

**SOME FIXED POINT THEOREMS IN 2 – METRIC SPACES****B.Nageswara Rao,**

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**Abstract:** In this paper two we have done fixed point theorems for three and four operators at a time.

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**1.INTRODUCTION:** Let  $(X, d)$  be a complete 2 – metric space. A mapping  $T: X \rightarrow X$  is called a contraction on  $X$  if there exists a constant such that

$$d(Tx, Ty, a) \leq h d(x, y, a), \text{ for all } x, y, a \text{ in } X, \text{ where } h \in (0,1).$$

analogue to metric space, In 2 – metric space the theory of fixed points was developed by many authors such as Iseki (1), Lal and Singh (2), Rhoades (7) etc. Further information about metric spaces can be had from (3),(4),(5) and (6).

This paper consists of two sections. In first section we have generalized the results of above authors. In section two we have done fixed point theorems for three and four operators at a time.

**PRELIMINARIES:** Here we give some basic definitions and results.

**DEFINITIONS:**

- (a) Let  $X$  be a non-empty set and  $d : X \times X \times X \rightarrow \mathbb{R}_+$  for all  $X, y, z, u$  in  $X$ , we have
- (i)  $d(x, y, z) = 0$  if at least two of  $x, y, z$  are equal
- (ii) for all  $x \neq y$  there exists a point  $Z$  in  $X$  such that  $d(x, y, z) \neq 0$
- (iii)  $d(x, y, z) = d(x, z, y) = d(y, z, x) = \dots$  and so on
- (iv)  $d(x, y, z) \leq d(x, y, u) * d(x, u, z) + d(u, y, z)$ .

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

(b) Let  $L$  be a linear space of dimension greater than one over a field of real numbers, and  $\| \cdot, \cdot \|$ , a real valued function  $L \times L$  satisfying following conditions :

For all  $a, b, c, \alpha \in L$  and  $\alpha \in \mathbb{R}$

(i)  $\| a, b \| = 0$  iff  $a$  and  $b$  are linearly independent

(ii)  $\| a, b \| = \| b, a \|^2$

(iii)  $\| a, \alpha b \| = |\alpha| \| a, b \|^2$

(iv)  $\| a, b + c \| \leq \| a, b \|^2 + \| a, c \|^2$ .

Then  $\| \cdot, \cdot \|^2$  is called a 2-norm on  $L$  and the pair  $(L, \| \cdot, \cdot \|^2)$  is called a linear 2-normed space.

(1.0.1) **PROPOSITION:** Every 2 – normed space is a 2 – metric space with 2 – metric  $d$  defined by  $d(a, b, c) = \| b - a, 0 - a \|^2$ .

(1.0.3) **DEFINITION:** Let  $(X, d)$  be a 2 – metric space. A sequence  $\{ X_n \}$  of points in  $X$  is called a Cauchy sequence if  $d(x_m, x_n, a) \rightarrow 0$  as  $m, n \rightarrow \infty$  for all  $a \in X$ .

The sequence  $\{ X_n \}$  is said to Converge to a point in  $X$  if  $\lim_{n \rightarrow \infty} d(x_n, x, a) = 0$  for every  $a \in X$ . A 2 – metric space is complete if every Cauchy sequence converges.

(1.0.4.) **DEFINITION:** Let  $(L, \| \cdot, \cdot \|^2)$  be a 2 – normed space. A sequence  $\{ X_n \}$  in

$L$  is called convergent if there is a  $x$  in  $L$  such that  $\lim_{n \rightarrow \infty} \| x_n - x, a \|^2 = 0$  for all  $a$  in  $L$ . And a sequence  $\{ x_n \}$  in a 2 – normed space  $L$  is said to be Cauchy sequence if  $\lim_{m, n \rightarrow \infty} \| x_m - x_n, a \|^2 = 0$  for every  $a$  in  $L$ . A 2 – normed space is complete if every Cauchy sequence converges.

(1.0.5) **DEFINITION :** A complete 2 – normed space is called a 2-Banach space.

(1.0.6) **LEMMA** [ 53 ] : Let  $\{ x_n \}$  be a sequence in a complete 2 – metric space  $(X, d)$ . If there exists  $r \in (0, 1)$  such that  $d(x_n, x_{n+1}, a) \leq r d(x_{n-1}, x_n, a)$ , for all non-negative integer  $n$  and every  $a$  in  $X$ , then  $\{ x_n \}$  converges to a point in  $X$ .

(1.1) Several theorems have been proved for the existence of fixed point in 2- metric space. Lal and Singh [ 34 ] proved the following:

(1.1.1) **THEOREM:** Let  $(X, d)$  be a complete 2 – metric space and  $T_1$  and  $T_2$  two self-maps on  $X$  such that for all  $x, y, a$  in  $X$ .

$$(A) \quad d(T_1(x), T_2(y), a) \leq a_1 d(x, T_1(x), a) + a_2 d(y, T_2(y), a) \\ + a_3 d(x, T_2(y), a) + a_4 d(y, T_1(x), a) \\ + a_5 d(x, y, a)$$

Where  $a_1, a_2, a_3, a_4,$  and  $a_5$  are non – negative numbers such that  $\sum_{i=1}^5 a_i < 1$  and

$$(a_1 - a_2)(a_3 - a_4) \geq 0.$$

Then  $T_1$  and  $T_2$  have a unique common fixed point.

Here we proved the following more general theorem.

(1.1.2) THEOREM: Let  $0 < \alpha < 1$ ,  $p$  and  $q$  be non – negative numbers such that  $p + q < 1$ ,

- (I)  $\alpha |p - q| < 1 - (p + q)$   
 and  $f : X \rightarrow X$  be a mapping of a complete 2 – metric space  $(X, d)$  such that whenever  $x, y, a$  are distinct elements in  $X$ .
- (II)  $d(f(x), g(y), a) \leq \alpha \max, \{d(x, y, a), d(x, f(x), a), d(y, g(y), a)\}$   
 $+ (1 - \alpha) [pd(x, \varepsilon(y), a) + qd(y, f(x), a)].$

Then  $f$  and  $g$  have a unique common fixed point.

**Proof:** Let  $x_0 \in X$ ,  $x_{2n+1} = f(x_{2n})$ ,  $x_{2n+2} = g(x_{2n+1})$ , for  $n = 0, 1, 2, \dots$ . First we show that  $d(x_{2n}, x_{2n+1}, x_{2n+2}) = d(x_{2n+1}, x_{2n+2}, x_{2n}) = d(f(x_{2n}), g(x_{2n+1}), x_{2n}) = 0$ . We have,  $d(f(x_{2n}), g(x_{2n+1}), x_{2n}) \leq \alpha \max, \{d(x_{2n}, x_{2n+1}, x_{2n}), d(x_{2n}, f(x_{2n}), x_{2n}), d(x_{2n+1}, g(x_{2n+1}), x_{2n})\}$   
 $+ (1 - \alpha) [pd(x_{2n}, \varepsilon(x_{2n+1}), x_{2n}) + qd(x_{2n+1}, f(x_{2n}), x_{2n})]$   
 $= \alpha d(x_{2n}, x_{2n+1}, x_{2n+2})$

or,  $d(x_{2n}, x_{2n+1}, x_{2n+2}) \leq \alpha d(x_{2n+1}, x_{2n+2}, x_{2n})$ , a contradiction as  $0 \leq \alpha \leq 1$ .

Thus,  $d(x_{2n}, x_{2n+1}, x_{2n+2}) = 0$

Now,  $d(x_{2n+1}, x_{2n+2}, a) = d(f(x_{2n}), g(x_{2n+1}), a)$   
 $\leq \alpha \max, \{d(x_{2n}, f(x_{2n}), a), d(x_{2n+1}, g(x_{2n+1}), a), d(x_{2n+1}, g(x_{2n+1}), a)\}$   
 $+ (1 - \alpha) [pd(x_{2n}, \varepsilon(x_{2n+1}), a) + qd(x_{2n+1}, f(x_{2n}), a)]$   
 $= \alpha \max, \{d(x_{2n}, x_{2n+1}, a), d(x_{2n+1}, x_{2n+2}, a), d(x_{2n+1}, x_{2n+2}, a)\}$   
 $+ (1 - \alpha) [pd(x_{2n}, x_{2n+2}, a) + qd(x_{2n+1}, x_{2n+2}, a)]$

or,  $d(x_{2n+1}, x_{2n+2}, a) \leq \alpha \max, \{d(x_{2n}, x_{2n+1}, a), d(x_{2n+1}, x_{2n+2}, a)\}$   
 $+ (1 - \alpha) pd(x_{2n}, x_{2n+2}, a)$

If  $d(x_{2n}, x_{2n+1}, a)$  is maximum then,

$d(x_{2n+1}, x_{2n+2}, a) \leq \alpha d(x_{2n}, x_{2n+1}, a) + (1 - \alpha) pd(x_{2n}, x_{2n+2}, a)$   
 $\leq \alpha d(x_{2n}, x_{2n+1}, a) + (1 - \alpha) p [d(x_{2n}, x_{2n+1}, a) + d(x_{2n+1}, x_{2n+2}, a)]$

or,  $1 - (1 - \alpha) p d(x_{2n+1}, x_{2n+2}, a) \leq \alpha + (1 - \alpha) pd(x_{2n+1}, x_{2n+2}, a)$

or,  $d(x_{2n+1}, x_{2n+2}, a) \leq \frac{\alpha + (1 - \alpha)p}{1 - (1 - \alpha)p} d(x_{2n}, x_{2n+1}, a)$ .

if  $d(x_{2n+1}, x_{2n+2}, a)$  is maximum then,

$d(x_{2n+1}, x_{2n+2}, a) \leq \alpha d(x_{2n+1}, x_{2n+2}, a) + (1 - \alpha) pd(x_{2n}, x_{2n+2}, a)$

or,  $\left(\frac{1}{1 - \alpha}\right) d(x_{2n+1}, x_{2n+2}, a) \leq \left(\frac{\alpha}{1 - \alpha}\right) d(x_{2n+1}, x_{2n+2}, a) + pd(x_{2n}, x_{2n+2}, a)$

or,  $d(x_{2n+1}, x_{2n+2}, a) \leq pd(x_{2n}, x_{2n+2}, a)$   
 $\leq p [d(x_{2n}, x_{2n+1}, a) + d(x_{2n+1}, x_{2n+2}, a)]$   
 $\leq \left(\frac{p}{1 - p}\right) d(x_{2n}, x_{2n+1}, a)$

Thus,  $d(x_{2n+1}, x_{2n+2}, a) \leq \max, \left\{\frac{\alpha + (1 - \alpha)p}{1 - (1 - \alpha)p}, \frac{p}{1 - p}\right\} d(x_{2n}, x_{2n+1}, a)$   
 $\leq \beta d(x_{2n}, x_{2n+1}, a),$

$$\text{Where } \beta = \max \left\{ \frac{\alpha + (1-\alpha)p}{1-(1-\alpha)p}, \frac{p}{1-p} \right\}$$

Again,

$$\begin{aligned} d(x_{2n}, x_{2n+1}, a) &= d(g(x_{2n-1}), f(x_{2n}), a) \\ &= (f(x_{2n-1}), g(x_{2n-1}), a) \\ &\leq \alpha \max. \{d(x_{2n}, x_{2n-1}, a), d(x_{2n}, f(x_{2n}), a), d(x_{2n-1}, g(x_{2n-1}), a)\} \\ &\quad + (1-\alpha) [pd(x_{2n}, g(x_{2n-1}), a) \\ &\quad + qd(x_{2n-1}, f(x_{2n}), a)] \\ &= \alpha \max. \{d(x_{2n}, x_{2n-1}, a), d(x_{2n}, x_{2n-1}, a)\} \\ &\quad + (1-\alpha) q [d(x_{2n-1}, x_{2n+1}, x)] \end{aligned}$$

$$\text{or, } d(x_{2n}, x_{2n+1}, a) \leq y d(x_{2n}, x_{2n-1}, a),$$

$$\text{where } y = \max \left\{ \frac{\alpha + (1-\alpha)q}{1-(1-\alpha)q}, \frac{q}{1-q} \right\}, \text{ proceeding in this way,}$$

we have

$$\begin{aligned} d(x_{2n+1}, x_{2n+2}, a) &\leq \beta d(x_{2n}, x_{2n+1}, a) \\ &\leq \beta y d(x_{2n+1}, x_{2n}, a) \\ &\leq (\beta y)^n d(x_0, x_1, a) \end{aligned}$$

$$\text{Let } c = \beta y, \text{ then } d(x_{2n+1}, x_{2n+2}, a) \leq 0^n d(x_0, x_1, a).$$

$$\text{Now if } p, q \in \left[0, \frac{1}{2}\right], \text{ then } \beta < 1, y < 1 \text{ and so } 0 < c < 1.$$

$$\text{If } \max\{p, q\} \geq \frac{1}{2}. \text{ Then since } \frac{\alpha + (1-\alpha)x}{1-(1-\alpha)x} \leq \frac{x}{1-x} \Leftrightarrow \frac{1}{2} \leq x,$$

$$\forall x \in [0, 1) \text{ it follows from (I) that } 0 \leq c < 1.$$

Hence,  $\{x_n\}$  is a Cauchy sequence. Since  $X$  is complete,

$\{x_n\}$  converges say to  $z$ . Then  $x_{2n+1} \neq z$  for infinitely many  $n$ . If  $x_{2n} \neq z$  for infinitely many  $n$ , then by considering:

$$\begin{aligned} d(z, g(z), a) &\leq d(z, g(x), x_{2+1}) + d(z, x_{2n+1}, a) + d(x_{2n+1}, g(z), a) \\ &= d(z, g(z), x_{2+1}) + d(z, x_{2n+1}, a) + d(f(x_{2n}), g(z), a) \\ &\leq d(z, g(z), x_{2+1}) + d(z, x_{2n+1}, a) + \alpha \max\{d(x_{2n}, z, a), \\ &\quad d(x_{2n}, f(x_{2n}), a), d(z, g(z), a)\} \\ &\quad + (1-\alpha) [pd(x_{2n}, g(z), a) + qd(x, f(x_{2n}), a)] \\ &= d(z, g(z), x_{2n+1}) + d(z, x_{2+1}, a) + \alpha \max\{d(x_{2n}, z, a), \\ &\quad d(x_{2n}, x_{2+1}, a), d(z, g(z), a)\} \\ &\quad + (1-\alpha) [pd(x_{2n}, g(z), a) + qd(z, x_{2+1}, a)] \end{aligned}$$

When  $n \rightarrow \infty$ ,

$$\begin{aligned} d(z, g(z), a) &\leq d(z, g(z), a) + d(z, z, a) + \alpha \max\{d(z, z, a)\}, \\ &\quad d(z, z, a), d(z, g(z), a) + (1-\alpha) [pd(z, g(z), a) \\ &\quad + qd(z, z, a)] \\ &= 0 + 0 + \alpha d(z, g(z), a) + (1-\alpha) pd(z, g(z), a) \end{aligned}$$

or,  $1 - \alpha - (1 - \alpha) p d(z, g(z), a) \leq 0$ , which is a contradiction. So,  $d(z, g(z), a) = 0$ , i.e.  $z = g(z)$ .

Similarly we can show that  $f(z) = z$ . Thus  $z$  is the common fixed point of  $f$  and  $g$ . we claim that  $z$  is the unique common fixed point of  $f$  and  $g$ . For this let  $w \neq z$  and  $f(w) = g(w) = w$ . Then by considering

$$\begin{aligned} d(z, w, a) &= d(f(z), g(z), a) \\ &\leq \alpha \max \{ d(z, w, a), d(z, f(z), a), d(w, g(w), a) \} \\ &\quad + (1 - \alpha) [ p d(z, g(w), a) + q d(w, f(z), a) ] \\ &= \alpha d(z, w, a) + (1 - \alpha) (p+q) d(z, w, a) \\ \text{or, } d(z, w, a) &\leq (p+q) d(z, w, a) \text{ which is not possible.} \\ \text{So, } d(z, w, a) &= 0 \text{ i.e., } z = w. // \end{aligned}$$

(1.1.3) **COROLLARY:** Let  $(X, d)$  be a complete 2 – metric space and  $f : X \rightarrow X, g : X \rightarrow X$  be such that for all  $x, y, a$  in  $X$ .

$$d(f(x), g(y), a) \leq k_1 d(x, y, a) + k_2 d(x, f(x), a) + k_3 d(y, f(x), a)$$

Where  $k_i \geq 0 \forall i, \sum_{i=1}^{\beta} k_i < 1$  and

$$(I) \quad |k_4 - k_5| (k_1 + k_2 + k_3) < 1 - \sum_{i=1}^{\beta} k_i.$$

Then  $f$  and  $g$  have a unique common fixed point.

Proof: we take  $\alpha = k_1 + k_2 + k_3, p = \frac{k_4}{1 - \alpha}$  and  $q = \frac{k_5}{1 - \alpha}$  in theorem 1.1.1. //

Rhoades [ 43 ] proved the following:

(1.1.4) **THEOREM:** Let  $f, g : X \rightarrow X$  be a mapping of a complete 2 – metric space  $(X, d)$  into itself satisfying

$$(B) \quad d(f(x), g(y), a) \leq h \max. \{ d(x, y, a), d(x, f(x), a), d(y, g(y), a), \frac{1}{2} [ d(x, g(y), a) + d(y, f(x), a) ] \}$$

For all  $x, y, a \in X$ , where  $h$  is a fixed constant such that  $0 \leq h < 1$ . Then  $f$  and  $g$  have a common unique fixed point.

Here first we have generalized the above result by proving it for two sequences of mappings and secondly by improving the hypothesis of the above theorem.

(1.1.5) **THEOREM:** Let  $\{f_n\}$  ( $n = 0, 1, 2, \dots$ ) be a sequence of mappings of a complete 2 – metric space  $(X, d)$  into itself such that for some  $h$  with  $0 < h < 1$  and for every  $x, y, a$  in  $X$ .

$$d(f_0^P(x), f_n^Q(y), a) \leq h \max. \{ d(x, y, a), d(x, f_0^P(x), a), d(y, f_n^Q(y), a), \frac{1}{2} [ d(x, f_n^Q(y), a) + d(y, f_0^P(x), a) ] \}$$

for each  $n = 1, 2, \dots$  and  $p, q > 1$  hold. Then there exists a unique common fixed point of  $f_n$  ( $n = 0, 1, 2, \dots$ ) in  $X$ .

**Proof:** Let  $x_0$  be an arbitrary point of  $X$ . Define a sequence  $\{x_n\}$  as follows:

$$x_0, x_1 = f_0^P(x_0) : x_2 = f_1^Q(x_1) : x_3 = f_0^P(x_2) : \\ x_4 = f_2^Q(x_3), \dots \dots \dots x_{2n-1} = f_0^P(x_{2n-2}) : x_{2n} = f_n^Q(x_{n-1}).$$

Now first we show that  $d(x_{2n}, x_{2n+1}, x_{2n+2}) = 0$  for  $n = 0, 1, 2, \dots$

$$d(x_{2n}, x_{2n+1}, x_{2n+2}) = d(f_0^P(x_{2n}), f_{n+1}^Q(x_{2n+1}), x_{2n}) \\ \leq h \max \{ d(x_{2n}, x_{2n+1}, x_{2n}), d(x_{2n}, f_0^P(x_{2n}), x_{2n}), \\ d(x_{2n+1}, f_{n+1}^Q(x_{2n+1}), x_{2n}), \\ \frac{1}{2} [ d(x_{2n}, f_{n+1}^Q(x_{2n+1}), x_{2n}), + d(x_{2n+1}, f_0^P(x_{2n}), x_{2n}) ] \} \\ = h \max \{ d(x_{2n}, x_{2n+1}, x_{2n}), d(x_{2n}, x_{2n}, x_{2n+1}, x_{2n}), \\ d(x_{2n+1}, x_{2n+2}, x_{2n}), \\ \frac{1}{2} [ d(x_{2n}, x_{2n+2}, x_{2n}), + d(x_{2n+1}, x_{2n+1}, x_{2n}) ] \}$$

i.e.  $d(x_{2n}, x_{2n+1}, x_{2n+2}) \leq h d(x_{2n+1}, x_{2n+2}, x_{2n})$  which is impossible. Hence,  $d(x_{2n}, x_{2n+1}, x_{2n+2}) = 0$ .

$$\text{Now, } d(x_1, x_2, a) = d(f_0^P(x_0), f_0^Q(x_1), a) \\ \leq h \max \{ d(x_0, x_1, a), d(x_0, f_0^P(x_0), a), \\ d(x_1, f_1^Q(x_1), a), \frac{1}{2} [d(x_0, f_1^Q(x_1), a) + \\ d(x_1, f_0^P(x_0), a)] \} \\ = h \max \{ d(x_0, x_1, a), d(x_0, x_1, a) d(x_1, x_2, a) \\ \frac{1}{2} [d(x_0, f_1^Q(x_1), a) + d(x_1, f_0^P(x_0), a)] \} \\ = h \max. [d(x_0, x_1, a), d(x_1, x_2, a), \frac{1}{2} d(x_0, x_2, a) ] \\ \leq h \max \{d(x_0, x_1, a), d(x_1, x_2, a), \frac{1}{2} [d(x_1, x_2, a) \\ + d(x_0, x_1, a)] \} \dots \dots \dots (2)$$

Now if  $d(x_1, x_2, a)$  is maximum, then from (2)

$$d(x_1, x_2, a) \leq h d(x_1, x_2, a) < d(x_1, x_2, a), \text{ a contradiction.}$$

$$\text{Thus, } d(x_0, x_1, a) \geq d(x_1, x_2, a) \dots \dots \dots (3)$$

Again if possible, let

$$d(x_0, x_1, a) < \frac{1}{2} [ d(x_0, x_1, a) + d(x_1, x_2, a) ]$$

$$\text{also } d(x_1, x_2, a) < \frac{h}{2} [d(x_0, x_1, a) + d(x_1, x_2, a) ]$$

combining these two, we have

$$d(x_0, x_1, a) + d(x_1, x_2, a) < \frac{1+h}{2} [d(x_0, x_1, a) + d(x_1, x_2, a)],$$

thus, we again get a contradiction

$$\begin{aligned} \text{Again, } d(x_2, x_3, a) &= d(f_0^p(x_2), f_0^q(x_1), a) \\ &\leq h \max. \{d(x_2, x_1, a), d(x_2, x_3, a), d(x_1, x_2, a), \\ &\quad \frac{1}{2} [d(x_2, x_2, a) + d(x_1, x_3, a)]\} \\ &\leq h \max. \{d(x_1, x_2, a), d(x_2, x_3, a), \frac{1}{2} [d(x_1, x_3, a)]\} \dots (4) \end{aligned}$$

By similar argument we get from (4),

$$d(x_2, x_3, a) \leq h d(x_1, x_2, a) \leq h^2 d(x_0, x_1, a).$$

Therefore  $d(x_n, x_{n+1}, a) \leq h^n d(x_0, x_1, a)$

Now we show that  $\{x_n\}_{n \in \mathbb{N}}$  is a Cauchy sequence

$$\begin{aligned} \text{Since, } d(x_n, x_{n+m}, a) &\leq d(x_n, x_{n+1}, x_{n+m}) + d(x_n, x_{n+1}, a) \\ &\quad + d(x_{n+1}, x_{n+2}, x_{n+m}) + d(x_{n+1}, x_{n+2}, a) + \\ &\quad + \dots + \dots + \dots + \dots + \dots + \dots \\ &\quad + d(x_{n+m-2}, x_{n+m-1}, x_{n+m}) + d(x_{n+m-1}, x_{n+m}, a) \\ &\leq \sum_{k=1}^{n+m-2} d(x_k, x_{k+1}, x_{n+m}) + \sum_{k=n}^{n+m-1} d(x_k, x_{k+1}, a). \end{aligned}$$

$$\begin{aligned} \text{Now, we have } d(x_n, x_{n+1}, x_{n+m}) &\leq h d(x_n, x_{n-1}, x_{n+m}) \\ &\leq h^n d(x_0, x_1, x_{n+m}) \end{aligned}$$

$$\begin{aligned} \text{and also } d(x_n, x_{n+1}, a) &\leq h d(x_{n-1}, x_n, a) \\ &\leq h^n d(x_0, x_1, a) \end{aligned}$$

Thus,

$$\begin{aligned} \sum_{k=n}^{n+m-2} d(x_k, x_{k+1}, x_{n+m}) &\leq [h^{n+m-2} + h^{n+m-1} + \dots + h^n] d(x_0, x_1, a) \\ &< \left( \frac{h^{n+m-2}}{1-h} \right) d(x_0, x_1, a) \\ &\rightarrow 0 \text{ as } n \rightarrow \infty \end{aligned}$$

$$\text{and } \sum_{k=n}^{n+m-1} d(x_k, x_{k+1}, a) \leq [h^{n+m-1} + h^{n+m} + \dots + h^n] d(x_0, x_1, a)$$

$$\begin{aligned} &\leq \frac{h^{n+m-1}}{1-h} d(x_0, x_1, a) \\ &\rightarrow 0 \text{ as } n \rightarrow \infty \end{aligned}$$

Thus  $\{x_n\}_{n \in \mathbb{N}}$  is a Cauchy sequence. Since  $X$  is complete there exists a point  $x_0$  in  $X$  such that  $\lim_{n \rightarrow \infty} x_n = x_0$ .

Now we show that  $x_0$  is the fixed point of  $f_0^p$

$$\begin{aligned} d(x_0, f_0^p(x_0), a) &\leq d(x_0, x_{2n}, a) + d(x_0, f_0^p(x_0), x_{2n}) + d(x_0, f_0^p(x_0), a) \\ &= d(x_0, x_{2n}, a) + d(x_0, f_0^p(x_0), x_{2n}) \end{aligned}$$

$$\begin{aligned}
 & + d(f_n^q(x_{2n-1}), f_0^p(x_0), a) \\
 \leq & d(x_0, x_{2n}, a) + d(x_0, f_0^p(x_0), x_{2n}) \\
 & + \max. \{d(x_0, x_{2n-1}, a), d(x_0, f_0^p(x_0), a), \\
 & d(x_{2n-1}, x_{2n}, a), \frac{1}{2} [d(x_0, x_{2n}, a) \\
 & + d(x_{2-1}, f_0^p(x_0), a)] \}
 \end{aligned}$$

When  $n \rightarrow \infty$

$$\begin{aligned}
 D(x_0, f_0^p(x_0), a) & \leq 0 + 0 + h \max \{0, d(x_0, f_0^p(x_0), a), 0, \\
 & \frac{1}{2} [0 + d(x_0, f_0^p(x_0), a)] \} \\
 & = h \max \{d(x_0, f_0^p(x_0), a), \frac{d(x_0, f_0^p(x_0), a)}{2}\}
 \end{aligned}$$

Thus,  $d(x_0, f_0^p(x_0), a) = 0$ .

Hence,  $x_0 = f_0^p(x_0)$ .

Now we shall show that  $x_0$  is also a fixed point of

$$f_n^q (n = 1, 2, \dots).$$

$$\begin{aligned}
 \text{Since, } d(x_0, f_n^q(x_0), a) & = d(f_0^p(x_0), f_n^q(x_0), a) \\
 & \leq h \max \{d(x_0, x_0, a), d(f_0^p(x_0), a) \\
 & d(x_0, f_n^q(x_0), a), \frac{1}{2} d(x_0, f_n^q(x_0), a) \\
 & + d(x_0, (f_0^p(x_0), a)] \} \\
 & = h \max \{0, 0, d(x_0, f_n^q(x_0), a), \\
 & \frac{1}{2} d(x_0, f_n^q(x_0), a) + 0\} \\
 & = h \max. \{d(x_0, f_n^q(x_0), a), \frac{d(x_0, f_n^q(x_0), a)}{2}\}
 \end{aligned}$$

i.e.  $d(x_0, f_n^q(x_0), a) \leq h d(x_0, f_n^q(x_0), a)$  which is impossible

Thus we get  $x_0 = f_n^q(x_0)$  ( $n = 1, 2, \dots$ )

Now we claim that  $x_0$  is the unique common fixed point of

$$f_0^p \text{ and } f_n^q \text{ } n = 1, 2, \dots$$

If possible let  $y_0 \neq x_0$  be another fixed point.

$$\text{Then } f_0^p(y_0) = f_n^q(y_0) = y_0.$$

$$\begin{aligned}
 \text{Now, } d(x_0, y_0, a) & = d(f_0^p(x_0), f_n^q(y_0), a) \\
 & \leq h \max \{d(x_0, y_0, a), d(x_0, f_0^p(x_0), a), \\
 & d(y_0, f_n^q(y_0), a), \frac{1}{2} [d(x_0, f_n^q(y_0), a) \\
 & + d(y_0, f_0^p(x_0), a)] \} \\
 & = h \max. \{d(x_0, y_0, a), d(x_0, x_0, a), d(y_0, y_0, a), \\
 & \frac{1}{2} [d(x_0, y_0, a) + d(y_0, x_0, a)] \}
 \end{aligned}$$

i.e.,  $d(x_0, y_0, a) \leq h d(x_0, y_0, a)$  which is a contradiction.

Thus,  $d(x_0, y_0, a) = 0$ , So,  $x_0 = y_0$ .

Now, we show that  $x_0$  is the unique common fixed point of  $f_n$  ( $n = 0, 1, 2, \dots$ ),

$$f_0^p(f_0(x_0)) = f_0(f_0^p(x_0)) \text{ gives}$$

$$f_0^p(f_0(x_0)) = f_0(x_0)$$

i.e.  $f_0(x_0) = x_0$ , by uniqueness of  $x_0$  as the fixed point of  $f_0^p$ .

Similarly,  $f_n^q(f_n(x_0)) = f_n(f_n^q(x_0))$ , gives  $f_n^q(f_n(x_0)) = f_n(x_0)$

i.e.,  $f_n(x_0) = x_0$ , by uniqueness of  $x_0$  as the fixed point of  $f_n^q$ .

Thus,  $x_0$  is the common fixed point of  $f_n$  ( $n = 1, 2, \dots$ )

Finally, we show that  $x_0$  is the only fixed common point of  $f_n$  ( $n = 0, 1, 2$ )

For if  $z_0$  were a point such that  $z_0 \neq x_0$  and  $f_n(z_0) = z_0$ . Then,

$$d(x_0, z_0, a) = d(f_0(x_0), f_n(z_0), a) = d(f_0^p(x_0), f_n^q(z_0), a)$$

$$\leq h \max. \{d(x_0, z_0, a), d(x_0, f_0^p(x_0), a),$$

$$d(z_0, f_n^q(z_0), a), \frac{1}{2} [d(x_0, f_n^q(x_0), a)$$

$$+ d(z_0, f_0^p(z_0), a)] \}$$

$$= h \max. \{d(x_0, z_0, a), d(x_0, x_0, a), d(z_0, z_0, a),$$

$$\frac{1}{2} [d(x_0, (z_0), a) + (z_0, x_0, a)]$$

i.e.,  $d(x_0, z_0, a) \leq h d(x_0, z_0, a)$  which is a contradiction.

Thus  $d(x_0, z_0, a) = 0$  showing that  $x_0 = z_0$ . //

**Remark:** If we put  $p = q = 1$  in theorem (1.1.5) we get the following.

(1.1.6) **COROLLARY:** Let  $\{f_n\}$  ( $n = 0, 1, 2, \dots$ ) be a sequence of mappings of a complete 2 – metric space  $X$  into itself.

If for some  $h$  with  $0 < h < 1$  and for every  $x, y, a$  in  $X$ .

$$d f_0(x), f_n(y), a \leq h \max. \{d(x, y, a), d(x, f_0(x), a), d(y, f_n(y), a),$$

$$\frac{1}{2} [d(x, f_n(y), a) + d(y f_0, (x) a)] \}$$

For each  $n = 1, 2, \dots$  hold. Then there exists a unique common fixed point of  $f_n$  ( $n = 0, 1, 2, \dots$ ) in  $X$ .

(1.1.7) **THEOREM:** Let  $\{f_m\}$ ,  $\{f_n\}$  ( $m, n = 1, 2, 3, \dots$ ) be two sequences of mappings on a complete 2 – metric space  $X$  into itself. If for some  $h$  with  $0 < h < 1$  and for every  $x, y, a$  in  $X$ .

$$d(f_m^p(x), g_n^q(y), a) \leq h \max. \left\{ \begin{array}{l} d(x, y, a), d(x, f_m^p(x), a), \\ d(y, g_n^q(y), a) \frac{1}{2} [d(x, g_n^q(y), a) \\ + d(y, f_m^p(x), a)] \end{array} \right\}$$

for each  $m, n = 1, 2, 3 \dots$  with  $p, q \geq 1$  hold. Then  $f_m, g_n$  ( $m, n = 1, 2, 3, \dots$ ) each have a unique common fixed point.

**Proof:** We consider my  $x_0 \in X$  and construct a sequence  $\{x_n\}$  as follows:

$$\begin{aligned} x_0, \quad x_1 &= f_0^p(x_0), \quad x_2 = g_1^q(x_1) \\ x_3 &= f_2^p(x_2), \quad x_4 = g_2^q(x_3) \\ &\vdots \\ &\vdots \end{aligned}$$

$$x_{2n+1} = f_{2n}^p(x_{2n}), \quad x_{2n+2} = g_{2n+1}^q(x_{2n+1})$$

Now, first we show that  $d(x_{2n}, x_{2n+1}, x_{2n+2}) = 0$

$$d(x_{2n}, x_{2n+1}, x_{2n+2}) = d(f_{2n}^p(x_{2n}), g_{2n+1}^q(x_{2n+1}), x_{2n})$$

$$\leq h \max. \{d(x_{2n}, x_{2n+1}, x_{2n}),$$

$$d(x_{2n}, (f_{2n}^p(x_{2n}), x_{2n}), d(x_{2n+1}, g_{2n+1}^q(x_{2n+1}), x_{2n}))$$

$$\frac{1}{2} [d(x_{2n}, g_{2n+1}^q(x_{2n+1}), x_{2n}) + d(x_{2n+1}, f_{2n}^p(x_{2n}), x_{2n})]$$

$$= h \max. \{d(x_{2n+1}, x_{2n+2}, x_{2n}), d(x_{2n}, x_{2n+1}, x_{2n}),$$

$$d(x_{2n+1}, x_{2n+2}, x_{2n}),$$

$$\frac{1}{2} [d(x_{2n}, x_{2n+2}, x_{2n}) + d(x_{2n+1}, x_{2n+1}, x_{2n})]$$

i.e.,  $d(x_{2n}, x_{2n+1}, x_{2n+2}) \leq h d(x_{2n}, x_{2n+1}, x_{2n+2})$ , which is impossible. Thus

$$d(x_{2n}, x_{2n+1}, x_{2n+2}) = 0.$$

Now,  $d(x_1, x_2, a) = d(f_0^p(x_0), g_1^q(x_1), a)$

$$\leq h \max. \{d(x_0, x_1, a), d(x_0, f_0^p(x_0), a), d(x_1, g_1^q(x_1), a),$$

$$\frac{1}{2} [d(x_0, g_1^q(x_1), a) + d(x_1, f_0^p(x_0), a)]\}$$

$$\leq h \max. \{d(x_0, x_1, a), d(x_0, x_1, a), d(x_1, x_2, a),$$

$$\frac{1}{2} [d(x_0, x_2, a)]\} \dots \dots \dots (2)$$

$$\leq h \max. \{d(x_0, x_1, a), d(x_1, x_2, a),$$

$$\frac{1}{2} [d(x_1, x_2, a) + d(x_0, x_1, a)]\}$$

Now if,  $d(x_1, x_2, a)$  is maximum, then from (2)

$$d(x_1, x_2, a) \leq h d(x_1, x_2, a) \leq d(x_1, x_2, a), \text{ a contradiction.}$$

$$\text{Thus, } d(x_0, x_1, a) \geq d(x_1, x_2, a) \dots \dots \dots (3)$$

Again if possible, let  $\frac{1}{2} d(x_0, x_2, a)$  is maximum

$$\text{Then, } d(x_0, x_1, a) < \frac{1}{2} d(x_0, x_1, a) + d(x_1, x_2, a)$$

$$\text{Also } d(x_1, x_2, a) \leq \frac{h}{2}[d(x_0, x_1, a) + d(x_1, x_2, a)]$$

Combining these two inequalities, we have :

$$d(x_0, x_1, a) + d(x_1, x_2, a) \leq \frac{1+h}{2}[d(x_0, x_1, a) + d(x_1, x_2, a)],$$

which is not possible.

So, we get,  $d(x_1, x_2, a) \leq h d(x_0, x_1, a)$ .

$$\begin{aligned} \text{Again, } d(x_2, x_3, a) &\leq d(g_1^q(x_1), f_2^p(x_2), a) = d(f_2^p(x_2), g_1^q(x_1), a) \\ &\leq h \max\{d(x_2, x_1, a), d(x_2, f_2^p(x_2), a), \\ &\quad d(x_1, g_1^q(x_1), a), \frac{1}{2}[d(x_2, g_1^q(x_1), a) + d(x_1, f_1^p(x_2), a)]\} \\ &= h \max\{d(x_1, x_2, a), d(x_2, x_3, a), \frac{1}{2}d(x_1, x_3, a)\} \dots (4) \end{aligned}$$

By similar argument we get from (4)

$$d(x_2, x_3, a) \leq h d(x_1, x_2, a) \leq h^2 d(x_0, x_1, a)$$

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$$d(x_n, x_{n+1}, a) \leq h^n d(x_0, x_1, a)$$

Now it is easy to prove that  $\{x_n\}_{n \in \mathbb{N}}$  is a Cauchy sequence as done in previous theorem, and since  $X$  is complete.

Thus  $\lim_{n \rightarrow \infty} x_n = x_0$  in  $X$ .

Now we claim that  $x_0$  is the common unique fixed point of  $F_m$  and  $g_n$ .

For this,

$$\begin{aligned} d(x_0, f_m^p(x_0), a) &\leq d(x_{2n}, f_m^p(x_0), a) + d(x_0, x_{2n}, a) + d(x_0, f_m^p(x_0), x_{2n}) \\ &= d(x_0, x_{2n}, a) + d(x_0, f_m^p(x_0), x_{2n}) \\ &\quad + d(f_m^p(x_0), g_n^q(x_{2n-1}), a) \dots (5) \\ &\leq d(x_0, x_{2n}, a) + d(x_0, f_m^p(x_0), x_{2n}) \end{aligned}$$

$$+ h \max\{d(x_0, x_{2n-1}, a) d(x_0, f_m^p(x_0), a),$$

$$d(x_{2n-1}, g_{2n-1}^q(x_{2n-1}), a),$$

$$\frac{1}{2}[d(x_0, g_{2n-1}^q(x_{2n-1}), a) + d(x_{2n-1}, f_m^p(x_0), a)]\}$$

$$= d(x_0, x_{2n}, a) + d(x_0, f_m^p(x_0), x_{2n})$$

$$+ h \max\{d(x_0, x_{2n-1}, a) + d(x_0, f_m^p(x_0), a),$$

$$d(x_{2n-1}, x_{2n}, a), \frac{1}{2}[d(x_0, x_{2n}, a) + d(x_{2n-1}, f_m^p(x_0), a)]\}$$

When  $n \rightarrow \infty$

$$d(x_0, f_m^p(x_0), a) \leq 0 + 0 + h \max. \{0, d(x_0, f_m^p(x_0), a), 0, \frac{1}{2}[0 + d(x_0, f_m^p(x_0), a)]\}$$

i.e.,  $d(x_0, f_m^p(x_0), a) \leq h \max. \{d(x_0, f_m^p(x_0), a), 0, \frac{1}{2}d(x_0, f_m^p(x_0), a)\}$

Thus,  $d(x_0, f_m^p(x_0), a) \leq h d(x_0, f_m^p(x_0), a)$  which implies that

$$d(x_0, f_m^p(x_0), a) = 0 \text{ showing that } f_m^p(x_0) = x_0$$

Similarly  $d(x_0, g_n^q(x_0), a) = d(f_m^p(x_0), g_n^q(x_0), a)$

$$\leq h \max. \{d(x_0, x_0, a), d(x_0, f_m^p(x_0), a), \\ = d(x_0, g_n^q(x_0), a) \frac{1}{2}[d(x_0, g_n^q(x_0), a) + d(x_0, f_m^p(x_0), a)]\}$$

$$= h \max. \{0, 0, d(x_0, f_m^p(x_0), a), \frac{1}{2}[d(x_0, g_n^q(x_0), a)]\},$$

Which gives that  $d(x_0, g_n^q(x_0), a) = 0$  and  $\neq 0, x_0 = g_n^q(x_0)$ .

Thus  $x_0$  is the common fixed point of  $f_m^p$  and  $g_n^q$ ,

i.e.,  $f_m^p(x_0) = g_n^q(x_0) = x_0$ ,

If possible let  $y_0 \neq x_0$  be another common fixed point of

$$f_m^p \text{ and } g_n^q. \text{ Then } f_m^p(y_0) = g_n^q(y_0) = y_0.$$

Then  $d(x_0, y_0, a) = d(f_m^p(x_0), g_n^q(y_0), a)$

$$\leq h \max. \{d(x_0, y_0, a), d(x_0, f_m^p(x_0), a),$$

$$d(y_0, g_n^q(y_0), a), \frac{1}{2}[d(x_0, g_n^q(y_0), a) + d(y_0, f_m^p(x_0), a)]\}$$

$$\{d(x_0, y_0, a), d(x_0, y_0, a), d(y_0, y_0, a), a\},$$

$$= h \max. \frac{1}{2}[d(x_0, y_0, a) + d(y_0, x_0, a)]\}$$

i.e.  $d(x_0, y_0, a) \leq h d(x_0, y_0, a)$  which is not possible.

So,  $d(x_0, y_0, a) = 0$  which gives  $x_0 = y_0$ .

Thus, we show that  $x_0$  is the unique common fixed point of  $f_m^p$  and  $g_n^q$ .

Further we show that  $x_0$  is the unique common fixed point of  $f_m$  and  $g_n$   
 (m, n = 1, 2, 3, .... )

For,  $f_m^p(f_m(x_0)) = f_m(f_m^p(x_0))$  gives  $f_m^p(f_m(x_0)) = f_m(x_0)$

i.e.,  $f_m(x_0) = x_0$ , by the uniqueness of  $x_0$  as the fixed point of  $f_m^p$ .

Similarly  $g_n(x_0) = x_0$ .

Finally, we show that  $x_0$  is the only fixed point common to  $f_m$  and  $g_n$  (m, n = 1, 2, 3, .... )

for if  $z_0$  were the fixed point such that  $x_0 \neq z_0$

and  $f_m(z_0) = g_n(z_0) = z_0$ , then

$$d(x_0, z_0, a) = d(f_m(x_0), g_n(z_0), a) = d(f_m^p(x_0), g_n^q(z_0), a)$$

$$\begin{aligned}
 & \{d(x_0, z_0, a), d(x_0, f_m^p(x_0), a), d(z_0, g_n^q)(z_0), a), \\
 & \leq h \max. \frac{1}{2} [d(x_0, g_n^q(xz_0), a) + d(z_0, f_m^p(x_0), a)] \} \\
 & = h \max. \{d(x_0, z_0, a), d(x_0, x_0, a), d(z_0, z_0, a), \\
 & \frac{1}{2} [d(x_0, z_0, a) + d(z_0, x_0, a)] \} \\
 & = h \max. \{d(x_0, z_0, a), d(x_0, z_0, a)\} \text{ which} \\
 & \text{gives that } d(x_0, z_0, a) = 0 \text{ so } x_0 = z_0. //
 \end{aligned}$$

**Remark:** If we put  $p = q = 1$  in theorem (1.1.7) we get the following:

(1.1.8) **COROLLARY:** Let  $\{f_m\}, \{g_n\}$  ( $m, n = 1, 2, 3, \dots$ ) be two sequences of mappings on a complete 2 – metric space  $X$  into itself. If for some  $h$  with  $0 < h < 1$  and for every  $x, y, a$  in  $X$ ;

$$d(f_m(x), g_n(y), a) \leq h \max. \{d(x, y, a), d(x, f_m(x), a),$$

$$d(y, g_n(y), a), \frac{1}{2} [d(x, g_n(y), a) + d(y, f_m(x), a)] \}$$

Then  $\{f_m\}, \{g_n\}$  ( $m, n = 1, 2, 3, \dots$ ) each have a unique common fixed point.

Next we improve the Theorem 1.1.4 by improving the hypothesis as follows:

(1.1.9) **THEOREM:** Let  $f$  and  $g$  be a mapping of a complete 2 – metric space  $(X, d)$  into itself such that

$$\begin{aligned}
 \text{(I) } d(f(x), g(y), a) \leq \max. \{ \alpha d(x, y, a), \alpha d(x, f(x), a), \\
 \alpha d(y, g(y), a), p d(x, g(y), a) + q d(y, f(x), a) \}
 \end{aligned}$$

For all  $x, y, a$  in  $X$  where  $0 \leq \alpha < 1, p, q > 0, p + q < 1$  and  $\max.$

$$\left\{ \frac{p}{1-p}, \frac{q}{1-q} \right\} < 1. \text{ Then } f \text{ and } g \text{ have a unique common fixed point.}$$

**Proof:** Let  $x_0 \in X, x_{2n+1} = f(x_{2n})$  and  $x_{2n+2} = g(x_{2n+1})$  for  $n = 0, 1, 2, \dots$ . We may assume that  $x_n \neq x_{n+1}$  for any  $n$ . First we show that  $d(x_{2n}, x_{2n+1}, x_{2+2}) = 0$   $d(x_{2n}, x_{2n+1}, x_{2n+2}) = d(f(x_{2n}), g(x_{2+1}), x_{2n})$

$$\begin{aligned}
 & \leq \max \{ \alpha d(x_{2n}, x_{2n+1}, x_{2n}), \alpha d(x_{2n}, f(x_{2n}), x_{2n}) \\
 & \alpha d(x_{2n+1}, g(x_{2n+1}), x_{2n}), p d(x_{2n}, g(x_{2n+1}), x_{2n}) \\
 & + q d(x_{2n+1}, f(x_{2n}), x_{2n}) \}
 \end{aligned}$$

$$= \alpha d(x_{2n+1}, x_{2n+2}, x_{2n})$$

or,  $(1-\alpha) d(x_{2n}, x_{2n+1}, x_{2n+2}) < 0$  which implies that  $d(x_{2n}, x_{2n+1}, x_{2n+2}) = 0$ .

Now,  $d(x_{2n+1}, x_{2n}, a) = d(f(x_{2n}), g(x_{2n-1}), a)$

$$\begin{aligned} &\leq \max. \{ \alpha d(x_{2n}, x_{2n-1}, a), \alpha d(x_{2n}, f(x_{2n}), a), \\ &\alpha d(x_{2n-1}, g(x_{2n-1}), a), p d(x_{2n}, g(x_{2n-1}), a) \\ &\quad + q d(x_{2n-1}, f(x_{2n}), a) \} \\ &= \max. \{ \alpha d(x_{2n}, x_{2n-1}, a), \alpha d(x_{2n}, x_{2n+1}, a), \\ &\quad q d(x_{2n-1}, x_{2n+1}, a) \} \\ &= \max. \{ \alpha d(x_{2n-1}, x_{2n}, a), q d(x_{2n-1}, x_{2n+1}, a) \} \end{aligned}$$

Otherwise if  $\alpha d(x_{2n+1}, x_{2n}, a)$  is maximum then we have

$d(x_{2n+1}, x_{2n}, a) \leq \alpha d(x_{2n+1}, x_{2n}, a)$ , a contradiction.

Now if  $(x_{2n-1}, x_{2n}, a)$  is maximum then we have

$d(x_{2n+1}, x_{2n}, a) \leq \alpha d(x_{2n-1}, x_{2n}, a)$

if  $d(x_{2n-1}, x_{2n+1}, a)$  is maximum then we have

$$\begin{aligned} d(x_{2n+1}, x_{2n}, a) &\leq q d(x_{2n-1}, x_{2n+1}, a) \\ &\leq q (x_{2n-1}, x_{2n}, a) + d(x_{2n}, x_{2n+1}, a) \} \end{aligned}$$

or,  $d(x_{2n+1}, x_{2n}, a) \leq \frac{q}{1-q} d(x_{2n-1}, x_{2n}, a)$  and hence,

$$(II) \quad d(x_{2n+1}, x_{2n}, a) \leq \max. \left\{ \alpha \frac{q}{1-q} \right\} d(x_{2n-1}, x_{2n}, a)$$

Similarly we can show that

$$(III) \quad d(x_{2n+1}, x_{2n+2}, a) \leq \max. \left\{ \alpha \frac{p}{1-p} \right\} d(x_2, x_{2n+1}, a)$$

Let  $c = (\max. \left\{ \alpha \frac{p}{1-p} \right\}) \cdot (\max. \left\{ \alpha \frac{q}{1-q} \right\})$ . Then  $0 \leq c < 1$ .

From II and III,  $d(x_{2n}, x_{2n+1}, a) \leq c d(x_{2n-1}, x_{2n-1}, a)$

and  $d(x_{2n+1}, x_{2n+2}, a) \leq c d(x_{2n-1}, x_{2n}, a)$  for  $n = 1, 2, \dots$

Hence  $d(x_{2n}, x_{2n+1}, a) \leq c^n d(x_0, x_1, a)$  and

$$d(x_{2n+1}, x_{2n+2}, a) \leq c^n d(x_1, x_2, a) \text{ for } n = 1, 2, \dots$$

Thus  $\{x_n\}$  is a Cauchy sequence. Since  $X$  is complete  $\{x_n\}$  converges say to  $z$ . i.e.,  $\lim x_n = z$ .

$$\begin{aligned} \text{Then } d(f(z), z, a) &\leq d(f(z), z, z_{2n}) + d(f(z), x_{2n}, a) + d(x_{2n}, z, a) \\ &\leq d(f(z), z, x_{2n}) + d(x_{2n}, z, a) + \max. \{ \alpha, d(z, x_{2n}, a) \\ &\quad \alpha, d(z, f(z), a), \alpha, d(x_{2n-1}, \varepsilon(x_{2n-1}), a), \\ &\quad p d(z, g(x_{2n-1}), a) + q d(x_{2n-1}, f(z), a) \}. \end{aligned}$$

When  $n \rightarrow \infty$ , we have

$$\begin{aligned} d(f(z), z, a) &\leq \max. \{ \alpha d(z, f(z), a), q d(z, f(z), a) \} \\ &= \max. \{ \alpha, q \}. D(z, f(z), a), \text{ a contradiction.} \end{aligned}$$

Thus,  $f(z) = z$ . Similarly we can prove that  $g(z) = z$ . so we have  $z$  is the common fixed point of  $f$  and  $g$ . We claim that  $z$  is the unique common fixed point of  $g f$  and  $g$ . If possible let  $w$  is the another common fixed point of  $f$  and  $g$  such that  $z \neq w$  and  $f(w) = g(w) = w$ .

Then

$$\begin{aligned} d(z, w, a) &= d(f(z), g(w), a) \\ &\leq \max. \{ \alpha d(z, w, a), \alpha d(z, f(z), a), \alpha d(w, g(w), a), \\ &\quad p d(z, g(w), a) + q d(w, f(z), a) \} \\ &= \max. \{ \alpha d(z, w, a), (p+q) d(z, w, a) \} \end{aligned}$$

or  $d(z, w, a) \leq \max. \{ \alpha, p+q \} d(z, w, a)$ , a contradiction.

Thus,  $d(z, w, a) = 0$  which gives  $z = w$ . //

**Remark** : Theorem 1.1.9 is an improvement of Theorem 1.1.4 because by putting

$$\frac{p}{\alpha} = \frac{q}{\alpha} = \frac{1}{2} \text{ we get Theorem 1.1.4.}$$

(1.2) In this section we have proved some fixed point theorems for three and four self maps in 2 – metric spaces.

(1.2.1) **THEOREM**: If  $T, T_1$  and  $T_2$  are three operators mapping a complete 2-metric space  $(X, d)$  to itself if  $x, y, a, \in X$ , each  $\alpha_i$  is non-negative and  $\sum_{i=1}^5 \alpha_i < 1$ , we

$$\begin{aligned} \text{have (1) } d(T_1^p(x), T_2^q(y), a) &\leq \alpha_1 d(T(x), T_1^p(T(x)), a) \\ &\quad + \alpha_2 d(T(y), T_2^q(y), a) \\ &\quad + \alpha_3 d(x, y, a) + \alpha_4 d(T(x), T_2^q(y), a) \\ &\quad + \alpha_5 d(T(y), T_1^p(T(x)), a). \end{aligned}$$

(ii)  $d(Tx, Ty, a) \leq d(x, y, a)$

(iii)  $T_1 T(x) = T T_1(x)$   
 $T_2 T(x) = T T_2(x)$ .

Then, there is a unique common fixed point of  $T$ ,  $T_1$  and  $T_2$ .

Proof: Using conditions (ii) and (iii) condition (i) becomes.

$$d(T_1^p(x), T_2^q(y), a) \leq \alpha_1 d(x, T_1^p(x), a) + \alpha_2 d(y, T_2^q(y), a) + \alpha_3 d(x, y, a) + \alpha_4 d(x, T_2^q(y), a) + \alpha_5 d(y, T_1^p(x), a).$$

By theorem (3) of (34) there exists  $x_0$  in  $X$ , which is a unique common fixed point of  $T_1$  and  $T_2$

i.e.,  $x_0 = T_1(x_0) = T_2(x_0)$ .

$$\begin{aligned} \text{Now, } d(x_0, T(x_0), a) &= d(T_1^p(x_0), T_2^q(Tx_0), a) \\ &\leq \alpha_1 d(Tx_0, T_1^p(Tx_0), a) + \alpha_2 d(T^2x_0, T_2^q(T^2x_0), a) + \\ &+ \alpha_3 d(x_0, Tx_0, a) + \alpha_4 d(Tx_0, T_2^q(T^2x_0), a) + \\ &+ \alpha_5 d(T^2x_0, T_1^p(Tx_0), a). \end{aligned}$$

$$\begin{aligned} \text{or, } d(x_0, Tx_0, a) &\leq \alpha_1 d(Tx_0, Tx_0, a) + \alpha_2 d(Tx_0, (Tx_0), a) + \\ &+ \alpha_3 d(x_0, Tx_0, a) + \alpha_4 d(Tx_0, T^2x_0, a) + \\ &+ \alpha_5 d(Tx_0, (T^2x_0), a). \\ &\leq \alpha_1 d(Tx_0, Tx_0, a) + \alpha_2 d(Tx_0, (Tx_0), a) + \\ &+ \alpha_3 d(x_0, Tx_0, a) + \alpha_4 d(x_0, Tx_0, a) + \\ &+ \alpha_5 d(x_0, (Tx_0), a) \text{ by using (ii)} \\ &= +\alpha_3 d(x_0, Tx_0, a) + \alpha_4 d(x_0, Tx_0, a), \alpha_3 d(x_0, Tx_0, a) \end{aligned}$$

or,  $(1 - \alpha_3 - \alpha_4 - \alpha_5) d(x_0, Tx_0, a) \leq 0$  which gives

$$d(x_0, Tx_0, a) = 0 \text{ showing that } x_0 = Tx_0.$$

Hence,  $x_0$  is the unique common fixed point of  $T_1$ ,  $T_1$  and  $T_2$ .//

Remarks:

(a) If we put  $T = I$ , theorem (1, 2, 1) reduces to

$$d(T_1^p(x), T_2^q(y), a) \leq \alpha_1 d(x, T_1^p(x), a) + \alpha_2 d(y, T_2^q(y), a) + \alpha_3 d(x, y, a) + \alpha_4 d(x, T_2^q(y), a) + \alpha_5 d(y, T_1^p(x), a).$$

This shows that  $T$  may have more than one fixed point, but there is only one common fixed point for  $T$ ,  $T_1$  and  $T_2$ .

(b) The second condition means  $T$  is non-expensive. This by itself would not ensure a fixed point for  $T$ .

(1.2.2) **THEOREM:** If  $T$ ,  $T_1$  and  $T_2$  are three operators mapping a complete 2 metric space  $(X, d)$  itself and if for all  $x, y, a$  in  $X$ .

$$\begin{aligned} \text{(i)} \quad d(T_1^p(x), T_2^q(y), a) &\leq h \max. (d(Tx, T_1^p(Tx), a), \\ &d(Ty, T_2^q(Ty), a), d(Tx, Ty, a) \\ &\frac{1}{2} [d(Ty, T_1^p(Tx), a), \\ &[d(Tx, T_2^q(Ty), a)]], \end{aligned}$$

$$\text{(ii)} \quad d(Tx, Ty, a) \leq d(x, y, a)$$

$$\text{(iii)} \quad T_1 T(x) = T T_1(x)$$

$$T_2 T(x) = T T_2(x)$$

Then there is a unique common fixed point of  $T$ ,  $T_1$  and  $T_2$ .

**Proof:** Using conditions (ii) and (iii), condition (1) becomes

$$d [d(T_1^p(x), T_2^q(y), a) \leq h \max \{ d(x, T_1^p(x), a), d(y, T_2^q(y), a), \\ d(x, y, a) \frac{1}{2} [d(y, T_1^p(x), a) + d(x, T_2^q(y), a)]$$

By theorem (5) of [43] there exists  $x_0$  in  $X$  which is unique common fixed point of  $T_1$  and  $T_2$ .

$$\begin{aligned} \text{Now, } d(x_0, Tx_0, a) &= d(T_1^p(x_0), T_2^q(Tx_0), a) \\ &\leq h \max. \{ d(T(x_0), T_1^p(Tx_0), a), d(T^2x_0, T_2^q(T^2x_0), a), \\ &d(x_0, Tx_0, a) \frac{1}{2} [d(T^2x_0, T_1^p(Tx_0), a) \\ &+ d(Tx_0, T_2^q(T^2x_0), a)] \}, \\ &\leq h \max. \{ d(Tx_0, (Tx_0), a), d(T^2x_0, T^2x_0), a) \\ &d(x_0, Tx_0, a) \frac{1}{2} [d(T^2x_0, (Tx_0), a) \\ &+ d(Tx_0, (T^2x_0), a)] \}, \\ &= h \max. \{ d(x_0, (Tx_0), a), d(Tx_0, T^2x_0, a) \} \\ &\leq h \max. \{ d(x_0, (Tx_0), a), d(x_0, Tx_0, a) \} \text{ by (ii)} \end{aligned}$$

i.e.,  $d(x_0, Tx_0, a) \leq h d(x_0, Tx_0, a)$  which gives

$$d(x_0, Tx_0, a) = 0. \text{ Thus } x_0 = Tx_0.$$

Hence,  $x_0$  is the unique common fixed point of  $T$ ,  $T_1$  and  $T_2$ . //

(1.2.3) **THEOREM:** If  $T$ ,  $T_1$  and  $T_2$ , and  $T_2$  are three operators mapping a complete 2 – metric space  $(X, d)$  to itself be sequentially continuous and if for all  $x, y, a$  in  $X$

$$(i) \min \{ d(T_1^p(x), T_2^q(y), a), d(Tx, T_1^p(Tx), a), d(Ty, T_2^q(Ty), a),$$

$$d(T_1^p(Tx), T_2^q(T_1^p(Tx)), a), d(Ty, T_2^q(T_1^p(Tx)), a) \},$$

$$+ k \min \{ d(Tx, T_2^q(Ty), a), d(Ty, T_1^p(Tx), a),$$

$$d(Tx, T_1^p(T_2^q(Ty)), a), d(T_2^q(Ty), T_2^q(T_1^p(x)), a) \}$$

$$\leq r d(x, y, a), \text{ where } r \in (0, 1) \text{ and } k \text{ is a real number.}$$

$$(ii) d(Tx, Ty, a) \leq d(x, y, a)$$

$$T T_1^p = T_1^p T$$

$$(iii)$$

$$T T_2^q = T_2^q T$$

Then there is a unique common fixed point of  $T$ ,  $T_1$  and  $T_2$  if  $k > r$ .

**Proof:** Using conditions (ii) and (iii), condition (i) becomes.

$$\min \{ d(T_1^p(x), T_2^q(y), a), d(x, T_1^p(x), a), d(y, T_2^q(y), a),$$

$$d \{ d(T_1^p(x), T_2^q(T_1^p(x)), a), d(x, T_2^q(T_1^p(x)), a) \}$$

$$+ k \min \{ d(x, T_2^q(y), a), d(y, T_1^p(x), a), d(x, T_1^p(T_2^q(y)), a),$$

$$d(T_2^q(y), a), T_2^q(T_1^p(x), a) \}$$

$$\leq r d(x, y, a)$$

Now for given  $x_0$  in  $X$ , consider a sequence  $\{x_n\}_{n \in \mathbb{N}}$

as  $x_0, x_1 = T_1^p(X_0), x_2 = T_2^q(x_1), \dots, x_{2n} = T_2^q(x_{2n-1}), x_{2n+1} = T_1^p(x_{2n})$ .

If for some  $m, x_m, x_{n+1}$ , then  $T_1^p$  and  $T_2^q$  have a common fixed point  $x_m$  in  $X$ . Thus we suppose that  $x_m \neq x_{m+1}$  for all  $m = 1, 2, 3, \dots$ . From the condition for  $x = x_{2n}$ , and  $y = x_{2n+1}$ , we have

$$\begin{aligned} & \min \{d(T_1^p x_{2n}, T_2^q x_{2n+1}, a), d(x_{2n}, T_1^p(x_{2n}), a), \\ & \quad d(y, T_2^q T_1^p(x_{2n}), a)\} \\ & + k \min \{d(x_{2n}, T_1^q(x_{2n+1}), a), d(x_{2n+1}, T_1^p(x_{2n}), a), \\ & \quad d(x_{2n}, T_1^p T_2^q(x_{2n+1}), a), d(T_2^q(x_{2n+1}), T_2^q T_1^p(x_{2n}), a)\} \\ & \leq r d(x_{2n}, x_{2n+1}, a) \text{ for every non-negative integer } n. \\ & \quad \text{or, } \min \{d(x_{2n+1}, x_{2n+2}, a), d(x_n, x_{2n+1}, a)\} \\ & \leq r d(x_{2n}, x_{2n+1}, a) \text{ for every non-negative integer } n. \end{aligned}$$

Since  $(X, d)$  is a 2 – metric space,  $\{d(x_{2n}, x_{2n+1}, a) \neq 0$  for some  $a$  in  $X$ . Hence if  $d(x_{2n}, x_{2n+1}, a) < d(x_{2n+1}, x_{2n+2}, a)$

then we have  $d(x_{2n}, x_{2n+1}, a) \leq r d(x_{2n}, x_{2n+1}, a)$  for  $r \in (0, 1)$ , which is impossible and so

we have  $d(x_{2n+1}, x_{2n+2}, a) \leq r d(x_{2n}, x_{2n+1}, a)$ . Similarly, we have  $d(x_{2n}, x_{2n+1}, a) \leq r d(x_{2n-1}, x_{2n}, a)$ , therefore

$d(x_m, x_{m+1}, a) \leq r d(x_{m-1}, x_m, a)$  for every non-negative integer  $m$  and by lemma (1.0.6), the sequence  $\{x_n\}$  converges to some point  $x_0$  in  $X$  i.e.,

$$\begin{aligned} \lim_{n \rightarrow \infty} x_n = x_0. \text{ Now } d(x_0, T_1^p(x_0), a) & \leq d(x_0, T_1^p(x_0), x_{2n}) + d(x_0, x_{2n}, a) \\ & \quad + d(x_{2n+1}, T_1^p(x_0), a) \\ d(x_0, T_1^p(x_0), x_{2n}) + d(x_0, x_{2n}, a) & \\ & \quad + d(T_1^p(x_{2n}), T_1^p(x_0), a) \\ & \rightarrow 0 \text{ as } n \rightarrow \infty \end{aligned}$$

Therefore  $d(x_0, T_1^p(x_0), a) = 0$  for all  $a$  in  $X$ . Thus  $x_0$  is a fixed point of  $T_1^p$ . Similarly  $x_0$  is also a fixed point of  $T_2^q$ , i.e.  $x_0$  is the common fixed point of  $T_1^p$  and  $T_2^q$ . Next, let  $k > r$  and to prove the uniqueness of a common fixed point of  $T_1^p$  and  $T_2^q$ , let,  $x_0$  and  $y_0$  be common fixed point of  $T_1^p$  and  $T_2^q$  with  $x_0 \neq y_0$ . Then,  $d(x_0, y_0, a) \neq 0$ . For this  $a$  in  $X$ ,

Min

$$\begin{aligned} & \{d(T_1^p(x_0), T_2^q(y_0), a), d(y_0, T_2^q(y_0), a), d(x_0, T_1^p(x_0), a), \\ & \quad d(T_1^p(x_0), T_2^q T_1^p(x_0), a), d(y_0, T_2^q T_1^p(x_0), a)\} \\ & + k \min \{d(x_0, T_2^q(y_0), a), d(y_0, T_1^p(x_0), a), d(x_0, T_1^p T_2^q(y_0), a), \\ & \quad d(T_2^q(y_0), T_2^q T_1^p(x_0), a)\}, \\ & \leq r d(x_0, y_0, a), \text{ gives} \end{aligned}$$

$$k d(x_0, y_0, a) \leq r d(x_0, y_0, a)$$

i.e.,  $d(x_0, y_0, a) < r d(x_0, y_0, a)$ , which is impossible.

This proves that  $T_1^p$  and  $T_2^q$  have a unique common fixed point.

$$\text{Now, } d(x_0, y_0, a) = d(T_1^p(x_0), T_2^q(Tx_0), a)$$

So,

$$\begin{aligned} \min \{ & d(T_1^p(x_0), T_2^q(Tx_0), a), d(Tx_0, T_1^p(Tx_0), a), \\ & d(T^2x_0, T_2^q(T^2x_0), a), d(T_1^p(Tx_0), T_2^q(T_1^p(Tx_0), a), \\ & d(T^2x_0, T_2^q(T_1^p(Tx_0), a)) \} \\ + k \min \{ & d(Tx_0, T_2^q(T^2x_0), a), d(T^2x_0, T_1^p(Tx_0), a) \\ & d(Tx_0, T_1^p(T_2^q(T^2x_0), a), d(T_2^q(T^2x_0), T_1^p(Tx_0), a) \} \end{aligned}$$

$$\leq r d(x_0, Tx_0, a)$$

$$\text{or, } k d(Tx_0, T^2x_0, a) \leq r d(x_0, Tx_0, a)$$

$$\text{or, } d(Tx_0, T^2x_0, a) \leq \frac{r}{k} d(x_0, Tx_0, a) \text{ which gives}$$

$$d(x_0, Tx_0, a) = 0, \text{ Thus } x_0 = Tx_0.$$

Hence,  $x_0$  is the unique common fixed point of  $T, T_1$  and  $T_2$ , //

**Remarks:**

(i) If we take  $T = I$ , Theorem (1.2.1) – (1,2,3) reduces to respectively:

$$d(T_1^p(x), T_2^q(y), a) \leq h \max \{ d(x, T_1^p(x), a), d(y, T_2^q(y), a),$$

(a)

$$d(x, y, a), \frac{1}{2} [d(y, T_1^p(x), a) + d(x, T_2^q(y), a)] \}$$

Where  $0 \leq h \leq 1$

$$\begin{aligned} \text{(b) } \min \{ & d(T_1^p(x), T_2^q(y), a), d(x, T_1^p(x), a), d(y, T_2^q(y), a), \\ & d(T_1^p(x), T_2^q(T_1^p(x), a), d(y, T_2^q(T_1^p(x), a)) \} \\ + k \min \{ & d(x, T_2^q(y), a), d(y, T_1^p(x), a), d(x, T_1^p(T_2^q(y), a), \\ & d(T_2^q(y), T_1^p(T_2^q(y), a)) \} \end{aligned}$$

$$\leq r d(x, y, a).$$

All these shows that  $T$  may have more than one fixed point, but there is only one common fixed point for  $T, T_1$  and  $T_2$ .

(ii) The second condition in all these theorems means  $T$  is non-expensive. This by itself would not ensure a fixed point for  $T$ .

(1.2.4) **THEOREM:** Let  $(X, d)$  be a complete 2 – metric space.

Let  $T_i : X \rightarrow X : (i = 1, 2, 3, 4)$  satisfying the conditions

$$\begin{aligned} [d(T_1 T_2(x), T_3, T_4(y), a)]^2 & \leq \alpha_1 [d(x, y, a)]^2 \\ & + \alpha_2 [d(x, T_1 T_2(x), a), d(y, T_3 T_4(y), a)] \\ & + \alpha_3 [d(x, T_1 T_2(x), a), d(x, T_3 T_4(y), a)] \\ & + \alpha_4 [d(x, T_1 T_2(x), a), d(y, T_1 T_2(x), a)] \\ & + \alpha_5 [d(y, T_3 T_4(y), a), d(x, T_3 T_4(y), a)] \end{aligned}$$

$$\begin{aligned}
 & + \alpha_6[d(y, T_3 T_4(y), a), d(y, T_1 T_2(x), a)] \\
 & + \alpha_7[d(x, T_3 T_4(y), a), d(y, T_1 T_2(x), a)] \\
 & + \alpha_8[d(x, y, a) d(x, T_1 T_2(x), a)] \\
 & + \alpha_9[d(x, y, a) d(y, T_1 T_2(x), a)] \\
 & + \alpha_{10}[d(x, y, a) d(y, T_3 T_4(y), a)] \\
 & + \alpha_{11}[d(x, y, a) d(x, T_3 T_4(y), a)] \dots (1)
 \end{aligned}$$

For all  $x, y, a$  in  $X$ , where  $\alpha_i \geq 0, i = 1, 2, 3, 4, \dots, 11$ ,

Further  $\sum_{i=1}^{11} \alpha_i < 1, \alpha_1 + \alpha_7 + \alpha_9 + \alpha_{11} < 1$  and  $T_1 T_2 = T_2 T_1$  and

$T_3 T_4 = T_4 T_3$ , then  $T_i (i = 1, 2, 1, 4)$  have a unique common fixed point in  $X$ .

Proof: Let  $x_0$  be an arbitrary point in  $X$  and we

define,  $x_{2n+1} = T_1 T_2 x_{2n} \quad n = 0, 1, 2, \dots$

$x_{2n} = T_3 T_4 x_{2n-1}, \quad n = 1, 2, \dots$

It follows from (1) that

$$\begin{aligned}
 [d(T_3 T_4 y, T_1 T_2 x, a)]^2 & \leq \alpha_1 [d(x, y, a)]^2 \\
 & + \alpha_2 [d(y, T_3 T_4 y, a), d(x, T_1 T_2 x, a)] \\
 & + \alpha_3 d(y, T_3 T_4 y, a), d(y, T_1 T_2 x, a) \\
 + \alpha_4 d(x, T_1 T_2 x, a), d(y, T_1 T_2 x, a) \\
 & + \alpha_5 d(y, T_3 T_4 y, a), d(x, T_3 T_4 y, a) \\
 & + \alpha_6 d(y, T_3 T_4 y, a), d(y, T_1 T_2 x, a) \\
 & + \alpha_7 d(x, T_3 T_4 y, a), d(y, T_1 T_2 x, a) \\
 & + \alpha_8 d(x, y, a), d(x, T_1 T_2(x), a) \\
 & + \alpha_9 [d(x, y, a), d(y, T_1 T_2 x, a)] \\
 & + \alpha_{10} [d(x, y, a), d(y, T_3 T_4 y, a)] \\
 & + \alpha_{11} [d(x, y, a), d(x, T_3 T_4 y, a)] \dots (2)
 \end{aligned}$$

By symmetric property of 2-metric from (1) and (2) we get

$$\begin{aligned}
 [d(T_1 T_2 x, T_3 T_4 y, a)]^2 & \leq \alpha_1 [d(x, y, a)]^2 + \alpha_2 [d(x, T_1 T_2 x, a) d(y, T_3 T_4 y, a)] \\
 & + \alpha_7 [d(y, T_1 T_2 x, a) d(x, T_3 T_4 y, a)] \\
 & + \frac{\alpha_3 + \alpha_6}{2} \{d(x, T_1 T_2 x, a) d(x, T_3 T_4 y, a) \\
 & + d(y, T_1 T_2 x, a) d(y, T_3 T_4 y, a)\} \\
 & + \frac{\alpha_4 + \alpha_5}{2} \{d(x, T_1 T_2 x, a) d(y, T_1 T_2 x, a) \\
 & + d(x, T_3 T_4 y, a) d(y, T_3 T_4 y, a)\} \\
 & + \frac{\alpha_8 + \alpha_{10}}{2} \{d(x, y, a) d(x, T_1 T_2 x, a) \\
 & + d(x, y, a) d(y, T_3 T_4 y, a)\}
 \end{aligned}$$

$$\frac{\alpha_9 + \alpha_{10}}{2} \{d(x, y, a) d(y, T_1 T_2 x, a) + d(x, y, a) d(x, T_3 T_4 y, a)\} \dots (3)$$

Thus by (3) we have

$$\begin{aligned} [d(x_{2n+1}, x_{2n}, a)]^2 &\leq [d(T_1 T_2 x_{2n}, T_3 T_4 x_{2n-1}, a)]^2 \\ &\leq \alpha_1 [d(x_{2n}, x_{2n-1}, a)]^2 + \alpha_2 d(x_{2n}, x_{2n+1}, a) d(x_{2n-1}, x_{2n}, a) \\ &\quad + \alpha_7 [d(x_{2n-1}, x_{2n+1}, a) d(x_{2n}, x_{2n}, a) \\ &\quad + \frac{\alpha_3 + \alpha_6}{2} \{d(x_{2n}, x_{2n+1}, a) d(x_{2n}, x_{2n}, a) \\ &\quad + d(x_{2n-1}, x_{2n+1}, a) d(x_{2n-1}, x_{2n}, a)\} \\ &\quad + \frac{\alpha_4 + \alpha_5}{2} \{d(x_{2n}, x_{2n+1}, a) d(x_{2n-1}, x_{2n+1}, a) \\ &\quad + d(x_{2n}, x_{2n}, a) d(x_{2n-1}, x_{2n}, a)\} \\ &\quad + \frac{\alpha_8 + \alpha_{10}}{2} \{d(x_{2n}, x_{2n-1}, a) d(x_{2n}, x_{2n+1}, a) \\ &\quad + d(x_{2n}, x_{2n-1}, a) d(x_{2n-1}, x_{2n}, a)\} \\ &\quad + \frac{\alpha_9 + \alpha_{11}}{2} \{d(x_{2n}, x_{2n-1}, a) d(x_{2n-1}, x_{2n+1}, a) \\ &\quad + d(x_{2n}, x_{2n-1}, a) d(x_{2n}, x_{2n}, a)\} \\ &\leq \frac{2\alpha_1 + \alpha_8 + \alpha_{10}}{2} [d(x_{2n}, x_{2n-1}, a)]^2 \\ &\quad + \frac{2\alpha_2 + \alpha_8 + \alpha_{10}}{2} [d(x_{2n+1}, x_{2n}, a) d(x_{2n}, x_{2n-1}, a)] \\ &\quad + \frac{\alpha_3 + \alpha_6 + \alpha_9 + \alpha_{11}}{2} [d(x_{2n}, x_{2n-1}, a) \{d(x_{2n+1}, x_{2n}, a) + d(x_{2n}, x_{2n-1}, a)\}] \\ &\quad + \frac{\alpha_4 + \alpha_5}{2} d(x_{2n+1}, x_{2n}, a) \{d(x_{2n+1}, x_{2n}, a) + d(x_{2n}, x_{2n+1}, a)\} \\ &\quad \text{as } d(x_{2n-1}, x_{2n}, x_{2n+1}) = 0 \end{aligned}$$

Thus,  $d(x_{2n+1}, x_{2n}, a) \leq k d(x_{2n}, x_{2n-1}, a)$

Where,

$$\begin{aligned} \frac{2\alpha_1 + \alpha_8 + \alpha_{10} + \alpha_3 + \alpha_6 + \alpha_9 + \alpha_{11}}{2} + \frac{2\alpha_2 + \alpha_8 + \alpha_{10} + \alpha_3 + \alpha_6 + \alpha_9 + \alpha_{11} + \alpha_4 + \alpha_5}{4} \\ k^2 = \frac{1 - 2\alpha_2 + \alpha_8 + \alpha_{10} + \alpha_3 + \alpha_6 + \alpha_9 + \alpha_{11} + \alpha_4 + \alpha_5}{4} - \frac{\alpha_4 + \alpha_5}{4} \\ < 1, \text{ as } \sum_{\substack{i=1 \\ i \neq 7}}^{11} \alpha_i < 1 \end{aligned}$$

Similarly,  $d(x_{2n}, x_{2n-1}, a) \leq k d(x_{2n-1}, x_{2n-2}, a)$

So  $\{x_n\}$  is a Cauchy sequence in  $X$ . Since  $X$  is complete 2-metric space there exists  $z \in X$  such that  $\lim_{n \rightarrow \infty} X_n = z$ . Now by considering

$$[d(T_1 T_2 z, x_{2n}, a)]^2$$

We get from (1) letting  $n \rightarrow \infty$  that  $[d(T_1 T_2 z, z, a)]^2 \leq 0$

Which implies that  $T_1 T_2 z = z$ . Similarly by considering  $[d(x_{2n+1}, T_3 T_4 z, a)]^2$  we conclude from (1) by letting  $n \rightarrow \infty$  that  $T_3 T_4 z = z$ .

Thus  $T_1 T_2 z = z = T_3 T_4 z \dots\dots\dots$  (4)

Lastly,

$$\begin{aligned} [d(T_1 z, z, a)]^2 &= [d(T_1 T_2 z, T_3 T_4 z, a)]^2 = [d(T_1 T_2 T_1(z) T_3 T_4 z, a)]^2 \\ &\leq \alpha_1 [d(T_1 z, z, a)]^2 + \alpha_2 d(T_1 z, T_1 T_2 T_1 z, a) d(z, T_3 T_4 z, a) \\ &\quad + \alpha_3 [d(T_1 z, T_1 T_2 T_1 z, a) d(T_1 z, T_3 T_4 z, a) \\ &\quad + \alpha_4 d(T_1 z, T_1 T_2 T_1 z, a) d(z, T_1 T_2 z, a) \\ &\quad + \alpha_5 d(z, T_3 T_4 z, a) d(T_1 z, T_3 T_4 z, a) \\ &\quad + \alpha_6 d(z, T_3 T_4 z, a) d(z, T_1 T_2 T_1 z, a) \\ &\quad + \alpha_7 d(T_1 z, T_3 T_4 z, a) d(z, T_1 T_2 T_1 z, a) \\ &\quad + \alpha_8 d(T_1 z, z, a) d(T_1 z, T_1 T_2 T_1 z, a) \\ &\quad + \alpha_9 d(T_1 z, z, a) d(z, T_1 T_2 T_1 z, a) \\ &\quad + \alpha_{10} d(T_1 z, z, a) d(z, T_3 T_4 z, a) \\ &\quad + \alpha_{11} d(T_1 z, z, a) d(T_1 z, T_3 T_4 z, a) \end{aligned}$$

i.e.,  $(1 - \alpha_1 - \alpha_7 - \alpha_9 - \alpha_{11}) [d(T_1 z, z, a)]^2 \leq 0$  which implies that  $T_1 z = z$ . Since  $\alpha_1 + \alpha_7 + \alpha_9 + \alpha_{11} < 1$ . Thus from (4),  $T_1 T_2 z = T_2 T_1 z = T_2 z = T_2 z = z$ .

Similarly by considering  $[d(z, T_3 z, a)]^2$ , we conclude from (1) that  $T_3 z = z$ , since  $\alpha_1 + \alpha_7 + \alpha_9 + \alpha_{11} < 1$  and using (4) we get  $T_3 T_4 z = T_4 T_3 z = T_4 z = z$ .

Hence,  $T_1 z = T_2 z = T_3 z = T_4 z = z$  i.e.  $z$  is a common fixed point of  $T_i$  ( $i = 1, 2, 3, 4$ ). Uniqueness of  $z$  follows directly from (1), thus here we omit it.

**Remark:** Since  $\max\{\alpha_1, \alpha_2, \dots, \alpha_{11}\} \leq \alpha_1 + \alpha_2 + \dots + \alpha_{11}$  for non-negative reals  $\alpha_i$ ,  $i = 1, 2, \dots, 11$ , we obtain the following :

(1.2.5) **COROLLARY:** In a complete 2-metric space  $(X, d)$ , if there exists four self mappings  $T_i$  ( $i = 1, 2, 3, 4$ ) and

Satisfy the relations

$$[d(T_1 T_2 x T_3 T_4 y, \alpha)]^2 \leq \max[\alpha_1 [d(x, y, a)]^2,$$

$$\begin{aligned}
 & \alpha_2 d(xT_1T_2x, \alpha)] d(y, T_3T_4y, a), \\
 & \alpha_3 d(xT_1T_2x, \alpha)] d(x_3, T_3T_4y, a), \\
 & \alpha_4 d(xT_1T_2zx, \alpha)] d(y, T_1T_2x, a), \\
 & \alpha_5 d(yT_3T_4y, \alpha)] d(x, T_3T_4y, a), \\
 & \alpha_6 d(yT_3T_4y, \alpha)] d(y, T_1T_2x, a), \\
 & \alpha_7 d(xT_3T_4y, \alpha)] d(y, T_1T_2x, a), \\
 & \alpha_8 d(x, y, \alpha)] d(x, T_1T_2x, a), \\
 & \alpha_9 d(x, y, \alpha)] d(y, T_1T_2x, a), \\
 & \alpha_{10} d(x, y, \alpha)] d(y, T_3T_4y, a), \\
 & \alpha_{11} d(x, y, \alpha)] d(x, T_3T_4y, a) \}
 \end{aligned}$$

For all  $x, y$  in  $X$ ,  $\alpha_i \geq 0$ ,  $i = 1, 2, \dots, 11$  with

$$\sum_{\substack{i=1 \\ i \neq 7}}^{11} \alpha_i < 1 \text{ and } \alpha_1 + \alpha_7 + \alpha_9 + \alpha_{11} < 1. \text{ Further assume } i \neq 7$$

That  $T_1T_2 = T_2T_1$  and  $T_3T_4 = T_4T_3$ , then  $T_i = i = 1, 2, 3, 4$ , have a unique common fixed point in  $X$ .

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