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A note on ' ψ -Geraghty type contractions'

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Abstract

Very recently, the notion of a ψ -Geraghty type contraction was defined by Gordji *et al.* (Fixed Point Theory and Applications 2012:74, 2012). In this short note, we realize that the main result via ψ -Geraghty type contraction is equivalent to an existing related result in the literature. Consequently, all results inspired by the paper of Gordji *et al.* in (Fixed Point Theory and Applications 2012:74, 2012) can be derived in the same way.

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1 Introduction and preliminaries

One of the celebrated generalizations of the Banach contraction (mapping) principle was given by Geraghty [1].

Theorem 1.1 (Geraghty [1]) *Let (X, d) be a complete metric space and $T : X \rightarrow X$ be an operator. Suppose that there exists $\beta : (0, \infty) \rightarrow [0, 1)$ satisfying the condition*

$$\beta(t_n) \rightarrow 1 \text{ implies } t_n \rightarrow 0. \quad (1)$$

If T satisfies the following inequality:

$$d(Tx, Ty) \leq \beta(d(x, y))d(x, y), \text{ for any } x, y \in X, \quad (2)$$

then T has a unique fixed point.

Let \mathcal{S} denote the set of all functions $\beta : (0, \infty) \rightarrow [0, 1)$ satisfying (1). This nice result of Geraghty [1] has been studied by a number of authors, see *e.g.* [2–10] and references therein.

In the following Harandi and Emami [2] reconsidered Theorem 1.1 in the framework of partially ordered metric spaces (see also [11]).

Theorem 1.2 *Let (X, \preceq, d) be a partially ordered complete metric space. Let $f : X \rightarrow X$ be an increasing mapping such that there exists an element $x_0 \in X$ with $x_0 \preceq fx_0$. If there exists $\alpha \in \mathcal{S}$ such that*

$$d(fx, fy) \leq \alpha(d(x, y))d(x, y), \quad (3)$$

for each $x, y \in X$ with $x \succeq y$, then f has a fixed point provided that either f is continuous or X is such that if an increasing sequence $\{x_n\} \rightarrow x$ in X ; then $x_n \preceq x$, for all n . Besides, if for

each $x, y \in X$ there exists $z \in X$ which is comparable to x and y , then f has a unique fixed point.

Very recently, Gordji *et al.* [12] supposedly improved and extended Theorem 1.2 in the following way via the auxiliary function defined below. Let Ψ denote the class of the functions $\psi : [0, \infty) \rightarrow [0, \infty)$ which satisfy the following conditions:

- (ψ_1) ψ is nondecreasing;
- (ψ_2) ψ is subadditive, that is, $\psi(s + t) \leq \psi(s) + \psi(t)$;
- (ψ_3) ψ is continuous;
- (ψ_4) $\psi(t) = 0 \Leftrightarrow t = 0$.

The following is the main theorem of Gordji *et al.* [12].

Theorem 1.3 *Let (X, \preceq, d) be a partially ordered complete metric space. Let $f : X \rightarrow X$ be a nondecreasing mapping such that there exists $x_0 \in X$ with $x_0 \preceq fx_0$. Suppose that there exist $\alpha \in \mathcal{S}$ and $\psi \in \Psi$ such that*

$$\psi(d(fx, fy)) \leq \alpha(\psi(d(x, y)))\psi(d(x, y)), \quad (4)$$

for all $x, y \in X$ with $x \preceq y$. Assume that either f is continuous or X is such that if an increasing sequence $\{x_n\}$ converges to x , then $x_n \preceq x$ for each $n \geq 1$. Then f has a fixed point.

2 Main results

We start this section with the following lemma, which is the skeleton of this note.

Lemma 2.1 *Let (X, d) be a metric space and $\psi \in \Psi$. Then, a function $d_\psi : X \times X \rightarrow [0, \infty)$ defined by $d_\psi(x, y) = \psi(d(x, y))$ forms a metric on X . Moreover, (X, d) is complete if and only if (X, d_ψ) is complete.*

Proof

- (1) If $x = y$, then $d(x, y) = 0$. Due to (ψ_4), we have $\psi(d(x, y)) = 0$. The converse is obtained analogously.
- (2) $d_\psi(x, y) = \psi(d(x, y)) = \psi(d(y, x)) = d_\psi(y, x)$.
- (3) Since ψ is nondecreasing, we have $\psi(d(x, y)) \leq \psi(d(x, z) + d(z, y))$. Regarding the subadditivity of ψ , we derived

$$\begin{aligned} d_\psi(x, y) &= \psi(d(x, y)) \leq \psi(d(x, z) + d(z, y)) \\ &\leq \psi(d(x, z)) + \psi(d(z, y)) \\ &= d_\psi(x, z) + d_\psi(z, y). \end{aligned}$$

Notice that the completeness of (X, d_ψ) follows from (ψ_3) and (ψ_4). □

The following is the main result of this note.

Theorem 2.2 *Theorem 1.3 is a consequence of Theorem 1.2.*

Proof Due to Lemma 2.1, we derived the result that (X, d_ψ) is a complete metric space. Furthermore, the condition (4) turns into

$$d_\psi(fx, fy) \leq \alpha(d_\psi(x, y))d_\psi(x, y). \tag{5}$$

Hence all conditions of Theorem 1.2 are satisfied. □

3 The best proximity case

Let A and B be two nonempty subsets of a metric space (X, d) . We denote by A_0 and B_0 the following sets:

$$\begin{aligned} A_0 &= \{x \in A : d(x, y) = d(A, B) \text{ for some } y \in B\}, \\ B_0 &= \{y \in B : d(x, y) = d(A, B) \text{ for some } x \in A\}, \end{aligned} \tag{6}$$

where $d(A, B) = \inf\{d(x, y) : x \in A, y \in B\}$.

In [13, 14], the author introduces the following definition.

Definition 3.1 Let (A, B) be a pair of nonempty subsets of a metric space (X, d) with $A_0 \neq \emptyset$. Then the pair (A, B) is said to have the P -property if and only if, for any $x_1, x_2 \in A_0$ and $y_1, y_2 \in B_0$,

$$d(x_1, y_1) = d(A, B) \quad \text{and} \quad d(x_2, y_2) = d(A, B) \quad \Rightarrow \quad d(x_1, x_2) = d(y_1, y_2). \tag{7}$$

Caballero *et al.* proved the following result.

Theorem 3.2 (See [8]) *Let (A, B) be a pair of nonempty closed subsets of a complete metric space (X, d) such that A_0 is nonempty. Let $T : A \rightarrow B$ be a Geraghty contraction, i.e. there exists $\beta \in \mathcal{S}$ such that*

$$d(Tx, Ty) \leq \beta(d(x, y))d(x, y), \quad \text{for any } x, y \in A. \tag{8}$$

Suppose that T is continuous and satisfies $T(A_0) \subseteq B_0$. Suppose also that the pair (A, B) has the P -property. Then there exists a unique x^ in A such that $d(x^*, Tx^*) = d(A, B)$.*

Inspired by Gordji *et al.* [12] and Caballero *et al.* [8], Karapinar [7] reported the following result.

Theorem 3.3 *Let (A, B) be a pair of nonempty closed subsets of a complete metric space (X, d) such that A_0 is nonempty. Let $T : A \rightarrow B$ be ψ -Geraghty contraction, i.e. there exists $\beta \in \mathcal{S}$ such that*

$$\psi(d(Tx, Ty)) \leq \alpha(\psi(d(x, y)))\psi(d(x, y)), \quad \text{for any } x, y \in A. \tag{9}$$

Suppose that T is continuous and satisfies $T(A_0) \subseteq B_0$. Suppose also that the pair (A, B) has the P -property. Then there exists a unique x^ in A such that $d(x^*, Tx^*) = d(A, B)$.*

The following lemmas belong to Akbar and Gabeleh [15].

Lemma 3.4 [15] *Let (A, B) be a pair of nonempty closed subsets of a complete metric space (X, d) such that A_0 is nonempty and (A, B) has the P -property. Then (A_0, B_0) is a closed pair of subsets of X .*

Lemma 3.5 [15] *Let (A, B) be a pair of nonempty closed subsets of a metric space (X, d) such that A_0 is nonempty. Assume that the pair (A, B) has the P -property. Then there exists a bijective isometry $g : A_0 \rightarrow B_0$ such that $d(x, gx) = \text{dist}(A, B)$.*

Very recently, by using Lemma 3.4 and Lemma 3.5, Akbar and Gabeleh [15] proved that the best proximity point results via P -property can be obtained from the associate results in fixed point theory. In particular they proved the following theorem.

Theorem 3.6 *Theorem 3.2 is a consequence of Theorem 1.1.*

As a consequence of Theorem 2.2 we can observe the following result.

Corollary 3.7 *Theorem 3.3 is a consequence of Theorem 3.2.*

Regarding the analogy, we omit the proof.

Theorem 3.8 *Theorem 3.3 is a consequence of Theorem 1.1.*

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