

# Coincidence and Fixed Points of Non-expansive Type Mappings on 2-Metric Spaces

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## Abstract

In this paper a unique coincidence value is obtained for a class of self mappings satisfying non-expansive type condition on 2-metric spaces under various conditions and a fixed point theorem is also obtained.

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## INTRODUCTION

The concept of 2-metric space has been introduced and studied by Gahler ([2] – [4]). A number of authors have studied the contractive and contraction type mapping in 2-metric spaces. Recently, S.L.Singh et al. [5] proved a fixed point theorem in 2-metric space for non-expansive type mappings.

Gahler defined 2-metric space as follows:

A 2-metric on a set  $X$  with at least three points is a non-negative real-valued mapping  $d: X \times X \times X \rightarrow \mathfrak{R}$  satisfying the following properties:

$(G_1)$  To each pair of points  $a, b$  with  $a \neq b$  in  $X$  there is a point  $c \in X$  such

that  $d(a, b, c) \neq 0$

( $G_2$ )  $d(a, b, c) = 0$  , if at least two of the points are equal

( $G_3$ )  $d(a, b, c) = d(b, c, a) = d(a, c, b)$

( $G_4$ )  $d(a, b, c) \leq d(a, b, u) + d(a, u, c) + d(u, b, c)$  for all  $a, b, c, u \in X$

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

The sequence  $\{x_n\}$  is convergent to  $x \in X$  and  $x$  is the limit of this sequence if  $\lim_{n \rightarrow \infty} d(x_n, x, u) = 0$  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  $u \in X$ . A 2-metric space in which every Cauchy sequence convergent is called complete.

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  $u \in X$  , whenever  $\{x_n\}$  is a sequence such that  $\lim_{n \rightarrow \infty} fx_n = \lim_{n \rightarrow \infty} gx_n = t \in X$ .

A map  $T : X \rightarrow X$  is said to be non-expansive if  $d(Tx, Ty, u) \leq d(x, y, u)$  for all  $x, y, u \in X$ . The non-expansive type definition used herein is an extension of that of Ciric [1](see also [6]).

In [5] , the following result is obtained:

**Theorem 1.** Let  $(X, d)$  be a 2-metric space and  $T : X \rightarrow X$  satisfying the following non-expansive type condition:

$$\begin{aligned} d(Tx, Ty, u) &\leq a \max\{d(x, y, u), d(x, Tx, u), d(y, Ty, u), \\ &\frac{1}{2} [d(x, Ty, u) + d(y, Tx, u)]\} + b \max\{d(x, Tx, u), d(y, Ty, u)\} \\ &+ c[d(x, Ty, u) + d(y, Tx, u)] \end{aligned} \quad (1)$$

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 the fixed point.

We now prove the following result and that our condition (2) includes the above condition (1) of S.L.Singh et al. [5].

**Theorem 2.** Let  $(X, d)$  be a 2-metric space. Let  $T, f$  be self maps of  $X$  satisfying

$$\begin{aligned} d(Tx, Ty, u) &\leq a(x, y)d(fx, fy, u) \\ &+ b(x, y) \max\{d(fx, Tx, u), d(fy, Ty, u)\} \\ &+ c(x, y)[d(fx, Ty, u) + d(fy, Tx, u)] \end{aligned} \quad (2)$$

where  $a(x, y) \geq 0$ ,  $\beta = \inf b(x, y) > 0$ ,  $\gamma = \inf c(x, y) > 0$  and  $\sup[a(x, y) + b(x, y) + 2c(x, y)] = 1, x, y \in X$ .

With  $T(X) \subseteq f(X)$  and either

- (a)  $X$  is complete and  $f$  is surjective, or,
- (b)  $X$  is complete,  $f$  is continuous and  $T$  and  $f$  are compatible, or,
- (c)  $f(X)$  is complete, or,
- (d)  $T(X)$  is complete.

Then  $f$  and  $T$  have a coincidence point in  $X$ . Further, the coincidence value is unique, that is  $f_p = f_q$  whenever  $f_p = T_p$  and  $f_q = T_q$ ;  $p, q \in X$ .

**Proof.** Let  $x = x_0$  be an arbitrary point in  $X$ . Since  $T(X) \subseteq f(X)$  choose  $x_1$  so that  $y_1 = f x_1 = T x_0$ . In general, choose  $x_{n+1}$  such that  $y_{n+1} = f x_{n+1} = T x_n$  for  $n = 0, 1, 2, \dots$ . On applying inequality (2) and taking  $a(x_n, x_{n+1}) = a, b(x_n, x_{n+1}) = b, c(x_n, x_{n+1}) = c$  we get

$$\begin{aligned} d(f x_{n+2}, f x_{n+1}, f x_n) &= d(T x_{n+1}, T x_n, f x_n) \leq a d(f x_n, f x_{n+1}, f x_n) \\ &\quad + b \max\{d(f x_n, T x_n, f x_n), d(f x_{n+1}, T x_{n+1}, f x_n)\} \\ &\quad + c [d(f x_n, T x_{n+1}, f x_n) + d(f x_{n+1}, T x_n, f x_n)] \\ &= b d(f x_{n+1}, T x_{n+1}, f x_n) \\ &= b d(f x_{n+2}, f x_{n+1}, f x_n) \end{aligned}$$

Therefore we obtained  $d(f x_{n+2}, f x_{n+1}, f x_n) \leq b d(f x_{n+2}, f x_{n+1}, f x_n)$ . This implies that  $(1 - b) d(f x_{n+2}, f x_{n+1}, f x_n) \leq 0$ . Since  $1 - b > 0$  we get,

$$d(f x_{n+2}, f x_{n+1}, f x_n) = 0. \quad (3)$$

On applying inequality (2) again and using  $(G_4)$  and (3), we get,

$$\begin{aligned} d(T x_n, T x_{n+1}, u) &\leq a d(f x_n, f x_{n+1}, u) \\ &\quad + b \max\{d(f x_n, T x_n, u), d(f x_{n+1}, T x_{n+1}, u)\} \\ &\quad + c [d(f x_n, T x_{n+1}, u) + d(f x_{n+1}, T x_n, u)] \\ &= a d(f x_n, T x_n, u) \\ &\quad + b \max\{d(f x_n, T x_n, u), d(f x_{n+1}, T x_{n+1}, u)\} \\ &\quad + c d(f x_n, T x_{n+1}, u) \\ &= a d(f x_n, T x_n, u) \\ &\quad + b \max\{d(f x_n, T x_n, u), d(f x_{n+1}, T x_{n+1}, u)\} \end{aligned}$$

$$\begin{aligned}
& + c [d(fx_n, Tx_{n+1}, Tx_n) + d(fx_n, Tx_n, u) + d(Tx_{n+1}, Tx_n, u)] \\
& = a d(fx_n, Tx_n, u) \\
& + b \max\{d(fx_n, Tx_n, u), d(fx_{n+1}, Tx_{n+1}, u)\} \\
& + c [d(fx_n, Tx_n, u) + d(fx_{n+1}, Tx_{n+1}, u)] \tag{4}
\end{aligned}$$

Suppose that for some  $n$ ,  $d(fx_{n+1}, Tx_{n+1}, u) > d(fx_n, Tx_n, u)$  then we have from inequality (4),

$$\begin{aligned}
d(fx_{n+1}, Tx_{n+1}, u) & = d(Tx_n, Tx_{n+1}, u) < a d(fx_{n+1}, Tx_{n+1}, u) \\
& + b d(fx_{n+1}, Tx_{n+1}, u) \\
& + c [d(fx_{n+1}, Tx_{n+1}, u) + d(fx_{n+1}, Tx_{n+1}, u)] \\
& = (a + b + 2c) d(fx_{n+1}, Tx_{n+1}, u) \\
& \leq d(fx_{n+1}, Tx_{n+1}, u)
\end{aligned}$$

a contradiction, hence we must have,

$d(fx_{n+1}, Tx_{n+1}, u) \leq d(fx_n, Tx_n, u)$ , equivalently,

$$d(Tx_n, Tx_{n+1}, u) \leq d(Tx_{n-1}, Tx_n, u) \tag{5}$$

On applying inequality (2) and evaluating  $a, b, c$  at  $(x_{n-1}, x_n)$ ,

$$\begin{aligned}
d(y_n, y_{n+1}, u) & = d(Tx_{n-1}, Tx_n, u) \leq a d(fx_{n-1}, fx_n, u) \\
& + b \max\{d(fx_{n-1}, Tx_{n-1}, u), d(fx_n, Tx_n, u)\} \\
& + c [d(fx_{n-1}, Tx_n, u) + d(fx_n, Tx_{n-1}, u)] \\
& = a d(Tx_{n-2}, Tx_{n-1}, u) + b d(Tx_{n-2}, Tx_{n-1}, u) \\
& + c d(Tx_{n-2}, Tx_n, u) \tag{6}
\end{aligned}$$

On applying inequality (2) again, and using (3), (5) and  $(G_4)$ , we get

$$\begin{aligned}
d(Tx_{n-2}, Tx_n, u) & \leq \bar{a} d(fx_{n-2}, fx_n, u) \\
& + \bar{b} \max\{d(fx_{n-2}, Tx_{n-2}, u), d(fx_n, Tx_n, u)\} \\
& + \bar{c} [d(fx_{n-2}, Tx_n, u) + d(fx_n, Tx_{n-2}, u)] \\
& = \bar{a} d(Tx_{n-3}, Tx_{n-1}, u) \\
& + \bar{b} \max\{d(Tx_{n-3}, Tx_{n-2}, u), d(Tx_{n-1}, Tx_n, u)\} \\
& + \bar{c} [d(Tx_{n-3}, Tx_n, u) + d(Tx_{n-1}, Tx_{n-2}, u)] \\
& \leq \bar{a} [d(Tx_{n-3}, Tx_{n-2}, Tx_{n-1}) + d(Tx_{n-3}, Tx_{n-2}, u) \\
& + d(Tx_{n-2}, Tx_{n-1}, u)]
\end{aligned}$$

$$\begin{aligned}
& + \bar{b} \max\{d(Tx_{n-3}, Tx_{n-2}, u), d(Tx_{n-1}, Tx_n, u)\} \\
& + \bar{c} [d(Tx_{n-3}, Tx_{n-2}, Tx_n) + d(Tx_{n-3}, Tx_{n-2}, u) \\
& + d(Tx_{n-2}, Tx_n, u) + d(Tx_{n-1}, Tx_{n-2}, u)] \\
& \leq \bar{a} [d(Tx_{n-3}, Tx_{n-2}, Tx_{n-1}) + d(Tx_{n-3}, Tx_{n-2}, u) \\
& + d(Tx_{n-2}, Tx_{n-1}, u)] \\
& + \bar{b} \max\{d(Tx_{n-3}, Tx_{n-2}, u), d(Tx_{n-1}, Tx_n, u)\} \\
& + \bar{c} [d(Tx_{n-3}, Tx_{n-2}, Tx_{n-1}) + d(Tx_{n-3}, Tx_{n-1}, Tx_n) \\
& + d(Tx_{n-2}, Tx_{n-1}, Tx_n) + d(Tx_{n-3}, Tx_{n-2}, u) \\
& + d(Tx_{n-2}, Tx_{n-1}, Tx_n) \\
& + d(Tx_n, Tx_{n-1}, u) + d(Tx_{n-2}, Tx_{n-1}, u) \\
& + d(Tx_{n-1}, Tx_{n-2}, u)] \\
& = \bar{a} [d(Tx_{n-3}, Tx_{n-2}, u) + d(Tx_{n-2}, Tx_{n-1}, u)] \\
& + \bar{b} \max\{d(Tx_{n-3}, Tx_{n-2}, u), d(Tx_{n-1}, Tx_n, u)\} \\
& + \bar{c} [d(Tx_{n-3}, Tx_{n-1}, Tx_n) + d(Tx_{n-3}, Tx_{n-2}, u) \\
& + d(Tx_n, Tx_{n-1}, u) + d(Tx_{n-2}, Tx_{n-1}, u) \\
& + d(Tx_{n-1}, Tx_{n-2}, u)] \\
& \leq \bar{a} [d(Tx_{n-3}, Tx_{n-2}, u) + d(Tx_{n-3}, Tx_{n-2}, u)] \\
& + \bar{b} \max\{d(Tx_{n-3}, Tx_{n-2}, u), d(Tx_{n-3}, Tx_{n-2}, u)\} \\
& + \bar{c} [d(Tx_{n-3}, Tx_{n-1}, Tx_n) + d(Tx_{n-3}, Tx_{n-2}, u) \\
& + d(Tx_{n-3}, Tx_{n-2}, u) + d(Tx_{n-3}, Tx_{n-2}, u) \\
& + d(Tx_{n-3}, Tx_{n-2}, u)] \\
& \leq 2\bar{a} d(Tx_{n-3}, Tx_{n-2}, u) + \bar{b} d(Tx_{n-3}, Tx_{n-2}, u) \\
& + 4\bar{c} d(Tx_{n-3}, Tx_{n-2}, u) \\
& = [2(\bar{a} + \bar{b} + 2\bar{c}) - \bar{b}] d(Tx_{n-3}, Tx_{n-2}, u) \\
& \leq (2 - \bar{b}) d(Tx_{n-3}, Tx_{n-2}, u) \tag{7}
\end{aligned}$$

where  $\bar{a}, \bar{b}, \bar{c}$  are evaluated at  $(x_{n-2}, x_n)$ .

At the bottom line of the above inequality,  $d(Tx_{n-3}, Tx_{n-1}, Tx_n) = 0$ . Because, let  $d(Tx_{n-3}, Tx_{n-1}, Tx_n) \neq 0$ , then applying (4), we get

$$\begin{aligned}
d(Tx_{n-3}, Tx_{n-1}, Tx_n) & = d(Tx_{n-1}, Tx_n, Tx_{n-3}) \\
& \leq a d(fx_{n-1}, Tx_{n-1}, Tx_{n-3}) \\
& + b \max\{d(fx_{n-1}, Tx_{n-1}, Tx_{n-3}), d(fx_n, Tx_n, Tx_{n-3})\} \\
& + c [d(fx_{n-1}, Tx_{n-1}, Tx_{n-3}) + d(fx_n, Tx_n, Tx_{n-3})] \\
& \leq a d(Tx_{n-2}, Tx_{n-1}, Tx_{n-3}) \\
& + b \max\{d(Tx_{n-2}, Tx_{n-1}, Tx_{n-3}), d(Tx_{n-1}, Tx_n, Tx_{n-3})\} \\
& + c \max\{d(Tx_{n-2}, Tx_{n-1}, Tx_{n-3}) + d(Tx_{n-1}, Tx_n, Tx_{n-3})\}
\end{aligned}$$

$$\begin{aligned}
&= (b + c) d(Tx_{n-1}, Tx_n, Tx_{n-3}) \\
&< d(Tx_{n-1}, Tx_n, Tx_{n-3}).
\end{aligned}$$

a contradiction, showing  $d(Tx_{n-1}, Tx_n, Tx_{n-3}) = 0$ .

On using inequalities (5),(6) and (7), we get

$$\begin{aligned}
ad(Tx_{n-1}, Tx_n, u) &= d(y_n, y_{n+1}, u) \\
&\leq a d(Tx_{n-2}, Tx_{n-1}, u) + b d(Tx_{n-2}, Tx_{n-1}, u) \\
&\quad + c[(2 - \bar{b}) d(Tx_{n-3}, Tx_{n-2}, u)] \\
&\leq a d(Tx_{n-3}, Tx_{n-2}, u) + b d(Tx_{n-3}, Tx_{n-2}, u) \\
&\quad + c(2 - \bar{b}) d(Tx_{n-3}, Tx_{n-2}, u) \\
&= (a + b + 2c) d(Tx_{n-3}, Tx_{n-2}, u) \\
&\quad - \bar{b}c d(Tx_{n-3}, Tx_{n-2}, u) \\
&\leq (1 - \bar{b}c) d(Tx_{n-3}, Tx_{n-2}, u) \\
&\leq (1 - \beta\gamma) d(Tx_{n-3}, Tx_{n-2}, u) \\
&\leq (1 - \beta\gamma)^{n/2} d(y_0, y_1, u) \tag{8}
\end{aligned}$$

Hence  $\{y_n\}$  is a Cauchy sequence.

For cases (a) and (b) suppose that  $X$  is complete. Then Cauchy sequence  $\{y_n\}$  will converge to a point  $p$  in  $X$ .

**Case (a):** Since  $f$  is surjective, then there will exist a point  $z$  in  $X$  such that  $p = fz$ .

Then by applying inequality (2) , we obtain

$$\begin{aligned}
d(fx, Tz, u) &\leq d(fz, y_{n+1}, u) + d(fx, Tz, y_{n+1}) + d(Tz, y_{n+1}, u) \\
&\leq d(fz, y_{n+1}, u) + d(fx, Tz, y_{n+1}) + d(Tx_n, Tz, u) \\
&\leq d(fz, y_{n+1}, u) + d(fz, Tz, y_{n+1}) \\
&\quad + a(x, y)d(fx_n, fz, u) + b(x, y)\{d(fx_n, Tx_n, u), d(fz, Tz, u)\} \\
&\quad + c(x, y)[d(fx_n, Tz, u) + d(fz, Tx_n, u)] \\
&\leq \sup_{x, y \in X} [a(x, y) + c(x, y)] \max\{d(fx_n, fz, u), d(fz, fx_{n+1}, u)\} \\
&\quad + \sup_{x, y \in X} [b(x, y) + c(x, y)] \max[\max\{d(fx_n, Tx_n, u), d(fz, Tz, u)\}, d(fx_n, Tz, u) \\
&\quad + d(fz, Tx_n, u)] + d(fz, y_{n+1}, u) + d(fz, Tz, y_{n+1})
\end{aligned}$$

Taking the limit as  $n \rightarrow \infty$  we have

$$d(fz, Tz, u) \leq \sup_{x, y \in X} (b + c)d(fz, Tz, u) < d(fz, Tz, u)$$

implies that  $fz = Tz$ .

**Case (b):** Since  $f$  is continuous and  $f$  and  $T$  are compatible , then  $\lim_{n \rightarrow \infty} fy_n =$

$fp$  and  $\lim_{n \rightarrow \infty} fx_n = \lim_{n \rightarrow \infty} Tx_n = \lim_{n \rightarrow \infty} y_{n+1} = p$  and hence

$$\lim_{n \rightarrow \infty} d(fTx_n, Tfx_n, u) = 0 \quad (9)$$

Using (8), we get

$$\begin{aligned} d(fp, Tp, u) &\leq d(fp, fy_{n+1}, Tp) + d(fp, fy_{n+1}, u) + d(fy_{n+1}, u, Tp) \\ &\leq d(fp, fy_{n+1}, Tp) + d(fp, fy_{n+1}, u) + d(Tp, Tfx_n, u) \\ &\leq ad(ffx_n, fp, u) + b \max\{d(ffx_n, Tfx_n, u), d(fp, Tp, u)\} \\ &\quad + c[d(ffx_n, Tp, u) + d(fp, Tfx_n, u)] \\ &\leq \sup_{x, y \in X} a(x, y)d(ffx_n, fp, u) \\ &\quad + \sup_{x, y \in X} [b(x, y) + c(x, y)] \max[\max\{d(ffx_n, Tfx_n, u) \\ &\quad , d(fp, Tp, u)\}, d(ffx_n, Tp, u) + d(fp, Tfx_n, u)] \end{aligned} \quad (10)$$

Now, we have

$$\begin{aligned} d(ffx_n, Tfx_n, u) &\leq d(ffx_n, fTx_n, u) + d(fTx_n, Tfx_n, u) \\ &\quad + d(ffx_n, fTx_n, Tfx_n) \end{aligned}$$

Using the continuity of  $f$  and the compatibility of  $f$  and  $T$ , it follows that

$$\lim_{n \rightarrow \infty} d(ffx_n, Tfx_n, u) = 0, \lim_{n \rightarrow \infty} d(ffx_n, fTx_n, u) = 0 \quad (11)$$

$$\lim_{n \rightarrow \infty} ffx_n = fp \Rightarrow \lim_{n \rightarrow \infty} Tfx_n = fp.$$

Taking the limit as  $n \rightarrow \infty$  and using the inequality (9) and (10) we get

$$d(fp, Tp, u) \leq \sup_{x, y \in X} [b(x, y) + c(x, y)]d(fp, Tp, u)$$

implies  $fp = Tp$ .

**Case (c):** In this case  $p \in f(X)$ . Let  $z \in f^{-1}p$  then  $p = fz$ , and the proof is completed by case (a).

**Case (d):** In this case  $p \in T(X) \subseteq f(X)$  and proof is completed by case (c). To establish uniqueness, suppose that  $q$  is another coincidence point of  $f$  and

$T$ . Then from (2) with  $a, b$  and  $c$  evaluated at  $(p, q)$ , we have

$$\begin{aligned} d(Tp, Tq, u) &\leq ad(fp, fq, u) + b \max\{d(fp, Tp, u), d(fq, Tq, u)\} \\ &\quad + c[d(fp, Tq, u) + d(fq, Tp, u)] \end{aligned}$$

and so

$$d(Tp, Tq, u) \leq (a + 2c)d(Tp, Tq, u).$$

Hence  $Tp = Tq$ .

Now we show that our condition (2) includes the condition (1) of [4].

Define ,

$$M(x, y, u) = \max\{d(x, y, u), d(u, Tx, u), d(y, Ty, u), \frac{1}{2}[d(x, Ty, u) + d(y, Tx, u)]\}$$

and  $f = I$ , the identity mapping on  $X$ . For each  $x, y$  of  $X$  such that

$$M(x, y, u) = d(x, y, u)$$

define

$$a(x, y) = a, b(x, y) = b, c(x, y) = c.$$

For each  $x, y$  such that

$$M(x, y, u) = \max\{d(x, Tx, u), d(y, Ty, u)\},$$

define

$$a(x, y) = 0, b(x, y) = a + b, c(x, y) = c.$$

For each  $x, y$  such that

$$M(x, y, u) = \frac{1}{2}[d(x, Ty, u) + d(y, Tx, u)]$$

define

$$a(x, y) = 0, b(x, y) = b, c(x, y) = \frac{a}{2} + c.$$

**Corollary.** Let  $(X, d)$  be a complete 2-metric space and  $T$  a self map of  $X$  satisfying (2) with  $f = I$  the identity map on  $X$ . Then  $T$  has a unique fixed point and at this fixed point  $T$  is continuous.



**Proof.** The existence and uniqueness of the fixed point come from Theorem (2) by setting  $f = I$ . To prove continuity at the unique fixed point  $p$ , we apply inequality (2), where  $a, b, c$  are evaluating at  $(y_n, p)$ .

$$d(Ty_n, p, u) = d(Ty_n, Tp, u) \leq a d(y_n, p, u) + b \max\{d(y_n, Ty_n, u), d(p, Tp, u)\} \\ + c [d(y_n, Tp, u) + d(p, Ty_n, u)]$$

Taking the limit as  $n \rightarrow \infty$  yields

$$\lim_{n \rightarrow \infty} d(Ty_n, p, u) \leq (b + c) \lim_{n \rightarrow \infty} d(p, Ty_n, u) < \lim_{n \rightarrow \infty} d(p, Ty_n, u)$$

a contradiction, which implies,

$$\lim_{n \rightarrow \infty} Ty_n = p = Tp.$$

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