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Common Fixed Point Theorems of Contractions in Partial Cone Metric Spaces over Nonnormal Cones

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We prove some common fixed point theorems of contractions restricted with variable positive linear bounded mappings in θ -complete partial cone metric spaces over nonnormal cones and present some examples to support the usability of our results.

1. Introduction

In 2007, Huang and Zhang [1] introduced cone metric spaces, being unaware that they already existed under the name K -metric and K -normed spaces that were introduced and used in the middle of the 20th century in [2–9]. In both cases, the set \mathbb{R} of real numbers was replaced by an ordered Banach space E . However, Huang and Zhang went further and defined the convergence via interior points of the cone by which the order in E is defined. This approach allows the investigation of cone spaces in the case that the cone is not necessarily normal. Since then, there were many references concerned with fixed point results and common fixed point results in cone metric spaces over a nonnormal cone (see [10–18]). In 2012, based on the definition of cone metric spaces and partial metric spaces introduced by Matthews [19], Sonmez [20, 21] defined a partial cone metric space and proved some fixed point theorems of contractions restricted with constants in complete partial cone metric spaces over normal cones. Recently, without using the normality of the cone, Malhotra et al. [22] and Jiang and Li [23] extended the results of [20, 21] to θ -complete partial cone metric spaces. In addition, the contractions considered in [23] are not necessarily restricted with constants but restricted with positive linear bounded mappings.

In this paper, we prove some common fixed point theorems of contractions restricted with variable positive linear bounded mappings in θ -complete partial cone metric spaces over nonnormal cones, which improve the recent results of [22, 23].

2. Preliminaries

Let E be a topological vector space. A cone of E is a nonempty closed subset P of E such that $ax + by \in P$ for each $x, y \in P$ and each $a, b \geq 0$, and $P \cap (-P) = \{\theta\}$, where θ is the zero element of E . A cone P of E determines a partial order \leq on E by $x \leq y \Leftrightarrow y - x \in P$ for each $x, y \in E$. In this case, E is called an ordered topological vector space.

A cone P of a topological vector space E is solid if $\text{int } P \neq \emptyset$, where $\text{int } P$ is the interior of P . For each $x, y \in E$ with $y - x \in \text{int } P$, we write $x \ll y$. Let P be a solid cone of a topological vector space E . A sequence $\{u_n\}$ of E weakly converges [22] to $u \in E$ (denote $u_n \xrightarrow{w} u$) if, for each $\epsilon \in \text{int } P$, there exists a positive integer n_0 such that $u - \epsilon \ll u_n \ll u + \epsilon$ for all $n \geq n_0$.

A subset D of a topological vector space E is order-convex if $[x, y] \subset D$ for each $x, y \in D$ with $x \leq y$, where $[x, y] = \{z \in E : x \leq z \leq y\}$. An ordered topological vector space E is

order-convex if it has a base of neighborhoods of θ consisting of order-convex subsets. In this case, the cone P is said to be normal. In the case of a normed vector space, this condition means that the unit ball is order-convex, which is equivalent to the condition that there is some positive number N such that $x, y \in E$ and $\theta \leq x \leq y$ implies that $\|x\| \leq N\|y\|$, and the minimal N is called a normal constant of P . Another equivalent condition is that

$$\inf \{\|x + y\| : x, y \in P, \|x\| = \|y\| = 1\} > 0. \quad (1)$$

It is not hard to conclude from (1) that P is a nonnormal cone of a normed vector space $(E, \|\cdot\|)$ if and only if there exist sequences $\{u_n\}, \{v_n\} \subset P$ such that

$$u_n + v_n \xrightarrow{\|\cdot\|} \theta \not\xrightarrow{\|\cdot\|} u_n, \quad (2)$$

which implies that the Sandwich theorem does not hold. However, the Sandwich theorem holds in the sense of weak convergence even if P is a nonnormal cone.

Lemma 1 (Sandwich theorem). *Let P be a solid cone of a topological vector space E and $\{u_n\}, \{v_n\}, \{w_n\} \subset E$. If*

$$u_n \leq w_n \leq v_n, \quad \forall n, \quad (3)$$

and there exists some $w \in E$ such that $u_n \xrightarrow{w} w$ and $v_n \xrightarrow{w} w$, then $w_n \xrightarrow{w} w$.

Proof. By $u_n \xrightarrow{w} w$ and $v_n \xrightarrow{w} w$, for each $\epsilon \in \text{int } P$, there exists some positive integer n_0 such that, for all $n \geq n_0$,

$$w - \epsilon \ll u_n, \quad v_n \ll w + \epsilon. \quad (4)$$

Thus, by (3) and (4), we have $w - \epsilon \ll u_n \leq w_n \leq v_n \leq w + \epsilon$ for all $n \geq n_0$; that is, $w_n \xrightarrow{w} w$. The proof is completed. \square

The following lemma is needed in further arguments, which directly follows from Lemma 1 and Remark 1 of [23].

Lemma 2. *Let P be a solid cone of a normed vector space $(E, \|\cdot\|)$. Then, for each sequence $\{u_n\} \subset E$, $u_n \xrightarrow{\|\cdot\|} u$ implies $u_n \xrightarrow{w} u$. Moreover, if P is normal, then $u_n \xrightarrow{w} u$ implies $u_n \xrightarrow{\|\cdot\|} u$.*

Let P be a cone of a normed vector space $(E, \|\cdot\|)$ and $L : E \rightarrow E$. The mapping L is said to be a positive linear bounded mapping if $L(P) \subset P$, $L(u + v) = Lu + Lv$ for each $u, v \in E$, and there exists some positive real number $M > 0$ such that $\|L\| \leq M$. In the sequel, \mathfrak{L} and I will denote the family of all positive linear bounded mappings and the identity mapping, respectively.

Lemma 3. *Let P be a solid cone of a normed vector space $(E, \|\cdot\|)$, $\{K_n\} \subset \mathfrak{L}$ and $\{u_n\} \subset P$. If $u_n \xrightarrow{w} \theta$ and $\sup_n \|K_n\| < +\infty$, then $K_n u_n \xrightarrow{w} \theta$.*

Proof. Let $\tilde{K}_n = bK_n$, for all n , where

$$b = \begin{cases} 1, & \sup_n \|K_n\| < 1, \\ \frac{1}{\sup_n \|K_n\| + 1}, & \sup_n \|K_n\| \geq 1. \end{cases} \quad (5)$$

It is clear that $\|\tilde{K}_n\| \leq b\|K_n\| < 1$ for all n , and hence, for all n , the inverse of $I - \tilde{K}_n$ exists (denoted by $(I - \tilde{K}_n)^{-1}$). It follows from $\{K_n\} \subset \mathfrak{L}$ that for all $n(I - \tilde{K}_n)^{-1} \in \mathfrak{L}$ for all n , and then $I - \tilde{K}_n \in \mathfrak{L}$ for all n . By Lemma 2 and $u_n \xrightarrow{w} \theta$, for each $\epsilon \in \text{int } P$, there exists some positive integer n_0 such that $\theta \leq u_n \ll b\epsilon$ for all $n \geq n_0$. Note that $I - \tilde{K}_n \in \mathfrak{L}$ for all n implies that $\tilde{K}_n u \leq u$ for all n and each $u \in P$; then, $\theta \leq K_n u_n = \tilde{K}_n(u_n/b) \leq (u_n/b) \ll \epsilon$ for all $n \geq n_0$; that is, $K_n u_n \xrightarrow{w} \theta$. The proof is completed. \square

Let X be a nonempty set and let P be a cone of a topological vector space E . A partial cone metric on X is a mapping $p : X \times X \rightarrow P$ such that, for each $x, y, z \in X$,

- (p1) $p(x, y) = p(x, x) = p(y, y) \Leftrightarrow x = y$;
- (p2) $p(x, y) = p(y, x)$;
- (p3) $p(x, x) \leq p(x, y)$;
- (p4) $p(x, y) \leq p(x, z) + p(z, y) - p(z, z)$.

The pair (X, p) is called a partial cone metric space over P . A partial cone metric p on X over a solid cone P generates a topology τ_p on X which has a base of the family of open p -balls $\{B_p(x, \epsilon) : x \in X, \theta \ll \epsilon\}$, where $B_p(x, \epsilon) = \{y \in X : p(x, y) \ll p(x, x) + \epsilon\}$ for each $x \in X$ and each $\epsilon \in \text{int } P$.

Let (X, p) be a partial cone metric space over a solid cone P of a topological vector space E . A sequence $\{x_n\}$ of X converges to $x \in X$ (denoted by $x_n \xrightarrow{\tau_p} x$) if $p(x_n, x) \xrightarrow{w} p(x, x)$. A sequence $\{x_n\}$ of X is θ -Cauchy, if $p(x_n, x_m) \xrightarrow{w} \theta$. The partial cone metric space (X, p) is θ -complete, if each θ -Cauchy sequence $\{x_n\}$ of X converges to a point $x \in X$ such that $p(x, x) = \theta$. Every complete partial cone metric space (X, p) is θ -complete, but the converse may not be true (see [23]).

3. Common Fixed Point Theorems

Let (X, p) be a partial cone metric space. The mappings $T, S : X \rightarrow X$ are called contractions restricted with variable positive linear bounded mappings if there exist $L_i : X \times X \rightarrow \mathfrak{L}$ ($i = 1, 2, 3, 4$) such that

$$\begin{aligned} p(Tx, Sy) &\leq L_1(x, y) p(x, y) \\ &\quad + L_2(x, y) p(x, Tx) + L_3(x, y) p(y, Sy) \\ &\quad + L_4(x, y) [p(x, Sy) + p(y, Tx)], \end{aligned} \quad (6)$$

$$\forall x, y \in X.$$

In particular, if (6) holds with $L_i(x, y) \equiv A_i$ ($i = 1, 2, 3, 4$) and $A_i \in \mathfrak{L}$ ($i = 1, 2, 3, 4$), then T and S are called contractions restricted with positive linear bounded mappings.

We first present a common fixed point theorem of contractions restricted with variable positive linear bounded mappings in a partial cone metric space over a nonnormal cone. In the sequel, \mathbb{N} will denote the set of all nonnegative integer numbers.

Theorem 4. Let (X, p) be a θ -complete partial cone metric space over a solid cone P of a normed vector space $(E, \|\cdot\|)$, and let $T, S : X \rightarrow X$ be contractions restricted with variable positive linear bounded mappings. If

$$\rho(L_3(x, y) + L_4(x, y)) < 1, \quad \rho(L_2(x, y) + L_4(x, y)) < 1, \quad \forall x, y \in X, \quad (7)$$

$l_1 l_2 < 1$ and $l_3 < +\infty$, where $\rho(\cdot)$ denotes the spectral radius of linear bounded mappings,

$$\begin{aligned} l_1 &= \sup_{x, y \in X} \|K_1(x, y)\|, \\ l_2 &= \sup_{x, y \in X} \|K_2(x, y)\|, \\ l_3 &= \sup_{x, y \in X} \|K_3(x, y)\|, \end{aligned} \quad (8)$$

$$\begin{aligned} K_1(x, y) &= \tilde{L}_1(x, y) [L_1(x, y) + L_2(x, y) + L_4(x, y)], \\ K_2(x, y) &= \tilde{L}_2(x, y) [L_1(x, y) + L_3(x, y) + L_4(x, y)], \\ K_3(x, y) &= \tilde{L}_2(x, y) [I + L_3(x, y) + L_4(x, y)], \end{aligned} \quad \forall x, y \in X, \quad (9)$$

where $\tilde{L}_1(x, y)$ and $\tilde{L}_2(x, y)$ denote the inverses of $I - L_3(x, y) - L_4(x, y)$ and $I - L_2(x, y) - L_4(x, y)$, respectively. Then, T and S have a common fixed point in X . Moreover, if

$$\rho(L_1(x, y) + L_2(x, y) + L_3(x, y) + 2L_4(x, y)) < 1, \quad \forall x, y \in X, \quad (10)$$

then T and S have a unique common fixed point $x^* \in X$ such that, for each $x_0 \in X$, $x_n \xrightarrow{\tau_p} x^*$, where x_n is defined by

$$x_{n+1} = \begin{cases} Tx_n, & n \text{ is an even number,} \\ Sx_n, & n \text{ is an odd number.} \end{cases} \quad (11)$$

Proof. For each $x, y \in X$, by (7), the inverses of $I - L_3(x, y) - L_4(x, y)$ and $I - L_2(x, y) - L_4(x, y)$ exist. Then, it is clear that \tilde{L}_1 and \tilde{L}_2 are meaningful, and so K_1, K_2, K_3 are well defined. Moreover, by Neumann's formula,

$$\begin{aligned} \tilde{L}_1(x, y) &= \sum_{i=0}^{\infty} [L_3(x, y) + L_4(x, y)]^i, \\ \tilde{L}_2(x, y) &= \sum_{i=0}^{\infty} [L_2(x, y) + L_4(x, y)]^i, \end{aligned} \quad (12)$$

$$\forall x, y \in X,$$

which together with $L_i : X \times X \rightarrow \mathfrak{L}$ ($i = 2, 3, 4$) implies that $\tilde{L}_i : X \times X \rightarrow \mathfrak{L}$ ($i = 1, 2$), and hence $K_i : X \times X \rightarrow \mathfrak{L}$ ($i = 1, 2, 3$). By (6), (11), (p4), and $L_4 : X \times X \rightarrow \mathfrak{L}$,

$$\begin{aligned} p(x_{2k+1}, x_{2k+2}) &= p(Tx_{2k}, Sx_{2k+1}) \\ &\leq L_1(x_{2k}, x_{2k+1}) p(x_{2k}, x_{2k+1}) \\ &\quad + L_2(x_{2k}, x_{2k+1}) p(x_{2k}, x_{2k+1}) \\ &\quad + L_3(x_{2k}, x_{2k+1}) p(x_{2k+1}, x_{2k+2}) \\ &\quad + L_4(x_{2k}, x_{2k+1}) [p(x_{2k}, x_{2k+2}) \\ &\quad \quad + p(x_{2k+1}, x_{2k+2})] \\ &\leq L_1(x_{2k}, x_{2k+1}) p(x_{2k}, x_{2k+1}) \\ &\quad + L_2(x_{2k}, x_{2k+1}) p(x_{2k}, x_{2k+1}) \\ &\quad + L_3(x_{2k}, x_{2k+1}) p(x_{2k+1}, x_{2k+2}) \\ &\quad + L_4(x_{2k}, x_{2k+1}) [p(x_{2k}, x_{2k+1}) \\ &\quad \quad + p(x_{2k+1}, x_{2k+2})], \end{aligned} \quad (13)$$

$$\forall k \in \mathbb{N},$$

and so

$$\begin{aligned} &[I - L_3(x_{2k}, x_{2k+1}) - L_4(x_{2k}, x_{2k+1})] p(x_{2k+1}, x_{2k+2}) \\ &\leq [L_1(x_{2k}, x_{2k+1}) + L_2(x_{2k}, x_{2k+1}) \\ &\quad + L_4(x_{2k}, x_{2k+1})] p(x_{2k}, x_{2k+1}), \quad \forall k \in \mathbb{N}. \end{aligned} \quad (14)$$

Act the above inequality with $\tilde{L}_1(x_{2k}, x_{2k+1})$; then, by $\tilde{L}_1 : X \times X \rightarrow \mathfrak{L}$,

$$p(x_{2k+1}, x_{2k+2}) \leq K_1(x_{2k}, x_{2k+1}) p(x_{2k}, x_{2k+1}), \quad \forall k \in \mathbb{N}. \quad (15)$$

Similarly, by (6), (p3), (p4), and $L_4 : X \times X \rightarrow \mathfrak{L}$,

$$\begin{aligned} p(x_{2k+2}, x_{2k+3}) &= p(x_{2k+3}, x_{2k+2}) \\ &= p(Tx_{2k+2}, Sx_{2k+1}) \\ &\leq L_1(x_{2k+2}, x_{2k+1}) p(x_{2k+2}, x_{2k+1}) \\ &\quad + L_2(x_{2k+2}, x_{2k+1}) p(x_{2k+2}, x_{2k+3}) \\ &\quad + L_3(x_{2k+2}, x_{2k+1}) p(x_{2k+1}, x_{2k+2}) \\ &\quad + L_4(x_{2k+2}, x_{2k+1}) [p(x_{2k+2}, x_{2k+2}) \\ &\quad \quad + p(x_{2k+1}, x_{2k+3})] \\ &\leq L_1(x_{2k+2}, x_{2k+1}) p(x_{2k+2}, x_{2k+1}) \\ &\quad + L_2(x_{2k+2}, x_{2k+1}) p(x_{2k+2}, x_{2k+3}) \\ &\quad + L_3(x_{2k+2}, x_{2k+1}) p(x_{2k+1}, x_{2k+2}) \end{aligned}$$

$$\begin{aligned}
& + L_4(x_{2k+2}, x_{2k+1}) [p(x_{2k+2}, x_{2k+1}) \\
& \quad + p(x_{2k+2}, x_{2k+3})], \\
& \quad \forall k \in \mathbb{N}, \\
& \quad (16)
\end{aligned}$$

and so

$$\begin{aligned}
& [I - L_2(x_{2k+2}, x_{2k+1}) - L_4(x_{2k+2}, x_{2k+1})] p(x_{2k+2}, x_{2k+3}) \\
& \leq [L_1(x_{2k+2}, x_{2k+1}) + L_3(x_{2k+2}, x_{2k+1}) \\
& \quad + L_4(x_{2k+2}, x_{2k+1})] p(x_{2k+2}, x_{2k+1}), \quad \forall k \in \mathbb{N}. \\
& \quad (17)
\end{aligned}$$

Act the above inequality with $\tilde{L}_2(x_{2k+2}, x_{2k+1})$; then, by $\tilde{L}_2 : X \times X \rightarrow \mathfrak{L}$,

$$\begin{aligned}
p(x_{2k+2}, x_{2k+3}) & \leq K_2(x_{2k+2}, x_{2k+1}) p(x_{2k+1}, x_{2k+2}), \\
& \quad \forall k \in \mathbb{N}. \\
& \quad (18)
\end{aligned}$$

Moreover, by (15), (18), and $K_1, K_2 : X \times X \rightarrow \mathfrak{L}$,

$$\begin{aligned}
p(x_{2k+1}, x_{2k+2}) & \leq K_1(x_{2k}, x_{2k+1}) \\
& \quad \times K_2(x_{2k}, x_{2k-1}) \cdots K_1(x_0, x_1) p(x_0, x_1), \\
p(x_{2k+2}, x_{2k+3}) & \leq K_2(x_{2k+2}, x_{2k+1}) K_1(x_{2k}, x_{2k+1}) \\
& \quad \times K_2(x_{2k}, x_{2k-1}) \cdots K_1(x_0, x_1) p(x_0, x_1), \\
& \quad \forall k \in \mathbb{N}. \\
& \quad (19)
\end{aligned}$$

In the following, we will prove that

$$p(x_n, x_m) \xrightarrow{w} \theta. \quad (20)$$

For all $m > n$, we have four cases: (i) $m = 2p + 1, n = 2q + 1$; (ii) $m = 2p + 1, n = 2q$; (iii) $m = 2p, n = 2q + 1$; and (iv) $m = 2p, n = 2q$, where p and q are two nonnegative integers such that $p > q$. We only show that (20) holds for case (i); the proofs of the other three cases are similar.

It follows from (p4) and (19) that

$$\begin{aligned}
& \theta \leq p(x_n, x_m) \\
& = p(x_{2q+1}, x_{2p+1}) \\
& \leq p(x_{2q+1}, x_{2q+2}) + p(x_{2q+2}, x_{2q+3}) \\
& \quad + \cdots + p(x_{2p-1}, x_{2p}) + p(x_{2p}, x_{2p+1}) \\
& \leq p_{K_1 K_2}(x_0, x_1) \\
& = K_1(x_{2q}, x_{2q+1}) \\
& \quad \times K_2(x_{2q}, x_{2q-1}) \cdots K_1(x_0, x_1) p(x_0, x_1) \\
& \quad + K_2(x_{2q+2}, x_{2q+1}) K_1(x_{2q}, x_{2q+1})
\end{aligned}$$

$$\begin{aligned}
& \times K_2(x_{2q}, x_{2q-1}) \cdots K_1(x_0, x_1) p(x_0, x_1) \\
& + \cdots + K_1(x_{2p-2}, x_{2p-1}) \\
& \times K_2(x_{2p-2}, x_{2p-3}) \cdots K_1(x_0, x_1) p(x_0, x_1) \\
& + K_2(x_{2p}, x_{2p-1}) \\
& \times K_1(x_{2p-2}, x_{2p-1}) \cdots K_1(x_0, x_1) p(x_0, x_1), \\
& \quad \forall p > q. \\
& \quad (21)
\end{aligned}$$

By $l_1 l_2 < 1$,

$$\begin{aligned}
& \|p_{K_1 K_2}(x_0, x_1)\| \\
& \leq (l_1^{q+1} l_2^q + l_1^{q+1} l_2^{q+1} + \cdots + l_1^{p+1} l_2^p + l_1^p l_2^p) \|p(x_0, x_1)\| \\
& = \left(l_1 \sum_{i=q}^p (l_1 l_2)^i + \sum_{i=q+1}^p (l_1 l_2)^i \right) \|p(x_0, x_1)\| \\
& \leq \frac{(l_1 + l_1 l_2) (l_1 l_2)^q \|p(x_0, x_1)\|}{1 - l_1 l_2}, \quad \forall p > q, \\
& \quad (22)
\end{aligned}$$

which implies that $p_{K_1 K_2}(x_0, x_1) \xrightarrow{\|\cdot\|} \theta$, and hence $p_{K_1 K_2}(x_0, x_1) \xrightarrow{w} \theta$ by Lemma 2. Thus, by (21) and Lemma 1, $p(x_n, x_m) \xrightarrow{w} \theta$; that is, (20) holds. It is proved that $\{x_n\}$ is a θ -Cauchy sequence in (X, p) , and so by the θ -completeness of (X, p) , there exists $x^* \in X$ such that $x_n \xrightarrow{\tau_p} x^*$ and $p(x^*, x^*) = \theta$; that is,

$$p(x_n, x^*) \xrightarrow{w} \theta. \quad (23)$$

For all $k \in \mathbb{N}$, by (6) and (p4),

$$\begin{aligned}
p(Tx^*, x^*) & \leq p(Tx^*, x_{2k}) + p(x_{2k}, x^*) \\
& = p(Tx^*, Sx_{2k-1}) + p(x_{2k}, x^*) \\
& \leq L_1(x^*, x_{2k-1}) p(x^*, x_{2k-1}) \\
& \quad + L_2(x^*, x_{2k-1}) p(x^*, Tx^*) \\
& \quad + L_3(x^*, x_{2k-1}) p(x_{2k-1}, x_{2k}) \\
& \quad + L_4(x^*, x_{2k-1}) \\
& \quad \times [p(x^*, x_{2k}) + p(x_{2k-1}, Tx^*)] \\
& \quad + p(x_{2k}, x^*)
\end{aligned}$$

$$\begin{aligned}
 &\leq L_1(x^*, x_{2k-1}) p(x^*, x_{2k-1}) \\
 &\quad + L_2(x^*, x_{2k-1}) p(x^*, Tx^*) \\
 &\quad + L_3(x^*, x_{2k-1}) \\
 &\quad \times [p(x_{2k-1}, x^*) + p(x^*, x_{2k})] \\
 &\quad + L_4(x^*, x_{2k-1}) \\
 &\quad \times [p(x^*, x_{2k}) + p(x_{2k-1}, x^*) \\
 &\quad \quad + p(x^*, Tx^*)] + p(x_{2k}, x^*), \quad (24)
 \end{aligned}$$

and so

$$\begin{aligned}
 &[I - L_2(x^*, x_{2k-1}) - L_4(x^*, x_{2k-1})] p(Tx^*, x^*) \\
 &\leq [L_1(x^*, x_{2k-1}) + L_3(x^*, x_{2k-1}) \\
 &\quad + L_4(x^*, x_{2k-1})] p(x^*, x_{2k-1}) \\
 &\quad + [I + L_3(x^*, x_{2k-1}) + L_4(x^*, x_{2k-1})] p(x_{2k}, x^*). \quad (25)
 \end{aligned}$$

Act the above inequality with $\tilde{L}_2(x^*, x_{2k-1})$; then, by $\tilde{L}_2 : X \times X \rightarrow \mathfrak{Q}$,

$$\begin{aligned}
 &\theta \leq p(Tx^*, x^*) \\
 &\leq K_{2,2k-1} p(x^*, x_{2k-1}) + K_{3,2k-1} p(x_{2k}, x^*), \quad \forall k \in \mathbb{N}, \quad (26)
 \end{aligned}$$

where $K_{2,2k-1} = K_2(x^*, x_{2k-1})$ and $K_{3,2k-1} = K_3(x^*, x_{2k-1})$. It is clear that $\{K_{2,2k-1}\}, \{K_{3,2k-1}\} \subset \mathfrak{Q}$ and $\sup_k \|K_{2,2k-1}\| < +\infty, \sup_k \|K_{3,2k-1}\| < +\infty$ by $l_1 l_2 < 1$ and $l_3 < +\infty$. Then, it follows from Lemma 3 and (23) that

$$K_{2,2k-1} p(x^*, x_{2k-1}) + K_{3,2k-1} p(x_{2k}, x^*) \xrightarrow{w} \theta, \quad (27)$$

which together with Lemma 1 and (26) implies that $p(Tx^*, x^*) = \theta$. Therefore, $Tx^* = x^*$ by (p1) and (p3). Similarly, we can show that $Sx^* = x^*$. Hence, x^* is a common fixed point of T and S .

Now, we show the uniqueness of fixed point. Let x and x^* be two common fixed points of T and S . Then, by (6), (p3), and $L_i : X \times X \rightarrow \mathfrak{Q}$ ($i = 2, 3$),

$$\begin{aligned}
 &p(x^*, x) = p(Tx^*, Sx) \\
 &\leq L_1(x^*, x) p(x^*, x) + L_2(x^*, x) p(x^*, Tx^*) \\
 &\quad + L_3(x^*, x) p(x, Sx) \\
 &\quad + L_4(x^*, x) [p(x^*, Sx) + p(x, Tx^*)] \\
 &= [L_1(x^*, x) + 2L_4(x^*, x)] p(x^*, x) \\
 &\quad + L_2(x^*, x) p(x^*, x^*) + L_3(x^*, x) p(x, x) \\
 &\leq [L_1(x^*, x) + L_2(x^*, x) \\
 &\quad + L_3(x^*, x) + 2L_4(x^*, x)] p(x^*, x), \quad (28)
 \end{aligned}$$

and so

$$\begin{aligned}
 &[I - L_1(x^*, x) - L_2(x^*, x) - L_3(x^*, x) \\
 &\quad - 2L_4(x^*, x)] p(x^*, x) \leq \theta. \quad (29)
 \end{aligned}$$

It follows from (9) that the inverse of $I - L_1(x^*, x) - L_2(x^*, x) - L_3(x^*, x) - 2L_4(x^*, x)$ exists (denoted by $[I - L_1(x^*, x) - L_2(x^*, x) - L_3(x^*, x) - 2L_4(x^*, x)]^{-1}$), and $[I - L_1(x^*, x) - L_2(x^*, x) - L_3(x^*, x) - 2L_4(x^*, x)]^{-1} \in \mathfrak{Q}$ by Neumann's formula. Act (29) with $[I - L_1(x^*, x) - L_2(x^*, x) - L_3(x^*, x) - 2L_4(x^*, x)]^{-1}$; then, $p(x^*, x) \leq \theta$, and hence $x = x^*$ by (p1) and (p3). The proof is completed. \square

Remark 5. Theorem 3 of [23] is a special case of Theorem 4 with $T = S$ and $L_i(x, y) \equiv c_i I$ ($i = 1, 2, 3, 4$), where c_i ($i = 1, 2, 3, 4$) are nonnegative numbers such that $c_1 + c_2 + c_3 + 2c_4 < 1$.

Note that Theorem 4 is still valid if L_i ($i = 1, 2, 3, 4$) are replaced with nonnegative bounded real functions; then, we have the following corollary for which E is not necessarily confined to a normed vector space.

Corollary 6. Let (X, p) be a θ -complete partial cone metric space over a solid cone P of a topological vector space E and $T, S : X \rightarrow X$. Assume that there exist four nonnegative bounded functions $\alpha_i : X \times X \rightarrow [0, +\infty)$ ($i = 1, 2, 3, 4$) such that

$$\begin{aligned}
 &p(Tx, Sy) \leq \alpha_1(x, y) p(x, y) \\
 &\quad + \alpha_2(x, y) p(x, Tx) + \alpha_3(x, y) p(y, Sy) \\
 &\quad + \alpha_4(x, y) [p(x, Sy) + p(y, Tx)], \quad (30) \\
 &\quad \forall x, y \in X.
 \end{aligned}$$

If

$$\begin{aligned}
 &\alpha_1(x, y) + \alpha_2(x, y) + \alpha_3(x, y) + 2\alpha_4(x, y) < 1, \quad (31) \\
 &\quad \forall x, y \in X,
 \end{aligned}$$

$m_1 m_2 < 1$ and $m_3 < +\infty$, where

$$\begin{aligned}
 &m_1 = \sup_{x, y \in X} \frac{\alpha_1(x, y) + \alpha_2(x, y) + \alpha_4(x, y)}{1 - \alpha_3(x, y) - \alpha_4(x, y)}, \\
 &m_2 = \sup_{x, y \in X} \frac{\alpha_1(x, y) + \alpha_3(x, y) + \alpha_4(x, y)}{1 - \alpha_2(x, y) - \alpha_4(x, y)}, \quad (32) \\
 &m_3 = \sup_{x, y \in X} \frac{1 + \alpha_3(x, y) + \alpha_4(x, y)}{1 - \alpha_2(x, y) - \alpha_4(x, y)}.
 \end{aligned}$$

Then, T and S have a unique common fixed point $x^* \in X$ such that, for each $x_0 \in X$, $x_n \xrightarrow{T_p} x^*$, where x_n is defined by (11).

Corollary 7. Let (X, p) be a θ -complete partial cone metric space over a solid cone P of a normed vector space $(E, \|\cdot\|)$, and

let $T, S : X \rightarrow X$ be contractions restricted with positive linear bounded mappings. If

$$\begin{aligned} \|A_1 + A_2 + A_4\| + \|A_3 + A_4\| &< 1, \\ \|A_1 + A_3 + A_4\| + \|A_2 + A_4\| &< 1, \end{aligned} \quad (33)$$

then T and S have a unique common fixed point $x^* \in X$ such that, for each $x_0 \in X$, $x_n \xrightarrow{\tau_p} x^*$, where x_n is defined by (11).

Proof. Let $L_i(x, y) \equiv A_i$ ($i = 1, 2, 3, 4$). It is easy to check that (6) holds with $L_i(x, y) \equiv A_i$ ($i = 1, 2, 3, 4$), $L_i, K_i : X \times X \rightarrow \mathfrak{L}$ ($i = 1, 2, 3, 4$), where $K_1(x, y) \equiv (I - A_3 - A_4)^{-1}(A_1 + A_2 + A_4)$, $K_2(x, y) \equiv (I - A_2 - A_4)^{-1}(A_1 + A_3 + A_4)$, and $K_3(x, y) \equiv (I - A_2 - A_4)^{-1}(I + A_3 + A_4)$. By (33) and Neumann's formula,

$$\begin{aligned} \|K_1(x, y)\| &\leq \|(I - A_3 - A_4)^{-1}\| \|A_1 + A_2 + A_4\| \\ &\leq \frac{\|A_1 + A_2 + A_4\|}{1 - \|A_3 + A_4\|} < 1, \\ \|K_2(x, y)\| &\leq \|(I - A_2 - A_4)^{-1}\| \|A_1 + A_3 + A_4\| \\ &\leq \frac{\|A_1 + A_3 + A_4\|}{1 - \|A_2 + A_4\|} < 1, \end{aligned} \quad (34)$$

$$\begin{aligned} \|K_3(x, y)\| &\leq \|(I - A_2 - A_4)^{-1}\| \|I + A_3 + A_4\| \\ &\leq \frac{2}{1 - \|A_2 + A_4\|} < +\infty, \end{aligned}$$

for each $x, y \in X$; that is, $l_1 l_2 < 1$ and $l_3 < +\infty$. Note that both (7) and (10) hold with $L_i(x, y) \equiv A_i$ ($i = 1, 2, 3, 4$) by (33); then, the conclusion directly follows from Theorem 4. The proof is completed. \square

Note that (33) hold naturally if $\|A_1\| + \|A_2\| + \|A_3\| + 2\|A_4\| < 1$. In this case, Corollary 7 holds true.

The following common fixed point theorem improves Theorem 2 of [23].

Theorem 8. Let (X, p) be a θ -complete partial cone metric space over a solid cone P of a normed vector space $(E, \|\cdot\|)$ and $T, S : X \rightarrow X$. Assume that there exists $A \in \mathfrak{L}$ such that

$$p(Tx, Sy) \leq Ap(x, y), \quad \forall x, y \in X. \quad (35)$$

If $\rho(A) < 1$, then T and S have a unique common fixed point $x^* \in X$ such that, for each $x_0 \in X$, there exists some positive integer n_0 such that $x_n \xrightarrow{\tau_p} x^*$, where x_n is defined by

$$x_{n+1} = \begin{cases} T^{n_0} x_n, & n \text{ is an even number,} \\ S^{n_0} x_n, & n \text{ is an odd number.} \end{cases} \quad (36)$$

Proof. By $\rho(A) < 1$ and Gelfand's formula, there exists $0 < \beta < 1$ such that $\lim_{n \rightarrow \infty} \sqrt[n]{\|A^n\|} = \rho(A) \leq \beta$, which implies that there exists a positive integer n_0 such that

$$\|A^n\| \leq \beta^n, \quad \forall n \geq n_0. \quad (37)$$

By (35), (36), and (p2),

$$\begin{aligned} p(x_{2k+1}, x_{2k+2}) &= p(T^{n_0} x_{2k}, S^{n_0} x_{2k+1}) \\ &\leq A^{n_0} p(x_{2k}, x_{2k+1}), \\ p(x_{2k+2}, x_{2k+3}) &= p(T^{n_0} x_{2k+2}, S^{n_0} x_{2k+1}) \\ &\leq A^{n_0} p(x_{2k+1}, x_{2k+2}), \quad \forall k \in \mathbb{N} \end{aligned} \quad (38)$$

and so

$$p(x_n, x_{n+1}) \leq A^{n_0} p(x_{n-1}, x_n), \quad \forall n \in \mathbb{N}, \quad (39)$$

which together with $A \in \mathfrak{L}$ implies that

$$p(x_n, x_{n+1}) \leq A^{nm_0} p(x_0, x_1), \quad \forall n \in \mathbb{N}. \quad (40)$$

Thus, by (p4),

$$\begin{aligned} p(x_n, x_m) &\leq \sum_{i=n}^{m-1} p(x_i, x_{i+1}) \\ &\leq \sum_{i=n}^{m-1} A^{in_0} p(x_0, x_1), \quad \forall m > n. \end{aligned} \quad (41)$$

It follows from (37) that

$$\begin{aligned} &\left\| \sum_{i=n}^{m-1} A^{in_0} p(x_0, x_1) \right\| \\ &\leq \|p(x_0, x_1)\| \sum_{i=n}^{m-1} \|A^{n_0}\|^i \leq \|p(x_0, x_1)\| \sum_{i=n}^{m-1} \beta^{in_0} \\ &\leq \frac{\beta^{mn_0} \|p(x_0, x_1)\|}{1 - \beta^{n_0}}, \quad \forall m > n, \end{aligned} \quad (42)$$

which implies $\sum_{i=n}^{m-1} A^{in_0} p(x_0, x_1) \xrightarrow{\|\cdot\|} \theta$, and hence $\sum_{i=n}^{m-1} A^{in_0} p(x_0, x_1) \xrightarrow{w} \theta$ by Lemma 2. Therefore, by Lemma 1 and (41), we get $p(x_n, x_m) \xrightarrow{w} \theta$; that is, $\{x_n\}$ is a θ -Cauchy sequence in (X, p) . Then, by analogy with the proof of Theorem 4, by $A \in \mathfrak{L}$, $\rho(A) < 1$ and Lemma 3, we can prove that there exists some $x^* \in X$ with $p(x^*, x^*) = \theta$ such that $p(x_n, x^*) \xrightarrow{w} \theta$, and x^* is the unique common fixed point of T^{n_0} and S^{n_0} . For this x^* , we have $T^{n_0}(Tx^*) = T(T^{n_0}x^*) = Tx^*$ and $S^{n_0}(Sx^*) = S(S^{n_0}x^*) = Sx^*$; that is, Tx^* and Sx^* are fixed points of T^{n_0} and S^{n_0} , respectively. It follows from (35) and $p(x^*, x^*) = \theta$ that $p(Tx^*, Sx^*) \leq Lp(x^*, x^*) = \theta$, and hence $Tx^* = Sx^*$ by (p1) and (p3). This shows that Tx^* is a common fixed point of T^{n_0} and S^{n_0} . Note that x^* is the unique common fixed point of T^{n_0} and S^{n_0} ; then, $Tx^* = Sx^* = x^*$; that is, x^* is a common fixed point of T and S . Moreover, it is easy to show that x^* is the unique common fixed point of T and S by $A \in \mathfrak{L}$ and $\rho(A) < 1$. The proof is completed. \square

Example 9. Let $E = C_{\mathbb{R}}^1[0, 1]$ with the norm $\|u\| = \|u\|_{\infty} + \|u'\|_{\infty}$, and $X = P = \{u \in E : u(t) \geq 0, t \in [0, 1]\}$, which is

nonnormal solid cone [24]. Define a mapping $p : X \times X \rightarrow P$ by

$$p(x, y) = \begin{cases} x, & x = y, \\ x + y, & \text{otherwise.} \end{cases} \quad (43)$$

It follows from Example 2 of [22] that (X, p) is a partial cone metric space. Let $(Ax)(t) = \int_0^t x(s)ds$ for each $x \in X$ and $t \in [0, 1]$, $Tx = Ax/2$ and $Sx = Ax/3$ for each $x \in X$. Clearly, θ is the unique common fixed point of T and S .

By the definitions of p , T , S , and A ,

$$p(Tx, Sy) = \begin{cases} \theta = Ap(x, y), & x = y = \theta, \\ \frac{5Ax}{6} \leq Ax = Ap(x, y), & x = y \neq \theta, \\ \frac{Ax}{2} \leq \frac{5Ax}{2} = Ap(x, y), & x \neq y, y = \frac{3x}{2}, \\ \frac{Ax}{2} + \frac{Ay}{3} \leq Ax + Ay = Ap(x, y), & x \neq y, y \neq \frac{3x}{2}; \end{cases} \quad (44)$$

that is, (35) is satisfied. It is clear that $(A^n x)(t) \leq (t^n/n!) \|x\|_\infty$ for each $t \in [0, 1]$, and hence $\|A^n x\|_\infty \leq (1/n!) \|x\|_\infty$. Note that $(A^n x)'(t) = (A^{n-1} x)(t)$, and then

$$\begin{aligned} \|A^n x\| &= \|A^n x\|_\infty + \|(A^n x)'\|_\infty \leq \left(\frac{1}{n!} + \frac{1}{(n-1)!} \right) \|x\|_\infty \\ &\leq \left(\frac{1}{n!} + \frac{1}{(n-1)!} \right) \|x\|, \end{aligned} \quad (45)$$

which implies that $\|A^n\| \leq (1^n/n!) + (1^n/(n-1)!)$. Therefore, by Gelfand's formula, $\rho(A) = \lim_{n \rightarrow \infty} \sqrt[n]{\|A^n\|} = 0$ since $\lim_{n \rightarrow \infty} (1/\sqrt[n]{n!}) = 0$, and hence T and S have a unique common fixed point by Theorem 8.

Finally, we present a fixed point theorem of contractions restricted with positive linear bounded mappings, which generalizes Theorem 3.1 of [22].

Theorem 10. Let (X, p) be a θ -complete partial cone metric space over a solid cone P of a normed vector space $(E, \|\cdot\|)$ and $T : X \rightarrow X$. Assume that there exist $A_i \in \mathfrak{L}$ ($i = 1, 2, 3, 4, 5$) such that

$$\begin{aligned} p(Tx, Ty) &\leq A_1 p(x, y) + A_2 p(x, Tx) \\ &\quad + A_3 p(y, Ty) + A_4 p(x, Ty) \\ &\quad + A_5 p(y, Tx), \quad \forall x, y \in X. \end{aligned} \quad (46)$$

If $\|A_2 + A_4\| < 1$ and

$$\|A_2 + A_3 + A_4 + A_5\| + \|2A_1 + A_2 + A_3 + A_4 + A_5\| < 2, \quad (47)$$

then T and S have a unique common fixed point $x^* \in X$ such that, for each $x_0 \in X$, $x_n \xrightarrow{\tau_p} x^*$, where $x_{n+1} = Tx_n$ for all $n \in \mathbb{N}$.

Proof. Let $B = (A_2 + A_3 + A_4 + A_5)/2$. Then, $\|B\| < 1$ by (47), and so the inverse of B exists (denoted by $(I - B)^{-1}$). It follows from Neumann's formula that $(I - B)^{-1} \in \mathfrak{L}$ and

$$\|(I - B)^{-1}\| \leq \frac{1}{1 - \|B\|}. \quad (48)$$

Let $K = (I - B)^{-1}(A_1 + B)$. Then, $K \in \mathfrak{L}$ by $(I - B)^{-1} \in \mathfrak{L}$ and $A_i \in \mathfrak{L}$ ($i = 1, 2, 3, 4, 5$). Moreover, by (47) and (48),

$$\|K\| \leq \|(I - B)^{-1}\| \|A_1 + B\| \leq \frac{\|A_1 + B\|}{1 - \|B\|} < 1. \quad (49)$$

By (46), (p4), and $A_4 \in \mathfrak{L}$,

$$\begin{aligned} p(x_n, x_{n+1}) &= p(Tx_{n-1}, Tx_n) \\ &\leq A_1 p(x_{n-1}, x_n) + A_2 p(x_{n-1}, x_n) \\ &\quad + A_3 p(x_n, x_{n+1}) + A_4 p(x_{n-1}, x_{n+1}) \\ &\quad + A_5 p(x_n, x_n) \\ &\leq A_1 p(x_{n-1}, x_n) + A_2 p(x_{n-1}, x_n) \\ &\quad + A_3 p(x_n, x_{n+1}) \\ &\quad + A_4 [p(x_{n-1}, x_n) + p(x_n, x_{n+1}) - p(x_n, x_n)] \\ &\quad + A_5 p(x_n, x_n), \quad \forall n \in \mathbb{N}. \end{aligned} \quad (50)$$

Similarly, take $x = x_n$ and $y = x_{n-1}$ in (46), and we get

$$\begin{aligned} p(x_{n+1}, x_n) &= p(Tx_n, Tx_{n-1}) \\ &\leq A_1 p(x_{n-1}, x_n) + A_2 p(x_n, x_{n+1}) \\ &\quad + A_3 p(x_{n-1}, x_n) + A_4 p(x_n, x_n) \\ &\quad + A_5 p(x_{n-1}, x_{n+1}) \\ &\leq A_1 p(x_{n-1}, x_n) + A_2 p(x_n, x_{n+1}) \\ &\quad + A_3 p(x_{n-1}, x_n) + A_4 p(x_n, x_n) \\ &\quad + A_5 [p(x_{n-1}, x_n) + p(x_n, x_{n+1}) \\ &\quad - p(x_n, x_n)], \quad \forall n \in \mathbb{N}. \end{aligned} \quad (51)$$

It follows from (50) and (51) that

$$(I - B) p(x_n, x_{n+1}) \leq (A_1 + B) p(x_{n-1}, x_n), \quad \forall n \in \mathbb{N}. \quad (52)$$

Act the above inequality with $(I - B)^{-1}$; then, by $(I - B)^{-1} \in \mathfrak{L}$,

$$p(x_n, x_{n+1}) \leq K p(x_{n-1}, x_n), \quad \forall n \in \mathbb{N}, \quad (53)$$

and so, by $K \in \mathfrak{L}$,

$$p(x_n, x_{n+1}) \leq K^n p(x_0, x_1), \quad \forall n \in \mathbb{N}. \quad (54)$$

By (p4),

$$p(x_n, x_m) \leq \sum_{i=n}^{m-1} p(x_i, x_{i+1}) \leq \sum_{i=n}^{m-1} K^i p(x_0, x_1), \quad \forall m > n. \quad (55)$$

It follows from (49) that

$$\left\| \sum_{i=n}^{m-1} K^i p(x_0, x_1) \right\| \leq \frac{\|K\|^n \|p(x_0, x_1)\|}{1 - \|K\|}, \quad (56)$$

which implies $\sum_{i=n}^{m-1} K^i p(x_0, x_1) \xrightarrow{\|\cdot\|} \theta$, and hence $\sum_{i=n}^{m-1} K^i p(x_0, x_1) \xrightarrow{w} \theta$ by Lemma 2. Therefore, by Lemma 1 and (55), $p(x_n, x_m) \xrightarrow{w} \theta$; that is, $\{x_n\}$ is a θ -Cauchy sequence in (X, p) . By analogy with the proof of Theorem 4, by $A_i \in \mathfrak{L}$ ($i = 1, 2, 3, 4, 5$), $\|A_2 + A_4\| < 1$, and Lemma 3, we can prove that there exists some $x^* \in X$ with $p(x^*, x^*) = \theta$ such that $p(x_n, x^*) \xrightarrow{w} \theta$ and x^* is a fixed point of T . Note that (47) implies $\|A_1 + A_2 + A_3 + A_4 + A_5\| < 1$; then, similar to the proof of Theorem 4, we can show x^* is the unique fixed point of T . The proof is completed. \square

Remark 11. It is easy to check that all the conditions of Theorem 10 are satisfied if $\sum_{i=1}^5 \|A_i\| < 1$. Therefore, Theorem 10 is valid with $\sum_{i=1}^n \|A_i\| < 1$, and hence Theorem 3.1 of [22] is a special case of Theorem 10 with $A_i = c_i I$ ($i = 1, 2, 3, 4, 5$), where c_i ($i = 1, 2, 3, 4, 5$) are four nonnegative real numbers such that $\sum_{i=1}^5 c_i < 1$.

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