Common fixed point theorems for four self maps satisfying generalized (ψ, ϕ) -weak contraction in metric space

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Abstract. In this manuscript, we shall prove a common fixed point theorem for four weakly compatible self-maps P, Q, R and S on a metric space (M, d^*) satisfying the following generalized (ψ, ϕ) -weak contraction:

$$\psi(d^*(Ru,Sv)) \le \psi(\triangle(u,v)) - \phi(\triangle(u,v)),$$

where

$$\begin{split} \triangle \; (u,v) &= \max \left\{ d^*(Ru,Sv), d^*(Ru,Pu), d^*(Sv,Qv), \right. \\ &\frac{1}{2} [d^*(Pu,Sv) + d^*(Qv,Ru)], \\ &\frac{d^*(Pu,Ru)d^*(Qv,Sv)}{1 + d^*(Ru,Sv)}, \frac{d^*(Pu,Sv)d^*(Qv,Ru)}{1 + d^*(Ru,Sv)}, \\ &\frac{d^*(Ru,Pu) [\frac{1 + d^*(Ru,Qv) + d^*(Sv,Pu)}{1 + d^*(Ru,Pu) + d^*(Sv,Qv)}] \right\}. \end{split}$$

Also, we have proved common fixed point theorems for the above mentioned contraction using weakly compatible self-maps along with E.A. property and (CLR) property. An illustrative example is also provided to support our results.

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1. Introduction

Definition 1.1. A coincidence point of a pair of self-maps $P, Q : M \to M$ is a point $u \in M$ for which Pu = Qu.

A common fixed point of a pair of self-maps $P, Q: M \to M$ is a point $u \in M$ for which Pu = Qu = u.

In 1996, Jungck [2] introduced the concept of weakly compatible maps to study common fixed point theorems:

Definition 1.2. Let (M, d^*) be a metric space. A pair of self-maps $P, Q : M \to M$ is weakly compatible if they commute at their coincidence points, that is, if there exists $u \in M$ such that PQu = QPu, where u is coincidence point of P and Q.

In 2002, Aamri and Moutawakil [1] introduced the notion of E.A. property as follows:

Definition 1.3. Let (M, d^*) be a metric space. Two self-maps P and Q on M are said to satisfy the E.A. property, if there exists a sequence $\{u_n\}$ in M such that $\lim_{n\to\infty} Pu_n = \lim_{n\to\infty} Qu_n = t$, for some $t \in M$.

In 2011, Sintunavarat $et\ al.$ [5] introduced the notion of (CLR) property as follows:

Definition 1.4. Let (M, d^*) be a metric space. Two self-maps P and Q on M are said to satisfy the (CLR_P) property, if there exists a sequence $\{u_n\}$ in M such that $\lim_{n\to\infty} Pu_n = \lim_{n\to\infty} Qu_n = Pt$, for some $t \in M$.

2. Main results

In this section, we prove some common fixed point theorems for weakly compatible four self maps along with (E.A.) property and (CLR) property.

Theorem 2.1. Let (M, d^*) be a metric space and let P, Q, R and S be self-maps on M satisfying the followings:

$$(1) RM \subseteq QM, SM \subseteq PM,$$

For all $u, v \in M$, there exist right continuous functions $\psi, \phi : \mathbb{R}^+ \to \mathbb{R}^+$, with $\psi(0) = 0 = \phi(0)$ and $\psi(a) < a$ for a > 0 such that:

(2)
$$\psi(d^*(Ru,Sv) \le \psi(\triangle(u,v)) - \phi(\triangle(u,v)),$$

where

$$\begin{split} \Delta \; (u,v) &= \max\{d^*(Ru,Sv), d^*(Ru,Pu), d^*(Sv,Qv), \\ &\frac{1}{2}[d^*(Pu,Sv) + d^*(Qv,Ru)], \\ &\frac{d^*(Pu,Ru)d^*(Qv,Sv)}{1 + d^*(Ru,Sv)}, \frac{d^*(Pu,Sv)d^*(Qv,Ru)}{1 + d^*(Ru,Sv)}, \\ &d^*(Ru,Pu)[\frac{1 + d^*(Ru,Qv) + d^*(Sv,Pu)}{1 + d^*(Ru,Pu) + d^*(Sv,Qv)}]\}. \end{split}$$

If one of PM, QM, RM or SM is complete subspace of M, then the pair (P,R) or (Q,S) have a coincidence point. Moreover, if the pairs (P,R) and (Q,S) are weakly compatible, then P, Q, R and S have a unique common fixed point.

Proof. Let $u_0 \in M$ be an arbitrary point of M. From (2), we can construct a sequence $\{v_n\}$ in M as follows:

(3)
$$v_{2n+1} = Ru_{2n} = Qu_{2n+1}, v_{2n+2} = Su_{2n+1} = Pu_{2n+2},$$

for all n = 0, 1, 2, ... Now, we define $d_n^* = d^*(v_n, v_{n+1})$. If $d_{2n}^* = 0$ for some n, then $d^*(v_{2n}, v_{2n+2}) = 0$. Then $v_{2n} = v_{2n+1}$, that is, $Su_{2n-1} = Pu_{2n} = Ru_{2n} = Qu_{2n+1}$ and P and R have a coincidence point. Similarly, if $d_{2n+1}^* = 0$, then Q and S have a coincidence point. Assume that $d_n^* \neq 0$ for each n.

On putting $u = u_{2n}$ and $v = u_{2n+1}$ in (2), we get

(4)
$$\psi(d^*(Ru_{2n}, Su_{2n+1})) \le \psi(\triangle(u_{2n}, u_{2n+1})) - \phi(\triangle(u_{2n}, u_{2n+1})),$$

$$= \max\{d_{2n+1}^*, d_{2n}^*, d_{2n+1}^*, \frac{1}{2}[d_{2n}^* + d_{2n+1}^* + 0], \frac{d_{2n}^* \cdot d_{2n+1}^*}{1 + d_{2n+1}^*}, \\ 0, d_{2n}^* \frac{1 + d_{2n}^* + d_{2n+1}^*}{1 + d_{2n}^* + d_{2n+1}^*}\},$$

that is

Now, from (4), we have

(6)
$$\psi(d^*(v_{2n+1}, v_{2n+2})) \le \psi(\max\{d_{2n}^*, d_{2n+1}^*\}) - \phi(\max\{d_{2n}^*, d_{2n+1}^*\}),$$

Now, if $d_{2n+1}^* \ge d_{2n}^*$ for some n, then from (6), we get

(7)
$$\psi(d_{2n+1}^*) \le \psi(d_{2n+1}^*) - \phi(d_{2n+1}^*) < \psi(d_{2n+1}^*),$$

which is a contradiction. Thus, $d_{2n}^* > d_{2n+1}^*$ for all n, and so, from (6), we have

(8)
$$\psi(d_{2n+1}^*) \leq \psi(d_{2n}^*) - \phi(d_{2n}^*) \text{ for all } n \in N.$$

Similarly,

$$\begin{split} \psi(d_{2n}^*) &\leq \psi(d_{2n-1}^*) - \phi(d_{2n-1}^*), \\ \psi(d_{2n-1}^*) &\leq \psi(d_{2n-2}^*) - \phi(d_{2n-2}^*). \end{split}$$

In general, we have for all n = 1, 2, 3...

(9)
$$\psi(d_n^*) \leq \psi(d_{n-1}^*) - \phi(d_{n-1}^*)$$

$$< \psi(d_{n-1}^*).$$

Hence, sequence $\{\psi(d_n^*)\}$ is monotonically decreasing and bounded below. Thus, there exists $s \geq 0$, such that

$$\lim_{n \to \infty} \psi(d_n^*) = s.$$

From (9), we deduce that

$$0 \le \phi(d_{n-1}^*) \le \psi(d_{n-1}^*) - \psi(d_n^*)$$

Taking limit as $n \to \infty$ and using (10), we get

$$\lim_{n \to \infty} \phi(d_{n-1}^*) = 0,$$

this implies that

(11)
$$\lim_{n \to \infty} \phi(d_{n-1}^*) = \lim_{n \to \infty} \phi(d^*(v_{n-1}, v_n)) = 0.$$

(12)
$$\lim_{n \to \infty} d_n^* = \lim_{n \to \infty} d^*(v_n, v_{n+1}) = 0.$$

Now, we claim that $\{v_n\}$ is a Cauchy sequence. For this, it is sufficient to show that $\{v_{2n}\}$ is a Cauchy sequence. Let, if possible, $\{v_{2n}\}$ is not a Cauchy sequence. Then there exists an $\epsilon > 0$, such that for each even integer 2a there exists even integers 2m(a) > 2n(a) > 2a such that

(13)
$$d^*(v_{2n(a)}, v_{2m(a)}) \ge \epsilon.$$

for every even integer 2a, suppose that 2m(a) be the least positive integer exceeding 2n(a) satisfying (13), such that

(14)
$$d^*(v_{2n(a)}, v_{2m(a)-2}) < \epsilon.$$

From (13), we get

$$\epsilon \le d^*(v_{2n(a)}, v_{2m(a)})
\le d^*(v_{2n(a)}, v_{2m(a)-2}) + d^*(v_{2m(a)-2}, v_{2m(a)-1}) + d^*(v_{2m(a)-1}, v_{2m(a)}).$$

Using (12) and (14) in the above inequality, we get

(15)
$$\lim_{n \to \infty} d^*(v_{2n(a)}, v_{2m(a)}) = \epsilon.$$

Also, by the triangular inequality,

$$(16) |d^*(v_{2n(a)+1}, v_{2m(a)-1}) + d^*(v_{2n(a)}, v_{2m(a)})| \le d^*_{2m(a)-1} + d^*_{2m(a)}.$$

Using (12), we have

(17)
$$\lim_{n \to \infty} d^*(v_{2n(a)}, v_{2m(a)-1}) = \lim_{n \to \infty} d^*(v_{2n(a)+1}, v_{2m(a)-1}) = \epsilon.$$

Now, from (2), we have

$$\psi(d^*(Ru_{2n(a)}, Su_{2m(a)-1})) \le \psi(\Delta(u_{2n(a)}, u_{2m(a)-1})) - \phi(\Delta(u_{2n(a)}, u_{2m(a)-1})),$$
(18)

$$\begin{split} & \triangle \left(u_{2n(a)}, u_{2m(a)-1}\right) \\ & = \max\{d^*(Ru_{2n(a)}, Su_{2m(a)-1}), d^*(Ru_{2n(a)}, Pu_{2n(a)}), \\ & d^*(Su_{2m(a)-1}, Qu_{2m(a)-1}), \\ & \frac{1}{2}[d^*(Pu_{2n(a)}, Su_{2m(a)-1}) + d^*(Qu_{2m(a)-1}, Ru_{2m(a)})], \end{split}$$

$$\frac{d^*(Pu_{2n(a)},Ru_{2n(a)})\cdot d^*(Qu_{2m(a)-1},Su_{2m(a)-1})}{1+d^*(Ru_{2m(a)},Su_{2m(a)-1})},\\ \frac{d^*(Pu_{2m(a)},Su_{2m(a)-1})\cdot d^*(Qu_{2m(a)-1},Ru_{2n(a)})}{1+d^*(Ru_{2m(a)},Su_{2m(a)-1})},\\ \frac{d^*(Ru_{2n(a)},Pu_{2n(a)})\frac{1+d^*(Ru_{2n(a)},Qu_{2m(a)-1})+d^*(Su_{2m(a)-1},Pu_{2n(a)})}{1+d^*(Ru_{2n(a)},Pu_{2n(a)})+d^*(Su_{2m(a)-1},Qu_{2m(a)-1})}\}\\ =\max\{d^*(v_{2n(a)+1},v_{2m(a)}),d^*(v_{2n(a)+1},v_{2m(a)})+d^*(v_{2m(a)},v_{2m(a)-1}),\\ \frac{1}{2}[d^*(v_{2n(a)},v_{2m(a)})+d^*(v_{2m(a)-1},v_{2m(a)})}{1+d^*(v_{2n(a)+1},v_{2m(a)})},\\ \frac{d^*(v_{2n(a)},v_{2n(a)+1})\cdot d^*(v_{2m(a)-1},v_{2m(a)})}{1+d^*(v_{2n(a)+1},v_{2m(a)})},\\ \frac{d^*(v_{2n(a)},v_{2n(a)+1})\cdot d^*(v_{2m(a)-1},v_{2m(a)})}{1+d^*(v_{2n(a)+1},v_{2m(a)})},\\ d^*(v_{2n(a)+1},v_{2n(a)})\frac{1+d^*(v_{2n(a)+1},v_{2m(a)-1})+d^*(v_{2m(a)},v_{2n(a)})}{1+d^*(v_{2n(a)+1},v_{2m(a)})+d^*(v_{2m(a)},v_{2m(a)-1})}\}.$$

Now, taking limit as $a \to \infty$ and using equations (12), (14), (15) and (17), we get $\Delta(u_{2n(a)}, u_{2m(a)-1}) = \max\{\epsilon, 0, 0, \frac{1}{2}(\epsilon + \epsilon), 0, \frac{\epsilon \cdot \epsilon}{1+\epsilon}, 0\}$, that is

$$\triangle (u_{2n(a)}, u_{2m(a)-1}) = \epsilon.$$

Now, by (18), we have

$$\psi(\epsilon) \le \psi(\epsilon) - \phi(\epsilon),$$

which is a contradiction, since $\epsilon > 0$. Thus, $\{v_{2n}\}$ is a Cauchy sequence. So, $\{v_n\}$ is a Cauchy sequence. Now, suppose that PM is complete. Since $\{v_{2n}\}$ is contained in PM and has limit in PM say p, that is, $\lim_{n\to\infty} v_{2n} = p$. Let $q \in P^{-1}(p)$ then Pq = p.

Now, we shall prove that Rq = p.

Let, if possible, $Rq \neq p$ that is, $d^*(Rq, p) = k > 0$. On putting $u = q, v = u_{2n-1}$ in (2), we have

(19)
$$\psi(d^*(Rq, Su_{2n-1})) \le \psi(\Delta(q, u_{2n-1})) - \phi(\Delta(q, u_{2n-1})),$$

$$\Delta (q, u_{2n-1}) = \max\{d^*(Rq, Su_{2n-1}), d^*(Rq, Pq), d^*(Su_{2n-1}, Qu_{2n-1}), \\ \frac{1}{2}[d^*(Pq, Su_{2n-1}) + d^*(Qu_{2n-1}, Rq)], \frac{d^*(Pq, Rq) \cdot d^*(Qu_{2n-1}, Su_{2n-1})}{1 + d^*(Rq, Su_{2n-1})}, \\ \frac{(Pq, Su_{2n-1}) \cdot d^*(Qu_{2n-1}, Rq)}{1 + d^*(Rq, Su_{2n-1})}, \\ d^*(Rq, Pq) \frac{1 + d^*(Rq, Qu_{2n-1}) + d^*(Su_{2n-1}, Pq)}{1 + d^*(Rq, Pq) + d^*(Su_{2n-1}, Qu_{2n-1})} \}.$$

Taking limit as $n \to \infty$, we get

$$\begin{split} &\lim_{n\to\infty} \triangle \left(q,u_{2n-1}\right) = \lim_{n\to\infty} \max\{d^*(Rq,Su_{2n-1}),d^*(Rq,Pq),d^*(Su_{2n-1},Qu_{2n-1}),\\ &\frac{1}{2}[d^*(Pq,Su_{2n-1}) + d^*(Qu_{2n-1},Rq)],\frac{d^*(Pq,Rq) \cdot d^*(Qu_{2n-1},Su_{2n-1})}{1 + d^*(Rq,Su_{2n-1})},\\ &\frac{d^*(Pq,Su_{2n-1}) \cdot d^*(Qu_{2n-1},Rq)}{1 + d^*(Rq,Su_{2n-1})},\\ &\frac{d^*(Rq,Pq)\frac{1 + d^*(Rq,Qu_{2n-1}) + d^*(Su_{2n-1},Pq)}{1 + d^*(Rq,Pq) + d^*(Su_{2n-1},Qu_{2n-1})}\}\\ &= \max\{d^*(Rq,p),d^*(Rq,p),d^*(p,p),\frac{1}{2}[d^*(Pq,p) + d^*(p,Rq)],\\ &\frac{d^*(p,Rq) \cdot d^*(p,p)}{1 + d^*(Rq,p)},\frac{d^*(p,p) \cdot d^*(p,Rq)}{1 + d^*(Rq,p)},d^*(Rq,p)\frac{1 + d^*(Rq,p) + d^*(p,p)}{1 + d^*(Rq,p) + d^*(p,p)}\}.\\ &\lim_{n\to\infty} \triangle\left(q,u_{2n-1}\right) = d^*(p,Rq) = k. \end{split}$$

Thus, from (19),we have $\psi(d^*(Rq,p)) \leq \psi(k) - \phi(k)$, $\psi(k) \leq \psi(k) - \phi(k)$, which is a contradiction, since k > 0. Thus, Rq = Pq = p. Hence, q is coincidence point of the pair (P,R). Since $RM \subseteq QM$, Rq = p implies that, $p \in QM$. Let $w \in B^{-1}p$. Then Bw = p. By using the same arguments as above, we can easily verify that S w = p = Qw, that is, w is the coincidence point of the pair (Q,S). Similarly, we can prove the result if QM is complete subspace of M instead of PM. Now, if SM is complete then by (1), $p \in SM \subseteq PM$. In the same manner if RM is complete then $p \in RM \subseteq QM$. Now, since the pair (P,R) and (Q,S) are weakly compatible, so

$$p = Rq = Pq = Sw = Qw,$$

$$Pp = PRq = RPq = Rp,$$

$$Qp = QSw = SQw = Sp.$$
(20)

Now, we shall prove that Sp=p. Let, if possible, $Sp\neq p$. From (2), we have

$$\psi(d^*(p, Sp)) = \psi(d^*(Rq, Sp)) \le \psi(\triangle(q, p)) - \phi(\triangle(q, p)),$$

where

$$\Delta (q, p) = \max\{d^*(Rq, Sp), d^*(Rq, Pq), d^*(Sp, Qp), \frac{1}{2}[d^*(Pq, Sp) + d^*(Qp, Rq)], \frac{d^*(Pq, Rq) \cdot d^*(Qp, Sp)}{1 + d^*(Rq, Sp)}, \frac{d^*(Pq, Sp) \cdot d^*(Qp, Rq)}{1 + d^*(Rq, Qp) + d^*(Sp, Pq)}, d^*(Rq, Pq) \frac{1 + d^*(Rq, Qp) + d^*(Sp, Pq)}{1 + d^*(Rq, Pq) + d^*(Sp, Qp)}\}.$$

Using (20), we have

$$\triangle \ (q,p) = \max\{d^*(p,Sp), 0, 0, \frac{1}{2}[d^*(p,Sp) + d^*(Sp,p)], 0, \frac{d^*(Pq,Sp) \cdot d^*(Qp,Rq)}{1 + d^*(Rq,Sp)}, 0\}$$

$$\triangle \ (q,p) = d^*(p,Sp).$$

Thus, we have

$$\psi(d^*(p, Sp)) \le \psi(d^*(p, Sp)) - \phi(d^*(p, Sp)) < \psi(d^*(p, Sp)),$$

which is a contradiction. So, Sp = p. Similarly, Rp = p. Thus, we get Pp = Rp = Qp = Sp = p. Hence, p is the common fixed point of P, Q, R and S. For the uniqueness, let t be another common fixed point of P, Q, R and S.

Now, we claim that t = p. Let, if possible $t \neq p$. From (2), we have

$$\psi(d^{*}(p,t)) = \psi(d^{*}(Rp,St)) \le \psi(\triangle(p,t)) - \phi(\triangle(p,t))$$

= $\psi(d^{*}(p,t)) - \phi(d^{*}(p,t))$ since $\triangle(p,t) = d^{*}(p,t) < \psi(d^{*}(p,t)),$

which is a contradiction. Thus, t = p, and hence the uniqueness follows. This completes the proof of the theorem.

Theorem 2.2. Let (M, d^*) be a metric space and P, Q, R and S be self-maps on M satisfying (1) and (2) and the followings:

- (21) Pairs(P,R) and (Q,S) are weakly compatible.
- (22) Pair(P,R) or(Q,S) satisfy the E.A. property.

If any one of PM, QM, RM or SM is a complete subspace of M, then P, Q, R and S have a unique common fixed point.

Proof. Suppose that the pair (P,R) satisfies the E.A. property. Then, there exists a sequence $\{u_n\}$ in M, such that $\lim_{n\to\infty} Pu_n = \lim_{n\to\infty} Ru_n = p$, for some p in M. Since $RM \subseteq QM$, there exists a sequence $\{v_n\}$ in M such that $R\{u_n\} = Q\{v_n\}$. Hence, $\lim_{n\to\infty} Qv_n = p$.

We shall show that $\lim_{n\to\infty} Sv_n = p$.

Let, if possible, $Sv_n = q \neq p$. From (2), we have

$$\psi(d^*(Ru_n, Sv_n)) \le \psi(\Delta(u_n, v_n)) - \phi(\Delta(u_n, v_n)).$$

Now, taking limit as $n \to \infty$, we get

(23)
$$\lim_{n \to \infty} \psi(d^*(Ru_n, Sv_n)) \le \lim_{n \to \infty} \psi(\Delta(u_n, v_n)) - \lim_{n \to \infty} \phi(\Delta(u_n, v_n)),$$

$$\lim_{n \to \infty} \Delta (u_n, v_n) = \lim_{n \to \infty} \max \{ d^*(Ru_n, Sv_n), d^*(Ru_n, Pu_n), d^*(Sv_n, Qv_n), \frac{1}{2} [d^*(Pu_n, Sv_n) + d^*(Qv_n, Ru_n)], \frac{d^*(Pu_n, Ru_n) \cdot d^*(Qv_n, Sv_n)}{1 + d^*(Ru_n, Sv_n)},$$

$$\begin{split} &\frac{d^*(Pu_n,Sv_n)\cdot d^*(Qv_n,Ru_n)}{1+d^*(Ru_n,Sv_n)},\\ &d^*(Ru_n,Pu_n)\frac{1+d^*(Ru_n,Qv_n)+d^*(Sv_n,Pu_n)}{1+d^*(Ru_n,Pu_n)+d^*(Sv_n,Qv_n)}\}\\ &=\max\{d^*(p,q),d^*(p,p),d^*(q,p),\frac{1}{2}[d^*(p,q)+d^*(p,p)],\\ &\frac{d^*(p,p)\cdot d^*(p,q)}{1+d^*(p,q)},\frac{d^*(p,p)\cdot d^*(p,q)}{1+d^*(p,q)},\\ &d^*(p,p)[\frac{1+d^*(p,p)+d^*(q,p)}{1+d^*(p,p)+d^*(q,p)}]\}\\ &=d^*(p,q). \end{split}$$

From (23), we have

$$\psi(d^*(p,q)) \le \psi(d^*(p,q)) - \phi(d^*(p,q)) < \psi(d^*(p,q)),$$

which is a contradiction. Therefore, p=q, that is $\lim_{n\to\infty} Sv_n=p$. Suppose that QM is a complete subspace of M. Then p=Qa for some $a\in M$. Subsequently, we have $\lim_{n\to\infty} Sv_n=\lim_{n\to\infty} Ru_n=\lim_{n\to\infty} Pu_n=\lim_{n\to\infty} Qv_n=p=Qa$. Now, we shall show that Sa=Qa. Let, if possible $Sa\neq Qa$.

From (2), we have

$$\psi(d^*(Ru_n, Sa)) \le \psi(\Delta(u_n, a)) - \phi(\Delta(u_n, a)).$$

Taking limit as $n \to \infty$, we have

(24)
$$\lim_{n \to \infty} \psi(d^*(Ru_n, Sa)) \le \lim_{n \to \infty} \psi(\triangle(u_n, a)) - \lim_{n \to \infty} \phi(\triangle(u_n, a)),$$

$$\begin{split} \lim_{n \to \infty} \Delta \; (u_n, a) &= \lim_{n \to \infty} \max \{ d^*(Ru_n, Sa), d^*(Ru_n, Pu_n), d^*(Sa, Qa), \\ &\frac{1}{2} [d^*(Pu_n, Sa) + d^*(Qa, Ru_n)], \\ &\frac{d^*(Pu_n, Ru_n) \cdot d^*(Qa, Sa)}{1 + d^*(Ru_n, Sa)}, \\ &\frac{d^*(Pu_n, Sa) \cdot d^*(Qa, Ru_n)}{1 + d^*(Rq, Sa)}, \\ &d^*(Ru_n, Pu_n) \frac{1 + d^*(Ru_n, Qa) + d^*(Sa, Pu_n)}{1 + d^*(Ru_n, Pu_n) + d^*(Sa, Qa)} \} \\ &= \max \{ d^*(p, Sa), d^*(p, p), d^*(Sa, p), \frac{1}{2} [d^*(p, Sa) + d^*(p, p)], \\ &\frac{d^*(p, p) \cdot d^*(p, Sa)}{1 + d^*(p, Sa)}, \frac{d^*(p, p) \cdot d^*(p, Sa)}{1 + d^*(p, Sa)}, \\ &d^*(p, p) [\frac{1 + d^*(p, p) + d^*(Sa, p)}{1 + d^*(p, p) + d^*(Sa, p)}] \} \\ &= d^*(Sa, p). \end{split}$$

Thus, from (24), we have

$$\psi(d^*(p, Sa)) \le \psi(d^*(p, Sa)) - \phi(d^*(p, Sa)) < \psi(d^*(p, Sa)),$$

which is a contradiction. Therefore, Sa = p = Qa. Since Q and S are weakly compatible, therefore, QSa = SQa, implies that, SSa = SQa = QSa = QQa. Since $SM \subseteq PM$, there exists $b \in M$, such that, Sa = Pb.

Now, we claim that Pb = Rb. Let, if possible, $Pb \neq Rb$. From (2), we have

(25)
$$\psi(d^*(Rb, Sa)) \le \psi(\Delta(b, a)) - \phi(\Delta(b, a)),$$

where

$$\begin{split} & \Delta \; (b,a) = \max \{ d^*(Rb,Sa), d^*(Rb,Pb), d^*(Sa,Qa), \\ & \frac{1}{2} [d^*(Pb,Sa) + d^*(Qa,Rb)], \\ & \frac{d^*(Pb,Rb) \cdot d^*(Qa,Sa)}{1 + d^*(Rb,Sa)}, \\ & \frac{d^*(Pb,Sa) \cdot d^*(Qa,Rb)}{1 + d^*(Rb,Sa)}, \\ & \frac{d^*(Pb,Sa) \cdot d^*(Qa,Rb)}{1 + d^*(Rb,Qa) + d^*(Sa,Pb)} \} \\ & = d^*(Rb,Pb) \frac{1 + d^*(Rb,Qa) + d^*(Sa,Qa)}{1 + d^*(Rb,Pb) + d^*(Sa,Qa)} \} \\ & = d^*(Rb,Sa). \end{split}$$

From (25), we have

$$\psi(d^*(Rb, Sa)) < \psi(d^*(Rb, Sa)) - \phi(d^*(Rb, Sa)) < \psi(d^*(Rb, Sa)),$$

which is a contradiction. Therefore, Rb = Sa = Pb. Now, since (P, R) is weakly compatible. This implies that PRb = RPb = RRb = PPb.

Now, we claim that Sa is common fixed point of P, Q, R and S. Let, if possible, $SSa \neq Sa$. From (2), we have

$$(26) \ \psi(d^*(Sa, SSa)) = \psi(d^*(Rb, SSa)) \le \psi(\triangle(b, Sa)) - \phi(\triangle(b, Sa)),$$

$$\Delta (b, Sa) = \max\{d^*(Rb, SSa), d^*(Rb, Pb), d^*(SSa, QSa), \\ \frac{1}{2}[d^*(Pb, SSa) + d^*(QSa, Rb)], \\ \frac{d^*(Pb, Rb) \cdot d^*(QSa, SSa)}{1 + d^*(Rb, SSa)}, \\ \frac{d^*(Pb, SSa) \cdot d^*(QSa, Rb)}{1 + d^*(Rb, SSa)}, \\ d^*(Rb, Pb) \frac{1 + d^*(Rb, QSa) + d^*(SSa, Pb)}{1 + d^*(Rb, Pb) + d^*(SSa, QSa)} \} \\ = d^*(Sa, SSa).$$

Thus, from (26), we have

$$\psi(d^*(Sa, SSa)) \le \psi(d^*(Sa, SSa)) - \phi(d^*(Sa, SSa)) < \psi(d^*(Sa, SSa)),$$

which is a contradiction. Therefore, Sa = SSa = QSa. Hence, Sa is the common fixed point of Q and S. Similarly, we can prove that Rb is common fixed point of R and P. Since Sa = Rb, Sa is the common fixed point of P, Q, R and S. If we assume RM is complete subspace of M, the proof is similar. Similarly we can prove the theorem for cases when PM or QM is a complete subspace of M. Since $SM \subseteq PM$ and $RM \subseteq QM$.

Now, we shall prove the uniqueness of common fixed point. If possible, let c and d be two common fixed points of P, Q, R and S, such that $c \neq d$. From (2), we have

(27)
$$\psi(d^*(c,d)) = \psi(d^*(Rc,Sd)) < \psi(\triangle(c,d)) - \phi(\triangle(c,d)),$$

where

$$\triangle (c,d) = \max\{d^*(Rc,Sd), d^*(Rc,Pc), d^*(Sd,Qd), \frac{1}{2}[d^*(Pc,Sd) + d^*(Qd,Rc)], \frac{d^*(Pc,Rd) \cdot d^*(Qd,Rc)}{1 + d^*(Rc,Sd)}, \frac{d^*(Pc,Sd) \cdot d^*(Qd,Rc)}{1 + d^*(Rc,Sd)}, \frac{d^*(Pc,Sd) \cdot d^*(Qd,Rc)}{1 + d^*(Rc,Qd) + d^*(Sd,Pc)}, d^*(Rc,Pc) \frac{1 + d^*(Rc,Qd) + d^*(Sd,Pc)}{1 + d^*(Rc,Pc) + d^*(Sd,Qd)}\}$$

$$= d^*(c,d).$$

From (27), we have

$$\psi(d^*(c,d)) < \psi(d^*(c,d)) - \phi(d^*(c,d)) < \psi(d^*(c,d)),$$

which is a contradiction. Therefore, c = d and this follows the uniqueness and completes the proof of the theorem.

Theorem 2.3. Let (M, d^*) be a metric space. Let P, Q, R and S be self maps on M satisfying (1), (2), (21) and the followings:

(28)
$$RM \subseteq QM \text{ and the pair } (P, R) \text{ satisfies } (CLR_P) \text{ property},$$

 $SM \subseteq PM \text{ and the pair } (Q, S) \text{ satisfies } (CLR_Q) \text{ property}.$

Then P, Q, R and S have unique common fixed point.

Proof. Without loss of generality, assume that $RM \subseteq QM$ and the pair (P, R) satisfies the (CLR_P) property. Then, there exists a sequence $\{u_n\}$ in M such that $\lim_{n\to\infty} Pu_n = \lim_{n\to\infty} Ru_n = Pp$, for some p in M.

Since $RM \subseteq QM$, there exists a sequence $\{v_n\}$ in M such that $R\{u_n\} = Q\{v_n\}$.

Hence, $\lim_{n\to\infty} Qv_n = Pp$. Now, we shall show that $\lim_{n\to\infty} Sv_n = Pp$. Let if possible, $\lim_{n\to\infty} Sv_n = q \neq Pp$. From (2), we have

$$\psi(d^*(Ru_n, Sv_n)) \le \psi(\Delta(u_n, v_n)) - \phi(\Delta(u_n, v_n)).$$

Now, taking limit as $n \to \infty$, we have

(29)
$$\lim_{n \to \infty} \psi(d^*(Ru_n, Sv_n)) \le \lim_{n \to \infty} \psi(\Delta(u_n, v_n)) - \lim_{n \to \infty} \phi(\Delta(u_n, v_n)),$$

where

$$\begin{split} \lim_{n \to \infty} \, \triangle \, \left(u_n, v_n \right) &= \lim_{n \to \infty} \max \{ d^*(Ru_n, Sv_n), d^*(Ru_n, Pu_n), d^*(Sv_n, Qv_n), \\ &\frac{1}{2} [d^*(Pu_n, Sv_n) + d^*(Qv_n, Ru_n)], \\ &\frac{d^*(Pu_n, Ru_n) \cdot d^*(QV_n, Sv_n)}{1 + d^*(Ru_n, Sv_n)}, \\ &\frac{d^*(Pu_n, Sv_n) \cdot d^*(Qv_n, Ru_n)}{1 + d^*(Ru_n, Sv_n)}, \\ &\frac{d^*(Ru_n, Pu_n) \frac{1 + d^*(Ru_n, Qv_n) + d^*(Sv_n, Pu_n)}{1 + d^*(Ru_n, Pu_n) + d^*(Sv_n, Qv_n)} \} \\ &= \max \{ d^*(Pq, q), d^*(Pp, Pp), d^*(q, Pp), \frac{1}{2} [d^*(Pp, q) + d^*(Pp, Pp)], \\ &\frac{d^*(Pq, q) \cdot d^*(Pp, Pp)}{1 + d^*(Pp, q)}, \frac{d^*(Pp, Pp) \cdot d^*(Pp, q)}{1 + d^*(Pp, q)}, \\ &\frac{d^*(Pp, Pp) [\frac{1 + d^*(Pp, Pp) + d^*(q, Pp)}{1 + d^*(Pp, Pp) + d^*(q, Pp)}] \} \\ &= d^*(Pp, q). \end{split}$$

From (29), we have

$$\psi(d^*(Pp, q)) < \psi(d^*(Pp, q)) - \phi(d^*(Pp, q)) < \psi(d^*(Pp, q)).$$

which is a contradiction. Therefore, Pp=q, that is, $\lim_{n\to\infty} Sv_n=Pp=q$. Subsequently, we have $\lim_{n\to\infty} Sv_n=\lim_{n\to\infty} Ru_n=\lim_{n\to\infty} Pu_n$ $=\lim_{n\to\infty} Qv_n=Pp=q$. Now, we shall show that Rp=q. Let, if possible, $Rp\neq q$. From (2), we have

$$\psi(d^*(Rp, Sv_n)) \le \psi(\triangle(p, v_n)) - \phi(\triangle(p, v_n)).$$

Now, taking limit as $n \to \infty$, we have

(30)
$$\lim_{n \to \infty} \psi(d^*(Rp, Sv_n)) \le \lim_{n \to \infty} \psi(\triangle(p, v_n)) - \lim_{n \to \infty} \phi(\triangle(p, v_n)),$$

where

$$\begin{split} \lim_{n \to \infty} \Delta & \left(p, v_n \right) = \lim_{n \to \infty} \max \{ d^*(Rp, Sv_n), d^*(Rp, Pp), d^*(Sv_n, Qv_n), \\ & \frac{1}{2} [d^*(Pp, Sv_n) + d^*(Qv_n, Rp)], \frac{d^*(Pp, Rp) \cdot d^*(QV_n, Sv_n)}{1 + d^*(Rp, Sv_n)}, \\ & \frac{d^*(Pp, Sv_n) \cdot d^*(Qv_n, Rp)}{1 + d^*(Rp, Sv_n)}, \\ & d^*(Rp, Pp) \frac{1 + d^*(Rp, Qv_n) + d^*(Sv_n, Pp)}{1 + d^*(Rp, Pp) + d^*(Sv_n, Qv_n)} \} \\ & = \max \{ d^*(Rp, q), d^*(Rp, q), d^*(q, q), \frac{1}{2} [d^*(q, q) + d^*(q, Rp)], \\ & \frac{d^*(q, Rp) \cdot d^*(q, q)}{1 + d^*(Rp, q)}, \frac{d^*(q, q) \cdot d^*(q, Rp)}{1 + d^*(Rp, q)}, \\ & d^*(Rp, q) [\frac{1 + d^*(Rp, q) + d^*(q, q)}{1 + d^*(Rp, q) + d^*(q, q)}] \} \\ & = d^*(Rp, q). \end{split}$$

Thus, from (30), we get

$$\psi(d^*(Rp,q)) \le \psi(d^*(Rp,q)) - \phi(d^*(Rp,q)) < \psi(d^*(Rp,q)),$$

which is a contradiction. Therefore, Rp = q = Pp. Since the pair (P, R) is weakly compatible, it follows that Pq = Rq. Also, since $RM \subseteq QM$, there exists some r in M, such that, Rp = Qr, that is, Qr = q. Now, we show that Sr = q. Let, if possible $Sr \neq q$. From (2), we have

$$\psi(d^*(Ru_n, Sr)) < \psi(\Delta(u_n, r)) - \phi(\Delta(u_n, r)).$$

Now, taking limit as $n \to \infty$, we have

(31)
$$\lim_{n \to \infty} \psi(d^*(Ru_n, Sr)) \le \lim_{n \to \infty} \psi(\triangle(u_n, r)) - \lim_{n \to \infty} \phi(\triangle(u_n, r)),$$

$$\begin{split} \lim_{n \to \infty} \triangle \left(u_n, r \right) &= \lim_{n \to \infty} \max \{ d^*(Ru_n, Sr), d^*(Ru_n, Pu_n), d^*(Sr, Qr), \\ &\frac{1}{2} [d^*(Pu_n, Sr) + d^*(Qr, Ru_n)], \\ &\frac{d^*(Pu_n, Ru_n) \cdot d^*(Qr, Sr)}{1 + d^*(Ru_n, Sr)}, \frac{d^*(Pu_n, Sr) \cdot d^*(Qr, Ru_n)}{1 + d^*(Ru_n, Sr)}, \\ &d^*(Ru_n, Pu_n) \frac{1 + d^*(Ru_n, Qr) + d^*(Sr, Pu_n)}{1 + d^*(Ru_n, Pu_n) + d^*(Sr, Qr)} \} \\ &= \max \{ d^*(q, Sr), d^*(q, q), d^*(Sr, q), \frac{1}{2} [d^*(q, Sr) + d^*(q, q)], \\ \end{split}$$

$$\begin{split} &\frac{d^*(q,q)\cdot d^*(q,Sr)}{1+d^*(q,Sr)}, \frac{d^*(q,Sr)\cdot d^*(q,q)}{1+d^*(q,Sr)}, \\ &d^*(q,q)[\frac{1+d^*(q,q)+d^*(Sr,q)}{1+d^*(q,q)+d^*(Sr,q)}]\} \\ &=d^*(Sr,q). \end{split}$$

Thus, from (31), we get

$$\psi(d^*(q, Sr)) \le \psi(d^*(q, Sr)) - \phi(d^*(q, Sr)) < \psi(d^*(q, Sr)),$$

which is a contradiction. Therefore, Sr = q = Qr. Since the pair (Q, S) is weakly compatible, it follows that Sq = Qq. Now, we claim that Rq = Sq. Let, if possible, $Rq \neq Sq$. From (2), we have

(32)
$$\psi(d^*(Rq, Sq)) \le \psi(\triangle(q, q)) - \phi(\triangle(\triangle(q, q))),$$

where

$$\triangle (q,q) = \max\{d^*(Rq,Sq), d^*(Rq,Pq), d^*(Sq,Qq), \frac{1}{2}[d^*(Pq,Sq) + d^*(Qq,Rq)],$$

$$\frac{d^*(Pq,Rq) \cdot d^*(Qq,Sq)}{1 + d^*(Rq,Sq)}, \frac{d^*(Pq,Sq) \cdot d^*(Qq,Rq)}{1 + d^*(Rq,Sq)},$$

$$d^*(Rq,Pq) \frac{1 + d^*(Rq,Qq) + d^*(Sq,Pq)}{1 + d^*(Rq,Pq) + d^*(Sq,Qq)} \}$$

$$= d^*(Sq,Rq).$$

From (32), we have

$$\psi(d^*(Rq, Sq)) < \psi(d^*(Rq, Sq)) - \phi(d^*(Rq, Sq)) < \psi(d^*(Rq, Sq)),$$

which is a contradiction. Thus, Rq = Sq, that is, Pq = Rq = Sq = Qq. Now, we shall show that q = Sq. Let, if possible, $q \neq Sq$. From (2), we have

(33)
$$\psi(d^*(Rp, Sq)) \le \psi(\triangle(p, q)) - \phi(\triangle(p, q)),$$

where

$$\Delta (p,q) = \max\{d^*(Rp, Sq), d^*(Rp, Pp), d^*(Sq, Qq), \frac{1}{2}[d^*(Pp, Sq) + d^*(Qq, Rp)], \frac{d^*(Pp, Rp) \cdot d^*(Qq, Sq)}{1 + d^*(Rp, Sq)}, \frac{d^*(Pp, Sq) \cdot d^*(Qq, Rp)}{1 + d^*(Rp, Sq)}, \frac{d^*(Rp, Pp) \cdot d^*(Rp, Pp)}{1 + d^*(Rp, Pp) + d^*(Sq, Pp)}\}$$

$$= d^*(Sq, Rp).$$

From (33), we have

$$\psi(d^*(Rp, Sq)) \le \psi(d^*(Rp, Sq)) - \phi(d^*(Rp, Sq)) < \psi(d^*(Rp, Sq)),$$

which is a contradiction. Therefore, q = Sq = Qq = Pq = Rq. Hence, q is the common fixed point of P, Q, R and S.

Now, we shall prove the uniqueness of common fixed point. Let c and d be two common fixed point of P, Q, R and S. Let, if possible, $c \neq d$. From (2), we have

$$\psi(d^*(c,d)) = \psi(d^*(Rc,Sd)) \le \psi(\Delta(c,d)) - \phi(\Delta(c,d)) = \psi(d^*(c,d)) - \phi(d^*(c,d)) < \psi(d^*(c,d)),$$

which is a contradiction. Therefore, c=d. This proves the uniqueness of common fixed point.

Example 2.1. Let M = [0, 1] be endowed with the Euclidean metric $d^*(u, v) = |u - v|$. Let the self maps P, Q, R and S be defined by

$$Ru = \frac{u}{9}, Qu = \frac{u}{6}, Su = \frac{u}{3}, Pu = u.$$

Clearly, $RM=[0,\frac{1}{9}]\subseteq [0,\frac{1}{6}]=QM,$ $SM=[0,\frac{1}{3}]\subseteq [0,1]=PM.$ Also, PM is complete subspace of M and pair (P,R), (Q,S) are weakly compatible. Now,

$$\begin{split} d^*(Ru,Sv) &= |\frac{u}{9} - \frac{v}{3}| = \frac{1}{9}|u - 3v|, \\ d^*(Pu,Qv) &= |u - \frac{v}{6}| = \frac{1}{6}|6u - v|, \\ d^*(Ru,Pu) &= |\frac{u}{9} - u| = \frac{8u}{9}, \\ d^*(Qv,Sv) &= |\frac{v}{6} - \frac{v}{3}| = \frac{v}{6}, \\ d^*(Ru,Su) &= |\frac{u}{9} - \frac{u}{3}| = \frac{2u}{9}, \\ d^*(Pu,Su) &= |u - \frac{u}{3}| = \frac{2u}{3}, \\ d^*(Qu,Rv) &= |\frac{u}{6} - \frac{v}{9}| = \frac{1}{18}|3u - 2v|, \\ \frac{1}{2}[d^*(Pu,Su) + d^*(Qu,Rv)] &= \frac{1}{2}[\frac{2u}{3} + \frac{1}{18}|3u - 2v|] = \frac{1}{36}|15u - 2v|, \\ \frac{(d^*(Pv,Ru) \cdot d^*(Qu,Su)}{(1+d^*(Rv,Su)}) &= \frac{\frac{8v}{9} \cdot \frac{u}{6}}{1+\frac{1}{9}|3v - u|} = \frac{4uv}{3(9+3v - u)}, \\ \frac{1+d^*(Rv,Qu) + d^*(Su,Pv)}{1+d^*(Rv,Pv) + d^*(Su,Qu)} &= \frac{1+\frac{1}{18}(3u - 2v) + \frac{1}{9}(u - 9v)}{1+\frac{8v}{9} + \frac{u}{6}} = \frac{|18+5u - 20v|}{|18+16v + 3u|} \end{split}$$

Let $\psi(a) = \frac{a}{2}$ and $\phi(a) = \frac{a}{4}$. Thus, we have

$$\psi(d^*(Ru,Sv)) = \psi(\frac{u}{9} - \frac{v}{3}) = \frac{1}{2}|\frac{u}{9} - \frac{v}{3}| = \frac{1}{18}|u - 3v|,$$

Thus, we have

$$\psi(\triangle(u,v)) - \phi(\triangle(u,v)) = \frac{4u}{9} - \frac{2u}{9} = \frac{2u}{9}.$$

Hence

$$\psi(d^*(Ru,Sv)) \le \psi(\triangle(u,v)) - \phi(\triangle(u,v)).$$

This satisfies (2). If we consider the sequence $\{u_n\} = \{\frac{1}{2n}\}$, then

$$\lim_{n\to\infty} Pu_n = \lim_{n\to\infty} u_n = \lim_{n\to\infty} \frac{1}{2n} = 0, \lim_{n\to\infty} Ru_n = \lim_{n\to\infty} \frac{u_n}{9} = \lim_{n\to\infty} \frac{1}{2n\times 9} = 0.$$

Therefore,

$$\lim_{n \to \infty} Pu_n = \lim_{n \to \infty} Ru_n = 0, \text{ where } 0 \in M.$$

So, the pair (P, R) satisfied the E.A. property. Also,

$$\lim_{n \to \infty} Pu_n = \lim_{n \to \infty} Ru_n = 0 = P(0).$$

So, the pair (P, R) satisfies the (CLR_P) property. Hence, all the conditions of above Theorems are satisfied. Therefore, P, Q, R and S must have unique common fixed point. Here 0 is the unique common fixed point of P, Q, R and S.

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