

Common Best Proximity Point Theorem of Two Non-self Mappings Satisfying a Generalized Weak Contractive Condition

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Abstract: In this paper, we use the notion of weakly contractive non-self mappings and establish the existence of common best proximity points for two mappings which satisfy a generalized weak contractive condition in metric spaces. We also provide an example to illustrate our result.

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1. Introduction and Preliminaries

Let A and B be nonempty subsets of a metric space (X, d) . An operator $T : A \rightarrow B$ is said to be contractive if there exists $k \in [0, 1)$ such that $d(Tx, Ty) \leq kd(x, y)$ for any $x, y \in A$. The well known Banach contraction principle says: Let (X, d) be a complete metric space and let $T : X \rightarrow X$ be a contraction of X into itself then T has a unique fixed point in X . The Banach contraction has many generalizations. One of the generalization is weakly contractive mappings. In 1997, Alber and Guerre [1] introduced the notion of weakly contractive self mapping.

Definition 1.1 ([1]). Let X be a metric space and A be a nonempty subset of X . A map $T : A \rightarrow A$ is said to be a weakly contractive self-map if

$$d(Tx, Ty) = d(x, y) - \psi(d(x, y)), \quad \text{for all } x, y \in A,$$

where $\psi : [0, \infty) \rightarrow [0, \infty)$ is a continuous and nondecreasing function such that ψ is positive on $(0, \infty)$, $\psi(0) = 0$ and $\lim_{t \rightarrow \infty} \psi(t) = \infty$. If A is bounded, then the infinity condition can be omitted.

Alber and Guerre [1] further proved that if $T : A \rightarrow A$ is a weakly contractive self-map, where A is a closed convex subset of a Hilbert space, then T has a unique fixed point in A . Later, in [2], Rhoades proved that the existence of a unique fixed point for a weakly contractive self-map could be achieved even in a complete metric space setting. He proved the following result.

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Theorem 1.2 ([2]). *Let (X, d) be a complete metric space and $T : X \rightarrow X$ be a weakly contractive self-map. Then T has a unique fixed point in X .*

Dutta and Choudhury [6] gave a generalization of Banach contraction principle, which in turn generalize [[2], Theorem 1] and corresponding result of [1]. Let $T : A \rightarrow B$, where A, B are two nonempty subsets of a metric space (X, d) . Note that if $A \cap B = \emptyset$, the equation $Tx = x$ might have no solution. Under this circumstance it is meaningful to find a point $x \in A$ such that $d(x, Tx)$ is minimum. Essentially, if $d(x, Tx) = \text{dist}(A, B) = \min\{d(x, y) : x \in A, y \in B\}$, $d(x, Tx)$ is the global minimal value and hence x is an approximate solution of the equation $Tx = x$ with the least possible error. Such a solution is known as the best proximity point of the mapping T . A point $x \in A$ is called the best proximity point of T if

$$d(x, Tx) = \text{dist}(A, B) = \min\{d(x, y) : x \in A, y \in B\}.$$

It is easy to verify that if $A \cap B \neq \emptyset$, the best proximity point is the fixed point of T . Best proximity point theory of non-self function was initiated by Fan [3] and Kirk et al. [4]; see also [8–10]. The aim of this paper is to present common best proximity point theorem for non-self maps satisfying a generalized weak contractive condition and give an example. Before proceeding further let us fix the following notations: Let A and B are nonempty subsets of a metric space X ,

$$\begin{aligned} d(A, B) &= \inf\{d(x, y) : x \in A, y \in B\}, \\ A_0 &= \{x \in A : d(x, y) = d(A, B) \text{ for some } y \in B\} \\ B_0 &= \{y \in B : d(x, y) = d(A, B) \text{ for some } x \in A\}. \end{aligned}$$

In [4], the authors discussed sufficient conditions which guarantee the non emptiness of A_0 and B_0 . Also, in [12], the authors proved that A_0 is contained in the boundary of A . Further, a common fixed point theorem for commuting self-mappings is a special case of common best proximity point theorem.

Definition 1.3 ([11]). *Let X be a set, and f, g self maps of X . A point x in X is called a coincidence point of f and g if and only if $fx = gx$. We will call $w = fx = gx$ a point of coincidence of f and g .*

Definition 1.4 ([11]). *Two maps f and g are said to be weakly compatible if they commute at their coincidence points.*

Definition 1.5 ([7]). *Let $f_1, f_2, \dots, f_n : A \rightarrow B$ are non-self mappings and an element $x \in A$ is said to common best proximity point if*

$$d(x, f_1x) = d(x, f_2x) = \dots = d(x, f_nx) = \text{dist}(A, B).$$

Definition 1.6 ([13]). *The mappings $f : A \rightarrow B$ and $g : A \rightarrow B$ are said to commute proximally if they satisfy the condition*

$$d(u, fx) = \text{dist}(A, B) \quad \text{and} \quad d(v, gx) = \text{dist}(A, B) \Rightarrow fv = gu,$$

for all $x, u, v \in A$.

It is clear that the proximal commutativity of self mappings is just commutativity of the non-self mappings. The notion of P-property was introduced in [5] as follows.

Definition 1.7 ([5]). *Let (A, B) be a pair of nonempty subsets of a metric space X with $A_0 \neq \emptyset$. Then the pair (A, B) is said to have the P-property if and only if*

$$d(x_1, y_1) = \text{dist}(A, B) \quad d(x_2, y_2) = \text{dist}(A, B) \Rightarrow d(x_1, x_2) = d(y_1, y_2),$$

where $x_1, x_2 \in A_0$ and $y_1, y_2 \in B_0$.

By using the P-property, a best proximity point theorem were proved in [5].

Theorem 1.8 ([5]). *Let (A, B) be a pair of non-empty closed subsets of a complete metric space X such that A_0 is non-empty. Let $T : A \rightarrow B$ be a weakly contractive non-self mapping; that is,*

$$d(Tx, Ty) = d(x, y) - \phi(d(x, y)), \text{ for all } x, y \in A,$$

where $\phi : [0, \infty) \rightarrow [0, \infty)$ is a continuous and nondecreasing function such that ϕ is positive on $(0, \infty)$, $\phi(0) = 0$ and $\lim_{t \rightarrow \infty} \phi(t) = \infty$. Assume that the pair (A, B) has the P-property and $T(A_0) \subseteq B_0$. Then T has a unique best proximity point.

2. A Common Best Proximity Point Theorem

Set $G = \{\psi : [0, \infty) \rightarrow [0, \infty) : \psi \text{ is continuous and nondecreasing mapping with } \psi(t) = 0 \text{ if and only if } t = 0\}$. Following is the main result of this paper.

Theorem 2.1. *Let A and B be a pair of two non-empty closed subsets of a complete metric space X such that A_0 is non-empty. Let $f, g : A \rightarrow B$ be two non-self mappings satisfying the following conditions:*

- (1). *f and g commute proximally;*
- (2). *the pair (A, B) has the P-property;*
- (3). *f and g are continuous;*
- (4). *$f(A_0) \subseteq B_0$, $g(A_0) \subseteq B_0$ and $f(A_0) \subseteq g(A_0)$;*
- (5). *f and g satisfy the condition; $\psi(d(fx, fy)) \leq \psi(d(gx, gy)) - \varphi(d(gx, gy))$, for all $x, y \in A$ where $\psi, \varphi \in G$.*

Then f and g have a unique common best proximity point.

Proof. Let $x_0 \in A_0$. Since $f(A_0) \subseteq g(A_0)$, then there exists $x_1 \in A_0$ such that $f(x_0) = g(x_1)$. Similarly, a point $x_2 \in A_0$ can be chosen such that $f(x_1) = g(x_2)$. Continuing this process, having chosen $x_n \in A_0$, we obtain $x_{n+1} \in A_0$ such that $f(x_n) = g(x_{n+1})$, $n = 0, 1, 2 \dots$. Since $f(A_0) \subseteq B_0$ and $g(A_0) \subseteq B_0$ there exists $\{x_n\} \in A_0$ such that

$$d(x_{n+1}, gx_{n+1}) = d(A, B), \tag{1}$$

$$d(x_n, gx_n) = d(A, B). \tag{2}$$

Since (A, B) satisfy the P-property, by (1) and (2) we conclude that

$$\begin{aligned} \psi(d(x_n, x_{n+1})) &= \psi(d(gx_{n+1}, gx_n)) \\ &= \psi(d(fx_n, fx_{n-1})) \\ &\leq \psi(d(gx_n, gx_{n-1})) - \varphi(d(gx_n, gx_{n-1})) \\ &< \psi(d(gx_n, gx_{n-1})). \end{aligned}$$

That is, $\psi(d(gx_{n+1}, gx_n)) < \psi(d(gx_n, gx_{n-1}))$ and hence

$$d(gx_{n+1}, gx_n) \leq d(gx_n, gx_{n-1}),$$

it follows that $\{d(gx_{n+1}, gx_n)\}$ is nondecreasing sequence numbers and consequently there exists $r \geq 0$ such that

$$d(gx_{n+1}, gx_n) \rightarrow r \text{ as } n \rightarrow \infty.$$

Suppose that $r > 0$ then

$$\begin{aligned} 0 < \psi(r) &\leq \psi(d(gx_{n+1}, gx_n)) \\ &\leq \psi(d(fx_n, fx_{n-1})) \\ &\leq \psi(d(gx_n, gx_{n-1})) - \varphi(d(gx_n, gx_{n-1})), \end{aligned}$$

which on taking limit as $n \rightarrow \infty$ yields.

$$\psi(r) \leq \psi(r) - \varphi(r) < \psi(r),$$

which is a contradiction. Therefore $r = 0$. Now we prove that $\{gx_n\}$ is a cauchy sequence. If not, then there exists $\epsilon > 0$ and subsequence $\{g(x_{n_k})\}$ and $\{g(x_{m_k})\}$ of $\{g(x_n)\}$ with $k < n_k < m_k$ such that $d(gx_{n_k}, gx_{m_k}) \geq 3\epsilon$ for each k. As $d(gx_{n_{k+1}}, g(x_{n_k})) \rightarrow 0$ as $k \rightarrow \infty$, for large enough k, we have

$$d(g(x_{n_{k+1}}, g(x_{n_k}))) < \epsilon \text{ and } d(gx_{m_{k+1}}, gx_{m_k}) < \epsilon.$$

Thus we obtain

$$\begin{aligned} d(gx_{n_{k+1}}, gx_{m_k}) &\geq d(gx_{n_k}, gx_{m_k}) - d(gx_{n_{k+1}}, gx_{n_k}) > \epsilon, \\ d(gx_{n_{k+1}}, gx_{m_{k-1}}) &\geq d(gx_n, gx_{m_k}) - d(gx_{m_{k-1}}, gx_{m_k}) - d(gx_{n_{k+1}}, gx_{n_k}) > \epsilon, \end{aligned} \quad (3)$$

we may assume that n_k are even and m_k are odd and that $d(gx_{n_k}, gx_{m_k}) > \epsilon$ for all k.

$$\text{Put } r_k = \min\{m_k : d(gx_{n_k}, gx_{m_k}) > \epsilon\}.$$

Now,

$$\epsilon < d(gx_{n_k}, gx_{r_k}) \leq d(gx_{n_k}, gx_{r_{k-2}}) + d(gx_{r_{k-2}}, gx_{r_{k-1}}) + d(gx_{r_{k-1}}, gx_{r_k}),$$

implies that $d(gx_{n_k}, gx_{r_k}) \rightarrow \epsilon$ as $k \rightarrow \infty$. Furthermore

$$\begin{aligned} d(gx_{n_k}, gx_{r_k}) - d(gx_{n_k}, gx_{n_{k+1}}) - d(gx_{r_k}, gx_{r_{k+1}}) \\ \leq d(gx_{n_{k+1}}, gx_{r_{k+1}}) \leq d(gx_{n_k}, gx_{r_k}) + d(gx_{n_k}, gx_{n_{k+1}}) + d(gx_{r_k}, gx_{r_{k+1}}), \end{aligned}$$

gives $d(gx_{n_{k+1}}, gx_{r_{k+1}}) \rightarrow \epsilon$ as $k \rightarrow \infty$. Therefore

$$\begin{aligned} \psi(d(gx_{n_{k+1}}, gx_{r_{k+1}})) &= \psi(d(fx_{n_k}, fx_{r_k})) \\ &\leq \psi(d(gx_{n_k}, gx_{r_k})) - \varphi(d(gx_{n_k}, gx_{r_k})). \end{aligned}$$

Taking limit as $k \rightarrow \infty$ yields

$$\psi(\epsilon) \leq \psi(\epsilon) - \varphi(\epsilon),$$

which is a contradiction. Hence $\{g(x_n)\}$ is cauchy sequence. Since A is closed subset of the complete metric space X , there exists a point $x \in A$ such that $\lim_{n \rightarrow \infty} g x_n \rightarrow x$. By (1) and (2) because of the fact f and g are commute proximally, $f x_{n-1} = g x_n$. Therefore, the continuity of f and g and $n \rightarrow \infty$ ascertain that $f x = g x$. Since $g(A_0) \subseteq B_0$ and $f(A_0) \subseteq B_0$, there exists $x^* \in A_0$ such that $x_n \rightarrow x^*$

$$d(x^*, g x) = \text{dist}(A, B),$$

$$d(x^*, f x) = \text{dist}(A, B),$$

f and g are commute proximally, $f x^* = g x^*$. Since $g(A_0) \subseteq B_0$ and $f(A_0) \subseteq B_0$, there exists $z \in A_0$ such that

$$d(z, g x^*) = \text{dist}(A, B),$$

$$d(z, f x^*) = \text{dist}(A, B).$$

Because the pair (A, B) has the P-property

$$\begin{aligned} \psi(d(x^*, z)) &= \psi(d(g x, g x^*)) \\ &= \psi(d(f x, f x^*)) \\ &\leq \psi(d(g x, g x^*)) - \varphi(d(g x, g x^*)) \\ &< \psi(d(g x, g x^*)) = \psi(d(x^*, z)), \end{aligned}$$

which is a contradiction, which implies that $x^* = z$, thus

$$d(x^*, g x^*) = \text{dist}(A, B),$$

$$d(x^*, f x^*) = \text{dist}(A, B).$$

Then x^* is a common best proximity point of the mappings f and g . Suppose that y is another common best proximity point of the mappings f and g , so that

$$d(y, g y) = \text{dist}(A, B),$$

$$d(y, f y) = \text{dist}(A, B).$$

As the pair (A, B) has P-property

$$\psi(d(x^*, y)) \leq \psi(d(x^*, y)),$$

which is contradiction, therefore $x^* = y$ this gives, x^* is unique common best proximity point of the mappings f and g . \square

Corollary 2.2. *Let f and g be two non-self mappings of a metric space (X, d) satisfying*

$$\int_0^{\psi(d(fx, fy))} \phi(t) dt \leq \int_0^{\psi(d(gx, gy))} \phi(t) dt - \int_0^{\varphi(d(gx, gy))} \phi(t) dt, \tag{4}$$

for all $x, y \in A$, where $\phi \in F$ and $\psi, \varphi \in G$. If rang of g contains rang of f and $g(X)$ is complete subspace of A , $f, g : A \rightarrow B$ be two non-self mappings satisfying all conditions of Theorem 2.1, then f and g have a unique common best proximity point.

Proof. Define $\Phi : R^+ \rightarrow R^+$ by $\Phi(x) = \int_0^x \phi(t)dt$, then $\Phi \in G$ and 4 becomes

$$\Phi(\psi(d(fx, fy))) \leq \Phi(\psi(d(gx, gy))) - \Phi(\varphi(d(gx, gy))), \quad (5)$$

which further can be written as

$$\psi_1(d(fx, fy)) \leq \psi_1(d(gx, gy)) - \varphi_1(d(gx, gy)), \quad (6)$$

where $\psi_1 = \Phi \circ \psi \in G$. Clearly $\psi_1, \varphi_1 \in G$. Hence by Theorem 2.1 f and g have unique common best proximity point. \square

Example 2.3. Let $X = [0, 1]$ with usual metric and $d(x, y) = |x - y|$ if $(x, y) \in [0, 1]$. Then (X, d) is a complete metric space. Suppose that

$$A = \{(0, x) : 0 \leq x \leq 1\},$$

$$B = \{(1, y) : 0 \leq y \leq 1\},$$

$dist(A, B) = 1$, $A_0 = A$ and $B_0 = B$ and (A, B) has P-property. Let $f : A \rightarrow B$ and $g : A \rightarrow B$ and $\psi, \varphi \in G$ as given in

$$f(0, x) = (1, x - \frac{1}{2}x^2) \quad \text{if } 0 \leq x \leq 1,$$

$$g(0, x) = (1, x) \quad \text{if } 0 \leq x \leq 1,$$

and

$$\psi(t) = t \quad \text{if } 0 \leq t \leq 1,$$

$$\varphi(t) = \frac{1}{2}t^2 \quad \text{if } 0 \leq t \leq 1.$$

Then for all $x, y \in X$ we have

$$\begin{aligned} \psi(d(fx, fy)) &= |(x - \frac{1}{2}x^2) - (y - \frac{1}{2}y^2)| \\ &= |x - y| - \frac{1}{2}|x^2 - y^2| \\ &= |x - y|(1 - \frac{1}{2}|x + y|) \\ &\leq |x - y| - \frac{1}{2}|x - y|^2 \\ &\leq \psi(d(gx, gy)) - \varphi(d(gx, gy)). \end{aligned}$$

Now, all the required conditions of Theorem 2.1 are satisfied. Hence $(0, 0)$ is unique common best proximity point of f and g .

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