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# Generalized fixed point theorems for multi-valued $\alpha$ - $\psi$ -contractive mappings

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# **Abstract**

The aim of this paper is to establish certain new fixed point results for multi-valued as well as single-valued maps satisfying an  $\alpha$ - $\psi$ -contractive conditions in complete metric space. As an application, we derive some new fixed point theorems for  $\psi$ -graphic contractions defined on a metric space endowed with a graph as well as an ordered metric space. The presented results complement and extend some very recent results proved by Asl *et al.* (Fixed Point Theory Appl. 2012:212, 2012) and Samet *et al.* (Nonlinear Anal. 75:2154-2165, 2012) as well as other theorems given by Hussain *et al.* (Fixed Point Theory Appl. 2013:212, 2013). Some comparative examples are constructed which illustrate the superiority of our results to the existing ones in the literature.

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# 1 Introduction

In metric fixed point theory the contractive conditions on underlying functions play an important role for finding solutions of fixed point problems. The Banach contraction principle [1] is a fundamental result in metric fixed point theory. Over the years, it has been generalized in different directions by several mathematicians (see [1–25]). In particular, there has been a number of studies involving altering distance functions which alter the distance between two points in a metric space. In 2012, Samet *et al.* [25] introduced the concepts of  $\alpha$ - $\psi$ -contractive and  $\alpha$ -admissible mappings and established various fixed point theorems for such mappings in complete metric spaces.

Denote with  $\Psi$  the family of nondecreasing functions  $\psi:[0,+\infty)\to [0,+\infty)$  such that  $\sum_{n=1}^{\infty} \psi^n(t) < +\infty$  for all t > 0, where  $\psi^n$  is the nth iterate of  $\psi$ .

The following lemma is well known.

**Lemma 1** *If*  $\psi \in \Psi$ , then the following hold:

- (i)  $(\psi^n(t))_{n\in\mathbb{N}}$  converges to 0 as  $n\to\infty$  for all  $t\in(0,+\infty)$ ;
- (ii)  $\psi(t) < t \text{ for all } t > 0$ ;
- (iii)  $\psi(t) = 0 \text{ iff } t = 0.$

Samet *et al.* [25] defined the notion of  $\alpha$ -admissible mappings as follows.



**Definition 2** Let T be a self-mapping on X and  $\alpha : X \times X \to [0, +\infty)$  be a function. We say that T is a  $\alpha$ -admissible mapping if

$$x, y \in X$$
,  $\alpha(x, y) \ge 1$   $\Longrightarrow$   $\alpha(Tx, Ty) \ge 1$ .

**Theorem 3** [25] Let (X,d) be a complete metric space and T be  $\alpha$ -admissible mapping. Assume that

$$\alpha(x, y)d(Tx, Ty) \le \psi(d(x, y)) \tag{1.1}$$

for all  $x, y \in X$ , where  $\psi \in \Psi$ . Also, suppose that

- (i) there exists  $x_0 \in X$  such that  $\alpha(x_0, Tx_0) \ge 1$ ;
- (ii) either T is continuous or for any sequence  $\{x_n\}$  in X with  $\alpha(x_n, x_{n+1}) \ge 1$  for all  $n \in \mathbb{N}$  and  $x_n \to x$  as  $n \to +\infty$ , we have  $\alpha(x_n, x) \ge 1$  for all  $n \in \mathbb{N}$ .

Then T has a fixed point.

Afterwards, Asl *et al.* [21] generalized these notions by introducing the concepts of  $\alpha_*$ - $\psi$ -contractive multifunctions, and of  $\alpha_*$ -admissibility, and they obtained some fixed point results for these multifunctions.

**Definition 4** [21] Let (X,d) be a metric space,  $T:X\to 2^X$  be a given closed-valued multifunction. We say that T is called  $\alpha_*$ - $\psi$ -contractive multifunction if there exist two functions  $\alpha:X\times X\to [0,+\infty)$  and  $\psi\in\Psi$  such that

$$\alpha_*(Tx, Ty)H(Tx, Ty) \le \psi(d(x, y))$$

for all  $x, y \in X$ , where H is the Hausdorff generalized metric,  $\alpha_*(A, B) = \inf\{\alpha(a, b) : a \in A, b \in B\}$  and  $2^X$  denotes the family of all nonempty subsets of X.

**Definition 5** [21] Let (X, d) be a metric space,  $T: X \to 2^X$  be a given closed-valued multifunction and  $\alpha: X \times X \to [0, +\infty)$ . We say that T is called  $\alpha_*$ -admissible whenever  $\alpha(x, y) \ge 1$  implies that  $\alpha_*(Tx, Ty) \ge 1$ .

Very recently Hussain *et al.* [12] modified the notions of  $\alpha_*$ -admissible and  $\alpha_*$ - $\psi$ -contractive mappings as follows:

**Definition 6** Let  $T: X \to 2^X$  be a multifunction,  $\alpha, \eta: X \times X \to \mathbb{R}_+$  be two functions where  $\eta$  is bounded. We say that T is  $\alpha_*$ -admissible mapping with respect to  $\eta$  if

$$\alpha(x, y) \ge \eta(x, y)$$
 implies  $\alpha_*(Tx, Ty) \ge \eta_*(Tx, Ty)$ ,  $x, y \in X$ ,

where

$$\alpha_*(A,B) = \inf_{x \in A, y \in B} \alpha(x,y)$$
 and  $\eta_*(A,B) = \sup_{x \in A, y \in B} \eta(x,y)$ .

If  $\eta(x,y) = 1$  for all  $x,y \in X$ , then this definition reduces to Definition 5. In the case  $\alpha(x,y) = 1$  for all  $x,y \in X$ , T is called  $\eta_*$ -subadmissible mapping.

Hussain *et al.* [12] proved following generalization of the above mentioned results of [21].

**Theorem 7** Let (X,d) be a complete metric space and  $T: X \to 2^X$  be a  $\alpha_*$ -admissible with respect to  $\eta$  and the closed-valued multifunction on X. Assume that for  $\psi \in \Psi$ ,

$$\forall x, y \in X, \quad \alpha_*(Tx, Ty) \ge \eta_*(Tx, Ty) \quad \Longrightarrow \quad H(Tx, Ty) \le \psi\left(d(x, y)\right). \tag{1.2}$$

Also suppose that the following assertions hold:

- (i) there exist  $x_0 \in X$  and  $x_1 \in Tx_0$  such that  $\alpha(x_0, x_1) \ge \eta(x_0, x_1)$ ;
- (ii) for a sequence  $\{x_n\} \subset X$  converging to  $x \in X$  and  $\alpha(x_n, x_{n+1}) \ge \eta(x_n, x_{n+1})$  for all  $n \in \mathbb{N}$ , we have  $\alpha(x_n, x) \ge \eta(x_n, x)$  for all  $n \in \mathbb{N}$ .

Then T has a fixed point.

For more details on  $\alpha$ - $\psi$ -contractions and fixed point theory, we refer the reader to [3, 6, 10, 13, 14, 22, 23, 26–29].

The aim of this paper is to unify the concepts of  $\alpha$ - $\psi$ -contractive type mappings and establish some new fixed point theorems in complete metric spaces for such mappings.

Let (X, d) be a complete metric space,  $x_0 \in X$  and r > 0. We denote by  $B(x_0, r) = \{x \in X : d(x_0, x) < r\}$  the open ball with center  $x_0$  and radius r and by  $\overline{B(x_0, r)} = \{x \in X : d(x_0, x) \le r\}$  the closed ball with center  $x_0$  and radius r.

The following lemmas of Nadler will be needed in the sequel.

**Lemma 8** [19] Let A and B be nonempty, closed and bounded subsets of a metric space (X,d) and  $0 < h \in \mathbb{R}$ . Then, for every  $b \in B$ , there exists  $a \in A$  such that  $d(a,b) \leq H(A,B) + h$ .

**Lemma 9** [4] Let (X, d) be a metric space and B be nonempty, closed subsets of X and q > 1. Then, for each  $x \in X$  with d(x, B) > 0 and q > 1, there exists  $b \in B$  such that d(x, b) < qd(x, B).

# 2 Main result

The following result, regarding the existence of the fixed point of the mapping satisfying an  $\alpha$ - $\psi$ -contractive condition on the closed ball, is very useful in the sense that it requires the contractiveness of the mapping only on the closed ball instead of the whole space.

**Theorem 10** Let (X,d) be a complete metric space and  $T: X \to 2^X$  be an  $\alpha_*$ -admissible and closed-valued multifunction on X. Assume that for  $\psi \in \Psi$ ,

$$\alpha_*(Tx, Ty)H(Tx, Ty) \le \psi\left(d(x, y)\right) \tag{2.1}$$

for all  $x, y \in \overline{B(x_0, r)}$  and for  $x_0 \in X$ , there exists  $x_1 \in Tx_0$  such that

$$\sum_{i=0}^{n} \psi^{i} (d(x_{0}, x_{1})) < r \tag{2.2}$$

for all  $n \in \mathbb{N}$  and r > 0. Also suppose that the following assertions hold:

(i)  $\alpha(x_0, x_1) \ge 1$  for  $x_0 \in X$  and  $x_1 \in Tx_0$ ;

(ii) for a sequence  $\{x_n\}$  in  $\overline{B(x_0,r)}$  converging to  $x \in \overline{B(x_0,r)}$  and  $\alpha(x_n,x_{n+1}) \ge 1$  for all  $n \in \mathbb{N}$ , we have  $\alpha(x_n,x) \ge 1$  for all  $n \in \mathbb{N}$ .

Then T has a fixed point.

*Proof* Since  $\alpha(x_0, x_1) \ge 1$  and T is  $\alpha_*$ -admissible, so  $\alpha_*(Tx_0, Tx_1) \ge 1$ . From (2.2), we get

$$d(x_0, x_1) < \sum_{i=0}^n \psi^i (d(x_0, x_1)) < r.$$

It follows that

$$x_1 \in \overline{B(x_0, r)}$$
.

If  $x_0 = x_1$ , then

$$\alpha_*(Tx_0, Tx_1)H(Tx_0, Tx_1) \le \psi(d(x_0, x_1)) = 0$$

implies that

$$Tx_0 = Tx_1$$
,

and we have finished. Assume that  $x_0 \neq x_1$ . By Lemmas 1 and 8, we take  $x_2 \in Tx_1$  and h > 0 as  $h = \psi^2(d(x_0, x_1))$ . Then

$$0 < d(x_1, x_2) \le H(Tx_0, Tx_1) + h$$

$$\le \psi(d(x_0, x_1)) + \psi^2(d(x_0, x_1))$$

$$= \sum_{i=1}^2 \psi^i(d(x_0, x_1)).$$

Note that  $x_2 \in \overline{B(x_0, r)}$ , since

$$d(x_0, x_2) \le d(x_0, x_1) + d(x_1, x_2)$$

$$\le d(x_0, x_1) + \psi(d(x_0, x_1)) + \psi^2(d(x_0, x_1))$$

$$= \sum_{i=0}^{2} \psi^i(d(x_0, x_1)) < r.$$

By repeating this process, we can construct a sequence  $x_n$  of points in  $\overline{B(x_0,r)}$  such that  $x_{n+1} \in Tx_n, x_n \neq x_{n-1}, \alpha(x_n,x_{n+1}) \geq 1$  with

$$d(x_n, x_{n+1}) \le \sum_{i=1}^{n+1} \psi^i (d(x_0, x_1)). \tag{2.3}$$

Now, for each  $n, m \in N$  with m > n using the triangular inequality, we obtain

$$d(x_n, x_m) \le \sum_{k=n}^{m-1} d(x_k, x_{k+1}) \le \sum_{k=n}^{m} \psi^k (d(x_0, x_1)).$$
(2.4)

Thus we proved that  $\{x_n\}$  is a Cauchy sequence. Since  $\overline{B(x_0,r)}$  is closed. So there exists  $x^* \in \overline{B(x_0,r)}$  such that  $x_n \to x^*$  as  $n \to \infty$ . Now we prove that  $x^* \in Tx^*$ . Since  $\alpha(x_n,x^*) \ge 1$  for all n and T is  $\alpha_*$ -admissible with respect to  $\eta$ , so  $\alpha_*(Tx_n,Tx^*) \ge 1$  for all n. Then

$$d(x^*, Tx^*) \le \alpha_* (Tx_n, Tx^*) + d(x_n, Tx^*) + d(x_n, x^*)$$

$$\le \psi (d(x_n, x^*)) + d(x_n, x^*)$$

$$\le \psi (d(x_n, x^*)) + d(x_n, x^*). \tag{2.5}$$

Taking the limit as  $n \to \infty$  in (2.5), we get  $d(x^*, Tx^*) = 0$ . Thus  $x^* \in Tx^*$ .

**Example 11** Let  $X = [0, \infty)$  and d(x, y) = |x - y|. Define the multi-valued mapping  $T : X \to 2^X$  by

$$Tx = \begin{cases} [0, \frac{x}{2}] & \text{if } x \in [0, 1], \\ [\frac{4x}{5}, \frac{5x}{6}] & \text{if } x \in (1, \infty). \end{cases}$$

Considering,  $x_0 = \frac{1}{2}$  and  $x_1 = \frac{1}{4}$ ,  $r = \frac{1}{2}$ , then  $\overline{B(x_0, r)} = [0, 1]$  and

$$\alpha(x, y) = \begin{cases} 1 & \text{if } x, y \in [0, 1], \\ \frac{3}{2} & \text{otherwise.} \end{cases}$$

Clearly *T* is an  $\alpha$ - $\psi$ -contractive mapping with  $\psi(t) = \frac{t}{2}$ . Now

$$d(x_0,x_1)=\frac{1}{4},$$

$$\sum_{i=1}^{n} \psi^{n} (d(x_{0}, x_{1})) = \frac{1}{4} \sum_{i=0}^{n} \frac{1}{2^{n}} < 2 \left(\frac{1}{4}\right) = \frac{1}{2} = r.$$

We prove that all the conditions of our Theorem 10 are satisfied only for  $x, y \in \overline{B(x_0, r)}$ . Without loss of generality, we suppose that  $x \le y$ . The contractive condition of theorem is trivial for the case when x = y. So we suppose that x < y. Then

$$\alpha_*(Tx,Ty)H(Tx,Ty)=\frac{1}{2}|y-x|=\psi\big(d(x,y)\big).$$

Put  $x_0 = \frac{1}{2}$  and  $x_1 = \frac{1}{4}$ . Then  $\alpha(x_0, x_1) \ge 1$ . Then T has a fixed point 0.

Now we prove that the contractive condition is not satisfied for  $x, y \notin \overline{B(x_0, r)}$ . We suppose  $x = \frac{3}{2}$  and y = 2, then

$$\alpha_*(Tx, Ty)H(Tx, Ty) = \frac{3}{5} \ge \frac{1}{4} = \psi(d(x, y)).$$

Similarly we can deduce the following corollaries.

**Corollary 12** Let (X,d) be a complete metric space and  $T: X \to 2^X$  be an  $\alpha_*$ -admissible and closed-valued multifunction on X. Assume that for  $\psi \in \Psi$ , we have

$$\left(\alpha_*(Tx, Ty) + 1\right)^{H(Tx, Ty)} \le 2^{\psi(d(x, y))} \tag{2.6}$$

for all  $x, y \in \overline{B(x_0, r)}$  and for  $x_0 \in X$ , there exists  $x_1 \in Tx_0$  such that

$$\sum_{i=0}^n \psi^i \big( d(x_0, x_1) \big) < r$$

for all  $n \in \mathbb{N}$  and r > 0. Also suppose that the following assertions hold:

- (i)  $\alpha(x_0, x_1) \ge 1$  for  $x_0 \in X$  and  $x_1 \in Tx_0$ ;
- (ii) for a sequence  $\{x_n\}$  in  $\overline{B(x_0,r)}$  converging to  $x \in \overline{B(x_0,r)}$  and  $\alpha(x_n,x_{n+1}) \ge 1$  for all  $n \in \mathbb{N}$ , we have  $\alpha(x_n,x) \ge 1$  for all  $n \in \mathbb{N}$ .

Then T has a fixed point.

**Corollary 13** Let (X,d) be a complete metric space and  $T: X \to 2^X$  be an  $\alpha_*$ -admissible and closed-valued multifunction on X. Assume that for  $\psi \in \Psi$ , we have

$$\left(H(Tx, Ty) + l\right)^{\alpha_*(Tx, Ty)} \le \psi\left(d(x, y)\right) + l$$

for all  $x, y \in \overline{B(x_0, r)}$  and l > 0 and for  $x_0 \in X$ , there exists  $x_1 \in Tx_0$  such that

$$\sum_{i=0}^n \psi^i \big( d(x_0, x_1) \big) < r$$

for all  $n \in \mathbb{N}$  and r > 0. Also suppose that the following assertions hold:

- (i)  $\alpha(x_0, x_1) \ge 1$  for  $x_0 \in X$  and  $x_1 \in Tx_0$ ;
- (ii) for a sequence  $\{x_n\}$  in  $\overline{B(x_0,r)}$  converging to  $x \in \overline{B(x_0,r)}$  and  $\alpha(x_n,x_{n+1}) \ge 1$  for all  $n \in \mathbb{N}$ , we have  $\alpha(x_n,x) \ge 1$  for all  $n \in \mathbb{N}$ .

Then T has a fixed point.

**Theorem 14** Let (X,d) be a complete metric space and  $T: X \to 2^X$  be an  $\alpha_*$ -admissible and closed-valued multifunction on X. Assume that for  $\psi \in \Psi$ , we have

$$\alpha_*(Tx, Ty)H(Tx, Ty) \le \psi\left(\max\left\{d(x, y), d(x, Tx), d(y, Ty), \frac{d(x, Tx)d(y, Ty)}{1 + d(x, y)}\right\}\right)$$
(2.7)

for all  $x, y \in X$ . Also suppose that the following assertions hold:

- (i) there exist  $x_0 \in X$  and  $x_1 \in Tx_0$  with  $\alpha(x_0, x_1) \ge 1$ ;
- (ii) for a sequence  $\{x_n\}$  in X converging to  $x \in X$  and  $\alpha(x_n, x_{n+1}) \ge 1$  for all  $n \in \mathbb{N}$ , we have  $\alpha(x_n, x) \ge 1$  for all  $n \in \mathbb{N}$ .

Then T has a fixed point.

*Proof* Since  $\alpha(x_0, x_1) \ge 1$  and T is  $\alpha_*$ -admissible, so  $\alpha_*(Tx_0, Tx_1) \ge 1$ . If  $x_0 = x_1$ , then we have nothing to prove. Let  $x_0 \ne x_1$ . If  $x_1 \in Tx_1$ , then  $x_1$  is a fixed point of T. Assume that  $x_1 \notin Tx_1$ , then from (2.7), we get

$$0 < d(x_1, Tx_1)$$

$$\leq H(Tx_0, Tx_1)$$

$$\leq \psi\left(\max\left\{d(x_0, x_1), d(x_0, Tx_0), d(x_1, Tx_1), \frac{d(x_0, Tx_0)d(x_1, Tx_1)}{1 + d(x_0, x_1)}\right\}\right)$$

$$\leq \psi \left( \max \left\{ d(x_0, x_1), d(x_0, x_1), d(x_1, Tx_1), \frac{d(x_0, x_1)d(x_1, Tx_1)}{1 + d(x_0, x_1)} \right\} \right)$$

$$= \psi \left( \max \left\{ d(x_0, x_1), d(x_1, Tx_1) \right\} \right).$$

If  $\max\{d(x_1, Tx_1), d(x_0, x_1)\} = d(x_1, Tx_1)$ , then  $d(x_1, Tx_1) \le \psi(d(x_1, Tx_1))$ . Since  $\psi(t) < t$  for all t > 0. Then we get a contradiction. Hence, we obtain  $\max\{d(x_1, Tx_1), d(x_0, x_1)\} = d(x_0, x_1)$ . So

$$d(x_1, Tx_1) \leq \psi(d(x_0, x_1)).$$

Let q > 1, then from Lemma 9 we take  $x_2 \in Tx_1$  such that

$$d(x_1, x_2) < qd(x_1, Tx_1) \le q\psi(d(x_0, x_1)). \tag{2.8}$$

It is clear that  $x_1 \neq x_2$ . Put  $q_1 = \frac{\psi(q\psi(d(x_0,x_1)))}{\psi(d(x_1,x_2))}$ . Then  $q_1 > 1$  and  $\alpha(x_1,x_2) \geq 1$ . Since T is  $\alpha_*$ -admissible, so  $\alpha_*(Tx_1,Tx_2) \geq 1$ . If  $x_2 \in Tx_2$ , then  $x_2$  is fixed point of T. Assume that  $x_2 \notin Tx_2$ . Then from (2.7), we get

$$0 < d(x_2, Tx_2) \le \alpha_*(Tx_1, Tx_2)H(Tx_1, Tx_2)$$

$$\le \psi \left( \max \left\{ d(x_1, x_2), d(x_1, Tx_1), d(x_2, Tx_2), \frac{d(x_1, Tx_1)d(x_2, Tx_2)}{1 + d(x_1, x_2)} \right\} \right)$$

$$\le \psi \left( \max \left\{ d(x_1, x_2), d(x_1, x_2), d(x_2, Tx_2), \frac{d(x_1, x_2)d(x_2, Tx_2)}{1 + d(x_1, x_2)} \right\} \right)$$

$$= \psi \left( \max \left\{ d(x_1, x_2), d(x_2, Tx_2) \right\} \right).$$

If  $\max\{d(x_2, Tx_2), d(x_1, x_2)\} = d(x_2, Tx_2)$ , we get contradiction to the fact  $d(x_2, Tx_2) < d(x_2, Tx_2)$ . Hence we obtain

$$\max\{d(x_2, Tx_2), d(x_1, x_2)\} = d(x_1, x_2).$$

So  $d(x_2, Tx_2) \le \psi(d(x_1, x_2))$ . Since  $q_1 > 1$ , so by Lemma 9 we can find  $x_3 \in Tx_2$  such that

$$d(x_2, x_3) < q_1 d(x_2, Tx_2) \le q_1 \psi (d(x_1, x_2)),$$

$$d(x_2, x_3) < q_1 \psi (d(x_1, x_2)) \le q_1 \psi (d(x_1, x_2)) = \psi (q \psi (d(x_0, x_1))). \tag{2.9}$$

It is clear that  $x_2 \neq x_3$ . Put  $q_2 = \frac{\psi^2(q\psi(d(x_0,x_1)))}{\psi(d(x_2,x_3))}$ . Then  $q_2 > 1$  and  $\alpha(x_2,x_3) \geq 1$ . Since T is  $\alpha_*$ -admissible, so  $\alpha_*(Tx_2,Tx_3) \geq 1$ . If  $x_3 \in Tx_3$ , then  $x_3$  is fixed point of T. Assume that  $x_3 \notin Tx_3$ . From (2.7), we have

$$0 < d(x_3, Tx_3) \le \alpha_*(Tx_2, Tx_3)H(Tx_2, Tx_3)$$

$$\le \psi \left( \max \left\{ d(x_2, x_3), d(x_2, Tx_2), d(x_3, Tx_3) \frac{d(x_2, Tx_2)d(x_3, Tx_3)}{1 + d(x_2, x_3)} \right\} \right)$$

$$\le \psi \left( \max \left\{ d(x_2, x_3), d(x_2, x_3), d(x_3, Tx_3) \frac{d(x_2, x_3)d(x_3, Tx_3)}{1 + d(x_2, x_3)} \right\} \right)$$

$$= \psi \left( \max \left\{ d(x_2, x_3), d(x_3, Tx_3) \right\} \right).$$

If  $\max\{d(x_3, Tx_3), d(x_2, x_3)\} = d(x_3, Tx_3)$ . Then we get a contradiction. So  $\max\{d(x_3, Tx_3), d(x_2, x_3)\} = d(x_2, x_3)$ . Thus

$$d(x_3, Tx_3) \leq \psi(d(x_2, x_3)).$$

Since  $q_2 > 1$ , so by Lemma 9 we can find  $x_4 \in Tx_3$  such that

$$d(x_3, x_4) < q_2 d(x_3, Tx_3) \le q_2 \psi \left( d(x_2, x_3) \right) = \psi^2 \left( q \psi \left( d(x_0, x_1) \right) \right). \tag{2.10}$$

Continuing in this way, we can generate a sequence  $\{x_n\}$  in X such that  $x_n \in Tx_{n-1}$  and  $x_n \neq x_{n-1}$ , and

$$d(x_n, x_{n+1}) \le \psi^{n-1}(q\psi(d(x_0, x_1))) \tag{2.11}$$

for all n. Now, for each m > n, we have

$$d(x_n, x_m) \leq \sum_{i=n}^{m-1} d(x_i, x_{i+1}) \leq \sum_{i=n}^{m-1} \psi^{i-1} (q \psi (d(x_0, x_1))).$$

This implies that  $\{x_n\}$  is a Cauchy sequence in X. Since X is complete, there exists  $x^* \in X$  such that  $x_n \longrightarrow x^*$  as  $n \longrightarrow \infty$ . We now show that  $x^* \in Tx^*$ . Since  $\alpha(x_n, x^*) \ge 1$  for all n and T is  $\alpha_*$ -admissible, so  $\alpha_*(Tx_n, Tx^*) \ge 1$  for all n. Then

$$d(x^*, Tx^*) \leq \alpha_* (Tx_n, Tx^*) H(Tx^*, Tx_n) + d(x_n, x^*)$$

$$\leq \psi \left( \max \left\{ d(x_n, x^*), d(x_n, Tx_n), d(x^*, Tx^*), \frac{d(x_n, Tx_n)d(x^*, Tx^*)}{1 + d(x_n, x^*)} \right\} \right)$$

$$+ d(x_n, x^*)$$

$$\leq \psi \left( \max \left\{ d(x_n, x^*), d(x_n, x_{n+1}), d(x^*, Tx^*), \frac{d(x_n, x_{n+1})d(x^*, Tx^*)}{1 + d(x_n, x^*)} \right\} \right)$$

$$+ d(x_n, x^*),$$

and taking the limit as  $n \to \infty$ , we get  $d(x^*, Tx^*) = 0$ . Thus  $x^* \in Tx^*$ .

**Example 15** Let X = [0,1] and d(x,y) = |x - y|. Define  $T : X \to 2^X$  by  $Tx = [0, \frac{x}{10}]$  for all  $x \in X$  and

$$\alpha(x,y) = \begin{cases} \frac{1}{|x-y|} & \text{if } x \neq y, \\ 1 & \text{if } x = y. \end{cases}$$

Then  $\alpha(x, y) \ge 1 \Longrightarrow \alpha^*(Tx, Ty) = \inf\{\alpha(a, b) : a \in Tx, b \in Ty\} \ge 1$ . Then clearly T is  $\alpha^*$ -admissible. Now, for x, y and  $x \le y$ , it is easy to check that

$$\alpha_*(Tx, Ty)H(Tx, Ty) \le \psi\left(\max\left\{d(x, y), d(x, Tx), d(y, Ty), \frac{d(x, Tx)d(y, Ty)}{1 + d(x, y)}\right\}\right),$$

where  $\psi(t) = \frac{t}{5}$ , for all  $t \ge 0$ . Put  $x_0 = 1$  and  $x_1 = \frac{1}{2}$ . Then  $\alpha(x_0, x_1) = 2 > 1$ . Then T has fixed point 0.

**Corollary 16** Let (X,d) be a complete metric space and  $T: X \to 2^X$  be an  $\alpha_*$ -admissible and closed-valued multifunction on X. Assume that for  $\psi \in \Psi$ , we have

$$\left(\alpha_*(Tx,Ty)+1\right)^{H(Tx,Ty)}\leq 2^{\psi(R(x,y))},$$

where

$$R(x, y) = \max \left\{ d(x, y), d(x, Tx), d(y, Ty), \frac{d(x, Tx)d(y, Ty)}{1 + d(x, y)} \right\}$$

for all  $x, y \in X$ . Also suppose that the following assertions hold:

- (i)  $\alpha(x_0, x_1) \ge 1$  for  $x_0 \in X$  and  $x_1 \in Tx_0$ ;
- (ii) for a sequence  $\{x_n\}$  in X converging to  $x \in X$  and  $\alpha(x_n, x_{n+1}) \ge 1$  for all  $n \in \mathbb{N}$ , we have  $\alpha(x_n, x) \ge 1$  for all  $n \in \mathbb{N}$ .

Then T has a fixed point.

**Corollary 17** Let (X,d) be a complete metric space and  $T: X \to 2^X$  be an  $\alpha_*$ -admissible and closed-valued multifunction on X. Assume that for  $\psi \in \Psi$ , we have

$$(H(Tx, Ty) + l)^{\alpha_*(Tx, Ty)} \le \psi(R(x, y)) + l,$$

where

$$R(x, y) = \max \left\{ d(x, y), d(x, Tx), d(y, Ty), \frac{d(x, Tx)d(y, Ty)}{1 + d(x, y)} \right\}$$

for all  $x, y \in X$  and l > 0. Also suppose that the following assertions hold:

- (i)  $\alpha(x_0, x_1) > 1$  for  $x_0 \in X$  and  $x_1 \in Tx_0$ ;
- (ii) for a sequence  $\{x_n\}$  in X converging to  $x \in X$  and  $\alpha(x_n, x_{n+1}) \ge 1$  for all  $n \in \mathbb{N}$ , we have  $\alpha(x_n, x) \ge 1$  for all  $n \in \mathbb{N}$ .

Then T has a fixed point.

If *T* is single-valued in Theorem 14, we obtain the following fixed point results.

**Theorem 18** Let (X,d) be a complete metric space and  $T: X \to X$  be an  $\alpha$ -admissible mapping. Assume that for  $\psi \in \Psi$ , we have

$$\alpha(Tx, Ty)d(Tx, Ty) \le \psi\left(\max\left\{d(x, y), d(x, Tx), d(y, Ty), \frac{d(x, Tx)d(y, Ty)}{1 + d(x, y)}\right\}\right)$$
(2.12)

for all  $x, y \in X$ . Also suppose that the following assertions hold:

- (i) there exists  $x_0 \in X$  with  $\alpha(x_0, Tx_0) \ge 1$ ;
- (ii) for a sequence  $\{x_n\}$  in X converging to  $x \in X$  and  $\alpha(x_n, x_{n+1}) \ge 1$  for all  $n \in \mathbb{N}$ , we have  $\alpha(x_n, x) \ge 1$  for all  $n \in \mathbb{N}$ .

Then T has a fixed point.

**Corollary 19** Let (X,d) be a complete metric space and  $T: X \to X$  be an  $\alpha$ -admissible mapping. Assume that for  $\psi \in \Psi$ , we have

$$\left(\alpha(Tx,Ty)+1\right)^{d(Tx,Ty)}\leq 2^{\psi(R(x,y))},$$

where

$$R(x, y) = \max \left\{ d(x, y), d(x, Tx), d(y, Ty), \frac{d(x, Tx)d(y, Ty)}{1 + d(x, y)} \right\}$$

for all  $x, y \in X$ . Also suppose that the following assertions hold:

- (i)  $\alpha(x_0, Tx_0) > 1$  for some  $x_0 \in X$ ;
- (ii) for a sequence  $\{x_n\}$  in X converging to  $x \in X$  and  $\alpha(x_n, x_{n+1}) \ge 1$  for all  $n \in \mathbb{N}$ , we have  $\alpha(x_n, x) \ge 1$  for all  $n \in \mathbb{N}$ .

Then T has a fixed point.

Now, we give the following result about a fixed point of self-maps on complete metric spaces.

**Theorem 20** Let (X,d) be a complete metric space,  $\alpha: X \times X \to [0,+\infty)$  be a mapping,  $\psi \in \Psi$  and T be a self-mapping on X such that

$$\alpha(x,y)d(Tx,Ty) \le \begin{cases} \psi\left(\max\{\frac{d(x,Tx)d(y,Ty)}{d(x,y)},d(x,y)\}\right) & \text{for } x \neq y, \\ 0 & \text{for } x = y, \end{cases}$$
 (2.13)

for all  $x, y \in X$ . Suppose that T is  $\alpha$ -admissible and there exist  $x_0 \in X$  and  $x_1 \in Tx_0$  with  $\alpha(x_0, Tx_0) \ge 1$ . If T is continuous. Then T has a unique fixed point.

*Proof* Take  $x_0 \in X$  such that  $\alpha(x_0, Tx_0) \ge 1$ , and define the sequence  $\{x_n\}$  in X by  $x_{n+1} = Tx_n$  for all  $n \ge 0$ . If  $x_n = x_{n+1}$  for some n, then  $x^* = x_n$  is a fixed point of T. Assume that  $x_n \ne x_{n+1}$  for all n. Since T is  $\alpha$ -admissible, so it is easy to check that  $\alpha(x_n, x_{n+1}) \ge 1$  for all natural numbers n. Thus for each natural number n, we have

$$d(x_{n+1}, x_n) = d(Tx_n, Tx_{n-1})$$

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

$$\leq \psi\left(\max\left\{\frac{d(x_n, Tx_n)d(x_{n-1}, Tx_{n-1})}{d(x_n, x_{n-1})}, d(x_n, x_{n-1})\right\}\right)$$

$$\leq \psi\left(\max\left\{\frac{d(x_n, x_{n+1})d(x_{n-1}, x_n)}{d(x_n, x_{n-1})}, d(x_n, x_{n-1})\right\}\right)$$

$$\leq \psi\left(\max\left\{d(x_n, x_{n+1}), d(x_n, x_{n-1})\right\}\right).$$

If  $\max\{d(x_n, x_{n+1}), d(x_n, x_{n-1})\} = d(x_n, x_{n+1})$ , then  $d(x_{n+1}, x_n) \le \psi(d(x_{n+1}, x_n))$  a contradiction. So we get  $d(x_{n+1}, x_n) \le \psi(d(x_n, x_{n-1}))$ . Since  $\psi$  is nondecreasing, so we have

$$d(x_{n+1},x_n) \le \psi\left(d(x_n,x_{n-1})\right) \le \psi^2\left(d(x_{n-1},x_{n-2})\right) \le \dots \le \psi^n\left(d(x_1,x_0)\right)$$
(2.14)

for all n. It is easy to check that  $\{x_n\}$  is a Cauchy sequence. Since X is complete, so there exists  $x^* \in X$  such that  $x_n \to x^*$ . Further the continuity of T implies that

$$Tx^* = T\left(\lim_{n \to \infty} x_n\right) = \lim_{n \to \infty} T(x_n) = x^*. \tag{2.15}$$

Therefore  $x^*$  is a fixed point of T in X. Now, if there exists another point  $u \neq x^*$  in X such that Tu = u, then

$$d(x^*, u) = d(Tx^*, Tu) \le \alpha(x^*, u)d(Tx^*, Tu)$$

$$\le \psi\left(\max\left\{\frac{d(x^*, Tx^*)d(u, Tu)}{d(x^*, u)}, d(x^*, u)\right\}\right)$$

$$\le \psi\left(\max\{0, d(x^*, u)\}\right) = \psi(d(x^*, u)),$$

a contradiction. Hence  $x^*$  is a unique fixed point of T in X.

**Example 21** Let  $X = [0, \infty)$  and d(x, y) = |x - y|. Define  $T : X \to X$  by Tx = x + 1 whenever  $x, y \in [0, 1]$ ,  $Tx = \frac{4}{3}$  whenever  $x, y \in (1, 2)$  and  $Tx = x^2 + 3x + 2$  whenever  $x \in [2, \infty)$ . Also define the mappings  $\psi : [0, \infty) \to [0, \infty)$  by  $\psi(t) = \frac{t}{3}$  and

$$\alpha(x,y) = \begin{cases} 1 & \text{if } x,y \in (1,2), \\ 0 & \text{otherwise.} \end{cases}$$

By a routine calculation one can easily show that

$$\alpha(x, y)d(Tx, Ty) \le \psi\left(\max\left\{\frac{d(x, Tx)d(y, Ty)}{d(x, y)}, d(x, y)\right\}\right)$$

for all  $x, y \in X$  and  $\frac{4}{3}$  is unique fixed point of the mapping T.

# 3 Fixed point results for graphic contractions

Consistent with Jachymski [15], let (X,d) be a metric space and  $\Delta$  denote the diagonal of the Cartesian product  $X \times X$ . Consider a directed graph G such that the set V(G) of its vertices coincides with X, and the set E(G) of its edges contains all loops, *i.e.*,  $E(G) \supseteq \Delta$ . We assume G has no parallel edges, so we can identify G with the pair (V(G), E(G)). Moreover, we may treat G as a weighted graph (see [15]) by assigning to each edge the distance between its vertices. 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  $(x_{n-1}, x_n) \in E(G)$  for  $i = 1, \ldots, N$ . A graph G is connected if there is a path between any two vertices. G is weakly connected if G is connected (see for details [7, 9, 13, 15]).

**Definition 22** [15] We say that a mapping  $T: X \to X$  is a Banach G-contraction or simply G-contraction if T preserves edges of G, *i.e.*,

$$\forall x, y \in X \quad ((x, y) \in E(G) \implies (T(x), T(y)) \in E(G))$$

and *T* decreases weights of edges of *G* in the following way:

$$\exists k \in [0,1), \forall x, y \in X \quad ((x,y) \in E(G) \implies d(T(x),T(y)) < kd(x,y))$$

**Definition 23** [15] A mapping  $T: X \to X$  is called *G*-continuous, if given  $x \in X$  and the sequence  $\{x_n\}$ 

$$x_n \to x \text{ as } n \to \infty \text{ and } (x_n, x_{n+1}) \in E(G) \text{ for all } n \in \mathbb{N} \text{ imply } Tx_n \to Tx.$$

**Theorem 24** Let (X,d) be a complete metric space endowed with a graph G and T be a self-mapping on X. Suppose the following assertions hold:

- (i)  $\forall x, y \in X$ ,  $(x, y) \in E(G) \Rightarrow (T(x), T(y)) \in E(G)$ ;
- (ii) there exists  $x_0 \in X$  such that  $(x_0, Tx_0) \in E(G)$ ;
- (iii) there exists  $\psi \in \Psi$  such that

$$d(Tx, Ty) \le \psi(R(x, y))$$

for all  $(x, y) \in E(G)$  where

$$R(x,y) = \max \left\{ d(x,y), d(x,Tx), d(y,Ty), \frac{d(x,Tx)d(y,Ty)}{1+d(x,y)} \right\};$$

(iv) if  $\{x_n\}$  is a sequence in X such that  $(x_n, x_{n+1}) \in E(G)$  for all  $n \in \mathbb{N}$  and  $x_n \to x$  as  $n \to +\infty$ , then  $(x_n, x) \in E(G)$  for all  $n \in \mathbb{N}$ .

Then T has a fixed point.

*Proof* Define,  $\alpha: X^2 \to [0, +\infty)$  by  $\alpha(x,y) = \begin{cases} 1, & \text{if } (x,y) \in E(G), \\ 0, & \text{otherwise.} \end{cases}$  First we prove that T is an  $\alpha$ -admissible mapping. Let,  $\alpha(x,y) \geq 1$ , then  $(x,y) \in E(G)$ . From (i), we have  $(Tx, Ty) \in E(G)$ . That is,  $\alpha(Tx, Ty) \geq 1$ . Thus T is an  $\alpha$ -admissible mapping. From (ii) there exists  $x_0 \in X$  such that  $(x_0, Tx_0) \in E(G)$ . That is,  $\alpha(x_0, Tx_0) \geq 1$ . If  $(x, y) \in E(G)$ , then  $(Tx, Ty) \in E(G)$  and hence  $\alpha(Tx, Ty) = 1$ . Thus, from (iii) we have  $\alpha(Tx, Ty)d(Tx, Ty) = d(Tx, Ty) \leq \psi(M(x, y))$ . Condition (iv) implies condition (ii) of Theorem 18. Hence, all conditions of Theorem 18 are satisfied and T has a fixed point. □

**Corollary 25** Let (X,d) be a complete metric space endowed with a graph G and T be a self-mapping on X. Suppose the following assertions hold:

- (i) *T is a Banach G-contraction*;
- (ii) there exists  $x_0 \in X$  such that  $(x_0, Tx_0) \in E(G)$ ;
- (iii) if  $\{x_n\}$  is a sequence in X such that  $(x_n, x_{n+1}) \in E(G)$  for all  $n \in \mathbb{N}$  and  $x_n \to x$  as  $n \to +\infty$ , then  $(x_n, x) \in E(G)$  for all  $n \in \mathbb{N}$ .

Then T has a fixed point.

As an application of Theorem 20, we obtain;

**Theorem 26** Let (X,d) be a complete metric space endowed with a graph G and T be a self-mapping on X. Suppose the following assertions hold:

- (i)  $\forall x, y \in X$ ,  $(x, y) \in E(G) \Rightarrow (T(x), T(y)) \in E(G)$ ;
- (ii) there exists  $x_0 \in X$  such that  $(x_0, Tx_0) \in E(G)$ ;
- (iii) there exists  $\psi \in \Psi$  such that

$$d(Tx, Ty) \le \begin{cases} \psi\left(\max\{\frac{d(x, Tx)d(y, Ty)}{d(x, y)}, d(x, y)\}\right) & \text{for all } (x, y) \in E(G) \text{ with } x \neq y, \\ 0 & \text{for } x = y; \end{cases}$$

(iv) T is G-continuous.

Then T has a fixed point.

Let  $(X, d, \preceq)$  be a partially ordered metric space. Define the graph G by

$$E(G) = \{(x, y) \in X \times X : x \leq y\}.$$

For this graph, condition (i) in Theorem 24 means T is nondecreasing with respect to this order [8]. From Theorems 24-26 we derive the following important results in partially ordered metric spaces.

**Theorem 27** Let  $(X,d,\leq)$  be a complete partially ordered metric space and T be a self-mapping on X. Suppose the following assertions hold:

- (i) T is nondecreasing map;
- (ii) there exists  $x_0 \in X$  such that  $x_0 \leq Tx_0$ ;
- (iii) there exists  $\psi \in \Psi$  such that

$$d(Tx, Ty) \le \psi(R(x, y))$$

for all  $x \leq y$  where

$$R(x,y) = \max\left\{d(x,y), d(x,Tx), d(y,Ty), \frac{d(x,Tx)d(y,Ty)}{1+d(x,y)}\right\};$$

(iv) if  $\{x_n\}$  is a sequence in X such that  $x_n \leq x_{n+1}$  for all  $n \in \mathbb{N}$  and  $x_n \to x$  as  $n \to +\infty$ , then  $x_n \leq x$  for all  $n \in \mathbb{N}$ .

Then T has a fixed point.

**Corollary 28** [20] Let  $(X,d,\leq)$  be a complete partially ordered metric space and  $T:X\to X$  be nondecreasing mapping such that

$$d(Tx, Ty) \le rd(x, y)$$

for all  $x, y \in X$  with  $x \leq y$  where  $0 \leq r < 1$ . Suppose that the following assertions hold:

- (i) there exists  $x_0 \in X$  such that  $x_0 \leq Tx_0$ ;
- (ii) if  $\{x_n\}$  is a sequence in X such that  $x_n \leq x_{n+1}$  for all  $n \in \mathbb{N}$  and  $x_n \to x$  as  $n \to +\infty$ , then  $x_n \leq x$  for all  $n \in \mathbb{N}$ .

Then T has a fixed point.

**Theorem 29** Let  $(X, d, \preceq)$  be a complete partially ordered metric space and T be a self-mapping on X. Suppose the following assertions hold:

- (i) T is nondecreasing map;
- (ii) there exists  $x_0 \in X$  such that  $x_0 \leq Tx_0$ ;
- (iii) there exists  $\psi \in \Psi$  such that

$$d(Tx, Ty) \le \begin{cases} \psi\left(\max\{\frac{d(x, Tx)d(y, Ty)}{d(x, y)}, d(x, y)\}\right) & \text{for all } x \le y \text{ with } x \ne y, \\ 0 & \text{for } x = y; \end{cases}$$

(iv) T is continuous.

Then T has a fixed point.

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