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### *Coupled Fixed Point Theorems in Dislocated Quasi-metric Spaces*

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In this paper, we prove a coupled coincidence fixed point theorem in dislocated quasi-metric spaces. Also, we give an example to validate our main theorem and some corollaries of the main result.

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#### 1. Introduction

The following definition of dislocated metric space and its fundamental properties was given by Hitzler and Seda [1].

**Definition 1.1** Let  $X$  be a set and let  $d : X \times X \rightarrow [0, \infty)$  be a function, called a distance function. Consider the following conditions:

- (M-i) For all  $x \in X$ ,  $d(x, x) = 0$ ,
- (M-ii) For all  $x, y \in X$ , if  $d(x, y) = d(y, x) = 0$ , then  $x = y$ ,
- (M-iii) For all  $x, y \in X$ ,  $d(x, y) = d(y, x)$ ,
- (M-iv) For all  $x, y, z \in X$ ,  $d(x, y) \leq d(x, z) + d(z, y)$ ,
- (M-iv') For all  $x, y, z \in X$ ,  $d(x, y) \leq \max \{d(x, z), d(z, y)\}$ .

If  $d$  satisfies conditions (M-i) to (M-iv), then it is called a metric. If it satisfies conditions (M-i), (M-ii) and (M-iv), it is called a quasi-metric. If it satisfies (M-ii), (M-iii) and (M-iv), we will call it a dislocated metric (or simply d-metric). If it satisfies conditions (M-ii) and (M-iv), it is called a dislocated quasi-metric (or simply dq-metric). If a metric  $d$  satisfies the strong triangle inequality (M-iv'), then it is called an ultrametric.

The study of partial metric spaces and generalized ultrametric spaces have applications in theoretical computer science had been studied by Matthews [2]. Hitzler and Seda [1] introduced the concept of dislocated metric space as a generalization of metrics where self-distances need not be zero. They also proved a generalized version of Banach contraction mapping principle which was applied to obtain fixed point semantics for logic programs. Recently, many authors [3–14] studied different properties and fixed point results of dislocated (fuzzy or) metric spaces. Lakshmikantham and Ćirić [15] introduced coupled fixed point theorems for nonlinear contractions in partially ordered metric spaces.

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In the present paper, we define the notion of a coupled coincidence fixed point and introduce a coupled coincidence fixed point theorem in dislocated quasi-metric spaces. Also, we give an example to validate our main theorem and some corollaries of the main result.

## 2. Fixed Point Results

**Definition 2.1** A sequence  $(x_n)$  in dq-metric space  $(X, d)$  is called Cauchy if for all  $\varepsilon > 0$ , there exists  $n_0 \in \mathbb{N}$  such that for all  $m, n \geq n_0$ ,  $d(x_m, x_n) < \varepsilon$  or  $d(x_n, x_m) < \varepsilon$ . Replacing  $d(x_m, x_n) < \varepsilon$  and  $d(x_n, x_m) < \varepsilon$  in this definition by  $\max\{d(x_m, x_n), d(x_n, x_m)\} < \varepsilon$ , the sequence  $(x_n)$  in dq-metric space  $(X, d)$  is called 'bi' Cauchy.

**Definition 2.2** A sequence  $(x_n)$  dislocated quasi-converges (for short dq-converges) to  $x$  if

$$\lim_{n \rightarrow \infty} d(x_n, x) = \lim_{n \rightarrow \infty} d(x, x_n) = 0.$$

In this case  $x$  is called dq-limit of  $(x_n)$ .

**Definition 2.3** A dq-metric space  $(X, d)$  is called complete if every Cauchy sequences in it is dq-convergent.

**Definition 2.4** Let  $(X, d_1)$  and  $(Y, d_2)$  be a dq-metric spaces and let  $f : X \rightarrow Y$  be a function. Then  $f$  is continuous if for each sequence  $(x_n)$  which is  $d_1$ q-convergent to  $x_0$  in  $X$ , the sequence  $(f(x_n))$  is  $d_2$ q-convergent to  $f(x_0)$  in  $Y$ .

**Definition 2.5** Let  $(X, d)$  be a dq-metric spaces. A map  $f : X \rightarrow X$  is called contraction if there exists  $0 \leq \lambda < 1$  such that

$$d(f(x), f(y)) \leq \lambda d(x, y)$$

for all  $x, y \in X$ .

**Lemma 2.6** Every subsequence of dq-convergent sequence to a point  $x_0$  is dq-convergent to  $x_0$ .

**Definition 2.7** An element  $(x, y) \in X \times X$  is called a coupled fixed point of a mapping  $F : X \times X \rightarrow X$  if  $F(x, y) = x$  and  $F(y, x) = y$ .

**Definition 2.8** An element  $(x, y) \in X \times X$  is called a coupled coincidence point of a mappings  $F : X \times X \rightarrow X$  and  $g : X \rightarrow X$  if  $F(x, y) = gx$  and  $F(y, x) = gy$ .

**Definition 2.9** Let  $X$  be a nonempty set. Then we say that the mappings  $F : X \times X \rightarrow X$  and  $g : X \rightarrow X$  are commutative if  $gF(x, y) = F(gx, gy)$ .

**Lemma 2.10** Let  $(X, d)$  be a dq-metric spaces. Let  $F : X \times X \rightarrow X$  and  $g : X \rightarrow X$  be two mappings such that;

$$d(F(x, y), F(u, v)) \leq \lambda [d(gx, gu) + d(gy, gv)] \quad (1)$$

for all  $x, y, u, v \in X$ . Assume that  $(x, y)$  is a coupled coincidence point of the mappings  $F$  and  $g$ . If  $\lambda \in [0, \frac{1}{2})$ , then

$$F(x, y) = gx = gy = F(y, x).$$

*Proof* Since  $(x, y)$  is a coupled coincidence point of the mappings  $F$  and  $g$ , we have  $F(x, y) = gx$  and  $F(y, x) = gy$ . Assume that  $gx \neq gy$ . Then by (1), we get

$$d(gx, gy) = d(F(x, y), F(y, x)) \leq \lambda [d(gx, gy) + d(gy, gx)].$$

Also by (1), we have

$$d(gy, gx) = d(F(y, x), F(x, y)) \leq \lambda [d(gy, gx) + d(gx, gy)].$$

Therefore

$$d(gx, gy) + d(gy, gx) \leq 2\lambda [d(gx, gy) + d(gy, gx)].$$

Since  $2\lambda < 1$ , we get

$$d(gx, gy) + d(gy, gx) < d(gx, gy) + d(gy, gx)$$

which is a contradiction. So  $gx = gy$  and hence

$$F(x, y) = gx = gy = F(y, x).$$

■

**Theorem 2.11** Let  $(X, d)$  be a dq-metric spaces. Let  $F : X \times X \rightarrow X$  and  $g : X \rightarrow X$  be two continuous mappings such that

$$d(F(x, y), F(u, v)) \leq \lambda [d(gx, gu) + d(gy, gv)] \quad (2)$$

for all  $x, y, u, v \in X$ . Assume that  $F$  and  $g$  satisfy the following conditions:

- (i)  $F(X \times X) \subseteq g(X)$ .
- (ii)  $g(X)$  is complete dq-metric,
- (iii)  $g$  commutes with  $F$ .

If  $\lambda \in (0, 1)$ , then there is a unique  $x$  in  $X$  such that  $gx = F(x, x) = x$ .

*Proof* Let  $x_0, y_0 \in X$ . By condition (i), Since  $F(X \times X) \subseteq g(X)$ , we can choose  $x_1, y_1 \in X$  such that  $gx_1 = F(x_0, y_0)$  and  $gy_1 = F(y_0, x_0)$ . Again since  $F(X \times X) \subseteq g(X)$ , we can choose  $x_2, y_2 \in X$  such that  $gx_2 = F(x_1, y_1)$  and  $gy_2 = F(y_1, x_1)$ . Continuing this process we can construct two sequences  $(x_n)$  and  $(y_n)$  in  $X$  such that  $gx_{n+1} = F(x_n, y_n)$  and  $gy_{n+1} = F(y_n, x_n)$ . For  $n \in N$ , by (2), we have

$$d(gx_n, gx_{n+1}) = d(F(x_{n-1}, y_{n-1}), F(x_n, y_n)) \leq \lambda [d(gx_{n-1}, gx_n) + d(gy_{n-1}, gy_n)].$$

From

$$d(gx_{n-1}, gx_n) = d(F(x_{n-2}, y_{n-2}), F(x_{n-1}, y_{n-1})) \leq \lambda [d(gx_{n-2}, gx_{n-1}) + d(gy_{n-2}, gy_{n-1})]$$

and

$$d(gy_{n-1}, gy_n) = d(F(y_{n-2}, x_{n-2}), F(y_{n-1}, x_{n-1})) \leq \lambda [d(gy_{n-2}, gy_{n-1}) + d(gx_{n-2}, gx_{n-1})]$$

we have

$$d(gx_{n-1}, gx_n) + d(gy_{n-1}, gy_n) \leq 2\lambda [d(gx_{n-2}, gx_{n-1}) + d(gy_{n-2}, gy_{n-1})]$$

holds for all  $n \in N$ . Thus we get that

$$\begin{aligned} d(gx_n, gx_{n+1}) &\leq \lambda [d(gx_{n-1}, gx_n) + d(gy_{n-1}, gy_n)] \\ &\leq 2\lambda^2 [d(gx_{n-2}, gx_{n-1}) + d(gy_{n-2}, gy_{n-1})] \\ &\quad \vdots \\ &\leq \frac{1}{2} (2\lambda)^n [d(gx_0, gx_1) + d(gy_0, gy_1)]. \end{aligned}$$

Thus for each  $n \in N$  we have

$$d(gx_n, gx_{n+1}) \leq \frac{1}{2} (2\lambda)^n [d(gx_0, gx_1) + d(gy_0, gy_1)]. \quad (3)$$

Let  $m, n \in N$  with  $m > n$ . By axiom (M-iv) of the definition of dislocated quasi metric spaces, we have;

$$d(gx_n, gx_m) \leq d(gx_n, gx_{n+1}) + d(gx_{n+1}, gx_{n+2}) + \cdots + d(gx_{m-1}, gx_m)$$

since  $2\lambda < 1$ , by (3), we get that

$$\begin{aligned} d(gx_n, gx_m) &\leq \frac{1}{2} \left( \sum_{i=n}^{m-1} (2\lambda)^i \right) [d(gx_0, gx_1) + d(gy_0, gy_1)] \\ &\leq \frac{(2\lambda)^n}{2(1-2\lambda)} [d(gx_0, gx_1) + d(gy_0, gy_1)]. \end{aligned}$$

Letting  $m, n \rightarrow \infty$ , we have

$$\lim_{m, n \rightarrow \infty} d(x_n, gx_m) = 0.$$

Thus  $(gx_n)$  is a Cauchy sequence in  $g(X)$ . Similarly, we may show that  $(gy_n)$  is a Cauchy sequence in  $g(X)$ . Since  $g(X)$  is complete dq-metric, we get that  $(gx_n)$  and  $(gy_n)$  are dq-convergent to some  $x \in X$  and  $y \in X$ , respectively. Since  $F$  and  $g$  are continuous, and also,  $F$  and  $g$  are commute, we have

$$ggx_{n+1} = g(F(x_n, y_n)) = F(gx_n, gy_n),$$

and

$$ggy_{n+1} = g(F(y_n, x_n)) = F(gy_n, gx_n).$$

Thus we get that

$$\begin{aligned} gx &= g(\lim_{n \rightarrow \infty} gx_n) = \lim_{n \rightarrow \infty} g(F(x_{n-1}, y_{n-1})) = \lim_{n \rightarrow \infty} F(gx_{n-1}, gy_{n-1}) \\ &= F(\lim_{n \rightarrow \infty} gx_{n-1}, \lim_{n \rightarrow \infty} gy_{n-1}) = F(x, y). \end{aligned}$$

Hence  $gx = F(x, y)$ . Similarly, we may show that  $gy = F(y, x)$ . By Lemma 2.10,  $(x, y)$  is a coupled fixed point of the mappings  $F$  and  $g$ . So

$$gx = F(x, y) = F(y, x) = gy.$$

Since  $(gx_{n+1})$  is subsequence of  $(gx_n)$  we have that  $(gx_{n+1})$  is dq-convergent to  $x$ . Thus

$$\begin{aligned} d(gx_{n+1}, gx) &= d(gx_{n+1}, F(x, y)) = d(F(x_n, y_n), F(x, y)) \\ &\leq \lambda [d(gx_n, gx) + d(gy_n, gy)]. \end{aligned}$$

Letting  $n \rightarrow \infty$  and using the fact that  $d$  is continuous on its variables, we get that

$$d(x, gx) \leq \lambda [d(x, gx) + d(y, gy)].$$

Similarly, we may show that

$$d(y, gy) \leq \lambda [d(x, gx) + d(y, gy)].$$

Thus

$$d(x, gx) + d(y, gy) \leq 2\lambda [d(x, gx) + d(y, gy)].$$

Since  $2\lambda < 1$ , the last inequality happens only if  $d(x, gx) = 0$  and  $d(y, gy) = 0$ . Similarly,

$$\begin{aligned} d(gx, gx_{n+1}) &= d(F(x, y), gx_{n+1}) = d(F(x, y), F(x_n, y_n)) \\ &\leq \lambda [d(gx, gx_n) + d(gy, gy_n)]. \end{aligned}$$

Letting  $n \rightarrow \infty$  and using the fact that  $d$  is continuous on its variables, we get that;

$$d(gx, x) \leq \lambda [d(gx, x) + d(gy, y)].$$

Similarly, we may show that

$$d(gy, y) \leq \lambda [d(gx, x) + d(gy, y)].$$

Thus

$$d(gx, x) + d(gy, y) \leq 2\lambda [d(gx, x) + d(gy, y)].$$

Since  $2\lambda < 1$ , the last inequality happens only if  $d(gx, x) = 0$  and  $d(gy, y) = 0$ . From Definition 2.1 (M-ii), we have  $x = gx$  and  $y = gy$ . Thus we get

$$gx = F(x, x) = x.$$

To prove the uniqueness, let  $z \in X$  with  $z \neq x$  such that

$$z = gz = F(z, z).$$

Then

$$\begin{aligned} d(x, z) &= d(F(x, x), F(z, z)) \leq \lambda [d(gx, gz) + d(gx, gz)] \\ &= 2\lambda d(gx, gz). \end{aligned}$$

Since  $2\lambda < 1$ , we get  $d(x, z) < d(x, z)$ , which is a contradiction. Thus  $F$  and  $g$  have a unique common fixed point. ■

Corollary 2.1 Let  $(X, d)$  be a complete dq-metric spaces. Let  $F : X \times X \rightarrow X$  be a continuous mapping such that

$$d(F(x, y), F(u, v)) \leq \lambda [d(x, u) + d(y, v)]$$

for all  $x, y, u, v \in X$ . If  $\lambda \in [0, \frac{1}{2})$ , then there is a unique  $x$  in  $X$  such that  $F(x, x) = x$ .

*Proof* Define  $g : X \rightarrow X$  by  $g(x) = x$ . Then  $F$  and  $g$  satisfy all the hypothesis of theorem. Hence the result follows. ■

Example 2.12 Let  $X = [0, 1]$ . Define  $d : X \times X \rightarrow [0, \infty)$  by

$$d(x, y) = |x - y| + |x|$$

for all  $x, y \in X$ . Then  $(X, d)$  is a complete dq-metric spaces. Define a map  $F : X \times X \rightarrow X$  by  $F(x, y) = \frac{1}{6}xy$  for all  $x, y \in X$ . Also, define  $g : X \rightarrow X$  by  $g(x) = \frac{1}{2}x$  for all  $x \in X$ . Since

$$|xy - uv| \leq |x - u| + |y - v| \quad \text{and} \quad |xy| \leq |x| + |y|$$

holds for all  $x, y, u, v \in X$ . We have

$$\begin{aligned} d(F(x, y), F(u, v)) &= \frac{1}{6} |xy - uv| + \frac{1}{6} |xy| \leq \frac{1}{6} [|x - u| + |y - v|] + \frac{1}{6} [|x| + |y|] \\ &\leq \frac{1}{3} [d(gx, gu) + d(gy, gv)] \end{aligned}$$

holds for all  $x, y, u, v \in X$ . It is an easy matter to see that  $F$  and  $g$  satisfy all the hypothesis of Theorem. Thus  $F$  and  $g$  have a unique common fixed point. Here  $F(0, 0) = g(0) = 0$ .

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