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# Coupled Fixed Point Theorems under Weak Contractions

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Cho et al. [Comput. Math. Appl. 61(2011), 1254–1260] studied common fixed point theorems on cone metric spaces by using the concept of  $c$ -distance. In this paper, we prove some coupled fixed point theorems in ordered cone metric spaces by using the concept of  $c$ -distance in cone metric spaces.

## 1. Introduction

Many fixed point theorems have been proved for mappings on cone metric spaces in the sense of Huang and Zhang [1]. For some more results on fixed point theory and applications in cone metric spaces, we refer the readers to [2–15]. Recently, Bhaskar and Lakshmikantham [16] introduced the concept of a coupled coincidence point of a mapping  $F$  from  $X \times X$  into  $X$  and a mapping  $g$  from  $X$  into  $X$  and studied fixed point theorems in partially ordered metric spaces. For some more results on couple fixed point theorems, refer to [17–23].

Recently, Cho et al. [7] introduced a new concept of  $c$ -distance in cone metric spaces, which is a cone version of  $w$ -distance of Kada et al. [24] (see also [25]) and proved some fixed point theorems for some contractive type mappings in partially ordered cone metric spaces using the  $c$ -distance.

In this paper, we prove some coupled fixed point theorems in ordered cone metric spaces by using the concept of  $c$ -distance.

## 2. Preliminaries

In this paper, assume that  $E$  is a real Banach space. Let  $P$  be a subset of  $E$  with  $\text{int}(P) \neq \emptyset$ . Then  $P$  is called a *cone* if the following conditions are satisfied:

- (1)  $P$  is closed and  $P \neq \{\theta\}$ ;
- (2)  $a, b \in \mathbf{R}^+$ ,  $x, y \in P$  implies  $ax + by \in P$ ;
- (3)  $x \in P \cap -P$  implies  $x = \theta$ .

For a cone  $P$ , define the *partial ordering*  $\leq$  with respect to  $P$  by  $x \leq y$  if and only if  $y - x \in P$ . We write  $x < y$  to indicate that  $x \leq y$  but  $x \neq y$ , while  $x \ll y$  stand for  $y - x \in \text{int} P$ .

It can be easily shown that  $\lambda \text{ int}(P) \subseteq \text{int}(P)$  for all positive scalars  $\lambda$ .

*Definition 2.1* (see [1]). Let  $X$  be a nonempty set. Suppose that the mapping  $d : X \times X \rightarrow E$  satisfies the following conditions:

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

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

*Definition 2.2* (see [1]). Let  $(X, d)$  be a cone metric space. Let  $(x_n)$  be a sequence in  $X$  and  $x \in X$ .

- (1) If, for any  $c \in X$  with  $\theta \ll c$ , there exists  $N \in \mathbf{N}$  such that  $d(x_n, x) \ll c$  for all  $n \geq N$ , then  $(x_n)$  is said to be *convergent* to a point  $x \in X$  and  $x$  is the *limit* of  $(x_n)$ . We denote this by  $\lim_{n \rightarrow \infty} x_n = x$  or  $x_n \rightarrow x$  as  $n \rightarrow \infty$ .
- (2) If, for any  $c \in E$  with  $\theta \ll c$ , there exists  $N \in \mathbf{N}$  such that  $d(x_n, x_m) \ll c$  for all  $n, m \geq N$ , then  $(x_n)$  is called a *Cauchy sequence* in  $X$ .
- (3) The space  $(X, d)$  is called a *complete cone metric space* if every Cauchy sequence is convergent.

*Definition 2.3* (see [7]). Let  $(X, \sqsubseteq)$  be a partially ordered set, and let  $F : X \times X \rightarrow X$  be a function. Then the mapping  $F$  is said to have the *mixed monotone property* if  $F(x, y)$  is monotone nondecreasing in  $x$  and is monotone nonincreasing in  $y$ ; that is,

$$x_1 \sqsubseteq x_2 \text{ implies } F(x_1, y) \sqsubseteq F(x_2, y) \quad (2.1)$$

for all  $y \in X$  and

$$y_1 \sqsubseteq y_2 \text{ implies } F(x, y_2) \sqsubseteq F(x, y_1) \quad (2.2)$$

for all  $x \in X$ .

*Definition 2.4* (see [7]). An element  $(x, y) \in X \times X$  is called a *coupled fixed point* of a mapping  $F : X \times X \rightarrow X$  if  $F(x, y) = x$  and  $F(y, x) = y$ .

Recently, Cho et al. [7] introduced the concept of  $c$ -distance on cone metric space  $(X, d)$  which is a generalization of  $w$ -distance of Kada et al. [24].

*Definition 2.5* (see [7]). Let  $(X, d)$  be a cone metric space. Then a function  $q : X \times X \rightarrow E$  is called a  $c$ -distance on  $X$  if the following are satisfied:

- (q1)  $\theta \leq q(x, y)$  for all  $x, y \in X$ ;
- (q2)  $q(x, z) \leq q(x, y) + q(y, z)$  for all  $x, y, z \in X$ ;
- (q3) for any  $x \in X$ , if there exists  $u = u_x \in P$  such that  $q(x, y_n) \leq u$  for each  $n \geq 1$ , then  $q(x, y) \leq u$  whenever  $(y_n)$  is a sequence in  $X$  converging to a point  $y \in X$ ;
- (q4) for any  $c \in E$  with  $\theta \ll c$ , there exists  $e \in E$  with  $0 \leq e$  such that  $q(z, x) \ll e$  and  $q(z, y) \ll c$  imply  $d(x, y) \ll c$ .

Cho et al. [7] noticed the following important remark in the concept of  $c$ -distance on cone metric spaces.

*Remark 2.6* (see [7]). Let  $q$  be a  $c$ -distance on a cone metric space  $(X, d)$ . Then

- (1)  $q(x, y) = q(y, x)$  does not necessarily hold for all  $x, y \in X$ ,
- (2)  $q(x, y) = \theta$  is not necessarily equivalent to  $x = y$  for all  $x, y \in X$ .

The following lemma is crucial in proving our results.

**Lemma 2.7** (see [7]). Let  $(X, d)$  be a cone metric space, and let  $q$  be a  $c$ -distance on  $X$ . Let  $(x_n)$  and  $(y_n)$  be sequences in  $X$  and  $x, y, z \in X$ . Suppose that  $(u_n)$  is a sequence in  $P$  converging to  $\theta$ . Then the following hold:

- (1) if  $q(x_n, y) \leq u_n$  and  $q(x_n, z) \leq u_n$ , then  $y = z$ ;
- (2) if  $q(x_n, y_n) \leq u_n$  and  $q(x_n, z) \leq u_n$ , then  $(y_n)$  converges to a point  $z \in X$ ;
- (3) if  $q(x_n, x_m) \leq u_n$  for each  $m > n$ , then  $(x_n)$  is a Cauchy sequence in  $X$ ;
- (4) If  $q(y, x_n) \leq u_n$ , then  $(x_n)$  is a Cauchy sequence in  $X$ .

### 3. Main Results

In this section, we prove some coupled fixed point theorems by using  $c$ -distance in partially ordered cone metric spaces.

**Theorem 3.1.** Let  $(X, \sqsubseteq)$  be a partially ordered set, and suppose that  $(X, d)$  is a complete cone metric space. Let  $q$  be a  $c$ -distance on  $X$ , and let  $F : X \times X \rightarrow X$  be a continuous function having the mixed monotone property such that

$$q(F(x, y), F(x^*, y^*)) \leq \frac{k}{2}(q(x, x^*) + q(y, y^*)) \quad (3.1)$$

for some  $k \in [0, 1)$  and all  $x, y, x^*, y^* \in X$  with  $(x \sqsubseteq x^*) \wedge (y \supseteq y^*)$  or  $(x \supseteq x^*) \wedge (y \sqsubseteq y^*)$ . If there exist  $x_0, y_0 \in X$  such that  $x_0 \sqsubseteq F(x_0, y_0)$  and  $F(y_0, x_0) \sqsubseteq y_0$ , then  $F$  has a coupled fixed point  $(u, v)$ . Moreover, one has  $q(v, v) = \theta$  and  $q(u, u) = \theta$ .

*Proof.* Let  $x_0, y_0 \in X$  be such that  $x_0 \sqsubseteq F(x_0, y_0)$  and  $F(y_0, x_0) \sqsubseteq y_0$ . Let  $x_1 = F(x_0, y_0)$  and  $y_1 = F(y_0, x_0)$ . Since  $F$  has the mixed monotone property, we have  $x_0 \sqsubseteq x_1$  and  $y_1 \sqsubseteq y_0$ . Continuing this process, we can construct two sequences  $(x_n)$  and  $(y_n)$  in  $X$  such that

$$\begin{aligned} x_n &= F(x_{n-1}, y_{n-1}) \sqsubseteq x_{n+1} = F(x_n, y_n), \\ y_{n+1} &= F(y_n, x_n) \sqsubseteq y_n = F(y_{n-1}, x_{n-1}). \end{aligned} \quad (3.2)$$

Let  $n \in \mathbf{N}$ . Now, by (3.1), we have

$$\begin{aligned} q(x_n, x_{n+1}) &= q(F(x_{n-1}, y_{n-1}), F(x_n, y_n)) \\ &\leq \frac{k}{2}(q(x_{n-1}, x_n) + q(y_{n-1}, y_n)), \\ q(x_{n+1}, x_n) &= q(F(x_n, y_n), F(x_{n-1}, y_{n-1})) \\ &\leq \frac{k}{2}(q(x_n, x_{n-1}) + q(y_n, y_{n-1})). \end{aligned} \quad (3.3)$$

From (3.3), it follows that

$$q(x_n, x_{n+1}) + q(x_{n+1}, x_n) \leq \frac{k}{2}(q(x_{n-1}, x_n) + q(y_{n-1}, y_n) + q(x_n, x_{n-1}) + q(y_n, y_{n-1})). \quad (3.4)$$

Similarly, we have

$$q(y_n, y_{n+1}) + q(y_{n+1}, y_n) \leq \frac{k}{2}(q(x_{n-1}, x_n) + q(y_{n-1}, y_n) + q(x_n, x_{n-1}) + q(y_n, y_{n-1})). \quad (3.5)$$

Thus it follows from (3.4) and (3.5) that

$$\begin{aligned} q(x_n, x_{n+1}) + q(x_{n+1}, x_n) + q(y_n, y_{n+1}) + q(y_{n+1}, y_n) \\ \leq k(q(x_{n-1}, x_n) + q(y_{n-1}, y_n) + q(x_n, x_{n-1}) + q(y_n, y_{n-1})). \end{aligned} \quad (3.6)$$

Repeating (3.6)  $n$ -times, we get

$$\begin{aligned} q(x_n, x_{n+1}) + q(x_{n+1}, x_n) + q(y_n, y_{n+1}) + d(y_{n+1}, y_n) \\ \leq k^n(q(x_1, x_0) + q(y_1, y_0) + q(x_0, x_1) + q(y_0, y_1)). \end{aligned} \quad (3.7)$$

Thus we have

$$\begin{aligned} q(x_n, x_{n+1}) &\leq k^n(q(x_1, x_0) + q(y_1, y_0) + q(x_0, x_1) + q(y_0, y_1)), \\ q(y_n, y_{n+1}) &\leq k^n(q(x_1, x_0) + q(y_1, y_0) + q(x_0, x_1) + q(y_0, y_1)). \end{aligned} \quad (3.8)$$

Let  $m, n \in \mathbb{N}$  with  $m > n$ . Since

$$\begin{aligned} q(x_n, x_m) &\leq \sum_{i=n}^{m-1} q(x_i, x_{i+1}), \\ q(y_n, y_m) &\leq \sum_{i=n}^{m-1} q(y_i, y_{i+1}), \end{aligned} \quad (3.9)$$

and  $k < 1$ , we have

$$\begin{aligned} q(x_n, x_m) &\leq \frac{k^n}{1-k} (q(x_1, x_0) + q(y_1, y_0) + q(x_0, x_1) + q(y_0, y_1)), \\ q(y_n, y_m) &\leq \frac{k^n}{1-k} (q(x_1, x_0) + q(y_1, y_0) + q(x_0, x_1) + q(y_0, y_1)). \end{aligned} \quad (3.10)$$

From Lemma 2.7 (3), it follows that  $(x_n)$  and  $(y_n)$  are Cauchy sequences in  $(X, d)$ . Since  $X$  is complete, there exist  $u, v \in X$  such that  $x_n \rightarrow u$  and  $y_n \rightarrow v$ . Since  $F$  is continuous, we have

$$\begin{aligned} x_{n+1} &= F(x_n, y_n) \longrightarrow F(u, v), \\ y_{n+1} &= F(y_n, x_n) \longrightarrow F(v, u). \end{aligned} \quad (3.11)$$

By the uniqueness of the limits, we get  $u = f(u, v)$  and  $v = F(v, u)$ . Thus  $(u, v)$  is a coupled fixed point of  $F$ .

Moreover, by (3.1), we have

$$\begin{aligned} q(u, u) &= q(F(u, v), F(u, v)) \leq \frac{k}{2} (q(u, u) + q(v, v)), \\ q(v, v) &= q(F(v, u), F(v, u)) \leq \frac{k}{2} (q(v, v) + q(u, u)). \end{aligned} \quad (3.12)$$

Therefore, we get

$$q(u, u) + q(v, v) \leq k(q(v, v) + q(u, u)). \quad (3.13)$$

Since  $k < 1$ , we conclude that  $q(u, u) + q(v, v) = \theta$ , and hence  $q(u, u) = \theta$  and  $q(v, v) = \theta$ . This completes the proof.  $\square$

**Theorem 3.2.** *In addition to the hypotheses of Theorem 3.1, suppose that any two elements  $x$  and  $y$  in  $X$  are comparable. Then the coupled fixed point has the form  $(u, u)$ , where  $u \in X$ .*

*Proof.* As in the proof of Theorem 3.1, there exists a coupled fixed point  $(u, v) \in X \times X$ . Here  $u = F(u, v)$  and  $v = F(v, u)$ . By the additional assumption and (3.1), we have

$$\begin{aligned} q(u, v) &= q(F(u, v), F(v, u)) \leq \frac{k}{2} (q(u, v) + q(v, u)), \\ q(v, u) &= q(F(v, u), F(u, v)) \leq \frac{k}{2} (q(v, u) + q(u, v)). \end{aligned} \quad (3.14)$$

Thus we have

$$q(u, v) + q(v, u) \leq k(q(v, u) + q(u, v)). \quad (3.15)$$

Since  $k < 1$ , we get  $q(u, v) + q(v, u) = \theta$ . Hence  $q(u, v) = \theta$  and  $q(v, u) = \theta$ . Let  $u_n = \theta$  and  $x_n = u$ . Then

$$\begin{aligned} q(x_n, u) &\leq u_n, \\ q(x_n, v) &\leq u_n. \end{aligned} \quad (3.16)$$

From Lemma 2.7 (1), we have  $u = v$ . Hence the coupled fixed point of  $F$  has the form  $(u, u)$ . This completes the proof.  $\square$

**Theorem 3.3.** Let  $(X, \sqsubseteq)$  be a partially ordered set, and suppose that  $(X, d)$  is a complete cone metric space. Let  $q$  be a  $c$ -distance on  $X$ , and let  $F : X \times X \rightarrow X$  be a function having the mixed monotone property such that

$$q(F(x, y), F(x^*, y^*)) \leq \frac{k}{4}(q(x, x^*) + q(y, y^*)) \quad (3.17)$$

for some  $k \in (0, 1)$  and all  $x, y, x^*, y^* \in X$  with  $(x \sqsubseteq x^*) \wedge (y \supseteq y^*)$  or  $(x \supseteq x^*) \wedge (y \sqsubseteq y^*)$ . Also, suppose that  $X$  has the following properties:

- (a) if  $(x_n)$  is a nondecreasing sequence in  $X$  with  $x_n \rightarrow x$ , then  $x_n \sqsubseteq x$  for all  $n \geq 1$ ;
- (b) if  $(x_n)$  is a nonincreasing sequence in  $X$  with  $x_n \rightarrow x$ , then  $x \sqsubseteq x_n$  for all  $n \geq 1$ .

Assume there exist  $x_0, y_0 \in X$  such that  $x_0 \sqsubseteq F(x_0, y_0)$  and  $F(y_0, x_0) \sqsubseteq y_0$ . If  $y_0 \sqsubseteq x_0$ , then  $F$  has a coupled fixed point.

*Proof.* As in the proof of Theorem 3.1, we can construct two Cauchy sequences  $(x_n)$  and  $(y_n)$  in  $X$  such that

$$\begin{aligned} x_0 \sqsubseteq x_1 \sqsubseteq \cdots \sqsubseteq x_n \sqsubseteq \cdots, \\ y_0 \supseteq y_1 \supseteq \cdots \supseteq y_n \supseteq \cdots. \end{aligned} \quad (3.18)$$

Moreover, we have that  $(x_n)$  converges to a point  $u \in X$  and  $(y_n)$  converges to  $v \in X$ ,

$$\begin{aligned} q(x_n, x_m) &\leq \frac{k^n}{1-k}(q(x_1, x_0) + q(y_1, y_0) + q(x_0, x_1) + q(y_0, y_1)), \\ q(y_n, y_m) &\leq \frac{k^n}{1-k}(q(x_1, x_0) + q(y_1, y_0) + q(x_0, x_1) + q(y_0, y_1)) \end{aligned} \quad (3.19)$$

for each  $n > m \geq 1$ . By (q3), we have

$$\begin{aligned} q(x_n, u) &\leq \frac{k^n}{1-k} (q(x_1, x_0) + q(y_1, y_0) + q(x_0, x_1) + q(y_0, y_1)), \\ q(y_n, v) &\leq \frac{k^n}{1-k} (q(x_1, x_0) + q(y_1, y_0) + q(x_0, x_1) + q(y_0, y_1)), \end{aligned} \quad (3.20)$$

and so

$$q(x_n, u) + q(y_n, v) \leq \frac{2k^n}{1-k} (q(x_1, x_0) + q(y_1, y_0) + q(x_0, x_1) + q(y_0, y_1)). \quad (3.21)$$

By the properties (a) and (b), we have

$$v \sqsubseteq y_n \sqsubseteq y_0 \sqsubseteq x_0 \sqsubseteq x_n \sqsubseteq u. \quad (3.22)$$

By (3.17), we have

$$\begin{aligned} q(x_n, F(u, v)) &= q(F(x_{n-1}, y_{n-1}), F(u, v)) \\ &\leq \frac{k}{4} (q(x_{n-1}, u) + q(y_{n-1}, v)), \\ q(y_n, F(v, u)) &= q(F(y_{n-1}, x_{n-1}), F(v, u)) \\ &\leq \frac{k}{4} (q(y_{n-1}, v) + q(x_{n-1}, u)). \end{aligned} \quad (3.23)$$

Thus we have

$$q(x_n, F(u, v)) + q(y_n, F(v, u)) \leq \frac{k}{2} (q(x_{n-1}, u) + q(y_{n-1}, v)). \quad (3.24)$$

By (3.21), we get

$$\begin{aligned} q(x_n, F(u, v)) + q(y_n, F(v, u)) &\leq \frac{k}{2} \cdot \frac{2k^{n-1}}{1-k} (q(x_1, x_0) + q(y_1, y_0) + q(x_0, x_1) + q(y_0, y_1)) \\ &= \frac{k^n}{1-k} (q(x_1, x_0) + q(y_1, y_0) + q(x_0, x_1) + q(y_0, y_1)). \end{aligned} \quad (3.25)$$

Therefore, we have

$$\begin{aligned} q(x_n, F(u, v)) &\leq \frac{k^n}{1-k} (q(x_1, x_0) + q(y_1, y_0) + q(x_0, x_1) + q(y_0, y_1)), \\ q(y_n, F(v, u)) &\leq \frac{k^n}{1-k} (q(x_1, x_0) + q(y_1, y_0) + q(x_0, x_1) + q(y_0, y_1)). \end{aligned} \quad (3.26)$$

By using (3.20) and (3.26), Lemma 2.7 (1) shows that  $u = F(u, v)$  and  $v = F(v, u)$ . Therefore,  $(u, v)$  is a coupled fixed point of  $F$ . This completes the proof.  $\square$

*Example 3.4.* Let  $E = C_{\mathbf{R}}^1[0, 1]$  with  $\|x\| = \|x\|_{\infty} + \|x'\|_{\infty}$  and  $P = \{x \in E : x(t) \geq 0, t \in [0, 1]\}$ . Let  $X = [0, +\infty)$  (with usual order), and let  $d : X \times X \rightarrow E$  be defined by  $d(x, y)(t) = |x - y|e^t$ . Then  $(X, d)$  is an ordered cone metric space (see [7, Example 2.9]). Further, let  $q : X \times X \rightarrow E$  be defined by  $q(x, y)(t) = ye^t$ . It is easy to check that  $q$  is a  $c$ -distance. Consider now the function  $F : X \times X \rightarrow X$  defined by

$$F(x, y) = \begin{cases} \frac{1}{8}(x - y), & x \geq y, \\ 0, & x < y. \end{cases} \quad (3.27)$$

Then it is easy to see that

$$q(F(x, y), F(u, v)) \leq \frac{1}{6}(q(x, u) + q(y, v)) \quad (3.28)$$

for all  $x, y, u, v \in X$  with  $(x \leq u) \wedge (y \geq v)$  or  $(x \geq u) \wedge (y \leq v)$ . Note that  $0 \leq F(0, 1)$  and  $1 \geq F(1, 0)$ . Thus, by Theorem 3.1, it follows that  $F$  has a coupled fixed point in  $E$ . Here  $(0, 0)$  is a coupled fixed point of  $F$ .

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