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# Some new fixed point theorems for set-valued contractions in complete metric spaces

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## Abstract

In this article, we obtain some new fixed point theorems for set-valued contractions in complete metric spaces. Our results generalize or improve many recent fixed point theorems in the literature.

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## 1 Introduction and preliminaries

Let  $(X, d)$  be a metric space,  $D$  a subset of  $X$  and  $f: D \rightarrow X$  be a map. We say  $f$  is contractive if there exists  $\alpha \in [0, 1)$  such that for all  $x, y \in D$ ,

$$d(fx, fy) \leq \alpha \cdot d(x, y).$$

The well-known Banach's fixed point theorem asserts that if  $D = X$ ,  $f$  is contractive and  $(X, d)$  is complete, then  $f$  has a unique fixed point in  $X$ . It is well known that the Banach contraction principle [1] is a very useful and classical tool in nonlinear analysis. Also, this principle has many generalizations. For instance, a mapping  $f: X \rightarrow X$  is called a quasi-contraction if there exists  $k < 1$  such that

$$d(fx, fy) \leq k \cdot \max\{d(x, y), d(x, fx), d(y, fy), d(x, fy), d(y, fx)\}$$

for any  $x, y \in X$ . In 1974, Ćirić [2] introduced these maps and proved an existence and uniqueness fixed point theorem.

Throughout we denote the family of all nonempty closed and bounded subsets of  $X$  by  $CB(X)$ . The existence of fixed points for various multi-valued contractive mappings had been studied by many authors under different conditions. In 1969, Nadler [3] extended the famous Banach Contraction Principle from single-valued mapping to multi-valued mapping and proved the below fixed point theorem for multi-valued contraction.

**Theorem 1** [3] *Let  $(X, d)$  be a complete metric space and  $T: X \rightarrow CB(X)$ . Assume that there exists  $c \in [0, 1)$  such that*

$$\mathcal{H}(Tx, Ty) \leq cd(x, y) \quad \text{for all } x, y \in X,$$

*where  $\mathcal{H}$  denotes the Hausdorff metric on  $CB(X)$  induced by  $d$ , that is,  $H(A, B) = \max\{\sup_{x \in A} D(x, B), \sup_{y \in B} D(y, A)\}$ , for all  $A, B \in CB(X)$  and  $D(x, B) = \inf_{z \in B} d(x, z)$ . Then,  $T$  has a fixed point in  $X$ .*

In 1989, Mizoguchi-Takahashi [4] proved the following fixed point theorem.

**Theorem 2** [4] *Let  $(X, d)$  be a complete metric space and  $T : X \rightarrow CB(X)$ . Assume that*

$$\mathcal{H}(Tx, Ty) \leq \xi(d(x, y)) \cdot d(x, y)$$

for all  $x, y \in X$ , where  $\xi : [0, \infty) \rightarrow [0, 1)$  satisfies  $\limsup_{s \rightarrow t^+} \xi(s) < 1$  for all  $t \in [0, \infty)$ . Then,  $T$  has a fixed point in  $X$ .

In the recent, Amini-Harandi [5] gave the following fixed point theorem for set-valued quasi-contraction maps in metric spaces.

**Theorem 3** [5] *Let  $(X, d)$  be a complete metric space. Let  $T : X \rightarrow CB(X)$  be a  $k$ -set-valued quasi-contraction with  $k < \frac{1}{2}$  that is,*

$$\mathcal{H}(Tx, Ty) \leq k \cdot \max\{d(x, y), D(x, Tx), D(y, Ty), D(x, Ty), D(y, Tx)\}$$

for any  $x, y \in X$ . Then,  $T$  has a fixed point in  $X$ .

## 2 Fixed point theorem (I)

In this section, we assume that the function  $\psi : \mathbb{R}^{+5} \rightarrow \mathbb{R}^+$  satisfies the following conditions:

(C1)  $\psi$  is a strictly increasing, continuous function in each coordinate, and

(C2) for all  $t \in \mathbb{R}^+$ ,  $\psi(t, t, t, 0, 2t) < t$ ,  $\psi(t, t, t, 2t, 0) < t$ ,  $\psi(0, 0, t, t, 0) < t$  and  $\psi(t, 0, 0, t, t) < t$ .

**Definition 1** *Let  $(X, d)$  be a metric space. The set-valued map  $T : X \rightarrow X$  is said to be a set-valued  $\psi$ -contraction, if*

$$\mathcal{H}(Tx, Ty) \leq \psi(d(x, y), D(x, Tx), D(y, Ty), D(x, Ty), D(y, Tx))$$

for all  $x, y \in X$ .

We now state the main fixed point theorem for a set-valued  $\psi$ -contraction in metric spaces, as follows:

**Theorem 4** *Let  $(X, d)$  be a complete metric space. Let  $T : X \rightarrow CB(X)$  be a set-valued  $\psi$ -contraction. Then,  $T$  has a fixed point in  $X$ .*

*Proof.* Note that for each  $A, B \in CB(X)$ ,  $a \in A$  and  $\gamma > 0$  with  $\mathcal{H}(A, B) < \gamma$ , there exists  $b \in B$  such that  $d(a, b) < \gamma$ . Since  $T : X \rightarrow CB(X)$  is a set-valued  $\psi$ -contraction, we have

$$\mathcal{H}(Tx, Ty) \leq \psi(d(x, y), D(x, Tx), D(y, Ty), D(x, Ty), D(y, Tx))$$

for all  $x, y \in X$ . Suppose that  $x_0 \in X$  and that  $x_1 \in X$ . Then, by induction and by the above observation, we can find a sequence  $\{x_n\}$  in  $X$  such that  $x_{n+1} \in Tx_n$  and for each  $n \in \mathbb{N}$ ,

$$\begin{aligned} d(x_{n+1}, x_n) &\leq \psi(d(x_n, x_{n-1}), D(x_n, Tx_n), D(x_{n-1}, Tx_{n-1}), D(x_n, Tx_{n-1}), D(x_{n-1}, Tx_n)) \\ &\leq \psi(d(x_n, x_{n-1}), d(x_n, x_{n+1}), d(x_{n-1}, x_n), d(x_n, x_n), d(x_{n-1}, x_{n+1})) \\ &\leq \psi(d(x_n, x_{n-1}), d(x_n, x_{n+1}), d(x_{n-1}, x_n), 0, d(x_{n-1}, x_n) + d(x_n, x_{n+1})), \end{aligned}$$

and hence, we can deduce that for each  $n \in \mathbb{N}$ ,

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

Let us denote  $c_m = d(x_{m+1}, x_m)$ . Then,  $c_m$  is a non-increasing sequence and bounded below. Thus, it must converge to some  $c \geq 0$ . If  $c > 0$ , then by the above inequalities,

we have

$$c \leq c_{n+1} \leq \psi(c_n, c_n, c_n, 0, 2c_n).$$

Passing to the limit, as  $n \rightarrow \infty$ , we have

$$c \leq c \leq \psi(c, c, c, 0, 2c) < c,$$

which is a contradiction. Hence,  $c = 0$ .

We next claim that the following result holds:

for each  $\gamma > 0$ , there is  $n_0(\gamma) \in \mathbb{N}$  such that for all  $m > n > n_0(\gamma)$ ,

$$d(x_m, x_n) < \gamma. \quad (*)$$

We shall prove (\*) by contradiction. Suppose that (\*) is false. Then, there exists some  $\gamma > 0$  such that for all  $k \in \mathbb{N}$ , there exist  $m_k, n_k \in \mathbb{N}$  with  $m_k > n_k \geq k$  satisfying:

- (1)  $m_k$  is even and  $n_k$  is odd;
- (2)  $d(x_{m_k}, x_{n_k}) \geq \gamma$ ;
- (3)  $m_k$  is the smallest even number such that the conditions (1), (2) hold.

Since  $c_m \searrow 0$ , by (2), we have  $\lim_{k \rightarrow \infty} d(x_{m_k}, x_{n_k}) = \gamma$  and

$$\begin{aligned} \gamma &\leq d(x_{m_k}, x_{n_k}) \leq \mathcal{H}(Tx_{m_k-1}, Tx_{n_k-1}) \\ &\leq \psi(d(x_{m_k-1}, x_{n_k-1}), d(x_{m_k-1}, x_{m_k}), d(x_{n_k-1}, x_{n_k}), d(x_{m_k-1}, x_{n_k}), d(x_{n_k-1}, x_{m_k})) \\ &\leq \psi(c_{m_k-1} + d(x_{m_k}, x_{n_k}) + c_{n_k-1}, c_{m_k-1}, c_{n_k-1}, c_{m_k-1} + d(x_{m_k}, x_{n_k}), d(x_{m_k}, x_{n_k}) + c_{n_k-1}). \end{aligned}$$

Letting  $k \rightarrow \infty$ . Then, we get

$$\gamma \leq \psi(\gamma, 0, 0, \gamma, \gamma) < \gamma,$$

a contradiction. It follows from (\*) that the sequence  $\{x_n\}$  must be a Cauchy sequence.

Similarly, we also conclude that for each  $n \in \mathbb{N}$ ,

$$\begin{aligned} d(x_n, x_{n+1}) &\leq \psi(d(x_{n-1}, x_n), D(x_{n-1}, Tx_{n-1}), D(x_n, Tx_n), D(x_{n-1}, Tx_n), D(x_n, Tx_{n-1})) \\ &\leq \psi(d(x_{n-1}, x_n), d(x_{n-1}, x_n), d(x_n, x_{n+1}), d(x_{n-1}, x_{n+1}), d(x_n, x_n)) \\ &\leq \psi(d(x_{n-1}, x_n), d(x_n, x_{n+1}), d(x_{n-1}, x_n), d(x_{n-1}, x_n) + d(x_n, x_{n+1}), 0), \end{aligned}$$

and hence, we have that for each  $n \in \mathbb{N}$ ,

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

Let us denote  $b_m = d(x_m, x_{m+1})$ . Then,  $b_m$  is a non-increasing sequence and bounded below. Thus, it must converge to some  $b \geq 0$ . If  $b > 0$ , then by the above inequalities, we have

$$b \leq b_{n+1} \leq \psi(b_n, b_n, b_n, 2b_n, 0).$$

Passing to the limit, as  $n \rightarrow \infty$ , we have

$$b \leq b \leq \psi(b, b, b, 2b, 0) < b,$$

which is a contradiction. Hence,  $b = 0$ . By the above argument, we also conclude that  $\{x_n\}$  is a Cauchy sequence.

Since  $X$  is complete, there exists  $\mu \in X$  such that  $\lim_{n \rightarrow \infty} x_n = \mu$ . Therefore,

$$\begin{aligned} D(\mu, T\mu) &= \lim_{n \rightarrow \infty} D(x_{n+1}, T\mu) \\ &\leq \lim_{n \rightarrow \infty} \mathcal{H}(Tx_n, T\mu) \\ &\leq \lim_{n \rightarrow \infty} \psi(d(x_n, \mu), D(x_n, Tx_n), D(\mu, T\mu), D(x_n, T\mu), D(\mu, Tx_n)) \\ &\leq \lim_{n \rightarrow \infty} \psi(d(x_n, \mu), d(x_n, x_{n+1}), D(\mu, T\mu), D(x_n, T\mu), d(\mu, x_{n+1})) \\ &\leq \psi(0, 0, D(\mu, T\mu), D(\mu, T\mu), 0) \\ &< D(\mu, T\mu), \end{aligned}$$

and hence,  $D(\mu, T\mu) = 0$ , that is,  $\mu \in T\mu$ , since  $T\mu$  is closed.

### 3 Fixed point theorem (II)

In 1972, Chatterjea [6] introduced the following definition.

**Definition 2** Let  $(X, d)$  be a metric space. A mapping  $f : X \rightarrow X$  is said to be a  $\mathcal{C}$ -contraction if there exists  $\alpha \in (0, \frac{1}{2})$  such that for all  $x, y \in X$ , the following inequality holds:

$$d(fx, fy) \leq \alpha \cdot (d(x, fy) + d(y, fx)).$$

Choudhury [7] introduced a generalization of  $\mathcal{C}$ -contraction, as follows:

**Definition 3** Let  $(X, d)$  be a metric space. A mapping  $f : X \rightarrow X$  is said to be a weakly  $\mathcal{C}$ -contraction if for all  $x, y \in X$ ,

$$d(fx, fy) \leq \frac{1}{2}(d(x, fy) + d(y, fx) - \phi(d(x, fy), d(y, fx))),$$

where  $\phi : \mathbb{R}^+ \rightarrow \mathbb{R}^+$  is a continuous function such that  $\phi(x, y) = 0$  if and only if  $x = y = 0$ .

In [6,7], the authors proved some fixed point results for the  $\mathcal{C}$ -contractions. In this section, we present some fixed point results for the weakly  $\psi$ - $\mathcal{C}$ -contraction in complete metric spaces.

**Definition 4** Let  $(X, d)$  be a metric space. The set-valued map  $T : X \rightarrow X$  is said to be a set-valued weakly  $\psi$ - $\mathcal{C}$ -contraction, if for all  $x, y \in X$

$$\mathcal{H}(Tx, Ty) \leq \psi([D(x, Ty) + D(y, Tx) - \phi(D(x, Ty), D(y, Tx))]),$$

where

(1)  $\psi : \mathbb{R}^+ \rightarrow \mathbb{R}^+$  is a strictly increasing, continuous function with  $\psi(t) \leq \frac{1}{2}t$  for all  $t > 0$  and  $\psi(0) = 0$ ;

(2)  $\phi : \mathbb{R}^+ \rightarrow \mathbb{R}^+$  is a strictly decreasing, continuous function in each coordinate, such that  $\phi(x, y) = 0$  if and only if  $x = y = 0$  and  $\phi(x, y) \leq x + y$  for all  $x, y \in \mathbb{R}^+$ .

**Theorem 5** Let  $(X, d)$  be a complete metric space. Let  $T : X \rightarrow CB(X)$  be a set-valued weakly  $\mathcal{C}$ -contraction. Then,  $T$  has a fixed point in  $X$ .

*Proof.* Note that for each  $A, B \in CB(X)$ ,  $a \in A$  and  $\gamma > 0$  with  $\mathcal{H}(A, B) < \gamma$ , there exists  $b \in B$  such that  $d(a, b) < \gamma$ . Since  $T : X \rightarrow CB(X)$  be a set-valued weakly  $\psi$ - $\mathcal{C}$ -contraction, we have that

$$\mathcal{H}(Tx, Ty) \leq \psi([D(x, Ty) + D(y, Tx) - \phi(D(x, Ty), D(y, Tx))])$$

for all  $x, y \in X$ . Suppose that  $x_0 \in X$  and that  $x_1 \in X$ . Then, by induction and by the above observation, we can find a sequence  $\{x_n\}$  in  $X$  such that  $x_{n+1} \in Tx_n$  and for each

$n \in \mathbb{N}$ ,

$$\begin{aligned} d(x_{n+1}, x_n) &\leq \mathcal{H}(Tx_n, Tx_{n-1}) \\ &\leq \psi([D(x_n, Tx_{n-1}) + D(x_{n-1}, Tx_n) - \phi(D(x_n, Tx_{n-1}), D(x_{n-1}, Tx_n))]) \\ &\leq \psi([d(x_n, x_n) + d(x_{n-1}, x_{n+1}) - \phi(d(x_n, x_n), d(x_{n-1}, x_{n+1}))]) \\ &= \psi([0 + d(x_{n-1}, x_{n+1}) - \phi(0, d(x_{n-1}, x_{n+1}))]) \\ &\leq \psi([d(x_{n-1}, x_n) + d(x_n, x_{n+1})]) \\ &\leq \frac{1}{2}[d(x_{n-1}, x_n) + d(x_n, x_{n+1})], \end{aligned}$$

and hence, we deduce that for each  $n \in \mathbb{N}$ ,

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

Thus,  $\{d(x_{n+1}, x_n)\}$  is non-increasing sequence and bounded below and hence it is convergent. Let  $\lim_{n \rightarrow \infty} d(x_{n+1}, x_n) = \xi$ . Letting  $n \rightarrow \infty$  in (\*\*), we have

$$\begin{aligned} \xi &= \lim_{n \rightarrow \infty} d(x_{n+1}, x_n) \leq \lim_{n \rightarrow \infty} \psi([d(x_{n-1}, x_{n+1})]) \\ &\leq \lim_{n \rightarrow \infty} \frac{1}{2}[d(x_{n-1}, x_{n+1})] \\ &\leq \lim_{n \rightarrow \infty} \frac{1}{2}[d(x_{n-1}, x_n) + d(x_n, x_{n+1})] \\ &\leq \frac{1}{2}[\xi + \xi] = \xi, \end{aligned}$$

that is,

$$\lim_{n \rightarrow \infty} d(x_{n-1}, x_{n+1}) = 2\xi.$$

By the continuity of  $\psi$  and  $\phi$ , letting  $n \rightarrow \infty$  in (\*\*), we have

$$\xi \leq \psi(2\xi - \phi(0, 2\xi)) \leq \xi - \frac{1}{2} \cdot \phi(0, 2\xi) \leq \xi.$$

Hence, we have  $\phi(0, 2\xi) = 0$ , that is,  $\xi = 0$ . Thus,  $\lim_{n \rightarrow \infty} d(x_{n+1}, x_n) = 0$ .

We next claim that the following result holds:

for each  $\gamma > 0$ , there is  $n_0(\gamma) \in \mathbb{N}$  such that for all  $m > n > n_0(\gamma)$ ,

$$d(x_m, x_n) < \gamma. \quad (***)$$

We shall prove (\*\*\*) by contradiction. Suppose that (\*\*\*) is false. Then, there exists some  $\gamma > 0$  such that for all  $k \in \mathbb{N}$ , there exist  $m_k, n_k \in \mathbb{N}$  with  $m_k > n_k \geq k$  satisfying:

- (1)  $m_k$  is even and  $n_k$  is odd;
- (2)  $d(x_{m_k}, x_{n_k}) \geq \gamma$ ;
- (3)  $m_k$  is the smallest even number such that the conditions (1), (2) hold.

Since  $d(x_{n+1}, x_n) \searrow 0$ , by (2), we have  $\lim_{k \rightarrow \infty} d(x_{m_k}, x_{n_k}) = \gamma$  and

$$\begin{aligned} \gamma &\leq d(x_{m_k}, x_{n_k}) \leq \mathcal{H}(Tx_{m_k-1}, Tx_{n_k-1}) \\ &\leq \psi([D(x_{m_k-1}, Tx_{n_k-1}) + D(x_{n_k-1}, Tx_{m_k-1}) - \phi(D(x_{m_k-1}, Tx_{n_k-1}), D(x_{n_k-1}, Tx_{m_k-1}))]) \\ &\leq \psi([d(x_{m_k-1}, x_{n_k}) + d(x_{n_k-1}, x_{m_k}) - \phi(d(x_{m_k-1}, x_{n_k}), d(x_{n_k-1}, Tx_{m_k}))]). \end{aligned}$$

Since

$$d(x_{m_k-1}, x_{n_k}) + d(x_{n_k-1}, x_{m_k}) \leq d(x_{m_k-1}, x_{m_k}) + d(x_{m_k}, x_{n_k}) + d(x_{n_k}, x_{m_k}) + d(x_{n_k-1}, x_{n_k}),$$

letting  $k \rightarrow \infty$ , then we get

$$\gamma \leq \psi(2\gamma - \phi(\gamma, \gamma)) \leq \gamma,$$

and hence,  $\phi(\gamma, \gamma) = 0$ . By the definition of  $\phi$ , we get  $\gamma = 0$ , a contradiction. This proves that the sequence  $\{x_n\}$  must be a Cauchy sequence.

Since  $X$  is complete, there exists  $z \in X$  such that  $\lim_{n \rightarrow \infty} x_n = z$ . Therefore,

$$\begin{aligned} D(z, Tz) &= \lim_{n \rightarrow \infty} D(x_{n+1}, Tz) \\ &\leq \lim_{n \rightarrow \infty} \mathcal{H}(Tx_n, Tz) \\ &\leq \lim_{n \rightarrow \infty} \psi([D(x_n, Tz) + D(z, Tx_n) - \phi(D(x_n, Tz), D(z, Tx_n))]) \\ &\leq \lim_{n \rightarrow \infty} \psi([D(x_n, Tz) + d(z, x_{n+1}) - \phi(D(x_n, Tz), d(z, x_{n+1}))]) \\ &\leq \frac{1}{2}D(z, Tz) \end{aligned}$$

and hence,  $D(z, Tz) = 0$ , that is,  $z \in Tz$ , since  $Tz$  is closed.

#### 4 Fixed point theorem (III)

In this section, we recall the notion of the Meir-Keeler type function (see [8]). A function  $\phi : \mathbb{R}^+ \rightarrow \mathbb{R}^+$  is said to be a Meir-Keeler type function, if for each  $\eta > 0$ , there exists  $\delta > 0$  such that for  $t \in \mathbb{R}^+$  with  $\eta \leq t < \eta + \delta$ , we have  $\phi(t) < \eta$ . We now introduce the new notions of the weaker Meir-Keeler type function  $\phi : \mathbb{R}^+ \rightarrow \mathbb{R}^+$  in a metric space and the  $\phi$ -function using the weaker Meir-Keeler type function, as follow:

**Definition 5** Let  $(X, d)$  be a metric space. We call  $\phi : \mathbb{R}^+ \rightarrow \mathbb{R}^+$  a weaker Meir-Keeler type function, if for each  $\eta > 0$ , there exists  $\delta > 0$  such that for  $x, y \in X$  with  $\eta \leq d(x, y) < \delta + \eta$ , there exists  $n_0 \in \mathbb{N}$  such that  $\phi^{n_0}(d(x, y)) < \eta$ .

**Definition 6** Let  $(X, d)$  be a metric space. A weaker Meir-Keeler type function  $\phi : \mathbb{R}^+ \rightarrow \mathbb{R}^+$  is called a  $\phi$ -function, if the following conditions hold:

- ( $\phi_1$ )  $\phi(0) = 0, 0 < \phi(t) < t$  for all  $t > 0$ ;
- ( $\phi_2$ )  $\phi$  is a strictly increasing function;
- ( $\phi_3$ ) for each  $t \in \mathbb{R}^+, \{\phi^n(t)\}_{n \in \mathbb{N}}$  is decreasing;
- ( $\phi_4$ ) for each  $t_n \in \mathbb{R}^+ \setminus \{0\}$ , if  $\lim_{n \rightarrow \infty} t_n = \gamma > 0$ , then  $\lim_{n \rightarrow \infty} \phi(t_n) < \gamma$ ;
- ( $\phi_5$ ) for each  $t_n \in \mathbb{R}^+$ , if  $\lim_{n \rightarrow \infty} t_n = 0$ , then  $\lim_{n \rightarrow \infty} \phi(t_n) = 0$ .

**Definition 7** Let  $(X, d)$  be a metric space. The set-valued map  $T : X \rightarrow X$  is said to be a set-valued weaker Meir-Keeler type  $\phi$ -contraction, if

$$\mathcal{H}(Tx, Ty) \leq \phi \left( \frac{1}{2}[D(x, Ty) + D(y, Tx)] \right)$$

for all  $x, y \in X$ .

We now state the main fixed point theorem for a set-valued weaker Meir-Keeler type  $\psi$ -contraction in metric spaces, as follows:

**Theorem 6** Let  $(X, d)$  be a complete metric space. Let  $T : CB(X)$  be a set-valued weaker Meir-Keeler type  $\psi$ -contraction. Then,  $T$  has a fixed point in  $X$ .

*Proof.* Note that for each  $A, B \in CB(X)$ ,  $a \in A$  and  $\gamma > 0$  with  $\mathcal{H}(A, B) < \gamma$ , there exists  $b \in B$  such that  $d(a, b) < \gamma$ . Since  $T : X \rightarrow CB(X)$  be a set-valued  $\psi$ -contraction, we have that

$$\mathcal{H}(Tx, Ty) \leq \phi \left( \frac{1}{2}[D(x, Ty) + D(y, Tx)] \right)$$

for all  $x, y \in X$ . Suppose that  $x_0 \in X$  and that  $x_1 \in X$ . Then, by induction and by the above observation, we can find a sequence  $\{x_n\}$  in  $X$  such that  $x_{n+1} \in Tx_n$  and for each  $n \in \mathbb{N}$ ,

$$\begin{aligned} d(x_{n+1}, x_n) &\leq \varphi \left( \frac{1}{2} [D(x_n, Tx_{n-1}) + D(x_{n-1}, Tx_n)] \right) \\ &\leq \varphi \left( \frac{1}{2} [d(x_n, x_n) + d(x_{n-1}, x_{n+1})] \right) \\ &\leq \varphi \left( \frac{1}{2} [d(x_{n-1}, x_n) + d(x_n, x_{n+1})] \right), \end{aligned}$$

and by the conditions  $(\phi_1)$  and  $(\phi_2)$ , we can deduce that for each  $n \in \mathbb{N}$ ,

$$d(x_{n+1}, x_n) \leq \varphi(d(x_n, x_{n-1})) < d(x_n, x_{n-1})$$

and

$$d(x_{n+1}, x_n) \leq \varphi(d(x_n, x_{n-1})) \leq \dots \leq \varphi^n(d(x_1, x_0)).$$

By the condition  $(\phi_3)$ ,  $\{\varphi^n(d(x_0, x_1))\}_{n \in \mathbb{N}}$  is decreasing, it must converges to some  $\eta \geq 0$ . We claim that  $\eta = 0$ . On the contrary, assume that  $\eta > 0$ . Then, by the definition of the weaker Meir-Keeler type function, there exists  $\delta > 0$  such that for  $x_0, x_1 \in X$  with  $\eta \leq d(x_0, x_1) < \delta + \eta$ , there exists  $n_0 \in \mathbb{N}$  such that  $\varphi^{n_0}(d(x_0, x_1)) < \eta$ . Since  $\lim_{n \rightarrow \infty} \varphi^n(d(x_0, x_1)) = \eta$ , there exists  $m_0 \in \mathbb{N}$  such that  $\eta \leq \varphi^{m_0}(d(x_0, x_1)) < \delta + \eta$ , for all  $m \geq m_0$ . Thus, we conclude that  $\varphi^{m_0+n_0}(d(x_0, x_1)) < \eta$ . Hence, we get a contradiction. Hence,  $\lim_{n \rightarrow \infty} \varphi^n(d(x_0, x_1)) = 0$ , and hence,  $\lim_{n \rightarrow \infty} d(x_n, x_{n+1}) = 0$ .

Next, we let  $c_m = d(x_m, x_{m+1})$ , and we claim that the following result holds:

for each  $\varepsilon > 0$ , there is  $n_0(\varepsilon) \in \mathbb{N}$  such that for all  $m, n \geq n_0(\varepsilon)$ ,

$$d(x_m, x_{m+1}) < \varepsilon. \quad (***)$$

We shall prove  $(***)$  by contradiction. Suppose that  $(***)$  is false. Then, there exists some  $\varepsilon > 0$  such that for all  $p \in \mathbb{N}$ , there are  $m_p, n_p \in \mathbb{N}$  with  $m_p > n_p \geq p$  satisfying:

- (i)  $m_p$  is even and  $n_p$  is odd,
- (ii)  $d(x_{m_p}, x_{n_p}) \geq \varepsilon$ , and
- (iii)  $m_p$  is the smallest even number such that the conditions (i), (ii) hold.

Since  $c_m \rightarrow 0$ , by (ii), we have  $\lim_{p \rightarrow \infty} d(x_{m_p}, x_{n_p}) = \varepsilon$ , and

$$\begin{aligned} \varepsilon &\leq d(x_{m_p}, x_{n_p}) \\ &\leq \mathcal{H}(Tx_{m_p-1}, Tx_{n_p-1}) \\ &\leq \varphi \left( \frac{1}{2} [D(x_{m_p-1}, Tx_{n_p-1}) + D(x_{n_p-1}, Tx_{m_p-1})] \right) \\ &\leq \varphi \left( \frac{1}{2} [d(x_{m_p-1}, x_{n_p}) + d(x_{n_p-1}, x_{m_p})] \right) \\ &\leq \varphi \left( \frac{1}{2} [d(x_{m_p-1}, x_{m_p}) + 2d(x_{n_p}, x_{m_p}) + d(x_{n_p-1}, x_{n_p})] \right). \end{aligned}$$

Letting  $p \rightarrow \infty$ . By the condition  $(\phi_4)$ , we have

$$\varepsilon \leq \lim_{p \rightarrow \infty} \varphi \left( \frac{1}{2} [d(x_{m_p-1}, x_{m_p}) + 2d(x_{n_p}, x_{m_p}) + d(x_{n_p-1}, x_{n_p})] \right) < \varepsilon,$$

a contradiction. Hence,  $\{x_n\}$  is a Cauchy sequence. Since  $(X, d)$  is a complete metric space, there exists  $\mu \in X$  such that  $\lim_{n \rightarrow \infty} x_{n+1} = \mu$ . Therefore,

$$\begin{aligned} D(\mu, T\mu) &= \lim_{n \rightarrow \infty} D(x_{n+1}, T\mu) \\ &\leq \lim_{n \rightarrow \infty} \mathcal{H}(Tx_n, T\mu) \\ &\leq \lim_{n \rightarrow \infty} \varphi \left( \frac{1}{2} [D(x_n, T\mu) + D(\mu, Tx_n)] \right) \\ &\leq \lim_{n \rightarrow \infty} \varphi \left( \frac{1}{2} [D(x_n, T\mu) + d(\mu, x_{n+1})] \right) \\ &\leq \frac{1}{2} D(\mu, T\mu), \end{aligned}$$

and hence,  $D(\mu, T\mu) = 0$ , that is,  $\mu \in T\mu$ , since  $T\mu$  is closed.

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