



# Multiplicative metric spaces and contractions of rational type

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## Abstract

The main purpose of this paper is to study the fixed point theorems with contractions of rational type in multiplicative metric spaces. We analyzed whether it was possible to get better results in the context of metric spaces.

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## 1. Introduction and preliminaries

In 2008, Bashirov et al., defined new kind of spaces, called multiplicative metric spaces in the following way:

**Definition 1.1.** [8] Let  $X \neq \emptyset$ . An operator  $d^* : X \times X \rightarrow \mathbb{R}$  is a multiplicative metric on  $X$ , if it satisfies:

(m1\*)  $d^*(x, y) \geq 1$  for all  $x, y \in X$  and  $d^*(x, y) = 1$  if and only if  $x = y$ ,

(m2\*)  $d^*(x, y) = d^*(y, x)$  for all  $x, y \in X$ ,

(m3\*)  $d^*(x, z) \leq d^*(x, y) \cdot d^*(y, z)$  for all  $x, y, z \in X$  (multiplicative triangle inequality).

If operator  $d^*$  satisfies (m1\*)-(m3\*) then the pair  $(X, d^*)$  is called a multiplicative metric space.

The previous definition was motivation for a large number of papers where the authors proved various fixed point theorems for different contraction conditions in mentioned space (see for example [1]-[4], [8], [14] [18]-[25]).

The next definition for metric spaces is well known:

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**Definition 1.2.** Let  $X \neq \emptyset$ . An operator  $d : X \times X \rightarrow \mathbb{R}$  is a metric on  $X$ , if it satisfies:

- (1)  $d(x, y) \geq 0$  for all  $x, y \in X$  and  $d(x, y) = 0$  if and only if  $x = y$ ,
- (2)  $d(x, y) = d(y, x)$  for all  $x, y \in X$ ,
- (3)  $d(x, z) \leq d(x, y) + d(y, z)$  for all  $x, y, z \in X$  (standard triangle inequality).

If operator  $d$  satisfies (1)-(3) then the pair  $(X, d)$  is called a metric space.

In ([11]) the following theorem is given.

**Theorem 1.3.** Let  $(X, d^*)$  be a multiplicative metric space. Then the pair  $(X, d)$  is a metric space where  $d(x, y) = \ln d^*(x, y)$  for all  $x, y \in X$ . Conversely, if  $(X, d)$  is a metric space then  $(X, d^*)$  is a multiplicative metric space where  $d^*(x, y) = e^{d(x,y)}$  for all  $x, y \in X$ .

Also, in ([6], [11], [12]) the equivalence between well-known theorems in metric and multiplicative metric spaces has been thoroughly analyzed (Banach [7], Kannan [17], Edelstein-Nemitskii [13], Boyd-Wong [9] and other).

## 2. Main results

**Definition 2.1.** [16] Two self mappings  $A$  and  $S$  of a multiplicative metric space  $(X, d^*)$  are said to be compatible on  $X$  if  $\lim_{n \rightarrow \infty} d^*(ASx_n, SAx_n) = 1$  whenever  $\{x_n\}$  is a sequence in  $X$  such that  $\lim_{n \rightarrow \infty} Ax_n = \lim_{n \rightarrow \infty} Sx_n = t$  for some  $t \in X$ .

**Definition 2.2.** [15] Two self mappings  $A$  and  $S$  of a multiplicative metric space  $(X, d^*)$  are said to be weakly compatible on  $X$  if  $Ax = Sx$  for all  $x \in X$  implies  $ASx = SAx$ , that is,  $d^*(Ax, Sx) = 1$  i.e.  $d^*(ASx, SAx) = 1$ .

**Theorem 2.3.** ([4], Theorem 3.1) Let  $(X; d^*)$  be a complete multiplicative metric space. Let  $S; T; A, B : X \rightarrow X$  be such that  $S(X) \subset B(X)$ ,  $T(X) \subset A(X)$  and there exists  $\lambda \in (0, \frac{1}{2})$  such that

$$d^{*p}(Sx, Ty) \leq \left[ \varphi \left( \max \left\{ d^{*p}(Ax, By), \frac{d^{*p}(Ax, Sx) d^{*p}(By, Ty)}{1 + d^{*p}(Ax, By)}, \frac{d^{*p}(Ax, Ty) d^{*p}(By, Ax)}{1 + d^{*p}(Ax, By)} \right\} \right) \right]^\lambda, \quad (2.1)$$

for all  $x, y \in X$  and  $p \geq 1$ , where  $\varphi : [0, \infty) \rightarrow [0, \infty)$  is a monotone increasing function such that  $\varphi(0) = 0$  and  $\varphi(t) < t$  for all  $t > 0$ .

Suppose that one of the following conditions is satisfied:

- (a) either  $A$  or  $S$  is continuous, the pair  $(S; A)$  is compatible and the pair  $(T; B)$  is weakly compatible;
- (b) either  $B$  or  $T$  is continuous, the pair  $(T; B)$  is compatible and the pair  $(S; A)$  is weakly compatible.

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

*Remark 2.4.* The function  $\varphi$  is superfluous, because  $\varphi(t) < t$  and therefore

$$\begin{aligned} d^{*p}(Sx, Ty) &\leq \left[ \varphi \left( \max \left\{ d^{*p}(Ax, By), \frac{d^{*p}(Ax, Sx) d^{*p}(By, Ty)}{1 + d^{*p}(Ax, By)}, \frac{d^{*p}(Ax, Ty) d^{*p}(By, Ax)}{1 + d^{*p}(Ax, By)} \right\} \right) \right]^\lambda \\ &\leq \left[ \max \left\{ d^{*p}(Ax, By), \frac{d^{*p}(Ax, Sx) d^{*p}(By, Ty)}{1 + d^{*p}(Ax, By)}, \frac{d^{*p}(Ax, Ty) d^{*p}(By, Ax)}{1 + d^{*p}(Ax, By)} \right\} \right]^\lambda \\ &\leq [\max \{ d^{*p}(Ax, By), d^{*p}(Ax, Sx) d^{*p}(By, Ty), d^{*p}(Ax, Ty) \}]^\lambda. \end{aligned}$$

So,

$$d^{*p}(Sx, Ty) \leq [\max \{ d^{*p}(Ax, By), d^{*p}(Ax, Sx) d^{*p}(By, Ty), d^{*p}(Ax, Ty) \}]^\lambda, \quad (2.2)$$

and therefore

$$d^*(Sx, Ty) \leq (\max \{ d^*(Ax, By), d^*(Ax, Sx) d^*(By, Ty), d^*(Ax, Ty) \})^\lambda \quad (2.3)$$

If we apply  $\ln$  on both sides of (2.3) we get

$$d(Sx, Ty) \leq \lambda \max \{ d(Ax, By), d(Ax, Sx) + d(By, Ty), d(Ax, Ty) \} \quad (2.4)$$

In the next theorem we prove that condition (2.4) with assumption as in Theorem 2.3 provides existence of a common fixed point.

*Remark 2.5.* In previous theorem, the following condition for the function  $\varphi: \varphi : [1, \infty) \rightarrow [1, \infty)$  is a monotone increasing function such that  $\varphi(1) = 1$  and  $\varphi(t) < t$  for all  $t > 0$  should stay instead of the condition given in theorem.

**Definition 2.6.** [15] Two self-mappings  $A$  and  $S$  of a metric space  $(X, d)$  are called compatible if,  $\lim_{n \rightarrow \infty} d(ASx_n, SAx_n) = 0$ , whenever  $\{x_n\}$  is a sequence in  $X$  such that  $\lim_{n \rightarrow \infty} Ax_n = \lim_{n \rightarrow \infty} Sx_n = t$  for some  $t \in X$ . It is easy to see that compatible maps commute at their coincidence points.

**Definition 2.7.** [16] Two self mappings  $A$  and  $S$  of a metric space  $(X, d)$  are called weakly compatible if, they commute at coincidence points. That is, if  $Ax = Sx$  implies that  $ASx = SAx$  for  $x \in X$ , i.e.  $d(ASx, SAx) = 0$ .

**Theorem 2.8.** Let  $(X, d)$  be a complete metric space. Let  $S; T; A, B : X \rightarrow X$  be such that  $S(X) \subset B(X)$ ,  $T(X) \subset A(X)$  and there exists  $\lambda \in (0, \frac{1}{2})$  such that (2.4) is satisfied for all  $x, y \in X$ .

Suppose that one of the following conditions is satisfied:

- (a) either  $A$  or  $S$  is continuous, the pair  $(S; A)$  is compatible and the pair  $(T; B)$  is weakly compatible;
- (b) either  $B$  or  $T$  is continuous, the pair  $(T; B)$  is compatible and the pair  $(S; A)$  is weakly compatible.

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

*Proof.* Let  $x_0 \in X$ . Since  $S(X) \subset B(X)$  and  $T(X) \subset A(X)$ , there exist  $x_1, x_2 \in X$  such that  $y_0 = Sx_0 = Bx_1$  and  $y_1 = Tx_1 = Ax_2$ . By induction, we can define the sequence  $\{x_n\}$  and  $\{y_n\}$  in  $X$  such that

$$y_{2n} = Sx_{2n} = Bx_{2n+1}, \quad y_{2n+1} = Tx_{2n+1} = Ax_{2n+2}, \tag{2.5}$$

for all  $n \geq 0$ . Using (2.4) and (2.5) we have

$$\begin{aligned} d(y_{2n}, y_{2n+1}) &= d(Sx_{2n}, Tx_{2n+1}) \\ &\leq \lambda \max \{d(Ax_{2n}, Bx_{2n+1}), d(Ax_{2n}, Sx_{2n}) + d(Bx_{2n+1}, Tx_{2n+1}), d(Ax_{2n}, Tx_{2n+1})\} \\ &= \lambda \max \{d(y_{2n-1}, y_{2n}), d(y_{2n-1}, y_{2n}) + d(y_{2n}, y_{2n+1}), d(y_{2n-1}, y_{2n+1})\} \\ &\leq \lambda \max \{d(y_{2n-1}, y_{2n}), d(y_{2n-1}, y_{2n}) + d(y_{2n}, y_{2n+1}), d(y_{2n-1}, y_{2n}) + d(y_{2n}, y_{2n+1})\} \\ &= \lambda(d(y_{2n-1}, y_{2n}) + d(y_{2n}, y_{2n+1})). \end{aligned}$$

Therefore,

$$d(y_{2n}, y_{2n+1}) \leq \frac{\lambda}{1 - \lambda} d(y_{2n-1}, y_{2n}) = hd(y_{2n-1}, y_{2n}). \tag{2.6}$$

Since  $\lambda \in (0, \frac{1}{2})$  we have that  $h \in (0, 1)$ .

Also,

$$\begin{aligned} d(y_{2n+2}, y_{2n+1}) &= d(Sx_{2n+2}, Tx_{2n+1}) \\ &\leq \lambda \max \{d(Ax_{2n+2}, Bx_{2n+1}), d(Ax_{2n+2}, Sx_{2n+2}) + d(Bx_{2n+1}, Tx_{2n+1}), d(Ax_{2n+2}, Tx_{2n+1})\} \\ &= \lambda \max \{d(y_{2n+1}, y_{2n}), d(y_{2n+1}, y_{2n+2}) + d(y_{2n}, y_{2n+1}), d(y_{2n+1}, y_{2n+1})\} \\ &\leq \lambda \max \{d(y_{2n+1}, y_{2n}), d(y_{2n+1}, y_{2n+2}) + d(y_{2n}, y_{2n+1}), 0\} \\ &= \lambda(d(y_{2n+1}, y_{2n}) + d(y_{2n+1}, y_{2n+2})), \end{aligned}$$

and

$$d(y_{2n+2}, y_{2n+1}) \leq \frac{\lambda}{1 - \lambda} d(y_{2n+1}, y_{2n}) = hd(y_{2n+1}, y_{2n}). \tag{2.7}$$

Using (2.6) and (2.7) we have that for every  $n \in \mathbb{N}$

$$d(y_n, y_{n+1}) \leq hd(y_{n-1}, y_n), \quad h < 1.$$

So, the sequence  $\{y_n\}$  is a Cauchy sequence, and since the space is complete, there exists  $z \in X$  such that  $\lim_{n \rightarrow \infty} y_n = z$ , and since  $\{y_{2n}\}$  and  $\{y_{2n+1}\}$  are subsequence of  $\{y_n\}$  we have

$$\lim_{n \rightarrow \infty} Sx_{2n} = \lim_{n \rightarrow \infty} Bx_{2n+1} = \lim_{n \rightarrow \infty} Tx_{2n+1} = \lim_{n \rightarrow \infty} Ax_{2n+2} = z. \quad (2.8)$$

Suppose that  $A$  is continuous. Then  $A \lim_{n \rightarrow \infty} Sx_{2n} = \lim_{n \rightarrow \infty} ASx_{2n} = Az$ . Using (2.8) and the assumption that the pair  $(S, A)$  is compatible we have that

$$\lim_{n \rightarrow \infty} d(SAx_{2n}, ASx_{2n}) = \lim_{n \rightarrow \infty} d(SAx_{2n}, Az) = 0,$$

which means that  $\lim_{n \rightarrow \infty} SAx_{2n} = Az$ . Using (2.4), we have

$$d(SAx_{2n}, Tx_{2n+1}) \leq \lambda \max\{d(A^2x_{2n}, Bx_{2n+1}), d(A^2x_{2n}, SAx_{2n}) + d(Bx_{2n+1}, Tx_{2n+1}), d(A^2x_{2n}, Tx_{2n+1})\}.$$

Taking  $n \rightarrow \infty$  in the above inequality we have

$$d(Az, z) \leq \lambda \max\{d(Az, z), d(Az, Az) + d(z, z), d(Az, z)\} = \lambda d(Az, z).$$

Therefore,  $Az = z$ . Using again (2.4) we have

$$d(Sz, Tx_{2n+1}) \leq \lambda \max\{d(Az, Bx_{2n+1}), d(Az, Sz) + d(Bx_{2n+1}, Tx_{2n+1}), d(Az, Tx_{2n+1})\}.$$

Letting  $n \rightarrow \infty$  we have

$$d(Sz, z) \leq \lambda \max\{d(z, z), d(z, Sz) + d(z, z), d(z, z)\} = \lambda d(z, Sz),$$

i.e.  $z = Sz = Az$ . Since  $z = Sz \in S(X) \subset B(X)$ , there exist  $z_1 \in X$  such that  $z = Az = Sz = Bz_1$ . Using (2.4) we have

$$d(z, Tz_1) = d(Sz, Tz_1) \leq \lambda \max\{d(Az, Bz_1), d(Az, Sz) + d(Bz_1, Tz_1), d(Az, Tz_1)\} = \lambda \max\{d(z, z), d(z, z) + d(z, Tz_1), d(z, Tz_1)\} = \lambda d(z, Tz_1).$$

Therefore  $z = Az = Sz = Bz_1 = Tz_1$ . Since the pair  $T, B$  weakly compatible, we have  $Tz = TBz_1 = BTz_1 = Bz$ . It remains to prove that  $z = Tz$ . Using (2.4) we have

$$d(z, Tz) = d(Sz, Tz) \leq \lambda \max\{d(Az, Bz), d(Az, Sz) + d(Bz, Tz), d(Az, Tz)\} = \lambda d(z, Tz).$$

This implies that  $z = Tz = Bz = Az = Sz$ , and so  $z$  is a common fixed point of  $S, T, A, B$ . Similarly, if we suppose that  $S$  is continuous we have the same conclusion. Next we prove that  $S, T, A, B$  have a unique common fixed point. Suppose that  $u$  is another common fixed point. Then, using (2.4) we have

$$d(z, u) = d(Sz, Tu) \leq \lambda \max\{d(Az, Bu), d(Az, Sz) + d(Bu, Tu), d(Az, Tu)\} = \lambda d(z, u),$$

i.e.  $z = u$ . □

**Theorem 2.9.** *Let  $(X, d^*)$  be a complete multiplicative metric space. Let  $S, T, A, B : X \rightarrow X$  be such that  $S(X) \subset B(X)$ ,  $T(X) \subset A(X)$  and there exists  $\lambda \in (0, \frac{1}{2})$  such that condition (2.3) is satisfied for all  $x, y \in X$ .*

*Suppose that one of the following conditions is satisfied:*

- (a) *either  $A$  or  $S$  is continuous, the pair  $(S, A)$  is compatible and the pair  $(T, B)$  is weakly compatible;*
- (b) *either  $B$  or  $T$  is continuous, the pair  $(T, B)$  is compatible and the pair  $(S, A)$  is weakly compatible.*

*Then  $S, T, A$  and  $B$  have a unique common fixed point in  $X$ .*

**Theorem 2.10.** *Theorem 2.8 and Theorem 2.9 are equivalent.*

**Theorem 2.11.** [5] *Let  $S$  and  $T$  be mappings of a complete multiplicative metric space  $(X, d^*)$  into itself satisfying the conditions  $S(X) \subset X, T(X) \subset X$  and*

$$d^*(Sx, Ty) \leq \left\{ \max \left\{ \frac{d^*(x, Sx)[d^*(y, Sx) + d^*(y, Ty)]}{1 + d^*(Sx, Ty)}, \frac{d^*(y, Sx)d^*(x, Ty) + d^*(x, y)d^*(Sx, y)}{d^*(Sx, Ty) + d^*(Sx, y)}, \right. \right. \tag{2.9}$$

$$\left. \left. \frac{d^*(x, Sx)d^*(y, Sx) + d^*(x, y)d^*(Sx, Ty)}{d^*(y, Ty) + d^*(y, Sx)}, \frac{d^*(y, Ty)d^*(x, Ty) + d^*(x, Ty)d^*(y, Sx)}{d^*(y, Ty) + d^*(y, Sx)} \right\} \right\}^\lambda,$$

for all  $x, y \in X$ , where  $\lambda \in (0, \frac{1}{2})$ . Then  $S$  and  $T$  have a unique common fixed point.

*Remark 2.12.* Let’s look at each member of the right hand side of equation (2.9). Now we have the following.

$$\frac{d^*(x, Sx)[d^*(y, Sx) + d^*(y, Ty)]}{1 + d^*(Sx, Ty)} \leq d^*(x, Sx)d^*(y, Ty),$$

$$\frac{d^*(y, Sx)d^*(x, Ty) + d^*(x, y)d^*(Sx, y)}{d^*(Sx, Ty) + d^*(Sx, y)} \leq d^*(y, Ty)d^*(x, Ty),$$

$$\frac{d^*(x, Sx)d^*(y, Sx) + d^*(x, y)d^*(Sx, Ty)}{d^*(y, Ty) + d^*(y, Sx)} \leq d^*(y, Sx)d^*(x, y)$$

$$\frac{d^*(y, Ty)d^*(x, Ty) + d^*(x, Ty)d^*(y, Sx)}{d^*(y, Ty) + d^*(y, Sx)} = d^*(x, Ty).$$

Our new contractive condition is the following one:

$$d^*(Sx, Ty) \leq \left\{ \max \{d^*(x, Sx)d^*(y, Ty), d^*(y, Ty)d^*(x, Ty), d^*(y, Sx)d^*(x, y), d^*(x, Ty)\} \right\}^\lambda \tag{2.10}$$

But, we have the following:

$$d^*(Sx, Ty) \leq \left\{ \max \{d^*(x, Sx)d^*(y, Ty), d^*(y, Ty)d^*(x, Ty), d^*(y, Sx)d^*(x, y), d^*(x, Ty)\} \right\}^\lambda \tag{2.11}$$

$$\leq \max \{d^*(x, Sx), d^*(y, Ty), d^*(y, Ty), d^*(x, Ty), d^*(y, Sx), d^*(x, y)\}^{2\lambda}.$$

If we apply  $\ln$  on both sides of (2.11) we get

$$d(Sx, Ty) \leq q \max \{d(x, Sx), d(y, Ty), d(x, Ty), d(y, Sx), d(x, y)\} \tag{2.12}$$

where  $q = 2\lambda$ .

The obtained contractive condition is the well known Ćirić strongly-quasi-contraction [10]. It is also well known that for  $q = \frac{3}{4}$  mappings  $S$  and  $T$  do not have a common fixed point. So, additional condition is necessary. One possible solution is given in the paper [5] where the following definition is given:

**Definition 2.13.** A pair  $\{S, T\}$  of a mapping is asymptotically regular at  $x_0$  if  $d(x_n, x_{n+1}) \rightarrow 0$  as  $n \rightarrow \infty$  where  $Sx_{2n} = x_{2n+1}$  and  $Tx_{2n+1} = x_{2n+2}, n \in \mathbb{N}$ .

In the same paper the following theorem was proved:

**Theorem 2.14.** *Let  $S$  and  $T$  be mappings of a complete metric space  $(X, d)$  into itself satisfying condition (2.12). Suppose that the pair  $\{S, T\}$  asymptotically regular at  $x_0$ . Then  $S$  and  $T$  have a common fixed point.*

### 3. Conclusion

Multiplicative metric space was introduced by Bashirov in 2008. After that, a huge number of paper appeared where authors use a various contractive condition used in order to prove a fixed point theorem. But, in the paper [11] on Multiplicative metric space, the authors proved that various well known fixed point theorems in multiplicative metric spaces have equivalent fixed point theorem in metric space. So, natural question has appeared: Is the multiplicative metric space a generalization of the metric space? Based on that, we started to study fixed point theorems in multiplicative metric space where the contractive condition is complicated (i.e. rational type contractive condition) and at first, we conclude that there is not always equivalent theorem in metric space. We analyzed two fixed point theorems in multiplicative metric space. In the first theorem we have shown that we can find a better condition in metric space for which function has a fixed point. We proved that  $(2.1) \Rightarrow (2.3) \Leftrightarrow (2.4)$ . So, we get better results in metric space than the ones presented in Theorem 2.3. Finally, in the second theorem we found better contractive condition for which function has a fixed point but we assume one additional condition. Open question is the following one: Is it possible to find a better condition in metric space without additional conditions? If answer is negative, we realize that in some cases multiplicative metric space is useful.

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