## PICARD PAIRS AND WEAKLY PICARD PAIRS OF OPERATORS

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**Abstract**. The purpose of this paper is to introduce the notions of Picard pair, *c*-Picard pair, weakly Picard pair and *c*-weakly Picard pair of operators and to present examples for these notions. We also study the data dependence of the common fixed points set of *c*-weakly Picard pairs of operators.

## 1. Introduction

Let (X, d) be a metric space. Further on we shall need the following notations

$$P(X) := \{ Y \mid \emptyset \neq Y \subseteq X \}$$
$$P_{cl}(X) := \{ Y \mid Y \in P(X) \text{ and } Y \text{ is a closed set } \}$$

and the following functionals

$$D: P(X) \times P(X) \to \mathbb{R}_+, \ D(A, B) = \inf \{ \ d(a, b) \mid a \in A, \ b \in B \},\$$

 $H: P(X) \times P(X) \to \mathbb{R}_+ \cup \{+\infty\}, \ H(A,B) = \max\left\{ \sup_{a \in A} D(a,B), \sup_{b \in B} D(b,A) \right\}.$ 

Let  $f_1, f_2 : X \to X$  be two operators. We denote by  $G_{f_1}$  the graph of  $f_1$ , by  $F_{f_1}$  the fixed points set of  $f_1$  and by  $(CF)_{f_1,f_2}$  the common fixed points set of  $f_1$  and  $f_2$ .

The purpose of this paper is to study the following problems:

**Problem 1.1.** Let (X, d) be a metric space and  $f_1, f_2 : X \to X$  be two operators. Determine the metric conditions which imply that  $(f_1, f_2)$  is a (weakly) Picard pair of operators or (and)  $f_1, f_2$  are (weakly) Picard operators.

**Problem 1.2.** Let (X,d) be a metric space and  $f_1, f_2, g_1, g_2 : X \to X$  be four operators such that  $(CF)_{f_1,f_2}, (CF)_{g_1,g_2} \neq \emptyset$ . We suppose that there exists  $\eta > 0$  with

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the property that for each  $x \in X$ , there are  $i_x, j_x \in \{1, 2\}$  so that  $d(f_{i_x}(x), g_{j_x}(x)) \leq \eta$ . In these conditions estimate the Pompeiu-Hausdorff distance  $H((CF)_{f_1, f_2}, (CF)_{g_1, g_2})$ .

Throughout the paper we follow the terminology and the notations from Rus [7], [8] and Rus-Mureşan [9], [10].

## 2. Picard pairs and weakly Picard pairs of operators

**Definition 2.1.** [Rus [6], [7], [8]] Let (X, d) be a metric space. An operator  $f : X \to X$ is a Picard operator (briefly P. o.) iff there exists  $x^* \in X$  such that  $F_f = \{x^*\}$  and  $(f^n(x_0))_{n \in \mathbb{N}}$  converges to  $x^*$ , for all  $x_0 \in X$ .

Let (X, d) be a metric space. We say that a P. o.  $f : X \to X$  is a *c*-Picard operator  $(c \in [0, +\infty[)$  (briefly *c*-P. *o*.) iff the following condition is satisfied

$$d(x, x^*) \le c \ d(x, f(x)),$$

for each  $x \in X$ , where  $x^*$  is the unique fixed point of f.

**Definition 2.2.** [Rus [6], [7], [8]] Let (X, d) be a metric space. An operator  $f : X \to X$ is a weakly Picard operator (briefly w. P. o.) iff for each  $x_0 \in X$ , the sequence  $(f^n(x_0))_{n \in \mathbb{N}}$  converges and its limit is a fixed point of f.

For examples of P. o. and w. P. o. see for instance Rus [6], [7], [8].

Let (X, d) be a metric space and  $f : X \to X$  be a w. P. o.. We consider the operator  $f^{\infty} : X \to F_f$ , defined as follows

$$f^{\infty}(x) = \lim_{n \to \infty} f^n(x),$$

for each  $x \in X$ .

**Definition 2.3.** [Rus-Mureşan [10]] Let (X, d) be a metric space and  $f : X \to X$  be a w. P. o.. We say that f is a c-weakly Picard operator  $(c \in [0, +\infty[) (briefly c-w.$ P. o.) iff the following condition is satisfied

$$d(x, f^{\infty}(x)) \le c \ d(x, f(x)),$$

for each  $x \in X$ .

Examples of c-w. P. o. are given in Rus-Mureşan [10].

**Definition 2.4.** Let (X, d) be a metric space and  $f_1, f_2 : X \to X$  be two operators. We say that the pair of operators  $(f_1, f_2)$  is a Picard pair of operators (briefly P. p. o.) iff there exists  $x^* \in X$  such that  $(CF)_{f_1, f_2} = \{x^*\}$  and for each  $x \in X$  and for 90 every  $y \in \{f_1(x), f_2(x)\}$ , the sequence  $(x_n)_{n \in \mathbb{N}}$  defined as follows:  $x_0 = x, x_1 = y$ and  $x_{2n-1} = f_i(x_{2n-2}), x_{2n} = f_j(x_{2n-1})$ , for each  $n \in \mathbb{N}^*$ , where  $i, j \in \{1, 2\}$ , with  $i \neq j$ , converges to  $x^*$ .

The sequence  $(x_n)_{n \in \mathbb{N}}$  is, by definition, a sequence of successive approximations for the pair  $(f_1, f_2)$ , starting from  $(x_0, x_1)$ .

**Definition 2.5.** Let (X, d) be a metric space and  $f_1, f_2 : X \to X$  be two operators which form a P. p. o.. We say that  $(f_1, f_2)$  is a c-Picard pair of operators  $(c \in [0, +\infty[) \text{ (briefly c-P. p. o.) iff the following condition is satisfied}$ 

$$d(x, x^*) \le c \ d(x, y),$$

for each  $(x, y) \in G_{f_1} \cup G_{f_2}$ , where  $x^*$  is the unique common fixed point of  $f_1$  and  $f_2$ . **Definition 2.6.** Let (X, d) be a metric space and  $f_1, f_2 : X \to X$  be two operators. We say that the pair of operators  $(f_1, f_2)$  is a weakly Picard pair of operators (briefly w. P. p. o.) iff for each  $x \in X$  and for every  $y \in \{f_1(x), f_2(x)\}$ , there exists a sequence  $(x_n)_{n \in \mathbb{N}}$  such that:

- (i)  $x_0 = x, x_1 = y;$
- (ii)  $x_{2n-1} = f_i(x_{2n-2})$  and  $x_{2n} = f_j(x_{2n-1})$ , for each  $n \in \mathbb{N}^*$ , where  $i, j \in \{1, 2\}$ , with  $i \neq j$ ;
- (iii) the sequence  $(x_n)_{n \in \mathbb{N}}$  is convergent and its limit is a common fixed point of  $f_1$  and  $f_2$ .

**Definition 2.7.** Let (X,d) be a metric space and  $f_1, f_2 : X \to X$  be two operators which form a w. P. p. o.. Then we consider the multivalued operator  $(f_1, f_2)^{\infty} : G_{f_1} \cup G_{f_2} \to P((CF)_{f_1,f_2})$  as follows: for each  $(x,y) \in G_{f_1} \cup G_{f_2}$ , we define  $(f_1, f_2)^{\infty}(x, y) = \{ z \in (CF)_{f_1,f_2} \mid \text{there exists a sequence of successive approximations for the pair <math>(f_1, f_2)$ , starting from (x, y), that converges to  $z \}$ .

**Definition 2.8.** Let (X, d) be a metric space and  $f_1, f_2 : X \to X$  be two operators which form a w. P. p. o.. We say that  $(f_1, f_2)$  is a c-weakly Picard pair of operators  $(c \in [0, +\infty[) \text{ (briefly c-w. P. p. o.) iff there exists a selection } f_{1,2}^{\infty} \text{ of } (f_1, f_2)^{\infty} \text{ such}$ that

$$d(x, f_{1,2}^{\infty}(x, y)) \le c \ d(x, y),$$

for each  $(x, y) \in G_{f_1} \cup G_{f_2}$ .

**Remark 2.1.** It is obvious that a P. p. o. is a w. P. p. o. and a c-P. p. o. is a c-w. P. p. o..

Further on we shall give some examples of c-P. p. o. and c-w. P. p. o..

**Theorem 2.1.** Let (X, d) be a complete metric space and  $f_1, f_2 : X \to X$  be two operators for which there exists  $a \in [0, 1/2[$  such that

$$d(f_1(x), f_2(y)) \le a \ [d(x, f_1(x)) + d(y, f_2(y))],$$

for each  $x, y \in X$ .

Then  $F_{f_1} = F_{f_2} = \{x^*\}, (f_1, f_2) \text{ is } c\text{-}P. p. o. and f_1 and f_2 are c-P. o., with <math>c = (1-a)/(1-2a).$ 

**Proof.** The conclusion follows immediately from Kannan's theorem [3] and from the Theorem 2 given by Rus in [5].  $\Box$ 

**Theorem 2.2.** Let (X, d) be a complete metric space and  $f_1, f_2 : X \to X$  be two operators for which there exist  $a, b \in \mathbb{R}_+$ , with a + b < 1 such that

$$d(f_1(x), f_2(y)) \le a \ d(x, f_1(x)) + b \ d(y, f_2(y)),$$

for each  $x, y \in X$ .

Then  $F_{f_1} = F_{f_2} = \{x^*\}$  and  $(f_1, f_2)$  is c-P. p. o., with  $c = (1 - \min\{a, b\})/[1 - (a + b)]$ .

**Theorem 2.3.** Let (X, d) be a complete metric space and  $f_1, f_2 : X \to X$  be two operators. We suppose that there exist  $\alpha, \beta, \gamma \in \mathbb{R}_+$ , with  $\alpha + 2\beta + 2\gamma < 1$  such that

$$d(f_1(x), f_2(y)) \le \alpha \ d(x, y) + \beta \ [d(x, f_1(x)) + d(y, f_2(y))] + \gamma \ [d(x, f_2(y)) + d(y, f_1(x))],$$

for each  $x, y \in X$ .

Then  $F_{f_1} = F_{f_2} = \{x^*\}$  and  $(f_1, f_2)$  is c-P. p. o., with  $c = [1 - (\beta + \gamma)]/[1 - (\alpha + 2\beta + 2\gamma)].$ 

**Proof.** The fact that  $F_{f_1} = F_{f_2} = \{x^*\}$  follows from a theorem given by Rus in [4].

In order to prove the second part of the conclusion we shall take again the proof.

Let  $i, j \in \{1, 2\}$ , with  $i \neq j$ . Let  $x_0 \in X$  and we take  $x_{2n-1} = f_i(x_{2n-2})$ ,  $x_{2n} = f_j(x_{2n-1})$ , for each  $n \in \mathbb{N}^*$ . 92 We have

$$\begin{aligned} d(x_1, x_2) &= d(f_i(x_0), f_j(x_1)) \leq \\ &\leq \alpha d(x_0, x_1) + \beta [d(x_0, f_i(x_0)) + d(x_1, f_j(x_1))] + \gamma [d(x_0, f_j(x_1)) + d(x_1, f_i(x_0))] = \\ &= \alpha d(x_0, x_1) + \beta [d(x_0, x_1) + d(x_1, x_2)] + \gamma d(x_0, x_2) \leq \\ &\leq \alpha d(x_0, x_1) + \beta [d(x_0, x_1) + d(x_1, x_2)] + \gamma [d(x_0, x_1) + d(x_1, x_2)] \end{aligned}$$

and hence

$$d(x_1, x_2) \le (\alpha + \beta + \gamma) / [1 - (\beta + \gamma)] d(x_0, x_1).$$

Similarly, we have that

$$d(x_2, x_3) \le (\alpha + \beta + \gamma)/[1 - (\beta + \gamma)] \ d(x_1, x_2).$$

By induction we get that

$$d(x_n, x_{n+1}) \le \left[\frac{\alpha + \beta + \gamma}{1 - (\beta + \gamma)}\right]^n d(x_0, x_1),$$

for each  $n \in \mathbb{N}$ .

This implies that  $(x_n)_{n \in \mathbb{N}}$  is a convergent sequence, because (X, d) is a complete metric space. The limit of the sequence  $(x_n)_{n \in \mathbb{N}}$  is the unique common fixed point  $x^*$  of  $f_1$  and  $f_2$ .

We have

$$d(x_n, x^*) \le \left[\frac{\alpha + \beta + \gamma}{1 - (\beta + \gamma)}\right]^n \frac{1 - (\beta + \gamma)}{1 - (\alpha + 2\beta + 2\gamma)} d(x_0, x_1),$$

for each  $n \in \mathbb{N}$ .

For n = 0, we obtain

$$d(x_0, x^*) \le [1 - (\beta + \gamma)] / [1 - (\alpha + 2\beta + 2\gamma)] \ d(x_0, f_i(x_0))$$

So, we can assert that  $(f_1, f_2)$  is a *c*-P. p. o., with  $c = [1 - (\beta + \gamma)]/[1 - (\alpha + 2\beta + 2\gamma)]$ .

**Remark 2.2.** If we take  $\alpha = \beta = 0$  in the metric condition of the Theorem 2.3, then the part which affirms that  $F_{f_1} = F_{f_2} = \{x^*\}$  is a result given by Chatterjea in [1] and we have that  $(f_1, f_2)$  is c-P. p. o., with  $c = (1 - \gamma)/(1 - 2\gamma)$ .

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**Theorem 2.4.** Let (X, d) be a complete metric space and  $f_1, f_2 : X \to X$  be two operators for which there exist  $a_1, \ldots, a_5 \in \mathbb{R}_+$ , with  $a_1 + a_2 + a_3 + 2 \max \{a_4, a_5\} < 1$ such that

 $d(f_1(x), f_2(y)) \le a_1 \ d(x, y) + a_2 \ d(x, f_1(x)) + a_3 \ d(y, f_2(y)) +$ 

$$+a_4 d(x, f_2(y)) + a_5 d(y, f_1(x)),$$

for each  $x, y \in X$ .

Then  $F_{f_1} = F_{f_2} = \{x^*\}$  and  $(f_1, f_2)$  is c-P. p. o., with  $c = (1-l)^{-1}$ , where  $l = \max \{(a_1 + a_2 + a_4)/[1 - (a_3 + a_4)], (a_1 + a_3 + a_5)/[1 - (a_2 + a_5)]\}$ . **Proof.** The proof is made similarly with that of the Theorem 2.3.  $\Box$ **Theorem 2.5.** Let (X, d) be a complete metric space and  $f_1, f_2 : X \to X$  be two operators. We suppose that there exists  $a \in [0, 1[$  such that

$$d(f_1(x), f_2(y)) \le a \max \{ d(x, y), d(x, f_1(x)), d(y, f_2(y)),$$
$$1/2 \ [d(x, f_2(y)) + d(y, f_1(x))] \},$$

for each  $x, y \in X$ .

Then  $F_{f_1} = F_{f_2} = \{x^*\}$  and  $(f_1, f_2)$  is c-P. p. o., with  $c = (1 - a)^{-1}$ .

**Proof.** The fact that  $F_{f_1} = F_{f_2} = \{x^*\}$  follows from a theorem given by Ćirić in [2]. For the second part of the conclusion, the proof is made similarly with that of the Theorem 2.3.  $\Box$ 

**Theorem 2.6.** Let (X, d) be a complete metric space and  $\varphi : \mathbb{R}^5_+ \to \mathbb{R}_+$  be a continuous function which satisfies the following two conditions:

 $(i_{\varphi}) \varphi$  is monoton increasing in each variable;

(ii<sub> $\varphi$ </sub>)  $\varphi(t, t, t, 2t, 0) \leq t$ ,  $\varphi(t, t, t, 0, 2t) \leq t$  and  $\varphi(t, 0, 0, t, t) \leq t$ , for each t > 0. Let  $f_1, f_2 : X \to X$  be two operators for which there exists  $a \in [0, 1]$  such that

 $d(f_1(x), f_2(y)) \le a \ \varphi(d(x, y), d(x, f_1(x)), d(y, f_2(y)), d(x, f_2(y)), d(y, f_1(x))),$ 

for each  $x, y \in X$ .

Then  $F_{f_1} = F_{f_2} = \{x^*\}$  and  $(f_1, f_2)$  is c-P. p. o., with  $c = (1 - a)^{-1}$ .

**Proof.** The proof is made similarly with that of the Theorem 2.3, taking into account the properties of the function  $\varphi$ .  $\Box$ 

**Remark 2.3.** It is an open question if the operators  $f_1$  and  $f_2$  from the Remark 2.2, the Theorems 2.2, 2.3, 2.4, 2.5 or 2.6 are P. o..

**Theorem 2.7.** Let (X, d) be a complete metric space and  $f_1, f_2 : X \to X$  be two continuous operators. We suppose that there exist  $a_1, a_2 \in [0, 1]$  such that for each  $i, j \in \{1, 2\}$ , with  $i \neq j$  we have

$$d(f_i(x), f_j(f_i(x))) \le a_i \ d(x, f_i(x)),$$

for each  $x \in X$ .

Then  $F_{f_1} = F_{f_2} \in P_{cl}(X)$  and  $(f_1, f_2)$  is c-w. P. p. o., with  $c = (1 - \max\{a_1, a_2\})^{-1}$ .

**Proof.** We show in the beginning that  $F_{f_1} = F_{f_2}$ . Let  $x^* \in F_{f_1}$ . Then we have

$$d(x^*, f_2(x^*)) = d(f_1(x^*), f_2(f_1(x^*))) \le a_1 \ d(x^*, f_1(x^*)) = 0.$$

So  $x^* \in F_{f_2}$  and thus we are able to write that  $F_{f_1} \subseteq F_{f_2}$ . Analogously we get that  $F_{f_2} \subseteq F_{f_1}$ . Hence  $F_{f_1} = F_{f_2}$ .

It is not difficult to see that  $F_{f_1}$  and  $F_{f_2}$  are closed sets. In order to prove that let  $i \in \{1, 2\}$  and  $x_n \in F_{f_i}$ , for each  $n \in \mathbb{N}$ , with the property that  $x_n \to x^*$ , as  $n \to \infty$ . From  $x_n = f_i(x_n)$ , for each  $n \in \mathbb{N}$  and taking into account the fact that  $f_i$ is continuous we get, by letting n to tend to infinity, that  $x^* = f_i(x^*)$ , i. e.  $x^* \in F_{f_i}$ . So  $F_{f_i}$  is a closed set.

Further on we shall prove that  $(CF)_{f_1,f_2} \neq \emptyset$ . Let  $i, j \in \{1,2\}$ , with  $i \neq j$ . Let  $x_0 \in X$  and we put  $x_{2n-1} = f_i(x_{2n-2}), x_{2n} = f_j(x_{2n-1})$ , for each  $n \in \mathbb{N}^*$ . We have

$$d(x_1, x_2) = d(f_i(x_0), f_j(x_1)) = d(f_i(x_0), f_j(f_i(x_0))) \le$$
$$\le a_i \ d(x_0, f_i(x_0)) = a_i \ d(x_0, x_1).$$

Similarly, we have that

$$d(x_2, x_3) \le a_j \ d(x_1, x_2).$$

We put  $a = \max \{a_1, a_2\}$ . By induction we get that

$$d(x_n, x_{n+1}) \le a^n d(x_0, x_1),$$

for each  $n \in \mathbb{N}$ .

This implies that  $(x_n)_{n\in\mathbb{N}}$  is a convergent sequence, because (X, d) is a complete metric space. Let  $x^* = \lim_{n\to\infty} x_n$ . From  $x_{2n-1} = f_i(x_{2n-2}), x_{2n} = f_j(x_{2n-1})$ , for each  $n \in \mathbb{N}^*$  and taking into account the fact that  $f_1$  and  $f_2$  are continuous, it follows that  $x^* \in (CF)_{f_1,f_2}$ . So  $(CF)_{f_1,f_2} = F_{f_1} = F_{f_2} \neq \emptyset$ . By an easy calculation we have

$$d(x_n, x^*) \le a^n / (1-a) \ d(x_0, x_1),$$

for each  $n \in \mathbb{N}$ .

For n = 0 we get

$$d(x_0, x^*) \le (1-a)^{-1} d(x_0, x_1).$$

Therefore  $(f_1, f_2)$  is a *c*-w. P. p. o., where  $c = (1 - \max \{a_1, a_2\})^{-1}$ .

**Remark 2.4.** It is an open question if the operators  $f_1$  and  $f_2$  from the Theorem 2.7 are w. P. o..

# 3. Data dependence of the common fixed points set of *c*-weakly Picard pairs of operators

**Theorem 3.1.** Let (X,d) be a metric space and  $f_1, f_2, g_1, g_2 : X \to X$  be four operators. We suppose that:

- (i)  $(f_1, f_2)$  is a  $c_f$ -w. P. p. o. and  $(g_1, g_2)$  is a  $c_g$ -w. P. p. o.;
- (ii) there exists  $\eta > 0$  such that for each  $x \in X$ , there are  $i_x, j_x \in \{1, 2\}$  so that

$$d(f_{i_x}(x), g_{j_x}(x)) \le \eta.$$

Then

$$H\left((CF)_{f_1, f_2}, (CF)_{g_1, g_2}\right) \le \eta \max\{c_f, c_g\}.$$

**Proof.** It is not difficult to see that

$$H\left((CF)_{f_1,f_2}, (CF)_{g_1,g_2}\right) \le \max \left\{ \sup_{x \in (CF)_{g_1,g_2}} d(x, f_{1,2}^{\infty}(x, f_{i_x}(x))), \\ \sup_{x \in (CF)_{f_1,f_2}} d(x, g_{1,2}^{\infty}(x, g_{j_x}(x))) \right\}.$$

If  $x \in (CF)_{g_1,g_2}$ , then we have

$$d(x, f_{1,2}^{\infty}(x, f_{i_x}(x))) \le c_f \ d(x, f_{i_x}(x)) = c_f \ d(g_{j_x}(x), f_{i_x}(x)) \le c_f \ \eta.$$

If  $x \in (CF)_{f_1, f_2}$ , then we get

$$d(x, g_{1,2}^{\infty}(x, g_{j_x}(x))) \le c_g \ d(x, g_{j_x}(x)) = c_g \ d(f_{i_x}(x), g_{j_x}(x)) \le c_g \ \eta.$$

From these, using the following lemma (see [8])

**Lemma 3.1.** Let (X, d) be a metric space and  $A, B \in P(X)$ . We suppose that there exists  $\eta \in \mathbb{R}, \eta > 0$  such that:

- (i) for each  $a \in A$ , there exists  $b \in B$  so that  $d(a, b) \leq \eta$ ,
- (ii) for each  $b \in B$ , there exists  $a \in A$  so that  $d(b, a) \leq \eta$ .

Then  $H(A, B) \leq \eta$ .

We obtain the conclusion of the theorem.  $\Box$ 

Further on we shall give some consequences of the abstract result given in Theorem 3.1.

**Theorem 3.2.** Let (X, d) be a complete metric space and  $f_1, f_2, g_1, g_2 : X \to X$  be four operators. We suppose that:

(i<sub>f</sub>) there exists  $a_f \in [0, 1/2[$  such that

 $d(f_1(x), f_2(y)) \le a_f \ [d(x, f_1(x)) + d(y, f_2(y))],$ 

for each  $x, y \in X$ ;

 $(i_q)$  there exists  $a_q \in [0, 1/2[$  such that

 $d(g_1(x), g_2(y)) \le a_g \ [d(x, g_1(x)) + d(y, g_2(y))],$ 

for each  $x, y \in X$ ;

(ii) there exists  $\eta > 0$  such that for each  $x \in X$ , there are  $i_x, j_x \in \{1, 2\}$  so that

$$d(f_{i_x}(x), g_{j_x}(x)) \le \eta.$$

Then  $F_{f_1} = F_{f_2} = \{x_f^*\}, F_{g_1} = F_{g_2} = \{x_q^*\}$  and

$$d(x_f^*, x_g^*) \le \eta \ (1-a)/(1-2a),$$

where  $a = \max \{a_f, a_g\}$ .

**Proof.** From the Theorem 2.1 we have that  $F_{f_1} = F_{f_2} = \{x_f^*\}$  and that  $(f_1, f_2)$  is  $c_f$ -P. p. o., with  $c_f = (1 - a_f)/(1 - 2a_f)$ . From the same theorem we also have that  $F_{g_1} = F_{g_2} = \{x_g^*\}$  and that  $(g_1, g_2)$  is  $c_g$ -P. p. o., with  $c_g = (1 - a_g)/(1 - 2a_g)$ . The fact that  $d(x_f^*, x_g^*) \leq \eta \ (1 - a)/(1 - 2a)$  follows immediately from the Remark 2.1 and the Theorem 3.1.  $\Box$ 

**Theorem 3.3.** Let (X, d) be a complete metric space and  $f_1, f_2, g_1, g_2 : X \to X$  be four operators. We suppose that:

(i<sub>f</sub>) there exist  $a_f, b_f \in \mathbb{R}_+$ , with  $a_f + b_f < 1$  such that

$$d(f_1(x), f_2(y)) \le a_f \ d(x, f_1(x)) + b_f \ d(y, f_2(y)),$$

for each  $x, y \in X$ ;

(i<sub>g</sub>) there exist  $a_g, b_g \in \mathbb{R}_+$ , with  $a_g + b_g < 1$  such that

$$d(g_1(x), g_2(y)) \le a_g \ d(x, g_1(x)) + b_g \ d(y, g_2(y)),$$

for each  $x, y \in X$ ;

(ii) there exists  $\eta > 0$  such that for each  $x \in X$ , there are  $i_x, j_x \in \{1, 2\}$  so that

$$d(f_{i_x}(x), g_{j_x}(x)) \le \eta.$$

Then  $F_{f_1} = F_{f_2} = \{x_f^*\}, \ F_{g_1} = F_{g_2} = \{x_g^*\}$  and

$$d(x_f^*, x_g^*) \le \eta \max\{c_f, c_g\},\$$

where  $c_f = (1 - \min \{a_f, b_f\})/[1 - (a_f + b_f)]$  and  $c_g = (1 - \min \{a_g, b_g\})/[1 - (a_g + b_g)]$ . **Proof.** From the Theorem 2.2 we have that  $F_{f_1} = F_{f_2} = \{x_f^*\}$  and that  $(f_1, f_2)$ is  $c_f$ -P. p. o.. From the same theorem we also have that  $F_{g_1} = F_{g_2} = \{x_g^*\}$  and that  $(g_1, g_2)$  is  $c_g$ -P. p. o.. Now, the fact that  $d(x_f^*, x_g^*) \leq \eta \max \{c_f, c_g\}$  follows immediately from the Remark 2.1 and the Theorem 3.1.  $\Box$ 

**Theorem 3.4.** Let (X, d) be a complete metric space and  $f_1, f_2, g_1, g_2 : X \to X$  be four operators. We suppose that:

(i<sub>f</sub>) there exist  $\alpha_f, \beta_f, \gamma_f \in \mathbb{R}_+$ , with  $\alpha_f + 2\beta_f + 2\gamma_f < 1$  such that  $d(f_1(x), f_2(y)) \le \alpha_f \ d(x, y) + \beta_f \ [d(x, f_1(x)) + d(y, f_2(y))] + \gamma_f \ [d(x, f_2(y)) + d(y, f_1(x))],$ 

for each  $x, y \in X$ ;

(ig) there exist  $\alpha_g, \beta_g, \gamma_g \in \mathbb{R}_+$ , with  $\alpha_g + 2\beta_g + 2\gamma_g < 1$  such that

 $d(g_1(x), g_2(y)) \le \alpha_q \ d(x, y) + \beta_q \ [d(x, g_1(x)) + d(y, g_2(y))] +$ 

 $+\gamma_q [d(x, g_2(y)) + d(y, g_1(x))],$ 

for each  $x, y \in X$ ;

(ii) there exists  $\eta > 0$  such that for each  $x \in X$ , there are  $i_x, j_x \in \{1, 2\}$  so that

$$d(f_{i_x}(x), g_{j_x}(x)) \le \eta.$$

Then  $F_{f_1} = F_{f_2} = \{x_f^*\}, F_{g_1} = F_{g_2} = \{x_g^*\}$  and

$$d(x_f^*, x_g^*) \le \eta \max\{c_f, c_g\},\$$

where  $c_f = [1 - (\beta_f + \gamma_f)]/[1 - (\alpha_f + 2\beta_f + 2\gamma_f)]$  and  $c_g = [1 - (\beta_g + \gamma_g)]/[1 - (\alpha_g + 2\beta_g + 2\gamma_g)].$ 

**Proof.** From the Theorem 2.3 we have that  $F_{f_1} = F_{f_2} = \{x_f^*\}$  and that  $(f_1, f_2)$  is  $c_f$ -P. p. o.. From the same theorem we also have that  $F_{g_1} = F_{g_2} = \{x_g^*\}$  and that  $(g_1, g_2)$  is  $c_g$ -P. p. o.. The fact that  $d(x_f^*, x_g^*) \leq \eta \max \{c_f, c_g\}$  follows immediately from the Remark 2.1 and the Theorem 3.1.  $\Box$ 

**Theorem 3.5.** Let (X, d) be a complete metric space and  $f_1, f_2, g_1, g_2 : X \to X$  be four operators. We suppose that:

(i<sub>f</sub>) there exist  $a_1^f, \ldots, a_5^f \in \mathbb{R}_+$ , with  $a_1^f + a_2^f + a_3^f + 2 \max \{a_4^f, a_5^f\} < 1$  such that

$$d(f_1(x), f_2(y)) \le a_1^f \ d(x, y) + a_2^f \ d(x, f_1(x)) + a_3^f \ d(y, f_2(y)) + a_4^f \ d(x, f_2(y)) + a_5^f \ d(y, f_1(x)),$$

for each  $x, y \in X$ ;

(i<sub>g</sub>) there exist  $a_1^g, \ldots, a_5^g \in \mathbb{R}_+$ , with  $a_1^g + a_2^g + a_3^g + 2 \max \{a_4^g, a_5^g\} < 1$  such that

$$d(g_1(x), g_2(y)) \le a_1^g \ d(x, y) + a_2^g \ d(x, g_1(x)) + a_3^g \ d(y, g_2(y)) + a_4^g \ d(x, g_2(y)) + a_5^g \ d(y, g_1(x)),$$

for each  $x, y \in X$ ;

(ii) there exists  $\eta > 0$  such that for each  $x \in X$ , there are  $i_x, j_x \in \{1, 2\}$  so that

$$d(f_{i_x}(x), g_{j_x}(x)) \le \eta.$$

Then  $F_{f_1} = F_{f_2} = \{x_f^*\}, F_{g_1} = F_{g_2} = \{x_g^*\}$  and

 $d(x_f^*, x_g^*) \le \eta \max\{c_f, c_g\},\$ 

where  $c_f = (1 - l_f)^{-1}$ , with  $l_f = \max \{(a_1^f + a_2^f + a_4^f)/[1 - (a_3^f + a_4^f)], (a_1^f + a_3^f + a_5^f)/[1 - (a_2^f + a_5^f)]\}$  and  $c_g = (1 - l_g)^{-1}$ , with  $l_g = \max \{(a_1^g + a_2^g + a_4^g)/[1 - (a_3^g + a_4^g)], (a_1^g + a_3^g + a_5^g)/[1 - (a_2^g + a_5^g)]\}$ .

**Proof.** From the Theorem 2.4 we have that  $F_{f_1} = F_{f_2} = \{x_f^*\}$  and that  $(f_1, f_2)$  is  $c_f$ -P. p. o.. From the same theorem we also have that  $F_{g_1} = F_{g_2} = \{x_g^*\}$  and that  $(g_1, g_2)$  is  $c_g$ -P. p. o.. Now, the fact that  $d(x_f^*, x_g^*) \leq \eta \max \{c_f, c_g\}$  follows from the Remark 2.1 and the Theorem 3.1.  $\Box$ 

**Theorem 3.6.** Let (X, d) be a complete metric space and  $f_1, f_2, g_1, g_2 : X \to X$  be four operators. We suppose that:

(i<sub>f</sub>) there exists  $a_f \in [0, 1[$  such that

$$d(f_1(x), f_2(y)) \le a_f \max \{ d(x, y), d(x, f_1(x)), d(y, f_2(y)), \}$$

 $1/2 [d(x, f_2(y)) + d(y, f_1(x))]\},$ 

for each  $x, y \in X$ ;

 $(i_g)$  there exists  $a_g \in [0, 1[$  such that

 $d(g_1(x), g_2(y)) \le a_g \max \{ d(x, y), d(x, g_1(x)), d(y, g_2(y)), d(y,$ 

 $1/2 [d(x, g_2(y)) + d(y, g_1(x))]\},$ 

for each  $x, y \in X$ ;

(ii) there exists  $\eta > 0$  such that for each  $x \in X$ , there are  $i_x, j_x \in \{1, 2\}$  so that

$$d(f_{i_x}(x), g_{j_x}(x)) \le \eta.$$

Then  $F_{f_1} = F_{f_2} = \{x_f^*\}, F_{g_1} = F_{g_2} = \{x_q^*\}$  and

$$d(x_f^*, x_g^*) \le \eta \ (1 - \max \ \{a_f, a_g\})^{-1}.$$

**Proof.** From the Theorem 2.5 we have that  $F_{f_1} = F_{f_2} = \{x_f^*\}$  and that  $(f_1, f_2)$  is  $c_f$ -P. p. o., with  $c_f = (1 - a_f)^{-1}$ . From the same theorem we also have that  $F_{g_1} = F_{g_2} = \{x_g^*\}$  and that  $(g_1, g_2)$  is  $c_g$ -P. p. o., with  $c_g = (1 - a_g)^{-1}$ . The fact that  $d(x_f^*, x_g^*) \leq \eta \ (1 - \max \{a_f, a_g\})^{-1}$  follows immediately from the Remark 2.1 and the Theorem 3.1.  $\Box$ 

**Theorem 3.7.** Let (X, d) be a complete metric space and  $\varphi_f, \varphi_g : \mathbb{R}^5_+ \to \mathbb{R}_+$  be two continuous functions which satisfy the following conditions:

- $(i_{\varphi_{f,a}}) \varphi_f$  and  $\varphi_g$  are monoton increasing in each variable;
- $\begin{array}{l} (\mathrm{ii}_{\varphi_{f,g}}) \ \varphi_f(t,t,t,2t,0) \leq t, \ \varphi_f(t,t,t,0,2t) \leq t \ and \ \varphi_f(t,0,0,t,t) \leq t, \ for \ each \\ t > 0 \ and \ \varphi_g(t,t,t,2t,0) \leq t, \ \varphi_g(t,t,t,0,2t) \leq t \ and \ \varphi_g(t,0,0,t,t) \leq t, \\ for \ each \ t > 0. \end{array}$

Let  $f_1, f_2, g_1, g_2 : X \to X$  be four operators. We suppose that:

 $(i_f)$  there exists  $a_f \in [0, 1[$  such that

$$d(f_1(x), f_2(y)) \le a_f \varphi_f(d(x, y), d(x, f_1(x)), d(y, f_2(y)), d(x, f_2(y)), d(y, f_1(x)))$$

for each  $x, y \in X$ ;

 $(i_g)$  there exists  $a_g \in [0, 1[$  such that

 $d(g_1(x),g_2(y)) \leq a_g \ \varphi_g(d(x,y),d(x,g_1(x)),d(y,g_2(y)),d(x,g_2(y)),d(y,g_1(x))),$ 

for each  $x, y \in X$ ;

(ii) there exists  $\eta > 0$  such that for each  $x \in X$ , there are  $i_x, j_x \in \{1, 2\}$  so that

$$d(f_{i_x}(x), g_{j_x}(x)) \le \eta.$$

Then  $F_{f_1} = F_{f_2} = \{x_f^*\}, F_{g_1} = F_{g_2} = \{x_g^*\}$  and

$$d(x_f^*, x_q^*) \le \eta \ (1 - \max \{a_f, a_q\})^{-1}.$$

**Proof.** From the Theorem 2.6 we have that  $F_{f_1} = F_{f_2} = \{x_f^*\}$  and that  $(f_1, f_2)$  is  $c_f$ -P. p. o., with  $c_f = (1 - a_f)^{-1}$ . From the same theorem we also have that  $F_{g_1} = F_{g_2} = \{x_g^*\}$  and that  $(g_1, g_2)$  is  $c_g$ -P. p. o., with  $c_g = (1 - a_g)^{-1}$ . Now, the fact that  $d(x_f^*, x_g^*) \leq \eta \ (1 - \max \{a_f, a_g\})^{-1}$  follows immediately from the Remark 2.1 and the Theorem 3.1.  $\Box$ 

**Theorem 3.8.** Let (X, d) be a complete metric space and  $f_1, f_2, g_1, g_2 : X \to X$  be four operators. We suppose that:

(i<sub>f</sub>) there exist  $a_1^f, a_2^f \in [0, 1[$  such that for each  $k, l \in \{1, 2\}$ , with  $k \neq l$  we have

$$d(f_k(x), f_l(f_k(x))) \le a_k^f \ d(x, f_k(x)),$$

for each  $x \in X$ ;

(i<sub>g</sub>) there exist  $a_1^g, a_2^g \in [0, 1[$  such that for each  $k, l \in \{1, 2\}$ , with  $k \neq l$  we have

$$d(g_k(x), g_l(g_k(x))) \le a_k^g \ d(x, g_k(x)),$$

for each  $x \in X$ ;

(ii) there exists  $\eta > 0$  such that for each  $x \in X$ , there are  $i_x, j_x \in \{1, 2\}$  so that

$$d(f_{i_x}(x), g_{j_x}(x)) \le \eta.$$

Then

$$H((CF)_{f_1,f_2}, (CF)_{g_1,g_2}) \le \eta \ (1 - \max \{a_1^f, a_2^f, a_1^g, a_2^g\})^{-1}$$

**Proof.** From the Theorem 2.7 we have that  $(f_1, f_2)$  is  $c_f$ -w. P. p. o., with  $c_f = (1 - \max\{a_1^f, a_2^f\})^{-1}$  and that  $(g_1, g_2)$  is  $c_g$ -w. P. p. o., with  $c_g = (1 - \max\{a_1^g, a_2^g\})^{-1}$ . The conclusion follows from the Theorem 3.1.  $\Box$ 

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