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# Coupled best proximity point theorems for $\alpha$ - $\psi$ -proximal contractive multimaps

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## Abstract

In this paper, we establish coupled best proximity point theorems for multivalued mappings. Our results extend some recent results by Ali *et al.* (Abstr. Appl. Anal. 2014:181598, 2014) as well as other results in the literature. We also give examples to support our main results.

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## 1 Introduction and preliminaries

The Banach contraction principle is one of the most well-known and useful tools in analysis. This principle has been generalized by many authors in many different ways (see [1–6]). Recently, Samet *et al.* [7] introduced the notion of  $\alpha$ - $\psi$ -contractive type mappings and proved some fixed point theorems for such mappings within the framework of complete metric spaces. Karapinar and Samet [8] generalized  $\alpha$ - $\psi$ -contractive type mappings and obtained some fixed point theorems for generalized  $\alpha$ - $\psi$ -contractive type mappings. Some interesting multivalued generalizations of  $\alpha$ - $\psi$ -contractive type mappings are available in [9–18]. More recently, Jleli and Samet [19] introduced the notion of  $\alpha$ - $\psi$ -proximal contractive type mappings and proved certain best proximity point theorems. Many authors have obtained best proximity point theorems and have done so in a variety of settings; see, for example, [19–41]. Abkar and Gbeleh [22] and Al-Thagafi and Shahzad [24, 26] investigated best proximity points for multivalued mappings. Recently Ali *et al.* extended the results of Jleli and Samet [19] for nonself multivalued mappings. The concept of coupled best proximity point theorem was introduced by Sintunavarat and Kumam [36], and they proved the coupled best proximity theorem for cyclic contractions.

Inspired and motivated by the recent results of Ali *et al.* in [42] and by those of Sintunavarat and Kumam in [36], we establish the coupled best proximity points for  $\alpha$ - $\psi$ -proximal contractive multimaps. We also give examples to support our main results.

Let  $(X, d)$  be a metric space. For  $A, B \subset X$ , we use the following notations subsequently:  $\text{dist}(A, B) = \inf\{d(a, b) : a \in A, b \in B\}$ ,  $D(x, B) = \inf\{d(x, b) : b \in B\}$ ,  $A_0 = \{a \in A : d(a, b) = \text{dist}(A, B) \text{ for some } b \in B\}$ ,  $B_0 = \{b \in B : d(a, b) = \text{dist}(A, B) \text{ for some } a \in A\}$ ,  $2^X \setminus \emptyset$  is the set of all nonempty subsets of  $X$ ,  $\text{CL}(X)$  is the set of all nonempty closed subsets of  $X$ , and

$K(X)$  is the set of all nonempty compact subsets of  $X$ . For every  $A, B \in CL(X)$ , let

$$H(A, B) = \begin{cases} \max\{\sup_{x \in A} d(x, B), \sup_{y \in B} d(y, A)\} & \text{if the maximum exists;} \\ \infty & \text{otherwise.} \end{cases} \tag{1}$$

Such a map  $H$  is called the generalized Hausdorff metric induced by  $d$ . A point  $x^* \in X$  is said to be the best proximity point of a mapping  $T : A \rightarrow B$  if  $d(x^*, Tx^*) = \text{dist}(A, B)$ . When  $A = B$ , the best proximity point is essentially the fixed point of the mapping  $T$ .

**Definition 1.1** (see [34]) Let  $(A, B)$  be a pair of nonempty subsets of a metric space  $(X, d)$  with  $A_0 \neq \emptyset$ . Then the pair  $(A, B)$  is said to have the weak  $P$ -property if and only if, for any  $x_1, x_2 \in A$  and  $y_1, y_2 \in B$ ,

$$\left. \begin{aligned} d(x_1, y_1) = \text{dist}(A, B), \\ d(x_2, y_2) = \text{dist}(A, B) \end{aligned} \right\} \Rightarrow d(x_1, x_2) \leq d(y_1, y_2). \tag{2}$$

Let  $\Psi$  denote the set of all functions  $\psi : [0, \infty) \rightarrow [0, \infty)$  satisfying the following properties:

- (a)  $\psi$  is monotone nondecreasing;
- (b)  $\sum_{n=1}^{\infty} \psi^n(t) < \infty$  for each  $t > 0$ .

**Definition 1.2** (see [21]) An element  $x^* \in A$  is said to be the best proximity point of a multivalued nonself mapping  $T$  if  $D(x^*, Tx^*) = \text{dist}(A, B)$ .

**Definition 1.3** (see [42]) Let  $A$  and  $B$  be two nonempty subsets of a metric space  $(X, d)$ . A mapping  $T : A \rightarrow 2^B \setminus \emptyset$  is called  $\alpha$ -proximal admissible if there exists a mapping  $\alpha : A \times A \rightarrow [0, \infty)$  such that

$$\left. \begin{aligned} \alpha(x_1, x_2) \geq 1, \\ d(u_1, y_1) = \text{dist}(A, B), \\ d(u_2, y_2) = \text{dist}(A, B) \end{aligned} \right\} \Rightarrow \alpha(u_1, u_2) \geq 1, \tag{3}$$

where  $x_1, x_2, u_1, u_2 \in A, y_1 \in Tx_1$  and  $y_2 \in Tx_2$ .

**Definition 1.4** (see [42]) Let  $A$  and  $B$  be two nonempty subsets of a metric space  $(X, d)$ . A mapping  $T : A \rightarrow CL(B)$  is said to be an  $\alpha$ - $\psi$ -proximal contraction if there exist two functions  $\psi \in \Psi$  and  $\alpha : A \times A \rightarrow [0, \infty)$  such that

$$\alpha(x, y)H(Tx, Ty) \leq \psi(d(x, y)), \quad \forall x, y \in A. \tag{4}$$

**Lemma 1.5** (see [11]) Let  $(X, d)$  be a metric space and  $B \in CL(X)$ . Then, for each  $x \in X$  with  $d(x, B) > 0$  and  $q > 1$ , there exists an element  $b \in B$  such that

$$d(x, b) < qd(x, B). \tag{5}$$

- (C) If  $\{x_n\}$  is a sequence in  $A$  such that  $\alpha(x_n, x_{n+1}) \geq 1$  for all  $n$  and  $x_n \rightarrow x \in A$  as  $n \rightarrow \infty$ , then there exists a subsequence  $\{x_{n_k}\}$  of  $\{x_n\}$  such that  $\alpha(x_{n_k}, x) \geq 1$  for all  $k$ .

The main results of Ali *et al.* in [42] are the following.

**Theorem 1.6** (see [42]) *Let  $A$  and  $B$  be two nonempty closed subsets of a complete metric space  $(X, d)$  such that  $A_0$  is nonempty. Let  $\alpha : A \times A \rightarrow [0, \infty)$  and  $\psi \in \Psi$  be a strictly increasing map. Suppose that  $T : A \rightarrow CL(B)$  is a mapping satisfying the following conditions:*

- (i)  $Tx \subseteq B_0$  for each  $x \in A_0$  and  $(A, B)$  satisfies the weak P-property;
- (ii)  $T$  is an  $\alpha$ -proximal admissible map;
- (iii) there exist elements  $x_0, x_1$  in  $A_0$  and  $y_1 \in Tx_0$  such that

$$d(x_1, y_1) = d(A, B), \quad \alpha(x_0, x_1) \geq 1; \tag{6}$$

- (iv)  $T$  is a continuous  $\alpha$ - $\psi$ -proximal contraction.

Then there exists an element  $x^* \in A_0$  such that

$$D(x^*, Tx^*) = \text{dist}(A, B).$$

**Theorem 1.7** (see [42]) *Let  $A$  and  $B$  be two nonempty closed subsets of a complete metric space  $(X, d)$  such that  $A_0$  is nonempty. Let  $\alpha : A \times A \rightarrow [0, \infty)$  and let  $\psi \in \Psi$  be a strictly increasing map. Suppose that  $T : A \rightarrow CL(B)$  is a mapping satisfying the following conditions:*

- (i)  $Tx \subseteq B_0$  for each  $x \in A_0$  and  $(A, B)$  satisfies the weak P-property;
- (ii)  $T$  is an  $\alpha$ -proximal admissible map;
- (iii) there exist elements  $x_0, x_1$  in  $A_0$  and  $y_1 \in Tx_0$  such that

$$d(x_1, y_1) = d(A, B), \quad \alpha(x_0, x_1) \geq 1; \tag{7}$$

- (iv) property (C) holds and  $T$  is an  $\alpha$ - $\psi$ -proximal contraction.

Then there exists an element  $x^* \in A_0$  such that

$$D(x^*, Tx^*) = \text{dist}(A, B).$$

The purpose of this paper is to extend the recent results of Ali *et al.* [42] to a coupled best proximity point of nonself multivalued mappings.

## 2 Main results

We begin this section by introducing the following definitions.

**Definition 2.1** Let  $A$  and  $B$  be two nonempty subsets of a metric space  $(X, d)$ . A mapping  $T : A \times A \rightarrow 2^B \setminus \{\emptyset\}$  is called  $\alpha$ -proximal admissible if there exists a mapping  $\alpha : A \times A \rightarrow [0, \infty)$  such that

$$\left. \begin{aligned} \alpha(x_1, x_2) &\geq 1, \\ d(w_1, u_1) &= \text{dist}(A, B), \\ d(w_2, u_2) &= \text{dist}(A, B) \end{aligned} \right\} \Rightarrow \alpha(w_1, w_2) \geq 1, \tag{8}$$

where  $x_1, x_2, w_1, w_2, y_1, y_2 \in A$ ,  $u_1 \in T(x_1, y_1)$  and  $u_2 \in T(x_2, y_2)$ , and

$$\left. \begin{aligned} \alpha(y_1, y_2) &\geq 1, \\ d(w'_1, v_1) &= \text{dist}(A, B), \\ d(w'_2, v_2) &= \text{dist}(A, B) \end{aligned} \right\} \Rightarrow \alpha(w'_1, w'_2) \geq 1, \tag{9}$$

where  $y_1, y_2, w'_1, w'_2, x_1, x_2 \in A$ ,  $v_1 \in T(y_1, x_1)$  and  $v_2 \in T(y_2, x_2)$ .

**Definition 2.2** Let  $A$  and  $B$  be two nonempty subsets of a metric space  $(X, d)$ . A mapping  $T : A \times A \rightarrow \text{CL}(B)$  is said to be an  $\alpha$ - $\psi$ -proximal contraction if there exist two functions  $\psi \in \Psi$  and  $\alpha : A \times A \rightarrow [0, \infty)$  such that

$$\alpha(x, y)H(T(x, x'), T(y, y')) \leq \psi(d(x, y)), \quad \forall x, x', y, y' \in A. \tag{10}$$

**Definition 2.3** An element  $(x^*, y^*) \in A \times A$  is said to be the coupled best proximity point of a multivalued nonself mapping  $T$  if  $D(x^*, T(x^*, y^*)) = \text{dist}(A, B)$  and  $D(y^*, T(y^*, x^*)) = \text{dist}(A, B)$ .

The following are our main results.

**Theorem 2.4** Let  $A$  and  $B$  be two nonempty closed subsets of a complete metric space  $(X, d)$  such that  $A_0$  is nonempty. Let  $\alpha : A \times A \rightarrow [0, \infty)$  and let  $\psi \in \Psi$  be a strictly increasing map. Suppose that  $T : A \times A \rightarrow \text{CL}(B)$  is a mapping satisfying the following conditions:

- (i)  $T(x, y) \subseteq B_0$  for each  $x, y \in A_0$  and  $(A, B)$  satisfies the weak P-property;
- (ii)  $T$  is an  $\alpha$ -proximal admissible map;
- (iii) there exist elements  $(x_0, y_0), (x_1, y_1)$  in  $A_0 \times A_0$  and  $u_1 \in T(x_0, y_0), v_1 \in T(y_0, x_0)$  such that

$$\begin{aligned} d(x_1, u_1) &= d(A, B), & \alpha(x_0, x_1) &\geq 1 \quad \text{and} \\ d(y_1, v_1) &= d(A, B), & \alpha(y_0, y_1) &\geq 1; \end{aligned} \tag{11}$$

- (iv)  $T$  is a continuous  $\alpha$ - $\psi$ -proximal contraction.

Then there exists an element  $(x^*, y^*) \in A_0 \times A_0$  such that

$$\begin{aligned} D(x^*, T(x^*, y^*)) &= \text{dist}(A, B) \quad \text{and} \\ D(y^*, T(y^*, x^*)) &= \text{dist}(A, B). \end{aligned}$$

*Proof* From condition (iii), there exist elements  $(x_0, y_0), (x_1, y_1)$  in  $A_0 \times A_0$  and  $u_1 \in T(x_0, y_0), v_1 \in T(y_0, x_0)$  such that

$$\begin{aligned} d(x_1, u_1) &= \text{dist}(A, B), & \alpha(x_0, x_1) &\geq 1 \quad \text{and} \\ d(y_1, v_1) &= \text{dist}(A, B), & \alpha(y_0, y_1) &\geq 1. \end{aligned} \tag{12}$$

Assume that  $u_1 \notin T(x_1, y_1), v_1 \notin T(y_1, x_1)$ ; for otherwise  $(x_1, y_1)$  is the coupled best proximity point. From condition (iv), we have

$$\begin{aligned} 0 < d(u_1, T(x_1, y_1)) &\leq H(T(x_0, y_0), T(x_1, y_1)) \\ &\leq \alpha(x_0, x_1)H(T(x_0, y_0), T(x_1, y_1)) \\ &\leq \psi(d(x_0, x_1)) \end{aligned} \tag{13}$$

and

$$\begin{aligned} 0 < d(v_1, T(y_1, x_1)) &\leq H(T(y_0, x_0), T(y_1, x_1)) \\ &\leq \alpha(y_0, y_1)H(T(y_0, x_0), T(y_1, x_1)) \\ &\leq \psi(d(y_0, y_1)). \end{aligned} \tag{14}$$

For  $q, q' > 1$ , it follows from Lemma 1.5 that there exist  $u_2 \in T(x_1, y_1)$  and  $v_2 \in T(y_1, x_1)$  such that

$$\begin{aligned} 0 < d(u_1, u_2) &< qd(u_1, T(x_1, y_1)) \quad \text{and} \\ 0 < d(v_1, v_2) &< q'd(v_1, T(y_1, x_1)). \end{aligned} \tag{15}$$

From (13), (14) and (15), we have

$$0 < d(u_1, u_2) < qd(u_1, T(x_1, y_1)) \leq q\psi(d(x_0, x_1)) \tag{16}$$

and

$$0 < d(v_1, v_2) < q'd(v_1, T(y_1, x_1)) \leq q'\psi(d(y_0, y_1)). \tag{17}$$

As  $u_2 \in T(x_1, y_1) \subseteq B_0$ , there exists  $x_2 \neq x_1 \in A_0$  such that

$$d(x_2, u_2) = \text{dist}(A, B), \tag{18}$$

and as  $v_2 \in T(y_1, x_1) \subseteq B_0$ , there exists  $y_2 \neq y_1 \in A_0$  such that

$$d(y_2, v_2) = \text{dist}(A, B); \tag{19}$$

for otherwise  $(x_1, y_1)$  is the coupled best proximity point. As  $(A, B)$  satisfies the weak  $P$ -property, from (12), (18) and (19) we have

$$\begin{aligned} 0 < d(x_1, x_2) &\leq d(u_1, u_2) \quad \text{and} \\ 0 < d(y_1, y_2) &\leq d(v_1, v_2). \end{aligned} \tag{20}$$

From (16), (17) and (20) we have

$$\begin{aligned} 0 < d(x_1, x_2) &\leq d(u_1, u_2) < qd(u_1, T(x_1, y_1)) \leq q\psi(d(x_0, x_1)) \quad \text{and} \\ 0 < d(y_1, y_2) &\leq d(v_1, v_2) < q'd(v_1, T(y_1, x_1)) \leq q'\psi(d(y_0, y_1)). \end{aligned} \tag{21}$$

Since  $\psi$  is strictly increasing, we have

$$\begin{aligned} \psi(d(x_1, x_2)) &< \psi(q\psi(d(x_0, x_1))) \quad \text{and} \\ \psi(d(y_1, y_2)) &< \psi(q'\psi(d(y_0, y_1))). \end{aligned}$$

Put

$$\begin{aligned} q_1 &= \psi(q\psi(d(x_0, x_1))) / \psi(d(x_1, x_2)), \\ q'_1 &= \psi(q'\psi(d(y_0, y_1))) / \psi(d(y_1, y_2)). \end{aligned}$$

We also have

$$\alpha(x_0, x_1) \geq 1, \quad d(x_1, u_1) = \text{dist}(A, B) \quad \text{and} \quad d(x_2, u_2) = \text{dist}(A, B)$$

and

$$\alpha(y_0, y_1) \geq 1, \quad d(y_1, v_1) = \text{dist}(A, B) \quad \text{and} \quad d(y_2, v_2) = \text{dist}(A, B).$$

Since  $T$  is an  $\alpha$ -proximal admissible, then  $\alpha(x_1, x_2) \geq 1$  and  $\alpha(y_1, y_2) \geq 1$ . Thus we have

$$\begin{aligned} d(x_2, u_2) &= \text{dist}(A, B), \quad \alpha(x_1, x_2) \geq 1 \quad \text{and} \\ d(y_2, v_2) &= \text{dist}(A, B), \quad \alpha(y_1, y_2) \geq 1. \end{aligned} \tag{22}$$

Assume that  $u_2 \notin T(x_2, y_2)$  and  $v_2 \notin T(y_2, x_2)$ ; for otherwise  $(x_2, y_2)$  is the coupled best proximity point. From condition (iv) we have

$$\begin{aligned} 0 &< d(u_2, T(x_2, y_2)) \leq H(T(x_1, y_1), T(x_2, y_2)) \\ &\leq \alpha(x_1, x_2)H(T(x_1, y_1), T(x_2, y_2)) \\ &\leq \psi(d(x_1, x_2)) \end{aligned} \tag{23}$$

and

$$\begin{aligned} 0 &< d(v_2, T(y_2, x_2)) \leq H(T(y_1, x_1), T(y_2, x_2)) \\ &\leq \alpha(y_1, y_2)H(T(y_1, x_1), T(y_2, x_2)) \\ &\leq \psi(d(y_1, y_2)). \end{aligned} \tag{24}$$

For  $q_1, q'_1 > 1$ , it follows from Lemma 1.5 that there exist  $u_3 \in T(x_2, y_2)$  and  $v_3 \in T(y_2, x_2)$  such that

$$\begin{aligned} 0 &< d(u_2, u_3) < q_1 d(u_2, T(x_2, y_2)), \\ 0 &< d(v_2, v_3) < q'_1 d(v_2, T(y_2, x_2)). \end{aligned} \tag{25}$$

From (23), (24) and (25) we have

$$\begin{aligned} 0 < d(u_2, u_3) &< q_1 d(u_2, T(x_2, y_2)) \\ &\leq q_1 \psi(d(x_1, x_2)) \\ &= \psi(q\psi(d(x_0, x_1))) \end{aligned} \tag{26}$$

and

$$\begin{aligned} 0 < d(v_2, v_3) &< q'_1 d(v_2, T(y_2, x_2)) \\ &\leq q'_1 \psi(d(y_1, y_2)) \\ &= \psi(q'\psi(d(y_0, y_1))). \end{aligned} \tag{27}$$

As  $u_3 \in T(x_2, y_2) \in B_0$ , there exists  $x_3 \neq x_2 \in A_0$  such that

$$d(x_3, u_3) = \text{dist}(A, B); \tag{28}$$

and as  $v_3 \in T(y_2, x_2) \in B_0$ , there exists  $y_3 \neq y_2 \in A_0$  such that

$$d(y_3, v_3) = \text{dist}(A, B); \tag{29}$$

for otherwise  $(x_2, y_2)$  is the coupled best proximity point. As  $(A, B)$  satisfies the weak  $P$ -property, from (22), (28) and (29) we have

$$\begin{aligned} 0 < d(x_2, x_3) &\leq d(u_2, u_3), \\ 0 < d(y_2, y_3) &\leq d(v_2, v_3). \end{aligned} \tag{30}$$

From (26), (27) and (30) we have

$$\begin{aligned} 0 < d(x_2, x_3) &< q_1 d(u_2, T(x_2, y_2)) \\ &\leq q_1 \psi(d(x_1, x_2)) \\ &= \psi(q\psi(d(x_0, x_1))) \end{aligned} \tag{31}$$

and

$$\begin{aligned} 0 < d(y_2, y_3) &< q'_1 d(v_2, T(y_2, x_2)) \\ &\leq q'_1 \psi(d(y_1, y_2)) \\ &= \psi(q'\psi(d(y_0, y_1))). \end{aligned} \tag{32}$$

Since  $\psi$  is strictly increasing, we have

$$\psi(d(x_2, x_3)) < \psi^2(q\psi(d(x_0, x_1))) \quad \text{and} \quad \psi(d(y_2, y_3)) < \psi^2(q'\psi(d(y_0, y_1))). \tag{33}$$

Put

$$q_2 = \psi^2(q\psi(d(x_0, x_1)))/\psi(d(x_2, x_3)),$$

$$q'_2 = \psi^2(q'\psi(d(y_0, y_1)))/\psi(d(y_2, y_3)).$$

We also have

$$\alpha(x_1, x_2) \geq 1, \quad d(x_2, u_2) = \text{dist}(A, B) \quad \text{and} \quad d(x_3, u_3) = \text{dist}(A, B)$$

and

$$\alpha(y_1, y_2) \geq 1, \quad d(y_2, v_2) = \text{dist}(A, B) \quad \text{and} \quad d(y_3, v_3) = \text{dist}(A, B).$$

Since  $T$  is an  $\alpha$ -proximal admissible, then  $\alpha(x_2, x_3) \geq 1$  and  $\alpha(y_2, y_3) \geq 1$ , respectively. Thus we have

$$d(x_3, u_3) = \text{dist}(A, B), \quad \alpha(x_2, x_3) \geq 1 \quad \text{and}$$

$$d(y_3, v_3) = \text{dist}(A, B), \quad \alpha(y_2, y_3) \geq 1. \tag{34}$$

Continuing in the same process, we get sequences  $\{x_n\}, \{y_n\}$  in  $A_0$  and  $\{u_n\}, \{v_n\}$  in  $B_0$ , where  $u_n \in T(x_{n-1}, y_{n-1})$  and  $v_n \in T(y_{n-1}, x_{n-1})$  for each  $n \in \mathbb{N}$ , such that

$$d(x_{n+1}, u_{n+1}) = \text{dist}(A, B), \quad \alpha(x_n, x_{n+1}) \geq 1 \quad \text{and}$$

$$d(y_{n+1}, v_{n+1}) = \text{dist}(A, B), \quad \alpha(y_n, y_{n+1}) \geq 1, \tag{35}$$

and

$$d(u_{n+1}, u_{n+2}) < \psi^n(q\psi(d(x_0, x_1))) \quad \text{and}$$

$$d(v_{n+1}, v_{n+2}) < \psi^n(q'\psi(d(y_0, y_1))). \tag{36}$$

As  $u_{n+2} \in T(x_{n+1}, y_{n+1}) \in B_0$ , there exists  $x_{n+2} \neq x_{n+1} \in A_0$  such that

$$d(x_{n+2}, u_{n+2}) = \text{dist}(A, B) \tag{37}$$

and as  $v_{n+2} \in T(y_{n+1}, x_{n+1}) \in B_0$ , there exists  $y_{n+2} \neq y_{n+1} \in A_0$  such that

$$d(y_{n+2}, v_{n+2}) = \text{dist}(A, B). \tag{38}$$

Since  $(A, B)$  satisfies the weak  $P$ -property, from (35), (37) and (38) we have

$$d(x_{n+1}, x_{n+2}) \leq d(u_{n+1}, u_{n+2}) \quad \text{and} \quad d(y_{n+1}, y_{n+2}) \leq d(v_{n+1}, v_{n+2}).$$

Thus, from (36) we have

$$d(x_{n+1}, x_{n+2}) < \psi^n(q\psi(d(x_0, x_1))) \quad \text{and}$$

$$d(y_{n+1}, y_{n+2}) < \psi^n(q'\psi(d(y_0, y_1))). \tag{39}$$

Now, we shall prove that  $\{x_n\}$  and  $\{y_n\}$  are Cauchy sequences in  $A$ . Let  $\epsilon > 0$  be fixed. Since  $\sum_{n=1}^{\infty} \psi^n(q\psi(d(x_0, x_1))) < \infty$  and  $\sum_{n=1}^{\infty} \psi^n(q'\psi(d(y_0, y_1))) < \infty$ , there exist some positive integers  $h = h(\epsilon)$  and  $h' = h'(\epsilon)$  such that

$$\sum_{k \geq h}^{\infty} \psi^k(q\psi(d(x_0, x_1))) < \epsilon$$

and

$$\sum_{k \geq h'}^{\infty} \psi^k(q'\psi(d(y_0, y_1))) < \epsilon,$$

respectively. For  $m > n > h$ , using the triangular inequality, we obtain

$$\begin{aligned} d(x_n, x_m) &\leq \sum_{k=n}^{m-1} d(x_k, x_{k+1}) \leq \sum_{k=n}^{m-1} \psi^k(q\psi(d(x_0, x_1))) \\ &\leq \sum_{k \geq h}^{\infty} \psi^k(q\psi(d(x_0, x_1))) < \epsilon \end{aligned} \tag{40}$$

and

$$\begin{aligned} d(y_n, y_m) &\leq \sum_{k=n}^{m-1} d(y_k, y_{k+1}) \leq \sum_{k=n}^{m-1} \psi^k(q'\psi(d(y_0, y_1))) \\ &\leq \sum_{k \geq h'}^{\infty} \psi^k(q'\psi(d(y_0, y_1))) < \epsilon, \end{aligned} \tag{41}$$

respectively. Hence  $\{x_n\}$  and  $\{y_n\}$  are Cauchy sequences in  $A$ . Similarly, one can show that  $\{u_n\}$  and  $\{v_n\}$  are Cauchy sequences in  $B$ . Since  $A$  and  $B$  are closed subsets of a complete metric space, there exists  $(x^*, y^*)$  in  $A \times A$  such that  $x_n \rightarrow x^*, y_n \rightarrow y^*$  as  $n \rightarrow \infty$  and there exist  $u^*, v^*$  in  $B$  such that  $u_n \rightarrow u^*, v_n \rightarrow v^*$  as  $n \rightarrow \infty$ . By (37) and (38) we conclude that

$$\begin{aligned} d(x^*, u^*) &= \text{dist}(A, B) \quad \text{as } n \rightarrow \infty \quad \text{and} \\ d(y^*, v^*) &= \text{dist}(A, B) \quad \text{as } n \rightarrow \infty. \end{aligned}$$

Since  $T$  is continuous and  $u_n \in T(x_{n-1}, y_{n-1})$ , we have  $u^* \in T(x^*, y^*)$  and  $v_n \in T(y_{n-1}, x_{n-1})$ , we have  $v^* \in T(y^*, x^*)$ . Hence,

$$\text{dist}(A, B) \leq D(x^*, T(x^*, y^*)) \leq d(x^*, u^*) = \text{dist}(A, B)$$

and

$$\text{dist}(A, B) \leq D(y^*, T(y^*, x^*)) \leq d(y^*, v^*) = \text{dist}(A, B).$$

Therefore,  $(x^*, y^*)$  is the coupled best proximity point of the mapping  $T$ . □

**Theorem 2.5** *Let  $A$  and  $B$  be two nonempty closed subsets of a complete metric space  $(X, d)$  such that  $A_0$  is nonempty. Let  $\alpha : A \times A \rightarrow [0, \infty)$  and let  $T : A \times A \rightarrow K(B)$  be a mapping satisfying the following conditions:*

- (i)  $T(x, y) \subseteq B_0$  for each  $(x, y) \in A_0 \times A_0$  and  $(A, B)$  satisfies the weak  $P$ -property;
- (ii)  $T$  is an  $\alpha$ -proximal admissible map;
- (iii) there exist elements  $(x_0, y_0), (x_1, y_1)$  in  $A_0 \times A_0$  and  $u_1 \in T(x_0, y_0), v_1 \in T(y_0, x_0)$  such that

$$\begin{aligned} d(x_1, u_1) &= \text{dist}(A, B), & \alpha(x_0, x_1) &\geq 1 \quad \text{and} \\ d(y_1, v_1) &= \text{dist}(A, B), & \alpha(y_0, y_1) &\geq 1; \end{aligned} \tag{42}$$

- (iv)  $T$  is a continuous  $\alpha$ - $\psi$ -proximal contraction.

Then there exists an element  $(x^*, y^*) \in A_0 \times A_0$  such that

$$\begin{aligned} D(x^*, T(x^*, y^*)) &= \text{dist}(A, B) \quad \text{and} \\ D(y^*, T(y^*, x^*)) &= \text{dist}(A, B). \end{aligned}$$

**Theorem 2.6** *Let  $A$  and  $B$  be two nonempty closed subsets of a complete metric space  $(X, d)$  such that  $A_0$  is nonempty. Let  $\alpha : A \times A \rightarrow [0, \infty)$  and let  $\psi \in \Psi$  be a strictly increasing map. Suppose that  $T : A \times A \rightarrow CL(B)$  is a mapping satisfying the following conditions:*

- (i)  $T(x, y) \subseteq B_0$  for each  $(x, y) \in A_0 \times A_0$  and  $(A, B)$  satisfies the weak  $P$ -property;
- (ii)  $T$  is an  $\alpha$ -proximal admissible map;
- (iii) there exist elements  $(x_0, y_0), (x_1, y_1)$  in  $A_0 \times A_0$  and  $u_1 \in T(x_0, y_0), v_1 \in T(y_0, x_0)$  such that

$$\begin{aligned} d(x_1, u_1) &= d(A, B), & \alpha(x_0, x_1) &\geq 1 \quad \text{and} \\ d(y_1, v_1) &= d(A, B), & \alpha(y_0, y_1) &\geq 1; \end{aligned} \tag{43}$$

- (iv) property (C) holds and  $T$  is an  $\alpha$ - $\psi$ -proximal contraction.

Then there exists an element  $(x^*, y^*) \in A_0 \times A_0$  such that

$$\begin{aligned} D(x^*, T(x^*, y^*)) &= \text{dist}(A, B) \quad \text{and} \\ D(y^*, T(y^*, x^*)) &= \text{dist}(A, B). \end{aligned}$$

*Proof* Similar to the proof of Theorem 2.4, there exist Cauchy sequences  $\{x_n\}$  and  $\{y_n\}$  in  $A$  and Cauchy sequences  $\{u_n\}$  and  $\{v_n\}$  in  $B$  such that

$$\begin{aligned} d(x_{n+1}, u_{n+1}) &= \text{dist}(A, B), & \alpha(x_n, x_{n+1}) &\geq 1 \quad \text{and} \\ d(y_{n+1}, v_{n+1}) &= \text{dist}(A, B), & \alpha(y_n, y_{n+1}) &\geq 1; \end{aligned} \tag{44}$$

and  $x_n \rightarrow x^* \in A, y_n \rightarrow y^* \in A$  as  $n \rightarrow \infty$  and  $u_n \rightarrow u^* \in B, v_n \rightarrow v^* \in B$  as  $n \rightarrow \infty$ .

From condition (C), there exist subsequences  $\{x_{n_k}\}$  of  $\{x_n\}$ ,  $\{y_{n_k}\}$  of  $\{y_n\}$  such that  $\alpha(x_{n_k}, x^*) \geq 1, \alpha(y_{n_k}, y^*) \geq 1$  for all  $k$ . Since  $T$  is an  $\alpha$ - $\psi$ -proximal contraction, we have

$$\begin{aligned} H(T(x_{n_k}, y_{n_k}), T(x^*, y^*)) &\leq \alpha(x_{n_k}, x^*) H(T(x_{n_k}, y_{n_k}), T(x^*, y^*)) \\ &\leq \psi(d(x_{n_k}, x^*)), \quad \forall k, \end{aligned}$$

and

$$\begin{aligned}
 H(T(y_{n_k}, x_{n_k}), T(y^*, x^*)) &\leq \alpha(y_{n_k}, y^*)H(T(y_{n_k}, x_{n_k}), T(y^*, x^*)) \\
 &\leq \psi(d(y_{n_k}, y^*)), \quad \forall k.
 \end{aligned}$$

Letting  $k \rightarrow \infty$  in the above inequality, we get  $T(x_{n_k}, y_{n_k}) \rightarrow T(x^*, y^*)$  and  $T(y_{n_k}, x_{n_k}) \rightarrow T(y^*, x^*)$ , respectively. By the continuity of the metric  $d$ , we have

$$\begin{aligned}
 d(x^*, u^*) &= \lim_{k \rightarrow \infty} d(x_{n_k+1}, u_{n_k+1}) = \text{dist}(A, B), \\
 d(y^*, v^*) &= \lim_{k \rightarrow \infty} d(y_{n_k+1}, v_{n_k+1}) = \text{dist}(A, B).
 \end{aligned} \tag{45}$$

Since  $u_{n_k+1} \in T(x_{n_k}, y_{n_k})$ ,  $u_{n_k} \rightarrow u^*$  and  $T(x_{n_k}, y_{n_k}) \rightarrow T(x^*, y^*)$ , then  $u^* \in T(x^*, y^*)$  and since  $v_{n_k+1} \in T(y_{n_k}, x_{n_k})$ ,  $v_{n_k} \rightarrow v^*$  and  $T(y_{n_k}, x_{n_k}) \rightarrow T(y^*, x^*)$ , then  $v^* \in T(y^*, x^*)$ . Hence,

$$\text{dist}(A, B) \leq D(x^*, T(x^*, y^*)) \leq d(x^*, u^*) = \text{dist}(A, B)$$

and

$$\text{dist}(A, B) \leq D(y^*, T(y^*, x^*)) \leq d(y^*, v^*) = \text{dist}(A, B).$$

Therefore,  $(x^*, y^*)$  is the coupled best proximity point of the mapping  $T$ . □

**Theorem 2.7** *Let  $A$  and  $B$  be two nonempty closed subsets of a complete metric space  $(X, d)$  such that  $A_0$  is nonempty. Let  $\alpha : A \times A \rightarrow [0, \infty)$  and let  $T : A \times A \rightarrow K(B)$  be a mapping satisfying the following conditions:*

- (i)  $T(x, y) \subseteq B_0$  for each  $(x, y) \in A_0 \times A_0$  and  $(A, B)$  satisfies the weak P-property;
- (ii)  $T$  is an  $\alpha$ -proximal admissible map;
- (iii) there exist elements  $(x_0, y_0), (x_1, y_1)$  in  $A_0 \times A_0$  and  $u_1 \in T(x_0, y_0), v_1 \in T(y_0, x_0)$  such that

$$\begin{aligned}
 d(x_1, u_1) &= \text{dist}(A, B), & \alpha(x_0, x_1) &\geq 1 \quad \text{and} \\
 d(y_1, v_1) &= \text{dist}(A, B), & \alpha(y_0, y_1) &\geq 1;
 \end{aligned} \tag{46}$$

- (iv) property (C) holds and  $T$  is an  $\alpha$ - $\psi$ -proximal contraction.

Then there exists an element  $(x^*, y^*) \in A_0 \times A_0$  such that

$$\begin{aligned}
 D(x^*, T(x^*, y^*)) &= \text{dist}(A, B) \quad \text{and} \\
 D(y^*, T(y^*, x^*)) &= \text{dist}(A, B).
 \end{aligned}$$

With a similar idea to the examples in [42], we give the following examples to support our main results.

**Example 2.8** Let  $X = [0, \infty) \times [0, \infty)$  be a product space endowed with the usual metric  $d$ . Suppose that  $A = \{(\frac{1}{2}, x) : 0 \leq x < \infty\}$  and  $B = \{(0, x) : 0 \leq x < \infty\}$ .

Define  $T : A \times A \rightarrow CL(B)$  by

$$T\left(\left(\frac{1}{2}, a\right), \left(\frac{1}{2}, b\right)\right) = \begin{cases} \{(0, \frac{x}{2}) : 0 \leq x \leq \max\{a, b\}\} & \text{if } a, b \leq 1, \\ \{(0, x^2) : 0 \leq x \leq \max\{a^2, b^2\}\} & \text{if } a, b > 1, \end{cases} \tag{47}$$

and define  $\alpha : A \times A \rightarrow [0, \infty)$  by

$$\alpha(x, y) = \begin{cases} 1 & \text{if } x, y \in \{(\frac{1}{2}, a) : 0 \leq a \leq 1\}, \\ 0 & \text{otherwise.} \end{cases}$$

Let  $\Psi(t) = \frac{t}{2}$  for all  $t \geq 0$ . Note that  $A_0 = A, B_0 = B$ , and  $T(x, y) \subseteq B_0$  for each  $(x, y) \in A_0 \times A_0$ . Also, the pair  $(A, B)$  satisfies the weak  $P$ -property.

Let  $(x_0, y_0), (x_1, y_1) \in \{(\frac{1}{2}, x) : 0 \leq x \leq 1\}^2$ ; then  $T(x_0, y_0), T(x_1, y_1) \subseteq \{(0, \frac{x}{2}) : 0 \leq x \leq 1\}$ . Consider  $u_1 \in T(x_0, y_0), u_2 \in T(x_1, y_1)$  and  $w_1, w_2 \in A$  such that  $d(w_1, u_1) = \text{dist}(A, B)$  and  $d(w_2, u_2) = \text{dist}(A, B)$ . Then we have  $w_1, w_2 \in \{(\frac{1}{2}, x) : 0 \leq x \leq \frac{1}{2}\}$ , so  $\alpha(w_1, w_2) = 1$ . And, for  $v_1 \in T(y_0, x_0), v_2 \in T(y_1, x_1)$  and  $w'_1, w'_2 \in A$  such that  $d(w'_1, v_1) = \text{dist}(A, B)$  and  $d(w'_2, v_2) = \text{dist}(A, B)$ . Then we have  $w'_1, w'_2 \in \{(\frac{1}{2}, x) : 0 \leq x \leq \frac{1}{2}\}$ , so  $\alpha(w'_1, w'_2) = 1$ . Therefore,  $T$  is an  $\alpha$ -proximal admissible map. For  $(x_0, y_0) = ((\frac{1}{2}, 1), (\frac{1}{2}, 1)) \in A_0 \times A_0$  and  $u_1 = (0, \frac{1}{2}) \in T(x_0, y_0), v_1 = (0, \frac{1}{4}) \in T(y_0, x_0)$  in  $B_0$ , we have  $(x_1, y_1) = ((\frac{1}{2}, \frac{1}{2}), (\frac{1}{2}, \frac{1}{4})) \in A_0 \times A_0$  such that

$$d(x_1, u_1) = \text{dist}(A, B), \quad \alpha(x_0, x_1) = \alpha\left(\left(\frac{1}{2}, 1\right), \left(\frac{1}{2}, \frac{1}{2}\right)\right) = 1$$

and

$$d(y_1, v_1) = \text{dist}(A, B), \quad \alpha(y_0, y_1) = \alpha\left(\left(\frac{1}{2}, 1\right), \left(\frac{1}{2}, \frac{1}{4}\right)\right) = 1.$$

If  $x, x', y, y' \in \{(\frac{1}{2}, a) : 0 \leq a \leq 1\}^2$ , then we have

$$\alpha(x, y)H(T(x, x'), T(y, y')) = \frac{|x - y|}{2} = \frac{1}{2}d(x, y) = \psi(d(x, y)),$$

for otherwise

$$\alpha(x, y)H(T(x, x'), T(y, y')) \leq \psi(d(x, y)).$$

Hence,  $T$  is an  $\alpha$ - $\psi$ -proximal contraction. Moreover, if  $\{x_n\}$  is a sequence in  $A$  such that  $\alpha(x_n, x_{n+1}) = 1$  for all  $n$  and  $x_n \rightarrow x \in A$  as  $n \rightarrow \infty$ , then there exists a subsequence  $\{x_{n_k}\}$  of  $\{x_n\}$  such that  $\alpha(x_{n_k}, x) = 1$  for all  $k$ . Therefore, all the conditions of Theorem 2.6 hold and  $T$  has the coupled best proximity point.

**Example 2.9** Let  $X = [0, \infty) \times [0, \infty)$  be endowed with the usual metric  $d$ . Let  $a > 1$  be any fixed real number,  $A = \{(a, x) : 0 \leq x < \infty\}$  and  $B = \{(0, x) : 0 \leq x < \infty\}$ . Define  $T : A \times A \rightarrow CL(B)$  by

$$T((a, x), (a, y)) = \{(0, b^2) : 0 \leq b \leq \max\{x, y\}\}, \tag{48}$$

and  $\alpha : A \times A \rightarrow [0, \infty)$  by

$$\alpha((a, x), (a, y)) = \begin{cases} 1 & \text{if } x = y = 0, \\ \frac{1}{a(x+y)} & \text{otherwise.} \end{cases} \quad (49)$$

Let  $\psi(t) = \frac{t}{a}$  for all  $t \geq 0$ . Note that  $A_0 = A$ ,  $B_0 = B$  and  $T(x, y) \in B_0$  for each  $x, y \in A_0$ . If  $w_1 = (a, y_1)$ ,  $w'_1 = (a, y'_1)$ ,  $w_2 = (a, y_2)$ ,  $w'_2 = (a, y'_2) \in A$  with either  $y_1 \neq 0$  or  $y_2 \neq 0$  or both are nonzero, we have

$$\begin{aligned} \alpha(w_1, w_2)H(T(w_1, w'_1), T(w_2, w'_2)) &= \frac{1}{a(y_1 + y_2)} |y_1^2 - y_2^2| \\ &= \frac{1}{a} |y_1 - y_2| \\ &= \psi(d(w_1, w_2)) \end{aligned}$$

for otherwise

$$\alpha(w_1, w_2)H(T(w_1, w'_1), T(w_2, w'_2)) = 0 = \psi(d(w_1, w_2)).$$

For  $x_0 = (a, \frac{1}{2a})$ ,  $y_0 = (a, \frac{1}{3a}) \in A_0$  and  $u_1 = (0, \frac{1}{4a^2}) \in T(x_0, y_0)$  such that  $d(x_1, u_1) = a = \text{dist}(A, B)$  and  $\alpha(x_0, x_1) = \frac{4a}{1+2a} > 1$ . And for  $x_1 = (a, \frac{1}{3a})$ ,  $y_1 = (a, \frac{1}{9a^2}) \in A_0$  and  $v_1 = (0, \frac{1}{9a^2}) \in T(x_1, y_1)$  such that  $d(y_1, v_1) = a = \text{dist}(A, B)$  and  $\alpha(y_0, y_1) = \frac{9a}{1+3a} > 1$ . Furthermore, one can see that the remaining conditions of Theorem 2.4 also hold. Therefore,  $T$  has the coupled best proximity point.

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