \(t > 0\) and

\(M(x, y) = \max\{p(fx, gy), p(fx, Sx), p(gy, Ty), \frac{1}{2}[p(fx, Ty) + p(gy, Sx)]\}\)

\[S(X) \subseteq g(X), T(X) \subseteq f(X)\] \hspace{1cm} (3.2)

for each \(f(X)\) or \(g(X)\) is a complete subspace of \(X\)

\[\text{either } f(X) \text{ or } g(X) \text{ is a complete subspace of } X\] \hspace{1cm} (3.3)

and

the pairs \((f, S)\) and \((g, T)\) are weakly compatible. \hspace{1cm} (3.4)

Then \(S, T, f\) and \(g\) have a unique common fixed point in \(X\).
Proof. Let \( x_0 \in X \). From (3.2), there exist sequences \( \{ x_n \} \) and \( \{ y_n \} \) in \( X \) such that \( y_{2n} = S x_{2n} = g x_{2n+1}, y_{2n+1} = T x_{2n+1} = f x_{2n+2}, n = 0, 1, 2, \ldots \).

Case(i): Suppose \( y_{2m} = y_{2m+1} \) for some \( m \).

Assume that \( y_{2m+1} \neq y_{2m+2} \).

Then

\[
M(x_{2m+2}, x_{2m+1}) = \max \left\{ p(y_{2m+1}, y_{2m}), p(y_{2m+1}, y_{2m+2}), \frac{1}{2} [p(y_{2m+1}, y_{2m+1}) + p(y_{2m+2}, y_{2m+2})] \right\}
\]

But

\[
p(y_{2m+1}, y_{2m}) = p(y_{2m+1}, y_{2m+1}) \leq p(y_{2m+1}, y_{2m+2}) \quad \text{from (p2)}
\]

and

\[
\frac{1}{2} [p(y_{2m+1}, y_{2m+1}) + p(y_{2m+2}, y_{2m+2})] \leq \frac{1}{2} [p(y_{2m+1}, y_{2m+1}) + p(y_{2m+1}, y_{2m+2})] \quad \text{from (p4)}
\]

\[
\leq \frac{1}{2} [p(y_{2m+1}, y_{2m+2}) + p(y_{2m+1}, y_{2m+2})] = p(y_{2m+1}, y_{2m+2}).
\]

Hence

\[
M(x_{2m+2}, x_{2m+1}) = p(y_{2m+1}, y_{2m+2}).
\]

From (3.1),

\[
\psi(p(y_{2n+2}, y_{2n+1})) = \psi(p(S x_{2n+2}, T x_{2n+1})) \\
\leq \psi(M(x_{2n+2}, x_{2n+1})) - \phi(M(x_{2n+2}, x_{2n+1})) \\
= \psi(p(y_{2n+1}, y_{2n+2})) - \phi(p(y_{2n+1}, y_{2n+2})) \\
< \psi(p(y_{2n+1}, y_{2n+1})) \quad \text{since } \phi(t) > 0 \text{ if } t > 0.
\]

It is a contradiction. Hence \( y_{2m+2} = y_{2m+1} \).

Continuing in this way, we can conclude that \( y_n = y_{n+k} \) for all \( k > 0 \). Thus \( \{ y_n \} \) is a Cauchy sequence.

Case(ii) Assume that \( y_n \neq y_{n+1} \) for all \( n \).

Denote \( p_n = p(y_n, y_{n+1}) \).

\[
\psi(p_{2n}) = \psi(p(y_{2n}, y_{2n+1})) \\
= \psi(p(S x_{2n}, T x_{2n+1})) \\
\leq \psi(M(x_{2n}, x_{2n+1})) - \phi(M(x_{2n}, x_{2n+1})) \\
= \max \left\{ \frac{1}{2} [p(y_{2n-1}, y_{2n+1}) + p(y_{2n}, y_{2n+1})] \right\} \quad \text{from (p4)}
\]

Hence \( \psi(p_{2n}) \leq \psi(\max \{ p_{2n-1}, p_{2n} \}) - \phi(\max \{ p_{2n-1}, p_{2n} \}) \).

If \( p_{2n} \) is maximum then \( \psi(p_{2n}) \leq \psi(p_{2n}) - \phi(p_{2n}) < \psi(p_{2n}) \).

Hence

\[
\psi(p_{2n}) \leq \psi(p_{2n-1}) - \phi(p_{2n}) < \psi(p_{2n-1}) \quad \text{(3.5)}
\]

Since \( \psi \) is increasing we have \( p_{2n} < p_{2n-1} \).

Similarly, we can show that \( p_{2n-1} < p_{2n-2} \).

Thus \( p_n < p_{n-1}, \ n = 1, 2, 3, \ldots \).

Thus \( \{ p_n \} \) is a non-increasing sequence of non-negative real numbers and must converge to a real number, say, \( l \geq 0 \).

Letting \( n \to \infty \) in (3.5), we get

\[
\psi(l) \leq \psi(l) - \phi(l) \quad \text{so that } \phi(l) \leq 0.
\]

Hence \( l = 0 \).

Thus

\[
\lim_{n \to \infty} p(y_n, y_{n+1}) = 0 \quad \text{(3.6)}
\]

Hence from (p2),

\[
\lim_{n \to \infty} p(y_n, y_n) = 0 \quad \text{(3.7)}
\]
From (3.6) and (3.7), we have

$$\lim_{n \to \infty} p^s(y_n, y_{n+1}) = 0 \quad (3.8)$$

Now we prove that \( \{y_{2n}\} \) is a Cauchy sequence in \((X, p^s)\). On contrary suppose that \( \{y_{2n}\} \) is not Cauchy.

There exists an \( \epsilon > 0 \) and monotone increasing sequences of natural numbers \( \{2m_k\} \) and \( \{2n_k\} \) such that \( n_k > m_k \),

$$p^s(y_{2m_k}, y_{2n_k}) \geq \epsilon \quad (3.9)$$

and

$$p^s(y_{2m_k}, y_{2n_k-2}) < \epsilon \quad (3.10)$$

From (3.9),

$$\epsilon \leq p^s(y_{2m_k}, y_{2n_k})$$

$$\leq p^s(y_{2m_k}, y_{2n_k-2}) + p^s(y_{2n_k-2}, y_{2n_k-1}) + p^s(y_{2n_k-1}, y_{2n_k})$$

$$< \epsilon + p^s(y_{2n_k-2}, y_{2n_k-1}) + p^s(y_{2n_k-1}, y_{2n_k}) \text{ from (3.10)}$$

Letting \( k \to \infty \) and using (3.8), we have

$$\lim_{k \to \infty} p^s(y_{2m_k}, y_{2n_k}) = \epsilon. \quad (3.11)$$

Hence from definition of \( p^s \) and from (3.7), we have

$$\lim_{k \to \infty} p(y_{2m_k}, y_{2n_k}) = \frac{\epsilon}{2}. \quad (3.12)$$

Letting \( k \to \infty \) and using (3.11) and (3.8) in

$$|p^s(y_{2n_k+1}, y_{2m_k}) - p^s(y_{2m_k}, y_{2n_k})| \leq p^s(y_{2n_k+1}, y_{2n_k})$$

we get

$$\lim_{k \to \infty} p^s(y_{2n_k+1}, y_{2m_k}) = \epsilon. \quad (3.13)$$

Hence we have

$$\lim_{k \to \infty} p(y_{2n_k+1}, y_{2m_k}) = \frac{\epsilon}{2}. \quad (3.14)$$

Letting \( k \to \infty \) and using (3.11) and (3.8) in

$$|p^s(y_{2n_k}, y_{2m_k-1}) - p^s(y_{2m_k}, y_{2n_k})| \leq p^s(y_{2m_k-1}, y_{2m_k})$$

we get

$$\lim_{k \to \infty} p^s(y_{2n_k}, y_{2m_k-1}) = \epsilon. \quad (3.15)$$

Hence we have

$$\lim_{k \to \infty} p(y_{2n_k}, y_{2m_k-1}) = \frac{\epsilon}{2}. \quad (3.16)$$

Letting \( k \to \infty \) and using (3.15) and (3.8) in

$$|p^s(y_{2m_k-1}, y_{2n_k+1}) - p^s(y_{2m_k-1}, y_{2m_k})| \leq p^s(y_{2m_k+1}, y_{2n_k})$$

we get

$$\lim_{k \to \infty} p^s(y_{2m_k-1}, y_{2n_k+1}) = \epsilon. \quad (3.17)$$

Hence we have

$$\lim_{k \to \infty} p(y_{2m_k-1}, y_{2n_k+1}) = \frac{\epsilon}{2}. \quad (3.18)$$
Since \( \{y_k\} \subseteq X \) is Cauchy, it follows that \( \{y_{kn}\} \) converges in \( (f(X), p^*) \).
Thus \( \lim_{n \to \infty} p^*(y_{kn}, v) = 0 \) for some \( v \in f(X) \).

There exists \( t \in X \) such that \( v = f(t) \).
Since \( \{y_n\} \) is Cauchy in \( X \) and \( \{y_{2n}\} \to v \), it follows that \( \{y_{2n}\} \to v \).

From Lemma 2.3(b), we have
\[
\psi(p(v, v)) = \lim_{n \to \infty} p(y_{2n+1}, v) = \lim_{n \to \infty} p(y_{2n}, v) = \lim_{n, m \to \infty} p(y_n, y_m).
\]  \hfill (3.20)

From (3.19) and (3.20), we have
\[
p(v, v) = \lim_{n \to \infty} p(y_{2n+1}, v) = \lim_{n \to \infty} p(y_{2n}, v) = 0.
\]  \hfill (3.21)

We now prove that \( \lim_{n \to \infty} p(St, y_{2n}) = p(St, v) \).

Let \( St \neq v \).
\[
p(St, v) \leq p(St, Tx_{2n+1}) + p(Tx_{2n+1}, v) - p(Tx_{2n+1}, Tx_{2n+1}) \leq p(St, Ty_{2n+1}) + p(y_{2n+1}, v)
\]
\[
\psi(p(St, v)) \leq \psi(p(St, Ty_{2n+1} + p(y_{2n+1}, v))
\]

Letting \( n \to \infty \), we have
\[
\psi(p(St, v)) \leq \lim_{n \to \infty} [\psi(M(t, x_{2n+1})) - \phi(M(t, x_{2n+1}))].
\]
Letting $n$ Since the pair $(f, S)$

Hence $Tw$

Hence $St = v$. Thus $St = v = f v$. Since the pair $(f, S)$ is weakly compatible, we have $f v = S v$.

Suppose $S v \neq v$

As in above, using the metric $p^*$ and (3.7), (3.21), we can show that $p(S v, v) = \lim_{n \to \infty} p(S v, y_{2n})$.

Thus $\psi(p(S v, v)) \leq \phi(p(S v, v)) < \psi(p(S v, v))$.

Hence $S v = v$. Thus $S v = v = f v$.

From (3.22) and (3.23), we can show that $\psi(p(v, T v)) = \psi(\max \left\{ p(v, T v), p(v, v), \frac{1}{2}[p(v, T v) + p(T v, v)] \right\})$

Thus $\psi(p(S v, v)) \leq \phi(p(S v, v)) < \psi(p(S v, v))$.

Hence $S v = v$. Thus $S v = v$.

Since $S(X) \subseteq g(X)$, there exists $w \in X$ such that $v = S v = g w$.

Suppose $v \neq T w$.

Thus $g v = T w = v$.

Since $(g, T)$ is weakly compatible, we have $g v = T v$.

Suppose $T v \neq v$.

Thus $g v = T v = v$.

From (3.22) and (3.23), $v$ is a common fixed point of $f, g, S$ and $T$.

Let $z$ be another common fixed point of $f, g, S$ and $T$.

Suppose $v \neq z$.  

$$g v = T v = v.$$  

(3.23)
\[\psi(p(v, z)) = \psi(p(Sv, Tz)) \leq \psi \left( \max \left\{ p(v, z), p(v, v), p(z, z), \frac{1}{2} [p(v, z) + p(z, v)] \right\} \right) - \phi \left( \max \left\{ p(v, z), p(v, v), p(z, z), \frac{1}{2} [p(v, z) + p(z, v)] \right\} \right)
\]
\[= \psi(p(v, z)) - \phi(p(v, z)) \text{ from (p2)} \]
\[< \psi(p(v, z))\]
Hence \(v = z\). Thus \(v\) is the unique common fixed point of \(f, g, S\) and \(T\). \(\square\)

The following two simple examples illustrate our Theorem 3.1.

**Example 3.2.** Let \(X = [0, 1]\) and \(p(x, y) = \max\{x, y\}\) for all \(x, y \in X\). Let \(f, g, S, T : X \to X\), \(f(x) = \frac{x}{2}\), \(g(x) = \frac{x}{3}\), \(S(x) = \frac{x}{4}\) and \(T(x) = \frac{x}{5}\), \(\psi : [0, \infty) \to [0, \infty)\) by \(\psi(t) = t\) and \(\phi : [0, \infty) \to [0, \infty)\) by \(\phi(t) = \frac{t}{2}\). Then all conditions (3.1), (3.2), (3.3) and (3.4) are satisfied and \(0\) is unique common fixed point of \(f, g, S\) and \(T\).

**Example 3.3.** Let \(X = [0, 1]\) and \(p(x, y) = \max\{x, y\}\) for all \(x, y \in X\). Let \(f, g, S, T : X \to X\), \(f(x) = \frac{x}{x+1}\), \(g(x) = \frac{x}{x+2}\), \(S(x) = \frac{x^2}{x+2}\) and \(T(x) = \frac{x^2}{x+4}\), \(\psi : [0, \infty) \to [0, \infty)\) by \(\psi(t) = t\) and \(\phi : [0, \infty) \to [0, \infty)\) by \(\phi(t) = \frac{t}{2}\). Then all conditions (3.2), (3.3) and (3.4) are satisfied and
\[p(Sx, Ty) = \max\{\frac{x^2}{x+2}, \frac{y^2}{y+4}\} \leq \frac{1}{2} \max\{\frac{x}{x+1}, \frac{y}{y+2}\} = \frac{1}{2} p(fx, gy) \leq \frac{1}{2} \max\{p(fx, gy), p(fx, Sx), p(gy, Ty), \frac{1}{2} [p(fx, Ty) + p(gy, Sx)]\} \]
Clearly 0 is unique common fixed point of \(f, g, S\) and \(T\).

**Corollary 3.4.** Theorem 3.1 holds with the condition (3.1) is replaced by
\[p(Sx, Ty) \leq \varphi \left( \max \left\{ p(fx, gy), p(fx, Sx), p(gy, Ty), \frac{1}{2} [p(fx, Ty) + p(gy, Sx)] \right\} \right) \quad (3.24)\]
\(\forall x, y \in X\), where \(\varphi : [0, \infty) \to [0, \infty)\) is continuous and \(\varphi(t) < t\) for \(t > 0\).

**Proof.** Define \(\psi(t) = t\) and \(\phi(t) = t - \varphi(t) \forall t \geq 0\). Then the condition(3.24) implies the condition (3.1). \(\square\)

**Corollary 3.5.** Let \((X, p)\) be a complete partial metric space and \(F : X \to X\) be a map such that
\[p(Fx, Fy) \leq \varphi \left( \max \left\{ p(x, y), p(x, Fx), p(y, Fy), \frac{1}{2} [p(x, Fy) + p(y, Fx)] \right\} \right) \]
\(\forall x, y \in X\), where \(\varphi : [0, \infty) \to [0, \infty)\) is continuous and \(\varphi(t) < t\) for \(t > 0\). Then \(F\) has a unique fixed point in \(X\).

**Remark.** Altun, Sola, Simsek [12] proved the corollary 3.5. with an additional condition on \(\varphi\), namely, \(\varphi\) is non-decreasing.

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