

A PAIR OF NON-SELF MAPPINGS IN CONE METRIC SPACES

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ABSTRACT. In this paper we extend from metric to cone metric spaces a fixed point theorem for a pair of non-self maps proved by M. S. Khan et al. [M. S. Khan, K. Pathak and M. D. Khan, Some fixed point theorems in metrically convex spaces, Gregorian Mathematical Journal, Volume 7 (3) (2000), 523-530].

1. INTRODUCTION AND PRELIMINARIES

Cone metric spaces were introduced in [3], where the authors described convergence in cone metric spaces, introduced completeness and proved some fixed point theorems of contractive mappings on these spaces. Recently, in [1], [4] and [13], some common fixed point theorems are proved for maps on cone metric spaces. The following definitions and results will be needed in the rest of this paper.

Let E be a real Banach space. A subset P of E is called a *cone* if and only if:

- (i) P is closed, nonempty and $P \neq \{\theta\}$;
- (ii) $a, b \in \mathbb{R}$, $a, b \geq 0$, and $x, y \in P$ imply $ax + by \in P$;
- (iii) $P \cap (-P) = \{\theta\}$.

Given a cone $P \subset E$, a partial ordering \preceq with respect to P is defined by $x \preceq y$ if $y - x \in P$. We write $x \prec y$ to indicate that $x \preceq y$ but $x \neq y$, while $x \ll y$ stands for $y - x \in \text{int}P$ (interior of P). A cone $P \subset E$ is *normal* if there is a number $k > 0$ such that for all $x, y \in P$: $\theta \preceq x \preceq y$ implies $\|x\| \leq k \|y\|$. The least positive number satisfying the previous condition is called the *normal constant* of P .

Definition 1.1. [3] Let X be a nonempty set. Suppose that the mapping $d : X \times X \rightarrow E$ satisfies:

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- (d_1) $\theta \preceq d(x, y)$ for all $x, y \in X$ and $d(x, y) = \theta$ if and only if $x = y$;
 (d_2) $d(x, y) = d(y, x)$ for all $x, y \in X$;
 (d_3) $d(x, y) \preceq d(x, z) + d(z, y)$ for all $x, y, z \in X$.

Then d is called a *cone metric on X* and (X, d) is called a *cone metric space*.

A concept of a cone metric space is more general than that of a metric space, because each metric space is a cone metric space, where $E = \mathbb{R}$ and $P = [0, +\infty)$.

Let $\{x_n\}$ be a sequence in X , and $x \in X$. If, for every c in E with $\theta \ll c$, there exists an $n_0 \in \mathbb{N}$ such that, for all $n > n_0$, $d(x_n, x) \ll c$, then it is said that x_n *converges to x* , denoted by $\lim_{n \rightarrow \infty} x_n = x$, or $x_n \rightarrow x, n \rightarrow \infty$. If, for every c in E , such that $\theta \ll c$, there is an $n_0 \in \mathbb{N}$ such that for all $n, m > n_0$, $d(x_n, x_m) \ll c$, then $\{x_n\}$ is a *Cauchy sequence* in X . If every Cauchy sequence is convergent in X , then X is a *complete cone metric space*.

Let (X, d) be a cone metric space. Then the following properties are often useful, particularly when dealing with cone metric spaces in which the cone need not to be normal (for details see [7]):

- (p_1) If $u \preceq v$ and $v \ll w$, then $u \ll w$.
 (p_2) If $\theta \preceq u \ll c$, for each $c \in \text{int}P$, then $u = \theta$.
 (p_3) If $a \preceq b + c$, for each $c \in \text{int}P$, then $a \preceq b$.
 (p_4) If E is a real Banach space with a cone P , and if $a \preceq \lambda a$, where $a \in P$ and $0 \leq \lambda < 1$, then $a = \theta$.
 (p_5) If $c \in \text{int}P$, $a_n \in E$, and $a_n \rightarrow \theta$, then there exists an n_0 such that, for all $n > n_0$, we have $a_n \ll c$. For details on cone metric spaces see three recent very important papers: [8], [9], [12].

In the following we suppose only that E is a Banach space, that P is a cone in E with $\text{int}P \neq \emptyset$, and that “ \preceq ” is a partial ordering with respect to P .

There exist a lot of fixed-point theorems for self-mappings defined on closed subsets on Banach spaces. However, for applications (numerical analysis, optimization, etc.) it is important to consider functions that are not self-mappings, and it is natural to search for sufficient conditions which would guarantee the existence of fixed points for such mappings—for details see: [5], [7] and [11]. In this paper we continue to study the non-self mappings in the frame of the cone metric spaces, started in [7] and [11].

Generalizing a theorem of [2], Khan et al., [10] proved the following result, valid in a complete metrically convex space.

Theorem 1.1. *Let X be a complete metrically convex space, and K a closed nonempty subset of X . Let $T : K \rightarrow X$ be the mapping satisfying the inequality*

$$(1.1) \quad d(Tx, Ty) \leq C \cdot \max \{d(x, Tx), d(y, Ty)\} + C' \cdot (d(x, Ty) + d(y, Tx)),$$

for all x, y in K , where C and C' are nonnegative reals such that:

$$\max \left\{ \frac{C+C'}{1-C'}, \frac{C'}{1-C-C'} \right\} = h > 0, \quad \max \left\{ \frac{1+C+C'}{1-C'} h, \frac{1+C'}{1-C-C'} h \right\} = h'$$

and $\max \{h, h'\} = h'' < 1.$

Further, $Tx \in K$, for every $x \in \partial K$. Then T has a unique fixed point in K .

2. MAIN RESULT

The purpose of this paper is to prove the analogue of Theorem 1.1, for a pair of non-self maps in the frame of cone metric spaces, using the concept of metric convexity. We use only the definition of convergence in terms of the relation “ \ll ”. The only assumption is that the interior of the cone P is nonempty - hence we use neither continuity of the vector metric d , nor Sandwich Theorem. We begin with the following definition.

Definition 2.1. Let (X, d) be a cone metric space, let K be a nonempty closed subset of X , and let $f, g : K \rightarrow X$. If f and g satisfy the condition

$$(2.1) \quad d(fx, fy) \preceq C \cdot u(x, y) + C' \cdot (d(fx, gy) + d(fy, gx)),$$

where $u(x, y) \in \{d(fx, gx), d(fy, gy)\}$, for all x, y in K , and where C, C' are non-negative reals as in Theorem 1.1, then f is a *generalized g -contractive mapping* of K into X .

A pair of nonself-mappings (f, g) , defined on a nonempty subset K of a cone metric space (X, d) , is said to be *coincidentally commuting* if, for $fx, gx \in K$, $fx = gx$ implies that $fgx = gfx$. Note that, for $K = X$, this notion is reduced to the corresponding notion of Jungck and Rhoades for self-mappings.

We state and prove our main result as follows.

Theorem 2.1. *Let (X, d) be a complete cone metric space, let K be a nonempty closed subset of X such that, for each $x \in K$ and $y \notin K$, there exists a point $z \in \partial K$ such that*

$$(2.2) \quad d(x, z) + d(z, y) = d(x, y).$$

Suppose that $f, g : K \rightarrow X$ are such that f is a generalized g -contractive mapping of K into X , and

- (i) $\partial K \subseteq gK, fK \cap K \subset gK;$
- (ii) $gx \in \partial K \Rightarrow fx \in K;$
- (iii) gK is closed in X .

Then there exists a point of coincidence p in K . Moreover, if (f, g) are coincidentally commuting, then p is the unique common fixed point of f and g .

Proof. First, we construct two sequences: $\{x_n\}$ in K and the sequence $\{y_n\}$ in $fK \subset X$ in the following way.

Let $x \in \partial K$ be arbitrary. There exists a point $x_0 \in K$ such that $x = gx_0$ as $\partial K \subset gK$. Since $gx_0 \in \partial K \Rightarrow fx_0 \in K$, we conclude that $fx_0 \in K \cap fK \subset gK$. Let $x_1 \in K$ be such that $y_1 = gx_1 = fx_0 \in K$. Let $y_2 = fx_1$. Suppose $y_2 \in K$. Then $y_2 \in K \cap fK \subset gK$, which implies that there exists a point $x_2 \in K$ such that $y_2 = gx_2$. Suppose $y_2 \notin K$. Then there exists a point $p \in \partial K$ such that $d(gx_1, p) + d(p, y_2) = d(gx_1, y_2)$. Since $p \in \partial K \subset gK$, there exists a point $x_2 \in K$ such that $p = gx_2$, so that the equation above takes the form $d(gx_1, gx_2) + d(gx_2, y_2) = d(gx_1, y_2)$. Put $y_3 = fx_2$. In this way, repeating the foregoing arguments, one obtains two sequences: $\{x_n\} \subset K$ and $\{y_n\} \subset fK \subset X$ such that:

- (a) $y_{n+1} = fx_n$, for $n = 0, 1, 2, \dots$;
- (b) if $y_n \in K$, then $y_n = gx_n = fx_{n-1}$;
- (c) if $y_n \notin K$, then $gx_n \in \partial K$ and $d(gx_{n-1}, gx_n) + d(gx_n, y_n) = d(gx_{n-1}, y_n)$.

Put

$$S = \{gx_i \in \{gx_n\} : gx_i = y_i\} \text{ and } Q = \{gx_i \in \{gx_n\} : gx_i \neq y_i\}.$$

Two consecutive terms cannot lie in Q . We have to estimate $d(gx_n, gx_{n+1})$. If $d(gx_n, gx_{n+1}) = \theta$ for some n , then it is easy to show that $d(gx_n, gx_{n+k}) = \theta$ for all $k \geq 1$.

Suppose that $d(gx_n, gx_{n+1}) \succ \theta$ for all n . From the presented construction we distinguish three cases:

Case 1. If $gx_n \in S$ and $gx_{n+1} \in S$, then according to (a), (b) and (2.1) we have:

$$\begin{aligned} d(gx_n, gx_{n+1}) &= d(y_n, y_{n+1}) = d(fx_{n-1}, fx_n) \\ &\preceq C \cdot u_1(x_{n-1}, x_n) + C' \cdot (d(gx_n, gx_n) + d(gx_{n+1}, gx_{n-1})) \\ &= C \cdot u_1(x_{n-1}, x_n) + C' \cdot (\theta + d(gx_{n+1}, gx_{n-1})) \\ &= C \cdot u_1(x_{n-1}, x_n) + C' \cdot d(gx_{n+1}, gx_{n-1}), \end{aligned}$$

where

$$u_1(x_{n-1}, x_n) \in \{d(fx_{n-1}, gx_{n-1}), d(fx_n, gx_n)\} = \{d(gx_n, gx_{n-1}), d(gx_{n+1}, gx_n)\}.$$

Clearly, there are infinitely many n such that at least one of the following two possibilities holds:

$$\text{I : } d(gx_n, gx_{n+1}) \preceq C \cdot d(gx_n, gx_{n-1}) + C' \cdot d(gx_{n+1}, gx_n) + C' \cdot d(gx_n, gx_{n-1}),$$

that is,

$$d(gx_n, gx_{n+1}) \preceq \frac{C + C'}{1 - C'} \cdot d(gx_{n-1}, gx_n).$$

$$\text{II : } d(gx_n, gx_{n+1}) \preceq C \cdot d(gx_{n+1}, gx_n) + C' \cdot d(gx_{n+1}, gx_n) + C' \cdot d(gx_n, gx_{n-1}),$$

that is,

$$d(gx_n, gx_{n+1}) \preceq \frac{C'}{1 - C - C'} \cdot d(gx_{n-1}, gx_n).$$

Case 2. Let $gx_n \in S$, $gx_{n+1} \in Q$. Then $y_n = gx_n$, $y_{n+1} \notin K$, $gx_{n+1} \in \partial K$ such that $d(y_{n+1}, gx_{n+1}) + d(gx_{n+1}, gx_n) = d(y_{n+1}, gx_n)$. We have

$$\begin{aligned}
 d(gx_n, gx_{n+1}) &\preceq d(gx_n, gx_{n+1}) + d(gx_{n+1}, y_{n+1}) \\
 &= d(gx_n, y_{n+1}) = d(fx_n, gx_n) = d(fx_{n-1}, fx_n) \\
 &\preceq C \cdot u_2(x_{n-1}, x_n) + C' \cdot (d(gx_n, gx_n) + d(fx_n, gx_{n-1})) \\
 &= C \cdot u_2(x_{n-1}, x_n) + C' \cdot (\theta + d(fx_n, gx_{n-1})) \\
 (2.3) \qquad &= C \cdot u_2(x_{n-1}, x_n) + C' \cdot d(fx_n, gx_{n-1}),
 \end{aligned}$$

where

$$u_2(x_{n-1}, x_n) \in \{d(fx_{n-1}, gx_{n-1}), d(fx_n, gx_n)\} = \{d(gx_n, gx_{n-1}), d(fx_n, gx_n)\}.$$

First, we have the following two cases:

I:

$$\begin{aligned}
 d(fx_n, gx_n) &\preceq C \cdot d(gx_n, gx_{n-1}) + C' \cdot d(fx_n, gx_{n-1}) \\
 &\preceq C \cdot d(gx_{n-1}, gx_n) + C' \cdot d(fx_n, gx_n) + C' \cdot d(gx_n, gx_{n-1}).
 \end{aligned}$$

It follows that

$$d(fx_n, gx_n) \preceq \frac{C + C'}{1 - C'} \cdot d(gx_{n-1}, gx_n),$$

i.e.,

$$(2.4) \qquad d(gx_n, gx_{n+1}) \preceq \frac{C + C'}{1 - C'} \cdot d(gx_{n-1}, gx_n).$$

II: In the similar manner we obtain

$$d(fx_n, gx_n) \preceq C \cdot d(fx_n, gx_n) + C' \cdot d(fx_n, gx_n) + C' \cdot d(gx_n, gx_{n-1}),$$

that is,

$$(2.5) \qquad d(fx_n, gx_n) \preceq \frac{C'}{1 - C - C'} \cdot d(gx_{n-1}, gx_n).$$

From (2.4) and (2.5) we get

$$(2.6) \qquad d(fx_n, gx_n) \preceq h \cdot d(gx_{n-1}, gx_n),$$

where $h = \max\left\{\frac{C+C'}{1-C'}, \frac{C'}{1-C-C'}\right\}$. Now, according to (2.3) we obtain

$$(2.7) \qquad d(gx_n, gx_{n+1}) \preceq h \cdot d(gx_{n-1}, gx_n).$$

Case 3. Let $gx_n \in Q$, $gx_{n+1} \in S$. Then $y_{n+1} = fx_n = gx_{n+1} \in K$, $y_n \notin K$ and $gx_n \in \partial K$, such that $d(y_n, gx_n) + d(gx_n, y_{n-1}) = d(y_n, y_{n-1})$, where $y_{n-1} = fx_{n-2} =$

$gx_{n-1} \in K$. Now, in view of Case 2, we have

$$\begin{aligned}
 d(gx_n, gx_{n+1}) &\preceq d(gx_n, y_n) + d(y_n, gx_{n+1}) \\
 &\preceq d(gx_{n-1}, gx_n) + d(gx_n, y_n) + d(y_n, gx_{n+1}) \\
 &= d(gx_{n-1}, y_n) + d(y_n, gx_{n+1}) \\
 (2.8) \qquad &\preceq hd(gx_{n-2}, gx_{n-1}) + d(fx_{n-1}, fx_n) \\
 &\preceq hd(gx_{n-2}, gx_{n-1}) + Cu_3(x_{n-1}, x_n)
 \end{aligned}$$

$$(2.9) \qquad +C' \cdot (d(fx_{n-1}, gx_n) + d(fx_n, gx_{n-1})),$$

where $u_3(x_{n-1}, x_n) \in \{d(fx_{n-1}, gx_{n-1}), d(fx_n, gx_n) = d(gx_n, gx_{n+1})\}$. Further, it follows that

$$\begin{aligned}
 d(fx_{n-1}, gx_n) + d(fx_n, gx_{n-1}) &= d(fx_{n-1}, gx_n) + d(gx_{n+1}, gx_{n-1}) \\
 &\preceq d(gx_{n+1}, gx_n) + d(gx_n, gx_{n-1}) + d(fx_{n-1}, gx_n) \\
 &= d(gx_{n+1}, gx_n) + d(gx_{n-1}, fx_{n-1}) \\
 &\preceq d(gx_n, gx_{n+1}) + h \cdot d(gx_{n-2}, gx_{n-1}).
 \end{aligned}$$

Now, from (2.9) we obtain:

$$\begin{aligned}
 \text{I} : \quad d(gx_n, gx_{n+1}) &\preceq h \cdot d(gx_{n-2}, gx_{n-1}) + C \cdot hd(gx_{n-2}, gx_{n-1}) \\
 &\quad + C' \cdot (d(gx_n, gx_{n+1}) + h \cdot d(gx_{n-2}, gx_{n-1})),
 \end{aligned}$$

that is,

$$(2.10) \qquad d(gx_n, gx_{n+1}) \preceq \frac{1+C+C'}{1-C'} \cdot h \cdot d(gx_{n-2}, gx_{n-1}).$$

$$\begin{aligned}
 \text{II} : \quad d(gx_n, gx_{n+1}) &\preceq h \cdot d(gx_{n-2}, gx_{n-1}) + C \cdot d(gx_n, gx_{n+1}) \\
 &\quad + C' \cdot (d(gx_n, gx_{n+1}) + h \cdot d(gx_{n-2}, gx_{n-1})),
 \end{aligned}$$

that is

$$(2.11) \qquad d(gx_n, gx_{n+1}) \preceq \frac{1+C'}{1-C-C'} \cdot h \cdot d(gx_{n-2}, gx_{n-1}).$$

Taking $h' = \max\left\{\frac{1+C+C'}{1-C'} \cdot h, \frac{1+C'}{1-C-C'} \cdot h\right\}$, we get from (2.10) and (2.11)

$$(2.12) \qquad d(gx_n, gx_{n+1}) \preceq h' \cdot d(gx_{n-2}, gx_{n-1}).$$

Now, from (2.7) and (2.12) we have in all Cases 1–3

$$(2.13) \qquad d(gx_n, gx_{n+1}) \preceq h'' \cdot w_n,$$

where $h'' = \max\{h, h'\}$ and $w_n \in \{d(gx_{n-2}, gx_{n-1}), d(gx_{n-1}, gx_n)\}$.

From (2.13), following the procedure of Assad and Kirk [2] (see also [5], [7], [11]), we shall show, by induction, that for all $n > 1$,

$$(2.14) \qquad d(gx_n, gx_{n+1}) \preceq h''^{\frac{n-1}{2}} \cdot w_2,$$

where $w_2 \in \{d(gx_0, gx_1), d(gx_1, gx_2)\}$.

For $n = 2$, according to (2.13) we have, $d(gx_2, gx_3) \preceq h'' \cdot w_2$, where

$$w_2 \in \{d(gx_{2-2}, gx_{2-1}), d(gx_{2-1}, gx_2)\} = \{d(gx_0, gx_1), d(gx_1, gx_2)\},$$

that is $d(gx_2, gx_3) \preceq h''^{\frac{2-1}{2}} \cdot w_2$, since $h'' < h''^{\frac{1}{2}}$. Hence (2.14) holds.

Similarly, again according to (2.13), for $n = 3$ we have $d(gx_3, gx_4) \preceq h'' \cdot w_3$, where

$$w_3 \in \{d(gx_{3-2}, gx_{3-1}), d(gx_{3-1}, gx_3)\} = \{d(gx_1, gx_2), d(gx_2, gx_3)\}.$$

If $w_3 = d(gx_1, gx_2)$, it follows that

$$d(gx_3, gx_4) \preceq h'' d(gx_1, gx_2) = h''^{\frac{3-1}{2}} w_2,$$

so (2.14) holds. If $w_3 = d(gx_2, gx_3)$ we have

$$\begin{aligned} d(gx_3, gx_4) &\preceq h'' \cdot d(gx_2, gx_3) \\ &\preceq h''^2 w_2 < h''^{\frac{3-1}{2}} w_2 \end{aligned}$$

(because $h'' \in (0, 1)$), and (2.14) also holds.

Therefore, (2.14) holds for $n = 2$ and $n = 3$. Suppose now that (2.14) holds for some n and $n + 1$. Then again from (2.13) it follows that $d(gx_{n+2}, gx_{n+3}) \preceq h'' \cdot w_{n+2}$, where $w_{n+2} \in \{d(gx_n, gx_{n+1}), d(gx_{n+1}, gx_{n+2})\}$, that is, we get the following two cases:

$$\begin{aligned} d(gx_{n+2}, gx_{n+3}) &\preceq h'' \cdot d(gx_n, gx_{n+1}) \text{ and} \\ d(gx_{n+2}, gx_{n+3}) &\preceq h'' \cdot d(gx_{n+1}, gx_{n+2}). \end{aligned}$$

Since (2.14) holds for n and $n + 1$, we obtain in the first case

$$d(gx_{n+2}, gx_{n+3}) \preceq h'' \cdot d(gx_n, gx_{n+1}) \preceq h'' \cdot h''^{\frac{n-1}{2}} \cdot w_2 = h''^{\frac{n+1}{2}} w_2,$$

and in the second case

$$d(gx_{n+2}, gx_{n+3}) \preceq h'' \cdot d(gx_{n+1}, gx_{n+2}) \preceq h'' \cdot h''^{\frac{n}{2}} \cdot w_2 \preceq h''^{\frac{n+1}{2}} w_2,$$

where $w_2 \in \{d(gx_0, gx_1), d(gx_1, gx_2)\}$.

Thus by induction we conclude that (2.14) holds for all $n > 1$.

From (2.14) and by the triangle inequality, for $n > m$ we have:

$$\begin{aligned} d(gx_n, gx_m) &\preceq d(gx_n, gx_{n-1}) + d(gx_{n-1}, gx_{n-2}) + \cdots + d(gx_{m+1}, gx_m) \\ &\preceq \left(h''^{\frac{n-2}{2}} + h''^{\frac{n-3}{2}} + \cdots + h''^{\frac{m-1}{2}} \right) \cdot w_2 \\ &\preceq \frac{\sqrt{h''}^{m-1}}{1 - \sqrt{h''}} \cdot w_2 \rightarrow \theta, \text{ as } m \rightarrow \infty. \end{aligned}$$

According to (p_5) and (p_1) it follows that, for $\theta \ll c$ and large m , $d(gx_n, gx_m) \ll c$, i.e., $\{gx_n\}$ is a Cauchy sequence. Since $gx_n \in K \cap gK$ and $K \cap gK$ is complete, there exists a point $p \in K \cap gK$ such that $gx_n \rightarrow p$. Let q in K be such that $gq = p$. By the construction of $\{gx_n\}$, there exists a subsequence $\{g_{n(k)}\}$ such that

$gx_{n(k)} = y_{n(k)} = fx_{n(k)-1}$ and hence $fx_{n(k)-1} \rightarrow p$. We now prove that $fq = p$. We have

$$\begin{aligned} d(fq, p) &\preceq d(fq, fx_{n(k)-1}) + d(fx_{n(k)-1}, p) \\ &\preceq C \cdot u_{n(k)} + C' \left(d(fq, gx_{n(k)-1}) + d(fx_{n(k)-1}, gq) \right) + d(fx_{n(k)-1}, p), \end{aligned}$$

where $u_{n(k)} \in \{d(fq, gq), d(fx_{n(k)-1}, gx_{n(k)-1})\}$. Since $y_{n(k)} = fx_{n(k)-1} \rightarrow p$, as $k \rightarrow \infty$, we obtain the following two cases:

1) $u_{n(k)} = d(fq, gq)$. Then

$$\begin{aligned} d(fq, p) &\preceq C \cdot d(fq, gq) + C' d(fq, gx_{n(k)-1}) + C' d(fx_{n(k)-1}, gq) + d(fx_{n(k)-1}, p) \\ &\preceq C \cdot d(fq, p) + C \cdot d(p, gq) + C' d(fq, p) + C' d(p, gx_{n(k)-1}) \\ &\quad + C' d(fx_{n(k)-1}, p) + d(fx_{n(k)-1}, p), \end{aligned}$$

that is,

$$d(fq, p) \preceq \frac{C' d(p, gx_{n(k)-1})}{1 - C - C'} + \frac{(1 + C') d(fx_{n(k)-1}, p)}{1 - C - C'}.$$

Put $a = \frac{C'}{1 - C - C'}$ and $b = \frac{1}{1 - C - C'}$. Let $\theta \ll c$ be given. Since $gx_{n(k)-1} \rightarrow p$ and $fx_{n(k)-1} \rightarrow p$, we can choose a positive integer k_0 such that, for all $k \geq k_0$, we have

$$d(fx_{n(k)-1}, p) \ll \frac{c}{2a} \quad \text{and} \quad d(p, gx_{n(k)-1}) \ll \frac{c}{2(a+b)}.$$

Thus, we get

$$d(fq, p) \preceq a \frac{c}{2a} + (a+b) \frac{c}{2(a+b)} = c,$$

in the case **1**).

2) $u_{n(k)} = d(fx_{n(k)-1}, gx_{n(k)-1})$. Then

$$\begin{aligned} d(fq, p) &\preceq C \cdot d(fx_{n(k)-1}, gx_{n(k)-1}) + C' d(fq, gx_{n(k)-1}) \\ &\quad + C' d(fx_{n(k)-1}, gq) + d(fx_{n(k)-1}, p) \\ &\preceq C \cdot d(fx_{n(k)-1}, gx_{n(k)-1}) + C' d(fq, p) + C' d(p, gx_{n(k)-1}) \\ &\quad + C' d(fx_{n(k)-1}, p) + d(fx_{n(k)-1}, p), \end{aligned}$$

i.e.,

$$\begin{aligned} d(fq, p) &\preceq \frac{Cd(fx_{n(k)-1}, gx_{n(k)-1})}{1 - C'} + \frac{C' d(p, gx_{n(k)-1})}{1 - C'} \\ &\quad + \frac{C' d(fx_{n(k)-1}, p)}{1 - C'} + \frac{d(fx_{n(k)-1}, p)}{1 - C'} \\ &\preceq \frac{1 + C + C'}{1 - C'} d(fx_{n(k)-1}, p) + \frac{C + C'}{1 - C'} d(p, gx_{n(k)-1}). \end{aligned}$$

Take now $A = \frac{1}{1-C'}$ and $B = \frac{C+C'}{1-C'}$. Let $\theta \ll c$ be given. There exists a positive integer k_1 such that, for all $k \geq k_1$, we have

$$d\left(fx_{n(k)-1}, p\right) \ll \frac{c}{2(A+B)} \quad \text{and} \quad d\left(p, gx_{n(k)-1}\right) \ll \frac{c}{2B}.$$

Thus, we get

$$d(fq, p) \ll (A+B) \frac{c}{2(A+B)} + B \frac{c}{2B} = c,$$

in the case **2**).

In both cases we obtain $d(fq, p) \ll c$, for each $c \in \text{int}P$. Using (p_2) it follows that $d(fq, p) = \theta$, i.e. $fq = p$.

Suppose now that f and g are coincidentally commuting. Then $p = fq = gq \Rightarrow fp = fgq = gfq = gp$. Then, from (2.1),

$$d(fp, p) = d(fp, fq) \preceq C \cdot u(p, q) + C' \cdot (d(fp, gq) + d(fq, gp)),$$

where

$$u(p, q) \in \{d(fp, gp), d(fq, gq)\} = \{\theta, \theta\} = \{\theta\}.$$

Hence, we get the following:

$$\begin{aligned} d(fp, fq) &\preceq C \cdot \theta + C' \cdot (d(fp, gq) + d(fq, gp)) \\ &= 2C' \cdot d(fp, fq). \end{aligned}$$

Since $2C' < 1$, it follows that $fp = fq$. Hence, p is a common fixed point of f and g . Uniqueness of the common fixed point follows easily from (2.1). \square

Setting $g = I_X$, the identity mapping of X in Theorem 2.1, we obtain the following:

Theorem 2.2. *Let (X, d) be a complete cone metric space, and let K be a nonempty closed subset of X such that, for each $x \in K$ and $y \notin K$, there exists a point $z \in \partial K$ such that $d(x, z) + d(z, y) = d(x, y)$. Suppose that $f : K \rightarrow X$ satisfies the condition*

$$d(fx, fy) \preceq C \cdot u(x, y) + C' (d(fx, y) + d(x, fy)),$$

where $u(x, y) \in \{d(x, fx), d(y, fy)\}$, for all x, y in K . Here C, C' are nonnegative reals as in the Theorem 1.1, and f has the additional property that for each $x \in \partial K$, the boundary of K , $fx \in K$. Then f has a unique fixed point.

Remark 2.1. Setting $E = \mathbb{R}$, $P = [0, +\infty)$, $\|\cdot\| = |\cdot|$ in Theorem 2.2 we obtain the main result from [10], i.e., Theorem 1.1 above. This shows that Theorem 2.1 is more general, since the main theorem from [10] can be obtained as its special case. We believe that the results of our paper can be extended to obtain a common fixed point theorem for a family of non-self mappings in the frame of the cone metric spaces, analogous to [6] for metrically convex spaces.

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