

GENERALIZED COUPLED FIXED POINT THEOREMS ON BIPOLAR METRIC SPACES

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ABSTRACT

In this article, certain coupled fixed point theorems, which can be considered as generalizations of Banach fixed point theorem, are extended to bipolar metric spaces. Also, some results which are related to these theorems are obtained. Finally, it is given an example which presents the applicability of obtained results.

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INTRODUCTION

Since the year 1922, Banach's contraction principle, when many authors saw that these fixed point theorems can be utilized to investigate existence and uniqueness of solutions of periodic boundary value problems, differential equations and nonlinear integral equations, these theorems attracted their attention. And, they extended these theorems to various generalizations of metric spaces as cone, partial and modular, e.g. [1, 2, 4, 5, 7, 9, 11, 12].

In literature, the notion of coupled fixed point has been introduced by Guo and Lakshmikantham [6] in 1987. Afterward, Bhaskar and Lakshmikantham [3] introduced certain coupled fixed point theorems in partially ordered metric spaces. We express a series of definitions of some fundamental notions related to bipolar metric spaces.

Definition 1: A bipolar metric space is a triple (X, Y, d) such that $X, Y \neq \emptyset$, and $d : X \times Y \rightarrow R^+$ is a function satisfying the properties

(B0) if $d(x, y) = 0$, then $x = y$,

(B1) if $x = y$, then $d(x, y) = 0$,

(B2) if, $y \in X \cap Y$, then $d(x, y) = d(y, x)$,

(B3) $d(x_1, y_2) \leq d(x_1, y_1) + d(x_2, y_1) + d(x_2, y_2)$,

for all $(x, y), (x_1, y_1), (x_2, y_2) \in X \times Y$, where R^+ symbolises the set of all non-negative real numbers. Then d is called a bipolar metric on the pair (X, Y) .

Definition 2: Let (X_1, Y_1) and (X_2, Y_2) be pairs of sets and given a function $: X_1 \cup Y_1 \rightarrow X_2 \cup Y_2$. If $f(X_1) \subseteq X_2$ and $f(Y_1) \subseteq Y_2$, we call f a covariant map from (X_1, Y_1) to (X_2, Y_2) and denote this with $f : (X_1, Y_1) \rightarrow (X_2, Y_2)$. If $f(X_1) \subseteq Y_2$ and $f(Y_1) \subseteq X_2$, then we call f a contravariant map from (X_1, Y_1) to (X_2, Y_2) and write $f : (X_1, Y_1) \rightarrow (X_2, Y_2)$. In particular, if d_1 and d_2 are bipolar metrics on (X_1, Y_1) and (X_2, Y_2) , respectively, we sometimes use the notations $f : (X_1, Y_1, d_1) \rightarrow (X_2, Y_2, d_2)$ and $f : (X_1, Y_1, d_1) \rightarrow (X_2, Y_2, d_2)$.

Definition 3: Let (X, Y, d) be a bipolar metric space. A point $u \in X \cup Y$ is called a left point if $u \in X$, a right point if $u \in Y$ and a central point if it is both left and right point. Similarly a sequence (x_n) on the set X is called a left sequence and a sequence (y_n) on Y is called a right sequence. In a bipolar metric space, a left or a right sequence is called simply a sequence. A sequence (u_n) is said to be convergent to a point u , iff (u_n) is a left sequence, u is a right point and $\lim_{n \rightarrow \infty} d(u_n, u) = 0$, or (u_n) is a right sequence, u is a left point and $\lim_{n \rightarrow \infty} d(u, u_n) = 0$. A bisequence (x_n, y_n) on (X, Y, d) is a sequence on the set $X \times Y$. If the sequences (x_n) and (y_n) are convergent, then the bisequence (x_n, y_n) is said to be convergent, and if (x_n) and (y_n) converge to a common point, then (x_n, y_n) is called biconvergent. (x_n, y_n) is a Cauchy bisequence, if $\lim_{n, m \rightarrow \infty} d(x_n, y_m) = 0$. In a bipolar metric space, every convergent Cauchy bisequence is biconvergent. A bipolar metric space is called complete, if every Cauchy bisequence is convergent, hence biconvergent.

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Definition 4: Let (X_1, Y_1, d_1) and (X_2, Y_2, d_2) be bipolar metric spaces.

- (1) A map $f : (X_1, Y_1, d_1) \rightarrow (X_2, Y_2, d_2)$ is called left-continuous at a point $x_0 \in X_1$, if for every $\epsilon > 0$, there exists a $\delta > 0$ such that $d_1(x_0, y) < \delta$ implies $d_2(f(x_0), f(y)) < \epsilon$ for all $y \in Y_1$.
- (2) A map $f : (X_1, Y_1, d_1) \rightarrow (X_2, Y_2, d_2)$ is called right-continuous at a point $y_0 \in Y_1$, if for every $\epsilon > 0$, there exists a $\delta > 0$ such that $d_1(x, y_0) < \delta$ implies $d_2(f(x), f(y_0)) < \epsilon$ for all $x \in X_1$.
- (3) A map f is called continuous, if it is left-continuous at each point $x \in X_1$ and right-continuous at each point $y \in Y_1$.
- (4) A contravariant map $f : (X_1, Y_1, d_1) \rightarrow (X_2, Y_2, d_2)$ is continuous if and only if it is continuous as a covariant map $f : (X_1, Y_1, d_1) \rightarrow (Y_2, X_2, \bar{d}_2)$.

It can be seen from the Definition \ref{def4} that a covariant or a contravariant map f from (X_1, Y_1, d_1) to (X_2, Y_2, d_2) is continuous if and only if $(u_n) \rightarrow v$ on (X_1, Y_1, d_1) implies $(f(u_n)) \rightarrow f(v)$ on (X_2, Y_2, d_2) .

In this paper, we extend certain coupled fixed point theorems, which can be considered as generalization of Banach fixed point theorem, to bipolar metric spaces. Also, we obtain some results which are related to these theorems. Finally, we give an example which presents the applicability of our obtained results.

COUPLED FIXED POINT THEOREMS IN BIPOLAR METRIC SPACES

Let Δ denote the class of all functions $\beta : [0, \infty) \rightarrow [0, 1]$ which satisfy the following conditions,
 $\beta(t_n) \rightarrow 1$ implies $t_n = 0$.

The following are examples of some functions belonging to Δ .

(1) $\beta(t) = k$ for $s, t \in [0, \infty)$, where $k \in [0, 1]$.

(2) $\beta(t) = \frac{\log(1+kt)}{kt}$, $t > 0$.

Now, we will prove our main result.

Definition 5: Let (X, Y, d) be a bipolar metric space, $F : (X^2, Y^2) \rightarrow (X, Y)$ be a covariant mapping. $(a, b) \in X^2 \cup Y^2$ is said to be a coupled fixed point of F if $F(a, b) = a$ and $F(b, a) = b$.

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 $\beta(t_n) \rightarrow 1$ implies $t_n = 0$.

Theorem 6: Let (X, Y, d) be a complete bipolar metric space, $F : (X^2, Y^2) \rightarrow (X, Y)$ be a covariant mapping and $\beta_1, \beta_2 \in \Delta$. If F satisfies the condition

$$d(F(a, b), F(p, q)) \leq \beta_1(d(a, p))d(a, p) + \beta_2(d(b, q))d(b, q), \quad (1)$$

for all $a, b \in X, p, q \in Y$, then $F : X^2 \cup Y^2 \rightarrow X \cup Y$ has a unique coupled fixed point.

Proof: Let $a_0, b_0 \in X$ and $p_0, q_0 \in Y$. We take $a_1, b_1 \in X$ and $p_1, q_1 \in Y$ with $a_1 = F(a_0, b_0), b_1 = F(b_0, a_0), p_1 = F(p_0, q_0), q_1 = F(q_0, p_0)$. And similarly, we take $a_2, b_2 \in X$ and $p_2, q_2 \in Y$ with $a_2 = F(a_1, b_1), b_2 = F(b_1, a_1), p_2 = F(p_1, q_1), q_2 = F(q_1, p_1)$.

In this way, we obtain bisequences (a_n, b_n) and (p_n, q_n) with

$$a_{n+1} = F(a_n, b_n), b_{n+1} = F(b_n, a_n),$$

$$p_{n+1} = F(p_n, q_n) \text{ and } q_{n+1} = F(q_n, p_n)$$

for all $n \in \mathbb{N}^+$. From (1), we get

$$\begin{aligned} d(a_n, p_{n+1}) &= d(F(a_{n-1}, b_{n-1}), F(p_n, q_n)), \\ &\leq \beta_1(d(a_{n-1}, p_n))d(a_{n-1}, p_n) + \beta_2(d(b_{n-1}, q_n))d(b_{n-1}, q_n) \end{aligned} \quad (2)$$

and

$$\begin{aligned} d(b_n, q_{n+1}) &= d(F(b_{n-1}, a_{n-1}), F(q_n, p_n)), \\ &\leq \beta_1(d(b_{n-1}, q_n))d(b_{n-1}, q_n) + \beta_2(d(a_{n-1}, p_n))d(a_{n-1}, p_n) \end{aligned} \quad (3)$$

for all $n \in \mathbb{N}^+$. Let

$$e_n = d(a_n, p_{n+1}) + d(b_n, q_{n+1})$$

for all $n \in \mathbb{N}^+$. Combining (2) and (3), we observe that

$$\begin{aligned} e_n &= d(a_n, p_{n+1}) + d(b_n, q_{n+1}) \\ &\leq \beta_1(d(a_{n-1}, p_n))d(a_{n-1}, p_n) + \beta_2(d(b_{n-1}, q_n))d(b_{n-1}, q_n) \\ &\quad + \beta_1(d(b_{n-1}, q_n))d(b_{n-1}, q_n) + \beta_2(d(a_{n-1}, p_n))d(a_{n-1}, p_n) \\ &= (\beta_1 + \beta_2) \left((d(a_{n-1}, p_n) + d(b_{n-1}, q_n)) \right) (d(a_{n-1}, p_n) + d(b_{n-1}, q_n)) \\ &\leq e_{n-1}. \end{aligned}$$

Then we get

$$0 \leq e_n \leq e_{n-1} \leq e_{n-2} \leq \cdots e_0. \quad (4)$$

On the other hand,

$$\begin{aligned} d(a_{n+1}, p_n) &= d(F(a_n, b_n), F(p_{n-1}, q_{n-1})), \\ &\leq \beta_1(d(a_n, p_{n-1}))d(a_n, p_{n-1}) + \beta_2(d(b_n, q_{n-1}))d(b_n, q_{n-1}) \end{aligned} \quad (5)$$

and

$$\begin{aligned} d(b_{n+1}, q_n) &= d(F(b_n, a_n), F(q_{n-1}, p_{n-1})), \\ &\leq \beta_1(d(b_n, q_{n-1}))d(b_n, q_{n-1}) + \beta_2(d(a_n, p_{n-1}))d(a_n, p_{n-1}) \end{aligned} \quad (6)$$

for all $n \in N^+$ and $\lambda < 1$. Let

$$s_n = d(a_{n+1}, p_n) + d(b_{n+1}, q_n)$$

for all $n \in N^+$. Combining (5) and (6), we observe that

$$\begin{aligned} s_n &= d(a_{n+1}, p_n) + d(b_{n+1}, q_n) \\ &\leq \beta_1(d(a_n, p_{n-1}))d(a_n, p_{n-1}) + \beta_2(d(b_n, q_{n-1}))d(b_n, q_{n-1}) \\ &\quad + \beta_1(d(b_n, q_{n-1}))d(b_n, q_{n-1}) + \beta_2(d(a_n, p_{n-1}))d(a_n, p_{n-1}) \\ &= (\beta_1 + \beta_2)(d(a_n, p_{n-1}) + d(b_n, q_{n-1}))(d(a_n, p_{n-1}) + d(b_n, q_{n-1})) \\ &= s_{n-1}. \end{aligned}$$

Then similar to Equation (4), we obtain that

$$0 \leq s_n \leq s_{n-1} \leq s_{n-2} \leq \cdots s_0. \quad (7)$$

Moreover,

$$\begin{aligned} d(a_n, p_n) &= d(F(a_{n-1}, b_{n-1}), F(p_{n-1}, q_{n-1})), \\ &\leq \beta_1(d(a_{n-1}, p_{n-1}))d(a_{n-1}, p_{n-1}) + \beta_2(d(b_{n-1}, q_{n-1}))d(b_{n-1}, q_{n-1}) \end{aligned} \quad (8)$$

and

$$\begin{aligned} d(b_n, q_n) &= d(F(b_{n-1}, a_{n-1}), F(q_{n-1}, p_{n-1})), \\ &\leq \beta_1(d(b_{n-1}, q_{n-1}))d(b_{n-1}, q_{n-1}) + \beta_2(d(a_{n-1}, p_{n-1}))d(a_{n-1}, p_{n-1}) \end{aligned} \quad (9)$$

for all $n \in N^+$. Therefore, let

$$t_n = d(a_n, p_n) + d(b_n, q_n)$$

for all $n \in N^+$. Combining (8) and (9), we observe that

$$\begin{aligned} t_n &= d(a_n, p_n) + d(b_n, q_n) \\ &\leq \beta_1(d(a_{n-1}, p_{n-1}))d(a_{n-1}, p_{n-1}) + \beta_2(d(b_{n-1}, q_{n-1}))d(b_{n-1}, q_{n-1}) \\ &\quad + \beta_1(d(b_{n-1}, q_{n-1}))d(b_{n-1}, q_{n-1}) + \beta_2(d(a_{n-1}, p_{n-1}))d(a_{n-1}, p_{n-1}) \\ &= (\beta_1 + \beta_2)(d(a_{n-1}, p_{n-1}) + d(b_{n-1}, q_{n-1}))(d(a_{n-1}, p_{n-1}) + d(b_{n-1}, q_{n-1})) \\ &= t_{n-1}. \end{aligned}$$

Thus, we obtain that

$$0 \leq t_n \leq t_{n-1} \leq t_{n-2} \leq \cdots t_0. \quad (10)$$

Using the property (B3), we get

$$\begin{aligned} d(a_n, p_m) &\leq d(a_n, p_{n+1}) + d(a_{n+1}, p_{n+1}) + \cdots + d(a_{m-1}, p_m), \\ d(b_n, q_m) &\leq d(b_n, q_{n+1}) + d(b_{n+1}, q_{n+1}) + \cdots + d(b_{m-1}, q_m) \end{aligned} \quad (11)$$

and

$$\begin{aligned} d(a_m, p_n) &\leq d(a_m, p_{m-1}) + d(a_{m-1}, p_{m-1}) + \cdots + d(a_{n+1}, p_n), \\ d(b_m, q_n) &\leq d(b_m, q_{m-1}) + d(b_{m-1}, q_{m-1}) + \cdots + d(b_{n+1}, q_n) \end{aligned} \quad (12)$$

for each $m, n \in N$, $n < m$. Then, from (4), (7), (10), (11) and (12), we have

$$\begin{aligned} d(a_n, p_m) + d(b_n, q_m) &\leq (d(a_n, p_{n+1}) + d(b_n, q_{n+1})) \\ &\quad + (d(a_{n+1}, p_{n+1}) + d(b_{n+1}, q_{n+1})) + \cdots \\ &\quad + (d(a_{m-1}, p_{m-1}) + d(b_{m-1}, q_{m-1})) \\ &\quad + (d(a_{m-1}, p_m) + d(b_{m-1}, q_m)), \\ &= e_n + t_{n+1} + e_{n+1} + \cdots + t_{m-1} + e_{m-1}, \\ &< e_0 + t_0 \end{aligned} \quad (13)$$

and

$$\begin{aligned} d(a_m, p_n) + d(b_m, q_n) &\leq (d(a_m, p_{m-1}) + d(b_m, q_{m-1})) \\ &\quad + (d(a_{m-1}, p_{m-1}) + d(b_{m-1}, q_{m-1})) + \cdots \\ &\quad + (d(a_{n+1}, p_{n+1}) + d(b_{n+1}, q_{n+1})) \\ &\quad + (d(a_{n+1}, p_n) + d(b_{n+1}, q_n)), \\ &= s_n + t_{m-1} + t_{m-1} + \cdots + t_{n+1} + s_{n+1}, \\ &< s_0 + t_0 \end{aligned} \quad (14)$$

for $n < m$. Since, for an arbitrary $\epsilon > 0$, there exists n_0 such that $(e_0 + t_0) < \frac{\epsilon}{3}$ and $(s_0 + t_0) < \frac{\epsilon}{3}$ from (13) and (14) we have

$$d(a_n, p_m) + d(b_n, q_m) < \frac{\epsilon}{3}$$

for each $n, m \geq n_0$. Then (a_n, p_n) and (b_n, q_n) are Cauchy bisequences. Because of completeness of (X, Y, d) , there exist $a, b \in X$ and $p, q \in Y$ with

$$\lim_{n \rightarrow \infty} a_n = p, \lim_{n \rightarrow \infty} b_n = q, \lim_{n \rightarrow \infty} p_n = a, \text{ and } \lim_{n \rightarrow \infty} q_n = b. \quad (15)$$

Then there exists $n_1 \in N$ with

$$d(a_n, p) < \frac{\epsilon}{3}, d(b_n, q) < \frac{\epsilon}{3}, d(a, p_n) < \frac{\epsilon}{3}, \text{ and } d(b, q_n) < \frac{\epsilon}{3}$$

for all $n \geq n_1$ and every $\epsilon > 0$. Since (a_n, p_n) and (b_n, q_n) are Cauchy bisequences, we get

$$d(a_n, p_n) < \frac{\epsilon}{3} \text{ and } d(b_n, q_n) < \frac{\epsilon}{3} \text{ So, from (1), we have}$$

$$\begin{aligned} d(F(a, b), p) &\leq d(F(a, b), p_{n+1}) + d(a_{n+1}, p_{n+1}) + d(a_{n+1}, p) \\ &= d(F(a, b), F(p_n, q_n)) + d(a_{n+1}, p_{n+1}) + d(a_{n+1}, p) \\ &\leq \beta_1(d(a, p_n))d(a, p_n) + \beta_2(d(b, q_n))d(b, q_n) + d(a_{n+1}, p_{n+1}) + d(a_{n+1}, p) \\ &< \beta_1\left(\frac{\epsilon}{3}\right)\frac{\epsilon}{3} + \beta_1\left(\frac{\epsilon}{3}\right)\frac{\epsilon}{3} + \frac{\epsilon}{3} + \frac{\epsilon}{3} \\ &= \frac{\epsilon}{3} + 2\frac{\epsilon}{3} \\ &< \epsilon \end{aligned}$$

for each $n \in N$ and $\lambda < 1$. Then $d(F(a, b), p) = 0$. Hence, $F(a, b) = p$. Similarly, we get

$$F(b, a) = q, F(p, q) = a \text{ and } F(q, p) = b. \text{ On the other hand, from (15) we get}$$

$$d(a, p) = d(\lim_{n \rightarrow \infty} p_n, \lim_{n \rightarrow \infty} a_n) = \lim_{n \rightarrow \infty} d(a_n, p_n) = 0$$

and

$$d(b, q) = d(\lim_{n \rightarrow \infty} q_n, \lim_{n \rightarrow \infty} b_n) = \lim_{n \rightarrow \infty} d(b_n, q_n) = 0.$$

So, $a = p$ and $b = q$. Therefore, $(a, b) \in X^2 \cap Y^2$ is a coupled fixed point of F .

Now, to show the uniqueness, we begin by taking another coupled fixed point $(a^*, b^*) \in X^2 \cup Y^2$. If $(a^*, b^*) \in X^2$, then we get

$$d(a^*, a) = d(F(a^*, b^*), F(a, b)) \leq kd(a^*, a) + ld(b^*, b)$$

and

$$d(b^*, b) = d(F(b^*, a^*), F(b, a)) \leq kd(b^*, b) + ld(a^*, a).$$

Therefore, we have

$$d(a^*, a) + d(b^*, b) \leq \lambda (d(a^*, a) + d(b^*, b)). \quad (16)$$

Since $\lambda < 1$, by (16) this means that $d(a^*, a) + d(b^*, b) = 0$. So, we obtain that $a^* = a$ and $b^* = b$. Similarly, if $(a^*, b^*) \in Y^2$, we have $a^* = a$ and $b^* = b$. Then (a, b) is a unique coupled fixed point of F .

The following corollary is obtained, if we take $\beta_1(t) = k$ and $\beta_2(t) = l$ in Theorem 6.

Corollary 7: Let (X, Y, d) be a complete bipolar metric space, $F : (X^2, Y^2) \rightarrow (X, Y)$ be a covariant mapping and k, l be non-negative constants. If F satisfies the condition

$$d(F(a, b), F(p, q)) \leq kd(a, p) + ld(b, q), \quad k + l < 1 \quad (17)$$

for all $a, b \in X, p, q \in Y$, then $F : X^2 \cup Y^2 \rightarrow X \cup Y$ has a unique coupled fixed point.

The following corollary is obtained, if we take equal the constants k, l in Theorem 6.

Corollary 8: Let (X, Y, d) be a complete bipolar metric space, $F : (X^2, Y^2) \rightarrow (X, Y)$ be a covariant mapping and k, l be non-negative constants. If the condition

$$d(F(a, b), F(p, q)) \leq \frac{k}{2} [(d(a, p) + d(b, q)),]$$

$k < 1$ holds for all $a, b \in X, p, q \in Y$, then $F : X^2 \cup Y^2 \rightarrow X \cup Y$ has a unique coupled fixed point.

Now, we express another generalization of coupled fixed point theorem in bipolar metric spaces.

Definition 9: Let (X, Y, d) be a bipolar metric space, $a \in X, p \in Y$ and $F : (X \times Y, Y \times X) \rightarrow (X, Y)$ be a covariant mapping. (a, p) is said to be a coupled fixed point of F if $F(a, p) = a$ and $F(p, a) = p$.

Theorem 10: Let (X, Y, d) be a complete bipolar metric space, $F : (X \times Y, Y \times X) \rightarrow (X, Y)$ be a covariant mapping and $\beta_1, \beta_2 \in \Delta$. If the condition

$$d(F(a, p), F(q, b)) \leq \beta_1 a(d(a, q))d(a, q) + \beta_2 b(d(b, p))d(b, p), \quad (18)$$

holds for all $a, b \in X, p, q \in Y$, then $F : (X \times Y) \cup (Y \times X) \rightarrow X \cup Y$ has a unique coupled fixed point.

Proof: Similar to the proof of Theorem 6, we define bisequences (a_n, p_n) and (b_n, q_n) as follows,

$a_{n+1} = F(a_n, b_n), b_{n+1} = F(b_n, a_n), p_{n+1} = F(p_n, q_n)$ and $q_{n+1} = F(q_n, p_n)$
 for all $n \in N^+$. Let $k + l = \lambda$. From \ref (18), we get

$$\begin{aligned} d(a_n, q_{n+1}) &= d(F(a_{n-1}, p_{n-1}), F(q_n, b_n)), \\ &\leq \beta_1(d(a_{n-1}, q_n))d(a_{n-1}, q_n) + \beta_2(d(b_n, p_{n-1}))d(b_n, p_{n-1}) \end{aligned} \quad (19)$$

$$\begin{aligned} d(a_{n+1}, q_n) &= d(F(a_n, p_n), F(q_{n-1}, b_{n-1})), \\ &\leq \beta_1(d(a_n, q_{n-1}))d(a_n, q_{n-1}) + \beta_2(d(b_{n-1}, p_n))d(b_{n-1}, p_n) \end{aligned} \quad (20)$$

$$\begin{aligned} d(b_n, p_{n+1}) &= d(F(b_{n-1}, q_{n-1}), F(p_n, a_n)), \\ &\leq \beta_1(d(b_{n-1}, p_n))d(b_{n-1}, p_n) + \beta_2(d(a_n, q_{n-1}))d(a_n, q_{n-1}) \end{aligned} \quad (21)$$

$$\begin{aligned} d(b_{n+1}, p_n) &= d(F(b_n, q_n), F(p_{n-1}, a_{n-1})), \\ &\leq \beta_1(d(b_n, p_{n-1}))d(b_n, p_{n-1}) + \beta_2(d(a_{n-1}, q_n))d(a_{n-1}, q_n) \end{aligned} \quad (22)$$

for all $n \in N^+$. Let

$$e_n = d(a_n, q_{n+1}) + d(b_n, p_{n+1})$$

for all $n \in N^+$. Using (19), (20), (21) and (22), we get

$$\begin{aligned} e_n &= d(a_n, q_{n+1}) + d(b_n, p_{n+1}) \\ &\leq \beta_1(d(a_{n-1}, q_n))d(a_{n-1}, q_n) + \beta_2(d(b_{n-1}, p_n))d(b_{n-1}, p_n) \\ &\quad + \beta_1(d(b_{n-1}, p_n))d(b_{n-1}, p_n) + \beta_2(d(a_{n-1}, q_n))d(a_{n-1}, q_n) \\ &= (\beta_1 + \beta_2) \left((d(a_{n-1}, q_n) + d(b_{n-1}, p_n)) \right) (d(a_{n-1}, q_n) + d(b_{n-1}, p_n)) \\ &< e_{n-1}. \end{aligned}$$

and

$$\begin{aligned} s_n &= d(a_{-(n+1)}, q_{-(n)}) + d(b_{-n}, p_{-(n+1)}) \\ &\leq \beta_1(d(a_n, q_{n-1}))d(a_n, q_{n-1}) + \beta_2(d(b_{n-1}, p_n))d(b_{n-1}, p_n) \\ &\quad + \beta_1(d(b_{n-1}, p_n))d(b_{n-1}, p_n) + \beta_2(d(a_n, q_{n-1}))d(a_n, q_{n-1}) \\ &= (\beta_1 + \beta_2) (d(a_n, q_{n-1}) + d(b_{n-1}, p_n)) (d(a_n, q_{n-1}) + d(b_{n-1}, p_n)) \\ &< s_{n-1}. \end{aligned}$$

Then we get

$$0 \leq e_n \leq e_{n-1} \leq e_{n-2} \leq \dots \leq e_0. \quad (23)$$

and

$$0 \leq e_n \leq e_{n-1} \leq e_{n-2} \leq \dots \leq e_0. \quad (24)$$

$$\begin{aligned} d(a_n, p_n) &= d(F(a_{n-1}, p_{n-1}), F(q_{n-1}, b_{n-1})), \\ &\leq \beta_1(d(a_{n-1}, q_{n-1}))d(a_{n-1}, q_{n-1}) + \beta_2(d(b_{n-1}, p_{n-1}))d(b_{n-1}, p_{n-1}) \end{aligned} \quad (25)$$

and

$$\begin{aligned} d(b_n, q_n) &= d(F(b_{n-1}, p_{n-1}), F(p_{n-1}, a_{n-1})), \\ &\leq \beta_1(d(b_{n-1}, p_{n-1}))d(b_{n-1}, p_{n-1}) + \beta_2(d(a_{n-1}, q_{n-1}))d(a_{n-1}, q_{n-1}) \end{aligned} \quad (26)$$

for all $n \in N^+$. Let

$$t_n = d(a_n, q_n) + d(b_n, p_n)$$

for all $n \in N^+$. Combining (25) and (26), we observe that

$$\begin{aligned} t_n &= d(a_n, q_n) + d(b_n, p_n) \\ &\leq \beta_1(d(a_{n-1}, q_{n-1}))d(a_{n-1}, q_{n-1}) + \beta_2(d(b_{n-1}, p_{n-1}))d(b_{n-1}, p_{n-1}) \\ &\quad + \beta_1(d(b_{n-1}, p_{n-1}))d(b_{n-1}, p_{n-1}) + \beta_2(d(a_{n-1}, q_{n-1}))d(a_{n-1}, q_{n-1}) \\ &= (\beta_1 + \beta_2) (d(a_{n-1}, q_{n-1}) + d(b_{n-1}, p_{n-1})) (d(a_{n-1}, q_{n-1}) + d(b_{n-1}, p_{n-1})) \\ &< t_{n-1}. \end{aligned}$$

So we get

$$0 \leq t_n \leq t_{n-1} \leq t_{n-2} \leq \dots \leq t_0. \quad (27)$$

We obtain that

$$\begin{aligned} d(a_n, q_m) &\leq d(a_n, q_{n+1}) + d(a_{n+1}, q_{n+1}) + \dots + d(a_{m-1}, q_m), \\ d(b_n, p_m) &\leq d(b_n, p_{n+1}) + d(b_{n+1}, p_{n+1}) + \dots + d(b_{m-1}, p_m), \\ d(a_m, q_n) &\leq d(a_m, q_{m-1}) + d(a_{m-1}, q_{m-1}) + \dots + d(a_{n+1}, q_n), \\ d(b_m, p_n) &\leq d(b_m, p_{m-1}) + d(b_{m-1}, p_{m-1}) + \dots + d(b_{n+1}, p_n) \end{aligned} \quad (28)$$

for each $n, m \in N$, $n < m$. Thus, from (23), (24) (27) and (28), we have

$$\begin{aligned} d(a_n, q_m) + d(b_m, p_n) &\leq (d(a_n, q_{n+1}) + d(b_{n+1}, p_n)) \\ &\quad + (d(a_{n+1}, q_{n+1}) + d(b_{n+1}, p_{n+1})) + \dots \\ &\quad + (d(a_{m-1}, q_{m-1}) + d(b_{m-1}, p_{m-1})) \\ &\quad + (d(a_{m-1}, q_m) + d(b_m, p_{m-1})), \\ &= e_n + t_{n+1} + e_{n+1} + \dots + t_{m-1} + e_{m-1}, \\ &< e_0 + t_0 \end{aligned} \quad (29)$$

and

$$\begin{aligned} d(a_m, q_n) + d(b_n, p_m) &\leq (d(a_m, q_{m-1}) + d(b_{m-1}, p_m)) \\ &\quad + (d(a_{m-1}, q_{m-1}) + d(b_{m-1}, p_{m-1})) + \dots \\ &\quad + (d(a_{n+1}, q_{n+1}) + d(b_{n+1}, p_{n+1})) \\ &\quad + (d(a_{n+1}, q_n) + d(b_n, p_{n+1})), \\ &= s_{m-1} + t_{m-1} + \dots + s_{n+1} + t_{n+1} + s_n, \\ &\leq e_0 + t_0 \end{aligned} \quad (30)$$

for $n < m$. Since, for an arbitrary $\epsilon > 0$, there exists n_0 such that $e_0 + t_0 < \frac{\epsilon}{3}$ and $s_0 + t_0 < \frac{\epsilon}{3}$ from (13) and (14) we have

$$d(a_n, q_m) + d(b_m, p_n) < \frac{\epsilon}{3}$$

for each $n, m \geq n_0$. Then (a_n, p_n) and (b_n, q_n) are Cauchy bisequences. Because of completeness of (X, Y, d) , there exist $a, b \in X$ and $p, q \in Y$ with

$$\lim_{n \rightarrow \infty} a_n = q, \lim_{n \rightarrow \infty} b_n = p, \lim_{n \rightarrow \infty} p_n = b, \text{ and } \lim_{n \rightarrow \infty} q_n = a. \quad (31)$$

Then there exists $n_1 \in N$ with

$$d(a_n, q) < \frac{\epsilon}{3}, d(b_n, p) < \frac{\epsilon}{3}, d(b, p_n) < \frac{\epsilon}{3} \text{ and } d(a, q_n) < \frac{\epsilon}{3}$$

for all $n \geq n_1$ and every $\epsilon > 0$. Since (a_n, q_n) and (b_n, p_n) are Cauchy bisequences, we get

$$d(a_n, q_n) < \frac{\epsilon}{3} \text{ and } d(b_n, p_n) < \frac{\epsilon}{3}.$$

So, from (18), we have

$$\begin{aligned} d(F(a, p), q) &\leq d(F(a, p), q_{n+1}) + d(a_{n+1}, q_{n+1}) + d(a_{n+1}, q) \\ &= d(F(a, q), F(p_n, b_n)) + d(a_{n+1}, q_{n+1}) + d(a_{n+1}, q) \\ &\leq \beta_1(d(a, q_n)) d(a, q_n) + \beta_2(d(b, p_n)) d(b, p_n) + d(a_{n+1}, q_{n+1}) + d(a_{n+1}, q) \\ &< \beta_1 \left(\frac{\epsilon}{3} \right) \frac{\epsilon}{3} + \beta_2 \left(\frac{\epsilon}{3} \right) \frac{\epsilon}{3} + \frac{\epsilon}{3} + \frac{\epsilon}{3} \\ &= \frac{\epsilon}{3} + 2 \frac{\epsilon}{3} \\ &< \epsilon \end{aligned}$$

for each $n \in N$ and $\lambda < 1$. Then $d(F(a, p), q) = 0$. Hence, $F(a, p) = q$. Similarly, we get

$$d(a, q) = d(\lim_{n \rightarrow \infty} q_n, \lim_{n \rightarrow \infty} a_n) = \lim_{n \rightarrow \infty} d(a_n, q_n) = 0$$

and

$$d(b, p) = d(\lim_{n \rightarrow \infty} p_n, \lim_{n \rightarrow \infty} b_n) = \lim_{n \rightarrow \infty} d(b_n, q_n) = 0.$$

So, $a = q$ and $b = p$. Therefore, $(a, p) \in X^2 \cap Y^2$ is a coupled fixed point of F . As in the proof of the Theorem 6, uniqueness of the coupled fixed point of F can be shown easily.

In the setting of $\beta_1(t)$ and $\beta_2(t)$ if we take $\beta_1(t) = k$ and $\beta_2(t) = l$ in Theorem 6.

Corollary 11: Let (X, Y, d) be a complete bipolar metric space, $F : (X \times Y, Y \times X) \rightarrow (X, Y)$ be a covariant mapping and k, l be non-negative constants. If the condition

$$d(F(a, p), F(q, b)) \leq kd(a, q) + ld(b, p), \quad k + l < 1$$

holds for all $a, b \in X, p, q \in Y$, then $F : (X \times Y) \cup (Y \times X) \rightarrow X \cup Y$ has a unique coupled fixed point.

Corollary 12: Let (X, Y, d) be a complete bipolar metric space. $F : (X \times Y, Y \times X) \rightarrow (X, Y)$ be a covariant mapping and k, l be non-negative constants. If the condition

$$d(F(a, p), F(q, b)) \leq \frac{k}{2} (d(a, q) + d(b, p)), \quad k < 1$$

holds for all $a, b \in X, p, q \in Y$, then $F : (X \times Y) \cup (Y \times X) \rightarrow X \cup Y$ has a unique coupled fixed point.

Example 13: Let $U_n(R)$ and $L_n(R)$ be the sets of all $n \times n$ upper and lower triangular matrices over R , respectively. A function $d : U_n(R) \times L_n(R) \rightarrow R^+$ be defined as

$$d(A, B) = \sum_{i,j=1}^n |a_{ij} - b_{ij}|$$

for all $A = (a_{ij})_{n \times n} \in U_n(R)$ and $B = (b_{ij})_{n \times n} \in L_n(R)$. Then it is apparent that $(U_n(R), L_n(R), d)$ is a complete bipolar metric space. We take a covariant mapping $F : (U_n(R)^2, L_n(R)^2) \rightarrow (U_n(R), L_n(R))$ such as

$$F(A, B) = \left(\frac{r}{2r+1} a_{ij} + \frac{r}{3r+1} b_{ij} \right)_{n \times n}$$

where $(A = (a_{ij})_{n \times n}, B = (b_{ij})_{n \times n}) \in U_n(R)^2 \cup L_n(R)^2$.

Then we get

$$\begin{aligned} d(F(A, B), F(C, D)) &= d\left(\left(\frac{a_{ij}+b_{ij}}{3}\right)_{n \times n}, \left(\frac{c_{ij}+d_{ij}}{3}\right)_{n \times n}\right) \\ &= \sum_{i,j=1}^n \left| \left(\frac{r}{2r+1} a_{ij} + \frac{r}{3r+1} b_{ij} - \frac{r}{2r+1} c_{ij} - \frac{r}{3r+1} d_{ij}\right) \right| \\ &\leq \sum_{i,j=1}^n \left(\left(\frac{r}{2r+1}\right) \left|\frac{a_{ij}-c_{ij}}{3}\right| + \left(\frac{r}{3r+1}\right) \left|\frac{b_{ij}-d_{ij}}{3}\right| \right) \\ &= \left(\frac{r}{2r+1}\right) d(A, C) + \left(\frac{r}{3r+1}\right) d(B, D) \end{aligned}$$

for all $A = (a_{ij})_{n \times n}, B = (b_{ij})_{n \times n} \in U_n(R)$ and $C = (c_{ij})_{n \times n}, D = (d_{ij})_{n \times n} \in L_n(R)$.

Therefore, the equation (17) is satisfied for $\beta_1(t) = \left(\frac{r}{2r+1}\right)$ and $\beta_2(t) = \left(\frac{r}{3r+1}\right)$. Then from Corollary 7, F has a unique coupled fixed point. It is obvious that the coupled fixed point is $(0_{n \times n}, 0_{n \times n}) \in U_n(R) \cap L_n(R)$ where $0_{n \times n}$ is the null matrix.

On the other hand, if

$$F : (U_n(R)^2, L_n(R)^2) \rightarrow (U_n(R), L_n(R))$$

is defined by $F(A, B) = \left(\frac{a_{ij}+b_{ij}}{3}\right)_{n \times n}$

where $(A = (a_{ij})_{n \times n}, B = (b_{ij})_{n \times n}) \in U_n(R)^2 \cup L_n(R)^2$. Then it can be observed that

$$\left(\frac{r}{2r+1}\right) d(A, C) + \left(\frac{r}{3r+1}\right) d(B, D).$$

Then F satisfies the equation (17) for $k = 1$. Therefore, coupled fixed points of F are both $(0_{n \times n}, 0_{n \times n}) \in U_n(R) \cap L_n(R)$ and $(I_n, I_n) \in U_n(R) \cap L_n(R)$ where $0_{n \times n}$ is the null matrix and I_n is the identity matrix. As it can be seen from this expression, F has not a unique coupled fixed point. Thus, the conditions $\beta_1(t) + \beta_2(t) < 1$ where $(\beta_1(t) = k$ and $\beta_2(t) = l)$ in Corollary 7 and $\beta_1(t) + \beta_2(t) < 1$ in Theorem 6 are the most appropriate conditions for satisfying the uniqueness of coupled fixed point.

Example 14: Let $U_n(R)$ and $L_n(R)$ be the sets of all $n \times n$ upper and lower triangular matrices over R , respectively. A function $d : U_n(R) \times L_n(R) \rightarrow R^+$ be defined as

$$d(A, B) = \sum_{i,j=1}^n |a_{ij} - b_{ij}|$$

for all $A = (a_{ij})_{n \times n} \in U_n(R)$ and $B = (b_{ij})_{n \times n} \in L_n(R)$. Then it is apparent that $(U_n(R), L_n(R), d)$ is a complete bipolar metric space. We take a covariant mapping $F : (U_n(R)^2, L_n(R)^2) \rightarrow (U_n(R), L_n(R))$ such as

$$F(A, B) = \left(\frac{a_{ij}+b_{ij}}{3}\right)_{n \times n}$$

where $(A = (a_{ij})_{n \times n}, B = (b_{ij})_{n \times n}) \in U_n(R)^2 \cup L_n(R)^2$.

Then we get

$$\begin{aligned} d(F(A, B), F(C, D)) &= d\left(\left(\frac{a_{ij}+b_{ij}}{3}\right)_{n \times n}, \left(\frac{c_{ij}+d_{ij}}{3}\right)_{n \times n}\right) \\ &= \sum_{i,j=1}^n \left| \frac{a_{ij}+b_{ij}-c_{ij}-d_{ij}}{3} \right| \\ &\leq \sum_{i,j=1}^n \left(\left|\frac{a_{ij}-c_{ij}}{3}\right| + \left|\frac{b_{ij}-d_{ij}}{3}\right| \right) \\ &= \frac{1}{3} (d(A, C) + d(B, D)) \end{aligned}$$

for all $A = (a_{ij})_{n \times n}, B = (b_{ij})_{n \times n} \in U_n(R)$ and $C = (c_{ij})_{n \times n}, D = (d_{ij})_{n \times n} \in L_n(R)$.

Therefore, the equation (17) is satisfied for $k = \frac{2}{3}$. Then from Corollary 8, F has a unique coupled fixed point. It is obvious that the coupled fixed point is $(0_{n \times n}, 0_{n \times n}) \in U_n(R) \cap L_n(R)$ where $0_{n \times n}$ is the null matrix.

On the other hand, if $F : (U_n(R)^2, L_n(R)^2) \rightarrow (U_n(R), L_n(R))$ is defined by $F(A, B) = \left(\frac{a_{ij} + b_{ij}}{3} \right)_{n \times n}$

where $\left(A = (a_{ij})_{n \times n}, B = (b_{ij})_{n \times n} \right) \in U_n(R)^2 \cup L_n(R)^2$. Then it can be observed that

$$d(F(A, B), F(C, D)) \leq \frac{1}{2} (d(A, C) + d(B, D)).$$

Then F satisfies the equation (17) for $k = 1$. Therefore, coupled fixed points of F are both $(0_{n \times n}, 0_{n \times n}) \in U_n(R) \cap L_n(R)$ and $(I_n, I_n) \in U_n(R) \cap L_n(R)$ where $0_{n \times n}$ is the null matrix and I_n is the identity matrix. As it can be seen from this expression, F has not a unique coupled fixed point. Thus, the conditions $k < 1$ in Corollary 8 and $k + 1 < 1$ in Theorem 6 are the most appropriate conditions for satisfying the uniqueness of coupled fixed point.

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