

SOME COMMON FIXED POINT THEOREMS OF COMPATIBLE MAPPINGS OF TYPE (R)

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ABSTRACT

Compatible mappings of type (R) was introduced by Rohen et.al., [5] by combining the definitions of compatible mappings and compatible mappings of type (P). In this paper, we prove some fixed point theorems of compatible mappings of type (R) satisfying contractive conditions.

**Key words:** Compatible mapping, Compatible mapping of type (P), Compatible mapping of type (R), Contractive modulus function, fixed point, common fixed point.

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1. INTRODUCTION

In 1986, Jungck [3] introduced the concept of compatible mappings by generalizing commuting mappings. Pathak, Chang and Cho [4] in 1994 introduced the concept of a new type of compatible mappings called compatible mappings of type (P). Rohen, Ranjit and Shambhu [5] introduced the concept of compatible mappings of type (R) by combing the definitions of compatible mappings and compatible mappings of type (P). More results on compatible mappings of type(R) can be found in [5-11]. Al-Thagafi and Shahzad [1] gave the concept of occasionally weakly compatible mappings in 2008. In 2011, H. Bouhadjera [2] proved some common fixed point theorems for three and four occasionally weakly compatible mappings satisfying different types of contractive conditions.

Now we extend the result of H. Bouhadjera [2] by employing compatible mappings of type (R) instead of occasionally weakly compatible mappings.

2. PRELIMINARIES

**Definition: 2.1** Self mappings  $A$  and  $B$  of a metric space  $(X, d)$  are said to be compatible if, for all  $x \in X$

$$\lim_{n \rightarrow \infty} d(ABx_n, BAx_n) = 0$$

**Definition: 2.2** Self mappings  $A$  and  $B$  of a metric space  $(X, d)$  are said to be compatible of type (P) if, for all  $x \in X$

$$\lim_{n \rightarrow \infty} d(AAx_n, BBx_n) = 0$$

Whenever  $\{x_n\}$  is a sequence in  $X$  and such that  $\lim_{n \rightarrow \infty} Ax_n = \lim_{n \rightarrow \infty} Bx_n = t$  for some  $t \in X$ .

**Definition: 2.3** Self mappings  $A$  and  $B$  of a metric space  $(X, d)$  are said to be compatible of type (R) if, for all  $x \in X$

$$\lim_{n \rightarrow \infty} d(AAx_n, BBx_n) = 0 \text{ and } \lim_{n \rightarrow \infty} d(ABx_n, BAx_n) = 0$$

Whenever  $\{x_n\}$  is a sequence in  $X$  and such that  $\lim_{n \rightarrow \infty} Ax_n = \lim_{n \rightarrow \infty} Bx_n = t$  for some  $t \in X$ .

**Definition: 2.4** A function  $\phi: [0, \infty) \rightarrow [0, \infty)$  is said to be a contractive modulus if  $\phi(0) = 0$  and  $\phi(t) < t$  for  $t > 0$ .

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**Definition: 2.5** A real valued function  $\varphi$  defined on  $X \subset \mathbf{R}$  is said to be upper semi continuous if  $\lim_{n \rightarrow \infty} \varphi(t_n) \leq \varphi(t)$ , for every sequence  $\{t_n\}$  in  $X$  with  $t_n \rightarrow t$  as  $n \rightarrow \infty$ .

Pathak, Murthy and Cho [6] prove the following propositions.

**Proposition: 2.6:** Let  $S$  and  $T$  be mappings from a complete metric space  $(X, d)$  into itself. If a pair  $\{S, T\}$  is compatible of type (R) on  $X$  and  $Sz = Tz$  for  $z \in X$ , then

$$STz = TSz = SSz = TTz.$$

**Proposition: 2.7:** Let  $S$  and  $T$  be mappings from a complete metric space  $(X, d)$  into itself. If a pair  $\{S, T\}$  is compatible of type (R) on  $X$  and  $\lim_{n \rightarrow \infty} Sx_n = \lim_{n \rightarrow \infty} Tx_n = z$

for some  $z \in X$ , then we have

- (i)  $d(TTx_n, Sz) \rightarrow 0$  and  $d(TSx_n, Sz) \rightarrow 0$  as  $n \rightarrow \infty$  if  $S$  is continuous,
- (ii)  $d(SSx_n, Tz) \rightarrow 0$  and  $d(STx_n, Tz) \rightarrow 0$  as  $n \rightarrow \infty$  if  $T$  is continuous and
- (iii)  $STz = TSz$  and  $Sz = Tz$  if  $S$  and  $T$  are continuous at  $z$ .

H. Bouhadjera [2] proved the following results.

**Theorem: 2.8** Let  $X$  be a set with a symmetric  $d$ . Let  $f, g$  and  $h$  be self mapping of  $(X, d)$  and  $\varphi$  is a contractive modulus function satisfying:

$$d^2(fx, gy) \leq \max\{\varphi(d(hx, hy))\varphi(d(hx, fx)), \varphi(d(hx, hy))\varphi(d(hy, fx)), \varphi(d(hx, hy))\varphi(d(hy, gy)), (d(hx, fx))\varphi(d(hy, gy)), \varphi(d(hx, gy))\varphi(d(hy, fx))\},$$

for all  $x, y \in X$ , the pair  $(f, h)$  and  $(g, h)$  is owc.

Then  $f, g$  and  $h$  have a unique common fixed point.

**Theorem: 2.9** Let  $X$  be a set endowed with a symmetric  $d$ . Suppose  $f, g, h$  and  $k$  are four self mappings of  $(X, d)$  satisfying the conditions:

$$d^2(fx, gy) \leq \max\{\varphi(d(hx, ky))\varphi(d(hx, fx)), \varphi(d(hx, ky))\varphi(d(ky, gy)), \varphi(d(hx, fx))\varphi(d(ky, gy)), \varphi(d(hx, gy))\varphi(d(ky, fx))\},$$

for all  $x, y \in X$ , where  $\varphi$  is contractive modulus, the pair  $(f, h)$  and  $(g, k)$  are owc.

Then  $f, g, h$  and  $k$  have a unique common fixed point.

### 3. MAIN RESULTS

**Theorem: 3.1** Let  $A, B$  and  $T$  be self mapping of a complete metric space  $(X, d)$  and  $\varphi$  is a contractive modulus satisfying:

- (a)  $A(X) \cup B(X) \subset T(X)$ .
- (b)  $d^2(Ax, By) \leq \max\{\varphi(d(Tx, Ty))\varphi(d(Tx, Ax)), \varphi(d(Tx, Ty))\varphi(d(Ty, Ax)), \varphi(d(Tx, Ty))\varphi(d(Ty, By)), \varphi(d(Tx, Ax))\varphi(d(Ty, By)), \varphi(d(Tx, By))\varphi(d(Ty, Ax))\}$  for all  $x, y \in X$ .
- (c) the pair  $(A, T)$  or  $(B, T)$  is compatible of type (R).
- (d) If  $T$  is continuous, then  $A, B$  and  $T$  have a unique common fixed point.

**Proof:** Let  $x_0 \in X$  be arbitrary. Consider a sequence  $\{Tx_n\}$  defined as follows.

$$Tx_{2n+1} = Ax_{2n}, Tx_{2n+2} = Bx_{2n+1} \text{ where } n = 0, 1, 2, \dots \tag{3.1.1}$$

From condition (b) we get

$$\begin{aligned} d^2(Tx_{2n+1}, Tx_{2n+2}) &= d^2(Ax_{2n}, Bx_{2n+1}) \\ &\leq \max\{\varphi(d(Tx_{2n}, Tx_{2n+1}))\varphi(d(Tx_{2n}, Ax_{2n})), \varphi(d(Tx_{2n}, Tx_{2n+1}))\varphi(d(Tx_{2n+1}, Ax_{2n})), \\ &\quad \varphi(d(Tx_{2n}, Tx_{2n+1}))\varphi(d(Tx_{2n+1}, Bx_{2n+1})), \varphi(d(Tx_{2n}, Ax_{2n}))\varphi(d(Tx_{2n+1}, Bx_{2n+1})), \\ &\quad \varphi(d(Tx_{2n}, Bx_{2n+1}))\varphi(d(Tx_{2n+1}, Ax_{2n}))\}, \\ &= \max\{\varphi(d(Tx_{2n}, Tx_{2n+1}))\varphi(d(Tx_{2n}, Tx_{2n+1})), \varphi(d(Tx_{2n}, Tx_{2n+1}))\varphi(d(Tx_{2n+1}, Tx_{2n+1})), \\ &\quad \varphi(d(Tx_{2n}, Tx_{2n+1}))\varphi(d(Tx_{2n+1}, Tx_{2n+2})), \varphi(d(Tx_{2n}, Tx_{2n+1}))\varphi(d(Tx_{2n+1}, Tx_{2n+2})), \\ &\quad \varphi(d(Tx_{2n}, Tx_{2n+2}))\varphi(d(Tx_{2n+1}, Tx_{2n+1}))\}, \\ &= \max\{\varphi(d(Tx_{2n}, Tx_{2n+1}))\varphi(d(Tx_{2n}, Tx_{2n+1})), \varphi(d(Tx_{2n}, Tx_{2n+1}))\varphi(d(Tx_{2n+1}, Tx_{2n+1}))\}. \end{aligned}$$

This implies

$$d^2(Tx_{2n+1}, Tx_{2n+2}) \leq \varphi(d(Tx_{2n}, Tx_{2n+1})) \max\{\varphi(d(Tx_{2n}, Tx_{2n+1})), \varphi(d(Tx_{2n+1}, Tx_{2n+2}))\} \\ \leq d(Tx_{2n}, Tx_{2n+1}) \max\{d(Tx_{2n}, Tx_{2n+1}), d(Tx_{2n+1}, Tx_{2n+2})\}$$

Since  $\varphi$  is contractive modulus, we have

$$d(Tx_{2n+1}, Tx_{2n+2}) \leq \varphi(d(Tx_{2n}, Tx_{2n+1})) \leq d(Tx_{2n}, Tx_{2n+1}). \quad (3.1.2)$$

Thus the sequence  $\{d(Tx_{2n}, Tx_{2n+1})\}$  is decreasing. If  $\{d(Tx_{2n}, Tx_{2n+1})\} \rightarrow \alpha$  then from (3.1.2) we have  $\alpha \leq \varphi(\alpha) \leq \alpha$  and so we must have  $\alpha = 0$ , hence

$$\lim_{n \rightarrow \infty} d(Tx_{2n}, Tx_{2n+1}) = 0. \quad (3.1.3)$$

We shall show that  $\{Tx_{2n}\}$  is a Cauchy sequence. If it is not so, there exist an  $\epsilon > 0$  and a sequence of integers  $\{m_k\}$ ,  $\{n_k\}$  with  $m_k > n_k \geq k$ , such that

$$d(Tx_{2m}, Tx_{2n}) \geq \epsilon \quad (3.1.4)$$

$k = 1, 2, 3, \dots$ . If  $m_k$  is the smallest integer exceeding  $n_k$  for which (3.1.4) holds, then from well-ordering principle, we have

$$d(Tx_{2m-1}, Tx_{2n}) < \epsilon. \quad (3.1.5)$$

Since

$$d(Tx_{2m-1}, Tx_{2n+1}) \leq d(Tx_{2m-1}, Tx_{2n}) + d(Tx_{2n}, Tx_{2n+1}),$$
 and so letting  $k \rightarrow \infty$ , we see that

$$d(Tx_{2m-1}, Tx_{2n+1}) \leq \epsilon. \quad (3.1.6)$$

Now

$$d(Tx_{2m}, Tx_{2n}) \leq d(Tx_{2m}, Tx_{2n+1}) + d(Tx_{2n+1}, Tx_{2n}). \quad (3.1.7)$$

But we have

$$d^2(Tx_{2m}, Tx_{2n+1}) = d^2(Ax_{2n}, Bx_{2m-1}) \\ \leq \max\{\varphi(d(Tx_{2n}, Tx_{2m-1}))\varphi(d(Tx_{2n}, Ax_{2n})), \varphi(d(Tx_{2n}, Tx_{2m-1}))\varphi(d(Tx_{2m-1}, Ax_{2n})), \\ \varphi(d(Tx_{2n}, Tx_{2m-1}))\varphi(d(Tx_{2m-1}, Bx_{2m-1})), \varphi(d(Tx_{2n}, Ax_{2n}))\varphi(d(Tx_{2m-1}, Bx_{2m-1})), \\ \varphi(d(Tx_{2n}, Bx_{2m-1}))\varphi(d(Tx_{2m-1}, Ax_{2n}))\} \\ = \max\{\varphi(d(Tx_{2n}, Tx_{2m-1}))\varphi(d(Tx_{2n}, Tx_{2n+1})), \varphi(d(Tx_{2n}, Tx_{2m-1}))\varphi(d(Tx_{2m-1}, Tx_{2n+1})), \\ \varphi(d(Tx_{2n}, Tx_{2m-1}))\varphi(d(Tx_{2m-1}, Tx_{2n})), \varphi(d(Tx_{2n}, Tx_{2n+1}))\varphi(d(Tx_{2m-1}, Tx_{2n})), \\ \varphi(d(Tx_{2n}, Tx_{2n}))\varphi(d(Tx_{2m-1}, Tx_{2n+1}))\} \quad (3.1.8)$$

Using (3.1.3), (3.1.5), (3.1.6), (3.1.8) and letting  $k \rightarrow \infty$ , we obtain

$$\lim_k d^2(Tx_{2m}, Tx_{2n+1}) \leq \max\{\varphi(\epsilon)\varphi(\epsilon), \varphi(\epsilon) \lim_k d(Tx_{2m}, Tx_{2n})\} \\ \leq \varphi(\epsilon) \max\{\varphi(\epsilon), \lim_k d(Tx_{2m}, Tx_{2n+1})\},$$

implies

$$\lim_k d(Tx_{2m}, Tx_{2n+1}) \leq \varphi(\epsilon) < \epsilon.$$

Then by (3.1.7)

$$\lim_k d(Tx_{2m}, Tx_{2n}) \leq \varphi(\epsilon) + 0 < \epsilon,$$

a contradiction. Thus  $\{Tx_n\}$  is a Cauchy sequence. Since  $X$  is complete, there exist a point  $z \in X$  such that  $Tx_n \rightarrow z$ . It follows that from (3.1.1) that the sequences  $\{Ax_{2n}\}$  and  $\{Bx_{2n+1}\}$  also converge to  $z$ .

Since  $T$  is continuous such that

$$TTx_{2n} \rightarrow Tz, TAx_{2n} \rightarrow Tz \text{ as } n \rightarrow \infty,$$

Since the pair  $(A, T)$  is compatible of type (R), we have

$$AAx_{2n} \rightarrow Tz \text{ and } ATx_{2n} \rightarrow Tz \text{ as } n \rightarrow \infty$$

Then from condition (b), we have

$$d^2(AAx_{2n}, Bx_{2n+1}) \leq \max\{\varphi(d(TAx_{2n}, Tx_{2n+1}))\varphi(d(TAx_{2n}, AAx_{2n+1})), \varphi(d(TAx_{2n}, Tx_{2n+1}))\varphi(d(Tx_{2n+1}, AAx_{2n})), \\ \varphi(d(TAx_{2n}, Tx_{2n+1}))\varphi(d(Tx_{2n+1}, Bx_{2n+1})), \varphi(d(TAx_{2n}, AAx_{2n}))\varphi(d(Tx_{2n+1}, Bx_{2n+1})), \\ \varphi(d(TAx_{2n}, Bx_{2n+1}))\varphi(d(Tx_{2n+1}, AAx_{2n}))\}.$$

Letting  $n \rightarrow \infty$  and we have

$$d^2(Tz, z) \leq \max\{\varphi(d(Tz, z))\varphi(d(Tz, Tz)), \varphi(d(Tz, Tz))\varphi(d(Tz, z)), \varphi(d(Tz, z))\varphi(d(z, z)), \varphi(d(Tz, Tz))\varphi(d(z, z)), \\ \varphi(d(Tz, z))\varphi(d(z, Tz))\}$$

$$= \varphi(d(Tz, z))\varphi(d(Tz, z)), \text{ and it implies that}$$

$$d(Tz, z) \leq \varphi(d(Tz, z)) \leq d(Tz, z)$$

i.e.  $\varphi(d(Tz, z)) = d(Tz, z)$ . Hence  $Tz = z$ .

Again from (b), we have

$$d^2(Az, Bx_{2n+1}) \leq \max\{\varphi(d(Tz, Tx_{2n+1}))\varphi(d(Tz, Az)), \varphi(d(Tz, Tx_{2n+1}))\varphi(d(Tx_{2n+1}, Bx_{2n+1})), \varphi(d(Tz, Az))\varphi(d(Tx_{2n+1}, Bx_{2n+1})), \\ \varphi(d(Tz, Ez))\varphi(d(Tx_{2n+1}, Bx_{2n+1})), \varphi(d(Tz, Bx_{2n+1}))\varphi(d(Tx_{2n+1}, Az))\}.$$

Letting as  $n \rightarrow \infty$  and using  $Tz = z$ ,

$$d^2(Az, z) \leq \max\{\varphi(d(z, z))\varphi(d(z, Az)), \varphi(d(z, z))\varphi(d(z, z)), \varphi(d(z, Az))\varphi(d(z, z)), \varphi(d(z, Az))\varphi(d(z, z)), \\ \varphi(d(z, z))\varphi(d(z, Az))\},$$

that is  $d^2(Az, z) \leq 0$ , so  $d(Az, z) \leq 0$ . But  $d(Az, z) \geq 0$ .

Therefore  $d(Az, z) = 0$  and hence  $Az = z$ . So  $Tz = Az = z$ .

Again from condition (b), we have

$$d^2(Ax_{2n+1}, Bz) \leq \max\{\varphi(d(Tx_{2n+1}, Tz))\varphi(d(Tx_{2n+1}, Ax_{2n+1})), \varphi(d(Tx_{2n+1}, Tz))\varphi(d(Tz, Bz)), \varphi(d(Tx_{2n+1}, Ax_{2n+1}))\varphi(d(Tz, Bz)), \\ \varphi(d(Tx_{2n+1}, Ax_{2n+1}))\varphi(d(Tz, Bz)), \varphi(d(Tx_{2n+1}, Bz))\varphi(d(Tz, Ax_{2n+1}))\}.$$

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

$$d^2(z, Bz) \leq \max\{\varphi(d(z, z))\varphi(d(z, z)), \varphi(d(z, z))\varphi(d(z, Bz)), \varphi(d(z, z))\varphi(d(z, Bz)), \varphi(d(z, z))\varphi(d(z, Bz)), \\ \varphi(d(z, Bz))\varphi(d(z, z))\},$$

implies that  $d(z, Bz) = 0$ . Hence  $z = Bz$ .

Thus  $z = Fz = Ez = Tz$ , showing that  $z$  is a common fixed point of  $A, B$  and  $T$ . Similarly we can prove that  $z$  is a common fixed point of  $A, B$  and  $T$  when the pair  $(B, T)$  is compatible of type (R).

### UNIQUENESS

Let  $z$  and  $w$  be two common fixed points of  $A, B$  and  $T$ , so  $z = Az = Bz = Tz$  and  $w = Aw = Bw = Tw$ . From condition (ii), we have

$$d^2(z, w) = d^2(Az, Fw)$$

$$\leq \max\{\varphi(d(Tz, Tw))\varphi(d(Tz, Az)), \varphi(d(Tz, Tw))\varphi(d(Tw, Az)), \varphi(d(Tz, Tw))\varphi(d(Tw, Bw)), \\ \varphi(d(Tz, Az))\varphi(d(Tw, Bw)), \varphi(d(Tz, Bw))\varphi(d(Tw, Az))\}$$

$$\begin{aligned}
 &= \max\{\varphi(d(z, w))\varphi(d(z, z)), \varphi(d(z, w))\varphi(d(w, z)), \varphi(d(z, w))\varphi(d(w, w)), \varphi(d(z, z))\varphi(d(w, w)), \varphi(d(z, w))\varphi(d(w, z))\} \\
 &= \varphi(d(z, w))\varphi(d(w, z)) < d^2(z, w),
 \end{aligned}$$

implies  $d(z, w) < d(w, z)$ , a contradiction, hence the proof.

**Theorem: 3.2** Suppose  $A, B, T$  and  $C$  be four self mappings of a complete metric space  $(X, d)$  into itself satisfying the conditions

(a)  $A(X) \subset C(X), T(X) \subset B(X)$ .

(b)  $d^2(Ax, Ty) \leq \max\{\varphi(d(Bx, Cy))\varphi(d(Bx, Ax)), \varphi(d(Bx, Cy))\varphi(d(Cy, Ty)), \varphi(d(Bx, Ax))\varphi(d(Cy, Ty)), \varphi(d(Bx, Ty))\varphi(d(Cy, Ax))\}$ ,

for all  $x, y \in X$ .

(c) one of  $A, B, T$  and  $C$  is continuous. And if

(d) the pairs  $(A, B)$  and  $(T, C)$  are compatible of type (R). Then  $A, B, T$  and  $C$  have a unique common fixed point.

**Proof:** Let  $x_0$  in  $X$  be arbitrary. Take a point  $x_1$  in  $X$  such that  $Ax_0 = Cx_1$ , since  $A(X) \subset C(X)$ . Let  $x_2$  be a point in  $X$  such that  $Tx_1 = Bx_2$ , since  $T(X) \subset B(X)$ . In general we can choose  $x_2, x_{2n+1}, x_{2n+2}, \dots$  such that  $Ax_{2n} = Cx_{2n+1}$  and  $Tx_{2n+1} = Bx_{2n+2}$ , so that we obtain a sequence

$$Ax_0, Tx_1, Ax_2, Tx_3, \dots \tag{3.2.1}$$

From condition (b), we have

$$\begin{aligned}
 d^2(Ax_{2n}, Tx_{2n+1}) &\leq \max\{\varphi(d(Bx_{2n}, Cx_{2n+1}))\varphi(d(Bx_{2n}, Ax_{2n})), \varphi(d(Bx_{2n}, Cx_{2n+1}))\varphi(d(Cx_{2n+1}, Tx_{2n+1})), \\
 &\quad \varphi(d(Bx_{2n}, Ax_{2n}))\varphi(d(Cx_{2n+1}, Tx_{2n+1})), \varphi(d(Bx_{2n}, Tx_{2n+1}))\varphi(d(Cx_{2n+1}, Ax_{2n}))\} \\
 &= \max\{\varphi(d(Tx_{2n-1}, Ax_{2n}))\varphi(d(Tx_{2n-1}, Ax_{2n})), \varphi(d(Tx_{2n-1}, Ax_{2n}))\varphi(d(Ax_{2n}, Tx_{2n+1})), \\
 &\quad \varphi(d(Tx_{2n-1}, Ax_{2n}))\varphi(d(Ax_{2n}, Tx_{2n+1})), \varphi(d(Tx_{2n-1}, Tx_{2n+1}))\varphi(d(Ax_{2n}, Ax_{2n}))\} \\
 &= \max\{\varphi(d(Tx_{2n-1}, Ax_{2n}))\varphi(d(Tx_{2n-1}, Ax_{2n})), \varphi(d(Tx_{2n-1}, Ax_{2n}))\varphi(d(Ax_{2n}, Tx_{2n+1}))\},
 \end{aligned}$$

$$\text{i.e. } d^2(Ax_{2n}, Tx_{2n+1}) \leq \varphi(d(Ax_{2n}, Tx_{2n-1})) \max\{\varphi(d(Ax_{2n}, Tx_{2n-1})), \varphi(d(Ax_{2n}, Tx_{2n+1}))\}$$

$$\leq d(Ax_{2n}, Tx_{2n-1}) \max\{d(Ax_{2n}, Tx_{2n-1}), d(Ax_{2n}, Tx_{2n+1})\}$$

$$\Rightarrow d(Ax_{2n}, Tx_{2n+1}) \leq \varphi(d(Ax_{2n}, Tx_{2n-1}))$$

$$\leq d(Ax_{2n}, Tx_{2n-1}). \tag{3.2.2}$$

By similar procedure we can prove that

$$d(Ax_{2n}, Tx_{2n-1}) < d(Ax_{2n-2}, Tx_{2n-1}).$$

Therefore the sequence  $\{d(Ax_{2n}, Tx_{2n+1})\}$  is non decreasing and hence convergent, say converges to some real number  $c$ . Since  $\varphi$  is contractive modulus and letting  $n \rightarrow \infty$ , we get  $c \leq \varphi(c) \leq c$  and so  $c = 0$ . To show that the sequence (3.2.1) is Cauchy, it is sufficient to show that  $\{Ax_{2n}\}$  is Cauchy sequence. Suppose it is not so, hence there exist  $\epsilon > 0$  and a sequence of integers  $\{m(k)\}$  and  $\{n(k)\}$  with  $m(k) \geq n(k) \geq k$  such that  $d(Ax_{2m(k)}, Ax_{2n(k)}) > \epsilon$ . Let  $m$  be the smallest integer greater than  $n(k)$  such that  $d(Ax_{2m}, Ax_{2n}) > \epsilon$  and  $d(Ax_{2m-2}, Ax_{2n}) \leq \epsilon$ . Therefore

$$\begin{aligned}
 &\in < d(Ax_{2m}, Ax_{2n}) \\
 &\leq d(Ax_{2m}, Ax_{2m-1}) + d(Ax_{2m-1}, Ax_{2m-2}) + d(Ax_{2m-2}, Ax_{2n}) \\
 &\leq d(Ax_{2m}, Ax_{2m-1}) + d(Ax_{2m-1}, Ax_{2m-2}) + \epsilon,
 \end{aligned}$$

Letting  $k \rightarrow \infty$ , we get

$$\lim_k d(Ax_{2m}, Ax_{2n}) = \epsilon. \tag{3.2.3}$$

Also we have

$$d(Ax_{2m}, Ax_{2n}) \leq d(Ax_{2m}, Tx_{2n+1}) + d(Ax_{2n}, Tx_{2n+1}) \tag{3.2.4}$$

From condition (b), we have

$$\begin{aligned} d^2(Ax_{2m}, Tx_{2n+1}) &\leq \max\{\varphi(d(Bx_{2m}, Cx_{2n+1}))\varphi(d(Bx_{2m}, Ax_{2m})), \varphi(d(Bx_{2m}, Cx_{2n+1}))\varphi(d(Cx_{2n+1}, Tx_{2n+1})), \\ &\quad \varphi(d(Bx_{2m}, Ax_{2m}))\varphi(d(Cx_{2n+1}, Tx_{2n+1})), \varphi(d(Bx_{2m}, Tx_{2n+1}))\varphi(d(Cx_{2n+1}, Ax_{2m}))\}, \\ &= \max\{\varphi(d(Tx_{2m-1}, Ax_{2n}))\varphi(d(Tx_{2m-1}, Ax_{2m})), \varphi(d(Tx_{2m-1}, Ax_{2n}))\varphi(d(Ax_{2n}, Tx_{2n+1})), \\ &\quad \varphi(d(Tx_{2m-1}, Ax_{2m}))\varphi(d(Ax_{2n}, Tx_{2n+1})), \varphi(d(Tx_{2m-1}, Tx_{2n+1}))\varphi(d(Ax_{2n}, Ax_{2m}))\} \end{aligned} \tag{3.2.5}$$

Also we have

$$d(Tx_{2m-1}, Tx_{2n+1}) \leq d(Tx_{2m-1}, Ax_{2m-2}) + d(Ax_{2m-2}, Ax_{2n}) + d(Ax_{2n}, Tx_{2n+1}) \tag{3.2.6}$$

Using (3.2.2), (3.2.5) and letting  $k \rightarrow \infty$ , inequality (3.2.4) gives

$$\lim_k d(Ax_{2m}, Tx_{2n+1}) < \epsilon.$$

Consequently (3.2.2) gives that

$$\epsilon = \lim_k d(Ax_{2m}, Ax_{2n}) < \epsilon,$$

which is a contradiction. Hence  $\{Ax_{2n}\}$  is a Cauchy sequence and consequently the sequence (3.2.1) is a Cauchy sequence. Since  $X$  is complete, the sequence (3.2.1) converges to a limit  $z$  in  $X$ . Hence the subsequences  $\{Ax_{2n}\} = \{Cx_{2n+1}\}$  and  $\{Tx_{2n-1}\} = \{Bx_{2n}\}$  also converge to the limit point  $z$ .

Suppose that the mapping  $B$  is continuous, then  $BBx_{2n} \rightarrow Bz$  and  $BAx_{2n} \rightarrow Bz$  as  $n \rightarrow \infty$ . Since the pair  $(A, B)$  is compatible of type (R), by proposition 2.7, we get

$$AAx_{2n} \rightarrow Bz \text{ and } ABx_{2n} \rightarrow Bz \text{ as } n \rightarrow \infty.$$

Now from (b)

$$d^2(AAx_{2n}, Tx_{2n+1}) \leq \max\{\varphi(d(BAx_{2n}, Cx_{2n+1}))\varphi(d(BAx_{2n}, AAx_{2n})), \varphi(d(BAx_{2n}, Cx_{2n+1}))\varphi(d(Cx_{2n+1}, Tx_{2n+1})), \\ \varphi(d(BAx_{2n}, AAx_{2n}))\varphi(d(Cx_{2n+1}, Tx_{2n+1})), \varphi(d(BAx_{2n}, Tx_{2n+1}))\varphi(d(Cx_{2n+1}, AAx_{2n}))\},$$

Letting  $n \rightarrow \infty$ , we get,

$$\begin{aligned} d^2(Bz, z) &\leq \max\{\varphi(d(Bz, z))\varphi(d(Bz, Bz)), \varphi(d(Bz, z))\varphi(d(z, z)), \varphi(d(Bz, Bz))\varphi(d(z, z)), \varphi(d(Bz, z))\varphi(d(z, Bz))\} \\ &= \varphi(d(Bz, z))\varphi(d(Bz, z)) \end{aligned}$$

i.e.  $d(Bz, z) \leq \varphi(d(Bz, z)) \leq d(Bz, z).$

Hence  $\varphi(d(Bz, z)) = 0$  i.e.  $Bz = z$ .

Further

$$d^2(Az, Tx_{2n+1}) \leq \max\{\varphi(d(Bz, Cx_{2n+1}))\varphi(d(Bz, Az)), \varphi(d(Bz, Cx_{2n+1}))\varphi(d(Cx_{2n+1}, Tx_{2n+1})), \varphi(d(Bz, Az))\varphi(d(Cx_{2n+1}, Tx_{2n+1})), \\ \varphi(d(Bz, Tx_{2n+1}))\varphi(d(Cx_{2n+1}, Az))\}.$$

Since  $Cx_{2n+1} \rightarrow z, Tx_{2n+1} \rightarrow z$  as  $n \rightarrow \infty$  and  $Bz = z$ , so letting  $n \rightarrow \infty$  we get

$$d^2(Az, z) \leq \max\{\varphi(d(z, z))\varphi(d(z, Az)), \varphi(d(z, z))\varphi(d(z, z)), \varphi(d(z, Az))\varphi(d(z, z)), \varphi(d(z, z))\varphi(d(z, Az))\} = 0,$$

which implies that  $d(Az, z) \leq 0$ , so we have  $d(Az, z) = 0$  and hence  $Az = z$ .

Thus  $Az = Bz = z$ . Since  $A(X) \subset C(X)$ , there is a point  $u \in X$  such that  $z = Az = Cu$ .

Now we prove that  $Cu = Tu$ .

Now from (b)

$$\begin{aligned} d^2(Az, Tu) &= d^2(AAx_{2n}, Tx_{2n+1}) \\ &\leq \max\{\varphi(d(BAx_{2n}, Cx_{2n+1}))\varphi(d(BAx_{2n}, AAx_{2n})), \varphi(d(BAx_{2n}, Cx_{2n+1}))\varphi(d(Cx_{2n+1}, Tx_{2n+1})), \\ &\quad \varphi(d(BAx_{2n}, AAx_{2n}))\varphi(d(Cx_{2n+1}, Tx_{2n+1})), \varphi(d(BAx_{2n}, Tx_{2n+1}))\varphi(d(Cx_{2n+1}, AAx_{2n}))\} \\ &= \max\{\varphi(d(z, z))\varphi(d(z, z)), \varphi(d(z, z))\varphi(d(z, Tu)), \varphi(d(z, z))\varphi(d(z, Tu)), \varphi(d(z, Tu))\varphi(d(z, z))\} \end{aligned}$$

so  $d^2(Az, Tu) \leq 0$  implies  $d(z, Tu) = 0$  and  $Tu = z$ , hence  $z = Cu = Tu$ .

Let  $y_n = u$  for  $n \geq 1$ , then  $Ty_n \rightarrow Tu = z$  and  $Cy_n \rightarrow Cu = z$  as  $n \rightarrow \infty$ .

Since the pair  $(T, C)$  is compatible of type (R) from proposition 2.6, we get  $TTu = CCu$ .

This gives  $Tz = Cz$ .

Further from (b)

$$d^2(Ax_{2n}, Tz) \leq \max\{\varphi(d(Bx_{2n}, Cz))\varphi(d(Bx_{2n}, Ax_{2n})), \varphi(d(Bx_{2n}, Cz))\varphi(d(Cz, Tz)), \varphi(d(Bx_{2n}, Ax_{2n}))\varphi(d(Cz, Tz)), \varphi(d(Bx_{2n}, Tz))\varphi(d(Cz, Ax_{2n}))\}$$

letting  $n \rightarrow \infty$ , we get

$$\begin{aligned} d^2(z, Tz) &\leq \max\{\varphi(d(z, Tz))\varphi(d(z, z)), \varphi(d(z, Tz))\varphi(d(Tz, Tz)), \varphi(d(z, z))\varphi(d(Tz, Tz)), \varphi(d(z, Tz))\varphi(d(Tz, z))\} \\ &= \varphi(d(z, Tz))\varphi(d(z, Tz)) \end{aligned}$$

i.e.  $d(Tz, z) \leq \varphi(d(Tz, z)) \leq d(Tz, z)$ .

Hence  $\varphi(d(Tz, z)) = d(Tz, z) = 0$ .

i.e.  $Tz = z$ . Hence  $z = Tz$  and  $z = Cz = Tz$ . Since  $T(X) \subset B(X)$ , there is a point  $v \in X$  such that

$z = Tz = Bv$ . Now

$$\begin{aligned} d^2(Av, z) &= d^2(Az, Tz) \\ &\leq \max\{\varphi(d(Bv, Cz))\varphi(d(Bv, Av)), \varphi(d(Bv, Cz))\varphi(d(Cz, Tz)), \varphi(d(Bv, Av))\varphi(d(Cz, Tz)), \\ &\quad \varphi(d(Bv, Tz))\varphi(d(Cz, Av))\}, \\ &\leq \max\{\varphi(d(z, z))\varphi(d(z, Av)), \varphi(d(z, z))\varphi(d(z, z)), \varphi(d(z, Av))\varphi(d(z, z)), \varphi(d(z, z))\varphi(d(z, Av))\} = 0, \end{aligned}$$

Thus we have  $d(Av, z) = 0$  and  $Av = z$ . Take  $y_n = v$  then  $Ay_n \rightarrow Av = z$ ,  $By_n \rightarrow Bv = z$ . Since  $(A, B)$  is compatible of type (R) by proposition 2.6, we get  $AAu = BBu$  which implies that  $Az = Bz$ .

Hence  $z$  is a common fixed point of  $A, B, C$  and  $T$  when  $A$  is a continuous. The proof is similar that  $z$  is common fixed point of  $A, B, C$  and  $T$ , when  $T$  is continuous.

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Let  $z$  and  $w$  be two common fixed point of  $A, B, C$  and  $T$  i.e.  $z = Az = Bz = Tz = Cz$  and  $w = Aw = Bw = Tw = Cw$ . From condition (b) we have

$$\begin{aligned} d^2(z, w) &= d^2(Az, Tw) \\ &\leq \max\{\varphi(d(Bz, Cw))\varphi(d(Bz, Az)), \varphi(d(Bz, Cw))\varphi(d(Cw, Tw)), \varphi(d(Bz, Az))\varphi(d(Cw, Tw)), \\ &\quad \varphi(d(Bz, Tw))\varphi(d(Cw, Az))\}, \\ &= \max\{\varphi(d(z, w))\varphi(d(z, z)), \varphi(d(z, w))\varphi(d(w, w)), \varphi(d(z, z))\varphi(d(w, w)), \varphi(d(z, w))\varphi(d(w, z))\} \end{aligned}$$

Therefore  $d(z, w) \leq \varphi(d(z, w)) \leq d(z, w)$  i.e.  $\varphi(d(z, w)) = d(z, w)$ .

Thus  $d(z, w) = 0$  i.e.  $w = z$ . Hence the common fixed point is unique.

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