

## SUZUKI TYPE COMMON FIXED POINT THEOREMS AND APPLICATIONS

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**Abstract.** Common fixed point theorems for Suzuki type conditions for a pair of maps on a metric space are obtained. Existence of a common solution for a class of functional equations arising in dynamic programming is also discussed.

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### 1. INTRODUCTION

Generalizing the classical Banach contraction theorem (Bct) and some other results by Chatterjea [5], Hardy and Rogers [8], Kannan [10], Reich [15], Rus [17] and others, Wong [24] obtained the following common fixed point theorem for a pair of maps on a complete metric space.

**Theorem 1.1** *Let  $S$  and  $T$  be maps from a complete metric space  $(X, d)$  to itself. Suppose that there exist nonnegative real numbers  $a_1, a_2, a_3, a_4, a_5$  which satisfy*

- (i)  $a_1 + a_2 + a_3 + a_4 + a_5 < 1$ ;
- (ii)  $a_2 = a_3$  or  $a_4 = a_5$ .

*Assume for each  $x, y \in X$ ,*

- (iii)  $d(Sx, Ty) \leq a_1d(x, y) + a_2d(x, Sx) + a_3d(y, Ty) + a_4d(x, Ty) + a_5d(y, Sx)$ .

*Then  $S$  and  $T$  have a unique common fixed point.*

Recently Suzuki [23] obtained a forceful generalization of the Bct. It has several important outcomes and applications (see, for instance, [6, 7, 11, 12, 14, 20, 22]). The following generalization of the Bct is essentially due to Mo $\u015b$  and Petru\u015eel [12].

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**Theorem 1.2** Let  $T$  be a map from a complete metric space  $X$  into itself. Suppose that there exist nonnegative real numbers  $a_1, a_2, a_3$  such that  $a_1 + a_2 + a_3 < 1$ . Assume, for each  $x, y \in X$ ,

$$\left( \frac{(1 - a_2 - a_3)}{(1 + a_1)} \right) d(x, Tx) \leq d(x, y)$$

implies

$$d(Tx, Ty) \leq a_1 d(x, y) + a_2 d(x, Tx) + a_3 d(y, Ty).$$

Then  $T$  has a unique fixed point.

The purpose of this paper is to obtain a generalization of Theorems 1.1 and 1.2. Applications regarding the existence of common solutions of certain functional equations are also discussed.

## 2. COMMON FIXED POINT THEOREMS

We begin with the following result.

**Theorem 2.1** Let  $S$  and  $T$  be maps from a complete metric space  $X$  to itself. Suppose that there exist nonnegative real numbers  $a_1, a_2, a_3, a_4, a_5$  which satisfy (i) and (ii). Assume for each  $x, y \in X$ ,

$$\beta \min\{d(x, Sx), d(y, Ty)\} \leq d(x, y) \quad \text{implies (iii)}, \quad (2.1)$$

where  $\beta = \left( \frac{(1 - a_2 - a_3 - a_4 - a_5)}{(1 + a_1 + a_4 + a_5)} \right)$ .

Then  $S$  and  $T$  have a unique common fixed point.

*Proof.* Pick  $x_0 \in X$ . Construct a sequence  $x_n$  in  $X$  such that

$$x_{2n+1} = Sx_{2n}, \quad x_{2n+2} = Tx_{2n+1}, \quad n = 0, 1, 2, \dots$$

If, for any  $n$ ,  $d(x_{2n}, x_{2n+1}) \leq d(x_{2n+1}, x_{2n+2})$ , then

$$\begin{aligned} \beta \min\{d(x_{2n}, Sx_{2n}), d(x_{2n+1}, Tx_{2n+1})\} &= \beta \min\{d(x_{2n}, x_{2n+1}), d(x_{2n+1}, x_{2n+2})\} \\ &= \beta d(x_{2n}, x_{2n+1}) \\ &\leq d(x_{2n}, x_{2n+1}). \end{aligned}$$

If, for any  $n$ ,  $d(x_{2n+1}, x_{2n+2}) \leq d(x_{2n}, x_{2n+1})$ , then

$$\begin{aligned} \beta \min\{d(x_{2n}, Sx_{2n}), d(x_{2n+1}, Tx_{2n+1})\} &= \beta \min\{d(x_{2n}, x_{2n+1}), d(x_{2n+1}, x_{2n+2})\} \\ &= \beta d(x_{2n+1}, x_{2n+2}) \\ &\leq d(x_{2n+1}, x_{2n+2}) \\ &\leq d(x_{2n}, x_{2n+1}). \end{aligned}$$

Hence, in either case by (2.1),

$$\begin{aligned} d(x_{2n+1}, x_{2n+2}) &= d(Sx_{2n}, Tx_{2n+1}) \\ &\leq a_1 d(x_{2n}, x_{2n+1}) + a_2 d(x_{2n}, Sx_{2n}) + a_3 d(x_{2n+1}, Tx_{2n+1}) \\ &\quad + a_4 d(x_{2n}, Tx_{2n+1}) + a_5 d(x_{2n+1}, Sx_{2n}) \\ &= a_1 d(x_{2n}, x_{2n+1}) + a_2 d(x_{2n}, x_{2n+1}) + a_3 d(x_{2n+1}, x_{2n+2}) \\ &\quad + a_4 d(x_{2n}, x_{2n+1}) + a_5 d(x_{2n+1}, x_{2n+2}). \end{aligned}$$

This yields

$$d(x_{2n+1}, x_{2n+2}) \leq r d(x_{2n}, x_{2n+1}), \quad (2.2)$$

where  $r = \frac{(a_1 + a_2 + a_4)}{(1 - a_3 - a_4)}$ .

Analogously

$$d(x_{2n+2}, x_{2n+3}) \leq s d(x_{2n+1}, x_{2n+2}), \quad (2.3)$$

where  $s = \frac{(a_1 + a_3 + a_5)}{(1 - a_2 - a_5)}$ .

Therefore inductively by (2.2) and (2.3),

$$d(x_{2n+1}, x_{2n+2}) \leq r(rs)^n d(x_0, x_1) \quad \text{and} \quad d(x_{2n+2}, x_{2n+3}) \leq (rs)^{n+1} d(x_0, x_1).$$

Since  $rs < 1$  and

$$\sum_{n=0}^{\infty} d(x_n, x_{n+1}) \leq (1+r) \sum_{n=0}^{\infty} (rs)^n d(x_0, x_1),$$

$\{x_n\}$  is Cauchy sequence. Since the space  $X$  is complete, it has a limit in  $X$ . Call it  $z$ .

Now we show that  $z$  is fixed point of  $S$ . Let  $N$  be the set of natural numbers.

Since  $x_n \rightarrow z$ , there exists  $n_0 \in N$  such that

$$d(z, x_n) \leq \frac{1}{3}d(z, y) \quad \text{for } y \neq z \text{ and all } n \geq n_0.$$

Then as in [23, p. 1862] and [12, p. 3376],

$$\begin{aligned} \beta d(x_{2n}, Sx_{2n}) &\leq d(x_{2n}, Sx_{2n}) \\ &= d(x_{2n}, x_{2n+1}) \\ &\leq d(x_{2n}, z) + d(z, x_{2n+1}) \\ &\leq \frac{2}{3}d(z, y) \\ &= d(z, y) - \frac{1}{3}d(z, y) \\ &\leq d(z, y) - d(x_{2n}, z) \\ &\leq d(x_{2n}, y). \end{aligned} \quad (2.4)$$

If  $d(x_{2n}, Sx_{2n}) \leq d(y, Ty)$  then by (2.4),

$$\beta \min\{d(x_{2n}, Sx_{2n}), d(y, Ty)\} \leq d(x_{2n}, y).$$

If  $d(y, Ty) \leq d(x_{2n}, Sx_{2n})$ , then again by (2.4),

$$\begin{aligned} \beta \min\{d(x_{2n}, Sx_{2n}), d(y, Ty)\} &= \beta d(y, Ty) \\ &\leq \beta d(x_{2n}, Sx_{2n}) \\ &\leq d(x_{2n}, y). \end{aligned}$$

So for any  $n \in N$ ,

$$\beta \min\{d(x_{2n}, Sx_{2n}), d(y, Ty)\} \leq d(x_{2n}, y).$$

Hence by (2.1),

$$\begin{aligned} d(Sx_{2n}, Ty) &\leq a_1d(x_{2n}, y) + a_2d(x_{2n}, Sx_{2n}) + a_3d(y, Ty) \\ &\quad + a_4d(x_{2n}, Ty) + a_5d(y, Sx_{2n}) \\ &= a_1d(x_{2n}, y) + a_2d(x_{2n}, x_{2n+1}) + a_3d(y, Ty) \\ &\quad + a_4d(x_{2n}, Ty) + a_5d(y, x_{2n+1}). \end{aligned}$$

Making  $n \rightarrow \infty$ ,

$$d(z, Ty) \leq (a_1 + a_5)d(z, y) + a_3d(y, Ty) + a_4d(z, Ty).$$

Therefore

$$\begin{aligned} d(y, Ty) &\leq d(z, y) + d(z, Ty) \\ &\leq (1 + a_1 + a_5)d(z, y) + a_3d(y, Ty) + a_4d(z, Ty) \\ &\leq (1 + a_1 + a_5)d(z, y) + a_3d(y, Ty) + a_4d(z, y) + a_4d(y, Ty). \end{aligned}$$

This gives

$$\left( \frac{1 - a_3 - a_4}{1 + a_1 + a_4 + a_5} \right) d(y, Ty) \leq d(z, y).$$

Therefore

$$\beta d(y, Ty) \leq \left( \frac{1 - a_3 - a_4}{1 + a_1 + a_4 + a_5} \right) d(y, Ty) \leq d(z, y). \quad (2.5)$$

Now we consider two cases.

(I) Suppose  $\min\{d(z, Sz), d(y, Ty)\} = d(y, Ty)$ .

Then by (2.5),

$$\beta \min\{d(z, Sz), d(y, Ty)\} \leq d(z, y),$$

and by (2.1),

$$d(Sz, Ty) \leq a_1d(z, y) + a_2d(z, Sz) + a_3d(y, Ty) + a_4d(z, Ty) + a_5d(y, Sz).$$

Taking  $y = x_{2n+1}$ , this gives

$$\begin{aligned} d(Sz, Tx_{2n+1}) &\leq a_1d(z, x_{2n+1}) + a_2d(z, Sz) + a_3d(x_{2n+1}, Tx_{2n+1}) \\ &\quad + a_4d(z, Tx_{2n+1}) + a_5d(x_{2n+1}, Sz). \end{aligned}$$

Making  $n \rightarrow \infty$ ,

$$d(z, Sz) \leq a_2d(z, Sz) + a_5d(z, Sz).$$

This proves  $Sz = z$ .

(II) Suppose  $\min\{d(z, Sz), d(y, Ty)\} = d(z, Sz)$ .

Then by (2.5),

$$\beta \min\{d(z, Sz), d(y, Ty)\} = \beta d(z, Sz) \leq \beta d(y, Ty) \leq d(z, y).$$

We shall use the obvious fact of this case, viz.,  $\beta d(z, Sz) \leq d(z, y)$  as well.

Therefore by (2.1),

$$\begin{aligned} d(Sz, Ty) &\leq a_1d(z, y) + a_2d(z, Sz) + a_3d(y, Ty) + a_4d(z, Ty) + a_5d(y, Sz) \\ &\leq a_1d(z, y) + \frac{a_2}{\beta}d(z, y) + a_3d(y, Ty) + a_4d(z, Ty) + a_5d(y, Sz). \end{aligned}$$

Taking  $y = x_{2n+1}$  in this relation and passing to the limit, we obtain  $d(Sz, z) \leq a_5d(z, Sz)$ , and  $z$  is a fixed point of  $S$ .

Thus we have shown that  $z$  is a fixed point of  $S$  in both the cases. Analogously, we can prove that  $z$  is a fixed point of  $T$  as well.

Assume that  $y$  is another common fixed point of  $S$  and  $T$ . Then as

$$\beta \min\{d(z, Sz), d(y, Ty)\} = 0 \leq d(z, y).$$

We have by (2.1),

$$\begin{aligned} d(z, y) = d(Sz, Ty) &\leq a_1d(z, y) + a_2d(z, Sz) + a_3d(y, Ty) + a_4d(z, Ty) + a_5d(y, Sz) \\ &\leq (a_1 + a_4 + a_5)d(z, y), \end{aligned}$$

yielding  $z = y$ .

This completes the proof.

**Corollary 2.1** *Theorem 1.2.*

*Proof.* It comes from Theorem 2.1 when  $S = T$  and  $a_4 = a_5 = 0$ .

The following result is a generalization of Theorem 1.2 and certain results from [8, 9, 15, 16, 18] and others.

**Corollary 2.2** *Let  $T$  be a map from a complete metric space  $X$  to itself. Suppose that there exist nonnegative real numbers  $a_1, a_2, a_3, a_4, a_5$  which satisfy (i) and (ii). Assume, for each  $x, y \in X$ ,*

$$\beta d(x, Tx) \leq d(x, y)$$

*implies*

$$d(Tx, Ty) \leq a_1d(x, y) + a_2d(x, Tx) + a_3d(y, Ty) + a_4d(x, Ty) + a_5d(y, Tx),$$

$$\text{where } \beta = \left( \frac{(1 - a_2 - a_3 - a_4 - a_5)}{(1 + a_1 + a_4 + a_5)} \right).$$

*Then  $T$  has a unique fixed point.*

*Proof.* It comes from Theorem 2.1 when  $S = T$ .

The following example shows the generality of Theorem 2.1 over Theorem 1.1.

**Example 2.1** Let  $X = \{(1, 1), (1, 4), (4, 1), (4, 5), (5, 4)\}$  and  $d$  is defined by  $d[(x_1, x_2), (y_1, y_2)] = |x_1 - y_1| + |x_2 - y_2|$ .

Let  $S$  and  $T$  be such that

$$S(x_1, x_2) = \begin{cases} (x_1, 1) & \text{if } x_1 \leq x_2 \\ (1, x_2) & \text{if } x_1 > x_2 \end{cases} \quad \text{and} \quad T(x_1, x_2) = \begin{cases} (1, x_1) & \text{if } x_1 \leq x_2 \\ (x_2, 1) & \text{if } x_1 > x_2 \end{cases}$$

Then  $S$  and  $T$  do not satisfy the condition (iii) of Theorem 1.1 at  $x = (4, 5)$ ,  $y = (4, 5)$ . However, this is readily verified that all the hypotheses of Theorem 2.1 are satisfied for the maps  $S$  and  $T$ .

We remark that, by virtue of symmetry in the contractive condition (iii), one may take  $a_2 = a_3$  and  $a_4 = a_5$  (see, for instance, [8, 16, 17] and [18, p. 98]). So, we

have the following result generalizing several common fixed point theorems (see, for instance, Rus [18, Theorem 9.8.1]).

**Theorem 2.2** *Let  $S$  and  $T$  be maps from a complete metric space  $X$  to itself. Suppose that there exist nonnegative real numbers  $a, b, c$  which satisfy*

$$(iv) \quad a + 2b + 2c < 1.$$

*Assume for each  $x, y \in X$ ,*

$$\gamma \min\{d(x, Sx), d(y, Ty)\} \leq d(x, y)$$

*implies*

$$(v) \quad d(Sx, Ty) \leq ad(x, y) + b[d(x, Sx) + d(y, Ty)] + c[d(x, Ty) + d(y, Sx)],$$

$$\text{where } \gamma = \left( \frac{(1 - 2b - 2c)}{(1 + a + 2c)} \right).$$

*Then  $S$  and  $T$  have a unique common fixed point.*

### 3. APPLICATIONS

In all that follows we assume that  $Y$  and  $Z$  are Banach spaces,  $W \subseteq Y$  and  $D \subseteq Z$ . Let  $R$  denote the field of reals,  $g_1, g_2 : W \times D \rightarrow R$  and  $H_1, H_2 : W \times D \times R \rightarrow R$ . Viewing  $W$  and  $D$  as the state and decision spaces respectively, the problem of dynamic programming reduces to the problem of solving functional equations:

$$p_i = \sup_{y \in D} \{g_i(x, y) + H_i(x, y, p_i(x, y))\}, \quad x \in W, \quad i = 1, 2. \quad (3.1)$$

In the multistage process, some functional equations arise in a natural way (cf. Bellman [2] and Bellman and Lee [3]; see also [1, 4, 13, 19]). The intent of this section is to study the existence of the common solution of the functional equations (3.1).

Let  $B(W)$  denote the set of all bounded real-valued functions on  $W$ . For an arbitrary  $h \in B(W)$ , define  $\|h\| = \sup_{x \in W} |h(x)|$ . Then  $(B(W), \|\cdot\|)$  is a Banach space.

Suppose that the following conditions hold:

(DP-1)  $H_1, H_2, g_1$  and  $g_2$  are bounded.

(DP-2) Let  $a, b, c$  and  $\gamma$  be defined as in Theorem 2.2. Assume for every  $(x, y) \in W \times D$ ,  $h, k \in B(W)$  and  $t \in W$ ,

$$\gamma \min\{|h(t) - A_1 h(t)|, |k(t) - A_2 k(t)|\} \leq |h(t) - k(t)|$$

implies

$$\begin{aligned} & |H_1(x, y, h(t)) - H_2(x, y, k(t))| \\ & \leq a|h(t) - k(t)| + b[|h(t) - A_1 h(t)| + |k(t) - A_2 k(t)|] \\ & \quad + c[|h(t) - A_2 k(t)| + |k(t) - A_1 h(t)|] \end{aligned}$$

where  $A_1, A_2$  are defined as follows:

$$A_i h(x) = \sup_{y \in D} H_i(x, y, h(x, y)), \quad x \in W, \quad h \in B(W), \quad i = 1, 2.$$

**Theorem 3.1** *Assume the conditions (DP-1) and (DP-2). Then the functional equations (3.1),  $i = 1, 2$ , have a unique common solution in  $B(W)$ .*

*Proof.* For any  $h, k \in B(W)$ , let  $d(h, k) := \sup\{|h(x) - k(x)| : x \in W\}$ . Let  $\lambda$  be any arbitrary positive number and  $h_1, h_2 \in B(W)$ . Pick  $x \in W$  and choose  $y_1, y_2 \in D$  such that

$$A_i h_i < H_i(x, y_i, h_i(x_i)) + \lambda, \quad (3.2)$$

where  $x_i = (x, y_i)$ ,  $i = 1, 2$ .

Further,

$$A_1 h_1 \geq H_1(x, y_2, h_1(x_2)), \quad (3.3)$$

$$A_2 h_2 \geq H_2(x, y_1, h_2(x_1)). \quad (3.4)$$

Therefore, the first inequality in (DP-2) becomes

$$\gamma \min\{|h_1(x) - A_1 h_1(x)|, |h_2(x) - A_2 h_2(x)|\} \leq |h_1(x) - h_2(x)|, \quad (3.5)$$

and this together with (3.2) and (3.4) implies

$$\begin{aligned} A_1 h_1 - A_2 h_2 &< H_1(x, y_1, h_1(x_1)) - H_2(x, y_1, h_2(x_1)) + \lambda \\ &\leq |H_1(x, y_1, h_1(x_1)) - H_2(x, y_1, h_2(x_1))| + \lambda \\ &\leq a|h_1(t) - h_2(t)| + b[|h_1(t) - A_1 h_1(t)| + |h_2(t) - A_2 h_2(t)|] \\ &\quad + c[|h_1(t) - A_2 h_2(t)| + |h_2(t) - A_1 h_1(t)|] + \lambda. \end{aligned} \quad (3.6)$$

Similarly, (3.2), (3.3) and (3.5) imply

$$\begin{aligned} A_2 h_2(x) - A_1 h_1(x) &\leq a|h_1(t) - h_2(t)| + b[|h_1(t) - A_1 h_1(t)| + |h_2(t) - A_2 h_2(t)|] \\ &\quad + c[|h_1(t) - A_2 h_2(t)| + |h_2(t) - A_1 h_1(t)|] + \lambda. \end{aligned} \quad (3.7)$$

So from (3.6) and (3.7), we obtain

$$\begin{aligned} |A_1 h_1(x) - A_2 h_2(x)| &\leq a|h_1(t) - h_2(t)| + b[|h_1(t) - A_1 h_1(t)| + |h_2(t) - A_2 h_2(t)|] \\ &\quad + c[|h_1(t) - A_2 h_2(t)| + |h_2(t) - A_1 h_1(t)|] + \lambda. \end{aligned} \quad (3.8)$$

Since this inequality is true for any  $x \in W$ , and  $\lambda > 0$  is arbitrary, on taking supremum we find from (3.5) and (3.8) that

$$\gamma \min\{d(h_1, A_1 h_1), d(h_2, A_2 h_2)\} \leq d(h_1, h_2)$$

implies

$$\begin{aligned} d(A_1 h_1, A_2 h_2) &\leq a|h_1(t) - h_2(t)| + b[|h_1(t) - A_1 h_1(t)| + |h_2(t) - A_2 h_2(t)|] \\ &\quad + c[|h_1(t) - A_2 h_2(t)| + |h_2(t) - A_1 h_1(t)|], \end{aligned}$$

that is

$$\begin{aligned} d(A_1 h_1, A_2 h_2) &\leq ad(h_1, h_2) + b[d(h_1, A_1 h_1) + d(h_2, A_2 h_2)] \\ &\quad + c[d(h_1, A_2 h_2) + d(h_2, A_1 h_1)]. \end{aligned}$$

Therefore, Theorem 2.1 applies, wherein  $A_1$  and  $A_2$  correspond respectively to the maps  $S$  and  $T$ . So  $A_1$  and  $A_2$  have a unique common fixed point  $h^*$ , that is,  $h^*(x)$  is the unique bounded common solution of the functional equations (3.1),  $i = 1, 2$ .

The following result is a variant of Singh and Mishra [21, Corollary 4.2] which in turn extends certain results from [1, 3, 4].

**Corollary 3.1** *Suppose that the following conditions hold.*

- (i)  $G$  and  $g$  are bounded.
- (ii) There exists  $r \in [0, 1)$  such that for every  $(x, y) \in W \times D$ ,  $h, k \in B(W)$  and  $t \in W$ ,

$$\gamma \min |h(t) - Kh(t)| \leq |h(t) - k(t)|$$

implies

$$|G(x, y, h(t)) - G(x, y, k(t))| \leq a|h(t) - k(t)| + 2b[|h(t) - Kh(t)| + |k(t) - Kk(t)|] \\ + 2c[|h(t) - Kk(t)| + |k(t) - Kh(t)|].$$

where  $K$  is defined as

$$Kh(t) = \sup_{y \in D} \{g(t, y) + G(t, y, h(t, y))\}, \quad t \in W, h \in B(W).$$

Then the functional equation (3.1) with  $H_1 = H_2 = G$  and  $g_1 = g_2 = g$  possesses a unique bounded solution in  $W$ .

*Proof.* It comes from Theorem 3.1 when  $g_1 = g_2 = g$  and  $H_1 = H_2 = G$ .

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