# A fixed point theorem for multi-maps satisfying an implicit relation on metrically convex metric spaces

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**Abstract**. In this paper, we give a fixed point theorem for multivalued mapping satisfying an implicit relation on metrically convex metric spaces. This result extends and generalizes some fixed point theorem in the literature.

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## 1. Introduction

Let (X, d) be a metric space. Then X is said to be metrically convex if for every pair  $x, y \in X, x \neq y$ , there is a point  $z \in X$  such that d(x, y) = d(x, z) + d(z, y). We need the following lemma in the sequel.

**Lemma 1** [[1]]. Let K be a non-empty and closed subset of a metrically convex metric space X. Then for any  $x \in K$  and  $y \notin K$ , there exists a point  $z \in \partial K$  such that d(x,y) = d(x,z) + d(z,y), where  $\partial K$  denotes the boundary of K.

Let CB(X) denote the family of all non-empty closed and bounded subsets of X. Denote for  $A, B \in CB(X)$ 

$$D(A, B) = \inf\{d(a, b) : a \in A, b \in B\},$$
(1)

$$\delta(A,B) = \sup\{d(a,b) : a \in A, b \in B\}$$
(2)

and

$$H(A,B) = \max\{\sup_{x \in A} d(x,B), \sup_{y \in B} d(y,A)\}.$$
(3)

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Note that  $D(A, B) \leq H(A, B) \leq \delta(A, B)$ . Function H is a metric on CB(X) and is called a Hausdorff metric. It is well known that if X is a complete metric space, then so is the metric space (CB(X), H).

Itoh [4] proved a fixed point theorem for non-self maps  $F: K \to CB(X)$  satisfying certain contraction condition in terms of Hausdorff metric H on CB(X)under the boundary condition  $F(\partial K) \subset K$ . Rhoades [7] generalized this result to a wider class of non-self multi-maps on K. Recently Dhage [2] has proved a fixed point theorem for non-self multi-maps on K satisfying a slightly stronger contraction condition than that in Rhoades [7] and under a weaker boundary condition. In Section 2 of this paper we give an implicit relation and some examples for this relation. In Section 3, we prove a fixed point theorem for non-self multi-maps on K satisfying an implicit relation.

#### 2. Implicit relation

Implicit relations on metric space have been used in many articles (see [3], [5], [6], [8]).

Let  $R_+$  be the set of all non-negative real numbers and let  $\mathcal{T}$  be the set of all continuous functions  $T: R_+^5 \to R$  satisfying the following conditions:

 $T_1: T(t_1, ..., t_5)$  is non-decreasing in  $t_1$  and non-increasing in  $t_2, ..., t_5$ .

 $T_2$  : there exist two constants  $a,b \geq 0$  , 2a+3b < 1 such that the inequality

$$T(u, v, v, w, v + w) \le 0 \tag{4}$$

implies  $u \le \max\{(a+b)v + bw, (a+b)w + bv\}.$ 

 $T_3: \ T(u,0,0,u,u) > 0, \\ T(u,0,u,0,u) > 0 \ \text{and} \ T(u,u,0,0,2u) > 0, \\ \forall u > 0.$ 

**Remark 1.** Note that, if u = w in  $T_2$ , then the inequality  $T(u, v, v, w, v+w) \leq 0$  implies  $u \leq \frac{a+b}{1-b}v$ .

Now we give some examples.

**Example 1.** Let  $T(t_1, ..., t_5) = t_1 - \alpha \max\{t_2, t_3, t_4\} - \beta t_5$ , where  $\alpha, \beta \ge 0$  and  $2\alpha + 3\beta < 1$ .

 $\begin{array}{l} T_1: \ Obvious. \ T_2: \ Let \ T(u,v,v,w,w+v) = u - \alpha \max\{w,v\} - \beta(w+v) \leq 0. \ Thus \\ u \leq \max\{(\alpha + \beta)v + \beta w, (\alpha + \beta)w + \beta v\}. \ T_3: \ T(u,0,0,u,u) = T(u,0,u,0,u) = \\ u(1 - \alpha - \beta) > 0 \ and \ T(u,u,0,0,2u) = u(1 - \alpha - 2\beta) > 0, \forall u > 0. \ Therefore \ T \in \mathcal{T}. \\ \textbf{Example 2. } \ Let \ T(t_1,...,t_5) = t_1 - m \max\{t_2,t_3,t_4,\frac{1}{2}t_5\}, \ where \ 0 \leq m < \frac{1}{2}. \end{array}$ 

 $T_1: Obvious. T_2: Let T(u, v, v, w, w + v) = u - m \max\{w, v\} \le 0.$  Thus  $u \le \max\{mw, mv\}$  and so  $T_2$  is satisfying with a = m, b = 0.  $T_3: T(u, 0, 0, u, u) = T(u, 0, u, 0, u) = T(u, 0, 0, 2u) = u(1 - m) > 0, \forall u > 0.$  Therefore  $T \in \mathcal{T}$ .

**Example 3.** Let  $T(t_1, ..., t_5) = t_1 - (\alpha t_2 + \beta t_3 + \gamma t_4)$ , where  $\alpha, \beta, \gamma \ge 0, 2\alpha + 2\beta + \gamma < 1$  and  $\alpha + \beta - \gamma \ge 0$ .

 $T_1$ : Obvious.  $T_2$ : Let  $T(u, v, v, w, w + v) = u - (\alpha v + \beta v + \gamma w) \leq 0$ . Thus  $u \leq (\alpha + \beta)v + \gamma w \leq \max\{(\alpha + \beta)v + \gamma w, (\alpha + \beta)w + \gamma v\}$  and so  $T_2$  is satisfying with

 $\begin{aligned} & a = \alpha + \beta - \gamma, b = \gamma. \ T_3: T(u, 0, 0, u, u) = u(1 - \gamma) > 0, \ T(u, 0, u, 0, u) = u(1 - \beta) > 0 \\ & and \ T(u, u, 0, 0, 2u) = u(1 - \alpha) > 0, \forall u > 0. \ Therefore \ T \in \mathcal{T}. \end{aligned}$ 

**Example 4.** Let  $T(t_1, ..., t_5) = t_1 - \alpha t_2 - \beta \max\{t_3, t_4\} - \gamma t_5$ , where  $\alpha, \beta, \gamma \ge 0$ and  $2\alpha + 2\beta + 3\gamma < 1$ .

 $T_1: Obvious. T_2: Let T(u, v, v, w, w+v) = u - \alpha v - \beta \max\{w, v\} - \gamma(w+v) \leq 0.$ Thus  $u \leq \max\{(\alpha + \beta + \gamma)v + \beta w, (\alpha + \beta + \gamma)w + \beta v\}$  and so  $T_2$  is satisfying with  $a = \alpha + \beta + \gamma, b = \gamma. T_3: T(u, 0, 0, u, u) = T(u, 0, u, 0, u) = u(1 - \beta - \gamma) > 0$  and  $T(u, u, 0, 0, 2u) = u(1 - \alpha - 2\gamma) > 0, \forall u > 0.$  Therefore  $T \in \mathcal{T}$ .

#### 3. Main result

Now we give our main theorem.

**Theorem 1.** Let (X,d) be a metrically convex complete metric space and K a non-empty closed subset of X. Let  $F: K \to CB(X)$  be a multi-map satisfying

$$T(\delta(Fx, Fy), d(x, y), D(x, Fx), D(y, Fy), D(x, Fy) + D(y, Fx)) \le 0,$$
(5)

for all  $x, y \in K$ , where  $T \in \mathcal{T}$ . Further, if  $Fx \cap K \neq \phi$  for each  $x \in \partial K$ , then F has a fixed point  $p \in K$  such that  $Fp = \{p\}$  and F is continuous at p in the Hausdorff metric on X.

**Proof.** Let be arbitrary and consider a sequence  $\{x_n\}$  in K as follows: Let  $x_0 = x$  and take a point  $x_1 \in Fx_0 \cap K$  if  $Fx_0 \cap K \neq \phi$ . Otherwise choose a point  $x_1 \in \partial K$  such that

$$d(x_0, x_1') = d(x_0, x_1) + d(x_1, x_1')$$
(6)

for some  $x'_1 \in Fx_0 \subset X \setminus K$ . Similarly, pick  $x_2 \in Fx_1 \cap K$  if  $Fx_1 \cap K \neq \phi$ , otherwise choose a point  $x_2 \in \partial K$  such that

$$d(x_1, x_2') = d(x_1, x_2) + d(x_2, x_2')$$
(7)

for some  $x'_2 \in Fx_1 \subset X \setminus K$ . Continuing this way we have

$$x_{n+1} \in Fx_1 \cap K \text{ if } Fx_1 \cap K \neq \phi, \tag{8}$$

or  $x_{n+1} \in \partial K$  satisfying

$$d(x_n, x_{n+1}) + d(x_{n+1}, x'_{n+1}) = d(x_n, x'_{n+1})$$
(9)

for some  $x'_{n+1} \in Fx_n \subset X \setminus K$ .

By the construction of  $\{x_n\}$  we can write

$$\{x_n\} = P \cup Q \subset K,\tag{10}$$

where

$$P = \{x_n \in \{x_n\} : x_n \in Fx_{n-1}\}$$
(11)

and

$$Q = \{x_n \in \{x_n\} : x_n \in \partial K, x_n \notin Fx_{n-1}\}.$$
(12)

Then for any two consecutive terms  $x_n, x_{n+1}$  of the sequence  $\{x_n\}$ , we observe that there are only the following three possibilities:

 $(i) x_n, x_{n+1} \in P,$ 

(*ii*)  $x_n \in P, x_{n+1} \in Q$ , and

 $(iii) x_n \in Q, x_{n+1} \in P.$ 

First we show that  $\{x_n\}$  is a Cauchy sequence in K. Now for any  $x_n, x_{n+1} \in \{x_n\}$ , we have the following estimates:

**Case 1:** Suppose that  $x_n, x_{n+1} \in P$ . Now since  $x_{n-1}, x_n \in K$ , we can use the inequality (5), then we have

$$T\left(\delta(Fx_{n-1}, Fx_n), d(x_{n-1}, x_n), D(x_{n-1}, Fx_{n-1}), \\ D(x_n, Fx_n), D(x_{n-1}, Fx_n) + D(x_n, Fx_{n-1})\right) \le 0$$
(13)

and so

$$T(d(x_n, x_{n+1}), d(x_{n-1}, x_n), d(x_{n-1}, x_n), d(x_n, x_{n+1}), d(x_{n-1}, x_n) + d(x_n, x_{n+1})) \leq 0.$$
(14)
From *Remark 1* there exist two constants  $a, b \geq 0, 2a+3b < 1$  such that  $d(x_n, x_{n+1}) \leq 0$ .

 $\frac{a+b}{1-b}d(x_{n-1},x_n), \text{ where } \frac{a+b}{1-b} < \frac{1}{2} \text{ since } 2a+3b < 1 \text{ such that } a(x_n,x_{n+1}) \le \frac{a+b}{1-b}d(x_{n-1},x_n), \text{ where } \frac{a+b}{1-b} < \frac{1}{2} \text{ since } 2a+3b < 1.$ Case 2: Let  $x_n \in P$  and  $x_{n+1} \in Q$ . Then  $d(x_n,x_{n+1}) + d(x_{n+1},x'_{n+1}) = \frac{a+b}{1-b}d(x_n,x_n)$ 

**Case 2:** Let  $x_n \in P$  and  $x_{n+1} \in Q$ . Then  $d(x_n, x_{n+1}) + d(x_{n+1}, x'_{n+1}) = d(x_n, x'_{n+1})$  for some  $x'_{n+1} \in Fx_n$ . Clearly,

$$\begin{cases} d(x_n, x_{n+1}) \le d(x_n, x'_{n+1}) \\ d(x_n, x'_{n+1}) \le \delta(Fx_{n-1}, Fx_n). \end{cases}$$
(15)

Now following arguments similar to those in Case 1, we obtain

$$d(x_n, x'_{n+1}) \le \frac{a+b}{1-b} d(x_{n-1}, x_n).$$
(16)

From (15) and (16) it follows that

$$d(x_n, x_{n+1}) \le \frac{a+b}{1-b} d(x_{n-1}, x_n).$$
(17)

**Case 3:** Suppose that  $x_n \in Q$  and  $x_{n+1} \in P$ . Note that then  $x_{n-1} \in P$  and there is a point  $x'_n \in Fx_{n-1}$  such that

$$d(x_{n-1}, x_n) + d(x_n, x'_n) = d(x_{n-1}, x'_n).$$
(18)

Now,

$$d(x_n, x_{n+1}) \le d(x_n, x'_n) + d(x'_n, x_{n+1}) \le d(x_{n-1}, x'_n) + \delta(Fx_{n-1}, Fx_n).$$
(19)

On the other hand, since  $x_{n-1}, x_n \in K$ , we can use inequality (5), then we have

$$T\left(\delta(Fx_{n-1}, Fx_n), d(x_{n-1}, x_n), D(x_{n-1}, Fx_{n-1}), D(x_n, Fx_n), D(x_{n-1}, Fx_n) + D(x_n, Fx_{n-1})\right) \le 0.$$
(20)

Thus we have

$$T(d(x'_{n}, x_{n+1}), d(x_{n-1}, x_{n}), d(x_{n-1}, x'_{n}), d(x_{n}, x_{n+1}), d(x_{n-1}, x_{n+1}) + d(x_{n}, x'_{n})) \le 0.$$
(21)

Using (18) we have

$$T\left(d(x'_{n}, x_{n+1}), d(x_{n-1}, x'_{n}), d(x_{n-1}, x'_{n}), d(x_{n}, x_{n+1}), \\ d(x_{n-1}, x_{n}) + d(x_{n}, x_{n+1}) + d(x_{n}, x'_{n})\right) \le 0$$
(22)

and so

$$T\left(d(x'_{n}, x_{n+1}), d(x_{n-1}, x'_{n}), d(x_{n-1}, x'_{n}), d(x_{n}, x_{n+1}), \\ d(x_{n-1}, x'_{n}) + d(x_{n}, x_{n+1})\right) \le 0.$$
(23)

From  $T_2$  there exist two constants  $a,b\geq 0$  , 2a+3b<1 such that

$$d(x'_{n}, x_{n+1}) \le \max\left\{ \begin{array}{l} (a+b)d(x_{n-1}, x'_{n}) + bd(x_{n}, x_{n+1}), \\ (a+b)d(x_{n}, x_{n+1}) + bd(x_{n-1}, x'_{n}) \end{array} \right\}.$$
(24)

Therefore using (19) we have

$$d(x_n, x_{n+1}) \le d(x_{n-1}, x'_n) + \max\left\{ \begin{array}{l} (a+b)d(x_{n-1}, x'_n) + bd(x_n, x_{n+1}), \\ (a+b)d(x_n, x_{n+1}) + bd(x_{n-1}, x'_n) \end{array} \right\}$$
(25)

Now from (16) in Case 2 applied to n-1, we have

$$d(x_{n-1}, x'_n) \le \frac{a+b}{1-b} d(x_{n-2}, x_{n-1})$$
(26)

and hence from (25)

$$d(x_n, x_{n+1}) \leq \frac{a+b}{1-b} d(x_{n-2}, x_{n-1}) + \max \begin{cases} \frac{(a+b)^2}{1-b} d(x_{n-2}, x_{n-1}) + bd(x_n, x_{n+1}), \\ (a+b)d(x_n, x_{n+1}) + \frac{b(a+b)}{1-b} d(x_{n-2}, x_{n-1}) \end{cases}$$
$$= \max \begin{cases} \frac{(a+b)(1+a+b)}{1-b} d(x_{n-2}, x_{n-1}) + bd(x_n, x_{n+1}), \\ (a+b)d(x_n, x_{n+1}) + \frac{(1+b)(a+b)}{1-b} d(x_{n-2}, x_{n-1}) \end{cases} \end{cases}.$$

This implies

$$d(x_n, x_{n+1}) \le \max\{\frac{(a+b)(1+a+b)}{(1-b)^2}, \frac{(1+b)(a+b)}{(1-b)(1-a-b)}\}d(x_{n-2}, x_{n-1}).$$
 (27)  
Note that  $q = \max\{\frac{(a+b)(1+a+b)}{(1-b)^2}, \frac{(1+b)(a+b)}{(1-b)(1-a-b)}\} < 1.$  To see this,

2a + 3b < 1 yields

$$\begin{aligned} a+b &< 1-2b-a \\ \Rightarrow a+b+ab+b^2 &< 1-2b-a+ab+b^2 \\ \Rightarrow \frac{(a+b+ab+b^2)}{1-2b-a+ab+b^2} &< 1 \\ \Rightarrow \frac{(a+b)(1+b)}{(1-b)(1-a-b)} &< 1. \end{aligned}$$
 (28)

Similarly, again from 2a + 3b < 1 we have

$$1 > 3b 
\Rightarrow \frac{3}{2} > \frac{1}{1-b} 
\Rightarrow 1 > \frac{1}{2(1-b)} + \frac{1}{4} 
\Rightarrow 1 > (\frac{1}{1-b} + \frac{1}{2})\frac{1}{2} 
\Rightarrow 1 > (\frac{1}{1-b} + \frac{a+b}{1-b})\frac{a+b}{1-b} 
\Rightarrow 1 > \frac{(1+a+b)(a+b)}{(1-b)^2}.$$
(29)

Now for any  $n \in N$ , we have

$$d(x_{2n}, x_{2n+1}) \le qd(x_{2n-2}, x_{2n}) \le q^n d(x_0, x_1).$$
(30)

Since n is arbitrary, one has

$$d(x_n, x_{n+1}) \le q^n d(x_0, x_1). \tag{31}$$

Then from Cases 1-3, it easily follows that  $\{x_n\}$  is a Cauchy sequence in K. As K is closed, it is complete and hence  $\lim_n x_n = p$  exists. We show that p is a fixed point of F. Without loss of generality, we may assume that  $x_{n+1} \in Fx_n$  for some  $n \in N$ . Then using (5) we have

$$T(\delta(Fx_n, Fp), d(x_n, p), D(x_n, Fx_n), D(p, Fp), D(x_n, Fp) + D(p, Fx_n)) \le 0, (32)$$

and letting  $n \to \infty$  we have

$$T(D(p, Fp), 0, 0, D(p, Fp), D(p, Fp)) \le 0.$$
(33)

From  $T_3$  we have D(p, Fp) = 0 and so  $p \in Fp$ .

Further, we have

$$T(\delta(Fp, Fp), d(p, p), D(p, Fp), D(p, Fp), D(p, Fp) + D(p, Fp)) \le 0,$$
(34)

and so

$$T(\delta(Fp, Fp), 0, 0, 0, 0) \le 0.$$
(35)

Again from  $T_1$  and  $T_3$  we have  $\delta(Fp, Fp) = 0$  and so  $Fp = \{p\}$ .

To show the uniqueness of p, let  $q \neq p$  be another fixed point of F. Then

$$T(\delta(Fp, Fq), d(p, q), D(p, Fp), D(q, Fq), D(p, Fq) + D(q, Fp)) \le 0,$$
(36)

and so

$$T(d(p,q), d(p,q), 0, 0, 2d(p,q)) \le 0.$$
(37)

Again from  $T_3$  we have p = q.

Finally, we prove the continuity of F at p. Let  $\{z_n\} \subset X$  be any sequence such that  $z_n \to p$  as  $n \to \infty$ . Now

$$T(\delta(Fz_n, Fp), d(z_n, p), D(z_n, Fz_n), D(p, Fp), D(z_n, Fp) + D(p, Fz_n)) \le 0$$
(38)

and letting  $n \to \infty$  we have

$$T(\lim_{n} H(Fz_{n}, Fp), 0, \lim_{n} H(Fp, Fz_{n}), 0, \lim_{n} H(Fp, Fz_{n})) \le 0.$$
(39)

From  $T_3$  we have  $\lim_n H(Fz_n, Fp) = 0$ , showing that F is continuous at p. This completes the proof.

**Remark 2.** Theorem 1 of [2] follows from Example 1 and Theorem 1.

**Remark 3.** We can have some new results from other examples and Theorem 1.

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