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## WEAKLY COMMUTING MAPPING IN LINEAR 2-NORMED SPACES

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**Abstract.** The main idea of this paper is establishing a common fixed point theorem for four self-mappings of a complete linear 2-normed space using the weak commuting condition and  $A$ -contraction type condition and give some inclusion relations between these concepts.

**Keywords:** linear 2-normed space; weakly commuting mappings; fixed point.

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### 1. INTRODUCTION

In 1963, S.Gahler ([5],[6]) introduced The concept of linear 2-normed spaces and 2- metric spaces. They are very important in mathematics, A. White, Y J Cho, R W Freese, S C Gupta, A H Siddique and others established and proved many theorems in linear 2-normed spaces and 2-metric spaces ([7],[14],[15],[4],[2],[9],[11][12],[13]). They have many applications in Metric Geometry, Functional Analysis and Topology as a new branch. Recently many researchers presented results in 2-normed spaces, analogous with that in classical normed spaces and Banach

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spaces. By a  $(K)$ -space, we mean a linear 2-normed space such that the 2-metric induced by the 2-norm satisfies the  $(K)$  property ([3]).

Here we prove a common fixed point theorem for two pairs of weakly commuting mappings using the idea of  $A$ -contraction and then extend the theorem for a family of self-mappings in a linear 2-normed space. Before proving our main theorem we need to state some preliminary ideas and definitions of weakly commuting mappings in a linear 2-normed space.

## 2. PRELIMINARY ASSERTIONS

In 1963, S. Gahler ([5],[8]) introduced the concept of linear 2-normed space. Since then a number of mathematician have been investigating the different aspects of fixed point theory in the setting of linear 2-normed space.

### 2.1. Linear 2-Normed Space.

**Definition 2.1.** [12] Let  $X$  be a linear space over  $\mathbb{R}$  with dimension greater then or equal to 2. If the function  $\|\cdot, \cdot\| : X^2 \rightarrow \mathbb{R}^+ \cup \{0\}$  satisfies the following axioms then  $(X, \|\cdot, \cdot\|)$  is called a linear 2- normed space:. Then

1.  $\|x, y\| \geq 0$  for all  $x, y \in X$ ,  $\|x, y\| = 0$  if and only if  $x$  and  $y$  are linearly dependent,
2.  $\|x, y\| = \|y, x\|$  for all  $x, y \in X$ ,
3.  $\|\alpha x, y\| = |\alpha| \|x, y\|$  for all  $x, y \in X$  and  $\alpha \in \mathbb{R}$ ,
4.  $\|x, y + z\| \leq \|x, y\| + \|y, z\|$  for all  $x, y, z \in X$ .

If  $\|\cdot, \cdot\|$  is called a 2-norm and the pair  $(X, \|\cdot, \cdot\|)$  is called a linear 2- normed space. So a 2-norm  $\|\cdot, \cdot\|$  always satisfies[24]  $\|x, y + \alpha x\| = \|x, y\|$  for all  $x, y \in X$  and scalar  $\alpha$

If we fix  $\{u_i\}_{i=1}^d$  to be a basis for  $X$ , we can give the following lemma.

**Lemma 2.2.** [12] *Let  $(X, \|\cdot, \cdot\|)$  be a 2-normed space. Then a sequence  $\{x_n\}$  converges to  $x$  in  $X$  if and only if  $\lim_{n \rightarrow \infty} \max \|x_n - x, u_i\| = 0$ .*

**Definition 2.3.** [12] A 2-normed space  $(X, \|\cdot, \cdot\|)$  is a 2-Banach space if any Cauchy sequence in  $X$  is convergent to an  $x$  in  $X$ .

**Definition 2.4.** Let  $S$  and  $T$  be two mappings from a linear 2-normed space  $(X, \|\cdot, \cdot\|)$  into itself. Then a pair of mappings  $(S, T)$  is said to be weakly commuting on  $x$ , if  $\|STx - TSx, u\| \leq \|Tx - Sx, u\|$  for all  $u \in X$

Note that a commuting pair  $(S, T)$  on a linear 2-normed space  $(X, \|\cdot, \cdot\|)$  is weakly commuting, but the converse is not true (see [10]). On the otherhand Cho, Khan, Singh ([1]) have proved some common fixed point theorems for weakly commuting self mappings in a linear 2-normed space. Here we shall prove some common fixed point theorems in linear 2-normed space in a more generalised conditions.

Let a nonempty set  $A$  consisting of all functions  $\alpha : R_+^3 \rightarrow R_+$  satisfying

(i)  $\alpha$  is continuous on the set  $R_+^3$  of all triplets of nonnegative reals (with respect to the Euclidean metric on  $R^3$ ).

(ii)  $a \leq kb$  for some  $k \in [0, 1)$  whenever  $a \leq \alpha(a, b, b)$  or  $a \leq \alpha(b, a, b)$  or  $a \leq \alpha(b, b, a)$ , for all  $a, b$ .

**Definition 2.5.** A self map  $T$  on a metric space  $X$  is said to be  $A$ -contraction if it satisfies the condition:

$$(2.1) \quad \|Tx, Ty\| \leq \alpha(\|x, y\|, \|x, Tx\|, \|y, Ty\|).$$

for all  $x, y \in X$  and some  $\alpha A$ .

### 3. MAIN RESULT

**Theorem 3.1.** Let  $I, J, S$  and  $T$  be four self mappings of a complete linear 2-normed space  $(X, \|\cdot, \cdot\|)$  satisfying

$$(3.1) \quad I(X) \subseteq T(X) \text{ and } J(X) \subseteq S(X).$$

For  $\alpha \in A$  and for all  $x, y, u \in X$

$$(3.2) \quad \|Ix - Jy, u\| \leq \alpha(\|Sx - Ty, u\|, \|Sx - Ix, u\|, \|Ty - Jy, u\|).$$

If one of  $I, J, S$  and  $T$  is continuous and if  $I$  and  $J$  weakly commute with  $S$  and  $T$  respectively, then  $I, J, S$  and  $T$  have a unique common fixed point  $z$  in  $X$ .

*Proof.* Let  $x_0$  be an arbitrary element of  $X$ . We define  $Ix_{2n+1} = y_{2n+2}, Tx_{2n} = y_{2n}$  and  $Jx_{2n} = y_{2n+1}, Sx_{2n+1} = y_{2n+1}; n = 1, 2, \dots$  Taking  $x = x_{2n+1}$  and  $y = x_{2n}$  in (3.2) we have

$$\|Ix_{2n+1} - Jx_{2n}, u\| \leq \alpha(\|Sx_{2n+1} - Tx_{2n}, u\|, \|Sx_{2n+1} - Ix_{2n+1}, u\|, \|Tx_{2n} - Jx_{2n}, u\|)$$

or

$$\|y_{2n+2} - y_{2n+1}, u\| \leq \alpha(\|y_{2n+1} - y_{2n}, u\|, \|y_{2n+1} - y_{2n+2}, u\|, \|y_{2n} - y_{2n+1}, u\|).$$

So by axiom (1) of function  $\alpha$ ,

$$(3.3) \quad \|y_{2n+1} - y_{2n+2}, u\| \leq k \cdot \|y_{2n} - y_{2n+1}, u\| \quad \text{where } k \in [0, 1)$$

Similarly by putting  $x = x_{2n-1}$  and  $y = x_{2n}$  in (3.2) we get

$$\|Ix_{2n-1} - Jx_{2n}, u\| \leq \alpha(\|Sx_{2n-1} - Tx_{2n}, u\|, \|Sx_{2n-1} - Ix_{2n-1}, u\|, \|Tx_{2n} - Jx_{2n}, u\|)$$

or

$$\|y_{2n} - y_{2n+1}, u\| \leq \alpha(\|y_{2n-1} - y_{2n}, u\|, \|y_{2n-1} - y_{2n}, u\|, \|y_{2n} - y_{2n+1}, u\|).$$

So by axiom (2) of function  $\alpha$ ,

$$(3.4) \quad \|y_{2n} - y_{2n+1}, u\| \leq k \cdot \|y_{2n-1} - y_{2n}, u\| \quad \text{where } k \in [0, 1)$$

So by (3.3) and (3.4) we get

$$\|y_{2n+1} - y_{2n+2}, u\| \leq k \cdot \|y_{2n} - y_{2n+1}, u\| \leq k^2 \cdot \|y_{2n-1} - y_{2n}, u\|.$$

Proceeding in this way

$$\|y_{2n+1} - y_{2n+2}, u\| \leq k^{2n+1} \cdot \|y_0 - y_1, u\|$$

and

$$\|y_{2n} - y_{2n+1}, u\| \leq k^{2n} \cdot \|y_0 - y_1, u\|$$

So in general

$$(3.5) \quad \|y_n - y_{n+1}, u\| \leq k^n \cdot \|y_0 - y_1, u\|$$

Then using property (4) of linear 2-normed space we get

$$(3.6) \quad \|y_n - y_{n+2}, u\| \leq \|y_n - y_{n+2}, y_{n+1}\| + \|y_n - y_{n+1}, u\| + \|y_{n+1} - y_{n+2}, u\|$$

$$(3.7) \quad \leq \|y_n - y_{n+2}, y_{n+1}\| + \sum_{r=0}^1 \|y_{n+r} - y_{n+r+1}, u\|.$$

Here we consider two possible cases to show that  $\|y_n, y_{n+2}, y_{n+1}\| = 0$ .

Case I

$n = \text{even} = 2m$  (say), therefore

$$\begin{aligned} \|y_n - y_{n+2}, y_{n+1}\| &= \|y_{2m} - y_{2m+2}, y_{2m+1}\| \\ &= \|y_{2m+2} - y_{2m+1}, y_{2m}\| \\ &\leq \|Ix_{2m+1} - Jx_{2m}, y_{2m}\| \\ &\leq \alpha(\|Sx_{2m+1} - Tx_{2m}, y_{2m}\|, \|Sx_{2m+1} - Ix_{2m}, y_{2m}\|, \|Tx_{2m} - Jx_{2m}, y_{2m}\|) \\ &= \alpha(\|y_{2m+1} - y_{2m}, y_{2m}\|, \|y_{2m+1} - y_{2m}, y_{2m}\|, \|y_{2m} - y_{2m+1}, y_{2m}\|) \\ &= \alpha(0, \|y_{2m+1} - y_{2m}, y_{2m}\|, 0). \end{aligned}$$

So by axiom (1) of function  $\alpha$ ,

$$\|y_n - y_{n+2}, y_{n+1}\| = \|y_{2m} - y_{2m+2}, y_{2m+1}\| \leq k \cdot 0 \text{ where } k \in [0, 1)$$

which implies  $\|y_n - y_{n+2}, y_{n+1}\| = 0$ .

Case II

$n = \text{odd} = 2m + 1$  (say), therefore

$$\begin{aligned}
\|y_n - y_{n+2}, y_{n+1}\| &= \|y_{2m+1} - y_{2m+3}, y_{2m+2}\| \\
&= \|y_{2m+3} - y_{2m+2}, y_{2m+1}\| \\
&\leq \|Jx_{2m+2} - Ix_{2m+1}, y_{2m+1}\| \\
&\leq \alpha(\|Sx_{2m+1} - Tx_{2m+2}, y_{2m+1}\|, \|Sx_{2m+1} - Ix_{2m+1}, y_{2m+1}\|, \\
&\quad \|Tx_{2m+2} - Jx_{2m+2}, y_{2m+1}\|) \\
&= \alpha(\|y_{2m+1} - y_{2m+2}, y_{2m+1}\|, \|y_{2m+1} - y_{2m+2}, y_{2m+1}\|, \\
&\quad \|y_{2m+2} - y_{2m+3}, y_{2m+1}\|) \\
&= \alpha(0, 0, \|y_{2m+2} - y_{2m+3}, y_{2m+1}\|).
\end{aligned}$$

So by axiom (1) of function  $\alpha$ ,

$$\|y_n - y_{n+2}, y_{n+1}\| = \|y_{2m+1} - y_{2m+3}, y_{2m+2}\| \leq k \cdot 0 \quad \text{where } k \in [0, 1)$$

So in either cases  $\|y_n - y_{n+2}, y_{n+1}\| = 0$ . Therefore from (3.6) we have

$$\|y_n - y_{n+2}, u\| \leq \sum_{r=0}^1 \|y_{n+r} - y_{n+r+1}, u\|.$$

Proceeding in the same fashion we have for any  $p > 0$ ,

$$\|y_n - y_{n+p}, u\| \leq \sum_{r=0}^{p-1} \|y_{n+r} - y_{n+r+1}, u\|.$$

Then by (3.5) we get

$$\|y_n - y_{n+p}, u\| \leq \frac{k^n}{1-k} \|y_0 - y_1, u\| \rightarrow 0 \quad \text{as } n \rightarrow \infty, p > 0 \quad \text{and } k \in [0, 1).$$

Hence  $\{y_n\}$  is a Cauchy sequence. Then by completeness of  $X$ ,  $\{y_n\}$  converges to a point  $z \in X$  i.e.  $y_n \rightarrow z \in X$  as  $n \rightarrow \infty$ .

Since  $\{y_n\}$  is a Cauchy sequence and taking limit as  $n \rightarrow \infty$ , we get  $Ix_{2n} = Tx_{2n+1} \rightarrow z, Jx_{2n-1} = Sx_{2n} \rightarrow z$  and also  $Jx_{2n+1} \rightarrow z$ . Next suppose that  $S$  is continuous. Then  $\{SIx_{2n}\}$  converges to

$Sz$ . Then by property (4) of linear 2-normed space, we have

$$\begin{aligned} \|ISx_{2n} - Sz, u\| &\leq \|ISx_{2n} - Sz, SIx_{2n}\| + \|ISx_{2n} - SIx_{2n}, u\| + \|SIx_{2n} - Sz, u\| \\ &\leq \|ISx_{2n} - Sz, SIx_{2n}\| + \|Sx_{2n} - Ix_{2n}, u\| + \|SIx_{2n} - Sz, u\| \end{aligned}$$

since  $I$  and  $S$  weakly commute.

Letting  $n \rightarrow \infty$ , it follows that  $\{ISx_{2n}\}$  converges to  $Sz$ . Again by using (3.2) we have

$$\begin{aligned} \|ISx_{2n} - Jx_{2n+1}, u\| &\leq \|ISx_{2n} - Sz, SIx_{2n}\| + \|ISx_{2n} - SIx_{2n}, u\| + \|SIx_{2n} - Sz, u\| \\ &\leq \alpha(\|S^2x_{2n} - Tx_{2n+1}, u\| + \|S^2x_{2n} - ISx_{2n}, u\| + \|Tx_{2n+1} - Jx_{2n+1}, u\|). \end{aligned}$$

Since  $\alpha$  is continuous, taking limit as  $n \rightarrow \infty$  we get

$$\|Sz - z, u\| \leq \alpha(\|Sz - z, u\|, \|Sz - Sz, u\|, \|z - z, u\|)$$

implies

$$\|Sz - z, u\| \leq \alpha(\|Sz - z, u\|, 0, 0)$$

So by axiom (1) of function  $\alpha$ ,

$$(3.8) \quad \|Sz - z, u\| \leq k \cdot 0 = 0 \quad \text{which gives } Sz = z.$$

Again using the inequality (3.2) we have

$$\|Iz - Jx_{2n+1}, u\| \leq \alpha(\|Sz - Tx_{2n+1}, u\|, \|Sz - Iz, u\|, \|Tx_{2n+1} - Jx_{2n+1}, u\|).$$

Passing limit as  $n \rightarrow \infty$  we get

$$\|Iz - z, u\| \leq \alpha(\|Sz - z, u\|, \|z - Iz, u\|, \|z - z, u\|)$$

implies

$$\|Iz - z, u\| \leq \alpha(0, \|z - Iz, u\|, 0).$$

Then by axiom (1) of function  $\alpha$ ,

$$(3.9) \quad \|Iz - z, u\| \leq k \cdot 0 = 0 \quad \text{which gives } Iz = z.$$

Since  $I(X) \subseteq T(X)$ , there exists a point  $z \in X$  such that  $z = Iz$ , so by (3.2) we have

$$\begin{aligned} \|z - Jz, u\| &= \|z - Jz, u\| \\ &\leq \alpha(\|Sz - Tz, u\|, \|Sz - Iz, u\|, \|Tz - Jz, u\|) \\ &= \alpha(\|z - z, u\|, \|z - z, u\|, \|z - Jz, u\|) \\ &= \alpha(0, 0, \|z - Jz, u\|) \end{aligned}$$

Then by axiom (1) of function  $\alpha$ ,

$$\|z - Jz, u\| \leq k \cdot 0 = 0 \text{ which implies } Jz = z.$$

As  $J$  and  $T$  weakly commute

$$\|JTz - TJz, u\| \leq \|Tz - Jz, u\|$$

which gives  $JTz = TJz$  implies

$$(3.10) \quad Jz = JTz = TJz = Tz$$

$$\begin{aligned} \|z - Tz, u\| \|Iz - Jz, u\| \\ \leq \alpha(\|Sz - Tz, u\|, \|Sz - Iz, u\|, \|Tz - Jz, u\|) \\ = \alpha(\|z - Tz, u\|, 0, 0). \end{aligned}$$

Then by axiom (1) of function  $\alpha$ ,

$$(3.11) \quad \|z - Tz, u\| \leq k \cdot 0 = 0 \text{ which implies } Tz = z.$$

So by (3.8),(3.9),(3.10) and (3.11) we conclude that  $z$  is a common fixed point of  $I, J, S$  and  $T$ .

For uniqueness, Let  $w$  be another common fixed point in  $X$  such that

$$Iz = Jz = Sz = Tz = z \text{ and } Iw = Jw = Sw = Tw = w.$$



Then by (3.2) we have

$$\begin{aligned}\|w - z, u\| &= \|Iw - Jz, u\| \\ &\leq \alpha(\|Sw - Tz, u\|, \|Sw - Iw, u\|, \|Tz - Jz, u\|) \\ &= \alpha(\|w - z, u\|, 0, 0)\end{aligned}$$

Then by axiom (1) of function  $\alpha$ ,

$$\|w - z, u\| \leq k \cdot 0 = 0 \text{ which implies } w = z.$$

So uniqueness of  $z$  is proved. The same result holds if any one of  $I, J$  and  $T$  is continuous.  $\square$

**Corollary 3.2.** *Let  $S, T, I$  and  $J$  be four self mappings of a complete linear 2-normed space  $(X, \|\cdot, \cdot\|)$  satisfying*

$$(3.12) \quad I(X) \subseteq T(X) \text{ and } J(X) \subseteq S(X)$$

$$(3.13) \quad \|Ix - Jy, u\| \leq c \cdot \max\{\|Sx - Ty, u\|, \|Sx - Ix, u\|, \|Ty - Jy, u\|\}.$$

for all  $x, y, u$  in  $X$ , where  $0 \leq c < 1$ . If one of  $S, T, I$  and  $J$  is continuous and if  $I$  and  $J$  weakly commute with  $S$  and  $T$  respectively, then  $I, J, S$  and  $T$  have a unique common fixed point  $z$  in  $X$ .

This result is a Linear 2-normed space analogue of the theorem of [14].

For any  $f : (X, \|\cdot, \cdot\|) \rightarrow (X, \|\cdot, \cdot\|)$  we denote  $F_f = \{x \in X : x = f(x)\}$ .

**Lemma 3.3.** *Let  $I, J, S$  and  $T$  be four self mappings of a complete Linear 2-normed space  $(X, \|\cdot, \cdot\|)$ . If the inequality (3.2) holds for  $\alpha \in A$  and for all  $x, y, u \in X$ .*

*Then  $(F_S \cap F_T) \cap F_I = (F_S \cap F_T) \cap F_J$ .*

*Proof.* Let  $x \in (F_S \cap F_T) \cap F_I$ . Then by (3.2)

$$\begin{aligned}\|x - Jx, u\| &= \|Ix - Jx, u\| \\ &\leq \alpha(\|Sx - Tx, u\|, \|Sx - Ix, u\|, \|Tx - Jx, u\|) \\ &= \alpha(0, 0, \|x - Jx, u\|)\end{aligned}$$

Then by axiom (1) of function  $\alpha$ ,

$$\|x - Jx, u\| \leq k.0 = 0 \text{ implies } x = Jx$$

thus

$$(F_S \cap F_T) \cap F_I \subseteq (F_S \cap F_T) \cap F_J.$$

Similarly we have

$$(F_S \cap F_T) \cap F_J \subseteq (F_S \cap F_T) \cap F_I.$$

and so  $(F_S \cap F_T) \cap F_I \subseteq (F_S \cap F_T) \cap F_J$ .  $\square$

**Theorem 3.4.** *Let  $S, T$  and  $\{I_n\}_{n \in \mathbb{N}}$  be mappings from a complete Linear 2-normed space  $(X, \|\cdot, \cdot\|)$  into itself satisfying*

$$(3.14) \quad I_1(X) \subseteq T(X) \text{ and } \bigcap I_2(X) \subseteq S(X)$$

For  $\alpha \in A$  and for all  $x, y, u \in X$ ,

$$(3.15) \quad \|I_n x - I_{n+1} y, u\| \leq \alpha(\|Sx - Ty, u\|, \|Sx - I_n x, u\|, \|Ty - I_{n+1} y, u\|).$$

holds for all  $n \in \mathbb{N}$ . If one of  $S, T, I_1$  and  $I_2$  is continuous and if  $I_1$  and  $I_2$  weakly commute with  $S$  and  $T$  respectively, then  $S, T$  and  $\{I_n\}_{n \in \mathbb{N}}$  have a unique common fixed point  $z$  in  $X$ .

*Proof.* By Theorem (3.1),  $S, T, I_1$  and  $I_2$  have a unique common fixed point  $z$  in  $X$ . Now  $z$  is a unique common fixed point of  $S, T, I_1$  and also by Lemma (3.3),  $(F_S \cap F_T) \cap F_{I_1} = (F_S \cap F_T) \cap F_{I_2}$ ,  $z$  is a common fixed point of  $S, T, I_2$ . Also  $z$  is unique common fixed point of  $S, T, I_2$ . If not, let  $w$  be another common fixed point of  $S, T, I_2$ . Then by (3.15)

$$\begin{aligned} \|z - w, u\| &= \|I_1 z - I_2 w, u\| \\ &\leq \alpha(\|S z - T w, u\|, \|S z - I_1 z, u\|, \|T w - I_2 w, u\|) \\ &= \alpha(\|z - w, u\|, \|z - z, u\|, \|w - w, u\|) \\ &= \alpha(\|z - w, u\|, 0, 0) \end{aligned}$$

Then by axiom (1) of function  $\alpha$ ,

$$\|z - w, u\| \leq k.0 = 0 \text{ implies } z = w$$

In the similar manner we can show that  $z$  is a unique common fixed point of  $S$ ,  $T$ ,  $I_1$  and  $I_2$ . Continuing in this way, we arrive at desired result  $\square$

### CONFLICT OF INTERESTS

The author(s) declare that there is no conflict of interests.

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