

## Common fixed point for generalized set valued contractions satisfying an implicit relation in partially ordered metric spaces

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**Abstract.** Let  $(X, d, \preceq)$  be a partially ordered metric space. Let  $F, G$  be two set valued mappings on  $X$ . We obtained sufficient conditions for the existence of a common fixed point of  $F, G$  satisfying an implicit relation in  $X$ .

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### 1. Introduction and preliminaries

Let  $(X, d)$  be a metric space and  $B(X)$  be the class of all nonempty bounded subsets of  $X$ . For  $A, B \in B(X)$ , let

$$\delta(A, B) := \sup\{d(a, b) : a \in A, b \in B\},$$

and

$$\text{dist}(a, B) := \inf\{d(a, b) : a \in A, b \in B\}.$$

If  $A = \{a\}$ , then we write  $\delta(A, B) = \delta(a, B)$ . Also in addition, if  $B = \{b\}$ , then  $\delta(A, B) = \delta(a, b)$ . Note that

$$\begin{aligned} \delta(A, B) &= 0 \text{ if and only if } A = B = \{x\}, \\ \text{dist}(A, B) &\leq \delta(A, B), \\ \delta(A, B) &= \delta(B, A), \\ \delta(A, A) &= \text{diam}A. \end{aligned}$$

Let  $F : X \rightarrow X$  be a set valued mapping, i.e.,  $X \ni x \mapsto Fx$  is a subset of  $X$ . A point  $x \in X$  is said to be a fixed point of the set valued mapping  $F$  if  $x \in Fx$ .

**Definition 1.** A partially ordered set consists of a set  $X$  and a binary relation  $\preceq$  on  $X$  which satisfies the following conditions:

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1.  $x \preceq x$  (reflexivity),
2. if  $x \preceq y$  and  $y \preceq x$ , then  $x = y$  (antisymmetry),
3. if  $x \preceq y$  and  $y \preceq z$ , then  $x \preceq z$  (transitivity),

for all  $x, y$  and  $z$  in  $X$ . A set with a partial order  $\preceq$  is called a partially ordered set. Let  $(X, \preceq)$  be a partially ordered set and  $x, y \in X$ . Elements  $x$  and  $y$  are said to be comparable elements of  $X$  if either  $x \preceq y$  or  $x \succeq y$ .

**Definition 2.** Let  $A$  and  $B$  be two nonempty subsets of  $(X, \preceq)$ , the relations between  $A$  and  $B$  are denoted and defined as follows:

1.  $A \prec_1 B$ : if for every  $a \in A$  there exists  $b \in B$  such that  $a \preceq b$ ,
2.  $A \prec_2 B$ : if for every  $b \in B$  there exists  $a \in A$  such that  $a \preceq b$ ,
3.  $A \prec_3 B$ : if  $A \prec_1 B$  and  $A \prec_2 B$ .

Implicit relations in metric spaces have been considered by several authors in connection with solving nonlinear functional equations (see for instance [2, 3, 4, 23] and reference cited therein).

Let  $R_+$  be the set of non negative real numbers and  $\mathcal{T}$  are set of continuous real valued functions  $T : R_+^5 \rightarrow R$  satisfying the following conditions:

$\mathcal{T}_1$  :  $T(t_1, t_2, \dots, t_5)$  is non-decreasing in  $t_1$  and non-increasing in  $t_2, \dots, t_5$ ,

$\mathcal{T}_2$  : there exists  $h \in (0, 1)$  such that

$$T(u, v, v, u, v + u) \leq 0,$$

or

$$T(u, v, u, v, u + v) \leq 0,$$

implies

$$u \leq hv,$$

$\mathcal{T}_3$  :  $T(u, 0, 0, u, u) > 0$  and  $T(u, 0, u, 0, u) > 0$ , for all  $u > 0$ .

Next we give some examples for such  $T$ .

**Example 1.** Let  $T(t_1, \dots, t_5) = t_1 - \alpha \max\{t_2, t_3, t_4\} - (1 - \alpha)\beta t_5$ , where  $0 \leq \alpha < 1$ ,  $0 \leq \beta < 1/2$ .

$\mathcal{T}_1$ : It is obvious.

$\mathcal{T}_2$ : Let  $u > 0$ ,  $T(u, v, v, u, u + v) = u - \alpha \max\{u, v\} - (1 - \alpha)\beta(u + v) \leq 0$  or  $u \leq \alpha \max\{u, v\} + (1 - \alpha)\beta(u + v)$ . If  $u \geq v$ , then  $u \leq \alpha u + (1 - \alpha)\beta(u + v)$  and so  $(1 - \beta)u \leq \beta u$ , it implies that  $\beta \geq 1/2$ , a contradiction. Thus  $u < v$  and  $u \leq \frac{\alpha + (1 - \alpha)\beta}{1 - (1 - \alpha)\beta} v$ . Similarly, let  $u > 0$  and  $T(u, v, u, v, u + v) \leq 0$ , then we have  $u \leq \frac{\alpha + (1 - \alpha)\beta}{1 - (1 - \alpha)\beta} v$ . If  $u = 0$ , then  $u \leq \frac{\alpha + (1 - \alpha)\beta}{1 - (1 - \alpha)\beta} v$ . Thus  $\mathcal{T}_2$  is satisfied with  $h = \frac{\alpha + (1 - \alpha)\beta}{1 - (1 - \alpha)\beta} v < 1$ .

$\mathcal{T}_3$ :  $T(u, 0, 0, u, u) = T(u, 0, u, 0, u) = (1 - \alpha)(1 - \beta)u > 0$ , for all  $u > 0$ .

Therefore  $T \in \mathcal{T}$ .

**Example 2.** Let  $T(t_1, \dots, t_5) = t_1 - \alpha t_2 - \beta \max\{t_3, t_4\} - \gamma t_5$ , where  $\alpha, \beta, \gamma \geq 0$  and  $\alpha + 2\beta + \gamma < 1$ .

$\mathcal{T}_1$ : It is obvious.

$\mathcal{T}_2$ : Let  $u > 0$ ,  $T(u, v, v, u, u + v) = u - \alpha v - \beta \max\{u, v\} - \gamma(u + v) \leq 0$  or  $u \leq \alpha v + \beta \max\{u, v\} + \gamma(u + v)$ . Thus  $u \leq \max\{(\alpha + \beta + \gamma)u + \beta v, (\alpha + \beta + \gamma)v + \beta u\}$ . If  $u \geq v$ , then  $u \leq (\alpha + \beta + \gamma)u + \beta v$ , it implies that  $\alpha + 2\beta + \gamma \geq 1$ , a contradiction. Thus  $u < v$  and  $u \leq \frac{\alpha + \beta + \gamma}{1 - \beta}v$ . Similarly, let  $u > 0$  and  $T(u, v, u, v, u + v) \leq 0$ , then we have  $u \leq \frac{\alpha + \beta + \gamma}{1 - \beta}v$ . If  $u = 0$ , then  $u \leq \frac{\alpha + \beta + \gamma}{1 - \beta}v$ . Thus  $\mathcal{T}_2$  is satisfied for  $h = \frac{\alpha + \beta + \gamma}{1 - \beta} < 1$ .

$\mathcal{T}_3$ :  $T(u, 0, 0, u, u) = T(u, 0, u, 0, u) = (1 - \beta - \gamma)u > 0$ , for all  $u > 0$ .

Therefore  $T \in \mathcal{T}$ .

**Example 3.** Let  $T(t_1, \dots, t_5) = t_1 - \alpha \max\{t_2, t_3, t_4, t_5/2\}$ , where  $0 \leq \alpha < 1$ .

$\mathcal{T}_1$ : It is obvious.

$\mathcal{T}_2$ : Let  $u > 0$ ,  $T(u, v, v, u, u + v) = u - \alpha \max\{u, v\} \leq 0$  or  $u \leq \alpha \max\{u, v\}$ . If  $u \geq v$ , then  $u \leq \alpha u$ , it implies that  $\alpha \geq 1$  a contradiction. Thus  $u < v$  and  $u \leq \alpha v$ . Similarly, let  $u > 0$  and  $T(u, v, u, v, u + v) \leq 0$ , then we have  $u \leq \alpha v$ . If  $u = 0$ , then  $u \leq \alpha v$ . Thus  $\mathcal{T}_2$  is satisfied with  $h = \alpha < 1$ .

$\mathcal{T}_3$ :  $T(u, 0, 0, u, u) = T(u, 0, u, 0, u) = (1 - \alpha)u > 0$ , for all  $u > 0$ .

Therefore  $T \in \mathcal{T}$ .

**Example 4.** Let  $T(t_1, \dots, t_5) = t_1 - \alpha \max\{t_2, t_3, t_4\} - \beta t_5$ , where  $\alpha, \beta > 0$  and  $\alpha + 2\beta < 1$ .

$\mathcal{T}_1$ : It is obvious.

$\mathcal{T}_2$ : Let  $u > 0$ ,  $T(u, v, v, u, u + v) = u - \alpha \max\{u, v\} - \beta(u + v) \leq 0$  or  $u \leq \alpha \max\{u, v\} + \beta(u + v)$ . Thus  $u \leq \max\{(\alpha + \beta)u + \beta v, (\alpha + \beta)v + \beta u\}$ . If  $u \geq v$ , then  $u \leq (\alpha + \beta)u + \beta v \leq (\alpha + 2\beta)u$ , it implies that  $\alpha + 2\beta \geq 1$ , a contradiction. Thus  $u < v$  and  $u \leq (\alpha + \beta)v + \beta u$  and so  $u \leq \frac{\alpha + \beta}{1 - \beta}v$ . Similarly, let  $u > 0$  and  $T(u, v, u, v, u + v) \leq 0$ , then we have  $u \leq \frac{\alpha + \beta}{1 - \beta}v$ . If  $u = 0$ , then  $u \leq \frac{\alpha + \beta}{1 - \beta}v$ . Thus  $\mathcal{T}_2$  is satisfied with  $h = \frac{\alpha + \beta}{1 - \beta} < 1$ .

$\mathcal{T}_3$ :  $T(u, 0, 0, u, u) = T(u, 0, u, 0, u) = (1 - \alpha - \beta)u > 0$ , for all  $u > 0$ .

Therefore  $T \in \mathcal{T}$ .

The existence of a fixed point in partially ordered metric spaces has been recently considered in [18, 19, 16, 15, 17, 22, 20, 8, 21, 1, 7, 10, 12, 14, 5, 6]. It is of interest to determine the existence of a fixed point in such a setting. The first result in this direction was given by Ran and Reurings in [22] where they extended the Banach contraction principle [13], in partially ordered sets with some application to linear and nonlinear matrix equations. Ran and Reurings [22] proved the following seminal result:

**Theorem 1** (see [22]). *Let  $(X, \preceq)$  be a partially ordered set such that for every pair  $x, y \in X$  has an upper and lower bound. Let  $d$  be a metric on  $X$  such that  $(X, d)$  is a complete metric space. Let  $f : X \rightarrow X$  be a continuous monotone (either order preserving or order reversing) mapping. Suppose that the following conditions hold:*

1. *there exists  $\kappa \in (0, 1)$  with*

$$d(fx, fy) \leq \kappa d(x, y) \text{ for all } x \preceq y,$$

2. *there exists  $x_0 \in X$  with  $x_0 \preceq fx_0$  or  $fx_0 \preceq x_0$ .*

*Then  $f$  is a Picard Operator (PO), that is,  $f$  has a unique fixed point  $x^* \in X$  and for each  $x \in X$ ,*

$$\lim_{n \rightarrow \infty} f^n x = x^*.$$

Theorem 1 was further extended and refined in [18, 19, 16, 20, 21]. These results are hybrid of the two fundamental and classical theorems; Banach's fixed point theorem [13] and Tarski's fixed point theorem [24, 9, 11]. Motivated and inspired by [22], our aim in this paper is to give some new common fixed point results for set valued mappings satisfying an implicit relation in partially ordered metric spaces.

## 2. Main results

Let  $(X, \preceq)$  be a partially ordered set and  $d$  a metric on  $X$  such that  $(X, d)$  is a complete metric space.

We begin this section with the following theorem that gives the existence of a fixed point (not necessarily unique) in a partially ordered metric space  $X$  for the set valued mappings satisfying an implicit relation.

**Theorem 2.** *Let  $F, G : X \rightarrow B(X)$  be such that the following conditions are satisfied:*

1. *there exists  $x_0 \in X$  such that  $\{x_0\} \prec_1 Fx_0$ ,*
2. *if  $x, y \in X$  is such that  $x \preceq y$ , then  $Gy \prec_3 Fx$ ,*
3. *if  $x_n \rightarrow x$  is any sequence in  $X$  whose consecutive terms are comparable then  $x_n \preceq x$ , for all  $n$ ,*
4.  *$T(\delta(Fx, Gy), d(x, y), \text{dist}(x, Fx), \text{dist}(y, Gy), \text{dist}(x, Gy) + \text{dist}(y, Fx)) \leq 0$ , for all distinct comparable elements  $x, y$  of  $X$  and for some  $T \in \mathcal{T}$ .*

Then there exists  $x \in X$  with  $\{x\} = Fx = Gx$ .

**Proof.** Let  $x_0 \in X$ , then from assumption 1, there exists  $x_1 \in Fx_0$  such that  $x_0 \preceq x_1$ . Now by using assumptions 2,  $Gx_1 \prec_3 Fx_0$  which implies  $Gx_1 \prec_2 Fx_0$ . From this we get the existence of  $x_2 \in Gx_1$  such that  $x_2 \preceq x_1$ . Since  $x_0 \preceq x_1$ , therefore by using assumption 4, we have

$$T(\delta(Fx_0, Gx_1), d(x_0, x_1), \text{dist}(x_0, Fx_0), \text{dist}(x_1, Gx_1), \text{dist}(x_0, Gx_1) \\ + \text{dist}(x_1, Fx_0)) \leq 0.$$

Using the facts

$$\begin{aligned} d(x_1, x_2) &\leq \delta(Fx_0, Gx_1), \\ \text{dist}(x_0, Fx_0) &\leq d(x_0, x_1), \\ \text{dist}(x_1, Gx_1) &\leq d(x_1, x_2), \\ \text{dist}(x_0, Gx_1) + \text{dist}(x_1, Fx_0) &\leq d(x_0, x_2) \end{aligned}$$

and by  $\mathcal{T}_1$  we have

$$T(d(x_1, x_2), d(x_0, x_1), d(x_0, x_1), d(x_1, x_2), d(x_0, x_1) + d(x_1, x_2)) \leq 0,$$

that is

$$T(u, v, v, u, u + v) \leq 0,$$

where  $u = d(x_1, x_2)$ ,  $v = d(x_0, x_1)$ .

Next, by  $\mathcal{T}_2$  there exists  $h \in (0, 1)$  such that

$$d(x_1, x_2) \leq hd(x_0, x_1). \quad (1)$$

Again since  $x_2 \preceq x_1$ , therefore by assumption 2,  $Gx_1 \prec_3 Fx_2$  which implies  $Gx_1 \prec_1 Fx_2$ . From this we get the existence of  $x_3 \in Fx_2$  such that  $x_2 \preceq x_3$ . Now by assumption 4,

$$T(\delta(Fx_2, Gx_1), d(x_2, x_1), \text{dist}(x_2, Fx_2), \text{dist}(x_1, Gx_1), \text{dist}(x_2, Gx_1) \\ + \text{dist}(x_1, Fx_2)) \leq 0.$$

By  $\mathcal{T}_1$  we have

$$T(d(x_3, x_2), d(x_1, x_2), d(x_2, x_3), d(x_1, x_2), d(x_1, x_2) + d(x_2, x_3)) \leq 0,$$

that is,

$$T(u, v, v, u, u + v) \leq 0,$$

where  $u = d(x_2, x_3)$ ,  $v = d(x_1, x_2)$ . Now by  $\mathcal{T}_2$  there exists  $h \in (0, 1)$  such that

$$d(x_2, x_3) \leq hd(x_1, x_2), \quad (2)$$

and from (1) and (2), we get

$$d(x_2, x_3) \leq h^2d(x_0, x_1). \quad (3)$$

Continuing in this manner we can define a sequence  $\{x_n\}$  whose consecutive terms are comparable such that  $x_{2n+1} \in Fx_{2n}$  and  $x_{2n+2} \in Gx_{2n+1}$ , for  $n = 0, 1, 2, \dots$ . Again by assumption 4,

$$T(\delta(Fx_{2n}, Gx_{2n+1}), d(x_{2n}, x_{2n+1}), \text{dist}(x_{2n}, Fx_{2n}), \text{dist}(x_{2n+1}, Gx_{2n+1}), \\ \text{dist}(x_{2n}, Gx_{2n+1}) + \text{dist}(x_{2n+1}, Fx_{2n})) \leq 0,$$

which implies that

$$T(d(x_{2n+1}, x_{2n+2}), d(x_{2n}, x_{2n+1}), d(x_{2n}, x_{2n+1}), d(x_{2n+1}, x_{2n+2}), \\ d(x_{2n}, x_{2n+1}) + dt(x_{2n+1}, x_{2n+2})) \leq 0,$$

that is,

$$T(u, v, v, u, u + v) \leq 0,$$

where  $u = d(x_{2n+1}, x_{2n+2})$ ,  $v = d(x_{2n}, x_{2n+1})$ . Next, by  $\mathcal{T}_2$  there exists  $h \in (0, 1)$  such that

$$d(x_{2n+1}, x_{2n+2}) \leq hd(x_{2n}, x_{2n+1}). \quad (4)$$

Therefore, we have

$$d(x_n, x_{n+1}) \leq hd(x_{n-1}, x_n) \leq h^2d(x_{n-2}, x_{n-1}) \leq \dots \leq h^n d(x_0, x_1)$$

Next, we will show that  $\{x_n\}$  is a Cauchy sequence in  $X$ . Let  $m > n$ . Then

$$\begin{aligned} d(x_n, x_m) &\leq d(x_n, x_{n+1}) + d(x_{n+1}, x_{n+2}) + d(x_{n+2}, x_{n+3}) + \dots + d(x_{m-1}, x_m) \\ &\leq [h^n + h^{n+1} + h^{n+2} + \dots + h^{m-1}]d(x_0, x_1) \\ &= h^n[1 + h + h^2 \dots + h^{m-n-1}]d(x_0, x_1) \\ &= h^n \frac{1 - h^{m-n}}{1 - h} d(x_0, x_1) \\ &< \frac{h^n}{1 - h} d(x_0, x_1), \end{aligned}$$

because  $h \in (0, 1)$ ,  $1 - h^{m-n} < 1$ . Therefore  $d(x_n, x_m) \rightarrow 0$  as  $n \rightarrow \infty$  implies that  $\{x_n\}$  is a Cauchy sequence and thus there exists some point (say)  $x$  in the complete metric space  $X$  such that

$$\begin{aligned} \lim_{n \rightarrow \infty} x_n &= \lim_{n \rightarrow \infty} x_{2n} = \lim_{n \rightarrow \infty} x_{2n+1} = x \in \lim_{n \rightarrow \infty} Fx_{2n}, \\ \lim_{n \rightarrow \infty} x_n &= \lim_{n \rightarrow \infty} x_{2n} = \lim_{n \rightarrow \infty} x_{2n+2} = x \in \lim_{n \rightarrow \infty} Gx_{2n+1}, \end{aligned}$$

and by assumption 2,  $x_n \preceq x$  for all  $n$ . Next, by assumption 4,

$$T(\delta(Fx_{2n}, Gx), d(x_{2n}, x), \text{dist}(x_{2n}, Fx_{2n}), \text{dist}(x, Gx), \\ \text{dist}(x_{2n}, Gx) + \text{dist}(x, Fx_{2n})) \leq 0,$$

which gives

$$T(\delta(x_{2n+1}, Gx), d(x_{2n}, x), d(x_{2n}, x_{2n+1}), \text{dist}(x, Gx), \\ \text{dist}(x, Gx) + d(x, x_{2n+1})) \leq 0.$$

Letting  $n \rightarrow \infty$  and using  $\mathcal{T}_1$  we get

$$T(\delta(x, Gx), 0, 0, \delta(x, Gx), \delta(x, Gx)) \leq 0,$$

that is

$$T(u, 0, 0, u, u) \leq 0,$$

and from  $\mathcal{T}_3$  we have  $u = \delta(x, Gx) = 0$ , which gives  $Gx = \{x\}$ . Similarly,

$$T(\delta(Fx, Gx_{2n+1}), d(x, x_{2n+1}), \text{dist}(x, Fx), \text{dist}(x_{2n+1}, Gx_{2n+1}), \\ \text{dist}(x, Gx_{2n+1}) + \text{dist}(x_{2n+1}, Fx)) \leq 0,$$

which implies

$$T(\delta(Fx, x_{2n+2}), d(x, x_{2n+1}), \text{dist}(x, Fx), d(x_{2n+1}, x_{2n+2}), \\ d(x, x_{2n+2}) + \text{dist}(x_{2n+1}, Fx)) \leq 0.$$

Letting  $n \rightarrow \infty$  and using  $\mathcal{T}_1$  we get

$$T(\delta(Fx, x), 0, \delta(Fx, x), 0, \delta(Fx, x)) \leq 0,$$

that is,

$$T(u, 0, u, 0, u) \leq 0,$$

and from  $\mathcal{T}_3$  we have  $u = \delta(Fx, x) = 0$ , which gives  $Fx = \{x\}$ . Hence  $x = F(x) = G(x)$ .  $\square$

**Theorem 3.** Let  $F, G : X \rightarrow B(X)$  be such that the following conditions are satisfied:

1. there exists  $x_0 \in X$  such that  $Fx_0 \prec_2 \{x_0\}$ ,
2. if  $x, y \in X$  is such that  $x \preceq y$ , then  $Fy \prec_3 Gx$ ,
3. if  $x_n \rightarrow x$  is any sequence in  $X$  whose consecutive terms are comparable, then  $x_n \preceq x$ , for all  $n$ ,
4.  $T(\delta(Fx, Gy), d(x, y), \text{dist}(x, Fx), \text{dist}(y, Gy), \text{dist}(x, Gy) + \text{dist}(y, Fx)) \leq 0$ , for all distinct comparable elements  $x, y$  of  $X$  and for some  $T \in \mathcal{T}$ .

Then there exists  $x \in X$  with  $\{x\} = Fx = Gx$ .

**Proof.** The proof follows along the similar lines as in Theorem 2.  $\square$

Next, we have the following analogue of Theorem 2 and Theorem 3.

**Theorem 4.** Let  $F, G : X \rightarrow B(X)$  be such that the following conditions are satisfied:

1. there exists  $x_0 \in X$  such that  $\{x_0\} \prec_1 Gx_0$ ,
2. if  $x, y \in X$  is such that  $x \preceq y$ , then  $Fy \prec_3 Gx$ ,

3. if  $x_n \rightarrow x$  is any sequence in  $X$  whose consecutive terms are comparable, then  $x_n \preceq x$ , for all  $n$ ,
4.  $T(\delta(Fx, Gy), d(x, y), \text{dist}(x, Fx), \text{dist}(y, Gy), \text{dist}(x, Gy) + \text{dist}(y, Fx)) \leq 0$ , for all distinct comparable elements  $x, y$  of  $X$  and for some  $T \in \mathcal{T}$ .

Then there exists  $x \in X$  with  $\{x\} = Fx = Gx$ .

**Theorem 5.** Let  $F, G : X \rightarrow B(X)$  be such that the following conditions are satisfied:

1. there exists  $x_0 \in X$  such that  $Gx_0 \prec_2 \{x_0\}$ ,
2. if  $x, y \in X$  is such that  $x \preceq y$ , then  $Gy \prec_3 Fx$ ,
3. if  $x_n \rightarrow x$  is any sequence in  $X$  whose consecutive terms are comparable, then  $x_n \preceq x$ , for all  $n$ ,
4.  $T(\delta(Fx, Gy), d(x, y), \text{dist}(x, Fx), \text{dist}(y, Gy), \text{dist}(x, Gy) + \text{dist}(y, Fx)) \leq 0$ , for all distinct comparable elements  $x, y$  of  $X$  and for some  $T \in \mathcal{T}$ .

Then there exists  $x \in X$  with  $\{x\} = Fx = Gx$ .

By taking  $F = G$  in Theorems 2 - 5 we obtain the following consequence:

**Corollary 1.** Let  $F : X \rightarrow B(X)$  be such that the following conditions are satisfied:

1. there exists  $x_0 \in X$  such that  $\{x_0\} \prec_1 Fx_0$  or  $Fx_0 \prec_2 \{x_0\}$ ,
2. if  $x, y \in X$  is such, that  $x \preceq y$  then  $Fy \prec_3 Fx$ ,
3. if  $x_n \rightarrow x$  is any sequence in  $X$  whose consecutive terms are comparable, then  $x_n \preceq x$ , for all  $n$ ,
4.  $T(\delta(Fx, Fy), d(x, y), \text{dist}(x, Fx), \text{dist}(y, Fy), \text{dist}(x, Fy) + \text{dist}(y, Fx)) \leq 0$ , for all distinct comparable elements  $x, y$  of  $X$  and for some  $T \in \mathcal{T}$ .

Then there exists  $x \in X$  with  $\{x\} = Fx$ .

**Example 5.** Let  $X = \{(0, 0), (0, -1/2), (-1/8, 1/8)\}$  be a subset of  $R^2$  with a usual order defined as: for  $(u, v), (x, y) \in X$ ,  $(u, v) \leq (x, y)$  if and only if  $u \leq x, v \leq y$ . Let  $d$  be a metric on  $X$  defined as:

$$d(x, y) = d((x_1, y_1), (x_2, y_2)) := \max\{|x_1 - x_2|, |y_1 - y_2|\}, \text{ for all } x, y \in X,$$

so that  $(X, d)$  is a complete metric space. Mapping  $F : X \rightarrow B(X)$  is defined as:

$$F(\underline{x}) = \begin{cases} \{(-\frac{1}{8}, \frac{1}{8})\}, & \text{if } \underline{x} = (-\frac{1}{8}, \frac{1}{8}) \\ \{(0, 0), (-\frac{1}{8}, \frac{1}{8})\}, & \text{if } \underline{x} \in \{(0, 0), (0, -\frac{1}{2})\} \end{cases}.$$

For  $(0, -\frac{1}{2}) \leq (0, 0)$ ;

$$\delta(F(0, -\frac{1}{2}), F(0, 0)) = \frac{1}{8} \leq \frac{1}{3} \cdot \frac{1}{2} = \frac{1}{3}d((0, -1/2), (0, 0)).$$



Thus for all  $\underline{x} \preceq \underline{y}$  we have

$$\delta(F\underline{x}, F\underline{y}) \leq \frac{1}{3} d(\underline{x}, \underline{y}) \leq \frac{1}{3} \max \left\{ d(x, y), \text{dist}(x, Fx), \text{dist}(y, Fy), \frac{\text{dist}(x, Fy) + \text{dist}(y, Fx)}{2} \right\}.$$

Also note that  $(0, 0) \in X$  is such that  $\{(0, 0)\} \prec_1 F(0, 0)$  and for all  $\underline{x} \preceq \underline{y}$ , then  $F\underline{y} \prec F\underline{x}$ . Consequently, all conditions of Corollary 1 are satisfied and  $\{(-\frac{1}{8}, \frac{1}{8})\} = F(-\frac{1}{8}, \frac{1}{8})$ .

**Remark 1.** The conclusion of Corollary 1 still holds if we replace assumption 2 by:

- if  $x, y \in X$  is such that  $x \preceq y$ , then  $Fy \prec_3 Fx$  or  $Fx \prec_3 Fy$ .

Corollary 1 is further extended as:

**Corollary 2.** Let  $F : X \rightarrow B(X)$  be such that the following conditions are satisfied:

1. there exists  $x_0 \in X$  such that  $\{x_0\} \prec_1 Fx_0$ ,
2. if  $x, y \in X$  is such that  $x \preceq y$ , then  $Fx \prec_1 Fy$ ,
3. if  $x_n \rightarrow x$  is any sequence in  $X$  whose consecutive terms are comparable, then  $x_n \preceq x$ , for all  $n$ ,
4.  $T(\delta(Fx, Fy), d(x, y), \text{dist}(x, Fx), \text{dist}(y, Fy), \text{dist}(x, Fy) + \text{dist}(y, Fx)) \leq 0$ , for all distinct comparable elements  $x, y$  of  $X$  and for some  $T \in \mathcal{T}$ .

Then there exists  $x \in X$  with  $\{x\} = Fx$ .

**Proof.** Let  $x_0 \in X$ , then from assumption 1 there exists  $x_1 \in Fx_0$  such that  $x_0 \preceq x_1$ . Now by using assumptions 2,  $Fx_0 \prec_1 Fx_1$ . From this we get the existence of  $x_2 \in Fx_1$  such that  $x_1 \preceq x_2$ . Since  $x_0 \preceq x_1$ , therefore by using assumption 4 we have

$$T(\delta(Fx_0, Fx_1), d(x_0, x_1), \text{dist}(x_0, Fx_0), \text{dist}(x_1, Fx_1), \text{dist}(x_0, Fx_1) + \text{dist}(x_1, Fx_0)) \leq 0.$$

Using  $\mathcal{T}_1$  we have

$$T(d(x_1, x_2), d(x_0, x_1), d(x_0, x_1), d(x_1, x_2), d(x_0, x_1) + d(x_1, x_2)) \leq 0,$$

that is,

$$T(u, v, v, u, u + v) \leq 0,$$

where  $u = d(x_1, x_2)$ ,  $v = d(x_0, x_1)$ . Next, by using  $\mathcal{T}_2$ , there exists  $h \in (0, 1)$  such that

$$d(x_1, x_2) \leq hd(x_0, x_1). \quad (5)$$

Again since  $x_1 \preceq x_2$ , therefore by assumption 2,  $Fx_1 \prec_1 Fx_2$ . From this we get the existence of  $x_3 \in Fx_2$  such that  $x_2 \preceq x_3$ . By assumption 4,

$$T(\delta(Fx_1, Fx_2), d(x_1, x_2), \text{dist}(x_1, Fx_1), \text{dist}(x_2, Fx_2), \text{dist}(x_1, Fx_2)) + \text{dist}(x_2, Fx_1) \leq 0.$$

By using  $\mathcal{T}_1$  we have

$$T(d(x_2, x_3), d(x_1, x_2), d(x_1, x_2), d(x_2, x_3), d(x_1, x_2) + d(x_2, x_3)) \leq 0,$$

that is,

$$T(u, v, u, v, u + v) \leq 0,$$

where  $u = d(x_2, x_3)$ ,  $v = d(x_1, x_2)$ . Next, by using  $\mathcal{T}_2$  there exists  $h \in (0, 1)$  such that

$$d(x_2, x_3) \leq hd(x_1, x_2), \quad (6)$$

and from (5) and (6) we get

$$d(x_2, x_3) \leq h^2d(x_0, x_1). \quad (7)$$

Continuing in this manner we can define a non-decreasing sequence  $\{x_n\}$  such that  $x_{n+1} \in F(x_n)$ , for  $n = 0, 1, 2, \dots$ . By using induction, we have

$$d(x_n, x_{n+1}) \leq hd(x_{n-1}, x_n) \leq h^2d(x_{n-2}, x_{n-1}) \cdots \leq h^n d(x_0, x_1)$$

Next we will show that  $\{x_n\}$  is a Cauchy sequence in  $X$ . Let  $m > n$ . Then

$$\begin{aligned} d(x_n, x_m) &\leq d(x_n, x_{n+1}) + d(x_{n+1}, x_{n+2}) + d(x_{n+2}, x_{n+3}) + \cdots + d(x_{m-1}, x_m) \\ &\leq [h^n + h^{n+1} + h^{n+2} + \cdots + h^{m-1}]d(x_0, x_1) \\ &= h^n[1 + h + h^2 + \cdots + h^{m-n-1}]d(x_0, x_1) \\ &= h^n \frac{1 - h^{m-n}}{1 - h} d(x_0, x_1) \\ &< \frac{h^n}{1 - h} d(x_0, x_1), \end{aligned}$$

because  $h \in (0, 1)$ ,  $1 - h^{m-n} < 1$ . Therefore  $d(x_n, x_m) \rightarrow 0$  as  $n \rightarrow \infty$  implies that  $\{x_n\}$  is a Cauchy sequence and thus there exists some point (say)  $x$  in the complete metric space  $X$  such that

$$\lim_{n \rightarrow \infty} x_n = x$$

and by assumption 3,  $x_n \preceq x$  for all  $n$ . Next by assumption 4,

$$T(\delta(Fx_n, Fx), d(x_n, x), \text{dist}(x_n, Fx_n), \text{dist}(x, Fx), \text{dist}(x_n, Fx) + \text{dist}(x, Fx_n)) \leq 0,$$

which gives

$$T(\delta(x_{n+1}, Fx), d(x_n, x), d(x_n, x_{n+1}), \text{dist}(x, Fx), \text{dist}(x_n, Fx) + d(x, x_{n+1})) \leq 0.$$

Letting  $n \rightarrow \infty$  and using  $\mathcal{T}_1$  we get

$$T(\delta(x, Fx), 0, 0, \delta(x, Fx), \delta(x, Fx)) \leq 0,$$

that is,

$$T(u, 0, 0, u, u) \leq 0,$$

and from  $\mathcal{T}_3$ , we have  $u = \delta(x, Fx) = 0$ , which gives  $Fx = \{x\}$ .  $\square$

**Remark 2.** *If we replace assumption 4; for all comparable elements  $x, y$  of Corollary 2 by: for all  $x \preceq y$  of a partially ordered set  $X$ , then the conclusion still holds.*

**Corollary 3.** *Let  $F : X \rightarrow B(X)$  be such that the following conditions are satisfied:*

1. *there exists  $x_0 \in X$  such that  $Fx_0 \prec_2 \{x_0\}$ ,*
2. *if  $x, y \in X$  is such that  $x \preceq y$ , then  $Fx \prec_2 Fy$ ,*
3. *if  $x_n \rightarrow x$  is any sequence in  $X$  whose consecutive terms are comparable, then  $x_n \preceq x$ , for all  $n$ ,*
4.  *$T(\delta(Fx, Fy), d(x, y), \text{dist}(x, Fx), \text{dist}(y, Fy), \text{dist}(x, Fy) + \text{dist}(y, Fx)) \leq 0$ , for all distinct comparable elements  $x, y$  of  $X$  and for some  $T \in \mathcal{T}$ .*

*Then there exists  $x \in X$  with  $\{x\} = Fx$ .*

**Remark 3.** *If we replace assumption 3 and 4 of Corollary 1, respectively, by:*

- *if  $x_n \rightarrow x$  is any sequence in  $X$  whose consecutive terms are comparable, then  $x \preceq x_n$ , for all  $n$ .*
- *$T(\delta(Fx, Fy), d(x, y), \text{dist}(x, Fx), \text{dist}(y, Fy), \text{dist}(x, Fy) + \text{dist}(y, Fx)) \leq 0$ , for all  $y \preceq x$  and for some  $T \in \mathcal{T}$ .*

*Then the conclusion still holds.*

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