

# Best Proximity Point Theorems for $\alpha$ -Proximal $\theta - \phi$ -Non-Self Mappings

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## Abstract

In this paper, we search some best proximity point for a novel class of non-self-mappings called  $\alpha$ -proximal  $\theta - \phi$ -mapping. Our results generalize and extend many recent results appearing in the literature. Several consequences are derived. As an application, we explore the existence of best proximity points for a metric space endowed with asymmetric binary relation.

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## Introduction

One of the fundamental results in fixed point theory is the Banach contraction principle [1]. Due to its importance, various mathematics steadied many interesting extensions and generalizations of this principle [2, 5–7].

The Banach contraction theorem states that if  $(X, d)$  is a complete metric space and  $T : X \rightarrow X$  is self-mapping with contraction, then  $T$  has a unique fixed point.

On the other hand for given non-empty closed subsets  $A$  and  $B$  of a complete metric space  $(X, d)$ , a contraction for non-self mapping  $T : A \rightarrow B$  does not necessarily guarantee that it will have a fixed point. In this case, it is quite natural to investigate an element  $x \in A$  such that  $d(x, Tx) > 0$  is in some sense minimum, more precisely a point  $x \in A$  for which  $d(x, Tx) = d(A, B)$  is called a best proximity point of  $T$ .

In this paper, we prove the existence and uniqueness of best proximity point for  $\alpha$ -proximal  $\theta - \phi$ -non-self mapping defined on a closed subset of a complete metric space. Also, we prove the existence and uniqueness of best proximity point on metric space endowed with symmetric binary relations.

## preliminaries

Let  $(A, B)$  be a pair of non empty subsets of a metric space  $(X, d)$ . We adopt the following notations:

$$d(A, B) = \{\inf d(a, b) : a \in A, b \in B\};$$

$$A_0 = \{a \in A \text{ there exists } b \in A \text{ such that } d(a, b) = d(A, B)\};$$

$$B_0 = \{b \in B \text{ there exists } a \in A \text{ such that } d(a, b) = d(A, B)\}.$$

**Definition 1.** [4]. Let  $T : A \rightarrow B$  be a mapping. An element  $x^*$  is said to be a best proximity point of  $T$  if

$$d(x^*, Tx^*) = d(A, B).$$

**Definition 2.** [9]. Let  $(A, B)$  be a pair of non empty subsets of a metric space  $(X, d)$  such that  $A_0$  is non empty. Then the pair  $(A, B)$  is to have  $P$ -property if and only

$$d(x_1, y_1) = d(x_2, y_2) = d(A, B)$$

then  $d(x_1, x_2) = d(y_1, y_2)$ , where  $x_1, x_2 \in A$  and  $y_1, y_2 \in B$ .

**Definition 3.** [4]. Let  $\alpha : A \times A \rightarrow [0, +\infty[$ . We say that  $T$  is said to be  $\alpha$  proximal admissible if  $\alpha(x_1, x_2) \geq 1$  and

$$d(u_1, Tx_1) = d(u_2, Tx_2) = d(A, B) \Rightarrow \alpha(u_1, u_2) \geq 1 \text{ for all } x_1, x_2, u_1, u_2 \in A.$$

**Definition 4.** [3] Let  $\Theta$  be the family of all functions  $\theta : ]0, +\infty[ \rightarrow ]1, +\infty[$  such that

( $\theta_1$ )  $\theta$  is increasing;

( $\theta_2$ ) For each sequence  $x_n \in ]0, +\infty[$ ;

$$\lim_{n \rightarrow 0} x_n = 0, \text{ if and only if } \lim_{n \rightarrow \infty} \theta(x_n) = 1;$$

( $\theta_3$ )  $\theta$  is continuous.

**Definition 5.** [10] Let  $\Phi$  be the family of all functions  $\phi : [1, +\infty[ \rightarrow [1, +\infty[$ , such that

( $\phi_1$ )  $\phi$  is increasing;

( $\phi_2$ ) For each  $t \in ]1, +\infty[$ ,  $\lim_{n \rightarrow \infty} \phi^n(t) = 1$ ;

( $\phi_3$ )  $\phi$  is continuous.

**Lemma 6.** [10] If  $\phi \in \Phi$  Then  $\phi(1)=1$ , and  $\phi(t) < t$ .

**Definition 7.** [10] Let  $(X, d)$  be a metric space and  $T : X \rightarrow X$  be a mapping.

$T$  is said to be a  $\theta - \phi$ -contraction if there exist  $\theta \in \Theta$  and  $\phi \in \Phi$  such that for any  $x, y \in X$ ,

$$d(Tx, Ty) > 0 \Rightarrow \theta[d(Tx, Ty)] \leq \phi[\theta(d(x, y))],$$

## Main result

We introduce the following concept which is a generalization of the definition of  $\theta - \phi$ -mapping.

**Definition 8.** Let  $(X, d)$  be a metric space and  $(A, B)$  be pair of nonempty subset of  $X$ . A non-self mapping  $T : A \rightarrow B$  is called  $\alpha$ -proximal  $\theta - \phi$ -mapping, where  $\alpha : A \times A \rightarrow [0, +\infty[$ , if there exists  $\theta \in \Theta$  and  $\phi \in \Phi$  such that for any  $x, y \in X$ ,

$$\alpha(x, y)\theta(d(Tx, Ty)) \leq \phi[\theta(d(x, y))]$$

**Theorem 9.** Let  $(A, B)$  be pair of nonempty closed subset of a complete metric space  $(X, d)$  such that  $A_0$  is nonempty. Let  $\alpha : A \times A \rightarrow [0, +\infty[$ ,  $\theta \in \Theta$  and  $\phi \in \Phi$ . Consider an  $\alpha$ -proximal  $\theta - \phi$ -non-self mapping  $T : A \rightarrow B$  satisfying the following assertion:

- (1)  $T(A_0) \in B_0$  and the pair  $(A, B)$  satisfies the  $P$  property;
- (2)  $T$  is  $\alpha$ -proximal admissible;

(3) there exist elements  $x_0, x_1 \in A$  such that  $d(x_1, Tx_0) = d(A, B)$  and  $\alpha(x_0, x_1) \geq 1$ ;

(4)  $T$  is continuous.

Then  $T$  has a unique best proximity point  $x^* \in A$  such that  $d(x^*, Tx^*) = d(A, B)$ .

*Proof.* From condition (3), there exist elements  $x_0, x_1 \in A_0$  such that

$$d(x_1, Tx_0) = d(A, B) \text{ and } \alpha(x_0, x_1) \geq 1.$$

Since  $T(A_0) \in B_0$ , there exists  $x_2 \in A_0$  such that  $d(x_2, Tx_1) = d(A, B)$ .

Now, we have

$$d(x_1, Tx_0) = d(A, B), \alpha(x_0, x_1) \geq 1 \text{ and } d(x_2, Tx_1) = d(A, B).$$

Since  $T$  is  $\alpha$ -proximal admissible, this implies that  $\alpha(x_1, x_2) \geq 1$ . Thus, we have

$$d(x_2, Tx_1) = d(A, B) \text{ and } \alpha(x_1, x_2) \geq 1.$$

Again, Since  $T(A_0) \in B_0$ , there exists  $x_3 \in A_0$  such that

$$d(x_3, Tx_2) = d(A, B).$$

Continuing this process, by induction, we construct a sequence  $x_n \in A_0$  such that

$$d(x_{n+1}, Tx_n) = d(A, B) \text{ and } \alpha(x_n, x_{n+1}) \geq 1, \forall n \in \mathbb{N}. \quad (1)$$

Since  $(A, B)$  satisfies the  $P$  property, we conclude from (1) that

$$d(x_n, x_{n+1}) = d(Tx_n, Tx_{n+1}), \forall n \in \mathbb{N}. \quad (1)$$

We shall prove that the sequence  $x_n$  is a Cauchy sequence. Let us first prove that

$$\lim_{n \rightarrow \infty} d(x_n, x_{n+1}) = 0.$$

As  $T$  is  $\alpha$ -proximal  $(\theta - \phi)$ -mapping and  $\alpha(x_n, x_{n+1}) \geq 1$ . Then

$$\theta [d(x_n, x_{n+1})] = \theta [d(Tx_{n-1}, Tx_n)] \leq \alpha(x_{n-1}, x_n) \theta [d(Tx_{n-1}, Tx_n)]$$

As  $\theta$  is increasing and using the Lemma 6, we conclude

$$d(x_n, x_{n+1}) < d(x_{n-1}, x_n).$$

Therefore,  $\{d(x_{n+1}, x_n)\}_{n \in \mathbb{N}}$  is monotone strictly decreasing sequence of non negative real numbers. Consequently, there exists  $\lambda \geq 0$  such that

$$\lim_{n \rightarrow \infty} d(x_{n+1}, x_n) = \lambda.$$

Now, we claim that  $\lambda = 0$ . Arguing by contraction, we assume that  $\lambda > 0$ . Since  $d(x_{n+1}, x_n)_{n \in \mathbb{N}}$  is a non negative decreasing sequence, then we have

$$d(x_{n+1}, x_n) \geq \lambda \quad \forall n \in \mathbb{N}.$$

From assumption of the theorem we get,

$$\begin{aligned} \theta [d(x_n, x_{n+1})] &= \theta [d(Tx_{n-1}, Tx_n)] \\ &\leq \phi [\theta (d(Tx_{n-1}, Tx_n))] \\ &\leq \dots \\ &\leq \phi^n [\theta (d(x_0, x_1))] \end{aligned}$$

By  $(\theta_1)$  and  $(\phi_2)$  and letting  $n \rightarrow \infty$ , we obtain

$$1 < \theta(\lambda) \leq 1.$$

Which is a contradiction. Therefore,

$$\lim_{n \rightarrow \infty} d(x_n, x_{n+1}) = 0. \quad (2)$$

Next, we shall prove that  $\{x_n\}_{n \in \mathbb{N}}$  is a Cauchy sequence, i.e,  $\lim_{n \rightarrow \infty} d(x_n, x_m) = 0$ , for all  $n \in \mathbb{N}$ . Suppose to the contrary that exists  $\varepsilon > 0$  and sequences  $n(k)$  and  $m(k)$  of natural numbers such that

$$m(k) > n(k) > k, \quad D(x_{m(k)}, x_{n(k)}) \geq \varepsilon, \quad D(x_{m(k)-1}, x_{n(k)}) < \varepsilon. \quad (3)$$

Using the triangular inequality, we find that,

$$\varepsilon \leq d(x_{m(k)}, x_{n(k)}) \leq d(x_{m(k)}, x_{n(k)-1}) + d(x_{n(k)-1}, x_{n(k)}) \quad (4)$$

$$< \varepsilon + d(x_{n(k)-1}, x_{n(k)}). \quad (5)$$

Then, by 2 and 4, it follows that

$$\lim_{k \rightarrow \infty} d(m(k), n(k)) = \varepsilon. \quad (6)$$

Using again the triangular inequality,

$$d(x_{m(k)+1}, x_{n(k)+1}) \leq d(x_{m(k)+1}, x_{m(k)}) + d(x_{m(k)}, x_{n(k)}) + d(x_{n(k)}, x_{n(k)+1}). \quad (7)$$

On the other hand, using triangular inequality, we have

$$d(x_{m(k)}, x_{n(k)}) \leq d(x_{m(k)}, x_{m(k)+1}) + d(x_{m(k)+1}, x_{n(k)+1}) + d(x_{n(k)+1}, x_{n(k)}). \quad (8)$$

Letting  $k \rightarrow \infty$  in inequality 7 and 8, we obtain

$$\lim_{k \rightarrow \infty} d(x_{m(k)+1}, x_{n(k)+1}) = \varepsilon. \quad (9)$$

Substituting  $x = x_{m(k)}$  and  $y = x_{n(k)}$  in assumption of the theorem, we get,

$$\theta(d(x_{m(k)+1}, x_{n(k)+1})) \leq \phi\left[\theta(d(x_{m(k)}, x_{n(k)}))\right]. \quad (10)$$

Letting Letting  $k \rightarrow \infty$  the above inequality 10, from lemma 6 and using  $(\theta_1)$  and  $(\theta_3)$ , we obtain

$$\theta\left(\lim_{k \rightarrow \infty} d(x_{m(k)+1}, x_{n(k)+1})\right) \leq \phi\left[\theta \lim_{k \rightarrow \infty} (d(x_{m(k)}, x_{n(k)}))\right].$$

Hence

$$\varepsilon < \varepsilon.$$

Which is a contradiction. Thus, the sequence  $\{x_n\}$  is a Cauchy sequence in the closed subset A of the metric space  $(X, d)$ . Since  $(X, d)$  is complete and A is closed assures that the sequence  $\{x_n\}$  converges to element  $x^* \in A$ .

On the other hand,  $T$  is a continuous mapping. Then we have  $Tx_n \rightarrow Tx^*$  as  $n \rightarrow \infty$ . The continuity of the metric  $d$  implies that

$$d(A, B) = d(x_{n+1}, Tx_n) \rightarrow d(x^*, Tx^*).$$

Therefore,

$$d(x^*, Tx^*) = d(A, B).$$

Then  $T$  has a best proximity point.

Uniqueness. Now, suppose that  $x^*, y^* \in A$  are two distinct best proximity points for  $T$  such that  $x^* = y^*$ . Since  $d(x^*, Tx^*) = d(y^*, Ty^*) = d(A, B)$ , using the  $P$  property, we conclude that

$$d(x^*, y^*) = d(Tx^*, Ty^*).$$

Since  $T$  is an  $\alpha$ -proximal  $\theta - \phi$ -mapping, we obtain

$$\theta(d(Tx^*, Ty^*)) \leq \phi[\theta(d(x^*, y^*))].$$

Therefore

$$\theta(d(A, B)) \leq \phi[\theta(d(A, B))].$$

Then  $d(A, B) < d(A, B)$ , which is a contradiction.  $\square$

**Theorem 10.** Let  $(A, B)$  be pair of nonempty closed subset of a complete metric space closed subsets of a complete metric space  $(X, d)$  such that  $A_0$  is nonempty. Let  $\alpha : A \times A \rightarrow [0, +\infty[$ , and  $\theta \in \Theta$  and  $\phi \in \Phi$ . Consider an  $\alpha$ -proximal  $\theta - \phi$ -mapping  $T : A \rightarrow B$  satisfying the following assertion:

- (1)  $T(A_0) \in B_0$  and the pair  $(A, B)$  satisfies the  $P$  property;
- (2)  $T$  is  $\alpha$ -proximal admissible;
- (3) there exist elements  $x_0, x_1 \in A$  such that  $d(x_1, Tx_0) = d(A, B)$  and  $\alpha(x_0, x_1) \geq 1$ ;
- (4) If  $\{x_n\}$  is a sequence in  $A$  such that  $\alpha(x_n, x_{n+1}) \geq 1$  and  $x_n \rightarrow x^*$  as  $n \rightarrow \infty$ , with  $x^* \in A$ , then there exists a subsequence  $x_{n(k)}$  of  $\{x_n\}$  such that  $\alpha(x_{n(k)}, x^*) \geq 1$  for all  $k$ .

Then  $T$  has a unique best proximity point  $x^* \in A$  such that  $d(x^*, Tx^*) = d(A, B)$ .

*Proof.* Following the proof of Theorem 9, there exists a Cauchy sequence  $\{x_n\} \in A$  such that

$$(x_{n+1}, Tx_n) = d(A, B) \quad \text{and} \quad \alpha(x_n, x_{n+1}) \geq 1, \forall n \in \mathbb{N}. \quad (11)$$

and  $(x_n) \rightarrow x^*$  as  $n \rightarrow \infty$ , with  $x^* \in A$ . From the condition (4) of the theorem, there exists a subsequence  $x_{n(k)}$  of  $\{x_n\}$  such that  $\alpha(x_{n(k)}, x^*) \geq 1$  for all  $k$ .

Since  $T$  is a  $\alpha$ -proximal  $\theta - \phi$ -mapping, then we have

$$\theta(d(Tx_{n(k)}, Tx^*)) \leq \phi[\theta(d(x_{n(k)}, x^*))] \quad \forall k.$$

By of the lemma (6), we get

$$\theta(d(Tx_{n(k)}, Tx^*)) < \theta(d(x_{n(k)}, x^*)) \quad \forall k.$$

As  $\theta$  is increasing we conclude that

$$d(Tx_{n(k)}, Tx^*) < d(x_{n(k)}, x^*) \quad \text{for all } k. \quad (12)$$

By the triangular inequality, we have

$$\begin{aligned} d(x^*, Tx^*) &\leq d(x^*, x_{n(k)+1}) + d(x_{n(k)+1}, Tx_{n(k)}) + d(Tx_{n(k)}, Tx^*) \\ &= d(x^*, x_{n(k)+1}) + d(A, B) + d(Tx_{n(k)}, Tx^*). \end{aligned}$$

We obtain that

$$d(x^*, Tx^*) - d(A, B) - d(x^*, x_{n(k)+1}) \leq d(Tx_{n(k)}, Tx^*). \quad (13)$$

Using (12) and (13), we get

$$d(x^*, Tx^*) - d(A, B) - d(x^*, x_{n(k+1)}) < (d(x_{n(k)}, x^*)). \quad (14)$$

By letting  $k \rightarrow \infty$  in inequality (14), we obtain

$$d(x^*, Tx^*) = d(A, B).$$

Therefore  $x^*$  is a best proximity point for the non-self mapping  $T$ .

Uniqueness: follow similarly as Theorem 9.  $\square$

**Example 11.** Let  $X = \mathbb{R}$  endowed with the standard metric for all  $x, y \in A$ .

Let  $A = [2, 4]$  and  $B = [\frac{1}{4}, \frac{1}{2}]$ .

Consider the non-self mapping  $T : A \rightarrow B$  such that  $T(a) = \frac{1}{a}$  for all  $a \in A$ .

Therefore,  $T(A) = B$ .

On the other hand  $A$  and  $B$  are closed subsets on the complete space  $(\mathbb{R}, d)$ .

It is easy to see that the couple  $(A, B)$  satisfies the  $P$  property. Let the function  $\alpha(x, y) = 1$  for all  $x, y \in A$ . We have

$$d(T(2), 2) = d\left(\frac{1}{2}, 2\right) = \frac{3}{2} = d(A, B).$$

So hypotheses (1), (2) (3), and (4) of the theorem are satisfied.

Now, let the functions  $\phi: [1, +\infty[ \rightarrow [1, +\infty[$  defined by

$$\phi(t) = \frac{t+1}{2}.$$

And define  $\theta : ]0, +\infty[ \rightarrow ]1, +\infty[$  by

$$\theta(t) = \sqrt{t} + 1.$$

Obviously,  $\phi \in \Phi$  and  $\theta \in \Theta$ .

In what follows, we prove that  $T$  is a  $(\theta - \phi)$ -proximal mapping. We consider four two cases.

**Case. 1.**  $x = y$ . In this case, we have

$$\theta(d(Tx, Ty)) = 0 \leq \phi[\theta(d(x, y))].$$

**Case. 2.**  $x \neq y$ . In this case, we have

$$\theta(d(Tx, Ty)) = \sqrt{d(Tx, Ty)} + 1 = \sqrt{\left|\frac{1}{x} - \frac{1}{y}\right|} + 1 = \sqrt{\left|\frac{x-y}{xy}\right|} + 1.$$

On the other hand

$$\phi[\theta(d(x, y))] = \sqrt{\left|\frac{x-y}{4}\right|} + 1.$$

Since,

$$\left[ \sqrt{\left|\frac{x-y}{xy}\right|} + 1 \right] - \left[ \sqrt{\left|\frac{x-y}{4}\right|} + 1 \right] = \frac{(|x-y|)(4-xy)}{\left[ \sqrt{\left|\frac{x-y}{xy}\right|} + 1 \right] + \left[ \sqrt{\left|\frac{x-y}{4}\right|} + 1 \right]} \leq 0 \text{ for all } x, y \in A.$$

Thus,  $T$  is a  $\alpha$ -proximal  $(\theta - \phi)$ -mapping. So the conclusion is the existence and uniqueness of best proximity point of the mapping  $T$  which is 2.

## Consequences

For the case  $\alpha = 1$ , the definition of  $\theta - \phi$ -mapping is the following. We have following best proximity point result.

**Definition 12.** Let  $(X, d)$  be a metric space and  $(A, B)$  be pair of nonempty subset of  $X$ . A non-self mapping  $T : A \rightarrow B$  is called proximal  $\theta - \phi$ - mapping if there exists  $\theta \in \Theta$  and  $\phi \in \Phi$  such that for any  $x, y \in X$ ,

$$\theta (d (Tx, Ty)) \leq \phi (\theta [d (x, y)])$$

**Theorem 13.** Let  $(A, B)$  be pair of nonempty closed subset of a complete metric space  $(X, d)$  such that  $A_0$  is nonempty. Let  $\theta \in \Theta$  and  $\phi \in \Phi$ . Suppose that  $T : A \rightarrow B$  is a non-self mapping satisfying the following assertion:

- (1)  $T (A_0) \in B_0$  and the pair  $(A, B)$  satisfies the P property;
- (2)  $T$  is a proximal  $\theta - \phi$ -mapping,

then  $T$  has a unique best proximity point  $x^* \in A$  such that  $d (x^*, Tx^*)=d (A, B)$ .

*Proof.* Consider the mapping  $\alpha : A \times A \rightarrow [0, +\infty[$  defined by:  $\alpha (x, y) = 1, \forall x, y \in A$ .

From the definition of  $\alpha$ , clearly  $T$  is  $\alpha$ -proximal admissible and also it is  $\alpha$ - proximal  $\theta - \phi$ -mapping. On the other hand, for any  $x \in A_0$ , since  $T (A_0) \in B_0$ , there exists  $y \in B$  such that  $d(Tx, y) = d(A, B)$ .

Moreover, by condition (2),  $T$  is a continuous mapping. Now all the hypotheses of Theorem 9 are satisfied of the existence and uniqueness best proximity point.  $\square$

**Definition 14.** Let  $(X, d)$  be a metric space and  $(A, B)$  be a pair of nonempty subsets of  $X$ . A non-self mapping  $T : A \rightarrow B$  is called proximal-Browder contractive mapping, if there exists  $\varphi$  where  $\varphi : [0, +\infty[ \rightarrow [0, +\infty[$  be an increasing and right continuous function such that  $\varphi(t) < t$  for  $t > 0$ , We have

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

**Corollary 15.** Let  $(A, B)$  be pair of nonempty closed subset of a complete metric space  $(X, d)$  such that  $A_0$  is nonempty. Consider non-self mapping  $T : A \rightarrow B$  satisfying the following assertion:

- (1)  $T (A_0) \in B_0$  and the pair  $(A, B)$  satisfies the P property;
- 2)  $T$  is a proximal-Browder contractive mapping,

then  $T$  has a unique best proximity point  $x^* \in A$  such that  $d (x^*, Tx^*)=d (A, B)$ .

*Proof.* Let  $\theta(t) = e^t$  for all  $t \in ]0, +\infty[$ , and  $\phi(t) = e^{\varphi(\ln(t))}$  for all  $t \in [1, +\infty[$ . Obviously,  $\phi \in \Phi$  and  $\theta \in \Theta$ .

By the definition of  $\phi$ , we have

$$\phi (e^{(t)}) = e^{\varphi(t)}.$$

In what follows, we prove that  $T$  is a  $(\theta - \phi)$ - proximal mapping.

$$d(Tx, Ty) \leq \varphi(d(x, y)),$$

So,

$$\begin{aligned} e^{d(Tx, Ty)} &= \theta (d(Tx, Ty)) \\ &\leq e^{\varphi(d(Tx, Ty))} \\ &= \phi (\theta [d (x, y)]) . \end{aligned}$$

Therefore, from Theorem 9,  $T$  has a unique best proximity point  $x^* \in A$ . We can suppose that  $\varphi$  is a strictly increasing and continuous function. As in the proof of theorem 1 of [6] we conclude that  $T$  is a  $\theta - \phi$ - proximal mapping. Therefore, from Theorem 9,  $T$  has a unique best proximity point  $x^* \in A$ .  $\square$

**Definition 16.** Let  $(X, d)$  be a metric space and  $(A, B)$  be pair of nonempty subset of  $X$ . A non-self mapping  $T : A \rightarrow B$  is called proximal  $\theta$ - mapping if there exists  $\theta \in \Theta$  and  $k \in ]0, 1[$  such that for any  $x, y \in X$ ,

$$\theta (d (Tx, Ty)) \leq [\theta (d (x, y))]^k ,$$

**Corollary 17.** Let  $(A, B)$  be pair of nonempty closed subset of a complete metric space  $(X, d)$  such that  $A_0$  is nonempty. Let  $\theta \in \Theta$ . Suppose that  $T : A \rightarrow B$  is a non-self mapping satisfying the following assertion:

- (1)  $T (A_0) \in B_0$  and the pair  $(A, B)$  satisfies the P property;
- (2)  $T$  is a proximal  $\theta$ -mapping,

then  $T$  has a unique best proximity point  $x^* \in A$  such that  $d (x^*, Tx^*)=d (A, B)$ .

*Proof.* Let  $\phi(t) = t^k$ . Obviously,  $\phi \in \Phi$ . So  $T$  is a  $(\theta, \phi)$ - proximal mapping. Therefore, from Theorem 9,  $T$  has a unique best proximity point  $x^* \in A$ .  $\square$

## Applications

**Corollary 18.** Let  $(X, d)$  be a metric space and let  $T$  be a self mapping on  $X$ , suppose that there exists  $\theta \in \Theta$  and  $\phi \in \Phi$  such that for any  $x, y \in X$ .

If  $T$  satisfies the following inequality

$$\theta (d (Tx, Ty)) \leq \phi [\theta (d (x, y))] .$$

Then  $T$  has a unique fixed point.

*Proof.* By considering  $A = B = X$  and the function  $\alpha (x, y) = 1$  in Theorem 9, we guarantee the existence and uniqueness of a fixed point a self mapping  $T$ .  $\square$

We need some preliminaries to apply our results on the best proximity points in a metric space endowed with a symmetric binary relation.

Let  $(X, d)$  be a metric space and  $\mathcal{R}$  be a symmetric binary relation over  $X$ .

**Definition 19.** [4]. A non-self mapping  $T : A \rightarrow B$  is a proximal comparative mapping if  $x\mathcal{R}y$  and  $d(u_1, Tx) = d(u_2, Ty) = d(A, B)$  for all  $x, y, u_1, u_2 \in A$ , then  $u_1\mathcal{R}u_2$ .

**Definition 20.** [8]. We say that  $(X, d, \mathcal{R})$  is regular if, for a sequence, we say that  $(X, d, \mathcal{R})$  is regular if, for a sequence  $x_n$  in  $X$ , we have  $x_n\mathcal{R}x_{n+1}$  for all  $n \in \mathbb{N}$  and  $\lim_{n \rightarrow \infty} d(x_n, x) = 0$  for some  $x \in X$ , then there exists a subsequence  $n_{(k)}$  of  $x_n$  such that  $n_{(k)}\mathcal{R}x$  for all  $k \in \mathbb{N}$ .

**Definition 21.** Let  $X$  be a nonempty set. A non-self mapping Let  $X$  be a nonempty set. A non-self mapping  $T : A \rightarrow B$  is called  $(\theta - \phi)$ - contractive if there exists  $\theta \in \Theta$  and  $\phi \in \Phi$  such that  $x, y \in A : x\mathcal{R}y$ , we have

$$\theta (d (Tx, Ty)) \leq \phi [\theta (d (x, y))] .$$

We have the following best proximity point results.

**Theorem 22.** Let  $(A, B)$  be a pair of nonempty closed subsets a complete metric space  $(X, d)$  such that  $A_0$  is nonempty. Let  $\mathcal{R}$  be a symmetric binary relation over  $X$ . Consider a non-self mapping  $T : A \rightarrow B$  satisfies the following assertions:

- (1)  $T (A_0) \in B_0$  and the pair  $(A, B)$  satisfies the P property;
- (2)  $T$  is proximal comparative mapping;



(3) there exist elements  $x_0, x_1 \in A$  such that  $d(x_0, x_1) = d(A, B)$  and  $x_0 \mathcal{R} x_1$ ;

(4) If  $(A, B, \mathcal{R})$  is regular;

(5) There exists  $\theta \in \Phi$  and  $\phi \in \Phi$  such that  $T$  is  $\theta - \phi$ -contractive.

then  $T$  has a unique best proximity point  $x^* \in A$  such that  $d(x^*, Tx^*) = d(A, B)$ .

*Proof.* Let us introduce the function

$$\alpha : A \times A \longrightarrow [0, +\infty) \quad \text{by: } \alpha(x, y) = \begin{cases} 1 & \text{if } x \mathcal{R} y \\ 0 & \text{otherwise} \end{cases}$$

Suppose that

$$\begin{cases} \alpha(x_1, x_2) \geq 1; \\ d(u_1, Tx_1) = d(A, B); \\ d(u_2, Tx_2) = d(A, B). \end{cases}$$

for some  $x_1, x_2, u_1, u_2 \in A$ . By the definition of  $\alpha$ , we get that

$$\begin{cases} x \mathcal{R} y; \\ d(u_1, Tx_1) = d(A, B); \\ d(u_2, Tx_2) = d(A, B). \end{cases}$$

Condition (2) of Theorem implies  $u_1 \mathcal{R} u_2$ , which gives us  $\alpha(u_1, u_2) \geq 1$ .

Thus we prove that  $T$  is  $\alpha$ -proximal admissible.

Condition (3) implies that  $d(x_1, Tx_0) = d(A, B)$  and  $\alpha(x_0, x_1) \geq 1$ .

The condition  $T : A \rightarrow B$  is  $(\theta - \phi)$ -contractive means that  $T$  is an  $\alpha$ -proximal  $\theta - \phi$ -mapping. Also the condition  $(A, B, \mathcal{R})$  is regular implies that if  $x_n$  is a sequence in  $A$  such that  $\alpha(x_n, x_{n+1}) \geq 1$  and  $\lim_{n \rightarrow \infty} d(x_n, x) = x^* \in A$ , then there exists a subsequence  $n_{(k)}$  of  $x_n$  such that  $\alpha(n_{(k)}, x^*) \geq 1$  for all  $k \in \mathbb{N}$ .

Now all the hypotheses of Theorem 9 are satisfied, which implies the existence and uniqueness of a proximity point the non-self mapping. □

**Theorem 23.** Let  $(A, B)$  be a pair of nonempty closed subsets a complete metric space  $(X, d)$  such that  $A_0$  is nonempty. Let  $\mathcal{R}$  be a symmetric binary relation over  $X$ . Consider a non-self mapping  $T : A \rightarrow B$  satisfies the following assertions:

(1)  $T(A_0) \in B_0$  and the pair  $(A, B)$  satisfies the P property;

(2)  $T$  is proximal comparative mapping;

(3) there exist elements  $x_0, x_1 \in A$  such that  $d(x_0, x_1) = d(A, B)$  and  $x_0 \mathcal{R} x_1$ ;

(4) there exists  $\theta \in \Theta$  and  $\phi \in \Phi$  such that

$$x \mathcal{R} y \Rightarrow \theta(d(Tx, Ty)) \leq \phi(\theta[d(x, y)]).$$

(5)  $T$  is continuous,

then  $T$  has a unique best proximity point  $x^* \in A$  such that  $d(x^*, Tx^*) = d(A, B)$ .

*Proof.* Let us introduce the function

$$\alpha : A \times A \longrightarrow [0, +\infty) \quad \text{by: } \alpha(x, y) = \begin{cases} 1 & \text{if } x \mathcal{R} y \\ 0 & \text{otherwise} \end{cases}$$

Suppose that

$$\begin{cases} \alpha(x_1, x_2) \geq 1; \\ d(u_1, Tx_1) = d(A, B); \\ d(u_2, Tx_2) = d(A, B). \end{cases}$$

for some  $x_1, x_2, u_1, u_2 \in A$ . By the definition of  $\alpha$ , we get that

$$\begin{cases} x \mathcal{R} y; \\ d(u_1, Tx_1) = d(A, B); \\ d(u_2, Tx_2) = d(A, B). \end{cases}$$

Condition (2) of Theorem implies  $u_1 \mathcal{R} u_2$ , which gives us  $\alpha(u_1, u_2) \geq 1$ .

Thus we prove that  $T$  is  $\alpha$ -proximal admissible.

Condition (3) implies that  $d(x_1, Tx_1) = d(A, B)$  and  $\alpha(x_0, x_1) \geq 1$ .

by condition (5)  $T$  is continuous mapping.

Finally, condition (4) implies that

$$\alpha(x, y)\theta(d(Tx, Ty)) \leq \phi[\theta(d(x, y))] \text{ for all } x, y \in A,$$

Now all the hypotheses of Theorem 9 are satisfied, which implies the existence and uniqueness of a proximity point the non-self mapping.  $\square$

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