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COMMON FIXED POINT THEOREMS IN CONE METRIC SPACES

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ABSTRACT. We obtain sufficient conditions for existence of points of coincidence and common fixed points of three self mappings satisfying a contractive type conditions in cone metric spaces. Our results generalize several well-known recent results.

1. INTRODUCTION AND PRELIMINARIERS

Since the appearance of the Banach contraction mapping principle, a number of papers were dedicated to the improvement and generalization of that result. Most of these deal with the generalizations of the contractive condition (see [2, 3, 4, 7, 8, 9, 10, 11, 12, 14, 15, 16] and references there in) in metric spaces.

Guang and Zhang [5] recently introduced the concept of cone metric spaces and established some fixed point theorems for contractive type mappings in a normal cone metric space. Subsequently, some other authors [1, 6, 17] studied the existence of points of coincidence, and common fixed points of mappings satisfying a contractive type condition in cone metric spaces. Afterwards, Rezapour and Hamlbarani [13] studied fixed points theorems of contractive type mappings by omitting the assumption of normality in cone metric spaces. In this paper we obtain points of coincidence and common fixed points for three self mappings satisfying Jungck [7] type contractive condition without the assumption of normality in cone metric spaces.

First we recall Jungck's [7] theorem:

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Theorem 1.1. Let (X, ρ) be a complete metric space. Let f be a continuous self-map on X and g be any self-map on X that commutes with f. Further let f and g satisfy $g(X) \subseteq f(X)$ and there exists a constant $\lambda \in (0, 1)$ such that for every $x, y \in X$

$$\rho(gx, gy) \le \lambda \rho(fx, fy).$$

Then f and g have a unique common fixed point.

Sessa [16] generalized the concept of commuting mappings by calling self mappings f, g on a metric space X, weakly commuting if and only if

$$d(fgx, gfx) \le d(fx, gx)$$

for all $x \in X$. Of course commuting mappings are weakly commuting but converse is not true in general (see [16]). Afterwards, many authors obtained nice fixed point theorems by using this concept. However elementary function as simple as $fx = x^3, gx = 2x^3$ are not weakly commuting. Thus Jungck [8] and Pant [12] introduced some less restrictive concepts of compatible mappings and R-weakly commuting mappings respectively. Later on, it has been noticed that compatible mappings and R-weakly commuting mappings commute at their coincidence point. Jungck and Rhoades [11], then defined a pair(f, g) of selfmappings to be weakly compatible if they commute at their coincidence point (i.e. fgx = gfx whenever fx = gx).

A subset P of a real Banach space E is called a *cone* if it has following properties:

- (i) P is non-empty closed and $P \neq \{\mathbf{0}\}$;
- (ii) $0 \le a, b \in R$ and $x, y \in P \Rightarrow ax + by \in P$;
- (iii) $P \cap (-P) = \{\mathbf{0}\}.$

For a given cone $P \subseteq E$, we can define a partial ordering \leq on E with respect to P by $x \leq y$ if and only if $y - x \in P$. We shall write x < y if $x \leq y$ and $x \neq y$, while $x \ll y$ will stands for $y - x \in intP$, where intP denotes the interior of P. The cone P is called *normal* if there is a number k > 0 such that for all $x, y, \in E$,

$$\mathbf{0} \le x \le y \; \Rightarrow \|x\| \le \kappa \|y\| \,. \tag{I}$$

The least positive number κ satisfying (I) is called the *normal constant* of *P*. There are no normal cones with normal constant $\kappa < 1$ [13]. Also [13, example 2.3] shows that there are non-normal cones.

In the following we always suppose that E is a real Banach space and P is a cone in E with $int P \neq \emptyset$ and \leq is a partial ordering with respect to P.

Definition 1.2. Let X be a nonempty set. Suppose that the mapping $d: X \times X \to E$, satisfies:

- (1) $\mathbf{0} \leq d(x, y)$, for all $x, y \in X$ and $d(x, y) = \mathbf{0}$ if and only if x = y;
- (2) d(x,y) = d(y,x) for all $x, y \in X$;
- (3) $d(x,y) \le d(x,z) + d(z,y)$, for all $x, y, z \in X$.

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

Let x_n be a sequence in X, and $x \in X$. If for every $c \in E$, with $\mathbf{0} \ll c$ there is $n_0 \in \mathbb{N}$ such that for all $n > n_0$, $d(x_n, x) \ll c$, then $\{x_n\}$ is said to be *convergent*, $\{x_n\}$ converges to x and x is the *limit* of $\{x_n\}$. We denote this by $\lim_n x_n = x$, or $x_n \longrightarrow x$, as $n \to \infty$. If for every $c \in E$ with $\mathbf{0} \ll c$ there is $n_0 \in \mathbb{N}$ such that for all $n, m > n_0, d(x_n, x_m) \ll c$, then $\{x_n\}$ is called a *Cauchy sequence* in X. If every Cauchy sequence is convergent in X, then X is called a *complete cone metric space*. Let us recall [5] that if P is a normal cone, then $x_n \in X$ converges to $x \in X$ if and only if $d(x_n, x_m) \to \mathbf{0}$ as $n \to \infty$. Furthermore, $x_n \in X$ is a Cauchy sequence if and only if $d(x_n, x_m) \to \mathbf{0}$ as $n, m \to \infty$.

A point $y \in X$ is called *point of coincidence* of $T, f : X \to X$ if there exists a point $x \in X$ such that y = fx = Tx.

2. MAIN RESULTS

We start with a lemma, which will be required in the sequel.

Lemma 2.1. Let X be a non-empty set and the mappings $S, T, f : X \to X$ have a unique point of coincidence v in X. If (S, f) and (T, f) are weakly compatible, then S, T and f have a unique common fixed point.

Proof. Since v is point of coincidence S, T and f. Therefore, v = fu = Su = Tu for some $u \in X$. By weakly compatibility of (S, f) and (T, f) we have

$$Sv = Sfu = fSu = fv$$
 and $Tv = Tfu = fTu = fv$.

It implies that Sv = Tv = fv = w (say). Then w is a point of coincidence of S, T and f. Therefore, v = w by uniqueness. Thus v is a unique common fixed point of S, T and f.

Theorem 2.2. Let (X, d) be a cone metric space and the mappings $S, T, f : X \to X$ satisfy:

$$d(Sx, Ty) \le \lambda \ d(fx, \ fy)$$

for all $x, y \in X$ where $0 \leq \lambda < 1.$ If

$$S(X) \cup T(X) \subseteq f(X)$$

and f(X) is a complete subspace of X, then S, T and f have a unique point of coincidence. Moreover if (S, f) and (T, f) are weakly compatible, then S, T and f have a unique common fixed point.

Proof. Let x_0 be an arbitrary point in X. Choose a point x_1 in X such that $fx_1 = Sx_0$. This can be done since $S(X) \subseteq f(X)$. Similarly, choose a point x_2 in X such that $fx_2 = Tx_1$. Continuing this process and having chosen x_n in X. We obtain x_{n+1} in X such that

$$fx_{2k+1} = Sx_{2k}$$

$$fx_{2k+2} = Tx_{2k+1}, k = 0, 1, 2, \dots$$

Then,

$$d(fx_{2k+1}, fx_{2k+2}) = d(Sx_{2k}, Tx_{2k+1})$$

$$\leq \lambda d(fx_{2k}, fx_{2k+1}).$$

Similarly,

$$d(fx_{2k+2}, fx_{2k+3}) = d(Sx_{2k+2}, Tx_{2k+1})$$

$$\leq \lambda(fx_{2k+2}, fx_{2k+1})$$

Now by induction, we obtain for each k = 0, 1, 2, ...,

$$d(fx_{2k+2}, fx_{2k+3}) \le \lambda^{2k+2} d(fx_0, fx_1).$$

Let

$$y_n = f x_n, \ n = 0, 1, 2, \dots$$

Now for all n, we have

$$\begin{aligned} d(y_{n+1}, \ y_{n+2}) &\leq \lambda d(y_n, \ y_{n+1}) \\ &\leq \dots \leq \lambda^{n+1} d(y_0, \ y_1). \end{aligned}$$

Now for any m > n,

$$d(y_m, y_n) \leq d(y_n, y_{n+1}) + d(y_{n+1}, y_{n+2}) + \dots + d(y_{m-1}, y_m)$$

$$\leq [\lambda^n + \lambda^{n+1} + \dots + \lambda^{m-1}] d(y_0, y_1)$$

$$\leq \left[\frac{\lambda^n}{1 - \lambda}\right] d(y_0, y_1).$$

Let $\mathbf{0} \ll c$ be given. Choose $\delta > 0$ such that

$$c + \{x \in E : ||x|| < \delta\} \subseteq P.$$

Also, choose a natural number \mathcal{N}_1 , such that

$$\frac{\lambda^n}{1-\lambda}d(y_0, y_1) \in \{x \in E : ||x|| < \delta\}, \text{ for all } n \ge N_1.$$

Then

$$\left[\frac{\lambda^n}{1-\lambda}\right] \ d(y_0, y_1) \ll c, \text{ for all } n \ge N_{1.}$$

Thus,

$$m > n \ge N_{1.} \Rightarrow d(y_m, y_n) \le \left[\frac{\lambda^n}{1-\lambda}\right] d(y_0, y_1) \ll c,$$

which implies that $\{y_n\}$ is a Cauchy sequence. Since f(X) is complete, there exists $u, v \in X$ such that $y_n \to v = fu$. Choose a natural number N_2 such that

$$d(y_n, v) \ll \frac{c}{2}$$
 for all $n \ge N_2$.

Hence, for all $n \ge N_2$

$$d(fu, Su) \leq d(fu, y_{2n+2}) + d(y_{2n+2}, Su)$$

$$\leq d(v, y_{2n+2}) + d(Tx_{2n+1}, Su)$$

$$\leq d(v, y_{2n+2}) + \lambda d(fx_{2n+1}, fu)$$

$$\leq d(v, y_{2n+2}) + d(y_{2n+1}, v) \ll \frac{c}{2} + \frac{c}{2} = c.$$

Thus

$$d(fu, Su) \ll \frac{c}{m}$$
, for all $m \ge 1$.

So, $\frac{c}{m} - d(fu, Su) \in P$, for all $m \geq 1$. Since $\frac{c}{m} \to \mathbf{0}$ (as $m \to \infty$) and P is closed, $-d(fu, Su) \in P$, but $P \cap (-P) = \{\mathbf{0}\}$. Therefore, $d(fu, Su) = \mathbf{0}$. Hence fu = Su. Similarly, by using

$$d(fu, Tu) \le d(fu, y_{2n+1}) + d(y_{2n+1}, Tu),$$

we can show that fu = Tu, it implies that v is a common point of coincidence of S, T and f that is

$$v = fu = Su = Tu.$$

Now we show that f, S and T have unique point of coincidence. For this, assume that there exists another point v^* in X such that $v^* = fu^* = Su^* = Tu^*$ for some u^* in X. Now,

$$d(v, v^*) = d(Su, Tu^*)$$

$$\leq \lambda d(fu, fu^*)$$

$$\leq \lambda d(v, v^*).$$

This implies that $v^* = v$. If (S, f) and (T, f) are weakly compatible, by Lemma 2.1, S, T and f have a unique common fixed point.

Theorem 2.3. Let (X, d) be a cone metric space and the mappings $S, T, f : X \to X$ satisfy:

$$d(Sx, Ty) \le \lambda \left[d(fx, Sx) + d(fy, Ty) \right]$$

for all $x, y \in X$ where $0 \leq \lambda < \frac{1}{2}$. If

$$S(X) \cup T(X) \subseteq f(X)$$

and f(X) is a complete subspace of X, then S, T and f have a unique point of coincidence. Moreover, if (S, f) and (T, f) are weakly compatible, then S, T and f have a unique common fixed point.

Proof. Let x_0 be an arbitrary point in X. Define a sequence of points in X, as in Theorem 4, given by the rule:

$$fx_{2k+1} = Sx_{2k}$$

$$fx_{2k+2} = Tx_{2k+1}, \ k = 0, 1, 2, \dots$$

Then,

$$d(fx_{2k+1}, fx_{2k+2}) = d(Sx_{2k}, Tx_{2k+1})$$

$$\leq \lambda \left[d(fx_{2k}, Sx_{2k}) + (fx_{2k+1}, Tx_{2k+1}) \right]$$

$$\leq \lambda \left[d(fx_{2k}, fx_{2k+1}) + (fx_{2k+1}, fx_{2k+2}) \right]$$

$$\leq \frac{\lambda}{1-\lambda} \left[d(fx_{2k}, fx_{2k+1}) \right].$$

Similarly it can be shown that

$$d(fx_{2k+2}, fx_{2k+3}) = \frac{\lambda}{1-\lambda}(fx_{2k+1}, fx_{2k+2}).$$

Now by induction, we obtain for each k = 0, 1, 2, ...,

$$d(fx_{2k+1}, fx_{2k+2}) \leq \frac{\lambda}{1-\lambda} d(fx_{2k}, fx_{2k+1})$$

$$\leq \left[\frac{\lambda}{1-\lambda}\right]^2 d(fx_{2k-1}, fx_{2k})$$

$$\leq \dots \leq \left[\frac{\lambda}{1-\lambda}\right]^{2k+1} d(fx_0, fx_1)$$

and

$$d(fx_{2k+2}, fx_{2k+3}) \le \left[\frac{\lambda}{1-\lambda}\right]^{2k+2} d(fx_0, fx_1).$$

Let

$$\left[\frac{\lambda}{1-\lambda}\right] = h$$
 and $y_n = fx_n, n = 0, 1, 2, \dots$

Now for all $n = 0, 1, 2, \dots$ We have

$$\begin{aligned} d(y_{n+1}, \ y_{n+2}) &\leq h \ d(y_n, \ y_{n+1}) \\ &\leq \dots \leq h^{n+1} d(y_0, \ y_1). \end{aligned}$$

Now for any m > n,

$$\begin{aligned} d(y_m, y_n) &\leq d(y_n, y_{n+1}) + d(y_{n+1}, y_{n+2}) + \dots + d(y_{m-1}, y_m) \\ &\leq \left[h^n + h^{n+1} + \dots + h^{m-1}\right] d(y_0, y_1) \\ &\leq \left[\frac{h^n}{1-h}\right] d(y_0, y_1). \end{aligned}$$

Let $\mathbf{0} \ll c$ be given. Choose $\delta > 0$ such that

 $c + \{x \in E : ||x|| < \delta\} \subseteq P.$

Also choose a natural number N_1 such that

$$\frac{h^n}{1-h}d(y_0, y_1) \in \{x \in E : ||x|| < \delta\}, \text{ for all } n \ge N_1.$$

Then

$$\left[\frac{h^n}{1-h}\right] d(y_0, y_1) \ll c, \text{ for all } n \ge N_1.$$

Thus

$$m > n \ge N_{1.} \Rightarrow d(y_m, y_n) \le \left[\frac{h^n}{1-h}\right] d(y_0, y_1) \ll c,$$

which implies that $\{y_n\}$ is a Cauchy sequence. Since f(X) is complete, there exists $u, v \in X$ such that $y_n \to v = fu$. Choose a natural number N_2 such that

$$d(y_{n+1}, y_n) \ll \frac{c(1-\lambda)}{2\lambda}$$
 and $d(y_{n+1}, v) \ll \frac{c(1-\lambda)}{2}$ for all $n \ge N_2$.

Hence, for all $n \ge N_2$

$$\begin{aligned} d(fu, Su) &\leq d(fu, y_{2n+2}) + d(y_{2n+2}, Su) \\ &\leq d(v, y_{2n+2}) + d(Tx_{2n+1}, Su) \\ &\leq d(v, y_{2n+2}) + \lambda \left[d(fu, Su) + d(fx_{2n+1}, Tx_{2n+1}) \right] \\ &\leq \frac{1}{1 - \lambda} d(v, y_{2n+2}) + \frac{\lambda}{1 - \lambda} d(y_{2n+1}, y_{2n+2}) \ll \frac{c}{2} + \frac{c}{2} = c. \end{aligned}$$

Thus

$$d(fu, Su) \ll \frac{c}{m}$$
, for all $m \ge 1$.

So, $\frac{c}{m} - d(fu, Su) \in P$, for all $m \geq 1$. Since $\frac{c}{m} \to \mathbf{0}$ (as $m \to \infty$) and P is closed, $-d(fu, Su) \in P$ but $P \cap (-P) = \{\mathbf{0}\}$. Therefore, $d(fu, Su) = \mathbf{0}$. Hence, fu = Su. Similarly, by using

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Now we show that f, S and T have unique point of coincidence. For this, assume that there exists another point v^* in X such that $v^* = fu^* = Su^* = Tu^*$ for some u^* in X. Then,

$$\begin{aligned} d(v, v^*) &= d(Su, Tu^*) \\ &\leq \lambda \left[d(fu, Su) + d(fu^*, Tu^*) \right] \\ &\leq \lambda \left[d(v, v) + d(v^*, v^*) \right] = 0. \end{aligned}$$

It implies that Hence $v = v^*$. If (S, f) and (T, f) are weakly compatible, by Lemma 2.1, S, T and f have a unique common fixed point.

Theorem 2.4. Let (X, d) be a cone metric space and the mappings $S, T, f : X \to X$ satisfy.

$$d(Sx, Ty) \le \lambda \left[d(fy, Sx) + d(fx, Ty) \right]$$

for all $x, y \in X$ where $0 \le \lambda < \frac{1}{2}$. If

$$S(X) \cup T(X) \subseteq f(X)$$

and f(X) is a complete subspace of X, then S, T and f have a unique point of coincidence. Moreover, if (S, f) and (T, f) are weakly compatible, then S, T and f have a unique common fixed point.

Proof. Let x_0 be an arbitrary point in X. Define a sequence of points in X, as in Theorem 4, given by the rule:

$$fx_{2k+1} = Sx_{2k}$$

$$fx_{2k+2} = Tx_{2k+1}, k = 0, 1, 2, \dots$$

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Then

$$\begin{aligned} d(fx_{2k+1}, \ fx_{2k+2}) &= \ d(Sx_{2k}, Tx_{2k+1}) \\ &\leq \ \lambda \left[\ d(fx_{2k+1}, Sx_{2k}) + (fx_{2k}, Tx_{2k+1}) \right] \\ &\leq \ \lambda \ \left[d(fx_{2k+1}, \ fx_{2k+1}) + (fx_{2k}, \ fx_{2k+2}) \right] \\ &\leq \ \frac{\lambda}{1-\lambda} \left[\ d(fx_{2k}, \ fx_{2k+1}) \right]. \end{aligned}$$

Similarly, it can be shown that

$$d(fx_{2k+2}, fx_{2k+3}) = \frac{\lambda}{1-\lambda}(fx_{2k+1}, fx_{2k+2})$$

Now by induction, we obtain for each k = 0, 1, 2, ...,

$$d(fx_{2k+1}, fx_{2k+2}) \leq \frac{\lambda}{1-\lambda} d(fx_{2k}, fx_{2k+1})$$

$$\leq \left[\frac{\lambda}{1-\lambda}\right]^2 d(fx_{2k-1}, fx_{2k})$$

$$\leq \dots \leq \left[\frac{\lambda}{1-\lambda}\right]^{2k+1} d(fx_0, fx_1).$$

and

$$d(fx_{2k+2}, fx_{2k+3}) \le \left[\frac{\lambda}{1-\lambda}\right]^{2k+2} d(fx_0, fx_1).$$

Let

$$\begin{bmatrix} \lambda \\ 1-\lambda \end{bmatrix} = h$$
 and $y_n = fx_n, n = 0, 1, 2, \dots$

Now for all n we have

$$\begin{aligned} d(y_{n+1}, \ y_{n+2}) &\leq h \ d(y_n, \ y_{n+1}) \\ &\leq \dots \leq h^{n+1} d(y_0, \ y_1) \end{aligned}$$

Now for any m > n,

$$d(y_m, y_n) \leq d(y_n, y_{n+1}) + d(y_{n+1}, y_{n+2}) + \dots + d(y_{m-1}, y_m)$$

$$\leq [h^n + h^{n+1} + \dots + h^{m-1}] d(y_0, y_1)$$

$$\leq \left[\frac{h^n}{1-h}\right] d(y_0, y_1).$$

Let $\mathbf{0} \ll c$ be given. Choose $\delta > 0$ such that

$$c + \{x \in E : ||x|| < \delta\} \subseteq P.$$

Also choose a natural number N_1 such that h^n

$$\frac{h^n}{1-h}d(y_0, y_1) \in \{x \in E : ||x|| < \delta\}, \text{ for all } n \ge N_1.$$

Then

$$\left[\frac{h^n}{1-h}\right] d(y_0, y_1) \ll c, \text{ for all } n \ge N_1.$$

Thus

$$m > n \ge N_{1.} \Rightarrow d(y_m, y_n) \le \left[\frac{h^n}{1-h}\right] d(y_0, y_1) \ll c,$$

it implies that $\{y_n\}$ is a Cauchy sequence. Since f(X) is complete, there exists $u, v \in X$ such that $y_n \to v = fu$. Choose a natural number N_2 such that

$$d(y_{n+1}, v) \ll \frac{c(1-\lambda)}{3}$$
 for all $n \ge N_2$.

Hence, for all $n \ge N_2$

$$\begin{aligned} d(fu, Su) &\leq d(fu, y_{2n+1}) + d(y_{2n+1}, Su) \\ &\leq d(v, y_{2n+1}) + d(Tx_{2n+1}, Su) \\ &\leq d(v, y_{2n+1}) + \lambda \left[d(fu, Tx_{2n+1}) + d(fx_{2n+1}, Su) \right] \\ &\leq d(v, y_{2n+1}) + \lambda \left[d(y_{2n+2}, v) + d(fx_{2n+1}, v) + d(fu, Su) \right] \\ &\quad \frac{1}{1 - \lambda} \left[d(v, y_{2n+1}) + \lambda \left(d(y_{2n+2}, v) + d(fx_{2n+1}, v) \right) \right] \\ &\ll \frac{c}{3} + \frac{c}{3} + \frac{c}{3} = c. \end{aligned}$$

Thus

$$d(fu, Su) \ll \frac{c}{m}$$
, for all $m \ge 1$.

So, $\frac{c}{m} - d(fu, Su) \in P$, for all $m \geq 1$. Since $\frac{c}{m} \to \mathbf{0}$ (as $m \to \infty$) and P is closed, $-d(fu, Su) \in P$. But $d(fu, Su) \in P$. Therefore, $d(fu, Su) = \mathbf{0}$. Hence fu = Su. Similarly, by using

$$d(fu, Tu) \le d(fu, y_{2n+1}) + d(y_{2n+1}, Tu),$$

we can show that fu = Tu. Which implies that v is a common point of coincidence of S, T and f that is

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Then we show that f, S and T have unique point of coincidence For this, assume that there exists another point v^* in X such that $v^* = fu^* = Su^* = Tu^*$ for some u^* in X. Now,

$$d(v, v^*) = d(Su, Tu^*)$$

$$\leq \lambda [d(fu, Tu^*) + d(fu^*, Su)]$$

$$\leq 2\lambda d(v, v^*).$$

It implies that $v = v^*$. By Lemma 2.1 S, T and f have a unique common fixed point if (S, f) and (T, f) are weakly compatible.

3. CONCLUSION

The particular cases (when f = I the identity maps or S = T) of our results generalize the theorems 1, 3, 4 of [5] and theorems. 2.3, 2.6, 2.7 of [13]. Moreover our results also generalize theorems 2.1, 2.3, 2.4.of [1] even in the case when S = T, since (X, d) is not assumed to have a normal cone P.

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