



A Note on Generalized Quasi-Contraction

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Abstract. In this paper we give a short proof of the main results of Kumam, Dung and Sitthithakerngkiet (P. Kumam, N.V. Dung, K. Sitthithakerngkiet, A Generalization of Ćirić Fixed Point Theorems, FILOMAT 29:7 (2015), 1549–1556).

To the memory of Professor Lj. Ćirić (1935–2016)

1. Introduction and Preliminaries

In 1974, Lj. Ćirić [2] introduced the concept of quasi-contraction and proved the following fundamental result:

Theorem 1.1. Let (X, d) be a metric space. Suppose that $T : X \mapsto X$ is a quasi-contraction, i.e. that there exists $r \in [0, 1)$ such that for all $x, y \in X$ there holds

$$d(Tx, Ty) \leq r \cdot \max\{d(x, y), d(x, Tx), d(y, Ty), d(x, Ty), d(y, Tx)\}.$$

If X is T -orbitally complete, then

1. T has a unique fixed point x^* in X .
2. $\lim_{n \rightarrow \infty} T^n x = x^*$.
3. $d(T^n x, x^*) \leq \frac{r^n}{1-r} d(x, Tx)$ for all $x \in X$ and $n \in \mathbb{N}$.

In the paper of Kumam, Dung and Sitthithakerngkiet [7] the concept of quasi-contraction was generalized to that of a generalized quasi-contraction:

Definition 1.2. Let $T : X \mapsto X$ be a mapping on a metric space X . The mapping T is said to be a generalized quasi-contraction iff there exists $r \in [0, 1)$ such that for all $x, y \in X$

$$d(Tx, Ty) \leq r \cdot \max\{d(x, y), d(x, Tx), d(y, Ty), d(x, Ty), d(y, Tx), d(T^2x, x), d(T^2x, Tx), d(T^2x, y), d(T^2x, Ty)\}.$$

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In [7], the following theorem is proved:

Theorem 1.3. *Let (X, d) be a metric space. Suppose that $T : X \mapsto X$ is a generalized quasi-contraction and X is T -orbitally complete. Then we have*

1. T has a unique fixed point x^* in X .
2. $\lim_{n \rightarrow \infty} T^n x = x^*$ for all $x \in X$.
3. $d(T^n x, x^*) \leq \frac{r^n}{1-r} d(x, Tx)$ for all $x \in X$ and $n \in \mathbb{N}$.

In this note we give a short proof of the main results of Kumam, Dung and Sithithakerngkiet [7] using the notion of w -distance.

The notions and facts we give below are well-known.

Let X be a set endowed with a metric d . Then a function $p : X \times X \rightarrow [0, \infty)$ is called a w -distance on X if the following are satisfied:

- (1) $p(x, z) \leq p(x, y) + p(y, z)$, for any $x, y, z \in X$,
- (2) for any $x \in X$, $p(x, \cdot) : X \rightarrow [0, \infty)$ is lower semicontinuous,
- (3) for any $\epsilon > 0$, there exists $\delta > 0$ such that $p(z, x) \leq \delta$ and $p(z, y) \leq \delta$ imply $d(x, y) \leq \epsilon$.

Let us recall that a real-valued function f defined on a metric space X is said to be lower semicontinuous at a point x_0 of X if either $\liminf_{x_n \rightarrow x_0} f(x_n) = \infty$ or $f(x_0) \leq \liminf_{x_n \rightarrow x_0} f(x_n)$, whenever $x_n \in X$ and $x_n \rightarrow x_0$.

The concept of w -distance was introduced by Kada, Suzuki and Takahashi [6]. They gave several examples of w -distances and improved Caristi's fixed point theorem [1], Eklund's variational's principle [3] and the nonconvex minimization theorem according to Takahashi [8].

For more about w -distances the reader is referred to [4–6].

The proof of the next lemma and theorem which will be used in the proof of the main result can be found in [6]:

Lemma 1.4. *Let X be a metric space with metric d , let p be a w -distance on X and let α be a function from X into $[0, \infty)$. Then the function $q : X \times X \mapsto [0, \infty)$ given by*

$$q(x, y) = \max\{\alpha(x), p(x, y)\} \quad \text{for every } x, y \in X$$

is also a w -distance.

Theorem 1.5. *Let X be a complete metric space, let p be a w -distance on X and let T be a mapping from X into itself. Suppose that there exists $r \in [0, 1)$ such that*

$$p(Tx, T^2x) \leq r \cdot p(x, Tx)$$

for every $x \in X$ and that

$$\inf\{p(x, y) + p(x, Tx) : x \in X\} > 0$$

for every $y \in X$ with $y \neq Ty$. Then there exists $z \in X$ such that $z = Tz$. Moreover, if $v = Tv$, then $p(v, v) = 0$.

2. Main Results

Theorem 2.1. *Let X be a complete metric space with metric d , and let T be a mapping from X into itself. Suppose T is a generalized quasi-contraction, i.e., there exists $r \in [0, 1)$ such that*

$$d(Tx, Ty) \leq r \cdot \max\{d(x, y), d(x, Tx), d(y, Ty), d(x, Ty), d(y, Tx), \\ d(T^2x, x), d(T^2x, Tx), d(T^2x, y), d(T^2x, Ty)\}$$

for every $x, y \in X$. Then T has a unique fixed point.

Proof. By Lemma 2 in [2], the set $\{x, Tx, T^2x, \dots\}$ is bounded for every $x \in X$. Hence we can define a function $p : X \times X \mapsto [0, \infty)$ by

$$p(x, y) = \max\{\text{diam}\{x, Tx, T^2x, \dots\}, d(x, y)\}$$

for every $x, y \in X$. By Lemma 1.4, p is a w -distance on X . Let $x \in X$. Then we have, using Lemma 1 in [2],

$$\begin{aligned} p(Tx, T^2x) &= \text{diam}\{Tx, T^2x, T^3x, \dots\} \\ &= \sup_{n \in \mathbb{N}} \text{diam}\{Tx, T^2x, T^3x, \dots, T^n x\} \\ &\leq \sup_{n \in \mathbb{N}} r \cdot \text{diam}\{x, Tx, T^2x, \dots, T^n x\} \\ &= r \cdot \text{diam}\{x, Tx, T^2x, \dots\} \\ &= r \cdot p(x, Tx). \end{aligned}$$

Let $y \in X$ with $y \neq Ty$ and assume that there exists a sequence $\{x_n\}$ such that

$$\lim_{n \rightarrow \infty} \{p(x_n, y) + p(x_n, Tx_n)\} = 0.$$

Then, we have

$$d(x_n, Tx_n) \leq \text{diam}\{x_n, Tx_n, T^2x_n, \dots\} \leq p(x_n, y) \rightarrow 0$$

and

$$d(x_n, y) \leq p(x_n, y) \rightarrow 0.$$

So, both $\{x_n\}$ and $\{Tx_n\}$ converge to y . Since T is a generalized quasi-contraction,

$$\begin{aligned} d(Tx_n, Ty) &\leq q \cdot \max\{d(x_n, y), d(x_n, Tx_n), d(y, Ty), d(x_n, Ty), d(y, Tx_n), \\ &\quad d(T^2x_n, x_n), d(T^2x_n, Tx_n), d(T^2x_n, y), d(T^2x_n, Ty)\} \end{aligned}$$

for any $n \in \mathbb{N}$ and hence

$$\begin{aligned} d(y, Ty) &\leq r \cdot \max\{d(y, y), d(y, y), d(y, Ty), d(y, Ty), d(y, y), d(Ty, y), d(Ty, y), d(Ty, y), d(Ty, Ty)\} \\ &\leq r \cdot d(y, Ty). \end{aligned}$$

This is a contradiction. Hence, if $y \neq Ty$,

$$\inf\{p(x, y) + p(x, Tx) : x \in X\} > 0.$$

By Theorem 1.5, there exists a fixed point z of T . Clearly, the fixed point is unique. \square

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