

**COMMON FIXED POINT THEOREMS FOR MULTI-VALUED  
A\*-MAPPINGS ON A 2-METRIC SPACE**

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**Abstract:** In this paper, we extended the idea of  $A^*$ -mappings from metric spaces to 2-metric space. Further, we proved some fixed point theorems for multi-valued  $A^*$ -mappings in complete 2-metric space setup. These results extend and improve several results for multi-valued mappings of complete metric spaces to multi-valued mappings of complete 2-metric space.

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### 1. Introduction

The concept of 2-metric spaces has been initiated by S. Gahler [9] and these spaces has subsequently been studied many authors like K. Iseki [5], B.E. Rhoades [7], Saha and Dey [10], investigating the existence of fixed point common fixed point for various contractive mappings in 2-metric space. In [1], M. Akram, A.A. Zafar and A.A. Siddiqui introduced a general class of contraction called  $A$ -Contraction. In [1], it is proved that the class of  $A$ -Contraction is a proper super class of Kannan's Contractions including several other famous contractions like Bianchini's [4] and Reich's [8] contractions. In [2] M. Akram and A.A. Siddiqui proved a fixed point theorem for single valued maps on generalized complete metric spaces. Saha and

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Dey in [11], proved some fixed point theorems for the class of  $A$ -contractions on 2-metric space. In [3], M. Akram, A. A. Siddiqui, and A. A. Zafar introduced general multi-valued  $A^*$ -maps and proved some fixed point theorems for these maps. In this paper, we extended the idea of  $A^*$ -mappings from metric space to 2-metric space and proved some fixed point theorems for multi-valued mappings on complete 2-metric spaces. Let  $R_+$  denote the set of all non-negative real numbers and  $A^*$  stands for the set of all functions  $\alpha : R_+^3 \rightarrow R_+$  satisfying

1.  $\alpha$  is continuous on the  $R_+^3$  of all triplets of non-negative reals (with respect to the Euclidean metric on  $R^3$ );
2.  $\alpha$  is non-decreasing in each coordinate variables;
3.  $a \leq kb$  for some  $k \in [0, 1)$ , whenever  $a \leq \alpha(a, b, b)$  or  $a \leq \alpha(b, a, b)$  or  $a \leq \alpha(b, b, a)$  for all  $a, b$ .

**Definition 1.** Let  $X$  be a non-empty set. A real valued function  $d$  on  $X \times X \times X$  is said to be a 2-metric on  $X$  if

1. given distinct element  $x, y$  of  $X$ , there exists an element  $z$  of  $X$  such that  $d(x, y, z) \neq 0$
2.  $d(x, y, z) = 0$  when at least two of  $x, y, z$  are equal.
3.  $d(x, y, z) = d(x, z, y) = d(y, z, x)$  for all  $x, y, z$  in  $X$  and
4.  $d(x, y, z) \leq d(x, y, w) + d(x, w, z) + d(w, y, z)$  for all  $x, y, z, w$  in  $X$ .

When  $d$  is a 2-metric on  $X$ . Then the ordered pair  $(X, d)$  is called a 2-metric space.

**Definition 2.** A sequence  $\{x_n\}$  in  $X$  is said to be a Cauchy sequence if for each  $a \in X$   $\lim d(x_n, x_m, a) = 0$  as  $m, n \rightarrow \infty$ .

**Definition 3.** A sequence  $\{x_n\}$  in  $X$  is convergent to an element  $x \in X$  if for each  $a \in X$   $\lim d(x_n, x, a) = 0$ .

**Definition 4.** A complete 2-metric space is one in which every Cauchy sequence in  $X$  converges to an element of  $X$ .

**Definition 5.** A self map  $T$  on a 2-metric space  $X$  is said to be  $A$ -Contraction if for each  $u \in X$  it satisfies the following condition

$$\delta(Tx, Ty, u) \leq \alpha(\delta(x, y, u), \delta(x, Tx, u), \delta(y, Ty, u)) \quad (1)$$

for all  $x, y \in X$  and for some  $\alpha \in A$ .

Through out the sequel,  $CB(X)$  would denote the set of all closed and bounded subsets of  $X$ , where  $X$  denote a complete 2-metric space. For the sets  $A$  and  $B$  in a 2-metric space  $X$ , we use the symbols,

$$\delta(A, B, u) = \sup\{d(a, b, u) : a \in A, b \in B, \forall u \in X\} \quad (2)$$

and

$$D(A, B, u) = \inf\{d(a, b, u) : a \in A, b \in B, \forall u \in X\} \quad (3)$$

A point  $z \in X$  is said to be a fixed point of a multi-valued map  $T : X \rightarrow 2^X$  if  $z \in T(z)$ .

## 2. Main Results

**Theorem 6.** *If  $S, T : X \rightarrow CB(X)$  are mappings of complete 2-metric space  $(X, d)$  such that for every  $u \in X$*

$$\delta(Sx, Ty, u) \leq \alpha(\delta(Sx, x, u), \delta(Ty, y, u), \delta(x, y, u)) \quad (4)$$

for all  $x, y \in X$ . Then  $S$  and  $T$  have a common fixed point.

*Proof.* Let  $x_0 \in X$ , choose a point  $x_{2n-1} \in X_{2n-1} = Sx_{2n-2}$  and  $x_{2n} \in X_{2n} = Tx_{2n-1}$  for  $n = 1, 2, 3, \dots$ . Then for any  $n \in N$

$$\begin{aligned} \delta(X_{2n+1}, X_{2n+2}, u) &= \delta(Sx_{2n}, Tx_{2n+1}, u) \\ &\leq \alpha(\delta(Sx_{2n}, x_{2n}, u), \delta(Tx_{2n+1}, x_{2n+1}, u), \delta(x_{2n}, x_{2n+1}, u)) \\ &\leq \alpha(\delta(X_{2n+1}, X_{2n}, u), \delta(X_{2n+2}, X_{2n+1}, u), \delta(X_{2n}, X_{2n+1}, u)) \end{aligned}$$

Now using the definition of  $\alpha$ , there exists some  $k \in [0, 1)$ , such that, we get

$$\delta(X_{2n+1}, X_{2n+2}, u) \leq k\delta(X_{2n}, X_{2n+1}, u).$$

Continuing in a similar way, we get

$$\delta(X_{2n+1}, X_{2n+2}, u) \leq k^{2n+1}\delta(X_0, X_1, u), \text{ for all } n \in N.$$

Which infact gives that

$$d(x_n, x_{n+1}, u) \leq \delta(X_n, X_{n+1}, u) \leq k^n\delta(X_0, X_1, u), \text{ for all } n \in N.$$

Thus for any  $m, n \in N$  with  $m < n$ , we see that

$$d(x_m, x_n, u) \leq \sum_{i=m}^{n-1} d(x_i, x_{i+1}, u) \leq \delta(X_0, X_1, u) \sum_{i=m}^{n-1} k^i \rightarrow 0$$

as  $m, n \rightarrow \infty$ . Therefore,  $\{x_n\}$  be a Cauchy sequence in  $X$ . Since  $X$  is a complete 2-metric space. So,  $x_n \rightarrow z \in X$ . Consider,

$$\begin{aligned} \delta(x_{2n+1}, Tz, u) &\leq \delta(X_{2n+1}, Tz, u) \\ &= \delta(Sx_{2n}, Tz, u) \\ &\leq \alpha(\delta(Sx_{2n}, x_{2n}, u), \delta(Tz, z, u), \delta(x_{2n}, z, u)) \\ &\leq \alpha(\delta(X_{2n+1}, X_{2n}, u), \delta(Tz, z, u), \delta(x_{2n}, z, u)) \\ &\leq \alpha(k^{2n} \delta(X_0, X_1, u), \delta(Tz, z, u), \delta(x_{2n}, z, u)) \end{aligned}$$

Taking limit as  $n \rightarrow \infty$ , we get

$$\begin{aligned} \delta(z, Tz, u) &\leq \alpha(0, \delta(Tz, z, u), \delta(z, z, u)) \\ &= \alpha(0, \delta(Tz, z, u), 0) \\ &\leq \alpha(0, \delta(z, Tz, u), 0) \\ &\leq k(0) = 0. \end{aligned}$$

with  $k \in [0, 1)$ . Which finally gives,  $\delta(z, Tz, u) = 0$ . But, we know that  $D(z, Tz, u) \leq \delta(z, Tz, u) = 0$ . It means that  $D(z, Tz, u) = 0$ . This implies  $z \in \overline{Tz}$ . But  $\overline{Tz} = Tz$  as  $Tz \in CB(X)$ . Therefore,  $z \in Tz$ . Similarly, one can show that  $z \in Sz$ . Thus  $z$  is a common fixed point of  $S$  and  $T$ .  $\square$

**Corollary 7.** *If  $S, T : X \rightarrow CB(X)$  are mappings such that for each  $u \in X$ ,*

$$d(Sx, Ty, u) \leq h(\delta(x, Sx, u) + \delta(y, Ty, u)),$$

for all  $x, y \in X$  and  $0 < h < 1/2$ . Then  $S$  and  $T$  have common fixed point.

*Proof.* By defining  $\alpha : R_+^3 \rightarrow R_+$  by  $\alpha(u, v, w) = h(u + v)$ , where  $0 < h < 1/2$ . One can easily see that  $\alpha \in A^*$ . So, by taking  $u = \delta(Sx, x, u)$ ,  $v = \delta(Tx, x, u)$  and  $w = \delta(x, y, u)$ , we have  $\delta(Sx, Ty, u) \leq h(\delta(x, Sx, u) + \delta(y, Ty, u)) = h(u + v) = \alpha(u, v, w)$  because  $\delta(Sx, Ty, u) \leq \alpha(\delta(x, Sx, u), \delta(y, Ty, u), \delta(x, y, u))$ . Hence by Theorem 6, We have the conclusion.  $\square$

**Corollary 8.** *If  $S, T : X \rightarrow CB(X)$  are mappings such that for each  $u \in X$*

$$\delta(Sx, Ty, u) \leq h(\delta(x, Sx, u)\delta(y, Ty, u))^{1/2},$$

for all  $x, y \in X$  and  $0 < h < 1$ . Then  $S$  and  $T$  have common fixed point.

*Proof.* If we define  $\alpha : R_+^3 \rightarrow R_+$  by  $\alpha(u, v, w) = h(uv)^{1/2}$  where where  $0 < h < 1$ . One can easily see that  $\alpha \in A^*$ . Now taking  $u = \delta(x, Sx, u)$ ,  $v = \delta(y, Ty, u)$  and  $w = \delta(x, y, u)$ , we have

$$\alpha(\delta(x, Sx, u), \delta(y, Ty, u), \delta(x, y, u)) = h(\delta(x, Sx, u) \delta(y, Ty, u))^{1/2}.$$

Using the equation given above, we have

$$\begin{aligned}\delta(Sx, Ty, u) &\leq h(\delta(x, Sx, u), \delta(y, Ty, u))^{1/2} \\ &= \alpha(\delta(x, Sx, u), \delta(y, Ty, u), \delta(x, y, u)) \\ \delta(Sx, Ty, u) &\leq \alpha(\delta(x, Sx, u), \delta(y, Ty, u), \delta(x, y, u)).\end{aligned}$$

Hence by Theorem 6, we get the conclusion.  $\square$

**Theorem 9.** If  $T : X \rightarrow CB(X)$  be a mapping of complete 2-metric space  $(X, d)$  such that for every  $u \in X$

$$\delta(Tx, Ty, u) \leq \alpha(\delta(Tx, x, u), \delta(Ty, y, u), \delta(x, y, u)) \quad (5)$$

for all  $x, y \in X$ . Then  $T$  has a fixed point.

*Proof.* If we take  $S = T$  in Theorem 6. We have required result.  $\square$

**Theorem 10.** Let  $f : X \rightarrow X$  and  $S, T : X \rightarrow CB(X)$  be mappings such that

- $f, S$  and  $T$  are continuous.
- $Sx \subseteq f(X)$  and  $Tx \subseteq f(X)$ .
- $f$  weakly commutes with  $S$  and  $T$ .
- for every  $u \in X$

$$\delta(Sx, Ty, u) \leq \alpha(\delta(Sx, x, u), \delta(Ty, y, u), \delta(x, y, u))$$

for all  $x, y \in X$ . Then  $f, S$  and  $T$  have a common fixed point.

*Proof.* Let  $x_0 \in X$ , we may define a sequence  $x_n \in X$  as  $x_{2n-1} = fx_{2n-2} \in X_{2n-1} = Sx_{2n-2}$  and  $x_{2n} = fx_{2n-1} \in X_{2n} = Tx_{2n-1}$ , where  $n = 1, 2, 3, \dots$

$$d(fx_{2n}, fx_{2n+1}, u) \leq \delta(X_{2n+1}, X_{2n+2}, u) = \delta(Sx_{2n}, Tx_{2n+1}, u),$$

by using this

$$\begin{aligned}\delta(Sx_{2n}, Tx_{2n+1}, u) &\leq \alpha(\delta(Sx_{2n}, x_{2n}, u), \delta(Tx_{2n+1}, x_{2n+1}, u), \delta(x_{2n}, x_{2n+1}, u)) \\ &\leq \alpha(\delta(X_{2n+1}, X_{2n}, u), \delta(X_{2n+2}, X_{2n+1}, u), \delta(X_{2n}, X_{2n+1}, u)).\end{aligned}$$

This implies that

$$\begin{aligned}\delta(X_{2n+1}, X_{2n+2}, u) &\leq \alpha(\delta(X_{2n}, X_{2n+1}, u), \delta(X_{2n+1}, X_{2n+2}, u), \delta(X_{2n}, X_{2n+1}, u)) \\ &\leq k\delta(X_{2n}, X_{2n+1}, u), \text{ by property (3) of } \alpha.\end{aligned}$$

Repeating this step, we have

$$\begin{aligned} d(fx_{2n}, fx_{2n+1}, u) &\leq \delta(X_{2n+1}, X_{2n+2}, u) \\ &\leq k^{2n+1} \delta(X_0, X_1, u). \end{aligned}$$

for all  $n \in N$ . Which in fact gives that

$$d(fx_{n-1}, fx_n, u) \leq \delta(X_n, X_{n+1}, u),$$

for all  $n \in N$ . Thus for any  $m, n \in N$  with  $m < n$ , we see that

$$\begin{aligned} d(fx_m, fx_n, u) &\leq d(fx_m, fx_{m+1}, u) + d(fx_{m+1}, fx_{m+2}, u) + \dots + d(fx_{n-1}, fx_n, u) \\ &\leq \delta(X_0, X_1, u) \{k^m + k^{m+1} + \dots + k^{n-m-1}\} \\ &= \delta(X_0, X_1, u) k^m \{1 + k + k^2 + \dots\} \\ &= \delta(X_0, X_1, u) k^m (1/1 - k). \end{aligned}$$

when  $m \rightarrow \infty$ , we get

$$d(fx_m, fx_n, u) = 0.$$

Thus  $\{fx_n\}$  be a Cauchy sequence in  $X$ , and hence  $fx_n \rightarrow x \in X$ . Then

$$\begin{aligned} D(x_{2n}, Sx, u) &\leq \delta(X_{2n}, Sx, u) \\ &\leq \delta(Tx_{2n-1}, Sx, u) \\ &\leq \alpha(\delta(Tx_{2n-1}, x_{2n-1}, u), \delta(Sx, x, u), \delta(x_{2n-1}, x, u)) \\ &\leq \alpha(\delta(X_{2n}, X_{2n-1}, u), \delta(Sx, x, u), \delta(x_{2n-1}, x, u)) \\ &\leq \alpha(k^{2n-1} \delta(X_0, X_1, u), \delta(Sx, x, u), \delta(fx_{2n-2}, x, u)). \end{aligned}$$

Taking limit  $n \rightarrow \infty$  and using continuity of  $\alpha$ , we have

$$\begin{aligned} D(x, Sx, u) &\leq \alpha(0, \delta(Sx, x, u), 0) \\ &\leq k(0) = 0, \text{ by the property(3) of } \alpha. \end{aligned}$$

Hence  $D(x, Sx, u) \leq 0$ . This implies that  $D(x, Sx, u) = 0$ . Which gives  $x \in \overline{Sx}$ . But  $\overline{Sx} = Sx$  as  $Sx \in CB(X)$ . Suppose that  $f$  and  $S$  are continues. Since  $f$  is weakly commutes with  $S$ . So, we have

$$\begin{aligned} d(x, fx, u) &\leq d(x, fx, ffx_{2n}) + d(x, ffx_{2n}, u) + d(ffx_{2n}, fx, u) \\ &\leq d(x, fx, ffx_{2n}) + q H(Sx, fSx_{2n}, u) + d(ffx_{2n}, fx, u), q > 1 \\ &\leq d(x, fx, ffx_{2n}) + q \{H(Sx, Sfx_{2n}, u) + H(Sfx_{2n}, fSx_{2n}, u)\} \\ &\quad + d(ffx_{2n}, fx, u) \\ &\leq d(x, fx, ffx_{2n}) + q \{H(Sx, Sfx_{2n}, u) + D(fx_{2n}, Sx_{2n}, u)\} \end{aligned}$$

$$+ d(ffx_{2n}, fx, u).$$

As, we know from the construction of the sequence  $fx_{2n} \in Sx_{2n} = X_{2n+1}$ , therefore from the equation given above, we get

$$d(x, fx, u) \leq d(x, fx, ffx_{2n}) + q \{H(Sx, Sfx_{2n}, u) + 0\} + d(ffx_{2n}, fx, u).$$

Taking limit  $n \rightarrow \infty$ , we have

$$\begin{aligned} d(x, fx, u) &\leq d(x, fx, fx) + q H(Sx, Sx, u) + d(fx, fx, u) \\ &\leq 0. \end{aligned}$$

This gives  $d(x, fx, u) \leq 0$ . Which implies that  $d(x, fx, u) = 0$  or  $x = fx$ . Thus  $x = fx \in Sx \cap Tx$  as required.  $\square$

**Corollary 11.** Let  $f : X \rightarrow X$  and  $S, T : X \rightarrow CB(X)$  be mapping satisfying conditions(1-3) of Theorem 10 and for each  $u \in X$ , such that

$$\delta(Sx, Ty, u) \leq h (\delta(Sx, x, u) + \delta(Ty, y, u))$$

for all  $x, y \in X$  and  $h \in [0, 1/2)$ . Then  $f, S$  and  $T$  have common fixed point.

**Corollary 12.** Let  $f : X \rightarrow X$  and  $S, T : X \rightarrow CB(X)$  be mapping satisfying conditions(1-3) of Theorem 10 and for each  $u \in X$ , such that

$$\delta(Sx, Ty, u) \leq h(\delta(Sx, x, u) \delta(Ty, y, u))^{1/2}$$

and for all  $x, y \in X$  and  $h \in [0, 1)$ . Then  $f, S$  and  $T$  have common fixed point.

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