MULTIVALUED FIXED POINT RESULTS AND STABILITY OF FIXED POINT SETS IN METRIC SPACES

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Abstract. In this paper we establish certain multivalued fixed point results for mappings satisfying rational type almost contractions involving a control function in the framework of metric spaces. The main result is supported with an example. We use the Hausdorff distance in our theorems. We also study the stability of fixed point sets of the above mentioned set valued contractions.

Keywords: Hausdorff metric; Multivalued mapping; Rational type almost contraction; Fixed point; Stability.

1. Introduction

Metric fixed point theory is widely recognized to have been originated in the work of S. Banach in 1922 [5], where he proved the famous contraction mapping principle. Banach's contraction mapping principle has very few parallels in modern science, in terms of the various influences it has had in the developments of different branches of mathematics and of physical science in general. Over the years, metric fixed point theory has developed in different directions. A comprehensive account of this development is provided in the handbook entitled by Kirk and Sims [29]. Further fixed point and some related results are described in [20, 33, 34, 35].

The concept of almost contractions was introduced by Berinde [7, 8]. It was shown in [7] that any strict contraction, the Kannan [27] and Zamfirescu [41] mappings, as well as a large class of quasi-contractions, are all almost contractions. Almost contractions and its generalizations were further considered in several works, such as [1, 4, 13, 14, 16].

Dass and Gupta [19] generalized the Banach's contraction mapping principle by using a contractive condition of rational type. Fixed point theorems for contractive type conditions satisfying rational inequalities in metric spaces have been developed in a number of works [2, 11, 12, 24, 25, 26, 31].

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Multivalued analysis is an important extension of the general concepts studied in mathematical analysis. Several aspects of this study are described by Aubin et al in their book [3]. Fixed point theory for multivalued operators is an important topic of set-valued analysis. Nadler [37] extended the Banach contraction principle to setvalued mappings by using the Hausdorff metric. Inspired by the results of Nadler, the fixed point theory of set-valued contraction using this Hausdorff metric has been further developed in different directions by many authors [17, 18, 22, 23, 28, 39].

Stability is a concept associated with the limiting behaviors of a system. It has been studied in the contexts of both discrete and continuous dynamical systems [38, 40]. The study of the relationship between the convergence of a sequence of mappings and their fixed points, known as the stability of fixed points, has also been widely studied in various settings [6, 9, 10, 15, 21, 30, 32, 36]. The fixed point sets of a sequence of mappings are said to be stable if they converge to the set of fixed points of the limit mapping in the Hausdorff metric. Multivalued mappings often have more fixed points than their single-valued counterparts [21, 30, 32, 36, 37]. Therefore, the set of fixed points of multivalued mappings becomes larger and hence more interesting for the study of stability.

The purpose of this paper is to establish the existence of fixed points of certain multivalued mappings in metric spaces. The mappings are assumed to satisfy certain rational type almost contractive inequalities. In Section 2 we describe some mathematical preliminaries which we use in our results in Sections 3 and 4. In Section 3 we prove a fixed point result for multivalued mapping satisfy rational type almost contractive inequalities. In Section 4 we investigate the stability of fixed point sets of above mentioned set valued contractions.

2. Mathematical Preliminaries

The following are the concepts from set valued analysis which we shall use in this paper. Let (X, d) be a metric space. Then

 $N(X) = \{A : A \text{ is a non-empty subset of } X\},\$

 $B(X) = \{A : A \text{ is a non-empty bounded subset of } X\},\$

 $CB(X) = \{A : A \text{ is a non-empty closed and bounded subset of } X\}$ and

 $C(X) = \{A : A \text{ is a non-empty compact subset of } X\}.$

For $x \in X$ and $B \in N(X)$, the function D(x, B), and for $A, B \in CB(X)$, the function H(A, B) are defined as follows:

$$D(x, B) = \inf \{ d(x, y) : y \in B \}$$

and

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

H is known as the Hausdorff metric induced by *d* on *CB*(*X*) [37]. Further, if (*X*, *d*) is complete then (*CB*(*X*), *H*) is also complete.

Nadler [37] established the following Lemma.

Lemma 2.1. [37] Let (X, d) be a metric space and $A, B \in CB(X)$. Let q > 1. Then for each $x \in A$, there exists $y \in B$ such that $d(x, y) \le q H(A, B)$.

In [15, 37] it is shown that the above Lemma is also valid for $q \ge 1$, if $A, B \in C(X)$.

Lemma 2.2. [15, 37] Let (X, d) be a metric space and A, $B \in C(X)$. Let $q \ge 1$. Then for each $x \in A$, there exists $y \in B$ such that $d(x, y) \le q H(A, B)$.

The following is a consequence of Lemma 2.2.

Lemma 2.3. Let *A* and *B* be two nonempty compact subsets of a metric space (*X*, *d*) and $T : A \rightarrow C(B)$ be a multivalued mapping. Let $q \ge 1$. Then for $a, b \in A$ and $x \in Ta$, there exists a $y \in Tb$ such that $d(x, y) \le q H(Ta, Tb)$.

Definition 2.1. Let *X* be a nonempty set, $f : X \longrightarrow X$ a single-valued mapping and $T : X \longrightarrow N(X)$ a multivalued mapping. A point $x \in X$ is a fixed point of *f* (resp. *T*) iff x = fx (resp. $x \in Tx$).

The set of all fixed points of f and T are denoted respectively by F(f) and F(T).

3. Main Results

Theorem 3.1. Let (X, d) be a complete metric space and $T : X \longrightarrow C(X)$ a multivalued mapping. Let $\psi : [0, \infty) \rightarrow [0, \infty)$ be a nondecreasing and continuous function with $\sum_{n=1}^{\infty} \psi^n(t) < \infty$ and $\psi(t) < t$ for each t > 0. Suppose that there exists a real number $L \ge 0$ such that, for all $x, y \in X$,

$$(3.1) \quad H(Tx, Ty) \leq \psi(\max\{d(x, y), D(x, Tx), D(y, Ty), \frac{D(y, Tx) + D(x, Ty)}{2}, \frac{D(y, Ty) [1 + D(x, Tx)]}{1 + d(x, y)}, \frac{D(y, Tx) [1 + D(x, Ty)]}{1 + d(x, y)} \}) + L \min\{D(x, Tx), D(y, Ty), D(x, Ty), D(y, Tx)\}.$$

Then T has a fixed point in X.

Proof. Let $x_0 \in X$ and $x_1 \in Tx_0$. Then, by Lemma ??, there exists an $x_2 \in Tx_1$ such that

$$d(x_1, x_2) \leq H(Tx_0, Tx_1).$$

Applying (3.1) and using the monotone property of ψ , we have

 $d(x_1, x_2) \le H(Tx_0, Tx_1)$ $\le \psi(\max \{ d(x_0, x_1), D(x_0, Tx_0), D(x_1, Tx_1), \frac{D(x_1, Tx_0) + D(x_0, Tx_1)}{2}, \frac{D(x_1, Tx_0) + D(x_0, Tx_0)}{2}, \frac{D(x$ Binayak S. Choudhury, N. Metiya, T. Som and C. Bandyopadhyay

$$\frac{D(x_1, Tx_1) [1 + D(x_0, Tx_0)]}{1 + d(x_0, x_1)}, \frac{D(x_1, Tx_0) [1 + D(x_0, Tx_1)]}{1 + d(x_0, x_1)} \})$$

$$+ L \min \{D(x_0, Tx_0), D(x_1, Tx_1), D(x_0, Tx_1), D(x_1, Tx_0)\}$$

$$\leq \psi(\max \{d(x_0, x_1), d(x_0, x_1), d(x_1, x_2), \frac{d(x_1, x_1) + d(x_0, x_2)}{2}, \frac{d(x_1, x_2) [1 + d(x_0, x_1)]}{1 + d(x_0, x_1)}, \frac{d(x_1, x_1) [1 + d(x_0, x_2)]}{1 + d(x_0, x_1)} \})$$

$$+ L \min \{d(x_0, x_1), d(x_1, x_2), d(x_0, x_2), d(x_1, x_1)\}$$

$$= \psi(\max \{d(x_0, x_1), d(x_1, x_2), \frac{d(x_0, x_2)}{2} \}).$$
Since $\frac{d(x_0, x_2)}{2} \leq \frac{d(x_0, x_1) + d(x_1, x_2)}{2} \leq \max \{d(x_0, x_1), d(x_1, x_2)\}, \text{ it follows that}$

$$(3.2) d(x_1, x_2) \le \psi(\max\{d(x_0, x_1), d(x_1, x_2)\}).$$

Suppose that $d(x_0, x_1) < d(x_1, x_2)$. Then $d(x_1, x_2) \neq 0$, and it follows from (3.2) and a property of ψ that

$$d(x_1, x_2) \leq \psi(d(x_1, x_2)) < d(x_1, x_2),$$

which is a contradiction. Hence $d(x_1, x_2) \le d(x_0, x_1)$. Then from (3.2), we have

(3.3)
$$d(x_1, x_2) \leq \psi(d(x_0, x_1)).$$

Since $x_2 \in Tx_1$, by Lemma **??**, there exists an $x_3 \in Tx_2$ such that

$$d(x_2, x_3) \leq H(Tx_1, Tx_2)$$

Applying (3.1) and using the monotone property of ψ , we have $d(x_2, x_3) \leq H(Tx_1, Tx_2)$

it follows that

(3.4)
$$d(x_2, x_3) \leq \psi(\max\{d(x_1, x_2), d(x_2, x_3)\}).$$

Suppose that $d(x_1, x_2) < d(x_2, x_3)$. Then $d(x_2, x_3) \neq 0$, and it follows from (3.3) and a property of ψ that

$$d(x_2, x_3) \leq \psi(d(x_2, x_3)) < d(x_2, x_3),$$

which is a contradiction. Hence $d(x_2, x_3) \le d(x_1, x_2)$. From (3.3), we have

(3.5)
$$d(x_2, x_3) \le \psi(d(x_1, x_2))$$

Continuing this process we construct a sequence $\{x_n\}$ such that, for all $n \ge 0$

$$(3.6) x_{n+1} \in Tx_n$$

and

(3.7)
$$d(x_{n+1}, x_{n+2}) \le \psi(d(x_n, x_{n+1})).$$

By repeated application of (??) and the monotone property of ψ , we have

$$d(x_{n+1}, x_{n+2}) \leq \psi(d(x_n, x_{n+1})) \leq \psi^2(d(x_{n-1}, x_n)) \leq \dots \leq \psi^{n+1}(d(x_0, x_1)).$$

Then, by a property of ψ , we have

$$\sum_n d(x_n, x_{n+1}) \leq \sum_n \psi^n(d(x_0, x_1)) < \infty.$$

This shows that $\{x_n\}$ is a Cauchy sequence. From the completeness of X, there exists a $z \in X$ such that

$$(3.8) x_n \longrightarrow z \text{ as } n \longrightarrow \infty.$$

Since $x_{n+1} \in Tx_n$, for all $n \ge 1$, applying (3.1) and using the monotone property of ψ , we get $D(x_{n+1}, Tz) \le H(Tx_n, Tz)$

$$\leq \psi(\max\{d(x_n, z), D(x_n, Tx_n), D(z, Tz), \frac{D(z, Tx_n) + D(x_n, Tz)}{2}, \frac{D(z, Tz) [1 + D(x_n, Tx_n)]}{1 + d(x_n, z)}, \frac{D(z, Tx_n) [1 + D(x_n, Tz)]}{1 + d(x_n, z)} \}$$

+ $L \min\{D(x_n, Tx_n), D(z, Tz), D(x_n, Tz), D(z, Tx_n)\}$
 $\leq \psi(\max\{d(x_n, z), d(x_n, x_{n+1}), D(z, Tz), \frac{d(z, x_{n+1}) + D(x_n, Tz)}{2}, \frac{D(z, Tz) [1 + d(x_n, z), \frac{d(z, x_{n+1}) [1 + D(x_n, Tz)]}{2}] }{1 + d(x_n, z)}$, $\frac{D(z, Tz) [1 + d(x_n, x_{n+1})]}{1 + d(x_n, z)}, \frac{d(z, x_{n+1}) [1 + D(x_n, Tz)]}{1 + d(x_n, z)} \}$

Taking the limit as $n \longrightarrow \infty$ in the above inequality, using (??), and the continuity of ψ , we have

$$D(z, Tz) \le \psi(\max \{0, 0, D(z, Tz), \frac{D(z, Tz)}{2}, D(z, Tz), 0\}) \le \psi(D(z, Tz)).$$

Suppose that $D(z, Tz) \neq 0$. Then, from the above inequality, it follows by a property of ψ that

$$D(z, Tz) \leq \psi(D(z, Tz)) < D(z, Tz),$$

which is a contradiction. Hence D(z, Tz) = 0. Since $Tz \in C(X)$, Tz is compact and hence Tz is closed; that is, $Tz = \overline{Tz}$, where \overline{Tz} denotes the closure of Tz. Now D(z, Tz) = 0 implies that $z \in \overline{Tz} = Tz$; that is, z is a fixed point of T.

Example 3.1. Let X = [a, b], where $a, b \in \mathbb{R}$ with 1 < a < b and "d" is usual metric on X. Let $T : X \longrightarrow C(X)$ be defined as follows:

$$Tx = [x + \frac{1}{x} - \frac{1}{b}, b], \text{ for } x \in X.$$

Let $\psi \colon [0, \infty) \longrightarrow [0, \infty)$ be defined by:

$$\psi(t) = k t$$
, where $t \in [0, \infty)$ and $1 - \frac{1}{b^2} \le k < 1$.

Let $L \ge 0$ any real number.

Then all of the conditions of Theorem 3.1 are satisfied and it is seen that "b" is a fixed point of *T* in *X*.

Using $\psi(t) = k t$, where 0 < k < 1, in Theorem 3.1, we have the following corollary.

Corollary 3.1. Let (X, d) be a complete metric space and $T : X \longrightarrow C(X)$ a multivalued mapping. Suppose that there exist two real numbers $L \ge 0$ and 0 < k < 1 such that, for all $x, y \in X$,

$$(3.9) \quad H(Tx, Ty) \le k \max \{ d(x, y), D(x, Tx), D(y, Ty), \frac{D(y, Tx) + D(x, Ty)}{2}, \\ \frac{D(y, Ty) [1 + D(x, Tx)]}{1 + d(x, y)}, \frac{D(y, Tx) [1 + D(x, Ty)]}{1 + d(x, y)} \} \\ + L \min \{ D(x, Tx), D(y, Ty), D(x, Ty), D(y, Tx) \}.$$

Then T has a fixed point in X.

With L = 0 and $\psi(t) = k t$, where 0 < k < 1, in Theorem 3.1, we have the following corollary.

Corollary 3.2. Let (X, d) be a complete metric space and $T : X \longrightarrow C(X)$ a multivalued mapping. Suppose that there exists a real number 0 < k < 1 such that, for all $x, y \in X$,

$$(3.10) \quad H(Tx, Ty) \le k \max \{ d(x, y), D(x, Tx), D(y, Ty), \frac{D(y, Tx) + D(x, Ty)}{2}, \\ \frac{D(y, Ty) \left[1 + D(x, Tx) \right]}{1 + d(x, y)}, \frac{D(y, Tx) \left[1 + D(x, Ty) \right]}{1 + d(x, y)} \}.$$

Then T has a fixed point in X.

4. Stability of fixed point sets

Theorem 4.1. Let (X, d) be a complete metric space and $T_i : X \longrightarrow C(X)$, i = 1, 2 be two multivalued mappings. Let $\psi : [0, \infty) \rightarrow [0, \infty)$ be a nondecreasing and continuous function with $\Phi(t) = \sum_{n=1}^{\infty} \psi^n(t) < \infty$, $\Phi(t) \rightarrow 0$ as $t \rightarrow 0$ and $\psi(t) < t$ for each t > 0. Suppose that there exists a real number $L \ge 0$ such that the T_i satisfy (3.1) for every i = 1, 2; that is, for all $x, y \in X$,

$$\begin{split} H(T_ix, \ T_iy) &\leq \psi(\max\{d(x, \ y), \ D(x, \ T_ix), \ D(y, \ T_iy), \frac{D(y, \ T_ix) + D(x, \ T_iy)}{2}, \\ &\frac{D(y, \ T_iy) \ [1 + D(x, \ T_ix)]}{1 + d(x, \ y)}, \frac{D(y, \ T_ix) \ [1 + D(x, \ T_iy)]}{1 + d(x, \ y)} \}) \\ &+ L \min\{D(x, \ T_ix), \ D(y, \ T_iy), \ D(x, \ T_iy), \ D(y, \ T_ix)\}. \end{split}$$

Then $H(F(T_1), F(T_2)) \le \Phi(k)$ where $k = \sup_{x \in X} H(T_1x, T_2x)$.

Proof. From Theorem 3.1 the set of fixed points of T_i (i = 1, 2) is non-empty; that is, $F(T_i) \neq \emptyset$, for i = 1, 2. Let $y_0 \in F(T_1)$; that is $y_0 \in T_1y_0$. Then, by Lemma 2.2, there exists a $y_1 \in T_2y_0$ such that

(4.1)
$$d(y_0, y_1) \leq H(T_1y_0, T_2y_0).$$

Since $y_1 \in T_2 y_0$, by Lemma ??, there exists a $y_2 \in T_2 y_1$ such that

$$d(y_1, y_2) \leq H(T_2y_0, T_2y_1).$$

Then, arguing as in the proof of Theorem 3.1, we construct a sequence $\{y_n\}$ such that, for all $n \ge 0$

$$(4.2) y_{n+1} \in T_2 y_n$$

(4.3)
$$d(y_{n+1}, y_{n+2}) \le \psi(d(y_n, y_{n+1})),$$

and

$$(4.4) d(y_{n+1}, y_{n+2}) \le \psi(d(y_n, y_{n+1})) \le \psi^2(d(y_{n-1}, y_n)) \le \dots \le \psi^{n+1}(d(y_0, y_1)).$$

Similar to the proof of Theorem 3.1, we prove that $\{y_n\}$ is a Cauchy sequence *X* and there exists a $u \in X$ such that

$$(4.5) y_n \longrightarrow u \text{ as } n \longrightarrow \infty.$$

Also, *u* is a fixed point of T_2 ; that is, $u \in T_2 u$.

From (??) and the definition of *k*, it follows that

(4.6)
$$d(y_0, y_1) \le H(T_1y_0, T_2y_0) \le k = \sup_{x \in X} H(T_1x, T_2x).$$

Again, by the triangle inequality and using (??), we have

$$d(y_0, u) \leq \sum_{i=0}^n d(y_i, y_{i+1}) + d(y_{n+1}, u) \leq \sum_{i=0}^n \psi^i(d(y_0, y_1)) + d(y_{n+1}, u).$$

Taking the limit as $n \to \infty$ in the above inequality, using (??), (??) and the properties of ψ , we have

$$d(y_0, u) \leq \sum_{i=0}^{\infty} \psi^i(d(y_0, y_1)) \leq \sum_{i=0}^{\infty} \psi^i(k) = \Phi(k).$$

Thus, given an arbitrary $y_0 \in F(T_1)$, we can find a $u \in F(T_2)$ for which

$$d(y_0, u) \leq \Phi(k).$$

Similarly, we can prove that, for arbitrary $z_0 \in F(T_2)$, there exists a $w \in F(T_1)$ such that $d(z_0, w) \leq \Phi(k)$. Hence we conclude that

$$H(F(T_1), F(T_2)) \leq \Phi(k).$$

Lemma 4.1. Let (X, d) be a complete metric space. Let $\{T_n : X \longrightarrow C(X) : n \in \mathbb{N}\}$ be a sequence of multivalued mappings, uniformly convergent to a multivalued mapping $T : X \longrightarrow C(X)$. If T_n satisfies (3.1) for every $n \in \mathbb{N}$, then T also satisfies (3.1), where the function $\psi : [0, \infty) \rightarrow [0, \infty)$ is continuous and $L \ge 0$ a real number.

Proof. As T_n satisfies (3.1) for every $n \in \mathbb{N}$, we have

$$\begin{split} H(T_n x, \ T_n y) &\leq \psi(\max \{d(x, \ y), \ D(x, \ T_n x), \ D(y, \ T_n y), \frac{D(y, \ T_n x) + D(x, \ T_n y)}{2}, \\ \frac{D(y, \ T_n y) \ [1 + D(x, \ T_n x)]}{1 + d(x, \ y)}, \frac{D(y, \ T_n x) \ [1 + D(x, \ T_n y)]}{1 + d(x, \ y)} \}) \\ &+ L \min \{D(x, \ T_n x), \ D(y, \ T_n y), \ D(x, \ T_n y), \ D(y, \ T_n x)\} \end{split}$$

Since the sequence $\{T_n\}$ is uniformly convergent to T and ψ is continuous, taking the limit $n \to \infty$ in the above inequality, we get

$$\begin{split} H(Tx, \ Ty) &\leq \psi(\max \{d(x, \ y), \ D(x, \ Tx), \ D(y, \ Ty), \frac{D(y, \ Tx) + D(x, \ Ty)}{2}, \\ &\frac{D(y, \ Ty) \ [1 + D(x, \ Tx)]}{1 + d(x, \ y)}, \frac{D(y, \ Tx) \ [1 + D(x, \ Ty)]}{1 + d(x, \ y)} \}) \\ &+ L \ \min \{D(x, \ Tx), \ D(y, \ Ty), \ D(x, \ Ty), \ D(y, \ Tx)\}, \end{split}$$

which shows that T satisfies (3.1).

We now present our stability result.

Theorem 4.2. Let (X, d) be a complete metric space. Let $\{T_n : X \longrightarrow C(X) : n \in \mathbb{N}\}$ be a sequence of multivalued mappings, uniformly convergent to a multivalued mapping $T : X \longrightarrow C(X)$. Suppose that T_n satisfies (3.1) for every $n \in \mathbb{N}$, where the conditions upon ψ and L are the same as in Theorem 4.1. Then

$$\lim_{n\to\infty}H(F(T_n),\ F(T))=0;$$

that is, the fixed point sets of T_n are stable.

Proof. By lemma 4.1, *T* satisfies (3.1). Let $k_n = \sup_{x \in X} H(T_n x, Tx)$. Since the sequence $\{T_n\}$ is uniformly convergent to *T* on *X*,

(4.7)
$$\lim_{n\to\infty} k_n = \lim_{n\to\infty} \sup_{x\in X} H(T_n x, Tx) = 0.$$

Using Theorem 4.1 we get

$$H(F(T_n), F(T)) \leq \Phi(k_n)$$
, for every $n \in \mathbb{N}$.

Since ψ is continuous and $\Phi(t) \rightarrow 0$ as $t \rightarrow 0$, using (??), we have

$$\lim_{n\to\infty}H(F(T_n), F(T))\leq \lim_{n\to\infty}\Phi(k_n)=0;$$

that is,

$$\lim_{n\to\infty} H(F(T_n),\ F(T))=0.$$

Hence the proof is complete.

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