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Fixed point results for set-contractions on metric spaces with a directed graph

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Abstract
In this paper, we establish the existence of fixed points for set-valued mappings satisfying certain graph contractions with set-valued domain endowed with a graph. These results unify, generalize, and complement various known comparable results in the literature.

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1 Introduction and preliminaries

Existence of fixed points in ordered metric spaces has been studied by Ran and Reurings [1]. Recently, many researchers have obtained fixed point results for single- and set-valued mappings defined on partially ordered metrics spaces (see, *e.g.*, [2–6]). Jachymski and Jozwik [7] introduced a new approach in metric fixed point theory by replacing the order structure with a graph structure on a metric space. In this way, the results proved in ordered metric spaces are generalized (see also [8] and the references therein); in fact, in 2010, Gwozdz-Lukawska and Jachymski [9], developed the Hutchinson-Barnsley theory for finite families of mappings on a metric space endowed with a directed graph. Abbas and Nazir [10] obtained some fixed point results for power graph contraction pair endowed with a graph. Bojor [11] proved fixed point theorem of φ-contraction mapping on a metric space endowed with a graph. Recently, Bojor [12] proved fixed point theorems for Reich type contractions on metric spaces with a graph. For more results in this direction, we refer to [13–17] and the references mentioned therein. The reader interested in fixed point results of partial metric spaces is referred to [2, 10, 18]. In this paper, we prove fixed point results for set-valued maps, defined on the family of closed and bounded subsets of a metric space endowed with a graph and satisfying graph ϕ-contractive conditions. These results extend and strengthen various known results in [7, 8, 11, 19–21].

Consistent with Jachymski [8], let (X,d) be a metric space and Δ denotes the diagonal of $X \times X$. Let G be a directed graph, such that the set $V(G)$ of its vertices coincides with X and $E(G)$ be the set of edges of the graph which contains all loops, that is, $\Delta \subseteq E(G)$. Also assume that the graph G has no parallel edges and, thus, one can identify G with the pair $(V(G),E(G))$.

Definition 1.1 [8] An operator $f : X \to X$ is called a Banach G-contraction or simply a G-contraction if

(a) f preserves edges of G; for each $x, y \in X$ with $(x, y) \in E(G)$, we have $(f(x), f(y)) \in E(G)$,

(b) f decreases weights of edges of G; there exists $\alpha \in (0, 1)$ such that for all $x, y \in X$ with $(x, y) \in E(G)$, we have $d(f(x), f(y)) \le \alpha d(x, y)$.

If x and y are vertices of G, then a path in G from x to y of length $k \in \mathbb{N}$ is a finite sequence $\{x_n\}$ ($n \in \{0, 1, 2, \dots, k\}$) of vertices such that $x_0 = x$, $x_k = y$, and $(x_{i-1}, x_i) \in E(G)$ for $i \in \{1, 2, \dots, k\}$.

Notice that a graph G is connected if there is a directed path between any two vertices and it is weakly connected if $\widetilde{G}$ is connected, where $\widetilde{G}$ denotes the undirected graph obtained from G by ignoring the direction of the edges. Denote by G^{-1} the graph obtained from G by reversing the direction of the edges. Thus,

$$E(G^{-1}) = \{(x, y) \in X \times X : (y, x) \in E(G)\}.$$

It is more convenient to treat $\widetilde{G}$ as a directed graph for which the set of its edges is symmetric; under this convention, we have

$$E(\widetilde{G}) = E(G) \cup E(G^{-1}).$$

If G is such that $E(G)$ is symmetric, then for $x \in V(G)$, the symbol $[x]_G$ denotes the equivalence class of the relation R defined on $V(G)$ by the rule:

yRz if there is a path in G from y to z.

Recall that if $f : X \to X$ is an operator, then by F_f we denote the set of all fixed points of f. We set also

$$X_f := \{x \in X : (x, f(x)) \in E(G)\}.$$

Jachymski and Jozwik [7] used the following property:

(P) for any sequence $\{x_n\}$ in X, if $x_n \to x$ as $n \to \infty$ and $(x_n, x_{n+1}) \in E(G)$, then $(x_n, x) \in E(G)$.

Theorem 1.2 [7] *Let (X, d) be a complete metric space and let G be a directed graph such that $V(G) = X$. Let $E(G)$ and the triplet (X, d, G) have property* (P). *Let $f : X \to X$ be a G-contraction. Then the following statements hold*:

(1) *$F_f \neq \emptyset$ if and only if $X_f \neq \emptyset$*;

(2) *if $X_f \neq \emptyset$ and G is weakly connected, then f is a Picard operator, i.e., $F_f = \{x^*\}$ and sequence $\{f^n(x)\} \to x^*$ as $n \to \infty$, for all $x \in X$*;

(3) *for any $x \in X_f$, $f|_{[x]_{\widetilde{G}}}$ is a Picard operator*;

(4) *if $X_f \subseteq E(G)$, then f is a weakly Picard operator, i.e., $F_f \neq \emptyset$ and, for each $x \in X$, we have sequence $\{f^n(x)\} \to x^*(x) \in F_f$ as $n \to \infty$.*

For a detailed discussion concerning Picard and weakly Picard operators, we refer to Rus [22, 23] and to Berinde [24, 25].

Let (X,d) be a metric space and let $CB(X)$ be the class of all nonempty closed and bounded subsets of X. For $A,B \in CB(X)$, let

$$H(A,B) = \max\Big\{\sup_{b\in B} d(b,A), \sup_{a\in A} d(a,B)\Big\},$$

where $d(x,B) = \inf\{d(x,b) : b \in B\}$ is the distance of a point x to the set B. The mapping H is said to be the Pompeiu-Hausdorff metric induced by d.

Throughout this paper, we assume that a directed graph G has no parallel edge and G is a weighted graph in the sense that each vertex x is assigned the weight $d(x,x) = 0$ and each edge (x,y) is assigned the weight $d(x,y)$. Since d is a metric on X, the weight assigned to each vertex x to vertex y need not be zero and, whenever a zero weight is assigned to some edge (x,y), it reduces to a loop (x,x) having weight 0. Further, in Pompeiu-Hausdorff metric induced by metric d, the Pompeiu-Hausdorff weight assigned to each $U, V \in CB(X)$ need not be zero (that is, $H(U,V) \neq 0$) and, whenever a zero Pompeiu-Hausdorff weight is assigned to some $U, V \in CB(X)$, it reduces to $U = V$.

Definition 1.3 Let A and B be two nonempty subsets of X. Now we treat some terminology:

(a) by 'there is an edge between A and B', we mean there is an edge between some $a \in A$ and $b \in B$ which we denote by $(A,B) \subset E(G)$.

(b) by 'there is a path between A and B', we mean that there is a path between some $a \in A$ and $b \in B$.

In $CB(X)$, we define a relation R in the following way:

For $A,B \in CB(X)$, we have ARB if and only if there is a path between A and B.

We say that the relation R on $CB(X)$ is transitive if there is a path between A and B, and there is a path between B and C, then there is a path between A and C.

For $A \in CB(X)$, the equivalence class of A induced by R is denoted by

$$[A]_G = \big\{B \in CB(X) : ARB\big\}.$$

Now we consider the mapping $T : CB(X) \to CB(X)$ instead of $T : X \to X$ or $T : X \to CB(X)$ to study fixed points of graph contraction mappings.

For a mapping $T : CB(X) \to CB(X)$, we define the following set:

$$X_T := \big\{U \in CB(X) : \big(U, T(U)\big) \subseteq E(G)\big\}.$$

Definition 1.4 Let $T : CB(X) \to CB(X)$ be a set-valued mapping. The mapping T is said to be a graph ϕ-contraction if the following conditions hold:

(i) There is an edge between A and B implies there is an edge between $T(A)$ and $T(B)$ for all $A,B \in CB(X)$.

(ii) There is a path between A and B implies there is a path between $T(A)$ and $T(B)$ for all $A,B \in CB(X)$.

(iii) There exists an upper semi-continuous and nondecreasing function $\phi : \mathbb{R}^+ \to \mathbb{R}^+$ with $\phi(t) < t$ for each $t > 0$ such that there is an edge between A and B implies

$$H\bigl(T(A), T(B)\bigr) \leq \phi\bigl(H(A,B)\bigr) \quad \text{for all } A, B \in CB(X). \tag{1.1}$$

Example 1.5

(1) Any constant mapping $T : CB(X) \to CB(X)$ is a graph ϕ-contraction for $\Delta \subset E(G)$.
(2) Any graph ϕ-contraction map for a graph G is also a graph ϕ-contraction for graph G_0, where the graph G_0 is defined by $E(G_0) = X \times X$.

It is obvious if $T : CB(X) \to CB(X)$ is a graph ϕ-contraction for graph G, then T is also graph ϕ-contraction for the graphs G^{-1} and $\widetilde{G}$.

A graph G is said to have property:

(P*) if for any sequence $\{X_n\}$ in $CB(X)$ with $X_n \to X$ as $n \to \infty$, there exists an edge between X_n and X_{n+1} for $n \in \mathbb{N}$, implies that there is a subsequence $\{X_{n_k}\}$ of $\{X_n\}$ with an edge between X_{n_k} and X for $n \in \mathbb{N}$.

Definition 1.6 Let $T : CB(X) \to CB(X)$. The set $A \in CB(X)$ is said to be a fixed point of T if $T(A) = A$. The set of all fixed points of T is denoted by $F(T)$.

A subset Γ of $CB(X)$ is said to be complete if for any set $X, Y \in \Gamma$, there is an edge between X and Y.

Definition 1.7 [19] A metric space (X, d) is called an ε-chainable metric space for some $\varepsilon > 0$ if for given $x, y \in X$, there is $n \in \mathbb{N}$ and a sequence $\{x_n\}$ such that

$$x_0 = x, \qquad x_n = y \quad \text{and} \quad d(x_{i-1}, x_i) < \varepsilon \quad \text{for } i = 1, \ldots, n.$$

We need of the following lemma of Nadler [21] (see also [26]).

Lemma 1.8 *If $U, V \in CB(X)$ with $H(U, V) < \varepsilon$, then for each $u \in U$ there exists an element $v \in V$ such that $d(u, v) < \varepsilon$.*

2 Fixed point results

In this section, we obtain several fixed point results for set-valued selfmaps on $CB(X)$ satisfying certain graph contraction conditions.

Theorem 2.1 *Let (X, d) be a complete metric space endowed with a directed graph G such that $V(G) = X$ and $E(G) \supseteq \Delta$. If $T : CB(X) \to CB(X)$ is a graph ϕ-contraction mapping such that the relation R on $CB(X)$ is transitive, then following statements hold*:

(i) *If $F(T)$ is complete, then the Pompeiu-Hausdorff weight assigned to the $U, V \in F(T)$ is* 0.
(ii) *$X_T \neq \emptyset$ provided that $F(T) \neq \emptyset$.*
(iii) *If $X_T \neq \emptyset$ and the weakly connected graph G satisfies the property* (P*), *then T has a fixed point.*
(iv) *$F(T)$ is complete if and only if $F(T)$ is a singleton.*

Proof To prove (i), let $U, V \in F(T)$. Suppose that the Pompeiu-Hausdorff weight assign to the U and V is not zero. Since T is a graph ϕ-contraction, we have

$$\begin{aligned} H(U,V) &= H\bigl(T(U),T(V)\bigr) \\ &\leq \phi\bigl(H(U,V)\bigr) \\ &< H(U,V), \end{aligned}$$

a contradiction. Hence (i) is proved.

To prove (ii), let $F(T) \neq \emptyset$. Then there exists $U \in CB(X)$ such that $T(U) = U$. Since $\Delta \subseteq E(G)$ and U is nonempty, we conclude that $X_T \neq \emptyset$.

To prove (iii), let $U \in X_T$. As T is a graph ϕ-contraction and $A, B \in CB(X)$, it follows by the hypothesis $CB(X) \subseteq [A]_{\widetilde{G}} = P(X)$, where $P(X)$ denotes the power set of X and so, $T(A) \in [A]_{\widetilde{G}}$. Now for $A \in CB(X)$ and $B \in [A]_{\widetilde{G}}$, there exists a path $\{x_i\}_{i=0}^n$ from some $x \in A$ and to $y \in T(A)$, that is, $x_0 = x$ and $x_n = y$ and $(x_{i-1}, x_i) \in E(\widetilde{G})$, for $i = 1, 2, \ldots, n$, such that $x_0 \in A_0 = A$, $x_1 \in A_1, \ldots, x_n \in A_n = T(A)$, where each $A_i \in CB(X)$. Since T is also a graph ϕ-contraction for graph $\widetilde{G}$, for $i = 1, 2, \ldots, n$, we have

$$\begin{aligned} &H\bigl(T(A_{i-1}),T(A_i)\bigr) \leq \phi\bigl(H(A_{i-1},A_i)\bigr), \\ &H\bigl(T(A_{i-2}),T(A_{i-1})\bigr) \leq \phi\bigl(H(A_{i-2},A_{i-1})\bigr), \\ &\cdots \\ &H\bigl(T(A_0),T(A_1)\bigr) \leq \phi\bigl(H(A_0,A_1)\bigr), \end{aligned}$$

and so we obtain

$$H\bigl(T^n(A),T^{n+1}(A)\bigr) \leq \phi^n\bigl(H\bigl(A,T(A)\bigr)\bigr)$$

for all $n \in \mathbb{N}$. Now for $m, n \in \mathbb{N}$ with $m > n$,

$$\begin{aligned} H\bigl(T^n(A),T^m(A)\bigr) &\leq H\bigl(T^n(A),T^{n+1}(A)\bigr) + H\bigl(T^{n+1}(A),T^{n+2}(A)\bigr) + \cdots \\ &\quad + H\bigl(T^{m-1}(A),T^m(A)\bigr) \\ &\leq \phi^n\bigl(H\bigl(A,T(A)\bigr)\bigr) + \phi^{n+1}\bigl(H\bigl(A,T(A)\bigr)\bigr) + \cdots \\ &\quad + \phi^{m-1}\bigl(H\bigl(A,T(A)\bigr)\bigr). \end{aligned}$$

On taking the upper limit as $n, m \to \infty$, we get $H(T^n(A), T^m(A))$ converges to 0. Since (X, d) is complete, we have $T^n(A) \to U^*$ as $n \to \infty$ for some $U^* \in CB(X)$. There exists an edge between U and $T(U)$, the fact that T is a graph ϕ-contraction yields the result that there is an edge between $T^n(U)$ and $T^{n+1}(U)$ for all $n \in \mathbb{N}$. By property (P*), there exists a subsequence $\{T^{n_k}(U)\}$ such that there is an edge between $T^{n_k}(U)$ and U^* for every $n \in \mathbb{N}$. By the transitivity of the relation R, there is a path in G (and hence also in $\widetilde{G}$) between U and U^*. Thus $U \in [U]_{\widetilde{G}}$. Now

$$H\bigl(T^{n_k+1}(U),T\bigl(U^*\bigr)\bigr) \leq \phi\bigl(H\bigl(T^{n_k}(U),U^*\bigr)\bigr).$$

Now $T^{n_k}(U) \to U^*$ as $n \to \infty$ implies, on taking the upper limit as $n \to \infty$, $T^{n_k+1}(U) \to T(U^*)$ as $n \to \infty$. Thus we obtain $U^* = T(U^*)$.

Finally to prove (iv), suppose the set $F(T)$ is complete. We are to show that $F(T)$ is singleton. Assume to the contrary that there exist $U, V \in CB(X)$ such that $U, V \in F(T)$ and $U \neq V$. By completeness of $F(T)$, there exists an edge between U and V. As T is a graph ϕ-contraction, so we have

$$\begin{aligned} 0 &< H(U,V) \\ &= H\bigl(T(U), T(V)\bigr) \\ &\leq \phi\bigl(H(U,V)\bigr), \end{aligned}$$

a contradiction. Hence $U = V$.

Conversely, if $F(T)$ is singleton, then obviously $F(T)$ is complete. □

The following corollary is a direct consequence of Theorem 2.1(iii).

Corollary 2.2 *Let (X,d) be a complete metric space endowed with a directed graph G such that $V(G) = X$ and $E(G) \supseteq \Delta$. If G is weakly connected, then graph ϕ-contraction mapping $T : CB(X) \to CB(X)$ with $(A_0, A_1) \subset E(G)$ for some $A_1 \in T(A_0)$, has a fixed point.*

Corollary 2.3 *Let (X,d) be a ε-chainable complete metric space for some $\varepsilon > 0$, $T : CB(X) \to CB(X)$ and $\phi : \mathbb{R}^+ \to \mathbb{R}^+$ be an upper semi-continuous and nondecreasing function with $\phi(t) < t$ for each $t > 0$ with*

$$0 < H(A,B) < \varepsilon.$$

If

$$H\bigl(T(A), T(B)\bigr) \leq \phi\bigl(H(A,B)\bigr) \quad \textit{for all } A, B \in CB(X),$$

then T has a fixed point.

Proof By Lemma 1.8, from $H(A,B) < \varepsilon$, we have for each $a \in A$, an element $b \in B$ such that $d(a,b) < \varepsilon$. Consider the graph G as $V(G) = X$ and

$$E(G) = \bigl\{(a,b) \in X \times X : 0 < d(a,b) < \varepsilon\bigr\}.$$

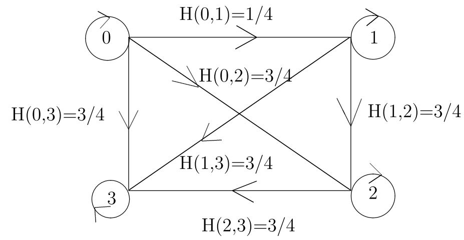
Then the ε-chainability of (X,d) implies that G is connected. For $(A,B) \subset E(G)$, we have from the hypothesis

$$H\bigl(T(A), T(B)\bigr) < \phi\bigl(H(A,B)\bigr).$$

This implies that T is a graph ϕ-contraction mapping.

Also, G has property (P^*). Indeed, if $\{X_n\}$ in $CB(X)$ with $X_n \to X$ as $n \to \infty$ and $(X_n, X_{n+1}) \subset E(G)$ for $n \in \mathbb{N}$, implies that there is a subsequence $\{X_{n_k}\}$ of $\{X_n\}$ such that $(X_{n_k}, X) \subset E(G)$ for $n \in \mathbb{N}$. So by Theorem 2.1(iii), T has a fixed point. □

Figure 1 Pompeiu-Hausdorff weighted graph.



Example 2.4 Let $X = \{0, 1, 2, \dots, n-1\} = V(G)$ and

$$\begin{aligned} E(G) = \bigl\{&(0,0), (1,1), (2,2), \dots, (n-1, n-1), \\ &(0,1), (0,2), \dots, (0, n-1), \\ &(1,2), (1,3), \dots, (1, n-1), \\ &\dots \\ &(n-2, n-1)\bigr\}. \end{aligned}$$

Let $V(G)$ be endowed with metric $d: X \times X \to \mathbb{R}^+$ defined by

$$\begin{aligned} &d(0,0) = d(1,1) = \cdots = d(n-1, n-1) = 0, \\ &d(0,1) = d(1,0) = \frac{1}{n}, \\ &d(0,2) = d(2,0) = d(1,2) = d(2,1) = \cdots = d(n-2, n-1) = d(n-1, n-2) = \frac{n}{n+1}. \end{aligned}$$

The Pompeiu-Hausdorff weights (for $n = 4$) assigned to $A, B \in CB(X)$ are shown in Figure 1.

Furthermore,

$$H(A,B) = \begin{cases} \frac{1}{n}, & \text{if } A, B \subseteq \{0,1\} \text{ with } A \neq B, \\ \frac{n}{n+1}, & \text{if } A \text{ or } B \text{ (or both)} \nsubseteq \{0,1\} \text{ with } A \neq B, \\ 0, & \text{if } A = B. \end{cases}$$

Define $T: CB(X) \to CB(X)$ as follows:

$$T(U) = \begin{cases} \{0\}, & \text{if } U \subseteq \{0,1\}, \\ \{0,1\}, & \text{if } U \subsetneq \{0,1\}. \end{cases}$$

Note that, for all $A, B \in CB(X)$ with edge between A and B, there is an edge between $T(A)$ and $T(B)$. Also there is a path between A and B implies that there is a path between $T(A)$ and $T(B)$.

Define $\phi: [0, \infty) \to [0, \infty)$ by

$$\phi(t) = \begin{cases} \frac{4t}{5}, & \text{if } t \in [0, \frac{5}{2}), \\ \frac{2^n(2^{n+1}t - 3)}{2^{2n+1} - 1}, & \text{if } t \in [\frac{2^{2n}+1}{2^n}, \frac{2^{2(n+1)}+1}{2^{n+1}}], n \in \mathbb{N}. \end{cases}$$

An easy computation shows that ϕ is continuous on $[0, \infty)$ and $\phi(t) < t$ for all $t > 0$.

Now for all $A, B \in CB(X)$, we consider the following cases:

(a) For $A, B \subseteq \{0,1\}$, we have $H(T(A), T(B)) = 0$.

(b) If $A \subseteq \{\{0\},\{1\},\{0,1\}\}$ and $B \subsetneq \{\{0\},\{1\},\{0,1\}\}$, then we have

$$\begin{aligned} H\bigl(T(A), T(B)\bigr) &= H\bigl(\{0\},\{0,1\}\bigr) = \frac{1}{n} \\ &< \frac{4n}{5n+5} = \phi\left(\frac{n}{n+1}\right) = \phi\bigl(H(A,B)\bigr). \end{aligned}$$

(c) In the case $A, B \subsetneq \{\{0\},\{1\},\{0,1\}\}$, we have

$$H\bigl(T(A), T(B)\bigr) = H\bigl(\{0,1\},\{0,1\}\bigr) = 0.$$

Obviously, (1.1) is satisfied in the cases (a), (b), and (c).

Hence for all $A, B \in CB(X)$ having an edge between A and B, (1.1) is satisfied and so T is a graph ϕ-contraction. Thus all the conditions of Theorem 2.1 are satisfied. Moreover, $\{0\}$ is the fixed point of T and $F(T)$ is complete.

Remark 2.5

(1) If $E(G) := X \times X$, then clearly G is connected and Theorem 2.1 improves and generalizes Theorem 2.5 in [19], Theorems 2.1-2.3 in [11] and Theorem 3.1 in [7].

(2) Theorem 2.1 with the graph G improves and generalizes Theorem 2.1 in [20] from single valued to set-valued mappings.

(3) If $E(G) := X \times X$, then clearly G is connected and our Corollary 2.2 extends and generalizes Theorem 2.5 in [19], Theorem 3.2 in [21], and Theorem 3.1 in [7].

(4) If $E(G) := X \times X$, then clearly G is connected and our Corollary 2.3 improves and generalizes Theorem 3.2 in [21] and Theorem 3.1 in [7].

(5) Corollary 2.3 extends and improves the Banach contraction theorem and Theorem 5.1 in [27].

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