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RELATED FIXED POINT THEOREMS FOR  
MAPPINGS SATISFYING CONTRACTIVE  
CONDITIONS OF INTEGRAL TYPE

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**Abstract.** We prove related fixed point theorems for mappings satisfying contractive conditions of integral type in two complete metric spaces which generalize Theorem 1 of [4] and Theorem 2 of [5].

1. INTRODUCTION

The following Theorems were proved by [4] and [5] respectively.

**Theorem 1.** *Let  $(X, d)$  and  $(Y, \rho)$  be complete metric spaces, let  $T$  be a mapping of  $X$  into  $Y$  and let  $S$  be a mapping of  $Y$  into  $X$  satisfying the inequalities*

$$\begin{aligned}\rho(Tx, TSy) &\leq c \max\{d(x, Sy), \rho(y, Tx), \rho(y, TSy)\}, \\ d(Sy, STx) &\leq c \max\{\rho(y, Tx), d(x, Sy), d(x, STx)\}\end{aligned}$$

*for all  $x$  in  $X$  and  $y$  in  $Y$ , where  $0 \leq c < 1$ . Then,  $ST$  has a unique fixed point  $u$  in  $X$  and  $TS$  has a unique fixed point  $v$  in  $Y$ . Further,  $Tu = v$  and  $Sv = u$ .*

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**Theorem 2.** *Let  $(X, d)$  and  $(Y, \rho)$  be complete metric spaces, let  $T$  be a continuous mapping of  $X$  into  $Y$  and let  $S$  be a mapping of  $Y$  into  $X$  satisfying the inequalities*

$$\begin{aligned} d(STx, STx') &\leq c \max\{d(x, x'), d(x, STx), d(x', STx'), \rho(Tx, Tx')\}, \\ d(TSy, TSy') &\leq c \max\{\rho(y, y'), \rho(y, TSy), \rho(y', TSy'), d(Sy, Sy')\} \end{aligned}$$

for all  $x, x'$  in  $X$  and  $y, y'$  in  $Y$ , where  $0 \leq c < 1$ . Then,  $ST$  has a unique fixed point  $z$  in  $X$  and  $TS$  has a unique fixed point  $\omega$  in  $Y$ . Further,  $Tz = \omega$  and  $S\omega = z$ .

Several authors proved fixed point and common fixed point theorems in metric spaces, see [1], [2], [3], [6] and [7].

It is our purpose in this paper to prove related fixed point theorems for mappings satisfying contractive conditions of integral type in two complete metric spaces. Our theorems generalize Theorem 1 of [4] and Theorem 2 of [5].

## 2. MAIN RESULTS

Now, we prove the following a related fixed point Theorem in two complete metric spaces.

**Theorem 3.** *Let  $(X, d)$  and  $(Y, \rho)$  be complete metric spaces,  $T$  a mapping of  $X$  into  $Y$  and  $S$  a mapping of  $Y$  into  $X$  satisfying the inequalities*

$$(2.1) \quad \int_0^{d(Sy, STx)} \varphi(t) dt \leq c \int_0^{\max\{\rho(y, Tx), d(x, Sy), d(x, STx)\}} \varphi(t) dt,$$

$$(2.2) \quad \int_0^{\rho(Tx, TSy)} \varphi(t) dt \leq c \int_0^{\max\{d(x, Sy), \rho(y, Tx), \rho(y, TSy)\}} \varphi(t) dt$$

for all  $x$  in  $X$  and  $y$  in  $Y$ , where  $0 \leq c < 1$  and  $\varphi : \mathbb{R}_+ \rightarrow \mathbb{R}_+$  is non-increasing, a Lebesgue integrable mapping which is summable in each compact subset of  $\mathbb{R}_+$  and such that

$$(2.3) \quad \int_0^\epsilon \varphi(t) dt > 0 \text{ for each } \epsilon > 0.$$

Then,  $ST$  has a unique fixed point  $u$  in  $X$  and  $TS$  has a unique fixed point  $v$  in  $Y$ . Further,  $Tu = v$  and  $Sv = u$ .

*Proof.* Let  $x_0$  be an arbitrary point in  $X$ . We define the sequences  $\{x_n\}$  and  $\{y_n\}$  in  $X$  and  $Y$  inductively by

$$(2.4) \quad x_n = Sy_n \quad \text{and} \quad y_n = Tx_{n-1}, \quad \text{for } n = 1, 2, \dots$$

If  $x_n = x_{n+1}$  for some  $n$ , we can put  $u = x_n$  and then putting  $v = Tu$ , we obtain  $STu = u$  and  $TSv = v$ . Similarly, if  $y_n = y_{n+1}$  for some  $n$ , we can put  $v = y_n$  and then putting  $u = Sv$ , we get  $STu = u$  and  $TSv = v$ . We will now suppose that  $x_n \neq x_{n+1}$  and  $y_n \neq y_{n+1}$  for  $n = 0, 1, 2, \dots$

Using (2.1) and (2.4) we have

$$\begin{aligned} \int_0^{d(x_n, x_{n+1})} \varphi(t) dt &= \int_0^{d(Sy_n, STx_n)} \varphi(t) dt \\ &\leq c \int_0^{\max\{\rho(y_n, Tx_n), d(x_n, Sy_n), d(x_n, STx_n)\}} \varphi(t) dt \\ &= c \int_0^{\max\{\rho(y_n, y_{n+1}), 0, d(x_n, x_{n+1})\}} \varphi(t) dt. \end{aligned}$$

Then

$$(2.5) \quad \int_0^{d(x_n, x_{n+1})} \varphi(t) dt \leq c \int_0^{\rho(y_n, y_{n+1})} \varphi(t) dt.$$

Using inequality (2.2) and (2.4) we get

$$\begin{aligned} \int_0^{\rho(y_n, y_{n+1})} \varphi(t) dt &= \int_0^{\rho(Tx_{n-1}, TSy_n)} \varphi(t) dt \\ &\leq c \int_0^{\max\{d(x_{n-1}, Sy_n), \rho(y_n, Tx_{n-1}), \rho(y_n, TSy_n)\}} \varphi(t) dt \\ &= c \int_0^{\max\{d(x_{n-1}, x_n), 0, \rho(y_n, y_{n+1})\}} \varphi(t) dt \end{aligned}$$

and so

$$(2.6) \quad \int_0^{\rho(y_n, y_{n+1})} \varphi(t) dt \leq c \int_0^{d(x_{n-1}, x_n)} \varphi(t) dt.$$

Using (2.5) and (2.6) we obtain

$$\int_0^{d(x_n, x_{n+1})} \varphi(t) dt \leq c^2 \int_0^{d(x_{n-1}, x_n)} \varphi(t) dt$$

and

$$\int_0^{\rho(y_n, y_{n+1})} \varphi(t) dt \leq c^2 \int_0^{d(y_{n-1}, y_n)} \varphi(t) dt.$$

By induction, it follows that

$$(2.7) \quad \int_0^{d(x_n, x_{n+1})} \varphi(t) dt \leq c^{2n} \int_0^{d(x_0, x_1)} \varphi(t) dt$$

and

$$(2.8) \quad \int_0^{\rho(y_n, y_{n+1})} \varphi(t) dt \leq c^{2n} \int_0^{\rho(y_0, y_1)} \varphi(t) dt.$$

Let  $m, n \in \mathbb{N}$  such that  $m > n$ . Using the triangular inequality, we have

$$d(x_n, x_m) \leq \sum_{i=1}^{m-1} d(x_i, x_{i+1}).$$

Since  $\varphi$  is non-increasing, it follows that

$$(2.9) \quad \int_0^{d(x_n, x_m)} \psi(t) dt \leq \sum_{i=n}^{m-1} \int_0^{d(x_i, x_{i+1})} \psi(t) dt.$$

Using (2.7) and (2.9) we get

$$(2.10) \quad \int_0^{d(x_n, x_m)} \psi(t) dt \leq \sum_{i=n}^{\infty} c^{2i} \int_0^{d(x_0, x_1)} \psi(t) dt = \frac{c^{2n}}{1-c^2} \int_0^{d(x_0, x_1)} \psi(t) dt.$$

Taking the limit as  $m, n \rightarrow \infty$  in (2.10), it follows that  $\{x_n\}$  is a Cauchy sequence in  $X$ . Similarly, we can prove that  $\{y_n\}$  is a Cauchy sequence in  $Y$ . Since  $(X, d)$  and  $(Y, \rho)$  are complete,  $\{x_n\}$  and  $\{y_n\}$  converge to limits  $u$  and  $v$  respectively.

If  $u \neq Sv$ , using (2.1) we get

$$\begin{aligned} \int_0^{d(Sv, u)} \varphi(t) dt &= \lim_{n \rightarrow \infty} \int_0^{d(Sv, STx_{n-1})} \varphi(t) dt \\ &\leq c \lim_{n \rightarrow \infty} \int_0^{\max\{\rho(v, y_n), d(x_{n-1}, Sv), d(x_{n-1}, x_n)\}} \varphi(t) dt \\ &= c \int_0^{d(u, Sv)} \varphi(t) dt \\ &< \int_0^{d(u, Sv)} \varphi(t) dt, \end{aligned}$$

a contradiction. Hence

$$\int_0^{d(u, Sv)} \varphi(t) dt = 0$$

and (2.3) implies that  $Sv = u$ . If  $Tu \neq v$ , using (2.2) we have

$$\begin{aligned} \int_0^{\rho(Tu, v)} \varphi(t) dt &= \lim_{n \rightarrow \infty} \int_0^{\rho(Tu, TSY_{n-1})} \varphi(t) dt \\ &\leq c \lim_{n \rightarrow \infty} \int_0^{\max\{d(u, x_{n-1}), \rho(y_{n-1}, Tu), \rho(y_{n-1}, y_n)\}} \varphi(t) dt \\ &= c \int_0^{\rho(v, Tu)} \varphi(t) dt \\ &< \int_0^{\rho(v, Tu)} \varphi(t) dt, \end{aligned}$$

a contradiction and so  $Tu = v$ . Then,  $STu = Sv = u$  and  $TSv = Tu = v$ .

To prove the uniqueness, suppose that  $ST$  has a second distinct fixed point  $u'$ .

Using inequality (2.1) we obtain

$$\begin{aligned} \int_0^{d(u, u')} \varphi(t) dt &= \int_0^{d(Sv, STu')} \varphi(t) dt \tag{2.11} \\ &\leq c \int_0^{\max\{\rho(v, Tu'), d(u', Sv), d(u', STu')\}} \varphi(t) dt \\ &= c \int_0^{\rho(Tu, Tu')} \varphi(t) dt. \end{aligned}$$

Using inequality (2.2) we have

$$\begin{aligned} \int_0^{\rho(Tu, Tu')} \varphi(t) dt &= \int_0^{\rho(Tu, TSTu')} \varphi(t) dt \tag{2.12} \\ &\leq c \int_0^{\max\{d(u, STu'), \rho(Tu', Tu), \rho(Tu', TSTu')\}} \varphi(t) dt \\ &= c \int_0^{d(u, u')} \varphi(t) dt. \end{aligned}$$

Using (2.11) and (2.12) we get

$$\begin{aligned} \int_0^{d(u,u')} \varphi(t)dt &\leq c^2 \int_0^{d(u,u')} \varphi(t)dt \\ &< \int_0^{d(u,u')} \varphi(t)dt, \end{aligned}$$

a contradiction and so  $u = u'$ . We can prove similarly that  $v$  is the unique fixed point of  $TS$ .

This completes the proof of the Theorem. ■

**Remark 1.** If  $\varphi(t) = 1$  in Theorem 3, we obtain Theorem 1 of [4].

If  $(X, d) = (Y, \rho)$  in Theorem 3, we get the following Corollary.

**Corollary 1.** Let  $(X, d)$  be a complete metric space, and  $S, T$  be mappings of  $X$  into itself satisfying the inequalities

$$\begin{aligned} \int_0^{d(Sy, STx)} \varphi(t)dt &\leq c \int_0^{\max\{d(y, Tx), d(x, Sy), d(x, STx)\}} \varphi(t)dt, \\ \int_0^{d(Tx, TSy)} \varphi(t)dt &\leq c \int_0^{\max\{d(x, Sy), d(y, Tx), d(y, TSy)\}} \varphi(t)dt, \end{aligned}$$

for all  $x, y$  in  $X$ , where  $0 \leq c < 1$  and  $\varphi$  satisfies (2.3). Then,  $ST$  has a unique fixed point  $u$  in  $X$  and  $TS$  has a unique fixed point  $v$  in  $X$ . Further,  $Tu = v$  and  $Sv = u$ .

If  $S = T$  in Corollary 1 we obtain the following Corollary.

**Corollary 2.** Let  $(X, d)$  be a complete metric space and  $T$  be a mapping of  $X$  into itself satisfying the inequality

$$\int_0^{d(Tx, T^2y)} \varphi(t)dt \leq c \int_0^{\max\{d(x, Ty), d(y, Tx), d(y, T^2y)\}} \varphi(t)dt,$$

for all  $x, y$  in  $X$ , where  $0 \leq c < 1$  and  $\varphi$  satisfies (2.3). Then,  $T$  has a unique fixed point  $u$  in  $X$ .

### 3. AN OTHER RELATED FIXED POINT THEOREM

Now, we prove an other related fixed point Theorem in two complete metric spaces.

**Theorem 4.** Let  $(X, d)$  and  $(Y, \rho)$  be complete metric spaces,  $T$  a mapping of  $X$  into  $Y$  and  $S$  a mapping of  $Y$  into  $X$  satisfying the inequalities

$$(3.1) \quad \int_0^{d(STx, STx')} \varphi(t) dt \leq c \int_0^{\max\{d(x, x'), d(x, STx), d(x', STx'), \rho(Tx, Tx')\}} \varphi(t) dt,$$

$$(3.2) \quad \int_0^{\rho(TSy, TSy')} \varphi(t) dt \leq c \int_0^{\max\{\rho(y, y'), \rho(y, TSy), \rho(y', TSy'), d(Sy, Sy')\}} \varphi(t) dt$$

for all  $x, x'$  in  $X$  and  $y, y'$  in  $Y$ , where  $0 \leq c < 1$  and  $\varphi$  satisfies (2.3). If  $T$  or  $S$  is continuous, then  $ST$  has a unique fixed point  $u$  in  $X$  and  $TS$  has a unique fixed point  $v$  in  $Y$ . Further,  $Tu = v$  and  $Sv = u$ .

*Proof.* Let  $x_0$  be an arbitrary point in  $X$ . As in Theorem 5, we define the sequences  $\{x_n\}$  and  $\{y_n\}$  in  $X$  and  $Y$  inductively by (2.4). If  $x_n = x_{n+1}$  and  $y_n = y_{n+1}$  for some  $n = 0, 1, 2, \dots$ , we can put  $u = x_n$  and  $v = y_n$ . Now, we suppose that  $x_n \neq x_{n+1}$  and  $y_n \neq y_{n+1}$  for all  $n = 0, 1, 2, \dots$

Using (3.1) and (2.4) we have

$$\begin{aligned} \int_0^{d(x_n, x_{n+1})} \varphi(t) dt &= \int_0^{d(STx_{n-1}, STx_n)} \varphi(t) dt \\ &\leq c \int_0^{\max\{d(x_{n-1}, x_n), d(x_{n-1}, STx_{n-1}), d(x_n, STx_n), \rho(Tx_{n-1}, Tx_n)\}} \varphi(t) dt \\ &= c \int_0^{\max\{d(x_{n-1}, x_n), d(x_n, x_{n+1}), \rho(y_n, y_{n+1})\}} \varphi(t) dt. \end{aligned}$$

Then

$$(3.3) \quad \int_0^{d(x_n, x_{n+1})} \varphi(t) dt \leq c \int_0^{\max\{d(x_{n-1}, x_n), \rho(y_n, y_{n+1})\}} \varphi(t) dt.$$

Using inequality (3.2) and (2.4) we get

$$\begin{aligned}
\int_0^{\rho(y_n, y_{n+1})} \varphi(t) dt &= \int_0^{\rho(TSy_{n-1}, TSy_n)} \varphi(t) dt \\
&\leq c \int_0^{\max\{\rho(y_{n-1}, y_n), \rho(y_{n-1}, TSy_{n-1}), \rho(y_n, TSy_n), d(Sy_{n-1}, Sy_n)\}} \varphi(t) dt \\
&= c \int_0^{\max\{\rho(y_{n-1}, y_n), \rho(y_n, y_{n+1}), d(x_{n-1}, x_n)\}} \varphi(t) dt.
\end{aligned}$$

Therefore

$$(3.4) \quad \int_0^{\rho(y_n, y_{n+1})} \varphi(t) dt \leq c \int_0^{\max\{d(x_{n-1}, x_n), \rho(y_{n-1}, y_n)\}} \varphi(t) dt.$$

Using (3.3) and (3.4) we obtain

$$\int_0^{d(x_n, x_{n+1})} \varphi(t) dt \leq c \int_0^{\max\{d(x_{n-1}, x_n), \rho(y_{n-1}, y_n)\}} \varphi(t) dt.$$

By induction, it follows that

$$(3.5) \quad \int_0^{d(x_n, x_{n+1})} \varphi(t) dt \leq c^n \int_0^{\max\{d(x_0, x_1), \rho(y_0, y_1)\}} \varphi(t) dt.$$

Similarly, we get

$$(3.6) \quad \int_0^{\rho(y_n, y_{n+1})} \varphi(t) dt \leq c^n \int_0^{\max\{d(x_0, x_1), \rho(y_0, y_1)\}} \varphi(t) dt.$$

As in the proof of Theorem 3, it follows that  $\{x_n\}$  is a Cauchy sequence in  $X$ . Similarly, we can prove that  $\{y_n\}$  is a Cauchy sequence in  $Y$ . Since  $(X, d)$  and  $(Y, \rho)$  are complete,  $\{x_n\}$  and  $\{y_n\}$  converge to  $u$  and  $v$  respectively. Suppose that  $T$  is continuous. It follows that

$$\lim_{n \rightarrow \infty} Tx_{n-1} = Tu = v = \lim_{n \rightarrow \infty} y_n.$$

If  $u \neq Sv$ , using (3.1) we get

$$\begin{aligned}
\int_0^{d(Sv,u)} \varphi(t) dt &= \lim_{n \rightarrow \infty} \int_0^{d(STu, STx_{n-1})} \varphi(t) dt \\
&\leq c \lim_{n \rightarrow \infty} \int_0^{\max\{d(u, x_{n-1}), d(u, STu), d(x_{n-1}, STx_{n-1}), \rho(Tu, Tx_{n-1})\}} \varphi(t) dt \\
&= c \int_0^{d(u, Sv)} \varphi(t) dt \\
&< \int_0^{d(u, Sv)} \varphi(t) dt,
\end{aligned}$$

a contradiction. Hence,  $Sv = u = STu$ .

If  $v \neq Tu$ , using (3.2) we have

$$\begin{aligned}
\int_0^{\rho(Tu,v)} \varphi(t) dt &= \lim_{n \rightarrow \infty} \int_0^{\rho(TSv, TSy_{n-1})} \varphi(t) dt \\
&\leq c \lim_{n \rightarrow \infty} \int_0^{\max\{\rho(v, y_{n-1}), \rho(v, TSv), \rho(y_{n-1}, TSy_{n-1}), d(Sv, Sy_{n-1})\}} \varphi(t) dt \\
&= c \int_0^{\rho(v, Tu)} \varphi(t) dt \\
&< \int_0^{\rho(v, Tu)} \varphi(t) dt,
\end{aligned}$$

a contradiction. Therefore,  $Tu = v = TSv$ . Similarly, The same results hold if  $S$  is continuous instead of  $T$ . To prove the uniqueness, suppose that  $ST$  has a second distinct fixed point  $u'$ .

Using inequality (3.1) we obtain

$$\begin{aligned}
\int_0^{d(u,u')} \varphi(t) dt &= \int_0^{d(STu, STu')} \varphi(t) dt \tag{3.7} \\
&\leq c \int_0^{\max\{d(u, u'), d(u, STu), d(u', STu'), \rho(Tu, Tu')\}} \varphi(t) dt \\
&= c \int_0^{\rho(Tu, Tu')} \varphi(t) dt.
\end{aligned}$$

Using inequality (3.2) we have

$$\begin{aligned}
\int_0^{\rho(Tu, Tu')} \varphi(t) dt &= \int_0^{\rho(TSv, TSTu')} \varphi(t) dt \\
&\leq c \int_0^{\max\{\rho(v, Tu'), \rho(v, TSv), \rho(Tu', TSTu'), d(Sv, TSTu')\}} \varphi(t) dt \\
&= c \int_0^{d(u, u')} \varphi(t) dt.
\end{aligned} \tag{3.8}$$

Using (3.7) and (3.8) we get

$$\begin{aligned}
\int_0^{d(u, u')} \varphi(t) dt &\leq c^2 \int_0^{d(u, u')} \varphi(t) dt \\
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\int_0^{d(STx, STy)} \varphi(t) dt &\leq c \int_0^{\max\{d(x, y), d(x, STx), d(y, STy), d(Tx, Ty)\}} \varphi(t) dt, \\
\int_0^{d(TSx, TSy)} \varphi(t) dt &\leq c \int_0^{\max\{d(x, y), d(x, TSx), d(y, TSy), d(Sx, Sy)\}} \varphi(t) dt
\end{aligned}$$

for all  $x, y$  in  $X$ , where  $0 \leq c < 1$  and  $\varphi$  satisfies (2.3). If  $T$  or  $S$  is continuous, then  $ST$  has a unique fixed point  $u$  in  $X$  and  $TS$  has a unique fixed point  $v$  in  $X$ . Further,  $Tu = v$  and  $Sv = u$ .

If  $S = T$  in Corollary 3 we have the following Corollary.

**Corollary 4.** Let  $(X, d)$  be a complete metric space and  $T$  be a continuous mapping of  $X$  into itself satisfying the inequality

$$\int_0^{d(T^2x, T^2y)} \varphi(t) dt \leq c \int_0^{\max\{d(x, y), d(x, T^2x), d(y, T^2y), d(Tx, Ty)\}} \varphi(t) dt$$

for all  $x, y$  in  $X$ , where  $0 \leq c < 1$  and  $\varphi$  satisfies (2.3). Then,  $T$  has a unique fixed point  $u$  in  $X$ .

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