

FIXED POINT RESULTS FOR NON-SELF OPERATORS ON \mathbb{R}_+^m -METRIC SPACES

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Abstract. The purpose of this paper is to discuss some problems of the fixed point theory for non-self operators on \mathbb{R}_+^m -metric spaces. The results complement and extend some known results given in the paper: A. Chis-Novac, R. Precup, I.A. Rus, Data dependence of fixed points for non-self generalized contractions, *Fixed Point Theory*, 10(2009), No. 1, 73–87.

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1. INTRODUCTION

1.1. Notations. We begin the introduction by some standard notations that will be used throughout the paper.

Let (X, d) be a \mathbb{R}_+^m -metric space, $Y \subset X$ a nonempty subset of X and $f : Y \rightarrow X$ an operator. In what follow we shall use the following notations:

$F_f = \{x \in Y : f(x) = x\}$ - the fixed points set of f .

$P_{cl}(X) = \{Y \subset X | Y \text{ is closed}\}$

$I(f) = \{Z \subset Y : f(Z) \subset Z, Z \neq \emptyset\}$ - the set of invariant subsets of f .

$(MI)_f = \cup I(f)$ - the maximal invariant subset of f .

1.2. Non-self operators on L -spaces. In what follow we denote an L -space by (X, \xrightarrow{F}) . Let $Y \subset X$ a nonempty subset of X and $f : Y \rightarrow X$ an operator. Throughout this paper we consider that $Y \in P_{cl}(X)$.

$(AB)_f(x^*) = \{x \in Y : f^n(x) \text{ is defined for all } n \in \mathbb{N} \text{ and } f^n(x) \rightarrow x^* \in F_f\}$ -the attraction basin of the fixed point x^* with respect to f .

$(BA)_f = \cup_{x^* \in F_f} (AB)_f(x^*)$ - the attraction basin of f .

Following [3] we have:

Definition 1.1. An operator $f : Y \rightarrow X$ is said to be a Picard operator (PO) if

- (i) $F_f = \{x_f^*\}$;
- (ii) $(MI)_f = (BA)_f$.

Definition 1.2. An operator $f : Y \rightarrow X$ is said to be a weakly Picard operator (WPO) if

- (i) $F_f \neq \emptyset$;
- (ii) $(MI)_f = (BA)_f$.

Definition 1.3. For each WPO $f : Y \rightarrow X$ we define the operator $f^\infty : (BA)_f \rightarrow (BA)_f$ by $f^\infty(x) = \lim_{n \rightarrow \infty} f^n(x)$.

Remark 1.4. It is clear that $f^\infty((BA)_f) = F_f$, so f^∞ is a set retraction of $(BA)_f$ to F_f .

Remark 1.5. In terms of weakly Picard self operators the above definitions take the following form:

$$f : Y \rightarrow X \text{ is a PO} \quad \text{iff} \quad f|_{(MI)_f} : (MI)_f \rightarrow (MI)_f \text{ is a PO.}$$

Remark 1.6. We have the above notions in each distance structures which induces an L -space convergence (\mathbb{R}_+^m -metrics, $s(\mathbb{R}_+)$ metrics, K -metrics, partial metrics, dislocated metrics, ...).

For other results on Picard and weakly Picard operators see [1], [2], [4], [5], [9], [10], [13].

1.3. Operators on \mathbb{R}_+^m -metric spaces.

Definition 1.7. An operator $f : X \rightarrow X$ is an S -contraction if there exists $S \in \mathbb{R}_+^{m \times m}$ such that:

- (i) S is a convergent to zero matrix, i.e. $S^n \rightarrow 0$ as $n \rightarrow \infty$;
- (ii) $d(f(x), f(y)) \leq Sd(x, y)$, for all $x, y \in X$.

The following results, in \mathbb{R}_+^m -metric spaces were well known.

Theorem 1.8. (*Saturated Perov-Schröder Theorem*) Let (X, d) be a complete \mathbb{R}_+^m -metric space. We suppose that, $f : X \rightarrow X$ and $S \in \mathbb{R}_+^{m \times m}$ are such that:

- (1) S is a matrix convergent to matrix 0;
- (2) $d(f(x), f(y)) \leq Sd(x, y)$, $\forall x, y \in X$.

Then:

- (i) $F_f = F_{f^n} = \{x^*\}$, $\forall n \in \mathbb{N}^*$;
- (ii) f is Picard mapping, i.e., $f^n(x) \rightarrow x^*$ as $n \rightarrow \infty$, $\forall x \in X$;
- (iii) $d(x, x^*) \leq (I - S)^{-1}d(x, f(x))$, $\forall x \in X$.
- (iv) the fixed point equation, $x = f(x)$ is Ulam-Hyers stable;
- (v) if $x_n \in X$, $d(x_n, f(x_n)) \rightarrow 0$ as $n \rightarrow \infty$, then, $x_n \rightarrow x^*$ as $n \rightarrow \infty$, i.e. the fixed point problem for f is well posed;

(vi) if $x_n \in X, n \in \mathbb{N}$ are such that

$$d(x_{n+1}, f(x_n)) \rightarrow 0 \text{ as } n \rightarrow \infty,$$

then for all $x \in X$ we have

$$d(x_n, x^*) \rightarrow 0 \text{ as } n \rightarrow \infty,$$

i.e. f has the Ostrowski property.

For this result and other results on fixed point theory in a \mathbb{R}_+^m -metric space see [7], [8], [12], [11].

The aim of this paper is to complement and extend the mentioned results in the case of non-self operators.

2. METRIC CONDITIONS ON NON-SELF OPERATORS ON \mathbb{R}_+^m -METRICS AND FIXED POINTS

Let (X, d) be a \mathbb{R}_+^m -metric space, $Y \subset X$ a nonempty subset and $f : Y \rightarrow X$ an operator.

Definition 2.1. The operators f is an S -contraction if $S \in \mathbb{R}_+^{m \times m}$ and f is such that

- (i) $S^n \rightarrow 0$ as $n \rightarrow \infty$, i.e. S is a matrix convergent to 0;
- (ii) $d(f(x), f(y)) \leq Sd(x, y)$, for all $x, y \in Y$.

Definition 2.2. The operator f is a graphic S -contraction if $S \in \mathbb{R}_+^{m \times m}$ is convergent to 0 and

$$d(f(x), f^2(x)) \leq Sd(x, f(x)), \forall x \in Y.$$

Definition 2.3. The operator f is a quasi S -contraction if $F_f = \{x^*\}$, $S \in \mathbb{R}_+^{m \times m}$ is convergent to 0 and

$$d(f(x), x^*) \leq Sd(x, x^*), \forall x \in Y.$$

Definition 2.4. The operator f satisfies a retraction-displacement condition if $F_f = \{x^*\}$ and there exists an increasing function $\psi : \mathbb{R}_+^m \rightarrow \mathbb{R}_+^m, \psi(0) = 0$, and is continuous in 0, such that

$$d(x, x^*) \leq \psi(d(x, f(x))), \forall x \in Y.$$

Definition 2.5. Let ψ defined as in Definition 2.4. By definition, f is ψ -PO if f is PO with respect to \xrightarrow{d} , and

$$d(x, x^*) \leq \psi(d(x, f(x))), \forall x \in (MI)_f.$$

In the terms of the above metric conditions we have the following results.

Theorem 2.6. Let (X, d) be an \mathbb{R}_+^m -metric space, $Y \subset X$ a nonempty subset and $f : Y \rightarrow X$ be a S -contraction with $F_f = \{x^*\}$. Then:

- (i) $d(x, x^*) \leq (I - S)^{-1}d(x, f(x)), \forall x \in Y$;
- (ii) if $g : Y \rightarrow X$ is such that $d(f(x), g(x)) \leq \eta, \forall x \in Y$, for some $\eta \in (\mathbb{R}_+^*)^m$, then

$$d(y^*, x^*) \leq (I - S)^{-1}\eta, \forall y^* \in F_g;$$

(iii) if $y \in Y$ is such that

$$d(y, f(y)) \leq \varepsilon,$$

for some $\varepsilon \in (\mathbb{R}_+^*)^m$, then

$$d(y, x^*) \leq (I - S)^{-1}\varepsilon,$$

i.e., the equation $x = f(x)$ is Ulam-Hyers stable;

(iv) $x_n \in Y$, $n \in \mathbb{N}$, $d(x_n, f(x_n)) \rightarrow 0$ as $n \rightarrow \infty$ implies that $x_n \rightarrow x^*$ as $n \rightarrow \infty$, i.e. the fixed point problem for f is well posed.

(v) $x_n \in Y$, $n \in \mathbb{N}$, $d(x_{n+1}, f(x_n)) \rightarrow 0$ as $n \rightarrow \infty$ implies that $x_n \rightarrow x^*$ as $n \rightarrow \infty$, i.e. f has the Ostrowski property.

Proof. (i) We have for $x \in Y$,

$$d(x, x^*) \leq d(x, f(x)) + d(f(x), x^*) \leq d(x, f(x)) + Sd(x, x^*).$$

From this it follows

$$(I - S)d(x, x^*) \leq d(x, f(x)).$$

Since S is a matrix convergent to 0, there exists $(I - S)^{-1}$ and $(I - S)^{-1} \geq 0$, i.e., the corresponding function, $(I - S)^{-1} : \mathbb{R}_+^{m \times m} \rightarrow \mathbb{R}_+^m$, $\eta \mapsto (I - S)^{-1}\eta$ is increasing, with value 0 at 0 and continuous. So we have (i), a retraction-displacement condition.

(ii) From (i),

$$\begin{aligned} d(y^*, x^*) &\leq (I - S)^{-1}d(y^*, f(y^*)) = (I - S)^{-1}d(g(y^*), f(y^*)) \\ &\leq (I - S)^{-1}\eta. \end{aligned}$$

(iii) From (i),

$$d(y, x^*) \leq (I - S)^{-1}d(y, f(y)) \leq (I - S)^{-1}\varepsilon.$$

(iv) The proof follows directly from (i).

(v) Since $f : Y \rightarrow X$ is an S -contraction with $F_f = \{x^*\}$ it follows that, f is a quasi S -contraction. So, we have,

$$\begin{aligned} d(x_{n+1}, x^*) &\leq \\ &\leq d(x_{n+1}, f(x_n)) + d(f(x_n), x^*) \leq \\ &\leq d(x_{n+1}, f(x_n)) + Sd(x_n, x^*) \leq \\ &\leq d(x_{n+1}, f(x_n)) + Sd(x_n, f(x_{n-1})) + S^2d(x_{n-1}, x^*) \leq \\ &\leq \dots \leq \\ &\leq d(x_{n+1}, f(x_n)) + Sd(x_n, f(x_{n-1})) + \dots + S^n d(x_1, f(x_0)) + S^{n+1}d(x_0, x^*). \end{aligned}$$

So, $d(x_{n+1}, x^*) \rightarrow 0$ as $n \rightarrow \infty$, by a Cauchy-Toeplitz lemma (see [14]). \square

Theorem 2.7. Let (X, d) be an \mathbb{R}_+^m -metric space, $Y \subset X$ a nonempty subset and $f : Y \rightarrow X$ be an operator such that,

$$d(f(x), f(y)) \leq Pd(x, f(x)) + Qd(y, f(y)) + Rd(x, y), \quad (2.1)$$

for all $x, y \in Y$, where $P, Q, R \in \mathbb{R}_+^{m \times m}$. We suppose that, $F_f = \{x^*\}$ and $(I - R)^{-1} \geq 0$. Then we have that:

$$(i) \quad d(x, x^*) \leq Cd(x, f(x)), \quad \forall x \in Y, \quad \text{where } C := (I - R)^{-1}(I + P);$$

(ii) if $g : Y \rightarrow X$ is such that $d(f(x), g(x)) \leq \eta, \forall x \in Y$, for some $\eta \in (\mathbb{R}_+^*)^m$, then

$$d(y^*, x^*) \leq C\eta, \forall y^* \in F_g;$$

(iii) if $y \in Y$ is such that

$$d(y, f(y)) \leq \varepsilon,$$

for some $\varepsilon \in (\mathbb{R}_+^*)^m$, then

$$d(y, x^*) \leq C\varepsilon,$$

i.e., the equation $x = f(x)$ is Ulam-Hyers stable;

(iv) $x_n \in Y, n \in \mathbb{N}, d(x_n, f(x_n)) \rightarrow 0$ as $n \rightarrow \infty$ implies that $x_n \rightarrow x^*$ as $n \rightarrow \infty$, i.e. the fixed point problem for f is well posed.

Proof. (i) We have for $x \in Y$,

$$\begin{aligned} d(x, x^*) &\leq d(x, f(x)) + d(f(x), x^*) \leq d(x, f(x)) + d(f(x), f(x^*)) \\ &\leq d(x, f(x)) + Pd(x, f(x)) + Qd(x^*, f(x^*)) + Rd(x, x^*). \end{aligned}$$

From this it follows

$$(I - R)d(x, x^*) \leq (I + P)d(x, f(x)), \forall x \in Y.$$

So, $d(x, x^*) \leq (I - R)^{-1}(I + P)d(x, f(x))$.

(ii) By applying (i) to $y^* \in F_g$

$$\begin{aligned} d(y^*, x^*) &\leq (I - R)^{-1}(I + P)d(y^*, f(y^*)) \\ &= (I - R)^{-1}(I + P)d(g(y^*), f(y^*)) \\ &\leq (I - R)^{-1}(I + P)\eta, \forall y^* \in F_g. \end{aligned}$$

(iii) We apply again (i) and obtain

$$d(y, x^*) \leq (I - R)^{-1}(I + P)d(y, f(y)) = (I - R)^{-1}(I + P)\varepsilon, \forall y \in Y.$$

(iv) Let

$$\begin{aligned} d(x_n, x^*) &\leq d(x_n, f(x_n)) + d(f(x_n), f(x^*)) \\ &\leq d(x_n, f(x_n)) + Pd(x_n, f(x_n)) + Qd(x^*, f(x^*)) + Rd(x_n, x^*). \end{aligned}$$

We have

$$(I - R)d(x_n, x^*) \leq (I + P)d(x_n, f(x_n)),$$

so, this implies that $x_n \rightarrow x^*$ as $n \rightarrow \infty$, i.e. the fixed point problem for f is well posed. \square

Theorem 2.8. Let (X, d) be an \mathbb{R}_+^m -metric space, $Y \subset X$ a nonempty subset and $f : Y \rightarrow X$ be an operator such that (2.1) holds, for all $x, y \in Y$, where $P, Q, R \in \mathbb{R}_+^m$. We suppose that, $(I - P)^{-1} \geq 0$ and the matrix $(I - P)^{-1}(P + R)$ is convergent to 0. Then we have that:

- (i) $d(f(x), x^*) \leq (I - P)^{-1}(P + R)d(x, x^*), \forall x \in Y$, i.e., f is a quasi contraction;
- (ii) $x_n \in Y, n \in \mathbb{N}, d(x_{n+1}, f(x_n)) \rightarrow 0$ as $n \rightarrow \infty$ implies that $x_n \rightarrow x^*$ as $n \rightarrow \infty$.

Proof. (i)

$$\begin{aligned} d(f(x), x^*) &= d(f(x), f(x^*)) \leq Pd(x, f(x)) + Qd(x^*, f(x^*)) + Rd(x, x^*) \\ &\leq P[d(x, x^*) + d(x^*, f(x))] + Rd(x, x^*). \\ (I - P)d(f(x), x^*) &\leq (P + R)d(x, x^*). \end{aligned}$$

Thus, follows the conclusion.

(ii) Let

$$\begin{aligned} d(x_{n+1}, x^*) &\leq d(x_{n+1}, f(x_n)) + d(f(x_n), x^*) \\ &\leq d(x_{n+1}, f(x_n)) + (I - P)^{-1}(P + R)d(x_n, x^*). \end{aligned}$$

We have

$$\begin{aligned} d(x_{n+1}, x^*) &\leq (I - P)^{-1}(P + R)d(x_n, x^*) \\ &\leq (I - P)^{-1}(P + R)[d(x_n, f(x_{n-1})) + d(f(x_{n-1}), x^*)] \\ &\leq [(I - P)^{-1}(P + R)]^2 d(x_{n-1}, x^*) \\ &\leq \dots \\ &\leq [(I - P)^{-1}(P + R)]^{n+1} d(x_0, x^*), \end{aligned}$$

so, this implies that $x_{n+1} \rightarrow x^*$ as $n \rightarrow \infty$. □

By similar proofs as above we have the following results.

Theorem 2.9. *Let (X, d) be an \mathbb{R}_+^m -metric space and $Y \subset X$ a nonempty subset. We suppose that $f : Y \rightarrow X$ is a ψ -PO with $F_f = \{x^*\}$. Then we have that:*

(i) *if $g : Y \rightarrow X$ is such that $d(f(x), g(x)) \leq \eta, \forall x \in Y$, for some $\eta \in (\mathbb{R}_+^*)^m$, then*

$$d(y^*, x^*) \leq \psi(\eta), \quad \forall y^* \in F_g \cap (MI)_f;$$

(ii) *if $y \in Y \cap (MI)_f$ is such that*

$$d(y, f(y)) \leq \varepsilon,$$

for some $\varepsilon \in (\mathbb{R}_+^)^m$, then*

$$d(y, x^*) \leq \psi(\varepsilon),$$

i.e., the equation $x = f(x)$ is Ulam-Hyers stable;

(iii) *$x_n \in (MI)_f$, $n \in \mathbb{N}$, $d(x_n, f(x_n)) \rightarrow 0$ as $n \rightarrow \infty$ implies that $x_n \rightarrow x^*$ as $n \rightarrow \infty$, i.e. the fixed point problem for f is well posed.*

Proof. (i)

$$\begin{aligned} d(y^*, x^*) &\leq \psi(d(y^*, f(y^*))) = \psi(d(f(y^*), g(y^*))) \\ &\leq \psi(\eta). \end{aligned}$$

(ii)

$$d(y, x^*) \leq \psi(d(y, f(y))) \leq \psi(\varepsilon).$$

(iii)

$$d(x_n, x^*) \leq \psi(d(x_n, f(x_n))) \xrightarrow{n \rightarrow \infty} \psi(0) = 0.$$

So $x_n \rightarrow x^*$ as $n \rightarrow \infty$. \square

Theorem 2.10. *Let (X, d) be an \mathbb{R}_+^m -metric space and $Y \subset X$ a nonempty subset. We suppose that $f : Y \rightarrow X$ is a quasi S -contraction. Then the following implication holds:*

$$x_n \in Y, n \in \mathbb{N}, d(x_{n+1}, f(x_n)) \rightarrow 0 \text{ as } n \rightarrow \infty \text{ implies that } x_n \rightarrow x^* \text{ as } n \rightarrow \infty.$$

Proof. The conclusion follows from Theorem 2.8. \square

Remark 2.11. The Theorem 2.7 and Theorem 2.8, in the case $P := \alpha \in \mathbb{R}_+$, $Q := \beta \in \mathbb{R}_+$, $R := \gamma \in \mathbb{R}_+$, take the following form:

Theorem 2.12. *Let (X, d) be an \mathbb{R}_+ -metric space, $Y \subset X$ a nonempty subset and $f : Y \rightarrow X$ be an operator such that,*

$$d(f(x), f(y)) \leq \alpha d(x, f(x)) + \beta d(y, f(y)) + \gamma d(x, y), \quad (2.2)$$

for all $x, y \in Y$, where $\alpha, \beta, \gamma \in \mathbb{R}_+$. We suppose that, $F_f = \{x_f^*\}$ and $\gamma < 1$. Then we have that:

- (i) $d(x, x^*) \leq C d(x, f(x))$, $\forall x \in Y$, where $C := \frac{1 + \alpha}{1 - \gamma}$;
- (ii) if $g : Y \rightarrow X$ is such that $d(f(x), g(x)) \leq \eta, \forall x \in Y$, for some $\eta \in \mathbb{R}_+^*$, then

$$d(y^*, x^*) \leq C \eta, \quad \forall y^* \in F_g;$$

- (iii) if $y \in Y$ is such that

$$d(y, f(y)) \leq \varepsilon,$$

for some $\varepsilon \in \mathbb{R}_+^*$, then

$$d(y, x^*) \leq C \varepsilon,$$

i.e., the equation $x = f(x)$ is Ulam-Hyers stable;

- (iv) $x_n \in Y, n \in \mathbb{N}, d(x_n, f(x_n)) \rightarrow 0$ as $n \rightarrow \infty$ implies that $x_n \rightarrow x^*$ as $n \rightarrow \infty$, i.e. the fixed point problem for f is well posed.

Theorem 2.13. *Let (X, d) be an \mathbb{R}_+ -metric space, $Y \subset X$ a nonempty subset and $f : Y \rightarrow X$ be an operator such that,*

$$d(f(x), f(y)) \leq \alpha d(x, f(x)) + \beta d(y, f(y)) + \gamma d(x, y), \quad (2.3)$$

for all $x, y \in Y$, where $\alpha, \beta, \gamma \in \mathbb{R}_+$. We suppose that $\alpha < 1$. Then we have that:

- (i) $d(f(x), x^*) \leq \frac{\alpha + \gamma}{1 - \alpha} d(x, x^*)$, $\forall x \in Y$, i.e., f is a quasicontraction;
- (ii) $x_n \in Y, n \in \mathbb{N}, d(x_{n+1}, f(x_n)) \rightarrow 0$ as $n \rightarrow \infty$ implies that $x_n \rightarrow x^*$ as $n \rightarrow \infty$.

3. FIBRE NON-SELF CONTRACTION PRINCIPLE

In this section we obtain the fibre contraction principle for non-self operators in \mathbb{R}_+^m -metric space.

Theorem 3.1. *Let (X, d) be an \mathbb{R}_+^m -metric space, $Y \subset X$ a nonempty set and (Y_1, d) a complete metric space. Let $g : Y \rightarrow X$, $h(x, \cdot) : Y_1 \rightarrow Y_1$ and $f : Y \times Y_1 \rightarrow X \times Y_1$, $f(x, y) = (g(x), h(x, y))$. We suppose that:*

- (i) g is a PO;
- (ii) there exists S a convergent to zero matrix such that

$$d(h(x, y), h(x, z)) \leq Sd(y, z),$$

for all $x \in (AB)_g$ and $y, z \in Y_1$;

- (iii) f is continuous.

Then f is a PO.

Proof. First of all we remark that $(MI)_f = (MI)_g \times Y_1$ and $(MI)_g = (AB)_g$. Let $x_0 \in (AB)_g$ and $y_0 \in Y_1$. Define $x_{n+1} = g(x_n)$, $y_{n+1} = h(x_n, y_n)$ for $n \in \mathbb{N}$. It is clear that $x_n \rightarrow x^* \in F_g$ as $n \rightarrow \infty$. Since $h(x^*, \cdot)$ is an S -contraction, $F_{h(x^*, \cdot)} = \{y^*\}$. Let us prove that $y_n \rightarrow y^*$. We have

$$\begin{aligned} d(y_{n+1}, y^*) &= d(h(x_n, y_n), y^*) \\ &\leq d(h(x_n, y_n), h(x_n, y^*)) + d(h(x_n, y^*), y^*) \\ &\leq Sd(y_n, y^*) + d(h(x_n, y^*), y^*) \\ &\dots \\ &\leq S^{n+1}d(y_0, y^*) + S^n d(h(x_0, y^*), y^*) + \\ &\dots + Sd(h(x_{n-1}, y^*), y^*) + d(h(x_n, y^*), y^*). \end{aligned}$$

Then $d(y_{n+1}, y^*) \rightarrow 0$, by a Cauchy-Toeplitz lemma (see [14]), so f is a PO. \square

The above result is very useful to study of the differentiability of solutions of operator equations with respect to a parameter. For example, let us consider the following equation

$$x(t, \lambda) = F(t, x(t, \lambda), \lambda), \quad t \in [a, b], \quad \lambda \in J \subset \mathbb{R} \quad (3.1)$$

and $F : [a, b] \times \mathbb{R}_+^m \times J \rightarrow \mathbb{R}_+^m$. We suppose that:

- (H1) $J \subset \mathbb{R}$ is a compact interval.
- (H2) $F \in C([a, b] \times \mathbb{R}_+^m \times J, \mathbb{R}_+^m)$.
- (H3) $F(t, \cdot, \cdot) \in C^1(\mathbb{R}_+^m \times J)$ for every $t \in [a, b]$.

$$(H4) \left(\left| \frac{\partial F_j}{\partial u_i}(t, u, \lambda) \right| \right)_{i,j=1}^m \leq S, \quad S \text{ convergent to zero, for every } t \in [a, b], \quad u \in \mathbb{R}_+^m,$$

$\alpha_i \in \mathbb{R}$, $\lambda \in J$, $i = \overline{1, m}$.

- (H5) equation (3.1) has at least one solution.

Then we have:

Theorem 3.2. *Under the conditions (H1)-(H5) the equation (3.1) has in $C([a, b] \times J, \mathbb{R}_+^m)$ a unique solution x^* and $x^*(t, \cdot) \in C^1(J)$ for every $t \in [a, b]$.*

Proof. Let $X = C([a, b] \times J, \mathbb{R}_+^m)$ with norm $\|\cdot\|_C$ and let $B : C([a, b] \times J, \mathbb{R}_+^m) \rightarrow C([a, b] \times J, \mathbb{R}_+^m)$ be defined by $B(x)(t, \lambda) = F(t, x(t, \lambda), \lambda)$.

From conditions (H4) and (H5) it follows that $F_B = \{x^*\}$. Let $Y = \{x \in C([a, b] \times J, \mathbb{R}_+^m) : B(x)(t, \lambda) \in \mathbb{R}_+^m, \forall t \in [a, b], \lambda \in J\}$. It is clear that $x^* \in Y, B(Y) \subset Y$ and $B : Y \rightarrow Y$ is a PO. Let $x^0 \in Y$ be such that there exists $\frac{\partial x_i^0}{\partial \lambda}$ and $\frac{\partial x_i^0}{\partial \lambda} \in C([a, b] \times J)$.

Let us suppose that there exists $\frac{\partial x_i^*}{\partial \lambda}$. Then we have that

$$\frac{\partial x_i^*(t, \lambda)}{\partial \lambda} = \frac{\partial F_i(t, x^*(t, \lambda), \lambda)}{\partial x_i} \cdot \frac{\partial x_i^*(t, \lambda)}{\partial \lambda} + \frac{\partial F_i(t, x^*(t, \lambda), \lambda)}{\partial \lambda}, \quad i = \overline{1, m}.$$

This relation suggests us to consider the following operators:

$$C_i : Y \times C([a, b] \times J) \rightarrow C([a, b] \times J)$$

defined by

$$C_i(x, y)(t, \lambda) = \frac{\partial F_i(t, x(t, \lambda), \lambda)}{\partial x_i} \cdot y(t, \lambda) + \frac{\partial F_i(t, x(t, \lambda), \lambda)}{\partial \lambda}$$

and

$$A : Y \times C([a, b] \times J) \rightarrow Y \times C([a, b] \times J)$$

with

$$A(x, y) = (B(x), C(x, y)).$$

From Theorem 3.1 we have that A is a PO. This implies that the sequences $x_{n+1} = B(x_n), y_{n+1} = C(x_n, y_n)$ are convergent, $x_n \rightarrow x^*, y_n \rightarrow y^*$ and $x^* = B(x^*), y^* = C(x^*, y^*)$.

Let us take $y_i^0 = \frac{\partial x_i^0}{\partial \lambda}$. Then $y_{i,n} = \frac{\partial x_{i,n}}{\partial \lambda}$. So

$$x_n \rightarrow x^* \quad \text{as } n \rightarrow \infty, \quad \text{with respect to the norm } \|\cdot\|_C$$

and

$$\frac{\partial x_{i,n}}{\partial \lambda} \rightarrow y_i^* \quad \text{as } n \rightarrow \infty.$$

These imply that $y^* \in C^1([a, b] \times J, \mathbb{R}_+^m)$ and $y_i^* = \frac{\partial x_i^*}{\partial \lambda}, i = \overline{1, m}$. □

For other results regarding fibre contractions, see [6], [15], [16].

4. DATA DEPENDENCE IN TERMS OF ψ -PO

Let (X, d) be a \mathbb{R}_+^m -metric space, $Y \subset X$ a nonempty subset of X and $f, g : Y \rightarrow X$ two operators.

Theorem 4.1. *Assume that the following conditions are satisfied:*

- (i) f is ψ -PO with $F_f = \{x^*\}$;
- (ii) $F_g \subset (BA)_f$;
- (iii) there exists $\eta \in \mathbb{R}_+^m$ such that

$$d(f(x), g(x)) \leq \eta, \quad \text{for all } x \in Y.$$

Then

$$d(x^*, y^*) \leq \psi(\eta), \quad \forall y^* \in F_g.$$

Proof. Let $y^* \in F_g$, $y^* \in (BA)(x^*)$. Then

$$d(y^*, x^*) \leq \psi(d(y^*, f(y^*))) = \psi(d(g(y^*), f(y^*))) \leq \psi(\eta). \quad \square$$

Another result in the case of strict φ -contractions is the following.

Theorem 4.2. *Assume that the following conditions are satisfied:*

- (i) f is a strict φ -contraction with $F_f = \{x_f^*\}$;
- (ii) $F_g \neq \emptyset$;
- (iii) there exists $\eta \in \mathbb{R}_+^m$ such that

$$d(f(x), g(x)) \leq \eta, \quad \text{for all } x \in Y.$$

Then

$$d(x_g^*, x_f^*) \leq \psi_\varphi(\eta), \quad \text{for all } x_g^* \in F_g.$$

Proof. Let $x_g^* \in F_g$. We have

$$\begin{aligned} d(x_g^*, x_f^*) &\leq d(x_g^*, f(x_g^*)) + d(f(x_g^*), x_f^*) \\ &= d(g(x_g^*), f(x_g^*)) + d(f(x_g^*), f(x_f^*)) \\ &\leq \eta + \varphi(d(x_g^*, x_f^*)). \end{aligned}$$

Hence

$$d(x_g^*, x_f^*) - \varphi(d(x_g^*, x_f^*)) \leq \eta.$$

Then

$$d(x_g^*, x_f^*) \leq \psi_\varphi(\eta). \quad \square$$

We also have the following result:

Theorem 4.3. *Assume that the following conditions are satisfied:*

- (i) there exist $P, Q \in \mathbb{R}_+^{m \times m}$, P convergent to 0 matrix, such that

$$d(f(x), f(y)) \leq Pd(x, y) + Q[d(x, f(x)) + d(y, f(y))]$$

for all $x, y \in X$, and let $F_f = \{x_f^*\}$;

- (ii) $F_g \neq \emptyset$;
- (iii) there exists $\eta \in \mathbb{R}_+^m$ such that

$$d(f(x), g(x)) \leq \eta, \quad \text{for all } x \in Y.$$

Then

$$d(x_g^*, x_f^*) \leq (I - P)^{-1}(I + Q)\eta, \quad \text{for all } x_g^* \in F_g. \quad (4.1)$$

Proof. Let $x_g^* \in F_g$. We have

$$\begin{aligned} d(x_g^*, x_f^*) &\leq d(x_g^*, f(x_g^*)) + d(f(x_g^*), x_f^*) \\ &= d(g(x_g^*), f(x_g^*)) + d(f(x_g^*), f(x_f^*)) \\ &\leq \eta + Pd(x_g^*, x_f^*) + Q [d(x_g^*, f(x_g^*)) + d(x_f^*, f(x_f^*))] \\ &= \eta + Pd(x_g^*, x_f^*) + Qd(x_g^*, f(x_g^*)) \\ &= \eta + Pd(x_g^*, x_f^*) + Qd(g(x_g^*), f(x_g^*)) \\ &\leq \eta + Q\eta + Pd(x_g^*, x_f^*). \end{aligned}$$

Then

$$(I - P) d(x_g^*, x_f^*) \leq (I + Q) \eta,$$

so

$$d(x_g^*, x_f^*) \leq (I - P)^{-1} (I + Q) \eta, \text{ for all } x_g^* \in F_g. \quad \square$$

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