



# Coincidence Point and Common Fixed Point Results in Cone Metric Spaces Under $c$ -Distance

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**Abstract.** In this paper, by using the concept of  $c$ -distance in a cone metric space, we prove some coincidence point and common fixed point results with different type of contractive condition. Our results, extend, generalize and improve the corresponding results of Fadaail *et al.* [8–11].

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## 1. Introduction

The first important result on fixed points for contractive type mapping was the Banach's contractive principle by Banach in 1922. In 1976, Jungck [15], proved a common fixed point theorem for commuting maps, generalizing the Banach contraction principle. Jungck [14, 16] defined a pair of self mappings to be weakly compatible if they commute at their coincidence points. In 2007, Huang and Zhang [12] introduced the concept of cone metric space, which is a generalized version of metric spaces. Many fixed point theorems have been proved in normal or non-normal cone metric spaces by some authors (see [2], [13], [17], [1]).

In 2011, Cho *et al.* [3] introduced the concept of  $c$ -Distance in a cone metric spaces (also see [20]) and proved some fixed point theorems in ordered cone metric spaces. This was cone

version of  $w$ -Distance of Kada *et al.* [18]. Then several authors have proved fixed point theorems for  $c$ -Distance in cone metric spaces (see [4–11, 19]).

In this paper, we extend and generalize the common fixed point theorem on  $c$ -Distance of Fadail *et al.* [8–11] and Dubey *et al.* [4, 6]. In our theorems, by replacing the constant numbers in the contractive condition with functions without assumption of normality for cones..

## 2. Preliminaries

Let  $E$  be a real Banach space and  $\theta$  denote to the zero element in  $E$ . A cone  $P$  is the subset of  $E$  such that

- (i)  $P$  is closed, non-empty, and  $P \neq \{\theta\}$ ;
- (ii)  $a, b \in \mathbb{R}$ ,  $a, b \geq 0$ ;  $x, y \in P$  and  $\mathbb{R}$  as a set of real number  $\Rightarrow ax + by \in P$ ;
- (iii)  $x \in P$  and  $-x \in P \Rightarrow x = \theta$ .

Given a cone  $P \subseteq E$ , we define a 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  $x \ll y$  will stand for  $y - x \in \text{int}P$ ,  $\text{int}P$  denotes the interior of  $P$ . The cone  $P$  is called normal if there is a number  $K > 0$  such that, for all  $x, y \in E$ ,  $\theta \leq x \leq y$  implies  $\|x\| \leq K\|y\|$ . The least positive number satisfying above is called the normal constant of  $P$ .

**Definition 2.1** ([12]). Let  $X$  be a non-empty set. Suppose the mapping  $d : X \times X \rightarrow E$  satisfies:

- (i) If  $\theta \leq d(x, y)$  for all  $x, y \in X$  and  $d(x, y) = \theta$  if and only if  $x = y$ ;
- (ii)  $d(x, y) = d(y, x)$  for all  $x, y \in X$ ;
- (iii)  $d(x, y) \leq d(x, z) + d(z, y)$  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.

**Example 2.2.** Let  $E = \mathbb{R}^2$  and  $P = \{(x, y) \in E : x, y \geq 0\} \subset \mathbb{R}^2$ ,  $X = \mathbb{R}^2$  and suppose that  $d : X \times X \rightarrow E$  is defined by  $d(x, y) = d((x_1, x_2), (y_1, y_2)) = (|x_1 - y_1| + |x_2 - y_2|, \alpha \max\{|x_1 - y_1|, |x_2 - y_2|\})$ , where  $\alpha \geq 0$  is a constant. Then  $(X, d)$  is cone metric space. It is easy to see that  $d$  is a cone metric and hence  $(X, d)$  becomes a cone metric space over  $(E, P)$ . Also, we have  $P$  is a solid and normal cone where the normal constant  $K = 1$ .

**Definition 2.3** ([12]). Let  $(X, d)$  be a cone metric space, let  $\{x_n\}$  be a sequence in  $X$  and  $x \in X$ .

- (i) For all  $c \in E$  with  $\theta \ll c$ , if there exists a positive integer  $N$  such that  $d(x_n, x) \ll c$  for all  $n > N$ , then  $\{x_n\}$  is said to be convergent and  $\{x_n\}$  converges to  $x$ . We denote this by  $\lim_{n \rightarrow \infty} x_n = x$  or  $x_n \rightarrow x$ , ( $n \rightarrow \infty$ ).
- (ii) For all  $c \in E$  with  $\theta \ll c$ , if there exists a positive integer  $N$  such that for all  $n, m > N$ ,  $d(x_n, x_m) \ll c$ , then  $\{x_n\}$  is called a Cauchy sequence in  $X$ .
- (iii) If every Cauchy sequence in  $X$  is convergent in  $X$  then  $(X, d)$  is called a complete cone metric space.

**Lemma 2.4** ([17]). (1) If  $E$  be a real Banach space with a cone  $P$  and  $a \leq \lambda a$ , where  $a \in P$  and  $0 \leq \lambda < 1$ , then  $a = \theta$ .

(2) If  $c \in \text{int}P$ ,  $\theta \leq a_n$  and  $a_n \rightarrow \theta$ , then there exists a positive integer  $N$  such that  $a_n \ll c$  for all  $n \geq N$ .

**Definition 2.5** ([3]). Let  $(X, d)$  be a cone metric space. A function  $q : X \times X \rightarrow E$  is called a  $c$ -Distance on  $X$  if the following conditions hold:

(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 each  $x \in X$  and  $n \geq 1$  if  $q(x, y_n) \leq u$  for some  $u = u_x \in P$ , then  $q(x, y) \leq u$  whenever  $\{y_n\}$  is a sequence in  $X$  converging to a point  $y \in X$ ,

(q4) for all  $c \in E$  with  $\theta \ll c$ , there exists  $e \in E$  with  $\theta \ll e$  such that  $q(z, x) \ll e$  and  $q(z, y) \ll e$  imply  $d(x, y) \ll c$ .

**Example 2.6** ([3]). Let  $E = \mathbb{R}$  and  $P = \{x \in E : x \geq 0\}$ ,  $X = [0, \infty)$  and define a mapping  $d : X \times X \rightarrow E$  is defined by  $d(x, y) = |x - y|$ , for all  $x, y \in X$ . Then  $(X, d)$  is a cone metric space. Define a mapping  $q : X \times X \rightarrow E$  by  $q(x, y) = y$  for all  $x, y \in X$ . Then  $q$  is a  $c$ -distance on  $X$ .

The following lemma is useful in our work.

**Lemma 2.7** ([3]). Let  $(X, d)$  be a cone metric space and  $q$  be a  $c$ -Distance on  $X$ . Let  $\{x_n\}$  and  $\{y_n\}$  be a 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  $z$ .

(3) If  $q(x_n, x_m) \leq u_n$  for  $m > n$ , 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  $X$ .

**Remark 2.8** ([3]). (1) If  $q(x, y) = q(y, x)$  does not necessarily for all  $x, y \in X$ .

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

**Definition 2.9.** An element  $x \in X$  is called:

(1) A coincidence point of mappings  $f : X \rightarrow X$  and  $g : X \rightarrow X$ , if  $w = gx = fx$  and  $w$  is called a point of coincidence.

(2) A common fixed point of mappings  $f : X \rightarrow X$  and  $g : X \rightarrow X$  if  $x = gx = fx$ .

**Definition 2.10.** The mappings  $f : X \rightarrow X$  and  $g : X \rightarrow X$  are called weakly compatible if  $gfx = fgx$  whenever  $gx = fx$ .

Now, we are ready to state and prove our main results.

### 3. Main Results

In our main theorems, the only assumptions are that, the mappings are weakly compatible and the cone  $P$  is solid, that is  $\text{int}P \neq \phi$ .

**Theorem 3.1.** Let  $(X, d)$  be a cone metric space over a solid cone  $P$  and  $q$  is a  $c$ -Distance on  $X$ . Let  $S : X \rightarrow X$  and  $T : X \rightarrow X$  be two self mappings and suppose there exists mappings  $k, l, r, t : X \rightarrow [0, 1)$  such that the following conditions hold:

- (a)  $k(Sx) \leq k(Tx)$ ,  $l(Sx) \leq l(Tx)$ ,  $r(Sx) \leq r(Tx)$  and  $t(Sx) \leq t(Tx)$  for all  $x \in X$ ,
- (b)  $(k + l + r + 2t)(x) < 1$  for all  $x \in X$ ,
- (c)  $q(Sx, Sy) \leq k(Tx)q(Tx, Ty) + l(Tx)q(Tx, Sx) + r(Tx)q(Ty, Sy) + t(Tx)[q(Sx, Ty) + q(Sy, Tx)]$  for all  $x, y \in X$ .

If  $S(X) \subseteq T(X)$  and  $T(X)$  is a complete subspace of  $X$ , then  $S$  and  $T$  have a coincidence point  $x^*$  in  $X$ . Further, if  $w = Tx^* = Sx^*$  then  $q(w, w) = \theta$ . Moreover, if  $S$  and  $T$  are weakly compatible, then  $S$  and  $T$  have a unique common fixed point.

*Proof.* Let  $x_0$  be an arbitrary point in  $X$ . Choose a point  $x_1$  in  $X$  such that  $Tx_1 = Sx_0$ . This can be done because  $S(X) \subseteq T(X)$ . Continuing this process we obtain a sequence  $\{x_n\}$  in  $X$  such that  $Tx_{n+1} = Sx_n$ . Then, we have

$$\begin{aligned} q(Tx_n, Tx_{n+1}) &= q(Sx_{n-1}, Sx_n) \\ &\leq k(Tx_{n-1})q(Tx_{n-1}, Tx_n) + l(Tx_{n-1})q(Tx_{n-1}, Sx_{n-1}) \\ &\quad + r(Tx_{n-1})q(Tx_n, Sx_n) + t(Tx_{n-1})[q(Sx_{n-1}, Tx_n) + q(Sx_n, Tx_{n-1})] \\ &= k(Sx_{n-2})q(Tx_{n-1}, Tx_n) + l(Sx_{n-2})q(Tx_{n-1}, Tx_n) \\ &\quad + r(Sx_{n-2})q(Tx_n, Tx_{n+1}) + t(Sx_{n-2})[q(Tx_{n+1}, Tx_{n-1})] \\ &\leq k(Tx_{n-2})q(Tx_{n-1}, Tx_n) + l(Tx_{n-2})q(Tx_{n-1}, Tx_n) \\ &\quad + r(Tx_{n-2})q(Tx_n, Tx_{n+1}) + t(Tx_{n-2})[q(Tx_{n-1}, Tx_n) + q(Tx_n, Tx_{n+1})] \\ &\quad \vdots \\ &\leq k(Tx_0)q(Tx_{n-1}, Tx_n) + l(Tx_0)q(Tx_{n-1}, Tx_n) \\ &\quad + r(Tx_0)q(Tx_n, Tx_{n+1}) + t(Tx_0)q[q(Tx_{n-1}, Tx_n) + q(Tx_n, Tx_{n+1})] \\ &\leq \frac{k(Tx_0) + l(Tx_0) + t(Tx_0)}{1 - r(Tx_0) - t(Tx_0)} q(Tx_{n-1}, Tx_n) \\ &= \mu q(Tx_{n-1}, Tx_n) \leq \mu^2 q(Tx_{n-2}, Tx_{n-1}) \\ &\leq \\ &\quad \vdots \\ &\leq \mu^n q(Tx_0, Tx_1), \end{aligned}$$

where  $\mu = \frac{k(Tx_0) + l(Tx_0) + t(Tx_0)}{1 - r(Tx_0) - t(Tx_0)} < 1$ .

Note that,

$$q(Tx_n, Tx_{n+1}) = q(Sx_{n-1}, Sx_n) \leq \mu q(Tx_{n-1}, Tx_n). \quad (3.1)$$

Let  $m > n \geq 1$ . Then it follows that

$$q(Tx_n, Tx_m) \leq q(Tx_n, Tx_{n+1}) + q(Tx_{n+1}, Tx_{n+2}) + \cdots + q(Tx_{m-1}, Tx_m)$$

$$\begin{aligned} &\leq (\mu^n + \mu^{n+1} + \dots + \mu^{m-1})q(Tx_0, Tx_1) \\ &\leq \frac{\mu^n}{1-\mu}q(Tx_0, Tx_1). \end{aligned}$$

Thus, Lemma 2.7(3) shows that  $\{Tx_n\}$  is a Cauchy sequence in  $X$ . Since  $T(X)$  is complete, there exists  $x^* \in X$  such that  $Tx_n \rightarrow Tx^*$  as  $n \rightarrow \infty$ . By Definition 2.5( $q_3$ ), we have

$$q(Tx_n, Tx^*) \leq \frac{\mu^n}{1-\mu}q(Tx_0, Tx_1). \quad (3.2)$$

Now, by using (3.1), we have

$$\begin{aligned} q(Tx_n, Sx^*) &= q(Sx_{n-1}, Sx^*) \leq \mu q(Tx_{n-1}, Tx^*) \\ &\leq \mu \frac{\mu^{n-1}}{1-\mu} q(Tx_0, Tx_1) \\ &= \frac{\mu^n}{1-\mu} q(Tx_0, Tx_1). \end{aligned} \quad (3.3)$$

Thus, Lemma 2.7(1), (3.2) and (3.3) show that  $Tx^* = Sx^*$ .

Therefore,  $x^*$  is a coincidence point of  $S$  and  $T$  and  $w$  is a point of coincidence of  $S$  and  $T$  where  $w = Tx^* = Sx^*$  for some  $x^*$  in  $X$ .

Suppose that  $w = Tx^* = Sx^*$ . Then, we have

$$\begin{aligned} q(w, w) &= q(Sx^*, Sx^*) \\ &\leq k(Tx^*)q(Tx^*, Tx^*) + l(Tx^*)q(Tx^*, Sx^*) \\ &\quad + r(Tx^*)q(Tx^*, Sx^*) + t(Tx^*)[q(Sx^*, Tx^*) + q(Sx^*, Tx^*)] \\ &= k(w)q(w, w) + l(w)q(w, w) + r(w)q(w, w) + t(w)[q(w, w) + q(w, w)] \\ &= (k + l + r + 2t)(w)q(w, w). \end{aligned}$$

Since  $(k + l + r + 2t)(w) < 1$ , Lemma 2.4(1) shows that  $q(w, w) = \theta$ .

Finally, suppose there is another point of coincidence  $u$  of  $S$  and  $T$  such that  $u = Sy^* = Ty^*$  for some  $y^*$  in  $X$ . Then, we have

$$\begin{aligned} q(w, u) &= q(Sx^*, Sy^*) \\ &\leq k(Tx^*)q(Tx^*, Ty^*) + l(Tx^*)q(Tx^*, Sx^*) \\ &\quad + r(Tx^*)q(Ty^*, Sy^*) + t(Tx^*)[q(Sx^*, Ty^*) + q(Sy^*, Tx^*)] \\ &= k(w)q(w, u) + l(w)q(w, w) + r(w)q(u, u) + t(w)[q(w, u) + q(u, w)] \\ &= (k + 2t)(w)q(w, u). \end{aligned}$$

Since  $(k + 2t)(w) < 1$ , Lemma 2.4(1) shows that  $q(w, u) = \theta$ .

Also, we have  $q(w, w) = \theta$ . Thus, Lemma 2.7(1) shows that  $w = u$ . Therefore,  $w$  is the unique point of coincidence.

Now, let  $w = Tx^* = Sx^*$ . Since  $S$  and  $T$  are weakly compatible, we have

$$Tw = TTx^* = TSx^* = STx^* = Sw.$$

Hence  $Tw$  is a point of coincidence. The uniqueness of the point of coincidence implies that  $Tw = Tx^*$ . Therefore,  $w = Tw = Sw$ . Hence,  $w$  is the unique common fixed point of  $S$  and  $T$ .  $\square$

We have the following result (immediate consequence of Theorem 3.1).

**Theorem 3.2.** Let  $(X, d)$  be a complete cone metric space over a solid cone  $P$  and  $q$  is a  $c$ -Distance on  $X$ . Let  $S : X \rightarrow X$  be a self mapping and suppose there exists mappings  $k, l, r, t : X \rightarrow [0, 1)$  such that the following conditions hold:

- (a)  $k(Sx) \leq k(x), l(Sx) \leq l(x), r(Sx) \leq r(x)$  and  $t(Sx) \leq t(x)$  for all  $x \in X$ ,
- (b)  $(k + l + r + 2t)(x) < 1$  for all  $x \in X$ ,
- (c)  $q(Sx, Sy) \leq k(x)q(x, y) + l(x)q(x, Sx) + r(x)q(y, Sy) + t(x)[q(Sx, y) + q(Sy, x)]$  for all  $x, y \in X$ .

Then  $S$  has a fixed point  $x^*$  in  $X$ . Further, if  $v = Sv$  then  $q(v, v) = \theta$ . The fixed point is unique.

**Theorem 3.3.** Let  $(X, d)$  be a cone metric space over a solid cone  $P$  and  $q$  is a  $c$ -Distance on  $X$ . Let  $S : X \rightarrow X$  and  $T : X \rightarrow X$  be two self mappings and suppose there exists mappings  $k, l, r : X \rightarrow [0, 1)$  such that the following conditions hold:

- (a)  $k(Sx) \leq k(Tx), l(Sx) \leq l(Tx), r(Sx) \leq r(Tx)$  for all  $x \in X$ ,
- (b)  $(k + 2l + 2r)(x) < 1$  for all  $x \in X$ ,
- (c)  $q(Sx, Sy) \leq k(Tx)q(Tx, Ty) + l(Tx)[q(Tx, Sy) + q(Ty, Sx)] + r(Tx)[q(Tx, Sx) + q(Ty, Sy)]$ , for all  $x, y \in X$ .

If  $S(X) \subseteq T(X)$  and  $T(X)$  is a complete subspace of  $X$ , then  $S$  and  $T$  have a coincidence point  $x^*$  in  $X$ . Further, if  $w = Tx^* = Sx^*$  then  $q(w, w) = \theta$ . Moreover, if  $S$  and  $T$  are weakly compatible, then  $S$  and  $T$  have a unique common fixed point.

*Proof.* The proof of this theorem is similar as Theorem 3.1. □

The following corollary can be obtained as consequences of Theorem 3.1 and Theorem 3.3.

**Corollary 3.4.** Let  $(X, d)$  be a cone metric space over a solid cone  $P$  and  $q$  is a  $c$ -Distance on  $X$ . Let  $S : X \rightarrow X$  and  $T : X \rightarrow X$  be two self mappings and suppose there exists mappings  $k : X \rightarrow [0, 1)$  such that the following conditions hold:

- (a)  $k(Sx) \leq k(Tx)$  for all  $x \in X$ ,
- (b)  $q(Sx, Sy) \leq k(Tx)q(Tx, Ty)$  for all  $x, y \in X$ .

If  $S(X) \subseteq T(X)$  and  $T(X)$  is a complete subspace of  $X$ , then  $S$  and  $T$  have a coincidence point  $x^*$  in  $X$ . Further, if  $w = Tx^* = Sx^*$  then  $q(w, w) = \theta$ . Moreover, if  $S$  and  $T$  are weakly compatible, then  $S$  and  $T$  have a unique common fixed point.

## 4. Conclusion

In this attempt, we have proved some coincidence point and common fixed point results in cone metric spaces under  $c$ -distance. These results generalizes and improves the recent results of Fadail *et al.* [8–11] and Dubey *et al.* [4, 6] in the sense that in our results, we are employing  $c$ -distance and in contractive conditions, replacing the constants with functions, which extends the further scope of our results.

## Competing Interests

The authors declare that they have no competing interests.

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