



Some new results on complete U_n^* -metric space

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Abstract

In this paper, we give some new definitions of U_n^* -metric spaces and we prove a common fixed point theorem for two mappings under the condition of weakly compatible and establish common fixed point for sequence of generalized contraction mappings in complete U_n^* -metric space. ©2013 All rights reserved.

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1. Introduction and Preliminaries

Recently Sedghi et. al. [11] introduced the concept of D^* -metric spaces and proved some common fixed point theorems (see also [3]–[12]).

In the present work, we introduce a new notion of generalized D^* -metric space called U^* -metric space of dimension n and study some fixed point results for two self-mappings f and g on U_n^* -metric spaces. Some fundamental properties of the proposed metric are studied.

Definition 1.1. [2] Let G be an ordered group. An ordered group metric (or OG-metric) on a nonempty set X is a symmetric nonnegative function d_G from $X \times X$ into G such that $d_G(x, y) = 0$ if and only if $x = y$ and such that the triangle inequality is satisfied; the pair (X, d_G) is an ordered group metric space (or OG-metric space).

For $n \geq 2$, let X^n denotes the cartesian product $X \times \dots \times X$ and $\mathbb{R}^+ = [0, +\infty)$. We begin with the following definition.

Definition 1.2. Let X be a non-empty set. Let $U_n^* : X^n \rightarrow G^+$ be a function that satisfies the following conditions:

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- (U1) $U_n^*(x_1, \dots, x_n) = 0$ if $x_1 = \dots = x_n$,
- (U2) $U_n^*(x_1, \dots, x_n) > 0$ for all x_1, \dots, x_n with $x_i \neq x_j$, for some $i, j \in \{1, \dots, n\}$,
- (U3) $U_n^*(x_1, \dots, x_n) = U_n^*(x_{\pi_1}, \dots, x_{\pi_n})$, for every permutation (π_1, \dots, π_n) of $(1, 2, \dots, n)$,
- (U4) $U_n^*(x_1, x_2, \dots, x_n) \leq U_n^*(x_1, \dots, x_{n-1}, a) + U_n^*(a, x_n, \dots, x_n)$, for all $x_1, \dots, x_n, a \in X$.

The function U_n^* is called a universal ordered group metric of dimension n , or more specifically an OU_n^* -metric on X , and the pair (X, U_n^*) is called an OU_n^* -metric space.

For example we can place $G^+ = \mathbb{Z}^+$ or \mathbb{R}^+ . In the sequel, for simplicity we assume that $G^+ = \mathbb{R}^+$.

Example 1.3. (a) Let (X, d) be a usual metric space, then (X, S_n) and (X, M_n) are U_n^* -metric spaces, where

$$S_n(x_1, \dots, x_n) = \frac{2}{n(n-1)} \sum_{1 \leq i < j \leq n} d(x_i, x_j),$$

$$M_n(x_1, \dots, x_n) = \max\{d(x_i, x_j) : 1 \leq i < j \leq n\}.$$

(b) Let ϕ be a non-decreasing and concave function with $\phi(0) = 0$. If (X, d) is a usual metric space, then (X, ϕ_n) defined by

$$\phi_n(x_1, \dots, x_n) = \phi^{-1} \left(\sum_{1 \leq i < j \leq n} \phi(d(x_i, x_j)) \right)$$

is a U_n^* -metric.

(c) Let $X = C([0, T])$ be the set of all continuous functions defined on $[0, T]$. Defined $I_n : X^n \rightarrow \mathbb{R}^+$ by

$$I_n(x_1, \dots, x_n) = \sum_{1 \leq i < j \leq n} \sup_{t \in [0, T]} |x_i(t) - x_j(t)|.$$

Then (X, I_n) is a U_n^* -metric space.

(d) Let $X = \mathbb{R}^n$ defined $L_n : \mathbb{R}^n \rightarrow \mathbb{R}^+$ by

$$L_n(x_1, \dots, x_n) = \sum_{1 \leq i < j \leq n} \|x_i - x_j\|^{\frac{1}{r}}$$

For every $r \in \mathbb{R}^+$. Then (X, L_n) is a U_n^* -metric space.

(e) Let $X = \mathbb{R}$ defined $K_n : \mathbb{R}^n \rightarrow \mathbb{R}$ by

$$K_n(x_1, \dots, x_n) = \begin{cases} 0 & \text{if } x_1 = \dots = x_n \\ \text{Mox}\{x_1, \dots, x_n\} & \text{otherwise} \end{cases}$$

Then (X, K_n) is a U_n^* -metric space.

Remark 1.4. In a U_n^* -metric space, we prove that $U^*(x, \dots, x, y) = U^*(x, y, \dots, y)$. For

(i) $U^*(x, \dots, x, y) \leq U^*(x, \dots, x) + U^*(x, y, \dots, y) = U^*(x, y, \dots, y)$ and similary

(ii) $U^*(y, \dots, y, x) \leq U^*(y, \dots, y) + U^*(y, x, \dots, x) = U^*(y, x, \dots, x)$.

Hence by (i),(ii) we get $U^*(x, \dots, x, y) = U^*(x, y, \dots, y)$.

Proposition 1.5. Let (X, U) and (Y, V) be two U_n^* -metric spaces. Then (Z, W) is also a U_n^* -metric space, where $Z = X \times Y$ and $W(z_1, \dots, z_n) = \max\{U(x_1, \dots, x_n), V(y_1, \dots, y_n)\}$ for $z_i = (x_i, y_i) \in Z$ with $x_i \in X, y_i \in Y, i = 1, \dots, n$.

Proof. Obviously (U1-U3) conditions are satisfied. To prove the (U4) inequality. Let $z_1, \dots, z_n \in Z$, with $c = (a, b)$, $z_i = (x_i, y_i)$, $i = 1, \dots, n$,

$$\begin{aligned} W(z_1, \dots, z_n) = \max\{U(x_1, \dots, x_n), V(y_1, \dots, y_n)\} &\leq \max\{U(x_1, \dots, x_{n-1}, a) + U(a, x_n, \dots, x_n), \\ &V(y_1, \dots, y_{n-1}, b) + V(b, y_n, \dots, y_n)\} \\ &\leq \max\{U(x_1, \dots, x_{n-1}, a), V(y_1, \dots, y_{n-1}, b)\} \\ &+ \max\{U(a, x_n, \dots, x_n), V(b, y_n, \dots, y_n)\} \\ &= W(z_1, \dots, z_{n-1}, c) + W(c, z_n, \dots, z_n). \end{aligned}$$

Hence (Z, W) is a U_n^* -metric space. □

Definition 1.6. A U_n^* -metric space X is said to be bounded if there exists a constant $M > 0$ such that $U_n^*(x_1, \dots, x_n) \leq M$ for all $x_1, \dots, x_n \in X$. A U_n^* -metric space X is said to be unbounded if it is not bounded.

Proposition 1.7. Let (X, U_n^*) be a U_n^* -metric space and let $M > 0$ be a fixed positive real number. Then (X, V) is a bounded U_n^* -metric space with bound M , where the function V is given by

$$V(x_1, \dots, x_n) = \frac{MU^*(x_1, \dots, x_n)}{(k + U^*(x_1, \dots, x_n))}$$

for all $x_1, \dots, x_n \in X$ and with $k > 0$.

Proof. Obviously (U1-U3) conditions are satisfied. We only prove the (U4) inequality. Let $x_1, \dots, x_n \in X$,

$$\begin{aligned} V(x_1, \dots, x_n) = \frac{MU^*(x_1, \dots, x_n)}{(k + U^*(x_1, \dots, x_n))} &= M - \frac{Mk}{(k + U^*(x_1, \dots, x_n))} \\ &\leq M - \frac{Mk}{(k + U^*(x_1, \dots, x_{n-1}, a) + U^*(a, x_n, \dots, x_n))} \\ &= \frac{M(U^*(x_1, \dots, x_{n-1}, a) + U^*(a, x_n, \dots, x_n))}{(k + U^*(x_1, \dots, x_{n-1}, a) + U^*(a, x_n, \dots, x_n))} \\ &= \frac{M(U^*(x_1, \dots, x_{n-1}, a))}{(k + U^*(x_1, \dots, x_{n-1}, a) + U^*(a, x_n, \dots, x_n))} \\ &+ \frac{M(U^*(a, x_n, \dots, x_n))}{(k + U^*(x_1, \dots, x_{n-1}, a) + U^*(a, x_n, \dots, x_n))} \\ &\leq \frac{M(U^*(x_1, \dots, x_{n-1}, a))}{(k + U^*(x_1, \dots, x_{n-1}, a))} + \frac{M(U^*(a, x_n, \dots, x_n))}{(k + U^*(a, x_n, \dots, x_n))} \\ &= V(x_1, \dots, x_{n-1}, a) + V(a, x_n, \dots, x_n). \end{aligned}$$

Hence (X, V) is a U_n^* -metric space.

Let $x_1, \dots, x_n \in X$, Then we have,

$$V(x_1, \dots, x_n) = \frac{MU^*(x_1, \dots, x_n)}{(k + U^*(x_1, \dots, x_n))} \leq \frac{MU^*(x_1, \dots, x_n)}{(U^*(x_1, \dots, x_n))} = M$$

This show that (X, V) is bounded with U_n^* -bound M . □

Definition 1.8. Let (X, U_n^*) be a U_n^* -metric space, then for $x_0 \in X$, $r > 0$, the U_n^* -ball with center x_0 and radius r is

$$B_{U^*}(x_0, r) = \{y \in X : U_n^*(x_0, y, \dots, y) < r\}.$$

Definition 1.9. Let (X, U_n^*) be a U_n^* -metric space and $Y \subset X$.

- (1) If for every $y \in Y$ there exist $r > 0$ such that $B_{U^*}(y, r) \subset Y$, then subset Y is called open subset of X .
- (2) Subset Y of X is said to be U^* -bounded if there exists $r > 0$ such that $U^*(x, y, \dots, y) < r$ for all $x, y \in Y$.
- (3) A sequence $\{x_k\}$ in X converges to x if and only if

$$U^*(x_k, \dots, x_k, x) = U^*(x, \dots, x, x_k) \rightarrow 0 \quad \text{as } k \rightarrow \infty.$$

That is for each $\varepsilon > 0$ there exists $N \in \mathbb{N}$ such that

$$\forall k \geq N \implies U^*(x, \dots, x, x_k) < \varepsilon \quad (\star).$$

This is equivalent with, for each $\varepsilon > 0$ there exists $N \in \mathbb{N}$ such that

$$\forall l_1, \dots, l_{n-1} \geq N \implies U^*(x, x_{l_1}, \dots, x_{l_{n-1}}) < \varepsilon \quad (\star\star).$$

- (4) Let (X, U_n^*) be a U_n^* -metric space, then a sequence $\{x_k\} \subseteq X$ is said to be U_n^* -Cauchy if for every $\varepsilon > 0$, there exists $N \in \mathbb{N}$ such that $U_n^*(x_k, x_m, \dots, x_l) < \varepsilon$ for all $k, m, \dots, l \geq N$. The U_n^* -metric space (X, U_n^*) is said to be complete if every Cauchy sequence is convergent.

Remark 1.10. (i) Let τ be the set of all $Y \subset X$ with $y \in Y$ if and only if there exists $r > 0$ such that $B_{U^*}(y, r) \subset Y$. Then τ is a topology on X induced by the U_n^* -metric.

(ii) If have (\star) of Definition 1.9, then for each $\varepsilon > 0$ there exists,

$$N_1 \in \mathbb{N} \text{ such that for every } l_1 \geq N_1 \implies U^*(x, \dots, x, x_{l_1}) < \frac{\varepsilon}{n-1},$$

$$N_2 \in \mathbb{N} \text{ such that for every } l_2 \geq N_2 \implies U^*(x, \dots, x, x_{l_2}) < \frac{\varepsilon}{n-1},$$

and similiary there exist $N_{n-1} \in \mathbb{N}$ such that for every $l_{n-1} \geq N_{n-1} \implies U^*(x, \dots, x, x_{l_{n-1}}) < \frac{\varepsilon}{n-1}$.

Let $N_0 = \max\{N_1, \dots, N_{n-1}\}$ and $K_0 = \min\{l_1, \dots, l_{n-1}\}$. For $K_0 > N_0$ we have

$$\begin{aligned} U^*(x, x_{l_1}, \dots, x_{l_{n-1}}) &\leq U^*(x, x_{l_1}, \dots, x_{l_{n-2}}, x) + U^*(x, x_{l_{n-1}}, \dots, x_{l_{n-1}}) \\ &\leq U^*(x, x, x_{l_1}, \dots, x_{l_{n-3}}, x) + U^*(x, x_{l_{n-2}}, \dots, x_{l_{n-2}}) \\ &\quad + U^*(x, x_{l_{n-1}}, \dots, x_{l_{n-1}}) \\ &\leq \\ &\quad \vdots \\ &\leq \sum_{i=1}^{n-1} U^*(x, x_{l_i}, \dots, x_{l_i}) \\ &< \frac{(n-1)\varepsilon}{n-1} = \varepsilon. \end{aligned}$$

Conversely, set $l_1 = \dots = l_{n-1} = k$ in $(\star\star)$ we have $U^*(x, \dots, x, x_k) < \varepsilon$.

Proposition 1.11. In a U_n^* -metric space, (X, U_n^*) , the following are equivalent.

- (i) The sequence $\{x_k\}$ is U_n^* -Cauchy.
- (ii) For every $\varepsilon > 0$, there exists $N \in \mathbb{N}$ such that $U_n^*(x_k, \dots, x_k, x_l) < \varepsilon$, for all $k, l \geq N$.

Lemma 1.12. Let (X, U^*) be a U_n^* -metric space.

- (1) If $r > 0$, then the ball $B_{U^*}(x, r)$ with center $x \in X$ and radius r is the open ball.
- (2) If sequence $\{x_k\}$ in X converges to x , then x is unique.
- (3) If sequence $\{x_k\}$ in X converges to x , then sequence $\{x_k\}$ is a Cauchy sequence.
- (4) The function of U_n^* is continuous on X^n .

Proof. proof 1)

Let $w \in B_{U^*}(x, r)$ so that $U^*(x, w, \dots, w) < r$. If set $U^*(x, w, \dots, w) = \delta$ and $r' = r - \delta$ then we prove that $B_{U^*}(w, r') \subseteq B_{U^*}(x, r)$. Let $y \in B_{U^*}(w, r')$, by (U_4) we have $U^*(x, y, \dots, y) = U^*(y, \dots, y, x) \leq U^*(y, \dots, y, w) + U^*(w, x, \dots, x) < r' + \delta = r$.

proof 2)

Let $x_k \rightarrow y$ and $y \neq x$. Since $\{x_k\}$ converges to x and y , for each $\varepsilon > 0$ there exists,

$$N_1 \in \mathbb{N} \text{ such that for every } k \geq N_1 \implies U^*(x, \dots, x, x_k) < \frac{\varepsilon}{2}$$

and

$$N_2 \in \mathbb{N} \text{ such that for every } k \geq N_2 \implies U^*(y, \dots, y, x_k) < \frac{\varepsilon}{2}.$$

If set $N_0 = \max\{N_1, N_2\}$, then for every $k \geq N_0$ by (U_4) we have

$$U^*(x, \dots, x, y) \leq U^*(x, \dots, x, x_k) + U^*(x_k, y, \dots, y) < \frac{\varepsilon}{2} + \frac{\varepsilon}{2} = \varepsilon.$$

then $U^*(x, \dots, x, y) = 0$ is a contradiction. So $x = y$.

proof 3)

Since $x_k \rightarrow x$ for each $\varepsilon > 0$ there exists,

$$N_1 \in \mathbb{N} \text{ such that for every } k \geq N_1 \implies U^*(x_k, \dots, x_k, x) < \frac{\varepsilon}{2}$$

and

$$N_2 \in \mathbb{N} \text{ such that for every } l \geq N_1 \implies U^*(x, x_l, \dots, x_l) < \frac{\varepsilon}{2}.$$

If set $N_0 = \max\{N_1, N_2\}$, then for every $k, l \geq N_0$ by (U_4) we have

$$U^*(x_k, \dots, x_k, x_l) \leq U^*(x_k, \dots, x_k, x) + U^*(x, x_l, \dots, x_l) < \frac{\varepsilon}{2} + \frac{\varepsilon}{2} = \varepsilon.$$

Hence sequence $\{x_k\}$ is a Cauchy sequence.

proof 4)

Let the sequence $\{(x_1)_k, \dots, (x_n)_k\}$ in X^n converges to a point (z_1, \dots, z_n) i.e.

$$\lim_{k \rightarrow \infty} (x_i)_k = z_i \quad i = 1, \dots, n$$

for each $\varepsilon > 0$ there exists,

$$N_1 \in \mathbb{N} \text{ such that for every } k > N_1 \implies U^*(z_1, \dots, z_1, (x_1)_k) < \frac{\varepsilon}{n}$$

$$N_2 \in \mathbb{N} \text{ such that for every } k > N_2 \implies U^*(z_2, \dots, z_2, (x_2)_k) < \frac{\varepsilon}{n}$$

⋮

$$N_n \in \mathbb{N} \text{ such that for every } k > N_n \implies U^*(z_n, \dots, z_n, (x_n)_k) < \frac{\varepsilon}{n}.$$

If set $N_0 = \max\{N_1, \dots, N_n\}$, then for every $k \geq N_0$ we have

$$\begin{aligned} U^*((x_1)_k, \dots, (x_n)_k) &\leq U^*((x_1)_k, \dots, (x_{n-1})_k, z_n) + U^*(z_n, (x_n)_k, \dots, (x_n)_k) \\ &\leq U^*((x_1)_k, \dots, (x_{n-2})_k, z_n, z_{n-1}) + U^*(z_{n-1}, (x_{n-1})_k, \dots, (x_{n-1})_k) \\ &\quad + U^*(z_n, (x_n)_k, \dots, (x_n)_k) \\ &\leq \\ &\quad \vdots \\ &\leq U^*(z_1, \dots, z_n) + \sum_{i=1}^n U^*(z_i, (x_i)_k, \dots, (x_i)_k) \\ &\leq U^*(z_1, \dots, z_n) + \frac{n\varepsilon}{n} = U^*(z_1, \dots, z_n) + \varepsilon. \end{aligned}$$

Hence we have

$$U^*((x_1)_k, \dots, (x_n)_k) - U^*(z_1, \dots, z_n) < \varepsilon$$

$$\begin{aligned}
 U^*(z_1, \dots, z_n) &\leq U^*(z_1, \dots, z_{n-1}, (x_n)_k) + U^*((x_n)_k, z_n, \dots, z_n) \\
 &\leq U^*(z_1, \dots, z_{n-2}, (x_n)_k, (x_{n-1})_k) + U^*((x_{n-1})_k, z_{n-1}, \dots, z_{n-1}) \\
 &\quad + U^*((x_n)_k, z_n, \dots, z_n) \\
 &\leq \\
 &\quad \vdots \\
 &\leq U^*((x_1)_k, \dots, (x_n)_k) + \sum_{i=1}^n U^*((x_i)_k, z_i, \dots, z_i) \\
 &\leq U^*((x_1)_k, \dots, (x_n)_k) + \frac{n\varepsilon}{n} = U^*((x_1)_k, \dots, (x_n)_k) + \varepsilon.
 \end{aligned}$$

That is,

$$U^*(z_1, \dots, z_n) - U^*((x_1)_k, \dots, (x_n)_k) < \varepsilon.$$

Therefore we have $|U^*((x_1)_k, \dots, (x_n)_k) - U^*(z_1, \dots, z_n)| < \varepsilon$, that is

$$\lim_{k \rightarrow \infty} U^*((x_1)_k, \dots, (x_n)_k) = U^*(z_1, \dots, z_n).$$

□

Definition 1.13. ([6]) Let f and g be mappings from a U_n^* -metric space (X, U_n^*) into itself. Then the mappings are said to be weak compatible if they commute at their coincidence point, that is $fx = gx$ implies that $fgx = gfx$.

Definition 1.14. Let (X, U_n^*) be a U_n^* -metric space, for $A_1, \dots, A_n \subseteq X$, define

$$\Delta_{U^*}(A_1, \dots, A_n) = \sup\{U^*(a_1, \dots, a_n) \mid a_i \in A_i, i = 1, \dots, n\}.$$

Remark 1.15. It follows immediately from the definition that

(i) If A_i consists of a single point a_i we write

$$\Delta_{U^*}(A_1, \dots, A_{i-1}, A_i, A_{i+1}, \dots, A_n) = \Delta_{U^*}(A_1, \dots, A_{i-1}, a_i, A_{i+1}, \dots, A_n).$$

If A_1, \dots, A_n also consists of a single point a_1, \dots, a_n respectively, we write

$$\Delta_{U^*}(A_1, \dots, A_n) = \Delta_{U^*}(a_1, \dots, a_n).$$

Also we have

$$\Delta_{U^*}(A_1, \dots, A_n) = 0 \iff A_1 = \dots = A_n = \{a\},$$

$$\Delta_{U^*}(A_1, \dots, A_n) = \Delta_{U^*}(A_{\pi_1}, \dots, A_{\pi_n}),$$

for every permutation $(\pi_{(1)}, \dots, \pi_{(n)})$ of $(1, 2, \dots, n)$.

In particular for $\emptyset \neq A_1 = \dots = A_n \subseteq X$,

$$\Delta_{U^*}(A_1) = \sup\{U^*(b_1, \dots, b_n) \mid b_1, \dots, b_n \in A_1\}.$$

(ii) If $A \subseteq B$, then $\Delta_{U^*}(A) \leq \Delta_{U^*}(B)$.

(iii) For a sequence $A_k = \{x_k, x_{k+1}, x_{k+2}, \dots\}$ in U_n^* -metric space (X, U_n^*) , let $a_k = \Delta_{U^*}(A_k)$ for $k \in \mathbb{N}$. Then

(a) : Since $A_{k+1} \subseteq A_k$ hence $\Delta_{U^*}(A_{k+1}) \leq \Delta_{U^*}(A_k)$, for every $k \geq 1$.

(b) : $U^*(x_{l_1}, \dots, x_{l_n}) \leq \Delta_{U^*}(A_k) = a_k$ for every $l_1, \dots, l_n \geq k$,

(c) : $0 \leq \Delta_{U^*}(A_k) = a_k$.

Therefore, $\{a_k\}$ is decreasing and bounded for all $k \in \mathbb{N}$, and so there exists an $0 \leq a$ such that $\lim_{k \rightarrow \infty} a_k = a$.

Lemma 1.16. *Let (X, U_n^*) be an U_n^* -metric space. If $\lim_{k \rightarrow \infty} a_k = 0$, then sequence $\{x_k\}$ is a Cauchy sequence.*

Proof. Since $\lim_{k \rightarrow \infty} a_k = 0$, we have that for every $\varepsilon > 0$, there exists a $N_0 \in \mathbb{N}$ such that for every $k > N_0$, $|a_k - 0| < \varepsilon$. That is $a_k = \Delta_{U^*}(A_k) < \varepsilon$. Then for $l_1, \dots, l_n \geq k > N_0$ by (b) of Remark 1.15 we have

$$U^*(x_{l_1}, \dots, x_{l_n}) \leq \sup\{U^*(x_i, \dots, x_j) \mid x_i, \dots, x_j \in A_k\} = a_k < \varepsilon.$$

Therefore, $\{x_k\}$ is a Cauchy sequence in X . □

2. Main results

Theorem 2.1. *Let X be a U_n^* -complete metric space*

I) *If f and g be self-mappings of a complete U_n^* -metric space (X, U_n^*) satisfying:*

i) $g(X) \subseteq f(X)$, and $f(X)$ is closed subset of X ,

ii) the pair (f, g) is weakly compatible,

iii) $U^(gz_1, \dots, gz_n) \leq \psi(U^*(fz_1, \dots, fz_n))$, for every $z_1, \dots, z_n \in X$, where $\psi : \mathbb{R}^+ \rightarrow \mathbb{R}^+$ is a nondecreasing continuous function with $\psi(t) < t$ for every $t > 0$.*

Then f and g have a unique common fixed point in X .

II) *If $f_k : X \rightarrow X$ be a sequence maps such that*

$$U^*(f_i z_1, f_j z_2, \dots, f_l z_{n-1}, z_n) \leq \beta U^*(z_1, \dots, z_n)$$

for all $i \neq j$ and $z_1, \dots, z_n \in X$ with $0 \leq \beta < \frac{1}{2}$. Then $\{f_k\}$ have a unique common fixed point.

Proof. proof **I)**

Let x_0 be an arbitrary point in X . By (i), we can choose a point x_1 in X such that $y_0 = gx_0 = fx_1$ and $y_1 = gx_1 = fx_2$. In general, there exists a sequence $\{y_k\}$ such that, $y_k = gx_k = fx_{k+1}$, for $k = 0, 1, 2, \dots$. We prove that sequence $\{y_k\}$ is a Cauchy sequence. Let $A_k = \{y_k, y_{k+1}, y_{k+2}, \dots\}$ and $a_k = \Delta_{U^*}(A_k)$, $k \in \mathbb{N}$. Then we know $\lim_{k \rightarrow \infty} a_k = a$ for some $a \geq 0$.

Taking $z_i = x_{l_i+l}$ in (iii) for $l \geq 1$ and $l_1, \dots, l_n \geq 0$

$$\begin{aligned} U^*(y_{l_1+l}, \dots, y_{l_n+l}) &= U^*(gx_{l_1+l}, \dots, gx_{l_n+l}) \\ &\leq \psi(U^*(fx_{l_1+l}, \dots, fx_{l_n+l})) \\ &= \psi(U^*(y_{l_1+l-1}, \dots, y_{l_n+l-1})) \end{aligned}$$

Since $U^*(y_{l_1+l-1}, \dots, y_{l_n+l-1}) \leq a_{l-1}$, for every $l_1, \dots, l_n \geq 0$ and ψ is increasing in t , we get

$$U^*(y_{l_1+l}, \dots, y_{l_n+l}) \leq \psi(U^*(y_{l_1+l-1}, \dots, y_{l_n+l-1})).$$

Therefore

$$\sup_{l_1, \dots, l_n \geq 0} \{U^*(y_{l_1+l}, \dots, y_{l_n+l})\} \leq \psi(a_{l-1}).$$

Hence, we have $a_l \leq \psi(a_{l-1})$. Letting $l \rightarrow \infty$, we get $a \leq \psi(a)$. If $a \neq 0$, then $a \leq \psi(a) < a$, which is a contradiction. Thus $a = 0$ and hence $\lim_{k \rightarrow \infty} a_k = 0$. Thus Lemma 1.16 $\{y_k\}$ is a Cauchy sequence in X . By the completeness of X , there exists a $v \in X$ such that

$$\lim_{k \rightarrow \infty} y_k = \lim_{k \rightarrow \infty} gx_k = \lim_{k \rightarrow \infty} fx_{k+1} = v.$$

Let $f(X)$ is closed, there exist $w \in X$ such that $fw = v$, Now we show that $gw = v$ For this it is enough set x_k, \dots, x_k, w replacing z_1, \dots, z_n respectively, in inequality (iii) we get

$$U^*(gx_k, \dots, gx_k, gw) \leq \psi(U^*(fx_k, \dots, fx_k, fw))$$

Taking $k \rightarrow \infty$, we get

$$U^*(v, \dots, v, gw) \leq \psi(U^*(0)) = 0,$$

it implies $gw = v$.

Since the pair (f, g) are weakly compatible, hence we get, $gfw = fgw$. Thus $fv = gv$. Now we prove that $gv = v$. If we substitute z_1, \dots, z_n in (iii) by x_k, \dots, x_k and v respectively, we get

$$U^*(gx_k, \dots, gx_k, gv) \leq \psi(U^*(fx_k, \dots, fx_k, fv))$$

Taking $k \rightarrow \infty$, we get

$$U^*(v, \dots, v, gv) \leq \psi(U^*(v, \dots, v, gv)).$$

If $gv \neq v$, then $U^*(v, \dots, v, gv) < U^*(v, \dots, v, gv)$, is contradiction. Therefore,

$$fv = gv = v.$$

For the uniqueness, let v and v' be fixed points of f, g . Taking $z_1 = \dots = z_{n-1} = v$ and $z_n = v'$ in (iii), we have

$$\begin{aligned} U^*(v, \dots, v, v') &= U^*(gv, \dots, gv, gv') \\ &\leq \psi(U^*(fv, \dots, fv, fv')) \\ &= \psi(U^*(v, \dots, v, v')) \\ &< U^*(v, \dots, v, v'), \end{aligned}$$

which is a contradiction. Thus we have $v = v'$.

proof **II**)

Let $x_0 \in X$ be any fixed arbitrary element define a sequence $\{x_k\}$ in X as. $x_{k+1} = f_{k+1}x_k$ for all $k = 0, 1, 2, \dots$.

Let $d_k = U^*(x_k, x_{k+1}, \dots, x_{k+1})$ for all $k = 0, 1, 2, \dots$.

Now

$$\begin{aligned} d_{k+1} &= U^*(x_{k+1}, x_{k+2}, \dots, x_{k+2}) \\ &= U^*(f_{k+1}x_k, f_{k+2}x_{k+1}, \dots, f_{k+2}x_{k+1}, x_{k+2}) \\ &\leq \beta U^*(x_k, x_{k+1}, \dots, x_{k+1}, x_{k+2}) \\ &\leq \beta U^*(x_k, x_{k+1}, \dots, x_{k+1}, x_{k+1}) + \beta U^*(x_{k+1}, x_{k+2}, \dots, x_{k+2}) \\ &= \beta d_k + \beta d_{k+1}. \end{aligned}$$

Hence

$$d_{k+1} \leq \frac{\beta}{1-\beta} d_k,$$

$$d_k \leq \frac{\beta}{1-\beta} d_{k-1} \text{ for all } n = 1, 2, \dots. \text{ Let } \alpha = \frac{\beta}{1-\beta}, \text{ we have}$$

$$d_k \leq \alpha d_{k-1} \leq \alpha^k d_0 \rightarrow 0 \text{ as } k \rightarrow \infty. \text{ Therefore}$$

$$\lim_{k \rightarrow \infty} d_k = 0. \text{ Thus}$$

$$\lim_{k \rightarrow \infty} U^*(x_k, x_{k+1}, \dots, x_{k+1}) = 0.$$

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

Let $l > k > N_0$ for some $N_0 \in \mathbb{N}$. Now

$$\begin{aligned} U^*(x_k, \dots, x_k, x_l) &\leq U^*(x_k, \dots, x_k, x_{k+1}) + U^*(x_{k+1}, \dots, x_{k+1}, x_l) \\ &\leq \sum_{t=k}^{l-1} U^*(x_t, \dots, x_t, x_{t+1}) \rightarrow 0 \text{ as } k, l \rightarrow \infty \end{aligned}$$

Hence $\lim_{k,l \rightarrow \infty} U^*(x_k, \dots, x_k, x_l) = 0$.

Thus $\{x_k\}$ is U_n^* -Cauchy sequence in X .

Since X is U_n^* -complete $x_k \rightarrow x$ in X . We prove that x is a fixed point of f_k for all k suppose there exist a k' such that $f_{k'}x \neq x$. Then

$$\begin{aligned} U^*(f_{k'}, x, \dots, x) &= \lim_{k \rightarrow \infty} U^*(f_{k'}x, x_{k+1}, \dots, x_{k+1}, x) \\ &= \lim_{k \rightarrow \infty} U^*(f_{k'}x, f_{k+1}x_k, \dots, f_{k+1}x_k, x) \\ &\leq \beta \lim_{k \rightarrow \infty} U^*(x, x_{k+1}, \dots, x_{k+1}, x) = 0. \end{aligned}$$

Therefore $U^*(f_{k'}, x, \dots, x) = 0$, Therefore $f_kx = x$ for all k . Thus x is common fixed point of $\{f_k\}$ for all k . For the uniqueness, suppose $x \neq y$ such that $f_ky = y$ for all k . Then

$$\begin{aligned} U^*(x, y, \dots, y) &= U^*(f_kx, f_ky, \dots, f_ky, y) \\ &\leq \beta U^*(x, y, \dots, y) \end{aligned}$$

This implies $(1 - \beta)U^*(x, y, \dots, y) \leq 0$.

Since $x \neq y$ we have $U^*(x, y, \dots, y) > 0$ her $(1 - \beta) < 0$.

This implies $\beta > 1$ which contraction to $\beta < \frac{1}{2}$.

Thus $\{f_k\}$ have a unique common fixed point. □

Corollary 2.2. *Let f be self-mapping of a complete U_n^* -metric space (X, U_n^*) satisfying:*

$$U^*(z_1, \dots, z_n) \leq \psi(U^*(f^m z_1, \dots, f^m z_n)),$$

for every $z_1, \dots, z_n \in X$, f is surjective and $m \in \mathbb{N}$, where $\psi : \mathbb{R}^+ \rightarrow \mathbb{R}^+$ is a nondecreasing continuous function with $\psi(t) < t$ for every $t > 0$.

Then f have a unique fixed point in X .

Proof. If we define $g = I$ identity map in Theorem 2.1. There exists a unique $v \in X$ such that $f^m v = v$. Thus

$$f^m(fv) = f(f^m v) = fv.$$

Since v is unique, we have $fv = v$. □

Corollary 2.3. *Let g be self-mapping of a complete U_n^* -metric space (X, U_n^*) satisfying:*

$$U^*(g^m z_1, \dots, g^m z_n) \leq \psi(U^*(z_1, \dots, z_n)),$$

for every $z_1, \dots, z_n \in X$ and $m \in \mathbb{N}$, where $\psi : \mathbb{R}^+ \rightarrow \mathbb{R}^+$ is a nondecreasing continuous function with $\psi(t) < t$ for every $t > 0$.

Then g have a unique fixed point in X .

Proof. If we define $f = I$ identity map in Theorem 2.1. There exists a unique $v \in X$ such that $g^m v = v$. Thus

$$g^m(gv) = g(g^m v) = gv.$$

Since v is unique, we have $gv = v$. □

Corollary 2.4. *Let f and g be self-mappings of a complete U_n^* -metric space (X, U_n^*) satisfying:*

(i) $g^r(X) \subseteq f^s(X)$, and $f^s(X)$ is closed subset of X ,

(ii) the pair (f^s, g^r) is weakly compatible and $f^s g = g f^s$, $g^r f = f g^r$,

(iii) $U^*(g^r z_1, \dots, g^r z_n) \leq \psi(U^*(f^s z_1, \dots, f^s z_n))$, for every $z_1, \dots, z_n \in X$ and $r, s \in \mathbb{N}$ where $\psi : \mathbb{R}^+ \rightarrow \mathbb{R}^+$ is

a nondecreasing continuous function with $\psi(t) < t$ for every $t > 0$.
Then f and g have a unique common fixed point in X .

Proof. By Theorem 2.1 there exists a fixed point $v \in X$ such that $f^s v = g^r v = v$. On the other hand, we have

$$gv = g(g^r v) = g^r(gv) \text{ and } gv = g(f^s v) = f^s(gv).$$

Since v is unique, we have $gv = v$. Similarly, we have $fv = v$. □

Corollary 2.5. Let f, g and h be self-mappings of a complete U_n^* -metric space (X, U_n^*) satisfying:

- (i) $g(X) \subseteq fh(X)$, and $fh(X)$ is closed subset of X ,
 - (ii) the pair (fh, g) is weakly compatible and $fh = hf, gh = hg$,
 - (iii) $U^*(gz_1, \dots, gz_n) \leq \psi(U^*(fhz_1, \dots, fhz_n))$, for every $z_1, \dots, z_n \in X$, where $\psi : \mathbb{R}^+ \rightarrow \mathbb{R}^+$ is a nondecreasing continuous function with $\psi(t) < t$ for every $t > 0$.
- Then f, g and h have a unique common fixed point in X .

Proof. By Theorem 2.1 there exists a fixed point $v \in X$ such that $fhv = gv = v$. Now, we prove that $hv = v$. If $hv \neq v$ in (iii), then we have

$$\begin{aligned} U^*(hv, v, \dots, v) &= U^*(hgv, gv, \dots, gv) \\ &= U^*(ghv, gv, \dots, gv) \\ &\leq \psi(U^*(fhhv, fhv, \dots, fhv)) \\ &= \psi(U^*(hv, v, \dots, v)) \\ &< U^*(hv, v, \dots, v), \end{aligned}$$

which is a contradiction. Thus we have $hv = v$. Therefore,

$$fv = fhv = v = hv = gv.$$

□

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