

**COMMON FIXED POINT THEOREMS OF CARISTI TYPE MAPPINGS
WITH w -DISTANCE**

TOMOAKI OBAMA* AND DAISHI KUROIWA**

Received April 10, 2010; revised April 28, 2010

ABSTRACT. In this paper, we obtain common fixed point theorems of Caristi type mappings [2] by using the concept of w -distance, which is introduced by Kada, Suzuki and Takahashi [4]. Our results generalize theorems of Bhakta and Basu [1].

1 Introduction and Preliminaries In 1981, Bhakta and Basu [1] proved a common fixed point theorem of Caristi type mappings in a complete metric space. A mapping T from a metric space X to X is said to be orbitally continuous if for every $x, x_0 \in X$, $T^{n_i+1}x$ converges to Tx_0 whenever $T^{n_i}x$ converges to x_0 .

Theorem 1. ([1]) Let (X, d) be a complete metric space and let S, T be two orbitally continuous mappings of X into itself. Suppose that there are two functions φ, ψ of X into $[0, \infty)$ satisfying the following condition: For any two points $x, y \in X$,

$$d(Sx, Ty) \leq \varphi(x) - \varphi(Sx) + \psi(y) - \psi(Ty).$$

Then S and T have a unique common fixed point.

On the other hand, in 1996, Kada, Suzuki and Takahashi [4] introduced the concept of w -distance on a metric space.

Definition 1. ([4]) Let (X, d) be a metric space. Then a function $\rho : X \times X \rightarrow [0, \infty)$ is called a w -distance on X if the following are satisfied:

- (1) $\rho(x, z) \leq \rho(x, y) + \rho(y, z)$ for any $x, y, z \in X$;
- (2) for any $x \in X$, $\rho(x, \cdot) : X \rightarrow [0, \infty)$ is lower semicontinuous;
- (3) for any $\varepsilon > 0$, there exists $\delta > 0$ such that for any $x, y, z \in X$, $\rho(z, x) \leq \delta$ and $\rho(z, y) \leq \delta$ imply $d(x, y) \leq \varepsilon$.

They generalized Caristi's fixed point theorem [2], Ekeland's variational principle [3] and Takahashi's nonconvex minimization theorem [6] by using w -distance ([4], [5]).

In this paper, using the concept of w -distance, we obtain common fixed point theorems on complete metric spaces. Our results generalize theorems of Bhakta and Basu [1].

The following lemma is very important in the proofs of our results.

Lemma 1. ([4]) Let (X, d) be a metric space and let ρ be a w -distance on X . Let $\{x_n\}$ and $\{y_n\}$ be sequences in X , let $\{\alpha_n\}$ and $\{\beta_n\}$ be sequences in $[0, \infty)$ converging to 0, and let $x, y, z \in X$. Then the following hold:

- (i) If $\rho(x_n, y) \leq \alpha_n$ and $\rho(x_n, z) \leq \beta_n$ for any $n \in \mathbb{N}$, then $y = z$. In particular, if $\rho(x, y) = 0$ and $\rho(x, z) = 0$, then $y = z$;

2000 *Mathematics Subject Classification.* 47H10, 54E50.

Key words and phrases. Common fixed point theorem, Caristi type mapping, w -distance.

- (ii) if $\rho(x_n, y_n) \leq \alpha_n$ and $\rho(x_n, z) \leq \beta_n$ for any $n \in \mathbb{N}$, then $\{y_n\}$ converges to z ;
- (iii) if $\rho(x_n, x_m) \leq \alpha_n$ for any $n, m \in \mathbb{N}$ with $m > n$, then $\{x_n\}$ is a Cauchy sequence;
- (iv) if $\rho(y, x_n) \leq \alpha_n$ for any $n \in \mathbb{N}$, then $\{x_n\}$ is a Cauchy sequence.

2 Generalized common fixed point theorems of Bhakta and Basu In this section, we generalize results of Bhakta and Basu by using w -distance.

Theorem 2. Let (X, d) be a complete metric space and let ρ be a w -distance on X . Let S, T be two orbitally continuous mappings of X into itself. Suppose that there are two functions φ, ψ of X into $[0, \infty)$ satisfying the following condition: For any two points $x, y \in X$,

$$\max\{\rho(Sx, Ty), \rho(Ty, Sx)\} \leq \varphi(x) - \varphi(Sx) + \psi(y) - \psi(Ty).$$

Then S and T have a unique common fixed point.

Proof. Let x_0 and y_0 be any two points of X . We consider the following sequences

$$x_n = S^n x_0, \quad y_n = T^n y_0 \quad (n \in \mathbb{N}).$$

Then we have

$$\begin{aligned} \rho(x_i, y_i) &= \rho(Sx_{i-1}, Ty_{i-1}) \\ &\leq \varphi(x_{i-1}) - \varphi(Sx_{i-1}) + \psi(y_{i-1}) - \psi(Ty_{i-1}) \\ &= \varphi(x_{i-1}) - \varphi(x_i) + \psi(y_{i-1}) - \psi(y_i) \end{aligned}$$

for all $i \in \{1, 2, \dots, n\}$. So,

$$\begin{aligned} \sum_{i=1}^n \rho(x_i, y_i) &\leq \sum_{i=1}^n \{\varphi(x_{i-1}) - \varphi(x_i) + \psi(y_{i-1}) - \psi(y_i)\} \\ &= \varphi(x_0) - \varphi(x_n) + \psi(y_0) - \psi(y_n) \\ &\leq \varphi(x_0) + \psi(y_0). \end{aligned}$$

Again,

$$\begin{aligned} \rho(y_i, x_{i+1}) &= \rho(Ty_{i-1}, Sx_i) \\ &\leq \varphi(x_i) - \varphi(Sx_i) + \psi(y_{i-1}) - \psi(Ty_{i-1}) \\ &= \varphi(x_i) - \varphi(x_{i+1}) + \psi(y_{i-1}) - \psi(y_i) \end{aligned}$$

for all $i \in \{1, 2, \dots, n\}$. So,

$$\begin{aligned} \sum_{i=1}^n \rho(y_i, x_{i+1}) &\leq \sum_{i=1}^n \{\varphi(x_i) - \varphi(x_{i+1}) + \psi(y_{i-1}) - \psi(y_i)\} \\ &= \varphi(x_1) - \varphi(x_{n+1}) + \psi(y_0) - \psi(y_n) \\ &\leq \varphi(x_1) + \psi(y_0). \end{aligned}$$

Since, $\rho(x_i, x_{i+1}) \leq \rho(x_i, y_i) + \rho(y_i, x_{i+1})$, we have

$$\begin{aligned} \sum_{i=1}^n \rho(x_i, x_{i+1}) &\leq \sum_{i=1}^n \{\rho(x_i, y_i) + \rho(y_i, x_{i+1})\} \\ &\leq \varphi(x_0) + \varphi(x_1) + 2\psi(y_0). \end{aligned}$$

This gives that series $\sum_{i=1}^{\infty} \rho(x_i, x_{i+1})$ is convergent. Let n and m be any two positive integers with $m > n$. Then

$$\rho(x_n, x_m) \leq \sum_{i=n}^{m-1} \rho(x_i, x_{i+1}) \rightarrow 0 \text{ as } n \rightarrow \infty.$$

By Lemma 1(iii), $\{x_n\}$ is a Cauchy sequence.

Similarly, we have

$$\begin{aligned} \rho(x_{i+1}, y_{i+1}) &= \rho(Sx_i, Ty_i) \\ &\leq \varphi(x_i) - \varphi(Sx_i) + \psi(y_i) - \psi(Ty_i) \\ &= \varphi(x_i) - \varphi(x_{i+1}) + \psi(y_i) - \psi(y_{i+1}) \end{aligned}$$

for all $i \in \{1, 2, \dots, n\}$. So,

$$\begin{aligned} \sum_{i=1}^n \rho(x_{i+1}, y_{i+1}) &\leq \sum_{i=1}^n \{\varphi(x_i) - \varphi(x_{i+1}) + \psi(y_i) - \psi(y_{i+1})\} \\ &= \varphi(x_1) - \varphi(x_{n+1}) + \psi(y_1) - \psi(y_{n+1}) \\ &\leq \varphi(x_1) + \psi(y_1). \end{aligned}$$

Since, $\rho(y_i, y_{i+1}) \leq \rho(y_i, x_{i+1}) + \rho(x_{i+1}, y_{i+1})$, we have

$$\begin{aligned} \sum_{i=1}^n \rho(y_i, y_{i+1}) &\leq \sum_{i=1}^n \{\rho(y_i, x_{i+1}) + d(x_{i+1}, y_{i+1})\} \\ &\leq 2\varphi(x_1) + \psi(y_0) + \psi(y_1). \end{aligned}$$

This gives that series $\sum_{i=1}^{\infty} \rho(y_i, y_{i+1})$ is convergent. In the same way, $\{y_n\}$ is a Cauchy sequence.

Since X is complete, each of them is convergent, that is,

$$x_n \rightarrow \bar{x}, y_n \rightarrow \bar{y}$$

as $n \rightarrow \infty$ for some $\bar{x}, \bar{y} \in X$. Since S and T are orbitally continuous, $Sx_n \rightarrow S\bar{x}$, $Ty_n \rightarrow T\bar{y}$, that is,

$$x_{n+1} \rightarrow S\bar{x}, y_{n+1} \rightarrow T\bar{y}$$

as $n \rightarrow \infty$. This gives that $S\bar{x} = \bar{x}$ and $T\bar{y} = \bar{y}$.

Now,

$$\begin{aligned} \rho(\bar{x}, \bar{x}) &\leq \rho(\bar{x}, \bar{y}) + \rho(\bar{y}, \bar{x}) \\ &= \rho(S\bar{x}, T\bar{y}) + \rho(T\bar{y}, S\bar{x}) \\ &\leq 2[\varphi(\bar{x}) - \varphi(S\bar{x}) + \psi(\bar{y}) - \psi(T\bar{y})] = 0 \end{aligned}$$

and

$$\begin{aligned} \rho(\bar{x}, \bar{y}) &= \rho(S\bar{x}, T\bar{y}) \\ &\leq \varphi(\bar{x}) - \varphi(S\bar{x}) + \psi(\bar{y}) - \psi(T\bar{y}) = 0. \end{aligned}$$

Hence, by Lemma 1(i), $\bar{x} = \bar{y}$.

Let $\bar{z} \in X$ satisfying $S\bar{z} = \bar{z}$. Then

$$\begin{aligned} \rho(\bar{z}, \bar{z}) &\leq \rho(\bar{z}, \bar{x}) + \rho(\bar{x}, \bar{z}) \\ &= \rho(S\bar{z}, T\bar{x}) + \rho(T\bar{x}, S\bar{z}) \\ &\leq 2[\varphi(\bar{z}) - \varphi(S\bar{z}) + \psi(\bar{x}) - \psi(T\bar{x})] = 0 \end{aligned}$$

and

$$\begin{aligned} \rho(\bar{z}, \bar{x}) &= \rho(S\bar{z}, T\bar{x}) \\ &\leq \varphi(\bar{z}) - \varphi(S\bar{z}) + \psi(\bar{x}) - \psi(T\bar{x}) = 0. \end{aligned}$$

So, $\bar{z} = \bar{x}$. Thus \bar{x} is the only fixed point of S . Similarly, we can show that \bar{x} is the only fixed point of T . This proves the theorem. \square

Corollary 1. Let (X, d) be a complete metric space and let ρ be a w -distance on X . Let $\mathcal{F} = \{S_\alpha \mid \alpha \in \Lambda\}$ be a family of orbitally continuous mappings of X into itself. Suppose that for each mapping $S \in \mathcal{F}$, there is a function φ_S of X into $[0, \infty)$ satisfying the following condition: For any two mappings $S, T \in \mathcal{F}$ and for any $x, y \in X$,

$$\max\{\rho(Sx, Ty), \rho(Ty, Sx)\} \leq \varphi_S(x) - \varphi_S(Sx) + \varphi_T(y) - \varphi_T(Ty).$$

Then the family \mathcal{F} have a unique common fixed point.

Proof. Let S and T be two mappings of \mathcal{F} . Then S, T and φ_S, φ_T satisfy the conditions of Theorem 2. Hence S and T have a unique common fixed point x_0 . Let S' be any other mapping of \mathcal{F} . Again by using Theorem 2, S and S' have a unique common fixed point x_1 . As x_0 is the unique fixed point of S , $x_0 = x_1$. Hence x_0 is a unique common fixed point of S, T and S' . As S' is an arbitrary mapping of \mathcal{F} , it follows that x_0 is a unique common fixed point of the mappings of \mathcal{F} . \square

Next we consider common fixed point theorems for set-valued maps. A set-valued mapping S from a metric space X into 2^X is said to be upper semicontinuous if for every $x \in X$ and every open set V with $Sx \subset V$, there exists a neighborhood U of x such that $Sz \subset V$ for all $z \in U$. See [7].

Lemma 2. Let (X, d) be a metric space and let S be an upper semicontinuous mapping of X into 2^X . For any $x \in X$, Sx is nonempty and closed. Let $x_0 \in X$ and $\{x_n\}$ is a sequence in X . Then,

$$\begin{cases} x_{n+1} \in Sx_n \ (n \in \mathbb{N}) \\ x_n \rightarrow x_0 \end{cases} \Rightarrow x_0 \in Sx_0.$$

Proof. Assume that $x_{n+1} \in Sx_n$ and $x_n \rightarrow x_0$. Suppose that $x_0 \notin Sx_0$. Since X is a metric space and Sx_0 is a closed set, there exists two open sets G_1 and G_2 such that

$$x_0 \in G_1, Sx_0 \subseteq G_2 \text{ and } G_1 \cap G_2 = \emptyset.$$

From upper semicontinuity of S , there exists a neighborhood U_{x_0} of x_0 such that

$$Sx \subseteq G_2 \text{ for any } x \in U_{x_0}.$$

Since $x_n \rightarrow x_0$, $x_n \in U_{x_0}$ for large enough n , therefore $x_{n+1} \in Sx_n \subseteq G_2$, and we have $x_0 \in \text{cl}G_2$. This is a contradiction. \square

Theorem 3. Let (X, d) be a complete metric space and let ρ be a w -distance on X . Let S, T be two upper semicontinuous mappings of X into 2^X . For any $x \in X$, Sx and Tx are nonempty and closed. Suppose that there are two functions φ, ψ of X into $[0, \infty)$ satisfying the following condition: For any two points $x, y \in X$ and for any $u \in Sx, v \in Ty$,

$$\max\{\rho(u, v), \rho(v, u)\} \leq \varphi(x) - \varphi(u) + \psi(y) - \psi(v).$$

Then S and T have a unique common fixed point.

Proof. Let x_0 and y_0 be any two points of X and $\{x_n\}$ and $\{y_n\}$ be sequences satisfying

$$x_n \in Sx_{n-1}, y_n \in Ty_{n-1} \quad (n \in \mathbb{N}).$$

Then we have

$$\rho(x_i, y_i) \leq \varphi(x_{i-1}) - \varphi(x_i) + \psi(y_{i-1}) - \psi(y_i),$$

$$\rho(y_i, x_{i+1}) \leq \varphi(x_i) - \varphi(x_{i+1}) + \psi(y_{i-1}) - \psi(y_i)$$

and

$$\rho(x_{i+1}, y_{i+1}) \leq \varphi(x_i) - \varphi(x_{i+1}) + \psi(y_i) - \psi(y_{i+1})$$

for all $i \in \mathbb{N}$. In similar way to proof of Theorem 2, $\{x_n\}$ and $\{y_n\}$ are Cauchy sequences. Since X is complete, each of them is convergent, that is,

$$x_n \rightarrow \bar{x}, y_n \rightarrow \bar{y}$$

as $n \rightarrow \infty$ for some $\bar{x}, \bar{y} \in X$. By Lemma 2, we have that $\bar{x} \in S\bar{x}$ and $\bar{y} \in T\bar{y}$.

Now,

$$\begin{aligned} \rho(\bar{x}, \bar{x}) &\leq \rho(\bar{x}, \bar{y}) + \rho(\bar{y}, \bar{x}) \\ &\leq 2[\varphi(\bar{x}) - \varphi(\bar{x}) + \psi(\bar{y}) - \psi(\bar{y})] = 0 \end{aligned}$$

and

$$\rho(\bar{x}, \bar{y}) \leq \varphi(\bar{x}) - \varphi(\bar{x}) + \psi(\bar{y}) - \psi(\bar{y}) = 0.$$

Hence, by Lemma 1(i), $\bar{x} = \bar{y}$. We obtain $\bar{x} \in S\bar{x} \cap T\bar{x}$.

Let $\bar{z} \in X$ satisfying $\bar{z} \in S\bar{z}$. Then

$$\begin{aligned} \rho(\bar{z}, \bar{z}) &\leq \rho(\bar{z}, \bar{x}) + \rho(\bar{x}, \bar{z}) \\ &\leq 2[\varphi(\bar{z}) - \varphi(\bar{z}) + \psi(\bar{x}) - \psi(\bar{x})] = 0 \end{aligned}$$

and

$$\rho(\bar{z}, \bar{x}) \leq \varphi(\bar{z}) - \varphi(\bar{z}) + \psi(\bar{x}) - \psi(\bar{x}) = 0.$$

So, $\bar{z} = \bar{x}$. Thus \bar{x} is the only fixed point of S . Similarly, we can show that \bar{x} is the only fixed point of T . This proves the theorem. \square

Corollary 2. Let (X, d) be a complete metric space and let ρ be a w -distance on X . Let $\mathcal{F} = \{S_\alpha \mid \alpha \in \Lambda\}$ be a family of upper semicontinuous mappings of X into 2^X . For any $x \in X$ and $S \in \mathcal{F}$, Sx is nonempty and closed. Suppose that there is a family $\{\varphi_S \mid S \in \mathcal{F}\}$ of functions of X into $[0, \infty)$ satisfying the following condition: For any two mappings $S, T \in \mathcal{F}$ and for any $x, y \in X$ and $u \in Sx, v \in Ty$,

$$\max\{\rho(u, v), \rho(v, u)\} \leq \varphi_S(x) - \varphi_S(u) + \varphi_T(y) - \varphi_T(v).$$

Then the family \mathcal{F} have a unique common fixed point.

3 More common fixed point theorems Let (X, d) be a metric space and let ρ be w -distance on X . In this section, we consider the following condition

$$\max\{\rho(x, y), \rho(y, x)\} + \rho(x, Sx) + \rho(y, Ty) \leq \varphi(x) - \varphi(Sx) + \psi(y) - \psi(Ty)$$

instead of

$$\max\{\rho(Sx, Ty), \rho(Ty, Sx)\} \leq \varphi(x) - \varphi(Sx) + \psi(y) - \psi(Ty)$$

for orbitally continuous mappings S and T of X into itself. The inequality

$$\max\{\rho(Sx, Ty), \rho(Ty, Sx)\} \leq \max\{\rho(x, y), \rho(y, x)\} + \rho(x, Sx) + \rho(y, Ty)$$

does not hold in general. For example, let $X = \{a, b, c\}$, $d(x, y) = 1$ if $x \neq y$, $d(x, y) = 0$ if $x = y$, $\rho(a, b) = 3$, $\rho(x, y) = d(x, y)$ whenever $(x, y) \neq (b, a)$, $Sa = Sb = a$, $Sc = b$ and $Ta = Tc = a$, $Tb = c$. If $(x, y) = (c, a)$,

$$\max\{\rho(Sx, Ty), \rho(Ty, Sx)\} > \max\{\rho(x, y), \rho(y, x)\} + \rho(x, Sx) + \rho(y, Ty).$$

Theorem 4. Let (X, d) be a complete metric space and let ρ be a w -distance on X . Let S, T be two orbitally continuous mappings of X into itself. Suppose that there are two functions φ, ψ of X into $[0, \infty)$ satisfying the following condition: For any two points $x, y \in X$,

$$\max\{\rho(x, y), \rho(y, x)\} + \rho(x, Sx) + \rho(y, Ty) \leq \varphi(x) - \varphi(Sx) + \psi(y) - \psi(Ty).$$

Then S and T have a unique common fixed point.

Proof. Let x_0 and y_0 be any two points of X . We consider the following sequences

$$x_n = S^n x_0, \quad y_n = T^n y_0 \quad (n \in \mathbb{N}).$$

Then we have

$$\begin{aligned} \rho(x_{i-1}, x_i) &\leq \max\{\rho(x_{i-1}, y_{i-1}), \rho(y_{i-1}, x_{i-1})\} + \rho(x_{i-1}, x_i) + \rho(y_{i-1}, y_i) \\ &\leq \varphi(x_{i-1}) - \varphi(x_i) + \psi(y_{i-1}) - \psi(y_i) \end{aligned}$$

for all $i \in \{1, 2, \dots, n\}$. So,

$$\begin{aligned} \sum_{i=1}^n \rho(x_{i-1}, x_i) &\leq \sum_{i=1}^n \{\varphi(x_{i-1}) - \varphi(x_i) + \psi(y_{i-1}) - \psi(y_i)\} \\ &= \varphi(x_0) - \varphi(x_n) + \psi(y_0) - \psi(y_n) \\ &\leq \varphi(x_0) + \psi(y_0). \end{aligned}$$

This gives that series $\sum_{i=1}^{\infty} \rho(x_{i-1}, x_i)$ is convergent, and $\{x_n\}$ is a Cauchy sequence in similar way to proof of Theorem 2. Also we have $\{y_n\}$ is a Cauchy sequence.

Since X is complete, each of them is convergent, that is,

$$x_n \rightarrow \bar{x}, \quad y_n \rightarrow \bar{y}$$

as $n \rightarrow \infty$ for some $\bar{x}, \bar{y} \in X$. Since S and T are orbitally continuous, $Sx_n \rightarrow S\bar{x}$, $Ty_n \rightarrow T\bar{y}$, that is,

$$x_{n+1} \rightarrow S\bar{x}, \quad y_{n+1} \rightarrow T\bar{y}$$

as $n \rightarrow \infty$. This gives that $S\bar{x} = \bar{x}$ and $T\bar{y} = \bar{y}$.

Now,

$$\begin{aligned} \max\{\rho(\bar{x}, \bar{y}), \rho(\bar{y}, \bar{x})\} &\leq \max\{\rho(\bar{x}, \bar{y}), \rho(\bar{y}, \bar{x})\} + \rho(\bar{x}, S\bar{x}) + \rho(\bar{y}, T\bar{y}) \\ &\leq \varphi(\bar{x}) - \varphi(S\bar{x}) + \psi(\bar{y}) - \psi(T\bar{y}) = 0, \end{aligned}$$

then $\rho(\bar{x}, \bar{y}) = \rho(\bar{y}, \bar{x}) = 0$. And also

$$\rho(\bar{x}, \bar{x}) \leq \rho(\bar{x}, \bar{y}) + \rho(\bar{y}, \bar{x}) = 0,$$

hence $\rho(\bar{x}, \bar{y}) = \rho(\bar{x}, \bar{x}) = 0$. By Lemma 1(i), $\bar{x} = \bar{y}$.

Let $\bar{z} \in X$ satisfying $S\bar{z} = \bar{z}$. Then

$$\begin{aligned} \max\{\rho(\bar{z}, \bar{x}), \rho(\bar{x}, \bar{z})\} &\leq \max\{\rho(\bar{z}, \bar{x}), \rho(\bar{x}, \bar{z})\} + \rho(\bar{z}, S\bar{z}) + \rho(\bar{x}, T\bar{x}) \\ &\leq \varphi(\bar{z}) - \varphi(S\bar{z}) + \psi(\bar{x}) - \psi(T\bar{x}) = 0. \end{aligned}$$

In the same way, we have $\bar{z} = \bar{x}$. Thus \bar{x} is the only fixed point of S . Similarly, we can show that \bar{x} is the only fixed point of T . This proves the theorem. \square

Corollary 3. Let (X, d) be a complete metric space and let ρ be a w -distance on X . Let $\mathcal{F} = \{S_\alpha \mid \alpha \in \Lambda\}$ be a family of orbitally continuous mappings of X into itself. Suppose that there is a family $\{\varphi_S \mid S \in \mathcal{F}\}$ of functions of X into $[0, \infty)$ satisfying the following condition: For any two mappings $S, T \in \mathcal{F}$ and for any $x, y \in X$,

$$\max\{\rho(x, y), \rho(y, x)\} + \rho(x, Sx) + \rho(y, Ty) \leq \varphi_S(x) - \varphi_S(Sx) + \varphi_T(y) - \varphi_T(Ty).$$

Then the family \mathcal{F} have a unique common fixed point.

The proof is similar to Corollary 1, and omitted.

Theorem 5. Let (X, d) be a complete metric space and let ρ be a w -distance on X . Let S, T be two upper semicontinuous mappings of X into 2^X . For any $x \in X$, Sx and Tx are nonempty and closed. Suppose that there are two functions φ, ψ of X into $[0, \infty)$ satisfying the following condition: For any two points $x, y \in X$ and for any $u \in Sx, v \in Ty$,

$$\max\{\rho(x, y), \rho(y, x)\} + \rho(x, u) + \rho(y, v) \leq \varphi(x) - \varphi(u) + \psi(y) - \psi(v).$$

Then S and T have a unique common fixed point.

Proof. Let x_0 and y_0 be any two points of X and $\{x_n\}$ and $\{y_n\}$ be sequences satisfying

$$x_n \in Sx_{n-1}, y_n \in Ty_{n-1} \quad (n \in \mathbb{N}).$$

Then we have

$$\rho(x_{i-1}, x_i) \leq \varphi(x_{i-1}) - \varphi(x_i) + \psi(y_{i-1}) - \psi(y_i)$$

and

$$\rho(y_{i-1}, y_i) \leq \varphi(x_{i-1}) - \varphi(x_i) + \psi(y_{i-1}) - \psi(y_i)$$

for all $i \in \mathbb{N}$. In similar way to proof of Theorem 4, $\{x_n\}$ and $\{y_n\}$ are Cauchy sequences. Since X is complete, each of them is convergent, that is,

$$x_n \rightarrow \bar{x}, y_n \rightarrow \bar{y}$$

as $n \rightarrow \infty$ for some $\bar{x}, \bar{y} \in X$. By Lemma 2, we have that $\bar{x} \in S\bar{x}$ and $\bar{y} \in T\bar{y}$.

Now,

$$\begin{aligned} \max\{\rho(\bar{x}, \bar{y}), \rho(\bar{y}, \bar{x})\} &\leq \max\{\rho(\bar{x}, \bar{y}), \rho(\bar{y}, \bar{x})\} + \rho(\bar{x}, \bar{x}) + \rho(\bar{y}, \bar{y}) \\ &\leq \varphi(\bar{x}) - \varphi(\bar{x}) + \psi(\bar{y}) - \psi(\bar{y}) = 0, \end{aligned}$$

then $\rho(\bar{x}, \bar{y}) = \rho(\bar{y}, \bar{x}) = 0$. And also

$$\rho(\bar{x}, \bar{x}) \leq \rho(\bar{x}, \bar{y}) + \rho(\bar{y}, \bar{x}) = 0,$$

hence $\rho(\bar{x}, \bar{y}) = \rho(\bar{x}, \bar{x}) = 0$. By Lemma 1(i), $\bar{x} = \bar{y}$. We obtain $\bar{x} \in S\bar{x} \cap T\bar{x}$.

Let $\bar{z} \in X$ satisfying $\bar{z} \in S\bar{z}$. Then

$$\begin{aligned} \max\{\rho(\bar{z}, \bar{x}), \rho(\bar{x}, \bar{z})\} &\leq \max\{\rho(\bar{z}, \bar{x}), \rho(\bar{x}, \bar{z})\} + \rho(\bar{z}, \bar{z}) + \rho(\bar{x}, \bar{x}) \\ &\leq \varphi(\bar{z}) - \varphi(\bar{z}) + \psi(\bar{x}) - \psi(\bar{x}) = 0. \end{aligned}$$

In the same way, we have $\bar{z} = \bar{x}$. Thus \bar{x} is the only fixed point of S . Similarly, we can show that \bar{x} is the only fixed point of T . This proves the theorem. \square

Corollary 4. Let (X, d) be a complete metric space and let ρ be a w -distance on X . Let $\mathcal{F} = \{S_\alpha \mid \alpha \in \Lambda\}$ be a family of upper semicontinuous mappings of X into 2^X . For any $x \in X$ and $S \in \mathcal{F}$, Sx is nonempty and closed. Suppose that there is a family $\{\varphi_S \mid S \in \mathcal{F}\}$ of functions of X into $[0, \infty)$ satisfying the following condition: For any two mappings $S, T \in \mathcal{F}$ and for any $x, y \in X$ and $u \in Sx, v \in Ty$,

$$\max\{\rho(x, y), \rho(y, x)\} + \rho(x, u) + \rho(y, v) \leq \varphi_S(x) - \varphi_S(u) + \varphi_T(y) - \varphi_T(v).$$

Then the mappings of \mathcal{F} have a unique common fixed point.

Acknowledgements The authors are grateful to Prof. W. Takahashi for many comments and suggestions improved the quality of the paper.

REFERENCES

- [1] P. C. BHAKTA, T. BASU, *Some fixed point theorems on metric spaces*, J. Indian Math. Soc. 45 (1981), 399–404.
- [2] J. CARISTI, *Fixed point theorems for mappings satisfying inwardness conditions*, Trans. Amer. Math. Soc. 215 (1976), 241–251.
- [3] I. EKELAND, *Nonconvex minimization problems*, Bull. Amer. Math. Soc. 1 (1979), 443–474.
- [4] O. KADA, T. SUZUKI, W. TAKAHASHI, *Nonconvex minimization theorems and fixed point theorems in complete metric spaces*, Math. Japon. 44 (1996), 381–391.
- [5] T. SUZUKI, W. TAKAHASHI, *Fixed point theorems and characterizations of metric completeness*, Topol. Methods Nonlinear Anal. 8 (1996), 371–382.
- [6] W. TAKAHASHI, *Existence theorems generalizing fixed point theorems for multivalued mappings*, in Fixed Point Theory and its Application (J.B.Baillon and M.Thera, Eds.), Pitman Res. Notes in Math. Ser. #252, 1991, pp.397–406.
- [7] W. TAKAHASHI, *Nonlinear Functional Analysis*, Yokohama Publishers, Yokohama, 2000.

*Interdisciplinary Graduate School of Science and Engineering, Shimane University, 1060 Nishikawatsu, Matsue, Shimane 690-8504, JAPAN

**Interdisciplinary Faculty of Science and Engineering, Shimane University, 1060 Nishikawatsu, Matsue, Shimane 690-8504, JAPAN
E-mail address: kuroiwa@math.shimane-u.ac.jp