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# On Banach contraction principle in a cone metric space

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# Abstract

The object of this paper is to establish a generalized form of Banach contraction principle for a cone metric space which is not necessarily normal. This happens to be a generalization of all different forms of Banach contraction Principle, which have been arrived at in L. G. Huang and X. Zhang [L. G. Huang and X. Zhang, J. Math. Anal. Appl 332 (2007), 1468–1476] and Sh. Rezapour, R. Hamlbarani [Sh. Rezapour, R. Hamlbarani, J. Math. Anal. Appl. 345 (2008) 719-724] and D. Ilic, V. Rakocevic [D. Ilic, V. Rakocevic, Applied Mathematics Letters **22** (2009), 728–731]. It also results that the theorem on quasi contraction of Čirič [L. J. B. Čirič, Proc. American Mathematical Society 45 (1974), 999–1006]. for a complete metric space also holds good in a complete cone metric space. All the results presented in this paper are new. (©2012. All rights reserved.

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# 1. Introduction

There has been a number of generalizations of metric space. One such generalization is a cone metric space. In the second half of previous century a lot of work has been done in a K-metric space, which is in the setting of cone in a real normed linear space and variously defined notions of convergence and a Cauchy

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sequence [13]. However, another school in U.S.S.R [7, 8, 9, 10] worked in K- metric space in the setting of a Banach space B and a closed cone in it in the name of a generalized metric space or a SKS metric space. Recently, in [3] Huang and Zhang defined cone metric space in the same setting of a real Banach space E ordered with a closed cone P in it with  $intP \neq \Phi$  defining convergence and a Cauchy sequence with respect to interior points of P. In this space they replaced the set of real numbers of a metric space by an ordered Banach Space and gave some fundamental results for a self map satisfying a contractive condition assuming the normality of cone metric space.

Recently, Rezapour and Hamlbarani [11] omitted the assumption of normality in cone metric space, which is a milestone in developing fixed point theory in cone metric space. In [5], the authors introduced the concept of a compatible pair of self maps in a cone metric space and established a basic result for a non-normal cone metric space with an example, while in [6] weakly compatible maps have been studied. In this paper we are proving a common fixed point theorem for a sequence of self maps satisfying a generalized contractive condition for a non-normal cone metric space. It results in a generalized form of Banach contraction principle in this space.

#### 2. Preliminaries

**Definition 2.1.** [3] Let E be a real Banach space and P be a subset of E. P is called a cone if

(i) P is a closed, nonempty and  $P \neq \{0\}$ ;

(*ii*)  $a, b \in R, a, b \ge 0, x, y \in P$  imply  $ax + by \in P$ ;

(*iii*)  $x \in Pand - x \in P$  imply x = 0.

Given a cone  $P \subseteq E$ , we define a partial ordering " $\leq$ " in E by  $x \leq y$  if  $y - x \in P$ . We write x < y to denote  $x \leq y$  but  $x \neq y$  and  $x \ll y$  to denote  $y - x \in P^0$ , where  $P^0$  stands for the interior of P. P is called normal if for some M > 0 for  $x, y \in E, 0 \leq x \leq y$  implies  $||x|| \leq M|y||$ .

**Proposition 2.2.** Let P be a cone in a real Banach space E. If for  $a \in P$  and  $a \leq ka$ , for some  $k \in [0, 1)$  then a = 0.

**Proof:** For  $a \in P, k \in [0, 1)$  and  $a \leq ka$  gives  $(k - 1)a \in P$  implies  $-(1 - k)a \in P$ . Therefore by (*ii*) we have  $-a \in P$ , as 1/(1 - k) > 0. Hence a = 0, by (*iii*).

**Proposition 2.3.** [4] Let P be a cone is a real Banach space E with non-empty interior If for  $a \in E$  and  $a \ll c$ , for all  $c \in P^0$ , then a = 0.

Remark 2.4. [11]  $\lambda P^0 \subseteq P^0$ , for  $\lambda > 0$  and  $P^0 + P^0 \subseteq P^0$ .

**Definition 2.5.** [3] Let X be a nonempty set and P be a cone in a real Banach space E. Suppose the mapping  $d: X \times X \to E$  satisfies:

(a)  $0 \le d(x, y)$ , for all  $x, y \in X$  and d(x, y) = 0, if and only if x = y;

(b) d(x,y) = d(y,x), for all  $x, y \in X$ ;

(c)  $d(x,y) \le d(x,z) + d(z,y)$ , for all  $x, y, z \in X$ .

Then d is called a cone metric on X, and (X, d) is called a cone metric space. If P is normal, then (X, d) is said to be a normal cone metric space.

**Example 2.6.** [3] Let  $E = R^2$ ,  $P = \{(x, y) \in E : x \ge 0, y \ge 0\}$  and X = R. For  $x, y \in R$  define  $d(x, y) = |x - y|(1, \alpha)$  where  $\alpha \ge 0$  is some fixed constant. Then (X, d) is a cone metric space.

**Example 2.7.** Let  $E = C_R^2[0,1]$  with the norm  $||f|| = ||f||_{\infty} + ||f'||_{\infty}$ . Consider the cone  $P = \{f \in E : f \ge 0\}$ . Then P is not a normal cone as shown in [11]. Taking  $X = \{1, 1/2, 1/3...\}$  we define  $d : X \times X \to P$  by  $d(\frac{1}{m}, \frac{1}{n}) = f_{mn}$ , where  $f_{mn}(t) = |\frac{1}{m} - \frac{1}{n}|t$ , for all  $t \in [0,1]$ . Then (X,d) is a non-normal cone metric space.(X,d) is not a metric space as it is not normal.

**Definition 2.8.** [3] Let (X, d) be a cone metric space with respect to a cone in a real Banach space E with non-empty interior. Let  $\{x_n\}$  be a sequence in X and  $x \in X$ . If for every  $c \in E$  with  $0 \ll c$  there is a positive integer  $N_c$  such that for all  $n > N_c$ ,  $d(x_n, x) \ll c$ , then the sequence  $\{x_n\}$  is said to converges to x, and x is called limit of  $\{x_n\}$ . We write  $\lim_{n\to\infty} x_n = x$  or  $x_n \to x$ , as  $n \to \infty$ .

**Definition 2.9.** [3] Let (X, d) be a cone metric space with respect to a cone with nonempty interior in a real Banach space E. Let  $\{x_n\}$  be a sequence in X. If for any  $c \in E$  with  $0 \ll c$  there is a positive integer  $N_c$  such that for all  $n, m > N_c, d(x_n, x_m) \ll c$ , then the sequence  $\{x_n\}$  is said to be a Cauchy sequence in X.

In the following (X, d) will stand for a cone metric space with respect to a cone P with  $P^0 \neq \phi$  in a real Banach space E and  $\leq$  is partial ordering in E with respect to P

*Remark* 2.10. It follows from above definitions that if  $\{x_{2n}\}$  is a subsequence of a Cauchy sequence  $\{x_n\}$  in a cone metric space (X, d) and  $x_{2n} \to z$  then  $x_n \to z$ .

**Definition 2.11.** [3] Let (X, d) be a cone metric space. If every Cauchy sequence in X is convergent in X, then X is called a complete cone metric space.

**Proposition 2.12.** Let (X,d) be a cone metric space and P be a cone in a real Banach space E. If  $u \le v, v \ll w$  then  $u \ll w$ .

**Lemma 2.13.** Let (X, d) be a cone metric space and P be a cone in a real Banach space E and  $k_1, k_2, k > 0$ are some fixed real numbers. If  $x_n \to x, y_n \to y$  in X and for some  $a \in P$ (1.1)  $ka \leq k_1 d(x_n, x) + k_2 d(y_n, y)$ , for all n > N, for some integer N, then a = 0.

 $\begin{array}{l} \textbf{Proof} \mbox{ As } x_n \rightarrow x, \mbox{ and } y_n \rightarrow y \mbox{ for } c \in P^0 \mbox{ there exists a positive integer } N_c \mbox{ such that } \\ \hline \frac{c}{(k_1+k_2)} - d(x_n,x), \mbox{ } \frac{c}{(k_1+k_2)} - d(y_n,y) \in P^0, \mbox{ for all } n > N_c. \\ \hline \mbox{ Therefore by Remark 2.4, we have } \\ \hline \frac{k_1c}{(k_1+k_2)} - k_1d(x_n,x), \mbox{ } \frac{k_2c}{(k_1+k_2)} - k_2d(y_n,y) \in P^0, \mbox{ for all } n > N_c. \\ \hline \mbox{ Again by adding and Remark 2.4, we have } \\ c - k_1d(x_n,x) - k_2d(y_n,y) \in P^0 \mbox{ for all } n > \max\{N,N_c\}. \\ \hline \mbox{ From (1.1) and Proposition 2.12 we have } ka << c, \mbox{ for each } c \in P^0. \mbox{ By Proposition 2.3 , we have } a = 0, \mbox{ as } k > 0. \end{array}$ 

## 3. MAIN RESULTS

**Theorem 3.1.** Let (X, d) be a complete cone metric space with respect to a cone P contained in a real Banach space E. Let  $\{T_n\}$  be a sequence of self maps on X satisfying: (3.1.1) For some  $\lambda, \mu, \delta, \alpha, \beta \in [0, 1)$  with  $\lambda + \mu + \delta + 2\alpha < 1$ , or else  $\lambda + \mu + \delta + 2\beta < 1$ , for all  $x, y \in X$  $d(T_ix, T_jy) \leq \lambda d(T_ix, x) + \mu d(T_jy, y) + \delta d(x, y) + \alpha d(x, T_jy) + \beta d(T_ix, y)$ . For  $x_0 \in X$ , let  $x_n = T_n x_{n-1}$ , for all n. Then the sequence  $\{x_n\}$  converges in X and its limit u is a common fixed point of all the maps of the sequence  $\{T_n\}$ . This fixed point is unique if  $\delta + \alpha + \beta < 1$ .

*Proof.* We show that  $\{x_n\}$  is a Cauchy sequence in X. **Step I:** Taking  $x = x_{n-1}, y = x_n$  and i = n, j = n + 1 in (3.1.1) we get,  $d(T_n x_{n-1}, T_{n+1} x_n) \leq \lambda d(T_n x_{n-1}, x_{n-1}) + \mu d(T_{n+1} x_n, x_n) + \delta(x_{n-1}, x_n) + \alpha d(x_{n-1}, T_{n+1} x_n) + \beta d(T_n x_{n-1}, x_n).$ 

As  $x_n = T_n x_{n-1}$ , we have

$$\begin{aligned} d(x_n, x_{n+1}) &\leq \lambda d(x_n, x_{n-1}) + \mu d(x_{n+1}, x_n) + \delta(x_{n-1}, x_n) + \alpha d(x_{n-1}, x_{n+1}) + \beta d(x_n, x_n), \\ &\leq \lambda d(x_n, x_{n-1}) + \mu d(x_{n+1}, x_n) + \delta(x_{n-1}, x_n) + \alpha [d(x_{n-1}, x_n) + d(x_n, x_{n+1})]. \end{aligned}$$

Writing  $d(x_n, x_{n+1}) = d_n$ , we have  $d_n \le \lambda d_{n-1} + \mu d_n + \delta d_{n-1} + \alpha [d_n + d_{n-1}]$ , i.e.  $(1 - \mu - \alpha)d_n = (\lambda + \delta + \alpha)d_{n-1}$ , which implies

$$d_n \le h d_{n-1},\tag{3.1}$$

if  $h = \frac{(\lambda + \delta + \alpha)}{1 - \mu - \alpha}$ . As  $\lambda + \mu + \delta + 2\alpha < 1$  we obtain that h < 1. Now  $d_n \le h d_{n-1} \le h^2 d_{n-2} \le h^3 d_{n-3} \le \ldots \le h^n d_0$ , where  $d_0 = d(x_0, x_1)$ . Also  $d(x_{n+p}, x_n) \le d(x_{n+p}, x_{n+p-1}) + d(x_{n+p-1}, x_{n+p-2}) + \ldots + d(x_{n+1}, x_n)$ , i. e.

$$d(x_{n+p}, x_n) \leq d_{n+p-1} + d_{n+p-2} + \dots + d_n.$$
  
=  $d_n + d_{n+1} + \dots + d_{n+p-1}$   
=  $h^n [1 + h + h^2 + h^3 + \dots + h^{p-1}] d_0,$   
 $\leq h^n d_0 / (1 - h),$ 

as h < 1 and P is closed. Thus we obtain that

$$d(x_{n+p}, x_n) \le h^n d_0 / (1-h). \tag{3.2}$$

Now for  $c \in P^0$ , there exists r > 0 such that  $c - y \in P^0$ , if ||y|| < r. Choose a positive integer  $N_c$  such that for all  $n \ge N_c$ ,  $||h^n d_0/(1-h)|| < r$ , which implies  $c - h^n d_0/(1-h) \in P^0$  and  $h^n d_0/(1-h) - d(x_{n+p}, x_n) \in P$ , using (3.2).

So we have  $c - d(x_{n+p}, x_n) \in P^0$ , for all  $n > N_c$  and for all p, by Proposition 2.12. This implies  $d(x_{n+p}, x_n) << c$ , for all  $n > N_c$ , for all p. Hence  $\{x_n\}$  is a Cauchy sequence in X, which is complete. Let  $x_n \to u$ .

**Step II:** For an arbitrary fixed m we show that  $T_m u = u$ . Now,

 $d(T_m u, u) \leq d(T_m u, T_n x_{n-1}) + d(T_n x_{n-1}, u),$  $= d(x_n, u) + d(T_m u, T_n x_{n-1}).$ 

Using (3.1.1) with  $x = x_{n-1}, y = u, i = n$  and j = m we have  $d(T_m u, u) \le d(x_n, u) + \lambda d(T_n x_{n-1}, x_{n-1}) + \mu d(T_m u, u)$ 

$$\begin{aligned} &+\delta d(u, x_{n-1}) + \alpha d(T_m u, x_{n-1}) + \beta d(u, T_n x_{n-1}) \\ &= d(x_n, u) + \mu d(T_m u, u) + \lambda d(x_n, x_{n-1}) \\ &+ \delta d(u, x_{n-1}) + \alpha d(T_m u, x_{n-1}) + \beta d(u, x_n), \\ &\leq d(x_n, u) + \mu d(T_m u, u) + \lambda [d(x_n, u) + d(u, x_{n-1})] \\ &+ \delta d(u, x_{n-1}) + \alpha [d(T_m u, u) + d(u, x_{n-1})] + \beta [d(u, x_n)] \end{aligned}$$

 $\operatorname{So}$ 

 $[1-\mu-\alpha]d(T_mu,u) \leq [\mu+\delta+\alpha]d(x_{n-1},u) + [1+\lambda+\beta]d(u,x_n).$ As  $\{x_n\} \to u, \{x_{n-1}\} \to u$ , and  $1-\mu-\alpha > 0$ , using Lemma 2.13, we have  $d(T_mu,u) = 0$ , and we get  $T_mu = u$ . Thus u is a common fixed point of all the maps of the sequence  $\{T_n\}$ .

Step III (Uniqueness): Let  $T_n z = z$ , for all n, be another common fixed point of all the maps of the sequence  $\{T_n\}$ . Now

 $d(z, u) = d(T_n z, T_n u).$ Taking x = z and y = u with i = j = n in (3.1.1) we get  $d(z, u) \le \lambda d(T_n z, z) + \mu d(T_n u, u) + \delta d(z, u) + \alpha d(z, T_n u) + \beta d(T_n z, u),$ which gives  $d(z, u) \le (\delta + \alpha + \beta) d(z, u).$  As  $\delta + \alpha + \beta < 1$ , using Proposition 2.2, we have d(z, u) = 0 i. e. u = z. Thus u is the unique common fixed point of all the maps of the sequence  $\{T_n\}$ . To see the sufficiency of the alternate condition  $\lambda + \mu + \delta + 2\beta < 1$ , in step I we choose  $x = u, y = x_{n-1}$  with i = n + 1 and j = n in (3.1.1) to obtain  $(1-\lambda-\beta)d_n \leq (\mu+\delta+\beta)d_{n-1}$ . Thus  $d_n \leq h'd_{n-1}$ , where  $h' = \frac{(\mu+\delta+\beta)}{1-\lambda-\beta} < 1$ .

Again in step II we choose  $x = u, y = x_{n-1}i = m, j = n$  in (3.1.1) receiving  $(1 - \lambda - \beta)d(T_m(u), u) \leq \dots$ and we get  $T_m u = u, \forall m$ . 

**Theorem 3.2.** Let (X, d) be a complete cone metric space with respect to a cone P contained in a real Banach space E. Let  $\{A_n\}$  be a sequence of self maps in X satisfying:

(3.2.1) For some  $\lambda, \mu, \delta, \alpha, \beta \in [0, 1)$  with  $\lambda + \mu + \delta + 2\alpha < 1$ , or else  $\lambda + \mu + \delta + 2\beta < 1$  and  $\delta + \alpha + \beta < 1$ ,

there exists positive integer  $m_i$ , for each i, such that for all  $x, y \in X$   $d(A_i^{m_i}x, A_j^{m_j}y) \leq \lambda d(A_i^{m_i}x, x) + \mu d(A_j^{m_j}y, y) + \delta(x, y) + \alpha d(x, A_j^{m_j}y) + \beta d(A_i^{m_i}x, y)$ . Then all the maps of the sequence  $\{A_n\}$  have a unique common fixed point in X.

*Proof.* In view of (3.2.1) and using Theorem 3.1 all the maps of the sequence  $\{A_i^{m_i}\}$  have a unique common fixed point, say z. Hence  $A_i^{m_i} z = z$ , for all i. Now  $A_1^{m_1} z = z$ , implies  $A_1^{m_1} A_1 z = A_1 z$ . Taking  $x = A_1 z$ ,  $y = A_1 z$ . z, i = 1 and j = 2 in (3.2.1) we have  $A_1 z = z$ . Continuing in similar way it follows that  $A_i z = z$ , for all i. Thus z is a common fixed point of all the maps of the sequence  $\{A_i\}$ . Its uniqueness follows from the fact that  $A_i z = z$ , implies  $A_i^{m_i} z = z$ , for all i. 

**Example 3.3.** (of Theorem 3.2) Let  $X = [0,1], E = R^2, P = \{(x,y) \in R^2 : x \ge 0, y \ge 0\} \subseteq R^2$ , be a cone in E. Fix a real number  $\gamma > 0$ . We define  $d: X \times X \to E$  by  $d(x,y) = |x-y|(1,\gamma)$ . Then (X,d) is a complete cone metric space. Define  $\{A_n\}$  on X as follows:  $A_n(x) = \begin{cases} 0, & if x \in [0, \frac{1}{n+2}] \end{cases}$ 

 $A_n(x) = \begin{cases} 0, \\ \frac{1}{n+3}, otherwise. \end{cases}$ 

Taking  $m_i = 2$ , for all i. Then the maps  $A_1^2, A_2^2, A_3^2, \ldots$  satisfy the condition (3.2.1) for  $\lambda = \mu = \delta = \frac{1}{15}$  and  $\alpha = \beta = \frac{1}{10}$ . Hence by Theorem 3.2, all the maps of the sequence  $\{A_n\}$  have a unique common fixed point (u=0) in X.

Taking  $T_1 = T_2 = T_3 = \cdots = T_{n-1} = T_n = \cdots = A$  in Theorem 3.1, we get the following general form of Banach contraction principal in a cone metric space which is not necessarily normal

**Theorem 3.4.** Let (X, d) be a complete cone metric space with respect to a cone P contained in a real Banach space E and A be a self map in X satisfying:

(3.4.1) For some  $\lambda, \mu, \delta, \alpha, \beta \in [0, 1)$  with  $\lambda + \mu + \delta + 2\alpha < 1$ , or else  $\lambda + \mu + \delta + 2\beta < 1$ , for all  $x, y \in X$  $d(Ax, Ay) \le \lambda d(Ax, x) + \mu d(Ay, y) + \delta(x, y) + \alpha d(x, Ay) + \beta d(Ax, y).$ 

Then for each x in X the sequence  $\{A^nx\}$  converges in X and its limit u is a fixed point of A. This fixed point is unique if  $\delta + \alpha + \beta < 1$ .

In [3] L. G. Huang, X. Zhang and in [11] Sh. Rezapour, R. Hamlbarani proved following various forms of Banach contraction Principle in a normal Cone metric space and in a cone metric space respectively :

**Theorem 1**[3] and Theorem 2.3[11]: Let (X, d) be a complete cone metric space, Suppose the mapping  $T: X \times X \to X$  satisfies the contractive condition

 $d(Tx, Ty) \leq kd(x, y)$ , for all  $x, y \in X$ ,

where  $k \in [0, 1)$  is a constant. Then T has a unique fixed point in X. For each  $x \in X$ , the iterative sequence  $\{T^n x\}$  converges to the fixed point.

**Theorem 3**[3] and Theorem 2.6 [11]: Let (X, d) be a complete cone metric space. Suppose the mapping  $T: X \times X \to X$  satisfies the contractive condition

 $d(Tx, Ty) \leq k[d(Tx, x) + d(Ty, y)]$  for all  $x, y \in X$ ,

where  $k \in [0, 1/2)$  is a constant. Then T has a unique fixed point in X. And for  $x \in X$ , the iterative sequence  $\{T^n x\}$  converges to the fixed point.

**Theorem 4 [3] and Theorem 2.7 [11]:** Let (X, d) be a complete cone metric space. Suppose the mapping  $T: X \times X \to X$  satisfies the contractive condition

 $d(Tx, Ty) \le k[d(Tx, y) + d(Ty, x)] \text{ for all } x, y \in X,$ 

where  $k \in [0, 1/2)$  is a constant. Then T has a unique fixed point in X. For each  $x \in X$ , the iterative sequence  $\{T^n x\}$  converges to the fixed point.

**Theorem 2.8** [11]: Let (X, d) be a complete cone metric space. Suppose the mapping  $T : X \times X \to X$  satisfies the contractive condition

 $d(Tx, Ty) \le kd(x, y) + ld(y, Tx)$  for all  $x, y \in X$ ,

where  $k, l \in [0, 1)$  are constants. Then T has a fixed point in X. Also the fixed point of T is unique whenever k + l < 1.

Remark 3.5. Above Theorems of [3] and [11] follow from Theorem 3.4 of this paper by taking :

(a)  $\lambda = \mu = \alpha = \beta = 0$  and  $\delta = k$ , (b)  $\lambda = \mu = k$  and  $\delta = \alpha = \beta = 0$ , (c)  $\lambda = \mu = \delta = 0$  and  $\alpha = \beta = k$ , and

(d)  $\lambda = \mu = \alpha = 0, \delta = k$ , and  $\beta = l$ 

Precisely, Theorem 3.4 synthesizes and generalizes all the results of [3] and [11] for a non-normal cone metric space. Theorem 3.1 is a general form of Banach contraction principle in a complete cone metric space which is not necessarily normal.

**Definition 3.6.** [4] (Quasi contraction)A self-map f on a cone metric space (X, d) is said to be a quasi contraction if for a fixed  $\lambda \in (0, 1), d(fx, fy) \leq \lambda u$  for every  $x, y \in X$ , where

 $u \in \{d(x, y), d(x, fx), d(y, fy), d(x, fy), d(y, fx)\}.$ 

**Theorem 2.1** [4]: Let (X, d) be a complete cone metric space and P be a normal cone. Then a quasi contraction f has a unique fixed point in X and for each  $x \in X$  the iterative sequence  $\{f^n(x)\}$  converges to the fixed point.

*Remark* 3.7. Keeping one of the constants  $\{\alpha, \beta, \gamma, \delta, \mu\}$  non-zero and all others equal to zero in Theorem 3.4, it follows that the above result of [4] is true even for non-normal complete cone metric space.

*Remark* 3.8. It has been established in L. J. B. Čirič [2] that a quasi contraction has a unique fixed point in a complete metric space. It follows from the above Remark that the result of [2] is also true for a complete cone metric space even if it is non-normal.

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