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# A COMMON FIXED POINT THEOREM FOR FOUR SELP-MAPS

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#### Abstract

A common fixed point theorem of Bouhadjera (2010) has been extended to four self-maps satisfying any two of three inequalities under contractive modulus.

### 1. Introduction

Let X be a nonempty set. A mapping  $d: X \times X \to [0, \infty)$  such that d(x, y) = 0 if and only if x = y and d(x, y) = d(y, x) for x, y in X is called a symmetric on X. Self-maps fand g on X are said to be occasionally weakly compatible (shortly (owc)), if there is a point  $t \in X$  which is coincidence point of f and g, at which f and g commute. Several fixed point theorems in metric space setting have been proved through contraction type conditions involving different types of auxiliary functions. One such auxiliary function is a mapping  $\phi: [0, \infty) \to [0, \infty)$ , known as a contractive modulus [3], with the choice

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$$\phi(0) = 0 \text{ and } (t) < t \text{ for } t > 0.$$
 (1.1)

For instance,  $\phi(t) = t/(t+1)$  and  $\phi(t) = t^2/(t+1)$  are contractive moduli. Bouhadjera [1] proved the following

**Theorem 1.1**: Let X be a set with symmetric d and f, g and r be three self-maps on (X, d) satisfying:

$$d(fx,gy) \leq \max\{\phi(d(rx,ry))\phi(d(rx,fx)),\phi(d(rx,hy))\phi(d(ry,fx)), \\ \phi(d(rx,ry))\phi(d(ry,gy)),\phi(d(rx,fx))\phi(d(ry,gy)), \\ \phi(d(rx,gy))\phi(d(ry,fx))\} \text{ for all } x,y \in X,$$

$$(1.2)$$

where  $\phi$  is a contractive modulus. If the pair (f, r) or (g, r) is owe, then f, g and r have a unique common fixed point.

In this paper we obtain a common fixed point for four self-maps satisfying any two of three inequalities under a contractive modulus.

### 2. Main Result

We prove the following main result:

**Theorem 2.1**: Let X be a nonempty set with symmetric d and f, g, h and r be self-maps on (X, d) satisfying any two of the following three inequalities:

$$d^{2}(fx,gy) \leq \max\{\phi(d(rx,ry))\phi(d(rx,fx)),\phi(d(rx,ry))\phi(d(ry,fx)), \phi(d(rx,ry))\phi(d(ry,gy)), \phi(d(rx,ry))\phi(d(ry,gy)), \phi(d(rx,gy)), \phi(d(rx,gy)), \phi(d(rx,gy)), \phi(d(rx,gy)), \phi(d(rx,ry))\phi(d(ry,gx)), \phi(d(rx,ry))\phi(d(ry,gx)), \phi(d(rx,ry))\phi(d(ry,hy)), \phi(d(rx,gx))\phi(d(ry,hy)), \phi(d(rx,ry))\phi(d(ry,hx)), \phi(d(rx,ry))\phi(d(ry,hx)), \phi(d(rx,ry))\phi(d(ry,fy)), \phi(d(rx,hx)), \phi(d(ry,fy)), \phi(d(ry,fy$$

$$\phi(d(rx, fy))\phi(d(ry, hx))\}$$

for all  $x, y \in X$ , where  $\phi$  is a contractive modulus. If any of the pairs (f, r), (g, r) or (h, r) is owe, then f, g, h and r have a unique common fixed point.

**Proof** : Suppose that (f, r) is owe, then there exists  $u \in X$  such that

$$fu = ru$$
 and  $fru = rfu$ . ((2.4)

Writing x = y = u in (2.1) and using (2.4), we get

$$\begin{aligned} d^{2}(fu,gu) &\leq \max\{\phi(d(ru,ru))\phi(d(ru,fu)),\phi(d(ru,ru))\phi(d(rufu)), \\ &\qquad \phi(d(ru,ru)\phi(d(ru,gu)),\phi(d(ru,fu))\phi(d(ru,gu)),\phi(d(ru,gu))\phi(ru,fu))\} \end{aligned}$$

so that  $d^2(fu, gu) \leq 0$  or fu = gu. Therefore,

$$fu = gu = ru. \tag{2.5}$$

Now, if  $gfu \neq ffu$ , then again by (2.1) with x = y = fu, we get

$$\begin{array}{lcl} d^2(ffu,gfu) &\leq & \max\{\phi(d(rfu,rfu))\phi(d(rfu,ffu)),\phi(d(rfu,rfu))\phi(d(rfu,ffu)),\\ && \phi(d(rfu,rfu))\phi(d(rfu,gfu)),\phi(d(rfu,ffu))\phi(d(rfu,gfu)),\\ && \phi(rfu,gfu))\phi(d(rfu,ffu))\} \end{array}$$

or  $d^2(ffu, gfu) \leq 0$ , in view of (2.4) and (2.5) so that ffu = gfu. Therefore,

$$gfu = ffu = fru = rfu. (2.6)$$

Again (2.1) with x = fu, y = u and (2.4), (2.5) and (2.6), imply that

$$\begin{array}{lll} d^{2}(ffu,gu) &\leq & \max\{\phi(d(rfu,ru))\phi(d(rfu,ffu)),\phi(d(rfu,ru))\phi(d(ru,ffu)),\\ && \phi(d(rfu,ru))\phi(d(ru,gu)),\phi(d(rfu,ffu))\phi(d(ru,gu)),\\ && \phi(rfu,gu))\phi(d(ru,ffu))\} \end{array}$$

$$d^{2}(ffu, fu) \leq \max\{\phi(d(ffu, fu))\phi(d(fu, ffu)), \phi(d(ffu, fu))\phi(d(fu, ffu))\}$$

so that  $d^2(ffu, fu) \leq (\phi(d(ffu, fu)))^2$  or ffu = fu. Thus ffu = fru = rfu = gfu = fu. fu = gu = ru = p is a common fixed point for f, g, and r That is

$$fp = rp = gp = p. \tag{2.7}$$

On one hand using (2.7) in (2.2) with x = y = p, we have

$$\begin{aligned} d^{2}(gp,hp) &\leq \max\{\phi(d(rp,rp))\phi(d(rp,gp)),\phi(d(rp,rp))\phi(d(rp,gp)),\\ \phi(d(rp,rp))\phi(d(rp,hp)),\phi(d(rp,gp))\phi(d(rp,hp)),\\ \phi(d(rp,hp))\phi(d(rp,gp))\} &\leq 0 \end{aligned}$$

or gp = hp. Hence

$$fp = gp = hp = rp = p. \tag{2.8}$$

Thus p is a common fixed point of f, g, h and r.

On the other hand, taking x = y = p in (2.3) and using (2.7),

$$\begin{aligned} d^{2}(hp, fp) &\leq \max\{\phi(d(rp, rp))\phi(d(rp, hp)), \phi(d(rp, rp))\phi(d(rp, hp)), \\ \phi(d(rp, rp))\phi(d(rp, fp)), \phi(d(rp, hp))\phi(d(rp, fp)), \\ \phi(d(rp, fp))\phi(d(rp, hp))\} &\leq 0 \end{aligned}$$

so that hp = fp. From this (2.8) follows.

Suppose that (2.2) and (2.3) hold good. Now writing x = y = u in (2.3) and using (2.4), we get

$$\begin{aligned} d^{2}(hu, fu) &\leq \max\{\phi(d(ru, ru))\phi(d(ru, hu)), \phi(d(ru, ru))\phi(d(ru, hu)), \\ \phi(d(ru, ru))\phi(d(ru, fu)), \phi(d(ru, hu))\phi(d(ru, fu)), \\ \phi(d(ru, fu))\phi(d(ru, hu))\} &\leq 0 \end{aligned}$$

or hu = fu. Therefore,

$$fu = hu = ru = q. \tag{2.9}$$

If  $hfu \neq ffu$ , then again by (2.3) with x = y = fu, we get

$$\begin{array}{ll} d^2(hfu, ffu) &\leq & \max\{\phi(d(rfu, rfu))\phi(d(rfu, hfu)), \phi(d(rfu, rfu))\phi(d(rfu, hfu)), \\ & \phi(d(rfu, rfu))\phi(d(rfu, ffu)), \phi(d(rfu, hfu))\phi(d(rfu, ffu)), \\ & \phi(d(rfu, ffu))\phi(d(rfu, hfu))\} \leq 0, \end{array}$$

in view of (2.9) so that hfu = ffu. Therefore, hfu = ffu = fru = rfu or

$$hq = fq = rq. \tag{2.10}$$

Now, by (2.2) with x = y = q and using (2.10), we get

$$\begin{array}{lll} d^2(gq,hq) &\leq & \max\{\phi(d(rq,rq))\phi(d(rq,gq)),\phi(d(rq,rq))\phi(d(rq,gq)),\\ & & \phi(d(rq,rq))\phi(d(rq,hq)),\phi(d(rq,gq))\phi(d(rq,hq)),\\ & & \phi(d(rq,hq))\phi(d(rq,gq))\} \leq 0 \end{array}$$

or gq = hq. Therefore,

$$fq = hq = gq = rq. (2.11)$$

Now, by (2.3) with x = hu = q, y = u and using (2.9), (2.10) and (2.11), we get

$$\begin{aligned} d^{2}(hhu, fu) &= d^{2}(hq, q) \leq \max\{\phi(d(rhu, ru))\phi(d(rhu, hhu)), \phi(d(rhu, ru))\phi(d(ru, hhu)), \\ \phi(d(rhu, ru))\phi(d(ru, fu)), \phi(d(rhu, hhu))\phi(d(ru, fhu)), \\ \phi(d(rhu, fu))\phi(d(ru, hhu))\} \end{aligned}$$

or

$$\begin{array}{lcl} d^{2}(hq,q) & \leq & \max\{\phi(d(rq,q))\phi(d(rq,hq)),\phi(d(rq,q))\phi(d(q,hq)), \\ & & \phi(d(rq,q))\phi(d(q,q)),\phi(d(rq,hq))\phi(d(q,fq)), \\ & & \phi(d(rq,q))\phi(d(q,q))\} \end{array}$$

so that

$$d^2(hq,q) \le (\phi(d(hq,q)))^2$$

giving hq = q. Thus fq = hq = gq = rq = q. In other words, if (f, r) is owc, and any two of (2.1), (2.2) and (2.3) hold good, then f, g, h and r have a common fixed point. Suppose that (g, r) is owc. Then there exists  $u \in X$  such that

$$gu = ruandgru = rgu. \tag{2.12}$$

Writing x = y = u in (2.1) and using (2.12), we get

$$\begin{array}{ll} d^2(fu,gu) &\leq & \max\{\phi(d(ru,ru))\phi(d(ru,fu)),\phi(d(ru,ru))\phi(d(ru,fu)),\\ & \phi(d(ru,ru))\phi(d(ru,gu)),\phi(d(ru,fu))\phi(d(ru,gu)),\\ & \phi(d(ru,gu))\phi(d(ru,fu))\} \leq 0 \end{array}$$

or fu = gu. Therefore fu = gu = ru. Now, if  $gfu \neq ffu$ , then again by (2.1) with x = y = fu, we get

$$\begin{array}{ll} d^2(ffu,gfu) &\leq & \max\{\phi(d(rfu,rfu))\phi(d(rfu,ffu)),\phi(d(rfu,rfu))\phi(d(rfu,ffu)),\phi(d(rfu,ffu)),\phi(d(rfu,gfu)),\phi(d(rfu,gfu)),\phi(d(rfu,gfu)),\phi(d(rfu,gfu)),\phi(d(rfu,gfu)),\phi(d(rfu,ffu))\} \leq 0, \end{array}$$

or ffu = gfu so that

$$ffu = gfu = rgu = rfu. (2.13)$$

Again by (2.1) with x = fu, y = u and using (2.13) we get

$$\begin{aligned} d^{2}(ffu,gu) &\leq \max\{\phi(d(rfu,ru))\phi(d(rfu,ffu)),\phi(d(rfu,ru))\phi(d(ru,ffu)),\\ &\phi(d(rfu,ru))\phi(d(rf,gu)),\phi(d(rfu,ffu))\phi(d(ru,gu))\phi(d(ru,ffu))\},\\ &\leq (\phi(d(ffu,fu)))^{2} \end{aligned}$$

or ffu = fu. Therefore,

$$ffu = gfu = rgu = rfu = fu. (2.14)$$

Thus fu = gu = ru = p is a common fixed point for f, g and r. Then by (2.14) we get

$$fp = gp = rp = p. (2.15)$$

On one hand, writing x = y = p in (2.2) and using (2.15), we get

$$\begin{aligned} d^{2}(gp,hp) &\leq \max\{\phi(d(rp,rp))\phi(d(rp,gp)),\phi(d(rp,rp))\phi(d(rp,gp)),\\ &\phi(d(rp,rp))\phi(d(rp,hp)),\phi(d(rp,gp))\phi(d(rp,hp)),\\ &\phi(d(rp,hp))\phi(d(rp,gp))\} \leq 0 \end{aligned}$$

or gp = hp. Therefore,

$$fp = gp = hp = rp = p. (2.16)$$

Thus p is a common fixed point of f, g, h and r. Now, taking x = y = p in (2.3) and using (2.15), we get

$$\begin{aligned} d^{2}(hp, fp) &\leq \max\{\phi(d(rp, rp))\phi(d(rp, hp)), \phi(d(rp, rp))\phi(d(rp, hp)), \\ \phi(d(rp, rp))\phi(d(rp, fp)), \phi(d(rp, hp))\phi(d(rp, fp)), \\ \phi(d(rp, fp))\phi(d(rp, hp))\} &\leq 0 \end{aligned}$$

or hp = fp. Hence (2.16) follows.

Suppose that (2.2) and (2.3) hold good. Now writing x = y = u in (2.2) and using (2.12), we get

$$d^{2}(gu,hu) \leq \max\{\phi(d(ru,ru))\phi(d(ru,gu)),\phi(d(ru,ru))\phi(d(ru,gu)),\phi(d(ru,ru))\phi(d(ru,hu)),\phi(d(ru,gu))\phi(d(ru,hu)),\phi(d(ru,hu)),\phi(d(ru,hu)),\phi(d(ru,gu))\} \leq 0$$

or gu = hu. Therefore,

$$gu = hu = ru = q. \tag{2.17}$$

Now, if  $ggu \neq hgu$ , then again by (2.2) with x = y = gu, we get

$$\begin{aligned} d^{2}(ggu, hgu) &\leq \max\{\phi(d(rgu, rgu))\phi(d(rgu, ggu)), \phi(d(rgu, rgu))\phi(d(rgu, ggu)), \\ &\qquad \phi(d(rgu, rgu))\phi(d(rgu, hgu)), \phi(d(rgu, ggu))\phi(d(rgu, hgu))\phi(d(rgu, hgu))\}, \\ &\leq \max\{\phi(d(gru, ggu))\phi(d(rgu, hgu)), \phi(d(rgu, hgu))\phi(d(gru, ggu)), \end{aligned}$$

 $\phi(d(gq,gq))\phi(d(rq,hq)),\phi(d(rq,hq))\phi(d(gq,gq))\}$ 

or ggu = hgu. Therefore,

$$hgu = ggu = gru = rgu \tag{2.18}$$

or

$$hq = gq = rq. \tag{(2.19)}$$

By (2.3) with x = y = q and (2.19), we get

$$\begin{aligned} d^{2}(hq, fq) &\leq \max\{\phi(d(rq, rq))\phi(d(rq, hq)), \phi(d(rq, rq))\phi(d(rq, hq)), \\ &\phi(d(rq, rq))\phi(d(rq, fq)), \phi(d(rq, hq))\phi(d(rq, fq)), \\ &\phi(d(rq, fq))\phi(d(rq, hq))\} \leq 0 \end{aligned}$$

or hq = fq so that

$$gq = rq = hq = fq. \tag{2.20}$$

Now, by (2.2) with x = u and y = hu, we have

$$\begin{aligned} d^{2}(gu, hhu) &\leq \max\{\phi(d(ru, rhu))\phi(d(ru, gu)), \phi(d(ru, rhu))\phi(d(rhu, gu)), \\ &\phi(d(ru, rhu))\phi(d(rhu, hhu)), \phi(d(ru, gu))\phi(d(rhu, hhu)), \\ &\phi(d(ru, hhu))\phi(d(rhu, gu))\}. \end{aligned}$$

On simplification, this gives  $d(q, hq) \leq \phi(d(hq, q))$  or hq = q. Therefore, gq = rq = fq = hq = q.

Thus if (g, r) is owc, and any two of (2.1), (2.2), (2.3) hold good, then f, g, h and r have a common fixed point.

Finally, suppose that (h, r) is owc. Then there exists some  $u \in X$  such that

$$hu = ru$$
 and  $hru = rhu$ . (2.21)

Writing x = y = u in (2.2) and then using (2.21), we get

$$\begin{aligned} d^{2}(gu,hu) &\leq \max\{\phi(d(ru,ru))\phi(d(ru,gu)),\phi(d(ru,ru))\phi(d(ru,gu)),\\ &\phi(d(ru,ru))\phi(d(ru,hu)),\phi(d(ru,gu))\phi(d(ru,hu)),\\ &\phi(d(ru,hu))\phi(d(ru,gu))\} \leq 0 \end{aligned}$$

or gu = hu. Therefore,

$$gu = hu = ru. (2.22)$$

If  $ghu \neq hhu$ , then again by (2.2) with x = y = hu, we get

$$\begin{aligned} d^{2}(ghu, hhu) &\leq \max\{\phi(d(rhu, rhu))\phi(d(rhu, ghu)), \phi(d(rhu, rhu))\phi(d(rhu, ghu)), \\ \phi(d(rhu, rhu))\phi(d(rhu, hhu)), \phi(d(rhu, ghu))\phi(d(rhu, hhu)), \\ \phi(d(rhu, hhu))\phi(d(rhu, ghu))\} &\leq 0, \end{aligned}$$

in view of (2.21) and (2.22) or ghu = hhu. Therefore,

$$ghu = hhu = hru = rhu. \tag{2.23}$$

Again by (2.2) with x = hu, y = u and using (2.21), (2.22) and (2.23), we get

$$\begin{aligned} d^{2}(gu,hu) &\leq \max\{\phi(d(rhu,ru))\phi(d(rhu,ghu)),\phi(d(rhu,ru))\phi(d(ru,ghu)),\\ \phi(d(rhu,ru))\phi(d(ru,hu)),\phi(d(rhu,ghu))\phi(d(ru,hu)),\\ \phi(d(rhu,gu))\phi(d(ru,ghu))\} \end{aligned}$$

or ghu = hu. Thus by (2.23) we get ghu = hhu = rhu = hu. In other words, hu = gu = ru = p is a common fixed point for g, h and r. That is

$$hp = gp = rp = p. \tag{2.24}$$

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On one hand, using (2.24) in (2.1) with x = y = p, we get

$$\begin{array}{ll} d^{2}(fp,gp) &\leq & \max\{\phi(d(rp,rp))\phi(d(rp,fp)),\phi(d(rp,rp))\phi(d(rp,fp)),\\ & \phi(d(rp,rp))\phi(d(rp,gp)),\phi(d(rp,fp))\phi(d(rp,gp)),\\ & \phi(d(rp,gp))\phi(d(rp,fp))\} \leq 0 \end{array}$$

or fp = gp. Hence

$$hp = rp = gp = fp = p. \tag{2.25}$$

Thus p is a common fixed point of h, r, g and f.

On the other hand, taking x = y = p in (2.3) and using (2.24), we get

$$\begin{split} d^2(hp, fp) &\leq & \max\{\phi(d(rp, rp))\phi(d(rp, hp)), \phi(d(rp, rp))\phi(d(rp, hp)), \\ & \phi(d(rp, rp))\phi(d(rp, fp)), \phi(d(rp, hp))\phi(d(rp, fp)), \\ & \phi(d(rp, fp))\phi(d(rp, hp))\} \leq 0 \end{split}$$

or hp = fp and (2.25) follows.

Suppose that (2.1) and (2.3) hold good. Then writing x = y = u in (2.3) and using (2.21), we get

$$\begin{aligned} d^{2}(hu, fu) &\leq \max\{\phi(d(ru, ru))\phi(d(ru, hu)), \phi(d(ru, ru))\phi(d(ru, hu)), \\ \phi(d(ru, ru))\phi(d(ru, fu)), \phi(d(ru, hu))\phi(d(ru, fu)), \\ \phi(d(ru, fu))\phi(d(ru, hu))\} &\leq 0 \end{aligned}$$

or hu = fu. Therefore,

$$hu = fu = ru = q. \tag{2.26}$$

If  $hhu \neq fhu$ , then again by (2.3) with x = y = hu, we get

$$\begin{aligned} d^{2}(hhu, fhu) &\leq \max\{\phi(d(rhu, rhu))\phi(d(rhu, hhu)), \phi(d(rhu, rhu))\phi(d(rhu, hhu)), \\ \phi(d(rhu, rhu))\phi(d(rhu, fhu)), \phi(d(rhu, hhu))\phi(d(rhu, fhu)), \\ \phi(d(rhu, fhu))\phi(d(rhu, hhu))\} &\leq 0, \end{aligned}$$

in view of (2.21) and (2.26), so that hhu = fhu. Therefore, fhu = hhu = hru = rhu or

$$fq = hq = rq. \tag{2.27}$$

By (2.1) with x = y = q and (2.27), we get

$$\begin{array}{ll} d^2(fq,gq) &\leq & \max\{\phi(d(rq,rq))\phi(d(rq,fq)),\phi(d(rq,rq))\phi(d(rq,fq)),\\ & \phi(d(rq,rq))\phi(d(rq,gq)),\phi(d(rq,fq))\phi(d(rq,gq)),\\ & \phi(d(rq,gq))\phi(d(rq,fq))\} \leq 0 \end{array}$$

or fq = gq. Therefore,

$$hq = rq = fq = gq. \tag{2.28}$$

By (2.3) with x = hu = q and y = u and (2.26), (2.27) and (2.28),

$$d^{2}(hhu, fu) \leq \max\{\phi(d(rhu, ru))\phi(d(rhu, hu)), \phi(d(rhu, ru))\phi(d(ru, hhu)), \phi(d(rhu, ru))\phi(d(ru, fu)), \phi(d(rhu, hhu))\phi(d(ru, fu)), \phi(d(rhu, fu))\phi(d(ru, hhu))\} \leq (\phi(d(hq, q)))^{2},$$

or hq = q so that hq = rq = fq = gq = q. Thus if (h, r) is owe, and any two of (2.1), (2.2), (2.3) hold good, then f, g, h and r have a common fixed point.

**Uniqueness**: Suppose that z and w are two common fixed points of f, g, h and r so that fz = gz = hz = rz = z and fw = gw = hw = rw = w. Then, by (2.1) with x = z and y = w, we obtain

$$\begin{array}{lll} d^{2}(fz,gw) & \leq & \max\{\phi(d(rz,rw))\phi(d(rz,fz)),\phi(d(rz,rw))\phi(d(rw,fz)),\\ & & \phi(d(rz,rw))\phi(d(rw,gw)),\phi(d(rz,fz))\phi(d(rw,gw)),\\ & & \phi(d(rz,gw))\phi(d(rw,fz))\} \leq (\phi(d(z,w)))^{2} \end{array}$$

or z = w, proving that the common fixed point is unique.

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