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Two New Types of Fixed Point Theorems in Complete Metric Spaces

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We introduce two new types of fixed point theorems in the collection of multivalued and single-valued mappings in complete metric spaces.

1. Introduction

Let T be a mapping on a complete (or compact) metric space (X, d) . We do not assume richer structure such as convex metric spaces and Banach spaces. There are thousands of theorems which assure the existence of a fixed point of T . We can categorize these theorems into the following four types.

- (T1) Leader type [1]: T has a unique fixed point and $\{T^n x\}$ converges to the fixed point for all $x \in X$. Such a mapping is called a *Picard operator* in [2].
- (T2) Unnamed type: T has a unique fixed point and $\{T^n x\}$ does not necessarily converge to the fixed point.
- (T3) Subrahmanyam type [3]: T may have more than one fixed point and $\{T^n x\}$ converges to a fixed point for all $x \in X$. Such a mapping is called a *weakly Picard operator* in [3, 4].
- (T4) Caristi type [5, 6]: T may have more than one fixed point and $\{T^n x\}$ does not necessarily converge to a fixed point.

We know that most of the theorems such as Banach's [7], Ćirić's [8], Kannan's [9], Kirk's [10], Matkowski's [11], Meir and Keeler's [12], and Suzuki's [13, 14] belong to (T1). Also, very recently, Suzuki [15] characterized (T1). Subrahmanyam's theorem [3] belongs to (T3), and Caristi's theorem [5, 6] and its generalizations [15–17] belong to (T4).

On the other hand, as far as the authors do know, there are no theorems belonging to (T2); see Kirk's survey [18]. Also, recently many interesting fixed point theorems are proved in the framework of ordered metric spaces; see [18–35] and others.

In this paper, motivated by the above, we introduce two new types of fixed point theorems in the collection of multivalued and single-valued mappings and will prove them, which belong to (T3).

Let (X, d) be a metric space, and let $P_{cl,bd}(X)$ denote the class of all nonempty, closed, and bounded subsets of X . Let $T : X \rightarrow P_{cl,bd}(X)$ be a multivalued mapping on X . A point $x \in X$ is called a fixed point of T if $x \in Tx$. Set $\text{Fix}(T) = \{x \in X : x \in Tx\}$.

A famous theorem on multivalued mappings is due to Nadler [36], which extended the Banach contraction principle to multivalued mappings. Many authors have studied the existence and uniqueness of strict fixed points for multivalued mappings in metric spaces; see, for example, [37–44] and references therein.

Let H be the Hausdorff metric on $P_{cl,bd}(X)$ induced by d ; that is,

$$H(A, B) := \max \left\{ \sup_{x \in B} d(x, A), \sup_{x \in A} d(x, B) \right\}, \quad (1)$$

$A, B \in P_{cl,bd}(X).$

Denote $\delta(x, A) = \sup\{d(x, y) : y \in A\}$ and $D(x, A) = \inf\{d(x, y) : y \in A\}$, where $A \in P_{cl, bd}(X)$.

2. Main Results

The following is the first our main results.

Theorem 1. *Let (X, d) be a complete metric space and let T be a mapping from X into itself. Suppose that T satisfies the following condition:*

$$d(Tx, Ty) \leq \left(\frac{d(x, Ty) + d(y, Tx)}{d(x, Tx) + d(y, Ty) + 1} \right) d(x, y), \quad (2)$$

for all $x, y \in X$. Then

- (a) T has at least one fixed point $\dot{x} \in X$;
- (b) $\{T^m x\}$ converges to a fixed point, for all $x \in X$;
- (c) if \dot{x}, \dot{y} are two distinct fixed points of T , then $d(\dot{x}, \dot{y}) \geq 1/2$.

Proof. Let $x_0 \in X$ be arbitrary and choose a sequence $\{x_n\}$ such that $x_{n+1} = Tx_n$. We have

$$\begin{aligned} d(x_{n+1}, x_n) &= d(Tx_n, Tx_{n-1}) \\ &\leq \left(\frac{d(x_n, x_n) + d(x_{n-1}, x_{n+1})}{d(x_n, x_{n+1}) + d(x_{n-1}, x_n) + 1} \right) d(x_n, x_{n-1}) \\ &= \left(\frac{d(x_{n-1}, x_{n+1})}{d(x_n, x_{n+1}) + d(x_{n-1}, x_n) + 1} \right) d(x_n, x_{n-1}) \\ &\leq \left(\frac{d(x_{n-1}, x_n) + d(x_n, x_{n+1})}{d(x_n, x_{n+1}) + d(x_{n-1}, x_n) + 1} \right) d(x_n, x_{n-1}). \end{aligned} \quad (3)$$

Given

$$\beta_n = \frac{d(x_{n-1}, x_n) + d(x_n, x_{n+1})}{d(x_n, x_{n+1}) + d(x_{n-1}, x_n) + 1}, \quad (4)$$

we have

$$\begin{aligned} d(x_{n+1}, x_n) &\leq \beta_n d(x_n, x_{n-1}) \\ &\leq (\beta_n \beta_{n-1}) d(x_{n-1}, x_{n-2}) \\ &\vdots \\ &\leq (\beta_n \beta_{n-1} \cdots \beta_1) d(x_1, x_0). \end{aligned} \quad (5)$$

Observe that (β_n) is nonincreasing, with positive terms. So $\beta_1 \cdots \beta_n \leq \beta_1^n$ and $\beta_1^n \rightarrow 0$. It follows that

$$\lim_{n \rightarrow \infty} (\beta_1 \beta_2 \cdots \beta_n) = 0. \quad (6)$$

Thus, it is verified that

$$\lim_{n \rightarrow \infty} d(x_{n+1}, x_n) = 0. \quad (7)$$

Now for all $m, n \in \mathbb{N}$ we have

$$\begin{aligned} d(x_m, x_n) &\leq d(x_n, x_{n+1}) + d(x_{n+1}, x_{n+2}) \\ &\quad + \cdots + d(x_{m-1}, x_m) \\ &\leq [(\beta_n \beta_{n-1} \cdots \beta_1) + (\beta_{n+1} \beta_n \cdots \beta_1) \\ &\quad + \cdots + (\beta_{m-1} \beta_{m-2} \cdots \beta_1)] d(x_1, x_0) \\ &= \sum_{k=n}^{m-1} (\beta_k \beta_{k-1} \cdots \beta_1) d(x_1, x_0). \end{aligned} \quad (8)$$

Suppose that $a_k = (\beta_k \beta_{k-1} \cdots \beta_1)$. Since

$$\lim_{k \rightarrow \infty} \frac{a_{k+1}}{a_k} = 0 \quad (9)$$

$\sum_{k=1}^{\infty} a_k < \infty$. It means that

$$\sum_{k=n}^{m-1} (\beta_k \beta_{k-1} \cdots \beta_1) \rightarrow 0, \quad (10)$$

as $m, n \rightarrow \infty$. In other words, $\{x_n\}$ is a Cauchy sequence and so converges to $\dot{x} \in X$.

We claim that \dot{x} is a fixed point.

Note that

$$d(x_{n+1}, T\dot{x}) \leq \left(\frac{d(x_n, T\dot{x}) + d(\dot{x}, Tx_n)}{d(\dot{x}, T\dot{x}) + d(x_n, Tx_n) + 1} \right) d(x_n, \dot{x}). \quad (11)$$

On taking limit on both sides of (11), we have $d(\dot{x}, T\dot{x}) = 0$. Thus, $T\dot{x} = \dot{x}$.

If there exist two distinct fixed points $\dot{x}, \dot{y} \in X$, then

$$\begin{aligned} d(\dot{x}, \dot{y}) &= d(T\dot{x}, T\dot{y}) \\ &\leq [d(\dot{x}, T\dot{y}) + d(T\dot{x}, \dot{y})] d(\dot{x}, \dot{y}) \\ &= 2[d(\dot{x}, \dot{y})]^2. \end{aligned} \quad (12)$$

Therefore, $d(\dot{x}, \dot{y}) \geq 1/2$ and we find the desired results. \square

In the following, two examples of such type of mappings, which satisfy (2), are given.

Example 2. Let $X = \{0, 1/2, 1\}$ and let $d : X \times X \rightarrow [0, \infty)$ be defined by

$$\begin{aligned} d\left(0, \frac{1}{2}\right) &= 2, & d\left(1, \frac{1}{2}\right) &= \frac{5}{2}, & d(0, 1) &= 3, \\ d(0, 0) &= d\left(\frac{1}{2}, \frac{1}{2}\right) = d(1, 1) = 0, \\ d(a, b) &= d(b, a), \quad \forall a, b \in X. \end{aligned} \quad (13)$$

(X, d) is a complete metric space. Let $T : X \rightarrow X$ be defined by

$$\begin{aligned} T(0) &= 0, & T\left(\frac{1}{2}\right) &= \frac{1}{2}, & T(1) &= 0 \\ d(T0, T1) &= d(0, 0) = 0, \\ d\left(T0, T\left(\frac{1}{2}\right)\right) &= d\left(0, \frac{1}{2}\right) = 2, \\ d\left(T1, T\left(\frac{1}{2}\right)\right) &= d\left(0, \frac{1}{2}\right) = 2, \end{aligned} \tag{14}$$

and we have

$$\begin{aligned} d\left(T0, T\left(\frac{1}{2}\right)\right) &= d\left(0, \frac{1}{2}\right) = 2 \\ &\leq \left(\frac{d(0, T(1/2)) + d(1/2, T(0))}{d(0, T0) + d(1/2, T(1/2)) + 1}\right) \\ &\quad \times d\left(0, \frac{1}{2}\right) = 8 \end{aligned} \tag{15}$$

and also

$$\begin{aligned} d\left(T1, T\left(\frac{1}{2}\right)\right) &= d\left(0, \frac{1}{2}\right) = 2 \\ &\leq \left(\frac{d(1, T(1/2)) + d(1/2, T(1))}{d(1, T1) + d(1/2, T(1/2)) + 1}\right) \\ &\quad \times d\left(1, \frac{1}{2}\right) \\ &= \left(\frac{5/2 + 2}{4}\right) \times \frac{5}{2} = \frac{45}{16}. \end{aligned} \tag{16}$$

Therefore, T satisfies all the conditions of Theorem 1. Also, T has two distinct fixed points $\{0, 1/2\}$ and $d(0, 1/2) = 2 \geq 1/2$.

Example 3. Let $X = [0, 2 - \sqrt{3}]$ be endowed with Euclidean metric and let $T : X \rightarrow X$ be defined by

$$Tx = \begin{cases} 0 & 0 \leq x < 2 - \sqrt{3} \\ 2 - \sqrt{3} & x = 2 - \sqrt{3}. \end{cases} \tag{17}$$

Then we claim that T satisfies all the conditions of Theorem 1.

If $x = 2 - \sqrt{3}$ and $0 \leq y < 2 - \sqrt{3}$, we have

$$\begin{aligned} |Tx - Ty| &= (|x - Tx| + |y - Ty| + 1) \\ &= (2 - \sqrt{3})(|y| + 1) = (2 - \sqrt{3})(y + 1) \\ &\leq (2 - \sqrt{3} - y)^2 - (2 - \sqrt{3})(2 - \sqrt{3} - y) \\ &= (|x - Ty| + |y - Tx|)|x - y|. \end{aligned} \tag{18}$$

Thus,

$$|Tx - Ty| \leq \left(\frac{|x - Ty| + |y - Tx|}{|x - Tx| + |y - Ty| + 1}\right) |x - y|. \tag{19}$$

Similar argument holds for the other conditions.

Remark 4. Note that in (2) the ratio

$$\frac{d(x, Ty) + d(y, Tx)}{d(x, Tx) + d(y, Ty) + 1} \tag{20}$$

might be greater or less than 1 and has not introduced an upper bound. Note that if, for every $x, y \in X$, $d(x, y) < 1/2$, then we have

$$\begin{aligned} &d(x, Ty) + d(y, Tx) \\ &\leq 2d(x, y) + d(x, Tx) + d(y, Ty) \\ &< d(x, Tx) + d(y, Ty) + 1. \end{aligned} \tag{21}$$

It means that

$$\frac{d(x, Ty) + d(y, Tx)}{d(x, Tx) + d(y, Ty) + 1} < 1, \tag{22}$$

and thus Theorem 1 is a special case of Banach contraction principle. Therefore, when (X, d) is a complete metric space such that, for all $x, y \in X$, $d(x, y) \geq 1/2$, Theorem 1 is valuable because (20) might be greater than 1. Example 2 shows this note precisely.

The following is the second in our main results.

Theorem 5. Let (X, d) be a complete metric space and let T be a multivalued mapping from X into $P_{cl, bd}(X)$. Let T satisfy the following:

$$H(Tx, Ty) \leq \left(\frac{D(x, Ty) + D(y, Tx)}{\delta(x, Tx) + \delta(y, Ty) + 1}\right) d(x, y), \tag{23}$$

for all $x, y \in X$. Then T has a fixed point $\dot{x} \in X$.

Proof. Let $x_0 \in X$ and $x_1 \in Tx_0$. For each $0 < h_1 < 1$ one can choose $x_2 \in Tx_1$ such that

$$\begin{aligned} d(x_1, x_2) &< H(Tx_0, Tx_1) + \left(1 - \frac{1}{h_1}\right) H(Tx_0, Tx_1) \\ &= \frac{1}{h_1} H(Tx_0, Tx_1). \end{aligned} \tag{24}$$

For each $0 < h_n < 1$ we can choose $x_{n+1} \in Tx_n$ such that

$$\begin{aligned} d(x_n, x_{n+1}) &< H(Tx_{n-1}, Tx_n) + \left(1 - \frac{1}{h_n}\right) H(Tx_0, Tx_1) \\ &= \frac{1}{h_n} H(Tx_0, Tx_1). \end{aligned} \tag{25}$$

Specifically if

$$\begin{aligned} h_n &= \sqrt{\frac{d(x_{n-1} + x_{n+1})}{d(x_{n-1} + x_n) + d(x_n + x_{n+1}) + 1}} \\ &= \sqrt{\beta_n}, \end{aligned} \tag{26}$$

then

$$d(x_n, x_{n+1}) \leq \sqrt{\beta_n} d(x_{n-1}, x_n) \leq \beta_n d(x_{n-1}, x_n). \quad (27)$$

Therefore,

$$\begin{aligned} d(x_{n+1}, x_n) &\leq \beta_n d(x_n, x_{n-1}) \\ &\leq (\beta_n \beta_{n-1}) d(x_{n-1}, x_{n-2}) \\ &\vdots \\ &\leq (\beta_n \beta_{n-1} \cdots \beta_1) d(x_1, x_0). \end{aligned} \quad (28)$$

It can easily be seen that

$$\lim_{n \rightarrow \infty} (\beta_1 \beta_2 \cdots \beta_n) = 0. \quad (29)$$

Thus, it is easily verified that

$$\lim_{n \rightarrow \infty} d(x_{n+1}, x_n) = 0. \quad (30)$$

Now for all $m, n \in \mathbb{N}$ we have

$$\begin{aligned} d(x_m, x_n) &\leq d(x_n, x_{n+1}) + d(x_n, x_{n+1}) + \cdots + d(x_{m-1}, x_m) \\ &\leq [(\beta_n \beta_{n-1} \cdots \beta_1) + (\beta_{n+1} \beta_n \cdots \beta_1) \\ &\quad + \cdots + (\beta_{m-1} \beta_{m-2} \cdots \beta_1)] d(x_1, x_0) \\ &= \sum_{k=n}^{m-1} (\beta_k \beta_{k-1} \cdots \beta_1) d(x_1, x_0). \end{aligned} \quad (31)$$

Suppose that $a_k = (\beta_k \beta_{k-1} \cdots \beta_1)$. Since

$$\lim_{k \rightarrow \infty} \frac{a_{k+1}}{a_k} = 0, \quad (32)$$

$\sum_{k=1}^{\infty} a_k < \infty$. It means that

$$\sum_{k=n}^{m-1} (\beta_k \beta_{k-1} \cdots \beta_1) \rightarrow 0, \quad (33)$$

as $m, n \rightarrow \infty$. In other words, $\{x_n\}$ is a Cauchy sequence and so converges to $\dot{x} \in X$. We claim that \dot{x} is a fixed point. Consider

$$\begin{aligned} D(\dot{x}, T\dot{x}) &\leq d(\dot{x}, x_{n+1}) + D(x_{n+1}, T\dot{x}) \\ &\leq H(Tx_n, T\dot{x}) + d(\dot{x}, x_{n+1}) \\ &\leq \left(\frac{D(\dot{x}, Tx_n) + D(x_n, T\dot{x})}{\delta(\dot{x}, T\dot{x}) + \delta(x_n, Tx_n) + 1} \right) \\ &\quad \times d(x_n, \dot{x}) + d(\dot{x}, x_{n+1}) \\ &\leq [D(\dot{x}, x_{n+1}) + D(x_n, T\dot{x})] \\ &\quad \times d(x_n, \dot{x}) + d(\dot{x}, x_{n+1}). \end{aligned} \quad (34)$$

On taking limit on both sides of (31) we have $D(\dot{x}, T\dot{x}) = 0$. It means that $\dot{x} \in T\dot{x}$. \square

Remark 6. Note that Theorem 5 is a generalization of Theorem 1 because by taking $Fx = \{Tx\}$ and applying Theorem 5 for F we obtain Theorem 1.

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