

Fixed point uniqueness of generalized (ψ, φ) -weak contractions in partially ordered metric spaces under suitable constraints

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Abstract

In this paper, by providing an example, I show that the condition which produced by Radenović and Kadelburg in [Generalized weak contractions in partially ordered metric spaces, Comput. Math. Appl. 60 (2010) pp. 1776-1783] is not sufficient for uniqueness of the fixed point. Furthermore, a new sufficient condition is introduced for the uniqueness of the fixed point. Some suitable examples are furnished to demonstrate the validity of the hypotheses of my results.

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1 Introduction and Preliminaries

The study of fixed point theory in the setting of a partially ordered metric space was first started in 2004 by Ran and Reurings [11] and then by Nieto and López (see [6, 7]). Many authors obtained several interesting results in ordered metric spaces, for example, see [3, 4, 5, 8, 10].

The following definitions and notations will be used in this paper.

Definition 1.1. [9] Let (X, \preceq) be a partially ordered set and let T and S be two self-maps on X . Then

- 1) the elements $x, y \in X$ are comparable if $x \preceq y$ or $y \preceq x$ holds and we denote it by $x \preceq \succeq y$.
- 2) a subset A of X is said to be well ordered if any two elements of A are comparable .
- 3) the ordered metric space (X, \preceq, d) is called regular whenever if a nondecreasing sequence $\{x_n\}$ in (X, \preceq) converges to $x \in X$, then $x_n \preceq x$, for all $n \in \mathbb{N}$.
- 4) T is called nondecreasing with respect to \preceq if $x \preceq y$ implies $Tx \preceq Ty$.
- 5) the mappings T and S are called weakly increasing if $Tx \preceq STx$ and $Sx \preceq TSx$ for all $x \in X$. A mapping T is called weakly increasing if T and T are weakly increasing maps which means that $Tx \preceq T^2x$ for each $x \in X$.

The control functions were introduced by Đorić [1] as follows:

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Definition 1.2. A pair (ψ, φ) of self-maps on $[0, \infty)$ is called a pair of control functions, if the following conditions are satisfied:

1. ψ is a continuous nondecreasing function and $\psi(t) = 0$ if and only if $t = 0$.
2. φ is lower semi-continuous with $\varphi(t) = 0$ if and only if $t = 0$.

So far, many authors have studied fixed point theorems which are based on control functions (see, e.g. [1, 2, 9, 12]).

Consider the following notations:

- $m(x, y) = \max \left\{ d(x, y), d(x, Tx), d(y, Sy), \frac{d(x, Sy) + d(y, Tx)}{2} \right\}$,
- $n(x, y) = \max \left\{ d(x, y), \frac{d(x, Tx) + d(y, Sy)}{2}, \frac{d(x, Sy) + d(y, Tx)}{2} \right\}$,
- $m_T(x, y) = \max \left\{ d(x, y), d(x, Tx), d(y, Ty), \frac{d(x, Ty) + d(y, Tx)}{2} \right\}$,
- $n_T(x, y) = \max \left\{ d(x, y), \frac{d(x, Tx) + d(y, Ty)}{2}, \frac{d(x, Ty) + d(y, Tx)}{2} \right\}$,

for all $x, y \in X$, where T and S are two self-maps on the metric space (X, d) .

In 2010, Radenović and Kadelburg [9], studied generalized weak contractions in partially ordered metric spaces and extended result of Đorić [1], Harjani and Sadarangani [2], as well as Zhang and Song [12]. They obtained the following results:

Theorem 1.3. [9, Theorem 3.1] Let (X, \preceq, d) be an ordered complete metric space and (T, S) be a pair of weakly increasing maps on X such that for any two comparable elements $x, y \in X$

$$\psi(d(Tx, Sy)) \leq \psi(m(x, y)) - \phi(m(x, y)), \quad (1.1)$$

where (ψ, φ) is a pair of control functions.

Then T and S have a common fixed point, provided by at least one of the following cases holds:

- (i) T or S is continuous, or
- (ii) X is regular.

Corollary 1.4. [9, Theorem 3.3] Let (X, \preceq, d) be an ordered complete metric space and $T : X \rightarrow X$ be a nondecreasing map such that $x_0 \preceq Tx_0$ for some $x_0 \in X$ and for every comparable elements $x, y \in X$,

$$\psi(d(Tx, Ty)) \leq \psi(m_T(x, y)) - \phi(m_T(x, y)), \quad (1.2)$$

where (ψ, φ) is a pair of control functions. Then, in each of the following two cases, T has a fixed point.

- (i) T is continuous, or
- (ii) X is regular.

Theorem 1.5. [9, Theorem 3.4] Let (X, \preceq, d) be an ordered complete metric space and (T, S) be a weakly increasing pair of self-maps on X . Suppose that there exist a pair of control functions (ψ, φ) such that for any two comparable elements $x, y \in X$,

$$\psi(d(Tx, Sy)) \leq \psi(n(x, y)) - \phi(n(x, y)).$$

Then in each of the following two cases the mappings T and S have at least one common fixed point:

- (i) T either S is continuous, or
(ii) X is regular.

Theorem 1.6. [9, Theorem 4.3] Let all the conditions of Corollary 1.4 be fulfilled and let the following condition hold:

- (a) for arbitrary two points $x, y \in X$ there exists $z \in X$ which is comparable with both x and y .
Then the fixed point of T is unique.

In the first part of this paper, with presenting an example, it is shown that Theorem 1.6 is not true as it stands. Then, it is shown that, by adding a suitable condition, the uniqueness of common fixed point can be proved.

2 Main Results

The following example indicates that Theorem 1.6 may fail.

Example 2.1. Let $X = \{O = (0, 0), A = (2, 2), B = (0, 2), C = (2, 0)\} \subseteq \mathbb{R}^2$ be endowed with the metric d defined by

$$d((x_1, x_2), (y_1, y_2)) = \sqrt{|x_1 - y_1|^2 + |x_2 - y_2|^2}.$$

Suppose that relation \preceq is defined on X as follows:

$$\preceq = \{(O, O), (A, A), (B, B), (C, C), (B, O), (B, A), (C, O), (C, A)\}.$$

Then (X, \preceq, d) is a regular ordered complete metric space. Suppose that $T : X \rightarrow X$ is defined as follows:

$$T(O) = O, T(A) = A, T(B) = C, T(C) = B.$$

Then, T is nondecreasing with respect to \preceq and $O \preceq O = TO$. Choosing $\psi(t) = t$ and $\varphi(t) = \frac{t}{a}$ for any $t \geq 0$, where $a \geq 2 + \sqrt{2}$ is a real number, one can verify that, all conditions of Theorem 1.6 are satisfied. Indeed, for the points A and B , we have $A \preceq \succeq B$ and

$$\psi(d(TA, TB)) = \psi(d(A, C)) = 2.$$

On the other hand

$$\begin{aligned} m_T(A, B) &= \max \left\{ d(A, B), d(A, A), d(B, C), \frac{d(A, C) + d(B, A)}{2} \right\} \\ &= \max \{2, 0, 2\sqrt{2}, 2\} \\ &= 2\sqrt{2}. \end{aligned}$$

Thus, one has

$$\begin{aligned} \psi(m_T(A, B)) - \varphi(m_T(A, B)) &= \psi(2\sqrt{2}) - \varphi(2\sqrt{2}) \\ &= 2\sqrt{2} - \frac{2\sqrt{2}}{a} \\ &\geq 2 \quad (\text{because } a \geq 2 + \sqrt{2}). \end{aligned}$$

Consequently

$$\psi(d(TA, TB)) \leq \psi(m_T(A, B)) - \varphi(m_T(A, B)).$$

The case of points A and C is treated similarly since it is really the same as the case of points A and B . Again, for the points O and C , we have $O \preceq \succeq C$ and

$$\psi(d(TO, TC)) = \psi(d(O, B)) = 2.$$

On the other hand we have

$$\begin{aligned} m_T(O, C) &= \max \left\{ d(O, C), d(O, O), d(C, B), \frac{d(O, B) + d(C, O)}{2} \right\} \\ &= \max \{2, 0, 2\sqrt{2}, 2\} \\ &= 2\sqrt{2}. \end{aligned}$$

Thus, we get

$$\begin{aligned} \psi(m_T(O, C)) - \varphi(m_T(O, C)) &= \psi(2\sqrt{2}) - \varphi(2\sqrt{2}) \\ &= 2\sqrt{2} - \frac{2\sqrt{2}}{a} \\ &\geq 2 \quad (\text{because } a \geq 2 + \sqrt{2}). \end{aligned}$$

Consequently, we have

$$\psi(d(TO, TC)) \leq \psi(m_T(O, C)) - \varphi(m_T(O, C)).$$

The case of points O and B is treated similarly since it is really the same as the case of points O and C . So, the relation (1.1) is established for any two comparable elements of X . Also, it is clear that the condition (a) is reliable. Thus, all the conditions of Theorem 1.6 be fulfilled. However, O and A are distinct fixed points of T .

Note that these two fixed points of T are incomparable; there are two points (B and C) which are comparable to both of them, but none of them satisfies the condition $Z \preceq TZ$.

The preceding example shows that the condition (a) in Theorem 1.6 can not grantee the uniqueness of the fixed point and the theorem contains a gap. In the next result, by assuming an additional condition, this result can be repaired.

Theorem 2.2. Let (X, \preceq, d) be an ordered complete metric space and $T : X \rightarrow X$ be a nondecreasing map such that, for every comparable elements $x, y \in X$,

$$\psi(d(Tx, Ty)) \leq \psi(m_T(x, y)) - \phi(m_T(x, y)), \tag{2.1}$$

where (ψ, φ) is a pair of control functions. Also suppose that the following condition holds:

(b) for arbitrary non-comparable elements $x, y \in X$ there exists $z \in X$ which is comparable with x and y and $z \preceq Tz$. Then, in each of the following two cases, T has a unique fixed point.

- (i) T is continuous, or
- (ii) X is regular.

Proof . We first claim that the fixed points set of T is nonempty. Indeed, if X is a singleton set, say $X = \{x_0\}$, then $x_0 = T(x_0)$ and x_0 is the unique fixed point of T . So, one can suppose that X has at least two distinct elements. One can consider following two cases:

(I) any two elements of X are comparable. In this case, one of the following two state occurs:

- (I₁) $x_0 \preceq T(x_0)$, for some $x_0 \in X$.
In this case, it follows from Corollary 1.4, that T has a fixed point and the claim is proved.

(I₂) $T(x) \preceq x$, for any $x \in X$. (Notice that any two elements of X are comparable)

We define a new order \ll on X as follows:

$$x \ll y \Leftrightarrow y \preceq x,$$

for any $x, y \in X$. Now, for any $x \in X$, we have $x \ll Tx$. It is easy to verify that, all the conditions of Corollary 1.4 are satisfied for (X, \ll, d) , except (maybe) the regularity of (X, \ll, d) which we do not need it here (Because, any two elements of X are comparable). So by Corollary 1.4, T has a fixed point z in (X, \ll, d) . It is clear that z is a fixed point of T in (X, \preceq, d) .

(II) there exist at least two incomparable points in X . With this assumption, our claim is proved by combining the condition (b)and Corollary 1.4.

Now let u and v be two fixed points of T . One of the following two cases can occurs:

(1) $u \preceq \succeq v$. In this case, we have

$$\begin{aligned} \psi(d(u, v)) &= \psi(d(Tu, Tv)) \\ &\leq \psi(m_T(u, v)) - \phi(m_T(u, v)), \end{aligned}$$

where

$$\begin{aligned} m_T(u, v) &= \max \left\{ d(u, v), d(u, Tu), d(v, Tv), \frac{d(u, Tv) + d(v, Tu)}{2} \right\} \\ &= \max \left\{ d(u, v), 0, 0, \frac{d(u, v) + d(v, u)}{2} \right\} \\ &= d(u, v). \end{aligned}$$

Thus, it follows that

$$\psi(d(u, v)) \leq \psi(d(u, v)) - \phi(d(u, v)),$$

which is a contradiction unless $d(u, v) = 0$, i.e., $u = v$.

(2) u and v are not comparable. In this case by the hypothesis (b), there exists $z \in X$ such that $z \preceq \succeq u$ and $z \preceq \succeq v$ and $z \preceq Tz$. Put $y_n := T^n y$, for any $y \in X$ and $n \geq 0$. Since T is nondecreasing, we obtain that $u = u_n \preceq \succeq z_n$, $v = v_n \preceq \succeq z_n$ for each $n \geq 0$. If there exists $n_0 \geq 0$ such that, $z_{n_0} = u$ then $v \preceq \succeq z_{n_0} = u$ and so from item (1), $u = v$. Thus, we can assume that $z_n \neq u, \forall n \geq 0$. Since $z \preceq Tz$, proceeding as in the proof of [9, Theorem 3.1], one can conclude that $\{z_n\}$ is a convergent sequence and

$$\lim_{n \rightarrow \infty} d(z_{n-1}, z_n) = 0. \tag{2.2}$$

Now, we claim that

$$\lim_{n \rightarrow \infty} d(u, z_n) = 0.$$

Indeed, for any $n \geq 1$ we have

$$u = u_n \preceq \succeq z_n.$$

Hence,

$$\begin{aligned} \psi(d(u, z_n)) &= \psi(d(Tu_{n-1}, Tz_{n-1})) \\ &\leq \psi(m_T(u_{n-1}, z_{n-1})) - \phi(m_T(u_{n-1}, z_{n-1})) \\ &\leq \psi(m_T(u, z_{n-1})) - \phi(m_T(u, z_{n-1})) \\ &< \psi(m_T(u, z_{n-1})) \text{ (because } m_T(u, z_{n-1}) \neq 0 \text{)} \end{aligned}$$

where

$$\begin{aligned} m_T(u, z_{n-1}) &= \max \left\{ d(u, z_{n-1}), d(u, Tu), d(z_{n-1}, Tz_{n-1}), \frac{d(u, Tz_{n-1}) + d(z_{n-1}, Tu)}{2} \right\} \\ &= \max \left\{ d(u, z_{n-1}), d(z_{n-1}, z_n), \frac{d(u, z_n) + d(z_{n-1}, u)}{2} \right\}. \end{aligned}$$

Using the fact that ψ is a nondecreasing function, it follows that

$$d(u, z_n) < \max \left\{ d(u, z_{n-1}), d(z_{n-1}, z_n), \frac{d(u, z_n) + d(z_{n-1}, u)}{2} \right\}. \tag{2.3}$$

Now, one can consider the following two cases:

(i₁) there exists a sequence $\{n_k\}_{k \geq 0}$ of distinct positive integers that

$$d(u, z_{n_k-1}) \leq d(z_{n_k-1}, z_{n_k}).$$

In this case, (2.2) implies that

$$\lim_{k \rightarrow \infty} d(u, z_{n_k-1}) = 0,$$

and using the fact that $\{z_n\}$ is a convergent sequence, one can conclude that

$$\lim_{n \rightarrow \infty} d(u, z_n) = 0.$$

(i₂) there exists $n_0 \geq 1$ such that

$$d(u, z_n) > d(z_{n-1}, z_n),$$

for any $n \geq n_0$. In this case, (2.2) implies that, for any $n \geq n_0$

$$\begin{aligned} d(u, z_n) &< \max \left\{ d(u, z_{n-1}), d(u, z_n), \frac{d(u, z_n) + d(z_{n-1}, u)}{2} \right\} \\ &= \max \{ d(u, z_{n-1}), d(u, z_n) \}. \end{aligned}$$

So, one can conclude that

$$d(u, z_n) < d(u, z_{n-1}),$$

for any $n \geq n_0$. Thus, for any , the sequence $\{d(u, z_n)\}_{n \geq n_0}$ is non-increasing and bounded below. So, it has a limit $l \geq 0$. In addition, we have:

$$\lim_{n \rightarrow \infty} m_T(u, z_{n-1}) = l.$$

Passing to (upper)limit in the relation

$$\psi(d(u, z_n)) \leq \psi(m_T(u, z_{n-1})) - \phi(m_T(u, z_{n-1})),$$

one concludes that

$$\psi(l) \leq \psi(l) - \phi(l).$$

Which is a contradiction unless $l = 0$. So, in any case, we proved that

$$\lim_{n \rightarrow \infty} d(u, z_n) = 0.$$

In the same way, one can show that

$$\lim_{n \rightarrow \infty} d(v, z_n) = 0.$$

Finally, for any $n \geq 0$, we have

$$0 \leq d(u, v) \leq d(u, z_n) + d(v, z_n).$$

Letting $n \rightarrow \infty$, we obtain that $d(u, v) = 0$, i.e., $u = v$.

Hence, in any case, the fixed point of T is unique. \square

Theorem 2.3. Assume that all the conditions of Corollary 1.4 are satisfied. Also suppose that the following condition holds:

(c) for arbitrary non-comparable two fixed points $x, y \in X$ there exists $z \in X$ which is comparable with x and y , and also $z \preceq Tz$.

Then T has a unique fixed point.

Proof . By Corollary 1.4, T has at least a fixed point. Remainder of proof is similar to Theorem 2.2. \square

Theorem 2.4. Assume that all the conditions of Corollary 1.4 are satisfied. Then T has a unique fixed point if and only if the set of all fixed points of T is well ordered.

Proof . By Corollary 1.4, T has at least a fixed point. Now, if the fixed point of T is unique then the set of all fixed points of T is a singleton and so is well ordered.

Conversely, suppose that the set of all fixed points of T is well ordered, and u and v are two distinct fixed point of T . Then $u \preceq v$. Similarly as in the proof of item (1) in Theorem 2.2, it can be shown that $u = v$. \square

Remark 2.5. If $m_T(x, y)$ is replaced by $n_T(x, y)$ in the Theorem 2.3, then we can replace the condition (b) by the condition (a), i.e., we have the following theorem:

Theorem 2.6. Let (X, \preceq, d) be an ordered complete metric space and $T : X \rightarrow X$ be a nondecreasing map such that $x_0 \preceq Tx_0$, for some $x_0 \in X$ and for any two comparable elements $x, y \in X$,

$$\psi(d(Tx, Ty)) \leq \psi(n_T(x, y)) - \phi(n_T(x, y)), \tag{2.4}$$

where (ψ, φ) is a pair of control functions. Furthermore, let the condition (a) of Theorem 1.6 hold. If T is continuous or X is regular, then T has a unique fixed point.

Proof . Firstly, similar to the proof of Corollary 1.4, One can conclude that T has a fixed point. Now, let u and v be two fixed points of T . One can consider the following two cases:

(1) $u \preceq \succeq v$.

In this case, similarly as in the proof of item (1) in Theorem 2.2, it can be shown that $u = v$.

(2) u and v are not comparable.

In this case by the hypothesis (a) of Theorem 1.6, there exist $z \in X$ such that $z \preceq \succeq u$ and $z \preceq \succeq v$.

By using the employed notations in the proof of Theorem 2.2, (without lose of generality) one can suppose that $z_n \neq u$, for all $n \geq 0$ and prove that $u = u_n \preceq \succeq z_n$ and $v = v_n \preceq \succeq z_n$ for each $n \geq 0$. Now, for any $n \geq 1$, $u = u_n \preceq \succeq z_n$, hence,

$$\begin{aligned} \psi(d(u, z_n)) &= \psi(d(Tu_{n-1}, Tz_{n-1})) \\ &\leq \psi(n_T(u_{n-1}, z_{n-1})) - \phi(n_T(u_{n-1}, z_{n-1})) \\ &\leq \psi(n_T(u, z_{n-1})) - \phi(n_T(u, z_{n-1})), \end{aligned}$$

where

$$\begin{aligned} n_T(u, z_{n-1}) &= \max \left\{ d(u, z_{n-1}), \frac{d(u, Tu) + d(z_{n-1}, Tz_{n-1})}{2}, \frac{d(u, Tz_{n-1}) + d(z_{n-1}, Tu)}{2} \right\} \\ &= \max \left\{ d(u, z_{n-1}), \frac{d(z_{n-1}, z_n)}{2}, \frac{d(u, z_n) + d(z_{n-1}, u)}{2} \right\} \\ &\leq \max \left\{ d(u, z_{n-1}), \frac{d(z_{n-1}, u) + d(u, z_n)}{2}, \frac{d(u, z_n) + d(z_{n-1}, u)}{2} \right\} \\ &= \max \left\{ d(u, z_{n-1}), \frac{d(z_{n-1}, u) + d(u, z_n)}{2} \right\} \\ &\leq \max \{ d(u, z_{n-1}), d(u, z_n) \}. \end{aligned}$$

Similar to the proof of Theorem 2.2, one can complete the proof. \square

Example 2.7. As we saw, in the Example 2.4, the condition (a) is hold, but the mapping T has two distinct fixed points. Now, notice that, the condition (b) of the Theorem 2.2 is not satisfied. In fact, for the points A and O there is no $Z \in X$ which is comparable with A and O and $Z \preceq TZ$. Also, notice that, the mapping T is not satisfied in the Theorem 2.6. Indeed,, for the points A and B we have $A \preceq \succeq B$ and

$$\begin{aligned} n_T(A, B) &= \max \left\{ d(A, B), \frac{d(A, A) + d(B, C)}{2}, \frac{d(A, C) + d(B, A)}{2} \right\} \\ &= \max \{ 2, \sqrt{2}, 2 \} \\ &= 2. \end{aligned}$$

So, for any pair (ψ, φ) of control functions we have:

$$\psi(d(TA, TB)) = \psi(d(A, C)) = \psi(2).$$

Also,

$$\begin{aligned} \psi(n_T(A, B)) - \varphi(n_T(A, B)) &= \psi(2) - \varphi(2) \\ &< \psi(2) \quad (\text{because } \varphi(2) > 0) \\ &= \psi(d(TA, TB)). \end{aligned}$$

Hence the conditions (2.4) of Theorem 2.4 is not satisfy. Finally, note that all conditions of Theorem 2.3 are satisfied, except condition (c) which is not established. In fact, O and A are two non comparable fixed points of T and there is no $Z \in X$ which is comparable with O, A and TZ .

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