



# Best proximity points for cyclic Kannan-Chatterjea-Ćirić type contractions on metric-like spaces

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## Abstract

In this paper, we establish some best proximity results for Kannan-Chatterjea-Ćirić type contractions in the setting of metric-like spaces. We also provide some concrete examples illustrating the obtained results. ©2016 All rights reserved.

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## 1. Introduction and preliminaries

The existence and approximation of best proximity points is an interesting topic in optimization theory. In 2003, Kirk et al. [21] introduced the notion of cyclical contractive mappings, and generalized Banach fixed point result [5] to the class of cyclic mappings.

**Theorem 1.1** ([21]). *Let  $A$  and  $B$  be nonempty closed subsets of a complete metric space  $(X, d)$  and let  $T : A \cup B \rightarrow A \cup B$  be such that*

$$T(A) \subset B \quad \text{and} \quad T(B) \subset A. \quad (1.1)$$

*Assume that, for all  $x \in A$  and  $y \in B$*

$$d(Tx, Ty) \leq \alpha d(x, y), \quad (1.2)$$

*where  $\alpha \in (0, 1)$ . Then,  $T$  has a unique fixed point  $u \in A \cap B$ .*

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A mapping satisfying (1.1) is called cyclic. In [10], Eldred and Veeramani are concerned with the case when  $A \cap B = \emptyset$ , and in this case they didn't seek for the existence of a fixed point of  $T$  but for the existence of a best proximity point. For instance, they [10] presented the following existence best proximity point result for cyclic contractions.

**Theorem 1.2** ([10]). *Let  $A$  and  $B$  be nonempty closed and convex subsets of a complete metric space  $(X, d)$  and let  $T : A \cup B \rightarrow A \cup B$  be cyclic. Assume that, for all  $x \in A$  and  $y \in B$*

$$d(Tx, Ty) \leq \alpha d(x, y) + (1 - \alpha)d(A, B), \quad (1.3)$$

where  $\alpha \in (0, 1)$  and  $d(A, B) = \inf\{d(x, y), x \in A, y \in B\}$ . For  $x_0 \in A$ , define  $x_{n+1} = Tx_n$  for each  $n \geq 0$ . Then, there exists a unique  $x \in A$  such that  $x_{2n} \rightarrow x$  and

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

Here,  $x$  is called a best proximity point of  $T$ .

In [27], Thagafi and Shahzad introduced a new class of mappings known as cyclic  $\varphi$ -contraction and proved some convergence and existence results for best proximity points. In 2011, Sadiq Basha [6] stated the best proximity points theorems for proximal contractions. For other best proximity point results, see [1, 7, 8, 14, 15, 16, 17, 18, 19, 20, 22, 23, 25, 26, 28]. In this paper, we are concerned with the existence of best proximity points for cyclic Kannan-Čirić type contractions in the class of metric-like spaces.

On the other hand, metric-like spaces were considered by Hitzler and Seda [13] under the name of dislocated metric spaces. In what follows, we recall some notations and definitions we will need in the sequel.

**Definition 1.3.** Let  $X$  be a nonempty set. A function  $\sigma : X \times X \rightarrow \mathbb{R}^+$  is said to be a  $b$ -metric-like (or a dislocated  $b$ -metric) on  $X$  if for any  $x, y, z \in X$ , the following conditions hold:

$$(\sigma_1) \quad \sigma(x, y) = 0 \implies x = y;$$

$$(\sigma_2) \quad \sigma(x, y) = \sigma(y, x);$$

$$(\sigma_3) \quad \sigma(x, z) \leq \sigma(x, y) + \sigma(y, z).$$

The pair  $(X, \sigma)$  is then called a metric-like space. For (common) fixed point results on metric-like spaces, see [2, 3, 4, 11, 12].

Let  $(X, \sigma)$  be a metric-like space. A sequence  $\{x_n\}$  in  $X$  converges to  $x \in X$  if and only if

$$\lim_{n \rightarrow \infty} \sigma(x_n, x) = \sigma(x, x). \quad (1.4)$$

$\{x_n\}$  is Cauchy in  $(X, \sigma)$  if and only if  $\lim_{n, m \rightarrow \infty} \sigma(x_n, x_m)$  exists and is finite. Moreover,  $(X, \sigma)$  is complete if and only if each Cauchy sequence in  $X$  is convergent. For  $A$  and  $B$  two nonempty subsets of a metric-like space  $(X, \sigma)$ , define

$$\sigma(A, B) = \inf\{\sigma(a, b) : a \in A, b \in B\}.$$

Again, the definition of a best proximity point is as follows.

**Definition 1.4.** Let  $(X, \sigma)$  be a metric-like space. Consider  $A$  and  $B$  two nonempty subsets of  $X$ . An element  $a \in X$  is said to be a best proximity point of  $T : A \rightarrow B$  if

$$\sigma(a, Ta) = \sigma(A, B).$$

Now, we introduce different type contractions.

**Definition 1.5.** Let  $(X, \sigma)$  be a metric-like space. Let  $A$  and  $B$  be nonempty subsets of  $X$ . Take the cyclic mapping  $T : A \cup B \rightarrow A \cup B$ .

(i)  $T$  is said to be a cyclic Kannan type contraction if

$$\sigma(Tx, Ty) \leq k(\sigma(x, Tx) + \sigma(y, Ty)) + (1 - 2k)\sigma(A, B) \tag{1.5}$$

for all  $x \in A$  and  $y \in B$ , where  $k \in (0, \frac{1}{2})$ .

(ii)  $T$  is said to be a cyclic Chatterjee type contraction if

$$\sigma(Tx, Ty) \leq k(\sigma(Tx, y) + \sigma(Ty, x)) + (1 - 4k)\sigma(A, B) \tag{1.6}$$

for all  $x \in A$  and  $y \in B$ , where  $k \in (0, \frac{1}{4})$ .

(iii)  $T$  is said to be a cyclic Ćirić type contraction

$$\sigma(Tx, Ty) \leq k \max\{\sigma(x, y), \sigma(Tx, x), \sigma(Ty, y)\} + (1 - k)\sigma(A, B) \tag{1.7}$$

for all  $x \in A$  and  $y \in B$ , where  $k \in (0, 1)$ .

In this paper, we establish some existence results on best proximity points for various  $\alpha$ -proximal contractions in the setting of metric-like spaces. We will support the obtained theorems by some concrete examples where some known results in literature are not applicable.

## 2. Main results

The first main result is

**Theorem 2.1.** *Let  $A$  and  $B$  be nonempty closed subsets of a complete metric-like space  $(X, \sigma)$ . Let  $T : A \cup B \rightarrow A \cup B$  be a cyclic Kannan type mapping. For  $x_0 \in A \cup B$ , define  $x_{n+1} = Tx_n$  for each  $n \geq 0$ . Then*

$$\sigma(x_n, x_{n+1}) \rightarrow \sigma(A, B) \quad \text{as } n \rightarrow \infty. \tag{2.1}$$

We have:

(a) *If  $x_0 \in A$  and  $\{x_{2n}\}$  has a subsequence  $\{x_{2n_i}\}$  converging to  $u \in A$  with  $\sigma(u, u) = 0$ , then  $u \in A$  is a best proximity point of  $T$ , that is,*

$$\sigma(u, Tu) = \sigma(A, B). \tag{2.2}$$

(b) *If  $x_0 \in B$  and  $\{x_{2n-1}\}$  has a subsequence  $\{x_{2n_i-1}\}$  converging to  $v \in B$  with  $\sigma(v, v) = 0$ , then  $v \in B$  is a best proximity point of  $T$ , that is,*

$$\sigma(v, Tv) = \sigma(A, B). \tag{2.3}$$

*Proof.* Let  $x_0 \in A \cup B$ . Define  $x_{n+1} = Tx_n$  for all  $n \geq 0$ . By (1.5), we have

$$\begin{aligned} \sigma(x_{n+2}, x_{n+1}) &= \sigma(Tx_{n+1}, Tx_n) \leq k(\sigma(x_{n+1}, Tx_{n+1}) + \sigma(x_n, Tx_n)) + (1 - 2k)\sigma(A, B) \\ &= k(\sigma(x_{n+1}, x_{n+2}) + \sigma(x_n, x_{n+1})) + (1 - 2k)\sigma(A, B) \\ &\leq k(\sigma(x_{n+1}, x_{n+2}) + \sigma(x_n, x_{n+1})) + (1 - 2k)\sigma(x_n, x_{n+1}) \\ &= k\sigma(x_{n+1}, x_{n+2}) + (1 - k)\sigma(x_n, x_{n+1}). \end{aligned}$$

Thus,

$$\sigma(x_{n+2}, x_{n+1}) \leq \sigma(x_{n+1}, x_n) \quad \text{for all } n \geq 0,$$

that is,  $\{\sigma(x_{n+1}, x_n)\}$  is nonincreasing and is bounded below, so there exists  $t \geq 0$  such that  $\lim_{n \rightarrow \infty} \sigma(x_{n+1}, x_n) = t$ . We know that

$$\sigma(A, B) \leq \sigma(x_{n+2}, x_{n+1}) \leq k(\sigma(x_{n+1}, x_{n+2}) + \sigma(x_n, x_{n+1})) + (1 - 2k)\sigma(A, B),$$

so letting  $n \rightarrow \infty$ , we deduce that  $t = \sigma(A, B)$ , i.e.,  $\lim_{n \rightarrow \infty} \sigma(x_{n+1}, x_n) = \sigma(A, B)$ .

Assume that  $x_0 \in A$ . Since  $T$  is cyclic, so  $\{x_{2n}\} \in A$  and  $\{x_{2n+1}\} \in B$  for all  $n \geq 0$ . Now, if  $\{x_{2n}\}$  has a subsequence  $\{x_{2n_i}\}$  converging to  $u \in A$  with  $\sigma(u, u) = 0$ , then

$$\lim_{i \rightarrow \infty} \sigma(x_{2n_i}, u) = \sigma(u, u) = 0.$$

We have

$$\begin{aligned} \sigma(A, B) &\leq \sigma(u, Tu) \leq \sigma(u, x_{2n_i}) + \sigma(x_{2n_i}, Tu) \\ &= \sigma(u, x_{2n_i}) + \sigma(Tx_{2n_i-1}, Tu) \\ &\leq \sigma(u, x_{2n_i}) + k[\sigma(x_{2n_i}, x_{2n_i-1}) + \sigma(Tu, u)] + (1 - 2k)\sigma(A, B). \end{aligned}$$

Letting  $i \rightarrow \infty$ , using (2.1) we obtain

$$\sigma(A, B) \leq \sigma(u, Tu) \leq k\sigma(u, Tu) + (1 - k)\sigma(A, B).$$

Thus,  $\sigma(u, Tu) = \sigma(A, B)$ , that is,  $u$  is best proximity of  $T$ .

The proof of case (b) is similar to above case. □

The following example makes effective Theorem 2.1.

**Example 2.2.** Let  $X = \{0, 1, 2, 3\}$  be endowed with the metric-like  $\sigma$

$$\sigma(x, y) = x + y \quad \text{for all } x, y \in X.$$

$(X, \sigma)$  is a complete metric-like space. Take  $A = \{0\}$  and  $B = \{1, 2\}$ . We have  $\sigma(A, B) = 1$ . Choose  $T : A \cup B \rightarrow A \cup B$  as

$$T0 = 1 \quad \text{and} \quad T1 = T2 = 0.$$

We have  $T(A) = \{1\} \subset B$  and  $T(B) = \{0\} = A$ . Let  $k \in (0, \frac{1}{2})$ .

Let  $x \in A$  and  $y \in B$ , then  $x = 0$  and  $y \in \{1, 2\}$ . In this case, we have

$$\begin{aligned} \sigma(Tx, Ty) &= \sigma(1, 0) = 1 = 2k + 1 - 2k \leq k(y + 1) + (1 - 2k) \\ &= k(0 + 1 + y + 0) + (1 - 2k)\sigma(A, B) \\ &= k(\sigma(x, Tx) + \sigma(y, Ty)) + (1 - 2k)\sigma(A, B). \end{aligned}$$

Thus (1.5) holds for all  $x \in A$  and  $y \in B$ .

Now, choose  $x_0 \in A \cup B$  such that  $x_{n+1} = Tx_n$  for all  $n \geq 0$ . If  $x_0 \in A$ , then  $x_{2n} = 0$  and  $x_{2n+1} = 1$  for all  $n \geq 0$ . While, if  $x_0 \in B$ , then  $x_{2n} = 1$  for all  $n \geq 1$  and  $x_{2n+1} = 0$  for all  $n \geq 0$ . We conclude that, for all  $n \geq 1$

$$\sigma(x_n, x_{n+1}) = \sigma(1, 0) = 1 = \sigma(A, B),$$

that is, (2.1) is verified.

In the case  $x_0 \in A$ , we have  $x_{2n} = 0$ , so it has a subsequence  $\{x_{2n_i}\}$  converging to  $u = 0 \in A$ . Here,  $\sigma(u, u) = 0$  and  $u = 0$  is a best proximity point of  $T$ , that is,

$$\sigma(0, T0) = 1 = \sigma(A, B).$$

On the other hand, we could not apply Theorem 3.6 of [11]. In fact for  $x = 0$  and  $y = 2$ , we have

$$\sigma(Tx, Ty) = 1 > 3\alpha = \alpha(\sigma(Tx, x) + \sigma(Ty, y)) \quad \text{for all } \alpha \in (0, \frac{1}{3}).$$

Also, Theorem 1.2 (the main result of [10]) is not applicable for the standard metric  $d$ . Indeed, for  $x = 0 \in A$  and  $y = 1 \in B$

$$d(Tx, Ty) = 1 > \alpha = \alpha d(x, y) + (1 - \alpha)d(A, B) \quad \text{for all } \alpha \in (0, 1).$$

The second main result is,

**Theorem 2.3.** *Let  $A$  and  $B$  be nonempty closed subsets of a complete metric-like space  $(X, \sigma)$ . Let  $T : A \cup B \rightarrow A \cup B$  be a cyclic Chatterjee type mapping. For  $x_0 \in A \cup B$ , define  $x_{n+1} = Tx_n$  for each  $n \geq 0$ . Then*

$$\sigma(x_n, x_{n+1}) \rightarrow \sigma(A, B) \quad \text{as } n \rightarrow \infty. \tag{2.4}$$

We have:

(a) *If  $x_0 \in A$  and  $\{x_{2n}\}$  has a subsequence  $\{x_{2n_i}\}$  converging to  $u \in A$  with  $\sigma(u, u) = 0$ , then  $u \in A$  is a best proximity point of  $T$ , that is,*

$$\sigma(u, Tu) = \sigma(A, B). \tag{2.5}$$

(b) *If  $x_0 \in B$  and  $\{x_{2n-1}\}$  has a subsequence  $\{x_{2n_i-1}\}$  converging to  $v \in B$  with  $\sigma(v, v) = 0$ , then  $v \in B$  is a best proximity point of  $T$ , that is,*

$$\sigma(v, Tv) = \sigma(A, B). \tag{2.6}$$

*Proof.* Let  $x_0 \in A \cup B$ . Define  $x_{n+1} = Tx_n$  for all  $n \geq 0$ . By (1.5), we have

$$\begin{aligned} \sigma(x_{n+2}, x_{n+1}) &= \sigma(Tx_{n+1}, Tx_n) \leq k(\sigma(Tx_{n+1}, x_n) + \sigma(Tx_n, x_{n+1})) + (1 - 4k)\sigma(A, B) \\ &= k(\sigma(x_{n+2}, x_n) + \sigma(x_{n+1}, x_{n+1})) + (1 - 4k)\sigma(A, B) \\ &\leq k(\sigma(x_{n+2}, x_{n+1}) + \sigma(x_{n+1}, x_n) + 2\sigma(x_n, x_{n+1})) + (1 - 4k)\sigma(x_n, x_{n+1}) \\ &= k\sigma(x_{n+1}, x_{n+2}) + (1 - k)\sigma(x_n, x_{n+1}). \end{aligned}$$

Thus,

$$\sigma(x_{n+2}, x_{n+1}) \leq \sigma(x_{n+1}, x_n) \quad \text{for all } n \geq 0.$$

So, there exists  $t \geq 0$  such that  $\lim_{n \rightarrow \infty} \sigma(x_{n+1}, x_n) = t$ . We know that

$$\sigma(A, B) \leq \sigma(x_{n+2}, x_{n+1}) \leq k(\sigma(x_{n+2}, x_{n+1}) + 3\sigma(x_n, x_{n+1})) + (1 - 4k)\sigma(A, B).$$

Letting  $n \rightarrow \infty$ , we deduce that  $t = \sigma(A, B)$ , i.e.,  $\lim_{n \rightarrow \infty} \sigma(x_{n+1}, x_n) = \sigma(A, B)$ .

Assume that  $x_0 \in A$ . Again,  $T$  is cyclic, so  $\{x_{2n}\} \in A$  and  $\{x_{2n+1}\} \in B$  for all  $n \geq 0$ . Now, if  $\{x_{2n}\}$  has a subsequence  $\{x_{2n_i}\}$  converging to  $u \in A$  with  $\sigma(u, u) = 0$ , then

$$\lim_{i \rightarrow \infty} \sigma(x_{2n_i}, u) = \sigma(u, u) = 0.$$

We have

$$\begin{aligned} \sigma(A, B) &\leq \sigma(u, Tu) \leq \sigma(u, x_{2n_i}) + \sigma(x_{2n_i}, Tu) \\ &= \sigma(u, x_{2n_i}) + \sigma(Tx_{2n_i-1}, Tu) \\ &\leq \sigma(u, x_{2n_i}) + k[\sigma(x_{2n_i+1}, u) + \sigma(Tu, x_{2n_i-1})] + (1 - 4k)\sigma(A, B). \end{aligned}$$

Letting  $i \rightarrow \infty$ , we obtain using (2.4)

$$\sigma(A, B) \leq \sigma(u, Tu) \leq k\sigma(u, Tu) + (1 - 4k)\sigma(A, B) \leq k\sigma(u, Tu) + (1 - k)\sigma(A, B).$$

Thus,  $\sigma(u, Tu) = \sigma(A, B)$ , that is,  $u$  is a best proximity of  $T$ .

The proof of case (b) is similar to above case. □

We present the following example.

**Example 2.4.** Let  $X = \{0, 1\}$  endowed with the metric-like

$$\sigma(0, 0) = \sigma(1, 1) = 2 \quad \text{and} \quad \sigma(0, 1) = \sigma(1, 0) = 1.$$

Note that  $(X, \sigma)$  is a complete metric-like space. Take  $k \in (0, \frac{1}{4})$ . Let  $A = \{0\}$  and  $B = \{1\}$ . Note that  $\sigma(A, B) = 1$  and  $A, B$  are closed in  $(X, \sigma)$ . Consider  $T : A \cup B \rightarrow A \cup B$  defined by

$$T0 = 1 \quad \text{and} \quad T1 = 0.$$

Clearly,  $T$  is cyclic. Let  $x \in A$  and  $y \in B$ , that is,  $x = 0$  and  $y = 1$ . In this case, we have

$$\begin{aligned} \sigma(T0, T1) &= \sigma(1, 0) = 1 = 4k + (1 - 4k) = k(\sigma(0, 0) + \sigma(1, 1)) + (1 - 4k)\sigma(A, B) \\ &= k(\sigma(0, T1) + \sigma(1, T0)) + (1 - 4k)\sigma(A, B), \end{aligned}$$

that is, (1.6) holds, i.e.,  $T$  is a cyclic Chatterjee type contraction.

Let  $x_0 \in A \cup B$  and  $x_{n+1} = Tx_n$  for  $n \geq 0$ . If  $x_0 \in A$ , then  $x_{2n} = 0$  and  $x_{2n+1} = 1$  for all  $n \geq 0$ . While, if  $x_0 \in B$ , then  $x_{2n} = 1$  for all  $n \geq 1$  and  $x_{2n+1} = 0$  for all  $n \geq 0$ . We conclude that, for all  $n \geq 1$

$$\sigma(x_n, x_{n+1}) = \sigma(0, 1) = 1 = \sigma(A, B),$$

that is, (2.4) is satisfied. Mention that  $T$  has two best proximity points. Indeed, we have  $\sigma(0, T0) = \sigma(1, T1) = 1 = \sigma(A, B)$ .

On the other hand, Corollary 2.2 (with  $m = 2$ ) of Chandok and Postolache [9] is not applicable for the standard metric. Indeed, for  $x = 0 \in A$  and  $y = 1 \in B$ , we have

$$d(T0, T1) = 1 > 0 = \alpha(d(0, T1) + d(1, T0)),$$

for all  $\alpha \in (0, \frac{1}{2})$ .

The third main result is,

**Theorem 2.5.** *Let  $A$  and  $B$  be nonempty closed subsets of a complete metric-like space  $(X, \sigma)$  such that  $A \cap B = \emptyset$ . Let  $T : A \cup B \rightarrow A \cup B$  be a cyclic Ćirić type mapping. For  $x_0 \in A \cup B$ , define  $x_{n+1} = Tx_n$  for each  $n \geq 0$ . Then*

$$\sigma(x_n, x_{n+1}) \rightarrow \sigma(A, B) \quad \text{as} \quad n \rightarrow \infty. \tag{2.7}$$

We have:

(a) *If  $x_0 \in A$  and  $\{x_{2n}\}$  has a subsequence  $\{x_{2n_i}\}$  converging to  $u \in A$  with  $\sigma(u, u) = 0$ , then  $u \in A$  is a best proximity point of  $T$ , that is,*

$$\sigma(u, Tu) = \sigma(A, B). \tag{2.8}$$

(b) *If  $x_0 \in B$  and  $\{x_{2n-1}\}$  has a subsequence  $\{x_{2n_i-1}\}$  converging to  $v \in B$  with  $\sigma(v, v) = 0$ , then  $v \in B$  is a best proximity point of  $T$ , that is,*

$$\sigma(v, Tv) = \sigma(A, B). \tag{2.9}$$

*Proof.* Let  $x_0 \in A \cup B$ . Define  $x_{n+1} = Tx_n$  for all  $n \geq 0$ . Since  $A \cap B = \emptyset$ , we have  $\sigma(A, B) > 0$ . Then,  $\sigma(x_{n+2}, x_{n+1}) > 0$  for all  $n \geq 0$ . By (1.5), we have

$$\begin{aligned} \sigma(x_{n+2}, x_{n+1}) &= \sigma(Tx_{n+1}, Tx_n) \leq k \max\{\sigma(x_{n+1}, x_n), \sigma(Tx_{n+1}, x_{n+1}), \sigma(Tx_n, x_n)\} + (1 - k)\sigma(A, B) \\ &= k \max\{\sigma(x_{n+1}, x_n), \sigma(x_{n+2}, x_{n+1}), \sigma(x_{n+1}, x_n)\} + (1 - k)\sigma(A, B) \\ &= k \max\{\sigma(x_{n+1}, x_n), \sigma(x_{n+2}, x_{n+1})\} + (1 - k)\sigma(x_n, x_{n+1}). \end{aligned}$$

If for some  $n$ , we have  $\max\{\sigma(x_{n+1}, x_n), \sigma(x_{n+2}, x_{n+1})\} = \sigma(x_{n+2}, x_{n+1})$ . Then,

$$0 < \sigma(x_{n+2}, x_{n+1}) \leq k\sigma(x_{n+2}, x_{n+1}) + (1 - 2k)\sigma(A, B) \leq (1 - k)\sigma(x_{n+2}, x_{n+1}).$$

It is a contradiction. Thus,

$$\sigma(x_{n+2}, x_{n+1}) \leq \sigma(x_{n+1}, x_n) \quad \text{for all} \quad n \geq 0.$$

So, there exists  $t \geq 0$  such that  $\lim_{n \rightarrow \infty} \sigma(x_{n+1}, x_n) = t$ . We know that

$$\sigma(A, B) \leq \sigma(x_{n+2}, x_{n+1}) \leq k(\sigma(x_{n+1}, x_n) + (1 - k)\sigma(A, B)),$$

so letting  $n \rightarrow \infty$ , we deduce that  $t = \sigma(A, B)$ , i.e.,  $\lim_{n \rightarrow \infty} \sigma(x_{n+1}, x_n) = \sigma(A, B)$ .

Assume that  $x_0 \in A$ . Again,  $T$  is cyclic, so  $\{x_{2n}\} \in A$  and  $\{x_{2n+1}\} \in B$  for all  $n \geq 0$ . Now, if  $\{x_{2n}\}$  has a subsequence  $\{x_{2n_i}\}$  converging to  $u \in A$  with  $\sigma(u, u) = 0$ , then

$$\lim_{i \rightarrow \infty} \sigma(x_{2n_i}, u) = \sigma(u, u) = 0.$$

We have

$$\begin{aligned} \sigma(A, B) &\leq \sigma(u, Tu) \leq \sigma(u, x_{2n_i}) + \sigma(x_{2n_i}, Tu) \\ &= \sigma(u, x_{2n_i}) + \sigma(Tx_{2n_i-1}, Tu) \\ &\leq \sigma(u, x_{2n_i}) + k \max\{\sigma(x_{2n_i-1}, u), \sigma(x_{2n_i}, x_{2n_i-1}), \sigma(Tu, u)\} + (1 - k)\sigma(A, B). \end{aligned}$$

Letting  $i \rightarrow \infty$ , from (2.7), we get

$$\sigma(A, B) \leq \sigma(u, Tu) \leq k\sigma(u, Tu) + (1 - k)\sigma(A, B).$$

Thus,  $\sigma(u, Tu) = \sigma(A, B)$ , that is,  $u$  is a best proximity of  $T$ .

The proof of case (b) is similar to above case. □

Now, we provide an example illustrating Theorem 2.5.

**Example 2.6.** Let  $X = [0, \infty) \times [0, \infty)$  endowed with the metric-like  $\sigma : X \times X \rightarrow [0, \infty)$  given as

$$\sigma((x_1, x_2), (y_1, y_2)) = \begin{cases} |x_1 - y_1| + |x_2 - y_2| & \text{if } (x_1, x_2), (y_1, y_2) \in [0, 1]^2 \\ x_1 + x_2 + y_1 + y_2 & \text{if not.} \end{cases}$$

It is easy to prove that  $(X, \sigma)$  is a complete metric-like space. Take  $A = \{0\} \times [0, 1]$  and  $B = \{1\} \times [0, 1]$ . Remark that  $\sigma(A, B) = \sigma((0, 0), (1, 0)) = 1$ . Consider the mapping  $T : A \cup B \rightarrow B \cup A$  defined by

$$T(0, x) = (1, \frac{x}{4}) \quad \forall x \in [0, 1],$$

and

$$T(1, x) = (0, \frac{x}{4}) \quad \forall x \in [0, 1].$$

We have  $T(A) \subset B$  and  $T(B) \subset A$ . Take  $k = \frac{1}{4}$ . Now, let  $(0, x) \in A$  and  $(1, y) \in B$ . We have  $x, y \in [0, 1]$ . In this case, we have

$$\sigma(T(0, x), T(1, y)) = 1 + |\frac{x}{4} - \frac{y}{4}|.$$

Moreover,

$$\begin{aligned} &k \max\{\sigma((0, x), (1, y)), \sigma((0, x), T(0, x)), \sigma((1, y), T(1, y))\} + (1 - k)\sigma(A, B) \\ &= k \max\{1 + |x - y|, 1 + |x - \frac{x}{4}|, 1 + |y - \frac{y}{4}|\} + (1 - k) \\ &= 1 + k \max\{|x - y|, \frac{3x}{4}, \frac{3y}{4}\}. \end{aligned}$$

It is obvious that (1.7) holds, that is,  $T$  is a cyclic Ćirić type contraction. Let  $X_0 = (0, x_0) \in A$  and  $X_{n+1} = T(X_n)$  for  $n \geq 0$ . Here, we get

$$X_{2n} = (0, \frac{x_0}{2^{2n}}) \in A \quad \text{and} \quad X_{2n+1} = (1, \frac{x_0}{2^{4n+2}}) \in B \quad \text{for all } n \geq 0.$$

We have, as  $n \rightarrow \infty$ ,

$$\sigma(x_{2n}, x_{2n+1}) = 1 + \left| \frac{x_0}{2^{4n+2}} - \frac{x_0}{2^{2n}} \right| \rightarrow 1 = \sigma(A, B).$$

Moreover,  $\sigma(x_{2n-1}, x_{2n}) \rightarrow 0$ . Thus, from above, (2.7) holds. Now, let  $X_0 = (1, x_0) \in B$  and  $X_{n+1} = T(X_n)$  for  $n \geq 0$ . In this case, we have

$$X_{2n} = \left(1, \frac{x_0}{2^{2n}}\right) \in B \quad \text{and} \quad X_{2n+1} = \left(0, \frac{x_0}{2^{4n+2}}\right) \in A \quad \text{for all } n \geq 0.$$

Similarly, in this case, (2.7) holds.

On the other hand, Theorem 3.10 in [11] is not applicable. Indeed, for  $(0, 0) \in A$  and  $(1, 0) \in B$ , we have

$$\sigma(T(0, 0), T(1, 0)) = 1 > \alpha = \alpha \max\{\sigma((0, 0), (1, 0)), \sigma(T(0, 0), (0, 0)), \sigma(T(1, 0), (1, 0))\}$$

for all  $\alpha \in (0, 1)$ .

*Remark 2.7.* We may state the following remarks:

- Theorem 2.1 is a generalization of Theorem 3.6 of George and Rajagopalan [11] and extends Theorem 4 of Petrić [24] to the class of metric-like spaces.
- Theorem 2.3 is a generalization of Theorem 3.8 of George and Rajagopalan [11].
- Theorem 2.5 is a generalization of Theorem 3.10 of George and Rajagopalan [11] and extends Theorem 1.2 to the class of metric-like spaces.

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