

**COMMON FIXED POINT THEOREMS OF WEAKLY  
COMPATIBLE MAPS SATISFYING (E.A.) AND  
(CLR) PROPERTY**

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**Abstract:** We prove common fixed-point theorems in a metric space, which generalizes the result of Jay G. Mehta and M.L. Joshi, using (E.A)-property and Common Limit Range Property (CLR-property).

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**1. Introduction**

The first important result on fixed-point for contractive-type mappings was the well-known Banach fixed point theorem, published for the first time in 1922. Gerald Jungck [2] initiated the concept of compatibility in 1986.

In 1998, Jungck and Rhoades [4] introduced the notion of weakly compatible mappings and showed that compatible maps are weakly compatible but not conversely.

Branciari [1] obtained a fixed point result for a single mapping satisfying an analogue of Banach's contraction principle for an integral-type inequality. The second author [3] proved a fixed point theorem for a pair of maps satisfying a general contractive condition of integral type.

In 2002, Aamri and Moutawakil [7] introduced the notion of (E.A.)-property.

In 2011, Sintunavarat and S. Kumam [8] introduced the notion of (CLR)-property.

The main purpose of this paper is to present fixed point results for two pair of maps satisfying a new contractive condition of integral type by using the concept of weakly compatible maps with (E.A.) and (CLR) property in a metric space.

**Definition 1.1.** [4] Let  $f$  and  $g$  be two self-maps defined on a set, then  $f$  and  $g$  are said to be weakly compatible if they commute at coincidence points. That is, if  $fu = gu$  for some  $u \in X$ , then  $fgu = gfu$ .

**Definition 1.2.** A function  $\psi : [0, \infty) \rightarrow [0, \infty)$  is said to be a contractive modules if  $\psi : [0, \infty) \rightarrow [0, \infty)$  and  $\psi(s) < s$  for  $s > 0$ .

**Definition 1.3.** [7] Let  $f$  and  $g$  be two self-mappings defined on a metric space  $(X, d)$ . We say that  $f$  and  $g$  satisfy the (E.A.) property if there exists a sequence  $\{x_n\}$  in  $X$  such that

$$\lim_{n \rightarrow \infty} fx_n = \lim_{n \rightarrow \infty} gx_n = u, \quad \text{for some } u \in X.$$

**Definition 1.4.** [8] Let  $f$  and  $g$  be two self-mappings defined on a metric space  $(X, d)$ . We say that  $f$  and  $g$  satisfy the  $(CLR_f)$ -property, if there exists a sequence  $\{x_n\}$  in  $X$  such that

$$\lim_{n \rightarrow \infty} fx_n = \lim_{n \rightarrow \infty} gx_n = fx.$$

**Lemma 1.5.** [9] Let  $\psi : [0, \infty) \rightarrow [0, \infty)$  be a right continuous function such that  $\psi(s) < s$  for every  $s > 0$ , then  $\lim_{n \rightarrow \infty} \psi^n(s) = 0$ , where  $\psi^n$  denotes the  $n$ -times repeated composition of  $\psi$  with itself.

## 2. Main Result

**Theorem 2.1.** Let  $f, g, h$  and  $k$  be self-maps defined on a metric space  $(X, d)$  satisfying the following conditions:

- (i)  $f(X) \subseteq h(X)$ ,  $g(X) \subseteq k(X)$ ,
- (ii) For all  $x, y \in X$ , there exists a right continuous function  $\psi : [0, \infty) \rightarrow [0, \infty)$ ,  $\psi(0) = 0$  and  $\psi(s) < s$  for  $s > 0$  such that

$$\int_0^{d(fx, gy)} \phi(t) dt \leq \psi \left( \int_0^{M(x, y)} \phi(t) dt \right), \quad (2.1)$$

where  $\phi : R^+ \rightarrow R^+$  is a lebesgue integrable mapping which is summable, nonnegative and such that:

$$\int_0^\varepsilon \phi(t)dt > 0 \quad \text{for each } \varepsilon > 0 \quad (2.2)$$

$$M(x, y) = \max \left\{ d(kx, hy), d(kx, fx), d(gy, hy), \frac{1}{2}[d(kx, gy) + d(hy, fx)] \right\} \quad (2.3)$$

(1) The pairs  $(f, k)$  or  $(g, h)$  satisfy (E.A) property.

(2) The pairs  $(f, k)$  and  $(g, h)$  are weakly compatible.

If  $k(X)$  is closed. Then  $f, g, h$  and  $k$  have a unique common fixed point.

*Proof.* Suppose that the pair  $(f, k)$  satisfy (E.A) property, so there exists a sequence  $\{x_n\}$  in  $X$  such that:

$$\lim_{n \rightarrow \infty} fx_n = \lim_{n \rightarrow \infty} kx_n = u, \quad \text{for some } u \in X. \quad (2.4)$$

Since  $f(X) \subseteq h(X)$ , so there exists a sequence  $\{y_n\}$  in  $X$  such that  $fx_n = hy_n$ . Hence

$$\lim_{n \rightarrow \infty} fx_n = \lim_{n \rightarrow \infty} hy_n = u. \quad (2.5)$$

Now, we claim that  $\lim_{n \rightarrow \infty} gy_n = u$ . For this, put  $x = x_n, y = y_n$  in (ii), we have

$$\int_0^{d(fx_n, gy_n)} \phi(t)dt \leq \psi \left( \int_0^{M(x_n, y_n)} \phi(t)dt \right)$$

where

$$M(x_n, y_n) = \max \left\{ d(kx_n, hy_n), d(kx_n, fx_n), d(gy_n, hy_n), \frac{1}{2}[d(kx_n, gy_n) + d(hy_n, fx_n)] \right\}$$

Taking limit as  $n \rightarrow \infty$ , we get

$$\lim_{n \rightarrow \infty} \int_0^{d(fx_n, gy_n)} \phi(t)dt \leq \lim_{n \rightarrow \infty} \psi \left( \int_0^{M(x_n, y_n)} \phi(t)dt \right).$$

Since

$$\begin{aligned}\lim_{n \rightarrow \infty} d(fx_n, gy_n) &= d(u, gy_n) = \lim_{n \rightarrow \infty} d(gy_n, hy_n) = \lim_{n \rightarrow \infty} d(kx_n, gy_n), \\ \lim_{n \rightarrow \infty} d(kx_n, hy_n) &= d(u, u) = 0 = \lim_{n \rightarrow \infty} d(kx_n, fx_n) = \lim_{n \rightarrow \infty} d(hy_n, fx_n)\end{aligned}$$

We may conclude that

$$\int_0^{d(u, gy_n)} \phi(t) dt \leq \psi \int_0^{d(u, gy_n)} \phi(t) dt$$

If  $d(u, gy_n) \neq 0$ , then.

$$\begin{aligned}\int_0^{d(u, gy_n)} \phi(t) dt &\leq \psi \left( \int_0^{d(u, gy_n)} \phi(t) dt \right) \\ &< \int_0^{d(u, gy_n)} \phi(t) dt, \text{ a contradiction.}\end{aligned}$$

Therefore

$$\lim_{n \rightarrow \infty} gy_n = u.$$

Hence

$$\lim_{n \rightarrow \infty} fx_n = \lim_{n \rightarrow \infty} kx_n = \lim_{n \rightarrow \infty} gy_n = \lim_{n \rightarrow \infty} hy_n = u. \quad (2.6)$$

Suppose that  $k(X)$  is closed, so there exists  $v \in X$  such that  $kv = u$ .

Now, we claim that  $fv = u$ . Put  $x = v$ ,  $y = y_n$  in (ii)

$$\int_0^{d(fv, gy_n)} \phi(t) dt \leq \psi \left( \int_0^{M(v, y_n)} \phi(t) dt \right)$$

where

$$M(v, y_n) = \max \left\{ d(kv, hy_n), d(kv, fv), d(gy_n, hy_n), \frac{1}{2}[d(kv, gy_n) + d(hy_n, fv)] \right\},$$

$$\lim_{n \rightarrow \infty} d(fv, gy_n) = d(fv, u) = \lim_{n \rightarrow \infty} d(kv, fv) = \lim_{n \rightarrow \infty} d(hy_n, fv),$$

$$\lim_{n \rightarrow \infty} d(kv, hy_n) = 0 = \lim_{n \rightarrow \infty} d(gy_n, hy_n) = \lim_{n \rightarrow \infty} d(kv, gy_n).$$

We may conclude that

$$\int_0^{d(fv,u)} \phi(t)dt \leq \psi \left( \int_0^{d(fv,u)} \phi(t)dt \right)$$

If  $d(fv, u) \neq 0$ , then

$$\begin{aligned} \int_0^{d(fv,u)} \phi(t)dt &\leq \psi \left( \int_0^{d(fv,u)} \phi(t)dt \right) \\ &< \int_0^{d(fv,u)} \phi(t)dt, \text{ a contradiction} \end{aligned}$$

Therefore

$$d(fv, u) = 0 \quad \Rightarrow \quad fv = u. \quad (2.7)$$

Therefore

$$fv = kv = u.$$

Hence  $v$  is a coincidence point of  $(f, k)$ .

Since  $f(X) \subseteq h(X)$ , so there exists  $w \in X$ , such that

$$fv = hw = u. \quad (2.8)$$

Now, we claim that  $gw = u$ . Put  $x = v, y = w$  in (ii)

$$\int_0^{d(fv,gw)} \phi(t)dt \leq \psi \left( \int_0^{M(v,w)} \phi(t)dt \right)$$

where

$$\begin{aligned} M(v, w) &= \max \left\{ d(kv, hw), d(kv, fv), d(gw, hw), \right. \\ &\quad \left. \frac{1}{2}[d(kv, gw) + d(hv, fv)] \right\} \\ &= \max \left\{ d(u, u), d(u, u), d(gw, u), \frac{1}{2}[d(u, gw) + d(u, u)] \right\} \\ &= d(u, gw) \end{aligned}$$

$$\int_0^{d(u,gw)} \phi(t)dt \leq \psi \left( \int_0^{d(u,gw)} \phi(t)dt \right).$$

If  $d(u, gw) \neq 0$ , then

$$\int_0^{d(u,gw)} \phi(t)dt \leq \psi \left( \int_0^{d(u,gw)} \phi(t)dt \right) < \int_0^{d(u,gw)} \phi(t)dt \quad \text{a contradiction.}$$

Therefore

$$d(u, gw) = 0 \Rightarrow gw = u = hw. \tag{2.9}$$

Hence  $w$  is a coincidence point of  $(g, h)$ .

As the pairs  $(g, h)$  and  $(f, k)$  are weakly compatible therefore

$$\left. \begin{aligned} ghw &= hgw \\ kfv &= fkv \end{aligned} \right\} \tag{2.10}$$

$$u = gw = hw = kv = fv \tag{2.11}$$

Then

$$\left. \begin{aligned} ku &= kfv = fkv = fu \\ hu &= hgw = ghw = gu \end{aligned} \right\} \tag{2.12}$$

If  $gu \neq u$ , then from (ii), (2.11) and (2.12),

$$\int_0^{d(u,gu)} \phi(t)dt = \int_0^{d(fv,gu)} \phi(t)dt \leq \psi \left( \int_0^{M(v,u)} \phi(t)dt \right)$$

where

$$\begin{aligned} M(v, u) &= \max \left\{ d(kv, hu), d(kv, fv), d(gu, hu), \right. \\ &\quad \left. \frac{1}{2}[d(kv, gu) + d(hu, fv)] \right\} \\ &= \max \left\{ d(u, gu), d(u, u), d(gu, gu), \right. \\ &\quad \left. \frac{1}{2}[d(u, gu) + d(gu, u)] \right\} \\ &= d(u, gu) \end{aligned}$$

$$\begin{aligned} \int_0^{d(u,gu)} \phi(t)dt &\leq \psi \left( \int_0^{d(u,gu)} \phi(t)dt \right) \\ &< \int_0^{d(u,gu)} \phi(t)dt, \quad \text{a contradiction} \end{aligned}$$

Therefore  $gu = u = hu$ . Similarly  $fu = u = ku$ . Then evidently, from (2.12),  $u$  is a common fixed point of  $f, g, h$  and  $k$ .

**Uniqueness.** For uniqueness of  $u$ , let if possible, we assume that  $u$  and  $u'$  ( $u \neq u'$ ) are common fixed point of  $f, g, h$  and  $k$ . By (ii), we have

$$\int_0^{d(u,u')} \phi(t)dt = \int_0^{d(fu,gu')} \phi(t)dt \leq \psi \left( \int_0^{M(u,u')} \phi(t)dt \right)$$

where

$$\begin{aligned} M(u, u') &= \max \left\{ d(ku, hu'), d(ku, fu), d(gu', hu'), \right. \\ &\quad \left. \frac{1}{2}[d(ku, gu') + d(hu', fu)] \right\} \\ &= \max \left\{ d(u, u'), d(u, u), d(u', u'), \right. \\ &\quad \left. \frac{1}{2}[d(u, u') + d(u', u)] \right\} \end{aligned}$$

$$\begin{aligned} &= d(u, u') \\ \int_0^{d(u,u')} \phi(t)dt &\leq \psi \left( \int_0^{d(u,u')} \phi(t)dt \right) \\ &< \int_0^{d(u,u')} \phi(t)dt, \quad \text{a contradiction} \end{aligned}$$

Therefore  $u = u'$ .

Thus  $u$  is the unique common fixed point of  $f, g, h$  and  $k$ . Hence the theorem.  $\square$

**Corollary 2.2.** *Let  $(X, d)$  be a metric space. Suppose that the maps  $f, g$  and  $h$  are self-maps of  $X$  satisfying the following conditions:*

- (i)  $f(X) \subseteq h(X), g(X) \subseteq h(X)$

- (ii) For all  $x, y \in X$ , there exists a right continuous function  $\psi : [0, \infty) \rightarrow [0, \infty)$ ,  $\psi(0) = 0$  and  $\psi(s) < s$  for  $s > 0$  such that

$$\int_0^{d(fx, gy)} \phi(t) dt \leq \psi \left( \int_0^{M(x, y)} \phi(t) dt \right), \quad (2.13)$$

where  $\phi : R^+ \rightarrow R^+$  is a lebesgue integrable mapping which is summable, nonnegative and such that

$$\int_0^\varepsilon \phi(t) dt > 0 \quad \text{for each } \varepsilon > 0 \quad (2.14)$$

$$M(x, y) = \max \left\{ d(hx, hy), d(hx, fx), d(gy, hy), \frac{1}{2}[d(hx, gy) + d(hy, fx)] \right\}$$

- (1) The pairs  $(f, h)$  or  $(g, h)$  satisfy (E.A.) property.  
 (2) The pairs  $(f, h)$  and  $(g, h)$  are weakly compatible. If  $h(X)$  is closed. Then  $f, g$  and  $h$  have a unique common fixed point.

*Proof.* By taking  $k = h$  in Theorem 2.1, we get the result.  $\square$

**Corollary 2.3.** Let  $(X, d)$  be a metric space. Suppose that the maps  $g$  and  $h$  are self maps on  $X$  satisfying the following conditions:

- (i)  $g(X) \subseteq h(X)$   
 (ii) For all  $x, y \in X$ , there exists a right continuous function  $\psi : [0, \infty) \rightarrow [0, \infty)$ ,  $\psi(0) = 0$  and  $\psi(s) < s$  for  $s > 0$  such that

$$\int_0^{d(gx, hy)} \phi(t) dt \leq \psi \left( \int_0^{M(x, y)} \phi(t) dt \right) \quad (2.15)$$

where  $\phi : R^+ \rightarrow R^+$  is a lebesgue integrable mapping which is summable, non-negative and such that

$$\int_0^\varepsilon \phi(t) dt > 0 \quad \text{for each } \varepsilon > 0 \quad (2.16)$$



$$M(x, y) = \max \left\{ d(hx, hy), d(hx, gx), d(hy, gy), \frac{1}{2}[d(hx, gy) + d(hy, gx)] \right\} \quad (2.17)$$

- (1) The pair  $(g, h)$  satisfy (E.A.) property,  
 (2) The pair  $(g, h)$  is weakly compatible

If  $h(X)$  is closed, then  $(g, h)$  have a unique common fixed point.

*Proof.* By taking  $k = h$  and  $f = g$  in Theorem 2.1, we get the result.  $\square$

**Remark 2.4.** If  $\phi(t) = 1$ , then Theorem 2.1 of this paper reduces to Theorem 3.1 of [6].

### 3.

**Theorem 3.1.** Let  $(X, d)$  be a metric space. Suppose that the mappings  $f, g, h$  and  $k$  are four self-maps of  $X$  satisfying the following conditions:

- (i)  $f(X) \subseteq h(X), g(X) \subseteq k(X)$ .  
 (ii) For all  $x, y \in X$ , there exists a right continuous function  $\psi : [0, \infty) \rightarrow [0, \infty)$ ,  $\psi(0) = 0$  and  $\psi(s) < s$  for  $s > 0$ , such that

$$\int_0^{d(fx, gy)} \phi(t) dt \leq \psi \left( \int_0^{M(x, y)} \phi(t) dt \right) \quad (3.1)$$

where  $\phi : R^+ \rightarrow R^+$  is a lebesgue integrable mapping which is summable, nonnegative and such that:

$$\int_0^\varepsilon \phi(t) dt > 0 \quad \text{for each } \varepsilon > 0 \quad (3.2)$$

$$M(x, y) = \max \left\{ d(kx, hy), d(kx, fx), d(gy, hy), \frac{1}{2}[d(kx, gy) + d(hy, fx)] \right\}$$

- (1) The pairs  $(f, k)$  or  $(g, h)$  satisfy  $(CLR_f)$  or  $(CLR_g)$ -property

- (2) If the pairs  $(f, k)$  and  $(g, h)$  are weakly compable, then  $f, g, h$  and  $k$  have a unique common fixed point.

*Proof.* First suppose that the pair  $(f, k)$  satisfy  $(CLR_f)$ -property so there exists a sequence  $\{x_n\}$  in  $X$  such that

$$\lim_{n \rightarrow \infty} fx_n = \lim_{n \rightarrow \infty} kx_n = fx \quad (3.3)$$

Since  $f(X) \subseteq h(X)$ , so there exists a sequence  $\{y_n\}$  in  $X$  such that

$$\lim_{n \rightarrow \infty} fx_n = \lim_{n \rightarrow \infty} hy_n = fx. \quad (3.4)$$

We claim that  $\lim_{n \rightarrow \infty} gy_n = fx$ . For this put  $x = x_n$   $y = y_n$  in (ii)

$$\int_0^{d(fx_n, gy_n)} \phi(t) dt \leq \psi \left( \int_0^{M(x_n, y_n)} \phi(t) dt \right)$$

$$M(x_n, y_n) = \max \left\{ d(kx_n, hy_n), d(kx_n, fx_n), d(gy_n, hy_n), \frac{1}{2}[d(kx_n, gy_n) + d(hy_n, fx_n)] \right\}$$

$$\begin{aligned} \lim_{n \rightarrow \infty} d(kx_n, hy_n) &= 0 = \lim_{n \rightarrow \infty} d(kx_n, fx_n) = \lim_{n \rightarrow \infty} d(hy_n, fx_n) \\ \lim_{n \rightarrow \infty} d(fx_n, gy_n) &= d(fx, gy_n) = \lim_{n \rightarrow \infty} d(kx_n, gy_n) = \lim_{n \rightarrow \infty} d(gy_n, hy_n). \end{aligned}$$

Taking limit as  $n \rightarrow \infty$ , we get

$$\begin{aligned} \lim_{n \rightarrow \infty} \int_0^{d(fx_n, gy_n)} \phi(t) dt &\leq \psi \left( \int_0^{d(fx, gy_n)} \phi(t) dt \right), \\ \int_0^{d(fx, gy_n)} \phi(t) dt &\leq \psi \left( \int_0^{d(fx, gy_n)} \phi(t) dt \right) \\ &< \int_0^{d(fx, gy_n)} \phi(t) dt, \quad \text{a contradiction} \end{aligned}$$

Therefore

$$\lim_{n \rightarrow \infty} fx_n = \lim_{n \rightarrow \infty} kx_n = \lim_{n \rightarrow \infty} gy_n = \lim_{n \rightarrow \infty} hy_n = fx \quad (3.5)$$

Since  $f(X) \subseteq h(X)$ , so there exists a point  $v \in X$  such that  $fx = hv$ , we claim that  $gv = hv = fx$ .

Put  $x = x_n$ ,  $y = v$  in (ii), we have

$$\int_0^{d(fx_n, gv)} \phi(t) dt \leq \psi \left( \int_0^{M(x_n, v)} \phi(t) dt \right)$$

$$M(x_n, v) = \max \left\{ d(kx_n, hv), d(kx_n, fx_n), d(gv, hv), \right. \\ \left. \frac{1}{2} [d(kx_n, gv) + d(hv, fx_n)] \right\}$$

Taking limit as  $n \rightarrow \infty$ ,

$$\lim_{n \rightarrow \infty} \int_0^{d(fx_n, gv)} \phi(t) dt \leq \lim_{n \rightarrow \infty} \psi \left( \int_0^{M(x_n, v)} \phi(t) dt \right)$$

$$\lim_{n \rightarrow \infty} d(fx_n, gv) = \lim_{n \rightarrow \infty} d(kx_n, gv) = d(fx, gv) = d(gv, hv),$$

$$\lim_{n \rightarrow \infty} d(kx_n, hv) = \lim_{n \rightarrow \infty} d(kx_n, fx_n) = \lim_{n \rightarrow \infty} d(hv, fx_n) = 0.$$

$$\int_0^{d(fx, gv)} \phi(t) dt \leq \psi \left( \int_0^{d(fx, gv)} \phi(t) dt \right) \quad (3.6)$$

If  $d(fx, gv) \neq 0$ , then  $d(fx, gv) > 0$ .

$$\int_0^{d(fx, gv)} \phi(t) dt \leq \psi \left( \int_0^{d(fx, gv)} \phi(t) dt \right)$$

$$< \int_0^{d(fx, gv)} \phi(t) dt, \quad \text{a contradiction.}$$

Therefore

$$fx = gv \quad (3.7)$$

$$gv = hv = fx = w \quad (\text{say})$$

Hence  $v$  is a coincidence point of  $(g, h)$ .

As the pair  $(g, h)$  is weakly compatible, therefore

$$\left. \begin{aligned} ghv &= hgv \\ gw &= hw \end{aligned} \right\} \quad (3.8)$$

Since  $g(X) \subseteq k(X)$ , so there exists a point  $u \in X$ , such that

$$gv = ku. \quad (3.9)$$

We claim that  $ku = fu = w$ .

Put  $x = u, y = v$  in (ii)

$$\int_0^{d(fu,gv)} \phi(t)dt \leq \psi \left( \int_0^{M(u,v)} \phi(t)dt \right)$$

where

$$\begin{aligned} M(u, v) &= \max \left\{ d(ku, hv), d(ku, fu), d(gv, hv), \right. \\ &\quad \left. \frac{1}{2}[d(ku, gv) + d(hv, fu)] \right\} \\ &= \max \left\{ d(gv, gv), d(w, fu), d(gv, gv), \right. \\ &\quad \left. \frac{1}{2}[d(gv, gv) + d(w, fu)] \right\} \\ \int_0^{d(fu,w)} \phi(t)dt &\leq \psi \left( \int_0^{d(fu,w)} \phi(t)dt \right) \\ &< \int_0^{d(fu,w)} \phi(t)dt, \quad \text{a contradiction.} \end{aligned}$$

Therefore

$$fu = ku = w. \quad (3.10)$$

Hence  $u$  is a coincidence point of  $(f, k)$ .

As the pair  $(f, k)$  is weakly compatible.

$$\left. \begin{aligned} fku &= kfu \\ fw &= kw \end{aligned} \right\} \quad (3.11)$$

Now, we show that  $fw = w$ . If possible, suppose that  $fw \neq w$  then

$$\int_0^{d(fw,w)} \phi(t)dt = \int_0^{d(fw,gv)} \phi(t)dt \leq \psi \left( \int_0^{M(w,v)} \phi(t)dt \right)$$

where

$$\begin{aligned} M(w, v) &= \max \left\{ d(kw, hv), d(kw, fw), d(gv, hv), \right. \\ &\quad \left. \frac{1}{2}[d(kw, gv) + d(hv, fw)] \right\} \\ &= \max \left\{ d(fw, w), d(fw, fw), d(w, w), \right. \\ &\quad \left. \frac{1}{2}[d(fw, w) + d(w, fw)] \right\} \\ \int_0^{d(fw, w)} \phi(t) dt &\leq \psi \left( \int_0^{d(fw, w)} \phi(t) dt \right) \\ &< \int_0^{d(fw, w)} \phi(t) dt, \quad \text{a contradiction.} \end{aligned}$$

Therefore  $fw = w$ , similarly  $gw = w$ .

Then evidently, from (3.8) and (3.11)  $f, g, h$  and  $k$  have a common fixed point.

The uniqueness of the common fixed point follows easily from condition (ii).  $\square$

**Example 3.2.** Let  $X = [1, 11]$  be equipped with the usual metric space

$$d(x, y) = |x - y|.$$

Let  $f, g, h$  and  $k$  be self-maps of  $X$ , defined by:

$$f(x) = \begin{cases} 1 & \text{if } x \in \{1\} \cup [3, 11] \\ x & \text{if } x \in (1, 3) \end{cases}, \quad g(x) = \begin{cases} 1 & \text{if } x \in \{1\} \cup [3, 11] \\ x + 1 & \text{if } x \in (1, 3) \end{cases},$$

$$h(x) = \begin{cases} 1 & \text{if } x = 1 \\ 2 & \text{if } x \in (1, 3] \\ x - 2 & \text{if } x \in (3, 11) \end{cases}, \quad k(x) = \begin{cases} 1 & \text{if } x = 1 \\ 3 & \text{if } x \in (1, 3] \\ \frac{3x - 1}{8} & \text{if } x \in (3, 11) \end{cases}$$

Clearly  $f(X) = [1, 3] \subseteq [1, 9] = h(X)$ ,  $g(X) = \{1\} \cup (2, 4) \subseteq [1, 4] = k(X)$ .

Let  $x_n = \langle 1 \rangle$  and  $y_n = \left\langle 3 + \frac{1}{n} \right\rangle$  be two sequences in  $X$ .

The pairs  $(f, k)$  and  $(g, h)$  satisfy (E.A) property. Also the pairs  $(f, k)$  or  $(g, h)$  satisfy  $(CLR_f)$  or  $(CLR_g)$ -property. All the conditions of Theorem 3.1 are satisfied.

1 is the unique common fixed point of  $f, g, h$  and  $k$ .

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