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**COMMON FIXED POINTS OF A PAIR OF SELFMAPS  
 SATISFYING CERTAIN WEAKLY CONTRACTIVE INEQUALITY  
 INVOLVING RATIONAL TYPE EXPRESSIONS  
 VIA TWO AUXILIARY FUNCTIONS  
 IN PARTIALLY ORDERED METRIC SPACES**

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**Abstract.** In this paper, we prove the existence of coincidence and common fixed points of a pair of selfmaps satisfying a certain weakly contractive inequality with two auxiliary functions involving rational type expressions in partially ordered metric spaces. These results extend some of the known existing results in the literature from a single selfmap to a pair of selfmaps. Examples are provided in support of our results.

**Keywords:** common fixed points, partially ordered metric spaces, rational type contraction mappings, auxiliary functions

### 1. Introduction

The Banach contraction principle is one of the pivotal results in fixed point theory. It is a very popular tool for solving existence problems in many different fields of mathematics. Ran and Reurings [15] extended the Banach contraction principle in partially ordered sets. For more work on the existence of fixed points in partially ordered metric spaces, we refer the reader to [1, 3, 7, 8, 9, 13, 16].

In 1975, Dass and Gupta [6] extended the Banach contraction principle through rational expression as follows.

**Theorem 1.1.** (Dass and Gupta [6]). Let  $(X, d)$  be a complete metric space and  $T : X \rightarrow X$  be a mapping such that there exist  $\alpha, \beta \geq 0$  with  $\alpha + \beta < 1$  satisfying

$$(1.1) \quad d(Tx, Ty) \leq \alpha \frac{d(y, Ty)[1 + d(x, Tx)]}{1 + d(x, y)} + \beta d(x, y)$$

for all  $x, y \in X$ .

Then  $T$  has a unique fixed point.

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**Definition 1.1.** Let  $(X, \preceq)$  be a partially ordered set. A mapping  $T : X \rightarrow X$  is said to be non-decreasing if for any  $x, y \in X$ ,  $x \preceq y$  implies that  $Tx \preceq Ty$ .

In 2013, Cabrera, Harjani and Sadarangani [4] proved the above theorem in the context of partially ordered metric spaces as follows.

**Theorem 1.2.** (Cabrera, Harjani and Sadarangani [4]) Let  $(X, \preceq)$  be a partially ordered set and suppose that there exists a metric  $d$  on  $X$  such that  $(X, d)$  is a complete metric space. Let  $T : X \rightarrow X$  be a continuous and non-decreasing mapping such that (1.1) is satisfied for all  $x, y \in X$  with  $x \preceq y$ . If there exists  $x_0 \in X$  with  $x_0 \preceq Tx_0$ , then  $T$  has a fixed point.

**Theorem 1.3.** (Cabrera, Harjani and Sadarangani [4]) Let  $(X, \preceq)$  be a partially ordered set and suppose that there exists a metric  $d$  on  $X$  such that  $(X, d)$  is a complete metric space. Assume that if  $\{x_n\}$  is a non-decreasing sequence in  $X$  such that  $x_n \rightarrow x$  then  $x_n \preceq x$  for all  $n \in N$ . Let  $T : X \rightarrow X$  be a non-decreasing mapping such that (1.1) is satisfied for all  $x, y \in X$  with  $x \preceq y$ . If there exists  $x_0 \in X$  with  $x_0 \preceq Tx_0$  then  $T$  has a fixed point.

**Theorem 1.4.** (Cabrera, Harjani and Sadarangani [4]) In addition to the hypotheses of Theorem 1.2 (Theorem 1.3), suppose that for every  $x, y \in X$ , there exists  $u \in X$  such that  $u \preceq x$  and  $u \preceq y$ . Then  $T$  has a unique fixed point.

We write

$$\Phi = \{\varphi : [0, \infty) \rightarrow [0, \infty) : \varphi \text{ is monotonic non-decreasing, continuous and } \varphi(t) = 0 \Leftrightarrow t = 0\}.$$

$$\Psi = \{\psi : [0, \infty) \rightarrow [0, \infty) : \text{for any sequence } \{t_n\} \text{ in } [0, \infty) \text{ with } t_n \rightarrow t > 0 \text{ implies that } \underline{\lim} \psi(t_n) > 0\}.$$

**Remark 1.1.** If  $\psi \in \Psi$  then  $\psi(t) > 0$  for  $t > 0$ .

**Remark 1.2.** If  $t_n \rightarrow t$  and  $\psi(t_n) \rightarrow 0$  implies that  $t = 0$ .

In 2014, Chandok, Choudhury and Metiya [5] improved Theorem 1.2 and Theorem 1.3 by using the functions of  $\Phi$  and  $\Psi$ .

**Theorem 1.5.** (Chandok, Choudhury and Metiya [5]) Let  $(X, \preceq)$  be a partially ordered set and suppose that there exists a metric  $d$  on  $X$  such that  $(X, d)$  is a complete metric space. Let  $T : X \rightarrow X$  be a continuous and non-decreasing mapping such that for all  $x, y \in X$  with  $x \preceq y$ ,

$$(1.2) \quad \varphi(d(Tx, Ty)) \leq \varphi(M(x, y)) - \psi(N(x, y))$$

for some  $\varphi \in \Phi$  and  $\psi \in \Psi$ , where

$$M(x, y) = \max\left\{\frac{d(y, Ty)[1+d(x, Tx)]}{1+d(x, y)}, \frac{d(y, Tx)[1+d(x, Ty)]}{1+d(x, y)}, d(x, y)\right\} \text{ and}$$

$$N(x, y) = \max\left\{\frac{d(y, Ty)[1+d(x, Tx)]}{1+d(x, y)}, d(x, y)\right\}.$$

If there exists  $x_0 \in X$  with  $x_0 \preceq Tx_0$ , then  $T$  has a fixed point.

**Theorem 1.6.** (Chandok, Choudhury and Metiya [5]) Let  $(X, \preceq)$  be a partially ordered set and suppose that there exists a metric  $d$  on  $X$  such that  $(X, d)$  is a complete metric space. Assume that if  $\{x_n\}$  is a non-decreasing sequence in  $X$  such that  $x_n \rightarrow x$  then  $x_n \preceq x$  for all  $n \in \mathbb{N}$ . Let  $T : X \rightarrow X$  be a non-decreasing mapping. Suppose that (1.2) holds, where  $M(x, y)$ ,  $N(x, y)$  and the conditions upon  $\varphi$  and  $\psi$  are the same as in Theorem 1.5. If there exists  $x_0 \in X$  with  $x_0 \preceq Tx_0$  then  $T$  has a fixed point.

**Theorem 1.7.** (Chandok, Choudhury and Metiya [5]) In addition to the hypotheses of Theorem 1.5 (Theorem 1.6), suppose that for every  $x, y \in X$ , there exists  $u \in X$  such that  $u \preceq x$  and  $u \preceq y$ . Then  $T$  has a unique fixed point.

Recently, Sastry, Babu, Sarma and Krishna [17] improved Theorem 1.5, Theorem 1.6 and Theorem 1.7 by relaxing the continuity of  $\varphi$  and replacing  $M(x, y)$  by  $M_1(x, y)$  and  $N(x, y)$  by  $N_1(x, y)$ .

**Theorem 1.8.** (Sastry, Babu, Sarma and Krishna [17]) Let  $(X, \preceq)$  be a partially ordered set and  $(X, d)$  be a complete metric space. Let  $T : X \rightarrow X$  be a non-decreasing mapping. Suppose there exists  $\varphi : [0, \infty) \rightarrow [0, \infty)$  satisfying  $\varphi$  is non-decreasing and  $\varphi(t) = 0 \iff t = 0$ , and  $\psi \in \Psi$  such that

$$\varphi(d(Tx, Ty)) \leq \varphi(M_1(x, y)) - \psi(N_1(x, y)), \text{ where}$$

$$M_1(x, y) = \max\left\{\frac{d(y, Ty)[1+d(x, Tx)]}{1+d(x, y)}, \frac{d(x, Tx)[1+d(y, Ty)]}{1+d(x, y)}, \frac{d(y, Tx)[1+d(x, Ty)]}{1+d(x, y)}, d(x, y)\right\}$$

and

$$N_1(x, y) = \max\left\{\frac{d(y, Ty)[1+d(x, Tx)]}{1+d(x, y)}, \frac{d(x, Tx)[1+d(y, Ty)]}{1+d(x, y)}, d(x, y)\right\}, \text{ for all } x, y \in X \text{ with } x \preceq y.$$

$$\text{i.e. } M_1(x, y) = \max\left\{N_1(x, y), \frac{d(y, Tx)[1+d(x, Ty)]}{1+d(x, y)}\right\}.$$

If there exists  $x_0 \in X$  with  $x_0 \preceq Tx_0$ , then the sequence  $\{x_n\}$  defined by  $x_{n+1} = Tx_n$  for  $n = 0, 1, 2, \dots$  is a Cauchy sequence.

**Theorem 1.9.** (Sastry, Babu, Sarma and Krishna [17]) In addition to the hypotheses of Theorem 1.8, suppose that  $T$  is continuous. Then  $T$  has a fixed point.

**Theorem 1.10.** (Sastry, Babu, Sarma and Krishna [17]) In addition to the hypotheses of Theorem 1.8, assume the following:

- (i)  $x, y, z \in X$ , such that  $x < y < z \Rightarrow d(x, y) < d(x, z)$ , and  $d(y, z) < d(x, z)$
- (ii) if  $\{x_n\}$  is an increasing sequence in  $X$  such that  $x_n \rightarrow z$ , then  $x_n \preceq z$  for all  $n \in \mathbb{N}$ .

Further “for every  $u, v \in X$ , there exists  $z \in X$  which is comparable to both  $u$  and  $v$ ”.

Then  $T$  has a unique fixed point in  $X$ .

In 1986, Jungck [11] defined the concept of compatible mappings.

**Definition 1.2.** [11] A pair  $(S, T)$  of self-mappings of a metric space  $(X, d)$  is said to be compatible if  $\lim_{n \rightarrow \infty} d(STx_n, TSx_n) = 0$ , whenever  $\{x_n\}$  is a sequence in  $X$  such that  $\lim_{n \rightarrow \infty} Sx_n = \lim_{n \rightarrow \infty} Tx_n = z$  for some  $z \in X$ .

In 1998, Pant introduced a new continuity condition, known as reciprocal continuity and obtained a common fixed point theorem by using the compatibility in a metric space. The notion of reciprocal continuity is weaker than the continuity of one of the mappings.

**Definition 1.3.** [14] Two self-mappings  $S$  and  $T$  of a metric space  $(X, d)$  are called reciprocally continuous if  $\lim_{n \rightarrow \infty} STx_n = Sz$  and  $\lim_{n \rightarrow \infty} TSx_n = Tz$  whenever  $\{x_n\}$  is a sequence in  $X$  such that  $\lim_{n \rightarrow \infty} Sx_n = \lim_{n \rightarrow \infty} Tx_n = z$  for some  $z$  in  $X$ .

**Definition 1.4.** [12] Two self-maps  $S$  and  $T$  of a metric space  $(X, d)$  are said to be weakly compatible if they commute at their coincidence points. i.e. if for any  $x$  in  $X$  with  $Sx = Tx$  then  $STx = TStx$ .

**Definition 1.5.** [10] Let  $(X, \preceq)$  be a partially ordered set and  $T$  and  $S : X \rightarrow X$  be two selfmaps.  $T$  is said to be  $S$ -non-decreasing if for all  $x, y \in X$ ,  $Sx \preceq Sy$  implies  $Tx \preceq Ty$ .

In this paper,  $(X, \preceq, d)$  denotes a partially ordered metric space, where  $(X, \preceq)$  is a partially ordered set, and  $d$  is a metric on  $X$ . If  $X$  is complete with respect to the metric  $d$  then we call  $(X, \preceq, d)$  a partially ordered complete metric space.

The following lemma is useful in our subsequent discussion.

**Lemma 1.1.** [2]. Let  $(X, d)$  be a metric space. Let  $\{x_n\}$  be a sequence in  $X$  such that  $d(x_{n+1}, x_n) \rightarrow 0$  as  $n \rightarrow \infty$ . If  $\{x_n\}$  is not a Cauchy sequence then there exist an  $\epsilon > 0$  and sequences of positive integers  $\{m(k)\}$  and  $\{n(k)\}$  with  $m(k) > n(k) > k$  and  $d(x_{m(k)}, x_{n(k)}) \geq \epsilon$ . For each  $k > 0$ , corresponding to  $n(k)$ , we can choose  $m(k)$  to be the smallest integer with  $m(k) > n(k) > k$  satisfying  $d(x_{m(k)}, x_{n(k)}) \geq \epsilon$ . Hence for such  $m(k)$  and  $n(k)$ , we have  $d(x_{m(k)}, x_{n(k)}) \geq \epsilon$  and  $d(x_{m(k)-1}, x_{n(k)}) < \epsilon$ .

It can be shown that the following identities are satisfied.

$$(i) \lim_{k \rightarrow \infty} d(x_{m(k)-1}, x_{n(k)+1}) = \epsilon, \quad (ii) \lim_{k \rightarrow \infty} d(x_{m(k)}, x_{n(k)}) = \epsilon,$$

$$(iii) \lim_{k \rightarrow \infty} d(x_{m(k)-1}, x_{n(k)}) = \epsilon, \quad \text{and} \quad (iv) \lim_{k \rightarrow \infty} d(x_{m(k)}, x_{n(k)+1}) = \epsilon.$$

In Section 2, we prove the existence of coincidence and common fixed points of a pair of maps satisfying certain generalized contractive mappings with auxiliary functions  $\varphi \in \Phi$  and  $\psi \in \Psi$  involving rational type expressions in partially ordered metric spaces. In Section 3, we draw some corollaries from our main results and give examples in support of our results.

## 2. Main Results

**Theorem 2.1.** Let  $(X, \preceq, d)$  be a partially ordered complete metric space. Let  $S, T : X \rightarrow X$  be self maps of  $X$ , and  $T$  is  $S$  non-decreasing. Suppose that there exist  $\varphi \in \Phi$  and  $\psi \in \Psi$  such that

$$(2.1) \quad \varphi(d(Tx, Ty)) \leq \varphi(M(x, y)) - \psi(N(x, y))$$

where

$$M(x, y) = \max\left\{\frac{d(Sy, Ty)[1 + d(Sx, Tx)]}{1 + d(Sx, Sy)}, \frac{d(Sx, Tx)[1 + d(Sy, Ty)]}{1 + d(Sx, Sy)}, \frac{d(Sy, Tx)[1 + d(Sx, Ty)]}{1 + d(Sx, Sy)}, d(Sx, Sy)\right\}$$

and

$$N(x, y) = \max\left\{\frac{d(Sy, Ty)[1 + d(Sx, Tx)]}{1 + d(Sx, Sy)}, \frac{d(Sx, Tx)[1 + d(Sy, Ty)]}{1 + d(Sx, Sy)}, d(Sx, Sy)\right\}$$

for all  $x, y \in X$  with  $Sx \preceq Sy$ .

Furthermore, assume that

- (i)  $T(X) \subseteq S(X)$ ;
- (ii) there exists  $x_0 \in X$  such that  $Sx_0 \preceq Tx_0$ ;
- (iii)  $S(X)$  is a closed subset of  $X$ ; and
- (iv) if any non-decreasing sequence  $\{x_n\}$  in  $X$  converges to  $x$  then  $x_n \preceq x$  for all  $n = 0, 1, 2, \dots$

Then  $S$  and  $T$  have a coincident point in  $X$ .

*Proof.* By (ii), let  $x_0 \in X$  be such that  $Sx_0 \preceq Tx_0$ . Since  $T(X) \subseteq S(X)$ , we choose  $x_1 \in X$  such that  $Tx_0 = Sx_1$ . Since  $Sx_0 \preceq Tx_0 = Sx_1$ , and  $T$  is  $S$  non-decreasing, we have  $Tx_0 \preceq Tx_1$ . Again, using  $T(X) \subseteq S(X)$ , we have  $Tx_1 = Sx_2$  for some  $x_2 \in X$  so that  $Tx_0 \preceq Sx_2$  i.e.  $Sx_1 \preceq Sx_2$ . By using a similar argument we choose a sequence  $\{x_n\}$  in  $X$  with  $Tx_n = Sx_{n+1}$  and  $Sx_n \preceq Sx_{n+1}$  for each  $n = 0, 1, 2, \dots$ .

If  $Sx_n = Sx_{n+1}$  for some  $n \geq 0$  then  $Sx_n = Tx_n$  so that  $x_n$  is a coincidence point of  $S$  and  $T$ .

Hence, with out loss of generality, we assume that  $Sx_n \neq Sx_{n+1}$  for each  $n \geq 0$ .

Since  $Sx_{n-1} \preceq Sx_n$ , by (2.1) we have,

$$(2.2) \quad \begin{aligned} \varphi(d(Sx_n, Sx_{n+1})) &= \varphi(d(Tx_{n-1}, Tx_n)) \\ &\leq \varphi(M(x_{n-1}, x_n)) - \psi(N(x_{n-1}, x_n)), \end{aligned}$$

where

$$\begin{aligned}
& M(x_{n-1}, x_n) \\
&= \max\left\{\frac{d(Sx_n, Tx_n)[1 + d(Sx_{n-1}, Tx_{n-1})]}{1 + d(Sx_{n-1}, Sx_n)}, \frac{d(Sx_{n-1}, Tx_{n-1})[1 + d(Sx_n, Tx_n)]}{1 + d(Sx_{n-1}, Sx_n)}, \right. \\
&\quad \left. \frac{d(Sx_n, Tx_{n-1})[1 + d(Sx_{n-1}, Tx_n)]}{1 + d(Sx_{n-1}, Sx_n)}, d(Sx_{n-1}, Sx_n)\right\} \\
&= \max\left\{\frac{d(Sx_n, Sx_{n+1})[1 + d(Sx_{n-1}, Sx_n)]}{1 + d(Sx_{n-1}, Sx_n)}, \frac{d(Sx_{n-1}, Sx_n)[1 + d(Sx_n, Sx_{n+1})]}{1 + d(Sx_{n-1}, Sx_n)}, \right. \\
&\quad \left. \frac{d(Sx_n, Sx_n)[1 + d(Sx_{n-1}, Sx_{n+1})]}{1 + d(Sx_{n-1}, Sx_n)}, d(Sx_{n-1}, Sx_n)\right\} \\
&= \max\left\{d(Sx_n, Sx_{n+1}), \frac{d(Sx_{n-1}, Sx_n)[1 + d(Sx_n, Sx_{n+1})]}{1 + d(Sx_{n-1}, Sx_n)}, d(Sx_{n-1}, Sx_n)\right\}
\end{aligned}$$

and

$$\begin{aligned}
& N(x_{n-1}, x_n) \\
&= \max\left\{\frac{d(Sx_n, Tx_n)[1 + d(Sx_{n-1}, Tx_{n-1})]}{1 + d(Sx_{n-1}, Sx_n)}, \right. \\
&\quad \left. \frac{d(Sx_{n-1}, Tx_{n-1})[1 + d(Sx_n, Tx_n)]}{1 + d(Sx_{n-1}, Sx_n)}, d(Sx_{n-1}, Sx_n)\right\} \\
&= \max\left\{\frac{d(Sx_n, Sx_{n+1})[1 + d(Sx_{n-1}, Sx_n)]}{1 + d(Sx_{n-1}, Sx_n)}, \right. \\
&\quad \left. \frac{d(Sx_{n-1}, Sx_n)[1 + d(Sx_n, Sx_{n+1})]}{1 + d(Sx_{n-1}, Sx_n)}, d(Sx_{n-1}, Sx_n)\right\} \\
&= \max\left\{d(Sx_n, Sx_{n+1}), \frac{d(Sx_{n-1}, Sx_n)[1 + d(Sx_n, Sx_{n+1})]}{1 + d(Sx_{n-1}, Sx_n)}, d(Sx_{n-1}, Sx_n)\right\}.
\end{aligned}$$

If  $\max\{d(Sx_n, Sx_{n+1}), d(Sx_{n-1}, Sx_n)\} = d(Sx_n, Sx_{n+1})$ , then

$$\begin{aligned}
M(x_{n-1}, x_n) &= \max\left\{d(Sx_n, Sx_{n+1}), \frac{d(Sx_{n-1}, Sx_n)[1 + d(Sx_n, Sx_{n+1})]}{1 + d(Sx_{n-1}, Sx_n)}\right\} \\
&= d(Sx_n, Sx_{n+1})
\end{aligned}$$

and  $N(x_{n-1}, x_n) = d(Sx_n, Sx_{n+1})$ .

Now from (2.1), we have

$$\begin{aligned}
\varphi(d(Sx_n, Sx_{n+1})) &\leq \varphi(d(Sx_n, Sx_{n+1})) - \psi(d(Sx_n, Sx_{n+1})) \\
&< \varphi(d(Sx_n, Sx_{n+1})),
\end{aligned}$$

a contradiction.

Hence  $\max\{d(Sx_n, Sx_{n+1}), d(Sx_{n-1}, Sx_n)\} = d(Sx_{n-1}, Sx_n)$ . In this case

$$\begin{aligned}
M(x_{n-1}, x_n) &= \max\left\{\frac{d(Sx_{n-1}, Sx_n)[1 + d(Sx_n, Sx_{n+1})]}{1 + d(Sx_{n-1}, Sx_n)}, d(Sx_{n-1}, Sx_n)\right\} \\
&= d(Sx_{n-1}, Sx_n)
\end{aligned}$$

and  $N(x_{n-1}, x_n) = d(Sx_{n-1}, Sx_n)$ .

Therefore from (2.2), we have

$$(2.3) \quad \varphi(d(Sx_n, Sx_{n+1})) \leq \varphi(d(Sx_{n-1}, Sx_n)) - \psi(d(Sx_{n-1}, Sx_n))$$

$$(2.4) \quad < \varphi(d(Sx_{n-1}, Sx_n)).$$

Thus it follows that  $\{\varphi(d(Sx_n, Sx_{n+1}))\}$  is a strictly decreasing sequence of positive real numbers and so  $\lim_{n \rightarrow \infty} \varphi(d(Sx_n, Sx_{n+1}))$  exists and it is  $r$  (say).

i.e.  $\lim_{n \rightarrow \infty} \varphi(d(Sx_n, Sx_{n+1})) = r \geq 0$ .

From (2.4), since  $\varphi$  is non-decreasing, it follows that  $\{d(Sx_n, Sx_{n+1})\}$  is a strictly decreasing sequence of positive real numbers and so  $\lim_{n \rightarrow \infty} d(Sx_n, Sx_{n+1})$  exists and

it is  $r'$  (say). i.e.  $\lim_{n \rightarrow \infty} d(Sx_n, Sx_{n+1}) = r' \geq 0$ .

Suppose that  $r' > 0$ .

From (2.3), we have

$$0 \leq \psi(d(Sx_{n-1}, Sx_n)) \leq \varphi(d(Sx_{n-1}, Sx_n)) - \varphi(d(Sx_n, Sx_{n+1})).$$

On taking limit supremum as  $n \rightarrow \infty$  on both sides, we have

$$\begin{aligned} 0 \leq \overline{\lim} \psi(d(Sx_{n-1}, Sx_n)) &\leq \overline{\lim} \varphi(d(Sx_{n-1}, Sx_n)) - \underline{\lim} \varphi(d(Sx_n, Sx_{n+1})) \\ &= r - r = 0 \text{ as } n \rightarrow \infty \end{aligned}$$

so that  $\overline{\lim} \psi(d(Sx_{n-1}, Sx_n)) = 0$ . Hence  $\underline{\lim} \psi(d(Sx_{n-1}, Sx_n)) = 0$ .

Therefore  $\lim_{n \rightarrow \infty} \psi(d(Sx_{n-1}, Sx_n)) = 0$ , which is a contradiction.

Therefore,  $r' = 0$ . i.e.  $\lim_{n \rightarrow \infty} d(Sx_n, Sx_{n+1}) = 0$ .

We now show that  $\{Sx_n\}$  is Cauchy.

Suppose that  $\{Sx_n\}$  is not a Cauchy sequence. Then by Lemma 1.1 there exists an  $\epsilon > 0$  for which we can find sequences of positive integers  $\{m(k)\}$  and  $\{n(k)\}$  with  $m(k) > n(k) > k$  such that  $d(Sx_{m(k)}, Sx_{n(k)}) \geq \epsilon$  and  $d(Sx_{m(k)-1}, Sx_{n(k)}) < \epsilon$  and the following identities satisfied.

$$(i) \quad \lim_{k \rightarrow \infty} d(Sx_{m(k)}, Sx_{n(k)}) = \epsilon \quad (ii) \quad \lim_{k \rightarrow \infty} d(Sx_{m(k)-1}, Sx_{n(k)-1}) = \epsilon$$

$$(iii) \quad \lim_{k \rightarrow \infty} d(Sx_{m(k)-1}, Sx_{n(k)}) = \epsilon \text{ and } (iv) \quad \lim_{k \rightarrow \infty} d(Sx_{n(k)-1}, Sx_{m(k)}) = \epsilon.$$

By (2.1), we have

$$\begin{aligned} \varphi(d(Sx_{n(k)}, Sx_{m(k)})) &= \varphi(d(Tx_{n(k)-1}, Tx_{m(k)-1})) \\ (2.5) \quad &\leq \varphi(M(x_{n(k)-1}, x_{m(k)-1})) - \psi(N(x_{n(k)-1}, x_{m(k)-1})), \end{aligned}$$

where

$$\begin{aligned}
 & M(x_{n(k)-1}, x_{m(k)-1}) \\
 &= \max\left\{ \frac{d(Sx_{m(k)-1}, Tx_{m(k)-1})[1 + d(Sx_{n(k)-1}, Tx_{n(k)-1})]}{1 + d(Sx_{n(k)-1}, Sx_{m(k)-1})}, \right. \\
 & \quad \frac{d(Sx_{n(k)-1}, Tx_{n(k)-1})[1 + d(Sx_{m(k)-1}, Tx_{m(k)-1})]}{1 + d(Sx_{n(k)-1}, Sx_{m(k)-1})}, \\
 & \quad \left. \frac{d(Sx_{m(k)-1}, Tx_{n(k)-1})[1 + d(Sx_{n(k)-1}, Tx_{m(k)-1})]}{1 + d(Sx_{n(k)-1}, Sx_{m(k)-1})}, d(Sx_{n(k)-1}, Sx_{m(k)-1}) \right\} \\
 &= \max\left\{ \frac{d(Sx_{m(k)-1}, Sx_{m(k)})[1 + d(Sx_{n(k)-1}, Sx_{n(k)})]}{1 + d(Sx_{n(k)-1}, Sx_{m(k)-1})}, \right. \\
 & \quad \frac{d(Sx_{n(k)-1}, Sx_{n(k)})[1 + d(Sx_{m(k)-1}, Sx_{m(k)})]}{1 + d(Sx_{n(k)-1}, Sx_{m(k)-1})}, \\
 & \quad \left. \frac{d(Sx_{m(k)-1}, Sx_{n(k)})[1 + d(Sx_{n(k)-1}, Sx_{m(k)})]}{1 + d(Sx_{n(k)-1}, Sx_{m(k)-1})}, d(Sx_{n(k)-1}, Sx_{m(k)-1}) \right\},
 \end{aligned}$$

and

$$\begin{aligned}
 & N(x_{n(k)-1}, x_{m(k)-1}) \\
 &= \max\left\{ \frac{d(Sx_{m(k)-1}, Tx_{m(k)-1})[1 + d(Sx_{n(k)-1}, Tx_{n(k)-1})]}{1 + d(Sx_{n(k)-1}, Sx_{m(k)-1})}, \right. \\
 & \quad \left. \frac{d(Sx_{n(k)-1}, Tx_{n(k)-1})[1 + d(Sx_{m(k)-1}, Tx_{m(k)-1})]}{1 + d(Sx_{n(k)-1}, Sx_{m(k)-1})}, d(Sx_{n(k)-1}, Sx_{m(k)-1}) \right\} \\
 &= \max\left\{ \frac{d(Sx_{m(k)-1}, Sx_{m(k)})[1 + d(Sx_{n(k)-1}, Sx_{n(k)})]}{1 + d(Sx_{n(k)-1}, Sx_{m(k)-1})}, \right. \\
 & \quad \left. \frac{d(Sx_{n(k)-1}, Sx_{n(k)})[1 + d(Sx_{m(k)-1}, Sx_{m(k)})]}{1 + d(Sx_{n(k)-1}, Sx_{m(k)-1})}, d(Sx_{n(k)-1}, Sx_{m(k)-1}) \right\}.
 \end{aligned}$$

Hence  $\lim_{k \rightarrow \infty} M(x_{n(k)-1}, x_{m(k)-1}) = \max\{0, 0, \frac{\epsilon(1+\epsilon)}{1+\epsilon}, \epsilon\} = \epsilon$ ,

$\lim_{k \rightarrow \infty} N(x_{n(k)-1}, x_{m(k)-1}) = \max\{0, 0, \epsilon\} = \epsilon$ .

Since  $\varphi$  is continuous, we have  $\overline{\lim} \varphi(d(Sx_{n(k)}, Sx_{m(k)})) = \varphi(\epsilon)$ .

From (2.5) and taking limit supremum as  $n \rightarrow \infty$ , we have  $\varphi(\epsilon) \leq \varphi(\epsilon) - \underline{\lim} \psi(N(x_{n(k)-1}, x_{m(k)-1}))$ , and it implies that  $\underline{\lim} \psi(N(x_{n(k)-1}, x_{m(k)-1})) \leq 0$ ,

a contradiction.

Therefore  $\{Sx_n\}$  is a Cauchy sequence in  $X$ .

Since  $S(X)$  is complete, there exists  $y \in X$  such that  $\lim_{n \rightarrow \infty} Sx_n = Sy$ .

(2.6) Hence  $\lim_{n \rightarrow \infty} Tx_n = \lim_{n \rightarrow \infty} Sx_{n+1} = Sy$  for some  $y \in X$ .

Now we show that  $Sy = Ty$ .

Suppose that  $Sy \neq Ty$ . i.e.  $d(Sy, Ty) > 0$ .



Since  $\{Sx_n\}$  is a non-decreasing sequence,  $Sx_n \rightarrow Sy$  for some  $y \in X$  and by condition (iv), we have  $Sx_n \preceq Sy$  for all  $n \geq 0$ .

Now, from (2.1), we have

$$(2.7) \quad \varphi(d(Tx_n, Ty)) \leq \varphi(M(x_n, y)) - \psi(N(x_n, y)),$$

where

$$\begin{aligned} &M(x_n, y) \\ &= \max\left\{ \frac{d(Sy, Ty)[1 + d(Sx_n, Tx_n)]}{1 + d(Sx_n, Sy)}, \frac{d(Sx_n, Tx_n)[1 + d(Sy, Ty)]}{1 + d(Sx_n, Sy)}, \right. \\ &\quad \left. \frac{d(Sy, Tx_n)[1 + d(Sx_n, Ty)]}{1 + d(Sx_n, Sy)}, d(Sx_n, Sy) \right\} \\ &= \max\left\{ \frac{d(Sy, Ty)[1 + d(Sx_n, Sx_{n+1})]}{1 + d(Sx_n, Sy)}, \frac{d(Sx_n, Sx_{n+1})[1 + d(Sy, Ty)]}{1 + d(Sx_n, Sy)}, \right. \\ &\quad \left. \frac{d(Sy, Sx_{n+1})[1 + d(Sx_n, Ty)]}{1 + d(Sx_n, Sy)}, d(Sx_n, Sy) \right\} \end{aligned}$$

and

$$\begin{aligned} &N(x_n, y) \\ &= \max\left\{ \frac{d(Sy, Ty)[1 + d(Sx_n, Tx_n)]}{1 + d(Sx_n, Sy)}, \frac{d(Sx_n, Tx_n)[1 + d(Sy, Ty)]}{1 + d(Sx_n, Sy)}, d(Sx_n, Sy) \right\} \\ &= \max\left\{ \frac{d(Sy, Ty)[1 + d(Sx_n, Sx_{n+1})]}{1 + d(Sx_n, Sy)}, \frac{d(Sx_n, Sx_{n+1})[1 + d(Sy, Ty)]}{1 + d(Sx_n, Sy)}, \right. \\ &\quad \left. d(Sx_n, Sy) \right\}. \end{aligned}$$

Also,  $\lim_{n \rightarrow \infty} M(x_n, y) = d(Sy, Ty)$  and  $\lim_{n \rightarrow \infty} N(x_n, y) = d(Sy, Ty)$ .

Now on taking limit supremum as  $n \rightarrow \infty$  on both sides of (2.7) we have

$$\lim \varphi(d(Tx_n, Ty)) \leq \lim \varphi(M(x_n, y)) - \underline{\lim} \psi(N(x_n, y)),$$

which implies that  $\varphi(d(Sy, Ty)) \leq \varphi(d(Sy, Ty)) - \underline{\lim} \psi(N(x_n, y))$

so that  $\underline{\lim} \psi(N(x_n, y)) \leq 0$ ,

a contradiction.

Hence  $Ty = Sy$  so that  $S$  and  $T$  have a coincidence point  $y$ .  $\square$

**Theorem 2.2.** In addition to the hypotheses of Theorem 2.1, assume that

- (i)  $S$  and  $T$  are weakly compatible,
- (ii)  $Sx = Tx$  implies  $Sx \preceq SSx$  for any  $x \in X$ .

Then  $T$  and  $S$  have common fixed point in  $X$ .

Furthermore, assume the following: Condition(H): there exists  $u \in X$  such that  $Su \preceq Tu$  and  $Tu$  is comparable to  $Tx$  and  $Ty$ , for all  $x, y \in X$ .

Then  $S$  and  $T$  have a unique common fixed point in  $X$ .

*Proof.* From the proof of Theorem 2.1, we have  $\{Sx_n\}$  is a non-decreasing sequence that converges to  $Sy$  for some  $y \in X$  with  $Sy = Ty$ .

Let  $w = Ty = Sy$ .

Since  $S$  and  $T$  are weakly compatible,  $Tw = TSy = STy = Sw$ .

Suppose that  $w \neq Tw$ .

By hypothesis (ii) we have  $Sy \preceq SSy = STy$ .

Therefore, from (2.1), we have

$$(2.8) \quad \begin{aligned} \varphi(d(w, Tw)) &= \varphi(d(Ty, TTy)) \\ &\leq \varphi(M(y, Ty)) - \psi(N(y, Ty)) \end{aligned}$$

where

$$\begin{aligned} M(y, Ty) &= \max\left\{\frac{d(STy, TTy)[1 + d(Sy, Ty)]}{1 + d(Sy, STy)}, \frac{d(Sy, Ty)[1 + d(STy, TTy)]}{1 + d(Sy, STy)}, \right. \\ &\quad \left. \frac{d(STy, Ty)[1 + d(Sy, TTy)]}{1 + d(Sy, STy)}, d(Sy, STy)\right\} \\ &= \max\left\{\frac{d(Sw, TTy)}{1 + d(Sy, Sw)}, 0, \frac{d(Sw, Ty)[1 + d(Sy, TTy)]}{1 + d(Sy, Sw)}, d(Sy, Sw)\right\} \\ &= \max\left\{\frac{d(Tw, TTy)}{1 + d(w, Tw)}, 0, \frac{d(Tw, w)[1 + d(w, TTy)]}{1 + d(w, Tw)}, d(w, Tw)\right\} \\ &= \max\left\{\frac{d(Tw, Tw)}{1 + d(w, Tw)}, 0, \frac{d(Tw, w)[1 + d(w, Tw)]}{1 + d(w, Tw)}, d(w, Tw)\right\} \\ &= d(w, Tw), \end{aligned}$$

and

$$\begin{aligned} N(y, Ty) &= \max\left\{\frac{d(STy, TTy)[1 + d(Sy, Ty)]}{1 + d(Sy, STy)}, \frac{d(Sy, Ty)[1 + d(STy, TTy)]}{1 + d(Sy, STy)}, d(Sy, STy)\right\} \\ &= \max\left\{\frac{d(Sw, TTy)}{1 + d(Sy, Sw)}, 0, d(Sy, Sw)\right\} \\ &= \max\left\{\frac{d(Tw, TTy)}{1 + d(w, Tw)}, 0, d(w, Tw)\right\} \\ &= \max\left\{\frac{d(Tw, Tw)}{1 + d(w, Tw)}, 0, d(w, Tw)\right\} \\ &= d(w, Tw). \end{aligned}$$

Hence, from (2.8),

$$\begin{aligned} \varphi(d(w, Tw)) &\leq \varphi(d(w, Tw)) - \psi(d(w, Tw)) \\ &< \varphi(d(w, Tw)) \end{aligned}$$

is a contradiction.

Therefore  $w = Tw$ . Hence  $w = Tw = Sw$ .

Therefore  $w$  is a common fixed point of  $S$  and  $T$ .

We now prove the uniqueness of common fixed point of  $S$  and  $T$ .

Let  $z$  and  $w$  be two common fixed points of  $S$  and  $T$ . i.e.  $Sz = Tz = z$  and  $Sw = Tw = w$  with  $z \neq w$ .

Case (I):  $z$  and  $w$  are comparable. With out loss of generality we assume that  $z \preceq w$ . i.e.  $Sz \preceq Sw$

From (2.1), we have

$$\begin{aligned} \varphi(d(z, w)) &= \varphi(d(Tz, Tw)) \\ (2.9) \qquad \qquad &\leq \varphi(M(z, w)) - \psi(N(z, w)) \end{aligned}$$

where

$$\begin{aligned} M(z, w) &= \max\left\{ \frac{d(Sw, Tw)[1 + d(Sz, Tz)]}{1 + d(Sz, Sw)}, \frac{d(Sz, Tz)[1 + d(Sw, Tw)]}{1 + d(Sz, Sw)}, \right. \\ &\quad \left. \frac{d(Sw, Tz)[1 + d(Sz, Tw)]}{1 + d(Sz, Sw)}, d(Sz, Sw) \right\} \\ &= \max\left\{ \frac{d(w, w)}{1 + d(z, w)}, 0, \frac{d(w, z)[1 + d(z, w)]}{1 + d(z, w)}, d(z, w) \right\} \\ &= \max\{0, 0, d(z, w), d(z, w)\} \\ &= d(z, w). \\ N(z, w) &= \max\left\{ \frac{d(Sw, Tw)[1 + d(Sz, Tz)]}{1 + d(Sz, Sw)}, \frac{d(Sz, Tz)[1 + d(Sw, Tw)]}{1 + d(Sz, Sw)}, d(Sz, Sw) \right\} \\ &= \max\left\{ \frac{d(w, w)}{1 + d(z, w)}, 0, d(z, w) \right\} \\ &= \max\{0, 0, d(z, w)\} \\ &= d(z, w). \end{aligned}$$

Hence, from (2.9), we have

$$\begin{aligned} \varphi(d(z, w)) &\leq \varphi(d(z, w)) - \psi(d(z, w)) \\ &< \varphi(d(z, w)), \end{aligned}$$

a contradiction.

Therefore  $z = w$ . This shows that  $S$  and  $T$  have a unique common fixed point in  $X$ .

Case (II) :  $z$  and  $w$  are not comparable.

In this case, by assumption, there exists  $u \in X$  such that  $Su \preceq Tu$  and  $Tu$  is comparable to  $Tz$  and  $Tw$ .

Subcase (i) : We assume that  $Tz \preceq Tu, Tw \preceq Tu$  and  $Su \preceq Tu$ . Now we set  $u = u_0$ . Since  $T(X) \subseteq S(X)$ , there exists  $u_1 \in X$  such that

$$(2.10) \quad Tu_0 = Su_1.$$

Since  $Tz \preceq Tu, Tz = Sz$  and  $Tu = Tu_0 = Su_1$ , we have

$$(2.11) \quad Sz \preceq Su_1.$$

Since  $Su_0 \preceq Tu_0 = Su_1$ , we have

$$(2.12) \quad Su_0 \preceq Su_1.$$

Since  $T$  is  $S$  non-decreasing, from (2.11) and (2.12) we get

$$(2.13) \quad Tz \preceq Tu_1 \quad \text{and}$$

$$(2.14) \quad Tu_0 \preceq Tu_1.$$

Since  $T(X) \subseteq S(X)$ , there exists  $u_2 \in X$  such that

$$(2.15) \quad Tu_1 = Su_2.$$

From (2.10), (2.14) and (2.15) we have

$$(2.16) \quad Su_1 \preceq Su_2.$$

From (2.13) and (2.15), it follows that

$$(2.17) \quad Sz \preceq Su_2, \quad \text{since } Tz = Sz.$$

Since  $T$  is  $S$  non-decreasing, from (2.16) and (2.17) we get

$$(2.18) \quad Tu_1 \preceq Tu_2 \quad \text{and}$$

$$(2.19) \quad Tz \preceq Tu_2.$$

On continuing this process, we can construct a sequence  $\{u_n\}$  in  $X$  such that

$$(2.20) \quad Su_{n+1} = Tu_n, \quad Sz \preceq Su_{n+1} \quad \text{and} \quad Su_n \preceq Su_{n+1} \quad \text{for } n = 0, 1, 2, \dots$$

$$(2.21) \quad \text{Also, we can easily see that } Sw \preceq Su_{n+1} \quad \text{for } n = 0, 1, 2, \dots$$

Since  $Su_n \preceq Su_{n+1}$ , by using the inequality (2.1), it is easy to see that  $\{Su_n\}$  is Cauchy as in the proof of Theorem 2.1. Since  $S(X)$  is complete, there exists  $v \in X$  such that  $Su_n \rightarrow Sv$  as  $n \rightarrow \infty$ .

We now show that  $Sz = Sv$ . Suppose that  $Sz \neq Sv$ .

Since  $Sz \preceq Su_n$ , from (2.1) we have

$$(2.22) \quad \varphi(d(Sz, Su_{n+1})) = \varphi(d(Tz, Tu_n)) \leq \varphi(M(z, u_n)) - \psi(N(z, u_n))$$

where

$$M(z, u_n) = \max\left\{\frac{d(Su_n, Tu_n)[1 + d(Sz, Tz)]}{1 + d(Sz, Su_n)}, \frac{d(Sz, Tz)[1 + d(Su_n, Tu_n)]}{1 + d(Sz, Su_n)}, \frac{d(Su_n, Tz)[1 + d(Sz, Tu_n)]}{1 + d(Sz, Su_n)}, d(Sz, Su_n)\right\}$$

and

$$N(z, u_n) = \max\left\{\frac{d(Su_n, Tu_n)[1 + d(Sz, Tz)]}{1 + d(Sz, Su_n)}, \frac{d(Sz, Tz)[1 + d(Su_n, Tu_n)]}{1 + d(Sz, Su_n)}, d(Sz, Su_n)\right\}.$$

Hence  $\lim_{n \rightarrow \infty} M(z, u_n) = \max\{0, 0, d(Sv, Tz), d(Sz, Sv)\} = d(Sv, Sz)$  and

$\lim_{n \rightarrow \infty} N(z, u_n) = \max\{0, 0, d(Sz, Sv)\} = d(Sv, Sz)$ .

Taking limit supremum on (2.22), we have

$$(2.23) \quad \varphi(d(Sz, Sv)) \leq \varphi(d(Sz, Sv)) - \underline{\lim} \psi(N(z, u_n))$$

so that  $\underline{\lim} \psi(N(z, u_n)) \leq 0$ ,

a contradiction.

Therefore,  $Sz = Sv$ .

Similarly we can prove that  $Sw = Sv$ . Hence  $Sz = Sw$ , which implies that  $z = w$ .

*Subcase (ii)* : We assume that  $Tu \preceq Tz, Tu \preceq Tw$  and  $Su \preceq Tu$ . Now we set  $u = u_0$ . Since  $\bar{T}(X) \subseteq S(X)$ , there exists  $u_1 \in X$  such that

$$(2.24) \quad Tu_0 = Su_1.$$

Since  $Tu \preceq Tz, Tz = Sz$  and  $Tu = Tu_0 = Su_1$ , we have

$$(2.25) \quad Su_1 \preceq Sz.$$

Since  $Su_0 \preceq Tu_0 = Su_1$ , we have

$$(2.26) \quad Su_0 \preceq Su_1.$$

Since  $T$  is  $S$  non-decreasing, from (2.25) and (2.26) we get

$$(2.27) \quad Tu_1 \preceq Tz \quad \text{and}$$

$$(2.28) \quad Tu_0 \preceq Tu_1.$$

Since  $T(X) \subseteq S(X)$ , there exists  $u_2 \in X$  such that

$$(2.29) \quad Tu_1 = Su_2.$$

From (2.24), (2.28) and (2.29) we have

$$(2.30) \quad Su_1 \preceq Su_2.$$

From (2.27) and (2.29), it follows that

$$(2.31) \quad Su_2 \preceq Sz, \quad \text{since } Tz = Sz.$$

Since  $T$  is  $S$  non-decreasing, from (2.30) and (2.31) we get

$$(2.32) \quad Tu_1 \preceq Tu_2 \quad \text{and}$$

$$(2.33) \quad Tu_2 \preceq Tz.$$

On continuing this process, we can construct a sequence  $\{u_n\}$  in  $X$  such that

$$(2.34) \quad Su_{n+1} = Tu_n, \quad Su_n \preceq Sz \text{ and } Su_n \preceq Su_{n+1} \text{ for } n = 0, 1, 2, \dots$$

$$(2.35) \quad \text{Also we can easily see that } Su_n \preceq Sw \text{ for } n = 0, 1, 2, \dots$$

Since  $Su_n \preceq Su_{n+1}$ , by using the inequality (2.1), it is easy to see that  $\{Su_n\}$  is Cauchy as in the proof of Theorem 2.1. Since  $S(X)$  is complete, there exists  $v \in X$  such that  $Su_n \rightarrow Sv$  as  $n \rightarrow \infty$ .

We now show that  $Sz = Sv$ . Suppose that  $Sz \neq Sv$ .

Since  $Su_n \preceq Sz$ , from (2.1) we have

$$(2.36) \quad \varphi(d(Su_{n+1}, Sz)) = \varphi(d(Tu_n, Tz)) \leq \varphi(M(u_n, z)) - \psi(N(u_n, z))$$

where

$$M(u_n, z) = \max\left\{\frac{d(Sz, Tz)[1 + d(Su_n, Tu_n)]}{1 + d(Su_n, Sz)}, \frac{d(Su_n, Tu_n)[1 + d(Sz, Tz)]}{1 + d(Su_n, Sz)}, \frac{d(Sz, Tu_n)[1 + d(Su_n, Tz)]}{1 + d(Su_n, Sz)}, d(Su_n, Sz)\right\}$$

and

$$N(u_n, z) = \max\left\{\frac{d(Sz, Tz)[1 + d(Su_n, Tu_n)]}{1 + d(Su_n, Sz)}, \frac{d(Su_n, Tu_n)[1 + d(Sz, Tz)]}{1 + d(Su_n, Sz)}, d(Su_n, Sz)\right\}.$$

Hence  $\lim_{n \rightarrow \infty} M(u_n, z) = \max\{0, 0, d(Sz, Sv), d(Sv, Sz)\} = d(Sv, Sz)$  and

$$\lim_{n \rightarrow \infty} N(u_n, z) = \max\{0, 0, d(Sv, Sz)\} = d(Sv, Sz).$$

On taking limit supremum as  $n \rightarrow \infty$  on (2.36), we have

$$(2.37) \quad \varphi(d(Sv, Sz)) \leq \varphi(d(Sv, Sz)) - \underline{\lim} \psi(N(u_n, z))$$

so that  $\liminf \psi(N(u_n, z)) \leq 0$ ,  
 a contradiction.

Therefore,  $Sz = Sv$ .

Similarly we can prove that  $Sw = Sv$ . Hence  $Sz = Sw$ , which implies that  $z = w$ .

Subcase (iii) : We assume that  $Tu \preceq Tz, Tw \preceq Tu$  and  $Su \preceq Tu$ .

In this case,  $Tw \preceq Tz$  i.e.,  $w \preceq z$ . By case(i) the uniqueness follows.

Subcase (iv) : We assume that  $Tz \preceq Tu, Tu \preceq Tw$  and  $Su \preceq Tu$ .

In this case,  $Tz \preceq Tw$  i.e.  $z \preceq w$ . By case(i) the uniqueness follows.

Hence in either of the two cases  $S$  and  $T$  have a unique common fixed point.  $\square$

Now we relax the closedness of  $S(X)$  and condition (iv) of Theorem 2.1, but by imposing the compatible property and reciprocal continuity of a pair of maps and prove the following.

**Theorem 2.3.** Let  $(X, \preceq, d)$  be a partially ordered complete metric space. Let  $S, T : X \rightarrow X$  be self maps of  $X$  and  $T$  is  $S$  non-decreasing. Suppose that there exist  $\varphi \in \Phi, \psi \in \Psi$  and satisfying the inequality (2.1). Assume that

- (i)  $T(X) \subseteq S(X)$ ;
- (ii) there exists  $x_0 \in X$  such that  $Sx_0 \preceq Tx_0$ ;
- (iii)  $S$  and  $T$  are reciprocally continuous;
- (iv) the pair  $(S, T)$  is compatible;
- (v)  $Sz = Tz$  implies  $Sz \preceq SSz$  for any  $z \in X$ .

Then  $S$  and  $T$  have a common fixed point.

Furthermore, assume that Condition(H) of Theorem 2.2, then  $S$  and  $T$  have a unique common fixed point in  $X$ .

*Proof.* The sequence  $\{x_n\}$  is constructed such that  $Sx_{n+1} = Tx_n$  for all  $n \geq 0$  and the proof of the Cauchy part of the sequence  $\{Sx_n\}$  is the same as that one mentioned in the proof of Theorem 2.1.

Since  $(X, d)$  is complete, there exists  $z \in X$  such that  $\lim_{n \rightarrow \infty} Sx_n = z$  and consequently we have  $\lim_{n \rightarrow \infty} Tx_n = \lim_{n \rightarrow \infty} Sx_{n+1} = z$ .

Since  $S$  and  $T$  are reciprocally continuous, we have

$$\lim_{n \rightarrow \infty} STx_n = Sz \text{ and } \lim_{n \rightarrow \infty} TSx_n = Tz.$$

Again, since  $S$  and  $T$  are compatible, it follows that

$$\lim_{n \rightarrow \infty} d(STx_n, TSx_n) = 0, \text{ i.e., } d(Sz, Tz) = 0 \text{ so that } Sz = Tz.$$

Now, since every compatible pair is weakly compatible, by using the compatibility of  $S$  and  $T$  we have  $STz = TSz = TTz$ .

Suppose that  $Tz \neq TTz$ . Now

$\varphi(d(Tz, TTz)) \leq \varphi(M(z, Tz)) - \psi(N(z, Tz))$   
 where

$$M(z, Tz) = \max\left\{\frac{d(STz, TTz)[1 + d(Sz, Tz)]}{1 + d(Sz, STz)}, \frac{d(Sz, Tz)[1 + d(STz, TTz)]}{1 + d(Sz, STz)}, \frac{d(STz, Tz)[1 + d(Sz, TTz)]}{1 + d(Sz, STz)}, d(Sz, STz)\right\}$$

$$= \max\{0, d(Tz, TTz), d(Tz, TTz)\}$$

$$= d(Tz, TTz), \text{ and in a similar way it is easy to see that } N(z, Tz) = d(Tz, TTz).$$

Therefore

$$\varphi(d(Tz, TTz)) \leq \varphi(d(Tz, TTz)) - \psi(d(Tz, TTz)) < \varphi(d(Tz, TTz)),$$

a contradiction.

Hence  $Tz = TTz$  so that  $Tz$  is a fixed point of  $T$ .

Therefore,  $Tz$  is a common fixed point of  $S$  and  $T$ .

We now prove the uniqueness of the common fixed point of  $S$  and  $T$ .

Let  $z$  and  $w$  be two common fixed points of  $S$  and  $T$ . i.e.  $Sz = Tz = z$  and  $Sw = Tw = w$ , with  $z \neq w$ .

If  $z$  and  $w$  are comparable then by Case (I) of the proof of Theorem 2.2, the conclusion follows.

We now suppose  $z$  and  $w$  are not comparable. In this case, by following the line of the Subcase (i) of Case (II) of Theorem 2.2, we reach at (2.20) and (2.21). i.e., there exists a sequence  $\{u_n\}$  in  $X$  such that

$$Su_{n+1} = Tu_n, Sz \preceq Su_{n+1}, Sw \preceq Su_{n+1} \text{ and } Su_n \preceq Su_{n+1},$$

for all  $n = 0, 1, 2, \dots$

Since  $Su_n \preceq Su_{n+1}$ , by using the inequality (2.1), it is easy to see that  $\{Su_n\}$  is Cauchy as in the proof of Theorem 2.1.

Since  $X$  is complete, there exists  $v \in X$  such that  $Su_n \rightarrow v$  as  $n \rightarrow \infty$ .

We now show that  $Sz = v$ . Suppose that  $Sz \neq v$ .

Since  $Sz \preceq Su_n$ , from (2.1) we have

$$(2.38) \quad \varphi(d(Sz, Su_{n+1})) = \varphi(d(Tz, Tu_n)) \leq \varphi(M(z, u_n)) - \psi(N(z, u_n))$$

where

$$M(z, u_n) = \max\left\{\frac{d(Su_n, Tu_n)[1 + d(Sz, Tz)]}{1 + d(Sz, Su_n)}, \frac{d(Sz, Tz)[1 + d(Su_n, Tu_n)]}{1 + d(Sz, Su_n)}, \frac{d(Su_n, Tz)[1 + d(Sz, Tu_n)]}{1 + d(Sz, Su_n)}, d(Sz, Su_n)\right\}$$

and

$$N(z, u_n) = \max\left\{\frac{d(Su_n, Tu_n)[1 + d(Sz, Tz)]}{1 + d(Sz, Su_n)}, \frac{d(Sz, Tz)[1 + d(Su_n, Tu_n)]}{1 + d(Sz, Su_n)}, d(Sz, Su_n)\right\}.$$



Hence  $\lim_{n \rightarrow \infty} M(z, u_n) = \max\{0, 0, d(v, Sz), d(Sz, v)\} = d(v, Sz)$  and  $\lim_{n \rightarrow \infty} N(z, u_n) = \max\{0, 0, d(Sz, v)\} = d(v, Sz)$ .

On taking limit supremum as  $n \rightarrow \infty$  on (2.38), we have

$$(2.39) \quad \varphi(d(Sz, v)) \leq \varphi(d(Sz, v)) - \underline{\lim} \psi(N(z, u_n))$$

so that  $\underline{\lim} \psi(N(z, u_n)) \leq 0$ ,

a contradiction.

Therefore,  $Sz = v$ .

Similarly, we can prove that  $Sw = v$ . Hence  $Sz = Sw$ , which implies that  $z = w$ .

In all other cases we prove the uniqueness of the theorem as in the proof of Theorem 2.2.  $\square$

### 3. Corollaries and Examples

By choosing  $S = I_X$  in Theorem 2.1, we have the following corollary.

**Corollary 3.1.** Let  $(X, \preceq, d)$  be a partially ordered complete metric space. Let  $T : X \rightarrow X$  be a self map of  $X$  and  $T$  is non-decreasing. Suppose that there exist  $\varphi \in \Phi$  and  $\psi \in \Psi$  such that

$$(3.1) \quad \varphi(d(Tx, Ty)) \leq \varphi(M(x, y)) - \psi(N(x, y)),$$

where

$$M(x, y) = \max\left\{\frac{d(y, Ty)[1+d(x, Tx)]}{1+d(x, y)}, \frac{d(x, Tx)[1+d(y, Ty)]}{1+d(x, y)}, \frac{d(y, Tx)[1+d(x, Ty)]}{1+d(x, y)}, d(x, y)\right\}$$

and

$$N(x, y) = \max\left\{\frac{d(y, Ty)[1+d(x, Tx)]}{1+d(x, y)}, \frac{d(x, Tx)[1+d(y, Ty)]}{1+d(x, y)}, d(x, y)\right\}$$

for all  $x, y \in X$  with  $x \preceq y$ .

Furthermore, assume that

- (i) there exists  $x_0 \in X$  such that  $x_0 \preceq Tx_0$ ;
- (ii) if any non-decreasing sequence  $\{x_n\}$  in  $X$  converges to  $x$  then  $x_n \preceq x$  for all  $n = 0, 1, 2, \dots$

Then  $T$  has a fixed point.

We now consider the following examples in support of our main results.

**Example 3.1.** Let  $X = [0, 3]$  with the usual metric. We define partial order  $\preceq$  on  $X$  as follows:

$\preceq := \{(x, y) \in X \times X : x = y\} \cup \{(0, \frac{1}{2}), (0, \frac{3}{4}), (\frac{1}{2}, \frac{3}{4})\}$ , where  $x \preceq y$  means  $x \leq y$  in the usual sense.

Then  $(X, \preceq, d)$  is a partially ordered complete metric space. We define

$$T : X \rightarrow X \text{ by } T(x) = \begin{cases} x + \frac{1}{2} & \text{if } x \in [0, 1) - \{\frac{1}{2}, \frac{3}{4}\} \\ \frac{3}{4} & \text{if } x = \frac{3}{4} \\ 2 & \text{otherwise, and} \end{cases}$$

$$S : X \rightarrow X \text{ by } S(x) = \begin{cases} 2x & \text{if } x \in [0, 1] - \{\frac{3}{4}, \frac{3}{8}\} \\ \frac{3}{2} & \text{if } x = \frac{3}{8} \\ \frac{3}{4} & \text{if } x = \frac{3}{4} \\ 2 & \text{otherwise.} \end{cases}$$

Clearly  $T(X) \subseteq S(X)$ ,  $SX$  is closed and  $T$  is  $S$  non-decreasing.

We choose  $x_0 = 0 \in X$  then  $Sx_0 \preceq Tx_0$ . We define

$\varphi : \mathbb{R}^+ \rightarrow \mathbb{R}^+$  by  $\varphi(t) = 2t^2, t \geq 0$ , and  $\psi : \mathbb{R}^+ \rightarrow \mathbb{R}^+$  by  $\psi(t) = \frac{t}{4}, t \geq 0$ .

We now verify the inequality (2.1).

Case (i) : Let  $(x, y) = (0, \frac{1}{4})$  such that  $S(0) \preceq S(\frac{1}{4})$ .

In this case,  $\varphi(d(T(0), T(\frac{1}{4}))) = \varphi(d(\frac{1}{2}, \frac{3}{4})) = \varphi(\frac{1}{4}) = \frac{1}{8}$ ,

$M(0, \frac{1}{4}) = \frac{1}{2}$  and  $N(0, \frac{1}{4}) = \frac{1}{2}$ ;

Now  $\varphi(M(0, \frac{1}{4})) = \varphi(\frac{1}{2}) = \frac{1}{2}, \psi(N(0, \frac{1}{4})) = \psi(\frac{1}{2}) = \frac{1}{8}$ .

Therefore

$\varphi(d(T(0), T(\frac{1}{4}))) = \frac{1}{8} \leq \frac{1}{2} - \frac{1}{8} = \varphi(M(0, \frac{1}{4})) - \psi(N(0, \frac{1}{4}))$ .

Case (ii) : Let  $(x, y) = (0, \frac{3}{4})$  such that  $S(0) \preceq S(\frac{3}{4})$ .

In this case,  $\varphi(d(T(0), T(\frac{3}{4}))) = \varphi(d(\frac{1}{2}, \frac{3}{4})) = \varphi(\frac{1}{4}) = \frac{1}{8}$ ,

$M(0, \frac{3}{4}) = \frac{3}{4}$  and  $N(0, \frac{3}{4}) = \frac{3}{4}$ ;

Now  $\varphi(M(0, \frac{3}{4})) = \varphi(\frac{3}{4}) = \frac{9}{8}, \psi(N(0, \frac{3}{4})) = \psi(\frac{3}{4}) = \frac{3}{16}$ .

Therefore

$\varphi(d(T(0), T(\frac{3}{4}))) = \frac{1}{8} \leq \frac{9}{8} - \frac{3}{16} = \varphi(M(0, \frac{3}{4})) - \psi(N(0, \frac{3}{4}))$ .

Case (iii) : Let  $(x, y) = (\frac{1}{4}, \frac{3}{4})$  such that  $S(\frac{1}{4}) \preceq S(\frac{3}{4})$ .

In this case,  $\varphi(d(T(\frac{1}{4}), T(\frac{3}{4}))) = \varphi(d(\frac{3}{4}, \frac{3}{4})) = \varphi(0) = 0$ ,

$M(\frac{1}{4}, \frac{3}{4}) = \frac{1}{4}$  and  $N(\frac{1}{4}, \frac{3}{4}) = \frac{1}{4}$ ;

Now  $\varphi(M(\frac{1}{4}, \frac{3}{4})) = \varphi(\frac{1}{4}) = \frac{1}{8}, \psi(N(\frac{1}{4}, \frac{3}{4})) = \psi(\frac{1}{4}) = \frac{1}{16}$ .

Therefore

$\varphi(d(T(\frac{1}{4}), T(\frac{3}{4}))) = 0 \leq \frac{1}{8} - \frac{1}{16} = \varphi(M(\frac{1}{4}, \frac{3}{4})) - \psi(N(\frac{1}{4}, \frac{3}{4}))$ .

In the remaining cases, the inequality (2.1) holds trivially.

Therefore  $S$  and  $T$  satisfy all the hypotheses of Theorem 2.1 and

$S$  and  $T$  have infinitely many coincident points.

Furthermore, we note that clearly  $S$  and  $T$  are weakly compatible, and

$Sx = Tx \Rightarrow Sx \preceq SSx \forall x \in X$ , so that (i) and (ii) of Theorem 2.2 hold and  $\frac{3}{4}$  and 2 are common fixed points of  $S$  and  $T$ .

Further, we observe that  $S$  and  $T$  do not satisfy 'Condition H'.

For

Case (i) : If  $u = 0$  then  $Su = 0, Tu = \frac{1}{2}$ , clearly  $Su \preceq Tu$ .

In this case, for any  $x, y \in [0, 3) - \{0, \frac{1}{4}, \frac{3}{4}\}$ , neither  $Tx$  nor  $Ty$  is comparable to  $\frac{1}{2} = Tu$ .

Case (ii) : If  $u = \frac{1}{4}$  then  $Su = \frac{1}{2}, Tu = \frac{3}{4}$ , clearly  $Su \preceq Tu$ .

In this case, for any  $x, y \in [0, 3) - \{0, \frac{1}{4}, \frac{3}{4}\}$ , neither  $Tx$  nor  $Ty$  is comparable to  $\frac{3}{4} = Tu$ .

Case (iii) : If  $u = \frac{3}{4}$  then  $Su = \frac{3}{4}, Tu = \frac{3}{4}$ , clearly  $Su \preceq Tu$ .

In this case, for any  $x, y \in [0, 3) - \{0, \frac{1}{4}, \frac{3}{4}\}$ , neither  $Tx$  nor  $Ty$  is comparable to  $\frac{3}{4} = Tu$ .

Case (iv) : If  $u = [1, 3)$  then  $Su = 2 = Tu$ , clearly  $Su \preceq Tu$ .

In this case, for any  $x, y \in [0, 1) - \{\frac{1}{2}\}$ , neither  $Tx$  nor  $Ty$  is comparable to  $2 = Tu$ .

Case (v) : If  $u \in [0, 3) - \{0, \frac{1}{4}, \frac{3}{4}\}$  then clearly  $Su \not\preceq Tu$ .

Hence 'Condition(H)' fails to hold.

The following is an example in support of Theorem 2.2.

**Example 3.2.** Let  $X = \{0, 1, 2, 5\}$  with the usual metric. We define partial order  $\preceq$  on  $X$  as follows:

$\preceq := \{(0, 0), (1, 1), (2, 2), (5, 5), (0, 1), (0, 2), (0, 5), (1, 2), (1, 5), (2, 5)\}$ , where  $x \preceq y$  means  $x \leq y$  in the usual sense.

Then  $(X, \preceq, d)$  is a partially ordered metric space. We define

$S, T : X \rightarrow X$  by  $S0 = 0, S1 = 1, S2 = 5, S5 = 2$  and

$$T0 = T1 = T5 = 1, T2 = 2.$$

Clearly,  $T(X) \subseteq S(X)$ , and  $T$  is  $S$  non-decreasing.

We choose  $x_0 = 0 \in X$ . Then  $Sx_0 \preceq Tx_0$ . We define

$$\begin{aligned} \varphi : \mathbb{R}^+ \rightarrow \mathbb{R}^+ \text{ by } \varphi(t) &= t^3, \quad t \geq 0, \quad \text{and} \\ \psi : \mathbb{R}^+ \rightarrow \mathbb{R}^+ \text{ by } \psi(t) &= \begin{cases} \frac{4}{5}t & \text{if } t \in \mathbb{Q}^+ \\ 1 & \text{otherwise.} \end{cases} \end{aligned}$$

We now verify the inequality (2.1).

Case (i): Let  $(x, y) = (1, 2)$  such that  $S1 \preceq S2$ .

In this case,  $\varphi(d(T1, T2)) = \varphi(d(1, 2)) = \varphi(1) = 1$ ,  $M(1, 2) = 4$  and  $N(1, 2) = 4$ .

Now  $\varphi(M(1, 2)) = \varphi(4) = 64$ ,  $\psi(N(1, 2)) = \psi(4) = \frac{16}{5}$ .

Therefore

$$\varphi(d(T1, T2)) = 1 \leq 64 - \frac{16}{5} = \varphi(M(1, 2)) - \psi(N(1, 2)).$$

Case (ii): Let  $(x, y) = (0, 2)$  such that  $S0 \preceq S2$ .

In this case,  $\varphi(d(T0, T2)) = \varphi(d(0, 2)) = \varphi(1) = 1$ ,  $M(0, 2) = 5$  and  $N(0, 2) = 5$ .

Now  $\varphi(M(0, 2)) = \varphi(5) = 125$ ,  $\psi(N(0, 2)) = \psi(5) = 4$ .

Therefore

$$\varphi(d(T0, T2)) = 1 \leq 125 - 4 = \varphi(M(0, 2)) - \psi(N(0, 2)).$$

Case (iii): Let  $(x, y) = (5, 2)$  such that  $S5 \preceq S2$ .

In this case,  $\varphi(d(T5, T2)) = \varphi(d(1, 2)) = \varphi(1) = 1$ ,  $M(5, 2) = 3$  and  $N(5, 2) = 3$ .

Now  $\varphi(M(5, 2)) = \varphi(3) = 27$ ,  $\psi(N(5, 2)) = \psi(3) = \frac{12}{5}$ .

Therefore

$$\varphi(d(T5, T2)) = 1 \leq 27 - \frac{12}{5} = \varphi(M(5, 2)) - \psi(N(5, 2)).$$

In the remaining cases the inequality (2.1) holds trivially.

Also,  $S$  and  $T$  are weakly compatible, and (ii) of Theorem 2.2 hold. Further, by choosing  $u = 0$  with  $S0 \preceq T0$  and  $T0$  is comparable with  $Tx$  and  $Ty$  for all  $x, y \in X$  so that ‘Condition (H)’ holds.

Therefore,  $S$  and  $T$  satisfy all the hypotheses of Theorem 2.2 and  $S$  and  $T$  have a unique common fixed point 1.

The following is an example in support of Theorem 2.3.

**Example 3.3.** Let  $X = [0, 2]$  with the usual metric. We define partial order  $\preceq$  on  $X$  as follows:

$\preceq := \{(x, y) \in X \times X : x = y\} \cup \{(\frac{1}{2^{2^n}}, 0) : n \geq 1\}$ , where  $x \preceq y$  means  $x \geq y$  in the usual sense.

Then  $(X, \preceq, d)$  is a partially ordered complete metric space. We define

$$T : X \rightarrow X \text{ by } T(x) = \begin{cases} \frac{x^2}{4} & \text{if } x \in [0, 1) \\ 2 & \text{if } x \in [1, 2], \end{cases} \text{ and}$$

$$S : X \rightarrow X \text{ by } S(x) = \begin{cases} x^2 & \text{if } x \in [0, 1) \\ 2 & \text{if } x \in [1, 2]. \end{cases}$$

Clearly  $T(X) \subseteq S(X)$ , and  $T$  is  $S$  non-decreasing.

We choose  $x_0 = 0 \in X$ . Then  $Sx_0 \preceq Tx_0$  and clearly  $S$  and  $T$  are reciprocally continuous

and the pair  $(S, T)$  is compatible.

We define  $\varphi : \mathbb{R}^+ \rightarrow \mathbb{R}^+$  by  $\varphi(t) = t^2$ ,  $t \geq 0$ , and  
 $\psi : \mathbb{R}^+ \rightarrow \mathbb{R}^+$  by  $\psi(t) = \frac{3}{4}t^2$  if  $t \geq 0$ .

We now verify the inequality (2.1).

Case (i) : Let  $(x, y) = (\frac{1}{2^n}, 0)$  such that  $S(\frac{1}{2^n}) \preceq S(0)$ , for  $n=1,2,3, \dots$ .

In this case,  $\varphi(d(T(\frac{1}{2^n}), T(0))) = \varphi(d(\frac{1}{2^{2n+2}}, 0)) = \varphi(\frac{1}{2^{2n+2}}) = (\frac{1}{2^{2n+2}})^2$ ,  
 $M(\frac{1}{2^n}, 0) = \frac{1}{2^{2n}}$  and  $N(\frac{1}{2^n}, 0) = \frac{1}{2^{2n}}$ .

Now  $\varphi(M(\frac{1}{2^n}, 0)) = \varphi(\frac{1}{2^{2n}}) = (\frac{1}{2^{2n}})^2$ ,  $\psi(N(\frac{1}{2^n}, 0)) = \psi(\frac{1}{2^{2n}}) = \frac{3}{4} \frac{1}{(2^{2n})^2}$ .

Therefore

$\varphi(d(T(\frac{1}{2^n}), T(0))) = (\frac{1}{2^{2n+2}})^2 \leq (\frac{1}{2^{2n}})^2 - \frac{3}{4} \frac{1}{(2^{2n})^2} = \varphi(M(\frac{1}{2^n}, 0)) - \psi(N(\frac{1}{2^n}, 0))$ , for  
 $n = 1, 2, 3, \dots$ .

In the remaining cases, the inequality (2.1) holds trivially.

Therefore,  $S$  and  $T$  satisfy all the hypotheses of Theorem 2.3, and  $S$  and  $T$  have two common fixed points 0 and 2.

Further, we observe that  $S$  and  $T$  do not satisfy 'Condition H'.

For,

Case (i) : If  $u = 0$  then  $Su = 0 = Tu$  so that  $Su \preceq Tu$ .

In this case for any  $x, y \in (0, 2]$ , neither  $Tx$  nor  $Ty$  is comparable to  $0 = Tu$ .

Case (ii) : If  $u \in [1, 2]$  then  $Su = 2 = Tu$  so that  $Su \preceq Tu$ .

In this case for any  $x, y \in [0, 2)$ , neither  $Tx$  nor  $Ty$  is comparable to  $2 = Tu$ .

Case (iii) : If  $u \in (0, 1)$  then  $Su \not\preceq Tu$ .

Hence 'Condition(H)' fails to hold.

**Example 3.4.** Let  $X = \{1, 2, 4, 5\}$  with the usual metric. We define partial order  $\preceq$  on  $X$  as follows:

$\preceq := \{(1, 1), (2, 2), (4, 4), (5, 5), (1, 2), (1, 4), (1, 5), (2, 4), (2, 5)\}$ , where

$x \preceq y$  means  $x \leq y$  in the usual sense.

Then  $(X, \preceq, d)$  is a partially ordered metric space. We define

$S, T : X \rightarrow X$  by  $S1 = 1, S2 = 2, S4 = 5, S5 = 4$  and

$$T1 = T2 = 1, T4 = T5 = 2.$$

Clearly  $T(X) \subseteq S(X)$ , and  $T$  is  $S$  non-decreasing.

We choose  $x_0 = 1 \in X$ . Then  $Sx_0 \preceq Tx_0$  and clearly  $S$  and  $T$  are compatible and reciprocally continuous.

We define  $\varphi : \mathbb{R}^+ \rightarrow \mathbb{R}^+$  by  $\varphi(t) = t^2$ ,  $t \geq 0$ , and

$$\psi : \mathbb{R}^+ \rightarrow \mathbb{R}^+ \text{ by } \psi(t) = \begin{cases} t & \text{if } t \in [0, 1] \\ 2 & \text{otherwise.} \end{cases}$$

We now verify the inequality (2.1).

Case (i) : Let  $(x, y) = (1, 5)$  such that  $S1 \preceq S5$ .

In this case,  $\varphi(d(T1, T5)) = \varphi(d(1, 2)) = \varphi(1) = 1$ ,  $M(1, 5) = 3$  and  $N(1, 5) = 3$ .

Now  $\varphi(M(1, 5)) = \varphi(3) = 9$ ,  $\psi(N(1, 5)) = \psi(3) = 2$ .

Therefore

$\varphi(d(T1, T2)) = 1 \leq 9 - 2 = \varphi(M(1, 5)) - \psi(N(1, 5))$ .

Case (ii) : Let  $(x, y) = (1, 4)$  such that  $S1 \preceq S4$ .

In this case,  $\varphi(d(T1, T4)) = \varphi(d(1, 2)) = \varphi(1) = 1$ ,  $M(1, 4) = 4$  and  $N(1, 4) = 4$ .

Now  $\varphi(M(1, 4)) = \varphi(4) = 16$ ,  $\psi(N(1, 4)) = \psi(4) = 2$ .

Therefore

$\varphi(d(T1, T4)) = 1 \leq 16 - 2 = \varphi(M(1, 4)) - \psi(N(1, 4))$ .

Case (iii) : Let  $(x, y) = (2, 5)$  such that  $S2 \preceq S5$ .

In this case,  $\varphi(d(T2, T5)) = \varphi(d(1, 2)) = \varphi(1) = 1$ ,  $M(2, 5) = 2$  and  $N(2, 5) = 2$ .  
 Now  $\varphi(M(2, 5)) = \varphi(2) = 4$ ,  $\psi(N(2, 5)) = \psi(2) = 2$ .

Therefore

$$\varphi(d(T2, T5)) = 1 \leq 4 - 2 = \varphi(M(2, 5)) - \psi(N(2, 5)).$$

Case (iv) : Let  $(x, y) = (2, 4)$  such that  $S2 \preceq S4$ .

In this case,  $\varphi(d(T2, T4)) = \varphi(d(1, 2)) = \varphi(1) = 1$ ,  $M(2, 4) = 3$  and  $N(2, 4) = 3$ .  
 Now  $\varphi(M(2, 4)) = \varphi(3) = 9$ ,  $\psi(N(2, 4)) = \psi(3) = 2$ .

Therefore

$$\varphi(d(T2, T4)) = 1 \leq 9 - 2 = \varphi(M(2, 4)) - \psi(N(2, 4)).$$

In the remaining cases the inequality (2.1) holds trivially.

Further, by choosing  $u = 1$  with  $S1 \preceq T1$  and  $T1$  is comparable with  $Tx$  and  $Ty$  for all  $x, y \in X$  so that ‘Condition (H)’ holds.

Therefore,  $S$  and  $T$  satisfy all the hypotheses of Theorem 2.3 and  $S$  and  $T$  have a unique common fixed point 1.

**Example 3.5.** Let  $X = [0, 1]$  with usual metric. We define partial order  $\preceq$  on  $X$  as follows:

$\preceq := \{(\frac{1}{2^n}, \frac{1}{2^{n+k}})/n = 0, 1, 2, \dots, k = 1, 2, 3, \dots\} \cup \{(0, x)/x \in X\} \cup \Delta$ , where  $x \preceq y$  means  $x \geq y$  in the usual sense.

Then  $(X, \preceq, d)$  is a partially ordered complete metric space. We define

$$S : X \rightarrow X \text{ by } Sx = \begin{cases} x & \text{if } x \in [0, \frac{1}{4}] \cup \{\frac{1}{2}, 1\} \\ 2x & \text{if } x \in (\frac{1}{4}, \frac{1}{2}) \\ \frac{x}{2} & \text{if } (\frac{1}{2}, 1) \text{ and} \end{cases}$$

$$T : X \rightarrow X \text{ by } Tx = \frac{x^2}{4} \text{ for all } x \in [0, 1].$$

Clearly  $T(X) \subseteq S(X)$ , and  $T$  is  $S$  non-decreasing.

We choose  $x_0 = \frac{1}{2} \in X$ . Then  $Sx_0 \preceq Tx_0$

We define  $\varphi, \psi : \mathbb{R}^+ \rightarrow \mathbb{R}^+$  by  $\varphi(t) = t$ ,  $t \geq 0$ , and  $\psi(t) = \frac{t}{4}$ ,  $t \geq 0$ .

We now verify the inequality (2.1).

Case (I) : Let  $(x, y) = (\frac{1}{2^n}, \frac{1}{2^{n+k}})$  such that  $Sx \preceq Sy$  for  $n \geq 0$  and  $k \geq 1$ .

In this case, we have

$$M(\frac{1}{2^n}, \frac{1}{2^{n+k}}) = \max\{a, b, c, d\} \text{ and } N(\frac{1}{2^n}, \frac{1}{2^{n+k}}) = \max\{a, b, d\},$$

where

$$a = \left( \frac{d(S(\frac{1}{2^{n+k}}), T(\frac{1}{2^{n+k}}))[1+d(S(\frac{1}{2^n}), T(\frac{1}{2^n}))]}{1+d(S(\frac{1}{2^n}), S(\frac{1}{2^{n+k}}))} \right), \quad b = \left( \frac{d(S(\frac{1}{2^n}), T(\frac{1}{2^n}))[1+d(S(\frac{1}{2^{n+k}}), T(\frac{1}{2^{n+k}}))]}{1+d(S(\frac{1}{2^n}), S(\frac{1}{2^{n+k}}))} \right),$$

$$c = \left( \frac{d(S(\frac{1}{2^{n+k}}), T(\frac{1}{2^n}))[1+d(S(\frac{1}{2^n}), T(\frac{1}{2^{n+k}}))]}{1+d(S(\frac{1}{2^n}), S(\frac{1}{2^{n+k}}))} \right), \quad d = d(S(\frac{1}{2^n}), S(\frac{1}{2^{n+k}})).$$

We observe the following:

1.  $a \leq b$  for all  $k \geq 1$  and for all  $n \geq 0$ ,
2.  $c \leq b$  for all  $k \leq n + 2$ ,
3.  $c \leq d$  for all  $k \geq n + 2$ .

Hence  $M(x, y) = N(x, y) = b$  or  $d$ .

Subcase (i) :  $M(x, y) = N(x, y) = b$ .

In this case, we have  $(\frac{1}{2^{2n+2}} - \frac{1}{2^{2n+2k+2}}) \leq \frac{\frac{3}{4}(\frac{1}{2^n} - \frac{1}{2^{2n+2}})(1 + \frac{1}{2^{n+k}} - \frac{1}{2^{2n+2k+2}})}{(1 + \frac{1}{2^n} - \frac{1}{2^{n+k}})}$  for all  $n \geq 0$

and  $k \geq 1$ , which implies that

$$\varphi(d(Tx, Ty)) \leq b - \frac{b}{4} = \varphi(b) - \psi(b) = \varphi(M(x, y)) - \psi(N(x, y)).$$

Subcase (ii) :  $M(x, y) = N(x, y) = d$ .

In this case, we have  $(\frac{1}{2^{2n+2}} - \frac{1}{2^{2n+2k+x}}) \leq \frac{3}{4}(\frac{1}{2^n} - \frac{1}{2^{n+k}})$  which implies that  $\varphi(d(Tx, Ty)) \leq b - \frac{d}{4} = \varphi(d) - \psi(d) = \varphi(M(x, y)) - \psi(N(x, y))$ .

In either case, the inequality (2.1) holds.

Case (II) : Let  $(x, y) = (0, x)$  such that  $S0 \preceq Sx$ .

In this case,  $M(0, x) = N(0, x) = \begin{cases} x & \text{if } x \in [0, \frac{1}{4}] \cup \{\frac{1}{2}, 1\} \\ 2x & \text{if } x \in (\frac{1}{4}, \frac{1}{2}) \\ \frac{x}{2} & \text{if } x \in (\frac{1}{2}, 1). \end{cases}$

If  $x \in [0, \frac{1}{4}] \cup \{\frac{1}{2}, 1\}$  then

$\varphi(d(T0, Tx)) = \frac{x^2}{4} \leq \frac{3x}{4} = x - \frac{x}{4} = \varphi(M(0, x)) - \psi(N(0, x))$ .

Similarly, it is easy to see that the inequality (2.1) holds in all other cases.

Case (III) : Let  $(x, y) \in \Delta$  such that  $x = y$ .

In this case, we note that

$M(x, x) = N(x, x) = d(Sx, Tx)(1 + d(Sx, Tx))$  for all  $x \in X$ .

Now  $\varphi(d(Tx, Tx)) = \varphi(0) \leq \frac{3}{4}M(x, x) = M(x, x) - \frac{N(x, x)}{4}$   
 $= \varphi(M(x, y)) - \psi(N(x, x))$  for all  $x \in X$ .

Hence  $S$  and  $T$  satisfy the inequality (2.1).

Also,  $S, T$  are reciprocally continuous and compatible.

So let  $\{x_n\}$  be a sequence in  $X$  such that  $\lim_{n \rightarrow \infty} Sx_n = \lim_{n \rightarrow \infty} Tx_n = z$  for some  $z \in X$ .

Therefore,  $x_n \rightarrow 0$  and  $z = 0$ . There exists  $N \in \mathbb{Z}^+$  such that  $n \geq N$  implies  $x_n \leq \frac{1}{4}$ .

Therefore  $Sx_n = x_n$  and  $Tx_n = \frac{x_n^2}{4}$  for all  $n \geq N$ . Now  $TSx_n = Tx_n = \frac{x_n^2}{4}$  and  $STx_n = S(\frac{x_n^2}{4}) = \frac{x_n^2}{4}$  for all  $n \geq N$ .

Therefore  $TSx_n = STx_n$  for all  $n \geq N$ . There is  $d(TSx_n, STx_n) = 0$  for all  $n \geq N$ .

Hence  $\lim_{n \rightarrow \infty} d(TSx_n, STx_n) = 0$ . Therefore, the pair  $(S, T)$  is compatible.

Also,  $\lim_{n \rightarrow \infty} STx_n = \lim_{n \rightarrow \infty} \frac{x_n^2}{4} = 0 = S0$  and  $\lim_{n \rightarrow \infty} TSx_n = \lim_{n \rightarrow \infty} \frac{x_n^2}{4} = 0 = T0$ . Therefore,  $S, T$  are reciprocally continuous. We observe that 'condition (H)' holds, because by choosing  $0 \in X$  we have  $S0 \preceq T0$  and  $T0 = 0$  is comparable with  $Tx$  and  $Ty$  for all  $x, y \in X$ . Hence all the hypotheses of Theorem 2.3 hold and  $S$  and  $T$  have a unique common fixed point 0.

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