# NONCOMMUTING *f*-CONTRACTION MAPPINGS

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**Abstract.** Some fixed and coincidence point theorems for R-weakly commuting mappings are obtained. Our results generalize some recent results of Daffer and Kaneko [2] and many of the others.

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### 1. Introduction and preliminaries

The study of fixed points of multivalued contraction mappings was initiated by Nadler [10] in 1969. Since then there has been a lot of activity in this area and a number of generalization of Nadler's contraction principle have appeared (see, for example, the work of Dube and Singh [3], Iseki [5], Ray [12], Itoh and Takahashi [6], Aubin and siegel [1], Hu [4], Massa [9], Kaneko [7], etc). Most of the theorems deal with commuting or with noncommuting mappings. Recently Pant [11] introduced the notion of R-weak commutativity and proved two common fixed point theorems for a pair of mappings. The purpose of this paper is to extend the idea of Pant to multivalued mappings and obtain some coincidence and fixed point theorems for R-weakly commuting multivalued mappings. These theorems generalize many existing fixed point theorems.

Throughout this paper X denotes a metric space with metric d, f a continuous self map of X. For  $x \in X$  and  $A \subseteq X$ ,  $d(x,A) = \inf\{d(x,y) : y \in A\}$ . A subset A of X is said to be proximal [2] if, for each  $x \in X$ , there exists an element  $a \in A$  such that d(x,a) = d(x,A). We denote by P(X) the class of nonempty proximal subset of X, by F(X) the class of all nonempty closed subsets of X and by K(X) the class of all nonempty compact subsets of X. Let H be the Hausdorff metric with respect to d, that is,  $H(A,B) = \max\{\sup_{x \in A} d(x,B), \sup_{y \in B} d(y,A)\}$  for every  $A, B \in F(X)$ . Let  $T: X \to F(X)$  be a mapping. Then a sequence  $\{x_n\}$  in X is said to be an forbit of x under T [2] if,  $f(x_n) \in Tx_{n-1}, x = x_0$ . We assumed that  $TX \subseteq fX$ . An f-orbit of x under T is said to be (i) regular [7] provided that for each  $n, d(fx_n, fx_{n+1}) \leq H(Tx_{n-1}, Tx_n)$ , and  $d(fx_n, fx_{n+1}) \leq d(fx_{n-1}, fx_n)$ ; (ii) strongly regular [4] if, T maps x into a proximinal set Tx, and for each n,  $d(fx_n, fx_{n+1}) = d(fx_n, Tx_n)$ . A point  $p \in X$  is said to be a fixed point of  $T: X \to F(X)$  if  $p \in Tp$ . The point p is called a coincidence point of f and T

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if  $fp \in Tp$ . A mapping  $T: X \to F(X)$  is said to be an *f*-contraction [2], where  $f: X \to X$  is continuous, if for  $x, y \in X$ ,  $H(Tx, Ty) \leq d(fx, fy)$  whenever  $fx \neq fy$ . Note that this definition alone is not sufficient to ensure that T is continuous [2] (cf. Remark 1).

**Definition 1.1.** The mappings  $f : X \to X$  and  $T : X \to F(X)$  are said to be *R*-weakly commuting if, for all  $x \in X$ ,  $fTx \in F(X)$  and there exists some positive real number *R* such that

$$H(fTx, Tfx) \le Rd(fx, Tx).$$

It is clear that weakly commuting mappings are R-weakly commuting. Nevertheless, R-weakly commuting maps are weakly commuting only when  $R \leq 1$ . If T is a single valued self mapping of X, this definition of R-weak commutativity reduces to that of Pant [11].

## 2. Main results

The following contains generalization of coincidence point theorem of Daffer and Kaneko [2], and those contain therein.

**Theorem 2.1.** Let X be a connected metric space,  $T: X \to F(X), f: X \to X$ , are R-weakly commuting mappings, where T is a point closed mapping which is an f-contraction, f is continuous such that  $T(X) \subseteq f(X)$ . If for some  $x \in X$  an f-orbit of x is regular and contains a subsequence  $\{x_{n_k}\}$  such that  $fx_{n_k} \to t_0$  and  $fx_{n_k+1} \to t_1$ , then  $t_0 = t_1$  and  $ft_0 \in Tt_0$ .

*Proof.* Suppose that  $t_0 \neq t_1$ . Then it follows from Corollary 1, and Lemma 7 of Daffer and Kaneko [2] that there is a constant h < 1 and a neighborhood U of  $f^{-1}t_0 \times f^{-1}t_1$  such that, for all  $(x, y) \in U$ ,

$$H(Tx, Ty) \le hd(fx, fy)$$

and

(1) 
$$d(fx, fy) > \frac{1}{2}d(t_0, t_1).$$

Since f is continuous,  $(x_{n_k}, x_{n_k+1}) \in U$  for all sufficiently large k; thus for some N,  $k \ge N$  implies that

$$d(fx_{n_k}, fx_{n_k+1}) > \frac{1}{2}d(t_0, t_1)$$

and

$$H(Tx_{n_k}, Tx_{n_k+1}) \le hd(fx_{n_k}, fx_{n_k+1}).$$

Since the orbit of x is regular, we get  $d(fx_{n_k+1}, fx_{n_k+2}) \leq hd(fx_{n_k}, fx_{n_k+1})$ . Again, using regularity, if i > j > N, then

$$d(fx_{n_i}, fx_{n_i+1}) \le d(fx_{n_i-1}, fx_{n_i}) \le d(fx_{n_i-1}, fx_{n_{i-1}+1})$$

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Inductively, we obtain  $d(fx_{n_i}, fx_{n_i+1}) \leq h^{i-j} d(fx_{n_j}, fx_{n_j+1})$ , so that upon fixing j, we get  $d(fx_{n_i}, fx_{n_i+1}) \to 0$  as  $i \to \infty$ , contradicting (1). Hence  $t_0 = t_1$ . Since  $fx_{n_k} \in Tx_{n_k}$ , T is closed valued, f and T are R-weakly commuting therefore we have,

$$\begin{aligned} d(Tfx_{n_k}, ffx_{n_k+1}) &\leq & H(Tfx_{n_k}, fTx_{n_k}) \\ &\leq & Rd(fx_{n_k}, Tx_{n_k}) \leq Rd(fx_{n_k}, fx_{n_k+1}) \to 0, \text{as } n \to \infty. \end{aligned}$$

Thus  $d(Tt_0, ft_0) = 0$ . This implies  $ft_0 \in Tt_0$ .

Remark 2.2. [2] Conclusion of Theorem 2.1 remains valid if we replace regular f-orbit by strongly regular f-orbit, and F(X) by P(X).

**Lemma 2.3.** [13] If  $T: X \to K(X)$  is upper semi-continuous,  $x_n \to x_0$  and  $y_n \in Tx_n$  for each n, then there exists a subsequence  $\{y_{n_k}\}$  which converges to a point in  $Tx_0$ .

**Lemma 2.4.** [13] If  $T: X \to K(X)$  is an f-contractive, then T is upper semicontinuous.

**Lemma 2.5.** Let  $f: X \to X, T: X \to F(X)$  are *R*-weakly commuting mappings, where T is an f contraction. Suppose given  $x, s \in X$ , that  $f^n x \to s$  and  $fx \in TX$ . Then  $s \in Ts$ .

*Proof.*  $d(s,Ts) \leq d(s,f^nx) + d(f^nx,Ts)$  and  $d(s,f^nx) \to 0$ . Since f is continuous we have fs = s, and for given  $x \in X$ , we have  $fx \in Tx$  this implies,  $f^2x \in fTx$ . Since f, T are R-weakly commuting we have

$$d(Tfx, f^2x) \le H(Tfx, fTx) \le Rd(Tx, fx) = 0,$$

this implies  $f^2x \in Tfx$ . It further implies that,

$$d(Tf^2x, f^3x) \le H(Tf^2x, fTfx) \le Rd(Tfx, ffx) = 0,$$

this gives  $f^3x \in Tf^2x$ . Continuing in this manner we have  $f^nx \in Tf^{n-1}x$ , for all  $n \in N$ . This yields

$$d(f^n x, Ts) \le H(Tf^{n-1}x, Ts) \le d(f^n x, fs) = d(f^n x, s) \to 0,$$
  

$$\infty. \text{ Hence } d(s, Ts) = 0.$$

as  $n \to \infty$ . Hence d(s, Ts) = 0.

**Theorem 2.6.** Let X be a connected metric space,  $T: X \to K(X)$ ,  $f: X \to X$ , are R-weakly commuting mappings, where T is a point compact mapping which is an f-contraction, f is continuous such that  $T(X) \subseteq f(X)$ . Assume that there exists  $x \in X$  with a strongly regular f-orbit possessing a cluster point. Moreover, assume that  $fx \in Tx$  implies that  $\lim_{n\to\infty} f^n x$  exists. Then T has a fixed point, which is also a fixed point of f.

Proof. By assumption, we may choose a strongly regular f-orbit  $\{x_n\}$  under T having a cluster point, say  $x^*$ . Then there exist a subsequence  $\{x_{n_k}\}$  such that  $\lim_{k\to\infty} x_{n_k} = x^*$ . By definition of an f-orbit,  $fx_{n_k} \subseteq Tx_{n_k}$ . Using Lemmas 2.3 and 2.4, we may find a further subsequence  $fx_{n_{k_j}} \subseteq fx_{n_k}$  such that  $\lim_{j\to\infty} fx_{n_{k_j}+1} \equiv y^* \in Tx^*$ . Since f is continuous,  $\lim_{k\to\infty} fx_{n_k} = fx^*$  and consequently  $\lim_{j\to\infty} fx_{n_{k_j}} = fx^*$ . By virtue of Remark 2.2,  $y^* = fx^*$  giving  $fx^* \in Tx^*$ . Since f and T are R-weakly commuting, therefore it follows from Lemma 2.5, that  $f^nx^* \in Tf^{n-1}x^*$ , by taking  $\lim_{n\to\infty}$ , we get  $\lim_{n\to\infty} f^nx^* = s \in Ts$ .

**Remark 2.7.** Theorem 2.6 generalizes many important fixed point theorems (see for instance, Kaneko [7], Daffer and Kaneko [2], Smithson [13]).

**Example 2.8.** Let  $X = [1, \infty)$  and d the usual metric on X. Define  $f : X \to X$ and  $T : X \to F(X)$  by  $fx = 2x^3 - 1$ , Tx = [1, 2x - 1] for all  $x \in X$ . Then, for any  $x \in X$ ,

$$d(fx, Tx) = 2x(x-1)(x+1) \quad H(fTx, Tfx) = 12x(x-1)^2;$$

that is,

$$H(fTx, Tfx) \le 6d(fx, Tx).$$

Thus the mappings  $f: X \to X$  and  $T: X \to CB(X)$  are *R*-weakly commuting with R = 6 but they are not weakly commuting (e.g., at x = 2). Now it is easily seen that f and T satisfy all the conditions of Theorem 2.6 and have a common fixed point x = 1. Note that f and T do not satisfy the conditions of theorems in [2], [7], and [13].

**Remark 2.9.** [2] If T is assumed to be continuous, then the metric space X need not be connected.

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