

**FIXED POINT THEOREMS FOR COMPATIBLE MAPPINGS  
WITH APPLICATIONS TO THE SOLUTIONS OF FUNCTIONAL  
EQUATIONS ARISING IN DYNAMIC PROGRAMMINGS**

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**ABSTRACT.** Some common fixed point theorems for compatible mappings are shown. As an application, the existence and uniqueness of common solutions for a class of functional equations arising in dynamic programmings are discussed.

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## 1. INTRODUCTION

In [1] the concept of compatible mappings was introduced as a generalization of commuting mappings and further investigation was given in [2-9].

The purpose of this paper is to prove some common fixed point theorems for compatible mappings, which generalized some recent results of [4, 10-13]. As an application, we use the results presented to study the existence and uniqueness problem of a common solution for a class of functional equations arising in dynamic programmings, which generalized the corresponding results of [14, 15].

## 2. FIXED POINT THEOREMS

**DEFINITION 2.1.** Self mappings  $A$  and  $S$  of a metric space  $(X, d)$  are called compatible, if  $\lim_n d(ASx_n, SAx_n) = 0$  whenever  $\{x_n\}$  is a sequence in  $X$  such that  $\lim_n Ax_n = \lim_n Sx_n = t$  for some  $t$  in  $X$ .

It is clear that commuting mappings and weakly commuting mappings are all compatible mappings, but the converse is false (see [1, 4]).

**LEMMA 2.2** [1,4] If  $A$  and  $S$  are compatible self mappings of a metric space  $(X, d)$  and  $\lim_n Sx_n = \lim_n Ax_n = t$  for some  $t$  in  $X$ , then  $\lim_n ASx_n = St$  if  $S$  is continuous.

The following theorem can be obtained from Theorem 8 in [16].

**THEOREM 2.3.** Let  $(X, d)$  be a complete metric space and  $A, B, S$  and  $T$  are self mappings of  $X$ . Suppose that  $S$  and  $T$  are continuous,  $A(X) \subset T(X)$ ,  $B(X) \subset S(X)$ , and that  $A, S$  and  $B, T$  are compatible and satisfy the following condition:

$$d(Ax, By) \leq \Phi(\max\{d(Sx, Ty), d(Sx, Ax), d(Ty, By), \\ \frac{1}{2} [d(Sx, By) + d(Ty, Ax)]\}), \forall x, y \in X, \quad (2.1)$$

where  $\Phi : [0, \infty) \rightarrow [0, \infty)$  is nondecreasing, upper semicontinuous and  $\Phi(t) < t$  for all  $t > 0$

Then  $A, B, S$  and  $T$  have a unique common fixed point in  $X$

We merely state the proof for convenience

**PROOF.** Since  $A(X) \subset T(X)$  and  $B(X) \subset S(X)$ , we can choose a sequence  $\{x_n\}$  in  $X$  such that  $Sx_{2n} = Bx_{2n-1}$  and  $Tx_{2n-1} = Ax_{2n-2}$  for all  $n$  in the set  $\mathbb{N}$  of all positive integers. Let

$$\left. \begin{aligned} y_{2n-1} &= Tx_{2n-1} = Ax_{2n-2} \\ y_{2n} &= Sx_{2n} = Bx_{2n-1} \end{aligned} \right\} (n \in \mathbb{N}). \quad (2.2)$$

As in [10], we can prove that  $\{y_n\}$  is a Cauchy sequence in  $X$ . Letting  $y_n \rightarrow y_* \in X$  ( $n \rightarrow \infty$ ), we know that  $\{y_{2n}\}$  and  $\{y_{2n-1}\}$  converge to  $y_*$  too.

Since  $A$  and  $S, B$  and  $T$  are both compatible, it follows from the continuity of  $S$  and  $T$ , (2.2) and Lemma 2.2 that

$$Ty_{2n-1} \rightarrow Ty_*, \quad By_{2n-1} \rightarrow Ty_*, \quad Sy_{2n} \rightarrow Sy_*, \quad Ay_{2n} \rightarrow Sy_*. \quad (2.3)$$

By (2.1) and (2.2) we have

$$\begin{aligned} d(Ay_{2n}, By_{2n-1}) &\leq \Phi(\max\{d(Sy_{2n}, Ty_{2n-1}), d(Sy_{2n}, Ay_{2n}), \\ &\quad d(Ty_{2n-1}, By_{2n-1}), \frac{1}{2}[d(Sy_{2n}, By_{2n-1}) + d(Ty_{2n-1}, Ay_{2n})]\}). \end{aligned}$$

By the upper semicontinuity of  $\Phi(t)$  and (2.3) we have

$$\begin{aligned} d(Sy_*, Ty_*) &\leq \Phi(\max\{d(Sy_*, Ty_*), 0, 0, d(Sy_*, Ty_*)\}) \\ &= \Phi(d(Sy_*, Ty_*)). \end{aligned}$$

This implies that  $Sy_* = Ty_*$ .

Similarly, from (2.1), (2.2) and (2.3) we can obtain

$$Sy_* = By_*, \quad Ty_* = Ay_*.$$

Hence we have

$$Ay_* = By_* = Sy_* = Ty_*. \quad (2.4)$$

From (2.1) and (2.2) we have

$$\begin{aligned} d(Ax_{2n}, By_*) &\leq \Phi(\max\{d(Sx_{2n}, Ty_*), d(Sx_{2n}, Ax_{2n}), \\ &\quad d(Ty_*, By_*), \frac{1}{2}[d(Sx_{2n}, By_*) + d(Ty_*, Ax_{2n})]\}), \end{aligned}$$

and then

$$d(y_*, By_*) \leq \Phi(d(y_*, By_*)).$$

Hence we have  $y_* = By_* = Ay_* = Sy_* = Ty_*$ .

The uniqueness is obvious. This completes the proof.

**DEFINITION 2.4.** A metric space  $(X, d)$  is (metrical) convex, if for each  $x, y \in X$  with  $x \neq y$ , there exists a  $z \in X$ ,  $x \neq z \neq y$ , such that

$$d(x, z) + d(z, y) = d(x, y).$$

**LEMMA 2.5** [17]. Let  $K$  be a closed subset of a complete convex metric space  $X$ . If  $x \in K$  and  $y \notin K$ , then there exists a point  $z \in \partial K$  such that

$$d(x, z) + d(z, y) = d(x, y).$$

**DEFINITION 2.6.** Let  $(X, d)$  be a metric space,  $K \subset X$  and  $A, S : K \rightarrow X$ . The pair of mappings  $A$  and  $S$  is called compatible, if  $\lim_n d(ASx_n, SAx_n) = 0$  whenever  $\{x_n\}$  is a sequence in  $K$  such that  $Ax_n, Sx_n \in K$  and  $\lim_n Ax_n = \lim_n Sx_n = t \in K$ .

**LEMMA 2.7.** Let  $(X, d)$  be a metric space,  $K \subset X$  and  $A, S : K \rightarrow X$ . If  $A$  and  $S$  are compatible mappings,  $Ax_n, Sx_n \in K$  and  $\lim_n Ax_n = \lim_n Sx_n = t$  for some  $t \in K$ , then  $\lim_n ASx_n = St$  if  $S$  is continuous.

**PROOF.** It is obvious from Definition 2.6

**THEOREM 2.8.** Let  $(X, d)$  be a complete convex metric space and  $K$  a nonempty closed subset of  $X$ . Suppose that  $S$  and  $T$  are continuous mappings from  $X$  into  $X$  with  $\partial K \subset S(K) \cap T(K)$  and that  $A, B : K \rightarrow X$  are continuous mappings with  $A(K) \cap K \subset S(K)$ ,  $B(K) \cap K \subset T(K)$ . Suppose further that the pairs of mappings  $A, T$  and  $B, S$  are compatible and satisfying

$$d(Ax, By) \leq \Phi(d(Tx, Sy)), \forall x, y \in K, \tag{2.5}$$

where  $\Phi : [0, \infty) \rightarrow [0, \infty)$  is nondecreasing upper semi-continuous and  $\sum \Phi^n(t) < \infty$  for all  $t \geq 0$

If for  $x \in K$ ,  $Tx \in \partial K$  implies  $Ax, Bx \in K$  and  $Sx \in \partial K$  implies  $Ax, Bx \in K$ , then there exists a  $z \in K$  such that

$$z = Tz = Sz = Az = Bz.$$

If  $Tv = Sv = Av = Bv$ , then  $Tz = Tv$

**PROOF.** Let  $p \in \partial K$ . Using Lemma 2.5 and the proof of [11] we can choose two sequences  $\{p_n\}_{n \in \mathbb{N}}$  and  $\{p'_n\}_{n \in \mathbb{N}}$  such that for any  $n \in \mathbb{N}$ ,  $p_n \in K$ ,  $p'_{2n-1} = Ap_{2n}$ ,  $p'_{2n} = Bp_{2n-1}$  and the following implications hold:

- (i) If  $p'_{2n} \in K$ , then  $p'_{2n} = Tp_{2n}$ , if  $p'_{2n} \notin K$ , then  $Tp_{2n} \in \partial K$  and  $d(Sp_{2n-1}, Tp_{2n}) + d(Tp_{2n}, Bp_{2n-1}) = d(Sp_{2n-1}, Bp_{2n-1})$
- (ii) If  $p'_{2n+1} \in K$ , then  $p'_{2n+1} = Sp_{2n+1}$ , if  $p'_{2n+1} \notin K$ , then  $Sp_{2n+1} \in \partial K$  and  $d(Tp_{2n}, Sp_{2n+1}) + d(Sp_{2n+1}, Ap_{2n}) = d(Tp_{2n}, Ap_{2n})$

Further, as in [3] we can prove that

$$\left. \begin{aligned} d(Tp_{2n}, Sp_{2n+1}) &\leq \Phi^{n-1}(r) \\ d(Sp_{2n+1}, Tp_{2n+2}) &\leq \Phi^n(r) \end{aligned} \right\} (n \in \mathbb{N}), \tag{2.6}$$

where  $r = \max\{d(Tp_2, Sp_3), d(Tp_2, Sp_1)\}$ .

This implies that for any  $n \in \mathbb{N}$ ,

$$d(Tp_{2n}, Tp_{2n+2}) \leq \Phi^{n-1}(r) + \Phi^n(r).$$

Hence the sequence  $\{Tp_{2n}\}_{n \in \mathbb{N}}$  is a Cauchy sequence. Since  $X$  is complete and  $K$  is closed, it follows that there exists a  $z \in K$  such that  $z = \lim_n Tp_{2n}$ . From (2.6) we have

$$z = \lim_n Tp_{2n} = \lim_n Sp_{2n+1}.$$

Now we prove that  $z = Tz = Sz = Az = Bz$ . It is obvious that there exists a sequence  $\{n_k\} \subset \mathbb{N}$  such that  $Tp_{2n_k} = Bp_{2n_k-1}$ , or  $Sp_{2n_k-1} = Ap_{2n_k-2}$ ,  $\forall k \in \mathbb{N}$ . Without loss of generality, we can suppose that  $Tp_{2n_k} = Bp_{2n_k-1}$ ,  $\forall k \in \mathbb{N}$ . From (2.5) we have

$$\begin{aligned} d(STp_{2n_k}, Az) &\leq d(SBp_{2n_k-1}, BS p_{2n_k-1}) + d(BSp_{2n_k-1}, Az) \\ &\leq d(SBp_{2n_k-1}, BS p_{2n_k-1}) + \Phi(d(SSp_{2n_k-1}, Tz)). \end{aligned}$$

Since  $B, S$  are compatible and  $S$  is continuous, we have

$$d(Sz, Az) \leq \Phi(d(Sz, Tz)). \tag{2.7}$$

From (2.5) we have

$$\begin{aligned} d(Ap_{2n_k}, Tp_{2n_k}) &= d(Ap_{2n_k}, Bp_{2n_k-1}) \\ &\leq \Phi(d(Sp_{2n_k-1}, Tp_{2n_k})). \end{aligned}$$

By the upper semi-continuity of  $\Phi(t)$ , it follows that

$$\lim_k Ap_{2n_k} = z. \quad (2.8)$$

Using (2.5) we have

$$d(Ap_{2n_k}, BSp_{2n_k-1}) \leq \Phi(d(Tp_{2n_k}, SSp_{2n_k-1})).$$

Since  $B, S$  are compatible and  $S$  is continuous, it follows from (2.8) and Lemma 2.7 that

$$d(z, Sz) \leq \Phi(d(z, Sz)).$$

This implies that  $d(z, Sz) = 0$ , i.e.  $z = Sz$ .

Since  $A, T$  are compatible and  $A$  and  $T$  are continuous, from (2.8) and Lemma 2.7 we have

$$Az = \lim_k ATp_{2n_k} = Tz.$$

In view of (2.7) we have

$$d(Sz, Tz) \leq \Phi(d(Sz, Tz))$$

and so

$$z = Sz = Tz = Az.$$

Besides, from (2.5) we have

$$d(Az, Bz) \leq \Phi(d(Sz, Tz)) = \Phi(0) = 0.$$

Hence

$$z = Tz = Sz = Az = Bz.$$

Finally, if  $Tv = Sv = Av = Bv$ , then

$$d(Tv, Sz) = d(Av, Bz) \leq \Phi(d(Sz, Tv))$$

and so  $Tv = Sz = Tz$ .

This completes the proof of Theorem 2.8.

As an immediate consequence we can obtain the following result.

**THEOREM 2.9.** Let  $(X, d)$  be a complete convex metric space,  $K$  a nonempty closed subset of  $X$ , and  $S$  and  $T$  continuous mappings from  $X$  into  $X$  such that  $\partial K \subset S(K) \cap T(K)$ . Suppose that for every  $n \in \mathbb{N}$ ,  $A_n : K \rightarrow X$  is a continuous mapping with  $A_{2n}(K) \cap K \subset T(K)$  and  $A_{2n-1}(K) \cap K \subset S(K)$ , and that the pairs of mappings  $A_{2n-1}, T$  and  $A_{2n}, S$  are compatible such that for any  $n \in \mathbb{N}$

$$d(A_n x, A_{n+1} y) \leq \Phi(d(Tx, Sy)), \forall x, y \in K,$$

where  $\Phi(t)$  is the same as in Theorem 2.8.

If for every  $n \in \mathbb{N}$  and  $x \in K$ ,

$$Tx \in \partial K \text{ implies } A_n x \in K \text{ and } Sx \in \partial K \text{ implies } A_n x \in K,$$

then there exists a  $z \in K$  such that

$$z = Tz = Sz = A_n z, \quad \forall n \in \mathbb{N},$$

and if  $Tv = Sv = Av$  for every  $n \in \mathbb{N}$ , then  $Tz = Tv$ .

**REMARK 2.10.** Theorem 2.9 is a generalization of Theorem 1 in [11]

**3. APPLICATIONS**

Throughout this section we assume that  $X$  and  $Y$  are Banach spaces,  $S \subset X$  is a state space,  $D \subset Y$  a decision space and  $\mathbb{R} = (-\infty, +\infty)$ . We denote by  $B(S)$  the set of all bounded real-valued functions defined on  $S$ .

As suggested in Bellman and Lee [18], the basic form of the functional equations of dynamic programming is

$$f(x) = \text{opt}_y H(x, y, f(T(x, y))),$$

where  $x$  and  $y$  represent the state and decision vectors respectively,  $T$  represents the transformation of the process, and  $f(x)$  represents the optimal return function with initial state  $x$  (here opt denotes max or min)

In this section, we shall study the existence and uniqueness of a common solution of the following functional equations arising in dynamic programmings

$$f(x) = \sup_{y \in D} H_1(x, y, f(T(x, y))), \quad x \in S, \tag{3.1}$$

$$g(x) = \sup_{y \in D} H_2(x, y, g(T(x, y))), \quad x \in S, \tag{3.2}$$

$$p(x) = \sup_{y \in D} F_1(x, y, p(T(x, y))), \quad x \in S, \tag{3.3}$$

$$q(x) = \sup_{y \in D} F_2(x, y, q(T(x, y))), \quad x \in S, \tag{3.4}$$

where  $T : S \times D \rightarrow S$ ,  $H_i$  and  $F_i : S \times D \times \mathbb{R} \rightarrow \mathbb{R}$ ,  $i = 1, 2$ .

**THEOREM 3.1.** Suppose that the following conditions are satisfied:

(i)  $H_i$  and  $F_i$  are bounded,  $i = 1, 2$ .

(ii)  $|H_1(x, y, h(t)) - H_2(x, y, k(t))| \leq \Phi(\max\{|T_1 h(t) - T_2 k(t)|, |T_1 h(t) - A_1 h(t)|, |T_2 k(t) - A_2 k(t)|, \frac{1}{2} [|T_1 h(t) - A_2 k(t)| + |T_2 k(t) - A_1 h(t)|]\})$ ,

for all  $(x, y) \in S \times D$ ,  $h, k \in B(S)$  and  $t \in S$ , where  $\Phi$  is the same as in Theorem 2.3, and the mappings  $A_i$  and  $T_i$  are defined as follows:

$$A_i h(x) = \sup_{y \in D} H_i(x, y, h(T(x, y))), \quad x \in S, \quad h \in B(S) \quad \text{and}$$

$$T_i k(x) = \sup_{y \in D} F_i(x, y, k(T(x, y))), \quad x \in S, \quad k \in B(S), \quad i = 1, 2.$$

(iii) For any  $\{k_n\} \subset B(S)$  and  $k \in B(S)$ ,

$$\limsup_n \sup_{x \in S} |k_n(x) - k(x)| = 0 \quad \text{implies} \quad \limsup_n \sup_{x \in S} |T_i k_n(x) - T_i k(x)| = 0, \quad i = 1, 2.$$

(iv) For any  $h \in B(S)$ , there exist  $k_1, k_2 \in B(S)$  such that

$$A_1 h(x) = T_2 k_1(x), \quad A_2 h(x) = T_1 k_2(x), \quad x \in S.$$

(v) For any  $\{k_n\} \subset B(S)$ , if there exists  $h \in B(S)$  such that

$$\limsup_n \sup_{x \in S} |A_i k_n(x) - h(x)| = \limsup_n \sup_{x \in S} |T_i k_n(x) - h(x)| = 0,$$

then

$$\limsup_n \sup_{x \in S} |A_i T_i k_n(x) - T_i A_i k_n(x)| = 0, \quad i = 1, 2.$$

Then the system of functional equations (3.1)-(3.4) has a unique common solution in  $B(S)$ .

**PROOF.** For any  $h, k \in B(S)$ , let

$$d(h, k) = \sup \{|h(x) - k(x)| : x \in S\},$$

then  $(B(S), d)$  is a complete metric space. From (i)-(v) we know that  $A_i$  and  $T_i$  are self mappings of  $B(S)$ ,  $T_i$  are continuous,  $A_1(B(S)) \subset T_2(B(S))$ ,  $A_2(B(S)) \subset T_1(B(S))$ , and the pair of mappings  $A_i, T_i$  are compatible,  $i = 1, 2$ .

Let  $h_1, h_2$  be any two points of  $B(S)$ , let  $x \in S$  and  $\eta$  be any positive number, there exist  $y_1$ , and  $y_2$  in  $D$  such that

$$\left. \begin{aligned} A_i h_i(x) &< H_i(x, y_i, h_i(x_i)) + \eta \\ \text{where } x_i &= T(x, y_i) \end{aligned} \right\} \quad (i = 1, 2). \quad (3.5)$$

Also we have

$$A_1 h_1(x) \geq H_1(x, y_2, h_1(x_2)), \quad (3.6)$$

$$A_2 h_2(x) \geq H_2(x, y_1, h_2(x_1)). \quad (3.7)$$

From (3.5), (3.7) and (ii) we have

$$\begin{aligned} A_1 h_1(x) - A_2 h_2(x) &< H_1(x, y_1, h_1(x_1)) - H_2(x, y_1, h_2(x_1)) + \eta \\ &\leq |H_1(x, y_1, h_1(x_1)) - H_2(x, y_1, h_2(x_1))| + \eta \\ &\leq \Phi(\max\{|T_1 h_1(x_1) - T_2 h_2(x_1)|, |T_1 h_1(x_1) - A_1 h_1(x_1)|, \\ &\quad |T_2 h_2(x_1) - A_2 h_2(x_1)|, \frac{1}{2} [|T_1 h_1(x_1) - A_2 h_2(x_1)| \\ &\quad + |T_2 h_2(x_1) - A_1 h_1(x_1)|]\}) + \eta \\ &\leq \Phi(\max\{d(T_1 h_1, T_2 h_2), d(T_1 h_1, A_1 h_1), \\ &\quad d(T_2 h_2, A_2 h_2), \frac{1}{2} [d(T_1 h_1, A_2 h_2) \\ &\quad + d(T_2 h_2, A_1 h_1)]\}) + \eta. \end{aligned}$$

Similarly from (3.5), (3.6) and (ii) we have

$$\begin{aligned} A_1 h_1(x) - A_2 h_2(x) &\geq -\Phi(\max\{d(T_1 h_1, T_2 h_2), d(T_1 h_1, A_1 h_1), \\ &\quad d(T_2 h_2, A_2 h_2), \frac{1}{2} [d(T_1 h_1, A_2 h_2) \\ &\quad + d(T_2 h_2, A_1 h_1)]\}) - \eta. \end{aligned}$$

Hence we have

$$\begin{aligned} |A_1 h_1(x) - A_2 h_2(x)| &\leq \Phi(\max\{d(T_1 h_1, T_2 h_2), d(T_1 h_1, A_1 h_1), \\ &\quad d(T_2 h_2, A_2 h_2), \frac{1}{2} [d(T_1 h_1, A_2 h_2) \\ &\quad + d(T_2 h_2, A_1 h_1)]\}) + \eta. \end{aligned} \quad (3.8)$$

Since (3.8) is true for any  $x \in S$  and  $\eta$  is any positive number, we have

$$\begin{aligned} d(A_1 h_1, A_2 h_2) &\leq \Phi(\max\{d(T_1 h_1, T_2 h_2), d(T_1 h_1, A_1 h_1), \\ &\quad d(T_2 h_2, A_2 h_2), \frac{1}{2} [d(T_1 h_1, A_2 h_2), \\ &\quad + d(T_2 h_2, A_1 h_1)]\}). \end{aligned}$$

Therefore by Theorem 2.3,  $A_1, A_2, T_1$  and  $T_2$  have a unique common fixed point  $h^* \in B(S)$ , i.e.  $h^*(x)$  is a unique common solution of functional equations (3.1) - (3.4). This completes the proof.

The following result is an immediate consequence of Theorem 2.3 and Theorem 3.1

**THEOREM 3.2.** Suppose that the following conditions are satisfied:

- (i)  $H_i$  is bounded,  $i = 1, 2$ ;
- (ii)  $|H_1(x, y, h(t)) - H_2(x, y, k(t))| \leq \Phi(\max\{|h(t) - k(t)|, |h(t) - A_1 h(t)|, |k(t) - A_2 k(t)|, \frac{1}{2} [|h(t) - A_2 k(t)| + |k(t) - A_1 h(t)]\})$

for all  $(x, y) \in S \times D, h, k \in B(S)$  and  $t \in S$ , where  $\Phi$  is the same as in Theorem 2.3 and  $A_i$  is defined by

$$A_i h(x) = \sup_{y \in D} H_i(x, y, h(T(x, y))), \quad x \in S, \quad h \in B(S), \quad i = 1, 2.$$

Then the functional equations (3.1) and (3.2) have a unique common solution in  $B(S)$

**REMARK 3.3.** Theorem 3.2 is a generalization of Theorem 2.1 in [15].

**THEOREM 3.4.** Suppose that the following conditions are satisfied.

- (i)  $H_i$  and  $F_i$  are bounded,  $i = 1, 2$ ,
- (ii)  $|H_1(x, y, h(t)) - H_2(x, y, k(t))| \leq \Phi(|T_1 h(t) - T_2 k(t)|)$  for all  $(x, y) \in S \times D, h, k \in B(S)$  and  $t \in S$ , where  $\Phi$  is the same as in Theorem 2.8 and  $T_i$  is defined as in Theorem 3.1,  $i = 1, 2$ ;
- (iii) For any  $\{k_n\} \subset B(S)$  and  $k \in B(S)$ ,

$$\limsup_n \sup_{x \in S} |k_n(x) - k(x)| = 0 \text{ implies } \limsup_n \sup_{x \in S} |T_i k_n(x) - T_i k(x)| = 0$$

and

$$\limsup_n \sup_{x \in S} |A_i k_n(x) - A_i k(x)| = 0, \quad i = 1, 2,$$

where  $A_i$  is defined as in Theorem 3.1,  $i = 1, 2$ ;

- (iv) For any  $h \in B(S)$  such that  $\sup_{x \in S} |h(x)| = 1$ , there exist  $k_1, k_2 \in B(S)$  such that

$$\sup_{x \in S} |k_i(x)| \leq 1 \quad \text{and} \quad T_i k_i(x) = h(x), \quad x \in S, \quad i = 1, 2;$$

- (v) For any  $h \in B(S)$  such that  $\sup_{x \in S} |h(x)| \leq 1$ , there exist  $k_1, k_2 \in B(S)$  such that

$$\sup_{x \in S} |k_i(x)| \leq 1, \quad i = 1, 2, \quad A_1 h(x) = T_2 k_1(x) \quad \text{and} \quad A_2 h(x) = T_1 k_2(x), \quad x \in S;$$

- (vi) For any  $h \in B(S)$  such that  $\sup_{x \in S} |h(x)| \leq 1$ ,

$$\sup_{x \in S} |T_i h(x)| = 1 \quad \text{implies} \quad \sup_{x \in S} |A_j h(x)| \leq 1, \quad i, j = 1, 2;$$

- (vii) For any  $\{k_n\} \subset B(S)$ , if there exists  $h \in B(S)$  such that  $\sup_{x \in S} |T_i k_n(x)| \leq 1$  and

$$\limsup_n \sup_{x \in S} |A_i k_n(x) - h(x)| = \limsup_n \sup_{x \in S} |T_i k_n(x) - h(x)| = 0,$$

then

$$\limsup_n \sup_{x \in S} |A_i T_i k_n(x) - T_i A_i k_n(x)| = 0, \quad i = 1, 2.$$

Then the system of functional equations (3.1) - (3.4) have a unique common solution  $h^* \in B(S)$  and  $\sup_{x \in S} |h^*(x)| \leq 1$ .

**PROOF.** Let us consider  $B(S)$  as a Banach space of all bounded real-valued functions defined on  $S$  with a supremum norm, and  $K$  the closed unit ball in  $B(S)$ . By conditions (i)-(vii) we know that  $A_i : K \rightarrow B(S)$  and  $T_i : B(S) \rightarrow B(S), i = 1, 2$ , satisfy all of the conditions of Theorem 2.8 and have a unique common fixed point  $h^* \in K$ , i.e.,  $h^*(x)$  is a unique common solution of functional equations (3.1) - (3.4).

**REMARK 3.5.** Theorem 3.4 is a generalization of Theorem 3.2 in [14].

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