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# A Suzuki type unique common fixed point theorem for hybrid pairs of maps under a new condition in partial metric spaces

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## Abstract

In this paper, we introduce a new condition namely, the (W.C.C) condition and give some Suzuki-type, unique, common fixed-point theorems for pairs of hybrid mappings in partial metric spaces using a partial Hausdorff metric. These results generalize and extend the several comparable results in this literature in metric and partial metric spaces.

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## Introduction and preliminaries

The study of fixed points for multi-valued maps using a Hausdorff metric was initiated by Nadler [1] who proved the following:

**Theorem 1.** *Let  $(X, d)$  be a complete metric space and  $T : X \rightarrow CB(X)$  be a mapping satisfying  $H(Tx, Ty) \leq kd(x, y)$ , where  $k \in [0, 1)$  then there exists  $x \in X$  such that  $x \in Tx$ .*

Later, an interesting and rich fixed-point theory was developed and extended Theorem 1 using weak and generalized contraction mappings (see [2-7]). The theory of multi-valued maps has many applications in control theory, convex optimization, differential equations, and economics (see [8]). On the other hand, the basic notion of a partial metric space was introduced by Mathews [9] as a part of the study of denotational semantics of data flow networks. He presented a modified version of the Banach contraction principle, which is more suitable in this context (see also [10,11]). In fact, the partial metric spaces

constitute a suitable framework to model several distinguished examples of the theory of computation and also to model metric spaces via the domain theory (see [12-31]). In this direction, Aydi et al. [32] introduced the concept of a partial Hausdorff metric and extended Nadler's fixed-point theorem in the setting of partial metric spaces.

Consistent with [9,32,33], the following definitions and results will be needed in the sequel:

**Definition 1.** ([9]). A partial metric on a nonempty set  $X$  is a function  $p : X \times X \rightarrow \mathbb{R}^+$  such that for all  $x, y, z \in X$ :

- (p<sub>1</sub>)  $x = y \Leftrightarrow p(x, x) = p(x, y) = p(y, y)$ ,
- (p<sub>2</sub>)  $p(x, x) \leq p(x, y)$ ,
- (p<sub>3</sub>)  $p(x, y) = p(y, x)$ ,
- (p<sub>4</sub>)  $p(x, y) \leq p(x, z) + p(z, y) - p(z, z)$ .

In this case,  $(X, p)$  is called a partial metric space.

It is clear that  $|p(x, y) - p(y, z)| \leq p(x, z) \forall x, y, z \in X$ . It is also clear that  $p(x, y) = 0$  implies  $x = y$  from (p<sub>1</sub>) and (p<sub>2</sub>). However, if  $x = y$ ,  $p(x, y)$  may not be zero. A basic example of a partial metric space is the pair  $(\mathbb{R}^+, p)$ , where  $p(x, y) = \max\{x, y\}$  for all  $x, y \in \mathbb{R}^+$ . Each partial metric  $p$  on  $X$  generates a  $\tau_0$  topology  $\tau_p$  on  $X$  which has a base, the family of open  $p$ -balls  $\{B_p(x, \epsilon) \mid x \in X, \epsilon > 0\}$  for all  $x \in X$  and  $\epsilon > 0$ , where  $B_p(x, \epsilon) = \{y \in X \mid p(x, y) < p(x, x) + \epsilon\}$  for all  $x \in X$  and  $\epsilon > 0$ . If  $p$  is a partial metric on

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$X$ , then the function  $p^s : X \times X \rightarrow \mathbb{R}^+$  given by  $p^s(x, y) = 2p(x, y) - p(x, x) - p(y, y)$  is a metric on  $X$ .

**Definition 2.** ([9]). Let  $(X, p)$  be a partial metric space:

- (i) A sequence  $\{x_n\}$  in  $(X, p)$  is said to converge to a point  $x \in X$  if and only if  $p(x, x) = \lim_{n \rightarrow \infty} p(x, x_n)$ .
- (ii) A sequence  $\{x_n\}$  in  $(X, p)$  is said to be a Cauchy sequence if  $\lim_{n, m \rightarrow \infty} p(x_n, x_m)$  exists and is finite.
- (iii)  $(X, p)$  is said to be complete if every Cauchy sequence  $\{x_n\}$  in  $X$  converges, with respect to  $\tau_p$ , to a point  $x \in X$  such that  $p(x, x) = \lim_{n, m \rightarrow \infty} p(x_n, x_m)$ .

**Lemma 1.** ([9]). Let  $(X, p)$  be a partial metric space:

- (a)  $\{x_n\}$  is a Cauchy sequence in  $(X, p)$  if and only if it is a Cauchy sequence in the metric space  $(X, p^s)$ .
- (b)  $(X, p)$  is complete if the metric space  $(X, p^s)$  is complete. Furthermore,  $\lim_{n \rightarrow \infty} p^s(x_n, x) = 0$  if and only if

$$p(x, x) = \lim_{n \rightarrow \infty} p(x_n, x) = \lim_{n, m \rightarrow \infty} p(x_n, x_m).$$

**Lemma 2.** ([33]). Let  $(X, p)$  be a partial metric space and  $A$  any nonempty set in  $X$ . Then,  $a \in \bar{A}$  if and only if  $p(a, A) = p(a, a)$ , where  $\bar{A}$  denotes the closure of  $A$  with respect to the topology of the partial metric  $p$ .

Note that  $A$  is closed in  $(X, p)$  if and only if  $A = \bar{A}$ .

Consistent with [32], let  $(X, p)$  be a partial metric space. Let  $CB^p(X)$  be the family of all nonempty, closed, and bounded subsets of the partial metric space  $(X, p)$ , induced by the partial metric  $p$ . For  $A, B \in CB^p(X)$  and  $x \in X$ , define

$$p(A, B) = \inf \{p(a, b) : a \in A, b \in B\},$$

$$p(x, A) = \inf \{p(x, a) : a \in A\},$$

and

$$\begin{aligned} \delta_p(A, B) &= \sup \{p(a, B) : a \in A\}, & \delta_p(B, A) \\ &= \sup \{p(b, A) : b \in B\}. \end{aligned}$$

Also,

$$H_p(A, B) = \max \{\delta_p(A, B), \delta_p(B, A)\}.$$

$H_p$  is called the partial Hausdorff metric induced by a partial metric  $p$ .

Also, Aydi et al. [32] proved that any Hausdorff metric is a partial Hausdorff metric and the converse is not true (see Example 2.6 in [32]):

**Lemma 3.** ([32]). Let  $(X, p)$  be a partial metric space. For any  $A, B, C \in CB^p(X)$ , we have

- (i)  $\delta_p(A, A) = \sup \{p(a, a) : a \in A\}$ ,
- (ii)  $\delta_p(A, A) \leq \delta_p(A, B)$ ,
- (iii)  $\delta_p(A, B) = 0$  implies that  $A \subseteq B$ ,
- (iv)  $\delta_p(A, B) \leq \delta_p(A, C) + \delta_p(C, B) - \inf_{c \in C} p(c, c)$ .

**Lemma 4.** ([32]). Let  $(X, p)$  be a partial metric space. For any  $A, B, C \in CB^p(X)$ , we have

- (i)  $H_p(A, A) \leq H_p(A, B)$ ,
- (ii)  $H_p(A, B) = H_p(B, A)$ ,
- (iii)  $H_p(A, B) \leq H_p(A, C) + H_p(C, B) - \inf_{c \in C} p(c, c)$ .

**Lemma 5.** ([32]). Let  $(X, p)$  be a partial metric space. For any  $A, B \in CB^p(X)$ , the following holds

$$H_p(A, B) = 0 \text{ implies that } A = B.$$

In [32], they also show that  $H_p(A, A)$  need not be zero by an example.

**Lemma 6.** ([32]). Let  $(X, p)$  be a partial metric space,  $A, B \in CB^p(X)$ , and  $h > 1$ . For any  $a \in A$ , there exists  $b \in B$  such that  $p(a, b) \leq hH_p(A, B)$ .

**Theorem 2.** ([32]). Let  $(X, p)$  be a complete partial metric space and  $T : X \rightarrow CB^p(X)$  is a multi-valued mapping such that for all  $x, y \in X$

$$H_p(Tx, Ty) \leq k p(x, y),$$

where  $k \in (0, 1)$ , then  $T$  has a fixed point.

Very recently, Abbas et al. [34] generalized Theorem 2 by proving the following Suzuki type theorem:

**Theorem 3.** Let  $(X, p)$  be a complete partial metric space. Take  $T : X \rightarrow CB^p(X)$  a multi-valued mapping and  $\varphi : [0, 1] \rightarrow [0, 1]$  a nonincreasing function defined by

$$\varphi(r) = \begin{cases} 1 & \text{if } 0 \leq r < \frac{1}{2}, \\ 1 - r & \text{if } \frac{1}{2} \leq r < 1. \end{cases} \quad (1)$$

If there exists  $r \in [0, 1)$  such that  $T$  satisfies the condition

- (A)  $\varphi(r)p(x, Tx) \leq p(x, y)$  implies  $H_p(Tx, Ty) \leq r \max \left\{ p(x, y), p(x, Tx), p(y, Ty), \frac{1}{2}[p(x, Ty) + p(y, Tx)] \right\}$

for all  $x, y \in X$ , then  $T$  has a fixed point, that is, there exists a point  $z \in X$  such that  $z \in Tz$ .

Now, we give the following commutativity definitions mentioned in [35].

**Definition 3.** ([35]) Let  $(X, p)$  be a partial metric space. Let  $f : X \rightarrow X$  and  $S : X \rightarrow CB^p(X)$ . The pair  $(f, S)$  is called

- (i) commuting if  $fSx = Sfx, \forall x \in X$ ,
- (ii) weakly compatible if the pair  $(f, S)$  commutes at their coincidence points, that is,  $fSx = Sfx$  whenever  $fx \in Sx$  for  $x \in X$ ,
- (iii) IS-commuting at  $x \in X$  if  $fSx \subseteq Sfx$ .

Generally, to prove a coincidence point or a common fixed-point theorem for hybrid mappings, one has to assume a commutativity condition and continuity of mappings. In this paper, we introduce a new condition and prove a unique common fixed-point theorem for hybrid mappings in partial metric spaces without using any standard arguments as commutativity and continuity conditions.

**Main results**

We start with the following lemma which is needed to prove our main results:

**Lemma 7.** Let  $x_n \rightarrow x$  as  $n \rightarrow \infty$  in a partial metric space  $(X, p)$  such that  $p(x, x) = 0$ , then  $\lim_{n \rightarrow \infty} p(x_n, B) = p(x, B)$  for any  $B \in CB^p(X)$ .

*Proof.* Since  $x_n \rightarrow x$ , we have  $\lim_{n \rightarrow \infty} p(x_n, x) = p(x, x) = 0$ . Applying a triangular inequality for  $x_n \in X$  and  $y \in B$ , we get

$$p(x_n, B) \leq p(x_n, y) \leq p(x_n, x) + p(x, y) - p(x, x) \leq p(x_n, x) + p(x, y)$$

which implies that  $\lim_{n \rightarrow \infty} p(x_n, B) \leq p(x, y)$  for all  $y \in B$ . Therefore,

$$(i) \quad \lim_{n \rightarrow \infty} p(x_n, B) \leq p(x, B).$$

Similarly,

$$p(x, y) \leq p(x, x_n) + p(x_n, y) - p(x_n, x_n)$$

so  $p(x, y) \leq p(x, x_n) + p(x_n, y)$ . Thus,  $p(x, B) \leq p(x, x_n) + p(x_n, B)$ . Therefore,

$$(ii) \quad p(x, B) \leq \lim_{n \rightarrow \infty} p(x_n, B).$$

From (i) and (ii), we have  $\lim_{n \rightarrow \infty} p(x_n, B) = p(x, B)$ . □

Now, we introduce the following new condition, namely the W.C.C. condition, on mappings which are not necessarily continuous and commutative.

**Definition 4.** Let  $(X, p)$  be a partial metric space. Let  $f : X \rightarrow X$  and  $S : X \rightarrow CB^p(X)$  be mappings. Then, the pair

$(f, S)$  is said to satisfy the W.C.C. condition if  $p(fx, fy) \leq p(y, Sx), \forall x, y \in X$ .

The following example illustrates the W.C.C. condition:

**Example 1.** Let  $X = [0, 1]$  and  $p(x, y) = \max\{x, y\}, \forall x, y \in X$ . Let  $f : X \rightarrow X$  and  $S : X \rightarrow CB^p(X)$  be defined by

$$fx = \begin{cases} 0 & \text{if } x \in [0, \frac{1}{2}] \\ \frac{3x}{4} & \text{if } x \in (\frac{1}{2}, 1] \end{cases}$$

and  $Sx = [\frac{3}{4}, 1], \forall x, y \in X$ . We consider the following four cases:

- Case 1:  $x \in [0, \frac{1}{2}]$  and  $y \in [0, \frac{1}{2}]$ . Here,  $p(fx, fy) = 0 < p(y, Sx)$ .
- Case 2:  $x \in [0, \frac{1}{2}]$  and  $y \in (\frac{1}{2}, 1]$ . Then,  $p(fx, fy) = \frac{3y}{4} \leq \frac{3}{4} = p(y, Sx)$ .
- Case 3:  $x \in (\frac{1}{2}, 1]$  and  $y \in [0, \frac{1}{2}]$ . Here,  $p(fx, fy) = \frac{3x}{4} \leq \frac{3}{4} = p(y, Sx)$ .
- Case 4:  $x \in (\frac{1}{2}, 1]$  and  $y \in (\frac{1}{2}, 1]$ . Then,  $p(fx, fy) = \max\{\frac{3x}{4}, \frac{3y}{4}\} \leq \frac{3}{4} = p(y, Sx)$ .

Thus  $(f, S)$  satisfies the W.C.C. condition. In this example, the pair  $(f, S)$  does not satisfy any type of commutativity mentioned in Definition 3.

The following example shows that the pair  $(f, S)$  satisfying the W.C.C condition need not be continuous even when  $S$  is a single-valued mapping:

**Example 2.** Let  $X = [0, 1]$  and  $p(x, y) = \max\{x, y\}, \forall x, y \in X$ . Let  $f, S : X \rightarrow X$  be defined by

$$fx = \begin{cases} \frac{x}{6} & \text{if } x \neq 1 \\ \frac{1}{4} & \text{if } x = 1 \end{cases}$$

and

$$Sx = \begin{cases} x & \text{if } x \neq 1 \\ \frac{1}{2} & \text{if } x = 1. \end{cases}$$

We distinguish the following cases:

- Case (i):  $x \neq 1$  and  $y \neq 1$ . We have  $p(fx, fy) = \max\{\frac{x}{6}, \frac{y}{6}\} = \frac{1}{6} \max\{x, y\} = \frac{1}{6} p(y, Sx)$ .
- Case (ii):  $x \neq 1$  and  $y = 1$ . Then,  $p(fx, fy) = \max\{\frac{x}{6}, \frac{1}{4}\} = \frac{1}{4} < 1 = p(y, Sx)$ .
- Case (iii):  $x = 1$  and  $y \neq 1$ . We have  $p(fx, fy) = \max\{\frac{1}{4}, \frac{y}{6}\} = \frac{1}{4} < \frac{1}{2} \leq p(y, Sx)$ .
- Case (iv):  $x = 1$  and  $y = 1$ . Here,  $p(fx, fy) = \frac{1}{4} < 1 = p(y, Sx)$ .

Thus  $(f, S)$  satisfies the W.C.C. condition.  
 In this example, note that  $f$  and  $S$  are discontinuous.

Now, we state and prove our main results.

**Theorem 4.** *Let  $(X, p)$  be a complete partial metric space. Let  $S, T : X \rightarrow CB^p(X)$  and  $f : X \rightarrow X$ . Assume that there exists  $r \in [0, 1)$  such that for every  $x, y \in X$*

(A1)  $\varphi(r) \min \{p(fx, Sx), p(fy, Ty)\} \leq p(fx, fy)$  implies

$$H_p(Sx, Ty) \leq r \max \left\{ p(fx, fy), p(fx, Sx), p(fy, Ty), \frac{1}{2} [p(fx, Ty) + p(fy, Sx)] \right\}$$

where  $\varphi$  is defined by (1),

(A2)  $\bigcup_{x \in X} Sx \subseteq f(X)$  and  $\bigcup_{x \in X} Tx \subseteq f(X)$ ,

(A3) The pair  $(f, S)$  or the pair  $(f, T)$  satisfies the W.C.C condition.

Then  $f, S$  and  $T$  have a unique common fixed point in  $X$ .

*Proof.* Let  $x_0 \in X$  and suppose that  $h = \frac{1}{\sqrt{r}} > 0$ ,  $y_0 = fx_0$ . Now from (A2), we have  $Sx_0 \subseteq f(X)$ , so there exists  $x_1 \in X$  such that  $y_1 = fx_1 \in Sx_0$ .

By Lemma 6 with  $h = \frac{1}{\sqrt{r}}$ , there exists  $y_2 \in Tx_1$  such that

$$p(fx_1, y_2) \leq \frac{1}{\sqrt{r}} H_p(Sx_0, Tx_1).$$

Since  $Tx_1 \subseteq f(X)$ , we may find a point  $x_2 \in X$  such that  $y_2 = fx_2 \in Tx_1$ . Therefore,

$$p(fx_1, fx_2) \leq \frac{1}{\sqrt{r}} H_p(Sx_0, Tx_1).$$

Since  $\varphi(r)p(fx_0, Sx_0) \leq p(fx_0, Sx_0) \leq p(fx_0, fx_1)$ , we have

$$\varphi(r) \min \{p(fx_0, Sx_0), p(fx_1, Tx_1)\} \leq p(fx_0, fx_1).$$

By (A1), we have

$$\begin{aligned} p(fx_1, fx_2) &\leq h H_p(Sx_0, Tx_1) = \frac{1}{\sqrt{r}} H_p(Sx_0, Tx_1), \\ &\leq \sqrt{r} \max \left\{ p(fx_0, fx_1), p(fx_0, Sx_0), p(fx_1, Tx_1), \frac{1}{2} [p(fx_0, Tx_1) + p(fx_1, Sx_0)] \right\} \end{aligned}$$

$$\leq \sqrt{r} \max \left\{ p(y_0, y_1), p(y_0, y_1), p(y_1, y_2), \frac{1}{2} [p(y_0, y_2) + p(y_1, y_1)] \right\}$$

$$\begin{aligned} p(y_1, y_2) &\leq \sqrt{r} \max \{p(y_0, y_1), p(y_1, y_2), \frac{1}{2} [p(y_0, y_1) \\ &\quad + p(y_1, y_2)]\}, \text{ from } (p_4) \end{aligned}$$

$$\leq \sqrt{r} \max \{p(y_0, y_1), p(y_1, y_2)\}.$$

If  $p(y_0, y_1) < p(y_1, y_2)$  then  $p(y_1, y_2) \leq \sqrt{r} p(y_1, y_2)$  which is a contradiction. Hence,  $p(y_0, y_1) \geq p(y_1, y_2)$ . Thus, we have

$$p(y_1, y_2) \leq \beta p(y_0, y_1), \tag{2}$$

where  $\beta = \sqrt{r} < 1$ .

As  $fx_2 \in Tx_1$ , from Lemma 6, we choose  $y_3 \in Sx_2$  such that

$$p(fx_2, y_3) \leq \frac{1}{\sqrt{r}} H_p(Sx_2, Tx_1).$$

Since  $Sx_2 \subseteq g(X)$ , we find a point  $x_3 \in X$  such that  $y_3 = fx_3 \in Sx_2$ . Therefore,

$$p(fx_2, fx_3) \leq \frac{1}{\sqrt{r}} H_p(Sx_2, Tx_1).$$

Since  $\varphi(r)p(fx_1, Tx_1) \leq p(fx_1, Tx_1) \leq p(fx_2, fx_1)$ , we have

$$\varphi(r) \min \{p(fx_2, Sx_2), p(fx_1, Tx_1)\} \leq p(fx_2, fx_1).$$

Hence, by (A1), we have

$$\begin{aligned} p(fx_2, fx_3) &\leq \frac{1}{\sqrt{r}} H_p(Sx_2, Tx_1), \\ &\leq \sqrt{r} \max \left\{ p(fx_2, fx_1), p(fx_2, Sx_2), p(fx_1, Tx_1), \frac{1}{2} [p(fx_2, Tx_1) + p(fx_1, Sx_2)] \right\} \end{aligned}$$

$$\leq \sqrt{r} \max \left\{ p(y_2, y_1), p(y_2, y_3), p(y_1, y_2), \frac{1}{2} [p(y_2, y_2) + p(y_1, y_3)] \right\}$$

$$p(y_2, y_3) \leq \sqrt{r} \max \{p(y_1, y_2), p(y_2, y_3)\}, \text{ from } (p_4).$$

Thus, we have

$$p(y_2, y_3) \leq \beta p(y_1, y_2) \leq \beta^2 p(y_0, y_1). \tag{3}$$

Continuing in this way, we obtain a sequence  $\{y_n\}$  in  $X$  such that for any  $n \in \mathbb{N}$ ,

$$y_{2n+1} = fx_{2n+1} \in Sx_{2n}, \quad y_{2n+2} = fx_{2n+2} \in Tx_{2n+1}$$

and

$$p(y_n, y_{n+1}) \leq \beta^n p(y_0, y_1). \tag{4}$$

Clearly,

$$p(y_{n+1}, y_n) \rightarrow 0 \text{ as } n \rightarrow \infty. \tag{5}$$

For  $m > n$ , we have

$$\begin{aligned} p(y_n, y_m) &\leq p(y_n, y_{n+1}) + p(y_{n+1}, y_{n+2}) + \dots + p(y_{m-1}, y_m), \\ &\leq (\beta^n + \beta^{n+1} + \dots + \beta^{m-1}) p(y_1, y_0), \text{ from (4)} \\ &\leq \frac{\beta^n}{1 - \beta} p(y_1, y_0) \rightarrow 0 \text{ as } n \rightarrow \infty. \end{aligned} \tag{6}$$

Thus,  $\{y_n\}$  is a Cauchy sequence in  $X$ . Hence from Lemma 1, we have  $\{y_n\}$  is a Cauchy sequence in the metric space  $(X, p^s)$ .

Since  $(X, p)$  is complete and again from Lemma 1, it follows that  $(X, p^s)$  is complete. So,  $\{y_n\}$  converges to some  $z$  in  $(X, p^s)$ . That is

$$\lim_{n \rightarrow \infty} p^s(y_n, z) = 0.$$

Now, from Lemma 1 and (6), we have

$$p(z, z) = \lim_{n \rightarrow \infty} p(y_n, z) = \lim_{n \rightarrow \infty} p(y_n, y_m) = 0. \tag{7}$$

Suppose the pair  $(f, S)$  satisfies the W.C.C condition. Then,

$$p(fx, fy) \leq p(y, Sx) \quad \text{for all } x, y \in X. \quad (8)$$

From (8), we have

$$p(fx_{2n}, fz) \leq p(z, Sx_{2n}) \leq p(z, fx_{2n+1}).$$

Letting  $n \rightarrow \infty$  and using Lemma 7 and (7), we can obtain

$$p(z, fz) \leq 0 \quad \text{so that } fz = z. \quad (9)$$

Claim :  $p(fz, Sx) \leq r \max\{p(fx, fz), p(fx, Sx)\}$  for any  $fx \in X - \{z\}$ . (10)

Let  $fx \in X - fz$ . Since  $y_{2n+1} \rightarrow z = fz$ ,  $y_{2n+2} \rightarrow z = fz$  and  $p(z, z) = \lim_{n \rightarrow \infty} p(y_n, z) = 0$ , there exists a positive integer  $n_0$  such that for all  $n \geq n_0$ , we have

$$p(fz, fx_{2n+1}) \leq \frac{1}{3}p(fz, fx)$$

and

$$p(fz, fx_{2n+2}) \leq \frac{1}{3}p(fz, fx).$$

So, for any  $n \geq n_0$ , we have

$$\begin{aligned} \varphi(r)p(fx_{2n+1}, Tx_{2n+1}) &\leq p(fx_{2n+1}, Tx_{2n+1}), \\ &\leq p(fx_{2n+2}, fx_{2n+1}), \\ &\leq p(fx_{2n+2}, fz) + p(fz, fx_{2n+1}), \\ &\leq \frac{2}{3}p(fz, fx), \\ &= p(fx, fz) - \frac{1}{3}p(fx, fz), \\ &\leq p(fx, fz) - p(fz, fx_{2n+1}), \\ &\leq p(fx, fx_{2n+1}). \end{aligned}$$

Hence, we have

$$\varphi(r) \min \{p(fx, Sx), p(fx_{2n+1}, Tx_{2n+1})\} \leq p(fx, fx_{2n+1})$$

which implies that

$$\begin{aligned} &p(fx_{2n+2}, Sx) \\ &\leq H_p(Sx, Tx_{2n+1}), \\ &\leq r \max \left\{ p(fx, fx_{2n+1}), p(fx, Sx), p(fx_{2n+1}, Tx_{2n+1}), \right. \\ &\quad \left. \frac{1}{2} [p(fx, Tx_{2n+1}) + p(fx_{2n+1}, Sx)] \right\}. \end{aligned}$$

Letting  $n \rightarrow \infty$ , we get

$$\begin{aligned} p(fz, Sx) &\leq r \max \left\{ p(fz, fx), p(fx, Sx), p(fz, fz), \right. \\ &\quad \left. \frac{1}{2} [p(fx, fz) + p(fz, Sx)] \right\} \\ &\leq r \max \left\{ p(fx, fz), p(fx, Sx), \frac{1}{2} [p(fx, fz) \right. \\ &\quad \left. + p(fz, Sx)] \right\}, \quad \text{from (p}_2\text{)}. \end{aligned}$$

If  $\max \{p(fx, fz), p(fx, Sx), \frac{1}{2} [p(fx, fz) + p(fz, Sx)]\} = \max\{p(fx, fz), p(fx, Sx)\}$ , then

$$p(fz, Sx) \leq r \max \{p(fx, fz), p(fx, Sx)\}.$$

If  $\max \{p(fx, fz), p(fx, Sx), \frac{1}{2} [p(fx, fz) + p(fz, Sx)]\} = \frac{1}{2} [p(fx, fz) + p(fz, Sx)]$ , then

$$p(fz, Sx) \leq \frac{1}{2} [p(fx, fz) + p(fz, Sx)]$$

which implies that

$$(1 - \frac{r}{2})p(fz, Sx) \leq \frac{r}{2}p(fx, fz).$$

So,

$$\begin{aligned} p(fz, Sx) &\leq \frac{r}{2-r}p(fx, fz) \leq rp(fx, fz) \\ &\leq r \max \{p(fx, fz), p(fx, Sx)\}. \end{aligned}$$

Hence, (10) is proved.

Now, we will show that  $fz \in Tz$ . First, consider the case  $0 \leq r < \frac{1}{2}$ . On the contrary, suppose that  $fz \notin Tz = \overline{Tz}$  as  $Tz$  is closed. Hence, by Lemma 2, together with (7) and (9), we have

$$p(fz, Tz) \neq p(fz, fz) = p(z, z) = 0. \quad (11)$$

Then, from (A2) and (11), we can choose  $fa \in Tz$  such that

$$2rp(fa, fz) < p(fz, Tz). \quad (12)$$

Having  $fa \in Tz$  and  $fz \notin Tz$  imply  $fa \neq fz$ , then by (10)

$$p(fz, Sa) \leq r \max\{p(fz, fa), p(fa, Sa)\}. \quad (13)$$

Since  $\varphi(r)p(fz, Tz) \leq p(fz, Tz) \leq p(fa, fz)$ , so it follows that

$$\varphi(r) \min \{p(fa, Sa), p(fz, Tz)\} \leq p(fa, fz).$$

Now by (A1), we have

$$\begin{aligned} H_p(Sa, Tz) &\leq r \max \left\{ p(fa, fz), p(fa, Sa), p(fz, Tz), \right. \\ &\quad \left. \frac{1}{2} [p(fa, Tz) + p(fz, Sa)] \right\} \\ &\leq r \max \left\{ p(fa, fz), p(fa, Sa), p(fz, fa), \right. \\ &\quad \left. \frac{1}{2} [p(fa, fa) + p(fz, fa) + p(fa, Sa) - p(fa, fa)] \right\} \\ &\leq r \max \{p(fa, fz), p(fa, Sa), \frac{1}{2} [p(fa, Sa) + p(fz, fa)]\} \\ &\leq r \max \{p(fa, fz), p(fa, Sa)\}. \end{aligned}$$

Since  $fa \in Tz$ , then  $p(fa, Sa) \leq H_p(Sa, Tz)$ . Therefore, we obtain

$$H_p(Sa, Tz) \leq r \max \{p(fa, fz), H_p(Sa, Tz)\}.$$

Since  $r < 1$ , it follows that

$$H_p(Sa, Tz) \leq rp(fa, fz) \tag{14}$$

Thus, we have

$$p(fa, Sa) \leq H_p(Sa, Tz) \leq rp(fa, fz) < p(fa, fz). \tag{15}$$

By (13)

$$p(fz, Sa) \leq rp(fa, fz). \tag{16}$$

Also,

$$\begin{aligned} p(Sa, Tz) &= \inf \{p(x, y) : x \in Sa, y \in Tz\} \\ &\leq \inf \{p(x, fa) : x \in Sa\} \quad \text{since } fa \in Tz \\ &= p(fa, Sa) \\ &\leq H_p(Sa, Tz) \end{aligned}$$

and by (14) and (16), we have

$$\begin{aligned} p(fz, Tz) &\leq p(fz, Sa) + p(Sa, Tz) \\ &\leq p(fz, Sa) + H_p(Sa, Tz) \\ &\leq rp(fa, fz) + rp(fa, fz) = 2rp(fa, fz) \\ &< p(fz, Tz), \quad \text{from (12)}. \end{aligned}$$

It is a contradiction, so  $fz \in Tz$ . Thus, from (9)

$$z = fz \in Tz. \tag{17}$$

Now, from (8), we have

$$p(fz, z) = p(fz, fz) \leq p(z, Sz). \tag{18}$$

Since  $fz \in Tz$ , so we have

$$\varphi(r)p(fz, Tz) \leq p(fz, Tz) \leq p(fz, fz),$$

which implies that

$$\varphi(r) \min \{p(fz, Sz), p(fz, Tz)\} \leq p(fz, fz).$$

Now, by (A1)

$$\begin{aligned} p(Sz, z) &\leq H_p(Sz, Tz) \leq r \max \left\{ p(fz, fz), p(fz, Sz), p(fz, Tz), \right. \\ &\quad \left. \frac{1}{2}[p(fz, Tz) + p(fz, Sz)] \right\} \\ &= r \max \left\{ p(z, z), p(z, Sz), p(z, Tz), \right. \\ &\quad \left. \frac{1}{2}[p(z, Tz) + p(z, Sz)] \right\} \\ &\leq rp(z, Sz) \quad \text{from (7)} \end{aligned}$$

which in turn yields that  $p(z, Sz) = 0$ . By Lemma 2 and (7), we have  $z \in Sz$ . Hence,

$$fz = z = Sz \tag{19}$$

From (17) and (19),  $z$  is a common fixed point of  $f, S$ , and  $T$ . Now, we consider the case  $\frac{1}{2} \leq r < 1$ . First, we prove that

$$H_p(Sx, Tz) \leq r \max \left\{ p(fx, fz), p(fx, Sx), p(fz, Tz), \right. \\ \left. \frac{1}{2}[p(fx, Tz) + p(fz, Sx)] \right\} \tag{20}$$

for all  $x \in X$  such that  $fx \neq fz$ .

Assume that  $fx \neq fz$ . Then, for every  $n \in \mathbb{N}$ , there exists  $z_n \in Sx$  such that

$$p(fz, z_n) \leq p(fz, Sx) + \frac{1}{n}p(fx, fz).$$

Therefore,

$$\begin{aligned} p(fx, Sx) &\leq p(fx, z_n) \\ &\leq p(fx, fz) + p(fz, z_n) \\ &\leq p(fx, fz) + p(fz, Sx) + \frac{1}{n}p(fx, fz) \\ &\leq p(fx, fz) + r \max \{p(fz, fx), p(fx, Sx)\} \\ &\quad + \frac{1}{n}p(fx, fz), \quad \text{from (10)}. \end{aligned}$$

Hence, we have either  $p(fx, Sx) \leq (1 + r + \frac{1}{n})p(fx, fz)$  or  $(1 - r)p(fx, Sx) \leq (1 + \frac{1}{n})p(fx, fz)$ .

Letting  $n \rightarrow \infty$ , we get

$$p(fx, Sx) \leq (1 + r)p(fx, fz) \quad \text{or} \quad (1 - r)p(fx, Sx) \leq p(fx, fz).$$

Thus,

$$\begin{aligned} \varphi(r)p(fx, Sx) &= (1 - r)p(fx, Sx) \leq \frac{1}{1 + r}p(fx, Sx) \\ &\leq p(fx, fz), \end{aligned}$$

or

$$\varphi(r)p(fx, Sx) = (1 - r)p(fx, Sx) \leq p(fx, fz).$$

Hence, we have

$$\varphi(r) \min \{p(fx, Sx), p(fz, Tz)\} \leq p(fx, fz).$$

Now, by (A1), with  $y = z$  we get (20).

Since  $y_n \rightarrow z$ , we may assume that  $y_n \neq z$  for any  $n$ . Taking  $x = x_{2n}$  in (20), we get

$$\begin{aligned} p(fx_{2n+1}, Tz) &\leq H_p(Sx_{2n}, Tz) \\ &\leq r \max \{p(fx_{2n}, fz), p(fx_{2n}, Sx_{2n}), p(fz, Tz), \\ &\quad \frac{1}{2}[p(fx_{2n}, Tz) + p(fz, Sx_{2n})]\}. \end{aligned}$$

Letting  $n \rightarrow \infty$ , using Lemma 7, (5), (7), and (9), we get

$$\begin{aligned} p(z, Tz) &\leq r \max \{0, 0, p(z, Tz), \frac{1}{2}[p(z, Tz) + 0]\} \\ &\leq rp(z, Tz) \end{aligned}$$

which in turn yields that  $p(z, Tz) = 0$  so that  $z \in Tz$ . Thus  $fz = z \in Tz$ .

Now, following as in the case  $0 \leq r < \frac{1}{2}$ , and from (15) to (17), we have  $z = fz \in Sz$ . Thus,  $z$  is a common fixed

point of  $f, S$  and  $T$ . Thus, from the two cases above, we have  $z$  is a common fixed point of  $f, S$ , and  $T$ .

Suppose  $z'$  is another common fixed point of  $f, S$ , and  $T$ . By (8), we have

$$p(z, z') = p(fz, fz') \leq p(z', Sz) \leq H_p(Sz, Tz'). \quad (21)$$

Using  $(p_2)$

$$\varphi(r) \min \{p(fz, Sz), p(fz', Tz')\} \leq p(fz, fz').$$

Hence, by (A1)

$$\begin{aligned} H_p(Sz, Tz') &\leq r \max \left\{ p(fz, fz'), p(fz, Sz), p(fz', Tz'), \right. \\ &\quad \left. \frac{1}{2} [p(fz, Tz') + p(fz', Sz)] \right\} \\ &\leq r \max \left\{ H_p(Sz, Tz'), H_p(Sz, Sz), H_p(Tz', Tz'), \right. \\ &\quad \left. \frac{1}{2} [H_p(Sz, Tz') + H_p(Tz', Sz)] \right\} \\ &\quad \text{from (19)} \\ &\leq r H_p(Sz, Tz') \quad \text{from Lemma 4 (i).} \end{aligned}$$

Thus,  $H_p(Sz, Tz') = 0$ , so that from (21), we have  $z = z'$ . Hence,  $z$  is the unique common fixed point of  $f, S$ , and  $T$ .

Similarly, we can prove the theorem when  $(f, T)$  satisfies the W.C.C. condition.  $\square$

Next, take  $f = I_X$  (the identity map on  $X$ ) in Theorem 4, we have the following corollary for two multi-valued maps.

**Corollary 1.** *Let  $(X, p)$  be a complete partial metric space and let  $S, T : X \rightarrow CB^P(X)$ . Assume that there exists  $r \in [0, 1)$  such that for every  $x, y \in X$ ,*

$$(B1) \quad \varphi(r) \min \{p(x, Sx), p(y, Ty)\} \leq p(x, y) \text{ implies}$$

$$H_p(Sx, Ty) \leq r \max \left\{ p(x, y), p(x, Sx), p(y, Ty), \right. \\ \left. \frac{1}{2} [p(x, Ty) + p(y, Sx)] \right\}$$

where  $\varphi$  is a function defined by (1).

$$(B2) \quad \text{The pair } (I_X, S) \text{ or the pair } (I_X, T) \text{ satisfies the W.C.C. condition.}$$

Then,  $S$  and  $T$  have a common fixed point in  $X$ , that is, there exists an element  $z \in X$  such that  $z \in Sz \cap Tz$ .

Taking  $S = T$  in the above corollary, we get the following:

**Corollary 2.** *Let  $(X, p)$  be a complete partial metric space and let  $T : X \rightarrow CB^P(X)$ . Assume that there exists  $r \in [0, 1)$  such that for every  $x, y \in X$ ,*

$$(C1) \quad \varphi(r) \min \{p(x, Tx), p(y, Ty)\} \leq p(x, y) \text{ implies}$$

$$H_p(Tx, Ty) \leq r \max \left\{ p(x, y), p(x, Tx), p(y, Ty), \right. \\ \left. \frac{1}{2} [p(x, Ty) + p(y, Tx)] \right\}$$

where  $\varphi$  is a function defined by (1).

(C2) The pair  $(I_X, T)$  satisfies the (W.C.C) condition.

Then,  $T$  has a unique fixed point in  $X$ , that is, there exists an element  $z \in X$  such that  $z \in Tz$ .

In case of single-valued maps, Theorem 4 reduces to the following corollary:

**Corollary 3.** *Let  $(X, p)$  be a complete partial metric space and  $f, S, T : X \rightarrow X$ . Assume that there exists  $r \in [0, 1)$  such that for every  $x, y \in X$  every  $x, y \in X$*

$$(D1) \quad \varphi(r) \min \{p(fx, Sx), p(fy, Ty)\} \leq p(fx, fy) \text{ implies}$$

$$H_p(Sx, Ty) \leq r \max \left\{ p(fx, fy), p(fx, Sx), p(fy, Ty), \right. \\ \left. \frac{1}{2} [p(fx, Ty) + p(fy, Sx)] \right\}$$

where  $\varphi$  is defined by (1).

$$(D2) \quad \bigcup_{x \in X} Sx \subseteq f(X) \text{ and } \bigcup_{x \in X} Tx \subseteq f(X).$$

$$(D3) \quad \text{The pair } (f, S) \text{ or the pair } (f, T) \text{ satisfies the W.C.C. condition.}$$

Then  $f, S$ , and  $T$  have a unique common fixed point in  $X$ .

We drop the W.C.C. condition in Corollary 2 to get a fixed-point result (without uniqueness):

**Corollary 4.** *Let  $(X, p)$  be a complete partial metric space and let  $T : X \rightarrow CB^P(X)$ . Assume that there exists  $r \in [0, 1)$  such that for every  $x, y \in X$ ,*

$$(E1) \quad \varphi(r) \min \{p(x, Tx), p(y, Ty)\} \leq p(x, y) \text{ implies}$$

$$H_p(Tx, Ty) \leq r \max \left\{ p(x, y), p(x, Tx), p(y, Ty), \right. \\ \left. \frac{1}{2} [p(x, Ty) + p(y, Tx)] \right\}$$

where  $\varphi$  is a function defined by (1).

Then,  $T$  has a fixed point in  $X$ , that is, there exists an element  $z \in X$  such that  $z \in Tz$ .

Similarly, for single-valued maps we have

**Corollary 5.** *Let  $(X, p)$  be a complete partial metric space and  $T : X \rightarrow X$ . Assume that there exists  $r \in [0, 1)$  such that for every  $x, y \in X$  every  $x, y \in X$*

$$(F1) \quad \varphi(r) \min \{p(x, Tx), p(y, Ty)\} \leq p(x, y) \text{ implies}$$

$$H_p(Tx, Ty) \leq r \max \left\{ p(x, y), p(x, Tx), p(y, Ty), \right. \\ \left. \frac{1}{2} [p(x, Ty) + p(y, Tx)] \right\}$$

where  $\varphi$  is defined by (1).

Then,  $T$  has a fixed point in  $X$ .

**Remark 1.** Corollary 4 is a generalization of Theorem 3. Also, Corollary 4 improves and extends the main result of Doricć and Lazović [5] to partial metric spaces.

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