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## A Result On Coincidence Points

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**Abstract:** In this paper we prove a coincidence point result in the setting of metric spaces under some general contractive condition. Consequently, we improve and generalize various known results existing in the literature.

### 1. Introduction and Preliminaries

Using the concept of Hausdorff metric, many authors have proved fixed point and coincidence point results in the setting of metric spaces. For example, using the Hausdorff metric, Nadler [14] has introduced a notion of multivalued contraction maps and proved a multivalued version of the Banach contraction principle which states that each multivalued contraction map on a complete metric space with values as closed bounded subsets of the space, has a fixed point. Since then various fixed point results concerning multivalued contractions have been appeared. For example, see [1-3,5,7,13,15]. In [8], Kaneko has generalized a notion of multivalued contraction maps by introducing a notion of multivalued  $f$ -contractions and proved coincidence point result for such maps with commutativity condition, extending the corresponding results of Jungck [6], Nadler [14] and others. This result has been generalized in different directions. For example, see [10,12,16]. Among others, Latif and Beg [11] have proved a coincidence point result for non-commuting maps, which is an improved version of the result of Kaneko [8].

In this paper we prove a coincidence point result under some general contractive condition, which generalizes the corresponding results of Latif and Beg [11], Daffer and Kaneko [3], and many others.

Throughout this paper,  $(X, d)$  is a metric space and  $CB(X)$  is the family of nonempty closed bounded subsets of  $X$ . For any  $A, B \in CB(X)$ ,

$$H(A, B) = \max \left\{ \sup_{x \in A} d(x, B), \sup_{y \in B} d(y, A) \right\},$$

where  $d(a, B) = \inf \{d(a, b) : b \in B\}$  is a distance from the point  $a$  to the subset  $B$ . It is well known that  $H$  is a metric on  $CB(X)$  and is known as the Hausdorff metric on  $CB(X)$ .

We also use the following notions.

Let  $T : X \rightarrow CB(X)$  be a multivalued map and  $f : X \rightarrow X$  a single-valued map.

i)  $T$  is called *contraction* [14] if there exists a constant  $h \in (0, 1)$  such that

$$H(T(x), T(y)) \leq h d(x, y), \quad x, y \in X.$$

ii)  $T$  is called *f-contraction* [8] if there exists a constant  $h \in (0, 1)$  such that

$$H(T(x), T(y)) \leq h d(f(x), f(y)), \quad x, y \in X.$$

iii)  $T$  is called *generalized f-contraction* [16], if there exists a constant  $h \in (0, 1)$  such that for all  $x, y \in X$

$$H(Tx, Ty) \leq h \max \left\{ d(fx, fy), d(fx, Tx), d(fy, Ty), \frac{1}{2} [d(fx, Ty) + d(fy, Tx)] \right\}.$$

In particular, if  $f = I$ , the identity map on  $X$  then each multivalued *f-contraction* map is a contraction, each multivalued *generalized f-contraction* map is a general contraction defined by Daffer and Kaneko [3]. A point  $x \in X$  is called a *fixed point* of  $T$  if  $x \in T(x)$  and the set of fixed points of  $T$  is denoted by  $Fix(T)$ . A point  $x \in X$  is called a *coincidence point* of  $f$  and  $T$  if  $f(x) \in T(x)$ . We denote by  $C(f \cap T)$  the set of coincidence points of  $f$  and  $T$ .

A real valued function  $f$  on  $X$  is called lower semi-continuous if for any sequence  $\{x_n\} \subset X$  with  $x_n \rightarrow x \in X$  imply that  $f(x) \leq \liminf_{n \rightarrow \infty} f(x_n)$ .

Kaneko and Sessa [9] have obtained the following coincidence point result for compatible maps.

**Theorem 1.1** *Let  $(X, d)$  be a complete metric space,  $f : X \rightarrow X$  and  $T : X \rightarrow CB(X)$ , be a multivalued generalized *f-contraction* compatible continuous maps such that  $T(X) \subseteq f(X)$ . Then, there exists a point  $x_0 \in X$  such that  $f(x_0) \in T(x_0)$ .*

## 2. A Result

We prove a coincidence point result for non-compatible maps.

**Theorem 2.1** *Let  $(X, d)$  be a metric space, and let  $f$  be a continuous self map of  $X$  with  $f(X)$  complete. Let  $T: X \rightarrow CB(X)$  be a generalized  $f$ -contraction map such that  $T(X) \subset f(X)$ . Then there exists  $x_0 \in X$  such that  $f(x_0) \in T(x_0)$ , provided the map  $y \rightarrow d(y, Ty)$  is lower semicontinuous.*

**Proof.** Suppose  $f(t) \notin T(t)$ , for all  $t \in X$ . Since  $T(X) \subset f(X)$  so for any  $x \in X$  there exists a  $y \in X$  such that  $f(y) \in T(x)$ . If  $h = 0$ , then we have

$$H(T(x), T(y)) = 0,$$

thus,  $T(x) = T(y)$ , which means that  $f(y) \in T(y)$ . Now, assume that  $h \neq 0$ , and

choose a number  $c$  with  $1 < c < \frac{1}{h}$ . Since  $d(f(x), T(x)) = \inf\{d(f(x), z) \mid z \in T(x)\}$ , and

$f(y) \in T(x)$  then  $d(f(x), T(x)) \leq d(f(x), f(y))$ . Thus

$0 < d(f(x), f(y)) \leq cd(f(x), T(x))$ , because  $c > 1$  and  $f(x) \neq f(y)$ . Now, by the definition of the Hausdorff metric we have

$$(1.1) \quad \begin{aligned} d(f(y), T(y)) &\leq H(T(x), T(y)) \\ &\leq h \max\left\{d(fx, fy), d(fx, Tx), d(fy, Ty), \frac{1}{2}[d(fx, Ty) + d(fy, Tx)]\right\}. \end{aligned}$$

Since  $f(y) \in T(x)$  then  $d(f(y), T(x)) = 0$ . Also, if  $d(f(y), T(y))$  is the maximum, then we get

$$d(f(y), T(y)) \leq hd(f(y), T(y)),$$

which is not possible because  $0 < h < 1$ . Thus (1.1) becomes

$$\begin{aligned} d(f(y), T(y)) &\leq H(T(x), T(y)) \\ &\leq h \max\left\{d(f(x), f(y)), d(f(x), T(x)), \frac{1}{2}d(f(x), T(y))\right\}. \end{aligned}$$

We need to examine the following three cases. First suppose that

$$d(f(x), f(y)) = \max\left\{d(f(x), f(y)), d(f(x), T(x)), \frac{1}{2}d(f(x), T(y))\right\}.$$

Then

$$\begin{aligned}
d(f(y), T(y)) &\leq hd(f(x), f(y)) \\
&\leq hcd(f(x), T(x)) \\
&< d(f(x), T(x)),
\end{aligned}$$

because  $ch < 1$ . Also, since  $d(f(y), (y)) \leq hd(f(x), f(y))$  then

$$-d(f(y), T(y)) \geq -hd(f(x), f(y))$$

so

$$\begin{aligned}
d(f(x), T(x)) - d(f(y), T(y)) &\geq d(f(x), T(x)) - hd(f(x), f(y)) \\
&\geq \frac{1}{c}d(f(x), f(y)) - hd(f(x), f(y)) \\
&\geq \left(\frac{1}{c} - h\right)d(f(x), f(y)).
\end{aligned}$$

Second, suppose that

$$d(f(x), T(x)) = \max\left\{d(f(x), f(y)), d(f(x), T(x)), \frac{1}{2}d(f(x), T(y))\right\}.$$

Then,

$$\begin{aligned}
d(f(y), T(y)) &\leq hd(f(x), T(x)) \\
&< d(f(x), T(x)),
\end{aligned}$$

because  $h < 1$ . Also since

$$d(f(y), T(y)) \leq hd(f(x), T(x))$$

then,

$$-d(f(y), T(y)) \geq -hd(f(x), T(x)),$$

thus,

$$\begin{aligned}
d(f(x), T(x)) - d(f(y), T(y)) &\geq d(f(x), T(x)) - hd(f(x), T(x)) \\
&\geq (1-h)d(f(x), T(x)) \\
&\geq \left(\frac{1-h}{c}\right)d(f(x), f(y)) \\
&= \left(\frac{1}{c} - \frac{h}{c}\right)d(f(x), f(y)) \\
&\geq \left(\frac{1}{c} - h\right)d(f(x), f(y)),
\end{aligned}$$

because  $\frac{h}{c} \leq h$ . Third, suppose that,

$$\frac{1}{2}d(f(x), T(y)) = \max\left\{d(f(x), f(y)), d(f(x), T(x)), \frac{1}{2}d(f(x), T(y))\right\}.$$

Then,

$$(1.2) \quad d(f(y), T(y)) \leq \frac{h}{2} d(f(x), T(y)).$$

Since,

$$d(f(x), T(y)) \leq d(f(x), f(y)) + d(f(y), T(y))$$

since  $\frac{h}{2} > 0$ , then we have

$$\frac{h}{2} d(f(x), T(y)) \leq \frac{h}{2} [d(f(x), f(y)) + d(f(y), T(y))]$$

So (1.2) becomes,

$$d(f(y), T(y)) \leq \frac{h}{2} [d(f(x), f(y)) + d(f(y), T(y))],$$

thus,

$$(1 - \frac{h}{2}) d(f(y), T(y)) \leq \frac{h}{2} d(f(x), f(y)).$$

Since  $\frac{h}{2} < 1$ , we have

$$d(f(y), T(y)) < (\frac{h}{2}) (\frac{2}{2-h}) d(f(x), f(y)),$$

and thus,

$$\begin{aligned} d(f(y), T(y)) &\leq (\frac{h}{2-h}) d(f(x), f(y)) \\ &\leq (\frac{hc}{2-h}) d(f(x), T(x)) \end{aligned}$$

since  $hc < 1$  and  $2-h > 1$  then  $\frac{hc}{2-h} < 1$ , thus

$$d(f(y), T(y)) < d(f(x), T(x)).$$

Also, since

$$d(f(y), T(y)) \leq (\frac{h}{2-h}) d(f(x), f(y))$$

thus

$$-d(f(y), T(y)) \geq -(\frac{h}{2-h}) d(f(x), f(y))$$

hence,

$$\begin{aligned}
d(f(x), T(x)) - d(f(y), T(y)) &\geq d(f(x), T(x)) - \left(\frac{h}{2-h}\right)d(f(x), f(y)) \\
&\geq \frac{1}{c}d(f(x), f(y)) - \left(\frac{h}{2-h}\right)d(f(x), f(y)) \\
&\geq \left(\frac{1}{c} - \frac{h}{2-h}\right)d(f(x), f(y)) \\
&\geq \left(\frac{1}{c} - h\right)d(f(x), f(y)),
\end{aligned}$$

because  $\frac{h}{2-h} \leq h$ . Thus for all three cases we have

$$(i) \quad d(f(y), T(y)) < d(f(x), T(x))$$

and

$$(ii) \quad d(f(x), T(x)) - d(f(y), T(y)) \geq \left(\frac{1}{c} - h\right)d(f(x), f(y)).$$

Now, by (i) we conclude that

$$\inf_{t \in X} d(f(t), T(t)) = 0.$$

Define a map  $\psi: f(X) \rightarrow \mathfrak{R}$  by

$$\psi(f(t)) = \left(\frac{1}{c} - h\right)^{-1} d(f(t), T(t)) \quad \text{for every } t \in X.$$

Then  $\psi$  is lower semicontinuous function. By using (ii) we get

$$\begin{aligned}
d(f(x), f(y)) &\leq \left(\frac{1}{c} - h\right)^{-1} d(f(x), T(x)) - \left(\frac{1}{c} - h\right)^{-1} d(f(y), T(y)) \\
&\leq \psi(f(x)) - \psi(f(y)).
\end{aligned}$$

Thus,

$$\psi(f(y)) + d(f(x), f(y)) \leq \psi(f(x)).$$

By [4], we conclude that there exists an element  $y_0 \in X$  such that

$$\psi(f(y_0)) = \inf_{t \in X} \psi(f(t)) = 0.$$

Thus,

$$\psi(f(y_0)) = \left(\frac{1}{c} - h\right)^{-1} d(f(y_0), T(y_0)) = 0.$$

Since  $\left(\frac{1}{c} - h\right)^{-1} \neq 0$ , then  $d(f(y_0), T(y_0)) = 0$ . Since  $T$  is closed, thus  $f(y_0) \in T(y_0)$ .

This contradicts our assumption that  $f(t) \notin T(t)$ , for all  $t \in X$ . Therefore, there exists  $x_0 \in X$  such that  $f(x_0) \in T(x_0)$ .



**Remark 2.2** 1) Theorem 2.1 generalizes a corresponding result due to Latif and Beg [11] and contains a fixed point result of Daffer and Kaneko [3] as a special case.  
 2) It is observed that Theorem 2.1 is can be obtained from Theorem 2 in [16]. However, our proof is simple and completely different than as given in [16].

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