

A New Type of Tripled Fixed Point Theorem in Partially Ordered Complete Metric Space

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Abstract In this paper, we introduce a new type of tripled fixed point theorem in partially ordered complete metric space. We give an example to support our result.

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1 Introduction

Fixed point theory in recent years has developed rapidly in partially ordered metric spaces; that is, metric spaces endowed with a partial ordering. The first result in this direction was obtained by Ran and Reurings [6]. They presented some applications of results of matrix equations. In [3], Nieto and Lopez extended the result of Ran and Reurings [4], for non decreasing mappings and applied their result to get a unique solution for a first order differential equation. Agrawal et al. [1] and O'Regan and Petrutel [5] studied some results for generalized contractions in ordered metric spaces.

Berinde and Borcut [2] introduced the concept of triple fixed point and proved some related fixed point theorem. After that various results on tripled fixed point have been obtained. The following definitions are from [2].

Definition 1. Let (X, \preceq) be a partially ordered set, $F : X^3 \rightarrow X$ mapping. The mapping F is said to have the mixed monotone property if for any $x, y, z \in X$,

$$(i) \quad x_1, x_2 \in X, \quad x_1 \preceq x_2 \Rightarrow F(x_1, y, z) \preceq F(x_2, y, z),$$

$$(ii) \quad y_1, y_2 \in X, \quad y_1 \succeq y_2 \Rightarrow F(x, y_1, z) \succeq F(x, y_2, z),$$

$$(iii) \quad z_1, z_2 \in X, \quad z_1 \preceq z_2 \Rightarrow F(x, y, z_1) \preceq F(x, y, z_2).$$

Definition 2. An element $(x, y, z) \in X^3$ is called a tripled fixed point of $F : X^3 \rightarrow X$ if

$$F(x, y, z) = x, \quad F(y, x, y) = y, \quad \text{and} \quad F(z, y, x) = z.$$

Definition 3. Let (X, \preceq) be a partially ordered set, $F : X^3 \rightarrow X$ and $g : X \rightarrow X$ two mappings. The mapping F is said to have the mixed g -monotone property if for any $x, y, z \in X$.

$$i. \quad x_1, x_2 \in X, \quad g(x_1) \preceq g(x_2) \Rightarrow F(x_1, y, z) \preceq F(x_2, y, z),$$

$$ii. \quad y_1, y_2 \in X, \quad g(y_1) \succeq g(y_2) \Rightarrow F(x, y_1, z) \succeq F(x, y_2, z),$$

$$iii. \quad z_1, z_2 \in X, \quad g(z_1) \preceq g(z_2) \Rightarrow F(x, y, z_1) \preceq F(x, y, z_2).$$

Definition 4. An element $(x, y, z) \in X^3$ is called a tripled coincidence point of the mappings $F : X^3 \rightarrow X$ and $g : X \rightarrow X$ if

$$F(x, y, z) = gx, \quad F(y, x, y) = gy \quad \text{and} \quad F(z, y, x) = gz.$$

Definition 5. An element $(x, y, z) \in X^3$ is called a tripled common fixed point of the mappings $F : X^3 \rightarrow X$ and $g : X \rightarrow X$ if

$$F(x, y, z) = gx = x, \quad F(y, x, y) = gy = y \quad \text{and} \quad F(z, y, x) = gz = z.$$

Definition 6. An element $x \in X$ is called a common fixed point of the mappings $F : X^3 \rightarrow X$ and $g : X \rightarrow X$ if

$$F(x, x, x) = gx = x.$$

Definition 7. Let X be a non empty set. The mappings $F : X^3 \rightarrow X$ and $g : X \rightarrow X$ are commuting if for all $x, y, z \in X$,

$$g(F(x, y, z)) = F(g(x), g(y), g(z)).$$

Definition 8. Let (X, d) be a metric space. The mappings F and g where $F : X^3 \rightarrow X$ and $g : X \rightarrow X$ are said to be compatible if

$$\lim_{n \rightarrow \infty} d(g(F(x_n, y_n, z_n)), F(g(x_n), g(y_n), g(z_n))) = 0$$

$$\lim_{n \rightarrow \infty} d(g(F(y_n, x_n, y_n)), F(g(y_n), g(x_n), g(y_n))) = 0$$

and

$$\lim_{n \rightarrow \infty} d(g(F(z_n, y_n, x_n)), F(g(z_n), g(y_n), g(x_n))) = 0$$

whenever $\{x_n\}$, $\{y_n\}$ and $\{z_n\}$ are sequences in X such that $\lim_{n \rightarrow \infty} F(x_n, y_n, z_n) = \lim_{n \rightarrow \infty} g(x_n) = x$, $\lim_{n \rightarrow \infty} F(y_n, x_n, y_n) = \lim_{n \rightarrow \infty} g(y_n) = y$ and $\lim_{n \rightarrow \infty} F(z_n, y_n, x_n) = \lim_{n \rightarrow \infty} g(z_n) = z$ for some $x, y, z \in X$.

In [2] Berinde and Borcut proved the following theorem.

Theorem 9. Let (X, \preceq) be a partially ordered set and (X, d) be a complete metric space. Let $F : X^3 \rightarrow X$ be a continuous mapping having the mixed monotone property on X . Assume that there exist constants $a, b, c \in [0, 1)$ such that $a + b + c < 1$ for which,

$$d(F(x, y, z), F(u, v, w)) \preceq ad(x, u) + bd(y, v) + cd(z, w) \quad (1.1)$$

For all $x \succeq u, y \preceq v, z \succeq w$. Assume either,

1. F is continuous,
2. X has the following properties:
 - (a) if non decreasing sequence $x_n \rightarrow x$, then $x_n \preceq x$ for all n ,
 - (b) if non increasing sequence $y_n \rightarrow y$, then $y_n \succeq y$ for all n ,

If there exist $x_0, y_0, z_0 \in X$ such that

$$x_0 \preceq F(x_0, y_0, z_0), \quad y_0 \succeq F(y_0, x_0, y_0), \quad \text{and} \quad z_0 \preceq F(z_0, y_0, x_0)$$

Then there exist $x, y, z \in X$ such that,

$$F(x, y, z) = x, \quad F(y, x, y) = y, \quad \text{and} \quad F(z, y, x) = z$$

Inspired by above works, we derive new tripled fixed point theorems for mapping having the mixed monotone property $F : X \times X \times X \rightarrow X$ in partially ordered metric space and we give an example to support our result.

Theorem 10. Let (X, \preceq) be a partially ordered set and suppose there is a metric d on X such that (X, d) is a complete metric space. Let $F : X \times X \times X \rightarrow X$ be a continuous mapping having the mixed monotone property on X . Assume that F satisfies the following condition:

$$d(F(x, y, z), F(u, v, w)) \preceq \delta(x, y, z, u, v, w)[d(x, u) + d(y, v) + d(z, w)]. \quad (1.2)$$

where

$$\delta(x, y, z, u, v, w) = \frac{\left(\begin{array}{l} d(x, F(u, v, w)) + d(y, F(v, u, v)) + d(z, F(w, v, u)) \\ + d(u, F(x, y, z)) + d(v, F(y, x, y)) + d(w, F(z, y, x)) \end{array} \right)}{1 + 3 \left(\begin{array}{l} d(x, F(x, y, z)) + d(y, F(y, x, y)) + d(z, F(z, y, x)) \\ + d(u, F(u, v, w)) + d(v, F(v, u, v)) + d(w, F(w, v, u)) \end{array} \right)}$$

for all $x, y, z, u, v, w \in X$ with $x \preceq u, y \preceq v$ and $z \preceq w$. If there exist $x_0, y_0, z_0 \in X$ such that

$$x_0 \preceq F(x_0, y_0, z_0), \quad y_0 \preceq F(y_0, x_0, y_0) \quad \text{and} \quad z_0 \preceq F(z_0, y_0, x_0)$$

then

a) F has at least a tripled fixed point there exist $(x, y, z) \in X$ such that

$$x = F(x, y, z), y = F(y, x, y) \quad \text{and} \quad z = F(z, y, x).$$

b) if $(x, y, z), (u, v, w)$ are two distinct tripled fixed points of F , then

$$d(x, u) + d(y, v) + d(z, w) \geq \frac{1}{9}.$$

Proof.

Proof of (a). Consider the two sequences $\{x_n\}, \{y_n\}$ and $\{z_n\}$ in X such that,

$$x_{n+1} = F(x_n, y_n, z_n), \quad y_{n+1} = F(y_n, x_n, y_n) \quad \text{and} \quad z_{n+1} = F(z_n, y_n, x_n) \tag{1.3}$$

for all $n = 0, 1, 2, \dots$. Now, we claim that $\{x_n\}$ is nondecreasing, $\{y_n\}$ is nonincreasing and $\{z_n\}$ is nondecreasing i.e.,

$$x_n \leq x_{n+1}, \quad y_n \geq y_{n+1} \quad \text{and} \quad z_n \leq z_{n+1} \tag{1.4}$$

for all $n = 0, 1, 2, \dots$. From statement of theorem, we know that $x_0, y_0, z_0 \in X$ with

$$x_0 \leq F(x_0, y_0, z_0), \quad y_0 \geq F(y_0, x_0, y_0) \quad \text{and} \quad z_0 \leq F(z_0, y_0, x_0) \tag{1.5}$$

By using the mixed monotone property of F , we write

$$x_1 = F(x_0, y_0, z_0), \quad y_1 = F(y_0, x_0, y_0) \quad \text{and} \quad z_1 = F(z_0, y_0, x_0). \tag{1.6}$$

Therefore $x_0 \leq x_1, y_0 \geq y_1$ and $z_0 \leq z_1$. That is, the inequality 1.4 is true for $n = 0$. Assume $x_n \leq x_{n+1}, y_n \geq y_{n+1}$ and $z_n \leq z_{n+1}$ for some n . Now we shall prove that 1.4 is true for $n + 1$. Indeed, from 1.4 and the mixed monotone property of F , we have

$$x_{n+2} = F(x_{n+1}, y_{n+1}, z_{n+1}) \geq F(x_n, y_{n+1}, z_{n+1}) \geq F(x_n, y_n, z_n) = x_{n+1}$$

and

$$y_{n+2} = F(y_{n+1}, x_{n+1}, y_{n+1}) \leq F(y_n, x_{n+1}, y_{n+1}) \leq F(y_n, x_n, z_n) = y_{n+1},$$

and

$$z_{n+2} = F(z_{n+1}, y_{n+1}, x_{n+1}) \geq F(z_n, y_{n+1}, x_{n+1}) \geq F(z_n, y_n, x_n) = z_{n+1}.$$

Hence, by induction, $x_n \leq x_{n+1}, y_n \geq y_{n+1}$ and $z_n \leq z_{n+1}$ for all n . Since 1.2, $x_{n-1} \leq x_n, y_{n-1} \geq y_n$ and $z_{n-1} \leq z_n$, we have

$$\begin{aligned} & d(F(x_n, y_n, z_n), F(x_{n-1}, y_{n-1}, z_{n-1})) \\ & \leq \frac{\left(d(x_n, F(x_{n-1}, y_{n-1}, z_{n-1})) + d(y_n, F(y_{n-1}, x_{n-1}, y_{n-1})) + d(z_n, F(z_{n-1}, y_{n-1}, x_{n-1})) \right)}{\left(d(x_{n-1}, F(x_n, y_n, z_n)) + d(y_{n-1}, F(y_n, x_n, y_n)) + d(z_{n-1}, F(z_n, y_n, x_n)) \right)} \\ & \leq \frac{\left(d(x_n, F(x_n, y_n, z_n)) + d(y_n, F(y_n, x_n, y_n)) + d(z_n, F(z_n, y_n, x_n)) + d(x_{n-1}, F(x_{n-1}, y_{n-1}, z_{n-1})) \right)}{1 + 3 \left(d(x_{n-1}, F(x_{n-1}, y_{n-1}, z_{n-1})) + d(y_{n-1}, F(y_{n-1}, x_{n-1}, y_{n-1})) + d(z_{n-1}, F(z_{n-1}, y_{n-1}, x_{n-1})) \right)} \\ & \quad [d(x_n, x_{n-1}) + d(y_n, y_{n-1}) + d(z_n, z_{n-1})] \\ & = \frac{\left(d(x_n, x_n) + d(y_n, y_n) + d(z_n, z_n) \right)}{\left(d(x_{n-1}, x_{n+1}) + d(y_{n-1}, y_{n+1}) + d(z_{n-1}, z_{n+1}) \right)} [d(x_n, x_{n-1}) + d(y_n, y_{n-1}) + d(z_n, z_{n-1})] \\ & = \frac{\left(d(x_n, x_{n+1}) + d(y_n, y_{n+1}) + d(z_n, z_{n+1}) + d(x_{n-1}, x_n) \right)}{1 + 3 \left(d(x_{n-1}, x_{n+1}) + d(y_{n-1}, y_{n+1}) + d(z_{n-1}, z_{n+1}) \right)} [d(x_n, x_{n-1}) + d(y_n, y_{n-1}) + d(z_n, z_{n-1})] \\ & = \frac{\left(d(x_{n-1}, x_{n+1}) + d(y_{n-1}, y_{n+1}) + d(z_{n-1}, z_{n+1}) \right)}{1 + 3 \left(d(x_n, x_{n+1}) + d(y_n, y_{n+1}) + d(z_n, z_{n+1}) + d(x_{n-1}, x_n) \right)} [d(x_n, x_{n-1}) + d(y_n, y_{n-1}) + d(z_n, z_{n-1})] \\ & \leq \frac{\left(d(x_{n-1}, x_n) + d(x_n, x_{n+1}) + d(y_{n-1}, y_n) \right)}{1 + 3 \left(d(x_n, x_{n+1}) + d(y_n, y_{n+1}) + d(z_n, z_{n+1}) \right)} [d(x_n, x_{n-1}) + d(y_n, y_{n-1}) + d(z_n, z_{n-1})]. \end{aligned}$$

This implies

$$d(x_{n+1}, x_n) \leq \frac{\left(\begin{array}{l} d(x_{n-1}, x_n) + d(x_n, x_{n+1}) + d(y_{n-1}, y_n) \\ + d(y_n, y_{n+1}) + d(z_{n-1}, z_n) + d(z_n, z_{n+1}) \end{array} \right)}{1 + 3 \left(\begin{array}{l} d(x_n, x_{n+1}) + d(y_n, y_{n+1}) + d(z_n, z_{n+1}) \\ + d(x_{n-1}, x_n) + d(y_{n-1}, y_n) + d(z_{n-1}, z_n) \end{array} \right)} [d(x_n, x_{n-1}) + d(y_n, y_{n-1}) + d(z_n, z_{n-1})]. \quad (1.7)$$

Similarly, from 1.2, $y_{n-1} \geq y_n$, $x_{n-1} \leq x_n$ and $z_{n-1} \leq z_n$ we obtain

$$d(y_{n+1}, y_n) \leq \frac{\left(\begin{array}{l} d(x_{n-1}, x_n) + d(x_n, x_{n+1}) + d(y_{n-1}, y_n) \\ + d(y_n, y_{n+1}) + d(y_{n-1}, y_n) + d(y_n, y_{n+1}) \end{array} \right)}{1 + 3 \left(\begin{array}{l} d(x_n, x_{n+1}) + d(y_n, y_{n+1}) + d(z_n, z_{n+1}) \\ + d(x_{n-1}, x_n) + d(y_{n-1}, y_n) + d(z_{n-1}, z_n) \end{array} \right)} [d(x_n, x_{n-1}) + d(y_n, y_{n-1}) + d(z_n, z_{n-1})] \quad (1.8)$$

and

$$d(z_{n+1}, z_n) \leq \frac{\left(\begin{array}{l} d(x_{n-1}, x_n) + d(x_n, x_{n+1}) + d(y_{n-1}, y_n) \\ + d(y_n, y_{n+1}) + d(z_{n-1}, z_n) + d(z_n, z_{n+1}) \end{array} \right)}{1 + 3 \left(\begin{array}{l} d(x_n, x_{n+1}) + d(y_n, y_{n+1}) + d(z_n, z_{n+1}) \\ + d(x_{n-1}, x_n) + d(y_{n-1}, y_n) + d(z_{n-1}, z_n) \end{array} \right)} [d(x_n, x_{n-1}) + d(y_n, y_{n-1}) + d(z_n, z_{n-1})] \quad (1.9)$$

From these inequalities 1.7-1.9, we get

$$d(x_{n+1}, x_n) + d(y_{n+1}, y_n) + d(z_{n+1}, z_n) \leq 3 \frac{\left(\begin{array}{l} d(x_{n-1}, x_n) + d(x_n, x_{n+1}) + d(y_{n-1}, y_n) \\ + d(y_n, y_{n+1}) + d(z_{n-1}, z_n) + d(z_n, z_{n+1}) \end{array} \right)}{1 + 3 \left(\begin{array}{l} d(x_n, x_{n+1}) + d(y_n, y_{n+1}) + d(z_n, z_{n+1}) \\ + d(x_{n-1}, x_n) + d(y_{n-1}, y_n) + d(z_{n-1}, z_n) \end{array} \right)} [d(x_n, x_{n-1}) + d(y_n, y_{n-1}) + d(z_n, z_{n-1})].$$

Now, let

$$\beta_n = 3 \frac{\left(\begin{array}{l} d(x_{n-1}, x_n) + d(x_n, x_{n+1}) + d(y_{n-1}, y_n) \\ + d(y_n, y_{n+1}) + d(z_{n-1}, z_n) + d(z_n, z_{n+1}) \end{array} \right)}{1 + 3 \left(\begin{array}{l} d(x_n, x_{n+1}) + d(y_n, y_{n+1}) + d(z_n, z_{n+1}) \\ + d(x_{n-1}, x_n) + d(y_{n-1}, y_n) + d(z_{n-1}, z_n) \end{array} \right)}.$$

Then

$$\begin{aligned} d(x_{n+1}, x_n) + d(y_{n+1}, y_n) + d(z_{n+1}, z_n) &\leq \beta_n [d(x_n, x_{n-1}) + d(y_n, y_{n-1}) + d(z_n, z_{n-1})] & (1.10) \\ &\leq \beta_n \beta_{n-1} [d(x_{n-1}, x_{n-2}) + d(y_{n-1}, y_{n-2}) + d(z_{n-1}, z_{n-2})] \\ &\vdots \\ &\leq \beta_n \beta_{n-1} \dots \beta_1 [d(x_1, x_0) + d(y_1, y_0) + d(z_1, z_0)] \end{aligned}$$

Observe that (β_n) is nonincreasing, with positive terms. So, $\beta_n \beta_{n-1} \dots \beta_1 \leq \beta_1^n$ and $\beta_1^n \rightarrow 0$. It follows that

$$\lim_{n \rightarrow \infty} (\beta_n \beta_{n-1} \dots \beta_1) = 0.$$

Hence, this implies that

$$\lim_{n \rightarrow \infty} [d(x_{n+1}, x_n) + d(y_{n+1}, y_n) + d(z_{n+1}, z_n)] = 0.$$

From this limit, we have

$$\lim_{n \rightarrow \infty} d(x_{n+1}, x_n) = \lim_{n \rightarrow \infty} d(y_{n+1}, y_n) = \lim_{n \rightarrow \infty} d(z_{n+1}, z_n) = 0.$$

We claim that $\{x_n\}$, $\{y_n\}$ and $\{z_n\}$ are a Cauchy sequence in X . Let $n < m$. Then, from the triangle inequality and 1.7-1.10, we have

$$\begin{aligned} d(x_n, x_m) &\leq d(x_n, x_{n+1}) + d(x_{n+1}, x_{n+2}) + \dots + d(x_{m-1}, x_m) \\ &\leq \frac{\beta_1^n}{3} [d(x_1, x_0) + d(y_1, y_0) + d(z_1, z_0)] + \frac{\beta_1^{n+1}}{3} [d(x_1, x_0) + d(y_1, y_0) + d(z_1, z_0)] \\ &\quad + \dots + \frac{\beta_1^{m-1}}{3} [d(x_1, x_0) + d(y_1, y_0) + d(z_1, z_0)] \\ &= \frac{\beta_1^n}{3} \left(\frac{1 - \beta_1^{m-n}}{1 - \beta_1} \right) [d(x_1, x_0) + d(y_1, y_0) + d(z_1, z_0)] \\ &\leq \frac{\beta_1^n}{3} \left(\frac{1 - \beta_1}{1 - \beta_1} \right) [d(x_1, x_0) + d(y_1, y_0) + d(z_1, z_0)] \\ &= \frac{\beta_1^n}{3} [d(x_1, x_0) + d(y_1, y_0) + d(z_1, z_0)], \end{aligned}$$

$$\begin{aligned} d(y_n, y_m) &\leq d(y_n, y_{n+1}) + d(y_{n+1}, y_{n+2}) + \dots + d(y_{m-1}, y_m) \\ &\leq \frac{\beta_1^n}{3} [d(x_1, x_0) + d(y_1, y_0) + d(y_1, y_0)] + \frac{\beta_1^{n+1}}{3} [d(x_1, x_0) + d(y_1, y_0) + d(y_1, y_0)] \\ &\quad + \dots + \frac{\beta_1^{m-1}}{2} [d(x_1, x_0) + d(y_1, y_0) + d(y_1, y_0)] \\ &= \frac{\beta_1^n}{3} \left(\frac{1 - \beta_1^{m-n}}{1 - \beta_1} \right) [d(x_1, x_0) + d(y_1, y_0) + d(y_1, y_0)] \\ &\leq \frac{\beta_1^n}{3} \left(\frac{1 - \beta_1}{1 - \beta_1} \right) [d(x_1, x_0) + d(y_1, y_0) + d(y_1, y_0)] \\ &= \frac{\beta_1^n}{3} [d(x_1, x_0) + d(y_1, y_0) + d(y_1, y_0)] \end{aligned}$$

and

$$\begin{aligned} d(z_n, z_m) &\leq d(z_n, z_{n+1}) + d(z_{n+1}, z_{n+2}) + \dots + d(z_{m-1}, z_m) \\ &\leq \frac{\beta_1^n}{3} [d(x_1, x_0) + d(y_1, y_0) + d(z_1, z_0)] + \frac{\beta_1^{n+1}}{3} [d(x_1, x_0) + d(y_1, y_0) + d(z_1, z_0)] \\ &\quad + \dots + \frac{\beta_1^{m-1}}{3} [d(x_1, x_0) + d(y_1, y_0) + d(z_1, z_0)] \\ &= \frac{\beta_1^n}{3} \left(\frac{1 - \beta_1^{m-n}}{1 - \beta_1} \right) [d(x_1, x_0) + d(y_1, y_0) + d(z_1, z_0)] \\ &\leq \frac{\beta_1^n}{3} \left(\frac{1 - \beta_1}{1 - \beta_1} \right) [d(x_1, x_0) + d(y_1, y_0) + d(z_1, z_0)] \\ &= \frac{\beta_1^n}{3} [d(x_1, x_0) + d(y_1, y_0) + d(z_1, z_0)] \end{aligned}$$

By adding these two inequalities, we obtain

$$d(x_n, x_m) + d(y_n, y_m) + d(z_n, z_m) \leq \frac{\beta_1^n}{3} [d(x_1, x_0) + d(y_1, y_0) + d(z_1, z_0)].$$

This implies that

$$\lim_{n,m \rightarrow \infty} [d(x_n, x_m) + d(y_n, y_m) + d(z_n, z_m)] = 0.$$

So, $\{x_n\}$, $\{y_n\}$ and $\{z_n\}$ are indeed a Cauchy sequence in the complete metric space X and hence, convergent: there exist $x, y \in X$ such that

$$\lim_{n \rightarrow \infty} x_n = x, \quad \lim_{n \rightarrow \infty} y_n = y \quad \text{and} \quad \lim_{n \rightarrow \infty} z_n = z.$$

Taking limit for both sides of 1.3 and using continuity of F , we get

$$x = \lim_{n \rightarrow \infty} x_n = \lim_{n \rightarrow \infty} F(x_{n-1}, y_{n-1}, z_{n-1}) = F\left(\lim_{n \rightarrow \infty} (x_{n-1}, y_{n-1}, z_{n-1})\right) = F(x, y, z)$$

$$y = \lim_{n \rightarrow \infty} y_n = \lim_{n \rightarrow \infty} F(y_{n-1}, x_{n-1}, y_{n-1}) = F\left(\lim_{n \rightarrow \infty} (y_{n-1}, x_{n-1}, y_{n-1})\right) = F(y, x, y)$$

and

$$z = \lim_{n \rightarrow \infty} z_n = \lim_{n \rightarrow \infty} F(z_{n-1}, y_{n-1}, x_{n-1}) = F\left(\lim_{n \rightarrow \infty} (z_{n-1}, y_{n-1}, x_{n-1})\right) = F(z, y, x)$$

Therefore, $x = F(x, y, z)$, $y = F(y, x, y)$ and $z = F(z, y, x)$, that is, (x, y, z) is a tripled fixed point of F .

Proof of (b). If there exist two distinct tripled fixed points (x, y, z) , (u, v, w) of F , then

$$\begin{aligned} d(x, u) + d(y, v) + d(z, w) &= d(F(x, y, z), F(u, v, w)) + d(F(y, x, y), F(v, u, v)) + d(F(z, y, x), F(w, v, u)) \\ &\leq [d(x, F(u, v, w)) + d(y, F(v, u, v)) + d(z, F(w, v, u)) + d(u, F(x, y, z)) \\ &\quad + d(v, F(y, x, y)) + d(w, F(z, y, x))] [d(x, u) + d(y, v) + d(z, w)] \\ &\quad + [d(y, F(v, u, v)) + d(x, F(u, v, w)) + d(y, F(v, u, v)) + d(v, F(y, x, y)) \\ &\quad + d(u, F(x, y, z)) + d(v, F(y, x, y))] [d(x, u) + d(y, v) + d(z, w)] \\ &\quad + [d(x, F(u, v, w)) + d(y, F(v, u, v)) + d(z, F(w, v, u)) + d(u, F(x, y, z)) \\ &\quad + d(v, F(y, x, y)) + d(w, F(z, y, x))] [d(x, u) + d(y, v) + d(z, w)] \\ &= [d(x, u) + d(y, v) + d(z, w)] [9d(x, u) + 9d(y, v) + 9d(z, w)] \\ &= 9[d(x, u) + d(y, v) + d(z, w)]^2. \end{aligned}$$

Therefore, we obtain that $d(x, u) + d(y, v) + d(z, w) \geq \frac{1}{9}$. □

Example 11. Let $X = \{0, 1\}$ and $x \leq y$, $x, y \in \{0, 1\}$ and $x \leq y$ where $a \leq a$ be usual ordering then (X, \leq) is a partially ordered set. Let $d : X \times X \rightarrow [0, 1]$ be defined by

$$d(0, 1) = 3, d(0, 0) = d(1, 1) = 0, d(a, b) = d(b, a), \forall a, b \in X.$$

Then (X, d) is a complete metric space. Let

$$S = \{(0, 0, 0), (0, 0, 1), (0, 1, 0), (1, 0, 0), (0, 1, 1), (1, 1, 0), (1, 0, 1), (1, 1, 1)\}$$

$$S_1 = \{(0, 0, 0), (0, 0, 1), (0, 1, 0), (1, 0, 0)\}$$

$$S_2 = \{(0, 1, 1), (1, 1, 0), (1, 0, 1), (1, 1, 1)\}.$$

We define $F : X \times X \times X \rightarrow X$ as

$$F(x, y, z) = 0, \quad \forall (x, y, z) \in S_1$$

and

$$F(x, y, z) = 1, \quad \forall (x, y, z) \in S_2.$$

Then F is continuous and has the mixed monotone property. It is obvious that

$$(0, 0, 0), (0, 0, 1), (0, 1, 0), (1, 0, 0), (0, 1, 1), (1, 1, 0), (1, 0, 1), (1, 1, 1)$$

are the tripled fixed points of F . We have following possibilities for values of (x, y, z) and (u, v, w) such that $x \geq u, y \leq v$ and $z \geq w$.

Case 1: If we take $(x, y, z) = (u, v, w) = r$ where $r \in S$, then

$$d(F(x, y, z), F(u, v, w)) = 0.$$

Thus, the inequality 1.2 holds.

Case 2: If we take $(x, y, z) \neq (u, v, w) = r$ where $r \in S_1$ or S_2 , then

$$d(F(x, y, z), F(u, v, w)) = 0.$$

Thus, the inequality 1.2 holds.

Case 3: If we take $(x, y, z) \in S_1$ and $(u, v, w) \in S_2$ then all the conditions of Theorem 10 are satisfied. Also, F has eight distinct tripled fixed points in X that are

$$(0, 0, 0), (0, 0, 1), (0, 1, 0), (1, 0, 0), (0, 1, 1), (1, 1, 0), (1, 0, 1), (1, 1, 1)$$

and

$$d(x, u) + d(y, v) + d(z, w) \geq \frac{1}{9}$$

where $(x, y, z), (u, v, w)$ are two distinct tripled fixed points of F .

Remark 12. The ratio

$$\frac{\left(d(x, F(u, v, w)) + d(y, F(v, u, v)) + d(z, F(w, v, u)) \right) + d(u, F(x, y, z)) + d(v, F(y, x, y)) + d(w, F(z, y, x))}{1 + 3 \left(d(x, F(x, y, z)) + d(y, F(y, x, y)) + d(z, F(z, y, x)) \right) + d(u, F(u, v, w)) + d(v, F(v, u, v)) + d(w, F(w, v, u))} \tag{1.11}$$

might be greater or less than $\frac{1}{3}$ and has not introduced an upper bound. If

$$d(x, u) + d(y, v) + d(z, w) < \frac{1}{9}$$

for every $x, y, z \in X$, then we have

$$\begin{aligned} & d(x, F(u, v, w)) + d(y, F(v, u, v)) + d(z, F(w, v, u)) + d(u, F(x, y, z)) + d(v, F(y, x, y)) + d(w, F(z, y, x)) \\ & \leq d(x, u) + d(u, F(u, v, w)) + d(y, v) + d(v, F(v, u, v)) + d(z, w) + d(w, F(w, v, u)) \\ & \quad + d(u, x) + d(x, F(x, y, z)) + d(v, y) + d(y, F(y, x, y)) + d(w, z) + d(z, F(z, y, x)) \\ & < 3d(x, u) + 3d(y, v) + 3d(z, w) \\ & \quad + d(x, F(x, y, z)) + d(y, F(y, x, y)) + d(z, F(z, y, x)) + d(u, F(u, v, w)) + d(v, F(v, u, v)) + d(w, F(w, v, u)) \\ & < \frac{1}{3} + d(x, F(x, y, z)) + d(y, F(y, x, y)) + d(z, F(z, y, x)) + d(u, F(u, v, w)) + d(v, F(v, u, v)) + d(w, F(w, v, u)) \\ & = \frac{1}{2} (1 + 3[d(x, F(x, y, z)) + d(y, F(y, x, y)) + d(z, F(z, y, x)) + d(u, F(u, v, w)) + d(v, F(v, u, v)) + d(w, F(w, v, u))]). \end{aligned}$$

It means that

$$\left(\frac{d(x, F(u, v, w)) + d(y, F(v, u, v)) + d(z, F(w, v, u)) + d(u, F(x, y, z)) + d(v, F(y, x, y)) + d(w, F(z, y, x))}{1 + 3[d(x, F(x, y, z)) + d(y, F(y, x, y)) + d(z, F(z, y, x)) + d(u, F(u, v, w)) + d(v, F(v, u, v)) + d(w, F(w, v, u))]} \right) < \frac{1}{3}.$$

which is a special case of the Theorem 9. Therefore, when (X, d) is a complete metric space such that, for all $x, y \in X, d(x, u) + d(y, v) + d(z, w) \leq \frac{1}{3}$, the above Theorem is valuable because 1.11 might be greater than $\frac{1}{3}$.

Remark 13. The example 11 does not satisfy the conditions of Theorem 9. That is, we can not say F has a tripled fixed point in X or not. But, we can see that F has a tripled fixed point in X from Theorem 10. In other words the Theorem 10 is a generalization of Theorem 9.

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