

# On Fixed Point Theorems in D-Metric Spaces

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## Abstract

In this paper we give a generalization of a contraction principle in generalized metric space. Results generalizing fixed point theorems of Rhoades are established.

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## 1 Introduction

In 1992, Dhage[1] introduced a generalization of metric space which is called generalized metric space or  $D$ -metric space, and proved the existence of unique fixed point of a self map satisfying a contractive condition. Rhoades[4] generalized Dhage's contractive condition and obtained some fixed point theorems. Also, Dhage[3] extended Rhoades' contractive condition to two maps in  $D$ -metric space. By using the concept of weak compatibility of self maps on a  $D$ -metric space, Dhage[2] obtained a unique common fixed point.

The following theorems have been established in [4].

**Theorem 1.1.** *Let  $(X, D)$  be a complete bounded  $D$ -metric space and  $T$  be a self map of  $X$  satisfying the following condition:  
there exists a  $k \in [0, 1)$  such that for all  $x, y, z \in X$ ,*

$D(Tx, Ty, Tz)$   
 $\leq k \max\{D(x, y, z), D(x, Tx, z), D(y, Ty, z), D(x, Ty, z), D(y, Tx, z)\}$ .  
 Then  $T$  has a unique fixed point  $p$  in  $X$  and  $T$  is continuous at  $p$ .

**Theorem 1.2.** Let  $(X, D)$  be a compact  $D$ -metric space and  $T$  be a continuous self map of  $X$  satisfying for all  $x, y, z \in X$  with  $D(x, y, z) \neq 0$ ,

$D(Tx, Ty, Tz)$   
 $< \max\{D(x, y, z), D(x, Tx, z), D(y, Ty, z), D(x, Ty, z), D(y, Tx, z)\}$ .  
 Then  $T$  has a unique fixed point  $p$  in  $X$ .

The object of this paper is to generalize Theorem 1.1 and 1.2 by using a contraction satisfying an implicit relation.

## 2 Preliminaries

Throughout this paper we denote  $\mathbb{N}$  by the set of all natural numbers and  $\mathbb{R}_+$  the set of all positive real numbers.

A *generalized metric* (or *D-metric*) on a set  $X$  is a function  $D : X \times X \times X \rightarrow \mathbb{R}_+$  such that for all  $x, y, z, w \in X$

- (i)  $D(x, y, z) \geq 0$  and  $D(x, y, z) = 0$  if and only if  $x = y = z$ ;
- (ii)  $D(x, y, z) = D(p(y, x, z))$ , where  $p$  is a permutation.
- (iii)  $D(x, y, z) \leq D(x, y, a) + D(x, a, z) + D(a, y, z)$ .

The pair  $(X, D)$  is called a *generalized metric* (or *D-metric*) *space*. Geometrically, a  $D$ -metric  $D(x, y, z)$  is the peridiameter of a triangle whose vertices are  $x, y$  and  $z$ .

Examples[5] of  $D$ -metric are

- (1)  $D(x, y, z) = \text{Max}\{d(x, y), d(y, z), d(x, z)\}$ ,
- (2)  $D(x, y, z) = d(x, y) + d(y, z) + d(x, z)$ , where,  $d$  is a metric on  $X$ .

A sequence  $\{x_n\}$  in a  $D$ -metric space  $(X, D)$  is said to be *D-converges*[1] to a point  $x \in X$  (denoted by  $\lim_{n \rightarrow \infty} x_n = x$ ) if for any  $\epsilon > 0$ , there exists an  $n_0 \in \mathbb{N}$  such that  $D(x_n, x_m, x) < \epsilon$  for all  $n, m > n_0$ .

A sequence  $\{x_n\}$  in a  $D$ -metric space  $(X, D)$  is said to be a *D-Cauchy sequence*[1] if for any  $\epsilon > 0$ , there exists an  $n_0 \in \mathbb{N}$  such that  $D(x_n, x_{n+m}, x_{n+m+l}) < \epsilon$  for all  $n > n_0$  and all  $m, l \in \mathbb{N}$ . A  $D$ -metric space  $(X, D)$  is said to be *complete*[1] if every  $D$ -Cauchy sequence in  $X$  converges to a point in  $X$ .

For  $D$ -metric space  $(X, D)$  and  $\emptyset \neq S \subset X$ , the *diameter*[5] of  $S$  is defined as  $\delta_D(S) = \sup\{D(x, y, z) : x, y, z \in S\}$ .

For a bounded sequence  $\{y_n\}$  in  $D$ -metric space  $(X, D)$ , let

$r_n = \delta_D(\{y_n, y_{n+1}, y_{n+2}, \dots\})$  for  $n \in \mathbb{N}$ . Then  $r_n$  is finite for all  $n \in \mathbb{N}$  and  $\{r_n\}$  is nonincreasing and  $r_n \geq 0$  for all  $n \in \mathbb{N}$ , and so there exists an  $r \geq 0$  such that  $\lim_{n \rightarrow \infty} r_n = r$ .

From now on, let  $(X, D)$  be a  $D$ -metric space such that  $D$  is continuous.

Note that if  $D$  is continuous and the limit of a sequence exists, then the limit of the sequence is unique.

Let  $\Phi$  be the class of all upper semicontinuous function  $\varphi : \mathbb{R}_+^5 \times \mathbb{R}_+ \rightarrow \mathbb{R}_+$  such that  $\varphi$  is nondecreasing on  $\mathbb{R}_+^5$  satisfying the following property:

$$\varphi((u, u, u, u, u), v) \geq 0 \quad \text{implies} \quad v \leq \phi(u)$$

where  $\phi : \mathbb{R}_+ \rightarrow \mathbb{R}_+$  is a nondecreasing upper semicontinuous function with  $\phi(0) = 0$  and  $\phi(t) < t$  for  $t > 0$ .

**Example 2.1.** Let  $\varphi_m : \mathbb{R}_+^5 \times \mathbb{R}_+ \rightarrow \mathbb{R}_+$  defined by

$\varphi_m((t_1, t_2, t_3, t_4, t_5), t_6) = \phi(\max\{t_1, t_2, t_3, t_4, t_5\}) - t_6$ , where  $\phi : \mathbb{R}_+ \rightarrow \mathbb{R}_+$  is a nondecreasing upper semicontinuous function with  $\phi(0) = 0$  and  $\phi(t) < t$  for  $t > 0$ . Then  $\varphi_m$  is upper semicontinuous on  $\mathbb{R}_+^5 \times \mathbb{R}_+$  and nondecreasing on  $\mathbb{R}_+^5$ . Also,  $\varphi_m((u, u, u, u, u), v) \geq 0$  implies  $v \leq \phi(u)$ . Thus  $\varphi_m \in \Phi$ .

### 3 Main Results

**Theorem 3.1.** Let  $(X, D)$  be a complete bounded  $D$ -metric space and  $T$  be a self map of  $X$  satisfying for all  $x, y, z \in X$ ,

$$(\varphi_T) \quad \varphi((D(x, y, z), D(x, Tx, z), D(y, Ty, z), D(x, Ty, z), D(y, Tx, z)), D(Tx, Ty, Tz)) \geq 0.$$

Then  $T$  has a unique fixed point  $p$  in  $X$  and  $T$  is continuous at  $p$ .

*Proof.* Let  $x_0 \in X$  and  $Tx_n = x_{n+1}$ . Then the orbit  $\{x_n\}$  is bounded. let  $r_n = \delta_D(\{x_n, x_{n+1}, x_{n+2}, \dots\})$ ,  $n \in \mathbb{N}$ . Then we know  $\lim_{n \rightarrow \infty} r_n = r$  for some  $r \geq 0$ .

If  $x_{n+1} = x_n$  for some  $n \in \mathbb{N}$ , then  $T$  has a fixed point, say  $p \in X$ .

Assume that  $x_{n+1} \neq x_n$  for each  $n \in \mathbb{N}$ .

Let  $k \in \mathbb{N}$  be fixed.

Taking  $x = x_{n-1}$ ,  $y = x_{n+m-1}$  and  $z = x_{n+m+l-1}$  in  $(\varphi_T)$  where  $n \geq k$  and  $m, l \in \mathbb{N}$ , we have

$$\begin{aligned} & \varphi((D(x_{n-1}, x_{n+m-1}, x_{n+m+l-1}), D(x_{n-1}, Tx_{n-1}, x_{n+m+l-1}), \\ & D(x_{n+m-1}, Tx_{n+m-1}, x_{n+m+l-1}), D(x_{n-1}, Tx_{n+m-1}, x_{n+m+l-1}), \\ & D(x_{n+m-1}, Tx_{n-1}, x_{n+m+l-1})), D(Tx_{n-1}, Tx_{n+m-1}, Tx_{n+m+l-1})) \\ & = \varphi((D(x_{n-1}, x_{n+m-1}, x_{n+m+l-1}), D(x_{n-1}, x_n, x_{n+m+l-1}), \\ & D(x_{n+m-1}, x_{n+m}, x_{n+m+l-1}), D(x_{n-1}, x_{n+m}, x_{n+m+l-1}), \\ & D(x_{n+m-1}, x_n, x_{n+m+l-1})), D(x_n, x_{n+m}, x_{n+m+l})) \geq 0. \end{aligned}$$

Thus we have

$$\varphi((r_{n-1}, r_{n-1}, r_{n+m-1}, r_{n-1}, r_{n+m-1}), D(x_n, x_{n+m}, x_{n+m+l})) \geq 0.$$

Since  $\varphi$  is nondecreasing on  $\mathbb{R}_+^5$  and  $\{r_n\}$  is nonincreasing, we have

$$\varphi((r_{k-1}, r_{k-1}, r_{k-1}, r_{k-1}, r_{k-1}), D(x_n, x_{n+m}, x_{n+m+l})) \geq 0,$$

which implies

$$D(x_n, x_{n+m}, x_{n+m+l}) \leq \phi(r_{k-1}).$$

Taking limit sup over  $n \geq k$ , we have  $r_k \leq \phi(r_{k-1})$ . Letting  $k \rightarrow \infty$ , we get  $r \leq \phi(r)$ . If  $r > 0$ , then  $r \leq \phi(r) < r$ , which is a contradiction. Thus  $r = 0$  and hence  $\lim_{n \rightarrow \infty} r_n = 0$ . Thus given  $\epsilon > 0$ , there exists an  $N \in \mathbb{N}$  such that  $r_N < \epsilon$ . Then we have for  $n \geq N$  and  $m, l \in \mathbb{N}$ ,  $D(x_n, x_{n+m}, x_{n+m+l}) < \epsilon$ .

Therefore,  $\{x_n\}$  is a D-Cauchy sequence in  $X$ . By the completeness of  $X$ , there exists a  $p \in X$  such that  $\lim_{n \rightarrow \infty} x_n = p$ . Hence  $\lim_{n \rightarrow \infty} Tx_n = p$ .

Taking  $x = x_{n-1}, y = x_{n+m-1}$  and  $z = p$  in  $(\varphi_T)$ , we have

$$\begin{aligned} & \varphi((D(x_{n-1}, x_{n+m-1}, p), D(x_{n-1}, Tx_{n-1}, p), D(x_{n+m-1}, Tx_{n+m-1}, p), \\ & D(x_{n-1}, Tx_{n+m-1}, p), D(x_{n+m-1}, Tx_{n-1}, p)), D(Tx_{n-1}, Tx_{n+m-1}, Tp)) \\ & = \varphi(D(x_{n-1}, x_{n+m-1}, p), D(x_{n-1}, x_n, p), D(x_{n+m-1}, x_{n+m}, p), \\ & D(x_{n-1}, x_{n+m}, p), D(x_{n+m-1}, x_n, p)), D(x_n, x_{n+m}, Tp)) \geq 0. \end{aligned}$$

Taking limit  $n \rightarrow \infty$ , we have

$$\begin{aligned} & \varphi((D(p, p, p), D(p, p, p), D(p, p, p), \\ & D(p, p, p), D(p, p, p)), D(p, p, Tp)) \geq 0 \end{aligned}$$

which implies  $D(p, p, Tp) \leq \phi(D(p, p, p)) = \phi(0) = 0$ . Hence  $Tp = p$ .

For the uniqueness, let  $p$  and  $w$  be fixed points of  $T$ .

Taking  $x = p, y = p$  and  $z = w$  in  $(\varphi_T)$ , we have

$$\begin{aligned} & \varphi((D(p, p, w), D(p, Tp, w), D(p, Tp, w), \\ & D(p, Tp, w), D(p, Tp, w)), D(Tp, Tp, Tw)) \\ & = \varphi((D(p, p, w), D(p, p, w), D(p, p, w), \\ & D(p, p, w), D(p, p, w)), D(p, p, w)) \geq 0 \end{aligned}$$

which implies  $D(p, p, w) \leq \phi(D(p, p, w)) < D(p, p, w)$  which is a contradiction.

Thus we have  $p = w$ .

Now, we show that  $T$  is continuous at  $p$ .

Let  $\{y_n\}$  be a sequence in  $X$  and  $\lim_{n \rightarrow \infty} y_n = p$ .

Taking  $x = p, y = p$  and  $z = y_n$  in  $(\varphi_T)$ , we have

$$\begin{aligned} & \varphi((D(p, p, y_n), D(p, Tp, y_n), D(p, Tp, y_n), D(p, Tp, y_n), D(p, Tp, y_n)), \\ & D(Tp, Tp, Ty_n)) \\ & = \varphi((D(p, p, y_n), D(p, p, y_n), D(p, p, y_n), D(p, p, y_n), D(p, p, y_n)), \\ & D(p, p, Ty_n)) \geq 0 \end{aligned}$$

which implies  $D(p, p, Ty_n) \leq \phi(D(p, p, y_n))$ .

Taking limit sup, we have  $\overline{\lim} D(p, p, Ty_n) \leq \overline{\lim} \phi(D(p, p, y_n)) \leq \phi(0) = 0$ .  
Hence  $\lim Ty_n = p = Tp$  and hence  $T$  is continuous at  $p$ . □

**Corollary 3.2.** *Let  $(X, D)$  be a complete bounded  $D$ -metric space,  $m \in \mathbb{N}$  and  $T$  be a self map of  $X$  satisfying for all  $x, y, z \in X$ ,*

$$\begin{aligned} & \varphi((D(x, y, z), D(x, T^m x, z), D(y, T^m y, z), \\ & D(x, T^m y, z), D(y, T^m x, z)), D(T^m x, T^m y, T^m z)) \geq 0. \end{aligned}$$

*Then  $T$  has a unique fixed point  $p$  in  $X$  and  $T^m$  is continuous at  $p$ .*

*Proof.* From Theorem 3.1,  $T^m$  has a unique fixed point  $p$  in  $X$  and  $T^m$  is continuous at  $p$ . Since  $Tp = TT^m p = T^m Tp$ ,  $Tp$  is also a fixed point of  $T^m$ , By the uniqueness it follows  $Tp = p$ . □

In Theorem 3.1(resp., Corollary 3.2), If we take  $\varphi = \varphi_m$  then we have the next result.

**Corollary 3.3.** *Let  $(X, D)$  be a complete bounded  $D$ -metric space and  $T$  be a self map of  $X$  satisfying for all  $x, y, z \in X$ ,*

$$\begin{aligned} & D(Tx, Ty, Tz) \\ & \leq \phi(\max\{D(x, y, z), D(x, Tx, z), D(y, Ty, z), D(x, Ty, z), D(y, Tx, z)\}). \end{aligned}$$

*Then  $T$  has a unique fixed point  $p$  in  $X$  and  $T$  is continuous at  $p$ .*

**Corollary 3.4.** *Let  $(X, D)$  be a complete bounded  $D$ -metric space,  $m \in \mathbb{N}$  and  $T$  be a self map of  $X$  satisfying for all  $x, y, z \in X$ ,*

$$\begin{aligned} & D(T^m x, T^m y, T^m z) \\ & \leq \phi(\max\{D(x, y, z), D(x, T^m x, z), D(y, T^m y, z), D(x, T^m y, z), D(y, T^m x, z)\}). \end{aligned}$$

*Then  $T$  has a unique fixed point  $p$  in  $X$  and  $T^m$  is continuous at  $p$ .*

**Remark 1.** In Corollary 3.3(resp., Corollary 3.4), if we have  $\phi(t) = kt$  for  $k \in [0, 1)$ , then Corollary 3.3(resp., Corollary 3.4) becomes same with Theorem 1.1(resp., Corollary 1[4]).

Let  $\Psi$  be the class of all upper semicontinuous functions  $\psi : \mathbb{R}_+^5 \times \mathbb{R}_+ \rightarrow \mathbb{R}_+$  such that  $\psi$  is nondecreasing on  $\mathbb{R}_+^5$  satisfying

$$\psi((u, u, u, u, u), v) > 0 \quad \text{implies} \quad v < u.$$

**Example 3.5.** Let  $\psi_m : \mathbb{R}_+^5 \times \mathbb{R}_+ \rightarrow \mathbb{R}_+$  defined by

$\psi_m((t_1, t_2, t_3, t_4, t_5), t_6) = \max\{t_1, t_2, t_3, t_4, t_5\} - t_6$ . Then  $\psi_m$  is upper semicontinuous on  $\mathbb{R}_+^5 \times \mathbb{R}_+$  and nondecreasing on  $\mathbb{R}_+^5$ . Also, we have that  $\psi_m((u, u, u, u, u), v) > 0$  implies  $v < u$ . Thus  $\psi_m \in \Psi$ .

**Theorem 3.6.** Let  $(X, D)$  be a compact  $D$ -metric space and  $T$  be a continuous self map of  $X$  satisfying for all  $x, y, z \in X$  with  $D(x, y, z) \neq 0$ ,

$$\begin{aligned} &\psi((D(x, y, z), D(x, Tx, z), D(y, Ty, z), D(x, Ty, z), D(y, Tx, z)), \\ &\quad D(Tx, Ty, Tz)) > 0. \end{aligned}$$

Then  $T$  has a unique fixed point  $p$  in  $X$ .

*Proof.* We know that for  $n = 1, 2, \dots$ ,  $T^n X$  is compact and  $T^{n+1}X \subset T^n X$ . Let  $X_0 = \bigcap_{n=1}^{\infty} T^n X$ . Then  $X_0$  is a nonempty compact subset of  $X$  and  $TX_0 = X_0$ .

We claim that  $X_0$  is a singleton set.

Suppose  $X_0$  is not singleton. Then we know the function

$D : X \times X \times X|_{X_0 \times X_0 \times X_0} \rightarrow \mathbb{R}_+$  has a maximum value. That is, there exists a  $(x_0, y_0, z_0) \in X_0 \times X_0 \times X_0$  such that  $D(x_0, y_0, z_0) \geq D(x, y, z)$  for all  $x, y, z \in X_0$ . Since  $TX_0 = X_0$ , there exist  $x_1, y_1, z_1 \in X_0$  such that  $Tx_1 = x_0, Ty_1 = y_0$  and  $Tz_1 = z_0$ . Thus we have

$$\begin{aligned} &\psi((D(x_1, y_1, z_1), D(x_1, x_0, z_1), D(y_1, y_0, z_1), D(x_1, y_0, z_1), D(y_1, x_0, z_1)), \\ &\quad D(x_0, y_0, z_0)) > 0 \end{aligned}$$

and so

$$\begin{aligned} &\psi((D(x_0, y_0, z_0), D(x_0, y_0, z_0), D(x_0, y_0, z_0), D(x_0, y_0, z_0), D(x_0, y_0, z_0)), \\ &\quad D(x_0, y_0, z_0)) > 0 \end{aligned}$$

which implies

$$D(x_0, y_0, z_0) < D(x_0, y_0, z_0). \quad \text{This is a contradiction.}$$

Thus  $X_0$  is singleton and hence  $T$  has a fixed point in  $X$ . □

**Corollary 3.7.** Let  $(X, D)$  be a compact  $D$ -metric space,  $m \in \mathbb{N}$  and  $T$  be self map of  $X$  satisfying for all  $x, y, z \in X$  with  $D(x, y, z) \neq 0$ ,

$$\begin{aligned} &\psi((D(x, y, z), D(x, T^m x, z), D(y, T^m y, z), D(x, T^m y, z), D(y, T^m x, z)), \\ &\quad D(T^m x, T^m y, T^m z)) > 0. \end{aligned}$$

Then  $T$  has a unique fixed point  $p$  in  $X$ .

*Proof.* From Theorem 3.6,  $T^m$  has a unique fixed point  $p$  in  $X$ . The proof is similar to that of Corollary 3.2. □

**Remark 2.** In Theorem 3.6(resp., Corollary 3.7), if we have  $\psi = \psi_m$ , then Theorem 3.6(resp., Corollary 3.7) becomes same with Theorem 1.2(resp., Corollary 2[4]).

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