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New existence theorems of coincidence points approach to generalizations of Mizoguchi-Takahashi's fixed point theorem

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Abstract

In this paper, we first establish some new existence theorems of coincidence points and common fixed points for $\mathcal{MT}$-functions. By applying our results, we obtain some generalizations of Mizoguchi-Takahashi's fixed point theorem, Nadler's fixed point theorem and the Banach contraction principle. Some examples illustrating our results are also given. Our results generalize and improve some main results in the literature and references therein.

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1 Introduction

In recent years, the celebrated Banach contraction principle (see, *e.g.*, [1]) always plays an essential role in various fields of applied mathematical analysis. The Banach contraction principle has been employed to solve the problems in Banach spaces such as the existence of solutions for nonlinear integral equations and nonlinear differential equations. Also, it has been applied to study the convergence of algorithms in computational mathematics. Additionally, many generalizations of the Banach contraction principle in various different directions have been investigated by several authors in the past; see [1–22]. Because of the importance of the Banach contraction principle, we begin with the theorem as follows.

Theorem BCP (Banach [1]) *Let (X, d) be a complete metric space and $T : X \to X$ be a selfmap. Assume that there exists a nonnegative number $\gamma < 1$ such that*

$$d(Tx, Ty) \leq \gamma d(x, y) \quad \text{for all } x, y \in X.$$

Then T has a unique fixed point in X. Moreover, for each $x \in X$, the iterative sequence $\{T^n x\}_{n \in \mathbb{N}}$ converges to the fixed point.

In 1969, Nadler [2] first gave a famous generalization of the Banach contraction principle for multivalued maps, which is as important as the Banach contraction principle.

Theorem NA (Nadler [2]) *Let* (X, d) *be a complete metric space and* $T : X \to CB(X)$ *be a k-contraction; that is, there exists a nonnegative number* $k < 1$ *such that*

$$H(Tx, Ty) \leq kd(x, y) \quad \text{for all } x, y \in X,$$

where $CB(X)$ *is the class of all nonempty closed bounded subsets of* X. *Then there exists* $v \in X$ *such that* $v \in Tv$.

In 1989, Mizoguchi and Takahashi [3] proved a generalization of Nadler's fixed point theorem which also gave a partial answer to Problem 9 in Reich [4–6]. It is worth mentioning that the primitive proof of Mizoguchi-Takahashi's fixed point theorem is difficult. Recently, Suzuki [7] gave a very simple proof of Mizoguchi-Takahashi's fixed point theorem.

Theorem MT (Mizoguchi and Takahashi [3]) *Let* (X, d) *be a complete metric space and* $T : X \to CB(X)$ *be a multivalued map. Assume that*

$$H(Tx, Ty) \leq \alpha\big(d(x, y)\big)d(x, y) \quad \text{for all } x, y \in X,$$

where α *is a function from* $[0, \infty)$ *into* $[0, 1)$ *satisfying* $\limsup_{s \to t^+} \alpha(s) < 1$ *for all* $t \in [0, \infty)$. *Then there exists* $v \in X$ *such that* $v \in Tv$.

Subsequently, in 2007, Berinde and Berinde [8] proved the following interesting fixed point theorem. That is a generalization of Mizoguchi-Takahashi's fixed point theorem.

Theorem BB (Berinde and Berinde [8]) *Let* (X, d) *be a complete metric space,* $T : X \to CB(X)$ *be a multivalued map, and* $L \geq 0$. *Assume that*

$$H(Tx, Ty) \leq \alpha\big(d(x, y)\big)d(x, y) + Ld(y, Tx) \quad \text{for all } x, y \in X,$$

where α *is a function from* $[0, \infty)$ *into* $[0, 1)$ *satisfying* $\limsup_{s \to t+} \alpha(s) < 1$ *for all* $t \in [0, \infty)$. *Then there exists* $v \in X$ *such that* $v \in Tv$.

It is obvious that if we take $L = 0$ in Berinde and Berinde's fixed point theorem, we can obtain Mizoguchi-Takahashi's fixed point theorem.

Very recently, Du [9] has used a τ^0-metric and an $\mathcal{MT}$-function to establish some new fixed point theorems for nonlinear multivalued contractive maps and generalize the Banach contraction principle, Nadler's fixed point theorem, Mizoguchi-Takahashi's fixed point theorem, Berinde-Berinde's fixed point theorem, Kannan's fixed point theorems and Chatterjea's fixed point theorems for nonlinear multivalued contractive maps in complete metric spaces; see [9] for more detail.

In this paper, we first establish some new existence results of coincidence points and common fixed points for $\mathcal{MT}$-functions. By applying our results, we can obtain some generalizations of Mizoguchi-Takahashi's fixed point theorem, Nadler's fixed point theorem and the Banach contraction principle. Our results generalize and improve some main results in the literature and references therein.

2 Preliminaries

Throughout this paper, we denote the set of positive integers by $\mathbb{N}$. Let (X, d) be a metric space. For each $x \in X$ and $A \subseteq X$, let $d(x, A) = \inf_{y \in A} d(x, y)$. Also, we denote the class of all nonempty subsets of X by $N(X)$, the family of all nonempty closed subsets of X by $C(X)$, and the family of all nonempty closed and bounded subsets of X by $CB(X)$. A function $H : CB(X) \times CB(X) \to [0, \infty)$ defined by

$$H(A, B) = \max \left\{ \sup_{x \in B} d(x, A), \sup_{x \in A} d(x, B) \right\}$$

is said to be the Hausdorff metric on $CB(X)$ induced by the metric d on X.

Let $f : X \to X$ be a selfmap and $T : X \to N(X)$ be a multivalued map. A point $v \in X$ is called

  (i) a fixed point of f if $f(v) = v$;
 (ii) a fixed point of T if $v \in T(v)$;
(iii) a coincidence point of f and T in X if $f(v) \in T(v)$;
(iv) a common fixed point of f and T if $v = f(v) \in T(v)$.

In [9], Sajath and Vijayaraju proved the following theorem.

Theorem 2.1 [10] *Let (X, d) be a metric space, and $\alpha : (0, \infty) \to [0, 1)$ be a function such that $\limsup_{r \to t^+} \alpha(r) < 1$ for every $t \in [0, \infty)$. If $f : X \to X$ and $T : X \to CB(X)$ satisfy*
 (a) $H(T(x), T(y)) \leq \alpha(d(fx, fy))d(fx, fy)$ $\forall x, y \in X$;
 (b) $T(X) = \bigcup_{x \in X} T(x) \subseteq f(X)$;
 (c) $f(X)$ is a complete subspace of X,
then T and f have a coincidence point in X.

Remark 2.1 In fact, the condition (a) in Theorem 2.1 should be corrected as
 (a) $H(T(x), T(y)) \leq \alpha(d(fx, fy))d(fx, fy)$ $\forall x, y \in X$ with $x \neq y$.

Moreover, it is worth mentioning that the proof of Theorem 2.1 is not correct.

The following is the definition of a τ-function which was introduced and studied by Lin and Du.

Definition 2.1 [9, 11–17] Let (X, d) be a metric space. A function $p : X \times X \to [0, \infty)$ is said to be a τ-function if the following conditions hold:

$(\tau 1)$ $p(x, z) \leq p(x, y) + p(y, z)$ for all $x, y, z \in X$;
$(\tau 2)$ If $x \in X$ and $\{y_n\}$ in X with $\lim_{n \to \infty} y_n = y$ such that $p(x, y_n) \leq M$ for some $M = M(x) > 0$, then $p(x, y) \leq M$;
$(\tau 3)$ For any sequence $\{x_n\}$ in X with $\lim_{n \to \infty} \sup\{p(x_n, x_m) : m > n\} = 0$, if there exists a sequence $\{y_n\}$ in X such that $\lim_{n \to \infty} p(x_n, y_n) = 0$, then $\lim_{n \to \infty} d(x_n, y_n) = 0$;
$(\tau 4)$ For $x, y, z \in X$, $p(x, y) = 0$ and $p(x, z) = 0$ imply $y = z$.

Let $p : X \times X \to [0, \infty)$ be a τ-function. Define $p(x, A) = \inf_{y \in A} p(x, y)$.

The following results are crucial and useful in this paper.

Lemma 2.1 [9, 11, 12, 14–17] *Let (X, d) be a metric space and $p : X \times X \to [0, \infty)$ be any function satisfying $(\tau 3)$. If $\{x_n\}$ is a sequence in X with $\lim_{n \to \infty} \sup\{p(x_n, x_m) : m > n\} = 0$, then $\{x_n\}$ is a Cauchy sequence in X.*

Recently, Du [5, 6] first introduced the concepts of τ^0-functions and τ^0-metrics as follows.

Definition 2.2 [9, 13] Let (X, d) be a metric space. A function $p : X \times X \to [0, \infty)$ is called a τ^0-function if it is a τ-function on X with $p(x, x) = 0$ for all $x \in X$.

Remark 2.3 From $(\tau 4)$, if p is a τ^0-function, then $p(x, y) = 0$ if and only if $x = y$.

Definition 2.3 [9, 13] Let (X, d) be a metric space and p be a τ^0-function. For any $A, B \in CB(X)$, define a function $D_p : CB(X) \times CB(X) \to [0, \infty)$ by

$$D_p(A, B) = \max\{\delta_p(A, B), \delta_p(B, A)\},$$

where $\delta_p(A, B) = \sup_{x \in A} p(x, B)$; then D_p is said to be a τ^0-metric on CB(X) induced by p.

Clearly, any Hausdorff metric is a τ^0-metric, but the reverse is not true.

Definition 2.4 [9, 15–22] A function $\varphi : [0, \infty) \to [0, 1)$ is said to be an $\mathcal{MT}$-function (or an $\mathcal{R}$-function) if $\limsup_{s \to t^+} \varphi(s) < 1$ for all $t \in [0, \infty)$.

Lemma 2.2 [9] *Let $\varphi : [0, \infty) \to [0, 1)$ be an $\mathcal{MT}$-function. Then $\kappa : [0, \infty) \to [0, 1)$ defined by $\kappa(t) = \frac{\varphi(t) + 1}{2}$ is also an $\mathcal{MT}$-function.*

Theorem D [22] *Let $\varphi : [0, \infty) \to [0, 1)$ be a function. Then the following statements are equivalent.*
  (a) *φ is an $\mathcal{MT}$-function.*
  (b) *For each $t \in [0, \infty)$, there exist $r_t^{(1)} \in [0, 1)$ and $\epsilon_t^{(1)} > 0$ such that $\varphi(s) \leq r_t^{(1)}$ for all $s \in (t, t + \epsilon_t^{(1)})$.*
  (c) *For each $t \in [0, \infty)$, there exist $r_t^{(2)} \in [0, 1)$ and $\epsilon_t^{(2)} > 0$ such that $\varphi(s) \leq r_t^{(2)}$ for all $s \in [t, t + \epsilon_t^{(2)}]$.*
  (d) *For each $t \in [0, \infty)$, there exist $r_t^{(3)} \in [0, 1)$ and $\epsilon_t^{(3)} > 0$ such that $\varphi(s) \leq r_t^{(3)}$ for all $s \in (t, t + \epsilon_t^{(3)}]$.*
  (e) *For each $t \in [0, \infty)$, there exist $r_t^{(4)} \in [0, 1)$ and $\epsilon_t^{(4)} > 0$ such that $\varphi(s) \leq r_t^{(4)}$ for all $s \in [t, t + \epsilon_t^{(4)})$.*
  (f) *For any nonincreasing sequence $\{x_n\}_{n \in \mathbb{N}}$ in $[0, \infty)$, we have $0 \leq \sup_{n \in \mathbb{N}} \varphi(x_n) < 1$.*
  (g) *φ is a function of a contractive factor [19]; that is, for any strictly decreasing sequence $\{x_n\}_{n \in \mathbb{N}}$ in $[0, \infty)$, we have $0 \leq \sup_{n \in \mathbb{N}} \varphi(x_n) < 1$.*

It is obvious that if a function $\alpha : [0, \infty) \to [0, 1)$ is nondecreasing or nonincreasing, then it is an $\mathcal{MT}$-function.

3 New coincidence point theorems and a common fixed point theorem

In this section, we generalize Theorem 2.1 which is one of the main results in [10]. Please notice that our proof is quite different from the proof of Theorem 2.1 in [10].

Theorem 3.1 *Let (X, d) be a metric space, $p : X \times X \to [0, \infty)$ be a τ^0-function, D_p be a τ^0-metric on CB(X) induced by p and $\varphi : [0, \infty) \to [0, 1)$ be an $\mathcal{MT}$-function. If $T : X \to CB(X)$ and $f : X \to X$ satisfy*

(i) $D_p(T(x), T(y)) \le \varphi(p(f(x), f(y)))p(f(x), f(y))$, $\forall x, y \in X$;

(ii) $T(X) = \bigcup_{x \in X} T(x) \subseteq f(X)$;

(iii) $f(X)$ is a complete subspace of X,

then T and f have a coincidence point in X.

Proof By Lemma 2.2, we can define an $\mathcal{MT}$-function $\kappa : [0, \infty) \to [0, 1)$ by $\kappa(t) = \frac{\varphi(t)+1}{2}$. Then $\varphi(t) < \kappa(t)$ and $0 < \kappa(t) < 1$ for all $t \in [0, \infty)$. Let $x_0 \in X$. By (ii), there exists $x_1 \in X$ such that $f(x_1) \in T(x_0)$. If $f(x_0) = f(x_1)$, we have $f(x_0) \in T(x_0)$ which means that x_0 is a coincidence point of T and f in X and we finish the proof. Otherwise, if $f(x_0) \ne f(x_1)$, since p is a τ^0-function, $p(f(x_0), f(x_1)) > 0$. By (i), we have

$$
\begin{aligned}
p(f(x_1), T(x_1)) &\le \sup_{y \in T(x_0)} p(y, T(x_1)) \\
&\le D_p(T(x_0), T(x_1)) \\
&\le \varphi(p(f(x_0), f(x_1)))p(f(x_0), f(x_1)) \\
&< \kappa(p(f(x_0), f(x_1)))p(f(x_0), f(x_1)).
\end{aligned}
$$

Hence there exists $a \in T(x_1)$ such that $p(f(x_1), a) < \kappa(p(f(x_0), f(x_1)))p(f(x_0), f(x_1))$. By (ii) again, there exists $x_2 \in X$ such that $f(x_2) = a \in T(x_1)$. Therefore,

$$
p(f(x_1), f(x_2)) < \kappa(p(f(x_0), f(x_1)))p(f(x_0), f(x_1)).
$$

By induction, we can obtain a sequence $\{f(x_n)\}$ in X satisfying $f(x_n) \in T(x_{n-1})$ and

$$
p(f(x_n), f(x_{n+1})) < \kappa(p(f(x_{n-1}), f(x_n)))p(f(x_{n-1}), f(x_n)) \quad \forall n \in \mathbb{N}. \tag{3.1}
$$

Since $\kappa(t) < 1$ for all $t \in [0, \infty)$, the inequality (3.1) implies the sequence $\{p(f(x_{n-1}), f(x_n))\}_{n \in \mathbb{N}}$ is strictly decreasing in $[0, \infty)$. Since κ is an $\mathcal{MT}$-function, by Theorem D, we have

$$
0 < \sup_{n \in \mathbb{N}} \kappa(p(f(x_{n-1}), f(x_n))) < 1.
$$

Let $\lambda := \sup_{n \in \mathbb{N}} \kappa(p(f(x_{n-1}), f(x_n)))$. Then $0 < \lambda < 1$ and $\kappa(p(f(x_{n-1}), f(x_n))) \le \lambda$ for all $n \in \mathbb{N}$. For any $n \in \mathbb{N}$, we have from (3.1) that

$$
\begin{aligned}
p(f(x_n), f(x_{n+1})) &< \kappa(p(f(x_{n-1}), f(x_n)))p(f(x_{n-1}), f(x_n)) \\
&\le \lambda p(f(x_{n-1}), f(x_n)) \\
&< \lambda^2 p(f(x_{n-2}), f(x_{n-1})) \\
&< \cdots \\
&< \lambda^n p(f(x_0), f(x_1)). \tag{3.2}
\end{aligned}
$$

Let $v_n = f(x_n)$ for all $n \in \mathbb{N} \cup \{0\}$. We claim that $\lim_{n \to \infty} \sup\{p(v_n, v_m) : m > n\} = 0$. Put $\alpha_n = \frac{\lambda^n}{1-\lambda} p(v_0, v_1)$, $n \in \mathbb{N}$. For $m, n \in \mathbb{N}$ with $m > n$, by (3.2), we have

$$p(v_n, v_m) \leq \sum_{j=n}^{m-1} p(v_j, v_{j+1}) < \alpha_n. \tag{3.3}$$

Since $0 < \lambda < 1$, $\lim_{n \to \infty} \alpha_n = 0$ and hence

$$\lim_{n \to \infty} \sup\{p(v_n, v_m) : m > n\} = 0.$$

By Lemma 2.1, $\{v_n\}$ is a Cauchy sequence in $f(X)$. By the completeness of $f(X)$, there exists $\hat{v} \in X$ such that $v_n \to f(\hat{v})$ as $n \to \infty$. From $(\tau 2)$ and (3.3), we have

$$p(v_n, f(\hat{v})) \leq \alpha_n \quad \text{for all } n \in \mathbb{N}. \tag{3.4}$$

So, for each $n \in \mathbb{N}$, we have

$$\begin{aligned}
p(v_{n+1}, T(\hat{v})) = p(f(x_{n+1}), T(\hat{v})) \\
\leq \sup_{y \in T(x_n)} p(y, T(\hat{v})) \\
\leq D_p(T(x_n), T(\hat{v})) \\
\leq \varphi(p(v_n, f(\hat{v}))) p(v_n, f(\hat{v})) \\
< \kappa(p(v_n, f(\hat{v}))) p(v_n, f(\hat{v})) \\
< p(v_n, f(\hat{v})) \\
\leq \alpha_n.
\end{aligned} \tag{3.5}$$

Therefore, there exists $y_{n+1} \in T(\hat{v})$ such that $p(v_{n+1}, y_{n+1}) < \alpha_n$ for each $n \in \mathbb{N}$, which implies $\lim_{n \to \infty} p(v_n, y_n) = 0$. Then, by $(\tau 3)$, we have $\lim_{n \to \infty} d(v_n, y_n) = 0$. Moreover, since $v_n \to f(\hat{v})$ as $n \to \infty$ and

$$0 \leq d(f(\hat{v}), y_{n+1}) \leq d(f(\hat{v}), v_{n+1}) + d(v_{n+1}, y_{n+1}) \quad \text{for all } n \in \mathbb{N},$$

we get

$$\lim_{n \to \infty} d(f(\hat{v}), y_{n+1}) = 0,$$

which means that $y_n \to f(\hat{v})$ as $n \to \infty$. Since $y_{n+1} \in T(\hat{v})$ for all $n \in \mathbb{N}$ and $T(\hat{v})$ is closed, $f(\hat{v}) \in T(\hat{v})$, *i.e.*, $\hat{v}$ is a coincidence point of f and T. The proof is completed. $\square$

Remark 3.1 In Theorem 3.1, if $f = id$ (the identity map), then we obtain Mizoguchi-Takahashi's fixed point theorem. So Theorem 3.1 is a generalization of Mizoguchi-Takahashi's fixed point theorem, Nadler's fixed point theorem and the Banach contraction principle.

Here, we give a simple example illustrating Theorem 3.1.

Example 3.1 Let $X = [0, \infty)$ with the metric $d(x, y) = |x - y|$, $x, y \in X$. Let $f(x) = 2x$, $T(x) = [0, x]$ and $\varphi(x) = \frac{2}{3}$, $\forall x \in X$. Let $p : X \times X \to [0, \infty)$ be defined by

$$p(x, y) = \max\{a(x - y), b(y - x)\}$$

for all $x, y \in X$ and $0 < a < b$. It is easy to see that p is a τ^0-function and φ is an $\mathcal{MT}$-function.

Clearly, $T(X) = \bigcup_{x \in X} T(x) \subseteq f(X)$ and $f(X)$ is a complete subspace of X. We claim that $D_p(T(x), T(y)) \leq \varphi(p(fx, fy))p(fx, fy)$, $\forall x, y \in X$. Indeed, we consider the following two possible cases:

Case 1. If $0 \leq x < y$, we have $Tx = [0, x]$ and $Ty = [0, y]$, then

$$p(fx, fy) = \max\{a(2x - 2y), b(2y - 2x)\} = 2b(y - x);$$

and

$$
\begin{aligned}
D_p(Tx, Ty) &= \max\left\{\sup_{z \in Tx} p(z, Ty), \sup_{z \in Ty} p(z, Tx)\right\} \\
&= a(y - x) \\
&< b(y - x) \\
&< \frac{2}{3} p(fx, fy) \\
&= \varphi(p(fx, fy))p(fx, fy).
\end{aligned}
$$

Case 2. If $0 \leq y < x$, similarly, we have

$$p(fx, fy) = \max\{a(2x - 2y), b(2y - 2x)\} = 2a(x - y);$$

and

$$
\begin{aligned}
D_p(Tx, Ty) &= \max\left\{\sup_{z \in Tx} p(z, Ty), \sup_{z \in Ty} p(z, Tx)\right\} \\
&= a(x - y) \\
&< \frac{2}{3} p(fx, fy) \\
&= \varphi(p(fx, fy))p(fx, fy).
\end{aligned}
$$

By Cases 1 and 2, we verify that $D_p(T(x), T(y)) \leq \varphi(p(fx, fy))p(fx, fy)$, $\forall x, y \in X$. Therefore, all the assumptions of Theorem 3.1 are satisfied. So, we can apply Theorem 3.1 to show that f and T have a coincidence point in X. Actually, 0 is a coincidence point of f and T since $f(0) \in T(0)$.

The following result follows immediately from Theorem 3.1.

Corollary 3.1 *Let (X, d) be a metric space, $p : X \times X \to [0, \infty)$ be a τ^0-function, D_p be a τ^0-metric on $CB(X)$ induced by p and $\alpha : [0, \infty) \to [0, 1)$ be a nondecreasing or nonincreasing function. If $T : X \to CB(X)$ and $f : X \to X$ satisfy*

(i) $D_p(T(x), T(y)) \leq \alpha(p(f(x), f(y)))p(f(x), f(y)) \; \forall x, y \in X$;

(ii) $T(X) = \bigcup_{x \in X} T(x) \subseteq f(X)$;

(iii) $f(X)$ is a complete subspace of X,

then T and f have a coincidence point in X.

In Theorem 3.1, if $p \equiv d$, then $D_p \equiv H$ and we have the following corollary.

Corollary 3.2 *Let (X, d) be a metric space and $\varphi : [0, \infty) \to [0, 1)$ be an $\mathcal{MT}$-function. If $T : X \to CB(X)$ and $f : X \to X$ satisfy*

(i) $H(T(x), T(y)) \leq \varphi(d(f(x), f(y)))d(f(x), f(y)) \; \forall x, y \in X$;

(ii) $T(X) = \bigcup_{x \in X} T(x) \subseteq f(X)$;

(iii) $f(X)$ is a complete subspace of X,

then T and f have a coincidence point in X.

Corollary 3.3 *Let (X, d) be a metric space and $\alpha : [0, \infty) \to [0, 1)$ be a nondecreasing or nonincreasing function. If $T : X \to CB(X)$ and $f : X \to X$ satisfy*

(i) $H(T(x), T(y)) \leq \alpha(d(f(x), f(y)))d(f(x), f(y)) \; \forall x, y \in X$;

(ii) $T(X) = \bigcup_{x \in X} T(x) \subseteq f(X)$;

(iii) $f(X)$ is a complete subspace of X,

then T and f have a coincidence point in X.

Theorem 3.2 *Let (X, d) be a metric space, $p : X \times X \to [0, \infty)$ be a τ^0-function, D_p be a τ^0-metric on $CB(X)$ induced by p and $\varphi : [0, \infty) \to [0, 1)$ be an $\mathcal{MT}$-function. If $T : X \to CB(X)$ and $f : X \to X$ satisfy*

(i) $D_p(T(x), T(y)) \leq \varphi(p(fx, fy))p(fx, fy) \; \forall x, y \in X$;

(ii) $T(X) = \bigcup_{x \in X} T(x) \subseteq f(X)$;

(iii) $f(X)$ is a complete subspace of X;

(iv) $fv = ffv$ if v is a coincidence point of f and T,

then T and f have a common fixed point in X.

Proof Following the same argument as in the proof of Theorem 3.1, we can construct two sequences $\{x_n\}$ and $\{v_n\}$ satisfying

(a) $v_n = f(x_n) \in T(x_{n-1})$ for all $n \in \mathbb{N}$;

(b) v_n is a Cauchy sequence in X and $\lim_{n \to \infty} \sup\{p(v_n, v_m) : m > n\} = 0$;

(c) there exist $\hat{v} \in X$ such that

- $v_n \to f(\hat{v})$ as $n \to \infty$;
- $f(\hat{v}) \in T(\hat{v})$;
- $p(v_n, f(\hat{v})) \leq \alpha_n$, where $\alpha_n = \frac{\lambda^n}{1 - \lambda} p(v_0, v_1)$, $n \in \mathbb{N}$.

By (c) and (iv), we have $f\hat{v} = ff\hat{v}$. Then

$$
\begin{aligned}
p\big(v_n, T\big(f(\hat{v})\big)\big) &\leq \sup_{z \in T(x_{n-1})} p\big(z, T\big(f(\hat{v})\big)\big) \\
&\leq D_p\big(T(x_{n-1}), T\big(f(\hat{v})\big)\big) \\
&\leq \varphi\big(p\big(f(x_{n-1}), f\big(f(\hat{v})\big)\big)\big)p\big(f(x_{n-1}), f\big(f(\hat{v})\big)\big) \\
&< p\big(f(x_{n-1}), f\big(f(\hat{v})\big)\big).
\end{aligned}
$$

Therefore, there exists $z_n \in T(f(\hat{v}))$ such that

$$p(v_n, z_n) < p\big(f(x_{n-1}), f\big(f(\hat{v})\big)\big) \quad \text{for all } n \in \mathbb{N}. \tag{3.6}$$

Since

$$p\big(f(x_{n-1}), f\big(f(\hat{v})\big)\big) \leq p\big(f(x_{n-1}), f(\hat{v})\big) + p\big(f(\hat{v}), f\big(f(\hat{v})\big)\big)$$
$$\leq \alpha_{n-1},$$

we have $\lim_{n \to \infty} p(f(x_{n-1}), f(f(\hat{v}))) = 0$. By (3.6), $\lim_{n \to \infty} p(v_n, z_n) = 0$. By $(\tau 3)$, we have $\lim_{n \to \infty} d(v_n, z_n) = 0$. Since $v_n \to f(\hat{v})$ as $n \to \infty$ and

$$d\big(f(\hat{v}), z_n\big) \leq d\big(f(\hat{v}), v_n\big) + d(v_n, z_n),$$

we have $\lim_{n \to \infty} d(f(\hat{v}), z_n) = 0$, which implies $\lim_{n \to \infty} z_n = f(\hat{v})$. Since $T(f(\hat{v}))$ is closed and $z_n \in T(f(\hat{v}))$ for all $n \in \mathbb{N}$, we get $f(\hat{v}) \in T(f(\hat{v}))$. Therefore, $f\hat{v} = ff\hat{v} \in Tf\hat{v}$, which means that $f(\hat{v})$ is a common fixed point of f and T in X. The proof is completed. $\square$

Remark 3.2 Theorem 3.2 also generalizes and improves Mizoguchi-Takahashi's fixed point theorem.

Example 3.2 In Example 3.1, we have shown that 0 is a coincidence point of f and T. Clearly, $0 = f(0) = f(f(0))$. So, all the assumptions of Theorem 3.2 are satisfied. By Theorem 3.2, we know that f and T have a common fixed point in X. Actually, 0 is a common fixed point of f and T since $0 = f(0) \in T(0)$.

Similarly, we have the following corollary.

Corollary 3.4 *Let (X, d) be a metric space, $p : X \times X \to [0, \infty)$ be a τ^0-function, D_p be a τ^0-metric on $CB(X)$ induced by p and $\alpha : [0, \infty) \to [0, 1)$ be a nondecreasing or nonincreasing function. If $T : X \to CB(X)$ and $f : X \to X$ satisfy*
   (i) $D_p(T(x), T(y)) \leq \alpha(p(fx, fy))p(fx, fy) \ \forall x, y \in X$;
   (ii) $T(X) = \bigcup_{x \in X} T(x) \subseteq f(X)$;
   (iii) $f(X)$ is a complete subspace of X;
   (iv) $fv = ffv$ if v is a coincidence point of f and T,
then T and f have a common fixed point in X.

Corollary 3.5 *Let (X, d) be a metric space and $\varphi : [0, \infty) \to [0, 1)$ be an $\mathcal{MT}$-function. If $T : X \to CB(X)$ and $f : X \to X$ satisfy*
   (i) $H(T(x), T(y)) \leq \varphi(d(fx, fy))d(fx, fy) \ \forall x, y \in X$;
   (ii) $T(X) = \bigcup_{x \in X} T(x) \subseteq f(X)$;
   (iii) $f(X)$ is a complete subspace of X;
   (iv) $fv = ffv$ if v is a coincidence point of f and T,
then T and f have a common fixed point in X.

Corollary 3.6 *Let (X, d) be a metric space and $\alpha : [0, \infty) \to [0, 1)$ be a nondecreasing or nonincreasing function. If $T : X \to CB(X)$ and $f : X \to X$ satisfy*

(i) $H(T(x), T(y)) \leq \alpha(d(fx, fy))d(fx, fy) \ \forall x, y \in X$;

(ii) $T(X) = \bigcup_{x \in X} T(x) \subseteq f(X)$;

(iii) $f(X)$ is a complete subspace of X;

(iv) $fv = ffv$ if v is a coincidence point of f and T,

then T and f have a common fixed point in X.

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