

# Some Results on Fixed Points of Mappings in a 2-Metric Space

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## Abstract

Here we have obtained some fixed point results for a class of contractive type mappings in a setting of 2-metric space.

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## 1 Introduction

The introduction of a 2-metric space was initially introduced by Gähler in a series of papers ([1]-[2]) in 1963-1965. Then about a decade after, Iseki[3] found some basic fixed point results in a setting of 2-metric space. After that some important fixed point results are obtained by Rhoades[5], Miczko et.al[4], Saha et al.[6] in this space. In the present paper we deal with the mixed type of contraction mappings[7] and also have found some interesting results in 2-metric space, where in each cases the idea of convergence of sum of a finite or infinite series of real constants plays a crucial role in the proof of fixed point theorems.

## 2 Preliminaries

**Definition 2.1** . Let  $X$  be a non empty set. A real valued function  $d$  on  $X \times X \times X$  is said to be a 2-metric on  $X$  if

(i) given distinct elements  $x, y$  of  $X$ , there exists an element  $z$  of  $X$  such that  $d(x, y, z) \neq 0$

(ii)  $d(x, y, z) = 0$  when at least two of  $x, y, z$  are equal,

(iii)  $d(x, y, z) = d(x, z, y) = d(y, z, x)$  for all  $x, y, z$  in  $X$ , and

(iv)  $d(x, y, z) \leq d(x, y, w) + d(x, w, z) + d(w, y, z)$  for all  $x, y, z, w$  in  $X$ .

when  $d$  is a 2-metric on  $X$ , then the ordered pair  $(X, d)$  is called a 2-metric space.

**Definition 2.2** . A sequence  $\{x_n\}$  in  $X$  is said to be a Cauchy sequence if for each  $a \in X$ ,  $\lim_{n, m \rightarrow \infty} d(x_n, x_m, a) = 0$ .

**Definition 2.3** . A sequence  $\{x_n\}$  in  $X$  is convergent to an element  $x \in X$  if for each  $a \in X$ ,  $\lim_{n \rightarrow \infty} d(x_n, x, a) = 0$

**Definition 2.4** . A complete 2-metric space is one in which every Cauchy sequence in  $X$  converges to an element of  $X$ .

## 3 Main results

**Theorem 3.1** . Let  $X$  be a complete 2-metric space. Let  $0 \leq \beta_i, \gamma_i < 1$ , ( $i=1, 2, \dots$ ). Let  $T$  be a self map on  $X$  satisfying

$$d(T^i(x), T^i(y), a) \leq \beta_i[d(x, T(x), a) + d(y, T(y), a)] + \gamma_i d(x, y, a) \quad (1)$$

where  $x, y, a \in X$ ,  $i=1, 2, \dots$

Then  $T$  has a unique fixed point if  $\sum_{i=1}^{\infty} (\beta_i + \gamma_i) < \infty$

**Proof** For any  $x \in X$ , let  $x_n = T^n(x)$  with  $x = x_0$ . Then

$$\begin{aligned} d(T(x_0), T^2(x_0), a) &= d(T(x_0), T(T(x_0)), a) \\ &\leq \beta_1 [d(x_0, T(x_0), a) + d(T(x_0), T^2(x_0), a)] \\ &\quad + \gamma_1 d(x_0, T(x_0), a) \end{aligned}$$

$$\text{implies } d(T(x_0), T^2(x_0), a) \leq \left( \frac{\beta_1 + \gamma_1}{1 - \beta_1} \right) d(x_0, T(x_0), a) \quad (2)$$

Now

$$\begin{aligned}
 d(x_n, x_{n+1}, a) &= d(T^n(x_0), T^{n+1}(x_0), a) \\
 &= d(T^n(x_0), T^n(T(x_0)), a) \\
 &\leq \beta_n[d(x_0, T(x_0), a) + d(T(x_0), T^2(x_0), a)] + \gamma_n d(x_0, T(x_0), a) \\
 &\leq \beta_n \left[ 1 + \left( \frac{\beta_1 + \gamma_1}{1 - \beta_1} \right) \right] d(x_0, T(x_0), a) \\
 &\quad + \gamma_n d(x_0, T(x_0), a) \quad \text{by (2)}
 \end{aligned}$$

$$\text{implies } d(x_n, x_{n+1}, a) \leq \left\{ \left( \frac{1 + \gamma_1}{1 - \beta_1} \right) \beta_n + \gamma_n \right\} d(x_0, T(x_0), a) \quad (3)$$

Then

$$\begin{aligned}
 d(x_n, x_{n+2}, a) &= d(x_{n+2}, x_n, a) \\
 &\leq d(x_{n+2}, x_n, x_{n+1}) + d(x_{n+2}, x_{n+1}, a) + d(x_{n+1}, x_n, a) \\
 &= d(x_{n+2}, x_n, x_{n+1}) + \sum_{k=0}^1 d(x_{n+k}, x_{n+k+1}, a)
 \end{aligned}$$

$$\text{Similarly, } d(x_n, x_{n+3}, a) \leq \sum_{k=0}^1 d(x_{n+3}, x_{n+k}, x_{n+k+1}) + \sum_{k=0}^2 d(x_{n+k}, x_{n+k+1}, a)$$

For any positive integer  $p$ ,

$$d(x_{n+p}, x_n, a) \leq \sum_{k=0}^{p-2} d(x_{n+p}, x_{n+k}, x_{n+k+1}) + \sum_{k=0}^{p-1} d(x_{n+k}, x_{n+k+1}, a) \quad (4)$$

Now

$$\begin{aligned}
 \sum_{k=0}^{p-2} d(x_{n+p}, x_{n+k}, x_{n+k+1}) &= d(x_{n+p}, x_n, x_{n+1}) + d(x_{n+p}, x_{n+1}, x_{n+2}) + \dots \\
 &\leq \left\{ \left( \frac{1 + \gamma_1}{1 - \beta_1} \right) \beta_n + \gamma_n \right\} d(x_0, T(x_0), x_{n+p}) \\
 &\quad + \left\{ \left( \frac{1 + \gamma_1}{1 - \beta_1} \right) \beta_{n+1} + \gamma_{n+1} \right\} d(x_0, T(x_0), x_{n+p}) \\
 &\quad + \dots \quad \text{by (3)}
 \end{aligned}$$

$$\begin{aligned}
 \text{Also } d(x_0, T(x_0), x_{n+p}) &= d(T(x_{n+p-1}), T(x_0), x_0) \\
 &\leq \beta_1[d(x_{n+p-1}, x_{n+p}, x_0) + d(x_0, x_1, x_0)] \\
 &\quad + \gamma_1 d(x_{n+p-1}, x_0, x_0) \\
 &= \beta_1 d(x_{n+p-1}, x_{n+p}, x_0)
 \end{aligned}$$

Let us put  $n + p - 1 = m$ , then

$$\begin{aligned} d(x_0, T(x_0), x_{n+p}) &\leq \beta_1 d(x_m, x_{m+1}, x_0) \\ &\leq \beta_1 \left\{ \left( \frac{1 + \gamma_1}{1 - \beta_1} \right) \beta_m + \gamma_m \right\} d(x_0, x_1, x_0) \quad \text{by (3)} \\ &= 0 \end{aligned}$$

which implies  $\sum_{k=0}^{p-2} d(x_{n+p}, x_{n+k}, x_{n+k+1}) = 0$ . Then from (4)

$$\begin{aligned} d(x_{n+p}, x_n, a) &\leq \sum_{k=0}^{p-1} d(x_{n+k}, x_{n+k+1}, a) \\ &\leq \sum_{k=0}^{p-1} \left\{ \left( \frac{1 + \gamma_1}{1 - \beta_1} \right) \beta_{n+k} + \gamma_{n+k} \right\} d(x_0, T(x_0), a) \quad \text{by (3)} \\ &= \left\{ \left( \frac{1 + \gamma_1}{1 - \beta_1} \right) \sum_{k=0}^{p-1} \beta_{n+k} + \sum_{k=0}^{p-1} \gamma_{n+k} \right\} d(x_0, T(x_0), a) \end{aligned}$$

Now since  $\sum_n (\beta_n + \gamma_n) < \infty$ ,  $d(x_{n+p}, x_n, a) \rightarrow 0$  as  $n \rightarrow \infty$ . So  $\{x_n\}$  is a Cauchy sequence in  $X$  and by completeness of  $X$ ,  $x_n$  converges to a point  $u \in X$ . Again

$$\begin{aligned} d(x_{n+1}, T(u), a) &= d(T^{n+1}(x_0), T(u), a) \\ &= d(T(T^n(x_0)), T(u), a) \\ &\leq \beta_1 [d(T^n(x_0), T^{n+1}(x_0), a) + d(u, T(u), a)] \\ &\quad + \gamma_1 d(T^n(x_0), u, a) \\ &= \beta_1 [d(x_n, x_{n+1}, a) + d(u, T(u), a)] + \gamma_1 d(x_n, u, a) \end{aligned}$$

Taking limit on both sides as  $n \rightarrow \infty$ , we get  $d(u, T(u), a) \leq \beta_1 d(u, T(u), a)$  implies  $T(u) = u$ .

For uniqueness, let  $u, v$  be two fixed points of  $T$ .

$$\begin{aligned} \text{Then } d(u, v, a) &= d(T(u), T(v), a) \leq \beta_1 [d(u, T(u), a) + d(v, T(v), a)] \\ &\quad + \gamma_1 d(u, v, a) \end{aligned}$$

gives  $d(u, v, a) \leq \gamma_1 d(u, v, a) \Rightarrow u = v$  as  $0 \leq \gamma_1 < 1$ .

**Theorem 3.2** Let  $X$  be a 2-metric space. Let  $0 \leq \beta_i, \gamma_i < 1$  ( $i=1, 2, \dots$ ) with  $\sum_n (\beta_n + \gamma_n) < \infty$ . Let  $T$  be a self map on  $X$  satisfying (1):

$$d(T^i(x), T^i(y), a) \leq \beta_i [d(x, T(x), a) + d(y, T(y), a)] + \gamma_i d(x, y, a)$$

where  $x, y, a \in X$ ;  $i=1, 2, \dots$ . If for some  $x \in X$ ,  $\{T^n(x)\}$  has a subsequence  $\{T^{n_k}(x)\}$  with  $\lim_k \{T^{n_k}(x)\} = u \in X$ . Then  $u$  is the unique fixed point of  $T$ .

**Proof.** We have for  $x, a \in X$ ,

$$\begin{aligned} d(u, T(u), a) &\leq d(u, T(u), T^{n_k+1}(x)) + d(u, T^{n_k+1}(x), a) \\ &\quad + d(T^{n_k+1}(x), T(u), a) \end{aligned} \quad (5)$$

$$\begin{aligned} \text{Now } d(T^{n_k+1}(x), T(u), a) &= d(T(T^{n_k}(x)), T(u), a) \\ &\leq \beta_1[d(T^{n_k}(x), T^{n_k+1}(x), a) + d(u, T(u), a)] \\ &\quad + \gamma_1 d(T^{n_k}(x), u, a) \end{aligned}$$

Then from (5),

$$\begin{aligned} d(u, T(u), a) &\leq d(u, T(u), T^{n_k+1}(x)) + d(u, T^{n_k+1}(x), a) \\ &\quad + \beta_1[d(T^{n_k}(x), T^{n_k+1}(x), a) + d(u, T(u), a)] \\ &\quad + \gamma_1 d(T^{n_k}(x), u, a) \end{aligned}$$

Taking limit as  $k \rightarrow \infty$  on bothsides of the inequality we get  $d(u, T(u), a) \leq \beta_1 d(u, T(u), a)$  implies  $d(u, T(u), a) = 0$ . So  $u = T(u)$  and uniqueness follows very immediate.

**Theorem 3.3** *Let  $X$  be a complete 2-metric space and  $T$  is a self map on  $X$  satisfying*

$$d(T^i(x), T^i(y), a) \leq \beta_i[d(x, T(y), a) + d(y, T(x), a)] + \gamma_i d(x, y, a) \quad (6)$$

for all  $x, y, a \in X$  with  $0 \leq \beta_i, \gamma_i < 1$  for  $i=1, 2, \dots$  and  $\sum_{i=1}^{\infty} (\beta_i + \gamma_i) < \infty$

Then  $T$  has a unique fixed point in  $X$ .

**Proof.** Let  $x_0 \in X$  and  $x_n = T^n(x_0)$ ;  $n=1, 2, \dots$ , with  $x_0 = T^0(x_0)$   
Then by (6)

$$\begin{aligned} d(T(x_0), T^2(x_0), a) &\leq \beta_1[d(x_0, T^2(x_0), a) + d(T(x_0), T(x_0), a)] \\ &\quad + \gamma_1 d(x_0, T(x_0), a) \\ &= \beta_1 d(x_0, T^2(x_0), a) + \gamma_1 d(x_0, T(x_0), a) \end{aligned} \quad (7)$$

Also we have by (iv) of definition 2.1

$$\begin{aligned} d(x_0, T(x_0), a) &\leq d(x_0, T(x_0), T^2(x_0)) + d(x_0, T^2(x_0), a) \\ &\quad + d(T^2(x_0), T(x_0), a) \end{aligned} \quad (8)$$

Then from (7) and (8),

$$\begin{aligned} d(T(x_0), T^2(x_0), a) &\leq \left( \frac{\beta_1 + \gamma_1}{1 - \gamma_1} \right) d(x_0, T^2(x_0), a) \\ &\quad + \left( \frac{\gamma_1}{1 - \gamma_1} \right) d(x_0, T(x_0), T^2(x_0)) \end{aligned} \quad (9)$$

Again

$$\begin{aligned}
 d(x_0, T(x_0), T^2(x_0)) &= d(T(x_0), T^2(x_0), x_0) \\
 &\leq \beta_1 [d(x_0, T^2(x_0), x_0) + d(T(x_0), T(x_0), x_0)] \\
 &\quad + \gamma_1 d(x_0, T(x_0), x_0) \\
 \text{implies } d(x_0, T(x_0), T^2(x_0)) &= 0
 \end{aligned} \tag{10}$$

Therefore from (9) and (10),

$$d(T(x_0), T^2(x_0), a) \leq \left( \frac{\beta_1 + \gamma_1}{1 - \gamma_1} \right) d(x_0, T^2(x_0), a) \tag{11}$$

Similarly,

$$\begin{aligned}
 d(x_n, x_{n+1}, a) &= d(T^n(x_0), T^n(T(x_0)), a) \\
 &\leq \beta_n [d(x_0, T^2(x_0), a) + d(T(x_0), T(x_0), a)] \\
 &\quad + \gamma_n d(x_0, T(x_0), a) \\
 &\leq \beta_n d(x_0, T^2(x_0), a) + \gamma_n d(x_0, T(x_0), a) \\
 &\leq \beta_n d(x_0, T^2(x_0), a) + \gamma_n d(x_0, T(x_0), T^2(x_0)) \\
 &\quad + \gamma_n d(x_0, T^2(x_0), a) + \gamma_n d(T^2(x_0), T(x_0), a) \\
 &\quad \text{by (iv) of definition 2.1} \\
 &= (\beta_n + \gamma_n) d(x_0, T^2(x_0), a) + \gamma_n d(T^2(x_0), T(x_0), a) \\
 &\quad \text{by (10)} \\
 &\leq (\beta_n + \gamma_n) d(x_0, T^2(x_0), a) + \gamma_n \left( \frac{\beta_1 + \gamma_1}{1 - \gamma_1} \right) d(x_0, T^2(x_0), a) \\
 &\quad \text{by (11)}
 \end{aligned}$$

Therefore

$$d(x_n, x_{n+1}, a) \leq \left[ (\beta_n + \gamma_n) + \gamma_n \left( \frac{\beta_1 + \gamma_1}{1 - \gamma_1} \right) \right] d(x_0, T^2(x_0), a) \tag{12}$$

Then proceeding in the same way as Theorem 3.1, for any  $p > 0$ ,

$$d(x_n, x_{n+p}, a) \leq \sum_{k=0}^{p-2} d(x_{n+p}, x_{n+k}, x_{n+k+1}) + \sum_{k=0}^{p-1} d(x_{n+k}, x_{n+k+1}, a)$$

$$\begin{aligned}
 \text{Now } d(x_0, T(x_0), x_{n+p}) &= d(T(x_{n+p-1}), T(x_0), x_0) \\
 &\leq \beta_1 [d(x_{n+p-1}, T(x_0), x_0) + d(x_0, x_{n+p}, x_0)] \\
 &\quad + \gamma_1 d(x_{n+p-1}, x_0, x_0) \\
 &= \beta_1 d(x_{n+p-1}, T(x_0), x_0)
 \end{aligned}$$

$$\begin{aligned}
\text{So } d(x_0, T(x_0), x_{n+p}) &\leq \beta_1 d(x_{n+p-1}, T(x_0), x_0) \\
&\leq \beta_1^2 d(x_{n+p-2}, T(x_0), x_0) \\
&\leq \dots\dots\dots \\
&\leq \beta_1^{n+p} d(x_0, T(x_0), x_0)
\end{aligned}$$

$$\text{implies } d(x_0, T(x_0), x_{n+p}) = 0 \quad (13)$$

Therefore

$$\begin{aligned}
\sum_{k=0}^{p-2} d(x_{n+p}, x_{n+k}, x_{n+k+1}) &= d(x_{n+p}, x_n, x_{n+1}) + d(x_{n+p}, x_{n+1}, x_{n+2}) + \dots\dots\dots \\
&\leq \left[ (\beta_n + \gamma_n) + \gamma_n \left( \frac{\beta_1 + \gamma_1}{1 - \gamma_1} \right) \right] d(x_0, T(x_0), x_{n+p}) \\
&\quad + [(\beta_{n+1} + \gamma_{n+1}) \\
&\quad + \gamma_{n+1} \left( \frac{\beta_1 + \gamma_1}{1 - \gamma_1} \right)] d(x_0, T(x_0), x_{n+p}) \\
&\quad + \dots\dots\dots \quad \text{by (12)}
\end{aligned}$$

Then by (13),  $\sum_{k=0}^{p-2} d(x_{n+p}, x_{n+k}, x_{n+k+1}) = 0$ . Thus

$$\begin{aligned}
d(x_n, x_{n+p}, a) &\leq \sum_{k=0}^{p-1} d(x_{n+k}, x_{n+k+1}, a) \\
&\leq \sum_{k=0}^{p-1} \left[ (\beta_{n+k} + \gamma_{n+k}) + \gamma_{n+k} \left( \frac{\beta_1 + \gamma_1}{1 - \gamma_1} \right) \right] d(x_0, T^2(x_0), a) \\
&\quad \text{by (12)} \\
&\leq \left[ \sum_{k=0}^{p-1} (\beta_{n+k} + \gamma_{n+k}) + \left( \frac{\beta_1 + \gamma_1}{1 - \gamma_1} \right) \sum_{k=0}^{p-1} \gamma_{n+k} \right] d(x_0, T^2(x_0), a) \\
&\rightarrow 0 \text{ as } n \rightarrow \infty, \text{ since } \sum_n (\beta_n + \gamma_n) < \infty.
\end{aligned}$$

So  $\{x_n\}$  is a Cauchy sequence in  $X$  and by completeness of  $X$ ,  $\lim_n x_n = u$  (say);  $u \in X$ . Now

$$\begin{aligned}
d(x_{n+1}, T(u), a) &= d(T(T^n(x_0)), T(u), a) \\
&\leq \beta_1 [d(x_n, T(u), a) + d(u, x_{n+1}, a)] + \gamma_1 d(x_n, u, a)
\end{aligned}$$

Taking limit as  $n \rightarrow \infty$  on bothside we get  $d(u, T(u), a) \leq \beta_1 d(u, T(u), a) \Rightarrow T(u) = u$ . Therefore  $u$  is a fixed point of  $T$  and uniqueness of  $u$  is also very clear.

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