

# Weakly Picard pairs of some multivalued operators

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**Abstract.** *The purpose of this paper is to present a partial answer to the following problem:*

*Let  $(X, d)$  be a metric space and  $T_1, T_2 : X \rightarrow P(X)$  two multivalued operators. Determine the metric conditions which imply that  $(T_1, T_2)$  is a weakly Picard pair of multivalued operators and  $T_1, T_2$  are weakly Picard multivalued operators.*

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## 1. Introduction

Let  $X$  be a nonempty set. We denote by  $P(X)$  the set of all nonempty subsets of  $X$ , i. e.  $P(X) := \{ Y \mid \emptyset \neq Y \subseteq X \}$ .

Let  $T_1, T_2 : X \rightarrow P(X)$  be two multivalued operators. We denote by  $G_{T_1}$  the graph of  $T_1$ , i. e.  $G_{T_1} := \{ (x, y) \mid x \in X, y \in T_1(x) \}$ , by  $F_{T_1}$  the fixed points set of  $T_1$ , i. e.  $F_{T_1} := \{ x \in X \mid x \in T_1(x) \}$  and by  $(CF)_{T_1, T_2}$  the common fixed points set of  $T_1$  and  $T_2$ .

Let  $(X, d)$  be a metric space. Further on we shall need the following notation

$$P_{cl}(X) := \{ Y \mid Y \in P(X) \text{ and } Y \text{ is a closed set} \}$$

and the following functionals

$$D : P(X) \times P(X) \rightarrow \mathbb{R}_+, D(A, B) = \inf \{ d(a, b) \mid a \in A, b \in B \},$$

$$H : P(X) \times P(X) \rightarrow \mathbb{R}_+ \cup \{+\infty\}, H(A, B) = \max \left\{ \sup_{a \in A} D(a, B), \sup_{b \in B} D(b, A) \right\}.$$

**Definition 1** [[6], [7]]. *Let  $(X, d)$  be a metric space and  $T : X \rightarrow P(X)$  a multivalued operator. We say that  $T$  is a weakly Picard multivalued operator (briefly w. P. m. o.) iff for each  $x \in X$  and for every  $y \in T(x)$ , there exists a sequence  $(x_n)_{n \in \mathbb{N}}$  such that:*

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- (i)  $x_0 = x, x_1 = y$ ;
- (ii)  $x_{n+1} \in T(x_n)$ , for each  $n \in \mathbb{N}^*$ ;
- (iii) sequence  $(x_n)_{n \in \mathbb{N}}$  is convergent and its limit is a fixed point of  $T$ .

**Remark 1.** A sequence  $(x_n)_{n \in \mathbb{N}}$  which satisfies conditions (i) and (ii) from Definition 1 is, by definition, a sequence of successive approximations of  $T$ , starting from  $(x, y)$ .

For examples of w. P. m. o. see for instance [6], [7].

**Definition 2** [[7]]. Let  $(X, d)$  be a metric space and  $T : X \rightarrow P(X)$  a w. P. m. o.. Then we define the multivalued operator  $T^\infty : G_T \rightarrow P(F_T)$  by the formula  $T^\infty(x, y) = \{ z \in F_T \mid \text{there exists a sequence of successive approximations of } T, \text{ starting from } (x, y), \text{ that converges to } z \}$ , for each  $(x, y) \in G_T$ .

**Definition 3** [[7]]. Let  $(X, d)$  be a metric space and  $T : X \rightarrow P(X)$  a w. P. m. o.. Then  $T$  is a  $c$ -weakly Picard multivalued operator ( $c \in [0, +\infty[$ ) (briefly  $c$ -w. P. m. o.) iff there exists a selection  $t^\infty$  of  $T^\infty$  such that

$$d(x, t^\infty(x, y)) \leq c d(x, y),$$

for each  $(x, y) \in G_T$ .

Examples of  $c$ -w. P. m. o. are given in [7].

**Definition 4** [[10]]. Let  $(X, d)$  be a metric space and  $T_1, T_2 : X \rightarrow P(X)$  two multivalued operators. By definition, we say that the pair of multivalued operators  $(T_1, T_2)$  is a weakly Picard pair of multivalued operators (briefly w. P. p. m. o.) iff for each  $x \in X$  and for every  $y \in T_1(x) \cup T_2(x)$ , there exists a sequence  $(x_n)_{n \in \mathbb{N}}$  such that:

- (i)  $x_0 = x, x_1 = y$ ;
- (ii)  $x_{2n-1} \in T_i(x_{2n-2})$  and  $x_{2n} \in T_j(x_{2n-1})$ , for each  $n \in \mathbb{N}^*$ , where  $i, j \in \{1, 2\}$ ,  $i \neq j$ ;
- (iii) sequence  $(x_n)_{n \in \mathbb{N}}$  is convergent and its limit is a common fixed point of  $T_1$  and  $T_2$ .

**Remark 2.** A sequence  $(x_n)_{n \in \mathbb{N}}$  which satisfies conditions (i) and (ii) from Definition 4 is a sequence of successive approximations for the pair  $(T_1, T_2)$ , starting from  $(x, y)$ .

For examples of w. P. p. m. o. see [10].

**Definition 5** [[10]]. Let  $(X, d)$  be a metric space and  $T_1, T_2 : X \rightarrow P(X)$  two multivalued operators which form a w. P. p. m. o.. Then we define the multivalued operator  $(T_1, T_2)^\infty : G_{T_1} \cup G_{T_2} \rightarrow P((CF)_{T_1, T_2})$  by the formula  $(T_1, T_2)^\infty(x, y) = \{ z \in (CF)_{T_1, T_2} \mid \text{there exists a sequence of successive approximations for the pair } (T_1, T_2), \text{ starting from } (x, y), \text{ that converges to } z \}$ , for each  $(x, y) \in G_{T_1} \cup G_{T_2}$ .

**Definition 6** [[10]]. Let  $(X, d)$  be a metric space and  $T_1, T_2 : X \rightarrow P(X)$  two multivalued operators which form a w. P. p. m. o.. Then  $(T_1, T_2)$  is a  $c$ -weakly Picard pair of multivalued operators ( $c \in [0, +\infty[$ ) (briefly  $c$ -w. P. p. m. o.) iff there exists a selection  $(t_1, t_2)^\infty$  of  $(T_1, T_2)^\infty$  such that

$$d(x, (t_1, t_2)^\infty(x, y)) \leq c d(x, y),$$

for each  $(x, y) \in G_{T_1} \cup G_{T_2}$ .

Examples of  $c$ -w. P. p. m. o. are given in [10].

The purpose of this paper is to study the following problem.

**Problem 1.** Let  $(X, d)$  be a metric space and  $T_1, T_2 : X \rightarrow P(X)$  two multivalued operators. Determine the metric conditions which imply that  $(T_1, T_2)$  is a weakly Picard pair of multivalued operators and  $T_1, T_2$  are weakly Picard multivalued operators.

## 2. Weakly Picard pairs of some multivalued operators

The following theorem was established by Sintămărian in [10] and it is a partial answer to *Problem 1*.

**Theorem 1** [[10]]. Let  $(X, d)$  be a complete metric space and  $T_1, T_2 : X \rightarrow P_{cl}(X)$  two multivalued operators for which there exists  $a \in [0, 1/2[$  such that

$$H(T_1(x), T_2(y)) \leq a [D(x, T_1(x)) + D(y, T_2(y))],$$

for each  $x, y \in X$ .

Then  $F_{T_1} = F_{T_2} \in P_{cl}(X)$ ,  $(T_1, T_2)$  is  $c$ -w. P. p. m. o. and  $T_1$  and  $T_2$  are  $c$ -w. P. m. o., with  $c = (1 - a)/(1 - 2a)$ .

Another partial answer to *Problem 1* is the following result.

**Theorem 2.** Let  $(X, d)$  be a complete metric space and  $T_1, T_2 : X \rightarrow P_{cl}(X)$  two multivalued operators. We suppose that:

- (i) there exists  $a_1 \in [0, 1/2[$  such that for each  $x \in X$ , any  $u_x \in T_1(x)$  and for all  $y \in X$ , there exists  $u_y \in T_2(y)$  so that

$$d(u_x, u_y) \leq a_1 [d(x, u_x) + d(y, u_y)];$$

- (ii) there exists  $a_2 \in [0, 1/2[$  such that for each  $x \in X$ , any  $u_x \in T_2(x)$  and for all  $y \in X$ , there exists  $u_y \in T_1(y)$  so that

$$d(u_x, u_y) \leq a_2 [d(x, u_x) + d(y, u_y)].$$

Then  $F_{T_1} = F_{T_2} \in P_{cl}(X)$  and  $(T_1, T_2)$  is  $c$ -w. P. p. m. o., with  $c = (1 - a)/(1 - 2a)$ , where  $a = \max \{a_1, a_2\}$ .

If in addition we have that  $2 \max \{a_1, a_2\} + \min \{a_1, a_2\} < 1$ , then  $T_i$  is  $c_i$ -w. P. m. o., with  $c_i = (1 - a_1)(1 - a_2)/(1 - 2a_i - a_j)$ ,  $i, j \in \{1, 2\}$ ,  $i \neq j$ .

**Proof.** First of all, we notice that from Theorem 4.2 given by Latif-Beg in [1] it follows that  $(CF)_{T_1, T_2} \neq \emptyset$ .

From Theorem 2.2 given by Sintămărian in [8] we have that  $F_{T_1} = F_{T_2} \in P_{cl}(X)$  and the fact that  $(T_1, T_2)$  is  $c$ -w. P. p. m. o. follows from Theorem 2.7 given by Sintămărian in [10].

Furthermore, we suppose that  $2 \max \{a_1, a_2\} + \min \{a_1, a_2\} < 1$  and we shall prove that  $T_i$  is  $c_i$ -w. P. m. o.,  $i \in \{1, 2\}$ .

Let  $i, j \in \{1, 2\}$ ,  $i \neq j$ . Let  $x_0 \in X$  and  $x_1 \in T_i(x_0)$ . It follows that there exists  $y_1 \in T_j(x_1)$  such that

$$d(x_1, y_1) \leq a_i [d(x_0, x_1) + d(x_1, y_1)]$$

and there exists  $x_2 \in T_i(x_1)$  such that

$$d(y_1, x_2) \leq a_j [d(x_1, y_1) + d(x_1, x_2)].$$

From these, using the triangle inequality, we obtain

$$\begin{aligned} d(x_1, x_2) &\leq d(x_1, y_1) + d(y_1, x_2) \\ &\leq d(x_1, y_1) + a_j [d(x_1, y_1) + d(x_1, x_2)] \\ &= (1 + a_j) d(x_1, y_1) + a_j d(x_1, x_2) \\ &\leq (1 + a_j)a_i/(1 - a_i) d(x_0, x_1) + a_j d(x_1, x_2). \end{aligned}$$

So

$$d(x_1, x_2) \leq a_i(1 + a_j)/[(1 - a_i)(1 - a_j)] d(x_0, x_1).$$

Now, there exists  $y_2 \in T_j(x_2)$  such that

$$d(x_2, y_2) \leq a_i [d(x_1, x_2) + d(x_2, y_2)]$$

and there exists  $x_3 \in T_i(x_2)$  such that

$$d(y_2, x_3) \leq a_j [d(x_2, y_2) + d(x_2, x_3)].$$

From these we have that

$$d(x_2, x_3) \leq a_i(1 + a_j)/[(1 - a_i)(1 - a_j)] d(x_1, x_2).$$

By induction, we obtain that there exists a sequence  $(x_n)_{n \in \mathbb{N}}$  of successive approximations of  $T_i$ , starting from  $(x_0, x_1)$ , with the property that

$$d(x_n, x_{n+1}) \leq a_i(1 + a_j)/[(1 - a_i)(1 - a_j)] d(x_{n-1}, x_n),$$

for each  $n \in \mathbb{N}^*$ .

It follows that  $(x_n)_{n \in \mathbb{N}}$  is a convergent sequence, because  $(X, d)$  is a complete metric space and  $a_i(1 + a_j)/[(1 - a_i)(1 - a_j)] < 1$ . Let  $x^* = \lim_{n \rightarrow \infty} x_n$ .

From  $x_n \in T_i(x_{n-1})$  we have that there exists  $u_n \in T_j(x^*)$  such that

$$d(x_n, u_n) \leq a_i [d(x_{n-1}, x_n) + d(x^*, u_n)],$$

for all  $n \in \mathbb{N}^*$ .

Using the triangle inequality we obtain

$$d(x^*, u_n) \leq (1 - a_i)^{-1} [d(x^*, x_n) + a_i d(x_{n-1}, x_n)],$$

for all  $n \in \mathbb{N}^*$ .

This implies that  $d(x^*, u_n) \rightarrow 0$ , as  $n \rightarrow \infty$ . Since  $u_n \in T_j(x^*)$ , for all  $n \in \mathbb{N}^*$  and  $T_j(x^*)$  is a closed set, it follows that  $x^* \in T_j(x^*)$ . So  $x^* \in F_{T_j} = F_{T_i}$ .

It is not difficult to verify that

$$d(x_n, x^*) \leq [a_i(1 + a_j)(1 - a_i)^{-1}(1 - a_j)^{-1}]^n (1 - a_i)(1 - a_j)/(1 - 2a_i - a_j) d(x_0, x_1),$$

for each  $n \in \mathbb{N}$ .

For  $n = 0$  we have

$$d(x_0, x^*) \leq (1 - a_i)(1 - a_j)/(1 - 2a_i - a_j) d(x_0, x_1),$$

which means that  $T_i$  is  $c_i$ -w. P. m. o., with  $c_i = (1 - a_i)(1 - a_j)/(1 - 2a_i - a_j)$ .  $\square$

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