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

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Full list of author information is available at the end of the article**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  $\psi : [0, +\infty) \rightarrow [0, +\infty)$  such that  $\sum_{n=1}^{\infty} \psi^n(t) < +\infty$  for all  $t > 0$ , where  $\psi^n$  is the  $n$ th 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  $n \rightarrow \infty$  for all  $t \in (0, +\infty)$ ;
- (ii)  $\psi(t) < t$  for all  $t > 0$ ;
- (iii)  $\psi(t) = 0$  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  $\alpha : X \times X \rightarrow [0, +\infty)$  be a function. We say that  $T$  is a  $\alpha$ -admissible mapping if

$$x, y \in X, \quad \alpha(x, y) \geq 1 \quad \implies \quad \alpha(Tx, Ty) \geq 1.$$

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

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

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

- (i) there exists  $x_0 \in X$  such that  $\alpha(x_0, Tx_0) \geq 1$ ;
- (ii) either  $T$  is continuous or for any sequence  $\{x_n\}$  in  $X$  with  $\alpha(x_n, x_{n+1}) \geq 1$  for all  $n \in \mathbb{N}$  and  $x_n \rightarrow x$  as  $n \rightarrow +\infty$ , we have  $\alpha(x_n, x) \geq 1$  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,  $T : X \rightarrow 2^X$  be a given closed-valued multifunction. We say that  $T$  is called  $\alpha_*$ - $\psi$ -contractive multifunction if there exist two functions  $\alpha : X \times X \rightarrow [0, +\infty)$  and  $\psi \in \Psi$  such that

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

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,  $T : X \rightarrow 2^X$  be a given closed-valued multifunction and  $\alpha : X \times X \rightarrow [0, +\infty)$ . We say that  $T$  is called  $\alpha_*$ -admissible whenever  $\alpha(x, y) \geq 1$  implies that  $\alpha_*(Tx, Ty) \geq 1$ .

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

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

$$\alpha(x, y) \geq \eta(x, y) \quad \text{implies} \quad \alpha_*(Tx, Ty) \geq \eta_*(Tx, Ty), \quad x, y \in X,$$

where

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

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  $T : X \rightarrow 2^X$  be a  $\alpha_*$ -admissible with respect to  $\eta$  and the closed-valued multifunction on  $X$ . Assume that for  $\psi \in \Psi$ ,*

$$\forall x, y \in X, \quad \alpha_*(Tx, Ty) \geq \eta_*(Tx, Ty) \implies H(Tx, Ty) \leq \psi(d(x, y)). \quad (1.2)$$

Also suppose that the following assertions hold:

- (i) there exist  $x_0 \in X$  and  $x_1 \in Tx_0$  such that  $\alpha(x_0, x_1) \geq \eta(x_0, x_1)$ ;
- (ii) for a sequence  $\{x_n\} \subset X$  converging to  $x \in X$  and  $\alpha(x_n, x_{n+1}) \geq \eta(x_n, x_{n+1})$  for all  $n \in \mathbb{N}$ , we have  $\alpha(x_n, x) \geq \eta(x_n, x)$  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  $\overline{B(x_0, r)} = \{x \in X : d(x_0, x) \leq r\}$  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  $T : X \rightarrow 2^X$  be an  $\alpha_*$ -admissible and closed-valued multifunction on  $X$ . Assume that for  $\psi \in \Psi$ ,*

$$\alpha_*(Tx, Ty)H(Tx, Ty) \leq \psi(d(x, y)) \quad (2.1)$$

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

$$\sum_{i=0}^n \psi^i(d(x_0, x_1)) < r \quad (2.2)$$

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

- (i)  $\alpha(x_0, x_1) \geq 1$  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  $\alpha(x_n, x_{n+1}) \geq 1$  for all  $n \in \mathbb{N}$ , we have  $\alpha(x_n, x) \geq 1$  for all  $n \in \mathbb{N}$ .

Then  $T$  has a fixed point.

*Proof* Since  $\alpha(x_0, x_1) \geq 1$  and  $T$  is  $\alpha_*$ -admissible, so  $\alpha_*(Tx_0, Tx_1) \geq 1$ . 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

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

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

$$\begin{aligned} 0 < d(x_1, x_2) &\leq H(Tx_0, Tx_1) + h \\ &\leq \psi(d(x_0, x_1)) + \psi^2(d(x_0, x_1)) \\ &= \sum_{i=1}^2 \psi^i(d(x_0, x_1)). \end{aligned}$$

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

$$\begin{aligned} d(x_0, x_2) &\leq d(x_0, x_1) + d(x_1, x_2) \\ &\leq d(x_0, x_1) + \psi(d(x_0, x_1)) + \psi^2(d(x_0, x_1)) \\ &= \sum_{i=0}^2 \psi^i(d(x_0, x_1)) < r. \end{aligned}$$

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

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

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

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

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  $x_n \rightarrow x^*$  as  $n \rightarrow \infty$ . Now we prove that  $x^* \in Tx^*$ . Since  $\alpha(x_n, x^*) \geq 1$  for all  $n$  and  $T$  is  $\alpha_*$ -admissible with respect to  $\eta$ , so  $\alpha_*(Tx_n, Tx^*) \geq 1$  for all  $n$ . Then

$$\begin{aligned} d(x^*, Tx^*) &\leq \alpha_*(Tx_n, Tx^*)H(Tx_n, Tx^*) + d(x_n, x^*) \\ &\leq \psi(d(x_n, x^*)) + d(x_n, x^*) \\ &\leq \psi(d(x_n, x^*)) + d(x_n, x^*). \end{aligned} \tag{2.5}$$

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

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

$$\begin{aligned} d(x_0, x_1) &= \frac{1}{4}, \\ \sum_{i=1}^n \psi^n(d(x_0, x_1)) &= \frac{1}{4} \sum_{i=0}^n \frac{1}{2^i} < 2 \left( \frac{1}{4} \right) = \frac{1}{2} = r. \end{aligned}$$

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  $x \leq y$ . The contractive condition of theorem is trivial for the case when  $x = y$ . So we suppose that  $x < y$ . Then

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

Put  $x_0 = \frac{1}{2}$  and  $x_1 = \frac{1}{4}$ . Then  $\alpha(x_0, x_1) \geq 1$ . 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

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

Similarly we can deduce the following corollaries.

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

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

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

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

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

- (i)  $\alpha(x_0, x_1) \geq 1$  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  $\alpha(x_n, x_{n+1}) \geq 1$  for all  $n \in \mathbb{N}$ , we have  $\alpha(x_n, x) \geq 1$  for all  $n \in \mathbb{N}$ .

Then  $T$  has a fixed point.

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

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

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

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

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

- (i)  $\alpha(x_0, x_1) \geq 1$  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  $\alpha(x_n, x_{n+1}) \geq 1$  for all  $n \in \mathbb{N}$ , we have  $\alpha(x_n, x) \geq 1$  for all  $n \in \mathbb{N}$ .

Then  $T$  has a fixed point.

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

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

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

Then  $T$  has a fixed point.

*Proof* Since  $\alpha(x_0, x_1) \geq 1$  and  $T$  is  $\alpha_*$ -admissible, so  $\alpha_*(Tx_0, Tx_1) \geq 1$ . If  $x_0 = x_1$ , then we have nothing to prove. Let  $x_0 \neq x_1$ . 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

$$\begin{aligned} 0 &< d(x_1, Tx_1) \\ &\leq H(Tx_0, Tx_1) \\ &\leq \psi \left( \max \left\{ d(x_0, x_1), d(x_0, Tx_0), d(x_1, Tx_1), \frac{d(x_0, Tx_0)d(x_1, Tx_1)}{1 + d(x_0, x_1)} \right\} \right) \end{aligned}$$

$$\begin{aligned} &\leq \psi \left( \max \left\{ d(x_0, x_1), d(x_0, x_1), d(x_1, Tx_1), \frac{d(x_0, x_1)d(x_1, Tx_1)}{1 + d(x_0, x_1)} \right\} \right) \\ &= \psi \left( \max \{ d(x_0, x_1), d(x_1, Tx_1) \} \right). \end{aligned}$$

If  $\max\{d(x_1, Tx_1), d(x_0, x_1)\} = d(x_1, Tx_1)$ , then  $d(x_1, Tx_1) \leq \psi(d(x_1, Tx_1))$ . 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

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

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

$$\begin{aligned} 0 &< d(x_2, Tx_2) \leq \alpha_*(Tx_1, Tx_2)H(Tx_1, Tx_2) \\ &\leq \psi \left( \max \left\{ d(x_1, x_2), d(x_1, Tx_1), d(x_2, Tx_2), \frac{d(x_1, Tx_1)d(x_2, Tx_2)}{1 + d(x_1, x_2)} \right\} \right) \\ &\leq \psi \left( \max \left\{ d(x_1, x_2), d(x_1, x_2), d(x_2, Tx_2), \frac{d(x_1, x_2)d(x_2, Tx_2)}{1 + d(x_1, x_2)} \right\} \right) \\ &= \psi \left( \max \{ d(x_1, x_2), d(x_2, Tx_2) \} \right). \end{aligned}$$

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

$$\begin{aligned} d(x_2, x_3) &< q_1 d(x_2, Tx_2) \leq q_1 \psi(d(x_1, x_2)), \\ d(x_2, x_3) &< q_1 \psi(d(x_1, x_2)) \leq q_1 \psi(d(x_1, x_2)) = \psi(q\psi(d(x_0, x_1))). \end{aligned} \tag{2.9}$$

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

$$\begin{aligned} 0 &< d(x_3, Tx_3) \leq \alpha_*(Tx_2, Tx_3)H(Tx_2, Tx_3) \\ &\leq \psi \left( \max \left\{ d(x_2, x_3), d(x_2, Tx_2), d(x_3, Tx_3), \frac{d(x_2, Tx_2)d(x_3, Tx_3)}{1 + d(x_2, x_3)} \right\} \right) \\ &\leq \psi \left( \max \left\{ d(x_2, x_3), d(x_2, x_3), d(x_3, Tx_3), \frac{d(x_2, x_3)d(x_3, Tx_3)}{1 + d(x_2, x_3)} \right\} \right) \\ &= \psi \left( \max \{ d(x_2, x_3), d(x_3, Tx_3) \} \right). \end{aligned}$$

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

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

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

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

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  $x_n \rightarrow x^*$  as  $n \rightarrow \infty$ . We now show that  $x^* \in Tx^*$ . Since  $\alpha(x_n, x^*) \geq 1$  for all  $n$  and  $T$  is  $\alpha_*$ -admissible, so  $\alpha_*(Tx_n, Tx^*) \geq 1$  for all  $n$ . Then

$$\begin{aligned} d(x^*, Tx^*) &\leq \alpha_*(Tx_n, Tx^*)H(Tx^*, Tx_n) + d(x_n, x^*) \\ &\leq \psi \left( \max \left\{ d(x_n, x^*), d(x_n, Tx_n), d(x^*, Tx^*), \frac{d(x_n, Tx_n)d(x^*, Tx^*)}{1 + d(x_n, x^*)} \right\} \right) \\ &\quad + d(x_n, x^*) \\ &\leq \psi \left( \max \left\{ d(x_n, x^*), d(x_n, x_{n+1}), d(x^*, Tx^*), \frac{d(x_n, x_{n+1})d(x^*, Tx^*)}{1 + d(x_n, x^*)} \right\} \right) \\ &\quad + d(x_n, x^*), \end{aligned}$$

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

**Example 15** Let  $X = [0, 1]$  and  $d(x, y) = |x - y|$ . Define  $T : X \rightarrow 2^X$  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  $\alpha(x, y) \geq 1 \implies \alpha^*(Tx, Ty) = \inf\{\alpha(a, b) : a \in Tx, b \in Ty\} \geq 1$ . Then clearly  $T$  is  $\alpha^*$ -admissible. Now, for  $x, y$  and  $x \leq y$ , it is easy to check that

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

where  $\psi(t) = \frac{t}{5}$ , for all  $t \geq 0$ . 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  $T : X \rightarrow 2^X$  be an  $\alpha_*$ -admissible and closed-valued multifunction on  $X$ . Assume that for  $\psi \in \Psi$ , we have

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

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)  $\alpha(x_0, x_1) \geq 1$  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  $\alpha(x_n, x_{n+1}) \geq 1$  for all  $n \in \mathbb{N}$ , we have  $\alpha(x_n, x) \geq 1$  for all  $n \in \mathbb{N}$ .

Then  $T$  has a fixed point.

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

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

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)  $\alpha(x_0, x_1) \geq 1$  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  $\alpha(x_n, x_{n+1}) \geq 1$  for all  $n \in \mathbb{N}$ , we have  $\alpha(x_n, x) \geq 1$  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  $T : X \rightarrow X$  be an  $\alpha$ -admissible mapping. Assume that for  $\psi \in \Psi$ , we have

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

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

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

Then  $T$  has a fixed point.

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

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

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)  $\alpha(x_0, Tx_0) \geq 1$  for some  $x_0 \in X$ ;
- (ii) for a sequence  $\{x_n\}$  in  $X$  converging to  $x \in X$  and  $\alpha(x_n, x_{n+1}) \geq 1$  for all  $n \in \mathbb{N}$ , we have  $\alpha(x_n, x) \geq 1$  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,  $\alpha : X \times X \rightarrow [0, +\infty)$  be a mapping,  $\psi \in \Psi$  and  $T$  be a self-mapping on  $X$  such that

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

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  $\alpha(x_0, Tx_0) \geq 1$ . If  $T$  is continuous. Then  $T$  has a unique fixed point.

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

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

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

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

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  $x_n \rightarrow x^*$ . Further the continuity of  $T$  implies that

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

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

$$\begin{aligned} d(x^*, u) &= d(Tx^*, Tu) \leq \alpha(x^*, u)d(Tx^*, Tu) \\ &\leq \psi \left( \max \left\{ \frac{d(x^*, Tx^*)d(u, Tu)}{d(x^*, u)}, d(x^*, u) \right\} \right) \\ &\leq \psi(\max\{0, d(x^*, u)\}) = \psi(d(x^*, u)), \end{aligned}$$

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  $T : X \rightarrow X$  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  $\psi : [0, \infty) \rightarrow [0, \infty)$  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

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

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  $(x_{i-1}, x_i) \in E(G)$  for  $i = 1, \dots, N$ . A graph  $G$  is connected if there is a path between any two vertices.  $G$  is weakly connected if  $\tilde{G}$  is connected (see for details [7, 9, 13, 15]).

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

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

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

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

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

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

**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

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

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  $x_n \rightarrow x$  as  $n \rightarrow +\infty$ , then  $(x_n, x) \in E(G)$  for all  $n \in \mathbb{N}$ .

Then  $T$  has a fixed point.

*Proof* Define,  $\alpha : X^2 \rightarrow [0, +\infty)$  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.  $\square$

**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  $x_n \rightarrow x$  as  $n \rightarrow +\infty$ , 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

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

- (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

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

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  $(X, d, \preceq)$  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  $x_0 \preceq Tx_0$ ;
- (iii) there exists  $\psi \in \Psi$  such that

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

for all  $x \preceq y$  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  $x_n \preceq x_{n+1}$  for all  $n \in \mathbb{N}$  and  $x_n \rightarrow x$  as  $n \rightarrow +\infty$ , then  $x_n \preceq x$  for all  $n \in \mathbb{N}$ .

Then  $T$  has a fixed point.

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

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

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

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

$$d(Tx, Ty) \leq \begin{cases} \psi(\max\{\frac{d(x, Tx)d(y, Ty)}{d(x, y)}, d(x, y)\}) & \text{for all } x \preceq y \text{ with } x \neq y, \\ 0 & \text{for } x = y; \end{cases}$$

- (iv)  $T$  is continuous.

Then  $T$  has a fixed point.

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