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Fixed point of multivalued integral type of contraction mappings

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Abstract

In this paper the fixed point of multivalued mapping is considered. A generalization of the well-known Nadler contraction principle, the Khan contraction theorem and the fixed point theorem in complete metric space with a convex structure is proved. The main result of the paper is formulated by three theorems where the mappings, defined over the complete metric space, are assumed to satisfy some integral type of contraction.

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1 Introduction

Fixed point theory in the framework of metric spaces is one of the most powerful and useful tools in nonlinear functional analysis. The intrinsic subject of this theory is concerned with the conditions for the existence, uniqueness and exact methods of evaluation of fixed point of a mapping. The application of fixed point theorems is remarkable in a wide scale of mathematical, engineering, economic, physical, computer science and other fields of science. The Banach contraction principle [1] is a simplest and limelight result in this direction. In many papers, following the Banach contraction principle, the existence of weaker contractive conditions combined with stronger additional assumptions on the mapping or on the space is investigated. Moreover, since all these results are based on an iteration process, they can be implemented in almost all branches of quantitative sciences.

Nadler [2] initiated the study of fixed point for multivalued contraction mappings. On the other hand, Branciari [3] generalized the Banach contraction principle for a single-valued mapping by using an integral type of contraction. Both of these results were extended and applied by many authors, and we quote some of them [4–12]. Also, we refer to the paper of Khan *et al.* [13] which improved the metric fixed point theory by introducing a control function called an altering distance function.

In this paper we present the generalizations of the Banach contraction principle on multivalued mappings which satisfy integral type of contraction condition. These theorems are inspired by Nadler's and Khan's results. Also, the theorem for nonexpansive integral type multivalued mapping in a complete metric space with convex structure (introduced by Takahashi in [14]) is proved.

2 Preliminaries

Throughout the paper, the standard notations and terminology of fixed point theory are used. For the convenience of the reader, we recall some definitions and statements which will be used in what follows.

Let (X, d) be a metric space. We denote by $B(X)$ the set of all nonempty bounded subsets of X , by $CB(X)$ the set of all nonempty closed and bounded subsets of X , by $CC(X)$ the set of all nonempty compact subsets of X . The Hausdorff distance $H : CB(X) \times CB(X) \rightarrow [0, \infty)$ is defined by

$$H(A, B) = \max \left\{ \sup_{x \in B} d(x, A), \sup_{y \in A} d(y, B) \right\},$$

where $d(x, A) = \inf_{y \in A} d(x, y)$. The function $\delta : B(X) \times B(X) \rightarrow [0, \infty)$ is defined by

$$\delta(A, B) = \sup \{ d(a, b) : a \in A, b \in B \}.$$

If $A = \{a\}$ is a singleton, we write $\delta(A, B) = \delta(a, B)$, and if $B = \{b\}$, then $\delta(A, B) = \delta(a, b) = d(a, b)$. It is easy to show that for all $A, B, C \in B(X)$ the following is satisfied:

$$\begin{aligned} \delta(A, B) = \delta(B, A) \geq 0, \quad \delta(A, B) \leq \delta(A, C) + \delta(C, B), \\ \delta(A, A) = \text{diam } A, \quad \delta(A, B) = 0 \iff A = B = \{a\}. \end{aligned}$$

Definition 2.1 Let (X, d) be a metric space, $\mathcal{P}(X)$ be the partitive set of X , and $T : X \rightarrow \mathcal{P}(X) \setminus \emptyset$. The mapping T is proximal if and only if for every $x \in X$ there exists $x' \in Tx$ such that $d(x, Tx) = d(x, x')$.

Definition 2.2 Let (X, d) be a metric space, $\mathcal{P}(X)$ be the partitive set of X , and $T : X \rightarrow \mathcal{P}(X) \setminus \emptyset$. The mapping T is weakly demicompact if and only if for every sequence $\{x_n\}_{n \in \mathbb{N}}$ from X such that $x_{n+1} \in Tx_n$, $n \in \mathbb{N}$ and $\lim_{n \rightarrow \infty} d(x_{n+1}, x_n) = 0$, there exists a convergent subsequence $\{x_{n_k}\}_{k \in \mathbb{N}}$.

Definition 2.3 Ultrametric space (X, d) is a special kind of metric space in which the triangle inequality is replaced by the stronger one

$$d(x, y) \leq \max \{ d(x, z), d(z, y) \}.$$

Khan *et al.* [13] improved the fixed point theory in metric spaces by introducing a control function called an altering distance function.

Definition 2.4 A function $\psi : [0, \infty) \rightarrow [0, \infty)$ is an altering distance function if

- (i) ψ is increasing and continuous,
- (ii) $\psi(t) = 0$ if and only if $t = 0$.

Let $\Psi = \{ \psi : [0, \infty) \rightarrow [0, \infty), \psi \text{ is an altering distance function} \}$ be the class of functions which satisfy conditions (i) and (ii).

Definition 2.5 A metric space (X, d) has a convex structure in the sense of Takahashi if there exists a mapping $W : X \times X \times [0, 1] \rightarrow X$ such that for every $x, y, u \in X$ and every

$s \in [0, 1]$,

$$d(u, W(x, y, s)) \leq sd(u, x) + (1 - s)d(u, y), \tag{1}$$

$$W(x, y, 1) = x \quad \text{and} \quad W(x, y, 0) = y.$$

We denote a metric space (X, d) with a convex structure W by (X, d, W) .

Definition 2.6 By Φ we denote the class of functions $\varphi : [0, \infty) \rightarrow [0, \infty)$ which satisfy the following conditions:

- (i) φ is Lebesgue integrable, summable on each compact subset of $[0, +\infty)$,
- (ii) $\int_0^\varepsilon \varphi(t) dt > 0$ for each $\varepsilon > 0$.

Lemma 2.7 [15] *Let $\{r_n\}_{n \in \mathbb{N}}$ be a nonnegative sequence and $\varphi \in \Phi$. Then*

$$\lim_{n \rightarrow \infty} \int_0^{r_n} \varphi(t) dt = 0$$

if and only if $\lim_{n \rightarrow \infty} r_n = 0$.

3 Contraction of Nadler type

Before we formulate the theorem which is a generalization of Nadler q -contraction using integral type of contraction, we present a few lemmas which will be used in that theorem.

Lemma 3.1 *Let (X, d) be a metric space and $T : X \rightarrow B(X)$, and let there exist $q \in (0, 1)$ such that for every $x, y \in X$ and every $\delta > 0$,*

$$\int_0^{H(Tx, Ty) + \delta} \varphi(t) dt \leq q \int_0^{d(x, y) + \delta/q} \varphi(t) dt, \tag{2}$$

where $\varphi \in \Phi$. Then there exists a sequence $\{x_n\}_{n \in \mathbb{N}}$, $x_{n+1} \in Tx_n$ such that $\lim_{n \rightarrow \infty} d(x_n, x_{n+1}) = 0$.

Proof For any $x_0 \in X$, $x_1 \in Tx_0$, there exists $x_2 \in Tx_1$ such that

$$d(x_1, x_2) \leq H(Tx_0, Tx_1) + q^2. \tag{3}$$

From (2) we have

$$\int_0^{d(x_1, x_2)} \varphi(t) dt \leq \int_0^{H(Tx_0, Tx_1) + q^2} \varphi(t) dt \leq q \int_0^{d(x_0, x_1) + q} \varphi(t) dt.$$

Further, there exists $x_3 \in Tx_2$ such that $d(x_2, x_3) \leq H(Tx_1, Tx_2) + q^4$ and, consequently,

$$\int_0^{d(x_2, x_3)} \varphi(t) dt \leq \int_0^{H(Tx_1, Tx_2) + q^4} \varphi(t) dt \leq q \int_0^{d(x_1, x_2) + q^3} \varphi(t) dt. \tag{4}$$

By (3)

$$d(x_1, x_2) + q^3 \leq H(Tx_0, Tx_1) + q^2 + q^3,$$

and by (4)

$$\int_0^{d(x_2, x_3)} \varphi(t) dt \leq q \int_0^{H(Tx_0, Tx_1) + q^2 + q^3} \varphi(t) dt \leq q^2 \int_0^{d(x_0, x_1) + q + q^2} \varphi(t) dt.$$

Continuing the process, we form the sequence $\{x_n\}_{n \in \mathbb{N}_0}$, $x_{n+1} \in Tx_n$ such that

$$\begin{aligned} \int_0^{d(x_n, x_{n+1})} \varphi(t) dt &\leq q^n \int_0^{d(x_0, x_1) + q + q^2 + \dots + q^n} \varphi(t) dt \leq \dots \\ &\leq q^n \int_0^{d(x_0, x_1) + q/(1-q)} \varphi(t) dt, \quad n \in \mathbb{N}. \end{aligned}$$

Letting $n \rightarrow \infty$ we conclude that

$$\lim_{n \rightarrow \infty} \int_0^{d(x_n, x_{n+1})} \varphi(t) dt = 0,$$

and using Lemma 2.7, $\lim_{n \rightarrow \infty} d(x_n, x_{n+1}) = 0$. □

Remark 3.2 Notice that for $\varphi(t) \equiv 1$ we get a Nadler q -contraction. Also, if we suppose that $T : X \rightarrow B(X)$ is a proximal mapping, the condition in Lemma 3.1 expressed by the inequality (2) can be reduced to

$$\int_0^{H(Tx, Ty)} \varphi(t) dt \leq q \int_0^{d(x, y)} \varphi(t) dt.$$

In the next three lemmas, imposing some additional assumptions on mapping T (Lemma 3.3), space X (Lemma 3.4) or function φ (Lemma 3.5), we can prove that the sequence $\{x_n\}_{n \in \mathbb{N}}$ from the last lemma has a Cauchy subsequence or is a Cauchy sequence itself. The proofs are elementary, so they are omitted.

Lemma 3.3 *Let all conditions of Lemma 3.1 be satisfied and the mapping T be weakly demicompact. Then the sequence $\{x_n\}_{n \in \mathbb{N}}$ has a Cauchy subsequence $\{x_{n_k}\}_{k \in \mathbb{N}}$.*

Lemma 3.4 *Let (X, d) be an ultrametric space and all conditions of Lemma 3.1 be satisfied. Then the sequence $\{x_n\}_{n \in \mathbb{N}}$ is a Cauchy sequence.*

Lemma 3.5 *Let all conditions of Lemma 3.1 be satisfied and the function $\varphi \in \Phi$ be such that $\int_0^{a+b} \varphi(t) dt \leq \int_0^a \varphi(t) dt + \int_0^b \varphi(t) dt$ for all $a, b \in [0, \infty)$. Then the sequence $\{x_n\}_{n \in \mathbb{N}}$ is a Cauchy sequence.*

Finally, in order to prove the fixed point result for the integral type of contraction mapping satisfying (2), we use the last three lemmas.

Theorem 3.6 *Let (X, d) be a complete metric space. If the conditions of Lemma 3.3, Lemma 3.4 or Lemma 3.5 are satisfied, then the mapping T has a fixed point.*

Proof Let us consider the first case when all the conditions of Lemma 3.3 are satisfied. Then the sequence $\{x_n\}_{n \in \mathbb{N}}$ has a Cauchy subsequence $\{x_{n_k}\}_{k \in \mathbb{N}}$ and $\lim_{k \rightarrow \infty} x_{n_k} = x^*$. It

remains to prove that $x^* \in Tx^*$. Suppose the contrary, i.e., $d(x^*, Tx^*) = \eta > 0$. Using

$$\begin{aligned} d(x^*, Tx^*) &\leq d(x^*, x_{n_k+1}) + d(x_{n_k+1}, Tx^*) \leq d(x^*, x_{n_k}) + d(x_{n_k+1}, x_{n_k}) + d(x_{n_k+1}, Tx^*), \\ d(x_{n_k+1}, Tx^*) &\leq H(Tx_{n_k}, Tx^*) \leq H(Tx_{n_k}, Tx^*) + \delta, \quad \delta > 0 \end{aligned}$$

and (2), putting $\delta = q\eta$, we have

$$\int_0^{d(x_{n_k+1}, Tx^*)} \varphi(t) dt \leq \int_0^{H(Tx_{n_k}, Tx^*) + q\eta} \varphi(t) dt \leq q \int_0^{d(x_{n_k}, x^*) + \eta} \varphi(t) dt, \quad n \in \mathbb{N}. \tag{5}$$

Letting $k \rightarrow \infty$ in (5) we have

$$\int_0^\eta \varphi(t) dt \leq q \int_0^\eta \varphi(t) dt,$$

which contradicts the assumption that $d(x^*, Tx^*) = \eta > 0$. Hence $d(x^*, Tx^*) = 0$. Since Tx^* is a closed set, $x^* \in Tx^*$.

The proof for other two cases is similar, so it is omitted. □

4 Contraction via altering distance function

The next theorem is a generalization of the well-known and most cited result presented in [13]. The mapping we consider is multivalued and the contraction inequality is of integral type.

Theorem 4.1 *Let (X, d) be a metric space, $T : X \rightarrow B(X)$ and $\psi \in \Psi$. Let k be a decreasing function, $k : [0, \infty) \rightarrow [0, 1)$ such that for every $x, y \in X, x \neq y$,*

$$\psi \left(\int_0^{\delta(Tx, Ty)} \varphi(t) dt \right) \leq k(d(x, y)) \psi \left(\int_0^{d(x, y)} \varphi(t) dt \right), \tag{6}$$

where $\varphi \in \Phi$. Then T has a unique fixed point $x^* \in X, \{x^*\} = Tx^*$.

Proof Let $x_0 \in X$. If $\{x_0\} = Tx_0$, then $x_0 = x^*$. If $\{x_0\} \neq Tx_0$, then there exists $x_1 \in Tx_0, x_0 \neq x_1$. Condition (6) implies that

$$\psi \left(\int_0^{\delta(Tx_0, Tx_1)} \varphi(t) dt \right) \leq k(d(x_0, x_1)) \psi \left(\int_0^{d(x_0, x_1)} \varphi(t) dt \right) < \psi \left(\int_0^{d(x_0, x_1)} \varphi(t) dt \right). \tag{7}$$

By the same arguments if $\{x_1\} = Tx_1$, then $x_1 = x^*$, otherwise there exists $x_2 \in Tx_1, x_2 \neq x_1$. Since $d(x_1, x_2) \leq \delta(Tx_0, Tx_1)$, from increasingness of ψ and (7) we obtain that

$$d(x_1, x_2) < d(x_0, x_1).$$

Repeating this procedure, we construct the sequence $\{x_n\}_{n \in \mathbb{N}}$ such that $x_{n+1} \in Tx_n$ and

$$0 < d(x_n, x_{n+1}) < d(x_{n-1}, x_n) < \dots < d(x_0, x_1).$$

Since the sequence $\{d(x_n, x_{n+1})\}_{n \in \mathbb{N}}$ is decreasing and bounded from below, it is convergent and

$$\lim_{n \rightarrow \infty} d(x_n, x_{n+1}) = p,$$

where $p \leq d(x_n, x_{n+1})$ for all $n \in \mathbb{N}$. If we assume that $p > 0$, then relation (6) and decreasingness of the function k yields

$$\begin{aligned} & \psi \left(\int_0^{d(x_n, x_{n+1})} \varphi(t) dt \right) \\ & \leq \psi \left(\int_0^{\delta(Tx_{n-1}, Tx_n)} \varphi(t) dt \right) \\ & \leq k(d(x_{n-1}, x_n)) \psi \left(\int_0^{d(x_{n-1}, x_n)} \varphi(t) dt \right) \\ & \leq k(p) \psi \left(\int_0^{d(x_{n-1}, x_n)} \varphi(t) dt \right). \end{aligned} \tag{8}$$

Letting $n \rightarrow \infty$ in (8) gives

$$\psi \left(\int_0^p \varphi(t) dt \right) \leq k(p) \psi \left(\int_0^p \varphi(t) dt \right) < \psi \left(\int_0^p \varphi(t) dt \right), \tag{9}$$

which is a contradiction. So $p = 0$.

It remains to prove that the sequence $\{x_n\}_{n \in \mathbb{N}}$ is a Cauchy sequence. Suppose the contrary. Then there exist $\varepsilon > 0$ and infinitely many pairs (x_i, x_j) , $d(x_i, x_j) \geq \varepsilon$. The subsequence of pairs $\{(x_{i_m}, x_{j_m})\}_{m \in \mathbb{N}}$, where $i_m < j_m$ for all $m \in \mathbb{N}$, is chosen to satisfy the following property:

$$d(x_{i_m}, x_{j_m}) \geq \varepsilon, \quad d(x_{i_m}, x_s) < \varepsilon, \quad \text{for all } s \in \{i_m + 2, \dots, j_m - 1\}. \tag{10}$$

Then

$$\varepsilon \leq d(x_{i_m}, x_{j_m}) \leq d(x_{i_m}, x_{i_{m-1}}) + d(x_{i_{m-1}}, x_{j_m}) < \varepsilon + d(x_{i_m}, x_{i_{m-1}}), \tag{11}$$

and letting $m \rightarrow \infty$ we obtain

$$\varepsilon \leq \lim_{m \rightarrow \infty} d(x_{i_m}, x_{j_m}) \leq \varepsilon,$$

i.e.,

$$\lim_{m \rightarrow \infty} d(x_{i_m}, x_{j_m}) = \varepsilon.$$

Using

$$d(x_{i_m}, x_{j_m}) \leq d(x_{i_m}, x_{i_{m-1}}) + d(x_{i_{m-1}}, x_{j_{m-1}}) + d(x_{j_{m-1}}, x_{j_m}),$$

we deduce that

$$\varepsilon = \lim_{m \rightarrow \infty} d(x_{i_m}, x_{j_m}) = 0 + \lim_{m \rightarrow \infty} d(x_{i_{m-1}}, x_{j_{m-1}}) + 0, \tag{12}$$

that is, $\lim_{m \rightarrow \infty} d(x_{i_{m-1}}, x_{j_{m-1}}) = \varepsilon$. Consequently, there exists $m_0 \in \mathbb{N}$ such that for all $m > m_0$, $d(x_{i_{m-1}}, x_{j_{m-1}}) \geq \frac{\varepsilon}{2}$. Hence $k(d(x_{i_{m-1}}, x_{j_{m-1}})) \leq k(\frac{\varepsilon}{2})$ for all $m > m_0$. Recalling that $x_{i_m} \in Tx_{i_{m-1}}$ and $x_{j_m} \in Tx_{j_{m-1}}$, we have

$$\begin{aligned} & \psi \left(\int_0^{d(x_{i_m}, x_{j_m})} \varphi(t) dt \right) \\ & \leq \psi \left(\int_0^{\delta(Tx_{i_{m-1}}, Tx_{j_{m-1}})} \varphi(t) dt \right) \\ & \leq k(d(x_{i_{m-1}}, x_{j_{m-1}})) \psi \left(\int_0^{d(x_{i_{m-1}}, x_{j_{m-1}})} \varphi(t) dt \right) \\ & \leq k\left(\frac{\varepsilon}{2}\right) \psi \left(\int_0^{d(x_{i_{m-1}}, x_{j_{m-1}})} \varphi(t) dt \right) \end{aligned}$$

for all $m > m_0$, and when $m \rightarrow \infty$ we get

$$\psi \left(\int_0^\varepsilon \varphi(t) dt \right) \leq k\left(\frac{\varepsilon}{2}\right) \psi \left(\int_0^\varepsilon \varphi(t) dt \right) < \psi \left(\int_0^\varepsilon \varphi(t) dt \right).$$

Obviously, the last inequality cannot be true. So, the sequence $\{x_n\}_{n \in \mathbb{N}}$ is a Cauchy sequence, and since the space is complete, there exists $x^* \in X$ such that $\lim_{n \rightarrow \infty} x_n = x^*$.

Next we prove that $\delta(x^*, Tx^*) = 0$. Let $\rho_n = d(x_n, x^*)$. Since for all $n \in \mathbb{N}$, $x_{n+1} \in Tx_n$, we conclude that

$$\begin{aligned} \psi \left(\int_0^{\delta(x_{n+1}, Tx^*)} \varphi(t) dt \right) & \leq \psi \left(\int_0^{\delta(Tx_n, Tx^*)} \varphi(t) dt \right) \\ & \leq k(\rho_n) \psi \left(\int_0^{\rho_n} \varphi(t) dt \right) < \psi \left(\int_0^{\rho_n} \varphi(t) dt \right). \end{aligned} \tag{13}$$

Knowing that ρ_n converges to 0 when $n \rightarrow \infty$, by (13), $\lim_{n \rightarrow \infty} \delta(x_{n+1}, Tx^*) = 0$. The relation

$$\delta(x^*, Tx^*) \leq d(x^*, x_{n+1}) + \delta(x_{n+1}, Tx^*) = \rho_n + \delta(x_{n+1}, Tx^*) \tag{14}$$

together with previous conclusion gives $\{x^*\} = Tx^*$.

Uniqueness of the fixed point x^* follows from condition (6). □

5 Nonexpansive mapping in a space with a convex structure

Definition 5.1 A metric space with a convex structure (X, d, W) defined by (1) satisfies condition (*) if for every $x, y, z, \in X$ and every $s \in [0, 1]$,

$$(*) \int_0^{d(W(x,z,s), W(y,z,s))} \varphi(t) dt \leq s \int_0^{d(x,y)} \varphi(t) dt, \tag{15}$$

where $\varphi \in \Phi$.

Theorem 5.2 *Let a complete metric space with a convex structure (X, d, W) satisfy condition $(*)$, and let $T : X \rightarrow CB(X)$ be such that for every $x, y \in X$,*

$$\int_0^{\delta(Tx, Ty)} \varphi(t) dt \leq \int_0^{d(x, y)} \varphi(t) dt, \tag{16}$$

$\varphi \in \Phi$. *If a convex structure W is continuous with respect to the first variable and if $\overline{T(X)}$ is compact, then there exists $z^* \in X$ such that $\{z^*\} = Tz^*$.*

Proof Fix any $x_0 \in X$. Let $\{k_n\}_{n \in \mathbb{N}}$ be a sequence from $(0, 1)$ such that $\lim_{n \rightarrow \infty} k_n = 1$, and let

$$T_n x = \bigcup_{z \in Tx} W(z, x_0, k_n) = W(Tx, x_0, k_n) \subseteq X.$$

We split the proof into four steps.

Step 1. First we show that the set $T_n x$ is a compact subset of X for every $x \in X$. The set $T_n x$ is a union of $W(z, x_0, k_n) \subset X, z \in Tx$, which implies that $T_n x \subseteq X$. To prove the compactness of $T_n x$, let $\{\alpha_i\}_{i \in \mathbb{N}} \subset T_n x$. The definition of the set $T_n x$ provides the existence of the sequence $\{\beta_i\}_{i \in \mathbb{N}} \subset Tx$, where $\alpha_i = W(\beta_i, x_0, k_n)$. Since $\overline{T(X)}$ is compact, the set $Tx \subset \overline{T(X)}$ is compact too, which implies the existence of a convergent subsequence $\{\beta_{i_m}\}_{m \in \mathbb{N}} \subset \{\beta_i\}_{i \in \mathbb{N}} \subset Tx, \lim_{m \rightarrow \infty} \beta_{i_m} = \beta \in Tx$. Recalling (15) and the continuity of W with respect to the first variable, the related subsequence $\{\alpha_{i_m}\}_{m \in \mathbb{N}} \subset \{\alpha_i\}_{i \in \mathbb{N}} \subset T_n x$ is also convergent and

$$\lim_{m \rightarrow \infty} \alpha_{i_m} = \lim_{m \rightarrow \infty} W(\beta_{i_m}, x_0, k_n) = \alpha = W(\beta, x_0, k_n) \in T_n x.$$

Step 2. To prove that for all $x, y \in X$ and for all $n \in \mathbb{N}$ the following inequality is true,

$$\int_0^{\delta(T_n x, T_n y)} \varphi(t) dt \leq k_n \int_0^{d(x, y)} \varphi(t) dt, \tag{17}$$

let $u \in T_n x = W(Tx, x_0, k_n)$ and $v \in T_n y = W(Ty, x_0, k_n)$. Then there exist $p \in Tx$ and $q \in Ty$ such that $u = W(p, x_0, k_n)$ and $v = W(q, x_0, k_n)$. Now, using (15) and (16) we obtain

$$\begin{aligned} \int_0^{d(u, v)} \varphi(t) dt &= \int_0^{d(W(p, x_0, k_n), W(q, x_0, k_n))} \varphi(t) dt \leq k_n \int_0^{d(p, q)} \varphi(t) dt \\ &\leq k_n \int_0^{\delta(Tx, Ty)} \varphi(t) dt \leq k_n \int_0^{d(x, y)} \varphi(t) dt. \end{aligned} \tag{18}$$

As (18) is satisfied for every $u \in T_n x$ and $v \in T_n y$, inequality (17) is satisfied too.

Step 3. In order to prove that the mapping T_n has a unique fixed point x_n such that $\{x_n\} = T_n x_n$, we form an iterative sequence $\{y_i\}_{i \in \mathbb{N}}$ by choosing any $y_0 \in X, y_1 \in T_n y_0$ and $y_2 \in T_n y_1$. Obviously, $d(y_1, y_2) \leq \delta(T_n y_0, T_n y_1)$. Continuing that process, we get the sequence $\{y_i\}_{i \in \mathbb{N}}$ with the property that for every $i \in \mathbb{N}, y_i \in T_n y_{i-1}$ and $d(y_i, y_{i+1}) \leq \delta(T_n y_{i-1}, T_n y_i)$. Using the last inequality and (17), we get

$$\begin{aligned} \int_0^{d(y_i, y_{i+1})} \varphi(t) dt &\leq \int_0^{\delta(T_n y_{i-1}, T_n y_i)} \varphi(t) dt \\ &\leq k_n \int_0^{d(y_{i-1}, y_i)} \varphi(t) dt \leq \dots \leq k_n^i \int_0^{d(y_0, y_1)} \varphi(t) dt. \end{aligned}$$

If $i \rightarrow \infty$, by Lemma 2.7, we see that $\lim_{i \rightarrow \infty} d(y_i, y_{i+1}) = 0$ and $\lim_{i \rightarrow \infty} \delta(T_n y_{i-1}, T_n y_i) = 0$.

We claim that $\{y_i\}_{i \in \mathbb{N}}$ is a Cauchy sequence. Assumption that $\{y_i\}_{i \in \mathbb{N}}$ is not a Cauchy sequence implies that we can form a subsequence of pairs $\{(y_{i_m}, y_{j_m})\}_{m \in \mathbb{N}}$ using the same procedure as in the proof of Theorem 4.1 and with same properties formulated in (10). Repeating the arguments from (11), we get

$$\begin{aligned} \varepsilon &\leq \lim_{m \rightarrow \infty} d(y_{i_m}, y_{j_m}) \leq \lim_{m \rightarrow \infty} (d(y_{i_m}, y_{j_{m-1}}) + d(y_{j_{m-1}}, y_{j_m})) \leq \varepsilon \implies \\ &\lim_{m \rightarrow \infty} d(y_{i_m}, y_{j_m}) = \varepsilon, \end{aligned}$$

and by (17) we deduce that $\lim_{m \rightarrow \infty} \delta(T_n y_{i_m}, T_n y_{j_m}) < \varepsilon$. Finally, the following relation

$$\begin{aligned} \varepsilon &= \lim_{m \rightarrow \infty} d(y_{i_m}, y_{j_m}) \\ &\leq \lim_{m \rightarrow \infty} (\delta(y_{i_m}, T_n y_{i_m}) + \delta(T_n y_{i_m}, T_n y_{j_m}) + \delta(T_n y_{j_m}, y_{j_m})) < 0 + \varepsilon + 0 = \varepsilon \end{aligned}$$

contradicts the assumption that $\{y_i\}_{i \in \mathbb{N}}$ is not a Cauchy sequence. Therefore, $\lim_{i \rightarrow \infty} y_i = x_n \in T_n x$.

Next, we show that x_n is a fixed point of T_n . Since

$$\begin{aligned} \delta(x_n, T_n x_n) &\leq d(x_n, y_{i+1}) + \delta(y_{i+1}, T_n x_n) \\ &\leq d(x_n, y_{i+1}) + \delta(T_n y_i, T_n x_n) \end{aligned} \tag{19}$$

and

$$\int_0^{\delta(T_n y_i, T_n x_n)} \varphi(t) dt \leq k_n \int_0^{d(y_i, x_n)} \varphi(t) dt \xrightarrow{i \rightarrow \infty} 0 \implies \delta(T_n y_i, T_n x_n) \xrightarrow{i \rightarrow \infty} 0, \tag{20}$$

letting $i \rightarrow \infty$ in (19) and using the conclusion from (20), we get $\delta(x_n, T_n x_n) = 0$, i.e., $\{x_n\} = T_n x_n$. Observe that, according to (17), x_n is a unique fixed point of T_n .

Step 4. To finish the proof, it remains to establish the existence of a fixed point of the mapping T . The fact (from the last step) that $\{x_n\} = T_n x_n = W(Tx_n, x_0, k_n)$, $n \in \mathbb{N}$, yields the existence of $z_n \in Tx_n$ such that $x_n = W(z_n, x_0, k_n)$, $n \in \mathbb{N}$. By the compactness of the set $\overline{\bigcup_{n \in \mathbb{N}} Tx_n} \subseteq \overline{T(X)}$, there exists a convergent subsequence $\{z_{n_p}\}_{p \in \mathbb{N}} \subset \{z_n\}_{n \in \mathbb{N}}$, $\lim_{p \rightarrow \infty} z_{n_p} = z^* \in X$. The following relation

$$\begin{aligned} d(x_{n_p}, z^*) &\leq d(x_{n_p}, z_{n_p}) + d(z_{n_p}, z^*) \\ &= d(z_{n_p}, W(z_{n_p}, x_0, k_{n_p})) + d(z_{n_p}, z^*) \\ &\leq k_{n_p} d(z_{n_p}, z_{n_p}) + (1 - k_{n_p}) d(z_{n_p}, x_0) + d(z_{n_p}, z^*), \quad p \in \mathbb{N}, \end{aligned}$$

when $p \rightarrow \infty$ (recall that $\lim_{n \rightarrow \infty} k_n = 1$), leads to

$$\lim_{p \rightarrow \infty} d(x_{n_p}, z^*) = 0, \quad \text{i.e.,} \quad \lim_{p \rightarrow \infty} x_{n_p} = z^*.$$

Our assertion is that $\{z^*\} = Tz^*$. To confirm that, we consider the following inequality:

$$\delta(z^*, Tz^*) \leq d(z^*, z_{n_p}) + \delta(z_{n_p}, Tz^*).$$

From $z_{n_p} \in Tx_{n_p}$, we have $\delta(z_{n_p}, Tz^*) \leq \delta(Tx_{n_p}, Tz^*)$ and therefore

$$\int_0^{\delta(z_{n_p}, Tz^*)} \varphi(t) dt \leq \int_0^{\delta(Tx_{n_p}, Tz^*)} \varphi(t) dt \leq \int_0^{d(x_{n_p}, z^*)} \varphi(t) dt \xrightarrow{p \rightarrow \infty} 0.$$

By Lemma 2.7 we obtain $\delta(z^*, Tz^*) = 0$, that is, $\{z^*\} = Tz^*$. \square

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