

## Sub-Compatible Maps, Weakly Commuting Maps and Common Fixed Points in Cone Metric Spaces

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**Abstract:** The purpose of this paper is to obtain some common fixed point theorems under weaker conditions such as sub compatible mappings and weakly commuting with respect  $g$  in the setting of non - normal cone metric space.

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### 1 Introduction

The concept of cone metric spaces (or abstract spaces) introduced initially by Huang and Zhang [3]. In this space they have replaced completely ordered set  $R$  by real Banach Space  $E$ . Huang and Zhang proved Banach fixed point theorem of a complete metric space in complete cone metric space. For the fundamental importance of cone metric space which has bigger domain than of metric spaces. We define the following:

**Definition 1** Let  $E$  be a real Banach space and  $P$  subset of  $E$ .  $P$  is called a cone if and only if:

1.  $P$  is closed, nonempty, and  $P \neq \{0\}$ ;
2.  $a, b \in R, a, b \geq 0, x, y \in P \Rightarrow (ax + by) \in P$  ;
3.  $x \in P$  and  $-x \in P \Rightarrow x = 0$ .

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Given a cone  $P \subset E$ , we define a partial ordering  $\leq$  with respect to  $P$  by  $x \leq y$  if and only if  $y - x \in P$ . We shall write  $x < y$  to indicate that  $x \leq y$  but  $x \neq y$ , while  $x \ll y$  will stand for  $y - x \in \text{int}P$ ,  $\text{int}P$  denotes the interior of  $P$ .

The cone  $P$  is called normal if there is a number  $K > 0$  such that for all  $x, y \in E$ ,  $0 \leq x \leq y$  implies  $\|x\| \leq K \|y\|$ . The least positive number satisfying above is called the normal constant of  $P$ .

The cone  $P$  is called regular if every increasing sequence which is bounded from above is convergent. That is, if  $\{x_n\}$  is sequence such that  $x_1 \leq x_2 \leq \dots \leq x_n \leq y$  for some  $y \in E$ , then there is  $x \in E$  such that  $\|x_n - x\| \rightarrow 0$  ( $n \rightarrow \infty$ ).

Equivalently the cone  $P$  is regular if and only if every decreasing sequence which is bounded from below is convergent. It is well known that a regular cone is a normal cone. In the following we always suppose  $E$  is a Banach space,  $P$  is a cone in  $E$  with  $\text{int}P \neq \emptyset$  and  $\leq$  is partial ordering with respect to  $P$ .

**Definition 2** Let  $X$  be a nonempty set. Suppose the mapping  $d : X \times X \rightarrow E$  satisfies:

1.  $0 < d(x, y)$  for all  $x, y \in X$  and  $d(x, y) = 0$  if and only if  $x = y$ ;
2.  $d(x, y) = d(y, x)$  for all  $x, y \in X$ ;
3.  $d(x, y) \leq d(x, z) + d(y, z)$  for all  $x, y, z \in X$ .

Then  $d$  is called a cone metric on  $X$  and  $(X, d)$  is called a cone metric space. It is obvious that cone metric spaces generalize metric spaces.

**Example 1** Let  $E = \mathbb{R}^2$ ,  $P = \{(x, y) \in E : x, y \geq 0\} \subset \mathbb{R}^2$ ,  $X = \mathbb{R}$  and  $d : X \times X \rightarrow E$  such that  $d(x, y) = (|x - y|, \alpha|x - y|)$ , where  $\alpha \leq 0$  is a constant. Then  $(X, d)$  is a cone metric space.

**Definition 3** Let  $(X, d)$  be a cone metric space. Let  $\{x_n\}$  be a sequence in  $X$  and  $x \in X$ . If for every  $c \in E$  with  $0 \ll c$  there is  $N$  such that for all  $n > N$ ,  $d(x_n, x) \ll c$ , then  $\{x_n\}$  is said to be convergent and  $x_n$  converges to  $x$ , and  $x$  is the limit of  $x_n$ . We denote this by  $\lim_{n \rightarrow \infty} x_n = x$  or  $x_n \rightarrow x$  ( $n \rightarrow \infty$ ).

**Lemma 1** Let  $(X, d)$  be a cone metric space,  $P$  be a normal cone with normal constant  $K$ . Let  $\{x_n\}$  be a sequence in  $X$ . Then  $\{x_n\}$  converges to  $x$  if and only if  $d(x_n, x) \rightarrow 0$  ( $n \rightarrow \infty$ ).

**Lemma 2** Let  $(X, d)$  be a cone metric space,  $P$  be a normal cone with normal constant  $K$ . Let  $\{x_n\}$  be a sequence in  $X$ . Then  $\{x_n\}$  is a Cauchy sequence if and only if  $d(x_n, x_m) \rightarrow 0$  ( $n, m \rightarrow \infty$ ).

**Definition 4** Let  $(X, d)$  be a cone metric space,  $\{x_n\}$  be a sequence in  $X$ . If for any  $c \in E$  with  $0 \ll c$ , there is  $N$  such that for all  $n, m > N$ ,  $d(x_n, x_m) \ll c$ , then  $\{x_n\}$  is called a Cauchy sequence in  $X$ .

**Corollary 1** (see e.g., [7] - without proof).

1. If  $a \leq b$  and  $b \ll c$ , then  $a \ll c$ .  
Indeed,  $c - a = (c - b) + (b - a) \geq c - b$  implies  $[-(c - a), c - a] \supseteq [-(c - a), c - b]$ .
2. If  $a \ll b$  and  $b \ll c$ , then  $a \ll c$ .  
Indeed,  $c - a = (c - b) + (b - a) > c - b$  implies  $[-(c - a), c - a] \supset [-(c - a), c - b]$ .
3. If  $0 \ll c$  for each  $c \in \text{int}P$  then  $c = 0$ .

In 1976 Jungck [4] generalized the Banach fixed point theorem for a pair of two commuting self-maps in complete metric space satisfying the following inequality:

$$d(fx, fy) \leq d(gx, gy) \text{ for all } x, y \in X, \alpha \in [0, 1).$$

After Jungck [5] and Sessa [8] weaken the concept of commuting map by weakly commuting maps. In 1986 Jungck [5] and in 1993 Jungck, Murthy and Cho [6] introduced the concepts of compatible and compatible maps of type (A) respectively in metric spaces by concrete example. It has been shown that both definitions are independent in nature (see [6]).

Bouhadjera and Godet-thobie [1] weaken the concept of weak compatible maps and occasionally weakly compatible respectively and define Sub-compatible maps in metric spaces. Here we shall extend the concept of sub-compatible pair of maps in cone metric spaces.

**Definition 5** Let  $(X, d)$  be a cone metric space. Let  $f$  and  $g$  be two self-maps of a cone metric space  $(X, d)$ , then  $f$  and  $g$  are said to be sub-compatible maps, if and only if there exists a sequence  $\{x_n\}$  in  $X$  such that  $d(fx_n, z) = d(gx_n, z) \ll c$ , for some  $z \in X$  and  $d(fgx_n, gfx_n) \ll c$  with  $0 \ll c, c \in E$ .

## 2 Common Fixed Points under Sub-compatible Maps

**Theorem 1** Let  $(X, d)$  be a cone metric space with cone  $P$  having non - empty interior. Suppose that the mapping  $f, g : X \rightarrow X$  satisfy

$$d(f(x), f(y)) \leq \alpha d(f(x), g(x)) + \beta d(f(y), g(y)) + \gamma d(g(x), g(y)) \quad (1)$$

for all  $x, y \in X$ , where  $\alpha, \beta, \gamma \in [0, 1)$  and  $\alpha + \beta + \gamma < 1$ . If the range of  $g$  and  $g(X)$  is a complete subspace of  $X$  then  $f$  and  $g$  have a unique common fixed point, provided  $f$  and  $g$  are sub-compatible maps.

*Proof* Let  $x_0$  be an arbitrary point in  $X$ . Choose a point  $x_1$  in  $X$  such that  $f(x_0) = g(x_1)$ . This can be done, since the range of  $g$  contains the range of  $f$ . Continuing this process, having chosen  $x_n$  in  $X$ , we obtain  $x_{n+1}$  in  $X$  such that  $f(x_n) = g(x_{n+1})$ . Then from condition (1), we have

$$\begin{aligned} d(g(x_{n+1}), g(x_n)) &= d(f(x_n), f(x_{n-1})) \\ &\leq \alpha d(f(x_n), g(x_n)) + \beta d(f(x_{n-1}), g(x_{n-1})) + \gamma d(g(x_n), g(x_{n-1})) \\ &\leq \alpha d(g(x_{n+1}), g(x_n)) + \beta d(g(x_n), g(x_{n-1})) + \gamma d(g(x_n), g(x_{n-1})). \end{aligned}$$

We find

$$d(g(x_{n+1}), g(x_n)) \leq \frac{\beta + \gamma}{1 - \alpha} d(g(x_n), g(x_{n-1})).$$

Consequently,

$$d(g(x_{n+1}), g(x_n)) \leq \left(\frac{\beta + \gamma}{1 - \alpha}\right)^n d(g(x_1), g(x_0)) = h^n d(g(x_1), g(x_0)),$$

where  $\frac{\beta + \gamma}{1 - \alpha} = h \in [0, 1)$ .

Now for  $n > m \in N$ , we have

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

$$\Rightarrow d(g(x_n), g(x_m)) \leq \frac{h^m}{1-h} d(g(x_1), g(x_0)) \rightarrow 0 \text{ as } m \rightarrow \infty.$$

So  $d(g(x_n), g(x_m)) \leq 0$  as  $m, n \rightarrow \infty$  and  $0 \ll c$  be given.

Hence, by corollary (8) we get  $d(g(x_n), g(x_m)) \ll c$ .

Hence  $\{g(x_n)\}$  is a Cauchy sequence.

Since  $g(X)$  is a complete subspace of  $X$  then there exist  $z \in g(X) \subset f(X)$  such that  $g(x_n) \rightarrow z$  and also  $f(x_n) \rightarrow z$  as  $n \rightarrow \infty$ .

Since  $f$  and  $g$  are sub-compatible maps so we have

$$d(fgx_n, gfx_n) \ll c \Rightarrow fgx_n = gfx_n. \text{ We obtain } f(z) = g(z) \text{ as } n \rightarrow \infty.$$

Now remain to show that  $z$  is common fixed point of  $f$  and  $g$ .

If  $z \neq f(z)$ , We have

$$\begin{aligned} 0 &< d(f(z), z) \\ &\leq \alpha d(f(z), g(z)) + \beta d(f(z), g(z)) + \gamma d(g(z), g(z)) \\ &= \gamma d(f(z), f(z)) \end{aligned}$$

this is a contradiction and so  $f(z) = g(z) = z$ . Then  $z$  is a common fixed point for the mappings  $f$  and  $g$ . The uniqueness follows from the contraction condition (1). If  $z'$  is another common fixed point. Then, we have

$$\begin{aligned} d(z', f(z)) &= d(f(z'), f(z)) \\ &\leq \alpha \cdot d(f(z'), g(z')) + \beta \cdot d(f(z), g(z)) + \gamma \cdot d(g(z'), g(z)) \\ &= \gamma \cdot d(f(z'), f(z)) \\ &\Rightarrow (1 - \gamma) \cdot d(f(z'), f(z)) \leq 0 \end{aligned}$$

and this implies that  $f(z') = f(z)$  that is  $z' = z$ .

This completes the proof of the Theorem 12.

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**Corollary 2** Let  $(X, d)$  be a cone metric space with cone  $P$  having non - empty interior. Suppose that the mapping  $f, g : X \rightarrow X$  such that  $f(X) \subset g(X)$  satisfying the following condition

$$d(f(x), f(y)) \leq \alpha d(g(x), g(y)) \quad (2)$$

for all  $x, y \in X$ , where  $\alpha \in [0, 1)$ .

If the range of  $g$  and  $g(X)$  is a complete subspace of  $X$  then  $f$  and  $g$  have a unique common fixed point, provided  $f$  and  $g$  are sub-compatible maps.

### 3 Common Fixed Points under $f, g$ and $h$ weakly Commuting maps

**Definition 6** Let  $f, g$  and  $h$  are self maps of a cone metric space  $(X, d)$  are said to be weakly commuting with respect  $g$  iff

$$d(hfhx, ghy) \leq d(fhfx, ghy)$$

for all  $x \in X$ .

**Theorem 2** Let  $(X, d)$  be a complete cone metric space with cone  $P$  having non - empty interior such that  $d(x, y) \in \text{Int}P$ , for all  $x, y \in X$  with  $x \neq y$ . Let  $f, g, h : X \rightarrow X$  such that

$$\Psi(d(fhx, ghy)) \leq \Psi(d(x, y)) - \varphi(d(x, y)) \quad (3)$$

for all  $x, y \in X$  where  $\Psi : P \rightarrow P$  and  $\varphi : \text{Int}P \cup \{0\} \rightarrow \text{Int}P \cup \{0\}$  are continuous functions with the following properties:

1.  $\Psi$  is monotonic increasing;
2.  $\Psi(t) = 0 = \varphi(t)$  iff  $t = o$ ;
3. either  $\varphi(t) \leq d(x, y)$  or  $d(x, y) \leq \varphi(t)$ .

for  $t \in \text{Int}P \cup \{0\}$  and  $x, y \in X$ .

If  $f, g$  and  $h$  are weakly commuting pair of maps with respect to  $g$ ; then  $f, g$  and  $h$  have a unique common fixed point in  $X$ .

*Proof* Let  $x_0 \in X$  be an arbitrary point and we define  $x_1 = fh(x_0)$  and  $x_2 = gh(x_1)$ , inductively we shall define:

$$x_{2n+1} = fh(x_{2n}) \text{ and } x_{2n+2} = gh(x_{2n+1}).$$

Let  $d_n = d(x_n, x_{n+1})$ . If  $x_{2n} = x_{2n+1}$ , then  $\{x_n\}$  is a Cauchy sequence. If  $x_{2n} \neq x_{2n+1}$ , then from (3), we have

$$\begin{aligned} \Psi(d_{2n+1}) &= \Psi(d(x_{2n+1}, x_{2n+2})) \\ &= \Psi(d(fh x_{2n}, gh x_{2n+1})) \\ &= \Psi(d(x_{2n}, x_{2n+1})) - \varphi(d(x_{2n}, x_{2n+1})) \text{ for } n \in N \end{aligned}$$

i.e.

$$\Psi(d_{2n+1}) \leq \Psi(d_{2n}) - \varphi(d_{2n}). \quad (4)$$

By using property of  $\varphi$   $\Psi(d_{2n+1}) \leq \Psi(d_{2n})$ ,

which implies  $d_{2n+1} \leq d_{2n}$  (by monotone property of  $\varphi$ ).

Therefore  $\{d_n\}$  is monotonically decreasing. Hence by Lemma (3.1) of Choudhary and Metiya [2] there exists an  $\lambda \in P$  with either  $\lambda = 0$  or  $\lambda \in \text{Int}P$ , such that

$$d_n \rightarrow \lambda \text{ as } n \rightarrow \infty. \quad (5)$$

Taking the limit as  $n \rightarrow \infty$  in (4) by using (5), we have

$$\Psi(\lambda) \leq \Psi(\lambda) - \varphi(\lambda)$$

a contradiction otherwise  $\lambda = 0$ .

Therefore

$$d_n = d(x_n, x_{n+1}) \rightarrow 0 \text{ as } n \rightarrow \infty. \quad (6)$$

Now, we shall show that  $\{x_n\}$  be a Cauchy sequence. If not, then there exists  $c \in E$  with  $0 \ll c$ , such that for every  $n_0 \in \mathbb{N}$ , there exists  $n, m$  with  $n > m \geq n_0$  such that  $d(x_n, x_m) \ll \varphi(c)$ . Hence, by property of  $\varphi$  in (iv)  $\varphi(c) \ll d(x_n, x_m)$ .

Therefore there exists sequences,  $\{m(k)\}$  and  $\{n(k)\}$  in  $\mathbb{N}$  such that for all positive integer  $k$ ,  $n(k) > m(k) > k$  and  $d(x_{m(k)}, x_{n(k)}) \geq \varphi(c)$ .

Suppose that  $n(k)$  is the smallest such positive integer, we have

$$d(x_{m(k)}, x_{n(k)}) \geq \varphi(c)$$

and

$$d(x_{m(k)}, x_{n(k)-1}) \leq \varphi(c).$$

Now,

$$\begin{aligned} \varphi(c) &\leq d(x_{m(k)}, x_{n(k)}) \\ &\leq d(x_{m(k)}, x_{n(k)-1}) + d(x_{n(k)-1}, x_{n(k)}). \end{aligned}$$

Thus

$$\varphi(c) \leq \varphi(c) + d(x_{n(k)-1}, x_{n(k)}).$$

Taking  $k \rightarrow \infty$ , in the above inequality and using (4)

$$\lim_{k \rightarrow \infty} d(x_{m(k)}, x_{n(k)}) = \varphi(c). \quad (7)$$

Again

$$d(x_{m(k)}, x_{n(k)}) \leq d(x_{m(k)}, x_{m(k)+1}) + d(x_{m(k)+1}, x_{n(k)+1}) + d(x_{n(k)+1}, x_{n(k)}).$$

and

$$d(x_{m(k)+1}, x_{n(k)+1}) \leq d(x_{m(k)+1}, x_{m(k)}) + d(x_{m(k)}, x_{n(k)}) + d(x_{n(k)}, x_{n(k)+1}).$$

Taking  $k \rightarrow \infty$  in the above inequality, by using (7) and (6), we have

$$\lim_{k \rightarrow \infty} d(x_{m(k)+1}, x_{n(k)+1}) = \varphi(c). \quad (8)$$

Putting  $x = x_{m(k)}$  and  $y = x_{n(k)}$  in (3), we have

$$\Psi(d(fhx_{m(k)}, ghx_{n(k)})) \leq \Psi(d(x_{m(k)}, x_{n(k)})) - \varphi(d(x_{m(k)}, x_{n(k)}))$$

i.e.

$$\Psi(d(x_{m(k)+1}, x_{n(k)+1})) \leq \Psi(d(x_{m(k)}, x_{n(k)})) - \varphi(d(x_{m(k)}, x_{n(k)}))$$

letting  $k \rightarrow \infty$  in the above inequality and using (7) and (8), and the continuity of  $\Psi$  and  $\varphi$ , we have

$$\Psi(\varphi(c)) \leq \Psi(\varphi(c)) - \varphi(\varphi(c))$$

which is a contradiction.

Therefore,  $\{x_n\}$  is a Cauchy sequence in  $X$ . Since  $X$  is a complete cone metric space, there exists a point  $\xi \in X$  such that

$$x_n \rightarrow \xi \text{ as } n \rightarrow \infty. \quad (9)$$

Now, we shall show that  $fh\xi = \xi$ . From (3), we have

$$\Psi(d(fh\xi, ghx_{2n+1})) \leq \Psi(d(\xi, x_{2n+1})) - \varphi(d(\xi, x_{2n+1}))$$

or

$$\Psi(d(fh\xi, x_{2n+2})) \leq \Psi(d(\xi, x_{2n+1})) - \varphi(d(\xi, x_{2n+1})).$$

Taking  $x_n \rightarrow \infty$  in the above inequality, using (8) and the property of  $\Psi$  and  $\varphi$ , we have

$$\Psi(d(fh\xi, \xi)) \ll c \text{ which implies } d(fh\xi, \xi) \leq 0 \text{ i.e. } fh\xi = \xi.$$

Similarly, we can show that  $gh\xi = \xi$  and we shall obtain  $\xi$  is a common fixed point of  $fh$  and  $gh$  i.e.  $fh\xi = \xi = gh\xi$ .

Since  $f, g$  and  $h$  is a weakly commuting pair of maps with respect to  $g$ , then

$$\begin{aligned} \Psi(d(h\xi, \xi)) &= \Psi(d(hfh\xi, gh\xi)) \\ &\leq \Psi(d(fhh\xi, gh\xi)) \text{ (since } \Psi \text{ is monotone increasing)} \\ &\leq \Psi(d(h\xi, \xi)) - \varphi(d(h\xi, \xi)) \end{aligned}$$

which is a contradiction. Thus,  $\Psi(d(h\xi, \xi)) = 0 \Rightarrow h\xi = \xi = fh\xi = gh\xi$  i.e.  $h\xi = \xi = fh\xi = gh\xi$ .

Hence,  $\xi$  is a common fixed point of  $f, g$  and  $h$ .



For uniqueness of  $\xi$  once again we shall use inequality (3).

Hence,  $\xi$  is a unique common fixed point of  $f$ ,  $g$  and  $h$ .

This completes the proof of Theorem 15. □

**Corollary 3** Let  $(X, d)$  be a complete cone metric space with cone  $P$  having non-empty interior such that  $d(x, y) \in \text{Int}P$ , for all  $x, y \in X$  with  $x \neq y$ . Let  $f, g, h : X \rightarrow X$  such that

$$\Psi(d(fhx, ghy)) \leq \Psi(d(x, fhx) + d(y, ghx)) - \varphi(d(x, y)) \quad (10)$$

for all  $x, y \in X$  where  $\Psi : P \rightarrow P$  and  $\varphi : \text{Int}P \cup \{0\} \rightarrow \text{Int}P \cup \{0\}$  are continuous functions with the following properties:

1.  $\Psi$  is monotonic increasing;
2.  $\Psi(t) = 0 = \varphi(t)$  iff  $t = o$ ;
3. either  $\varphi(t) \leq d(x, y)$  or  $d(x, y) \leq \varphi(t)$ ;

for  $t \in \text{Int}P \cup \{0\}$  and  $x, y \in X$ .

If  $f$ ,  $g$  and  $h$  are weakly commuting pair of maps with respect to  $g$ ; then  $f$ ,  $g$  and  $h$  have a unique common fixed point in  $X$ .

**Corollary 4** Let  $(X, d)$  be a complete cone metric space with cone  $P$  having non - empty interior such that  $d(x, y) \in \text{Int}P$ , for all  $x, y \in X$  with  $x \neq y$ . Let  $f, g, h : X \rightarrow X$  such that

$$\Psi(d(fhx, ghy)) \leq \Psi\left(\frac{1}{2}[d(x, ghy) + d(y, fhx)]\right) - \varphi(d(x, y)) \quad (11)$$

for all  $x, y \in X$  where  $\Psi : P \rightarrow P$  and  $\varphi : \text{Int}P \cup \{0\} \rightarrow \text{Int}P \cup \{0\}$  are continuous functions with the following properties:

1.  $\Psi$  is monotonic increasing;
2.  $\Psi(t) = 0 = \varphi(t)$  iff  $t = o$ ;
3. either  $\varphi(t) \leq d(x, y)$  or  $d(x, y) \leq \varphi(t)$ ;

for  $t \in \text{Int}P \cup \{0\}$  and  $x, y \in X$ .

If  $f$ ,  $g$  and  $h$  are weakly commuting pair of maps with respect to  $g$ ; then  $f$ ,  $g$  and  $h$  have a unique common fixed point in  $X$ .

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