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ON SOME DISCONTINUOUS FIXED POINT MAPPINGS  
IN CONVEX METRIC SPACES

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1. INTRODUCTION

Let  $X$  be a Banach space and  $C$  a closed convex subset of  $X$ . M. Greguš [7] proved the following result

**Theorem 1** (Greguš [7]). *Let  $T: C \rightarrow C$  be a mapping satisfying*

$$(G) \quad \|Tx - Ty\| \leq a\|x - y\| + p\|Tx - x\| + p\|Ty - y\|$$

for all  $x, y \in C$ , where  $0 < a < 1$ ,  $p \leq 0$  and  $a + 2p = 1$ . Then  $T$  has a unique fixed point.

Many theorems which are closely related to Greguš's Theorem have appeared in recent years ([2]–[9]).

The purpose of this note is to define and to investigate a class of mappings (not necessarily continuous) which are defined on metric spaces and satisfy the following contractive condition.

$$(1) \quad d(Tx, Ty) \leq ad(x, y) + (1 - a) \max\{d(x, Tx), d(y, Ty), b[d(x, Ty) + d(y, Tx)]\}$$

where  $0 < a < 1$  and  $b \leq \frac{1}{2} - \frac{1-a^2}{10+6a^2}$ . We shall prove a fixed point theorem which is a double generalization of the above theorem of Greguš. Firstly the nonexpansive nature of the mapping is generalized, and secondly the underlying space is freed to a non-linear situation. An example is constructed to show that our Theorem is a genuine generalization of the theorems of Greguš [7] and Li [8].

We recall the following definition of a convex metric space.

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**Definition 1.** (Takahashi [10]). Let  $X$  be a metric space and  $I = [0, 1]$  the closed unit interval. A continuous mapping  $W: X \times X \times I \rightarrow X$  is said to be a *convex structure* on  $X$  if for all  $x, y \in X$  and  $\lambda \in I$ ,  $d[u, W(x, y, \lambda)] \leq \lambda d(u, x) + (1 - \lambda)d(u, y)$  for all  $u \in X$ .  $X$  together with a convex structure is called a *convex metric space*. A subset  $K \subseteq X$  is convex, if  $W(x, y, \lambda) \in K$  whenever  $x, y \in K$  and  $\lambda \in I$ .

Clearly a Banach space, or any convex subset of it, is a convex metric space with  $W(x, y, \lambda) = \lambda x + (1 - \lambda)y$ .

## 2. MAIN RESULT

Now we are in a position to state our main result.

**Theorem 2.** Let  $K$  be a closed convex subset of a complete convex metric space  $X$  and  $T: K \rightarrow K$  a mapping satisfying (1) for all  $x, y \in K$ . Then  $T$  has a unique fixed point.

**Proof.** Let  $x = x_0$  be an arbitrary point and consider the sequence  $\{x_n\}$  defined by  $x_{n+1} = Tx_n$ ;  $n = 0, 1, 2, \dots$ . From (1) we have

$$d(x_n, Tx_n) = d(Tx_{n-1}, Tx_n) \leq ad(x_{n-1}, x_n) + (1 - a) \max \{d(x_{n-1}, x_n), d(x_n, Tx_n), b[d(x_{n-1}, Tx_n)]\}.$$

Since  $b < \frac{1}{2}$ , by simple calculation we obtain

$$(2) \quad d(x_n, Tx_n) \leq d(x, Tx) \quad (n = 1, 2, \dots).$$

We shall show that

$$(3) \quad d(Tx_k, T^3x_k) \leq \left[1 + a + \frac{(1 - a)^3}{3}\right] d(x, Tx)$$

for some  $k \geq 0$ . Using (1), (2) and the triangle inequality we have  $d(Tx_n, T^3x_n) \leq ad(Tx_{n-1}, T^3x_{n-1}) + (1 - a) \max \{d(x, Tx), b[2d(x, Tx) + d(Tx_{n-1}, T^3x_{n-1})]\}$ . If for some  $n = k$

$$(4) \quad d(Tx_k, T^3x_k) \leq ad(Tx_{k-1}, T^3x_{k-1}) + (1 - a)d(x, Tx),$$

then (3) holds, since by (2) and the triangle inequality we have

$$d(Tx_{k-1}, T^3x_{k-1}) = d(x_k, Tx_{k+1}) \leq d(x_k, Tx_k) + d(x_{k+1}, Tx_{k+1}) \leq 2d(x, Tx).$$

Suppose that (4) does not hold. Then

$$d(Tx_n, T^3x_n) \leq ad(Tx_{n-1}, T^3x_{n-1}) + (1-a)b[2d(x, Tx) + d(Tx_{n-1}, T^3x_{n-1})]$$

holds for each  $n = 1, 2, \dots$ . Hence

$$d(Tx_n, T^3x_n) \leq [1 - (1-a)(1-b)]d(Tx_{n-1}, T^3x_{n-1}) + 2(1-a)b d(x, Tx).$$

Hence, by induction we get

$$(5) \quad d(Tx_n, T^3x_n) \leq h^n d(Tx, T^3x) + \frac{2b}{1-b} d(x, Tx),$$

where  $h = 1 - (1-a)(1-b) < 1$ . Since  $d(Tx, T^3x) \leq 2d(x, Tx)$  and by hypothesis for  $b$  we have

$$\frac{2b}{1-b} \leq \frac{4(1+a^2)}{3+a^2} = 1+a + \frac{(1-a)^3}{3+a^2} < 1+a + \frac{(1-a)^3}{3},$$

we may choose  $k$  such that  $2h^k + \frac{2b}{1-b} \leq 1+a + \frac{(1-a)^3}{3}$ . For such  $k$ , (5) implies (3). Therefore, we proved (3).

Let  $k$  be such that (3) holds and put  $y = x_k$ . Since  $K$  is convex, by Definition 1  $W(T^2y, T^3y, \frac{1}{2}) = z \in K$ . Then, using Definition 1 and (2) and (3), we have

$$d(z, T^2y) \leq \frac{1}{2} d(T^2y, T^3y) \leq \frac{1}{2} d(x, Tx),$$

$$d(z, T^3y) \leq \frac{1}{2} d(T^2y, T^3y) \leq \frac{1}{2} d(x, Tx),$$

$$(6) \quad d(z, Ty) \leq \frac{1}{2} [d(Ty, T^2y) + d(Ty, T^3y)] \leq \frac{7+3a^2-a^3}{6} \cdot d(x, Tx),$$

$$(7) \quad d(z, Tz) \leq \frac{1}{2} [d(Tz, T^2y) + d(Tz, T^3y)].$$

Now we shall show that there is a real number  $\lambda$ , such that

$$(8) \quad d(z, Tz) \leq \lambda \cdot d(x, Tx); \quad 0 \leq \lambda < 1.$$

Put

$$M = M(x, z) = \max \{d(x, Tx), d(z, Tz)\}$$

and suppose  $M > 0$ . Using (1) again, from (2) we have

$$(9) \quad d(Tz, T^3y) \leq \frac{a}{2} \cdot M + (1-a) \max \left\{ M, b \left[ \frac{1}{2} \cdot M + d(Tz, T^2y) \right] \right\},$$

$$(10) \quad d(Tz, T^2y) \leq a \frac{7 + 3a^2 - a^3}{6} M + (1 - a) \max \left\{ M, b \left[ \frac{1}{2} M + d(Tz, Ty) \right] \right\}.$$

Since  $2b < 1$ , using the triangle inequality we get

$$b \left[ \frac{1}{2} M + d(Tz, T^2y) \right] \leq b \left[ \frac{1}{2} M + d(z, Tz) + d(z, T^2y) \right] \leq 2b M < M.$$

Therefore, from (9) we have

$$d(Tz, T^3y) \leq \frac{a}{2} M + (1 - a) M = \left( 1 - \frac{a}{2} \right) M.$$

Using the triangle inequality and (2) we get

$$d(Tz, Ty) \leq d(Tz, T^2y) + d(T^2y, Ty) \leq M + d(Tz, T^2y).$$

Therefore, from (10) we have

$$(12) \quad d(Tz, T^2y) \leq a \frac{7 + 3a^2 - a^3}{6} M + (1 - a) \max \left\{ M, b \left[ \frac{3}{2} M + d(Tz, T^2y) \right] \right\}.$$

Case I. Suppose that from (12) we have

$$(12') \quad d(Tz, T^2y) \leq a \frac{7 + 3a^2 - a^3}{6} M + (1 - a) M = \left[ 1 + a \frac{1 + 3a^2 - a^3}{6} \right] M.$$

Then by (7), (11) and (12') we have

$$(13) \quad \begin{aligned} d(z, Tz) &\leq \frac{1}{2} \left[ 1 - \frac{a}{2} + 1 + a \frac{1 + 3a^2 - a^3}{6} \right] M \\ &= \left[ 1 - a \frac{2 - 3a^2 + a^3}{12} \right] \max \{ d(x, Tx), d(z, Tz) \}. \end{aligned}$$

Since  $0 < a < 1$  implies  $\lambda_1 = 1 - a \frac{2 - 3a^2 + a^3}{12} < 1$ , from (13) we have

$$(14) \quad d(z, Tz) \leq \lambda_1 d(x, Tx); \quad 0 < \lambda_1 < 1.$$

Case II. Assume now that (12) implies

$$d(Tz, T^2y) \leq a \frac{7 + 3a^2 - a^3}{6} M + (1 - a) b \left[ \frac{3}{2} M + d(Tz, T^2y) \right].$$

Then, as by hypothesis  $b \leq \frac{2(1+a^2)}{5+3a^2}$ , we have

$$\begin{aligned} & [5 + 3a^2 - (1-a)2(1+a^2)]d(Tz, T^2y) \\ & \leq a(7 + 3a^2 - a^3)\frac{5+3a^2}{6}M + 3(1-a)(1+a^2)M \\ & < a(6 + 5a^2 + a^3)M + 3(1-a)(1+a^2)M. \end{aligned}$$

After some computations we get

$$(12'') \quad (3+2a+a^2+2a^3)d(Tz, T^2y) \leq \left[ \left(1 + \frac{a}{2}\right)(3+2a+a^2+2a^3) - \frac{1}{2}a(1-a)^2 \right] M.$$

Now from (7), (11) and (12'') we have

$$(15) \quad d(z, Tz) \leq \lambda_2 \max \{d(x, Tx), d(z, Tz)\},$$

where  $\lambda_2 = 1 - a\frac{(1-a)^2}{12+8a+4a^2+8a^3}$ . Since  $\lambda_2 < 1$ , from (15) we have

$$(16) \quad d(z, Tz) \leq \lambda_2 d(x, Tx); \quad \lambda_2 < 1.$$

Put  $\lambda = \max\{\lambda_1, \lambda_2\}$ . Then from (14) and (16) we conclude that (8) holds in any case.

Now it is easy to prove that (8) implies

$$(17) \quad \inf\{d(x, Tx) : x \in K\} = m = 0.$$

Indeed, since  $\lambda^{-\frac{1}{2}} > 1$ , there exists some  $x' \in K$  such that  $d(x', Tx') \leq \lambda^{-\frac{1}{2}}m$ . Then, as above, there is  $z' = z'(x') \in K$  such that (8) holds, i.e. such that  $d(z', Tz') \leq \lambda d(x', Tx')$ . Then we have  $m \leq d(z', Tz') \leq \lambda(\lambda^{-\frac{1}{2}}m) = \lambda^{\frac{1}{2}}m$ . Hence  $m = 0$ .

Now we shall show that

$$(18) \quad \max\{d(Tx, Ty), d(x, y)\} \leq \left[2 + \frac{5+3a^2}{(1-a)^2}\right] \max\{d(x, Tx), d(y, Ty)\}.$$

Let  $M = \max\{d(x, Tx), d(y, Ty)\}$ . Then from (1) and the triangle inequality we have

$$\begin{aligned} d(Tx, Ty) & \leq a[d(x, Tx) + d(Tx, Ty) + d(Ty, y)] \\ & \quad + (1-a) \max \{M, b[d(x, Tx) + 2d(Tx, Ty) + d(y, Ty)]\} \\ & \leq 2aM + ad(Tx, Ty) + (1-a)[M + 2bd(Tx, Ty)]. \end{aligned}$$

Hence, as  $b \leq \frac{2+2a^2}{5+3a^2}$ , we get

$$d(Tx, Ty) \leq \left[ \frac{5+3a^2}{(1-a)^2} \right] M.$$

This and  $d(x, y) \leq 2M + d(Tx, Ty)$  imply (18).

Now by (17) we can choose a sequence  $\{x_n\}$  in  $K$  such that  $d(x_n, Tx_n) \leq \frac{1}{n}$  ( $n = 1, 2, \dots$ ). It follows from (18) that

$$\max \{d(Tx_m, Tx_n), d(x_m, x_n)\} \leq \frac{2 + \frac{5+3a^2}{1-a^2}}{m} \quad \text{for } 1 \leq m < n.$$

Therefore, both  $\{x_n\}$  and  $\{Tx_n\}$  are Cauchy sequences, and moreover they have a common limit, say  $u$ . By (1)

$$d(Tx_n, Tu) \leq ad(x_n, u) + (1-a) \max \{d(x_n, Tx_n), d(u, Tu), b[d(x_n, Tu) + d(u, Tx_n)]\}.$$

Taking the limit as  $n \rightarrow \infty$  in this inequality, we get

$$d(u, Tu) \leq (1-a)d(u, Tu),$$

which implies that  $Tu = u$ . The uniqueness of a fixed point follows from (1).  $\square$

**Remark 1.** If in Theorem 2  $b = \frac{1}{2}$ , then  $T$  may be without fixed points, as the following simple example shows it.

**Example 1.** Let  $K$  be the set of real numbers with usual metric and let  $T: K \rightarrow K$  be defined by  $Tx = x + 1$ . Then for any  $0 < a < 1$

$$d(Tx, Ty) = d(x, y) = a d(x, y) + (1-a) \frac{1}{2} [d(x, y) - 1 + d(x, y) + 1] = d(x, y).$$

**Remark 2.** If  $b = 0$ , we obtain the result which was established by Fisher [5]. That result also appears in [2], [4], [6], and [9] as a corollary of common fixed point theorems.

**Theorem 3.** Let  $K$  be as in Theorem 2 and  $T: K \rightarrow K$  a mapping satisfying

$$(19) \quad d(Tx, Ty) \leq ad(x, y) + b[d(x, Ty) + d(y, Tx)] + c \max \{d(x, Tx), d(y, Ty)\}$$

for all  $x, y \in K$ , where  $0 \leq a < 1$ ,  $b \geq 0$ ,  $c \geq 0$ ,  $a + b > 0$  and

$$(20) \quad a + \frac{5+a^2}{2+a^2} b + c \leq 1$$

Then  $T$  has a unique fixed point.

**Proof.** We have

$$\begin{aligned} ad(x, y) + b \frac{5 + a^2}{2 + a^2} \cdot \frac{2 + a^2}{5 + a^2} [d(x, Ty) + d(y, Tx)] + c \max \{d(x, Tx), d(y, Ty)\} \\ \leq ad(x, y) + \left[ \frac{5 + a^2}{2 + a^2} b + c \right] \max \left\{ d(x, Tx), d(y, Ty), \frac{2 + a^2}{5 + a^2} [d(x, Ty) + d(y, Tx)] \right\} \\ \leq ad(x, y) + (1 - a) \max \left\{ d(x, Tx), d(y, Ty), \frac{2 + a^2}{5 + a^2} [d(x, Ty) + d(y, Tx)] \right\}. \end{aligned}$$

Therefore, (19) and (20) imply (1) with  $0 \leq a < 1$  and

$$b = \frac{2 + a^2}{5 + a^2} < \frac{1}{2} - \frac{1 - a^2}{10 + 6a^2}$$

and so we can apply Theorem 2 in the case  $a > 0$ .

If  $a = 0$ , then  $a + b > 0$  implies  $b > 0$ , and then from (20) we have

$$0 < 2b + c \leq 1 - \frac{b}{2} < 1.$$

So in the case  $a = 0$  Theorem 3 reduces to a special case of Theorem 2.5 of [1].  $\square$

**Corollary 2** (Li [8]). *Let  $K$  be a closed convex subset of a convex metric space  $X$  and  $T: K \rightarrow K$  a mapping satisfying*

$$d(Tx, Ty) \leq ad(x, y) + b[d(x, Ty) + d(y, Tx)] + c[d(x, Tx) + d(y, Ty)]$$

for all  $x, y \in K$ , where  $0 \leq a < 1$ ,  $b \geq 0$ ,  $c \geq 0$ ,  $a + b > 0$  and

$$(22) \quad a + 3b + 2c \leq 1.$$

if  $X$  has the property that every decreasing sequence of non-empty closed subsets of  $X$  with diameters tending to zero has non-empty intersection, then  $T$  has a unique fixed point in  $K$ .

**Proof.** It is clear that the inequalities (19) and (20) are more general than corresponding inequalities (21) and (22). Since the property of  $X$ , stated in Corollary 2 is equivalent to the completeness of  $X$ , we see that all assumptions of Theorem 3 are satisfied.  $\square$

The following simple example shows that our Theorems 2 and 3 are genuine generalizations of the Theorems of Greguš [7] and Li [8].



**Example 2.** Let  $K = [-4, 4]$  be a closed convex subset of the real line and  $T: K \rightarrow K$  a mapping defined by

$$Tx = \frac{x}{6}, \text{ if } -2 \leq x \leq 4; \quad Tx = 4, \text{ if } -4 \leq x < -2.$$

It is clear that if  $x, y \in [-2, 4]$  or  $x, y \in [-4, -2)$ , then  $d(Tx, Ty) \leq \frac{1}{6}d(x, y)$ . Let now  $x \in [-2, 4]$  and  $y \in [-4, -2)$ . Then we have

$$d(Tx, Ty) \leq 4 + \frac{1}{3} < \frac{5}{6}6 \leq \frac{5}{6}d(y, Ty) \leq \frac{5}{6} \max \{d(y, Ty), d(x, Tx)\}.$$

Therefore,  $T$  satisfies the condition (19) with  $a = \frac{1}{6}$ ,  $c = \frac{5}{6}$  and  $b = 0$ , and the condition (1) with  $a = \frac{1}{6}$  and any  $0 \leq b < \frac{1}{2} - \frac{5}{38}$ . Since  $K$  is compact, hence complete, all assumptions of Theorems 2 and 3 are satisfied and  $u = 0$  is the unique fixed point of  $T$ . But  $T$  does not satisfy (21) with  $a + 3b + 2c \leq 1$ , and hence (G), since for all  $x \in [-1, 0]$  and  $y \in [-3, -2)$  we have

$$\begin{aligned} d(Tx, Ty) &\geq 4 > 4 - \frac{1}{12} = \max \left\{ 3, \frac{1}{3}(5+3), \frac{1}{2} \left( \frac{5}{6} + 7 \right) \right\} \\ &\geq \max \left\{ d(x, y), \frac{1}{3} [d(x, Ty) + d(y, Tx)], \frac{1}{2} [d(x, Tx) + d(y, Ty)] \right\} \\ &\geq ad(x, y) + b[d(x, Ty) + d(y, Tx)] + c[d(x, Tx) + d(y, Ty)] \end{aligned}$$

for any  $a, b, c \geq 0$  with  $a + 3b + 2c \leq 1$ .

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