



# Common fixed point of multivalued graph contraction in metric spaces

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## Abstract

In this paper, we introduce the  $(G-\psi)$  contraction in a metric space by using a graph. Let  $F, T$  be two multivalued mappings on  $X$ . Among other things, we obtain a common fixed point of the mappings  $F, T$  in the metric space  $X$  endowed with a graph  $G$ .

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## 1. Introduction and preliminaries

For a given metric space  $(X, d)$ , let  $T$  denotes a selfmap. According to Petrusel and Rus [9],  $T$  is called a Picard operator (abbr., PO) if it has a unique fixed point  $x^*$  and  $\lim_{n \rightarrow \infty} T^n x = x^*$ , for all  $x \in X$ , and is a weakly Picard operator (abbr. WPO) if for all  $x \in X$ ,  $\lim_{n \rightarrow \infty} (T^n x)$  exists (which may depend on  $x$ ) and is a fixed point of  $T$ . Let  $(X, d)$  be a metric space and  $G$  be a directed graph with set  $V(G)$  of its vertices coincides with  $X$ , and the set of its edges  $E(G)$  is such that  $(x, x) \notin E(G)$ . Assume  $G$  has no parallel edges, we can identify  $G$  with the pair  $(V(G), E(G))$ , and treat it as a weighted graph by assigning to each edge the distance between its vertices. By  $G^{-1}$  we denote the conversion of a graph  $G$ , i.e., the graph obtained from  $G$  by reversing the direction of the edges. Thus we can write

$$E(G^{-1}) = \{(x, y) | (y, x) \in E(G)\}. \quad (1.1)$$

Let  $\tilde{G}$  denotes the undirected graph obtained from  $G$  by ignoring the direction of edges. Actually, it will be more convenient for us to treat  $\tilde{G}$  as a directed graph for which the set of its edges is symmetric. Under this convention,

$$E(\tilde{G}) = E(G) \cup E(G^{-1}). \quad (1.2)$$

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We point out the followings:

(i)  $G' = (V', E')$  is called a subgraph of  $G$  if  $V' \subseteq V(G)$  and  $E' \subseteq E(G)$  and for all  $(x, y) \in E'$ ,  $x, y \in V'$ .

(ii) If  $x$  and  $y$  are vertices in a graph  $G$ , then a path in  $G$  from  $x$  to  $y$  of length  $N$  ( $N \in \mathbb{N}$ ) is a sequence  $(x_i)_{i=0}^N$  of  $N + 1$  vertices such that  $x_0 = x$ ,  $x_N = y$  and  $(x_{i-1}, x_i) \in E(G)$  for  $i = 1, \dots, N$ .

(iii) Graph  $G$  is connected if there is a path between any two vertices, and is weakly connected if  $\bar{G}$  is connected.

(iv) Assume that  $G$  is such that  $E(G)$  is symmetric and  $x$  is a vertex in  $G$ , then the subgraph  $G_x$  consisting  $x$  is called component of  $G$ , if it consists all edges and vertices which are contained in some path beginning at  $x$ . In this case  $V(G_x) = [x]_G$ , where  $[x]_G$  is the equivalence class of the following relation  $R$  defined on  $V(G)$  by the rule:  $yRz$  if there is a path in  $G$  from  $y$  to  $z$ . Clearly,  $G_x$  is connected.

(v) The sequences  $(x_n)_{n \in \mathbb{N}}$  and  $(y_n)_{n \in \mathbb{N}}$ , included in  $X$ , are Cauchy equivalent if each of them is a Cauchy sequence and  $d(x_n, y_n) \rightarrow 0$ .

Let  $(X, d)$  be a complete metric space and let  $CB(X)$  be a class of all nonempty closed and bounded subset of  $X$ . For  $A, B \in CB(X)$ , let

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

where

$$d(a, B) := \inf_{b \in B} d(a, b).$$

Mapping  $H$  is said to be a Hausdorff metric induced by  $d$ .

**Definition 1.1.** Let  $T : X \rightarrow CB(X)$  be a mappings, a point  $x \in X$  is said to be a fixed point of the set-valued mapping  $T$  if  $x \in T(x)$

**Definition 1.2.** A metric space  $(X, d)$  is called a  $\epsilon$ -chainable metric space for some  $\epsilon > 0$  if given  $x, y \in X$ , there is an  $n \in \mathbb{N}$  and a sequence  $\{x_i\}_{i=0}^n$  such that  $x_0 = x$ ,  $x_n = y$  and  $d(x_{i-1}, x_i) < \epsilon$  for  $i = 1, \dots, n$ .

**Property A** ([6]). For any sequence  $(x_n)_{n \in \mathbb{N}}$  in  $X$ , if  $x_n \rightarrow x$  and  $(x_n, x_{n+1}) \in E(G)$  for  $n \in \mathbb{N}$ , then  $(x_n, x) \in E(G)$ .

**Lemma 1.3.** ([1]). Let  $(X, d)$  be a complete metric space and  $A, B \in CB(X)$ . Then for all  $\epsilon > 0$  and  $a \in A$  there exists an element  $b \in B$  such that  $d(a, b) \leq H(A, B) + \epsilon$ .

**Lemma 1.4.** ([1]). Let  $\{A_n\}$  be a sequence in  $CB(X)$  and  $\lim_{n \rightarrow \infty} H(A_n, A) = 0$  for  $A \in CB(X)$ . If  $x_n \in A_n$  and  $\lim_{n \rightarrow \infty} d(x_n, x) = 0$ , then  $x \in A$ .

**Lemma 1.5.** Let  $A, B \in CB(X)$  with  $H(A, B) < \epsilon$ , then for each  $a \in A$  there exists an element  $b \in B$  such that  $d(a, b) < \epsilon$ .

**Definition 1.6.** Let us define the class  $\Psi = \{\psi : [0, +\infty) \rightarrow [0, +\infty) \mid \psi \text{ is nondecreasing}\}$  which satisfies the following conditions:

- (i) for every  $(t_n) \in \mathbb{R}^+$ ,  $\psi(t_n) \rightarrow 0$  if and only if  $t_n \rightarrow 0$ ;
- (ii) for every  $t_1, t_2 \in \mathbb{R}^+$ ,  $\psi(t_1 + t_2) \leq \psi(t_1) + \psi(t_2)$ ;
- (iii) for any  $t > 0$  we have  $\psi(t) \leq t$ .

**Lemma 1.7.** Let  $A, B \in CB(X)$ ,  $a \in A$  and  $\psi \in \Psi$ . Then for each  $\epsilon > 0$ , there exists  $b \in B$  such that  $\psi(d(a, b)) \leq \psi(H(A, B)) + \epsilon$ .

## 2. Main results

We begin with the following theorem the gives the existence of a fixed point for multivalued mappings(not necessarily unique) in metric spaces endowed with a graph.

**Definition 2.1.** Let  $(X, d)$  be a complete metric space and  $F, T : X \longrightarrow CB(X)$  be a mappings,  $F$  and  $T$  are said to be a common  $(G-\psi)$  contraction if there exists  $k \in (0, 1)$  such that

$$\psi(H(F(x), T(y))) \leq k\psi(d(x, y)) \text{ for all } (x, y) \in E(G), (x \neq y) \tag{2.1}$$

and for all  $(x, y) \in E(G)$  if  $u \in F(x)$  and  $v \in T(y)$  are such that  $\psi(d(u, v)) \leq k\psi(d(x, y)) + \epsilon$ , for each  $\epsilon > 0$  then  $(u, v) \in E(G)$ .

**Theorem 2.2.** Let  $(X, d)$  be a complete metric space and suppose that the triple  $(X, d, G)$  have the property  $A$ . Let  $F, T : X \longrightarrow CB(X)$  be a  $(G-\psi)$  contraction and  $X_F = \{x \in X : (x, u) \in E(G) \text{ for some } u \in F(x)\}$ . Then the following statements hold.

1. for any  $x \in X_F$ ,  $F, T|_{[x]_G}$  have a common fixed point.
2. If  $X_F \neq \emptyset$  and  $G$  is weakly connected, then  $F, T$  have a common fixed point in  $X$ .
3. If  $X' := \cup\{[x]_G : x \in X_F\}$ , then  $F, T|_{X'}$  have a common fixed point.
4. If  $F \subseteq E(G)$ , then  $F, T$  have a common fixed point.

**Proof .** Let  $x_0 \in X_F$ , then there is an  $x_1 \in F(x_0)$  for which  $(x_0, x_1) \in E(G)$ . Since  $F, T$  are  $(G-\psi)$  contraction, we should have

$$\psi(H(F(x_0), T(x_1))) \leq k\psi d(x_0, x_1).$$

By Lemma 1.7, it ensures that there exists an  $x_2 \in T(x_1)$  such that

$$\psi(d(x_1, x_2)) \leq \psi(H(F(x_0), T(x_1))) + k \leq k\psi d(x_0, x_1) + k. \tag{2.2}$$

Using the property of  $F, T$  being a  $(G-\psi)$  contraction  $(x_1, x_2) \in E(G)$ , since  $E(G)$  is symmetric we obtain

$$\psi(H(F(x_2), T(x_1))) \leq k\psi d(x_1, x_2)$$

and then by Lemma 1.7 shows the existence of an  $x_3 \in F(x_2)$  such that

$$\psi(d(x_2, x_3)) \leq \psi(H(T(x_1), F(x_2))) + k^2. \tag{2.3}$$

By inequality (2.2), (2.3), it results

$$\psi(d(x_2, x_3)) \leq k\psi(d(x_1, x_2)) + k^2 \leq k^2\psi(d(x_0, x_1)) + 2k^2. \tag{2.4}$$

By a similar approach, we can prove that  $x_{2n+1} \in F(x_{2n})$  and  $x_{2n+2} \in T(x_{2n+1})$ ,  $n := 0, 1, 2, \dots$  as well as  $(x_n, x_{n+1}) \in E(G)$  and

$$\psi(d(x_n, x_{n+1})) \leq k^n\psi(d(x_0, x_1)) + nk^n.$$

We can easily show by following that  $(x_n)$  is a Cauchy sequence in  $X$ .

$$\sum_{n=0}^{\infty} \psi(d(x_n, x_{n+1})) \leq \psi(d(x_0, x_1)) \sum_{n=0}^{\infty} k^n + \sum_{n=0}^{\infty} nk^n < \infty,$$

since  $\sum_{n=0}^{\infty} \psi(d(x_n, x_{n+1})) < \infty$ , and  $\psi(d(x_n, x_{n+1})) \longrightarrow 0$ ; consequently using the property of  $\psi$  we have  $d(x_n, x_{n+1}) \longrightarrow 0$ .

Hence  $(x_n)$  converges to some point  $x$  in  $X$ . Next step is to show that  $x$  is a common fixed point of the mapping  $F$  and  $T$ . Using the property  $A$  and the fact of  $F, T$  being a  $(G-\psi)$  contraction, since  $(x_n, x) \in E(G)$ , then we encounter with the following two cases:

Case 1 : for even values of  $n$ , we have

$$\psi(H(F(x_n), T(x))) \leq k\psi(d(x_n, x)).$$

Since  $x_{n+1} \in F(x_n)$  and  $x_n \rightarrow x$ , then by Lemma 1.4,  $x \in T(x)$ .

Case 2 : for odd values of  $n$ , we have

$$\psi(H(F(x), T(x_n))) \leq k\psi(d(x, x_n)).$$

Since  $x_{n+1} \in T(x_n)$  and  $x_n \rightarrow x$ , then by Lemma 1.4,  $x \in F(x)$ . Hence from  $(x_n, x_{n+1}) \in E(G)$ , and  $(x_n, x) \in E(G)$ , for  $n \in \mathbb{N}$ , we conclude that  $(x_0, x_1, \dots, x_n, x)$  is a path in  $G$  and so  $x \in [x_0]_G$ .

2. For  $X_F \neq \emptyset$ , there exists an  $x_0 \in X_F$ , and since  $G$  is weakly connected, then  $[x_0]_G = X$  and by 1,  $F$  and  $T$  have a common fixed point.

3. From 1 and 2, the following result is now immediate.

4.  $F \subseteq E(G)$  implies that all  $x \in X$  are such that there exists some  $u \in F(x)$  with  $(x, u) \in E(G)$ , so  $X_F = X$  by 2 and 3.  $F, T$  have a common fixed point.  $\square$

See the following example.

**Example 2.3.** Let  $X = \{0\} \cup \{\frac{1}{2^n} : n \in \mathbb{N} \cup \{0\}\}$ . Consider the undirected graph  $G$  such that  $V(G) = X$  and  $E(G) = \{(\frac{1}{2^n}, 0), (0, \frac{1}{2^n}), (\frac{1}{2^n}, \frac{1}{2^{n+1}}), (\frac{1}{2^{n+1}}, \frac{1}{2^n}) : n \in \{2, 3, 4, \dots\}\} \cup \{(\frac{1}{2}, 0), (0, \frac{1}{2}), (1, 0), (0, 1)\}$ . Let  $F, T : X \rightarrow CB(X)$  be defined by

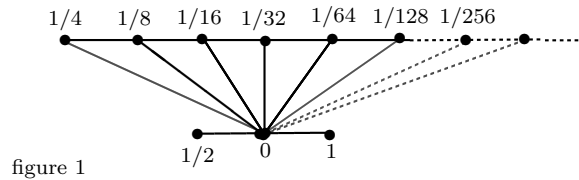
$$F(x) = \begin{cases} 0 & x = 0, \\ \{\frac{1}{2^{n+1}}, \frac{1}{2^{n+2}}\} & x = \frac{1}{2^n}, n \in \{2, 3, 4, \dots\}, \\ \frac{1}{4} & x = 1, \frac{1}{2}. \end{cases} \tag{2.5}$$

$$T(y) = \begin{cases} 0 & y = 0, \\ \{\frac{1}{2^{n+1}}\} & y = \frac{1}{2^n}, n \in \{2, 3, 4, \dots\}, \\ \frac{1}{4} & y = 1, \frac{1}{2}. \end{cases} \tag{2.6}$$

Then  $F, T$  are not a common  $(G-\psi)$  contraction where  $d(x, y) = |x - y|$  and  $\psi(t) = \frac{t}{t+1}$ . It can be seen that if  $x = \frac{1}{8}$  and  $y = \frac{1}{4}$ , then  $T(y) = \{\frac{1}{8}\}$ ,  $F(x) = \{\frac{1}{16}, \frac{1}{32}\}$ , then we have

$$\psi(H(F(x), T(y))) \leq k\psi(d(x, y)) \text{ for all } (x, y) \in E(G), (x \neq y),$$

and let  $u = \frac{1}{32}$  and  $v = \frac{1}{8}$ , where  $x = \frac{1}{8}$  and  $y = \frac{1}{4}$ , therefore  $d(\frac{1}{32}, \frac{1}{8}) = \frac{3}{32}$ , and  $\psi(d(\frac{1}{32}, \frac{1}{8})) = \frac{3}{35}$ , also we have  $d(\frac{1}{8}, \frac{1}{4}) = \frac{1}{8}$ , so  $\psi(d(\frac{1}{8}, \frac{1}{4})) = \frac{1}{9}$ . Thus there exists  $k \in (0, 1)$  such that  $\psi(d(\frac{1}{32}, \frac{1}{8})) \leq k\psi(d(\frac{1}{8}, \frac{1}{4})) + \epsilon$ , for all  $\epsilon > 0$ , but  $(\frac{1}{8}, \frac{1}{32}) \notin E(G)$ .



**Example 2.4.** Let  $X = \{0\} \cup \{\frac{1}{2^n} : n \in \mathbb{N} \cup \{0\}\}$ . Consider the undirected graph  $G$  such that  $V(G) = X$  and  $E(G) = \{(\frac{1}{2^n}, 0), (0, \frac{1}{2^n}), (\frac{1}{2^n}, \frac{1}{2^{n+1}}), (\frac{1}{2^{n+1}}, \frac{1}{2^n}) : n \in \mathbb{N}\} \cup \{(1, 0), (0, 1)\}$ . Let  $F, T : X \rightarrow CB(X)$  be defined by

$$F(x) = \begin{cases} 0 & x = 0, \frac{1}{2}, \\ \{\frac{1}{2}, \frac{1}{4}\} & x = 1, \\ \{\frac{1}{2^{n+1}}\} & x = \frac{1}{2^n}, n \in \{2, 3, 4, \dots\}. \end{cases} \tag{2.7}$$

$$T(y) = \begin{cases} 0 & y = 0, \frac{1}{2}, \\ \{\frac{1}{8}, \frac{1}{16}\} & y = 1, \\ \{\frac{1}{2^{n+1}}\} & y = \frac{1}{2^n}, n \in \{2, 3, 4, \dots\}. \end{cases} \tag{2.8}$$

Then  $F, T$  are a common  $(G-\psi)$  contraction and  $0 \in F(0) \cap T(0)$ , where  $d(x, y) = |x - y|$  and  $\psi(t) = \frac{t}{t+1}$ .

**Property A'**: For any sequence  $(x_n)_{n \in \mathbb{N}}$  in  $X$ , if  $x_n \rightarrow x$  and  $(x_n, x_{n+1}) \in E(G)$  for  $n \in \mathbb{N}$ , then there is subsequence  $(x_{n_k})_{n_k \in \mathbb{N}}$  such that  $(x_{n_k}, x) \in E(G)$  for  $n_k \in \mathbb{N}$ . If We have property  $A'$ , then improve the result of this paper as follows:

**Theorem 2.5.** Let  $(X, d)$  be a complete metric space and suppose that the triple  $(X, d, G)$  have the property  $A'$ . Let  $F, T : X \rightarrow CB(X)$  be a  $(G-\psi)$  contraction and  $X_F = \{x \in X : (x, u) \in E(G) \text{ for some } u \in F(x)\}$ . Then the following statements hold.

1. for any  $x \in X_F$ ,  $F|_{[x]_G}$  has a fixed point.
2. If  $X_F \neq \emptyset$  and  $G$  is weakly connected, then  $F, T$  have a fixed point in  $X$ .
3. If  $X' := \cup\{[x]_G : x \in X_F\}$ , then  $F, T|_{X'}$  have a common fixed point.
4. If  $F \subseteq E(G)$ , then  $F, T$  have a common fixed point.

**Corollary 2.6.** Let  $(X, d)$  be a complete metric space and suppose that the triple  $(X, d, G)$  have the property *A*. If  $G$  is weakly connected, then  $(G-\psi)$  contraction mappings  $F, T : X \rightarrow CB(X)$  such that  $(x_0, x_1) \in E(G)$  for some  $x_1 \in Fx_0$  have a common fixed point.

**Corollary 2.7.** Let  $(X, d)$  be a  $\epsilon$ -chainable complete metric space for some  $\epsilon > 0$ . Let  $\psi \in \Psi$  and assume that  $F, T : X \rightarrow CB(X)$  be a such that there exists  $k \in (0, 1)$  with

$$0 < d(x, y) < \epsilon \implies \psi(H(F(x), T(y))) \leq k\psi(d(x, y)).$$

Then  $T, F$  have a common fixed point.

**Proof .** Consider the  $G$  as  $V(G) = X$  and

$$E(G) := \{(x, y) \in X \times X : 0 < d(x, y) < \epsilon\}.$$

The  $\epsilon$ -chainability of  $(X, d)$  means  $G$  is connected. If  $(x, y) \in E(G)$ , then

$$\psi(H(F(x), T(y))) \leq k\psi(d(x, y)) < \psi(d(x, y)) \leq d(x, y) < \epsilon$$

and by using Lemma 1.5 for each  $u \in F(x)$ , we have the existence of  $v \in T(y)$  such that  $d(u, v) < \epsilon$ , which implies  $(u, v) \in E(G)$ . Therefore  $F, T$  are  $(G-\psi)$  contraction mappings. Also,  $(X, d, G)$  has property *A*. Indeed, if  $x_n \rightarrow x$  and  $d(x_n, x_{n+1}) < \epsilon$  for  $n \in \mathbb{N}$ , then  $d(x_n, x) < \epsilon$  for sufficiently large  $n$ , hence  $(x_n, x) \in E(G)$ . So, by Theorem 2.2,  $F$ , and  $T$  have a common fixed point.  $\square$

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