

# Generalization of Inequalities in Metric Spaces with Applications

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## Abstract

In this paper, which serves as a continuation of earlier work, we generalize the idea of inequalities in metric spaces and use them to demonstrate that the incomplete metric space can be used to obtain a Banach space.

## Keywords

Metric Spaces, Banach Space, Inequalities

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## 1. Introduction

This paper aims to generalize some inequalities in metric spaces by providing an explanation for the fact that every normed space is a metric space, while the converse is not always true. We also present applications of these concepts in metric spaces, supported by relevant results. The utilization of the parallelogram law, a fundamental property of Hilbert spaces, has enabled several researchers, including Kirk [1], Reich [2], Lim [3], Zălinescu [4], Poffald and Reich [5], Prus and Smarzewski [6], Xu [7], Gornicki [8], and Takahashi [9], to establish equalities and inequalities in metric spaces and successfully solve various problems.

We present an introduction to some of the fundamental properties of a metric space. In essence, a metric space is defined as a non-empty set  $X$  such that to each  $x, y \in X$  there corresponds a non-negative number called the distance between  $x$  and  $y$ . The concept of a metric space was initially introduced in 1906 and further developed in 1914. Additionally, a general inequality concerning polygonal inequality that holds true in metric spaces was established in [10].

A distance on a non-empty set  $X$  is defined as a function  $d : X \times X \rightarrow [0, \infty]$  if the following properties are satisfied:

- (i)  $d(x, y) = 0$  iff  $x = y$ .

(ii)  $d(x, y) = d(y, x)$  for all  $x, y \in X$  (symmetry).

(iii)  $d(x, y) \leq d(x, z) + d(z, y)$  for any  $x, y, z \in X$  (triangle inequality).

When these properties are met, the pair  $(X, d)$  forms a metric space. One of the main goals of this article is to define metric spaces for specific types of spaces, ensuring that all requirements of a metric space are fulfilled.

## 2. Basic Definitions

We begin by recalling certain fundamental properties of real numbers.

For all  $x, y, z \in \mathbb{R}$ ,

i)  $|x - y| \geq 0$ ;  $|x - y| = 0$  iff  $x = y$ ;

ii)  $|x - y| = |y - x|$ ;

iii)  $|x - y| \geq |x - z| + |z - y|$ .

To generalize these properties, let  $(X, d)$  be a metric space and  $x = \xi_1, \xi_2, \dots, \xi_m$ . Then, we have.

$$d(x, y) \leq d(x, \xi_1) + d(\xi_1, \xi_2) + \dots + d(\xi_m, y) \quad (1)$$

$$d(x, y) \leq d(x, \xi_1) + d(\xi_1, y) \quad (2)$$

$$d(\xi_1, y) \leq d(\xi_1, \xi_2) + d(\xi_2, y) \quad (3)$$

$$d(x, \xi_1) + d(\xi_1, y) \leq d(x, \xi_1) + d(\xi_1, \xi_2) + d(\xi_2, y) \quad (4)$$

$$d(x, y) \leq d(x, \xi_1) + d(\xi_1, \xi_2) + d(\xi_2, y) \quad (5)$$

$$d(\xi_2, y) \leq d(\xi_2, \xi_3) + d(\xi_3, y) \quad (6)$$

Thus,  $d(x, y)$  satisfies the properties of a metric space.

**Definition 1.2.** Let  $\alpha: X \rightarrow X$ . A point  $x$  is said to be an  $\alpha$ -fixed point of a mapping  $F: X \rightarrow X$  if  $\alpha \circ x = \alpha \circ F(x)$ .

**Definition 2.2. ( $\alpha$ -weakly isotone increasing)** Let  $(X, \leq)$  be a partially ordered set,  $\alpha: X \rightarrow X$ , and  $F, G$  be two self-mappings of  $X$ . The mapping  $F$  is said to be  $G, \alpha$ -weakly isotone increasing if for all  $x \in X$ , we have  $(\alpha \circ F)x \leq (\alpha \circ G)x \leq (\alpha \circ F)(\alpha \circ G)(\alpha \circ F)x$ .

## 3. Some Concepts to Prove a Metric Space

Let  $X$  be a set of ordered pairs of real numbers  $\{x = (\xi_1, \xi_2) : \xi_i \in \mathbb{R}\}$ ; we define a metric  $d$  on  $\mathbb{R}^2$  as

$$d(x, y) = \sqrt{(\xi_1 - \eta_1)^2 + (\xi_2 - \eta_2)^2} \quad (7)$$

where  $x = (\xi_1, \xi_2)$  and  $y = (\eta_1, \eta_2) \in \mathbb{R}^2$ . Moreover, for Euclidean space  $\mathbb{R}^n$ ,  $\mathbb{R}^n : \{(x = \xi_1, \xi_2, \dots, \xi_n)\}$ ,  $\xi_i$  are real. Additionally, for  $C^n : z = \{(\mu_1, \mu_2, \dots, \mu_n)\}$ ,  $z_i$  are complex numbers, and

$$d(x, y) = \sqrt{(\xi_1 - \eta_1)^2 + (\xi_2 - \eta_2)^2 + \dots + (\xi_n - \eta_n)^2} \quad \text{on } \mathbb{R}^n \quad (8)$$

and

$$d_1(x, y) = \sqrt{(\xi_1 - \eta_1)^2 + (\xi_2 - \eta_2)^2 + \dots + (\xi_n - \eta_n)^2} \quad \text{on } C^n \quad (9)$$

where  $x = \xi_1, \xi_2, \dots, \xi_n$ ,  $y = \eta_1, \eta_2, \dots, \eta_n$ . Then,  $d_1(x, y) = |\xi_1 - \eta_1| + |\xi_2 - \eta_2|$ . To satisfy the triangle inequality, let  $z = (\mu_1, \mu_2)$ ; then,

$$\begin{aligned} d_1(x, y) &= |\xi_1 - \mu_1 + \mu_1 - \eta_1| + |\xi_2 - \mu_2 + \mu_2 - \eta_2| \\ &\leq |\xi_1 - \mu_1| + |\xi_2 - \mu_2| + |\mu_1 - \eta_1| + |\mu_2 - \eta_2| \\ &= d_1(x, z) + d_1(z, y) \end{aligned} \quad (10)$$

Therefore,  $(\mathbb{R}^2, d_1)$  is also a metric space. Let

$X = \{x = (\xi_1, \xi_2, \dots, \xi_n) : \xi_i \in \mathbb{R} \text{ or } C\}$  be a set of bounded sequences of real or complex numbers such that  $|\xi_j| \leq M \quad \forall j$ , which are all bounded. Then, we also say  $|\xi_j| \leq M_x \quad \forall j$ ; hence,  $L^\infty = \{x = (\xi_i)_{i=1}^\infty : \sup_i |\xi_i| < \infty\}$ .

We define the distance as  $d(x, y) = \sup_i |\xi_i - \eta_i|$ , where  $x = (\xi_i)_{i=1}^\infty \in L^\infty$  and  $y = (\eta_i)_{i=1}^\infty \in L^\infty$ . Let  $z = (\mu_i)_{i=1}^\infty \in L^\infty$ ,

$$\begin{aligned} d(x, y) &= \sup_i |\xi_i - \eta_i| = \sup_i |\xi_i - \mu_i + \mu_i - \eta_i| \\ &\leq \sup_i |\xi_i - \mu_i| + \sup_i |\mu_i - \eta_i| = d(x, z) + d(z, y) \end{aligned} \quad (11)$$

Thus,  $(L^\infty, d)$  is a metric space.

**Example 1.3.** Suppose that  $S$  consists of the set of all bounded and unbounded sequences of complex numbers. Let the metric  $d$  be defined as

$$d(x, y) = \sum_{i=1}^\infty \frac{1}{2^i} \frac{|\xi_i - \mu_i|}{1 + |\xi_i - \mu_i|}, \text{ which is convergent and finite. To prove}$$

$d(x, y) \leq d(x, z) + d(z, y)$ , let  $z = \mu_i \in S$ . We consider the function

$$f(t) = \frac{t}{1+t}, \text{ where } t \in \mathbb{R}. \text{ Since } f'(t) = \frac{t}{(1+t)^2} > 0, \text{ the function } f(t) \text{ is in-}$$

creasing. Based on the inequality,  $|a+b| \leq |a|+|b|$ , we have

$f(|a+b|) = f(|a|+|b|)$ , which implies

$$\frac{|a+b|}{1+|a+b|} \leq \frac{|a|+|b|}{1+|a|+|b|} \leq \frac{|a|}{1+|a|} + \frac{|b|}{1+|b|}$$

Setting  $a = \xi_i - \eta_i$  and  $b = \mu_i - \eta_i$ , we obtain

$$\begin{aligned} \frac{|\xi_i - \eta_i|}{1+|\xi_i - \eta_i|} &\leq \frac{|\xi_i - \mu_i|}{1+|\xi_i - \mu_i|} + \frac{|\mu_i - \eta_i|}{1+|\mu_i - \eta_i|} = \sum_{i=1}^\infty \frac{1}{2^i} \frac{|\xi_i - \eta_i|}{1+|\xi_i - \eta_i|} \\ &\leq \sum_{i=1}^\infty \frac{1}{2^i} \frac{|\xi_i - \mu_i|}{1+|\xi_i - \mu_i|} + \sum_{i=1}^\infty \frac{1}{2^i} \frac{|\mu_i - \eta_i|}{1+|\mu_i - \eta_i|} \end{aligned} \quad (12)$$

Because  $d(x, y) \leq d(x, z) + d(z, y)$ , we conclude that  $(S, d)$  is a metric space.

**Example 2.3.** Consider the  $L^b$  space for  $p \geq 1$ , where

$L^b = \{x = (\xi_1, \xi_2, \dots, \xi_i, \dots)\}$  such that  $\sum_{i=1}^\infty |\xi_i|^b < \infty$  and  $\xi_i$  are scalars.

**Result 1.** (Holder's inequality). Let  $x = \xi_j \in L^b$  and  $y = \eta_j \in L^b$ . Then, the product of these sequences satisfies

$$\sum_{j=1}^\infty |\xi_j \eta_j| \leq \left( \sum_{k=1}^\infty |\xi_k|^p \right)^{\frac{1}{p}} \left( \sum_{m=1}^\infty |\eta_m|^q \right)^{\frac{1}{q}} \quad (13)$$

where  $p > 1$  and  $\frac{1}{p} + \frac{1}{q} = 1$ .

**Proof.** Let  $\bar{\xi}_j$  and  $\bar{\eta}_j$  be two sequences such that  $\sum_{j=1}^{\infty} |\bar{\xi}_j|^p = 1$  and  $\sum_{j=1}^{\infty} |\bar{\eta}_j|^q = 1$ . Taking  $\alpha = |\bar{\xi}_j|$  and  $\beta = |\bar{\eta}_j|$  as real positive numbers, we use the inequality  $\alpha\beta = \frac{\alpha^p}{p} + \frac{\beta^q}{q}$  to obtain

$$\sum_{j=1}^{\infty} |\bar{\xi}_j \bar{\eta}_j| \leq \frac{1}{p} \sum_{j=1}^{\infty} |\bar{\xi}_j|^p + \frac{1}{q} \sum_{j=1}^{\infty} |\bar{\eta}_j|^q \leq \frac{1}{p} + \frac{1}{q} = 1 \tag{14}$$

Let us derive Holder's inequality. Suppose that  $x = \xi_j \in L^p$  and  $y = \eta_j \in L^q$  are non-zero elements with

$$\bar{\xi}_j = \frac{\xi_j}{\left(\sum_{k=1}^{\infty} |\xi_k|^p\right)^{\frac{1}{p}}} \text{ and } \bar{\eta}_j = \frac{\eta_j}{\left(\sum_{m=1}^{\infty} |\eta_m|^q\right)^{\frac{1}{q}}} \tag{15}$$

Clearly, the sequences  $\bar{\xi}_j$  and  $\bar{\eta}_j$  satisfy (13). Hence, using (13), we obtain

$$\sum_{j=1}^{\infty} |\xi_j \eta_j| \leq \left(\sum_{k=1}^{\infty} |\xi_k|^p\right)^{\frac{1}{p}} \left(\sum_{m=1}^{\infty} |\eta_m|^q\right)^{\frac{1}{q}}, \text{ which is finite.}$$

**Result 2.** (Minkowski inequality). Let  $x = \xi_j \in L^p$ ,  $y = \eta_j \in L^p$ , and  $p \geq 1$ . Then,

$$\left(\sum_{j=1}^{\infty} |\xi_j + \eta_j|^p\right)^{\frac{1}{p}} \leq \left(\sum_{k=1}^{\infty} |\xi_k|^p\right)^{\frac{1}{p}} + \left(\sum_{m=1}^{\infty} |\eta_m|^p\right)^{\frac{1}{p}}$$

**Proof.** By setting  $p=1$  and  $|\xi_j + \eta_j| \leq |\xi_j| + |\eta_j|$  and applying the triangle inequality, we obtain

$$\sum_{j=1}^{\infty} |\xi_j + \eta_j| \leq \sum_{j=1}^{\infty} |\xi_j| + \sum_{j=1}^{\infty} |\eta_j| \tag{16}$$

For simplicity, let  $\xi_j + \eta_j = \omega_j$ ; then,

$$|\omega_j| = |\xi_j + \eta_j|^p = |\xi_j + \eta_j|^{p-1} \leq |\xi_j| |\omega_j|^{p-1} + |\eta_j| |\omega_j|^{p-1} \tag{17}$$

By choosing  $j=1, 2, \dots, n$  (any fixed value of  $n$ ),  $x = \xi_j \in L^p$  and  $|\omega_j|^{p-1} \in L^q$  because

$$\left(|\omega_j|^{p-1}\right)^q = |\omega_j|^{(p-1)q} \tag{18}$$

Because  $\sum_{j=1}^{\infty} |\omega_j|^{(p-1)q} = \sum_{j=1}^{\infty} |\omega_j|^p < \infty$ , we can apply the Holder's inequality to obtain

$$\begin{aligned} \sum_{j=1}^n |\xi_j| |\omega_j|^{p-1} &\leq \left(\sum_{k=1}^n |\xi_k|^p\right)^{\frac{1}{p}} \left(\sum_{m=1}^n |\omega_m|^{(p-1)q}\right)^{\frac{1}{q}} = \left(\sum_{k=1}^n |\xi_k|^p\right)^{\frac{1}{p}} \left(\sum_{m=1}^n |\omega_m|^p\right)^{\frac{1}{q}} \\ \sum_{j=1}^n |\xi_j| |\omega_j|^{p-1} &\leq \left(\sum_{k=1}^{\infty} |\xi_k|^p\right)^{\frac{1}{p}} \left(\sum_{m=1}^{\infty} |\omega_m|^p\right)^{\frac{1}{q}} \end{aligned} \tag{19}$$

Then, we obtain

$$\begin{aligned} \sum_{j=1}^n |\omega_j|^p &\leq \sum_{j=1}^n (|\xi_j| + |\eta_j|) |\omega_j|^{p-1} \\ &\leq \left(\sum_{k=1}^n |\xi_k|^p\right)^{\frac{1}{p}} + \left(\sum_{k=1}^n |\eta_k|^p\right)^{\frac{1}{p}} \left(\sum_{m=1}^n |\omega_m|^p\right)^{\frac{1}{q}} \end{aligned} \tag{20}$$

Taking the limit as  $n \rightarrow \infty$ , we obtain

$$\left(\sum_{j=1}^{\infty} |\omega_j|^p\right)^{\frac{1}{q}} \leq \left(\left(\sum_{k=1}^{\infty} |\xi_k|^p\right)^{\frac{1}{p}} + \left(\sum_{k=1}^{\infty} |\eta_k|^p\right)^{\frac{1}{p}}\right) \quad (21)$$

Thus,

$$\left(\sum_{j=1}^{\infty} |\omega_j|^p\right)^{\frac{1}{p}} \leq \left(\left(\sum_{k=1}^{\infty} |\xi_k|^p\right)^{\frac{1}{p}} + \left(\sum_{k=1}^{\infty} |\eta_k|^p\right)^{\frac{1}{p}}\right) \quad (22)$$

Finally, we conclude that

$$\left(\sum_{j=1}^{\infty} |\xi_j + \eta_j|^p\right)^{\frac{1}{p}} \leq \left(\sum_{k=1}^{\infty} |\xi_k|^p\right)^{\frac{1}{p}} + \left(\sum_{k=1}^{\infty} |\eta_k|^p\right)^{\frac{1}{p}} \quad (23)$$

**Theorem 3.3.** A mapping  $T$  of a metric space  $(X, d)$  into a metric space  $(X, d)$  is continuous if and only if the inverse image of any open subset of  $Y$  is an open subset of  $X$ .

**Definition 3.4.** (Complete metric space) A continuous metric space  $(X, d)$  is said to be complete if every Cauchy sequence in  $X$  converges to an element of  $X$ .

**Example 3.5.** Let  $(\mathbb{R}^n, d)$  be a complete metric space.

$$L_{\infty} d(x, y) = \sqrt{\sum_{i=1}^n |\xi_i - \mu_i|^2} \quad (24)$$

where  $x = \xi_1, \xi_2, \dots, \xi_n$ ,  $y = \eta_1, \eta_2, \dots, \eta_n \in \mathbb{R}^n$ . Now, we are ready to state our main result.

**Example 3.6.** A Banach space under the norm defined by  $\|x\|_2 = \left[\sum_{i=1}^n |\xi_i|^2\right]^{\frac{1}{2}}$ ,

where  $x = (\xi_i)_{i=1}^n = (\xi_1, \xi_2, \dots, \xi_n) \in \mathbb{R}^n$ ,  $\xi_i \in \mathbb{R}$  for all  $i$ .

**Proof.** To prove that  $\|x\|_2$  is a normed linear space, we prove the properties of a norm:

(i)  $\|x\| = \left[\sum_{i=1}^n |\xi_i|^2\right]^{\frac{1}{2}} \geq 0$ ,  $\xi_i \in \mathbb{R}$  for all  $i$ .  $\|x\| = 0$  implies that  $\left[\sum_{i=1}^n |\xi_i|^2\right]^{\frac{1}{2}} = 0$ ; then,  $\sum_{i=1}^n |\xi_i|^2 = 0$ ,  $|\xi_i|^2 = 0$ ,  $|\xi_i| = 0$ , and  $\xi_i = 0$ .

(ii)  $\|x + y\|^2 = \left[\sum_{i=1}^n |\xi_i + \eta_i|^2\right]^{\frac{1}{2}} = \sum_{i=1}^n |\xi_i + \eta_i| = \sum_{i=1}^n (|\xi_i| + |\eta_i|) |\xi_i + \eta_i|$   
 $\|x + y\|^2 \leq \sum_{i=1}^n (|\xi_i| + |\eta_i|) |\xi_i + \eta_i| = \sum_{i=1}^n |\xi_i| |\xi_i + \eta_i| + \sum_{i=1}^n |\eta_i| |\xi_i + \eta_i|$  implies that  
 $= \sum_{i=1}^n |\xi_i| (|\xi_i| + |\eta_i|) + \sum_{i=1}^n |\eta_i| (|\xi_i| + |\eta_i|) \leq \|x\| \|x + y\| + \|y\| \|x + y\|$   
 $\|x + y\|^2 \leq \|x + y\| (\|x + y\|)$ . Then,  $\|x + y\| \leq \|x\| + \|y\|$ .

(iii)  $\|\alpha x\| = \left[\sum_{i=1}^n |\alpha \xi_i|^2\right]^{\frac{1}{2}} = \left[\sum_{i=1}^n |\alpha|^2 |\xi_i|^2\right]^{\frac{1}{2}} = |\alpha| \left[\sum_{i=1}^n |\xi_i|^2\right]^{\frac{1}{2}} = |\alpha| \|x\|$ . Hence, it is a normed space.

**Proof of completeness:** Let  $\langle x_m \rangle$  be a Cauchy sequence in  $\mathbb{R}^2$ . Then, for any  $\varepsilon > 0$ ,  $\exists n_0 \in \mathbb{N}$  such that  $\|x_m - x_n\| < \varepsilon$   $\exists m, r \geq n_0$  and  $x_m, x_r \in \mathbb{R}^2$ .

$$x_m = (\xi_1^{(m)}, \xi_2^{(m)}, \dots, \xi_i^{(m)}, \dots, \xi_n^{(m)}) \text{ and } x_n = (\xi_1^{(r)}, \xi_2^{(r)}, \dots, \xi_i^{(r)}, \dots, \xi_n^{(r)})$$

$$\begin{aligned} \xi_i^{(m)}, \xi_i^{(r)} \in \mathbb{R}, \quad \forall i \text{ so } \left[ \sum_{i=1}^n |\xi_i^{(m)} - \xi_i^{(r)}|^2 \right]^{\frac{1}{2}} < \varepsilon, \quad \forall m, r \geq n_0. \\ \sum_{i=1}^n |\xi_i^{(m)} - \xi_i^{(r)}|^2 < \varepsilon^2, \quad \forall m, r \geq n_0 \\ \left| \xi_i^{(m)} - \xi_i^{(r)} \right|^2 < \varepsilon^2, \quad \forall m, r \geq n_0 \\ \left| \xi_i^{(m)} - \xi_i^{(r)} \right| < \varepsilon, \quad \forall m, r \geq n_0 \end{aligned}$$

Because  $\langle \xi_i^{(m)} \rangle$  is a Cauchy sequence in  $\mathbb{R}$ ,  $\xi_i^{(m)} \rightarrow \xi_i \in \mathbb{R}$ , and  $\mathbb{R}$  is complete.

Let  $x = \xi_1, \xi_2, \dots, \xi_i, \dots, \xi_n \in \mathbb{R}$ ,  $\xi_i \in \mathbb{R}$ ,  $\forall i$ . Now,  $\|x_m - x\| = \left[ \sum_{i=1}^n |\xi_i^{(m)} - \xi_i|^2 \right]^{\frac{1}{2}}$ , where  $\xi_i^{(m)} \rightarrow \xi_i$ ,  $\forall i$ ; then,  $\xi_i^{(m)} - \xi_i \rightarrow 0$  as  $m \rightarrow \infty$ , and  $x_m - x \rightarrow 0$  as  $m \rightarrow \infty$  implies that  $x_m \rightarrow x \in \mathbb{R}^n$ , so  $\mathbb{R}^n$  is a complete space.

**Lemma 3.7.** Let  $(L_\infty, d_\infty)$  be a complete metric space  $L_\infty : \{x = (\xi_i), \xi_i \in \mathbb{R}^n \text{ or } C : \sup_i |\xi_i| < \infty\}$ .  $d_\infty d(x, y) = \sup_i |\xi_i - \mu_i|$ , where  $x = (\xi_i)_{i=1}^\infty$  and  $y = (\eta_i)_{i=1}^\infty \in L_\infty$ .

**Claim.** We consider  $L_\infty$ . Given  $x_m = (\xi_i^{(m)})_{i=1}^\infty$  as a Cauchy sequence in  $L_\infty$ , for given  $\varepsilon > 0$ ,  $\exists N(\varepsilon)$  such that for  $n \geq N$ ,  $d_\infty(x_m, x_n) < \varepsilon$ ,  $\exists m, r \geq N$ ,  $\sup_i |x_m - \mu_i^{(r)}| < \varepsilon$ . For each fixed  $|\xi_i^{(m)} - \mu_i^{(r)}| < \varepsilon$ , we consider  $(\xi_i^{(1)}, \xi_i^{(2)}, \dots)$ .  $x_i$  behaves as a real or complex Cauchy sequence because  $x_m = (\eta_1, \eta_2, \dots, \eta_n, \dots)$ . To show  $x \in L_\infty$ , we obtain  $\sup_i |\xi_i^{(m)} - \mu_i^{(r)}| < \varepsilon$  for  $m, r \geq N$ , each  $i$ , and let  $r \rightarrow \infty$ . Thus,  $d_\infty(x_m, x) = \sup_i |\xi_i^{(m)} - \mu_i^{(r)}| < \varepsilon$ ,  $x_m \rightarrow x$  because

$$|\xi_i| = |\xi_i - \xi_i^{(m)}| + |\xi_i^{(m)}| < \varepsilon + k_m \tag{25}$$

where  $k_m = \sup_i |\xi_i^{(m)}| < \infty$ ,  $x_m \in L_\infty$ .  $(L_\infty, d_\infty)$  is a complete metric space. Alternative proofs do exist.

**Result 3.** Every normed space is a metric space, but the converse need not be true in general.

Let  $S$  be a set of sequences (bounded or unbounded) of real or complex numbers and define  $d(x, y) = \sum_{i=1}^\infty \frac{1}{2^i} \frac{|\xi_i - \eta_i|}{1 + |\xi_i - \eta_i|}$ , where  $x = (\xi_i)_{i=1}^\infty \in X$  and  $y = (\eta_i)_{i=1}^\infty \in X$ . Clearly,  $(S, d)$  is a metric space. The question is whether it is a normed space? The answer is no. If it were a normed space, we could define  $\|x\| = \|x\| = \sum_{i=1}^\infty \frac{1}{2^i} \frac{|x_i|}{1 + |x_i|}$ . In that case, we would have the following:

$$\|\alpha x\| = \sum_{i=1}^\infty \frac{1}{2^i} \frac{|\alpha x_i|}{1 + |\alpha x_i|} = |\alpha| \|x\| \tag{26}$$

$\|\alpha x\| \neq |\alpha| \|x\|$  which fails to satisfy the norm property. So,  $(S, \|\cdot\|)$  is not a normed space, but it is a metric space.

**Lemma 3.8.** Consider  $L^p$  space and  $p > 1$ :

$L^p : \{x = (\xi_i)_{i=1}^\infty, \xi_i \in \mathbb{R} \text{ or } \mathbb{C} : \sup_i |\xi_i|^p < \infty\}$ . Define  $\|x\|_{L^p} = \left( \sum_{i=1}^\infty |\xi_i|^p \right)^{\frac{1}{p}}$ . There-

fore,  $(L^p, \|\cdot\|_p)$  is a normed space, so

$$d(x, y) = \left( \sum_{i=1}^{\infty} |\xi_i - \eta_i|^p \right)^{\frac{1}{p}} = \|x - y\|_{L^p} \quad (27)$$

where  $x = (\xi_i) \in L^p$  and  $y = (\eta_i) \in L^p$ . Thus,  $(L^p, d)$  is a complete metric space. Hence,  $(L^p, \|\cdot\|_p)$  is a Banach space.

**Theorem 2.9.** Let  $(X, \leq)$  be a partially ordered set and suppose that there exists a metric  $d$  on  $X$  such that  $(X, d)$  is a complete metric space. Let  $\alpha: X \rightarrow X$  and  $F$  and  $G$  be two self-mappings of  $(X, d)$  such that for comparable  $x, y \in X$ ,

$$\begin{aligned} & \xi d(\alpha \circ F(x), \alpha \circ G(y)) + \eta d(\alpha \circ F(x), \alpha(x)) + \mu d(\alpha(y), \alpha \circ G(y)) \\ & - \min\{d(\alpha \circ F(x), \alpha(y)), d(\alpha \circ G(y), \alpha(x))\} \\ & \leq k \max\left\{d(\alpha(x), \alpha(y)), d(\alpha \circ F(x), \alpha(x)), d\left(\alpha(y), \alpha \circ G(y), \frac{1}{2}d(\alpha \circ F(x), \alpha(y))\right)\right\} \end{aligned}$$

For  $\xi, \eta, \mu > 0$ ,  $k > 0$ , and  $\xi > k$ , we assume the following:

- (i)  $F$  is  $G, \alpha$ -weakly increasing and
- (ii)  $X$  is regular.

Then,  $F$  and  $G$  have a unique  $\alpha$ -fixed point.

**Proof.** Let  $x_0 \in X$ . From the sequence  $x_n$  with respect to  $\alpha$ , we obtain  $x_{2n+2} = \alpha \circ F(x_{2n+1}) = F_\alpha(x_{2n+1})$  and  $x_{2n+1} = \alpha \circ G(x_{2n}) = G_\alpha(x_{2n})$  for  $n = 1, 2, \dots$ . Let  $d_n = d(\alpha \circ (x_n))$ ,  $(\alpha \circ (x_{n+1})) > 0$ ,  $n = 1, 2, \dots$ . Because  $G_\alpha$  is  $F_\alpha$ -weakly increasing, we have

$$\begin{aligned} x_1 & \leq \alpha \circ G(x_0) \leq \alpha \circ F(\alpha \circ G(x_0)) = \alpha \circ F(x_1) = x_2 \leq (\alpha \circ G)(\alpha \circ F(\alpha \circ G(x_0))) \\ & = \alpha \circ G(\alpha \circ F(x_1)) = \alpha \circ G(x_2) = x_3 \leq \alpha \circ G(x_1) \leq \alpha \circ F(\alpha \circ G(x_2)) \\ & = \alpha \circ F(x_3) = x_4 \leq (\alpha \circ G)\alpha \circ F(\alpha \circ G(x_2)) = (\alpha \circ G)(\alpha \circ F(x_3)) = x_5 \end{aligned} \quad (28)$$

By continuing this process, we obtain  $x_1 \leq x_2 \leq x_3 \leq \dots \leq x_n \leq x_{n+1} \leq \dots$  so  $x_{2n} \leq x_{2n+1}$ ,  $\forall n = 1, 2, \dots$ . Now, with  $x = x_{2n+1}$  and  $y = x_{2n}$ , we have

$$\begin{aligned} & \left[ \xi d(\alpha \circ F(x_{2n+1}), \alpha \circ G(x_{2n})) + \eta d(\alpha \circ F(x_{2n+1}), x_{2n+2}) \right] \\ & + \mu d(x_{2n}, \alpha \circ G(x_{2n})) - \min\{d(\alpha \circ F(x_{2n+1}), x_{2n}), d(\alpha \circ G(x_{2n}), x_{2n+1})\} \\ & \leq k \max\left\{d(x_{2n+1}, x_{2n}), d(\alpha \circ F(x_{2n+1}), x_{2n+1}), d\left(x_{2n}, \alpha \circ G(x_{2n}), \frac{1}{2}d(\alpha \circ F(x_{2n+1}), x_{2n})\right)\right\} \end{aligned} \quad (29)$$

or

$$\begin{aligned} & \left[ \xi d(x_{2n+2}, x_{2n+1}) + \eta d(x_{2n+2}, x_{2n+1}) + \mu d(x_{2n}, x_{2n+1}) \right. \\ & \left. - \min\{d(x_{2n}, x_{2n+2}), d(x_{2n+1}, x_{2n+1})\} \right] \\ & \leq k \max\left\{d(x_{2n+1}, x_{2n}), d(x_{2n+2}, x_{2n+1}), d(x_{2n}, x_{2n+1}), \frac{1}{2}d(x_{2n+1}, x_{2n})\right\} \end{aligned} \quad (30)$$

or

$$\xi d_{2n+1} + \eta d_{2n+1} + \mu d_{2n} - \min\{d_{2n}, d_{2n+1}, 0\} \leq k \max\left\{d_{2n}, d_{2n+1}, \frac{1}{2}(d_{2n}, d_{2n+1})\right\} \quad (31)$$

Letting  $H = \max\{d_{2n}, d_{2n+1}\}$ , we have  $d_{2n} \leq H$ , and  $d_{2n+1} \leq H$  implies that  $\frac{1}{2}(d_{2n}, d_{2n+1}) \leq H$ . Therefore,

$$\max\left\{d_{2n}, d_{2n+1}, \frac{1}{2}(d_{2n}, d_{2n+1})\right\} \leq H = \max\{d_{2n}, d_{2n+1}\}.$$

From Equation (30),

$$(\xi + \eta)d_{2n+1} + \mu d_{2n} \leq k \max\{d_{2n}, d_{2n+1}\} \text{ if } d_{2n} \leq d_{2n+1}.$$

Then,

$$(\xi + \eta)d_{2n+1} + \mu d_{2n} \leq k d_{2n+1}, \text{ so } (\xi + \eta - k)d_{2n+1} \leq -\mu d_{2n}, \text{ } d_{2n+1} \leq g d_{2n},$$

where

$$g = \frac{-\mu}{\xi + \eta - k} \leq 1, \text{ and if } d_{2n+1} \leq d_{2n}, \text{ then } (\xi + \eta)d_{2n+1} + \mu d_{2n} \leq g d_{2n} \text{ implies}$$

that  $d_{2n+1} \leq \frac{g - \mu}{\xi + \eta} d_{2n}$  and  $d_{2n+1} \leq g d_{2n}$ , where  $g = \frac{f - \mu}{\xi + \eta} d_{2n} < 1$ . Therefore,

$$d_{2n+1} \leq g d_{2n} \leq g^2 d_{2n-1} \leq \dots \leq g^{2n+1} d_0 \rightarrow 0 \text{ as } n \rightarrow \infty.$$

Thus,  $\{x_n\}$  is a Cauchy sequence in  $X$ ,  $X$  is complete, and there exists a point  $z \in X$  such that  $\{x_{2n}\}$  converges to  $z$ . Hence,  $\lim(\alpha \circ F)(x_{2n+1}) = x_{2n+1} = z$  and  $\lim(\alpha \circ F)(x_{2n+1}) = z$ . Because  $\{x_{2n}\}$  is a nondecreasing sequence, if  $X$  is regular, it follows that  $x_{2n} \leq z, \forall n$ . Now, if we put  $x = x_{2n+1}$  and  $y = z$ , we obtain

$$\begin{aligned} & \left[ \xi d(\alpha \circ F)x_{2n+1}, ((\alpha \circ G), z) + \eta d(x_{2n+1}, (\alpha \circ F)x_{2n+1}) + \mu d(z, (\alpha \circ G)z) \right. \\ & \left. - \min\{d((\alpha \circ G)(x_{2n+1}), z), d((\alpha \circ G)z, x_{2n+1})\} \right] \\ & \leq k \max\left\{d(x_{2n+1}, z), d\left((\alpha \circ F)(x_{2n+1}), (x_{2n+1}), d(z, (\alpha \circ G)z), \frac{1}{2}d((\alpha \circ F)(x_{2n+1}), z)\right)\right\}. \end{aligned}$$

Finally, we arrive at the following conclusion:

$$\begin{aligned} & \xi d(z, \alpha \circ F)(z) + \eta d(z, z) + \mu d(z, \alpha \circ G(z)) - \min\{d(z, z), d(z, \alpha \circ G(z))\} \\ & \leq k \max\left\{d(z, z), d(z, z), d\left(z, \alpha \circ G(z), \frac{1}{2}d(z, z)\right)\right\}. \end{aligned}$$

Alternatively, we can simplify it as  $(\xi + \mu - g)d(z, \alpha \circ G(z)) \leq 0$  or  $\alpha \circ G(z) = z$ , given that  $\xi > 1 + g$ . Thus,  $z$  is a fixed point of  $G$ . Additionally, using similar reasoning with  $x = z, y = x_{2n}$ , we obtain  $\alpha \circ z = \alpha \circ F(z)$ . Hence,  $z$  is a common  $\alpha$ -fixed point of  $F$  and  $G$ .

### Conflicts of Interest

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