

# Common Fixed Point Theorem in Partially Ordered Metric Spaces

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**Abstract:** In this paper, we prove a common tripled fixed point theorem for mapping having mixed monotone property and satisfying a contractive condition in partially ordered metric spaces.

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## 1 Introduction and Preliminaries

The Banach contraction principle is the most celebrated fixed point theorem. Many authors extended the Banach contraction principle to the case of nonlinear contraction mappings. Very first in 2004, Ran and Reuring [1] proved some fixed point Theorems for contraction type mappings in partially ordered metric spaces. Partially ordered metric spaces play an important role in constructing models in the field of computational and domain theory. Recently, Luong and Thuan [2] presented some coupled fixed point theorems for a mixed monotone mapping in a partially ordered metric space, which are generalizations of the results of Bhaskar and Lakshmikantham [3]. Berinde and Borcut [4] introduced the concept of tripled fixed points and proved a fixed point result in partial metric spaces. Some other results in partially ordered metric spaces are mentioned in [5]-[10]. Here, our aim is to prove a common tripled fixed point theorem in partially ordered metric spaces.

**Definition 1** Let  $(X, \leq)$  be a partially ordered set. The mapping  $F : X^3 \rightarrow X$  is said to have the mixed monotone property if for any  $x, y, z \in X$  and

$$x_1, x_2 \in X, x_1 \leq x_2 \implies F(x_1, y, z) \leq F(x_2, y, z),$$

$$y_1, y_2 \in X, y_1 \leq y_2 \implies F(x, y_1, z) \geq F(x, y_2, z),$$

$$z_1, z_2 \in X, z_1 \leq z_2 \implies F(x, y, z_1) \leq F(x, y, z_2).$$

**Definition 2** An element  $(x, y, z) \in X^3$  is called a tripled fixed point of  $F$ , if  $F(x, y, z) = x$ ,  $F(y, x, z) = y$  and  $F(z, y, x) = z$ .

## 2 Main Result

**Theorem 1** Let  $(X, \leq)$  be a partially ordered set and  $(X, d)$  is a complete metric space. Let  $F : X \times X \times X \rightarrow X$  be a mapping having the mixed monotone property on  $X$  such that  $\exists x_0, y_0, z_0 \in X$  with  $x_0 \leq F(x_0, y_0, z_0)$ ,  $y_0 \geq F(y_0, z_0, y_0)$  and  $z_0 \leq F(z_0, y_0, z_0)$ .

Suppose there exist non-negative real numbers  $a_1, a_2, a_3$  and  $a_4$  with  $a_1 + a_2 + a_3 < 1$  such that

$$\begin{aligned} d(F(x, y, z), F(u, v, w)) & \\ & \leq a_1 d(x, u) \\ & \quad + a_2 d(y, v) + a_3 d(z, w) \\ & \quad + a_4 \min \left\{ \begin{array}{l} d(F(x, y, z), u), d(F(u, v, w), x), \\ d(F(x, y, z), v), d(F(u, v, w), y), \\ d(F(x, y, z), w), d(F(u, v, w), z) \end{array} \right\} \end{aligned} \quad (1)$$

for all  $x, y, z, u, v, w \in X$  with  $x \geq u, y \leq v$  and  $z \geq w$ . Also suppose:

(i)  $F$  is continuous; or

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(ii)  $X$  has the following properties:

(a) If a non-decreasing sequence  $\{x_n\} \mapsto x$ , then  $x_n \leq x$  for all  $n$ ;

(b) If a non-increasing sequence  $\{y_n\} \mapsto y$ , then  $y_n \geq y$  for all  $n$ ;

(c) If a non-decreasing sequence  $\{z_n\} \mapsto z$ , then  $z_n \leq z$  for all  $n$ .

Then there exist  $x, y, z \in X$  such that

$$F(x, y, z) = x, F(y, x, y) = y, F(z, y, x) = z$$

*Proof.* Let  $x_0, y_0, z_0 \in X$  such that

$$\begin{aligned} x_0 &\leq F(x_0, y_0, z_0), y_0 \geq F(y_0, x_0, y_0) \\ \text{and } z_0 &\leq F(z_0, y_0, x_0). \end{aligned} \quad (2)$$

We can choose  $x, y_1, z_1 \in X$  such that

$$\begin{aligned} x_1 &= F(x_0, y_0, z_0), y_1 = F(y_0, x_0, y_0) \\ \text{and } z_1 &= F(z_0, y_0, x_0). \end{aligned} \quad (3)$$

In this way, we can construct sequences  $\{x_n\}, \{y_n\}$  and  $\{z_n\}$  in  $X$  such that

$$\begin{aligned} x_{n+1} &= F(x_n, y_n, z_n), y_{n+1} = F(y_n, x_n, y_n) \\ \text{and } z_{n+1} &= F(z_n, y_n, x_n). \end{aligned} \quad (4)$$

By induction, we shall show that

$$x_n \leq x_{n+1}, y_{n+1} \leq y_n \quad \text{and} \quad z_n \leq z_{n+1}. \quad (5)$$

For  $n = 0$ , using (1) and (2), we get  $x_0 \leq x_1, y_0 \geq y_1$  and  $z_0 \leq z_1$ . Thus (5) holds for  $n = 0$ .

Again consider, (5) holds for some fixed  $n \geq 0$ . Then since  $x_n \leq x_{n+1}, y_{n+1} \leq y_n$  and  $z_n \leq z_{n+1}$  and by mixed monotone property of  $F$ , we have,

$$\begin{aligned} x_{n+2} &= F(x_{n+1}, y_{n+1}, z_{n+1}) \\ &\geq F(x_{n+1}, y_n, z_{n+1}) \\ &\geq F(x_{n+1}, y_n, z_n) \\ &\geq F(x_n, y_n, z_n) \\ &= x_{n+1}, \end{aligned}$$

$$\begin{aligned} y_{n+2} &= F(y_{n+1}, x_{n+1}, y_{n+1}) \\ &\leq F(y_{n+1}, x_n, y_{n+1}) \\ &\leq F(y_n, x_n, y_{n+1}) \\ &\leq F(y_n, x_n, y_n) \\ &= y_{n+1} \end{aligned}$$

and

$$\begin{aligned} z_{n+2} &= F(z_{n+1}, y_{n+1}, x_{n+1}) \\ &\geq F(z_{n+1}, y_{n+1}, x_n) \\ &\geq F(z_{n+1}, y_n, x_n) \\ &\geq F(z_n, y_n, x_n) \\ &= z_{n+1}. \end{aligned}$$

Hence (5) is true for any  $n \in N$ . Therefore,

$$\begin{aligned} x_0 &\leq x_1 \leq x_2 \dots \leq x_n \leq x_{n+1}, \\ y_0 &\geq y_1 \geq y_2 \dots \geq y_n \geq y_{n+1}, \\ z_0 &\leq z_1 \leq z_2 \dots \leq z_n \leq z_{n+1}. \end{aligned} \quad (6)$$

Since  $x_n \geq x_{n-1}, y_n \leq y_{n-1}$  and  $z_n \geq z_{n-1}$ , therefore from (1), we get,

$$\begin{aligned} d(x_{n+1}, x_n) &= d(F(x_n, y_n, z_n), F(x_{n-1}, y_{n-1}, z_{n-1})) \\ &\leq a_1 d(x_n, x_{n-1}) + a_2 d(y_n, y_{n-1}) + a_3 d(z_n, z_{n-1}) \\ &\quad + a_4 \min \left\{ \begin{array}{l} d(F(x_n, y_n, z_n), x_{n-1}), \\ d(F(x_{n-1}, y_{n-1}, z_{n-1}), x_n), \\ d(F(x_n, y_n, z_n), y_{n-1}), \\ d(F(x_{n-1}, y_{n-1}, z_{n-1}), y_n), \\ d(F(x_n, y_n, z_n), z_{n-1}), \\ d(F(x_{n-1}, y_{n-1}, z_{n-1}), z_n) \end{array} \right\} \end{aligned}$$

or

$$d(x_{n+1}, x_n) \leq a_1 d(x_n, x_{n-1}) + a_2 d(y_n, y_{n-1}) + a_3 d(z_n, z_{n-1}). \quad (7)$$

Similarly, since

$y_{n-1} \geq y_n, x_{n-1} \leq x_n$  and  $z_n \geq z_{n-1}$ , again using (1), we obtain

$$\begin{aligned} d(y_n, y_{n+1}) &= d(F(y_{n-1}, x_{n-1}, z_{n-1}), F(y_n, x_n, z_n)) \\ &\leq a_1 d(y_{n-1}, y_n) + a_2 d(x_{n-1}, x_n) + a_3 d(z_{n-1}, z_n) \\ &\quad + a_4 \min \left\{ \begin{array}{l} d(F(y_{n-1}, x_{n-1}, z_{n-1}), y_n), \\ d(F(y_n, x_n, z_n), y_{n-1}), \\ d(F(y_{n-1}, x_{n-1}, z_{n-1}), x_n), \\ d(F(y_n, x_n, z_n), x_{n-1}), \\ d(F(y_{n-1}, x_{n-1}, z_{n-1}), z_n), \\ d(F(y_n, x_n, z_n), z_{n-1}) \end{array} \right\} \end{aligned}$$

or

$$d(y_n, y_{n+1}) \leq a_1 d(y_{n-1}, y_n) + a_2 d(x_{n-1}, x_n) + a_3 d(z_{n-1}, z_n). \quad (8)$$

Again, as  $z_n \geq z_{n-1}, y_n \leq y_{n-1}$  and  $x_n \geq x_{n-1}$ , using (1), we have

$$d(z_{n+1}, z_n) = d(F(z_n, y_n, x_n), F(z_{n-1}, y_{n-1}, x_{n-1})) \leq a_1 d(z_n, z_{n-1}) + a_2 d(y_n, y_{n-1}) + a_3 d(x_n, x_{n-1}) + a_4 \min \left\{ \begin{array}{l} d(F(z_n, y_n, x_n), z_{n-1}), \\ d(F(z_{n-1}, y_{n-1}, x_{n-1}), z_n), \\ d(F(z_n, y_n, x_n), y_{n-1}), \\ d(F(z_{n-1}, y_{n-1}, x_{n-1}), y_n), \\ d(F(z_n, y_n, x_n), x_{n-1}), \\ d(F(z_{n-1}, y_{n-1}, x_{n-1}), x_n) \end{array} \right\}$$

or

$$d(z_{n+1}, z_n) \leq a_1 d(z_n, z_{n-1}) + a_2 d(y_n, y_{n-1}) + a_3 d(x_n, x_{n-1}). \tag{9}$$

By adding (7), (8) and (9), we deduce,

$$d(x_{n+1}, x_n) + d(y_{n+1}, y_n) + d(z_{n+1}, z_n) \leq (a_1 + a_2 + a_3) [d(x_n, x_{n-1}) + d(y_n, y_{n-1}) + d(z_n, z_{n-1})]. \tag{10}$$

On setting,

$$d_n = d(x_{n+1}, x_n) + d(y_{n+1}, y_n) + d(z_{n+1}, z_n)$$

and

$$\delta = a_1 + a_2 + a_3 < 1.$$

From (10), we have,

$$d_n \leq \delta d_{n-1} \leq \delta^2 d_{n-2} \cdots \leq \delta^n d_0. \tag{11}$$

Now, for each  $m \geq n$ , we have,

$$d(x_m, x_n) \leq d(x_m, x_{m-1}) + d(x_{m-1}, x_{m-2}) + \cdots + d(x_{n+1}, x_n)$$

$$d(y_m, y_n) \leq d(y_m, y_{m-1}) + d(y_{m-1}, y_{m-2}) + \cdots + d(y_{n+1}, y_n)$$

and

$$d(z_m, z_n) \leq d(z_m, z_{m-1}) + d(z_{m-1}, z_{m-2}) + \cdots + d(z_{n+1}, z_n)$$

Therefore, by using (11), we obtain,

$$\begin{aligned} d(x_m, x_n) + d(y_m, y_n) + d(z_m, z_n) &\leq d_{m-1} + d_{m-2} + \cdots + d_n \\ &\leq (\delta^{m-1} + \delta^{m-2} + \cdots + \delta^n) d_0 \\ &\leq \frac{\delta^n}{1 - \delta} d_0. \end{aligned} \tag{12}$$

Implies

$$\lim_{n, m \rightarrow \infty} [d(x_m, x_n) + d(y_m, y_n) + d(z_m, z_n)] = 0.$$

Therefore,  $\{x_n\}, \{y_n\}$  and  $\{z_n\}$  are Cauchy sequences in  $X$ . Since  $X$  is a complete metric space. Therefore there exists  $x, y, z \in X$  such that

$$\lim_{n \rightarrow \infty} x_n = x, \lim_{n \rightarrow \infty} y_n = y \text{ and } \lim_{n \rightarrow \infty} z_n = z \tag{13}$$

Suppose (i) hold, then  $F$  is continuous mapping, we have,

$$\begin{aligned} x &= \lim_{n \rightarrow \infty} x_n \\ &= \lim_{n \rightarrow \infty} F(x_{n-1}, y_{n-1}, z_{n-1}) \\ &= F\left(\lim_{n \rightarrow \infty} x_{n-1}, \lim_{n \rightarrow \infty} y_{n-1}, \lim_{n \rightarrow \infty} z_{n-1}\right) \\ &= F(x, y, z), \end{aligned}$$

$$\begin{aligned} y &= \lim_{n \rightarrow \infty} y_n \\ &= \lim_{n \rightarrow \infty} F(y_{n-1}, x_{n-1}, y_{n-1}) \\ &= F\left(\lim_{n \rightarrow \infty} y_{n-1}, \lim_{n \rightarrow \infty} x_{n-1}, \lim_{n \rightarrow \infty} y_{n-1}\right) \\ &= F(y, x, y) \end{aligned}$$

and

$$\begin{aligned} z &= \lim_{n \rightarrow \infty} z_n \\ &= \lim_{n \rightarrow \infty} F(z_{n-1}, y_{n-1}, x_{n-1}) \\ &= F\left(\lim_{n \rightarrow \infty} z_{n-1}, \lim_{n \rightarrow \infty} y_{n-1}, \lim_{n \rightarrow \infty} x_{n-1}\right) \\ &= F(z, y, x). \end{aligned}$$

Hence,  $F$  has a tripled fixed point in  $X$ .

Now, suppose (ii) holds.

Using (6) and (13),  $\{x_n\}$  is non-decreasing sequence and  $\{x_n\} \mapsto x$ ,  $\{y_n\}$  is non-increasing sequence and  $\{y_n\} \mapsto y$  and  $\{z_n\}$  is a non-decreasing sequence and  $\{z_n\} \mapsto z$  as  $n \rightarrow \infty$ .

Hence, by assumption (ii) we have for all  $n \geq 0$ ,

$$x_n \leq x, y_n \geq y \text{ and } z_n \leq z. \tag{14}$$

Now, we have

$$\begin{aligned} d(F(x_n, y_n, z_n), F(x, y, z)) &\leq a_1 d(x_n, x) + a_2 d(y_n, y) + a_3 d(z_n, z) \\ &\quad + a_4 \min \left\{ \begin{array}{l} d(F(x_n, y_n, z_n), x), \\ d(F(x, y, z), x_n), \\ d(F(x_n, y_n, z_n), y), \\ d(F(x, y, z), y_n), \\ d(F(x_n, y_n, z_n), z), \\ d(F(x, y, z), z_n) \end{array} \right\} \end{aligned} \tag{15}$$

Take  $n \rightarrow \infty$  in (15), we get

$$d(x, F(x, y, z)) < 0$$

which implies  $F(x, y, z) = x$ .

Using the same process, we get  $F(y, x, y) = y$  and  $F(z, y, x) = z$ .

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