

## APPROXIMATE BEST PROXIMITY FOR SET-VALUED CONTRACTIONS IN METRIC SPACES

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ABSTRACT. In this paper, we introduce the concept of set-valued cyclic almost contraction mappings. The existence of approximate best proximity points for such mappings on a metric space is established as well. We also obtain the approximate best proximity for two cyclic set-valued nonlinear contraction maps.

### 1. INTRODUCTION AND PRELIMINARIES

Let  $X$  be a metric space and  $A, B$  be nonempty subsets of  $X$ . A mapping  $T : A \cup B \rightarrow A \cup B$  is said to be cyclic, whenever  $T(A) \subset B$  and  $T(B) \subset A$ . If  $T : A \cup B \rightarrow A \cup B$  is a cyclic mapping, then a point  $x \in A \cup B$  is called a best proximity point for  $T$  if  $d(x, T(x)) = d(A, B)$ , where

$$d(A, B) = \inf\{d(x, y) : (x, y) \in A \times B\}.$$

A best proximity point also evolves as a generalization of the concept of fixed point of mappings. Because if  $A \cap B \neq \emptyset$ , every best proximity point is a fixed point of  $T$ . Recently, many authors studied the existence of a best proximity point under some suitable contraction conditions, for more details; see [1, 2, 7–11, 14, 15] and references therein.

Another important and current branch of fixed point theory is investigating the approximate fixed point property, for more details; see [4, 5, 12, 19] and references therein.

The interest in approximate fixed point results arises naturally in probing into some problems in economics and game theory, see [3, 13] and references therein. Recently, Mohsenalhosseini and Mazaheri [17] introduced the notion of approximate best proximity point for single-valued cyclic maps as finding a point  $x \in A \cup B$  such that  $d(x, T(x)) \leq d(A, B) + \varepsilon$ , for some  $\varepsilon > 0$  and it is stronger than best proximity point.

Our goal in this paper is to extend the concept of single-valued nonlinear almost contractions to set-valued cyclic maps that was introduced by Berinde [5] and Ćirić [6].

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We obtain the existence of approximate best proximity point for such maps in metric spaces. Some existence results concerning approximate best proximity coincidence point property of the set-valued cyclic  $I$ -contractions  $T$  is also obtained. We also prove some quantitative theorems regarding the set of approximate best proximity for set-valued almost  $I$ -contractions.

Now, we give some notions and definitions.

Let  $(X, d)$  be a metric space and  $\mathcal{P}(X)$  and  $Cl(X)$  denote the families of all nonempty subsets and nonempty closed subsets of  $X$  respectively. For any  $A, B \subset X$ , we consider

$$H(A, B) = \max\{\sup_{a \in A} d(a, B), \sup_{b \in B} d(b, A)\},$$

the Hausdorff metric on  $Cl(X)$  induced by the metric  $d$ .

Let  $X$  and  $Y$  be two topological Hausdorff spaces and  $T : X \rightarrow \mathcal{P}(Y)$  be a set-valued mapping with nonempty values. Then  $T$  is said to be

- upper semi-continuous (u.s.c.) if, for each closed set  $B \subset Y$ ,

$$T^{-1}(B) = \{x \in X : T(x) \cap B \neq \emptyset\}$$

is closed in  $X$ ;

- lower semi-continuous (l.s.c.) if, for each open set  $B \subset Y$ ,

$$T^{-1}(B) = \{x \in X : T(x) \cap B \neq \emptyset\}$$

is open in  $X$ ;

- continuous if it is both u.s.c. and l.s.c.;
- closed if its graph  $Gr(T) = \{(x, y) \in X \times Y : y \in T(x)\}$  is closed;
- compact if  $ClT(X)$  is a compact subset of  $Y$ .

We also use from notation  $\rightarrow$  for set-valued maps.

## 2. MAIN RESULTS

In this section, first we prove the existence of an approximate best proximity point for set-valued cyclic almost contraction map in metric spaces. Also, some existence results concerning approximate best proximity coincidence point property of the set-valued cyclic  $I$ -contractions  $T$  is also obtained. We begin with the notion of set-valued cyclic almost contraction map.

**Definition 2.1.** *Let  $(X, d)$  be a metric space,  $A$  and  $B$  be nonempty subsets of  $X$ . Then a set-valued mapping  $T : A \cup B \rightarrow A \cup B$  is called a set-valued cyclic map if  $T(A) \subseteq B$  and  $T(B) \subseteq A$ .*

Note that  $T(A) = \cup\{Tx : x \in A\}$ .

**Definition 2.2.** *Let  $(X, d)$  be a metric space,  $A$  and  $B$  be nonempty subsets of  $X$ . Then a set-valued cyclic mapping  $T : A \cup B \rightarrow A \cup B$  is called:*

(1) *a set-valued cyclic contraction (or set-valued cyclic  $k$ -contraction), if there exists a number  $0 < k < 1$  such that*

$$H(Tx, Ty) \leq kd(x, y) + (1 - k)d(A, B), \quad \forall x \in A, y \in B.$$

(2) a set-valued cyclic almost contraction or a set-valued cyclic  $(\theta, L)$ -almost contraction, if there exist two constants  $\theta \in (0, 1)$  and  $L \geq 0$  such that

$$H(Tx, Ty) \leq \theta d(x, y) + L.d(y, Tx) + (1 - \theta)d(A, B), \quad \forall x \in A, y \in B.$$

**Definition 2.3.** Let  $A$  and  $B$  be nonempty subsets of a metric space  $X$ . Then a set-valued map  $T : A \cup B \rightrightarrows A \cup B$  said to have an approximate best proximity point property provided

$$\inf_{x \in X} d(x, Tx) = d(A, B)$$

or, equivalently, for any  $\varepsilon > 0$ , there exists  $x_\varepsilon \in A \cup B$  such that

$$d(x_\varepsilon, Tx_\varepsilon) \leq d(A, B) + \varepsilon$$

or, equivalently, for any  $\varepsilon > 0$ , there exists  $x_\varepsilon \in A \cup B$  such that

$$T(x_\varepsilon) \cap B(x_\varepsilon, d(A, B) + \varepsilon) \neq \emptyset,$$

where  $B(x, r)$  denotes a closed ball of radius  $r$  centered at  $x$ .

**Theorem 2.4.** Let  $A$  and  $B$  be nonempty subsets of a metric space  $X$ . Suppose that  $T : A \cup B \rightrightarrows A \cup B$  is a cyclic set-valued map. If there exist two sequences  $(x_n)$  and  $(y_n)$  such that  $x_n \in A \cup B$ ,  $y_n \in T(x_n)$  and

$$\lim_n d(x_n, y_n) = d(A, B).$$

Then  $T$  has approximate best proximity point  $x$  in  $A \cup B$  i.e.

$$d(x, T(x)) \leq d(A, B) + \varepsilon$$

for any  $\varepsilon > 0$ .

*Proof.* Let  $\varepsilon > 0$  be given and there exist  $x_n \in A \cup B$  and  $y_n \in T(x_n)$  such that  $\lim_n d(x_n, y_n) = d(A, B)$ . So

$$\exists N_0 > 0 \quad \text{such that} \quad \forall n \geq N_0 : d(x_n, y_n) \leq d(A, B) + \varepsilon.$$

If  $n = N_0$ , then  $d(x_{N_0}, y_{N_0}) \leq d(A, B) + \varepsilon$ . Thus  $d(x_{N_0}, T(x_{N_0})) \leq d(A, B) + \varepsilon$  and so  $x_{N_0}$  is an approximate best proximity.  $\square$

We first prove that every set-valued cyclic almost contraction has the approximate best proximity property.

**Theorem 2.5.** Let  $(X, d)$  be a metric space and  $A$  and  $B$  be nonempty subsets of  $X$ . Suppose that  $T : A \cup B \rightrightarrows A \cup B$  is a closed-valued cyclic almost contraction. Then  $T$  has approximate best proximity point property.

*Proof.* Choose  $x_0 \in A \cup B$  and  $x_1 \in T(x_0)$ . Then by the definition of  $H$ , there exists  $x_2 \in T(x_1)$  such that

$$d(x_1, x_2) \leq H(T(x_0), T(x_1)) + \theta.$$

Similarly, there exists  $x_3 \in T(x_2)$  such that

$$d(x_2, x_3) \leq H(T(x_1), T(x_2)) + \theta^2.$$

By following the same way, there exists a sequence  $\{x_n\}$  in  $A \cup B \cup T(A \cup B)$  such that  $x_{n+1} \in T(x_n)$  and

$$\begin{aligned} d(x_n, x_{n+1}) &\leq H(T(x_{n-1}), T(x_n)) + \theta^n \\ &\leq \theta d(x_{n-1}, x_n) + L.d(x_n, T(x_{n-1})) + (1 - \theta)d(A, B) + \theta^n \\ &\leq \theta(\theta d(x_{n-2}, x_{n-1}) + (1 - \theta)d(A, B) + \theta^{n-1}) + (1 - \theta)d(A, B) + \theta^n \\ &= \theta^2 d(x_{n-2}, x_{n-1}) + (1 - \theta^2)d(A, B) + 2\theta^n \\ &\vdots \\ &\leq \theta^n d(x_0, x_1) + (1 - \theta^n)d(A, B) + \theta^n + \dots + \theta^n \end{aligned}$$

Thus

$$d(x_n, x_{n+1}) \leq \theta^n d(x_0, x_1) + (1 - \theta^n)d(A, B) + n\theta^n,$$

hence,  $\lim_n d(x_n, x_{n+1}) \leq d(A, B)$ . Also we have  $\lim_n d(x_n, x_{n+1}) \geq d(A, B)$ , so

$$\lim_n d(x_n, x_{n+1}) = d(A, B).$$

Therefore, by Theorem 2.4,  $T$  has approximate best proximity point property.  $\square$

In the following example we show that  $T$  is a set-valued cyclic almost contraction and  $T$  has approximate best proximity but it has not best proximity.

**Example 2.6.** Let  $A = [\frac{2}{3}, 1]$  and  $B = [0, \frac{1}{2}]$  with the Euclidean distance, and let  $T(x)$  be defined as follows:

$$T(x) = \begin{cases} (\frac{2}{3}, \frac{5}{6}) & \text{if } 0 \leq x \leq \frac{1}{2}, \\ (\frac{1}{3}, \frac{3}{8}) & \text{if } \frac{2}{3} \leq x \leq 1, \end{cases}$$

We have  $T$  is a set-valued cyclic almost contraction. Indeed, for every  $x \in A$  and  $y \in B$ , we have  $H(T(x), T(y)) = \frac{11}{24}$ ,  $d(y, T(x)) \neq 0$  and  $d(A, B) = \frac{1}{6}$  and  $\theta = \frac{1}{2}$ , we see that  $T$  is a set-valued cyclic almost contraction provided that  $L > 0$  is large enough. Also  $x = \frac{1}{2}$  is approximate best proximity of  $T$ , while  $T$  has not best proximity.

**Definition 2.7.** [17] Let  $(X, d)$  be a metric space and  $A$  and  $B$  be nonempty subsets of  $X$ . Suppose  $T : A \cup B \rightarrow A \cup B$  is a single-valued cyclic map. For each  $\varepsilon > 0$ , we set

$$P_{T_\varepsilon}^a(A, B) = \{x \in A \cup B : d(x, Tx) \leq d(A, B) + \varepsilon\},$$

of approximate best proximity of single-valued almost contraction  $T$ . We define diameter  $P_{T_\varepsilon}^a(A, B)$  by

$$\text{diam}(P_{T_\varepsilon}^a(A, B)) = \sup\{d(x, y) : x, y \in P_{T_\varepsilon}^a(A, B)\}.$$

Now, we obtain the following quantitative estimate of the diameter of the set  $P_{T_\varepsilon}^a(A, B)$  of approximate best proximity points of single-valued almost contraction.

**Theorem 2.8.** Let  $(X, d)$  be a metric space. If  $T : A \cup B \rightarrow A \cup B$  is a single-valued cyclic almost contraction with  $\theta + L < 1$ , then

$$\text{diam}(P_{T_\varepsilon}^a(A, B)) \leq \frac{(2 + L)\varepsilon + (3 - \theta)d(A, B)}{1 - (\theta + L)}, \quad \forall \varepsilon > 0.$$

*Proof.* If  $x, y \in P_{T_\varepsilon}^a(A, B)$ , then

$$\begin{aligned} d(x, y) &\leq d(x, Tx) + d(Tx, Ty) + d(Ty, y) \\ &\leq d(A, B) + \varepsilon + \theta d(x, y) + L.d(y, Tx) + (1 - \theta)d(A, B) + d(A, B) + \varepsilon \\ &\leq 2d(A, B) + 2\varepsilon + \theta d(x, y) + L.(d(x, y) + d(x, Tx)) + (1 - \theta)d(A, B) \\ &\leq (3 - \theta)d(A, B) + (2 + L)\varepsilon + (\theta + L)d(x, y). \end{aligned}$$

Therefore,  $d(x, y) \leq \frac{(3-\theta)d(A,B)+(2+L)\varepsilon}{1-(\theta+L)}$ . Hence

$$\text{diam}(P_{T_\varepsilon}^a(A, B)) \leq \frac{(2 + L)\varepsilon + (3 - \theta)d(A, B)}{1 - (\theta + L)}.$$

□

The following example indicates that the above argument is not valid for set-valued almost contraction map  $T$ .

**Example 2.9.** Let  $X = \mathbb{R}$  with Euclidean metric,  $A = [0, 1]$  and  $B = [\frac{1}{2}, 2]$ . Assume that  $T(x) = \{\frac{1}{2}, 1\}$ , for each  $x \in A \cup B$ . Then

$$H(T(x), T(y)) = 0 < \frac{1}{2}d(x, y)$$

for each  $x, y \in A \cup B$ . Therefore,  $T$  is a continuous set-valued cyclic almost contraction with  $\theta + L = \frac{1}{2} < 1$ . Moreover,  $x = \frac{1}{2}$  and  $x = 1$  are best proximity points in  $A$  and so  $\text{diam}(P_{T_\varepsilon}^a(A, B)) = \frac{1}{2}$ . This shows that Theorem 2.8 is not valid whenever  $T$  is set-valued almost contraction.

**Theorem 2.10.** Let  $(X, d)$  be a metric space and  $A$  and  $B$  be nonempty subsets of  $X$ . Assume that  $T : A \cup B \rightarrow A \cup B$  is a closed-valued cyclic almost contraction mapping, then  $T$  has a best proximity point provided either  $A, B$  is compact and the function  $f(x) = d(x, Tx)$  is lower semi-continuous or  $T$  is closed and compact.

*Proof.* By Lemma 2.5, we have  $\inf_{x \in X} f(x) = \inf_{x \in X} d(x, Tx) = d(A, B)$ . The lower semi-continuity of the function  $f(x) = d(x, Tx)$  and the compactness of  $A \cup B$  imply that the infimum is attained. Thus there exists an  $x_0 \in A \cup B$  such that  $d(x_0, Tx_0) = d(A, B)$  and so  $T$  has a best proximity point. Suppose that  $T$  is closed and compact map. According to Lemma 2.5,  $T$  has the approximate best proximity property. Therefore for any  $\varepsilon > 0$ , there exist  $x_\varepsilon \in A$  and  $y_\varepsilon \in B$  such that

$$y_\varepsilon \in T(x_\varepsilon) \cap B(x_\varepsilon, d(A, B) + \varepsilon).$$

Now, since  $Y := Cl(T)$  is compact, we may assume that  $y_\varepsilon$  converges to a point  $z \in Y$  as  $\varepsilon \rightarrow 0$ . Consequently,  $x_\varepsilon$  converges to  $z'$  as  $\varepsilon \rightarrow 0$  such that  $d(z, z') \leq d(A, B) + \varepsilon$ . On the other hand, since  $T$  is closed, then  $z \in T(z')$ . So  $d(T(z'), z') \leq d(A, B) + \varepsilon$ . This completes the proof. □

Now, we introduce the notion of set-valued cyclic almost  $I$ -contraction. Also, we obtain the existence of approximate best proximity point for such maps in metric spaces.

**Definition 2.11.** Let  $I : A \cup B \rightarrow A \cup B$  be a single-valued cyclic map and  $T : A \cup B \rightarrow Cl(A \cup B)$  be a set-valued cyclic map. Then  $T$  is called a set-valued cyclic almost  $I$ -contraction if there exist constants  $\theta \in (0, 1)$  and  $L \geq 0$  such that

$$H(Tx, Ty) \leq \theta d(Ix, Iy) + L.d(Iy, Tx) + (1 - \theta)d(A, B), \quad \forall x \in A, y \in B.$$

**Definition 2.12.** *The mappings  $I$  and  $T$  are said to have an approximate best proximity coincidence point property provided that*

$$\inf_{x \in A \cup B} d(Ix, Tx) = d(A, B)$$

or, equivalently, for any  $\varepsilon > 0$ , there exists  $z \in A \cup B$  such that

$$d(Iz, Tz) \leq d(A, B) + \varepsilon.$$

A point  $(x, y) \in A \times B$  is called a coincidence best proximity (common best proximity) point of  $I$  and  $T$  if  $Ix \in Tx$  ( $d(x, Ix) = d(A, B)$ )

**Theorem 2.13.** *Let  $(X, d)$  be a metric space,  $A$  and  $B$  be nonempty subsets of  $X$ . Suppose that  $T : A \cup B \rightarrow A \cup B$  is a cyclic closed-valued map and  $I : A \cup B \rightarrow A \cup B$  is a single-valued cyclic map and*

$$\lim_n d(I(x_n), y_n) = d(A, B)$$

for some  $x_n \in A \cup B$  and  $y_n \in T(x_n)$ . Then  $I$  and  $T$  have a coincidence best proximity point.

*Proof.* By a similar proof as that of Theorem 2.4, we obtain the conclusion for  $T$  and  $I$ .  $\square$

**Theorem 2.14.** *Every set-valued cyclic almost  $I$ -contraction in a metric space  $(X, d)$  has the approximate best proximity coincidence point property provided that each  $Tx$  is  $I$ -invariant. Further, if  $A, B$  is compact and the function  $f(x) = d(Ix, Tx)$  is lower semi-continuous, then  $I$  and  $T$  have a coincidence best proximity point.*

*Proof.* Choose  $x_0 \in A \cup B$  and  $x_1 \in T(x_0)$ . Then, by the definition of  $H$ , there exists  $x_2 \in T(x_1)$  such that

$$d(I(x_1), x_2) \leq H(I(x_1), T(x_1)) + \theta.$$

Since each  $Tx$  is  $I$ -invariant, i.e., for each  $y \in Tx$ ,  $Iy \in Tx$ , then  $I(x_1) \in T(x_0)$  and so we have

$$d(I(x_1), x_2) \leq H(T(x_0), T(x_1)) + \theta.$$

Similarly, there exists  $x_3 \in T(x_2)$  such that

$$d(I(x_2), x_3) \leq H(T(x_1), T(x_2)) + \theta^2.$$

By following the same way, there exists a sequence  $\{x_{n-1}\}$  in  $A \cup B \cup T(A \cup B)$  such that  $x_n \in T(x_{n-1})$  and

$$\begin{aligned} d(I(x_{n-1}), x_n) &\leq H(I(x_{n-1}), T(x_{n-1})) + \theta^n \\ &\leq H(T(x_{n-2}), T(x_{n-1})) + \theta^n \\ &\leq \theta d(I(x_{n-2}), I(x_{n-1})) + L.d(I(x_{n-1}), T(x_{n-2})) + (1 - \theta)d(A, B) + \theta^n \\ &\leq \theta(H(T(x_{n-3}), T(x_{n-2})) + \theta^{n-1}) + (1 - \theta)d(A, B) + \theta^n \\ &\leq \theta(\theta d(I(x_{n-3}), I(x_{n-2})) + (1 - \theta)d(A, B) + \theta^{n-1}) + (1 - \theta)d(A, B) + \theta^n \\ &= \theta^2 d(I(x_{n-3}), I(x_{n-2})) + (1 - \theta^2)d(A, B) + 2\theta^n \\ &\vdots \\ &\leq \theta^n d(I(x_1), I(x_0)) + (1 - \theta^n)d(A, B) + \theta^n + \dots + \theta^n. \end{aligned}$$

Then

$$d(I(x_{n-1}), x_n) \leq \theta^n d(I(x_1), I(x_0)) + (1 - \theta^n)d(A, B) + n\theta^n.$$

Thus

$$\lim_n d(I(x_{n-1}), x_n) \leq d(A, B),$$

for every  $x_n \in T(x_{n-1})$ , Also we have  $\lim_n d(I(x_{n-1}), x_n) \geq d(A, B)$ , so

$$\lim_n d(I(x_{n-1}), x_n) = d(A, B).$$

Therefore, by Theorem 2.13,  $T$  has approximate best proximity coincidence point property.

Further, the lower semi-continuity of the function  $f(x) = d(Ix, Tx)$  and compactness of  $A, B$  imply that the infimum is attained. Thus there exists  $z \in A \cup B$  such that  $f(z) = d(Iz, Tz) = d$ . This completes the proof.  $\square$

**Remark.** If  $I$  is the identity map on  $A \cup B$  in Theorem (2.14), we obtain the conclusion of Theorem 2.5.

**Theorem 2.15.** *Let  $(X, d)$  be a metric space and  $A$  and  $B$  be nonempty subsets of  $X$ . Assume that  $T : A \cup B \rightarrow A \cup B$  is a closed-valued map and suppose that sequences  $x_n \in X$  and  $y_n \in Tx_n$  satisfying following two conditions:*

$$\lim_{n \rightarrow \infty} d(x_n, y_n) = \inf_{x \in X} d(x, Tx) \quad (2.1)$$

and

$$f(y_n) \leq \theta d(x_n, y_n) + (1 - \theta)d(A, B), \quad (2.2)$$

where  $f(x) = d(x, Tx)$ . Then  $T$  has the approximate best proximity property. Further,  $T$  has a best proximity provided either  $A, B$  is compact and the function  $f(x)$  is lower semi-continuous or  $T$  is closed and compact.

*Proof.* Let  $x_n \in A \cup B$  and  $y_n \in Tx_n$  be the sequences that satisfy (2.1) and (2.2).

Then we have

$$\begin{aligned} \inf_{x \in X} f(x) - d(A, B) &= \inf_{x \in X} d(x, Tx) - d(A, B) \\ &\leq \inf_{x \in X} \inf_{y \in Tx} d(y, Ty) - d(A, B) \\ &\leq \inf_{n \in \mathbb{N}} \inf_{y \in Tx_n} d(y, Ty) - d(A, B) \\ &\leq \inf_{n \in \mathbb{N}} d(y_n, Ty_n) - d(A, B) \\ &\leq \inf_{n \in \mathbb{N}} \theta d(x_n, y_n) + (1 - \theta)d(A, B) - d(A, B) \\ &\leq \theta \left( \lim_{n \rightarrow \infty} d(x_n, y_n) - d(A, B) \right) \\ &\leq \theta \left( \inf_{x \in X} f(x) - d(A, B) \right). \end{aligned}$$

Since  $\theta < 1$ , we get  $\inf_{x \in X} f(x) = \inf_{x \in X} d(x, Tx) = d(A, B)$ .

Further, the lower semi-continuity of the function  $f(x) = d(x, Tx)$  and the compactness of  $A, B$  implies that the infimum is attained. Thus there exists a  $z_0 \in A \cup B$  such that  $f(z_0) = d(z_0, Tz_0) = d(A, B)$ .

The second assertion follows as in the proof of Theorem 2.10. This completes the proof.  $\square$

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