

## COMMON STATIONARY POINTS FOR SET-VALUED MAPPINGS

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**ABSTRACT.** Several theorems on stationary points for set-valued mappings have obtained. These are improvements upon some earlier results due to Fisher.

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### 1. INTRODUCTION AND PRELIMINARIES.

In this paper, we prove several common stationary point theorems for four set-valued mappings, which are improvements upon some earlier results obtained by Fisher [1], [2], [3].

Let  $(X, d)$  be a metric space and  $CL(X)$  be the class of all nonempty closed subset of  $X$ . For  $x \in X$  and  $A \subseteq X$ , let  $D(x, A) = \inf\{d(x, y) : y \in A\}$ .

**DEFINITION 1.1.** For  $A, B \in CL(X)$ , define

$$H(A, B) = \begin{cases} \max\{\sup_{x \in A} D(x, B), \sup_{y \in B} D(A, y)\}, & \text{if it exists,} \\ \infty, & \text{otherwise.} \end{cases}$$

Then  $H$  is called the *generalized Hausdorff distance function* for the class  $CL(X)$  induced by the metric  $d$ .

**DEFINITION 1.2.** For  $A, B \in CL(X)$ , define  $h: CL(X) \times CL(X) \rightarrow R^+$  by

$$h(A, B) = \begin{cases} \sup\{d(x, y) : x \in A, y \in B\}, & \text{if it exists,} \\ \infty, & \text{otherwise.} \end{cases}$$

**DEFINITION 1.3.** A set-valued mapping  $S: X \rightarrow CL(X)$  is said to be *nearly-densifying* if  $\alpha(S(A)) < \alpha(A)$  for any bounded and  $S$ -invariant subset of  $X$  with  $\alpha(A) > 0$ , where  $\alpha$  is the Kuratowski's measure of non-compactness.

**DEFINITION 1.4.** Let  $F, G, S, T : X \rightarrow CL(X)$  be set-valued mappings. For some  $x \in X$ , define the *orbit*  $O(x)$  of  $x$  by

$$O(x) = \{y \in X : y = x \text{ or } y = f(x) \text{ for some } f \in \mathcal{T}\},$$

$\mathcal{T}$  being the subsemigroup generated by  $F, G, S$  and  $T$  in the semigroup of all self-mappings on  $X$  with composition operation.

**DEFINITION 1.5.** A point  $z$  is said to be a **common stationary point** of set-valued mappings  $F$  and  $G$  if  $Fz = \{z\} = Gz$ .

2. THE MAIN RESULTS.

Throughout this paper, for any set-valued mapping  $S: X \rightarrow CL(X)$ , we assume that all the powers of  $S$  map  $X$  into  $CL(X)$ . First of all, we prove the following crucial result to be used in the sequel.

**LEMMA 2.1.** Let  $(X, d)$  be a compact metric space and  $S: X \rightarrow CL(X)$  be a set-valued mapping such that  $S^i$  is continuous with respect to the generalized Hausdorff distance function  $H$  for some positive integer  $i$ . If  $A = \bigcap_{k=1}^{\infty} S^{ki}(X)$ , then  $S(A) = A$ .

**PROOF.** Clearly,  $S^{(k+1)i}(X) \subset S^{ki}(X)$  for  $k = 1, 2, \dots$ . Also,  $x \in X$  implies

$$Sx \subseteq A. \tag{1.1}$$

Let  $y \in A$ . Then  $y \in S^{(k+1)i}(X)$  for  $k = 1, 2, \dots$ , and so there exists  $x_k \in S^{ki}(X)$  such that  $y = S^i x_k$  for  $k = 1, 2, \dots$ . Since  $X$  is compact, there exists a convergent subsequence  $\{x_{k_j}\}$  of  $\{x_k\}$  with the limit  $z$ . Further, since  $\{x_j, x_{j+1}, \dots\} \subseteq S^{ji}(X)$  for  $j = 1, 2, \dots$ , we have  $z \in A$ . Also, we have

$$D(y, S^i z) \leq D(y, S^i x_{k_j}) + H(S^i x_{k_j}, S^i z).$$

Letting  $l \rightarrow 0$ , we get  $y \in S^i z$ . Hence there exist  $x_1, x_{i-1}, \dots, x_2 \in X$  such that  $y \in Sx_1$ ,  $x_1 \in Sx_{i-1}, \dots, x_3 \in Sx_2$ , and  $x_2 \in Sz$ . By (1.1), since  $z \in A$ , it follows that  $Sz \subseteq A$  and so  $x_2 \in A$ . A repeated application of (1.1) yields that  $x_i \in A$ . Therefore, we have  $y \in Sx$  for some  $x \in A$ . Thus,  $A \subseteq S(A)$ . From this and (1.1), we conclude that  $S(A) = A$ . This completes the proof.

Now, we are in a position to present our main results. We denote

$$M(x, y, F^p, G^q, S^s, T^t) = \max\{h(S^s x, T^t y), h(S^s x, F^p x), h(T^t y, G^q y), h(S^s x, G^q y), h(T^t y, F^p x)\}$$

and

$$m(x, y, F^p, G^q, S^s, T^t) = \max\{h(S^s x, T^t y), h(S^s x, G^q y), h(T^t y, F^p x)\},$$

where  $p, q, s$  and  $t$  are positive fixed integers.

**THEOREM 2.1.** Let  $(X, d)$  be a complete metric space and  $F, G, S, T: X \rightarrow CL(X)$  be set-valued mappings such that

(2.1)  $F, G, S, T$  and  $(FG)^i$  are continuous with respect to the distance function  $H$  for some positive integer  $i$ . Also,  $F, G, S$  and  $T$  are nearly-densifying,

(2.2) for some  $x_o \in X$ , the orbit  $O(x_o)$  is bounded,

(2.3)  $H(F^p x, G^q y) < M(x, y, F^p, G^q, S^s, T^t)$ ,

(2.4)  $FG = GF, (FG)^i S^s = S^s (FG)^i$  and  $(FG)^i T^t = T^t (FG)^i$ .

Then  $F, G, S$  and  $T$  have a unique common stationary point  $z$  in  $X$ .

**PROOF.** Putting  $A = O(x_o)$ , we have clearly  $I(A) = A$  for  $I \in \{F, G, S, T\}$ . Also, the continuity of set-valued mappings  $F, G, S$  and  $T$  yields that  $I(\bar{A}) \subseteq \bar{A}$  for  $I \in \{F, G, S, T\}$ . Further, we have  $A = \{x_o\} \cup F(A) \cup G(A) \cup S(A) \cup T(A)$ . Thus,  $\alpha(A) = \max\{\alpha(x_o), \alpha(F(A)), \alpha(G(A)), \alpha(S(A)), \alpha(T(A))\}$  and also  $\bar{A}$  is compact. Now, define  $B = \bigcap_{n=1}^{\infty} (FG)^{in}(\bar{A})$ . Then  $B$  is compact. By Lemma 2.1,  $(FG)(B) = B$  and the condition (2.4) ensures that  $F(B) = B = G(B)$ ,  $S^s(B) \subseteq B$  and  $T^t(B) \subseteq B$ . Since  $B$  is compact, there exist  $x_1, x_2 \in B$  such that  $d(x_1, x_2) = \sup\{d(x, y) : x, y \in B\} = \delta(B)$ , say. Also, there exist  $w_1, w_2 \in B$  such that  $x_1 \in F^p w_1$  and  $x_2 \in G^q w_2$ . Suppose that  $\delta(B) > 0$ . Then, by (2.3), we

have

$$\begin{aligned}\delta(B) &= d(x_1, x_2) \leq H(F^p w_1, G^q w_2) \\ &< M(w_1, w_2, F^p, G^q, S^s, T^t) \\ &\leq \delta(B),\end{aligned}$$

which is a contradiction. Thus,  $\delta(B) = 0$  and hence  $B = \{z\}$ , say. Therefore,  $z$  is a common stationary point of  $F, G, S$  and  $T$ . The uniqueness of  $z$  follows from condition (2.3). This completes the proof.

**THEOREM 2.2.** Let  $(X, d)$  be a compact metric space and  $F, G, S, T: X \rightarrow CL(X)$  be set-valued mappings such that

$$(2.5) \quad (FG)^i \text{ is continuous for some positive integer } i,$$

$$(2.6) \quad H(F^p x, G^q y) < M(x, y, F^p, G^q, S^s, T^t) \text{ whenever the left-hand side is positive,}$$

$$(2.7) \quad FG = GF, (FG)^i S^s = S^s (FG)^i \text{ and } (FG)^i T^t = T^t (FG)^i.$$

Then  $F, G, S$  and  $T$  have a unique common stationary point  $z$  in  $X$ . Further,  $z$  is the unique common stationary point of  $F$  and  $G$ .

**PROOF.** If we put  $B = \bigcap_{n=1}^{\infty} (FG)^i{}^n(X)$ , as in the proof of Theorem 2.1, we have  $B = \{z\}$  and  $z$  is a unique common stationary point of  $F, G, S$  and  $T$ . Since any common stationary point of  $F$  and  $G$  is a point of  $B = \{z\}$ , it follows that  $z$  is the unique common stationary point of  $F$  and  $G$ . This completes the proof.

**REMARK.** Theorem 2 of Fisher [2] and theorems in Fisher [3] follow as corollaries of our Theorem 2.2. In fact, our theorem can be regarded as an improvement over the above theorems due to Fisher.

**THEOREM 2.3.** Let  $(X, d)$  be a complete metric space and  $F, G, S, T: X \rightarrow CL(X)$  be set-valued mappings such that

(2.8)  $F, G, S, T, F^i$  and  $G^j$  are continuous with respect to the distance function  $H$  for some positive integers  $i$  and  $j$ . Also,  $F, G, S$  and  $T$  are nearly-densifying,

$$(2.9) \quad \text{for some } x_0 \in X, \text{ the orbit } O(x_0) \text{ is bounded,}$$

$$(2.10) \quad H(F^p x, G^q y) < m(x, y, F^p, G^q, S^s, T^t) \text{ whenever the left-hand side is positive,}$$

$$(2.11) \quad S^s F^i = F^i S^s \text{ and } T^t G^j = G^j T^t.$$

Then  $F, G, S$  and  $T$  have a unique common stationary point  $z$  in  $X$ .

**PROOF.** Let  $A = O(x_0)$ . Then as in the proof of Theorem 2.1,  $\bar{A}$  is compact. If we define

$$B = \bigcap_{n=1}^{\infty} F^i{}^n(A) \text{ and } K = \bigcap_{n=1}^{\infty} G^j{}^n(A),$$

by Lemma 2.1,  $F(B) = B$  and  $G(K) = K$ . Also, it follows that  $B$  and  $K$  are compact subsets of  $X$ . By the condition (2.11), also we have  $S^s(B) \subseteq B$  and  $T^t(K) \subseteq K$ . Then, there exist  $x_1, w_1 \in B$  and  $y_1, y_2 \in K$  such that

$$d(x_1, y_1) = \sup\{d(x, y) : x \in B, y \in K\} = \delta(B, K), \text{ say,}$$

with  $x_1 \in F^p w_1$  and  $y_1 \in G^q w_2$ . Suppose that  $\delta(B, K) > 0$ . Then, by the condition (2.10), we have

$$\begin{aligned}\delta(B, K) &= d(x_1, y_1) \\ &\leq H(F^p w_1, G^q w_2) \\ &< m(w_1, w_2, F^p, G^q, S^s, T^t) \\ &\leq \delta(B, K),\end{aligned}$$

which is a contradiction. Therefore,  $\delta(B, K) = 0$  and  $B = K = \{z\}$ . Thus  $z$  is a common stationary point of  $F, G, S$  and  $T$ . The uniqueness of  $z$  follows easily from the condition (2.10). This completes the proof.

**THEOREM 2.4.** Let  $(X, d)$  be a compact metric space and  $F, G, S, T: X \rightarrow CL(X)$  be set-valued mappings such that

(2.12)  $F^i$  and  $G^j$  are continuous with respect to the distance function  $H$  for some positive integers  $i$  and  $j$ ,

(2.13)  $H(F^p x, G^q y) < m(x, y, F^p, G^q, S^s, T^t)$  whenever the left-hand side is positive,

(2.14)  $F^t S^s = S^s F^t$  and  $G^q T^t = T^t G^q$ .

Then  $F, G, S$  and  $T$  have a unique common stationary point  $z$  in  $X$ . Further,  $z$  is the unique common stationary point of the pairs  $F, S$  and  $G, T$ . Also,  $z$  is the unique common stationary point of  $F$  and  $G$ .

**PROOF.** Let  $B = \cap_{n=1}^{\infty} F^n(X)$  and  $K = \cap_{n=1}^{\infty} G^n(X)$ . Then as in the proof of Theorem 2.3, we get  $B = K = \{z\}$  and  $z$  is a unique common stationary point of  $F, G, S$  and  $T$ . Since any stationary point of  $F$  is a point of  $B = \{z\}$  and any stationary point of  $G$  is a point of  $K = \{z\}$ , it follows that  $z$  is the unique stationary point of  $F$  as well as of  $G$ . This completes the proof.

**REMARK.** Theorem 5 of Fisher [1] follows as a corollary of our Theorem 2.3.

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