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# A common fixed point theorem and some fixed point theorems in $D^*$ - Metric spaces

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In this paper we establish some common fixed point theorems for contraction and some generalized contraction mappings in  $D^*$  - metric space which is introduced by Shaban et al. (2007). In what follows,  $(X, D^*)$  will denote  $D^*$  - metric space,  $N$  is the set of all natural number and  $R^+$  is the set of all positive real number.

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## INTRODUCTION

There have been a number of generalization in generalized metric space (or D-Metric space) initiated by Dhage (1992). He proved the existence of unique fixed point theorems of a self map satisfying contractive conditions in complete and bounded D- Metric space. Dealing with D- metric space, (Ahmad et al., 2001; Dhage, 1992, 1999; Dhange et al., 2000; Rhoades, 1996; Singh and Sharma, 2002) and others made a significant contribution in fixed point theory of D- metric space. Unfortunately almost all theorems in D- metric space are not valid (Naidu et al., 2004, 2005a, b). Here our aim is to prove some common fixed point theorems using some generalized contractive conditions in  $D^*$ - metric space as a probable modification of the definition of D- metric spaces introduced by Dhage (1992).

### Definition 1

Let  $X$  be a non empty set. A generalized metric (or  $D^*$  - metric) on  $X$  is a function

$D^*: X^3 \rightarrow [0, \infty)$  that satisfies the following conditions for each  $x, y, z, a \in X$ .

(1)  $D^*(x, y, z) \geq 0$

(2)  $D^*(x, y, z) = 0$  if and only if  $x = y = z$

(3)  $D^*(x, y, z) = D^*(\rho\{x, y, z\})$  where  $\rho$  is permutation (function).

(4)  $D^*(x, y, z) \leq D^*(x, y, a) + D^*(a, z, z)$ .

The pair  $(X, D^*)$  is called generalized metric (or  $D^*$  - metric) space.

### Examples 1

(a)  $D^*(x, y, z) = \max \{d(x, y), d(y, z), d(z, x)\}$ ,

(b)  $D^*(x, y, z) = d(x, y) + d(y, z) + d(z, x)$ .

Here,  $d$  is the ordinary metric on  $X$ .

(c) If  $X = R^n$  then we define

$D^*(x, y, z) = (||x - y||^p + ||y - z||^p + ||z - x||^p)^{1/p}$  for every  $p \in R^+$

(d) If  $X = R$  then we define

$$D^*(x, y, z) = \begin{cases} 0 & \text{if } x = y = z, \\ \max \{x, y, z\} & \text{otherwise,} \end{cases}$$

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**Remark 1**

In  $D^*$  - metric space  $D^*(x, y, y) = D^*(x, x, y)$

**Definition 2**

A open ball in a  $D^*$  - metric space  $X$  with centre  $x$  and radius  $r$  is denoted by  $B_{D^*}(x, r)$  and is defined by  $B_{D^*}(x, r) = \{y \in X: D^*(x, y, y) < r\}$

**Example 2**

Let  $X = \mathbb{R}$  Denote  $D^*(x, y, z) = |x-y| + |y-z| + |z-x|$  for all  $x, y, z \in \mathbb{R}$ .

$$\begin{aligned} \text{Thus, } B_{D^*}(0, 1) &= \{y \in \mathbb{R} / D^*(0, y, y) < 1\} \\ &= \{y \in \mathbb{R} / |0-y| + |y-y| + |y-0| < 1\} \\ &= \{y \in \mathbb{R} / |y| + |y| < 1\} \\ &= \{y \in \mathbb{R} / |y| < 1/2\} \\ &= \{y \in \mathbb{R} / -1/2 < y < 1/2\} \\ &= (-1/2, 1/2). \end{aligned}$$

**Definition 3**

Let  $(X, D^*)$  be a  $D^*$  - metric space and  $A \subseteq X$

(1) If for every  $x \in A$ , there exist  $r > 0$  such that  $B_{D^*}(x, r) \subseteq A$ , then subset  $A$  is called open subset of  $X$ .

(2) Subset  $A$  of  $X$  is said to be  $D^*$  - bounded if there exist  $r > 0$  such that

$$D^*(x, y, y) < r \text{ for all } x, y \in A.$$

(3) A sequence  $\{x_n\}$  in  $X$  converges to  $x$  if and only if

$$D^*(x_n, x_n, x) = D^*(x, x, x_n) \rightarrow 0 \text{ as } n \rightarrow \infty.$$

That is, for each  $\varepsilon > 0$  there exist  $n_0 \in \mathbb{N}$  such that for all  $n \geq n_0$  implies

$D^*(x, x, x_n) < \varepsilon$ . This is equivalent for each  $\varepsilon > 0$ , there exist  $n_0 \in \mathbb{N}$  such that for all  $n, m \geq n_0$  implies  $D^*(x, x_n, x_m) < \varepsilon$ .

It is also noted that  $D^*(x_n, x_n, x) = D^*(x, x, x_n) < \varepsilon$  for all  $n \geq n_0$ , for some  $n_0 \in \mathbb{N}$ .

(4) A square  $\{x_n\}$  in  $X$  is called a Cauchy sequence if for each  $\varepsilon > 0$ , there exist  $n_0 \in \mathbb{N}$  such that  $D^*(x_n, x_n, x_m) < \varepsilon$  for each  $n, m \geq n_0$ . The  $D^*$  - metric space  $(X, D^*)$  is said to be complete if every Cauchy sequence is convergent.

**Remark 2**

(1)  $D^*$  is continuous function on  $X^3$

(2) If sequence  $\{x_n\}$  in  $X$  converges to  $x$ , then  $x$  is unique.

(3) Any convergent sequence in  $(X, D^*)$  is a Cauchy sequence.

**Definition 4**

A point  $x$  in  $X$  is a common fixed point of two maps  $T_1, T_2: X \rightarrow X$  if  $T_1(x) = T_2(x) = x$ .

**MAIN RESULTS**

Common fixed point theorems for Banach contraction mappings type in  $D^*$ - metric space.

**Theorem 1**

Let  $(X, D^*)$  be a complete  $D^*$  - metric space and  $T_1, T_2, T_3: X \rightarrow X$  be three maps such that  $D^*(T_1x, T_2y, T_3z) \leq a D^*(x, y, z)$  for all  $x, y, z, \in X$  and  $0 \leq a < 1$ . Then  $T_1, T_2, T_3$  have a unique fixed point in  $X$ .

**Proof**

Let  $x_0 \in X$  be a fixed arbitrary element.

Define a sequence  $\{x_n\}$  in  $X$  as

$$x_{3n+1} = T_1x_{3n} \text{ for } n = 0, 1, 2, \dots$$

$$x_{3n+2} = T_2x_{3n+1} \text{ for } n = 0, 1, 2, \dots$$

$$x_{3n+3} = T_3x_{3n+2} \text{ for } n = 0, 1, 2, \dots$$

For all  $n > 0$  we define

$$\begin{aligned} d_n &= D^*(x_n, x_{n+1}, x_{n+2}) \\ d_{3n+1} &= D^*(x_{3n+1}, x_{3n+2}, x_{3n+3}) \\ &= D^*(T_1x_{3n}, T_2x_{3n+1}, T_3x_{3n+2}) \\ &\leq a D^*(x_{3n}, x_{3n+1}, x_{3n+2}) \\ &< d_{3n} \end{aligned}$$

Similarly,

$$\begin{aligned} d_{3n+2} &= D^*(x_{3n+2}, x_{3n+3}, x_{3n+4}) \\ &= D^*(T_2x_{3n+1}, T_3x_{3n+2}, T_1x_{3n+3}) \\ &\leq a D^*(x_{3n+1}, x_{3n+2}, x_{3n+3}) \\ &< d_{3n+1} \end{aligned}$$

Hence

$$d_{3n+2} < d_{3n+1} < d_{3n} \text{ for all } n.$$

Thus  $\{d_n\}$  is strictly monotonically decreasing sequence of positive real numbers and bounded below, it is convergent to a positive real number. Let it be  $l$ . suppose that  $l \neq 0$ . Then  $l > 0$ .

$$\begin{aligned} l &= \lim_{n \rightarrow \infty} d_n \\ &= \lim_{n \rightarrow \infty} d_{3n+1} \\ &= \lim_{n \rightarrow \infty} D^*(x_{3n+1}, x_{3n+2}, x_{3n+3}) \\ &= \lim_{n \rightarrow \infty} D^*(T_1x_{3n}, T_2x_{3n+1}, T_3x_{3n+2}) \\ &\leq \lim_{n \rightarrow \infty} a D^*(x_{3n}, x_{3n+1}, x_{3n+2}) \end{aligned}$$

$$\leq \lim_{n \rightarrow \infty} a d_{3n}$$

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$$\leq \lim_{n \rightarrow \infty} a 3^n d_0 \rightarrow 0 \text{ as } n \rightarrow \infty.$$

Thus  $I = 0$ .  
Hence  $\lim_{n \rightarrow \infty} d_n = 0$ .

we shall prove that  $\{x_n\}$  is a  $D^*$  - cauchy sequence in  $X$ .  
For  $m > n \geq n_0$ , we have

$$D^*(x_n, x_n, x_m) \leq D^*(x_n, x_n, x_{n+1}) + D^*(x_{n+1}, x_{n+1}, x_m)$$

$$\leq D^*(x_n, x_n, x_{n+1}) + D^*(x_{n+1}, x_{n+1}, x_{n+2}) + \dots + D^*(x_{m-1}, x_{m-1}, x_m)$$

$$\rightarrow 0 \text{ as } m, n \rightarrow \infty.$$

Thus  $D^*(x_n, x_n, x_m) < \varepsilon$  for all  $m, n \geq n_0$  for some  $n_0 \in \mathbb{N}$   
Thus  $\{x_n\}$  is  $D^*$  - Cauchy sequence in  $X$ .  
Since  $X$  is  $D^*$  - complete  $x_n \rightarrow x$  in  $X$  as  $n \rightarrow \infty$ .  
Now we shall prove that  $T_1x = x$ .

We have  $D^*(T_1x, x, x) = \lim_{n \rightarrow \infty} D^*(T_1x, T_2x_{3n+1}, T_3x_{3n+2})$

$$\leq a \lim_{n \rightarrow \infty} D^*(x, x_{3n+1}, x_{3n+2}) = 0$$

Thus  $D^*(T_1x, x, x) = 0$ . Hence  $T_1x = x$

Similarly, we prove that  $T_2x = x$  and  $T_3x = x$

Uniqueness:

Suppose  $x \neq y$  such that  $T_1y = y, T_2y = y$  and  $T_3y = y$   
Now  $D^*(x, y, y) = D^*(T_1x, T_2y, T_3y)$   
 $\leq a D^*(x, y, y)$ .  
This implies  $(1-a) D^*(x, y, y) \leq 0$ .  
Since  $x \neq y, D^*(x, y, y) > 0$  we have  $1-a < 0$   
This implies  $a > 1$  which is contradiction to  $a < 1$ .  
Hence  $T_1, T_2$  and  $T_3$  have a unique common fixed point.

**Theorem 2**

Let  $(X, D^*)$  be a  $D^*$ - complete metric space and  $T: X \rightarrow X$  be a map such that

$$D^*(Tx, Ty, Tz) \leq a \{D^*(x, y, z) + D^*(x, Tx, Ty) + D^*(y, Ty, Tz)\} \text{ for all } x, y, z \in X$$

and  $0 \leq a < 1/4$ . Then  $T$  has a unique fixed point.

**Proof**

Let  $x_0 \in X$  a fixed arbitrary element.  
Define the sequence  $\{x_n\}$  in  $X$  as  $x_{n+1} = Tx_n$  for  $n = 0, 1, 2, \dots$   
For  $n \geq 0$  we have,

$$D^*(x_n, x_n, x_{n+1}) = D^*(Tx_{n-1}, Tx_{n-1}, Tx_n)$$

$$\leq a \{D^*(x_{n-1}, x_{n-1}, x_n) + D^*(x_{n-1}, Tx_{n-1}, Tx_{n-1}) + D^*(x_{n-1}, Tx_{n-1}, Tx_n)\}$$

$$= a \{D^*(x_{n-1}, x_{n-1}, x_n) + D^*(x_{n-1}, x_n, x_n) + D^*(x_{n-1}, x_n, x_{n+1})\}$$

$$\leq a \{D^*(x_{n-1}, x_{n-1}, x_n) + D^*(x_{n-1}, x_{n-1}, x_n) + D^*(x_{n-1}, x_{n-1}, x_n) + D^*(x_n, x_n, x_{n+1})\}$$

$$(1-a) D^*(x_n, x_n, x_{n+1}) \leq 3a D^*(x_{n-1}, x_{n-1}, x_n)$$

$$D^*(x_n, x_n, x_{n+1}) \leq \frac{3a}{1-a} D^*(x_{n-1}, x_{n-1}, x_n).$$

$$\leq b D^*(x_{n-1}, x_{n-1}, x_n).$$

where  $b = \frac{3a}{1-a} < 1$ .

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$$\leq b^n D^*(x_0, x_0, x_1) \rightarrow 0, \text{ as } n \rightarrow \infty.$$

For  $m > n \geq n_0$ , we have

$$D^*(x_n, x_n, x_m) \leq D^*(x_n, x_n, x_{n+1}) + D^*(x_{n+1}, x_{n+1}, x_m)$$

$$\leq D^*(x_n, x_n, x_{n+1}) + D^*(x_{n+1}, x_{n+1}, x_{n+2}) + \dots + D^*(x_{m-1}, x_{m-1}, x_m)$$

$$\rightarrow 0 \text{ as } m, n \rightarrow \infty.$$

Thus  $\{x_n\}$  is  $D^*$ - Cauchy sequence in  $X$ .  
Since  $X$  is  $D^*$ - complete  $x_n \rightarrow x$  in  $X$   
Now we prove that  $Tx = x$ . Suppose  $x \neq Tx$

$$D^*(Tx, x, x) = \lim_{n \rightarrow \infty} D^*(Tx, x_{n+1}, x_{n+1})$$

$$= \lim_{n \rightarrow \infty} D^*(Tx, Tx_n, Tx_n)$$

$$\leq a \lim_{n \rightarrow \infty} \{D^*(x, x_n, x_n) + D^*(x, Tx, Tx_n) + D^*(x_n, Tx_n, Tx_n)\}$$

$$= a \lim_{n \rightarrow \infty} \{D^*(x, x_n, x_n) + D^*(x, Tx, x_{n+1}) + D^*(x_n, x_{n+1}, x_{n+1})\}$$

$$= a D^*(x, Tx, x)$$

$$< D^*(Tx, x, x), \text{ which is contradiction.}$$

Thus  $x = Tx$ .

Now we prove the uniqueness. Suppose  $x \neq y$  such that  $Ty = y$

$$D^*(x, y, y) = D^*(Tx, Ty, Ty)$$

$$\leq a \{D^*(x, y, y) + D^*(x, x, y) + D^*(y, y, y)\}$$

$$\leq 2a D^*(x, y, y)$$

$$< D^*(x, y, y), \text{ which is contradiction.}$$

Hence  $T$  has a unique fixed point.

**Theorem 3**

Let  $(X, D^*)$  be a  $D^*$ - complete metric space and  $T: X \rightarrow X$  be a map such that

$$D^*(Tx, Ty, Tz) \leq a_1 \left\{ D^*(x, y, z) + \frac{a_2}{2} \{D^*(x, Tx, Ty) + D^*(y, Ty, Tz)\} + \frac{a_3}{2} \{D^*(x, y, Ty) + D^*(y, z, Tz)\} \right\} \text{ for all } x, y, z \in X$$

and  $0 \leq a_1 + \frac{3}{2} a_2 + \frac{3}{2} a_3 < 1$ . Then T has a unique fixed point.

**Proof**

Let  $x_0 \in X$  be a fixed arbitrary element. Define the sequence  $\{x_n\}$  in X as  $x_{n+1} = Tx_n$  for  $n = 0, 1, 2, \dots$

For  $n \geq 0$  we have

$$\begin{aligned} D^*(x_n, x_n, x_{n+1}) &= D^*(Tx_{n-1}, Tx_{n-1}, Tx_n) \\ &\leq \left\{ a_1 D^*(x_{n-1}, x_{n-1}, x_n) + \frac{a_2}{2} \{D^*(x_{n-1}, Tx_{n-1}, Tx_{n-1}) + D^*(x_{n-1}, Tx_{n-1}, Tx_n)\} \right. \\ &\quad \left. + \frac{a_3}{2} \{D^*(x_{n-1}, x_{n-1}, Tx_{n-1}) + D^*(x_{n-1}, x_n, Tx_n)\} \right\} \\ &= \left\{ a_1 D^*(x_{n-1}, x_{n-1}, x_n) + \frac{a_2}{2} \{D^*(x_{n-1}, x_n, x_n) + D^*(x_{n-1}, x_n, x_{n+1})\} \right. \\ &\quad \left. + \frac{a_3}{2} \{(x_{n-1}, x_{n-1}, x_n) + D^*(x_{n-1}, x_n, x_{n+1})\} \right\} \\ &\leq \left\{ a_1 D^*(x_{n-1}, x_{n-1}, x_n) + a_2 (D^*(x_{n-1}, x_{n-1}, x_n) + a_3 D^*(x_{n-1}, x_{n-1}, x_n)) \right. \\ &\quad \left. + \frac{a_2}{2} D^*(x_n, x_n, x_{n+1}) + \frac{a_3}{2} D^*(x_n, x_n, x_{n+1}) \right\} \end{aligned}$$

$$(1 - \frac{a_2}{2} - \frac{a_3}{2}) D^*(x_n, x_n, x_{n+1}) \leq (a_1 + a_2 + a_3) D^*(x_{n-1}, x_{n-1}, x_n)$$

$$D^*(x_n, x_n, x_{n+1}) \leq \frac{a_1 + a_2 + a_3}{\left(1 - \frac{a_2}{2} - \frac{a_3}{2}\right)} D^*(x_{n-1}, x_{n-1}, x_n)$$

$D^*(x_n, x_n, x_{n+1}) \leq a D^*(x_{n-1}, x_{n-1}, x_n)$ , where

$$a = \frac{a_1 + a_2 + a_3}{\left(1 - \frac{a_2}{2} - \frac{a_3}{2}\right)} < 1.$$

$\leq a^n D^*(x_0, x_0, x_1) \rightarrow 0$  as  $n \rightarrow \infty$

Now we prove that  $\{x_n\}$  is  $D^*$  - Cauchy sequence in X.

For  $m > n$ , we have

$$\begin{aligned} D^*(x_n, x_n, x_m) &\leq D^*(x_n, x_n, x_{n+1}) + D^*(x_{n+1}, x_{n+1}, x_m) \\ &\leq D^*(x_n, x_n, x_{n+1}) + D^*(x_{n+1}, x_{n+1}, x_{n+2}) + \dots + D^*(x_{m-1}, x_{m-1}, x_m) \\ &\rightarrow 0 \text{ as } n, m \rightarrow \infty. \end{aligned}$$

Thus  $\{x_n\}$  is  $D^*$  - Cauchy sequence in X

Since X is  $D^*$  - Complete  $x_n \rightarrow x$  in X

Now we prove that  $Tx = x$ . Suppose  $x \neq Tx$ .

$$\begin{aligned} D^*(Tx, x, x) &= \lim_{n \rightarrow \infty} D^*(Tx, x_{n+1}, x_{n+1}) \\ &= \lim_{n \rightarrow \infty} D^*(Tx, Tx_n, Tx_n) \\ &\leq \lim_{n \rightarrow \infty} \left\{ a_1 D^*(x, x_n, x_n) + \frac{a_2}{2} \{D^*(x, Tx, Tx_n) + D^*(x_n, Tx_n, Tx_n)\} \right. \\ &\quad \left. + \frac{a_3}{2} \{D^*(x, x_n, Tx_n) + D^*(x_n, x_n, Tx_n)\} \right\} \end{aligned}$$

$$\begin{aligned} &= \lim_{n \rightarrow \infty} \left\{ a_1 D^*(x, x_n, x_n) + \frac{a_2}{2} \{D^*(x, Tx, x_{n+1}) + D^*(x_n, x_{n+1}, x_{n+1})\} \right. \\ &\quad \left. + \frac{a_3}{2} \{D^*(x, x_n, x_{n+1}) + D^*(x_n, x_n, x_{n+1})\} \right\} \\ &= \frac{a_2}{2} D^*(x, x, Tx) \end{aligned}$$

$< D^*(x, x, Tx)$ . Which is contradiction Hence  $x = Tx$

Uniqueness:

Suppose  $x \neq y$  such that  $Ty = y$

$$\begin{aligned} D^*(x, y, y) &= D^*(Tx, Ty, Ty) \\ &\leq a_1 D^*(x, y, y) + \frac{a_2}{2} \{D^*(x, Tx, Ty) + D^*(y, Ty, Ty)\} \\ &\quad + \frac{a_3}{2} \{D^*(x, y, Ty) + D^*(y, y, Ty)\} \\ &= a_1 D^*(x, y, y) + \frac{a_2}{2} \{D^*(x, x, y) + D^*(y, y, y)\} \\ &\quad + \frac{a_3}{2} \{D^*(x, y, y) + D^*(y, y, y)\} \\ &= (a_1 + \frac{a_2}{2} + \frac{a_3}{2}) D^*(x, y, y) \\ &< D^*(x, y, y), \text{ which is contradiction.} \end{aligned}$$

Thus  $x = y$ . T has a unique fixed point.

**Theorem 4**

Let  $(X, D^*)$  be a complete  $D^*$  - metric space and  $T: X \rightarrow X$  be a map such that

$D^*(Tx, T^2x, T^3x) \leq a D^*(x, Tx, T^2x)$  for all  $x \in X$  and  $0 \leq a < 1$ . Then T has a unique fixed point.

**Proof**

Let  $x_0 \in X$  be a fixed arbitrary element.

Define the sequence  $\{x_n\}$  in X as  $x_{n+1} = Tx_n$  for  $n = 0, 1, 2, \dots$

For  $n \geq 0$ , we have

$$\begin{aligned} D^*(x_n, x_n, x_{n+1}) &= D^*(Tx_{n-1}, Tx_{n-1}, Tx_n) \\ &\leq a D^*(x_{n-1}, x_{n-1}, x_n) \end{aligned}$$

$\leq a^n D^*(x_0, x_0, x_1) \rightarrow 0$  as  $n \rightarrow \infty$ .

For  $m > n$  we have

$$\begin{aligned} D^*(x_n, x_n, x_m) &\leq D^*(x_n, x_n, x_{n+1}) + D^*(x_{n+1}, x_{n+1}, x_{n+2}) + \dots + \\ &\quad D^*(x_{m-1}, x_{m-1}, x_m) \\ &\rightarrow 0 \text{ as } m, n \rightarrow \infty \end{aligned}$$

Hence  $\{x_n\}$  is a Cauchy sequence in  $D^*$  - complete metric space.

Thus,  $x_n \rightarrow x$  in  $X$ .

Now we prove  $Tx = x$ . Suppose  $x \neq Tx$

$$D^*(x, x, Tx) = \lim_{n \rightarrow \infty} D^*(x_{n+3}, x_{n+2}, Tx)$$

$$= \lim_{n \rightarrow \infty} D^*(T^3x_n, T^2x_n, Tx)$$

$$\leq a \lim_{n \rightarrow \infty} D^*(T^2x_n, Tx_n, x)$$

$$= a \lim_{n \rightarrow \infty} D^*(x_{n+2}, x_{n+1}, x) = 0$$

Thus,  $x = Tx$

Uniqueness:

Suppose  $x \neq y$  such that  $Ty = y$ .

Then  $D^*(x, y, y) = D^*(T^3x, T^2y, Ty)$

$$\leq a D^*(T^2x, Ty, y)$$

$$= a D^*(x, y, y)$$

This implies

$$(1-a) D^*(x, y, y) \leq 0$$

Hence  $1-a < 0$  (since  $D^*(x, y, y) > 0$ )

Therefore  $a > 1$ . This is a contradiction to  $a < 1$ .

Thus  $T$  has a unique fixed point.

### Theorem 5

Let  $(X, D^*)$  be a complete  $D^*$ -metric space and  $T: X \rightarrow X$  be a map such that

$$D^*(Tx, Ty, Tz) \leq a \max \{D^*(x, y, z), D^*(x, Tx, Ty), D^*(y, Ty, Tz), D^*(x, y, Ty), D^*(y, z, Tz)\}$$

for all  $x, y, z \in X$  and  $0 \leq a < \frac{1}{2}$ . Then  $T$  has a unique fixed point.

### Proof

Let  $x_0 \in X$  be a fixed arbitrary element.

Define the sequence  $\{x_n\}$  in  $X$  as  $x_{n+1} = Tx_n$  for  $n = 0, 1, 2$

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For  $n \geq 0$ , we have

$$D^*(x_n, x_n, x_{n+1}) = D^*(Tx_{n-1}, Tx_{n-1}, Tx_n) \\ \leq a \max \{D^*(x_{n-1}, x_{n-1}, x_n), D^*(x_{n-1}, Tx_{n-1}, Tx_{n-1}), D^*(x_{n-1}, Tx_{n-1}, Tx_n), \\ D^*(x_{n-1}, x_{n-1}, Tx_{n-1}), D^*(x_{n-1}, x_n, Tx_n)\}$$

$$= a \max \{D^*(x_{n-1}, x_{n-1}, x_n), D^*(x_{n-1}, x_n, x_n), D^*(x_{n-1}, x_n, x_{n+1}), \\ D^*(x_{n-1}, x_{n-1}, x_n), D^*(x_{n-1}, x_n, x_{n+1})\}$$

$$= a \max \{D^*(x_{n-1}, x_{n-1}, x_n), D^*(x_{n-1}, x_n, x_{n+1})\} \\ \leq a \max \{D^*(x_{n-1}, x_{n-1}, x_n), D^*(x_{n-1}, x_{n-1}, x_n) + D^*(x_n, x_n, \\ x_{n+1})\}$$

$$\leq a D^*(x_{n-1}, x_{n-1}, x_n) + a D^*(x_n, x_n, x_{n+1})$$

$$(1-a) D^*(x_n, x_n, x_{n+1}) \leq a D^*(x_{n-1}, x_{n-1}, x_n)$$

$$D^*(x_n, x_n, x_{n+1}) \leq \frac{a}{1-a} D^*(x_{n-1}, x_{n-1}, x_n)$$

$$\leq b D^*(x_{n-1}, x_{n-1}, x_n) \text{ where } b = \frac{a}{1-a} < 1 \text{ for all } n$$

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$$\leq b^n D^*(x_0, x_0, x_1) \rightarrow 0 \text{ as } n \rightarrow \infty$$

Now we prove that  $\{x_n\}$  is  $D^*$ -Cauchy sequence in  $X$ .

For  $m > n$  we have,

$$D^*(x_n, x_n, x_m) \leq D^*(x_n, x_n, x_{n+1}) + D^*(x_{n+1}, x_{n+1}, x_{n+2}) + \dots + \\ D^*(x_{m-1}, x_{m-1}, x_m)$$

$$\rightarrow 0 \text{ as } m, n \rightarrow \infty$$

Thus  $\{x_n\}$  is a  $D^*$ -Cauchy sequence in  $X$  and  $X$  is  $D^*$ -complete  $x_n \rightarrow x$  in  $X$ .

Now we shall prove that  $Tx = x$

$$D^*(Tx, x, x) = \lim_{n \rightarrow \infty} D^*(Tx, x_{n+1}, x_{n+1})$$

$$= \lim_{n \rightarrow \infty} D^*(Tx, Tx_n, Tx_n)$$

$$\leq a \lim_{n \rightarrow \infty} \max \{D^*(x, x_n, x_n), D^*(x, Tx, Tx_n), D^*(x_n, Tx_n, Tx_n)$$

$$D^*(x, x_n, Tx_n), D^*(x_n, x_n, Tx_n)\}$$

$$\leq a \lim_{n \rightarrow \infty} \max \{D^*(x, x_n, x_n), D^*(x, Tx, x_{n+1}), D^*(x_n, x_{n+1},$$

$$x_{n+1}),$$

$$D^*(x, x_n, x_{n+1}), D^*(x_n, x_n, x_{n+1})\}$$

$$\rightarrow a \{D^*(x, Tx, x)\}$$

$$< D^*(Tx, x, x), \text{ Which is a contradiction. Thus } x = Tx$$

Uniqueness:

Suppose  $x \neq y$  such that  $Ty = y$

$$D^*(x, y, y) = D^*(Tx, Ty, Ty)$$

$$\leq a \max \{D^*(x, y, y), D^*(x, Tx, Ty), D^*(y, Ty, Ty), D^*(x, y, \\ Ty), D^*(y, y, Ty)\}$$

$$= a \max \{D^*(x, y, y), D^*(x, x, y), D^*(y, y, y), D^*(x, y, y), \\ D^*(y, y, y)\}$$

$$= a D^*(x, y, y)$$

$$< D^*(x, y, y), \text{ which is a contradiction. Thus } x = y$$

Therefore  $T$  has a unique fixed point.

### Theorem 6

Let  $(X, D^*)$  be a complete  $D^*$ -metric space and  $T: X \rightarrow X$  be a map such that

$$D^*(Tx, Ty, Tz) \leq a_1 D^*(x, y, z) + a_2 \max \{D^*(x, Tx, Ty), \\ D^*(y, Ty, Tz)\} \text{ for all } x, y, z, \in X \text{ and } 0 \leq a_1 + 2a_2 < 1.$$

Then  $T$  has a unique fixed point.

### Proof

Let  $x_0 \in X$  be any arbitrary fixed element and define a sequence element and define a sequence  $\{x_n\}$  in  $X$  as  $x_{n+1} = Tx_n$  for  $n = 0, 1, 2, \dots$

For  $n \geq 0$ , we have.

$$\begin{aligned} D^*(x_n, x_n, x_{n+1}) &= D^*(Tx_{n-1}, Tx_{n-1}, Tx_n) \\ &\leq a_1 D^*(x_{n-1}, x_{n-1}, x_n) + a_2 \max \{D^*(x_{n-1}, Tx_{n-1}, Tx_n), \\ &D^*(x_{n-1}, Tx_{n-1}, Tx_n)\} \\ &= a_1 D^*(x_{n-1}, x_{n-1}, x_n) + a_2 \max \{D^*(x_{n-1}, x_n, x_n), D^*(x_{n-1}, x_n, \\ &x_{n+1})\} \\ &\leq a_1 D^*(x_{n-1}, x_{n-1}, x_n) + a_2 \{D^*(x_{n-1}, x_{n-1}, x_n) + D^*(x_n, x_n, \\ &x_{n+1})\} \\ (1 - a_2) D^*(x_n, x_n, x_{n+1}) &\leq (a_1 + a_2) D^*(x_{n-1}, x_{n-1}, x_n) \\ D^*(x_n, x_n, x_{n+1}) &\leq \frac{a_1 + a_2}{1 - a_2} D^*(x_{n-1}, x_{n-1}, x_n) \end{aligned}$$

Thus  $D^*(x_n, x_n, x_{n+1}) \leq a D^*(x_{n-1}, x_{n-1}, x_n)$ , where

$$a = \frac{a_1 + a_2}{1 - a_2} < 1.$$

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$$\leq a^n D^*(x_0, x_0, x_1) \\ \rightarrow 0 \text{ as } n \rightarrow \infty.$$

Now for  $m > n \geq 0$  we have

$$\begin{aligned} D^*(x_n, x_n, x_m) &\leq D^*(x_n, x_n, x_{n+1}) + D^*(x_{n+1}, x_{n+1}, x_m) \\ &\leq \sum_{k=n}^{m-1} D^*(x_k, x_k, x_{k+1}) \rightarrow 0 \text{ as } m, n \rightarrow \infty \end{aligned}$$

Thus  $\{x_n\}$  is a Cauchy sequence in complete  $D^*$  - metric space.

Hence there exist a point  $x \in X$  such that  $x_n \rightarrow x$  in  $X$ .

Now we shall prove that  $x$  is a fixed point of  $T$ .

$$\begin{aligned} D^*(x, x, Tx) &= \lim_{n \rightarrow \infty} D^*(x_{n+1}, x_{n+1}, Tx) \\ &= \lim_{n \rightarrow \infty} D^*(Tx_n, Tx_n, Tx) \\ &\leq \lim_{n \rightarrow \infty} \{a_1 D^*(x_n, x_n, x) + a_2 \max \{D^*(x_n, Tx_n, Tx_n), D^*(x_n, \\ &Tx_n, Tx)\}\} \\ &\leq \lim_{n \rightarrow \infty} \{a_1 D^*(x_n, x_n, x) + a_2 \max \{D^*(x_n, x_{n+1}, x_{n+1}), D^*(x_n, \\ &x_{n+1}, Tx)\}\} \\ &\rightarrow a_1 (0) + a_2 D^*(x, x, Tx) \text{ as } n \rightarrow \infty \end{aligned}$$

Thus,  $D^*(x, x, Tx) < D^*(x, x, Tx)$ , which is contradiction.

Thus implies  $x = Tx$ .

Now we shall prove uniqueness. Suppose  $x \neq y$  such that  $Ty = y$

Then  $D^*(x, y, y) = D^*(Tx, Ty, Ty)$

$$\begin{aligned} &\leq a_1 D^*(x, y, y) + a_2 \max \{D^*(x, Tx, Ty), D^*(y, Ty, Ty)\} \\ &= a_1 D^*(x, y, y) + a_2 \max \{D^*(x, x, y), D^*(y, y, y)\} \\ &= (a_1 + a_2) D^*(x, y, y) \\ &< D^*(x, y, y), \text{ which is contradiction. There fore } T \text{ has a} \\ &\text{unique fixed point.} \end{aligned}$$

### Remark 3

If we put  $a_2 = 0$  and  $a_1 = a$  in the above theorem we get the following Theorem as corollary.

### Corollary 1

Let  $(X, D^*)$  be a complete  $D^*$  - metric space and  $T: X \rightarrow X$  be a map such that

$D^*(Tx, Ty, Tz) \leq a D^*(x, y, z)$  for all  $x, y, z \in X$  and  $0 \leq a < 1$ . Then  $T$  has a unique fixed point.

The aforesaid theorem is known as Banach contraction type theorem in  $D^*$ - metric space.

### Remark 4

If we put  $a_1 = 0$  and  $a_2 = a$  in the previous theorem 6. We get the following theorem as corollary 2.

### Corollary 2

Let  $(X, D^*)$  be a complete  $D^*$  - metric space and  $T: X \rightarrow X$  be a map such that

$$D^*(Tx, Ty, Tz) \leq \frac{a}{2} \max \{D^*(x, Tx, Ty), D^*(y, Ty, Tz)\} \text{ for}$$

all  $x, y, z \in X$  and

$$0 \leq a < \frac{1}{2}. \text{ Then } T \text{ has a unique fixed point.}$$

### Theorem 7

Let  $(X, D^*)$  be a complete  $D^*$  - metric space and  $T: X \rightarrow X$ . be a map such that

$$D^*(Tx, Ty, Tz) \leq \left\{ a_1 D^*(x, y, z) + a_2 \max \{D^*(x, Tx, Ty), D^*(y, Ty, Tz)\} \right. \\ \left. + a_3 \max \{D^*(x, y, Ty), D^*(y, z, Tz)\} \right\}$$

for all  $x, y, z \in X$  and  $0 \leq a_1 + 2a_2 + 2a_3 < 1$ . Then  $T$  has a unique fixed point.

### Proof

Let  $x_0 \in X$  be a fixed arbitrary element.

Define a sequence  $\{x_n\}$  in  $X$  as  $x_{n+1} = Tx_n$  for  $n = 0, 1, 2, \dots$

Now for  $n \geq 0$  we have

$$\begin{aligned} D^*(x_n, x_n, x_{n+1}) &= D^*(Tx_{n-1}, Tx_{n-1}, Tx_n) \\ &= \left\{ a_1 D^*(x_{n-1}, x_{n-1}, x_n) + a_2 \max \{D^*(x_{n-1}, Tx_{n-1}, Tx_{n-1}), D^*(x_{n-1}, Tx_{n-1}, Tx_n)\} \right. \\ &\left. + a_3 \max \{D^*(x_{n-1}, x_{n-1}, Tx_{n-1}), D^*(x_{n-1}, x_n, Tx_n)\} \right\} \end{aligned}$$

$$= \left\{ a_1 D^*(x_{n-1}, x_{n-1}, x_n) + a_2 \max \{ D^*(x_{n-1}, x_n, x_n), D^*(x_{n-1}, x_n, x_{n+1}) \} \right. \\ \left. + a_3 \max \{ D^*(x_{n-1}, x_{n-1}, x_n), D^*(x_{n-1}, x_n, x_{n+1}) \} \right\} \\ \leq \left\{ a_1 D^*(x_{n-1}, x_{n-1}, x_n) + a_2 \{ D^*(x_{n-1}, x_{n-1}, x_n) + D^*(x_n, x_n, x_{n+1}) \} \right. \\ \left. + a_3 \{ D^*(x_{n-1}, x_{n-1}, x_n) + D^*(x_n, x_n, x_{n+1}) \} \right\} \\ (1 - a_2 - a_3) D^*(x_n, x_n, x_{n+1}) \leq (a_1 + a_2 + a_3) D^*(x_{n-1}, x_{n-1}, x_n) \text{ for all } n \geq 0.$$

$$D^*(x_n, x_n, x_{n+1}) \leq \frac{a_1 + a_2 + a_3}{1 - a_2 - a_3} D^*(x_{n-1}, x_{n-1}, x_n) \\ D^*(x_n, x_n, x_{n+1}) \leq a D^*(x_{n-1}, x_{n-1}, x_n) \text{ for all } n \geq 0, \text{ where} \\ a = \frac{a_1 + a_2 + a_3}{1 - a_2 - a_3} < 1 \\ \leq a^n D^*(x_0, x_0, x_1) \rightarrow 0 \text{ as } n \rightarrow \infty$$

Now we shall prove that  $\{x_n\}$  is a  $D^*$  - Cauchy sequence in  $X$ .

For  $m > n \geq 0$ , we have

$$D^*(x_n, x_n, x_m) \leq D^*(x_n, x_n, x_{n+1}) + D^*(x_{n+1}, x_{n+1}, x_m) \\ \leq \sum_{k=n}^{m-1} D^*(x_k, x_k, x_{k+1}) \rightarrow 0 \text{ as } m, n \rightarrow \infty$$

Thus  $\{x_n\}$  is a Cauchy sequence in  $D^*$  - complete metric space  $X$ .

Hence there is a point  $x$  in  $X$  such that  $x_n \rightarrow x$  in  $X$ .

Now we shall prove that  $x$  is fixed point of  $T$ .

$$\text{Now } D^*(x, x, Tx) = \lim_{n \rightarrow \infty} D^*(x_{n+1}, x_{n+1}, Tx) \\ = \lim_{n \rightarrow \infty} D^*(Tx_n, Tx_n, Tx) \\ \leq \lim_{n \rightarrow \infty} \left\{ a_1 D^*(x_n, x_n, x) + a_2 \max \{ D^*(x_n, Tx_n, Tx_n), D^*(x_n, Tx_n, Tx) \} \right. \\ \left. + a_3 \max \{ D^*(x_n, x_n, Tx_n), D^*(x_n, x, Tx) \} \right\} \\ = \lim_{n \rightarrow \infty} \left\{ a_1 D^*(x_n, x_n, x) + a_2 \max \{ D^*(x_n, x_{n+1}, x_{n+1}), D^*(x_n, x_{n+1}, Tx) \} \right. \\ \left. + a_3 \max \{ D^*(x_n, x_n, x_{n+1}), D^*(x_n, x, Tx) \} \right\} \\ = a_1 (0) + a_2 D^*(x, x, Tx) + a_3 D^*(x, x, Tx) \\ < D^*(x, x, Tx), \text{ which is contradiction.}$$

Thus  $Tx = x$ .

Uniqueness:

Suppose  $y \neq x$  such that  $Ty = y$ .

$$\text{Now } D^*(x, y, y) = D^*(Tx, Ty, Ty) \\ \leq \left\{ a_1 D^*(x, y, y) + a_2 \max \{ D^*(x, Tx, Ty), D^*(y, Ty, Ty) \} \right. \\ \left. + a_3 \max \{ D^*(x, y, Ty), D^*(y, y, Ty) \} \right\} \\ = \left\{ a_1 D^*(x, y, y) + a_2 \max \{ D^*(x, x, y), D^*(y, y, y) + a_3 \max \{ D^*(x, y, y), \right. \\ \left. D^*(y, y, y) \} \} \right\} \\ = a_1 D^*(x, y, y) + a_2 D^*(x, y, y) + a_3 D^*(x, y, y) \\ = (a_1 + a_2 + a_3) D^*(x, y, y) \\ < D^*(x, y, y), \text{ which is contradiction.} \\ \text{Hence } T \text{ has a unique fixed point.}$$

**Theorem 8**

Let  $(X, D^*)$  be a complete  $D^*$  - metric space and  $T: X \rightarrow X$  be a map such that

$$D^*(Tx, Ty, Tz) \leq a_1 D^*(x, y, z) + a_2 \max \left\{ \left[ \frac{D^*(x, Tx, Ty) + D^*(y, Ty, Tz)}{2} \right], \right. \\ \left. \left[ \frac{D^*(x, y, Ty) + D^*(y, z, Tz)}{2} \right] \right\} \text{ for all } x, y, z \in X \text{ and}$$

$0 \leq a_1 + 3 \frac{a_2}{2} < 1$ . Then  $T$  has a unique fixed point.

**Proof**

Let  $x_0 \in X$  be any fixed arbitrary element.

Define a sequence  $\{x_n\}$  in  $X$  as  $x_{n+1} = Tx_n$  for  $n = 0, 1, 2, \dots$

For  $n \geq 0$ , we have

$$D^*(x_n, x_n, x_{n+1}) = D^*(Tx_{n-1}, Tx_{n-1}, Tx_n) \\ \leq a_1 D^*(x_{n-1}, x_{n-1}, x_n) + a_2 \max \left\{ \frac{D^*(x_{n-1}, Tx_{n-1}, Tx_{n-1}) + D^*(x_{n-1}, Tx_{n-1}, Tx_n)}{2} \right\}, \\ \left\{ \frac{D^*(x_{n-1}, x_{n-1}, Tx_{n-1}) + D^*(x_{n-1}, x_n, Tx_n)}{2} \right\} \\ \leq a_1 D^*(x_{n-1}, x_{n-1}, x_n) + a_2 \max \left\{ \frac{D^*(x_{n-1}, x_n, x_n) + D^*(x_{n-1}, x_n, x_{n+1})}{2} \right\}, \\ \left\{ \frac{D^*(x_{n-1}, x_{n-1}, x_n) + D^*(x_{n-1}, x_n, x_{n+1})}{2} \right\} \\ \leq a_1 D^*(x_{n-1}, x_{n-1}, x_n) + a_2 \frac{D^*(x_{n-1}, x_n, x_n) + D^*(x_n, x_n, x_{n+1}) + D^*(x_{n-1}, x_{n-1}, x_n)}{2} \\ \left( 1 - \frac{a_2}{2} \right) D^*(x_n, x_n, x_{n+1}) \leq (a_1 + a_2) D^*(x_{n-1}, x_{n-1}, x_n)$$

$$D^*(x_n, x_n, x_{n+1}) \leq \frac{a_1 + a_2}{1 - \frac{a_2}{2}} D^*(x_{n-1}, x_{n-1}, x_n) \\ \leq a D^*(x_{n-1}, x_{n-1}, x_n) \text{ for all } n \geq 0 \text{ and } a = \frac{a_1 + a_2}{1 - \frac{a_2}{2}} < 1$$

$$\dots \\ \dots \\ \dots \\ \leq a^n D^*(x_0, x_0, x_1) \rightarrow 0 \text{ as } n \rightarrow \infty.$$

Now we shall prove that  $\{x_n\}$  is a Cauchy sequence in  $X$ .  
For  $m > n \geq 0$ , we have

$$D^*(x_n, x_n, x_m) \leq \sum_{k=n}^{m-1} D^*(x_k, x_k, x_{k+1}) \rightarrow 0 \text{ as } m, n \rightarrow \infty.$$

Thus  $\{x_n\}$  is a  $D^*$  - Cauchy sequence in  $X$ .

Since  $X$  is complete  $D^*$ - metric space and  $x_n \rightarrow x$  in  $X$ .

Now we prove that  $x = Tx$  suppose  $x \neq Tx$ .

$$D^*(x, x, Tx) = \lim_{n \rightarrow \infty} D^*(x_{n+1}, x_{n+1}, Tx) \leq \lim_{n \rightarrow \infty} \{a_1 D^*(x_n, x_n,$$

$$x) + \frac{a_2}{2} \max \{D^*(x_n, Tx_n, Tx_n) + D^*(x_n, Tx_n, Tx)\},$$

$$\{D^*(x_n, x_n, Tx_n) + D^*(x_n, x, Tx)\}$$

$$= \lim_{n \rightarrow \infty} \{a_1 D^*(x_n, x_n, x) + \frac{a_2}{2} \max \{D^*(x_n, x_{n+1}, x_{n+1}) +$$

$$D^*(x_n, x_{n+1}, Tx)\},$$

$$\{D^*(x_n, x_n, x_{n+1}) + D^*(x_n, x, Tx)\}$$

$$= a_1 (0) + \frac{a_2}{2} \max \{D^*(x, x, Tx), \{D^*(x, x, Tx)\}$$

$$< D^*(x, x, Tx), \text{ which is contradiction. Thus } Tx = x.$$

Uniqueness:

Suppose  $y \neq x$  such that  $Ty = y$ .

Now  $D^*(x, y, y) = D^*(Tx, Ty, Ty)$

$$\leq \left\{ a_1 D^*(x, y, y) + \frac{a_2}{2} \max \{D^*(x, Tx, Ty) + D^*(y, Ty, Ty)\}, \right. \\ \left. \{D^*(x, y, Ty) + D^*(y, y, Ty)\} \right\}$$

$$= a_1 D^*(x, y, y) + \frac{a_2}{2} \max \{D^*(x, x, y) + D^*(y, y, y)\},$$

$$\{D^*(x, y, y) + D^*(y, y, y)\}$$

$$\leq \left\{ a_1 D^*(x, y, y) + \frac{a_2}{2} D^*(x, y, y) \right.$$

$$\left. = (a_1 + \frac{a_2}{2}) D^*(x, y, y) \right\}$$

$$< D^*(x, y, y), \text{ which is contradiction.}$$

Hence  $T$  has a unique fixed point.

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