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# Fixed point theorems in complex valued metric spaces



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**Abstract** The aim of this paper is to establish and prove several results on common fixed point for a pair of mappings satisfying more general contraction conditions portrayed by rational expressions having point-dependent control functions as coefficients in complex valued metric spaces. Our results generalize and extend the results of Azam et al. (2011) [1], Sintunavarat and Kumam (2012) [2], Rouzkard and Imdad (2012) [3], Sitthikul and Saejung (2012) [4] and Dass and Gupta (1975) [5]. To substantiate the authenticity of our results and to distinguish them from existing ones, some illustrative examples are also furnished.

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## 1. Introduction

In 2011, Azam et al. [1] introduced the notion of complex valued metric spaces and established some fixed point results for a pair of mappings for contraction condition satisfying a rational expression. This idea is intended to define rational expressions which are not meaningful in cone metric spaces and thus many such results of analysis cannot be generalized to cone metric spaces but to complex valued metric spaces.

Complex valued metric space is useful in many branches of Mathematics, including algebraic geometry, number theory,

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applied Mathematics as well as in physics including hydrodynamics, mechanical engineering, thermodynamics and electrical engineering. After the establishment of complex valued metric spaces, Rouzkard et al. [3] established some common fixed point theorems satisfying certain rational expressions in these spaces to generalize the result of [1]. Subsequently Sintunavarat et al. [2,6] obtained common fixed point results by replacing the constant of contractive condition to control functions. Recently, Sittthikul et al. [4] established some fixed point results by generalizing the contractive conditions in the context of complex valued metric spaces. Many researchers have contributed with different concepts in this space. One can see in [7–13].

In what follows, we recall some notations and definitions due to Azam et al. [1], that will be used in our subsequent discussion.

Let  $C$  be the set of complex numbers and  $z_1, z_2 \in C$ . Define a partial order  $\lesssim$  on  $C$  as follows:  $z_1 \lesssim z_2$  if and only if  $Re(z_1) \leq Re(z_2)$  and  $Im(z_1) \leq Im(z_2)$ . It follows that  $z_1 \gtrsim z_2$  if one of the followings conditions is satisfied:

- (C1)  $Re(z_1) = Re(z_2)$  and  $Im(z_1) = Im(z_2)$ ,
- (C2)  $Re(z_1) < Re(z_2)$  and  $Im(z_1) = Im(z_2)$ ,
- (C3)  $Re(z_1) = Re(z_2)$  and  $Im(z_1) < Im(z_2)$ ,
- (C4)  $Re(z_1) < Re(z_2)$  and  $Im(z_1) < Im(z_2)$ .

In particular, we will write  $z_1 \gtrsim z_2$  if  $z_1 \neq z_2$  and one of (C2), (C3) and (C4) is satisfied and we will write  $z_1 < z_2$  if only (C4) is satisfied.

**Definition 1.1** ([1]). Let  $X$  be a non-empty set. A mapping  $d: X \times X \rightarrow C$  is called a complex valued metric on  $X$  if the following conditions are satisfied:

- (CM1)  $0 \lesssim d(x, y)$  for all  $x, y \in X$  and  $d(x, y) = 0 \Leftrightarrow x = y$ ;
- (CM2)  $d(x, y) = d(y, x)$  for all  $x, y \in X$ ;
- (CM3)  $d(x, y) \gtrsim d(x, z) + d(z, y)$  for all  $x, y, z \in X$ .

In this case, we say that  $(X, d)$  is a complex valued metric space.

**Example 1.1.** Let  $X = C$  be a set of complex number. Define  $d: C \times C \rightarrow C$ . By

$$d(z_1, z_2) = |x_1 - x_2| + i|y_1 - y_2|,$$

where  $z_1 = x_1 + iy_1$  and  $z_2 = x_2 + iy_2$ . Then  $(C, d)$  is a complex valued metric space.

**Example 1.2** (inspired by [2]). Let  $X = C$ . Define a mapping  $d: X \times X \rightarrow C$  by  $d(z_1, z_2) = e^{ik}|z_1 - z_2|$ , where  $k \in [0, \frac{\pi}{2}]$ . Then  $(X, d)$  is a complex valued metric space.

**Definition 1.2.** [1] Suppose that  $(X, d)$  is a complex valued metric space.

1. We say that a sequence  $\{x_n\}$  is a *Cauchy sequence* if for every  $0 < c \in C$  there exists an integer  $N$  such that  $d(x_n, x_m) < c$  for all  $n, m \geq N$ .
2. We say that  $\{x_n\}$  converges to an element  $x \in X$  if for every  $0 < c \in C$  there exists an integer  $N$  such that  $d(x_n, x) < c$  for all  $n \geq N$ . In this case, we write  $x_n \xrightarrow{d} x$ .
3. We say that  $(X, d)$  is complete if every Cauchy sequence in  $X$  converge to a point in  $X$ .

**Lemma 1.1.** [1] Let  $(X, d)$  be a complex valued metric space and let  $\{x_n\}$  be a sequence in  $X$ . Then  $\{x_n\}$  converges to  $x$  if and only if  $|d(x_n, x)| \rightarrow 0$  as  $n \rightarrow \infty$ .

**Lemma 1.2.** [1] Let  $(X, d)$  be a complex valued metric space and let  $\{x_n\}$  be a sequence in  $X$ . Then  $\{x_n\}$  is a Cauchy sequence if and only if  $|d(x_n, x_{n+m})| \rightarrow 0$  as  $n \rightarrow \infty$ .

## 2. Main result

We start to this section with the following observation.

**Proposition 2.1.** Let  $(X, d)$  be a complex valued metric space and  $S, T: X \rightarrow X$ . Let  $x_0 \in X$  and defined the sequence  $\{x_n\}$  by

$$\begin{aligned} x_{2n+1} &= Sx_{2n}, \\ x_{2n+2} &= Tx_{2n+1}, \quad \forall n = 0, 1, 2, \dots \end{aligned} \tag{2.1}$$

Assume that there exists a mapping  $\lambda: X \times X \times X \rightarrow [0, 1)$  such that  $\lambda(TSx, y, a) \leq \lambda(x, y, a)$  and  $\lambda(x, STy, a) \leq \lambda(x, y, a), \forall x, y \in X$  and for a fixed element  $a \in X$  and  $n = 0, 1, 2, \dots$ . Then

$$\lambda(x_{2n}, y, a) \leq \lambda(x_0, y, a) \quad \text{and} \quad \lambda(x, x_{2n+1}, a) \leq \lambda(x, x_1, a).$$

**Proof.** Let  $x, y \in X$  and  $n = 0, 1, 2, \dots$ . Then we have

$$\begin{aligned} \lambda(x_{2n}, y, a) &= \lambda(TSx_{2n-2}, y, a) \leq \lambda(x_{2n-2}, y, a) \\ &= \lambda(TSx_{2n-4}, y, a) \leq \dots \leq \lambda(x_0, y, a). \end{aligned}$$

Similarly, we have

$$\begin{aligned} \lambda(x, x_{2n+1}, a) &= \lambda(x, STx_{2n-1}, a) \leq \lambda(x, x_{2n-1}, a) \\ &= \lambda(x, STx_{2n-3}, a) \leq \dots \leq \lambda(x, x_1, a). \quad \square \end{aligned}$$

The subsequent example illustrates the preceding proposition.

**Example 2.1.** Let  $X = \{1, \frac{1}{2}, \frac{1}{3}, \frac{1}{4}, \frac{1}{5}, \dots\}$ . Define  $d: X \times X \rightarrow C$  as  $d(x, y) = i|x - y|$  then clearly  $(X, d)$  is a complex valued metric space also define self-mappings  $S$  and  $T$  by

$$S\left(\frac{1}{n+1}\right) = \frac{1}{n+2} = T\left(\frac{1}{n+1}\right), \quad n = 0, 1, 2, 3, \dots$$

Choosing sequence  $\{x_n\}$  as  $x_n = \frac{1}{n+1}, n = 0, 1, 2, 3, \dots$ . Then  $x_0 = 1 \in X$ .

Clearly  $Sx_{2n} = x_{2n+1}$  and  $Tx_{2n+1} = x_{2n+2}$ .

Consider a mapping  $\lambda: X \times X \times X \rightarrow [0, 1)$  by  $\lambda(x, y, a) = \frac{x}{6} + \frac{y}{8} + a$ , for all  $x, y \in X$  and for fixed  $a = \frac{1}{2} \in X$ , then  $\lambda(x, y, a) = \frac{x}{6} + \frac{y}{8} + \frac{1}{2}$ .

Undoubtedly

$$\lambda(TSx, y, a) \leq \lambda(x, y, a) \quad \text{and} \quad \lambda(x, STy, a) \leq \lambda(x, y, a),$$

for all  $x, y \in X$  and for fixed  $a \in X$ .

Consider

$$\begin{aligned} \lambda(x_{2n}, y, a) &= \frac{1}{6(2n+1)} + \frac{y}{8} + \frac{1}{2} \leq \frac{1}{6} + \frac{y}{8} + \frac{1}{2} \\ &= \lambda(x_0, y, a), \end{aligned}$$

that is  $\lambda(x_{2n}, y, a) \leq \lambda(x_0, y, a), n = 0, 1, 2, \dots, \forall y \in X$  and for  $a = \frac{1}{2} \in X$ . Also consider

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