

## GLOBAL OPTIMAL SOLUTIONS OF NON-SELF MAPPINGS

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*In this paper we introduce a notion of the WP-property and study the existence of best proximity points for non-self-mappings. Our result generalizes the Mizoguchi and Takahashi's fixed point theorem for single valued mappings. Also by using the Schauder's fixed point theorem, we establish a best proximity point theorem in Banach spaces.*

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## 1. Introduction and preliminaries

Banach contraction principle is a very important tools in nonlinear analysis and there are many extensions of this principle; see, e.g., [11] and the references cited therein. One of the interesting generalizations was given by Mizoguchi and Takahashi [13] as follows.

**Theorem 1.1.** *Let  $(X, d)$  be a complete metric space and suppose that  $T : X \rightarrow CB(X)$ , where  $CB(X)$  denotes the class of all nonempty bounded closed subsets of  $X$ . Assume that*

$$H(Tx, Ty) \leq \alpha(d(x, y))d(x, y)$$

*for each  $x, y \in X$ , where  $H$  is a Hausdorff metric on  $CB(X)$  and  $\alpha$  is a function from  $[0, \infty)$  to  $[0, 1)$  such that  $\limsup_{r \rightarrow t^+} \alpha(r) < 1$  for all  $t \in (0, \infty)$ . Then  $T$  has a fixed point.*

Now, consider the non-self-mapping  $T : A \rightarrow X$  which  $A$  is a nonempty subset of a metric space  $(X, d)$ . Clearly, the fixed point equation  $Tx = x$  has not solution necessary. Hence it is contemplated to find an approximate  $x \in A$  such that the error  $d(x, Tx)$  is minimum. The following well-known best approximation theorem due to Kay Fan.

**Theorem 1.2.** ([12]) *Let  $A$  be a nonempty compact convex subset of a normed linear space  $X$  and  $T : A \rightarrow X$  be a continuous mapping. Then there exists  $x \in A$  such that  $\|x - Tx\| = \text{dist}(Tx, A) := \inf\{\|Tx - a\| : a \in A\}$ .*

A point  $x \in A$  in the above theorem is called a best approximant point of  $T$  in  $A$ . The notion of best proximity point for non-self-mappings can be defined in the following way.

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**Definition 1.1.** Let  $A$  and  $B$  be nonempty subsets of a metric space  $(X, d)$  and  $T : A \rightarrow B$  be a non-self-mapping. A point  $x^* \in A$  is called a best proximity point of  $T$  if  $d(x^*, Tx^*) = \text{dist}(A, B)$ , where

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

In fact best proximity point theorems are studied to find necessary conditions such that the minimization problem

$$\min_{x \in A} d(x, Tx), \quad (1.1)$$

has at least one solution.

Some of interesting results regarding best proximity points, can be found in [1, 4, 5, 6, 7, 8, 9, 10, 14, 17].

Let  $A$  and  $B$  be two nonempty subsets of a metric space  $(X, d)$ . In this work, we adopt the following notations and definitions.

$$A_0 = \{x \in A : d(x, y) = \text{dist}(A, B), \text{ for some } y \in B\},$$

$$B_0 = \{y \in B : d(x, y) = \text{dist}(A, B), \text{ for some } x \in A\}.$$

The following notion of a geometric property in metric spaces was introduced by Sankar Raj in [16].

**Definition 1.2.** ([16]) Let  $(A, B)$  be a pair of nonempty subsets of a metric space  $(X, d)$  with  $A_0 \neq \emptyset$ . The pair  $(A, B)$  is said to has the P-property if and only if

$$\begin{cases} d(x_1, y_1) = \text{dist}(A, B) \\ d(x_2, y_2) = \text{dist}(A, B) \end{cases} \Rightarrow d(x_1, x_2) = d(y_1, y_2),$$

where  $x_1, x_2 \in A_0$  and  $y_1, y_2 \in B_0$ .

**Example 1.1.** ([16]) Let  $A, B$  be two nonempty closed convex subsets of a Hilbert space  $\mathbb{H}$ . Then  $(A, B)$  has the P-property.

**Example 1.2.** Let  $A, B$  be two nonempty subsets of a metric space  $(X, d)$  such that  $A_0 \neq \emptyset$  and  $\text{dist}(A, B) = 0$ . Then  $(A, B)$  has the P-property.

**Example 1.3.** ([2]) Let  $A, B$  be two nonempty bounded, closed and convex subsets of a uniformly convex Banach space  $X$ . Then  $(A, B)$  has the P-property.

The following theorem establishes the existence and uniqueness of best proximity point for weakly contractive non-self-mappings in metric spaces.

**Theorem 1.3.** ([16]) Let  $(A, B)$  be a pair of nonempty closed subsets of a complete metric space  $(X, d)$  such that  $A_0$  is nonempty. Let  $T : A \rightarrow B$  be a weakly contractive mapping, that is  $d(Tx, Ty) \leq d(x, y) - \psi(d(x, y))$ , for all  $x, y \in A$ , where  $\psi : [0, \infty) \rightarrow [0, \infty)$  is a continuous and nondecreasing function such that  $\psi$  is positive on  $(0, \infty)$ ,  $\psi(0) = 0$  and  $\lim_{t \rightarrow \infty} \psi(t) = \infty$ . Assume that the pair  $(A, B)$  has the P-property. If  $T(A_0) \subseteq B_0$ , then there exists a unique  $x^*$  in  $A$  such that  $d(x^*, Tx^*) = \text{dist}(A, B)$ .

In the next section, we introduce the notion of the WP-property which is weaker than the P-property. We then prove a version of Theorem 1.1 for single valued non-self-mappings in order to study of existence of best proximity points.

## 2. Main result

To establish our results, we introduce the following geometric property in metric spaces.

**Definition 2.1.** Let  $(A, B)$  be a pair of nonempty subsets of a metric space  $(X, d)$  with  $A_0 \neq \emptyset$ . The pair  $(A, B)$  is said to have the WP-property if and only if

$$\begin{cases} d(x_1, y_1) = \text{dist}(A, B) \\ d(x_2, y_2) = \text{dist}(A, B) \end{cases} \Rightarrow d(x_1, x_2) \leq d(y_1, y_2),$$

where  $x_1, x_2 \in A_0$  and  $y_1, y_2 \in B_0$ .

It is clear that if  $(A, B)$  has the P-property, then  $(A, B)$  has the WP-property. Indeed,  $(A, B)$  has the P-property if and only if both  $(A, B)$  and  $(B, A)$  have the WP-property.

Let us illustrate the above notion with the following example.

**Example 2.1.** Let  $l^\infty$  be the Banach space consisting of all bounded real sequences with supremum norm and let  $\{e_n\}$  be the canonical basis of  $l^\infty$ . Suppose that

$$A := \{2e_1 + xe_3 : \frac{1}{4} \leq x \leq \frac{1}{2}\}, \quad B := \{2e_2 + ye_3 : \frac{1}{2} \leq y \leq 1\}.$$

It is clear that  $\text{dist}(A, B) = 2$  and  $A_0 = A$  and  $B_0 = B$ . Also for each  $(X, Y) \in A \times B$ , we have  $\|X - Y\|_\infty = 2 = \text{dist}(A, B)$ . Now, if  $\|X - Y\|_\infty = \|\dot{X} - \dot{Y}\|_\infty = \text{dist}(A, B)$  for  $(X, Y), (\dot{X}, \dot{Y}) \in A \times B$  then it is easy to see that

$$\|X - \dot{X}\|_\infty = \frac{1}{4} \quad \text{and} \quad \|Y - \dot{Y}\|_\infty = \frac{1}{2}.$$

That is  $\|X - \dot{X}\|_\infty < \|Y - \dot{Y}\|_\infty$ , and hence  $(A, B)$  has the WP-property. Obviously, the pair  $(A, B)$  has not P-property.

The following theorem states our main result of this section.

**Theorem 2.1.** Let  $(A, B)$  be a pair of two nonempty closed subset of a complete metric space  $(X, d)$  such that  $A_0$  is nonempty. Assume that  $T : A \rightarrow B$  is a non-self-mapping such that

$$d(Tx, Ty) \leq \alpha(d(x, y))d(x, y), \quad \text{for all } x, y \in A,$$

where  $\alpha$  is a function from  $[0, \infty)$  to  $[0, 1)$  such that  $\limsup_{r \rightarrow t^+} \alpha(r) < 1$  for all  $t \in (0, \infty)$ . Suppose that  $(A, B)$  has the WP-property and  $T(A_0) \subseteq B_0$ . Then  $T$  has a unique best proximity point in  $A$ .

*Proof.* Choose  $x_0 \in A_0$ . Since  $T(A_0) \subseteq B_0$ , there exists  $x_1 \in A_0$  such that  $d(x_1, Tx_0) = \text{dist}(A, B)$ . Again, since  $Tx_1 \in B_0$ , there exists  $x_2 \in A_0$  such that  $d(x_2, Tx_1) = \text{dist}(A, B)$ . Continuing this process, we can find a sequence  $\{x_n\}$  in  $A$  such that

$$d(x_{n+1}, Tx_n) = \text{dist}(A, B), \quad \text{for all } n \in \mathbb{N}.$$

Since  $(A, B)$  has the WP-property, we obtain

$$d(x_{n+1}, x_n) \leq d(Tx_n, Tx_{n-1}), \quad \text{for all } n \in \mathbb{N}.$$

We now have

$$d(x_{n+1}, x_n) \leq d(Tx_n, Tx_{n-1}) \leq \alpha(d(x_n, x_{n-1}))d(x_n, x_{n-1}).$$

Since  $\alpha(t) < 1$  for all  $t \in [0, \infty)$ , the sequence  $\{d(x_{n+1}, x_n)\}$  is a nonincreasing sequence in  $\mathbb{R}$ . Hence  $\{d(x_n, x_{n+1})\}$  converges to some nonnegative real number  $\eta$ . Since  $\limsup_{s \rightarrow \eta^+} \alpha(s) < 1$ , there exist  $\delta \in [0, 1)$  and  $\varepsilon > 0$  such that  $\alpha(s) \leq \delta$  for all  $s \in [\eta, \eta + \varepsilon]$ . Let  $N \in \mathbb{N}$  be such that

$$\eta \leq d(x_n, x_{n+1}) \leq \eta + \varepsilon, \quad \forall n \geq N.$$

Thus for all  $n \geq N$  we must have

$$\begin{aligned} d(x_{n+1}, x_n) &\leq \alpha(d(x_n, x_{n-1}))d(x_n, x_{n-1}) \\ &\leq \delta d(x_n, x_{n-1}) \leq \delta d(Tx_{n-1}, Tx_{n-2}) \\ &\leq \delta \alpha(d(x_{n-1}, x_{n-2}))d(x_{n-1}, x_{n-2}) \\ &\leq \delta^2 d(x_{n-1}, x_{n-2}) \leq \dots \leq \delta^{n-N} d(x_{n-N+1}, x_{n-N}). \end{aligned}$$

Therefore,

$$\begin{aligned} \sum_{n=1}^{\infty} d(x_n, x_{n+1}) &= \sum_{n=1}^N d(x_n, x_{n+1}) + \sum_{n=1}^{\infty} d(x_{N+n+1}, x_{N+n}) \\ &\leq \sum_{n=1}^N d(x_n, x_{n+1}) + \sum_{n=1}^{\infty} \delta^n d(x_{N+1}, x_N) < \infty. \end{aligned}$$

This implies that  $\{x_n\}$  is a Cauchy sequence in  $A$ . Since  $X$  is complete, there exists  $x^* \in A$  such that  $x_n \rightarrow x^*$ . By the continuity of  $T$ , we conclude that  $Tx_n \rightarrow Tx^*$ . Hence

$$d(x^*, Tx^*) = \lim_{n \rightarrow \infty} d(x_{n+1}, Tx_n) = \text{dist}(A, B).$$

That is,  $x^* \in A$  is a best proximity point of the mapping  $T$ . We now claim that the best proximity point of the mapping  $T$  is unique. Let  $y^* \in A$  be such that  $d(y^*, Ty^*) = \text{dist}(A, B)$  and  $y^* \neq x^*$ . Since  $(A, B)$  has the WP-property,

$$d(x^*, y^*) \leq d(Tx^*, Ty^*) \leq \alpha(d(x^*, y^*))d(x^*, y^*) < d(x^*, y^*),$$

which is a contradiction. Therefore,  $y^* = x^*$ . Hence the best proximity point of  $T$  is unique.  $\square$

If we consider  $A = B = X$  in above theorem, then the following corollary, which is a single valued version of Mizoguchi and Takahashi's fixed point theorem, is obtained.

**Corollary 2.1.** *Let  $(X, d)$  be a complete metric space. Suppose  $T : X \rightarrow X$  is a mapping such that*

$$d(Tx, Ty) \leq \alpha(d(x, y))d(x, y)$$

*for each  $x, y \in X$ , where  $\alpha$  is a function from  $[0, \infty)$  to  $[0, 1)$  such that  $\limsup_{r \rightarrow t^+} \alpha(r) < 1$  for all  $t \in (0, \infty)$ . Then  $T$  has a unique fixed point.*

**Example 2.2.** Suppose that  $X = \mathbb{R}^2$  and consider the metric  $d$  on  $X$  by  $d((x, y), (\acute{x}, \acute{y})) = \max\{|x - \acute{x}|, |y - \acute{y}|\}$ . Put

$$A := \{(1, 0), (1, 1), (8, 0)\}, \quad B := \{(0, -\frac{1}{2}), (0, 2), (-\frac{1}{2}, 3)\}.$$

Clearly,  $\text{dist}(A, B) = 1$ . Also,  $A_0 = \{(1, 0), (1, 1)\}$  and  $B_0 = \{(0, -\frac{1}{2}), (0, 2)\}$ . Moreover, it is easy to see that the pair  $(A, B)$  has the WP-property and has not the P-property. Let  $T : A \rightarrow B$  be a mapping defined by

$$T(1, 0) = T(1, 1) = (0, 2), \quad T(8, 0) = (0, -\frac{1}{2}).$$

Then  $T(A_0) \subseteq B_0$  and we note that the mapping  $T$  is a non-self-contraction. Hence  $T$  has a unique best proximity point and this point is  $x^* = (1, 1)$ .

The following theorem shows the existence and uniqueness of a best proximity point for expansive non-self-mappings.

**Theorem 2.2.** *Let  $(A, B)$  be a pair of nonempty closed subsets of a complete metric space  $(X, d)$  such that  $A_0 \neq \emptyset$  and  $(B, A)$  satisfies the WP-property. Assume that  $T : A \rightarrow B$  is an expansive non-self-mapping, that is*

$$d(Tx, Ty) \geq \alpha d(x, y),$$

*for some  $\alpha > 1$  and for all  $x, y \in A$ . If  $T$  is onto and  $T(A_0) \supseteq B_0$ , then  $T$  has a unique best proximity point in  $A$ .*

*Proof.* Since  $T$  is an expansive mapping and onto, the inverse of  $T : A \rightarrow B$  exists. Moreover,  $T^{-1} : B \rightarrow A$  is a contraction non-self-mapping. Therefore by Theorem 2.2,  $T^{-1}$  has a unique best proximity point  $y^* \in B$ . Thus  $d(T^{-1}y^*, y^*) = \text{dist}(A, B)$ . Since  $T$  is a bijection, there exists a unique  $x^* \in A$  such that  $y^* = Tx^*$ . We now have

$$d(x^*, Tx^*) = d(T^{-1}y^*, y^*) = \text{dist}(A, B).$$

□

Here, we can deduce the following result due to Wang et al. [18], as a corollary from the above theorem.

**Corollary 2.2.** ([18]) *Let  $(X, d)$  be a complete metric space and  $T : X \rightarrow X$  be an expansive mapping such that  $T$  is onto. Then  $T$  has a unique fixed point.*

### 3. Additional results

Property UC was defined in [17] in the following way.

**Definition 3.1.** ([17]) Let  $A$  and  $B$  be nonempty subsets of a metric space  $(X, d)$ . Then  $(A, B)$  is said to satisfy the property UC provided if  $\{x_n\}$  and  $\{z_n\}$  are sequences in  $A$  and  $\{y_n\}$  is a sequence in  $B$  such that  $\lim_n d(x_n, y_n) = \text{dist}(A, B)$  and  $\lim_n d(z_n, y_n) = \text{dist}(A, B)$ , then  $\lim_n d(x_n, z_n) = 0$ .

**Example 3.1.** ([7]) Let  $A$  and  $B$  be nonempty subsets of a uniformly convex Banach space  $X$ . Assume that  $A$  is convex. Then  $(A, B)$  satisfies the property UC.

Other examples of pairs having the property UC can be found in [17]. Very recently, Abkar and Gabeleh established the next theorem which ensures that the existence of best proximity points for nonexpansive non-self-mappings in Banach spaces.

**Theorem 3.1.** ([3]) *Let  $(A, B)$  be a pair of nonempty closed and convex subsets of a Banach space  $X$  such that  $A_0$  is nonempty. Let  $T : A \rightarrow B$  be a nonexpansive mapping such that  $T(A_0) \subseteq B_0$ . If the pair  $(A, B)$  has the P-property and  $A$  is compact, then  $T$  has a best proximity point in  $A$ .*

The following theorem is another version of Theorem 3.2 in uniformly convex Banach spaces.

**Theorem 3.2.** *Let  $(A, B)$  be a nonempty convex pair of a uniformly convex Banach space  $X$  such that  $A$  is bounded, closed and  $B$  is compact. Assume that  $T : A \rightarrow B$  be a nonexpansive mapping such that  $T(A_0) \subseteq B_0$ . Then  $T$  has a best proximity point in  $A$ .*

*Proof.* By Examples 1.3 and 3.1 we note that  $(A, B)$  has the P-property and satisfies the property UC. Also by Theorem 2.3 of [3] we conclude that there exists a sequence  $\{x_n\}$  in  $A$  such that  $\|x_n - Tx_n\| \rightarrow \text{dist}(A, B)$ . Since  $A$  is bounded, closed and convex in a uniformly convex Banach space  $X$  and  $B$  is compact, we may assume that  $x_n \rightharpoonup p \in A$  and  $Tx_n \rightarrow q \in B$ , where " $\rightharpoonup$ " denotes the weak convergence. Hence,

$$\|p - q\| \leq \liminf_{n \rightarrow \infty} \|x_n - Tx_n\| = \text{dist}(A, B).$$

Then  $\|p - q\| = \text{dist}(A, B)$ . Also, for all  $n \in \mathbb{N}$  we have

$$\text{dist}(A, B) \leq \|x_n - q\| \leq \|q - Tx_n\| + \|x_n - Tx_n\|,$$

which implies that  $\|x_n - q\| \rightarrow \text{dist}(A, B)$ . Thus

$$\begin{cases} \|p - q\| = \text{dist}(A, B), \\ \|x_n - q\| \rightarrow \text{dist}(A, B). \end{cases}$$

Since  $(A, B)$  satisfies the property UC, we must have  $\|x_n - p\| \rightarrow 0$ , or  $x_n \rightarrow p$ . Hence, the continuity of the mapping  $T$  implies that  $Tx_n \rightarrow Tp$  and thus  $Tp = q$ , i.e.,  $p$  is a best proximity point of  $T$ .  $\square$

Here, we recall the other geometric properties in Banach spaces as follows.

**Definition 3.2.** ([8]) A pair  $(A, B)$  of subsets of a metric space is said to be proximal if for each  $(x, y) \in A \times B$  there exists  $(x_0, y_0) \in A \times B$  such that

$$d(x, y_0) = d(x_0, y) = \text{dist}(A, B).$$

If, additionally, we impose the condition that the pair of points  $(x_0, y_0) \in A \times B$  is unique for each  $(x, y) \in A \times B$ , then we say that the pair  $(A, B)$  is a sharp proximal pair.

It was shown in [8] that when a pair of subsets  $(A, B)$  of a strictly convex Banach space is proximal then the sets  $A$  and  $B$  also satisfy the following definition.

**Definition 3.3.** ([9]) Let  $A$  and  $B$  be nonempty subsets of a Banach space  $X$ . We say that  $A$  and  $B$  are proximal parallel sets if the following two conditions are fulfilled:

- (1)  $(A, B)$  is a sharp proximal pair.
- (2)  $B = A + h$  for a certain  $h \in X$  such that  $h = \text{dist}(A, B)$ .

Using the Schauder's fixed point theorem, we prove a best proximity point theorem in Banach spaces.

**Theorem 3.3.** Let  $(A, B)$  be a nonempty compact convex pair in a strictly convex Banach space  $X$ , such that  $(A, B)$  is proximal. Suppose that  $T : A \rightarrow B$  is a continuous mapping. Then  $T$  has at least one best proximity point in  $A$ .

*Proof.* Since  $(A, B)$  is proximal and  $X$  is a strictly convex Banach space, we conclude that  $A$  and  $B$  are proximal parallel sets. Thus  $B = A + h$  for certain  $h \in X$  where  $\|h\| = \text{dist}(A, B)$ . Now, define  $S : A \rightarrow A$  by  $Sx = Tx - h$ . Then  $S$  is a continuous self-map on a compact set. Hence by Schauder's fixed point theorem,  $S$  has at least one fixed point, that is, there exists  $x^* \in A$  such that  $Sx^* = x^*$ . This implies that  $Tx^* - h = x^*$  and then

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

Therefore,  $T$  has a best proximity point in  $A$ .  $\square$

**Corollary 3.1.** *Let  $(A, B)$  be a nonempty bounded, closed, convex and proximal pair in  $\mathbb{R}^n$ . Suppose that  $T : A \rightarrow B$  is a continuous non-self-mapping. Then  $T$  has a best proximity point in  $A$ .*

The following theorem is subsumed in Theorem 3.6.

**Theorem 3.4.** *Let  $(A, B)$  be a nonempty compact, convex and proximal pair in a uniformly convex Banach space  $X$ . Suppose that  $T : A \rightarrow B$  and  $S : B \rightarrow A$  are two continuous non-self-mappings such that  $\|Tx - Sy\| < \|x - y\|$  whenever  $\|x - y\| > \text{dist}(A, B)$  for  $x \in A, y \in B$ . Then there exists  $(x^*, y^*) \in A \times B$  such that*

$$\|x^* - Tx^*\| = \|y^* - Sy^*\| = \text{dist}(A, B), \quad \|x^* - y^*\| = \text{dist}(A, B).$$

*Proof.* By Theorem 3.6 there exists  $(x^*, y^*) \in A \times B$  such that

$$\|x^* - Tx^*\| = \|y^* - Sy^*\| = \text{dist}(A, B).$$

Since  $(A, B)$  has the P-property, we conclude that  $\|x^* - y^*\| = \|Tx^* - Sy^*\|$ . Now if  $\|x^* - y^*\| > \text{dist}(A, B)$ , then

$$\|x^* - y^*\| = \|Tx^* - Sy^*\| < \|x^* - y^*\|,$$

which is a contradiction. Thus  $\|x^* - y^*\| = \text{dist}(A, B)$ .  $\square$

The following common fixed point theorem for *non-commuting* continuous mappings is obtained from Theorem 3.8.

**Corollary 3.2.** *Let  $A$  be a nonempty convex compact set in a Banach space  $X$ . Suppose that  $T : A \rightarrow A$  and  $S : A \rightarrow A$  are two continuous self-mappings such that  $\|Tx - Sy\| < \|x - y\|$ , whenever  $x$  and  $y$  are distinct elements in  $A$ . Then  $T, S$  have a unique common fixed point.*

Recently Sadiq Basha established the following theorem as an application of best proximity point theory to analytic functions of a complex variable.

**Theorem 3.5.** ([15]) *Let  $A$  and  $B$  be nonempty compact and convex subsets of a domain  $D$  of the complex plane. Let  $f(z)$  and  $g(z)$  be analytic functions in  $D$ . Suppose that*

- (a)  $f(A) \subseteq B$  and  $g(B) \subseteq A$ ,
- (b)  $|f'(z)| < 1$ , for all  $z \in A$ ,
- (c)  $|g'(z)| < 1$ , for all  $z \in B$ ,
- (d)  $|f(z_1) - g(z_2)| < |z_1 - z_2|$ ,

*whenever  $|z_1 - z_2| > \text{dist}(A, B)$  for  $z_1 \in A$  and  $z_2 \in B$ . Then there exist  $z_1^* \in A$  and  $z_2^* \in B$  such that*

$$|z_1^* - f(z_1^*)| = |z_2^* - g(z_2^*)| = \text{dist}(A, B), \quad \text{and} \quad |z_1^* - z_2^*| = \text{dist}(A, B).$$

The following result is another version of Theorem 3.10.

**Theorem 3.6.** *Let  $(A, B)$  be a nonempty compact, convex and proximal pair of a domain  $D$  of the complex plane. Let  $f(z)$  and  $g(z)$  be continuous functions in  $D$ . Suppose that*

- (a)  $f(A) \subseteq B$  and  $g(B) \subseteq A$ ,

(b)  $|f(z_1) - g(z_2)| < |z_1 - z_2|$ ,  
 whenever  $|z_1 - z_2| > \text{dist}(A, B)$  for  $z_1 \in A$  and  $z_2 \in B$ . Then there exist  $z_1^* \in A$  and  $z_2^* \in B$  such that

$$|z_1^* - f(z_1^*)| = |z_2^* - g(z_2^*)| = \text{dist}(A, B), \quad \text{and} \quad |z_1^* - z_2^*| = \text{dist}(A, B).$$

*Proof.* It is easy to see that the result follows by invoking Theorem 3.8.  $\square$

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