

ON A HADŽIĆ'S COMMON FIXED POINT THEOREM IN 2-METRIC SPACES

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Abstract

In this note we give a result similar to Hadžić's common fixed point theorem [3, Th. 1] on metric spaces for the case of 2-metric spaces which is a generalization of Theorem 1 from [2]. Also an extension of Sehgal's theorem [8] is obtained.

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In [1] S.Gähler introduced the notion of 2-metric space: Let X be an arbitrary set and d a real valued function on $X \times X \times X$ satisfying the following conditions:

- i) To each pair of points $(x, y) \in X \times X$ with $x \neq y$ there is $z \in X$ such that $d(x, y, z) \neq 0$.
- ii) $d(x, y, z) = 0$ only when at least two of three points are equal.
- iii) For every $x, y, z \in X$: $d(x, y, z) = d(x, z, y) = d(y, z, x)$.
- iv) For every $x, y, z, u \in X$:

$$d(x, y, z) \leq d(x, y, u) + d(x, u, z) + d(u, y, z).$$

Then (X, d) is said to be a 2-metric space. The convergence in a 2-metric space (X, d) is introduced in the following way [2]. Let $\{x_n\}_{n \in \mathbb{N}}$ be

a sequence from X and $x \in X$. We say that the sequence $\{x_n\}_{n \in \mathbf{N}}$ converges to x if and only if for every $a \in X$, $\lim_{n \rightarrow \infty} d(x_n, x, a) = 0$. The sequence $\{x_n\}_{n \in \mathbf{N}}$ is a Cauchy sequence if $\lim_{m, n \rightarrow \infty} d(x_n, x_m, a) = 0$ for all $a \in X$. If every Cauchy sequence in X converges to a point in X we say that (X, d) is a complete 2-metric space.

Some fixed point theorem in such spaces are proved in [2], [4], [5] and [6].

In the proof of our theorem we shall use the following Lemma proved in [7].

Lemma. Let $Q_q = \{g | g \in \mathbf{R}^+, g \leq q + f(g)\}$ for every $q \in \mathbf{R}^+$, where $f : [0, \infty) \rightarrow [0, \infty)$ is a given non - decreasing function such that $\lim_{n \rightarrow \infty} f^n(g) = 0$ for $g > 0$ and $\lim_{g \rightarrow \infty} (g - f(g)) = \infty$. Then

1) $Q_q \neq \emptyset$ and $\hat{f}(Q_q) \subseteq Q_q$ where $\hat{f}(g) = q + f(g)$, $g \geq 0$.

2) Q_q is bounded for each $q > 0$ and the maximal solution $m(q) = \sup_{t \in Q} t$ of the inequality $g \leq q + f(g)$ is a fixed point of \hat{f} .

3) The maximal solution $m(0)$ of the inequality $g \leq f(g)$ is equal to 0.

Theorem 1. Let (X, d) be a complete 2-metric space, S and T be one to one continuous mappings from X into X , A be a continuous mapping from X into $SX \cap TX$ and A commute with S and T . Suppose that the following conditions are satisfied:

1) For every $x \in X$ there exists $n(x) \in \mathbf{N}$ so that for every $y \in X$ and $a \in X$:

$$d(A^{n(x)}x, A^{n(x)}y, a) \leq \min\{q(d(Sx, Ty, a))d(Sx, Ty, a), d(Tx, Sy, a)\}$$

where $q : [0, \infty) \rightarrow [0, 1)$ is a non-decreasing function such that

$$\lim_{t \rightarrow \infty} t(1 - q(t)) = \infty$$

2) For some $x_0 \in X$ we have that the sets

$$M = \{A^m T^p x_0 \mid p \in \mathbf{N}, m \in \{0, 1, \dots, n(x_0) - 1\}\}$$

$$U = \{A^m T^p (TS)^{-s} x_0 \mid s \in \mathbf{N}, p \in \mathbf{N} \cup \{0, -1\}, m \in \{0, 1, \dots, n(x_0) - 1\}\}$$

are so that for every $a, b \in X$ the sets

$$\{d(x, a, b) \mid x \in M\}, \{d(y, a, b) \mid y \in U\}, \{d(x, a, y) \mid x \in M, y \in U\}$$

are bounded.

Then there exists one and only one element $y \in X$ such that

$$y = Sy = Ty = Ay.$$

Proof. We shall prove that the set

$$B = \{d(A^n T^k x_0, Sx_0, a) \mid n, k \in \mathbf{N} \cup \{0\}\}$$

is bounded.

Let $n = p \cdot n(x_0) + r$ where $0 \leq r < n(x_0)$. Let us prove that

$$(*) \quad d(A^{p \cdot n(x_0) + r} T^k x_0, Sx_0, a) \leq b_p(a)$$

for every $p \in \mathbf{N}$ and $k \in \mathbf{N} \cup \{0\}$ where

$$b_0(a) = \sup_{t \in M \cup \{A^{n(x_0)} x_0\}} d(t, Sx_0, a)$$

and

$$b_p(a) = b_0(a) + q(b_{p-1}(a))b_{p-1}(a), \quad p \in \mathbf{N}.$$

We will prove this by induction in respect to $p \in \mathbf{N}$.

For $p = 1$ we have that

$$\begin{aligned} & d(A^{n(x_0)+r} T^k x_0, Sx_0, a) \leq d(A^{n(x_0)} x_0, Sx_0, a) \\ & + d(A^{n(x_0)+r} T^k x_0, A^{n(x_0)} x_0, a) + d(A^{n(x_0)+r} T^k x_0, Sx_0, A^{n(x_0)} x_0) \\ & \leq b_0(a) + q(d(Sx_0, A^r T^{k+1} x_0, a))d(Sx_0, A^r T^{k+1} x_0, a) \\ & \quad + q(d(Sx_0, A^r T^{k+1} x_0, Sx_0))d(Sx_0, A^r T^{k+1} x_0, Sx_0) \\ & \leq b_0(a) + q(b_0(a))b_0(a) = b_1(a). \end{aligned}$$

Suppose that (*) is satisfied for some $p \in \mathbf{N}$ and every $k \in \mathbf{N} \cup \{0\}$ and prove that

$$d(A^{(p+1)n(x_0)+r} T^k x_0, Sx_0, a) \leq b_{p+1}(a)$$

for every $k \in \mathbf{N} \cup \{0\}$.

We have that

$$\begin{aligned}
& d(A^{(p+1)n(x_0)+r}T^k x_0, Sx_0, a) \leq d(A^{n(x_0)}x_0, Sx_0, a) \\
& + d(A^{(p+1)n(x_0)+r}T^k x_0, A^{n(x_0)}x_0, a) + d(A^{(p+1)n(x_0)+r}T^k x_0, Sx_0, A^{n(x_0)}x_0) \\
& \leq b_0(a) + q(d(Sx_0, A^{pn(x_0)+r}T^{k+1}x_0, a))d(Sx_0, A^{pn(x_0)+r}T^{k+1}x_0, a) \\
& \quad + q(d(Sx_0, A^{pn(x_0)+r}T^{k+1}x_0, Sx_0))d(Sx_0, A^{pn(x_0)+r}T^{k+1}x_0, Sx_0) \\
& \leq b_0(a) + q(b_p(a))b_p(a) = b_{p+1}(a).
\end{aligned}$$

Considering $f(t) = tq(t)$, $t \geq 0$, we have $f^n(t) \leq t(q(t))^n$ for every $t \geq 0$ and since $q(t) < 1$ for every $t \geq 0$ we deduce that $\lim_{n \rightarrow \infty} f^n(t) = 0$. We have $\lim_{t \rightarrow \infty} [t - f(t)] = \lim_{t \rightarrow \infty} t(1 - q(t)) = \infty$ and so we may apply the Lemma. Let $\hat{f}(t) = b_0(a) + f(t)$ for $t \geq 0$. Because $b_0(a) \leq \hat{f}(b_0(a))$ we deduce that $b_0(a) \in Q_{b_0(a)}$ and since $\hat{f}(Q_{b_0(a)}) \subseteq Q_{b_0(a)}$ it follows that $\{b_p(a) \mid p \in \mathbf{N}\} \subseteq Q_{b_0(a)}$ and so the sequence $\{b_p(a)\}_{p \in \mathbf{N}}$ is bounded.

So we have proved that the set B is bounded and let

$$D(a) = \sup_{n, k \in \mathbf{N} \cup \{0\}} d(A^n T^k x_0, Sx_0, a).$$

Similarly, we obtain that the set

$$\{d(A^n T^k (TS)^{-s} x_0, Sx_0, a) \mid n, s \in \mathbf{N} \cup \{0\}, k \in \mathbf{N} \cup \{0, -1\}\}$$

is bounded and let

$$E(a) = \sup_{n, s \in \mathbf{N} \cup \{0\}, k \in \mathbf{N} \cup \{0, -1\}} d(A^n T^k (TS)^{-s} x_0, Sx_0, a).$$

We shall prove that the set

$$\begin{aligned}
V = & \{d(x, Sx_0, y) \mid x \in \{A^n T^k x_0 \mid n, k \in \mathbf{N} \cup \{0\}\}, \\
& y \in \{A^n T^k (TS)^{-s} x_0, n, s \in \mathbf{N} \cup \{0\}, k \in \mathbf{N} \cup \{0, -1\}\}\}
\end{aligned}$$

is bounded.

Let $n = pn(x_0) + r$, $n' = p'n(x_0) + r'$ where $0 \leq r, r' < n(x_0)$,

$$x = A^{pn(x_0)+r}T^k x_0, \quad y = A^{p'n(x_0)+r'}T^{k'}(TS)^{-s}x_0.$$

We have that

$$\begin{aligned}
 & d(A^{pn(x_0)+r}T^k x_0, Sx_0, A^{p'n(x_0)+r'}T^{k'}(TS)^{-s}x_0) \\
 & \leq d(A^{n(x_0)}x_0, Sx_0, A^{p'n(x_0)+r'}T^{k'}(TS)^{-s}x_0) \\
 & + q(d(Sx_0, A^{(p-1)n(x_0)+r}T^{k+1}x_0, A^{p'n(x_0)+r'}(TS)^{-s}x_0)) \\
 & \cdot d(Sx_0, A^{(p-1)n(x_0)+r'}T^{k+1}x_0, A^{p'n(x_0)+r'}T^{k'}(TS)^{-s}x_0) \\
 & \leq q(d(Sx_0, A^{(p'-1)n(x_0)+r'}T^{k'+1}(TS)^{-s}x_0, Sx_0)) \\
 & \cdot d(Sx_0, A^{(p'-1)n(x_0)+r'}T^{k'+1}(TS)^{-s}x_0, Sx_0) \\
 & + d(Sx_0, A^{(p-1)n(x_0)+r}T^{k+1}x_0, A^{p'n(x_0)+r'}T^{k'}(TS)^{-s}x_0) \\
 & = d(Sx_0, A^{(p-1)n(x_0)+r}T^{k+1}x_0, A^{p'n(x_0)+r'}T^{k'}(TS)^{-s}x_0).
 \end{aligned}$$

We deduce so that

$$d(x, Sx_0, y) \leq d(A^rT^{k+p}x_0, Sx_0, A^{r'}T^{k'+p'}(TS)^{-s}x_0)$$

and so V is bounded because $\{d(x, a, y) \mid x \in M, y \in U\}$ is bounded.

As in [2] let $x_0 \in X$. Since $AX \subseteq SX \cap TX$ we can define the sequence $\{x_n\}_{n \in \mathbb{N}}$ such that

$$Tx_{2k-1} = A^{n(x_{2k-2})}x_{2k-2}, \quad Sx_{2k} = A^{n(x_{2k-1})}x_{2k-1}, \quad k \in \mathbb{N}.$$

We shall prove that $\{y_m\}_{m \in \mathbb{N}}$ is a Chauchy sequence where

$$y_m = \begin{cases} Tx_{2k-1}, & m = 2k - 1, \\ Sx_{2k}, & m = 2k, \quad k \in \mathbb{N}. \end{cases}$$

By a similar reason as in [2] and [3] we obtain that for every $m, k \in \mathbb{N}$, $k > 2$ and $a \in X$

$$d(A^{n(x_{2k-3})}x_{2k-3}, A^m x_{2k-2}, a) \leq (q(d(Sx_0, A^m x_0, a)))^{k-1} \cdot d(Sx_0, A^m x_0, a) \quad (1)$$

and so

$$\begin{aligned}
 & d(y_{2k-1}, y_{2k}, a) \leq \\
 & \leq (q(d(Sx_0, A^{n(x_{2k-1})}x_0, a)))^k d(Sx_0, A^{n(x_{2k-1})}x_0, a) \\
 & \leq q^k(D(a))D(a).
 \end{aligned}$$

Also we have

$$d(y_{2k}, y_{2k+1}, a) = d(Sx_{2k}, Tx_{2k+1}, a) \leq q^k(D(a)) \cdot D(a).$$

We deduce that

$$d(y_n, y_{n+1}, a) \leq (q(D(a)))^{\lfloor \frac{n+1}{2} \rfloor} \cdot D(a), \quad n \in \mathbb{N}.$$

Since

$$\begin{aligned} d(y_n, y_{n+m}, a) &\leq d(y_n, y_{n+1}, y_{n+m}) \\ &+ d(y_n, y_{n+1}, a) + d(y_{n+1}, y_{n+2}, y_{n+m}) \\ &+ d(y_{n+1}, y_{n+2}, a) + \dots + d(y_{n+m-2}, y_{n+m-1}, y_{n+m}) \\ &+ d(y_{n+m-1}, y_{n+m}, a) \leq \sum_{k=n}^{n+m-2} (q(D(y_{n+m})))^{\lfloor \frac{k+1}{2} \rfloor} \cdot D(y_{n+m}) \\ &+ \sum_{k=n}^{n+m-1} (q(D(a)))^{\lfloor \frac{k+1}{2} \rfloor} \cdot D(a) \leq \sum_{k=n}^{n+m-2} (q(D))^{\lfloor \frac{k+1}{2} \rfloor} \cdot D \\ &+ \sum_{k=n}^{n+m-1} (q(D(a)))^{\lfloor \frac{k+1}{2} \rfloor} \cdot D(a) \end{aligned}$$

where D is an upper bound for $D(y_{n+m})$, $n, m \in \mathbb{N}$.

It follows that $\{y_n\}_{n \in \mathbb{N}}$ is a Cauchy sequence. So there exists $y \in X$ such that $\lim_{n \rightarrow \infty} y_n = y$ which means that for every $a \in X$

$$\lim_{n \rightarrow \infty} d(y_n, y, a) = 0.$$

Since $\{Sx_{2k}\}_{k \in \mathbb{N}}$ and $\{Tx_{2k-1}\}_{k \in \mathbb{N}}$ are subsequences of the sequence $\{y_n\}_{n \in \mathbb{N}}$ it follows that for every $a \in X$

$$(2) \quad \lim_{k \rightarrow \infty} d(Sx_{2k}, y, a) = \lim_{k \rightarrow \infty} d(Tx_{2k-1}, y, a) = 0.$$

We have that

$$\begin{aligned} d(Sx_{2k}, Ax_{2k}, a) &= d(A^{n(x_{2k-1})}x_{2k-1}, Ax_{2k}, a) \\ &\leq (q(d(Sx_0, Ax_0, a)))^k d(Sx_0, Ax_0, a) \leq (q(D(a)))^k D(a) \end{aligned}$$

for every $k \in \mathbb{N}$ and so

$$\begin{aligned} d(Ax_{2k}, y, a) &\leq d(Ax_{2k}, y, Sx_{2k}) + d(Ax_{2k}, Sx_{2k}, a) + d(Sx_{2k}, y, a) \\ &\leq (q(D(a)))^k D(a) + (q(D(y)))^k D(y) + d(Sx_{2k}, y, a). \end{aligned}$$

Using (2) we conclude that

$$\lim_{k \rightarrow \infty} d(Ax_{2k}, y, a) = 0$$

for every $a \in X$.

Furthermore,

$$\begin{aligned} d(Sx_{2k}, A^2x_{2k}, a) &= d(A^{n(x_{2k-1})}x_{2k-1}, A^2x_{2k}, a) \\ &\leq (q(d(Sx_0, A^2x_0, a)))^k d(Sx_0, A^2x_0, a) \\ &\leq (q(D(a)))^k D(a) \quad \text{for every } k \in \mathbf{N} \end{aligned}$$

which implies that

$$\lim_{k \rightarrow \infty} A^2x_{2k} = y.$$

Then from

$$\begin{aligned} d(Ay, Sy, a) &\leq d(Ay, Sy, ASx_{2k}) + d(Ay, ASx_{2k}, a) + d(ASx_{2k}, Sy, a) \\ &= d(Ay, ASx_{2k}, Sy) + d(Ay, ASx_{2k}, a) + d(SAx_{2k}, Sy, a) \end{aligned}$$

since A and S are continuous, we deduce that

$$d(Ay, Sy, a) = 0, \quad (\forall) a \in X.$$

Hence $Ay = Sy$.

Similarly we can prove that $Ay = Ty$.

Since $y = \lim_{k \rightarrow \infty} A^2x_{2k} = A(\lim_{k \rightarrow \infty} Ax_{2k}) = Ay$ we obtain that y is a common fixed point for the mappings A, S and T . It is easy to see that y is the unique common fixed point.

Remark. Let us consider the case $Tx = Sx + x$ for all $x \in X$. Then every continuous function A which satisfies condition 1) of the theorem satisfies also 2) (these sets are finite) so that we can apply the theorem to deduce that A has a unique fixed point.

This is the corresponding extension of the theorem of Sehgal [8] in 2 - metric spaces.

The remark from ([2], p. 11) asserts that instead of the boundedness of the space X we can suppose that for every $a \in X$ we have

$$\sup_{\substack{y \in O_A(a) \\ z \in X}} d(a, y, z) \leq M_a, \quad O_A = \{A^n a, n \in \mathbf{N} \cup \{0\}\}$$

In the above theorem this condition does not appear.

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REZIME

**O TEOREMI O. HADŽIĆ O ZAJEDNIČKOJ NEPOKRETNOSTI
TAČKI U 2-METRIČKIM PROSTORIMA**

U radu se daje rezultat sličan teoremi O. Hadžić o zajedničkoj nepokretnosti tački u metričkim prostorima za slučaj 2-metričkih prostora koji je generalizacija Teoreme 1 iz [2]. Takođe se daje proširenje Sehgal-ove teoreme [8].

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