

# SOME FIXED POINT AND COINCIDENCE POINT RESULTS IN PARTIAL METRIC SPACES

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**ABSTRACT:** In this paper, we consider fixed point theorems on partial metric spaces. We studied weakly compatible functions on partial metric spaces, and we prove that under some conditions these functions have a unique point of coincidence and common fixed point.

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## INTRODUCTION

It is well known that the Banach contraction principle is a very useful, simple and classical tool in nonlinear analysis. There exist a vast literature concerning its various generalizations and extensions. In (6), Matthews extended the Banach contraction mapping theorem to the partial metric context for applications in program verification. After that, fixed-point results in partial metric spaces have been studied by Ran and Reurings (7). Recently, Abbas and Jungck (1), have studied common fixed point results for non-commuting mappings without continuity in cone metric space with normal cone, and a great deal of new results in this notion published in (3, 4, 5, 8).

First, we recall some definitions of partial metric spaces and some their properties.

### Definition 1.1

A partial metric space on nonempty set  $X$  is a function  $p$ :

$X \times X \rightarrow \mathbb{R}^+$  such that for all  $x, y, z \in X$ :

(p1)  $x = y \Leftrightarrow p(x, y) = p(x, y) = p(y, y)$ ;

(p2)  $p(x, x) \leq p(x, y)$ ;

(p3)  $p(x, y) = p(y, x)$ ;

(p4)  $p(x, y) \leq p(x, z) + p(z, y) - p(z, z)$ .

A partial metric space is a pair  $(X, p)$  such that  $X$  is a nonempty set and  $p$  is a partial metric on  $X$ . It is clear that if  $p(x, y) = 0$ , then from (p1), (p2), and (p3), we conclude that  $x = y$ . But if  $x = y$ ,  $p(x, y)$  may not be 0. If  $p$  is a partial metric on  $X$ , then the function  $p^s: X \times X \rightarrow \mathbb{R}^+$ , given by

$p^s(x, y) = 2p(x, y) - p(x, x) - p(y, y)$ ,

is a metric on  $X$ .

### Definition 1.2

Let  $(X, p)$  be a partial metric space. Then

(i) a sequence  $\{x_n\}$  in partial metric space  $(X, p)$  converges to a point  $x \in X$

if and only if  $p(x, x) = \lim_{n \rightarrow \infty} p(x, x_n)$ ;

(ii) a sequence  $\{x_n\}$  in partial metric space  $(X, p)$  is called cauchy sequence if

there exists (and is finite) if  $\lim_{n,m \rightarrow \infty} p(x_m, x_n)$ ;  
 (iii) a partial metric space  $(X, p)$  is said to be complete if every Cauchy sequence

$\{x_n\}$  in  $X$  converges to be  $x \in X$ , that is  $p(x, x) = \lim_{n,m \rightarrow \infty} p(x_m, x_n)$   
 Now; we recall the following technical Lemma (see [2] and [6]).

**Lemma 1.3**

Let  $(X, p)$  be a partial metric space, then  
 (a)  $\{x_n\}$  is a Cauchy sequence in  $(X, p)$  if and only if it is a Cauchy sequence in the metric space  $(X, p^s)$ .  
 (b) a partial metric space  $(X, p)$  is complete if and only if the metric space  $(X, p^s)$  is complete; furthermore  $\lim_{n \rightarrow \infty} p^s(x_n, x) = 0$  and if only if

$$p(x, x) = \lim_{n \rightarrow \infty} p(x_n, x) = \lim_{n,m \rightarrow \infty} p(x_n, x_m).$$

**Definition 1.4.** A point  $u \in X$  is called a coincidence point of the pair  $f, g$  and  $v$  is its point of coincidence if  $fu = gu = v$ . The pair  $(f, g)$  is said to be weakly compatible if for each  $x \in X$ ,  $fx = gx$  implies that  $f gx = g f x$ .

**2. Main results**

**Theorem 2.1**

Let  $(X, p)$  be a complete partial metric space and the mappings  $f, g, h : X \rightarrow X$  satisfy:

$p(fx, gy) \leq \alpha_1 p(hx, hy) + \alpha_2 p(hx, fx) + \alpha_3 p(hy, gy) + \alpha_4 p(hx, gy) + \alpha_5 p(hy, fx)$ , for all  $x, y \in X$ , where  $\alpha_i$  are nonnegative and  $\sum_{i=1}^5 \alpha_i \leq 1$ . If  $f(X) \cup g(X) \subset h(X)$  and  $h(X)$  is a complete subspace of  $X$ , then  $f, g$ , and  $h$  have a unique point of coincidence. Moreover, if  $f, h$  and  $g, h$  are weakly compatible, then  $f, g$ , and  $h$  have a unique common fixed point.

**Proof.** Let  $x_0 \in X$  be arbitrary. By using the condition  $f(X) \cup g(X) \subset h(X)$ , choose a sequence  $\{x_n\}$  such that  $hx_{2n+1} = fx_{2n}$  and  $hx_{2n+2} = gx_{2n+1}$  for all  $n \in \mathbb{N}$ . Applying contractive condition we obtain that

$$\begin{aligned} p(hx_{2n+1}, hx_{2n+2}) &= p(fx_{2n}, gx_{2n+1}) \leq \alpha_1 p(hx_{2n}, hx_{2n+1}) + \alpha_2 p(hx_{2n}, hx_{2n+1}) \\ &+ \alpha_3 p(hx_{2n+1}, hx_{2n+2}) + \alpha_4 p(hx_{2n}, hx_{2n+2}) + \alpha_5 p(hx_{2n+1}, hx_{2n+1}) \\ &\leq \alpha_1 p(hx_{2n}, hx_{2n+1}) + \alpha_2 p(hx_{2n}, hx_{2n+1}) \\ &+ \alpha_3 p(hx_{2n+1}, hx_{2n+2}) + \alpha_4 p(hx_{2n}, hx_{2n+1}) \\ &+ \alpha_4 p(hx_{2n+1}, hx_{2n+2}) - \alpha_4 p(hx_{2n+1}, hx_{2n+1}) + \alpha_5 p(hx_{2n+1}, hx_{2n+1}) \\ &\leq \alpha_1 p(hx_{2n}, hx_{2n+1}) + \alpha_2 p(hx_{2n}, hx_{2n+1}) \\ &+ \alpha_3 p(hx_{2n+1}, hx_{2n+2}) + \alpha_4 p(hx_{2n}, hx_{2n+1}) \\ &+ \alpha_4 p(hx_{2n+1}, hx_{2n+2}) + \alpha_5 p(hx_{2n+1}, hx_{2n+1}) \end{aligned} \tag{2.1}$$

It follows that  $(1 - \alpha_3 - \alpha_4 - \alpha_5) p(hx_{2n+1}, hx_{2n+2}) \leq (\alpha_1 + \alpha_2 + \alpha_4) p(hx_{2n}, hx_{2n+1})$ .  
 That is

$$p(hx_{2n+1}, hx_{2n+2}) \leq \left( \frac{\alpha_1 + \alpha_2 + \alpha_4}{1 - \alpha_3 - \alpha_4 - \alpha_5} \right) p(hx_{2n}, hx_{2n+1}), \tag{2.2}$$

and similarly

$$\begin{aligned}
 p(hx_{2n+2}, hx_{2n+3}) &= p(fx_{2n+1}, gx_{2n+2}) \leq \alpha_1 p(hx_{2n+1}, hx_{2n+2}) \\
 &+ \alpha_2 p(hx_{2n+1}, hx_{2n+2}) + \alpha_3 p(hx_{2n+2}, hx_{2n+3}) \\
 &+ \alpha_4 p(hx_{2n+1}, hx_{2n+3}) + \alpha_5 p(hx_{2n+2}, hx_{2n+2}) \\
 &- \alpha_1 p(hx_{2n+1}, hx_{2n+2}) + \alpha_2 p(hx_{2n+1}, hx_{2n+2}) \\
 &+ \alpha_3 p(hx_{2n+2}, hx_{2n+3}) + \alpha_4 p(hx_{2n+1}, hx_{2n+2}) \\
 &+ \alpha_4 p(hx_{2n+2}, hx_{2n+3}) - \alpha_4 p(hx_{2n+2}, hx_{2n+2}) + \alpha_5 p(hx_{2n+2}, hx_{2n+3}) \\
 &- \alpha_1 p(hx_{2n+1}, hx_{2n+2}) + \alpha_2 p(hx_{2n+1}, hx_{2n+2}) \\
 &+ \alpha_3 p(hx_{2n+2}, hx_{2n+3}) + \alpha_4 p(hx_{2n+1}, hx_{2n+2}) \\
 &+ \alpha_4 p(hx_{2n+2}, hx_{2n+3}) + \alpha_5 p(hx_{2n+2}, hx_{2n+3}). \quad (2.3)
 \end{aligned}$$

It follows that  $(1 - \alpha_3 - \alpha_4 - \alpha_5)p(hx_{2n+2}, hx_{2n+3}) \leq (\alpha_1 + \alpha_2 + \alpha_4)p(hx_{2n+1}, hx_{2n+2})$ , that is

$$\begin{aligned}
 p(hx_{2n+2}, hx_{2n+3}) &\leq \left( \frac{\alpha_1 + \alpha_2 + \alpha_4}{1 - \alpha_3 - \alpha_4 - \alpha_5} \right) p(hx_{2n+1}, hx_{2n+2}) \\
 &\leq \left( \frac{\alpha_1 + \alpha_2 + \alpha_4}{1 - \alpha_3 - \alpha_4 - \alpha_5} \right)^2 p(hx_{2n}, hx_{2n+1}) \quad (2.4)
 \end{aligned}$$

Now, from (2.2) and (2.4) by induction, we obtain that

$$\begin{aligned}
 p(hx_{2n+1}, hx_{2n+2}) &\leq \left( \frac{\alpha_1 + \alpha_2 + \alpha_4}{1 - \alpha_3 - \alpha_4 - \alpha_5} \right) p(hx_{2n}, hx_{2n+1}) \\
 &\leq \left( \frac{\alpha_1 + \alpha_2 + \alpha_4}{1 - \alpha_3 - \alpha_4 - \alpha_5} \right)^2 p(hx_{2n-1}, hx_{2n}) \quad (2.5) \\
 &\leq \left( \frac{\alpha_1 + \alpha_2 + \alpha_4}{1 - \alpha_3 - \alpha_4 - \alpha_5} \right)^3 p(hx_{2n-2}, hx_{2n-1}) \\
 &\leq \dots \leq \left( \frac{\alpha_1 + \alpha_2 + \alpha_4}{1 - \alpha_3 - \alpha_4 - \alpha_5} \right)^{n+3} p(hx_0, hx_1)
 \end{aligned}$$

On the other hand.

$$\begin{aligned}
 (2.6) \quad p(hx_{2n+2}, hx_{2n+3}) &\leq \left( \frac{\alpha_1 + \alpha_2 + \alpha_4}{1 - \alpha_3 - \alpha_4 - \alpha_5} \right) p(hx_{2n+1}, hx_{2n+2}) \\
 &\leq \dots \leq \left( \frac{\alpha_1 + \alpha_2 + \alpha_4}{1 - \alpha_3 - \alpha_4 - \alpha_5} \right)^{n+4} p(hx_0, hx_1)
 \end{aligned}$$

Let  $\alpha = \left( \frac{\alpha_1 + \alpha_2 + \alpha_4}{1 - \alpha_3 - \alpha_4 - \alpha_5} \right)$  Since

$$p(hx_{2n+1}, hx_{2m+1}) \leq p(hx_{2n+1}, hx_{2n+2}) + p(hx_{2n+2}, hx_{2m+1}) - p(hx_{2n+1}, hx_{2n+1}),$$

and

$$p(hx_{2n+2}, hx_{2m+1}) \leq p(hx_{2n+2}, hx_{2n+3}) + p(hx_{2n+3}, hx_{2m+1}) - p(hx_{2n+3}, hx_{2n+3}).$$

Then for every  $n < m$ , we have

$$\begin{aligned}
 p(hx_{2n+1}, hx_{2m+1}) &\leq p(hx_{2n+1}, hx_{2n+2}) + \dots + p(hx_{2n}, hx_{2m+1}) \\
 &\leq (\alpha^{n+3} + \alpha^{n+4} + \dots + \alpha^m) p(hx_0, hx_1) \quad (2.7) \\
 &\leq \alpha^n (1 + \alpha + \alpha^2 + \dots + \alpha^n) p(hx_0, hx_1)
 \end{aligned}$$

$$= \alpha^n \left( \frac{1 - \alpha^{n+1}}{1 - \alpha} \right) p(hx_0, hx_1),$$

and similarly

$$p(hx_{2n}, hx_{2m+1}) \leq \alpha^n \left( \frac{1 - \alpha^{n+1}}{1 - \alpha} \right) p(hx_0, hx_1)$$

$$p(hx_{2n}, hx_{2m}) \leq \alpha^n \left( \frac{1 - \alpha^{n+1}}{1 - \alpha} \right) p(hx_0, hx_1)$$

and (2.8)

$$p(hx_n, hx_m) \leq \alpha^n \left( \frac{1 - \alpha^{n+1}}{1 - \alpha} \right) p(hx_0, hx_1)$$

Hence for  $n < m$

$$p(hx_n, hx_m) \leq \alpha^n \left( \frac{1 - \alpha^{n+1}}{1 - \alpha} \right) p(hx_0, hx_1) \quad (2.9)$$

Where  $\alpha \rightarrow 0$  as  $n \rightarrow \infty$ . Thus  $\lim_{n \rightarrow \infty} p(hx_n, hx_m) = 0$ . By definition of  $p^s$ , we have  $p^s(x, y) \leq p(x, y)$ , so  $\lim_{n \rightarrow \infty} p^s(hx_n, hx_m) = 0$ . Then by Lemma 1.3, we conclude that  $\{hx_n\}$  is a Cauchy sequence in  $(p^s, X)$ . Since the subspace  $h(X)$  is complete, there exist  $u, v \in X$  such that  $hx_n \rightarrow v = hu$  ( $n \rightarrow \infty$ ). We will prove that  $hu = fu = gu$ . Firstly, let us estimate that  $p(hu, fu) = p(v, fu)$ . We have that

$$\begin{aligned} p(hu, fu) &\leq p(hu, hx_{2n+2}) + p(hx_{2n+2}, fu) - p(hx_{2n+2}, hx_{2n+2}) \\ &\leq p(hu, hx_{2n+2}) + p(hx_{2n+2}, fu) = p(v, hx_{2n+2}) + p(gx_{2n+1}, fu) \end{aligned} \quad (2.10)$$

On the other hand

$$\begin{aligned} p(fu, gx_{2n+1}) &\leq \alpha_1 p(hu, hx_{2n+1}) + \alpha_2 2p(hu, fu) \\ &\quad + \alpha_3 p(hx_{2n+1}, gx_{2n+1}) + \alpha_4 p(hu, gx_{2n+1}) + \alpha_5 p(hx_{2n+1}, fu) \\ &= \alpha_1 p(v, fx_{2n}) + \alpha_2 p(v, fu) + \alpha_3 p(fx_{2n}, gx_{2n+1}) \\ &\quad + \alpha_4 p(v, gx_{2n+1}) + \alpha_5 p(fx_{2n}, fu). \end{aligned} \quad (2.11)$$

It follows by (2.10)

$$\begin{aligned} p(fu, v) &\leq p(u, hx_{2n+2}) + p(gx_{2n+1}, fu) \\ &\leq p(u, gx_{2n+1}) + (\alpha_1 + \alpha_4) p(u, fx_{2n}) + (\alpha_2 + \alpha_4) p(v, fu) \\ &\quad + \alpha_3 p(fx_{2n}, gx_{2n+1}) + \alpha_4 p(u, gx_{2n+1}) + \alpha_5 p(fx_{2n}, fu). \end{aligned} \quad (2.12)$$

That is

$$\begin{aligned} (1 - \alpha_2 - \alpha_4) p(fu, v) &\leq (\alpha_1 + \alpha_4) p(v, fx_{2n}) + (1 + \alpha_4) p(v, gx_{2n+1}) \\ &\quad + \alpha_3 p(fx_{2n}, gx_{2n+1}) + \alpha_5 p(fx_{2n}, fu). \end{aligned} \quad (2.13)$$

Then

$$\begin{aligned} p(v, fu) &\leq \left( \frac{\alpha_1 + \alpha_4}{1 - \alpha_2 - \alpha_4} \right) p(v, fx_{2n}) + \left( \frac{1 + \alpha_4}{1 - \alpha_2 - \alpha_4} \right) p(v, gx_{2n+1}) \\ &\quad + \left( \frac{\alpha_3}{1 - \alpha_2 - \alpha_4} \right) p(fx_{2n}, gx_{2n+1}) + \left( \frac{\alpha_5}{1 - \alpha_2 - \alpha_4} \right) p(fx_{2n}, fu). \end{aligned} \quad (2.14)$$

Since  $p(v, gx_{2n+1}) = \lim_{n \rightarrow \infty} p(hx_n, hx_{2n+2}) = 0$ , so similarly we can show that

$\lim_{n \rightarrow \infty} p(v, fx_{2n}) = 0$ ,  $\lim_{n \rightarrow \infty} p(fu, fx_{2n}) = 0$ , and  $\lim_{n \rightarrow \infty} p(gx_{2n+1}, fx_{2n}) = 0$ .  
 By gathering of later obtained results we have  $p(v, fu) = 0$ , that is  $fu = hu = v$ .

Similarly using

$$\begin{aligned} p(hu, gu) &\leq p(hu, hx_{2n+1}) + p(hx_{2n+1}, gu) - p(hx_{2n+1}, hx_{2n+1}) \\ &\leq p(hu, hx_{2n+1}) + p(hx_{2n+1}, gu) \\ &= p(hu, hx_{2n+1}) + p(fx_{2n}, gu) \end{aligned} \tag{2.15}$$

it can be deduced that  $hu = gu = v$ . It follows that  $v$  is a common point of coincidence for  $f, g, h$ , that is

$$v = fu = gu = hu.$$

Now we prove that the point of coincidence of  $f, g, h$  is unique. Suppose that there is another point  $v_1 \in X$  such that

$$v_1 = fu_1 = gu_1 = hu_1,$$

for some  $u_1 \in X$ . Using the contractive condition we obtain that

$$\begin{aligned} p(v, v_1) &= p(fu, gu_1) + \alpha_1 p(hu, hu_1) + \alpha_2 p(hu, fu) \\ &\quad + \alpha_3 p(hu_1, gu_1) + \alpha_4 p(hu, gu_1) + \alpha_5 p(hu_1, fu) \\ &= \alpha_1 p(v, v_1) + \alpha_2 p(v, v) + \alpha_3 p(v_1, v_1) + \alpha_4 p(v, v_1) + \alpha_5 p(v_1, v) \\ &\leq \alpha_1 p(v, v_1) + \alpha_2 p(v, v) + \alpha_3 p(v_1, v) + \alpha_4 p(v, v_1) + \alpha_5 p(v_1, v) \\ &= (\alpha_1 + \alpha_2 + \alpha_3 + \alpha_4 + \alpha_5) p(v, v_1) \end{aligned}$$

Since  $(\alpha_1 + \alpha_2 + \alpha_3 + \alpha_4 + \alpha_5) \leq 1$  it follows that  $p(v, v_1) = 0$ , that is,  $v = v_1$ .

Using weak compatibility of the pairs  $(f, h)$  and  $(g, h)$  and Proposition 1.12 of

[1], it follows that the mappings  $f, g, h$  have a unique common fixed point, that is,  $fv = gv = hv = v$ .

Now; by above Theorem we have the following results.

**Corollary 2.2**

Let  $(X, p)$  be a partial metric space and the mappings  $f, g, h : X \rightarrow X$  satisfy

$$p(fx, gy) \leq \alpha p(hx, hy) + \beta [p(hx, fx) + p(hy, gy)] + \gamma [p(hx, gy) + p(hy, fx)], \text{ for all } x, y \in X, \text{ where } \alpha, \beta, \gamma \geq 0 \text{ and } \alpha + 2\beta + 2\gamma < 1. \text{ If } f(X) \cup g(X) \subset h(X)$$

and  $h(X)$  is a complete subspace of  $X$ , then  $f, g$ , and  $h$  have a unique point of

coincidence. Moreover, if  $(f, g)$  and  $(g, h)$  are weakly compatible, then  $f, g$ , and  $h$  have a unique common fixed point.

**Corollary 2.3**

Let  $(X, p)$  be a complete partial metric space, and let the mappings  $f, g : X \rightarrow X$  satisfy

$$p(fx, gy) \leq \alpha p(x, y) + \beta [p(x, fx) + p(y, gy)] + \gamma [p(x, gy) + p(y, fx)],$$

for all  $x, y \in X$ , where  $\alpha, \beta, \gamma \geq 0$  and  $\alpha + 2\beta + 2\gamma < 1$ . Then  $f$  and  $g$  have a

unique common fixed point in  $X$ . Moreover, any fixed point of  $f$  is a fixed point of  $g$ , and conversely.

Corollary 2.4. Let  $(X, p)$  be a partial metric space, and let  $f, g : X \rightarrow X$  be such that  $f(X) \subset g(X)$ . Suppose that

$$p(fx, fy) \leq \alpha p(fx, gx) + \beta p(fy, gy) + \gamma p(gx, gy)$$

for all  $x, y \in X$ , where  $\alpha, \beta, \gamma \in [0, 1]$  and  $\alpha + \beta + \gamma < 1$ , and let  $fx = gx$  imply that  $fgx = ggx$  for each  $x \in X$ . If  $f(X)$  or  $g(X)$  is a complete subspace of  $X$ , then the mappings  $f$  and  $g$  have a unique common fixed point in  $X$ .

**Example 2.5**

Let  $p : X \times X \rightarrow [0, \infty)$  by  $p(x, y) = \max\{x, y\}$ . Then  $(X, p)$  is complete because  $(X, dp)$  is complete. Indeed for any  $x, y \in X$ .

$$dp(x, y) = 2p(x, y) - p(x, x) - p(y, y) = 2\max\{x, y\} - (x + y) = |x - y|$$

Thus  $(X, dp) = ([0, +\infty), |.|)$  is the usual metric space, which complete. We define  $fx = \frac{x}{8}$ ,  $gx = \frac{x}{12}$  and  $hx = \frac{x}{2}$  then

$$p(hx, hy) = \frac{x}{2}; p(hx, fx) = \frac{x}{2}; p(hy, gy) = \frac{y}{2}; p(hx, gy) = \frac{x}{2}; p(hy, fx) = \frac{y}{2};$$

$$\text{and } p(fx, gy) = \frac{x}{8}$$

$$p(fx, gy) = \frac{x}{8} \leq \alpha_1 p(hx, hy) + \alpha_2 p(hx, fx) + \alpha_3 p(hy, gy) + \alpha_4 p(hx, gy) + \alpha_5 p(hy, fx)$$

$$= \alpha_1 \frac{x}{2} + \alpha_2 \frac{x}{2} + \alpha_3 \frac{y}{2} + \alpha_4 \frac{x}{2} + \alpha_5 \frac{x}{2}$$

$$\leq \left(\sum_{i=1}^5 \alpha_i\right) \frac{x}{2} \leq \frac{x}{2}$$

Hence all the conditions of Theorem (2.1) are satisfied. Therefore  $x = 0$  is common fixed point of the mappings  $f$ ,  $g$ , and  $h$ .

**Example 2.6**

Similarly of example (2.5) let  $p : X \times X \rightarrow [0, \infty)$  by  $p(x, y) = \max\{x, y\}$ . We define  $fx = -x^2$ ,  $gx = x^2$  and  $hx = x^3$  then

$$p(hx, hy) = x^3; p(hx, fx) = x^3; p(hy, gy) = y^3; p(hx, gy) = x^3; p(hy, fx) = x^3; \text{ and } p(fx, gy) = y^2$$

$$p(fx, gy) = y^2 \leq \alpha_1 p(hx, hy) + \alpha_2 p(hx, fx) + \alpha_3 p(hy, gy) + \alpha_4 p(hx, gy) + \alpha_5 p(hy, fx)$$

$$= \alpha_1 x^3 + \alpha_2 x^3 + \alpha_3 y^3 + \alpha_4 y^3 + \alpha_5 x^3$$

$$\leq \left(\sum_{i=1}^5 \alpha_i\right) y^3 \leq x^3$$

Hence all the conditions of Theorem (2.1) are satisfied. Therefore  $x = 0$  is common fixed point of the mappings  $f$ ,  $g$ , and  $h$ .

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