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# Some Common Coupled Fixed Point Results for Generalized Contraction in Complex-Valued Metric Spaces

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We introduce and study the notion of common coupled fixed points for a pair of mappings in complex valued metric space and demonstrate the existence and uniqueness of the common coupled fixed points in a complete complex-valued metric space in view of diverse contractive conditions. In addition, our investigations are well supported by nontrivial examples.

## 1. Introduction

Azam et al. [1] introduced the concept of complex-valued metric spaces and obtained sufficient conditions for the existence of common fixed points of a pair of contractive type mappings involving rational expressions. Subsequently, several authors have studied the existence and uniqueness of the fixed points and common fixed points of self-mappings in view of contrasting contractive conditions. Some of these investigations are noted in [2–26].

In [27], Bhaskar and Lakshmikantham introduced the concept of coupled fixed points for a given partially ordered set  $X$ . Recently Samet et al. [28, 29] proved that most of the coupled fixed point theorems (on ordered metric spaces) are in fact immediate consequences of well-known fixed point theorems in the literature. In this paper, we deal with the corresponding definition of coupled fixed point for mappings on a complex-valued metric space along with generalized contraction involving rational expressions. Our results extend and improve several fixed point theorems in the literature.

## 2. Preliminaries

Let  $\mathbb{C}$  be the set of complex numbers and  $z_1, z_2 \in \mathbb{C}$ . Define a partial order  $\leq$  on  $\mathbb{C}$  as follows:

$$z_1 \leq z_2 \quad \text{iff} \quad \operatorname{Re}(z_1) \leq \operatorname{Re}(z_2), \quad \operatorname{Im}(z_1) \leq \operatorname{Im}(z_2). \quad (1)$$

Note that  $0 \leq z_1, z_2$  and  $z_1 \neq z_2$ ,  $z_1 \leq z_2$  implies  $|z_1| < |z_2|$ .

*Definition 1.* Let  $X$  be a nonempty set. Suppose that the self-mapping  $d : X \times X \rightarrow \mathbb{C}$  satisfies the following:

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

Then  $d$  is called a complex valued metric on  $X$ , and  $(X, d)$  is known as a complex valued metric space. A point  $x \in X$  is called interior point of a set  $A \subseteq X$  whenever, there exists  $0 < r \in \mathbb{C}$  such that

$$B(x, r) = \{y \in X : d(x, y) < r\} \subseteq A. \tag{2}$$

A point  $x \in X$  is a limit point of  $A$  whenever, for every  $0 < r \in \mathbb{C}$ ,

$$B(x, r) \cap (A \setminus \{x\}) \neq \emptyset. \tag{3}$$

$A$  is called open whenever each element of  $A$  is an interior point of  $A$ . Moreover, a subset  $B \subseteq X$  is called closed whenever each limit point of  $B$  belongs to  $B$ . The family

$$F = \{B(x, r) : x \in X, 0 < r \in \mathbb{C}\} \tag{4}$$

is a subbasis for a Hausdorff topology  $\tau$  on  $X$ .

Let  $\{x_n\}$  be a sequence in  $X$  and  $x \in X$ . If for every  $c \in \mathbb{C}$  with  $0 < c$  there is  $n_0 \in \mathbb{N}$  such that, for all  $n > n_0$ ,  $d(x_n, x) < c$ , then  $\{x_n\}$  is said to be convergent,  $\{x_n\}$  converges to  $x$ , and  $x$  is the limit point of  $\{x_n\}$ . We denote this by  $\lim_{n \rightarrow +\infty} x_n = x$ , or  $x_n \rightarrow x$ , as  $n \rightarrow +\infty$ . If for every  $c \in \mathbb{C}$  with  $0 < c$  there is  $n_0 \in \mathbb{N}$  such that, for all  $n > n_0$ ,  $d(x_n, x_{n+m}) < c$ , then  $\{x_n\}$  is called a Cauchy sequence in  $(X, d)$ . If every Cauchy sequence is convergent in  $(X, d)$ , then  $(X, d)$  is called a complete complex valued metric space. We require the following lemmas.

**Lemma 2** (see [1]). *Let  $(X, d)$  be a complex valued metric space, and let  $\{x_n\}$  be a sequence in  $X$ . Then  $\{x_n\}$  converges to  $x$  if and only if  $|d(x_n, x)| \rightarrow 0$  as  $n \rightarrow +\infty$ .*

**Lemma 3** (see [1]). *Let  $(X, d)$  be a complex valued metric space, and let  $\{x_n\}$  be a sequence in  $X$ . Then  $\{x_n\}$  is a Cauchy sequence if and only if  $|d(x_n, x_{n+m})| \rightarrow 0$  as  $n \rightarrow +\infty$ .*

**Definition 4** (see [27]). An element  $(x, y) \in X \times X$  is called a coupled fixed point of  $T : X \times X \rightarrow X$  if

$$x = T(x, y), \quad y = T(y, x). \tag{5}$$

**Definition 5.** An element  $(x, y) \in X \times X$  is called a coupled coincidence point of  $S, T : X \times X \rightarrow X$  if

$$S(x, y) = T(x, y), \quad S(y, x) = T(y, x). \tag{6}$$

**Example 6.** Let  $X = \mathbb{R}$  and  $S, T : X \times X \rightarrow X$  defined as  $S(x, y) = x^2 y^2$  and  $T(x, y) = (4/3)(x + y)$  for all  $x, y \in X$ . Then  $(0, 0)$ ,  $(1, 2)$ , and  $(2, 1)$  are coupled coincidence points of  $S$  and  $T$ .

**Example 7.** Let  $X = \mathbb{R}$  and  $S, T : X \times X \rightarrow X$  defined as  $S(x, y) = x + y + \sin(x + y)$  and  $T(x, y) = x + y + xy + \cos(x + y)$  for all  $x, y \in X$ . Then  $(0, \pi/4)$  and  $(\pi/4, 0)$  are coupled coincidence points of  $S$  and  $T$ .

**Definition 8.** An element  $(x, y) \in X \times X$  is called a common coupled fixed point of  $S, T : X \times X \rightarrow X$  if

$$x = S(x, y) = T(x, y), \quad y = S(y, x) = T(y, x). \tag{7}$$

**Example 9.** Let  $X = \mathbb{R}$  and  $S, T : X \times X \rightarrow X$  defined as  $S(x, y) = x((x+(y-1)^2)/2)$  and  $T(x, y) = x(\sqrt{x^2 + y^2 + 4} - 2)$  for all  $x, y \in X$ . Then  $(0, 0)$ ,  $(1, 2)$ , and  $(2, 1)$  are common coupled fixed points of  $S$  and  $T$ .

In the following, we provide common coupled fixed point theorem for a pair of mappings satisfying a rational inequality in complex valued metric spaces.

**Theorem 10.** *Let  $(X, d)$  be a complete complex-valued metric space, and let the mappings  $S, T : X \times X \rightarrow X$  satisfy*

$$d(S(x, y), T(u, v)) \leq \frac{\alpha(d(x, u) + d(y, v))}{2} + (\beta d(x, S(x, y)) d(u, T(u, v)) + \gamma d(u, S(x, y)) d(x, T(u, v))) \times (1 + d(x, u) + d(y, v))^{-1} \tag{8}$$

for all  $x, y, u, v \in X$  and  $\alpha, \beta$ , and  $\gamma$  are nonnegative reals with  $\alpha + \beta + \gamma < 1$ . Then  $S$  and  $T$  have a unique common coupled fixed point.

*Proof.* Let  $x_0$  and  $y_0$  be arbitrary points in  $X$ . Define  $x_{2k+1} = S(x_{2k}, y_{2k})$ ,  $y_{2k+1} = S(y_{2k}, x_{2k})$  and  $x_{2k+2} = T(x_{2k+1}, y_{2k+1})$ ,  $y_{2k+2} = T(y_{2k+1}, x_{2k+1})$ , for  $k = 0, 1, \dots$   
Then,

$$\begin{aligned} & d(x_{2k+1}, x_{2k+2}) \\ &= d(S(x_{2k}, y_{2k}), T(x_{2k+1}, y_{2k+1})) \\ &\leq \frac{\alpha(d(x_{2k}, x_{2k+1}) + d(y_{2k}, y_{2k+1}))}{2} + (\beta d(x_{2k}, S(x_{2k}, y_{2k})) \\ &\quad \times d(x_{2k+1}, T(x_{2k+1}, y_{2k+1}))) \\ &\quad \times (1 + d(x_{2k}, x_{2k+1}) + d(y_{2k}, y_{2k+1}))^{-1} \\ &\quad + (\gamma d(x_{2k+1}, S(x_{2k}, y_{2k})) \\ &\quad \times d(x_{2k}, T(x_{2k+1}, y_{2k+1}))) \\ &\quad \times (1 + d(x_{2k}, x_{2k+1}) + d(y_{2k}, y_{2k+1}))^{-1} \\ &\leq \frac{\alpha(d(x_{2k}, x_{2k+1}) + d(y_{2k}, y_{2k+1}))}{2} \\ &\quad + \frac{\beta d(x_{2k}, x_{2k+1}) d(x_{2k+1}, x_{2k+2})}{1 + d(x_{2k}, x_{2k+1}) + d(y_{2k}, y_{2k+1})} \\ &\quad + \frac{\gamma d(x_{2k+1}, x_{2k+1}) d(x_{2k}, x_{2k+2})}{1 + d(x_{2k}, x_{2k+1}) + d(y_{2k}, y_{2k+1})} \end{aligned}$$

$$\begin{aligned} &\leq \frac{\alpha(d(x_{2k}, x_{2k+1}) + d(y_{2k}, y_{2k+1}))}{2} \\ &+ \frac{\beta d(x_{2k}, x_{2k+1}) d(x_{2k+1}, x_{2k+2})}{1 + d(x_{2k}, x_{2k+1}) + d(y_{2k}, y_{2k+1})}, \end{aligned} \tag{9}$$

which implies that

$$\begin{aligned} |d(x_{2k+1}, x_{2k+2})| &\leq \frac{\alpha |d(x_{2k}, x_{2k+1}) + d(y_{2k}, y_{2k+1})|}{2} \\ &+ \frac{\beta |d(x_{2k}, x_{2k+1}) d(x_{2k+1}, x_{2k+2})|}{|1 + d(x_{2k}, x_{2k+1}) + d(y_{2k}, y_{2k+1})|}. \end{aligned} \tag{10}$$

Since  $|1 + d(x_{2k}, x_{2k+1}) + d(y_{2k}, y_{2k+1})| > |d(x_{2k}, x_{2k+1})|$ , so we get

$$\begin{aligned} |d(x_{2k+1}, x_{2k+2})| &\leq \frac{\alpha |d(x_{2k}, x_{2k+1})| + \alpha |d(y_{2k}, y_{2k+1})|}{2} \\ &+ \beta |d(x_{2k+1}, x_{2k+2})|, \end{aligned} \tag{11}$$

and hence

$$\begin{aligned} |d(x_{2k+1}, x_{2k+2})| &\leq \frac{1}{2} \left( \frac{\alpha}{1 - \beta} \right) |d(x_{2k}, x_{2k+1})| \\ &+ \frac{1}{2} \left( \frac{\alpha}{1 - \beta} \right) |d(y_{2k}, y_{2k+1})|. \end{aligned} \tag{12}$$

Similarly, one can show that

$$\begin{aligned} |d(y_{2k+1}, y_{2k+2})| &\leq \frac{1}{2} \left( \frac{\alpha}{1 - \beta} \right) |d(y_{2k}, y_{2k+1})| \\ &+ \frac{1}{2} \left( \frac{\alpha}{1 - \beta} \right) |d(x_{2k}, x_{2k+1})|. \end{aligned} \tag{13}$$

Also,

$$\begin{aligned} &d(x_{2k+2}, x_{2k+3}) \\ &= d(T(x_{2k+1}, y_{2k+1}), S(x_{2k+2}, y_{2k+2})) \\ &\leq \frac{\alpha(d(x_{2k+1}, x_{2k+2}) + d(y_{2k+1}, y_{2k+2}))}{2} \\ &+ (\beta d(x_{2k+1}, T(x_{2k+1}, y_{2k+1}))) \\ &\quad \times d(x_{2k+2}, S(x_{2k+2}, y_{2k+2})) \\ &\quad \times (1 + d(x_{2k+1}, x_{2k+2}) + d(y_{2k+1}, y_{2k+2}))^{-1} \\ &+ (\gamma d(x_{2k+2}, T(x_{2k+1}, y_{2k+1}))) \\ &\quad \times d(x_{2k+1}, S(x_{2k+2}, y_{2k+2})) \\ &\quad \times (1 + d(x_{2k+1}, x_{2k+2}) + d(y_{2k+1}, y_{2k+2}))^{-1} \tag{14} \\ &\leq \frac{\alpha(d(x_{2k+1}, x_{2k+2}) + d(y_{2k+1}, y_{2k+2}))}{2} \\ &+ \frac{\beta d(x_{2k+1}, x_{2k+2}) d(x_{2k+2}, x_{2k+3})}{1 + d(x_{2k+1}, x_{2k+2}) + d(y_{2k+1}, y_{2k+2})} \\ &+ \frac{\gamma d(x_{2k+2}, x_{2k+2}) d(x_{2k+1}, x_{2k+3})}{1 + d(x_{2k+1}, x_{2k+2}) + d(y_{2k+1}, y_{2k+2})} \\ &\leq \frac{\alpha(d(x_{2k+1}, x_{2k+2}) + d(y_{2k+1}, y_{2k+2}))}{2} \\ &+ \frac{\beta d(x_{2k+1}, x_{2k+2}) d(x_{2k+2}, x_{2k+3})}{1 + d(x_{2k+1}, x_{2k+2}) + d(y_{2k+1}, y_{2k+2})}, \end{aligned}$$

so that

$$\begin{aligned} |d(x_{2k+2}, x_{2k+3})| &\leq \frac{\alpha |d(x_{2k+1}, x_{2k+2}) + d(y_{2k+1}, y_{2k+2})|}{2} \\ &+ \frac{\beta |d(x_{2k+1}, x_{2k+2})| |d(x_{2k+2}, x_{2k+3})|}{|1 + d(x_{2k+1}, x_{2k+2}) + d(y_{2k+1}, y_{2k+2})|}. \end{aligned} \tag{15}$$

As  $|1 + d(x_{2k+1}, x_{2k+2}) + d(y_{2k+1}, y_{2k+2})| > |d(x_{2k+1}, x_{2k+2})|$ , therefore

$$\begin{aligned} |d(x_{2k+2}, x_{2k+3})| &\leq \frac{1}{2} \left( \frac{\alpha}{1 - \beta} \right) |d(x_{2k+1}, x_{2k+2})| \\ &+ \frac{1}{2} \left( \frac{\alpha}{1 - \beta} \right) |d(y_{2k+1}, y_{2k+2})|. \end{aligned} \tag{16}$$

Similarly, one can show that

$$\begin{aligned} |d(y_{2k+2}, y_{2k+3})| &\leq \frac{\alpha}{1 - \beta} |d(y_{2k+1}, y_{2k+2})| \\ &+ \frac{1}{2} \left( \frac{\alpha}{1 - \beta} \right) |d(x_{2k+1}, x_{2k+2})|. \end{aligned} \tag{17}$$

Adding (12)–(17), we get

$$\begin{aligned}
 & |d(x_{2k+1}, x_{2k+2})| + |d(y_{2k+1}, y_{2k+2})| \\
 & \leq \frac{\alpha}{1-\beta} |d(x_{2k}, x_{2k+1})| + \frac{\alpha}{1-\beta} |d(y_{2k}, y_{2k+1})| \\
 & |d(x_{2k+2}, x_{2k+3})| + |d(y_{2k+2}, y_{2k+3})| \\
 & \leq \frac{\alpha}{1-\beta} |d(x_{2k+1}, x_{2k+2})| + \frac{\alpha}{1-\beta} |d(y_{2k+1}, y_{2k+2})|.
 \end{aligned} \tag{18}$$

If  $h = \alpha/(1-\beta) < 1$ , then from (18), we get

$$\begin{aligned}
 & |d(x_n, x_{n+1})| + |d(y_n, y_{n+1})| \\
 & \leq h (|d(x_{n-1}, x_n)| + |d(y_{n-1}, y_n)|) \\
 & \leq \dots \leq h^n (|d(x_0, x_1)| + |d(y_0, y_1)|).
 \end{aligned} \tag{19}$$

Now if  $|d(x_n, x_{n+1})| + |d(y_n, y_{n+1})| = \delta_n$ , then

$$\delta_n \leq h\delta_{n-1} \leq \dots \leq h^n \delta_0. \tag{20}$$

Without loss of generality, we take  $m > n$ . Since  $0 < h < 1$ , so we get

$$\begin{aligned}
 & |d(x_n, x_m)| + |d(y_n, y_m)| \\
 & \leq |d(x_n, x_{n+1})| + |d(y_n, y_{n+1})| + \dots \\
 & \quad + |d(x_{m-1}, x_m)| + |d(y_{m-1}, y_m)| \\
 & \leq [h^n \delta_0 + h^{n+1} \delta_0 + \dots + h^{m-1} \delta_0] \\
 & \leq \sum_{i=n}^{m-1} h^i \delta_0 \rightarrow 0, \quad \text{as } m, n \rightarrow +\infty.
 \end{aligned} \tag{21}$$

This implies that  $\{x_n\}$  and  $\{y_n\}$  are Cauchy sequences in  $X$ . Since  $X$  is complete, there exists  $x, y \in X$  such that  $x_n \rightarrow x$  and  $y_n \rightarrow y$  as  $n \rightarrow +\infty$ . We now show that  $x = S(x, y)$  and  $y = S(y, x)$ . We suppose on the contrary that  $x \neq S(x, y)$

and  $y \neq S(y, x)$  so that  $0 < d(x, S(x, y)) = l_1$  and  $0 < d(y, S(y, x)) = l_2$ ; we would then have

$$\begin{aligned}
 l_1 & = d(x, S(x, y)) \leq d(x, x_{2k+2}) + d(x_{2k+2}, S(x, y)) \\
 & \leq d(x, x_{2k+2}) + d(T(x_{2k+1}, y_{2k+1}), S(x, y)) \\
 & \leq d(x, x_{2k+2}) + \frac{\alpha(d(x_{2k+1}, x) + d(y_{2k+1}, y))}{2} \\
 & \quad + \frac{\beta d(x_{2k+1}, T(x_{2k+1}, y_{2k+1})) d(x, S(x, y))}{1 + d(x_{2k+1}, x) + d(y_{2k+1}, y)} \\
 & \quad + \frac{\gamma d(x, T(x_{2k+1}, y_{2k+1})) d(x_{2k+1}, S(x, y))}{1 + d(x_{2k+1}, x) + d(y_{2k+1}, y)} \\
 & = d(x, x_{2k+2}) + \frac{\alpha(d(x_{2k+1}, x) + d(y_{2k+1}, y))}{2} \\
 & \quad + \frac{\beta d(x_{2k+1}, x_{2k+2}) d(x, S(x, y))}{1 + d(x_{2k+1}, x) + d(y_{2k+1}, y)} \\
 & \quad + \frac{\gamma d(x, x_{2k+2}) d(x_{2k+1}, S(x, y))}{1 + d(x_{2k+1}, x) + d(y_{2k+1}, y)}
 \end{aligned} \tag{22}$$

so that

$$\begin{aligned}
 |l_1| & \leq |d(x, x_{2k+2})| + \frac{\alpha |d(x_{2k+1}, x) + d(y_{2k+1}, y)|}{2} \\
 & \quad + \frac{\beta |d(x_{2k+1}, x_{2k+2})| |d(x, S(x, y))|}{|1 + d(x_{2k+1}, x) + d(y_{2k+1}, y)|} \\
 & \quad + \frac{\gamma |d(x, x_{2k+2})| |d(x_{2k+1}, S(x, y))|}{|1 + d(x_{2k+1}, x) + d(y_{2k+1}, y)|}.
 \end{aligned} \tag{23}$$

By taking  $k \rightarrow +\infty$ , we get  $|d(x, S(x, y))| = 0$  which is a contradiction so that  $x = S(x, y)$ . Similarly, one can prove that  $y = S(y, x)$ . It follows similarly that  $x = T(x, y)$  and  $y = T(y, x)$ . So we have proved that  $(x, y)$  is a common coupled fixed point of  $S$  and  $T$ . We now show that  $S$  and  $T$  have a unique common coupled fixed point. For this, assume that  $(x^*, y^*) \in X$  is a second common coupled fixed point of  $S$  and  $T$ . Then

$$\begin{aligned}
 d(x, x^*) & = d(S(x, y), T(x^*, y^*)) \\
 & \leq \frac{\alpha(d(x, x^*) + d(y, y^*))}{2} \\
 & \quad + \frac{\beta d(x, S(x, y)) d(x^*, T(x^*, y^*))}{1 + d(x, x^*) + d(y, y^*)} \\
 & \quad + \frac{\gamma d(x, T(x^*, y^*)) d(x^*, S(x, y))}{1 + d(x, x^*) + d(y, y^*)}
 \end{aligned}$$

$$\begin{aligned} &\leq \frac{\alpha(d(x, x^*) + d(y, y^*))}{2} \\ &\quad + \frac{\beta d(x, x) d(x^*, x^*)}{1 + d(x, x^*) + d(y, y^*)} \\ &\quad + \frac{\gamma d(x, x^*) d(x^*, x)}{1 + d(x, x^*) + d(y, y^*)} \end{aligned} \tag{24}$$

so that

$$\begin{aligned} |d(x, x^*)| &\leq \left| \frac{\alpha(d(x, x^*) + d(y, y^*))}{2} \right| \\ &\quad + \frac{\gamma |d(x, x^*)| |d(x^*, x)|}{|1 + d(x, x^*) + d(y, y^*)|}. \end{aligned} \tag{25}$$

Since  $|1 + d(x, x^*) + d(y, y^*)| > |d(x, x^*)|$ , so we get

$$\begin{aligned} |d(x, x^*)| &\leq \left| \frac{\alpha(d(x, x^*) + d(y, y^*))}{2} \right| + \gamma |d(x, x^*)| \\ &= \left( \frac{\alpha}{2 - \alpha - 2\gamma} \right) |d(y, y^*)|. \end{aligned} \tag{26}$$

Similarly, one can easily prove that

$$|d(y, y^*)| \leq \left( \frac{\alpha}{2 - \alpha - 2\gamma} \right) |d(x, x^*)|. \tag{27}$$

If we add (26) and (27), we get

$$\begin{aligned} &|d(x, x^*)| + |d(y, y^*)| \\ &\leq \left( \frac{\alpha}{2 - \alpha - 2\gamma} \right) (|d(x, x^*)| + |d(y, y^*)|), \end{aligned} \tag{28}$$

which is a contradiction because  $\alpha + \beta + \gamma < 1$ . Thus, we get  $x^* = x$  and  $y^* = y$ , which proves the uniqueness of common coupled fixed point of  $S$  and  $T$ .  $\square$

By setting  $S = T$  in Theorem 10, one deduces the following.

**Corollary 11.** *Let  $(X, d)$  be a complete complex-valued metric space, and let the mapping  $T : X \times X \rightarrow X$  satisfy*

$$\begin{aligned} &d(T(x, y), T(u, v)) \\ &\leq \frac{\alpha(d(x, u) + d(y, v))}{2} \\ &\quad + (\beta d(x, T(x, y)) d(u, T(u, v)) \\ &\quad + \gamma d(u, T(x, y)) d(x, T(u, v))) \\ &\quad \times (1 + d(x, u) + d(y, v))^{-1} \end{aligned} \tag{29}$$

for all  $x, y, u, v \in X$ , where  $\alpha, \beta$ , and  $\gamma$  are nonnegative reals with  $\alpha + \beta + \gamma < 1$ . Then  $T$  has a unique coupled fixed point.

**Corollary 12.** *Let  $(X, d)$  be a complete complex-valued metric space, and let the mapping  $T : X \times X \rightarrow X$  satisfy*

$$\begin{aligned} &d(T^n(x, y), T^n(u, v)) \\ &\leq \frac{\alpha(d(x, u) + d(y, v))}{2} \\ &\quad + (\beta d(x, T^n(x, y)) d(u, T^n(u, v)) \\ &\quad + \gamma d(u, T^n(x, y)) d(x, T^n(u, v))) \\ &\quad \times (1 + d(x, u) + d(y, v))^{-1} \end{aligned} \tag{30}$$

for all  $x, y, u, v \in X$ , where  $\alpha, \beta$ , and  $\gamma$  are nonnegative reals with  $\alpha + \beta + \gamma < 1$ . Then,  $T$  has a unique coupled fixed point.

**Theorem 13.** *Let  $(X, d)$  be a complete complex-valued metric space, and let the mappings  $S, T : X \times X \rightarrow X$  satisfy*

$$\begin{aligned} &d(S(x, y), T(u, v)) \\ &\leq \begin{cases} \frac{\alpha(d(x, u) + d(y, v))}{2} \\ \quad + \frac{\beta d(x, S(x, y)) d(u, T(u, v))}{d(x, T(u, v)) + d(u, S(x, y)) + d(x, u) + d(y, v)}, \\ \quad \text{if } D \neq 0 \\ 0, \quad \text{if } D = 0 \end{cases} \end{aligned} \tag{31}$$

for all  $x, y, u, v \in X$ , where  $D = d(x, T(u, y)) + d(u, S(x, y)) + d(x, u) + d(y, v)$  and  $\alpha, \beta$  are nonnegative reals with  $\alpha + \beta < 1$ . Then  $S$  and  $T$  have a unique common coupled fixed point.

*Proof.* Let  $x_0$  and  $y_0$  be arbitrary points in  $X$ . Define  $x_{2k+1} = S(x_{2k}, y_{2k}), y_{2k+1} = S(y_{2k}, x_{2k})$  and  $x_{2k+2} = T(x_{2k+1}, y_{2k+1}), y_{2k+2} = T(y_{2k+1}, x_{2k+1})$ , for  $k = 0, 1, \dots$

Now, we assume that

$$\begin{aligned} D_S(x_{2k}, y_{2k}) &= d(x_{2k}, T(x_{2k+1}, y_{2k+1})) \\ &\quad + d(x_{2k+1}, S(x_{2k}, y_{2k})) \\ &\quad + d(x_{2k}, x_{2k+1}) + d(y_{2k}, y_{2k+1}) \\ &= d(x_{2k}, x_{2k+2}) + d(x_{2k}, x_{2k+1}) \\ &\quad + d(y_{2k}, y_{2k+1}) \neq 0, \\ D_S(y_{2k}, x_{2k}) &= d(y_{2k}, T(y_{2k+1}, x_{2k+1})) \\ &\quad + d(y_{2k+1}, S(y_{2k}, x_{2k})) \\ &\quad + d(x_{2k}, x_{2k+1}) + d(y_{2k}, y_{2k+1}) \\ &= d(y_{2k}, y_{2k+2}) + d(x_{2k}, x_{2k+1}) \\ &\quad + d(y_{2k}, y_{2k+1}) \neq 0. \end{aligned} \tag{32}$$

Then,

$$\begin{aligned}
 & d(x_{2k+1}, x_{2k+2}) \\
 &= d(S(x_{2k}, y_{2k}), T(x_{2k+1}, y_{2k+1})) \\
 &\leq \frac{\alpha(d(x_{2k}, x_{2k+1}) + d(y_{2k}, y_{2k+1}))}{2} \\
 &\quad + \frac{\beta d(x_{2k}, S(x_{2k}, y_{2k})) d(x_{2k+1}, T(x_{2k+1}, y_{2k+1}))}{D_S(x_{2k}, y_{2k})} \\
 &= \frac{\alpha(d(x_{2k}, x_{2k+1}) + d(y_{2k}, y_{2k+1}))}{2} \\
 &\quad + (\beta d(x_{2k}, x_{2k+1}) d(x_{2k+1}, x_{2k+2})) \\
 &\quad \times (d(x_{2k}, x_{2k+2}) + d(x_{2k}, x_{2k+1}) \\
 &\quad + d(y_{2k}, y_{2k+1}))^{-1}
 \end{aligned} \tag{33}$$

which implies that

$$\begin{aligned}
 & |d(x_{2k+1}, x_{2k+2})| \\
 &\leq \frac{\alpha |d(x_{2k}, x_{2k+1}) + d(y_{2k}, y_{2k+1})|}{2} \\
 &\quad + (\beta |d(x_{2k}, x_{2k+1})| |d(x_{2k+1}, x_{2k+2})|) \\
 &\quad \times (|d(x_{2k}, x_{2k+2}) + d(x_{2k}, x_{2k+1}) \\
 &\quad + d(y_{2k}, y_{2k+1})|)^{-1} \\
 &\leq \frac{\alpha |d(x_{2k}, x_{2k+1}) + d(y_{2k}, y_{2k+1})|}{2} \\
 &\quad + \beta |d(x_{2k}, x_{2k+1})|
 \end{aligned} \tag{34}$$

as

$$\begin{aligned}
 & |d(x_{2k+1}, x_{2k+2})| \\
 &\leq |d(x_{2k+1}, x_{2k}) + d(x_{2k}, x_{2k+2}) + d(y_{2k}, y_{2k+1})|.
 \end{aligned} \tag{35}$$

Therefore,

$$\begin{aligned}
 & |d(x_{2k+1}, x_{2k+2})| \\
 &\leq \frac{(\alpha + 2\beta)}{2} |d(x_{2k}, x_{2k+1})| + \frac{\alpha}{2} |d(y_{2k}, y_{2k+1})|.
 \end{aligned} \tag{36}$$

Similarly, one can easily prove that

$$\begin{aligned}
 & |d(y_{2k+1}, y_{2k+2})| \\
 &\leq \frac{(\alpha + 2\beta)}{2} |d(y_{2k}, y_{2k+1})| + \frac{\alpha}{2} |d(x_{2k}, x_{2k+1})|.
 \end{aligned} \tag{37}$$

Now, if

$$\begin{aligned}
 & D_T(x_{2k+1}, y_{2k+1}) \\
 &= d(x_{2k+2}, T(x_{2k+1}, y_{2k+1})) \\
 &\quad + d(x_{2k+1}, S(x_{2k+2}, y_{2k+2})) \\
 &\quad + d(x_{2k+2}, x_{2k+1}) + d(y_{2k+2}, y_{2k+1}) \\
 &= d(x_{2k+1}, x_{2k+3}) + d(x_{2k+2}, x_{2k+1}) \\
 &\quad + d(y_{2k+2}, y_{2k+1}) \neq 0,
 \end{aligned} \tag{38}$$

we get

$$\begin{aligned}
 & d(x_{2k+2}, x_{2k+3}) \\
 &= d(T(x_{2k+1}, y_{2k+1}), S(x_{2k+2}, y_{2k+2})) \\
 &\leq \frac{\alpha(d(x_{2k+2}, x_{2k+1}) + d(y_{2k+2}, y_{2k+1}))}{2} \\
 &\quad + (\beta d(x_{2k+2}, S(x_{2k+2}, y_{2k+2}))) \\
 &\quad \times d(x_{2k+1}, T(x_{2k+1}, y_{2k+1})) \\
 &\quad \times (D_T(x_{2k+1}, y_{2k+1}))^{-1} \\
 &= \frac{\alpha(d(x_{2k+2}, x_{2k+1}) + d(y_{2k+2}, y_{2k+1}))}{2} \\
 &\quad + (\beta d(x_{2k+2}, x_{2k+3}) d(x_{2k+1}, x_{2k+2})) \\
 &\quad \times (d(x_{2k+1}, x_{2k+3}) + d(x_{2k+2}, x_{2k+1}) \\
 &\quad + d(y_{2k+2}, y_{2k+1}))^{-1},
 \end{aligned} \tag{39}$$

which implies that

$$\begin{aligned}
 & |d(x_{2k+2}, x_{2k+3})| \\
 &\leq \alpha \left| \frac{\alpha(d(x_{2k+2}, x_{2k+1}) + d(y_{2k+2}, y_{2k+1}))}{2} \right| \\
 &\quad + (\beta |d(x_{2k+2}, x_{2k+3})| |d(x_{2k+1}, x_{2k+2})|) \\
 &\quad \times (|d(x_{2k+1}, x_{2k+3}) + d(x_{2k+2}, x_{2k+1}) \\
 &\quad + d(y_{2k+2}, y_{2k+1})|)^{-1} \\
 &\leq \alpha \left| \frac{\alpha(d(x_{2k+2}, x_{2k+1}) + d(y_{2k+2}, y_{2k+1}))}{2} \right| \\
 &\quad + \beta |d(x_{2k+1}, x_{2k+2})|
 \end{aligned} \tag{40}$$

as

$$\begin{aligned}
 & |d(x_{2k+2}, x_{2k+3})| \\
 &\leq |d(x_{2k+2}, x_{2k+1}) + d(x_{2k+1}, x_{2k+3}) \\
 &\quad + d(y_{2k+2}, y_{2k+1})|.
 \end{aligned} \tag{41}$$

Therefore,

$$\begin{aligned}
 & |d(x_{2k+2}, x_{2k+3})| \\
 & \leq \frac{\alpha |d(x_{2k+2}, x_{2k+1})|}{2} + \frac{\alpha |d(y_{2k+2}, y_{2k+1})|}{2} \\
 & \quad + \beta |d(x_{2k+1}, x_{2k+2})| \\
 & = \frac{(\alpha + 2\beta)}{2} |d(x_{2k+1}, x_{2k+2})| \\
 & \quad + \frac{\alpha}{2} |d(y_{2k+1}, y_{2k+2})|.
 \end{aligned} \tag{42}$$

Similarly, if  $D_T(y_{2k+1}, x_{2k+1}) \neq 0$ , one can easily prove that

$$\begin{aligned}
 |d(y_{2k+2}, y_{2k+3})| & \leq \frac{(\alpha + 2\beta)}{2} |d(y_{2k+1}, y_{2k+2})| \\
 & \quad + \frac{\alpha}{2} |d(x_{2k+1}, x_{2k+2})|.
 \end{aligned} \tag{43}$$

Adding the inequalities (36)–(43), we get

$$\begin{aligned}
 & |d(x_{2k+1}, x_{2k+2})| + |d(y_{2k+1}, y_{2k+2})| \\
 & \leq (\alpha + \beta) (|d(x_{2k}, x_{2k+1})| + |d(y_{2k}, y_{2k+1})|). \\
 & |d(x_{2k+2}, x_{2k+3})| + |d(y_{2k+2}, y_{2k+3})| \\
 & \leq (\alpha + \beta) (|d(x_{2k+1}, x_{2k+2})| + |d(y_{2k+1}, y_{2k+2})|).
 \end{aligned} \tag{44}$$

If  $h = (\alpha + \beta) < 1$ , then, from (44), we get

$$\begin{aligned}
 & |d(x_n, x_{n+1})| + |d(y_n, y_{n+1})| \\
 & \leq h (|d(x_{n-1}, x_n)| + |d(y_{n-1}, y_n)|) \\
 & \leq \dots \leq h^n (|d(x_0, x_1)| \\
 & \quad + |d(y_0, y_1)|).
 \end{aligned} \tag{45}$$

Now if  $|d(x_n, x_{n+1})| + |d(y_n, y_{n+1})| = \delta_n$ , then

$$\delta_n \leq h\delta_{n-1} \leq \dots \leq h^n \delta_0. \tag{46}$$

Without loss of generality, we take  $m > n$ . Since  $0 \leq h < 1$ , so we get

$$\begin{aligned}
 & |d(x_n, x_m)| + |d(y_n, y_m)| \\
 & \leq |d(x_n, x_{n+1})| + |d(y_n, y_{n+1})| + \dots \\
 & \quad + |d(x_{m-1}, x_m)| + |d(y_{m-1}, y_m)| \\
 & \leq [h^n \delta_0 + h^{n+1} \delta_0 + \dots + h^{m-1} \delta_0] \\
 & \leq \sum_{i=n}^{m-1} h^i \delta_0 \rightarrow 0, \quad \text{as } m, n \rightarrow +\infty.
 \end{aligned} \tag{47}$$

This implies that  $\{x_n\}$  and  $\{y_n\}$  are Cauchy sequences in  $X$ . Since  $X$  is complete, so there exists  $x, y \in X$  such that  $x_n \rightarrow x$  and  $y_n \rightarrow y$  as  $n \rightarrow +\infty$ . We now show that

$x = S(x, y)$  and  $y = S(y, x)$ . We suppose on the contrary that  $x \neq S(x, y)$  and  $y \neq S(y, x)$  so that  $0 < d(x, S(x, y)) = l_1$  and  $0 < d(y, S(y, x)) = l_2$ ; we would then have

$$\begin{aligned}
 l_1 = d(x, S(x, y)) & \leq d(x, x_{2k+2}) + d(x_{2k+2}, S(x, y)) \\
 & \leq d(x, x_{2k+2}) + d(T(x_{2k+1}, y_{2k+1}), S(x, y)) \\
 & \leq d(x, x_{2k+2}) + \frac{\alpha (d(x_{2k+1}, x) + d(y_{2k+1}, y))}{2} \\
 & \quad + (\beta d(x_{2k+1}, T(x_{2k+1}, y_{2k+1})) d(x, S(x, y))) \\
 & \quad \times (d(x_{2k+1}, S(x, y)) + d(x, T(x_{2k+1}, y_{2k+1})) \\
 & \quad + d(x_{2k+1}, x) + d(y_{2k+1}, y))^{-1} \\
 & \leq d(x, x_{2k+2}) + \frac{\alpha (d(x_{2k+1}, x) + d(y_{2k+1}, y))}{2} \\
 & \quad + (\beta l_1 d(x_{2k+1}, x_{2k+2})) \\
 & \quad \times (d(x_{2k+1}, S(x, y)) + d(x, x_{2k+2}) \\
 & \quad + d(x_{2k+1}, x) + d(y_{2k+1}, y))^{-1},
 \end{aligned} \tag{48}$$

so that

$$\begin{aligned}
 |l_1| & \leq |d(x, x_{2k+2})| + \frac{\alpha}{2} |d(x_{2k+1}, x) + d(y_{2k+1}, y)| \\
 & \quad + (\beta |l_1| |d(x_{2k+1}, x_{2k+2})|) \\
 & \quad \times (|d(x_{2k+1}, S(x, y)) + d(x, x_{2k+2}) \\
 & \quad + d(x_{2k+1}, x) + d(y_{2k+1}, y)|)^{-1}.
 \end{aligned} \tag{49}$$

By taking  $k \rightarrow +\infty$ , we get  $|d(x, S(x, y))| = 0$  which is a contradiction so that  $x = S(x, y)$ . Now

$$\begin{aligned}
 l_2 = d(y, S(y, x)) & \leq d(y, y_{2k+2}) + d(y_{2k+2}, S(y, x)) \\
 & \leq d(y, y_{2k+2}) + d(T(y_{2k+1}, x_{2k+1}), S(y, x)) \\
 & \leq d(y, y_{2k+2}) + \frac{\alpha (d(y_{2k+1}, y) + d(x_{2k+1}, x))}{2} \\
 & \quad + (\beta d(y_{2k+1}, T(y_{2k+1}, x_{2k+1})) d(y, S(y, x))) \\
 & \quad \times (d(y_{2k+1}, S(y, x)) + d(y, T(y_{2k+1}, x_{2k+1})) \\
 & \quad + d(y_{2k+1}, y) + d(x_{2k+1}, x))^{-1} \\
 & \leq d(y, y_{2k+2}) + \frac{\alpha (d(y_{2k+1}, y) + d(x_{2k+1}, x))}{2} \\
 & \quad + (\beta l_2 d(y_{2k+1}, y_{2k+2})) \\
 & \quad \times (d(y_{2k+1}, S(y, x)) + d(y, y_{2k+2}) \\
 & \quad + d(y_{2k+1}, y) + d(x_{2k+1}, x))^{-1},
 \end{aligned} \tag{50}$$

which implies that

$$\begin{aligned}
 |l_2| &\leq |d(y, y_{2k+2})| + \frac{\alpha}{2} |d(y_{2k+1}, y) d(x_{2k+1}, x)| \\
 &+ (\beta |l_2| |d(y_{2k+1}, y_{2k+2})|) \\
 &\times (|d(y_{2k+1}, S(y, x)) + d(y, y_{2k+2}) \\
 &+ d(y_{2k+1}, y) + d(x_{2k+1}, x)|)^{-1},
 \end{aligned}
 \tag{51}$$

Which, on making  $k \rightarrow +\infty$ , gives us  $|d(y, S(y, x))| = 0$  which is a contradiction so that  $y = S(y, x)$ . It follows similarly that  $x = T(x, y)$  and  $y = T(y, x)$ . So we have proved that  $(x, y)$  is a common coupled fixed point of  $S$  and  $T$ . As in Theorem 10, the uniqueness of common coupled fixed point remains a consequence of contraction condition (31).

We have obtained the existence and uniqueness of a unique common coupled fixed point if

$$\begin{aligned}
 D_S(x_{2k}, y_{2k}), D_S(y_{2k}, x_{2k}), \\
 D_T(x_{2k+1}, y_{2k+1}), D_T(y_{2k+1}, x_{2k+1}) \neq 0
 \end{aligned}
 \tag{52}$$

for all  $k \in \mathbb{N}$ . Now, assume that  $D_S(x_{2k}, y_{2k}) = 0$  for some  $k \in \mathbb{N}$ . From

$$d(x_{2k}, x_{2k+2}) + d(x_{2k}, x_{2k+1}) + d(y_{2k}, y_{2k+1}) = 0, \tag{53}$$

we obtain that  $x_{2k} = x_{2k+1} = x_{2k+2}$  and  $y_{2k} = y_{2k+1}$ . If  $D_S(y_{2k}, x_{2k}) \neq 0$ , using (8), we deduce

$$d(y_{2k+1}, y_{2k+2}) = d(S(y_{2k}, x_{2k}), T(y_{2k+1}, x_{2k+1})) = 0. \tag{54}$$

That is,  $y_{2k+1} = y_{2k+2}$  (this equality holds also if  $D_S(y_{2k}, x_{2k}) = 0$ ). The equalities

$$x_{2k} = x_{2k+1} = x_{2k+2}, \quad y_{2k} = y_{2k+1} = y_{2k+2}, \tag{55}$$

ensure that  $(x_{2k+1}, y_{2k+1})$  is a unique common coupled fixed point of  $S$  and  $T$ . The same holds if either  $D_S(y_{2k}, x_{2k}) = 0$ ,  $D_T(x_{2k+1}, y_{2k+1}) = 0$ , or  $D_T(y_{2k+1}, x_{2k+1}) = 0$ .  $\square$

From Theorem 13, if we assume  $\alpha = 0$ , we obtain the following corollary.

**Corollary 14.** *Let  $(X, d)$  be a complete complex-valued metric space, and let the self-mappings  $S, T : X \times X \rightarrow X$  satisfy*

$$\begin{aligned}
 &d(S(x, y), T(u, v)) \\
 &\leq \begin{cases} \frac{\beta d(x, S(x, y)) d(u, T(u, v))}{d(x, T(u, v)) + d(u, S(x, y)) + d(x, u) + d(y, v)}, & \text{if } D \neq 0 \\ 0, & \text{if } D = 0 \end{cases}
 \end{aligned}
 \tag{56}$$

for all  $x, y, u, v \in X$ , where  $D = d(x, T(u, y)) + d(u, S(x, y)) + d(x, y) + d(y, v)$  and  $\beta$  is a nonnegative real such that  $0 < \beta < 1$ . Then  $S$  and  $T$  have a unique common coupled fixed point.

**Corollary 15.** *Let  $(X, d)$  be a complete complex-valued metric space, and let the mapping  $T : X \times X \rightarrow X$  satisfy*

$$\begin{aligned}
 &d(T(x, y), T(u, v)) \\
 &\leq \begin{cases} \frac{\alpha (d(x, u) + d(y, v))}{2} + \frac{\beta d(x, T(x, y)) d(u, T(u, v))}{d(x, T(u, v)) + d(u, T(x, y)) + d(x, u) + d(y, v)}, & \text{if } D \neq 0 \\ 0, & \text{if } D = 0 \end{cases}
 \end{aligned}
 \tag{57}$$

for all  $x, y, u, v \in X$ , where  $D = d(x, T(u, y)) + d(u, T(x, y)) + d(x, u) + d(y, v)$  and  $\alpha, \beta$  are nonnegative reals with  $\alpha + \beta < 1$ . Then  $T$  has a unique coupled fixed point.

**Corollary 16.** *Let  $(X, d)$  be a complete complex-valued metric space, and let the mapping  $T : X \times X \rightarrow X$  satisfy*

$$\begin{aligned}
 &d(T^n(x, y), T^n(u, v)) \\
 &\leq \begin{cases} \frac{\alpha (d(x, u) + d(y, v))}{2} + \frac{\beta d(x, T^n(x, y)) d(u, T^n(u, v))}{d(x, T^n(u, v)) + d(u, T^n(x, y)) + d(x, u) + d(y, v)}, & \text{if } D \neq 0 \\ 0, & \text{if } D = 0 \end{cases}
 \end{aligned}
 \tag{58}$$

for all  $x, y, u, v \in X$ , where  $D = d(x, T^n(u, y)) + d(u, T^n(x, y)) + d(x, u) + d(y, v)$  and  $\alpha, \beta$  are nonnegative reals with  $\alpha + \beta < 1$ . Then  $T$  has a unique coupled fixed point.

Now, we furnished a nontrivial example to support our main result (Theorem 10).

*Example 17.* Let

$$\begin{aligned}
 X_1 &= \{z \in \mathbb{C} : \text{Re}(z) \geq 0, \text{Im}(z) = 0\}, \\
 X_2 &= \{z \in \mathbb{C} : \text{Im}(z) \geq 0, \text{Re}(z) = 0\},
 \end{aligned}
 \tag{59}$$

and let  $X = X_1 \cup X_2$ . Consider a complex valued metric  $d : X \times X \rightarrow \mathbb{C}$  as follows:

$$d(z_1, z_2) = \begin{cases} \frac{2}{3} |x_1 - x_2| + \frac{i}{2} |x_1 - x_2|, & \text{if } z_1, z_2 \in X_1 \\ \frac{1}{2} |y_1 - y_2| + \frac{i}{3} |y_1 - y_2|, & \text{if } z_1, z_2 \in X_2 \\ \frac{2}{9} (x_1 + y_2) + \frac{i}{6} (x_1 + y_2), & \text{if } z_1 \in X_1, z_2 \in X_2 \\ \frac{i}{3} (x_2 + y_1) + \frac{2i}{9} (x_2 + y_1), & \text{if } z_1 \in X_2, z_2 \in X_1, \end{cases}
 \tag{60}$$



with  $z_1 = x_1 + iy_1$  and  $z_2 = x_2 + iy_2$ . Then  $(X, d)$  is a complex valued metric space. Define  $S, T : X \times X \rightarrow X$  as follows:

$$S(z_1, z_2) = \begin{cases} 0 + \frac{x_1 x_2}{4}i & \text{if } z_1, z_2 \in X_1 \\ \frac{y_1 y_2}{5} + 0i & \text{if } z_1, z_2 \in X_2 \\ 0 + \frac{x_1 y_2}{8}i & \text{if } z_1 \in X_1 \text{ and } z_2 \in X_2 \\ \frac{y_1 x_2}{9} + 0i & \text{if } z_1 \in X_2 \text{ and } z_2 \in X_1, \end{cases} \quad (61)$$

$$T(z_1, z_2) = \begin{cases} 0 + \frac{x_1 x_2}{6}i & \text{if } z_1, z_2 \in X_1 \\ \frac{y_1 y_2}{7} + 0i & \text{if } z_1, z_2 \in X_2 \\ 0 + \frac{x_1 y_2}{10}i & \text{if } z_1 \in X_1 \text{ and } z_2 \in X_2 \\ \frac{y_1 x_2}{11} + 0i & \text{if } z_1 \in X_2 \text{ and } z_2 \in X_1. \end{cases}$$

By a routine calculation, one can easily verify that the maps  $S$  and  $T$  satisfy the contraction condition (8) with  $\alpha = 3/4$ ,  $\beta = 1/15$ , and  $\gamma = 2/15$ . Notice that the point  $(0, 0)$  remains fixed under  $S$  and  $T$  and is indeed unique common coupled fixed point.

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