



SOME FIXED POINT THEOREMS FOR NONSELF GENERALIZED CONTRACTION

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Abstract. In this paper we give a new proof of a result by S. Reich and A.J. Zaslavski (S. Reich and A.J. Zaslavski, A fixed point theorem for Matkowski contractions, Fixed Point Theory, 8(2007), No. 2, 303–307). Some new fixed point theorems for nonself generalized contractions are also given.

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1. INTRODUCTION

There are many techniques in the fixed point theory of nonself operators (see [10], [4], [6], [9], [19], [20], [2], ...). An exotic result is given in [14] (see also, [13] and [15]). This result read as follows:

Theorem 1. *Let (X, d) be a complete metric space, $Y \subset X$ a nonempty closed subset and $f : Y \rightarrow X$ be a φ -contraction, where φ is a comparison function. We suppose that there exists a bounded sequence $(x_n)_{n \in \mathbb{N}^*}$ such that $f^n(x_n)$ is defined for all $n \in \mathbb{N}^*$. Then f has a unique fixed point x^* and $f^n(x_n) \rightarrow x^*$.*

The aim of this paper is to give a new proof of this theorem and to obtain other results of this type.

2. PRELIMINARIES

2.1. Notations

$$\mathbb{N} = \{0, 1, 2, \dots\}, \mathbb{N}^* = \{1, 2, 3, \dots\}.$$

$$\mathbb{R}_+ = \{x \in \mathbb{R} \mid x \geq 0\}, \mathbb{R}_+^* = \{x \in \mathbb{R} \mid x > 0\}$$

Let (X, d) be a metric space. We will use the following symbols:

$$\mathcal{P}(X) = \{Y \mid Y \subset X\}$$

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$P(X) = \{Y \subset X \mid Y \text{ is nonempty}\}$, $P_b(X) := \{Y \in P(X) \mid Y \text{ is bounded}\}$,

$P_{cl}(X) := \{Y \in P(X) \mid Y \text{ is closed}\}$, $P_{b,cl}(X) := P_b(X) \cap P_{cl}(X)$.

If $f : X \rightarrow X$ is an operator then $F_f := \{x \in X \mid x = f(x)\}$ denotes the fixed point set of the operator f . In the case when the operator f has a unique fixed point $x^* \in X$ then we write $F_f = \{x^*\}$.

The diameter functional $\delta : P(X) \rightarrow \mathbb{R}_+ \cup \{+\infty\}$ is defined by

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

2.2. Comparison functions

Let $\varphi : \mathbb{R}_+ \rightarrow \mathbb{R}_+$ be a function. We consider the following conditions relative to φ :

(i $_{\varphi}$) φ is increasing;

(ii $_{\varphi}$) $\varphi(t) < t$, $\forall t > 0$;

(iii $_{\varphi}$) $\varphi(0) = 0$;

(iv $_{\varphi}$) $\varphi^n(t) \rightarrow 0$ as $n \rightarrow \infty$, $\forall t \in \mathbb{R}_+$;

(v $_{\varphi}$) $t - \varphi(t) \rightarrow \infty$ as $t \rightarrow \infty$;

(vi $_{\varphi}$) $\sum_{n=0}^{\infty} \varphi^n(t) < +\infty$, $\forall t \in \mathbb{R}_+$.

Definition 1 (I.A. Rus [17]). By definition the function φ is a comparison function if it satisfies the conditions (i $_{\varphi}$) and (iv $_{\varphi}$).

Definition 2. A comparison function is:

(a) strict comparison function if it satisfies the condition (v $_{\varphi}$);

(b) strong comparison function if it satisfies the condition (vi $_{\varphi}$).

It is clear that if φ is a comparison function then $\varphi(t) < t$, $\forall t > 0$, and $\varphi(0) = 0$.

If φ is a strong comparison function then the functions φ and $\sum_{n=0}^{\infty} \varphi^n$ are continuous in $t = 0$.

For example, if $\varphi(t) := at$, $t \in \mathbb{R}_+$, $a \in [0; 1[$, then φ is a strict and strong comparison function and $\varphi(t) := \frac{t}{1+t}$, $t \in \mathbb{R}_+$, is a strict comparison function which is not a strong comparison function.

Let $\varphi : \mathbb{R}_+ \rightarrow \mathbb{R}_+$ be a strict comparison function. In this case we define the function $\theta_{\varphi} : \mathbb{R}_+ \rightarrow \mathbb{R}_+$, defined by,

$$\theta_{\varphi}(t) = \sup\{s \in \mathbb{R}_+ \mid s - \varphi(s) \leq t\}.$$

We remark that θ_{φ} is increasing and $\theta_{\varphi}(t) \rightarrow 0$ as $t \rightarrow 0$. The function θ_{φ} appears when we study the data dependence of the fixed points.

For more considerations on comparison functions see [17], [1], [21] and [5].

2.3. Maximal displacement functional

Let (X, d) be a metric space, $Y \in P_{cl}(X)$ and $f : Y \rightarrow X$ be a continuous nonself operator. By the maximal displacement functional corresponding to f we understand the functional $E_f : P(Y) \rightarrow \mathbb{R}_+ \cup \{+\infty\}$ defined by

$$E_f(A) := \sup\{d(x, f(x)) \mid x \in A\}.$$

We have that:

- (i) $A, B \in P(Y)$, $A \subset B$ imply $E_f(A) \leq E_f(B)$;
- (ii) $E_f(A) = E_f(\overline{A})$ for all $A \in P(Y)$.

Definition 3. An operator $f : Y \rightarrow X$ is α -graphic contraction if $0 \leq \alpha < 1$ and $x \in Y$, $f(x) \in Y$ imply

$$d(f^2(x), f(x)) \leq \alpha d(x, f(x)).$$

Example 1. If $f : Y \rightarrow X$ is α -contraction then f is α -graphic contraction.

Example 2. If $f : Y \rightarrow X$ is α -Kannan operator, i.e., $0 \leq \alpha < \frac{1}{2}$, and

$$d(f(x), f(y)) \leq \alpha [d(x, f(x)) + d(y, f(y))], \quad \forall x, y \in Y,$$

then f is $\frac{\alpha}{1-\alpha}$ -graphic contraction.

Also, we have that:

Lemma 1. Let (X, d) be a metric space, $Y \in P_{cl}(X)$ and $f : Y \rightarrow X$ be a continuous α -graphic contraction. Then:

- (a) $E_f(f(A)) \leq \alpha E_f(A)$, for all $A \subset Y$ with $f(A) \subset Y$;
- (b) $E_f(f(A) \cap Y) \leq \alpha E_f(A)$, for all $A \subset Y$ with $f(A) \cap Y \neq \emptyset$.

Proof. The proof follows from the definition of E_f . Let, for example, to prove (b). We have

$$\begin{aligned} E_f(f(A) \cap Y) &= \sup\{d(x, f(x)) \mid x \in f(A) \cap Y\} = \\ &= \sup\{d(f(u), f^2(u)) \mid u \in A, f(u) \in Y\} \leq \\ &\leq \alpha \sup\{d(u, f(u)) \mid u \in A\} = \\ &= \alpha E_f(A) \end{aligned}$$

□

2.4. Matrices convergent to 0

Definition 4. A matrix $S \in \mathbb{R}_+^{m \times m}$ is called a matrix convergent to zero iff $S^k \rightarrow 0$ as $k \rightarrow +\infty$.

Theorem 2 (see [12], [16], [23], [10]). Let $S \in \mathbb{R}_+^{m \times m}$. The following statements are equivalent:

- (i) S is a matrix convergent to zero;

- (ii) $S^k x \rightarrow 0$ as $k \rightarrow +\infty$, $\forall x \in \mathbb{R}^m$;
 (iii) $I_m - S$ is non-singular and

$$(I_m - S)^{-1} = I_m + S + S^2 + \dots$$

- (iv) $I_m - S$ is non-singular and $(I_m - S)^{-1}$ has nonnegative elements;
 (v) $\lambda \in \mathbb{C}$, $\det(S - \lambda I_m) = 0$ imply $|\lambda| < 1$;
 (vi) there exists at least one subordinate matrix norm such that $\|S\| < 1$.

The matrices convergent to zero were used by A. I. Perov [11] (see also [10] pp. 432-434) to generalize the contraction principle in the case of generalized metric spaces with the metric taking values in the positive cone of \mathbb{R}^m .

3. A NEW PROOF OF THEOREM 1

Now we present a new proof of Theorem 1. Let $A \in P_{b,cl}(Y)$ be such that $x_n \in A$, for all $n \in \mathbb{N}^*$. We consider the following standard construction in the fixed point theory for the nonself operators (see for example [8] and [7]).

Let $A_1 := \overline{f(A)}$, $A_2 := \overline{f(A_1 \cap A)}$, \dots , $A_{n+1} := \overline{f(A_n \cap A)}$, $n \in \mathbb{N}^*$. We remark that:

- (a) $A_{n+1} \subset A_n$, $\forall n \in \mathbb{N}^*$;
 (b) $f^n(x_n) \in A_n$, $\forall n \in \mathbb{N}^*$, so $A_n \neq \emptyset$, $\forall n \in \mathbb{N}^*$.

Since f is a φ -contraction, i.e., $\varphi: \mathbb{R}_+ \rightarrow \mathbb{R}_+$ is a comparison function such that

$$d(f(x), f(y)) \leq \varphi(d(x, y)), \quad \forall x, y \in Y,$$

it follows that

$$\delta(f(B)) \leq \varphi(\delta(B)), \quad \forall B \in P_b(Y).$$

From the properties of φ and δ we have

$$\begin{aligned} \delta(A_{n+1}) &= \delta(\overline{f(A_n \cap A)}) = \delta(f(A_n \cap A)) \leq \delta(f(A_n)) \leq \\ &\leq \varphi(\delta(A_n)) \leq \dots \leq \varphi^{n+1}(\delta(A)) \rightarrow 0 \end{aligned}$$

as $n \rightarrow +\infty$. From Cantor intersection lemma we have

$$A_\infty := \bigcap_{n \in \mathbb{N}} A_n \neq \emptyset, \quad \delta(A_\infty) = 0 \text{ and } f(A_\infty \cap A) \subset A_\infty.$$

From $A_\infty \neq \emptyset$ and $\delta(A_\infty) = 0$, we have that $A_\infty = \{x^*\}$. On the other hand $f^n(x_n) \in A_n$ and $f^{n-1}(x_n) \in A_{n-1} \cap Y$. This implies that $\{f^n(x_n)\}_{n \in \mathbb{N}}$ and $\{f^{n-1}(x_n)\}_{n \in \mathbb{N}}$ are fundamental sequences. Since A_n , $n \in \mathbb{N}^*$, are closed, it follows that

$$f^{n-1}(x_n) \rightarrow x^* \text{ and } f^n(x_n) \rightarrow x^* \text{ as } n \rightarrow +\infty.$$

Since f is continuous then $f^n(x_n) \rightarrow f(x^*)$, so $f(x^*) = x^*$.

With respect to the data dependence of the fixed point, in Theorem 1, we have the following result:

Theorem 3. Let $f : Y \rightarrow X$ be as in Theorem 1, where φ is a strict comparison function. Then:

- (a) $d(f^n(x_n), x^*) \leq \varphi(d(x_n, x^*))$, $\forall n \in \mathbb{N}^*$;
- (b) $d(x, x^*) \leq \theta_\varphi(d(x, f(x)))$, $\forall x \in Y$;
- (c) Let $g : Y \rightarrow X$ be such that:
 - (1) there exists $\eta > 0$ such that $d(f(x), g(x)) \leq \eta$, $\forall x \in Y$;
 - (2) $F_g \neq \emptyset$.

Then

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

Proof. Let us prove (b) and (c).

(b). The conclusion (b) follows from the following estimation

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

So,

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

(c). Let $y^* \in F_g$ then from (b) it follows

$$d(x^*, y^*) \leq \theta_\varphi(d(y^*, f(y^*))) = \theta_\varphi(d(g(y^*), f(y^*))) \leq \theta_\varphi(\eta).$$

□

For more considerations on data dependence of the fixed points for nonself φ -contractions see [3], [18] and [22].

4. A FIXED POINT THEOREM FOR NONSELF KANNAN OPERATORS

We have:

Theorem 4. Let (X, d) be a complete metric space, $Y \subset X$ a nonempty bounded closed subset and $f : Y \rightarrow X$ a continuous operator. We suppose that:

- (i) f is α -Kannan operator;
- (ii) there exists a sequence $(x_n)_{n \in \mathbb{N}^*}$ in Y such that $f^n(x_n)$ is defined for all $n \in \mathbb{N}^*$;
- (iii) $E_f(Y) < +\infty$.

Then:

- (a) $F_f = \{x^*\}$;
- (b) $f^{n-1}(x_n) \rightarrow x^*$ and $f^n(x_n) \rightarrow x^*$ as $n \rightarrow +\infty$;
- (c) $d(x, x^*) \leq (1 + \alpha)d(x, f(x))$, $\forall x \in Y$;
- (d) $d(f^{n-1}(x_n), x^*) \leq \alpha^{n-1}(1 - \alpha)^{1-n}(1 + \alpha)d(x_n, f(x_n))$, $\forall n \in \mathbb{N}^*$;
- (e) Let $g : Y \rightarrow X$ be such that:
 - (1) there exists $\eta > 0$ such that $d(f(x), g(x)) \leq \eta$, $\forall x \in Y$;
 - (2) $F_g \neq \emptyset$.

Then

$$d(x^*, y^*) \leq (1 + \alpha)\eta, \forall y^* \in F_g.$$

Proof. (a) + (b). Let $Y_1 := \overline{f(Y)}$, $Y_2 := \overline{f(Y_1 \cap Y)}$, \dots , $Y_{n+1} := \overline{f(Y_n \cap Y)}$, $n \in \mathbb{N}^*$. We remark that $Y_{n+1} \subset Y_n$ and $f^n(x_n) \in Y_n$, so $Y_n \neq \emptyset$, $n \in \mathbb{N}^*$. Since f is α -Kannan operator, from Example 2 and Lemma 1, we have that:

$$\begin{aligned} \delta(Y_{n+1}) &= \delta(\overline{f(Y_n \cap Y)}) = \delta(f(Y_n \cap Y)) \leq 2\alpha \cdot E_f(Y_n \cap Y) = \\ &= 2\alpha \cdot E_f(\overline{f(Y_{n-1} \cap Y)} \cap Y) = 2\alpha \cdot E_f(f(Y_{n-1} \cap Y) \cap Y) \leq \\ &\leq \frac{2\alpha^2}{1-\alpha} E_f(Y_{n-1} \cap Y) \leq \dots \leq \frac{2\alpha^{n+1}}{(1-\alpha)^n} E_f(Y) \rightarrow 0 \text{ as } n \rightarrow +\infty. \end{aligned}$$

Now the proof is similar with the proof of Theorem 1.

(c). Let $x \in Y$. From the definition of the Kannan operator we have:

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

(d) and (e) follow from (c). \square

5. OTHER NONSELF GENERALIZED CONTRACTIONS

5.1. Ćirić-Reich-Rus operators

Let (X, d) be a metric space, $Y \in P_{cl}(X)$ and $f : Y \rightarrow X$ be a nonself operator. An operator $f : Y \rightarrow X$ is a Ćirić-Reich-Rus operator (see [4], [20], [22], ...) if there exist $a, b \in \mathbb{R}_+$ with $a + 2b < 1$ such that

$$d(f(x), f(y)) \leq ad(x, y) + b[d(x, f(x)) + d(y, f(y))], \forall x, y \in Y.$$

Lemma 2. Let (X, d) be a metric space, $Y \in P_{cl}(X)$ and $f : Y \rightarrow X$ a nonself Ćirić-Reich-Rus operator then f is a nonself α -graphic contraction with $\alpha = \frac{a+b}{1-b}$.

Proof. Let $x \in Y$ such that $f(x) \in Y$ then

$$d(f^2(x), f(x)) \leq ad(f(x), x) + b[d(f(x), f^2(x)) + d(x, f(x))],$$

so

$$d(f^2(x), f(x)) \leq \frac{a+b}{1-b} d(x, f(x)).$$

\square

Lemma 3. Let (X, d) be a metric space, $Y \in P_{cl}(X)$ and $f : Y \rightarrow X$ a nonself Ćirić-Reich-Rus operator then:

- (a) $\delta(f(A) \cap Y) \leq a\delta(A) + 2bE_f(A)$, for all $A \subset Y$;
- (b) $E_f(f(A) \cap Y) \leq \alpha E_f(A)$, for all $A \subset Y$, where $\alpha = \frac{a+b}{1-b}$.

Proof. (a). Let $A \subset Y$ then

$$\begin{aligned} \delta(f(A) \cap Y) &= \sup\{d(x, y) \mid x, y \in f(A) \cap Y\} = \\ &= \sup\{d(f(u), f(v)) \mid u, v \in A, f(u), f(v) \in Y\} \leq \\ &\leq a \sup\{d(u, v) \mid u, v \in A\} + 2b \sup\{d(u, f(u)) \mid u \in A\} = \\ &= a\delta(A) + 2bE_f(A) \end{aligned}$$

(b). The proof follows from Lemma 2 and Lemma 1. \square

Also, for the next result we need the following lemma

Lemma 4 (Cauchy Lemma, [21]). Let $a_n, b_n \in \mathbb{R}_+$, $n \in \mathbb{N}$. We suppose that:

- (i) $\sum_{k=0}^{\infty} a_k < +\infty$;
- (ii) $b_n \rightarrow 0$ as $n \rightarrow \infty$.

Then

$$\sum_{k=0}^n a_{n-k} b_k \rightarrow 0 \text{ as } n \rightarrow \infty.$$

Theorem 5. Let (X, d) be a complete metric space, $Y \subset X$ a nonempty bounded closed subset and $f : Y \rightarrow X$ a continuous operator. We suppose that:

- (i) f is Ćirić-Reich-Rus operator;
- (ii) there exists a sequence $(x_n)_{n \in \mathbb{N}^*}$ in Y such that $f^n(x_n)$ is defined for all $n \in \mathbb{N}^*$;
- (iii) $E_f(Y) < +\infty$.

Then:

- (a) $F_f = \{x^*\}$;
- (b) $f^{n-1}(x_n) \rightarrow x^*$ and $f^n(x_n) \rightarrow x^*$ as $n \rightarrow +\infty$;
- (c) $d(x, x^*) \leq (1+b)(1-a)^{-1} d(x, f(x))$, $\forall x \in Y$;
- (d) $d(f^{n-1}(x_n), x^*) \leq (1+b)(1-a)^{-1} \alpha^{n-1} d(x_n, f(x_n))$, $\forall n \in \mathbb{N}^*$, where $\alpha = \frac{a+b}{1-b}$.

(e) Let $g : Y \rightarrow X$ be such that:

- (1) there exists $\eta > 0$ such that $d(f(x), g(x)) \leq \eta$, $\forall x \in Y$;
- (2) $F_g \neq \emptyset$.

Then

$$d(x^*, y^*) \leq (1+b)(1-a)^{-1} \eta, \forall y^* \in F_g.$$

Proof. (a) + (b). Let $Y_1 := \overline{f(Y)}$, $Y_2 := \overline{f(Y_1 \cap Y)}$, \dots , $Y_{n+1} := \overline{f(Y_n \cap Y)}$, $n \in \mathbb{N}^*$. We remark that $Y_{n+1} \subset Y_n$ and $f^n(x_n) \in Y_n$, so $Y_n \neq \emptyset$, $n \in \mathbb{N}^*$. Since f is Ćirić-Reich-Rus operator, from Lemma 3 (a), we have that:

$$\delta(Y_{n+1}) = \delta(\overline{f(Y_n \cap Y)}) = \delta(f(Y_n \cap Y)) \leq$$

$$\begin{aligned}
&\leq a\delta(Y_n \cap Y) + 2bE_f(Y_n \cap Y) \leq \\
&\leq a\delta(Y_n) + 2bE_f(Y_n \cap Y) \leq \dots \leq \\
&\leq a^{n+1}\delta(Y) + a^n 2b \cdot E_f(Y) + \\
&\quad + a^{n-1} 2b \cdot E_f(Y_1 \cap Y) + \dots + 2b \cdot E_f(Y_n \cap Y).
\end{aligned}$$

On the other hand, from Lemma 3 (b) we get

$$\begin{aligned}
E_f(Y_k \cap Y) &= E_f(\overline{f(Y_{k-1} \cap Y)} \cap Y) = E_f(f(Y_{k-1} \cap Y) \cap Y) \leq \\
&\leq \alpha E_f(Y_{k-1} \cap Y) \leq \dots < \alpha^k E_f(Y), \quad k \in \mathbb{N}^*,
\end{aligned}$$

where $\alpha = \frac{a+b}{1-b}$. Applying Lemma 4 for $a_n = a^n$ and $b_n = 2b \cdot E_f(Y_n \cap Y)$ and we get that

$$\delta(Y_n) \rightarrow 0 \text{ as } n \rightarrow +\infty$$

and the proof is similar with the proof of Theorem 1.

(c). Let $x \in Y$. From the definition of the Ćirić-Reich-Rus operator we have:

$$\begin{aligned}
d(x, x^*) &\leq d(x, f(x)) + d(f(x), x^*) \leq \\
&\leq d(x, f(x)) + ad(x, x^*) + bd(x, f(x)), \quad \forall x \in Y,
\end{aligned}$$

so

$$d(x, x^*) \leq \frac{1+b}{1-a} d(x, f(x)), \quad \forall x \in Y.$$

(d) and (e) follow from (c). □

5.2. Perov operators

Let (X, d) be a generalized metric space with $d : X \times X \rightarrow \mathbb{R}_+^m$, $Y \in P_{cl}(X)$ and $f : Y \rightarrow X$ be a nonself operator. By definition (see [17], [20]) $f : Y \rightarrow X$ is a nonself Perov operator if there exists a matrix convergent to zero $S \in \mathbb{R}_+^{m \times m}$ such that

$$d(f(x), f(y)) \leq S \cdot d(x, y), \quad x, y \in Y.$$

We have the following fixed point results in the case of nonself Perov operators:

Theorem 6. *Let (X, d) be a complete generalized metric space with $d : X \times X \rightarrow \mathbb{R}_+^m$, $Y \subset X$ a nonempty bounded closed subset and $f : Y \rightarrow X$ an operator. We suppose that:*

- (i) f is a Perov operator;
- (ii) there exists a sequence $(x_n)_{n \in \mathbb{N}^*}$ in Y such that $f^n(x_n)$ is defined for all $n \in \mathbb{N}^*$.

Then:

- (a) $F_f = \{x^*\}$;
- (b) $f^{n-1}(x_n) \rightarrow x^*$ and $f^n(x_n) \rightarrow x^*$ as $n \rightarrow +\infty$.
- (c) $d(x, x^*) \leq (I_m - S)^{-1} d(x, f(x))$, $\forall x \in Y$;

(d) $d(f^n(x_n), x^*) \leq S^n d(x_n, x^*), \forall n \in \mathbb{N}^*$;

(e) Let $g : Y \rightarrow X$ be such that:

(1) there exists $\eta \in (\mathbb{R}_+^*)^m$ such that $d(f(x), g(x)) \leq \eta, \forall x \in Y$;

(2) $F_g \neq \emptyset$.

Then

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

Proof. (a) + (b). Let $Y_1 := \overline{f(Y)}$, $Y_2 := \overline{f(Y_1 \cap Y)}$, \dots , $Y_{n+1} := \overline{f(Y_n \cap Y)}$, $n \in \mathbb{N}^*$. We remark that $Y_{n+1} \subset Y_n$ and $f^n(x_n) \in Y_n$, so $Y_n \neq \emptyset, n \in \mathbb{N}^*$. Since f is a Perov we have:

$$\begin{aligned} \delta(Y_{n+1}) &= \delta(\overline{f(Y_n \cap Y)}) = \delta(f(Y_n \cap Y)) \leq S \cdot \delta(Y_n \cap Y) \leq \\ &\leq S \cdot \delta(Y_n) \leq \dots \leq S^{n+1} \cdot \delta(Y) \rightarrow 0 \text{ as } n \rightarrow +\infty. \end{aligned}$$

Now the proof is similar with the proof of Theorem 1.

(c). Let $x \in Y$ then we have:

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

so

$$d(x, x^*) \leq (I_m - S)^{-1} d(x, f(x)), \forall x \in Y.$$

(d) follows from the definition of the Perov operator and (e) is obtained from (c) for $x := y^* \in F_g$. \square

6. AN OPEN PROBLEM

The above considerations give rise to the following problem:

Problem 1. Let (X, d) be a complete metric space, Y a nonempty bounded and closed subset of X and $f : Y \rightarrow X$ a nonself operator. We suppose that there exists a sequence $(x_n)_{n \in \mathbb{N}^*}$ such that $f^n(x_n)$ is defined for all $n \in \mathbb{N}^*$. In which additional conditions on f we have that:

(a) $F_f \neq \emptyset$?

(b) $F_f = \{x^*\}$?

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