

Coincidence point and fixed point theorems for rational contractions

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Abstract. The purpose of this work is to present some coincidence point theorems for singlevalued and multivalued rational contractions. A comparative study of different rational contraction conditions is also presented. Our results extend some recent theorems in the literature.

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1. Introduction

In this first section, for the convenience of the reader, we will recall the standard terminologies and notations in non-linear analysis. See, for example [4], [11], [6], [9].

Let (X, d) be a metric space, $x_0 \in X$ and $r > 0$.

Denote $\tilde{B}(x_0, r) := \{x \in X \mid d(x_0, x) \leq r\}$ the closed ball centered at x_0 with radius r .

If $S : X \rightarrow X$ is an operator, then we denote by $F(S) := \{x \in X \mid x = S(x)\}$ the fixed point set of S .

An operator $f : Y \subseteq X \rightarrow Y$ is said to be an α -contraction if $\alpha \in [0, 1]$ and $d(f(x), f(y)) \leq \alpha d(x, y)$, for all $x, y \in Y$.

Definition 1.1. Let (X, \leq) be an partially ordered set and A, B be two nonempty subsets of X . Then we will write $A \leq_s B$ if and only for all $a \in A$ exists $b \in B$ satisfying $a \leq b$.

We denote by $P(X)$ the family of all nonempty subsets of X . Also $P_p(X)$ will denote the family of all nonempty subsets of X having the property "p", where "p"

could be: b = bounded, cl = closed, cp = compact etc. We consider the following functionals:

$$D : P(X) \times P(X) \rightarrow \mathbb{R}_+, \quad D(A, B) = \inf\{d(a, b) | a \in A, b \in B\}$$

$$\rho : P_b(X) \times P_b(X) \rightarrow \mathbb{R}_+, \quad \rho(A, B) = \{sup\{D(a, B) | a \in A\}$$

$$H : P_b(X) \times P_b(X) \rightarrow \mathbb{R}_+, \quad H(A, B) = \max\{\sup_{a \in A} D(a, B), \sup_{b \in B} D(b, A)\}.$$

Definition 1.2. Let (X, \preceq) be a partially ordered set and $T : X \rightarrow P(X)$ be a multi-valued mapping, satisfying the following implication

$$x \preceq y \Rightarrow Tx \preceq_s Ty.$$

Then T is said to be increasing.

Definition 1.3. ([6]) A function $\psi : \mathbb{R}_+ \rightarrow \mathbb{R}_+ := [0, +\infty)$ is called an altering distance function if the following properties are satisfied:

- (Ψ_1) $\psi(t) = 0 \Leftrightarrow t = 0$.
- (Ψ_2) ψ is monotonically non-decreasing.
- (Ψ_3) ψ is continuous.

By Ψ we denote the set of all altering distance functions.

The following theorem is an result proved by B.K. Das and S Gupta, in 1975.

Theorem 1.4. Let (X, d) be a metric space and let $S : X \rightarrow X$ be a given mapping such that,

i) there exist $a, b \in \mathbb{R}_+^*$ with $a + b < 1$ for which $d(Sx, Sy) \leq ad(x, y) + bm(x, y)$ for all $x, y \in X$ where

$$m(x, y) = d(y, Sy) \frac{1 + d(x, Sx)}{1 + d(x, y)}.$$

ii) there exists $x_0 \in X$, such that the sequence of iterates $(S^n x_0)$ has a subsequence $(S^{n_k} x_0)$ with $\lim_{k \rightarrow \infty} (S^{n_k} x_0) = z_0$. Then z_0 is the unique fixed point of S .

Definition 1.5. Let S be a self mapping of a metric space (M, d) with a nonempty fixed point set $F(S)$. Then S is said to satisfy the property (P) if $F(S) = F(S^n)$ for each $n \in \mathbb{N}$.

Definition 1.6. Let (X, \preceq) be a partially ordered set endowed with a metric d on X . We say that X is regular if and only if the following hypothesis holds:

If $\{z_n\}$ is an non-decreasing sequence in X with respect to \preceq such that $\lim_{n \rightarrow \infty} z_n = z \in X$ then $z_n \preceq z$ for all $n \in \mathbb{N}$.

Definition 1.7. Let (X, d) a complete metric space, with $T : X \rightarrow P_{cl}(X)$ and $R : X \rightarrow X$. Then $C(R, T) = \{x \in X | Rx \in Tx\}$ is called the coincidence point set of S and T . We say that a point $x \in X$ is a coincidence point of R and T if $Rx = Tx$.

We will denote by $F(T)$ the fixed point set for T and by $SF(T)$ the strict fixed point set of T .

If Y is a nonempty subset of X and $T : Y \rightarrow P(X)$ is a multivalued operator, then by definition, an element $x \in Y$ is said to be:

- (i) a fixed point of T if and only if $x \in T(x)$;
- (ii) a strict fixed point of T if and only if $x = T(x)$.

The following result appeared in [9].

Theorem 1.8. ([9]) *Let (X, \preceq) be a partially ordered set equipped with a metric d on X such that (X, d) is a complete metric space. Let $T, R : X \rightarrow X$ be two mappings satisfying (for pair $(x, y) \in X \times X$ where in Rx and Ry are comparable),*

$$d(Tx, Ty) \leq \frac{\alpha d(Rx, Tx) \cdot d(Ry, Ty)}{1 + d(Rx, Ry)} + \beta d(Rx, Ry) \quad (1.1)$$

where α, β are non-negative real numbers with $\alpha + \beta < 1$. Suppose that

a) X is regular and T is weakly increasing with R .

b) the pair (R, T) is commuting and weakly reciprocally continuous.

Then R and T have a coincidence point.

On the other hand, in [2] the following local fix point theorem for multivalued contraction is given.

Theorem 1.9. *Let (X, d) be a complete metric space, $x_0 \in X$ and $r > 0$. Let $T : \tilde{B}(x_0; r) \rightarrow P_{cl}(X)$ be a multivalued α - contraction such that $D(x_0, T(x_0)) < (1 - \alpha)r$. Then $F(T) \neq \emptyset$.*

We also mention that the following fixed point theorem, for the so called multivalued rational contractions was presented in [10], as follows.

Theorem 1.10. *Let (X, d) a complete metric space and $T : X \rightarrow P_{cl}(X)$ be a multivalued operator such that exists $\alpha, \beta \geq 0$ with $\alpha + \beta < 1$ satisfying*

$$H(Tx, Ty) \leq \frac{\alpha D(y, Ty)[1 + D(x, Tx)]}{1 + d(x, y)} + \beta d(x, y), \text{ for all } x, y \in X. \quad (1.2)$$

Then T has a fixed point.

The purpose of this paper is twofold. First we will extend Theorem 1.8 for the case of multivalued operators. Secondly, we will present a local fixed point theorem for multivalued rational contractions.

2. Main results

Our first main result is the following coincidence point theorem.

Theorem 2.1. *Let (X, d) be a complete metric space. Let $T : X \rightarrow P_{cl}(X)$ and $R : X \rightarrow X$ be two operators satisfying*

$$\rho(Tx, Ty) \leq \frac{\alpha D(Ry, Ty)[1 + D(Rx, Tx)]}{1 + d(Rx, Ry)} + \beta d(Rx, Ry), \forall x, y \in X \quad (2.1)$$

where α, β are some non-negative real numbers with $\alpha + \beta < 1$. Suppose that R is continuous and $T(X) \subset R(X)$. Then R and T have a coincidence point.

Proof. Let $x_0 \in X$ be arbitrary. Since $T(x_0) \subset T(X) \subset R(X)$, there exists $x_1 \in X$ such that $R(x_1) \in T(x_0)$. For $R(x_1) \in T(x_0)$ and $T(x_1)$, by well-known property of the functional ρ , for any $q > 1$, there exists $u_1 \in T(x_1)$ such that

$$d(Rx_1, u_1) \leq q\rho(Tx_0, Tx_1).$$

Since $u_1 \in T(x_1) \subset T(X) \subset R(X)$ there exists $x_2 \in X$ such that $u_1 = R(x_2) \in T(x_1)$. Thus

$$\begin{aligned} d(Rx_1, Rx_2) &\leq q\rho(Tx_0, Tx_1) \leq q \left[\frac{\alpha D(Rx_1, Tx_1)[1 + D(Rx_0, Tx_0)]}{1 + d(Rx_0, Rx_1)} + \beta d(Rx_0, Rx_1) \right] \\ &\leq q \left[\frac{\alpha d(Rx_1, Rx_2)[1 + d(Rx_0, Rx_1)]}{1 + d(Rx_0, Rx_1)} + \beta d(Rx_0, Rx_1) \right]. \end{aligned}$$

Hence

$$(1 - q\alpha)d(Rx_1, Rx_2) \leq q\beta d(Rx_0, Rx_1)$$

and so

$$d(Rx_1, Rx_2) \leq \frac{q\beta}{1 - q\alpha} d(Rx_0, Rx_1).$$

Now, for $R(x_2) \in T(x_1)$ and $T(x_2)$, for the same arbitrary $q > 1$, there exists $u_2 \in T(x_2)$ such that

$$d(Rx_2, u_2) \leq q\rho(Tx_1, Tx_2).$$

Again, since $u_2 \in T(x_2) \subset T(X) \subset R(X)$ there exists $x_3 \in X$ such that $u_2 = R(x_3) \in T(x_2)$. In this case, by a similar procedure, we obtain

$$d(Rx_2, Rx_3) \leq \frac{q\beta}{1 - q\alpha} d(Rx_1, Rx_2) \leq \left(\frac{q\beta}{1 - q\alpha} \right)^2 d(Rx_0, Rx_1).$$

By this procedure, we obtain a sequence $u_n := R(x_{n+1}) \in T(x_n), n \in \mathbb{N}^*$ such that

$$d(Rx_n, Rx_{n+1}) \leq q\rho(Tx_{n-1}, Rx_n)$$

and

$$d(Rx_n, Rx_{n+1}) \leq \left(\frac{q\beta}{1 - q\alpha} \right)^n d(Rx_0, Rx_1). \quad (2.2)$$

By choosing $1 < q < \frac{1}{\alpha + \beta}$, we obtain thus $r := \frac{q\beta}{1 - q\alpha} < 1$.

By (2.2) we get that the sequence $(Rx_n)_{n \in \mathbb{N}^*}$ is Cauchy in the complete metric space (X, d) . Thus, there exists x^* such that $Rx_n \rightarrow x^*, n \rightarrow \infty$. We will show that x^* is a coincidence point for R and T (i.e. $Rx^* \in Tx^*$).

We estimate

$$\begin{aligned} D(Rx^*, Tx^*) &= \inf_{y \in Tx^*} d(Rx^*, y) \leq d(Rx^*, R(Rx_n)) + \inf_{y \in Tx^*} d(R(Rx_n), y) \\ &\leq d(Rx^*, R(Rx_n)) + D(Rx_{n+1}, Tx^*) \leq d(Rx^*, R(Rx_n)) + \rho(Tx_n, Tx^*) \\ &\leq d(Rx^*, R(Rx_n)) + \frac{\alpha D(Rx^*, Tx^*)[1 + D(Rx_n, Tx_n)]}{1 + D(Rx_n, Rx^*)} + \beta d(Rx_n, Rx^*) \\ &\leq d(Rx^*, R(Rx_n)) + \frac{\alpha D(Rx^*, Tx^*)[1 + d(Rx_n, Rx_{n+1})]}{1 + d(Rx_n, Rx^*)} + \beta d(Rx_n, Rx^*) \end{aligned}$$

Letting $n \rightarrow \infty$ and R continuous, we obtain

$$\begin{aligned} D(Rx^*, Tx^*) &\leq \alpha D(Rx^*, Tx^*) \\ (1 - \alpha)D(Rx^*, Tx^*) &\leq 0. \end{aligned}$$

Since $\alpha, \beta > 0$, then T and R has a coincidence point. \square

In the next paragraph we will prove Theorem 1.6 using Theorem 1.7 condition.

Theorem 2.2. *Let (X, d) be a complete metric space, $x_0 \in X$ and $r > 0$. Let $T : \tilde{B}(x_0; r) \rightarrow P_{cl}(X)$ be a multivalued operator for which there exist $\alpha, \beta \in \mathbb{R}_+^*$ with $\alpha + \beta < 1$ such that*

$$H(Tx, Ty) \leq \frac{\alpha D(y, Ty)[1 + D(x, Tx)]}{1 + d(x, y)} + \beta d(x, y), \text{ for all } x, y \in X. \quad (2.3)$$

We also suppose that $D(x_0, Tx_0) < \left(\frac{1 - \alpha - \beta}{1 - \alpha}\right)r$. Then $F(T) \neq \emptyset$.

Proof. We will inductively construct a sequence $x_n \subset \tilde{B}(x_0; r)$ such that

- i) $x_n \in Tx_{n+1}, \forall n \in \mathbb{N}^*$
- ii) $d(x_n, x_{n-1}) < k^{n-1}r$. We denote by $k = \frac{\beta}{1-\alpha} \in [0, 1)$.

From the condition $D(x_0, Tx_0) < \left(\frac{1-\alpha-\beta}{1-\alpha}\right)r$ we have that exists $x_1 \in T(x_0)$ such that $d(x_0, x_1) < (1-k)r$. Suppose that we construct $x_1, x_2, \dots, x_n \in \tilde{B}(x_0, r)$ with properties i) and ii), now we have to prove the existence of x_{n+1} . We have

$$\begin{aligned} H(Tx_{n-1}, Tx_n) &\leq \frac{\alpha D(x_n, Tx_n)[1 + D(x_{n-1}, Tx_{n-1})]}{1 + d(x_{n-1}, x_n)} + \beta d(x_{n-1}, x_n) \\ &\leq \frac{\alpha D(x_n, Tx_n)[1 + d(x_{n-1}, x_n)]}{1 + d(x_{n-1}, x_n)} + \beta d(x_{n-1}, x_n) \\ &= \alpha D(x_n, Tx_n) + \beta d(x_{n-1}, x_n) < \alpha H(Tx_{n-1}, Tx_n) + \beta d(x_{n-1}, x_n) \\ H(Tx_{n-1}, Tx_n) &\leq \frac{\beta}{1-\alpha} d(x_{n-1}, x_n) \leq \left(\frac{\beta}{1-\alpha}\right)^n d(x_0, x_1) \\ &< \left(\frac{\beta}{1-\alpha}\right)^n \left(1 - \frac{\beta}{1-\alpha}\right)r. \end{aligned}$$

This proves that $x_{n+1} \in Tx_n$ such that

$$d(x_{n+1}, x_n) < \left(\frac{\beta}{1-\alpha}\right)^n \left(1 - \frac{\beta}{1-\alpha}\right)r,$$

so using k we will have $d(x_{n+1}, x_n) < k^n(1-k)r$.

Moreover, we have

$$\begin{aligned} d(x_{n+p}, x_n) &\leq (1 + k + \dots + k^{p-1})k^n(1-k)r \\ &\leq \frac{k^p}{1-k}k^n(1-k)r \rightarrow 0 \text{ as } n, p \rightarrow \infty. \end{aligned} \quad (2.4)$$

Therefore $(x_n)_{n \in \mathbb{N}}$ is a Cauchy sequence, with $\lim_{n \rightarrow \infty} x_n = x_0^* \in \tilde{B}(x_0, r)$. Because T is closed we obtain

$$D(x_0^*, Tx_0^*) \leq d(x_0^*, x_{n+1}) + H(Tx_n, Tx_0^*)$$

$$\begin{aligned} &\leq d(x_0^*, x_{n+1}) + \frac{\alpha D(x_0^*, Tx_0^*)[1 + D(x_n, Tx_n)]}{1 + d(x_n, x_0^*)} + \beta d(x_n, x_0^*) \\ &\leq d(x_0^*, x_{n+1}) + \frac{\alpha D(x_0^*, Tx_0^*)[1 + d(x_n, x_{n+1})]}{1 + d(x_n, x_0^*)} + \beta d(x_n, x_0^*). \end{aligned}$$

Letting $n \rightarrow \infty$, we have

$$D(x_0^*, Tx_0^*) \leq \alpha D(x_0^*, Tx_0^*).$$

This proves that x_0^* is a fixed point of Tx_0^* . \square

The next part of this section, is devoted to generalize Theorem 1.4 to the case of multivalued operators.

Theorem 2.3. *Let (X, d) be a complete metric space, let $\psi \in \Psi$ and $T : X \rightarrow P_{cl}(X)$ be a multivalued operator for which there exist $\alpha, \beta \in \mathbb{R}_+^*$ with $\alpha + \beta < 1$ such that*

$$\psi[H(Tx, Ty)] \leq \alpha\psi[m(x, y)] + \beta\psi[d(x, y)], \text{ for all } x, y \in X \quad (2.5)$$

where

$$m(x, y) = D(y, Ty) \frac{1 + D(x, Tx)}{1 + d(x, y)}. \quad (2.6)$$

Then T has a fixed point $x^* \in X$, and there exists a sequence $(x_n)_{n \in \mathbb{N}} \subset X$ with $x_0 \in X$ and $x_{n+1} \in T(x_n)$, $n \in \mathbb{N}$ such that $\lim_{n \rightarrow \infty} x_n = x^*$.

Proof. Let $x_0 \in X$ be arbitrary chosen and let (x_n) be a sequence defined as follows: $x_{n+1} \in Tx_n \subset T^{n+1}x_0$, for each $n \geq 1$. Now,

$$\psi[d(x_n, x_{n+1})] \leq \psi[qH(Tx_{n-1}, Tx_n)] \leq q\alpha\psi[m(x_{n-1}, x_n)] + q\beta\psi[d(x_{n-1}, x_n)] \quad (2.7)$$

using (2.6),

$$\begin{aligned} m(x_{n-1}, x_n) &= D(x_n, Tx_n) \frac{1 + D(x_{n-1}, Tx_{n-1})}{1 + d(x_{n-1}, x_n)} \\ &\leq d(x_n, x_{n+1}) \frac{1 + d(x_{n-1}, x_n)}{1 + d(x_{n-1}, x_n)} = d(x_n, x_{n+1}). \end{aligned}$$

Substituting it into (2.7), it follows that,

$$\psi[d(x_n, x_{n+1})] \leq q\alpha\psi[d(x_n, x_{n+1})] + q\beta\psi[d(x_{n-1}, x_n)]$$

so we have,

$$\begin{aligned} \psi[d(x_n, x_{n+1})] &\leq \frac{q\beta}{1 - q\alpha} \psi[d(x_{n-1}, x_n)] \\ &\leq \left(\frac{q\beta}{1 - q\alpha} \right)^2 \psi[d(x_{n-2}, x_{n-1})] \leq \dots \end{aligned} \quad (2.8)$$

$$\leq \left(\frac{q\beta}{1 - q\alpha} \right)^n \psi[d(x_0, x_1)] \quad (2.9)$$

Since $r = \frac{q\beta}{1 - q\alpha} \in (0, 1)$, from (2.8) we obtain

$$\lim_{n \rightarrow \infty} \psi[d(x_n, x_{n+1})] = 0.$$

From the fact that $\psi \in \Psi$, we have

$$\lim_{n \rightarrow \infty} d(x_n, x_{n+1}) = 0.$$

Now we will show that (x_n) is a Cauchy sequence. Using (2.9), moreover, for $n < m$, we have

$$\begin{aligned} \psi[d(x_n, x_m)] &\leq \psi[d(x_{n-1}, x_n)] + \dots + \psi[d(x_{m-1}, x_m)] \leq (r^n + \dots + r^{m-1})\psi[d(x_0, x_1)] \\ &\leq \frac{r^n}{1-r} \psi[d(x_0, x_1)] \rightarrow 0 \quad \text{as } n, m \rightarrow \infty. \end{aligned} \quad (2.10)$$

Therefore (x_n) is a Cauchy sequence. Since (X, d) is a complete metric space, we get that $x \in X \lim_{n \rightarrow \infty} x_n = x^*$.

$$\begin{aligned} \psi[D(x^*, Tx^*)] &= \psi[\inf_{y \in Tx^*} d(x^*, y)] \leq \psi[d(x^*, x_{n+1})] + \psi[\inf_{y \in Tx^*} d(x_{n+1}, y)] \\ &\leq \psi[d(x^*, x_{n+1})] + \psi[H(Tx_n, Tx^*)] \\ &\leq \psi[d(x^*, x_{n+1})] + \alpha\psi[m(x_n, x^*)] + \beta\psi[d(x_n, x^*)] \\ &\leq \psi[d(x^*, x_{n+1})] + \alpha\psi[D(x^*, Tx^*) \frac{1+D(x_n, Tx_n)}{1+d(x_n, x^*)}] + \beta\psi[d(x_n, x^*)] \\ &\leq \psi[d(x^*, x_{n+1})] + \alpha\psi[D(x^*, Tx^*) \frac{1+d(x_n, x_{n+1})}{1+d(x_n, x^*)}] + \beta\psi[d(x_n, x^*)]. \end{aligned}$$

Letting $n \rightarrow \infty$ we obtain

$$\psi[D(x^*, Tx^*)](1 - \alpha) \leq 0.$$

Since $\psi \in \Psi$, we have $D(x^*, Tx^*) = 0$. This proves that $x^* \in F_T$. \square

As a consequence, we obtain the following fixed point theorem.

Corollary 2.4. *Let (X, d) be a complete metric space and let $T : X \rightarrow P_{cl}(X)$ be a multivalued operator. We assume that for each $x, y \in X$,*

$$\int_0^{H(Tx, Ty)} \varphi(t) dt \leq \alpha \int_0^{D(y, Ty) \frac{1+D(x, Tx)}{1+d(x, y)}} \varphi(t) dt + \beta \int_0^{d(x, y)} \varphi(t) dt \quad (2.11)$$

where $0 < \alpha + \beta < 1$ and $\varphi : \mathbb{R}_+ \rightarrow \mathbb{R}_+$, is a Lebesgue integrable operator which is summable on each compact subset of $[0, +\infty)$, non negative and such that $\int_0^\epsilon \varphi(t) dt > 0$ for all $\epsilon > 0$. Then T admits a fixed point $x^* \in X$ such that for each $x \in X$

$$\lim_{n \rightarrow \infty} x^n = x^*, x_n \in T^n x.$$

Proof. Let $\varphi : \mathbb{R}_+ \rightarrow \mathbb{R}_+$, be as in the corollary, we define

$$\psi_0(t) = \int_0^t \varphi(t) dt, \quad t \in \mathbb{R}_+.$$

ψ_0 is monotonically non decreasing and by hypothesis ψ_0 is continuous. Therefore, $\psi_0 \in \Psi$. So the condition (2.11) becomes

$$\psi_0[H(Tx, Ty)] \leq \alpha\psi_0 \left[D(y, Ty) \frac{1 + D(x, Tx)}{1 + d(x, y)} \right] + \beta\psi_0[d(x, y)] \forall x, y \in X.$$

So, from Theorem 2.3 we have that exists $x^* \in X$ such that for each $x^* \in F(T)$ and there exist a sequence $(x_n)_{n \in \mathbb{N}} \subset X$ with $x_0 \in X$ and $x_{n+1} \in T(x_n), n \in \mathbb{N}$ such that $\lim_{n \rightarrow \infty} x_n = x^*$. \square

Example 2.5. Let $X = \{(0, 0, 0), (0, 0, 1), (1, 0, 0)\}$ be endowed with the metric d . Consider the multivalued operator $T : X \rightarrow P_{cl}(X)$ and a singlevalued operator $R : X \rightarrow X$ defined by

$$T(x) = \begin{cases} \{(1, 0, 0)\}, & \text{if } x = (0, 0, 1) \\ \{(0, 0, 0)\}, & \text{if } x = (0, 0, 0) \\ \{(0, 0, 0), (1, 0, 0)\}, & \text{if } x = (1, 0, 0) \end{cases}$$

$$R(x) = \begin{cases} \{(1, 0, 0)\}, & \text{if } x = (0, 0, 1) \\ \{(0, 0, 0)\}, & \text{if } x = (0, 0, 0) \\ \{(0, 0, 1)\}, & \text{if } x = (1, 0, 0) \end{cases}$$

Then $F_T = \{(0, 0, 0), (1, 0, 0)\}$, $F_R = \{(0, 0, 0)\}$, $C(R, T) = \{(0, 0, 1), (0, 0, 0)\}$ and Theorem 2.1 is verified for $\alpha = \frac{1}{9}, \beta = \frac{7}{8}, \alpha + \beta < 1$.

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