

**BEST PROXIMITY POINT THEOREM FOR  $(\Psi, \Phi)$  – WEAK CONTRACTIONS**

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**ABSTRACT**

*The aim of this paper is to extend the result which was proved by Ovidiu (2010) and to show the existence and uniqueness of the best proximity point for  $(\Psi, \Phi)$  –weak contractions.*

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**INTRODUCTION AND PRELIMINARIES**

Let  $(X, d)$  be a metric space. A mapping  $T: X \rightarrow X$  is a contraction if there exists a constant  $k \in (0, 1)$  such that  $d(Tx, Ty) \leq kd(x, y)$  holds for any  $x, y \in X$ .

If  $X$  is complete, then every contraction has a unique fixed point and that point can be obtained as a limit of repeated iteration of the mapping at any point  $X$  (the Banach contraction principle obviously every contraction is a continuous function).

A mapping  $T: X \rightarrow X$  is a  $\Phi$ -weak contraction if for each  $x, y \in X$ , there exists a function  $\Phi: [0, \infty) \rightarrow [0, \infty)$  such that  $\Phi$  is positive on  $(0, \infty)$ ,  $\Phi(0) = 0$  and  $d(Tx, Ty) \leq d(x, y) - \Phi(d(x, y))$ .

The concept of the weak contraction was defined by Alber and Guerre-Delabriere [1] in 1997. They defined such mappings for single-valued maps on Hilbert spaces and proved the existence of fixed points. Rhodes [6] showed that most results of [1] are true for any Banach space. Also Rhodes proved the following generalization of the Banach contraction principle.

**Theorem 1** Let  $(X, d)$  be a nonempty complete metric space and let  $T: X \rightarrow X$  be a  $\Phi$ -weak contraction on  $X$ . If  $\Phi$  is a continuous and nondecreasing function with  $\Phi(t) > 0$  for all  $t > 0$  and  $\Phi(0) = 0$ , then  $T$  has a unique fixed point. Every contraction is a  $\Phi$ -weak contraction  $\Phi(t) = kt$  where  $0 < k < 1$ .

Dutta and Choudhury [3] proved the following generalization of theorem 1.

**Theorem 2:** Let  $(X, d)$  be a nonempty complete metric space and let  $T: X \rightarrow X$  be a self-mapping satisfying the inequality  $\Psi(d(Tx, Ty)) \leq \Psi(d(x, y)) - \Phi(d(x, y))$ , where  $\Psi, \Phi: [0, \infty) \rightarrow [0, \infty)$  are both continuous and monotone nondecreasing functions with  $\Psi(t) = \Phi(t) = 0$  if and only if  $t = 0$ . Then  $T$  has a unique fixed point.

Doric [4] generalized theorem 2.

**Theorem 3:** Let  $(X, d)$  be a nonempty complete metric space and let  $T: X \rightarrow X$  be a self-mapping satisfying the inequality  $\Psi(d(Tx, Ty)) \leq \Psi(M(x, y)) - \Phi(M(x, y))$ , for any  $x, y \in X$ , where  $M$  is given by  $M(x, y) = \max\{d(x, y), d(x, Tx), d(y, Ty), \frac{d(x, Ty) + d(Ty, y)}{2}\}$ .

- a)  $\Psi: [0, \infty) \rightarrow [0, \infty)$  is a continuous monotone non-decreasing function with  $\Psi(t) = 0$  if and only if  $t = 0$ ,
- b)  $\Phi: [0, \infty) \rightarrow [0, \infty)$  is a lower semi-continuous function with  $\Phi(t) = 0$  if and only if  $t = 0$ .

Then  $T$  has a fixed point.

Ovidiu [5] extended the result proved by Doric [4], Rhodes [6] and Choudhary [3].

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**Theorem 4:** Let  $(X, d)$  be a nonempty complete metric space and  $T: X \rightarrow X$  be a mapping satisfying for all  $x, y \in X$   $\Psi(d(Tx, Ty)) \leq \Psi(M(x, y)) - \Phi(M(x, y))$ , where  
 a)  $\Psi: [0, \infty) \rightarrow [0, \infty)$  is a monotone non-decreasing function with  $\Psi(t) = 0$  if and only if  $t = 0$ ,  
 b)  $\Phi: [0, \infty) \rightarrow [0, \infty)$  is a function with  $\Phi(t) = 0$  if and only if  $t = 0$  and  $\lim_{n \rightarrow \infty} \Phi(a_n) > 0$  if  $\lim_{n \rightarrow \infty} a_n = a > 0$ ,  
 c)  $\Phi(a) > \Psi(a) - \Psi(a-)$  for any  $a > 0$ , where  $\Psi(a-)$  is the left limit of  $\Psi$  at  $a$ .  
 Then  $T$  has a unique fixed point.

**Definition 5:** [2] Let  $A, B$  be nonempty subsets of a metric space  $X$ . A map  $T: A \rightarrow B$  is said to be a generalised weakly contracting mapping if for all  $x, y \in A$ , then  

$$\Psi(d(Tx, Ty)) \leq \Psi(M(x, y)) - \Phi(\max\{d(x, y), d(y, Ty) - d(A, B)\})$$
 where  $M(x, y) = \max\{d(x, y), d(x, Tx) - d(A, B), d(y, Ty) - d(A, B), \frac{1}{2}[d(x, Ty) + d(y, Tx)] - d(A, B)\}$ .

**Theorem 6:** [7] Let  $(A, B)$  be a pair of nonempty closed subsets of a complete metric space  $(X, d)$  such that  $A_0$  is nonempty. Let  $T: A \rightarrow B$  be a weakly contractive mapping satisfying  $T(A_0) \subseteq B_0$ . Assume that the pair  $(A, B)$  has the  $p$ -property. Then there exists a unique  $x^* \in A$  such that  $d(x^*, Tx^*) = d(A, B)$ .

**MAIN RESULTS**

**Theorem 7:** Let  $(A, B)$  be a pair of nonempty closed subsets of a complete metric space  $(X, d)$  such that  $A_0$  is nonempty. Let  $T: A \rightarrow B$  be such that  $T(A_0) \subseteq B_0$ . Suppose  

$$\Psi(d(Tx, Ty)) \leq \Psi(M(x, y)) - \Phi(\max\{d(x, y), d(y, Ty) - d(A, B)\}) \tag{1}$$

where

- a)  $\Psi: [0, \infty) \rightarrow [0, \infty)$  is a monotone non-decreasing function with  $\Psi(t) = 0$  if and only if  $t = 0$ ,
- b)  $\Phi: [0, \infty) \rightarrow [0, \infty)$  is a lower semi-continuous function with  $\Phi(t) = 0$  if and only if  $t = 0$ .

Furthermore the pair  $(A, B)$  has the  $p$ -property. Then there exists a unique  $x^*$  in  $A$  such that  $d(x^*, Tx^*) = d(A, B)$ .

**Proof:** Choose  $x_0 \in A$ .

Since  $Tx_0 \in T(A_0) \subseteq B_0$ , there exists  $x_1 \in A_0$  such that  $d(x_1, Tx_0) = d(A, B)$ .

Analogously, regarding the assumption,  $Tx_1 \in T(A_0) \subseteq B_0$ , we determine  $x_2 \in A_0$  such that  $d(x_2, Tx_1) = d(A, B)$ . Recursively, we obtain a sequence  $(x_n)$  in  $A_0$  satisfying  

$$d(x_{n+1}, Tx_n) = d(A, B) \text{ for all } n \in N \tag{2}$$

**Claim:**  $d(x_n, x_{n+1}) \rightarrow 0$

If  $x_N = x_{N+1}$ , then  $x_N$  is a best proximity point.

By the  $p$ -property, we have

$$d(x_{n+1}, x_{n+2}) = d(Tx_n, Tx_{n+1})$$

Hence we assume that  $x_n \neq x_{n+1}$  for all  $n \in N$ .

Since  $d(x_{n+1}, Tx_n) = d(A, B)$ , from (1), we have for all  $n \in N$ .

$$\begin{aligned} \Psi(d(x_{n+1}, x_{n+2})) &= \Psi(d(Tx_n, Tx_{n+1})) \\ &\leq \Psi(\max\{d(x_n, x_{n+1}), d(x_n, Tx_n) - d(A, B), d(x_{n+1}, Tx_{n+1}) - d(A, B), \\ &\quad \frac{1}{2}[d(x_n, Tx_{n+1}) + d(x_{n+1}, Tx_n)] - d(A, B)\}) - \Phi(\max\{d(x_n, x_{n+1}), d(x_{n+1}, Tx_{n+1}) - d(A, B)\}) \\ &\leq \Psi(\max\{d(x_n, x_{n+1}), d(x_n, Tx_n) - d(A, B), d(x_{n+1}, Tx_{n+1}) - d(A, B), \\ &\quad \frac{1}{2}[d(x_n, Tx_{n+1}) + d(x_{n+1}, Tx_n)] - d(A, B)\}) - \Phi(\max\{d(x_n, x_{n+1}), d(x_{n+1}, Tx_{n+1}) - d(A, B)\}) \\ &\leq \Psi(\max\{d(x_n, x_{n+1}), d(x_n, Tx_n) - d(A, B), d(x_{n+1}, Tx_{n+1}) - d(A, B), \\ &\quad \frac{1}{2}(d(x_n, Tx_{n+1})) - d(A, B)\}) - \Phi(\max\{d(x_n, x_{n+1}), d(x_{n+1}, Tx_{n+1}) - d(A, B)\}) \end{aligned}$$

$$\begin{aligned} \text{Since } \frac{1}{2}(d(x_n, Tx_{n+1})) - d(A, B) &\leq \frac{1}{2}(d(x_n, x_{n+1}) + d(x_{n+1}, Tx_{n+1})) - d(A, B) \\ &\leq \max\{d(x_n, x_{n+1}), d(x_{n+1}, Tx_{n+1}) - d(A, B)\} \\ d(x_n, Tx_n) - d(A, B) &\leq d(x_n, x_{n+1}), d(x_{n+1}, Tx_n) - d(A, B) \\ &= d(x_n, x_{n+1}) \end{aligned}$$

It follow that

$$\begin{aligned} \Psi(d(Tx_n, Tx_{n+1})) &\leq \Psi(\max \{d(x_n, x_{n+1}), d(x_{n+1}, Tx_{n+1}) - d(A, B)\}) - \Phi(\max \{d(x_n, x_{n+1}), d(x_{n+1}, Tx_{n+1}) \\ &\quad - d(A, B)\}) \\ \Psi(d(x_{n+1}, x_{n+2})) &\leq \Psi(\max \{d(x_n, x_{n+1}), d(x_{n+1}, x_{n+2})\})\Phi(\max \{d(x_n, x_{n+1}), d(x_{n+1}, x_{n+2})\}) \end{aligned} \quad (3)$$

Suppose that  $d(x_n, x_{n+1}) \leq d(x_{n+1}, x_{n+2})$  for some positive integer  $n$ .

Then from (3), we have

$$\Psi(d(x_{n+1}, x_{n+2})) \leq \Psi(d(x_{n+1}, x_{n+2})) - \Phi(d(x_{n+1}, x_{n+2})).$$

that is  $\Phi(d(x_{n+1}, x_{n+2})) \leq 0$  which implies that  $d(x_{n+1}, x_{n+2}) = 0$ , contradicting our assumption.

Therefore  $d(x_{n+1}, x_{n+2}) < d(x_n, x_{n+1})$  for any  $n \in N$  and hence  $\{d(x_n, x_{n+1})\}$  is monotone decreasing sequence of nonnegative real numbers, hence there exists  $r \geq 0$  such that  $\lim_{n \rightarrow \infty} d(x_n, x_{n+1}) = r$ .

In the view of the fact from (3), for any  $n \in N$ , we have

$$\Psi(d(x_{n+1}, x_{n+2})) \leq \Psi(d(x_n, x_{n+1})) - \Phi(d(x_n, x_{n+1})),$$

Taking the limit as  $n \rightarrow \infty$  in the above inequality, and using the conditions of  $\Psi$  and  $\Phi$  we have

$$\Psi(r) \leq \Psi(r) - \Phi(r) \text{ which implies } \Phi(r) = 0$$

$$\text{Hence } \lim_{n \rightarrow \infty} d(x_n, x_{n+1}) = 0 \quad (4)$$

Next we show that  $(x_n)$  is a Cauchy sequence.

If otherwise there exists  $\varepsilon > 0$ , for which we can find two sequences of positive integers  $(m_k)$  and  $(n_k)$  such that for all positive integers  $m_k > n_k > k$ ,  $d(x_{m_k}, x_{n_k}) \geq \varepsilon$  and  $d(x_{m_k}, x_{n_{k-1}}) < \varepsilon$ .

$$\text{Now } \varepsilon \leq d(x_{m_k}, x_{n_k}) \leq d(x_{m_k}, x_{n_{k-1}}) + d(x_{n_{k-1}}, x_{n_k}),$$

$$\text{that is } \varepsilon \leq d(x_{m_k}, x_{n_k}) < \varepsilon + d(x_{n_{k-1}}, x_{n_k})$$

Taking the limit as  $k \rightarrow \infty$  in the above inequality and using (4) we have

$$\lim_{n \rightarrow \infty} d(x_{m_k}, x_{n_k}) = \varepsilon \quad (5)$$

$$\text{Again } d(x_{m_k}, x_{n_k}) \leq d(x_{m_k}, x_{m_{k+1}}) + d(x_{m_{k+1}}, x_{n_{k+1}}) + d(x_{n_{k+1}}, x_{n_k}).$$

Taking the limit as  $k \rightarrow \infty$  in the above inequalities and using (4) and (5) we have

$$\lim_{k \rightarrow \infty} d(x_{m_{k+1}}, x_{n_{k+1}}) = \varepsilon \quad (6)$$

$$\text{Again } d(x_{m_k}, x_{n_k}) \leq d(x_{m_k}, x_{n_{k+1}}) + d(x_{n_{k+1}}, x_{n_k}) \text{ and } d(x_{m_k}, x_{n_{k+1}}) \leq d(x_{m_k}, x_{n_k}) + d(x_{n_k}, x_{n_{k+1}})$$

Letting  $k \rightarrow \infty$  in the above inequalities and using (4) and (5) we have

$$\lim_{k \rightarrow \infty} d(x_{m_k}, x_{n_{k+1}}) = \varepsilon \quad (7)$$

$$\lim_{k \rightarrow \infty} d(x_{n_k}, x_{m_{k+1}}) = \varepsilon \quad (8)$$

For  $x = x_{m_k}, y = y_{m_k}$  we have

$$\begin{aligned} d(x_{m_k}, Tx_{m_k}) - d(A, B) &\leq d(x_{m_k}, x_{m_{k+1}}) + d(x_{m_{k+1}}, Tx_{m_k}) - d(A, B) \\ &= d(x_{m_k}, x_{m_{k+1}}) \end{aligned}$$

$$\text{Similarly } d(x_{n_k}, Tx_{n_k}) - d(A, B) = d(x_{n_k}, x_{n_{k+1}}).$$

$$\text{Also } d(x_{m_k}, Tx_{n_k}) - d(A, B) = d(x_{m_k}, x_{n_{k+1}}) \text{ and } d(x_{n_k}, Tx_{m_k}) - d(A, B) = d(x_{n_k}, x_{m_{k+1}}).$$

From (1) we have

$$\begin{aligned} \Psi(d(x_{m_{k+1}}, x_{n_{k+1}})) &= \Psi(d(Tx_{m_k}, Tx_{n_k})) \\ &\leq \Psi(\max \{d(x_{m_k}, x_{n_k}), d(x_{m_k}, Tx_{m_k}) - d(A, B), \quad d(x_{n_k}, Tx_{n_k}) - d(A, B)\}, \\ &\quad \frac{1}{2}[d(x_{m_k}, Tx_{n_k}) + d(x_{n_k}, Tx_{m_k})] - d(A, B)\}) - \Phi(\max \{d(x_{m_k}, x_{n_k}), d(x_{n_k}, Tx_{n_k}) - d(A, B)\}) \\ &\leq \Psi(\max \{d(x_{m_k}, x_{n_k}), d(x_{m_k}, x_{m_{k+1}}), \quad d(x_{n_k}, x_{n_{k+1}}), \\ &\quad \frac{1}{2}[d(x_{m_k}, x_{n_{k+1}}) + d(x_{n_k}, x_{m_{k+1}})]\}) - \Phi(\max \{d(x_{m_k}, x_{n_k}), d(x_{n_k}, x_{n_{k+1}})\}) \end{aligned}$$

It follows that

$$\Psi(d(Tx_{m_k}, Tx_{n_k})) \leq \Psi(\max\{d(x_{m_k}, x_{n_k}), d(x_{n_k}, Tx_{n_{k+1}})\}, \\ \frac{1}{2}[d(x_{m_k}, x_{n_{k+1}}) + d(x_{n_k}, x_{m_{k+1}})]) - \Phi(\max\{d(x_{m_k}, x_{n_k}), d(x_{n_k}, Tx_{n_{k+1}})\}) \\ \Psi(d(x_{m_{k+1}}, Tx_{n_{k+1}})) \leq \Psi(\max\{d(x_{m_k}, x_{n_k}), d(x_{n_k}, x_{n_{k+1}})\}) - \Phi(\max\{d(x_{m_k}, x_{n_k}), d(x_{n_k}, Tx_{n_{k+1}})\})$$

From (4), (5), (7) and (8) and letting  $k \rightarrow \infty$  in the above inequalities and using the conditions of  $\Psi$  and  $\Phi$ , we have  $\Psi(\varepsilon) \leq \Psi(\varepsilon) - \Phi(\varepsilon)$  which is contradiction by virtue of property  $\Phi$ .

Hence  $(x_n)$  is a Cauchy sequence.

Since  $(x_n) \subset A$  and  $A$  is a closed subset of the complete metric space  $(X, d)$ , there exists  $x^*$  in  $A$  such that  $x_n \rightarrow x^*$ .

Putting  $x = x_n$  and  $y = x^*$  in (1) and since

$$d(x_n, Tx^*) \leq d(x_n, x^*) + d(x^*, Tx_n) \text{ and} \\ d(x^*, Tx_n) \leq d(x^*, Tx^*) + d(Tx^*, Tx_n)$$

We have

$$\Psi(d(x_{n+1}, Tx^*) - d(A, B)) \leq \Psi d(Tx_n, Tx^*) \\ \leq \Psi(\max\{d(x_n, x^*), d(x_n, Tx_{n+1}), d(x^*, Tx^*) - d(A, B)\}, \\ \frac{1}{2}[d(x_n, Tx^*) + d(x^*, Tx_n)] - d(A, B)) - \Phi(\max\{d(x_n, x^*), d(x^*, Tx^*) - d(A, B)\})$$

Taking the limit as  $n \rightarrow \infty$  in the above inequalities and using the conditions of  $\Psi$  and  $\Phi$ , we have

$$\Psi(d(x^*, Tx^*) - d(A, B)) \leq \Psi(d(x^*, Tx^*) - d(A, B)) - \Phi(d(x^*, Tx^*) - d(A, B))$$

which implies that  $d(x^*, Tx^*) = d(A, B)$

Hence  $x^*$  is a best proximity point of  $T$ .

For the uniqueness

Let  $p$  and  $q$  be two best proximity point and suppose that  $p \neq q$ ,

Then putting  $x = p$  and  $y = q$  in (1) we obtain

$$\Psi(d(T_p, T_q)) \leq \Psi(\max\{d(p, q), d(p, T_p) - d(A, B), d(q, T_q) - d(A, B), \frac{1}{2}[d(p, T_p) + d(q, T_q)] - d(A, B)\}) \\ - \Phi(\max\{d(p, q), d(q, T_q) - d(A, B)\})$$

that is  $\Psi(d(p, q)) \leq \Psi(d(p, q)) - \Phi(d(p, q))$

which is contradiction by virtue of a property  $\Phi$ .

There  $p = q$

This completes the proof.

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