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## A Unique Common Fixed Point Theorem for Six Maps in $D^*$ - Cone Metric Spaces

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### Abstract

In this paper we obtain a unique common fixed point theorem for three pairs of weakly compatible mappings in  $D^*$ -cone metric spaces.

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## 1 Introduction and Preliminaries

Huang and Zhang [8] generalized the notion of metric spaces, replacing the real numbers by an ordered Bannach space and defined cone metric spaces. Dhage [ 1,2,3,4] et al. introduced the concept of  $D$ -metric spaces as generalization of ordinary metric functions and went on to present several fixed point results for single and multivalued mappings. Mustafa and Sims [14] and Naidu et al. [11,12,13] demonstrated that most of the claims concerning the fundamental topological structure of  $D$ -metric space are incorrect. Alternatively, Mustafa and Sims [15] introduced more appropriate notion of generalized metric space which called a  $G$ -metric space, and obtained some topological properties. Later in 2007 Shaban Sedghi et.al [10] modified the  $D$ -metric space and defined  $D^*$ -metric spaces and then C.T.Aage and

J.N.Salunke [5] generalized the  $D^*$ -metric spaces by replacing the real numbers by an ordered Banach space and defined  $D^*$ -cone metric spaces and prove the topological properties. In this paper, we obtain a unique common fixed point theorem for three pairs of weakly compatible mappings in  $D^*$ -metric spaces. First, we present some known definitions and propositions in  $D^*$ - cone metric spaces.

Let  $E$  be a real Banach space and  $P$  a subset of  $E$ .  $P$  is called cone if and only if :

- (i)  $P$  is closed, non-empty and  $P \neq \{0\}$  ,
- (ii)  $ax + by \in P$  for all  $x, y \in P$  and non-negative real numbers a,b,
- (iii)  $P \cap (-P) = \{0\}$ .

Given a cone  $P \subset E$ , we define a partial ordering  $\leq$  on  $E$  with respect to  $P$  by  $x \leq y$  if and only if  $y - x \in P$ . We shall write  $x < y$  if  $x \leq y$  and  $x \neq y$ ; we shall write  $x \ll y$  if  $y - x \in P^0$ , where  $P^0$  denotes the interior of  $P$ . The cone  $P$  is called normal if there is a number  $K > 0$  such that for all  $x, y \in E$ ,  $0 \leq x \leq y$  implies  $\|x\| \leq K \|y\|$ .

**Definition 1.1** ([5]). Let  $X$  be a nonempty set and let  $D^* : X \times X \times X \rightarrow E$  be a function satisfying the following properties :

- (1):  $D^*(x, y, z) \geq 0$ ,
- (2):  $D^*(x, y, z) = 0$  if and only if  $x = y = z$  ,
- (3):  $D^*(x, y, z) = D^*(x, z, y) = D^*(y, z, x) = \dots$ , symmetry in three variables,
- (4):  $D^*(x, y, z) \leq D^*(x, y, a) + D^*(a, z, z)$ .

Then the function  $D^*$  is called a  $D^*$ -cone metric and the pair  $(X, D^*)$  is called a  $D^*$ - cone metric space.

**Example 1.2** ([5]). Let  $E = R^2$ ,  $P = \{(x, y) \in E : x, y \geq 0\}$ ,  $X = R$  and  $D^* : X \times X \times X \rightarrow E$  defined by  $D^*(x, y, z) = (|x - y| + |y - z| + |x - z|, \alpha(|x - y| + |y - z| + |x - z|))$ , where  $\alpha \geq 0$  is a constant. Then  $(X, D^*)$  is a  $D^*$  - cone metric space.

**Remark 1.3** ([5]). If  $(X, D^*)$  is a  $D^*$  - cone metric space, then for all  $x, y, z \in X$ , we have  $D^*(x, x, y) = D^*(x, y, y)$ .

**Proposition 1.4** ([7]). Let  $P$  be a cone in a real Banach space  $E$  . If  $a \in P$  and  $a \leq \lambda a$  for some  $\lambda \in [0, 1)$  then  $a = 0$ .

**Proposition 1.5** (Cor.1.4, [9]). Let  $P$  be a cone in a real Banach space  $E$  .

- (i) If  $a \leq b$  and  $b \ll c$ , then  $a \ll c$
- (ii) If  $a \in E$  and  $a \ll c$  for all  $c \in P^o$ , then  $a = 0$ .

**Remark 1.6** ([9]).  $\lambda P^o \subseteq P^o$  for  $\lambda > 0$  and  $P^o + P^o \subseteq P^o$ .

**Remark 1.7** ([7]). If  $c \in P^o, 0 \leq a_n$  and  $a_n \rightarrow 0$ , then there exists  $n_0 \in \mathcal{N}$  such that for all  $n > n_0$  we have  $a_n \ll c$ .

**Definition 1.8** ([5]). Let  $(X, D^*)$  be a  $D^*$ -cone metric space. Let  $\{x_n\}$  be a sequence in  $X$  and  $x \in X$ . If for every  $c \in E$  with  $0 \ll c$  there is  $N$  such that for all  $m, n > N, D^*(x_m, x_n, x) \ll c$ , then  $\{x_n\}$  is said to be convergent and  $\{x_n\}$  converges to  $x$ , and  $x$  is the limit of  $\{x_n\}$ . We denote this by  $\{x_n\} \rightarrow x$ .

**Lemma 1.9** ([5]). Let  $(X, D^*)$  be a  $D^*$ -cone metric space then the following are equivalent.

- (i):  $\{x_n\}$  is  $D^*$ -convergent to  $x$ .
- (ii):  $D^*(x_n, x_n, x) \rightarrow 0$ , as  $n \rightarrow \infty$ .
- (iii):  $D^*(x_n, x, x) \rightarrow 0$ , as  $n \rightarrow \infty$ .
- (iv):  $D^*(x_m, x_n, x) \rightarrow 0$  as  $n, m \rightarrow \infty$ .

**Lemma 1.10** Let  $\{x_n\}$  be a sequence in  $D^*$ -cone metric space  $(X, D^*)$ . If  $\{x_n\}$  converges to  $x$  and  $y$ , then  $x = y$ .

**Proof.** For any  $c \in E$  with  $0 \ll c$ , there is  $N$  such that for all  $n > N$ ,  $D^*(x_n, x_n, x) \ll \frac{c}{2}$  and  $D^*(x_n, x_n, y) \ll \frac{c}{2}$ . Now,  $D^*(x, x, y) \leq D^*(x, x, x_n) + D^*(x_n, y, y) \ll \frac{c}{2} + \frac{c}{2} = c$ . Thus  $D^*(x, x, y) \ll \frac{c}{k}$  for all  $k \geq 1$ . Hence  $\frac{c}{k} - D^*(x, x, y) \in P$  for all  $k \geq 1$ . Since  $P$  is closed and  $\frac{c}{k} \rightarrow 0$  as  $k \rightarrow \infty$ , we have  $-D^*(x, x, y) \in P$ . But  $D^*(x, x, y) \in P$ . Hence  $D^*(x, x, y) = 0$ . Thus  $x = y$ .

**Lemma 1.11** Let  $(X, D^*)$  be a  $D^*$ -cone metric space and  $\{x_n\}, \{y_n\}$ , and  $\{z_n\}$  be three sequences in  $X$  and  $\{x_m\} \rightarrow x, \{y_n\} \rightarrow y, \{z_l\} \rightarrow z$  then  $D^*(x_m, y_n, z_l) \rightarrow D^*(x, y, z)$  as  $m, n, l \rightarrow \infty$ .

**Proof.** For any  $c \in E$  with  $0 \ll c$ , there is  $N$  such that  $D^*(x_m, x, x) \ll \frac{c}{3}, D^*(y_n, y, y) \ll \frac{c}{3}$  and  $D^*(z_m, z, z) \ll \frac{c}{3}$  for all  $m, n, l > N$ . Now for all  $m, n, l > N$ , we have

$$\begin{aligned} & D^*(x_m, y_n, z_l) \\ & \leq D^*(x_m, y_n, z) + D^*(z, z_l, z_l) \\ & \leq D^*(x_m, z, y) + D^*(y, y_n, y_n) + D^*(z, z_l, z_l) \\ & \leq D^*(z, y, x) + D^*(x, x_m, x_m) + D^*(y, y_n, y_n) + D^*(z, z_l, z_l) \end{aligned}$$

Thus

$$\begin{aligned} D^*(x_m, y_n, z_l) - D^*(x, y, z) & \leq D^*(x, x_m, x_m) + D^*(y, y_n, y_n) + D^*(z, z_l, z_l) \\ & \ll \frac{c}{3} + \frac{c}{3} + \frac{c}{3} = c. \end{aligned}$$

Similarly,

$$\begin{aligned} & D^*(x, y, z) \\ & \leq D^*(x, y, z_l) + D^*(z_l, z, z) \\ & \leq D^*(x, z_l, y_n) + D^*(y_n, y, y) + D^*(z_l, z, z) \\ & \leq D^*(x_m, z_l, y_n) + D^*(x_m, x, x) + D^*(y_n, y, y) + D^*(z_l, z, z) \end{aligned}$$

Thus

$$\begin{aligned} D^*(x, y, z) - D^*(x_m, y_n, z_l) & \leq D^*(x_m, x, x) + D^*(y_n, y, y) + D^*(z_l, z, z) \\ & \ll \frac{c}{3} + \frac{c}{3} + \frac{c}{3} = c. \end{aligned}$$

Thus for all  $k \geq 1$ , we have

$$D^*(x_m, y_n, z_l) - D^*(x, y, z) \ll \frac{c}{k} \text{ and } D^*(x, y, z) - D^*(x_m, y_n, z_l) \ll \frac{c}{k}.$$

Hence  $\frac{c}{k} - [D^*(x_m, y_n, z_l) - D^*(x, y, z)] \in P$  and

$$\frac{c}{k} - [D^*(x, y, z) - D^*(x_m, y_n, z_l)] \in P.$$

Since  $P$  is closed and  $\frac{c}{k} \rightarrow 0$  as  $k \rightarrow \infty$ , we have

$$\lim_{m,n,l \rightarrow \infty} D^*(x_m, y_n, z_l) - D^*(x, y, z) \in P, D^*(x, y, z) - \lim_{m,n,l \rightarrow \infty} D^*(x_m, y_n, z_l) \in P.$$

$$\text{Hence } \lim_{m,n,l \rightarrow \infty} D^*(x_m, y_n, z_l) = D^*(x, y, z).$$

Aage and Salunke[5] proved the above Lemmas 1.10,1.11, when  $P$  is a normal cone (See, Lemma 1.7, Lemma 1.13[5]).

**Definition 1.12** ([5]). *Let  $(X, D^*)$  be a  $D^*$ -cone metric space,  $\{x_n\}$  be a sequence in  $X$ . if for any  $c \in E$  with  $0 \ll c$ , there is  $N$  such that for all  $m, n, l > N$ ,  $D^*(x_m, x_n, x_l) \ll c$ , then  $\{x_n\}$  is called Cauchy sequence in  $X$ .*

**Definition 1.13** ([5]). *Let  $(X, D^*)$  be a  $D^*$ -cone metric space. if every Cauchy sequence in  $X$  is convergent in  $X$ , then  $X$  is called a complete  $D^*$ -cone metric space.*

Now, we give our main Lemma.

**Lemma 1.14** *Let  $X$  be a  $D^*$ -cone metric space,  $P$  be a cone in a real Banach space  $E$  and  $k_1, k_2, k_3, k_4 \geq 0$  and  $k > 0$ . If  $x_n \rightarrow x, y_n \rightarrow y, z_n \rightarrow z$  and  $p_n \rightarrow p$  in  $X$  and  $a \in P$  and*

$$(1.14.1) \quad ka \leq k_1 D^*(x_n, x_m, x) + k_2 D^*(y_n, y_m, y) + k_3 D^*(z_n, z_m, z) + k_4 D^*(p_n, p_m, p)$$

then  $a = 0$ .

**Proof.** If  $k_1 = k_2 = k_3 = k_4 = 0$ , then  $ka \leq 0$  implies  $-ka \in P$ . But  $ka \in P$ . Hence  $ka = 0$ , which implies that  $a = 0$ .

Now assume that atleast one of  $k_1, k_2, k_3, k_4$  is not equal to zero. Since  $x_n \rightarrow$

$x, y_n \rightarrow y, z_n \rightarrow z$  and  $p_n \rightarrow p$ , we have for  $c \in P^o$ , there exists a positive integer  $N_c$  such that

$$\frac{c}{k_1+k_2+k_3+k_4} - D^*(x_n, x_m, x), \frac{c}{k_1+k_2+k_3+k_4} - D^*(y_n, y_m, y),$$

$\frac{c}{k_1+k_2+k_3+k_4} - D^*(z_n, z_m, z), \frac{c}{k_1+k_2+k_3+k_4} - D^*(p_n, p_m, p) \in P^o \quad \forall n > N_c$ .

From Remark 1.6, we have  $\forall n > N_c$ ,

$$\frac{k_1c}{k_1+k_2+k_3+k_4} - k_1D^*(x_n, x_m, x), \frac{k_2c}{k_1+k_2+k_3+k_4} - k_2D^*(y_n, y_m, y),$$

$$\frac{k_3c}{k_1+k_2+k_3+k_4} - k_3D^*(z_n, z_m, z), \frac{k_4c}{k_1+k_2+k_3+k_4} - k_4D^*(p_n, p_m, p) \in P^o .$$

Adding these four and by Remark 1.6, we have  $\forall n > N_c$ ,

$$c - [k_1D^*(x_n, x_m, x) + k_2D^*(y_n, y_m, y) + k_3D^*(z_n, z_m, z) + k_4D^*(p_n, p_m, p)] \in P^o.$$

Now from (1.14.1) and Proposition 1.5(i), we have  $ka \ll c \quad \forall c \in P^o$ .

By Proposition 1.5(ii), we have  $a = 0$  as  $k > 0$ .

**Definition 1.15** ([6]). *A pair of self mappings is called weakly compatible if they commute at their coincidence points, that is,  $Ax = Sx$  implies  $ASx = SAx$ .*

## 2 The Main Result

**Theorem 2.1** *Let  $(X, D^*)$  be a  $D^*$ -cone metric space,  $P$  be a cone and  $S, T, R, f, g, h : X \rightarrow X$  be mappings satisfying*

$$(2.1.1) \quad S(X) \subseteq g(X), T(X) \subseteq h(X) \text{ and } R(X) \subseteq f(X),$$

$$(2.1.2) \quad \text{one of } f(X), g(X) \text{ and } h(X) \text{ is a complete subspace of } X,$$

$$(2.1.3) \quad \text{the pairs } (S, f), (T, g) \text{ and } (R, h) \text{ are weakly compatible, and}$$

$$(2.1.4) \quad D^*(Sx, Ty, Rz) \leq q \max \left\{ \begin{array}{l} D^*(fx, gy, hz), D^*(fx, Sx, Ty), D^*(gy, Ty, Rz), D^*(hz, Rz, Sx), \\ D^*(fx, Sx, Sx), D^*(gy, Ty, Ty), D^*(hz, Rz, Rz). \end{array} \right\}$$

for all  $x, y, z \in X$ , where  $0 \leq q < 1$ .

$$(2.1.5) \quad D^*(x, x, y) \leq D^*(x, y, z) \text{ for all } x, y, z \in X \text{ with } y \neq z.$$

Then either one of the pairs  $(S, f), (T, g)$  and  $(R, h)$  has a coincidence point or the maps  $S, T, R, f, g$  and  $h$  have a unique common fixed point in  $X$ .

**Proof.** Let  $x_0 \in X$  be an arbitrary point, then from (2.1.1), there exist  $x_1, x_2, x_3 \in X$  such that  $Sx_0 = gx_1 = y_0$ , say,  $Tx_1 = hx_2 = y_1$ , say and  $Rx_2 = fx_3 = y_2$ , say.

Inductively, there exist sequences  $\{x_n\}$  and  $\{y_n\}$  in  $X$  such that

$$y_{3n} = Sx_{3n} = gx_{3n+1}, y_{3n+1} = Tx_{3n+1} = hx_{3n+2} \text{ and } y_{3n+2} = Rx_{3n+2} = fx_{3n+3},$$

where  $n = 0, 1, 2, \dots$

If  $y_{3n} = y_{3n+1}$  then  $x_{3n+1}$  is a coincidence point of  $g$  and  $T$ .

If  $y_{3n+1} = y_{3n+2}$  then  $x_{3n+2}$  is a coincidence point of  $h$  and  $R$ .

If  $y_{3n+2} = y_{3n+3}$  then  $x_{3n+3}$  is a coincidence point of  $f$  and  $S$ .

Now assume that  $y_n \neq y_{n+1}$  for all  $n$ .

Denote  $d_n = D^*(y_n, y_{n+1}, y_{n+2})$ .

$d_{3n} = D^*(y_{3n}, y_{3n+1}, y_{3n+2}) =$

$D^*(Sx_{3n}, Tx_{3n+1}, Rx_{3n+2})$

$$\leq q \max \left\{ \begin{array}{l} D^*(y_{3n-1}, y_{3n}, y_{3n+1}), D^*(y_{3n-1}, y_{3n}, y_{3n+1}), \\ D^*(y_{3n}, y_{3n+1}, y_{3n+2}), D^*(y_{3n+1}, y_{3n+2}, y_{3n}), \\ D^*(y_{3n-1}, y_{3n}, y_{3n}), D^*(y_{3n}, y_{3n+1}, y_{3n+1}), \\ D^*(y_{3n+1}, y_{3n+2}, y_{3n+2}). \end{array} \right\}$$

From Remark 1.3 and (2.1.5) we have

$$\leq q \max \left\{ \begin{array}{l} d_{3n-1}, d_{3n-1}, d_{3n}, d_{3n}, \\ d_{3n-1}, d_{3n-1}, d_{3n} \end{array} \right\} \dots\dots\dots (1)$$

If  $d_{3n} > d_{3n-1}$  then from (1), we have  $d_{3n} \leq q d_{3n} < d_{3n}$ . It is a contradiction.

Hence  $d_{3n} \leq d_{3n-1}$ . Now from (1),  $d_{3n} \leq q d_{3n-1} \dots\dots\dots (2)$

Similarly, by putting  $x = x_{3n+3}, y = x_{3n+1}, z = x_{3n+2}$  and  $x = x_{3n+3},$

$y = x_{3n+4}, z = x_{3n+2}$  in (2.1.4), we get  $d_{3n+1} \leq q d_{3n} \dots\dots\dots (3)$

and  $d_{3n+2} \leq q d_{3n+1} \dots\dots\dots (4)$  respectively.

Thus from (2),(3) and (4), we have

$$\begin{aligned} D^*(y_n, y_{n+1}, y_{n+2}) &\leq q D^*(y_{n-1}, y_n, y_{n+1}) \\ &\leq q^2 D^*(y_{n-2}, y_{n-1}, y_n) \\ &\vdots \\ &\vdots \\ &\leq q^n D^*(y_0, y_1, y_2) \dots\dots\dots (5) \end{aligned}$$

From (2.1.5) and (5), we have

$$D^*(y_n, y_n, y_{n+1}) \leq D^*(y_n, y_{n+1}, y_{n+2}) \leq q^n D^*(y_0, y_1, y_2).$$

Now for  $m > n$

$$\begin{aligned} D^*(y_n, y_n, y_m) &\leq D^*(y_n, y_n, y_{n+1}) + D^*(y_{n+1}, y_{n+1}, y_{n+2}) + \dots + D^*(y_{m-1}, y_{m-1}, y_m) \\ &\leq q^n D^*(y_0, y_1, y_2) + q^{n+1} D^*(y_0, y_1, y_2) + \dots + q^{m-1} D^*(y_0, y_1, y_2) \\ &\leq \frac{q^n}{1-q} D^*(y_0, y_1, y_2) \rightarrow 0 \text{ as } n \rightarrow \infty. \end{aligned}$$

From Remark 1.7, it follows that for  $0 \ll c$  and large  $n$ , we have

$\frac{q^n}{1-q} D^*(y_0, y_1, y_2) \ll c$ . Now, from Proposition 1.5(i), we have

$D^*(y_n, y_n, y_m) \ll c$  for  $m > n$ . Hence  $\{y_n\}$  is a  $D^*$ -Cauchy sequence.

Suppose  $f(X)$  is  $D^*$ -complete.

Then there exist  $p, t \in X$  such that  $y_{3n+2} \rightarrow p = ft$ . Since  $\{y_n\}$  is  $D^*$ -Cauchy,

it follows that  $y_{3n} \rightarrow p$  and  $y_{3n+1} \rightarrow p$  as  $n \rightarrow \infty$ .

$$\begin{aligned}
D^*(St, p, p) &\leq D^*(p, Tx_{3n+1}, Tx_{3n+1}) + D^*(Tx_{3n+1}, St, p) \\
&\leq D^*(p, Tx_{3n+1}, Tx_{3n+1}) + D^*(p, Rx_{3n+2}, Rx_{3n+2}) \\
&\quad + D^*(St, Tx_{3n+1}, Rx_{3n+2}) \\
&\leq D^*(p, y_{3n+1}, y_{3n+1}) + D^*(p, y_{3n+2}, y_{3n+2}) \\
&\quad + q \max \left\{ \begin{array}{l} D^*(p, y_{3n}, y_{3n+1}), D^*(p, St, y_{3n+1}), \\ D^*(y_{3n}, y_{3n+1}, y_{3n+2}), D^*(y_{3n+1}, y_{3n+2}, St), \\ D^*(p, St, St), D^*(y_{3n}, y_{3n+1}, y_{3n+1}), \\ D^*(y_{3n+1}, y_{3n+2}, y_{3n+2}). \end{array} \right\} \\
&\leq D^*(p, y_{3n+1}, y_{3n+1}) + D^*(p, y_{3n+2}, y_{3n+2}) \\
&\quad + q \max \left\{ \begin{array}{l} D^*(p, y_{3n}, y_{3n+1}), D^*(St, p, p) + D^*(p, p, y_{3n+1}), \\ D^*(y_{3n}, p, p) + D^*(p, y_{3n+1}, y_{3n+2}), \\ D^*(St, p, p) + D^*(p, y_{3n+1}, y_{3n+2}), D^*(St, p, p), \\ D^*(y_{3n}, p, p) + D^*(p, y_{3n+1}, y_{3n+1}), \\ D^*(y_{3n+1}, p, p) + D^*(p, y_{3n+2}, y_{3n+2}). \end{array} \right\}.
\end{aligned}$$

Now we have

$$\begin{aligned}
D^*(St, p, p) &\leq D^*(p, p, y_{3n+1}) + D^*(p, p, y_{3n+2}) + qD^*(p, y_{3n}, y_{3n+1}) \text{ or} \\
(1-q)D^*(St, p, p) &\leq (1+q)D^*(p, p, y_{3n+1}) + D^*(p, p, y_{3n+2}) \text{ or} \\
D^*(St, p, p) &\leq D^*(p, p, y_{3n+1}) + D^*(p, p, y_{3n+2}) + qD^*(y_{3n}, p, p) \\
&\quad + qD^*(p, y_{3n+1}, y_{3n+2}) \text{ or} \\
(1-q)D^*(St, p, p) &\leq D^*(p, p, y_{3n+1}) + D^*(p, p, y_{3n+2}) + qD^*(p, y_{3n+1}, y_{3n+2}) \text{ or} \\
(1-q)D^*(St, p, p) &\leq D^*(p, p, y_{3n+1}) + D^*(p, p, y_{3n+2}) \text{ or} \\
D^*(St, p, p) &\leq (1+q)D^*(p, p, y_{3n+1}) + D^*(p, p, y_{3n+2}) + qD^*(y_{3n}, p, p) \text{ or} \\
D^*(St, p, p) &\leq (1+q)D^*(p, p, y_{3n+1}) + (1+q)D^*(p, p, y_{3n+2})
\end{aligned}$$

From Lemma 1.9 and Lemma 1.14 , we have  $St = p$ . Thus  $ft = p = St$ . Since the pair  $(S, f)$  is weakly compatible, we have  $fp = Sp$  .

$$\begin{aligned}
\text{Now, } D^*(Sp, p, p) &\leq D^*(p, Tx_{3n+1}, Tx_{3n+1}) + D^*(Tx_{3n+1}, Sp, p) \\
&\leq D^*(p, Tx_{3n+1}, Tx_{3n+1}) + D^*(p, Rx_{3n+2}, Rx_{3n+2}) + D^*(Sp, Tx_{3n+1}, Rx_{3n+2}) \\
&\leq D^*(p, y_{3n+1}, y_{3n+1}) + D^*(p, y_{3n+2}, y_{3n+2}) \\
&\quad + q \max \left\{ \begin{array}{l} D^*(fp, y_{3n}, y_{3n+1}), D^*(fp, Sp, y_{3n+1}), \\ D^*(y_{3n}, y_{3n+1}, y_{3n+2}), D^*(y_{3n+1}, y_{3n+2}, Sp), \\ D^*(fp, Sp, Sp), D^*(y_{3n}, y_{3n+1}, y_{3n+1}), \\ D^*(y_{3n+1}, y_{3n+2}, y_{3n+2}). \end{array} \right\}
\end{aligned}$$

$$D^*(Sp, p, p) \leq D^*(p, y_{3n+1}, y_{3n+1}) + D^*(p, y_{3n+2}, y_{3n+2}) + q \max \left\{ \begin{array}{l} D^*(Sp, p, p) + D^*(p, y_{3n}, y_{3n+1}), \\ D^*(Sp, p, p) + D^*(p, y_{3n+1}, y_{3n+1}), \\ D^*(y_{3n}, p, p) + D^*(p, y_{3n+1}, y_{3n+2}), \\ D^*(Sp, p, p) + D^*(p, y_{3n+1}, y_{3n+2}), 0, \\ D^*(y_{3n}, p, p) + D^*(p, y_{3n+1}, y_{3n+1}), \\ D^*(y_{3n+1}, p, p) + D^*(p, y_{3n+2}, y_{3n+2}). \end{array} \right.$$

Now we have

$$\begin{aligned} (1 - q)D^*(Sp, p, p) &\leq D^*(p, p, y_{3n+1}) + D^*(p, p, y_{3n+2}) + qD^*(p, y_{3n}, y_{3n+1}) \text{ or} \\ (1 - q)D^*(Sp, p, p) &\leq (1 + q)D^*(p, p, y_{3n+1}) + D^*(p, p, y_{3n+2}) \text{ or} \\ D^*(Sp, p, p) &\leq D^*(p, p, y_{3n+1}) + D^*(p, p, y_{3n+2}) + qD^*(y_{3n}, p, p) \\ &\quad + qD^*(p, y_{3n+1}, y_{3n+2}) \text{ or} \\ (1 - q)D^*(Sp, p, p) &\leq D^*(p, p, y_{3n+1}) + D^*(p, p, y_{3n+2}) + qD^*(p, y_{3n+1}, y_{3n+2}) \text{ or} \\ D^*(Sp, p, p) &\leq D^*(p, p, y_{3n+1}) + D^*(p, p, y_{3n+2}) \text{ or} \\ D^*(Sp, p, p) &\leq (1 + q)D^*(p, p, y_{3n+1}) + D^*(p, p, y_{3n+2}) + qD^*(y_{3n}, p, p) \text{ or} \\ D^*(Sp, p, p) &\leq (1 + q)D^*(p, p, y_{3n+1}) + (1 + q)D^*(p, p, y_{3n+2}) \end{aligned}$$

From Lemma 1.9 and Lemma 1.14 , we have  $Sp = p$  .

Hence  $fp = Sp = p$  . .....(6).

Since  $p = Sp \in g(X)$ , there exists  $u \in X$  such that  $p = gu$ .

Now,  $D^*(p, Tu, p) = D^*(Sp, Tu, p)$

$$\begin{aligned} &\leq D^*(p, Rx_{3n+2}, Rx_{3n+2}) + D^*(Sp, Tu, Rx_{3n+2}). \\ &\leq D^*(p, y_{3n+2}, y_{3n+2}) + q \max \left\{ \begin{array}{l} D^*(fp, gu, y_{3n+1}), D^*(fp, Sp, Tu), \\ D^*(gu, Tu, y_{3n+2}), D^*(y_{3n+1}, y_{3n+2}, Sp), \\ D^*(fp, Sp, Sp), D^*(gu, Tu, Tu), \\ D^*(y_{3n+1}, y_{3n+2}, y_{3n+2}). \end{array} \right\} \\ &\leq D^*(p, y_{3n+2}, y_{3n+2}) + q \max \left\{ \begin{array}{l} D^*(p, p, y_{3n+1}), D^*(p, p, Tu), \\ D^*(Tu, p, p) + D^*(p, p, y_{3n+2}), \\ D^*(p, y_{3n+1}, y_{3n+2}), 0, D^*(p, p, Tu), \\ D^*(y_{3n+1}, p, p) + D^*(p, y_{3n+2}, y_{3n+2}). \end{array} \right\} \end{aligned}$$

Now we have

$$\begin{aligned} D^*(p, Tu, p) &\leq D^*(p, y_{3n+2}, y_{3n+2}) + qD^*(p, p, y_{3n+1}) \text{ or} \\ (1 - q)D^*(p, Tu, p) &\leq D^*(p, y_{3n+2}, y_{3n+2}) \text{ or} \\ (1 - q)D^*(p, Tu, p) &\leq D^*(p, y_{3n+2}, y_{3n+2}) + qD^*(p, p, y_{3n+2}) \text{ or} \\ D^*(p, Tu, p) &\leq D^*(p, y_{3n+2}, y_{3n+2}) + qD^*(p, y_{3n+1}, y_{3n+2}) \text{ or} \\ D^*(p, Tu, p) &\leq D^*(p, y_{3n+2}, y_{3n+2}) \text{ or} \\ (1 - q)D^*(p, Tu, p) &\leq D^*(p, y_{3n+2}, y_{3n+2}) \text{ or} \\ D^*(p, Tu, p) &\leq D^*(p, p, y_{3n+1}) + (1 + q)D^*(p, y_{3n+2}, y_{3n+2}). \end{aligned}$$



From Lemma 1.9 and Lemma 1.14 , we have  $Tu = p$  . Hence  $p = Tu = gu$  .  
 Since the pair  $(T, g)$  is weakly compatible, we have  $Tp = gp$  .

Now,  $D^*(p, Tp, p) = D^*(Sp, Tp, p)$

$$\begin{aligned} &\leq D^*(p, Rx_{3n+2}, Rx_{3n+2}) + D^*(Sp, Tp, Rx_{3n+2}). \\ &\leq D^*(p, y_{3n+2}, y_{3n+2}) + q \max \left\{ \begin{array}{l} D^*(fp, gp, hx_{3n+2}), D^*(fp, Sp, Tp), \\ D^*(gp, Tp, Rx_{3n+2}), D^*(hx_{3n+2}, Rx_{3n+2}, Sp), \\ D^*(fp, Sp, Sp), D^*(gp, Tp, Tp), \\ D^*(hx_{3n+2}, Rx_{3n+2}, Rx_{3n+2}). \end{array} \right\} \\ &= D^*(p, y_{3n+2}, y_{3n+2}) + q \max \left\{ \begin{array}{l} D^*(p, Tp, y_{3n+1}), D^*(p, p, Tp), \\ D^*(Tp, Tp, y_{3n+2}), D^*(p, y_{3n+1}, y_{3n+2}), 0, 0, \\ D^*(y_{3n+1}, y_{3n+2}, y_{3n+2}) \end{array} \right\} \\ &\leq D^*(p, y_{3n+2}, y_{3n+2}) + q \max \left\{ \begin{array}{l} D^*(Tp, p, p) + D^*(p, p, y_{3n+1}), D^*(p, p, Tp), \\ D^*(p, y_{3n+2}, y_{3n+2}) + D^*(Tp, p, p), \\ D^*(p, y_{3n+1}, y_{3n+2}), 0, 0, \\ D^*(y_{3n+1}, p, p) + D^*(p, y_{3n+2}, y_{3n+2}) \end{array} \right\} \end{aligned}$$

Now we have

$$\begin{aligned} (1 - q)D^*(p, Tp, p) &\leq D^*(p, y_{3n+2}, y_{3n+2}) + qD^*(p, p, y_{3n+1}) \text{ or} \\ (1 - q)D^*(p, Tp, p) &\leq D^*(p, y_{3n+2}, y_{3n+2}) \text{ or} \\ (1 - q)D^*(p, Tp, p) &\leq (1 + q)D^*(p, y_{3n+2}, y_{3n+2}) \text{ or} \\ D^*(p, Tp, p) &\leq D^*(p, y_{3n+2}, y_{3n+2}) + qD^*(p, y_{3n+1}, y_{3n+2}) \text{ or} \\ D^*(p, Tp, p) &\leq D^*(p, y_{3n+2}, y_{3n+2}) \text{ or} \\ D^*(p, Tp, p) &\leq D^*(p, p, y_{3n+1}) + (1 + q)D^*(p, y_{3n+2}, y_{3n+2}) . \end{aligned}$$

From Lemma 1.9 and Lemma 1.14 , we have  $Tp = p$ .

Hence  $p = Tp = gp$ . .....(7).

Since  $p = Tp \in h(X)$ , there exists  $w \in X$  such that  $p = hw$ .

Now,  $D^*(p, p, Rw) = D^*(Sp, Tp, Rw)$

$$\begin{aligned} &\leq q \max \left\{ \begin{array}{l} D^*(fp, gp, hw), D^*(fp, Sp, Tp), D^*(gp, Tp, Rw), \\ D^*(hw, Rw, Sp)D^*(fp, Sp, Sp), D^*(gp, Tp, Tp), \\ D^*(hw, Rw, Rw). \end{array} \right\} \\ &= q \max \left\{ 0, 0, D^*(p, p, Rw), D^*(p, Rw, p), 0, 0, D^*(p, Rw, Rw) \right\} \\ &= q D^*(p, p, Rw) . \end{aligned}$$

From Proposition 1.4 , we have  $Rw = p$ . Thus  $hw = Rw = p$  .

Since the pair  $(R, h)$  is weakly compatible, we have  $Rp = hp$  .

Now,  $D^*(p, p, Rp) = D^*(Sp, Tp, Rp)$

$$\leq q \max \left\{ \begin{array}{l} D^*(fp, gp, hp), D^*(fp, Sp, Tp), D^*(gp, Tp, Rp), \\ D^*(hp, Rp, Sp)D^*(fp, Sp, Sp), D^*(gp, Tp, Tp), \\ D^*(hp, Rp, Rp). \end{array} \right\}$$

$$= q \max \{D^*(p, p, Rp), 0, D^*(p, Rp, p), D^*(p, Rp, Rp), 0, 0, 0\} .$$

$$= q D^*(p, p, Rp) .$$

From Proposition 1.4 ,we have  $Rp = p$ . Thus  $hp = Rp = p \dots\dots(8)$ .

From (6),(7) and (8), it follows that  $p$  is a common fixed point of  $S, T, R, f, g$  and  $h$ .

Let  $p'$  be another common fixed point of  $S, T, R, f, g$  and  $h$  .

$$D^*(p, p, p') = D^*(Sp, Tp, Rp')$$

$$= q \max \{D^*(p, p, p'), 0, D^*(p, p, p'), D^*(p, p, p'), 0, 0, 0\} .$$

$$= q D^*(p, p, p') .$$

From Proposition 1.4 ,we have  $p = p'$  .

Similarly, we can prove the theorem when  $g(X)$  or  $h(X)$  is  $D^*$ - complete .

**Corollary 2.2** . *Let  $(X, D^*)$  be a complete  $D^*$ - cone metric space and  $S, T, R : X \rightarrow X$  be satisfying*

$$(2.2.1) \quad D^*(Sx, Ty, Rz)$$

$$\leq q \max \left\{ \begin{array}{l} D^*(x, y, z), D^*(x, Sx, Ty), D^*(y, Ty, Rz), D^*(z, Rz, Sx), \\ D^*(x, Sx, Sx), D^*(y, Ty, Ty), D^*(z, Rz, Rz) \end{array} \right\}$$

for all  $x, y, z \in X$ , where  $0 \leq q < 1$ .

(2.2.2)  $D^*(x, x, y) \leq D^*(x, y, z)$  for all  $x, y, z \in X$  with  $y \neq z$ .

Then the maps  $S, T$  and  $R$  have a unique common fixed point.

**Proof.** From Theorem 2.1 with  $f = g = h = I$ (Identity map) , we have either  $S$  or  $T$  or  $R$  has a fixed point in  $X$  or the maps  $S, T$  and  $R$  have a unique common fixed point in  $X$ .

Suppose  $Sx = x$ . Assume that  $Tx \neq Rx$ .

Then from (2.2.1) and from Remark 1.3 ,

$$D^*(x, Tx, Rx)$$

$$= D^*(Sx, Tx, Rx)$$

$$\leq q \max \left\{ \begin{array}{l} 0, D^*(x, x, Tx), D^*(x, Tx, Rx), D^*(x, Rx, x) \\ 0, D^*(x, Tx, Tx), D^*(x, Rx, Rx) \end{array} \right\}$$

$$= q \max \{D^*(x, x, Tx), D^*(x, Tx, Rx), D^*(x, x, Rx)\} \dots(1)$$

$$\leq q D^*(x, Tx, Rx) \text{ from}(2.2.2)$$

It is a contradiction. Hence  $Tx = Rx$ .

Now from(1),  $D^*(x, Tx, Tx) \leq qD^*(x, Tx, Tx)$ .

Hence from Proposition 1.4,we have  $Tx = x$ . Hence  $Rx = x$ .

Thus  $x$  is a common fixed point of  $S, T$  and  $R$ . similarly, if  $Tx = x$  or  $Rx = x$  then also  $x$  is a common fixed point of  $S, T$  and  $R$ .

**An open Problem:** Is Theorem 2.1 or Corollary 2.2 holds without the condition “ $D^*(x, x, y) \leq D^*(x, y, z)$  for all  $x, y, z \in X$  with  $y \neq z$ ” ?.

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