

Family of Occasionally Weakly Compatible Mappings with an Application in Dynamic Programming

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Abstract: In this paper, we investigate the existence of a unique common fixed point of families of occasionally weakly compatible mappings along with property $(E.A)$ satisfying a generalized (ψ, ϕ) -weak contraction condition involving cubic terms of distance function which generalize some known results. As an application, we discuss the existence and uniqueness of a common solution of certain functional equations arising in dynamic programming.

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1 Introduction and preliminaries

Banach contraction principle [6] is the basic result of fixed point theory which states that every contraction mapping T (say) defined on a complete metric space E (say) has a unique common fixed point. For the last ten decades, many researchers are trying to generalize and extend this basic result in various directions. In 1976, Jungck [21] used the notion of commuting mappings for the generalization of Banach contraction principle. In 1982, Sessa [33] relaxed the commutative condition of mapping to weak commutative mappings. Further, in 1986, Jungck [22] introduced the notion of compatible mappings to weakened the notion of commutativity/weak commutativity of mappings as follows:

Definition 1.1. [22] *Two self mappings S and T of a metric space (E, d) are said to be compatible if and only if*

$$\lim_{n \rightarrow \infty} d(STu_n, TSu_n) = 0,$$

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whenever $\{u_n\}$ is a sequence in E such that $\lim_{n \rightarrow \infty} Su_n = \lim_{n \rightarrow \infty} Tu_n = z$, for some $z \in E$.

In 1996, the concept of weakly compatible mappings was introduced by Jungck [23] which may be consider as the minimal commutativity of mappings.

Definition 1.2. [23] Let S and T be two self mappings of a metric space (E, d) . Then S and T are said to be weakly compatible mappings if the mappings commute at their coincidence points.

In 2002, Aamri and Moutawakil [1] introduced a generalization of noncompatible mappings in the form of property $(E.A)$.

Definition 1.3. [1] Two self mappings S and T defined on a metric space (E, d) are said to satisfy property $(E.A)$ if there exists a sequence $\{u_n\}$ in E such that

$$\lim_{n \rightarrow \infty} Su_n = \lim_{n \rightarrow \infty} Tu_n = z, \text{ for some } z \in E.$$

In 2008, Al-Thagafi and Shahzad[3] introduced notion of occasionally weakly compatible mapping to generalize the notion of weakly compatible mappings as follows.

Definition 1.4. [3] The pair (S, T) is said to be occasionally weakly compatible, if there exists a coincidence point $u \in E$ such that $Su = Tu$ implies $STu = TSu$.

Remark 1.1. Weakly compatible mappings are occasionally weakly compatible mappings but converse need not true (see [4]).

Remark 1.2. Occasionally weakly compatible mappings and property $(E.A)$ are independent of each other (see [5]).

In 1971, Ćirić[10] investigated a class of self mappings on a metric space (E, d) satisfying the following condition.

$$d(fu, gv) \leq k \max\{d(u, v), d(u, fu), d(v, fv), \frac{1}{2}[d(u, fv) + d(v, fu)]\}, \quad (1)$$

where $0 < k < 1$. In 1974, Ćirić [11] proved common fixed point theorem for a family of mappings satisfying the condition (1) as follows.

Theorem 1.1. [11] Let (E, d) be a complete metric space and $\{T_i\}_{i \in \Lambda}$ be a family of self mappings defined on E . If there exists a fixed $j \in \Lambda$ such that for each $i \in \Lambda$ and all $u, v \in E$

$$d(T_i u, T_j v) \leq \lambda \max\{d(u, v), d(u, T_i u), d(v, T_j v), \frac{1}{2}[d(u, T_j v) + d(v, T_i u)]\},$$

where $\lambda = \lambda(i) \in (0, 1)$, then all T_i have a unique common fixed point in E .

In 2005, Singh and Jain [32] proved the following fixed point theorem for commuting self mappings.

Theorem 1.2. [32] Let (E, d) be a complete metric space and A, B, P, Q, S and T be self mappings on E such that

$$(H_1) \quad P(E) \subset ST(E), \quad Q(E) \subset AB(E);$$

$$(H_2) \quad ST = TS, \quad PB = BP, \quad AB = BA, \quad QT = TQ;$$

$$(H_3) \quad \text{either } AB \text{ or } P \text{ is continuous};$$

$$(H_4) \quad \text{the pair } (Q, ST) \text{ is weakly compatible and the pair } (P, AB) \text{ is compatible};$$

$$(H_5) \quad \text{for all } u, v \in E \text{ and for some } k, 0 < k < 1,$$

$$d(Pu, Qv) \leq k \max\{d(Pu, ABv), d(Qv, STv), d(ABu, STv), \\ \frac{1}{2}[d(Pu, STv) + d(Mv, ABu)]\}.$$

Then P, Q, S, T, A and B have a unique common fixed point.

In 2008, Ćirić *et al.* [12] proved common fixed point theorems for family of mappings satisfying generalized non-linear contraction condition of type (1) in metric spaces and generalized the result of Singh and Jain [32].

Another direction of generalization of Banach contraction principle concerns with the use of control function. In 1969, Boyd and Wong [8] introduced ϕ contraction of the form $d(Tu, Tv) \leq \phi(d(u, v))$, for all $u, v \in E$, where T is a self mapping on a complete metric space E and $\phi : [0, \infty) \rightarrow [0, \infty)$ is an upper semi continuous function from right such that $0 \leq \phi(t) < t$, for all $t > 0$. In 1997, Alber and Guerre- Delabriere [2] generalized ϕ contraction to ϕ -weak contraction in Hilbert spaces, which was further extended and proved by Rhoades [31] in complete metric space.

A self mapping T on a complete metric space is said to be a ϕ - weak contraction if for each $u, v \in E$, there exists a continuous non-decreasing function $\phi : [0, \infty) \rightarrow [0, \infty)$ satisfying $\phi(t) > 0$, for all $t > 0$ and $\phi(t) = 0$ if and only if $t = 0$ such that

$$d(Tu, Tv) \leq d(u, v) - \phi(d(u, v)). \quad (2)$$

The function ϕ in the above inequality (2) is known as control function or altering distance function. The notion of control function was given by Khan *et al.* [26] : an altering distance is an increasing and continuous function $\phi : [0, \infty) \rightarrow [0, \infty)$ vanishing only at zero.

In 2009, Zhang and Song [35] gave the notion of generalized ϕ - weak contraction by generalizing the concept of ϕ -weak contraction.

Theorem 1.3. [35] Let (E, d) be a metric space and S and T be two self mappings defined on E such that for $u, v \in E$

$$d(Su, Tv) \leq M(u, v) - \phi(M(u, v)), \quad (3)$$

where $M(u, v) = \max\{d(u, v), d(u, Su), d(v, Tv), \frac{d(u, Tv) + d(v, Su)}{2}\}$ and $\phi : [0, \infty) \rightarrow [0, \infty)$ is a lower semi continuous function with $\phi(t) > 0$, for all $t > 0$ and $\phi(0) = 0$. Then, there exists a unique point $u \in E$ such that $Su = u = Tu$.

In 2011, Razani and Yazdi [30] proved a common fixed point theorem for a family of compatible mappings satisfying generalized ϕ -weak contraction condition of type (3).

In 2013, Murthy and Prasad [29] introduced a weak contraction involving cubic terms of distance function and proved the following fixed point theorem for a mapping.

Theorem 1.4. [29] Let T be a self mapping on a complete metric space E satisfying:

$$[1 + pd(u, v)]d^2(Tu, Tv) \leq p \max \left\{ \frac{1}{2}[d^2(u, Tu)d(v, Tv) + d(u, Tu)d^2(v, Tv)], \right. \\ \left. d(u, Tu)d(u, Tv)d(v, Tu), d(u, Tv)d(v, Tu)d(v, Tv) \right\} + m(u, v) - \phi(m(u, v)),$$

where

$$m(u, v) = \max \left\{ d^2(u, v), d(u, Tu)d(v, Tv), d(u, Tv)d(v, Tu), \right. \\ \left. \frac{1}{2}[d(u, Tu)d(u, Tv) + d(v, Tu)d(v, Tv)] \right\},$$

where $p \geq 0$ is a real number and $\phi : [0, \infty) \rightarrow [0, \infty)$ is a continuous function with $\phi(t) = 0$ if and only if $t = 0$ and $\phi(t) > 0$ for each $t > 0$. Then T has a unique fixed point in E .

Theorem 1.4 was extended and generalized for a variety of commuting self mappings on metric space [15, 16, 17, 20, 25, 28]. In 2022, Kavita and Kumar [25] introduced a generalized (ψ, ϕ) -weak contraction involving cubic terms of metric function and generalized the Theorem 1.4. Motivated by Ćirić *et al.* [12], [13], we establish the existence and uniqueness of common fixed point for family of occasionally weakly compatible mappings satisfying a generalized (ψ, ϕ) -weak contraction involving cubic terms of metric function. These results generalize and extend the results of Ćirić [11], Ćirić *et al.* [12], Chugh and Kumar [9], Jain *et al.* [16, 18, 19, 20], Kang *et al.* [27], Murthy and Prasad [29], Razani and Yazdi [30] and Singh and Jain [32] and Zhang and Song [35]. Further, as an application of our result, we obtain a common solution to a certain system of functional equation arising in the dynamic programming.

2 Main Results

Let Ψ is a collection of all functions $\psi : [0, \infty)^4 \rightarrow [0, \infty)$ satisfying the following conditions:

- (ψ_1) ψ is non decreasing and upper semi continuous in each coordinate variables,
- (ψ_2) $\Delta(t) = \max\{\psi(t, t, 0, 0), \psi(0, 0, 0, t), \psi(0, 0, t, 0), \psi(t, t, t, t)\} \leq t$, for each $t > 0$.

Let Φ be a collection of all the functions $\phi : [0, \infty) \rightarrow [0, \infty)$ satisfying the following conditions:

(ϕ_1) ϕ is a continuous function,

(ϕ_2) $\phi(t) > 0$ for each $t > 0$ and $\phi(0) = 0$.

Throughout this section, $C(S, T)$ denotes the set of coincidences points of mappings S and T and let $A' = A_2 A_4 \cdots A_{2n}$ and $A'' = A_1 A_3 \cdots A_{2n-1}$, where A_i , $i = 1, 2, \dots, 2n$ are as mentioned in the following theorems.

Theorem 2.1. *Let S , T and A_i , $i = 1 \dots 2n$, be self mappings of a metric space (E, d) satisfying the following conditions:*

(C_1) *for all $u, v \in E$, there exists functions $\psi \in \Psi$ and $\phi \in \Phi$, a real number $p > 0$ such that*

$$[1 + pd(A'u, A''v)]d^2(Su, Tv) \leq p\psi \left(d^2(A'u, Su)d(A''v, Tv), d(A'u, Su)d^2(A''v, Tv), \right. \\ \left. d(A'u, Su)d(A'u, Tv)d(A''v, Su), d(A'u, Tv)d(A''v, Su)d(A''v, Tv) \right) + \\ + m(A'u, A''v) - \phi(m(A_2 \cdots A_{2n}u, A''v)),$$

where

$$m(A'u, A''v) = \max \left\{ d^2(A'u, A''v), d(A'u, Su)d(A''v, Tv), d(A'u, Tv)d(A''v, Su), \right. \\ \left. \frac{1}{2}[d(A'u, Su)d(A'u, Tv) + d(A''v, Su)d(A''v, Tv)] \right\}.$$

(C_2) *Suppose that either*

- (a) $T(E) \subset A'(E)$ and the pair (T, A'') satisfy the property $(E.A)$ and $A''(E)$ is a closed subset of E ; or
- (b) $S(E) \subset A''(E)$ and the pair (S, A') satisfy the property $(E.A)$ and $A'(E)$ is a closed subset of E

Then $C(S, A') \neq \emptyset$ and $C(T, A'') \neq \emptyset$.

Proof. Suppose (a) holds.

Since the pairs (T, A'') satisfy the property $(E.A)$, there exist a sequence $\{v_k\}$ in E such that

$$\lim_{k \rightarrow \infty} A''v_k = \lim_{k \rightarrow \infty} Tv_k = w, \text{ for some } w \in E.$$

Since $T(E) \subset A'(E)$ there exists a sequence $\{u_k\}$ such that $Tv_k = A'u_k$. Hence, $\lim_{k \rightarrow \infty} A'u_k = w$. We claim that $\lim_{k \rightarrow \infty} Su_k = w$. Taking $u = u_k$ and $v = v_k$ in (C_1) , we have

$$\begin{aligned} [1 + pd(A'u_k, A''v_k)]d^2(Su_k, Tv_k) &\leq p\psi \left(d^2(A'u_k, Su_k)d(A''v_k, Tv_k), \right. \\ &\quad d(A'u_k, Su_k)d^2(A''v_k, Tv_k), d(A'u_k, Su_k)d(A'u_k, Tv_k)d(A''v_k, Su_k), \\ &\quad \left. d(A'u_k, Tv_k)d(A''v_k, Su_k)d(A''v_k, Tv_k) \right) + m(A'u_k, A''v_k) - \phi(m(A_2 \cdots A_{2n}u_k, A''v_k)), \end{aligned}$$

where

$$\begin{aligned} m(A'u_k, A''v_k) &= \max \left\{ d^2(A'u_k, A''v_k), d(A'u_k, Su_k)d(A''v_k, Tv_k), \right. \\ &\quad \left. d(A'u_k, Tv_k)d(A''v_k, Su_k), \frac{1}{2}[d(A'u_k, Su_k)d(A'u_k, Tv_k) + d(A''v_k, Su_k)d(A''v_k, Tv_k)] \right\}. \end{aligned}$$

Letting $k \rightarrow \infty$

$$\begin{aligned} [1 + pd(w, w)]d^2(\lim_{k \rightarrow \infty} Su_k, w) &\leq p\psi \left(d^2(w, \lim_{k \rightarrow \infty} Su_k)d(w, w), d(w, \lim_{k \rightarrow \infty} Su_k)d^2(w, w), \right. \\ &\quad \left. d(w, \lim_{k \rightarrow \infty} Su_k)d(w, w)d(w, \lim_{k \rightarrow \infty} Su_k), d(w, w)d(w, \lim_{k \rightarrow \infty} Su_k)d(w, w) \right) \\ &\quad + m(w, w) - \phi(m(w, w)), \end{aligned}$$

where

$$\begin{aligned} m(w, w) &= \max \left\{ d^2(w, w), d(w, \lim_{k \rightarrow \infty} Su_k)d(w, w), d(w, w)d(w, \lim_{k \rightarrow \infty} Su_k), \right. \\ &\quad \left. \frac{1}{2}[d(w, \lim_{k \rightarrow \infty} Su_k)d(w, w) + d(w, \lim_{k \rightarrow \infty} Su_k)d(w, w)] \right\} = 0. \end{aligned}$$

Simplifying the above inequality, we have $d^2(\lim_{k \rightarrow \infty} Su_k, w) \leq 0$, which holds only for $\lim_{k \rightarrow \infty} Su_k = w$.

Since $A''(E)$ is a closed subset of E , then there exists $z \in E$ such that $w = A''z$. Now, we prove that $Tz = w$, for this taking $u = u_k$ and $v = z$ in (C_1) , we have

$$\begin{aligned} [1 + pd(A'u_k, A''z)]d^2(Su_k, Tz) &\leq p\psi \left(d^2(A'u_k, Su_k)d(A''z, Tz), \right. \\ &\quad d(A'u_k, Su_k)d^2(A''z, Tz), d(A'u_k, Su_k)d(A'u_k, Tz)d(A''z, Su_k), \\ &\quad \left. d(A'u_k, Tz)d(A''z, Su_k)d(A''z, Tz) \right) + m(A'u_k, A''z) - \phi(m(A_2 \cdots A_{2n}u_k, A''z)), \end{aligned}$$

where

$$m(A'u_k, A''z) = \max \left\{ d^2(A'u_k, A''z), d(A'u_k, Su_k)d(A''z, Tz), d(A'u_k, Tz)d(A''z, Su_k), \right. \\ \left. \frac{1}{2}[d(A'u_k, Su_k)d(A'u_k, Tz) + d(A''z, Su_k)d(A''z, Tz)] \right\}.$$

Letting $k \rightarrow \infty$

$$[1 + pd(w, w)]d^2(w, Tz) \leq p\psi(0, 0, 0, 0) + m(w, w) - \phi(m(w, w)),$$

where

$$m(w, w) = \max \left\{ d^2(w, w), d(w, w)d(w, Tz), d(w, Tz)d(w, w), \right. \\ \left. \frac{1}{2}[d(w, w)d(w, Tz) + d(w, w)d(w, Tz)] \right\} = 0.$$

After simplification, we get $d^2(w, Tz) \leq 0$, which is true only for $Tz = w$. Hence, $A''z = w = Tz$, i.e., $C(T, A'') \neq \emptyset$.

Since $T(E) \subset A'(E)$, there exists $x \in E$ such that $w = Tz = A'x$. Now, we claim that $Sx = w$. Substituting $u = x$ and $v = z$ in (C_1) , we get

$$[1 + pd(w, w)]d^2(Sx, w) \leq p\psi(0, 0, 0, 0) + m(w, w) - \phi(m(w, w)),$$

where

$$m(w, w) = \max \left\{ d^2(w, w), d(w, Sx)d(w, w), d(w, w)d(w, Sx), \right. \\ \left. \frac{1}{2}[d(w, Sx)d(w, w) + d(w, Sx)d(w, w)] \right\} = 0.$$

Simplifying the above inequality, we get $d^2(Sx, w) \leq 0$, which is possible only if $Sx = w$. Hence, $A'x = w = Sx$, i.e., $C(S, A') \neq \emptyset$.

Similarly, the assertion of the theorem are true under the assumption (b).

Now, we establish the existence of a unique common fixed point for even number of occasionally weakly compatible mappings.

Theorem 2.2. Let $S, T, A_i (i = 1, 2, \dots, 2n)$ be self mappings of a metric space (E, d) satisfying the conditions (C_1) , (C_2) and

$$(C_3) \quad A_1(A_3 \cdots A_{2n-1}) = (A_3 \cdots A_{2n-1})A_1, \\ A_1A_3(A_5 \cdots A_{2n-1}) = (A_5 \cdots A_{2n-1})A_1A_3, \\ \dots \\ A_1A_3 \cdots A_{2n-3}(A_{2n-1}) = (A_{2n-1})A_1A_3 \cdots A_{2n-3}; \\ T(A_3 \cdots A_{2n-1}) = (A_3 \cdots A_{2n-1})T, \\ T(A_5 \cdots A_{2n-1}) = (A_5 \cdots A_{2n-1})T, \\ \dots$$

$$\begin{aligned}
TA_{2n-1} &= A_{2n-1}T; \\
A_2(A_4 \cdots A_{2n}) &= (A_4 \cdots A_{2n})A_2, \\
A_2A_4(A_6 \cdots A_{2n}) &= (A_6 \cdots A_{2n})A_2A_4, \\
&\dots \\
A_2A_4 \cdots A_{2n-2}(A_{2n}) &= (A_{2n})A_2A_4 \cdots A_{2n-2}; \\
S(A_4 \cdots A_{2n}) &= (A_4 \cdots A_{2n})S, \\
S(A_6 \cdots A_{2n}) &= (A_6 \cdots A_{2n})S, \\
&\dots \\
SA_{2n} &= A_{2n}S.
\end{aligned}$$

If the pairs (T, A'') and (S, A') are occasionally weakly compatible, then mappings $A_1, A_2, \dots, A_{2n-1}, A_{2n}, S$ and T have a unique common fixed point in E .

Proof. By Theorem 2.1, $C(T, A'') \neq \emptyset$ and $C(S, A') \neq \emptyset$. Since the pairs (S, A') is occasionally weakly compatible mappings, there exists a point $z \in C(S, A')$ such that $A'z = Sz = x(\text{say})$ and $A'Sz = SA'z = x^*(\text{say})$, hence $A'x = A'Sz = x^* = SA'z = Sx$.

Since the pair (T, A'') is occasionally weakly compatible mappings, there exists a point $w \in C(T, A'')$ such that $A''w = Tw = y(\text{say})$ and $A''Tw = TA''w = y^*(\text{say})$, hence $A''y = A''Tw = y^* = TA''w = Ty$. We claim that $x^* = y^*$. Taking $u = x$ and $v = y$ in (C_1) , we get

$$\begin{aligned}
[1 + pd(A'x, A''y)]d^2(Sx, Ty) &\leq p\psi \left(d^2(A'x, Sx)d(A''y, Ty), d(A'x, Sx)d^2(A''y, Ty), \right. \\
&\quad \left. d(A'x, Sx)d(A'x, Ty)d(A''y, Sx), d(A'x, Ty)d(A''y, Sx)d(A''y, Ty) \right) \\
&\quad + m(A'x, A''y) - \phi(m(A'x, A''y)),
\end{aligned}$$

where

$$\begin{aligned}
m(A'x, A''y) &= \max \left\{ d^2(A'x, A''y), d(A'x, Sx)d(A''y, Ty), d(A'x, Ty)d(A''y, Sx), \right. \\
&\quad \left. \frac{1}{2}[d(A'x, Sx)d(A'x, Ty) + d(A''y, Sx)d(A''y, Ty)] \right\}.
\end{aligned}$$

Simplifying the above inequality, we have

$$[1 + pd(x^*, y^*)]d^2(x^*, y^*) \leq p\psi(0, 0, 0, 0) + m(x^*, y^*) - \phi(m(x^*, y^*)),$$

where

$$m(x^*, y^*) = \max \left\{ d^2(x^*, y^*), 0, d(x^*, y^*)d(y^*, x^*), 0 \right\} = d^2(x^*, y^*).$$

We conclude that $pd^3(x^*, y^*) + \phi(d^2(x^*, y^*)) \leq 0$, which is true only for $x^* = y^*$, hence, $A'x = Sx = x^*$ and $A''y = Ty = x^*$. Next, we claim that $x^* = x$. For this, taking $u = z$, $v = y$

in (C_1) , we get

$$\begin{aligned} [1 + pd(A'z, A''y)]d^2(Sz, Ty) &\leq p\psi\left(d^2(A'z, Sz)d(A''y, Ty), d(A'z, Sz)d^2(A''y, Ty), \right. \\ &\quad \left. d(A'z, Sz)d(A'z, Ty)d(A''y, Sz), d(A'z, Ty)d(A''y, Sz)d(A''y, Ty)\right) \\ &\quad + m(A'z, A''y) - \phi(m(A'z, A''y)), \end{aligned}$$

where

$$\begin{aligned} m(A'z, A''y) &= \max \left\{ d^2(A'z, A''y), d(A'z, Sz)d(A''y, Ty), d(A'z, Ty)d(A''y, Sz), \right. \\ &\quad \left. \frac{1}{2}[d(A'z, Sz)d(A'z, Ty) + d(A''y, Sz)d(A''y, Ty)] \right\}, \end{aligned}$$

which implies that

$$[1 + pd(x, x^*)]d^2(x, x^*) \leq p\psi(0, 0, 0, 0) + m(x, x^*) - \phi(m(x, x^*)),$$

where

$$m(x, x^*) = \max \left\{ d^2(x, x^*), 0, d(x, x^*)d(x^*, x), 0 \right\} = d^2(x, x^*).$$

After simplification, we get $pd^3(x, x^*) + \phi(d^2(x, x^*)) \leq 0$, which holds only for $x = x^*$. Hence, $Sx = A'x = x$ and $A''y = Ty = x$. Further, we claim that $x = y$. Taking $u = x$, $v = w$

$$\begin{aligned} [1 + pd(A'x, A''w)]d^2(Sx, Tw) &\leq p\psi\left(d^2(A'x, Sx)d(A''w, Tw), d(A'x, Sx)d^2(A''w, Tw), \right. \\ &\quad \left. d(A'x, Sx)d(A'x, Tw)d(A''w, Sx), d(A'x, Tw)d(A''w, Sx)d(A''w, Tw)\right) \\ &\quad + m(A'x, A''w) - \phi(m(A'x, A''w)), \end{aligned}$$

where

$$\begin{aligned} m(A'x, A''w) &= \max \left\{ d^2(A'x, A''w), d(A'x, Sx)d(A''w, Tw), d(A'x, Tw)d(A''w, Sx), \right. \\ &\quad \left. \frac{1}{2}[d(A'x, Sx)d(A'x, Tw) + d(A''w, Sx)d(A''w, Tw)] \right\}, \end{aligned}$$

which implies that

$$[1 + pd(x, y)]d^2(x, y) \leq p\psi(0, 0, 0, 0) + m(x, y) - \phi(m(x, y)),$$

where

$$m(x, y) = \max \left\{ d^2(x, y), 0, d(x, y)d(y, x), 0 \right\} = d^2(x, y).$$

After simplification, we get $pd^3(x, y) + \phi(d^2(x, y)) \leq 0$, which is possible only for $x = y$ and hence, $A'x = Sx = A''x = Tx = x$.

Taking $u = A_4 \cdots A_{2n}x$ and $v = x$ in (C_1) , we have

$$\begin{aligned} & [1 + pd(A'A_4 \cdots A_{2n}x, A''x)]d^2(SA_4 \cdots A_{2n}x, Tx) \leq \\ & p\psi \left(d^2(A'A_4 \cdots A_{2n}x, SA_4 \cdots A_{2n}x)d(A''x, Tx), d(A'A_4 \cdots A_{2n}x, SA_4 \cdots A_{2n}x)d^2(A''x, Tx), \right. \\ & \quad d(A'A_4 \cdots A_{2n}x, SA_4 \cdots A_{2n}x)d(A'A_4 \cdots A_{2n}x, Tx)d(A''x, SA_4 \cdots A_{2n}x), \\ & \quad \left. d(A'A_4 \cdots A_{2n}x, Tx)d(A''x, SA_4 \cdots A_{2n}x)d(A''x, Tx) \right) + \\ & \quad + m(A'A_4 \cdots A_{2n}x, A''x) - \phi(m(A'A_4 \cdots A_{2n}x, A''x)), \end{aligned}$$

where

$$\begin{aligned} m(A'A_4 \cdots A_{2n}x, A''x) = \max \bigg\{ & d^2(A'A_4 \cdots A_{2n}x, A''x), \\ & d(A'A_4 \cdots A_{2n}x, SA_4 \cdots A_{2n}x)d(A''x, Tx), \\ & d(A'A_4 \cdots A_{2n}x, Tx)d(A''x, SA_4 \cdots A_{2n}x), \\ & \frac{1}{2}[d(A'A_4 \cdots A_{2n}x, SA_4 \cdots A_{2n}x)d(A'A_4 \cdots A_{2n}x, Tx) \\ & + d(A''x, SA_4 \cdots A_{2n}x)d(A''x, Tx)] \bigg\}. \end{aligned}$$

Applying condition (C_3) and $Tx = A''x = x$, we have

$$\begin{aligned} & [1 + pd(A_4 \cdots A_{2n}x, x)]d^2(A_4 \cdots A_{2n}x, x) \leq p\psi \left(d^2(A_4 \cdots A_{2n}x, A_4 \cdots A_{2n}x)d(x, x), \right. \\ & \quad d(A_4 \cdots A_{2n}x, A_4 \cdots A_{2n}x)d^2(x, x), d(A_4 \cdots A_{2n}x, A_4 \cdots A_{2n}x)d(A_4 \cdots A_{2n}x, x)d(x, A_4 \cdots A_{2n}x), \\ & \quad \left. d(A_4 \cdots A_{2n}x, x)d(x, A_4 \cdots A_{2n}x)d(x, x) \right) + m(A_4 \cdots A_{2n}x, x) - \phi(m(A_4 \cdots A_{2n}x, x)), \end{aligned}$$

where

$$\begin{aligned} m(A_4 \cdots A_{2n}x, x) = \max \bigg\{ & d^2(A_4 \cdots A_{2n}x, x), \\ & d(A_4 \cdots A_{2n}x, A_4 \cdots A_{2n}x)d(x, x), \\ & d(A_4 \cdots A_{2n}x, x)d(x, A_4 \cdots A_{2n}x), \\ & \frac{1}{2}[d(A_4 \cdots A_{2n}x, A_4 \cdots A_{2n}x)d(A_4 \cdots A_{2n}x, x) \\ & + d(x, A_4 \cdots A_{2n}x)d(x, x)] \bigg\}, \end{aligned}$$

which implies that

$$[1 + pd(A_4 \cdots A_{2n}x, x)]d^2(A_4 \cdots A_{2n}x, x) \leq p\psi(0, 0, 0, 0) + m(A_4 \cdots A_{2n}x, x) - \phi(m(A_4 \cdots A_{2n}x, x)),$$

where

$$m(A_4 \cdots A_{2n}x, x) = \max\{d^2(A_4 \cdots A_{2n}x, x), 0, d^2(A_4 \cdots A_{2n}x, x), 0\} = d^2(A_4 \cdots A_{2n}x, x),$$

which becomes $p d^3(A_4 \cdots A_{2n}x, x) + \phi(d^2(A_4 \cdots A_{2n}x, x)) \leq 0$, which holds for $A_4 \cdots A_{2n}x = x$. Therefore, $x = A'x = A_2A_4 \cdots A_{2n}x = A_2x$.

Continuing in this manner, we get $Sx = A_2x = A_4x = \dots = A_{2n}x = x$.

Taking $u = x$ and $v = A_3 \cdots A_{2n-1}x$ in (C_1) , we have

$$\begin{aligned} & [1 + pd(A'x, A''A_3 \cdots A_{2n-1}x)]d^2(Sx, TA_3 \cdots A_{2n-1}x) \leq \\ & p\psi\left(d^2(A'x, Sx)d(A''A_3 \cdots A_{2n-1}x, TA_3 \cdots A_{2n-1}x), \right. \\ & \quad d(A'x, Sx)d^2(A''A_3 \cdots A_{2n-1}x, TA_3 \cdots A_{2n-1}x), \\ & \quad d(A'x, Sx)d(A'x, TA_3 \cdots A_{2n-1}x)d(A''A_3 \cdots A_{2n-1}x, Sx), \\ & \quad \left. d(A'x, TA_3 \cdots A_{2n-1}x)d(A''A_3 \cdots A_{2n-1}x, Sx)d(A''A_3 \cdots A_{2n-1}x, TA_3 \cdots A_{2n-1}x)\right) + \\ & \quad + m(A'x, A''A_3 \cdots A_{2n-1}x) - \phi(m(A'x, A''A_3 \cdots A_{2n-1}x)), \end{aligned}$$

where

$$\begin{aligned} & m(A'x, A''A_3 \cdots A_{2n-1}x) = \max\left\{d^2(A'x, A''A_3 \cdots A_{2n-1}x), \right. \\ & \quad (A'x, Sx)d(A''A_3 \cdots A_{2n-1}x, TA_3 \cdots A_{2n-1}x), d(A'x, TA_3 \cdots A_{2n-1}x)d(A''A_3 \cdots A_{2n-1}x, Sx), \\ & \quad \frac{1}{2}[d(A'x, Sx)d(A'x, TA_3 \cdots A_{2n-1}x) + \\ & \quad \left. + d(A''A_3 \cdots A_{2n-1}x, Sx)d(A''A_3 \cdots A_{2n-1}x, TA_3 \cdots A_{2n-1}x)]\right\}, \end{aligned}$$

Applying condition (C_3) and $A'x = Sx = x$, we have

$$\begin{aligned} & [1 + pd(x, A_3 \cdots A_{2n-1}x)]d^2(x, A_3 \cdots A_{2n-1}x) \leq p\psi\left(d^2(x, x)d(A_3 \cdots A_{2n-1}x, A_3 \cdots A_{2n-1}x), \right. \\ & \quad d(x, x)d^2(A_3 \cdots A_{2n-1}x, A_3 \cdots A_{2n-1}x), d(x, x)d(x, A_3 \cdots A_{2n-1}x)d(A_3 \cdots A_{2n-1}x, x), \\ & \quad \left. d(x, A_3 \cdots A_{2n-1}x)d(A_3 \cdots A_{2n-1}x, x)d(A_3 \cdots A_{2n-1}x, A_3 \cdots A_{2n-1}x)\right) + \end{aligned}$$

$$+m(x, A_3 \cdots A_{2n-1}x) - \phi(m(x, A_3 \cdots A_{2n-1}x)),$$

where

$$m(x, A_3 \cdots A_{2n-1}x) = \max \left\{ d^2(x, A_3 \cdots A_{2n-1}x), \right. \\ d(x, x)d(A_3 \cdots A_{2n-1}x, A_3 \cdots A_{2n-1}x), d(x, A_3 \cdots A_{2n-1}x)d(A_3 \cdots A_{2n-1}x, x), \\ \left. \frac{1}{2}[d(x, x)d(x, A_3 \cdots A_{2n-1}x) + d(A_3 \cdots A_{2n-1}x, x)d(A_3 \cdots A_{2n-1}x, A_3 \cdots A_{2n-1}x)] \right\},$$

After simplification, the above inequality becomes $pd^3(x, A_3 \cdots A_{2n-1}x) \leq 0$, which is possible only if $d(x, A_3 \cdots A_{2n-1}x) = 0$. This implies that $A_3 \cdots A_{2n-1}x = x$. Therefore, $Tx = A_1x = A_3x = \dots = A_{2n-1}x = x$. Hence, $Sx = Tx = A_1x = A_2x = A_3x \dots = A_{2n-1}x = A_{2n}x = x$. Uniqueness follows easily. Thus, x is a unique common fixed point of mappings S , T and $A_i (i = 1, 2, \dots, 2n)$. This completes the proof.

Now, we present slight generalized form of the above stated Theorems.

Theorem 2.3. Let (E, d) be a metric space and let $\{S_\lambda\}_{\lambda \in \Lambda}$ and $A_i (i = 1, 2, \dots, 2n)$ be two families of self mappings of E . Suppose there exists a fixed $\alpha \in \Lambda$ such that:

(C₄) for $\psi \in \Psi$, $\phi \in \Phi$, real number $p > 0$ and for all $u, v \in E$,

$$[1 + pd(A'u, A''v)]d^2(S_\alpha u, S_\lambda v) \leq p\psi \left(d^2(A'u, S_\alpha u)d(A''v, S_\lambda v), \right. \\ d(A'u, S_\alpha u)d^2(A''v, S_\lambda v), d(A'u, S_\alpha u)d(A'u, S_\lambda v)d(A''v, S_\alpha u), \\ \left. d(A'u, S_\lambda v)d(A''v, S_\alpha u)d(A''v, S_\lambda v) \right) + m(A'u, A''v) - \phi(m(A'u, A''v)),$$

where

$$m(A'u, A''v) = \max \left\{ d^2(A'u, A''v), d(A'u, S_\alpha u)d(A''v, S_\lambda v), d(A'u, S_\lambda v)d(A''v, S_\alpha u), \right. \\ \left. \frac{1}{2}[d(A'u, S_\alpha u)d(A'u, S_\lambda v) + d(A''v, S_\alpha u)d(A''v, S_\lambda v)] \right\}.$$

$$(C_5) \quad A_1(A_3 \cdots A_{2n-1}) = (A_3 \cdots A_{2n-1})A_1, \\ A_1A_3(A_5 \cdots A_{2n-1}) = (A_5 \cdots A_{2n-1})A_1A_3,$$

...

$$A_1A_3 \cdots A_{2n-3}(A_{2n-1}) = (A_{2n-1})A_1A_3 \cdots A_{2n-3};$$

$$S_\lambda(A_3 \cdots A_{2n-1}) = (A_3 \cdots A_{2n-1})S_\lambda,$$

$$S_\lambda(A_5 \cdots A_{2n-1}) = (A_5 \cdots A_{2n-1})S_\lambda,$$

...

$$S_\lambda A_{2n-1} = A_{2n-1}S_\lambda;$$

$$A_2(A_4 \cdots A_{2n}) = (A_4 \cdots A_{2n})A_2,$$

$$A_2A_4(A_6 \cdots A_{2n}) = (A_6 \cdots A_{2n})A_2A_4,$$

$$\begin{aligned}
& \dots \\
& A_2 A_4 \cdots A_{2n-2} (A_{2n}) = (A_{2n}) A_2 A_4 \cdots A_{2n-2}; \\
& S_\alpha (A_4 \cdots A_{2n}) = (A_4 \cdots A_{2n}) S_\alpha, \\
& S_\alpha (A_6 \cdots A_{2n}) = (A_6 \cdots A_{2n}) S_\alpha, \\
& \dots \\
& S_\alpha A_{2n} = A_{2n} S_\alpha;
\end{aligned}$$

(C₆) Suppose that either

- (a) $S_\lambda(E) \subset A'(E)$ and the pair (S_λ, A'') satisfy the property (E.A) and $A''(E)$ is a closed subset of E ; or
- (b) $S_\alpha(E) \subset A''(E)$ and the pair (S_α, A') satisfy the property (E.A) and $A'(E)$ is a closed subset of E

Then the pairs (S_α, A') and (S_λ, A'') have a coincidence point each. Moreover, all S_λ and A_i have a unique common fixed point in E , if the pairs (S_λ, A'') and (S_α, A') are occasionally weakly compatible mappings.

Proof. Let $S_{\lambda_0} \in \{S_\lambda\}_{\lambda \in \Lambda}$ be fixed. By taking $S = S_\alpha$, $T = S_{\lambda_0}$ and applying Theorems 2.1 and 2.2, it follows that there exists some $z \in E$ such that

$$S_\alpha z = S_{\lambda_0} z = A_1 z = A_2 z = A_3 z = \dots = A_{2n-1} z = A_{2n} z = z.$$

Let $\lambda \in \Lambda$ be arbitrary. Then, by taking $u = v = z$ in (C₄), we get

$$\begin{aligned}
[1 + pd(A'z, A''z)]d^2(S_\alpha z, S_\lambda z) &\leq p\psi \left(d^2(A'z, S_\alpha z)d(A''z, S_\lambda z), d(A'z, S_\alpha z)d^2(A''z, S_\lambda z), \right. \\
&\quad d(A'z, S_\alpha z)d(A'z, S_\lambda z)d(A''z, S_\alpha z), \\
&\quad \left. d(A'z, S_\lambda z)d(A''z, S_\alpha z)d(A''z, S_\lambda z) \right) \\
&\quad + m(A'z, A''z) - \phi(m(A'z, A''z)),
\end{aligned}$$

where

$$\begin{aligned}
m(A'z, A''z) &= \max \left\{ d^2(A'z, A''z), d(A'z, S_\alpha z)d(A''z, S_\lambda z), d(A'z, S_\lambda z)d(A''z, S_\alpha z), \right. \\
&\quad \left. \frac{1}{2}[d(A'z, S_\alpha z)d(A'z, S_\lambda z) + d(A''z, S_\alpha z)d(A''z, S_\lambda z)] \right\}.
\end{aligned}$$

Simplifying the above inequality becomes $d^2(S_\lambda z, z) \leq 0$, which is true only for $S_\lambda z = z$. Since λ was arbitrary, therefore $S_\lambda z = z$, for each $\lambda \in \Lambda$. Uniqueness follows easily. Thus, all S_λ and A_i have a unique common fixed point in E .

Remark 2.1. Theorems 2.2 and 2.3 generalize the result of Ćirić et al. [11, 12] and Razani and Yazadi [30] for family of mappings.

Remark 2.2. Taking $n = 2$ in Theorem 2.2, we obtain a generalized version of Theorem 1.2 for six mappings.

Remark 2.3. Taking $n = 1$ in Theorem 2.2, we get following theorem, which extend and generalize the results of Ćirić [10], Chugh and Kumar [9], Jain et al. [16, 18, 19, 20], Jungck [21], Kang et al. [27], Murthy and Prasad [29] and Zhang and Song [35] in various aspects.

Theorem 2.4. Let (E, d) be a metric space and S, T, A_1 and A_2 be four self mappings of E satisfying the following conditions

(C_1^*) for all $u, v \in E$, there exists functions $\phi \in \Phi$ and $\psi \in \Psi$ with a positive real number p such that

$$\begin{aligned} [1 + pd(A_2u, A_1v)]d^2(Su, Tv) &\leq p\psi\left(d^2(A_2u, Su)d(A_1v, Tv), \right. \\ &\quad d(A_2u, Su)d^2(A_1v, Tv), d(A_2u, Su)d(A_2u, Tv)d(A_1v, Su), \\ &\quad \left. d(A_2u, Tv)d(A_1v, Su)d(A_1v, Tv)\right) + m(A_2u, A_1v) - \phi(m(A_2u, A_1v)), \end{aligned}$$

where

$$\begin{aligned} m(A_2u, A_1v) = \max \left\{ d^2(A_2u, A_1v), d(A_2u, Su)d(A_1v, Tv), d(A_2u, Tv)d(A_1v, Su), \right. \\ \left. \frac{1}{2}[d(A_2u, Su)d(A_2u, Tv) + d(A_1v, Su)d(A_1v, Tv)] \right\}. \end{aligned}$$

(C_2^*) assume that either of the following holds

- (a) $T(E) \subset A_2(E)$ and the pair (T, A_1) satisfy the property $(E.A)$ and $A_1(E)$ is a closed subset of E ;
- (b) $S(E) \subset A_1(E)$ and the pair (S, A_2) satisfy the property $(E.A)$ and $A_2(E)$ is a closed subset of E .

Then the pairs (S, A_2) and (T, A_1) have a coincidence points each. Moreover, if the pairs (S, A_2) and (T, A_1) are occasionally weakly compatible, then S, T, A_1 and A_2 have a unique common fixed point in E .

Example 2.1. Let $E = [0, 10]$ and d be a usual metric. Let $A_1, A_2, S, T : E \rightarrow E$ be four mappings defined by $A_2u = 0, u = 0, A_2u = 8, u \in (0, \frac{5}{2}]$, $A_2u = u - \frac{5}{2}, u \in (\frac{5}{2}, 10]$; $Su = 0, u \in (\frac{5}{2}, 10] \cup \{0\}$, $Su = 4, u \in (0, \frac{5}{2}]$; $A_1u = 0, u = 0, A_1u = 4, u \in (0, 10]$; $Tu = 0, u = 0, Tu = 2, u \in (0, 10]$. Let $p > 0$ be a real number and $\phi : [0, \infty) \rightarrow [0, \infty)$ be a function defined by $\phi(t) = \frac{3}{2}t$, for $t \geq 0$ and $\psi : [0, \infty)^4 \rightarrow [0, \infty)$ be a function defined by $\psi(t_1, t_2, t_3, t_4) = \max\{t_1, t_2, t_3, t_4\}$, $t_i \geq 0, i = 1, 2, 3, 4$. Consider a sequence $\{u_n\} = \{2.5 + \frac{1}{n}\}$ in E . Then

$\lim_{n \rightarrow \infty} A_2 u_n = 0 = \lim_{n \rightarrow \infty} S u_n$, but $\lim_{n \rightarrow \infty} d(A_2 S u_n, S A_2 u_n) \neq 0$. Hence, the pair (A_2, S) is not compatible but satisfy the property $(E.A)$. Also, $S \subset A_2(E)$, $A_2(E)$ is closed and for the sequence $\{u_n\} = \{0\}$, the pairs (A_2, S) and (A_1, T) are occasionally weakly compatible. Hence, all the conditions of the Theorem 2.2 are satisfied and 0 is the unique common fixed point of A_2, A_1, S and T .

Corollary 2.1. Let (E, d) be a metric space and S and A be two self mappings of E satisfying the following conditions

(C_3^*) for all $u, v \in E$, there exists functions $\phi \in \Phi$ and $\psi \in \Psi$ with a positive real number p such that

$$\begin{aligned} [1 + pd(Au, Av)]d^2(Su, Sv) \leq p\psi & \left(d^2(Au, Su)d(Av, Sv), d(Au, Su)d^2(Av, Sv), \right. \\ & \left. d(Au, Su)d(Au, Sv)d(Av, Su), d(Au, Sv)d(Av, Su)d(Av, Sv) \right) + \\ & m(Au, Av) - \phi(m(Au, Av)), \end{aligned}$$

where

$$\begin{aligned} m(Au, Av) = \max & \left\{ d^2(Au, Av), d(Au, Su)d(Av, Sv), d(Au, Sv)d(Av, Su), \right. \\ & \left. \frac{1}{2}[d(Au, Su)d(Au, Sv) + d(Av, Su)d(Av, Sv)] \right\}, \end{aligned}$$

(C_4^*) $S(E) \subset A(E)$ and $A(E)$ is a closed subset of E ,

(C_5^*) the pair (S, A) satisfy the property $(E.A)$.

Then S and A have a coincidence point. Moreover, if the pair (S, A) is occasionally weakly compatible, then S and A have a unique common fixed point in E .

Proof. Proof follows easily by taking $S = T$ and $A_1 = A_2 = A$ in Theorem 2.4.

3 Application

Throughout this section, we assume that U and V are Banach spaces, $\hat{S} \subseteq U$ and $D \subseteq V$ are state and decision spaces respectively. Let $\mathbb{R}$ denote the field of real numbers and $B(\hat{S})$ denotes the set of all bounded real valued functions on S .

Bellman and Lee [7] presented the basic form of functional equation of dynamic programming as follows:

$$h(u) = \text{opt}_v G(u, v, h(\tau(u, v))),$$

where u and v are the state and decision vectors respectively, τ is the transformation of the process and $h(u)$ is the optimal return with initial state u and opt denotes max or min.

As an application of Theorem 2.4, we investigate the existence and uniqueness of a common solution of the following functional equations arising in dynamic programming.

$$h_i(u) = \sup_{v \in D} G_i(u, v, h_i(\tau(u, v))), u \in \hat{S}, \quad (4)$$

$$k_i(u) = \sup_{v \in D} F_i(u, v, k_i(\tau(u, v))), u \in \hat{S}, \quad (5)$$

where $\tau : \hat{S} \times D \rightarrow S$ and $G_i, F_i : \hat{S} \times D \times \mathbb{R} \rightarrow \mathbb{R}, i = 1, 2$.

Define P_i and Q_i as follows

$$\begin{aligned} P_i f(u) &= \sup_{v \in D} F_i(u, v, f(\tau(u, v))), u \in \hat{S}, \\ Q_i g(u) &= \sup_{v \in D} G_i(u, v, g(\tau(u, v))), u \in \hat{S}, \end{aligned} \quad (6)$$

for all $u \in \hat{S}; f, g \in B(\hat{S}), i = 1, 2$.

Theorem 3.1. *Suppose that the following conditions hold:*

(D₁) G_i and F_i are bounded for $i = 1, 2$.

(D₂) Assume that either (a) - (c) or (d) - (f) holds

(a) for any $f \in B(\hat{S})$, there exists $g \in B(\hat{S})$ such that $Q_1 f(u) = P_2 g(u), u \in \hat{S}$;

(b) there exists $\{f_n\} \subset B(\hat{S})$ such that $\lim_{n \rightarrow \infty} P_1 f_n(u) = f(u) = \lim_{n \rightarrow \infty} Q_1 f_n(u)$, for some $f \in B(\hat{S})$;

(c) for sequence $\{f_n\} \subset B(\hat{S})$ and $f \in B(\hat{S})$ with $\lim_{n \rightarrow \infty} P_1 f_n(u) = f(u)$, there exists $f^* \in B(\hat{S})$ such that $f(u) = P_1 f^*(u)$, for some $u \in \hat{S}$;

(d) for any $k \in B(\hat{S})$, there exists $h \in B(\hat{S})$ such that $Q_2 k(u) = P_1 h(u), u \in \hat{S}$;

(e) there exists $\{g_n\} \subset B(\hat{S})$ such that $\lim_{n \rightarrow \infty} P_2 g_n(u) = g(u) = \lim_{n \rightarrow \infty} Q_2 g_n(u)$, for some $g \in B(\hat{S})$;

(f) for sequence $\{g_n\} \subset B(\hat{S})$ and $g \in B(\hat{S})$ with $\lim_{n \rightarrow \infty} P_2 g_n(u) = g(u)$, there exists $g^* \in B(\hat{S})$ such that $g(u) = P_2 g^*(u)$, for some $u \in \hat{S}$.

(D₃) There exist $f, g \in B(\hat{S})$, $P_1 f = Q_1 f$ implies that $Q_1 P_1 f = P_1 Q_1 f$ and $P_2 g = Q_2 g$ implies that $P_2 Q_2 g = Q_2 P_2 g$.

(D₄) For all $(u, v) \in \hat{S} \times D, f, g \in B(\hat{S}), t \in \hat{S}$ such that

$$|G_1(u, v, f(t)) - G_2(u, v, g(t))| \leq M^{-1} \left(p \psi \left(d^2(P_1 f, Q_1 f) d(P_2 g, Q_2 g), \right. \right.$$

$$\left. d(P_1 f, Q_1 f) d^2(P_2 g, Q_2 g), d(P_1 f, Q_1 f) d(P_1 f, Q_2 g) d(P_2 g, Q_1 f), \right.$$

$$d(P_1f, Q_2g)d(P_2g, Q_1f)d(P_2g, Q_2g)) + m(P_1f, P_2g) - \phi(m(P_1f, P_2g)) \Big),$$

where

$$m(P_1f, P_2g) = \max \{d^2(P_1f, P_2g), d(P_1f, Q_1f)d(P_2g, Q_2g),$$

$$d(P_1f, Q_2g)d(P_2g, Q_2g), \frac{1}{2}[d(P_1f, Q_1f)d(P_1f, Q_2g)] + d(P_2g, Q_1f)d(P_2g, Q_2g)\},$$

$$M = [1 + p \sup_{u \in \hat{S}} |P_1f(u) - P_2g(u)|] \sup_{u \in \hat{S}} |Q_1f(u) - Q_2g(u)|, Q_1f \neq Q_2g, \phi \in \Phi, \psi \in \Psi,$$

p is a positive real number and the mappings P_1, P_2, Q_1 and Q_2 are defined as in (6).

Then the system of functional equations given by (4) and (5) have a unique common solution in $B(\hat{S})$.

Proof. Let $d(h, k) = \sup_{u \in \hat{S}} |h(u) - k(u)|$, for any $h, k \in B(\hat{S})$. Obviously, $(B(\hat{S}), d)$ is a complete

metric space. For $\eta > 0$, $u \in \hat{S}$ and $g_1, g_2 \in B(\hat{S})$, there exists $v_1, v_2 \in D$ such that

$$Q_1g_1(u) < G_1(u, v_1, g_1(u_1)) + \eta, \quad (7)$$

where $u_i = \tau(u, v_i), i = 1, 2$. Also, we have

$$Q_1g_1(u) \geq G_1(u, v_2, g_1(u_2)), \quad (8)$$

$$Q_2g_2(u) \geq G_2(u, v_1, g_2(u_1)). \quad (9)$$

From (7), (9) and (D_4) , we have

$$\begin{aligned} Q_1g_1(u) - Q_2g_2(u) &< G_1(u, v_1, g_1(u_1)) - G_2(u, v_1, g_2(u_1)) + \eta \\ &\leq M^{-1} \left(p \psi \left(d^2(P_1g_1, Q_1g_1)d(P_2g_2, Q_2g_2), \right. \right. \\ &\quad d(P_1g_1, Q_1g_1)d^2(P_2g_2, Q_2g_2), \\ &\quad d(P_1g_1, Q_1g_1)d(P_1g_1, Q_2g_2)d(P_2g_2, Q_1g_1), \\ &\quad d(P_1g_1, Q_2g_2)d(P_2g_2, Q_1g_1)d(P_2g_2, Q_2g_2) \Big) \\ &\quad \left. + m(P_1g_1, P_2g_2) - \phi(m(P_1g_1, P_2g_2)) \right) + \eta, \end{aligned} \quad (10)$$

From (7), (8) and (D_4) , we have

$$\begin{aligned} Q_1g_1(u) - Q_2g_2(u) &> G_1(u, v_2, g_1(u_2)) - G_2(u, v_2, g_2(u_2)) - \eta \\ &\geq -M^{-1} \left(p \psi \left(d^2(P_1g_1, Q_1g_1)d(P_2g_2, Q_2g_2), \right. \right. \\ &\quad d(P_1g_1, Q_1g_1)d^2(P_2g_2, Q_2g_2), \\ &\quad d(P_1g_1, Q_1g_1)d(P_1g_1, Q_2g_2)d(P_2g_2, Q_1g_1), \\ &\quad d(P_1g_1, Q_2g_2)d(P_2g_2, Q_1g_1)d(P_2g_2, Q_2g_2) \Big) \\ &\quad \left. + m(P_1g_1, P_2g_2) - \phi(m(P_1g_1, P_2g_2)) \right) - \eta, \end{aligned} \quad (11)$$

From (10) and (11), we obtain

$$\begin{aligned}
 |Q_{1g_1}(u) - Q_{2g_2}(u)| \leq M^{-1} & \left(p \psi \left(d^2(P_{1g_1}, Q_{1g_1}) d(P_{2g_2}, Q_{2g_2}), \right. \right. \\
 & d(P_{1g_1}, Q_{1g_1}) d^2(P_{2g_2}, Q_{2g_2}), \\
 & d(P_{1g_1}, Q_{1g_1}) d(P_{1g_1}, Q_{2g_2}) d(P_{2g_2}, Q_{1g_1}), \\
 & d(P_{1g_1}, Q_{2g_2}) d(P_{2g_2}, Q_{1g_1}) d(P_{2g_2}, Q_{2g_2}) \Big) \\
 & \left. + m(P_{1g_1}, P_{2g_2}) - \phi(m(P_{1g_1}, P_{2g_2})) \right) + \eta,
 \end{aligned} \tag{12}$$

As $\eta > 0$ is arbitrary and (12) is true for all $u \in \hat{S}$, taking supremum, we get

$$\begin{aligned}
 [1 + pd(P_{1g_1}, P_{2g_2})] d^2(Q_{1g_1}, Q_{2g_2}) \leq & p \psi \left(d^2(P_{1g_1}, Q_{1g_1}) d(P_{2g_2}, Q_{2g_2}), \right. \\
 & d(P_{1g_1}, Q_{1g_1}) d^2(P_{2g_2}, Q_{2g_2}), \\
 & d(P_{1g_1}, Q_{1g_1}) d(P_{1g_1}, Q_{2g_2}) d(P_{2g_2}, Q_{1g_1}), \\
 & d(P_{1g_1}, Q_{2g_2}) d(P_{2g_2}, Q_{1g_1}) d(P_{2g_2}, Q_{2g_2}) \Big) \\
 & \left. + m(P_{1g_1}, P_{2g_2}) - \phi(m(P_{1g_1}, P_{2g_2})) \right).
 \end{aligned} \tag{13}$$

Therefore, Theorem 2.4 applies, where P_1, P_2, Q_1, Q_2 correspond to the mappings A_2, A_1, S, T respectively. So, P_1, P_2, Q_1 and Q_2 have a unique common fixed point $h^* \in B(\hat{S})$, i.e., $^*(u)$ is a unique common solution of the system of functional equations (4) and (5).

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