Chapter 6 Implicit Contractions on a Set Equipped with Two Metrics



Several classical fixed point theorems have been unified by considering general contractions expressed via an implicit inequality, see, for examples, Turinici [15], Popa [8, 9], Berinde [2], and references therein. In this chapter, we consider a class of mappings defined on a set equipped with two metrics and satisfying an implicit contraction involving two functions $F : [0, \infty)^6 \to \mathbb{R}$ and $\alpha : X \times X \to \mathbb{R}$. The existence of fixed points for this class of mappings is investigated. The main reference for this chapter is the paper [14].

6.1 Preliminaries

Let \mathscr{F} be the set of functions $F : [0, +\infty)^6 \to \mathbb{R}$ satisfying the following conditions:

- (I) *F* is continuous;
- (II) F is nondecreasing in the first variable;
- (III) *F* is decreasing in the fifth variable;
- (IV) $\exists h \in (0, 1)$: $F(u, v, v, u, u + v, 0) \le 0 \Longrightarrow u \le hv$.

Let us give some examples of functions that belong to the set \mathscr{F} .

Example 6.1 The function $F : [0, \infty)^6 \to \mathbb{R}$ defined by

 $F(u_1, u_2, \ldots, u_6) = u_1 - \lambda u_2, \quad u_i \ge 0, \ i = 1, 2, \ldots, 6,$

where $\lambda \in (0, 1)$ is a constant, belongs to the set \mathscr{F} . In this case, (IV) is satisfied with $h = \lambda$.

Example 6.2 The function $F : [0, \infty)^6 \to \mathbb{R}$ defined by

$$F(u_1, u_2, \ldots, u_6) = u_1 - \lambda u_2 - \gamma u_3, \quad u_i \ge 0, \ i = 1, 2, \ldots, 6,$$

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where $\lambda, \gamma \ge 0$ are constants with $\lambda + \gamma \in (0, 1)$, belongs to the set \mathscr{F} . In this case, (IV) is satisfied with $h = \lambda + \gamma$.

Example 6.3 The function $F : [0, \infty)^6 \to \mathbb{R}$ defined by

$$F(u_1, u_2, \ldots, u_6) = u_1 - \lambda \max\left\{u_2, u_3, u_4, \frac{u_5 + u_6}{2}\right\}, \quad u_i \ge 0, \ i = 1, 2, \ldots, 6,$$

where $\lambda \in (0, 1)$ is a constant, belongs to the set \mathscr{F} . In fact, (I)–(III) are obvious. Further, let $u, v \ge 0$ be such that $F(u, v, v, u, u + v, 0) \le 0$. By the definition of F, we obtain

$$u - \lambda \max\left\{v, u, \frac{u+v}{2}\right\} = u - \lambda \max\{v, u\} \le 0,$$

which yields

$$u \leq \lambda \max\{v, u\}.$$

Since $\lambda \in (0, 1)$, we obtain

$$u \leq \lambda v$$
.

Therefore, (IV) is satisfied with $h = \lambda$.

Let *X* be a nonempty set endowed with two metrics *d* and *d'*. For $x_0 \in X$ and r > 0, let

$$B(x_0, r) = \{ x \in X : d(x_0, x) < r \}.$$

We denote by $\overline{B(x_0, r)}^{d'}$ the *d'*-closure of $B(x_0, r)$ (the closure of $B(x_0, r)$ with respect to the topology of *d'*).

Before stating and proving the main results of this chapter, we need to introduce the following concepts (some of them are introduced in the previous chapters).

Definition 6.1 Let $T : \overline{B(x_0, r)}^{d'} \to X$ and $\alpha : X \times X \to \mathbb{R}$. We say that *T* is α -admissible (see [13]) if the following condition holds: For all $x, y \in B(x_0, r)$, we have

$$\alpha(x, y) \ge 1 \Longrightarrow \alpha(Tx, Ty) \ge 1.$$

Definition 6.2 We say that the set *X* satisfies the property (H) with respect to the metric *d* if the following condition holds: For every sequence $\{x_n\} \subset X$ satisfying

$$\lim_{n \to \infty} d(x_n, x) = 0, \quad x \in X$$

and

$$\alpha(x_n, x_{n+1}) \ge 1, \quad n \in \mathbb{N},$$

there exist a positive integer κ and a subsequence $\{x_{n(k)}\}$ of $\{x_n\}$ such that

$$\alpha(x_{n(k)}, x) \ge 1, \quad k \ge \kappa.$$

6.2 Fixed Point Results

The first main result is giving by the following theorem.

Theorem 6.1 Let X be a nonempty set equipped with two metrics d and d' such that (X, d') is a complete metric space. Let $T : \overline{B(x_0, r)}^{d'} \to X$ be a given mapping, where $x_0 \in X$ and r > 0. Suppose that there exist two functions $F \in \mathscr{F}$ and $\alpha : X \times X \to \mathbb{R}$ such that for all $(x, y) \in \overline{B(x_0, r)}^{d'} \times \overline{B(x_0, r)}^{d'}$, we have

$$F(\alpha(x, y)d(Tx, Ty), d(x, y), d(x, Tx), d(y, Ty), d(x, Ty), d(y, Tx)) \le 0.$$
(6.1)

In addition, assume that the following properties hold:

- (*i*) $d(x_0, Tx_0) < (1 h)r$ and $\alpha(x_0, Tx_0) \ge 1$;
- (*ii*) T is α -admissible;
- (iii) If $d \ge d'$, then T is uniformly continuous from $(B(x_0, r), d)$ into (X, d');
- (iv) If d = d', then the set X satisfies the property (H) with respect to the metric d;
- (v) If $d \neq d'$, then T is continuous from $(\overline{B(x_0, r)}^{d'}, d')$ into (X, d').

Then T has a fixed point.

Proof Let $x_1 = T x_0$. From (i), we have

$$d(x_0, x_1) = d(x_0, Tx_0) \le (1 - h)r < r,$$

i.e., $x_1 \in B(x_0, r)$. Let $x_2 = Tx_1$. From (6.1), we have

$$F(\alpha(x_0, x_1)d(Tx_0, Tx_1), d(x_0, x_1), d(x_0, x_1), d(x_1, x_2), d(x_0, x_2), 0) \le 0.$$

On the other hand, by (i) we have

$$d(Tx_0, Tx_1) \le \alpha(x_0, x_1)d(Tx_0, Tx_1).$$

Therefore, by the monotony property of F, we obtain that

$$F(d(x_1, x_2), d(x_0, x_1), d(x_0, x_1), d(x_1, x_2), d(x_0, x_2), 0) \le 0.$$

Using the fact that $d(x_0, x_2) \le d(x_0, x_1) + d(x_1, x_2)$ and property (III) of *F*, we obtain that

 $F(d(x_1, x_2), d(x_0, x_1), d(x_0, x_1), d(x_1, x_2), d(x_0, x_1) + d(x_1, x_2), 0) \le 0,$

which implies from property (IV) that

$$d(x_1, x_2) \le h d(x_0, x_1) \le h(1 - h)r < r.$$

Now, we have

$$d(x_0, x_2) \le d(x_0, x_1) + hd(x_0, x_1) = (1+h)d(x_0, x_1) \le (1+h)(1-h)r < r,$$

i.e., $x_2 \in B(x_0, r)$. Again, let $x_3 = Tx_2$. Since T is α -admissible and $\alpha(x_0, x_1) \ge 1$, we have

$$d(x_2, x_3) \le \alpha(x_1, x_2) d(Tx_1, Tx_2).$$

Then, from (6.1), we obtain that

$$F(d(x_2, x_3), d(x_1, x_2), d(x_1, x_2), d(x_2, x_3), d(x_1, x_3), 0) \le 0.$$

Using property (III) of F, we get

$$F(d(x_2, x_3), d(x_1, x_2), d(x_1, x_2), d(x_2, x_3), d(x_1, x_2) + d(x_2, x_3), 0) \le 0,$$

which implies from property (IV) that

$$d(x_2, x_3) \le h d(x_1, x_2) \le h^2 (1-h)r < r.$$

Therefore, we have

$$d(x_0, x_3) \le d(x_0, x_2) + d(x_2, x_3) \le (1+h)(1-h)r + h^2(1-h)r = (1-h^3)r < r,$$

i.e., $x_3 \in B(x_0, r)$. Continuing this process, by induction, we can define the sequence $\{x_n\}$ by

$$x_{n+1} = Tx_n, \quad n \in \mathbb{N}.$$

Such sequence satisfies the following property:

$$x_n \in B(x_0, r), \quad \alpha(x_n, x_{n+1}) \ge 1, \quad \text{and} \quad d(x_n, x_{n+1}) \le h^n (1-h)r, \quad n \in \mathbb{N}.$$

(6.2)

Since $h \in (0, 1)$, it follows from (6.2) that $\{x_n\}$ is a Cauchy sequence with respect to the metric *d*. Now, we shall prove that $\{x_n\}$ is also a Cauchy sequence with respect to the metric *d'*. If $d \geq d'$, from (iii), given $\varepsilon > 0$, there exists $\delta > 0$ such that

$$(x, y) \in B(x_0, r) \times B(x_0, r), \ d(x, y) < \delta \implies d'(Tx, Ty) < \varepsilon.$$
(6.3)

On the other hand, since $\{x_n\}$ is Cauchy with respect to d, there exists a positive integer N such that

$$d(x_n, x_m) < \delta, \quad n, m \ge N.$$

Using (6.3), we obtain

$$d'(x_{n+1}, x_{m+1}) < \varepsilon, \quad n, m \ge N,$$

which proves that $\{x_n\}$ is Cauchy with respect to d'.

Since (X, d') is complete, there exists $z \in \overline{B(x_0, r)}^{d'}$ such that

$$\lim_{n \to \infty} d'(x_n, z) = 0. \tag{6.4}$$

We shall prove that z is a fixed point of T. We consider two cases.

Case 1. If d = d'.

From (iv), there exist a positive integer κ and a subsequence $\{x_{n(k)}\}$ of $\{x_n\}$ such that

$$\alpha(x_{n(k)}, z) \ge 1, \quad k \ge \kappa. \tag{6.5}$$

Using (6.1), for all $k \ge \kappa$, we have

$$F(\alpha(x_{n(k)}, z)d(Tx_{n(k)}, Tz), d(x_{n(k)}, z), d(x_{n(k)}, x_{n(k)+1}), d(z, Tz), d(x_{n(k)}, Tz), d(z, x_{n(k)+1})) \le 0.$$

Next, by (6.5) and property (II) of *F*, for all $k \ge \kappa$, we have

$$F(d(x_{n(k)+1}, Tz), d(x_{n(k)}, z), d(x_{n(k)}, x_{n(k)+1}), d(z, Tz), d(x_{n(k)}, Tz), d(z, x_{n(k)+1})) \le 0.$$

Passing to the limit as $k \to \infty$, using (6.4) and the continuity of *F*, we get

$$F(d(z, Tz), 0, 0, d(z, Tz), d(z, Tz), 0) \le 0,$$

which implies from property (IV) that d(z, Tz) = 0.

Case 2. If $d \neq d'$.

In this case, using (v) and (6.4), we get

$$\lim_{n\to\infty} d'(Tx_n, Tz) = \lim_{n\to\infty} d'(x_{n+1}, Tz) = 0.$$

The uniqueness of the limit gives us that z = Tz.

Taking d = d' in Theorem 6.1, we obtain the following result.

Theorem 6.2 Let (X, d) be a complete metric space, and let $T : \overline{B(x_0, r)}^d \to X$ be a given mapping, where $x_0 \in X$ and r > 0. Suppose that there exist two functions

 $F \in \mathscr{F}$ and $\alpha : X \times X \to \mathbb{R}$ such that for all $(x, y) \in \overline{B(x_0, r)}^d \times \overline{B(x_0, r)}^d$, we have

$$F(\alpha(x, y)d(Tx, Ty), d(x, y), d(x, Tx), d(y, Ty), d(x, Ty), d(y, Tx)) \le 0.$$

In addition, assume that the following properties hold:

(*i*) $d(x_0, Tx_0) < (1 - h)r$ and $\alpha(x_0, Tx_0) \ge 1$;

- (*ii*) T is α -admissible;
- (iii) The set X satisfies the property (H) with respect to the metric d.

Then T has a fixed point.

From Theorem 6.1, we can deduce the following global result.

Theorem 6.3 Let X be a nonempty set equipped with two metrics d and d' such that (X, d') is a complete metric space. Let $T : X \to X$ be a given mapping. Suppose that there exist two functions $F \in \mathscr{F}$ and $\alpha : X \times X \to \mathbb{R}$ such that for all $(x, y) \in X \times X$, we have

 $F(\alpha(x, y)d(Tx, Ty), d(x, y), d(x, Tx), d(y, Ty), d(x, Ty), d(y, Tx)) \le 0.$

In addition, assume that the following properties hold:

- (i) There exists $x_0 \in X$ such that $\alpha(x_0, Tx_0) \ge 1$;
- (ii) T is α -admissible $(x, y \in X, \alpha(x, y) \ge 1 \implies \alpha(Tx, Ty) \ge 1)$;
- (iii) If $d \ge d'$, then T is uniformly continuous from (X, d) into (X, d');
- (iv) If d = d', then the set X satisfies the property (H) with respect to the metric d;
- (v) If $d \neq d'$, then T is continuous from (X, d') into (X, d').

Then T has a fixed point.

Proof We take r > 0 such that $d(x_0, Tx_0) < (1 - h)r$. Then, from Theorem 6.1, T has a fixed point in $\overline{B(x_0, r)}^{d'}$.

Taking d = d' in Theorem 6.3, we obtain the following result.

Theorem 6.4 Let (X, d) be a complete metric space, and let $T : X \to X$ be a given mapping. Suppose that there exist two functions $F \in \mathscr{F}$ and $\alpha : X \times X \to \mathbb{R}$ such that for all $(x, y) \in X \times X$, we have

 $F(\alpha(x, y)d(Tx, Ty), d(x, y), d(x, Tx), d(y, Ty), d(x, Ty), d(y, Tx)) \le 0.$

In addition, assume that the following properties hold:

- (*i*) There exists $x_0 \in X$ such that $\alpha(x_0, Tx_0) \ge 1$;
- (ii) T is α -admissible $(x, y \in X, \alpha(x, y) \ge 1 \implies \alpha(Tx, Ty) \ge 1)$;
- (iii) The set X satisfies the property (H) with respect to the metric d.

Then T has a fixed point.

6.3 Some Consequences

We present in this section some interesting consequences that can be derived from the previous obtained results.

6.3.1 The Case $\alpha(x, y) = 1$

Taking $\alpha(x, y) = 1$ for all $x, y \in X$, from Theorems 6.1, 6.2, 6.3, and 6.4, we obtain the following results that are generalizations of the fixed point results in [1–4, 6, 8, 11].

Corollary 6.1 Let (X, d') be a complete metric space, d another metric on $X, x_0 \in X, r > 0$, and $T : \overline{B(x_0, r)}^{d'} \to X$. Suppose that there exists $F \in \mathscr{F}$ such that for all $(x, y) \in \overline{B(x_0, r)}^{d'} \times \overline{B(x_0, r)}^{d'}$, we have

$$F(d(Tx, Ty), d(x, y), d(x, Tx), d(y, Ty), d(x, Ty), d(y, Tx)) \le 0.$$

In addition, assume that the following properties hold:

(*i*) $d(x_0, Tx_0) < (1-h)r;$

- (ii) If $d \ge d'$, then T is uniformly continuous from $(B(x_0, r), d)$ into (X, d');
- (iii) If $d \neq d'$, then T is continuous from $(\overline{B(x_0, r)}^{d'}, d')$ into (X, d').

Then T has a fixed point.

Corollary 6.2 Let (X, d) be a complete metric space, $x_0 \in X$, r > 0, and $T : \overline{B(x_0, r)}^d \to X$. Suppose that there exists $F \in \mathscr{F}$ such that for all $(x, y) \in \overline{B(x_0, r)}^d \times \overline{B(x_0, r)}^d$, we have

$$F(d(Tx, Ty), d(x, y), d(x, Tx), d(y, Ty), d(x, Ty), d(y, Tx)) \le 0.$$

In addition, assume that $d(x_0, Tx_0) < (1 - h)r$. Then T has a fixed point.

Corollary 6.3 Let (X, d') be a complete metric space, d another metric on X, and $T : X \to X$. Suppose that there exists $F \in \mathscr{F}$ such that for all $(x, y) \in X \times X$, we have

$$F(d(Tx, Ty), d(x, y), d(x, Tx), d(y, Ty), d(x, Ty), d(y, Tx)) \le 0.$$

In addition, assume that the following properties hold:

- (i) If $d \ge d'$, then T is uniformly continuous from (X, d) into (X, d');
- (ii) If $d \neq d'$, then T is continuous from (X, d') into (X, d').

Then T has a fixed point.

Corollary 6.4 Let (X, d) be a complete metric space, and let $T : X \to X$. Suppose that there exists $F \in \mathscr{F}$ such that for all $(x, y) \in X \times X$, we have

 $F(d(Tx, Ty), d(x, y), d(x, Tx), d(y, Ty), d(x, Ty), d(y, Tx)) \le 0.$

Then T has a fixed point.

Remark 6.1 Corollary 6.4 is an enriched version of Popa [8] that unifies the most important metrical fixed point theorems for contraction-type mappings in Rhoades' classification [12].

6.3.2 The Case of Partially Ordered Sets

Let \leq be a partial order on *X*. Let \triangleleft be the binary relation on *X* defined by

$$(x, y) \in X \times X, \quad x \triangleleft y \iff x \preceq y \text{ or } y \preceq x.$$

We say that (X, \triangleleft) satisfies the property (H) with respect to the metric *d* if the following condition holds: For every sequence $\{x_n\} \subset X$ satisfying

$$\lim_{n \to \infty} d(x_n, x) = 0, \quad x \in X$$

and

$$x_n \triangleleft x_{n+1}, \quad n \in \mathbb{N},$$

there exist a positive integer κ and a subsequence $\{x_{n(k)}\}$ of $\{x_n\}$ such that

$$x_{n(k)} \triangleleft x, \quad k \ge \kappa.$$

From Theorems 6.1, 6.2, 6.3, and 6.4, we obtain the following results that are extensions and generalizations of the fixed point results in [7, 10].

At first, we denote by $\widetilde{\mathscr{F}}$ the set of functions $F : [0, +\infty)^6 \to \mathbb{R}$ satisfying the following conditions:

(j) $F \in \mathscr{F}$; (jj) For every $u_i \ge 0, i = 2, ..., 6$, we have

$$F(0, u_2, \ldots, u_6) \leq 0.$$

We have the following fixed point result.

Corollary 6.5 Let (X, d') be a complete metric space, d another metric on $X, x_0 \in X, r > 0$, and $T : \overline{B(x_0, r)}^{d'} \to X$. Suppose that there exists $F \in \widetilde{\mathscr{F}}$ such that for all $(x, y) \in \overline{B(x_0, r)}^{d'} \times \overline{B(x_0, r)}^{d'}$, we have

$$x \triangleleft y \implies F(d(Tx, Ty), d(x, y), d(x, Tx), d(y, Ty), d(x, Ty), d(y, Tx)) \leq 0.$$

In addition, assume that the following properties hold:

(i) $d(x_0, Tx_0) < (1 - h)r$ and $x_0 < Tx_0$; (ii) $x, y \in \overline{B(x_0, r)}^{d'}, x < y \implies Tx < Ty$; (iii) If $d \ge d'$, then T is uniformly continuous from $(B(x_0, r), d)$ into (X, d'); (iv) If d = d', then (X, <) satisfies the property (H) with respect to the metric d; (v) If $d \ne d'$, then T is continuous from $(\overline{B(x_0, r)}^{d'}, d')$ into (X, d').

Then T has a fixed point.

Proof It follows from Theorem 6.1 by taking

$$\alpha(x, y) = \begin{cases} 1 \text{ if } x \triangleleft y; \\ 0 \text{ if } x \not \lhd y. \end{cases}$$

Similarly, from Theorem 6.2, we obtain the following result.

Corollary 6.6 Let (X, d) be a complete metric space, and let $T : \overline{B(x_0, r)}^d \to X$ be a given mapping, where $x_0 \in X$ and r > 0. Suppose that there exists $F \in \widetilde{\mathscr{F}}$ such that for all $(x, y) \in \overline{B(x_0, r)}^d \times \overline{B(x_0, r)}^d$, we have

$$x \triangleleft y \implies F(d(Tx, Ty), d(x, y), d(x, Tx), d(y, Ty), d(x, Ty), d(y, Tx)) \leq 0.$$

In addition, assume that the following properties hold:

- (*i*) $d(x_0, Tx_0) < (1 h)r$ and $x_0 \triangleleft Tx_0$;
- (ii) $x, y \in \overline{B(x_0, r)}^{d'}, x \triangleleft y \implies Tx \triangleleft Ty;$
- (iii) (X, \triangleleft) satisfies the property (H) with respect to the metric d.

Then T has a fixed point.

From Theorem 6.3, we obtain the following global result.

Corollary 6.7 Let (X, d') be a complete metric space, d another metric on X, and $T : X \to X$. Suppose that there exists $F \in \widetilde{\mathscr{F}}$ such that for all $(x, y) \in X \times X$, we have

$$x \triangleleft y \implies F(d(Tx, Ty), d(x, y), d(x, Tx), d(y, Ty), d(x, Ty), d(y, Tx)) \leq 0.$$

In addition, assume that the following properties hold:

- (i) There exists $x_0 \in X$ such that $x_0 \triangleleft T x_0$;
- (*ii*) $x, y \in X, x \triangleleft y \implies Tx \triangleleft Ty;$
- (iii) If $d \ge d'$, then T is uniformly continuous from (X, d) into (X, d');
- (iv) If d = d', then (X, \triangleleft) satisfies the property (H) with respect to the metric d;
- (v) If $d \neq d'$, then T is continuous from (X, d') into (X, d').

Then T has a fixed point.

Finally, from Theorem 6.4, we obtain the following fixed point result.

Corollary 6.8 Let (X, d) be a complete metric space, and let $T : X \to X$. Suppose that there exists $F \in \widetilde{\mathscr{F}}$ such that for all $(x, y) \in X \times X$, we have

 $x \triangleleft y \implies F(d(Tx, Ty), d(x, y), d(x, Tx), d(y, Ty), d(x, Ty), d(y, Tx)) \leq 0.$

In addition, assume that the following properties hold:

(i) There exists $x_0 \in X$ such that $x_0 \triangleleft T x_0$;

 $(ii) \ x, y \in X, x \triangleleft y \implies Tx \triangleleft Ty;$

(iii) (X, \triangleleft) satisfies the property (H) with respect to the metric d.

Then T has a fixed point.

6.3.3 The Case of Cyclic Mappings

From Theorem 6.4, we obtain the following fixed point result that is a generalization of Theorem 1.1 in [5].

Corollary 6.9 Let (Y, d) be a complete metric space, $\{A, B\}$ a pair of nonempty closed subsets of Y, and $T : A \cup B \to A \cup B$. Suppose that there exists $F \in \widetilde{\mathscr{F}}$ such that for all $(x, y) \in A \times B$, we have

 $F(d(Tx, Ty), d(x, y), d(x, Tx), d(y, Ty), d(x, Ty), d(y, Tx)) \le 0.$

In addition, assume that $T(A) \subseteq B$ and $T(B) \subseteq A$. Then T has a fixed point in $A \cap B$.

Proof Let $X = A \cup B$. Clearly (since A and B are closed), (X, d) is a complete metric space. Define $\alpha : X \times X \to [0, \infty)$ by

$$\alpha(x, y) = \begin{cases} 1 \text{ if } (x, y) \in (A \times B) \cup (B \times A); \\ 0 \text{ if } (x, y) \notin (A \times B) \cup (B \times A). \end{cases}$$

Clearly (since $F \in \widetilde{\mathscr{F}}$), for all $x, y \in X$, we have

 $F(\alpha(x, y)d(Tx, Ty), d(x, y), d(x, Tx), d(y, Ty), d(x, Ty), d(y, Tx)) \le 0.$

Taking any point $x_0 \in A$, since $T(A) \subseteq B$, we have $Tx_0 \in B$, which implies that $\alpha(x_0, Tx_0) \ge 1$. Now, let $(x, y) \in X \times X$ be such that $\alpha(x, y) \ge 1$. We have two cases.

Case 1. If $(x, y) \in A \times B$. Since $T(A) \subseteq B$ and $T(B) \subseteq A$, we have $(Tx, Ty) \in B \times A$, which implies that $\alpha(Tx, Ty) \ge 1$.

Case 2. If $(x, y) \in B \times A$.

In this case, we have $(Tx, Ty) \in A \times B$, which implies that $\alpha(Tx, Ty) \ge 1$. Therefore, we proved that the mapping *T* is α -admissible.

Next, we shall prove that X satisfies the property (H) with respect to the metric d. Let $\{x_n\}$ be a sequence in X such that

$$\lim_{n \to \infty} d(x_n, x) = 0, \quad x \in X$$

and

$$\alpha(x_n, x_{n+1}) \ge 1, \quad n \in \mathbb{N}.$$

From the definition of α , we get

$$(x_n, x_{n+1}) \in (A \times B) \cup (B \times A), \quad n \in \mathbb{N}.$$

Since *A* and *B* are closed, we have $x \in A \cap B$. Therefore,

$$\alpha(x_n, x) = 1, \quad n \in \mathbb{N},$$

which proves that the set X satisfies the property (H) with respect to the metric d.

Now, from Theorem 6.4, the mapping T has a fixed point in X, i.e., there exists $z \in A \cup B$ such that Tz = z. Since $T(A) \subseteq B$ and $T(B) \subseteq A$, obviously, we have $z \in A \cap B$.

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