



# Some Common Fixed Point Theorems For Nonexpansive Type Mappings In 2-Metric Spaces

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**Abstract:** The aim of this paper is to prove some common fixed point theorems for weakly compatible mappings under nonexpansive type conditions in the setting of 2-metric spaces. Our result extend and generalizes corresponding results of Singh, Adiga and Giniswami [9] and Liu and Zhang [7].

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## 1. Introduction

The concept of 2-metric space is a natural generalization of the classical one of metric space. It has been investigated, initially, by Gähler and has been developed extensively by Gähler and many other mathematicians [2-4]. The topology induced by 2-metric space is called 2-metric topology, which is generated by the set of all open spheres with two centers. Many authors used the topology in many applications; for example, El Naschie used this sort of the topology in physical applications [1]. Iseki [5] studied the fixed point theorems in 2-metric spaces. A number of fixed point theorems has been proved for 2-metric spaces.

Liu and Zhang [7] proved a few necessary and sufficient conditions for the existence of a common fixed point of a pair of mappings in 2-metric spaces. These results have generalized and improved by a number of mathematicians. Singh, Adiga and Giniswami [9] proved a fixed point theorem in 2-metric spaces for nonexpansive type mappings.

In this paper, we prove some common fixed point theorems for weakly compatible mappings under nonexpansive type conditions in the setting of 2-metric spaces. Our result extend and generalizes corresponding results of Singh, Adiga and Giniswami [9] and Liu and Zhang [7].

## 2. Preliminaries

Now we shall recall some basic definitions and lemmas which are frequently used to prove our main result.

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**Definition 2.1.** A 2-metric space on a set  $X$  with at least three points in a non-negative real valued mapping  $d : X \times X \times X \rightarrow R$  satisfying the following properties:

- (a). To each pair of points  $a, b$  with  $a \neq b$  in  $X$  there is a point  $c \in X$  such that  $d(a, b, c) \neq 0$ .
- (b).  $d(a, b, c) = 0$  if at least two of the points are equal.
- (c).  $d(a, b, c) = d(b, c, a) = d(a, c, b)$
- (d).  $d(a, b, c) \leq d(a, b, u) + d(a, u, c) + d(u, b, c)$  for all  $a, b, c, u \in X$ .

The pair  $(X, d)$  is called a 2-metric space

**Definition 2.2.** The sequence  $x_n$  is convergent to  $x \in X$  and  $x$  is the limit of this sequence of  $\lim_{n \rightarrow \infty} d(x_n, x, u) = 0$  for each  $u \in X$ . A sequence  $x_n$  is called Cauchy sequence if  $\lim_{n, m \rightarrow \infty} d(x_n, x_m, u) = 0$  for all  $u \in X$

**Definition 2.3.** A 2-metric space  $(X, d)$  is said to be complete if every Cauchy sequence in  $X$  is convergent.

Note that in a 2-metric space  $(X, d)$  is convergent. sequence need not be Cauchy sequence but every convergent sequence is a Cauchy sequence when the 2-metric  $d$  is continuous on  $X$ .

**Definition 2.4.** Let  $f$  and  $g$  be two self maps of a 2-metric space  $(X, d)$ . Then  $f$  and  $g$  are said to be compatible if  $\lim_{n \rightarrow \infty} d(fgx_n, gfx_n, u) = 0$  for each  $x \in X$ , whenever  $x_n$  is a sequence such that  $\lim_{n \rightarrow \infty} fx_n = \lim_{n \rightarrow \infty} gx_n = t \in X$ .

**Definition 2.5.** Let  $f$  and  $g$  are said to be compatible of type (A) if  $\lim_{n \rightarrow \infty} d(fgx_n, ggx_n, u) = \lim_{n \rightarrow \infty} d(gfx_n, ffx_n, u) = 0$  for all  $u \in X$  whenever  $x_n \in X$  such that  $\lim_{n \rightarrow \infty} fx_n = \lim_{n \rightarrow \infty} gx_n = t$  for some  $t \in X$ .

**Definition 2.6.** A mapping  $f$  from a 2-metric space  $(X, d)$  into itself is said to be continuous at  $x \in X$  if for every sequence  $x_n$  such that  $\lim_{n \rightarrow \infty} d(x_n, x, u) = 0$  for all  $u \in X$ ,  $\lim_{n \rightarrow \infty} d(fx_n, fx, u) = 0$ ,  $f$  is called continuous on  $X$  if it is so at all points of  $X$ .

**Lemma 2.7.** Let  $f$  and  $g$  are compatible mappings from a 2-metric space  $(X, d)$  into itself, if  $ft = gt$  for some  $t \in X$ , then  $fgt = ggt = gft = fgt$ .

**Lemma 2.8.** Let  $f$  and  $g$  are compatible mappings. if  $f$  is continuous at  $t \in X$  and if  $\lim_{n \rightarrow \infty} fx_n = \lim_{n \rightarrow \infty} gx_n = t$ , then  $\lim_{n \rightarrow \infty} gfx_n = ft$

Singh, Adiga and Giniswami [9] proved the following theorem in 2-metric spaces for nonexpansive type mappings.

**Theorem 2.9.** Let  $(X, d)$  be a 2-metric space and  $T : X \rightarrow X$  be a self mapping satisfying the following nonexpansive type condition:

$$(Tx, Ty, u) \leq a \max \left\{ d(x, y, u), d(x, Tx, u), d(y, Ty, u), \frac{1}{2}[d(x, Ty, u) + d(y, Tx, u)] \right\} + b \max \{d(x, Tx, u), d(y, Ty, u)\} + c[d(x, Ty, u) + d(y, Tx, u)]$$

for all  $x, y, u \in X$ , where  $a, b, c$  are real numbers such that  $a + b + 2c = 1$  and  $a \geq 0, b > 0, c > 0$ . Then  $T$  has a unique fixed point and  $T$  is continuous at this point.

Liu and Zhang [7] proved the following theorems:

**Theorem 2.10.** *Let  $(X, d)$  be a complete 2-metric space with  $d$  continuous on  $X$  and let  $h$  and  $t$  be two mappings of  $X$  into itself. Then the following conditions are equivalent:*

- (1).  $h$  and  $t$  have a common fixed point;
- (2). there exists  $r \in (0, 1)$ ,  $f : X \rightarrow t(X)$ ,  $g : X \rightarrow h(X)$  such that

(a<sub>1</sub>) the pairs  $f, h$  and  $g, t$  are compatible,

(a<sub>2</sub>) one of  $f, g, h$  and  $t$  is continuous,

(a<sub>3</sub>)  $d(fx, gy, u) \leq r \max \{d(hx, ty, u), d(hx, fx, u), d(ty, gy, u), \frac{1}{2}[d(hx, gy, u) + d(ty, fx, u)]\}$  for all  $x, y, u \in X$ ,

- (3). there exist  $w \in W$ ,  $f : X \rightarrow t(X)$ ,  $g : X \rightarrow h(X)$  satisfying (a<sub>1</sub>), (a<sub>2</sub>) and

(a<sub>4</sub>)

$$d(fx, gy, u) \leq \max \left\{ d(hx, ty, u), d(hx, fx, u), d(ty, gy, u), \frac{1}{2} [d(hx, gy, u) + d(ty, fx, u)] \right\} \\ - w \left[ \max \left\{ d(hx, ty, u), d(hx, fx, u), d(ty, gy, u), \frac{1}{2} [d(hx, gy, u) + d(ty, fx, u)] \right\} \right]$$

for all  $x, y, u \in X$ , where  $W = \{w : w : R^+ \rightarrow R^+ \text{ is continuous and satisfy } 0 < w(r) < r \text{ for } r > 0\}$

**Theorem 2.11.** *Let  $(X, d)$  be a complete 2-metric space with  $d$  continuous on  $X$  and let  $h$  and  $t$  be two mappings of  $X$  into itself. Then condition (1) of Theorem 2.9 is equivalent to each of the following condition:*

- (4) There exists  $r \in (0, 1)$ ,  $f : X \rightarrow t(X) \cap h(X)$  such that

(a<sub>5</sub>) the pairs  $f, h$  and  $f, t$  are compatible,

(a<sub>6</sub>) one of  $f, h$  and  $t$  is continuous,

(a<sub>7</sub>)  $d(fx, fy, u) \leq r \max \{d(hx, ty, u), d(hx, fx, u), d(ty, fy, u), \frac{1}{2}[d(hx, fy, u) + d(ty, fx, u)]\}$  for all  $x, y, u \in X$ ,

- (5) there exist  $w \in W$ ,  $f : X \rightarrow t(X) \cap h(X)$  satisfying (a<sub>5</sub>), (a<sub>6</sub>) and

(a<sub>8</sub>)

$$d(fx, fy, u) \leq \max \left\{ d(hx, ty, u), d(hx, fx, u), d(ty, fy, u), \frac{1}{2}[d(hx, fy, u) + d(ty, fx, u)] \right\} \\ - w \left[ \max \left\{ d(hx, ty, u), d(hx, fx, u), d(ty, fy, u), \frac{1}{2}[d(hx, fy, u) + d(ty, fx, u)] \right\} \right]$$

for all  $x, y, u \in X$ , where  $W = \{w : w : R^+ \rightarrow R^+ \text{ is continuous and satisfy } 0 < w(r) < r \text{ for } r > 0\}$ .

### 3. Main Result

Throughout this section,  $N$  and  $N_0$  denote the set of positive and non-negative integers, respectively. Let  $R^+ = [0, \infty)$ .

**Theorem 3.1.** *Let  $(X, d)$  be a complete 2-metric space with  $d$  continuous on  $X$  and let  $f$  and  $g$  be two mapping of  $X$  into itself, there exists  $w \in W$ ,  $f : X \rightarrow t(X)$  and  $g : X \rightarrow h(X)$  satisfying:*

- (a) The pair  $(f, h)$  and  $(g, t)$  are compatible.

- (b) One of  $f, g, h$  and  $t$  is continuous

(c)

$$\begin{aligned}
 d(fx, gy, u) &\leq a \max \{d(hx, ty, u), d(ty, gy, u)\} + b \max \{d(hx, fx, u), d(ty, gy, u), d(ty, fx, u)\} \\
 &\quad + c[d(hx, gy, u) + d(ty, fx, u)] - w[a \max \{d(hx, ty, u), d(ty, gy, u)\} \\
 &\quad + b \max \{d(hx, fx, u), d(ty, gy, u), d(ty, fx, u)\} + c[d(hx, gy, u) + d(ty, fx, u)]] \quad (1)
 \end{aligned}$$

where  $a \geq 0$ ,  $b > 0$ ,  $c > 0$  such that  $a + b + 2c = 1$  for all  $x, y, u \in X$ , then  $f, g, h$  and  $t$  have a common fixed point.

*Proof.* Let  $x_0$  be an arbitrary point in  $X$ . Since  $f(X) \subset t(X)$  and  $g(X) \subset h(X)$ , then there exist sequence  $x_{n \in N}$  and  $y_{n \in N}$  in  $X$  satisfying,

$$\begin{aligned}
 y_{2n} &= tx_{2n+1} = fx_{2n} \\
 y_{2n+1} &= hx_{2n+2} = gx_{2n+1} \quad \text{for } n \in N_0.
 \end{aligned}$$

Define  $d_n(a) = d(y_n, y_{n+1}, a)$  for  $a \in X$  and  $n \in N_0$ . We claim that for any  $i, j, k \in N_0$ ,  $d(y_i, y_j, y_k) = 0$ . Suppose that  $d_{2n}(y_{2n+1}) > 0$  then using (1), we have

$$\begin{aligned}
 d_{2n}(y_{2n+2}) &= d(y_{2n}, y_{2n+1}, y_{2n+2}) \\
 &= d(fx_{2n+2}, gx_{2n+1}, y_{2n}) \\
 &\leq a \max \{d(hx_{2n+2}, tx_{2n+1}, y_{2n}), d(tx_{2n+1}, gx_{2n+1}, y_{2n})\} \\
 &\quad + b \max \{d(hx_{2n+2}, fx_{2n+2}, y_{2n}), d(tx_{2n+1}, gx_{2n+2}, y_{2n}), d(tx_{2n+1}, fx_{2n+2}, y_{2n})\} \\
 &\quad + c[d(hx_{2n+2}, gx_{2n+1}, y_{2n}) + d(tx_{2n+1}, fx_{2n+2}, y_{2n})] - w[a \max \{d(hx_{2n+2}, tx_{2n+1}, y_{2n}), d(tx_{2n+1}, gx_{2n+1}, y_{2n})\} \\
 &\quad + b \max \{d(hx_{2n+2}, fx_{2n+2}, y_{2n}), d(tx_{2n+1}, gx_{2n+1}, y_{2n}), d(tx_{2n+1}, fx_{2n+2}, y_{2n})\} \\
 &\quad + c[d(hx_{2n+2}, gx_{2n+1}, y_{2n}) + d(tx_{2n+1}, fx_{2n+2}, y_{2n})]] \\
 &\leq a \max \{d(y_{2n+1}, y_{2n}, y_{2n}), d(y_{2n}, y_{2n+1}, y_{2n})\} \\
 &\quad + b \max \{d(y_{2n+1}, y_{2n+2}, y_{2n}), d(y_{2n}, y_{2n+1}, y_{2n}), d(y_{2n}, y_{2n+2}, y_{2n})\} \\
 &\quad + c[d(y_{2n+1}, y_{2n+1}, y_{2n}) + d(y_{2n}, y_{2n+2}, y_{2n})] - w[a \max \{d(y_{2n+1}, y_{2n}, y_{2n}), d(y_{2n}, y_{2n+1}, y_{2n})\} \\
 &\quad + b \max \{d(y_{2n+1}, y_{2n+2}, y_{2n}), d(y_{2n}, y_{2n+1}, y_{2n}), d(y_{2n}, y_{2n+2}, y_{2n})\} + c[d(y_{2n+1}, y_{2n+1}, y_{2n}) + d(y_{2n}, y_{2n+2}, y_{2n})]] \\
 &\leq bd(y_{2n+1}, y_{2n+2}, y_{2n}) - wbd(y_{2n+1}, y_{2n+2}, y_{2n}) \\
 &\leq bd_{2n}(y_{2n+2}) - wbd_{2n}(y_{2n+2}) \\
 &< bd_{2n}(y_{2n+2}) \\
 &< d_{2n}(y_{2n+2})
 \end{aligned}$$

a contradiction. Hence  $d_{2n}(y_{2n+2}) = 0$ . Similarly, we have  $d_{2n+1}(y_{2n+3}) = 0$ . Consequently, for all  $n \in N_0$ ,

$$d_n(y_{n+2}) = 0 \quad (2)$$

Using (2) we have

$$\begin{aligned}
 d(y_n, y_{n+2}, u) &\leq d(y_n, y_{n+1}, y_{n+2}) + d(y_n, y_{n+1}, u) + d(y_{n+1}, y_{n+2}, u) \\
 &\leq d_n(y_{n+2}) + d_n(u) + d_{n+1}(u) \\
 &= d_n(u) + d_{n+1}(u) \quad (3)
 \end{aligned}$$

Now applying (1) again and using (3), we have

$$\begin{aligned}
 d_{2n+1}(u) &= d(y_{2n+1}, y_{2n+2}, u) \\
 &= d(fx_{2n+2}, gx_{2n+1}, u) \\
 &\leq a \max \{d(hx_{2n+2}, tx_{2n+1}, u), d(gx_{2n+1}, tx_{2n+1}, u)\} \\
 &\quad + b \max \{d(fx_{2n+2}, hx_{2n+2}, u), d(gx_{2n+1}, tx_{2n+1}, u), d(tx_{2n+1}, fx_{2n+2}, u)\} \\
 &\quad + c[d(hx_{2n+2}, gx_{2n+1}, u) + d(tx_{2n+1}, fx_{2n+2}, u)] - w[a \max \{d(hx_{2n+2}, tx_{2n+1}, u), d(gx_{2n+1}, tx_{2n+1}, u)\} \\
 &\quad + b \max \{d(fx_{2n+2}, hx_{2n+2}, u), d(gx_{2n+1}, tx_{2n+1}, u), d(tx_{2n+1}, fx_{2n+2}, u)\} \\
 &\quad + c[d(hx_{2n+2}, gx_{2n+1}, u) + d(tx_{2n+1}, fx_{2n+2}, u)]] \\
 &\leq a \max \{d(y_{2n+1}, y_{2n}, u), d(y_{2n+1}, y_{2n}, u)\} + b \max \{d(y_{2n+2}, y_{2n+1}, u), d(y_{2n+1}, y_{2n}, u), d(y_{2n}, y_{2n}, u)\} \\
 &\quad + c[d(y_{2n+1}, y_{2n+1}, u) + d(y_{2n}, y_{2n+2}, u)] - w[a \max \{d(y_{2n+1}, y_{2n}, u), d(y_{2n+1}, y_{2n}, u)\} \\
 &\quad + b \max \{d(y_{2n+2}, y_{2n+1}, u), d(y_{2n+1}, y_{2n}, u), d(y_{2n}, y_{2n}, u)\} + c[d(y_{2n+1}, y_{2n+1}, u) + d(y_{2n}, y_{2n+2}, u)]] \\
 &\leq a \max \{d_{2n}(u), d_{2n}(u)\} + b \max d_{2n+1}(u), d_{2n}(u) + cd(y_{2n}, y_{2n+2}, u) - w[a \max \{d_{2n}(u), d_{2n}(u)\} \\
 &\quad + b \max \{d_{2n+1}(u), d_{2n}(u)\} + cd(y_{2n}, y_{2n+1}, u) \\
 &\leq a \max \{d_{2n}(u), d_{2n}(u)\} + b \max d_{2n+1}(u), d_{2n}(u) + c[d_{2n}(u) + d_{2n+1}(u)] \\
 &\quad - w[a \max \{d_{2n}(u), d_{2n}(u)\} + b \max \{d_{2n+1}(u), d_{2n}(u)\} + c[d_{2n}(u) + d_{2n+1}(u)]]
 \end{aligned}$$

Suppose that  $d_{2n}(u) < d_{2n+1}(u)$ , then

$$\begin{aligned}
 d_{2n+1}(u) &< [ad_{2n+1}(u) + bd_{2n+1}(u) + 2cd_{2n+1}(u)] - w[ad_{2n+1}(u) + bd_{2n+1}(u) + 2cd_{2n+1}(u)] \\
 &= (a + b + 2c)d_{2n+1}(u) - w[(a + b + 2c)d_{2n+1}(u)] \\
 &= d_{2n+1}(u) - wd_{2n+1}(u)
 \end{aligned}$$

a contradiction. Hence

$$\begin{aligned}
 d_{2n+1}(u) &\leq d_{2n}(u) \\
 d_{2n+1}(u) &\leq d_{2n}(u) - wd_{2n}(u) \\
 &\leq d_{2n}(u)
 \end{aligned}$$

Similarly, we have  $d_{2n}(u) \leq d_{2n-1}(u)$ . That is, for all  $n \in N$ ,

$$d_{n+1}(u) \leq d_n(u) \tag{4}$$

Let  $n, m$  be in  $N_0$  if  $n \geq m$ , then

$$d_n(y_m) \leq d_m(y_m) = 0 \tag{5}$$

If  $n < m$  then

$$\begin{aligned}
 d_n(y_m) &= d_n(y_n, y_{n+1}, y_m) \\
 &\leq d(y_n, y_{n+1}, y_{m-1}) + d(y_n, y_{m-1}, y_m) + d(y_{m-1}, y_{n+1}, y_m) \\
 &= d_n(y_{m-1}) + d_{m-1}(y_n) + d_{m-1}(y_{n+1}) \\
 &= d_n(y_{m-1}) \\
 &\leq d_n(y_{m-2}) \leq d_n(y_{m-3}) \dots < d_n(y_{n+1}) = 0
 \end{aligned}$$

Thus for any  $n, m \in N_0$ ,

$$d_n(y_m) = 0 \quad (6)$$

For all  $i, j, k \in N_0$ , we may without loss of generality. Assume that  $i < j$  it follows from (6)

$$\begin{aligned} d(y_i, y_j, y_k) &\leq d_i(y_i) + d_j(y_k) + d(y_{i+1}, y_j, y_k) \\ &= d(y_{i+1}, y_j, y_k) \\ &\leq d(y_{i+2}, y_j, y_k) \end{aligned}$$

And inductively, we have

$$d(y_i, y_j, y_k) \leq d(y_{j-1}, y_j, y_k) = d_{j-1}(y_k) = 0$$

Therefore

$$d(y_i, y_j, y_k) = 0 \quad (7)$$

Applying (1) Again and using (4), (5), (6), we have

$$\begin{aligned} d_{2n}(u) &= d(y_{2n}, y_{2n+1}, u) \\ &= d(fx_{2n}, gx_{2n+1}, u) \\ &\leq a \max \{d(hx_{2n}, tx_{2n+1}, u), d(tx_{2n+1}, gx_{2n+1}, u)\} + b \max \{d(hx_{2n}, fx_{2n}, u), d(tx_{2n+1}, gx_{2n+1}, u), d(tx_{2n+1}, fx_{2n}, u)\} \\ &\quad + c[d(hx_{2n}, gx_{2n+1}, u) + d(tx_{2n+1}, fx_{2n}, u)] - w[a \max \{d(hx_{2n}, tx_{2n+1}, u), d(tx_{2n+1}, gx_{2n+1}, u)\} \\ &\quad + b \max \{d(hx_{2n}, fx_{2n}, u), d(tx_{2n+1}, gx_{2n+1}, u), d(tx_{2n+1}, fx_{2n}, u)\} + c[d(hx_{2n}, gx_{2n+1}, u) + d(tx_{2n+1}, fx_{2n}, u)]] \\ &\leq a \max \{d(y_{2n-1}, y_{2n}, u), d(y_{2n}, y_{2n+1}, u)\} + b \max \{d(y_{2n-1}, y_{2n}, u), d(y_{2n}, y_{2n+1}, u), d(y_{2n}, y_{2n}, u)\} \\ &\quad + c[d(y_{2n-1}, y_{2n+1}, u) + d(y_{2n}, y_{2n}, u)] - w[a \max \{d(y_{2n-1}, y_{2n}, u), d(y_{2n}, y_{2n+1}, u)\} \\ &\quad + b \max \{d(y_{2n-1}, y_{2n}, u), d(y_{2n}, y_{2n+1}, u), d(y_{2n}, y_{2n}, u)\} + c[d(y_{2n-1}, y_{2n+1}, u) + d(y_{2n}, y_{2n}, u)]] \\ &\leq a \max \{d_{2n-1}(u), d_{2n}(u)\} + bd_{2n}(u) + cd(y_{2n-1}, y_{2n+1}, u) \\ &\quad - w[a \max \{d_{2n-1}(u), d_{2n}(u)\} + bd_{2n}(u) + cd(y_{2n-1}, y_{2n+1}, u)] \\ &\leq a \max \{d_{2n-1}(u), d_{2n}(u)\} + bd_{2n}(u) + c[d_{2n-1}(u) + d_{2n}(u) + d_{2n+1}(y_{2n-1})] \\ &\quad - w[a \max \{d_{2n-1}(u), d_{2n}(u)\} + bd_{2n}(u) + c[d_{2n-1}(u) + d_{2n}(u) + d_{2n+1}(y_{2n-1})]] \\ &\leq a \max \{d_{2n-1}(u), d_{2n-1}(u)\} + bd_{2n-1}(u) + c[d_{2n-1}(u) + d_{2n-1}(u)] \\ &\quad - w[a \max \{d_{2n-1}(u), d_{2n-1}(u)\} + bd_{2n-1}(u) + c[d_{2n-1}(u) + d_{2n-1}(u)]] \\ &\leq (a + b + 2c)d_{2n-1}(u) - w(a + b + 2c)d_{2n-1}(u) \\ &= d_{2n-1}(u) - wd_{2n-1}(u) \end{aligned}$$

Similarly we have

$$d_{2n+1}(u) \leq d_{2n}(u) - wd_{2n}(u)$$

It follows that

$$\begin{aligned} \sum_{i=0}^n w(d_i(u)) &\leq \sum_{i=0}^n [d_i(u) - d_{i+1}(u)] \\ \sum_{i=0}^n w(d_i(u)) &\leq d_0(u) - d_{n+1}(u) \\ &\vdots \\ &\leq d_0(u) \end{aligned}$$

So the series of non negative, terms  $\sum_{n=0}^{\infty} w(d_n(u))$  is convergent. This means that

$$\lim_{n \rightarrow \infty} w(d_n(u)) = 0. \tag{8}$$

Using (4), we have  $d_n(u)_{n \in N_0}$  converges to some  $r \geq 0$ . By continuity of  $w$  and (8), we have

$$w(r) = \lim_{n \rightarrow \infty} w(d_n(u)) = 0$$

Which implies that  $r = 0$ . Hence

$$\lim_{n \rightarrow \infty} d_n(u) = 0. \tag{9}$$

In order to show that  $y_n$  is a Cauchy sequence it is sufficient to show that  $y_{2n}{}_{n \in N_0}$  is a Cauchy sequence. Suppose not; then there exist  $\varepsilon > 0$  and  $u \in X$  such that for each positive integer  $k$ , there are positive integers  $2m(k)$  and  $2n(k)$  with  $2m(k) > 2n(k) > 2k$  and  $d(y_{2m(k)}, y_{2n(k)}, u) \geq \varepsilon$ . For each positive integer  $k$ , let  $2m(k)$  be the least even integer exceeding  $2n(k)$  satisfying the above inequality, so that

$$d(y_{2m(k)-2}, y_{2n(k)}, u) \leq \varepsilon \quad d(y_{2m(k)}, y_{2n(k)}, u) > \varepsilon. \tag{10}$$

For each positive integer  $k$ , from (7) and (10), we have

$$\begin{aligned} \varepsilon &< d(y_{2m(k)}, y_{2n(k)}, u) \\ &\leq d(y_{2m(k)-2}, y_{2n(k)}, u) + d(y_{2m(k)}, y_{2m(k)-2}, u) + d(y_{2m(k)}, y_{2n(k)}, y_{2m(k)-2}) \\ &\leq \varepsilon + d(y_{2m(k)-2}, y_{2m(k)}, y_{2m(k)-1}) + d(y_{2m(k)-2}, y_{2m(k)-1}, u) + d(y_{2m(k)-1}, y_{2m(k)}, u) \\ &= \varepsilon + d(y_{2m(k)-2}(u), y_{2m(k)-1}(u)) \end{aligned}$$

Which implies

$$\lim_{k \rightarrow \infty} d(y_{2m(k)}, y_{2n(k)}, u) = \varepsilon \tag{11}$$

It follows from (10)

$$\begin{aligned} 0 &< d(y_{2n(k)}, y_{2m(k)}, u) - d(y_{2n(k)}, y_{2m(k)-2}, u) \\ &\leq d(y_{2m(k)-2}, y_{2m(k)}, u) \\ &\leq d_{2m(k)-2}(u) + d_{2m(k)-1}(u) \end{aligned}$$

Then by (9) and (11), we have

$$\lim_{n \rightarrow \infty} d(y_{2n(k)}, y_{2m(k)-2}, u) = \varepsilon \quad (12)$$

Using triangular inequality, we have

$$\begin{aligned} |d(y_{2n(k)}, y_{2m(k)-1}, u) - d(y_{2n(k)}, y_{2m(k)}, u)| &\leq d_{2m(k)-1}(u) + d_{2m(k)-1}(y_{2n(k)}) \\ |d(y_{2n(k)+1}, y_{2m(k)}, u) - d(y_{2n(k)}, y_{2m(k)}, u)| &\leq d_{2n(k)}(u) + d_{2n(k)}(y_{2m(k)}) \\ |d(y_{2n(k)+1}, y_{2m(k)-1}, u) - d(y_{2n(k)}, y_{2m(k)-1}, u)| &\leq d_{2n(k)}(u) + d_{2n(k)}(y_{2m(k)-1}) \end{aligned}$$

It is easy to see that

$$\begin{aligned} \lim_{k \rightarrow \infty} d(y_{2n(k)}, y_{2m(k)-1}, u) &= \lim_{k \rightarrow \infty} d(y_{2n(k)+1}, y_{2m(k)}, u) \\ \lim_{k \rightarrow \infty} d(y_{2n(k)+1}, y_{2m(k)-1}, u) &= \varepsilon \end{aligned} \quad (13)$$

It follows from (5)

$$\begin{aligned} d(y_{2m(k)}, y_{2n(k)+1}, u) &= d(fx_{2m(k)}, gx_{2n(k)+1}, u) \\ &\leq a \max \{d(hx_{2m(k)}, tx_{2n(k)+1}, u), d(tx_{2n(k)+1}, gx_{2n(k)+1}, u)\} \\ &+ b \max \{d(hx_{2m(k)}, fx_{2m(k)}, u), d(tx_{2n(k)+1}, gx_{2n(k)+1}, u), d(tx_{2n(k)+1}, fx_{2m(k)}, u)\} \\ &+ c[d(hx_{2m(k)}, gx_{2n(k)+1}, u) + d(tx_{2n(k)+1}, fx_{2m(k)}, u)] \\ &- w[a \max \{d(hx_{2m(k)}, tx_{2n(k)+1}, u), d(tx_{2n(k)+1}, gx_{2n(k)+1}, u)\} \\ &+ b \max \{d(hx_{2m(k)}, fx_{2m(k)}, u), d(tx_{2n(k)+1}, gx_{2n(k)+1}, u), d(tx_{2n(k)+1}, fx_{2m(k)}, u)\} \\ &+ c[d(hx_{2m(k)}, gx_{2n(k)+1}, u) + d(tx_{2n(k)+1}, fx_{2m(k)}, u)]] \\ &\leq a \max \{d(y_{2m(k)-1}, y_{2n(k)}, u), d(y_{2n(k)}, y_{2n(k)+1}, u)\} \\ &+ b \max \{d(y_{2m(k)-1}, y_{2m(k)}, u), d(y_{2n(k)}, y_{2n(k)+1}, u), d(y_{2n(k)}, y_{2m(k)}, u)\} \\ &+ c[d(y_{2m(k)-1}, y_{2n(k)+1}, u) + d(y_{2n(k)}, y_{2m(k)}, u)] - w[a \max \{d(y_{2m(k)-1}, y_{2n(k)}, u), d(y_{2n(k)}, y_{2n(k)+1}, u)\} \\ &+ b \max \{d(y_{2m(k)-1}, y_{2m(k)}, u), d(y_{2n(k)}, y_{2n(k)+1}, u), d(y_{2n(k)}, y_{2m(k)}, u)\} \\ &+ c[d(y_{2m(k)-1}, y_{2n(k)+1}, u) + d(y_{2n(k)}, y_{2m(k)}, u)]] \\ &\leq a \max \{d(y_{2m(k)-1}, y_{2n(k)}, u), d_{2n(k)}(u)\} + b \max \{d_{2m(k)-1}(u), d_{2n(k)}(u), d(y_{2n(k)}, y_{2m(k)}, u)\} \\ &+ c[d(y_{2m(k)-1}, y_{2n(k)+1}, u) + d(y_{2n(k)}, y_{2m(k)}, u)] - w[a \max \{d(y_{2m(k)-1}, y_{2n(k)}, u), d_{2n(k)}(u)\} \\ &+ b \max \{d_{2m(k)-1}(u), d_{2n(k)}(u), d(y_{2n(k)}, y_{2m(k)}, u)\} + c[d(y_{2m(k)-1}, y_{2n(k)+1}, u) + d(y_{2n(k)}, y_{2m(k)}, u)]] \end{aligned}$$

Letting  $k \rightarrow \infty$  and using (13), (11), (9), we have

$$\begin{aligned} \varepsilon &\leq [a\varepsilon + b\varepsilon + 2\varepsilon c] - w[a\varepsilon + b\varepsilon + 2\varepsilon c] \\ &\leq [a + b + 2c]\varepsilon - w[a + b + 2c]\varepsilon \\ &= \varepsilon - w\varepsilon \end{aligned}$$

A contradiction. Therefore  $y_{2n_n \in N_0}$  is a Cauchy sequence in  $X$ . It follows from completeness of  $(X, d)$  that  $y_{2n_n \in N_0}$  converge to a point  $z \in X$ . Now suppose that  $t$  is continuous. Since  $f$  and  $t$  are compatible and  $gx_{2n+1n \in N_0}$  and  $tx_{2n+1n \in N_0}$  converge



to the point  $z$ , by Lemma 2.8, we get  $gtx_{2n+1}, tgx_{2n+1} \rightarrow tz$  as  $h \rightarrow \infty$ . Applying in equality (1), we have

$$\begin{aligned} d(fx_{2n}, gtx_{2n+1}, u) &\leq a \max \{d(hx_{2n}, ttx_{2n+1}, u), d(ttx_{2n+1}, gtx_{2n+1}, u)\} \\ &\quad + b \max \{d(hx_{2n}, fx_{2n}, u), d(ttx_{2n+1}, gtx_{2n+1}, u), d(ttx_{2n+1}, fx_{2n}, u)\} \\ &\quad + c[d(hx_{2n}, gtx_{2n+1}, u) + d(ttx_{2n+1}, fx_{2n}, u)] - w[a \max \{d(hx_{2n}, ttx_{2n+1}, u), d(ttx_{2n+1}, gtx_{2n+1}, u)\} \\ &\quad + b \max \{d(hx_{2n}, fx_{2n}, u), d(ttx_{2n+1}, gtx_{2n+1}, u), d(ttx_{2n+1}, fx_{2n}, u)\} \\ &\quad + c[d(hx_{2n}, gtx_{2n+1}, u) + d(ttx_{2n+1}, fx_{2n}, u)]] \end{aligned}$$

Letting  $n \rightarrow \infty$  we get

$$\begin{aligned} d(z, tz, u) &\leq a \max \{d(z, tz, u), d(tz, tz, u)\} + b \max \{d(z, z, u), d(tz, tz, u), d(ttz, z, u)\} \\ &\quad + c[d(z, tz, u) + d(ttz, z, u)] - w[a \max \{d(z, tz, u), d(tz, tz, u)\} \\ &\quad + b \max \{d(z, z, u), d(tz, tz, u), d(ttz, z, u)\} + c[d(z, tz, u) + d(ttz, z, u)]] \\ &\leq ad(z, tz, u) + bd(tz, z, u) + c[d(z, tz, u) + d(tz, z, u)] - w[ad(z, tz, u) + bd(tz, z, u) + c[d(z, tz, u) + d(tz, z, u)]] \\ &\leq (a + b + 2c)d(z, tz, u) - w[(a + b + 2c)d(z, tz, u)] \\ &\leq d(z, tz, u) \end{aligned}$$

Implies  $d(z, tz, u) = 0 \Rightarrow z = tz$ . Again from (1), we have

$$\begin{aligned} d(fx_{2n}, gz, u) &\leq a \max \{d(hx_{2n}, tz, u), d(tz, gz, u)\} + b \max \{d(hx_{2n}, fx_{2n}, u), d(tz, gz, u), d(tz, fx_{2n}, u)\} \\ &\quad + c[d(hx_{2n}, gz, u) + d(tz, fx_{2n}, u)] - w[a \max \{d(hx_{2n}, tz, u), d(tz, gz, u)\} \\ &\quad + b \max \{d(hx_{2n}, fx_{2n}, u), d(tz, gz, u), d(tz, fx_{2n}, u)\} + c[d(hx_{2n}, gz, u) + d(tz, fx_{2n}, u)]] \end{aligned}$$

Letting  $n \rightarrow \infty$  we get

$$\begin{aligned} d(z, gz, u) &\leq a \max \{d(z, z, u), d(z, gz, u)\} + b \max \{d(z, z, u), d(z, gz, u), d(z, z, u)\} \\ &\quad + c[d(z, gz, u) + d(z, z, u)] - w[a \max \{d(z, z, u), d(z, gz, u)\} \\ &\quad + b \max \{d(z, z, u), d(z, gz, u), d(z, z, u)\} + c[d(z, gz, u) + d(z, z, u)]] \\ &\leq (a + b + c)d(z, gz, u) - w[(a + b + c)d(z, gz, u)] \\ &< d(z, gz, u) \end{aligned}$$

Hence  $z = gz$  i.e.  $z$  is a fixed point of  $g$ . Similarly, we can show that  $z$  is a fixed point of  $f$  and  $h$  i.e.  $z$  is a common fixed point of  $f, g, h$  and  $t$ . Similarly, we can complete the proof when  $f$  or  $g$  or  $h$  is continuous.  $\square$

**Theorem 3.2.** Let  $(X, d)$  be a complete 2-metric space with  $d$  continuous on  $X$  and let  $h$  and  $t$  be two mapping of  $X$  into itself, there exists  $w \in N_0$ ,  $f : X \rightarrow t(X) \rightarrow h(X)$  satisfying:

(a) The pair  $(f, h)$  and  $(f, t)$  are compatible.

(b) One of  $f, h$  and  $t$  is continuous

(c)

$$\begin{aligned}
d(fx, fy, u) &\leq a \max \{d(hx, ty, u), d(ty, fy, u)\} + b \max \{d(hx, fx, u), d(ty, fy, u), d(ty, fx, u)\} \\
&\quad + c[d(hx, fy, u) + d(ty, fx, u)] - w[a \max \{d(hx, ty, u), d(ty, fy, u)\} \\
&\quad + b \max \{d(hx, fx, u), d(ty, fy, u), d(ty, fx, u)\} + c[d(hx, fy, u) + d(ty, fx, u)]]
\end{aligned} \tag{14}$$

Where  $a \geq 0$ ,  $b > 0$ ,  $c > 0$  such that  $a + b + 2c = 1$  for all  $x, y, u \in X$  then  $f, h$  and  $t$  have a common fixed point.

*Proof.* The proof of this theorem is identical to the proof of Theorem 3.1. □

**Remark 3.3.** Theorem 3.1 and 3.2 are still true even though the condition of the compatibility is replaced by the compatibility of type(A).

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