

## STATIONARY POINTS FOR SET-VALUED MAPPINGS ON TWO METRIC SPACES

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**ABSTRACT.** We give stationary point theorems of set-valued mappings in complete and compact metric spaces. The results in this note generalize a few results due to Fisher.

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**1. Introduction and preliminaries.** In [2, 4], Fisher and Popa proved fixed point theorems for single-valued mappings on two metric spaces. The purpose of this note is to generalize these results from single-valued mappings into set-valued mappings. In this note, we show stationary point results of set-valued mappings in complete and compact metric spaces.

Let  $(X, d)$  and  $(Y, \rho)$  be complete metric spaces and  $B(X)$  and  $B(Y)$  be two families of all nonempty bounded subsets of  $X$  and  $Y$ , respectively. The function  $\delta(A, B)$  with  $A$  and  $B$  in  $B(X)$  is defined as follows:

$$\delta(A, B) = \sup \{d(a, b) : a \in A, b \in B\}. \quad (1.1)$$

Define  $\delta(A) = \delta(A, A)$ . Similarly, the function  $\delta'(C, D)$  with  $C$  and  $D$  in  $B(Y)$  is defined as follows:

$$\delta'(C, D) = \sup \{\rho(c, d) : c \in C, d \in D\}. \quad (1.2)$$

A sequence of sets in  $B(X)$ ,  $\{A_n : n = 1, 2, \dots\}$  converges to the set  $A$  in  $B(X)$  if

- (i) each point  $a$  in  $A$  is the limit of some convergent sequence  $\{a_n \in A_n : n = 1, 2, \dots\}$ ;
- (ii) for arbitrary  $\epsilon > 0$ , there exists an integer  $N$  such that  $A_n \subset A_\epsilon$ , for  $n > N$ , where  $A_\epsilon$  is the union of all open spheres with centers in  $A$  and radius  $\epsilon$ .

Let  $T$  be a set-valued mapping of  $X$  into  $B(X)$ .  $z$  is a *stationary point* of  $T$  if  $Tz = \{z\}$ .  $T$  is *continuous* at  $x$  in  $X$  if whenever  $\{x_n\}$  is a sequence of points in  $X$  converging to  $x$ , the sequence  $\{Tx_n\}$  in  $B(X)$  converges to  $Tx$  in  $B(X)$ . If  $T$  is continuous at each point  $x$  in  $X$ , then  $T$  is a *continuous mapping* of  $X$  into  $B(X)$ .

The following Lemmas 1.1 and 1.2 were proved in [1, 3], respectively.

**LEMMA 1.1.** *If  $\{A_n\}$  and  $\{B_n\}$  are sequences of bounded subsets of a complete metric space  $(X, d)$  which converge to the bounded subsets  $A$  and  $B$ , respectively, then the sequence  $\{\delta(A_n, B_n)\}$  converges to  $\delta(A, B)$ .*

**LEMMA 1.2.** *Let  $\{A_n\}$  be a sequence of nonempty subsets of  $X$  and let  $x$  be a point of  $X$  such that  $\lim_{n \rightarrow \infty} \delta(A_n, x) = 0$ . Then the sequence  $\{A_n\}$  converges to the set  $\{x\}$ .*

**2. Stationary point results.** Now we prove the following theorem for set-valued mappings.

**THEOREM 2.1.** *Let  $(X, d)$  and  $(Y, \rho)$  be complete metric spaces. If  $T$  is a continuous mapping of  $X$  into  $B(Y)$  and  $S$  is a continuous mapping of  $Y$  into  $B(X)$  satisfying the inequalities*

$$\delta(STx, STy) \leq c \max \{ \delta(x, y), \delta(x, STx), \delta(y, STy), \delta'(Tx, Ty) \}, \tag{2.1}$$

$$\delta'(TSx', TSy') \leq c \max \{ \delta'(x', y'), \delta'(x', TSx'), \delta'(y', TSy'), \delta(Sx', Sy') \}, \tag{2.2}$$

for all  $x, y$  in  $X$  and  $x', y'$  in  $Y$ , where  $0 \leq c < 1$ , then  $ST$  has a stationary point  $z$  in  $X$  and  $TS$  has a stationary point  $w$  in  $Y$ . Further  $Tz = \{w\}$  and  $Sw = \{z\}$ .

**PROOF.** From (2.1) and (2.2), it is easy to see that

$$\begin{aligned} \delta(STA, STB) &\leq c \max \{ \delta(A, B), \delta(A, STA), \delta(B, STB), \delta'(TA, TB) \}, \\ \delta'(TSA', TSB') &\leq c \max \{ \delta'(A', B'), \delta'(A', TSA'), \delta'(B', TSB'), \delta(SA', SB') \}, \end{aligned} \tag{2.3}$$

for all  $A, B$  in  $B(X)$  and  $A', B'$  in  $B(Y)$ .

Let  $x$  be an arbitrary point in  $X$ . Define sequences  $\{x_n\}$  and  $\{y_n\}$  in  $B(X)$  and  $B(Y)$ , respectively, by choosing a point  $x_n$  in  $(ST)^n x = X_n$  and a point  $y_n$  in  $T(ST)^{n-1} x = Y_n$  for  $n = 1, 2, \dots$ . From (2.3) we have

$$\begin{aligned} \delta(X_n, X_{n+1}) &= \delta(STX_{n-1}, STX_n) \\ &\leq c \max \{ \delta(X_{n-1}, X_n), \delta(X_{n-1}, X_n), \delta(X_n, X_{n+1}), \delta'(Y_n, Y_{n+1}) \} \\ &\leq c \max \{ \delta(X_{n-1}, X_n), \delta'(Y_n, Y_{n+1}) \}. \end{aligned} \tag{2.4}$$

Similarly,

$$\delta'(Y_n, Y_{n+1}) \leq c \max \{ \delta'(Y_{n-1}, Y_n), \delta(X_{n-1}, X_n) \}. \tag{2.5}$$

Put  $M = \max \{ \delta(x, X_1), \delta'(Y_1, Y_2) \}$ . From the above inequalities, we obtain immediately

$$\delta(X_n, X_{n+1}) \leq c^n M, \quad \delta'(Y_n, Y_{n+1}) \leq c^n M, \tag{2.6}$$

for  $n \geq 1$ . It follows from (2.2) that

$$\begin{aligned} \delta(X_n, X_{n+r}) &\leq \delta(X_n, X_{n+1}) + \dots + \delta(X_{n+r-1}, X_{n+r}) \\ &\leq (c^n + \dots + c^{n+r-1})M \leq \frac{c^n}{1-c}M. \end{aligned} \tag{2.7}$$

Since  $c < 1$ , then  $\delta(X_n, X_{n+r}) \rightarrow 0$  as  $n \rightarrow \infty$ . So

$$d(x_n, x_{n+r}) \leq \delta(X_n, X_{n+r}) \rightarrow 0 \quad \text{as } n \rightarrow \infty. \tag{2.8}$$

Thus  $\{x_n\}$  is a Cauchy sequence. Completeness of  $X$  implies that there exists  $z$  in  $X$  such that  $x_n \rightarrow z$  as  $n \rightarrow \infty$ . It follows that

$$\begin{aligned} \delta(z, X_n) &\leq \delta(z, x_n) + \delta(x_n, X_n) \\ &\leq \delta(z, x_n) + \delta(X_n, X_n) \\ &\leq \delta(z, x_n) + 2\delta(X_n, X_{n+1}), \end{aligned} \tag{2.9}$$

which implies that  $\delta(z, X_n) \rightarrow 0$  as  $n \rightarrow \infty$ . Similarly, there exists  $w$  in  $Y$  such that  $y_n \rightarrow w$  and  $\delta'(w, Y_n) \rightarrow 0$  as  $n \rightarrow \infty$ . Then

$$\delta'(w, TX_n) \leq \delta'(w, TX_n) = \delta'(w, Y_{n+1}). \tag{2.10}$$

By the continuity of  $T$  and [Lemma 1.1](#), we have  $\delta'(w, Tz) \rightarrow 0$  as  $n \rightarrow \infty$ . From [Lemma 1.2](#) it follows that  $Tz = \{w\}$ . Note that

$$\begin{aligned} \delta(STz, x_n) &\leq \delta(STz, X_n) \\ &\leq c \max \{ \delta(z, X_{n-1}), \delta(z, STz), \delta(X_{n-1}, X_n), \delta'(Tz, TX_{n-1}) \}. \end{aligned} \tag{2.11}$$

Letting  $n$  tend to infinity, we have

$$\delta(STz, z) \leq c \max \{ \delta(STz, z), 0 \}, \tag{2.12}$$

which implies that  $STz = \{z\} = Sw$ . Similarly, we can show that  $w$  is a stationary point of  $TS$ . This completes the proof of the theorem.  $\square$

**THEOREM 2.2.** *Let  $(X, d)$  be a complete metric space, and let  $S$  and  $T$  be continuous mappings of  $X$  into  $B(X)$  and map bounded set into bounded set. If  $S$  and  $T$  satisfy the inequalities*

$$\begin{aligned} \delta(STx, STy) &\leq c \max \{ \delta(x, y), \delta(x, STx), \delta(y, STy), \\ &\delta(x, STy), \delta(y, STx), \delta(Tx, Ty) \}, \end{aligned} \tag{2.13}$$

$$\begin{aligned} \delta(TSx, TSy) &\leq c \max \{ \delta(x, y), \delta(x, TSx), \delta(y, TSy), \\ &\delta(x, TSy), \delta(y, TSx), \delta(Sx, Sy) \}, \end{aligned} \tag{2.14}$$

for all  $x, y$  in  $X$ , where  $0 \leq c < 1$ , then  $ST$  has a stationary point  $z$  and  $TS$  has a stationary point  $w$ . Further  $Tz = \{w\}$  and  $Sw = \{z\}$ . If  $z = w$ , then  $z$  is the unique common stationary point of  $S$  and  $T$ .

**PROOF.** Let  $x$  be an arbitrary point in  $X$ . Define a sequence of sets  $\{X_n\}$  by  $T(ST)^{n-1}x = X_{2n-1}$ ,  $(ST)^n x = X_{2n}$  for  $n \geq 1$  and  $X_0 = \{x\}$ .

Now suppose that  $\{\delta(X_n)\}$  is unbounded. Then the real-valued sequence  $\{a_n\}$  is unbounded, where  $a_{2n-1} = \delta(X_{2n-1}, X_3)$ ,  $a_{2n} = \delta(X_{2n}, X_2)$  for  $n \geq 1$  and so there exists an integer  $k$  such that

$$a_k > \frac{c}{1-c} \max \{ \delta(x, X_2), \delta(X_1, X_3) \}, \tag{2.15}$$

$$a_k > \max \{ a_1, \dots, a_{k-1} \}. \tag{2.16}$$

Suppose that  $k$  is even. Put  $k = 2n$ . From [\(2.15\)](#) and [\(2.16\)](#) we have

$$\begin{aligned} c\delta(X_{2r}, x) &\leq c[\delta(X_{2r}, X_2) + \delta(X_2, x)] < \delta(X_{2n}, X_2), \\ c\delta(X_{2r-1}, X_1) &\leq c[\delta(X_{2r-1}, X_3) + \delta(X_3, X_1)] < \delta(X_{2n}, X_2). \end{aligned} \tag{2.17}$$

That is,

$$\delta(X_{2n}, X_2) > c \max \{ \delta(X_{2r}, x), \delta(X_{2r-1}, X_1) : 1 \leq r \leq n \}. \tag{2.18}$$

We now prove that the following inequality is true for  $m \geq 1$ :

$$\delta(X_{2n}, X_2) \leq c^m \max \{ \delta(X_{2r}, X_{2s}), \delta(X_{2r'-1}, X_{2s'-1}) : 1 \leq r, s \leq n, 2 \leq r', s' \leq n \}. \quad (2.19)$$

From (2.13) we have

$$\begin{aligned} \delta(X_{2n}, X_2) &= \delta(STX_{2n-2}, STx) \\ &\leq c \max \{ \delta(X_{2n-2}, x), \delta(X_{2n-2}, X_{2n}), \delta(x, X_2), \\ &\quad \delta(x, X_{2n}), \delta(X_{2n-2}, X_2), \delta(X_{2n-1}, X_1) \}. \end{aligned} \quad (2.20)$$

It follows from (2.16) and (2.18) that

$$\delta(X_{2n}, X_2) \leq c\delta(X_{2n-2}, X_{2n}). \quad (2.21)$$

Now suppose that (2.19) is true for some  $m$ . From (2.13), (2.14), (2.16), and (2.18) we have

$$\begin{aligned} \delta(X_{2n}, X_2) &\leq c^m \max \{ \delta(X_{2r}, X_{2s}), \delta(X_{2r'-1}, X_{2s'-1}) : 1 \leq r, s \leq n, 2 \leq r', s' \leq n \} \\ &\leq c^{m+1} \max \{ \delta(X_{2r-2}, X_{2s-2}), \delta(X_{2r-2}, X_{2r}), \delta(X_{2s-2}, X_{2s}), \\ &\quad \delta(X_{2r-2}, X_{2s}), \delta(X_{2s-2}, X_{2r}), \delta(X_{2r-1}, X_{2s-1}), \\ &\quad \delta(X_{2r'-3}, X_{2s'-3}), \delta(X_{2r'-3}, X_{2r'-1}), \\ &\quad \delta(X_{2s'-3}, X_{2s'-1}) : 1 \leq r, s \leq n, 2 \leq r', s' \leq n \} \\ &\leq c^{m+1} \max \{ \delta(X_{2r}, X_{2s}), \delta(X_{2r'-1}, X_{2s'-1}) : 1 \leq r, s \leq n, 2 \leq r', s' \leq n \}. \end{aligned} \quad (2.22)$$

So (2.19) is true for all  $m \geq 1$ . Letting  $m$  tend to infinity, from (2.16) and (2.18) we have  $0 < \delta(X_{2n}, X_2) \leq 0$ , which is impossible. Similarly, when  $k$  is odd,  $2n-1$ , say, we also have  $0 < \delta(X_{2n-1}, X_3) \leq 0$ , which is also impossible. Hence  $\{\delta(X_n)\}$  is bounded.

Let  $M = \sup \{ \delta(X_r, X_s) : r, s = 0, 1, 2, \dots \} < \infty$ . For arbitrary  $\epsilon > 0$ , choose a positive integer  $N$  such that  $c^N M < \epsilon$ . Thus for  $m, n$  greater than  $2N$  with  $m$  and  $n$  both even or both odd, from (2.13) and (2.14) we have

$$\begin{aligned} \delta(X_m, X_n) &\leq c \max \{ \delta(X_{m-2}, X_{n-2}), \delta(X_{m-2}, X_m), \delta(X_{n-2}, X_n), \\ &\quad \delta(X_{m-2}, X_n), \delta(X_{n-2}, X_m), \delta(X_{m-1}, X_{n-1}) \} \\ &\leq c \max \{ \delta(X_r, X_s), \delta(X_r, X_{r'}), \delta(X_s, X_{s'}) : \\ &\quad m-2 \leq r, r' \leq m, n-2 \leq s, s' \leq n \} \\ &\leq c^N \max \{ \delta(X_r, X_s), \delta(X_r, X_{r'}), \delta(X_s, X_{s'}) : \\ &\quad m-2N \leq r, r' \leq m, n-2N \leq s, s' \leq n \} \\ &\leq c^N M < \epsilon. \end{aligned} \quad (2.23)$$

So  $\delta(X_{2n})$  and  $\delta(X_{2n+1}) \rightarrow 0$  as  $n \rightarrow \infty$ . Take a point  $x_n$  in  $X_n$  for  $n \geq 1$ . Since  $d(x_{2n}, x_{2n+2p}) \leq \delta(X_{2n}, X_{2n+2p}) \rightarrow 0$  as  $n \rightarrow \infty$ , hence  $\{x_{2n}\}$  is a Cauchy sequence. Completeness of  $X$  implies that  $\{x_{2n}\}$  has a limit  $z$  in  $X$ . Note that

$$\delta(z, X_{2n}) \leq \delta(z, x_{2n}) + \delta(x_{2n}, X_{2n}) \leq \delta(z, x_{2n}) + \delta(X_{2n}). \quad (2.24)$$

That is,  $\delta(z, X_{2n}) \rightarrow 0$  as  $n \rightarrow \infty$ . Similarly  $\{x_{2n+1}\}$  converges to some point  $w$  in  $X$  and  $\delta(w, X_{2n+1}) \rightarrow 0$  as  $n \rightarrow \infty$ . Since  $\delta(w, TX_{2n}) = \delta(w, X_{2n+1})$ , by the continuity of  $T$  and Lemma 1.1, we have  $\delta(w, Tz) \rightarrow 0$  as  $n \rightarrow \infty$ . From Lemma 1.2 it follows that  $Tz = \{w\}$ . In view of (2.13), we obtain that

$$\begin{aligned} \delta(STz, x_{2n}) &\leq \delta(STz, X_{2n}) \\ &\leq c \max \{ \delta(z, X_{2n-2}), \delta(z, STz), \delta(X_{2n-2}, X_{2n}), \\ &\quad \delta(z, X_{2n}), \delta(X_{2n-2}, STz), \delta(Tz, X_{2n-1}) \}, \end{aligned} \tag{2.25}$$

which implies that

$$\delta(STz, z) \leq c \max \{ \delta(z, STz), 0 \} \tag{2.26}$$

as  $n \rightarrow \infty$ . Since  $c < 1$ ,  $\delta(STz, z) = 0$ . Therefore  $STz = \{z\} = Sw$  and  $TSw = Tz = \{w\}$ .

Now suppose that  $z = w$  and that  $z'$  is the second common stationary point of  $S$  and  $T$ . Using (2.1)

$$\begin{aligned} \delta(z, z') &= \delta(STz, STz') \\ &\leq c \max \{ \delta(z, z'), \delta(z, STz), \delta(z', STz'), \\ &\quad \delta(z', STz), \delta(z, STz'), \delta(Tz, Tz') \} \\ &\leq c\delta(z, z'). \end{aligned} \tag{2.27}$$

So  $z = z'$  and this completes the proof of the theorem. □

**REMARK 2.3.** If we use single-valued mappings in place of set-valued mappings in Theorems 2.1 and 2.2, Theorems 2 and 3 of Fisher [2] can be attained.

**REMARK 2.4.** The following example demonstrates that the continuity of  $S$  and  $T$  in Theorems 2.1 and 2.2 is necessary.

**EXAMPLE 2.5.** Let  $X = \{0\} \cup \{1/n : n \geq 1\} = Y$  with the usual metric. Define mappings  $S, T$  by  $T0 = \{1\}$ ,  $T(1/n) = \{1/2n\}$  for  $n \geq 1$  and  $S = T$ . It is easy to prove that all the conditions of Theorems 2.1 and 2.2 are satisfied except that the mappings  $S$  and  $T$  are continuous. But  $ST$  and  $TS$  have no stationary points.

Now we give the following theorem for the compact metric spaces.

**THEOREM 2.6.** *Let  $(X, d)$  and  $(Y, \rho)$  be compact metric spaces. If  $T$  is a continuous mapping of  $X$  into  $B(Y)$  and  $S$  is a continuous mapping of  $Y$  into  $B(X)$  satisfying the following inequalities:*

$$\delta(STx, STy) < \max \{ \delta(x, y), \delta(x, STx), \delta(y, STy), \delta'(Tx, Ty) \}, \tag{2.28}$$

$$\delta'(TSx', TSy') < \max \{ \delta'(x', y'), \delta'(x', TSx'), \delta'(y', TSy'), \delta(Sx', Sy') \}, \tag{2.29}$$

for all distinct  $x, y$  in  $X$  and distinct  $x', y'$  in  $Y$ , then  $ST$  has a stationary point  $z$  and  $TS$  has a stationary point  $w$ . Further  $Tz = \{w\}$  and  $Sw = \{z\}$ .

**PROOF.** Suppose that the right-hand sides of inequalities (2.28) and (2.29) are positive for all distinct  $x, y$  in  $X$  and distinct  $x', y'$  in  $Y$ . Define the real-valued function

$f(x, y)$  in  $X \times X$  as follows:

$$f(x, y) = \frac{\delta(STx, STy)}{\max\{\delta(x, y), \delta(x, STx), \delta(y, STy), \delta'(Tx, Ty)\}}. \quad (2.30)$$

Since  $S$  and  $T$  are continuous,  $f$  is continuous and achieves the maximum value  $s$  on the compact metric space  $X \times X$ . Inequality (2.28) implies  $s < 1$ . That is,

$$\delta(STx, STy) \leq s \max\{\delta(x, y), \delta(x, STx), \delta(y, STy), \delta'(Tx, Ty)\} \quad (2.31)$$

for all distinct  $x, y$  in  $X$ . It is obvious that (2.31) is also true for  $x = y$ . Similarly, there exists  $t < 1$  such that

$$\delta'(TSx', TSy') \leq t \max\{\delta'(x', y'), \delta'(x', TSx'), \delta'(y', TSy'), \delta(Sx', Sy')\} \quad (2.32)$$

for all  $x', y'$  in  $Y$ . So Theorem 2.6 follows immediately from Theorem 2.1.

Now suppose that there exist  $z, z'$  in  $X$  such that

$$\max\{\delta(z, z'), \delta(z, STz), \delta(z', STz'), \delta'(Tz, Tz')\} = 0, \quad (2.33)$$

which implies  $\{z\} = \{z'\} = STz$  and  $Tz = Tz'$ , a singleton,  $\{w\}$ , say. Therefore we have  $STz = sw = \{z\}$ ,  $TSw = Tz = \{w\}$ . If there exist  $w, w'$  in  $Y$  such that

$$\max\{\delta'(w, w'), \delta'(w, TSw), \delta'(w', TSw'), \delta(Sw, Sw')\} = 0. \quad (2.34)$$

Similarly, we also have  $STz = Sw = \{z\}$  and  $TSw = Tz = \{w\}$ . This completes the proof of the theorem.  $\square$

**REMARK 2.7.** Theorem 4 of Fisher [2] is a particular case of our Theorem 2.6 if the set-valued mappings in Theorem 2.6 are replaced by single-valued mappings.

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