



## A Fixed Point Theorem for a New Class of Set-Valued Mappings in R-Complete (Not Necessarily Complete) Metric Spaces

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**Abstract.** In this paper, firstly, we introduce the notion of R-complete metric spaces. This notion let us to consider fixed point theorem in R-complete instead of complete metric spaces. Secondly, as motivated by the recent work of Amini-Harandi (Fixed Point Theory Appl. 2012, 2012:215), we explain a new generalized contractive condition for set-valued mappings and prove a fixed point theorem in R-complete metric spaces which extends some well-known results in the literature. Finally, some examples are given to support our main theorem and also we find the existence of solution for a first-order ordinary differential equation.

### 1. Introduction

In 1969, Nadler [5] extended the Banach contraction principle [2] to set-valued mappings as follows.

**Theorem 1.1.** *Let  $(X, d)$  be a complete metric space and let  $T$  be a mapping from  $X$  into  $CB(X)$ . Assume that there exists  $r \in [0, 1)$  such that  $H(Tx, Ty) \leq rd(x, y)$  for all  $x, y \in X$ . Then there exists  $z \in X$  such that  $z \in T(z)$ .*

Many fixed point theorems have been proved by various authors as generalizations to Nadler's theorem. One such generalization is due to Kaneko in [3] and Nicolae in [6]. Another generalization was proved by Mizoguchi and Takahashi [4] which is also well known as a positive response to a conjecture posed by Simeon Reich [7].

Nadler's theorem was generalized by Mizoguchi and Takahashi [4] in the following way.

**Theorem 1.2.** *Let  $(X, d)$  be a complete metric space and let  $T$  be a mapping from  $(X, d)$  into  $(CB(X), H)$  satisfying*

$$H(Tx, Ty) \leq \alpha(d(x, y))d(x, y)$$

*for all  $x, y \in X$ , where  $\alpha$  is a mapping from  $(0, \infty)$  into  $[0, 1)$  such that  $\limsup_{s \rightarrow t^+} \alpha(s) < 1$  for all  $t \in [0, \infty)$ . Then  $T$  has a fixed point.*

Recently, A. Amini-Harandi [1] introduced a new concept of set-valued contraction and proved a fixed point theorem which generalizes some well-known results in the literature, especially [10]. In this paper, we present an improvement and generalization of the main result of A. Amini-Harandi [1], M. Sgroi et al. [8], J. Tiammee et al. [9] and D. Wardowski [10].

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## 2. Preliminaries

Throughout this paper,  $\mathbb{N}, \mathbb{Q}$  and  $\mathbb{R}$  denote, respectively, the sets of all natural numbers, rational numbers and real numbers. Also, for every nonempty set  $X$  denote  $\mathcal{P}^*(X)$  the set of all nonempty subsets of  $X$ . Let  $(X, d)$  be a metric space. We denote  $CB(X)$  collections of all closed and bounded members of  $\mathcal{P}^*(X)$ . For  $A, B \in CB(X)$  and  $x \in X$ , define

$$D(x, A) := \inf\{d(x, a); a \in A\}$$

and

$$H(A, B) := \max\{\sup_{a \in A} D(a, B), \sup_{b \in B} D(b, A)\}.$$

Notice that  $H$  is a metric on  $CB(X)$ , called the Hausdorff metric induced by  $d$ .

To set up our results in the next section, we introduce some definitions that play a major role in further sections.

Let  $X$  be a nonempty set,  $A, B \subseteq X$  and  $R$  be an arbitrary binary relation over  $X$ . The binary relations  $R_1$  and  $R_2$  between  $A$  and  $B$  are defined as follows.

- (1)  $A R_1 B$  if  $a R b$ , for all  $a \in A$  and  $b \in B$ .
- (2)  $A R_2 B$  if for each  $a \in A$  there exists  $b \in B$  such that  $a R b$ .

Next, we introduce two types of monotone set-valued mappings by using the relations  $R_1$  and  $R_2$ .

**Definition 2.1.** Let  $(X, d)$  be a metric space endowed a binary relation  $R$  over  $X$  and  $T : X \rightarrow CB(X)$ . Then  $T$  is said to be

(i) monotone mapping of type (I) if

$$x, y \in X, x R y \Rightarrow Tx R_1 Ty;$$

(ii) monotone mapping of type (II) if

$$x, y \in X, x R y \Rightarrow Tx R_2 Ty;$$

**Example 2.2.** Let  $X = \{\frac{1}{2}, \frac{1}{4}, \dots, \frac{1}{2^n}, \dots\} \cup \{0, 1\}$ ,  $d(x, y) = |x - y|$ , for all  $x, y \in X$ , and binary relation  $R$  over  $X$  defined by

$$x R y \iff \begin{cases} \frac{y}{x} \in \mathbb{N}, \\ \text{or } x = y = 0. \end{cases}$$

Let  $T : X \rightarrow CB(X)$  defined by

$$Tx = \begin{cases} \{\frac{1}{2^n}, \frac{1}{2^{n+1}}\}, & \text{if } x = \frac{1}{2^n}, n = 1, 2, \dots, \\ \{0\}, & \text{if } x = 0, \\ \{1, \frac{1}{2}, \frac{1}{4}\}, & \text{if } x = 1. \end{cases}$$

It is easy to see that  $T$  is monotone of type (II) but not monotone of type (I). Since  $\frac{1}{2} R 1$  but  $T(\frac{1}{2}) = \{\frac{1}{2}, \frac{1}{4}\} \not R_1 \{1, \frac{1}{2}, \frac{1}{4}\} = T(1)$ .

**Example 2.3.** Let  $X = [0, 1)$  and let the metric on  $X$  be the Euclidean metric. Define binary relation  $R$  over  $X$  by  $x R y$  if  $xy \in \{x, y\}$  for all  $x, y \in X$ . Let  $T : X \rightarrow CB(X)$  be a mapping defined by

$$T(x) = \begin{cases} \{\frac{1}{2}x^2, x\}, & x \in \mathbb{Q} \cap X, \\ \{0\}, & x \in \mathbb{Q}^c \cap X. \end{cases}$$

It is easy to see that  $T$  is monotone of type (I) and (II).

**Definition 2.4.** Let  $\Lambda$  denote the class of those functions  $\phi(t_1, t_2, t_3, t_4, t_5) : \mathbb{R}_+^5 \rightarrow \mathbb{R}_+$  which satisfy the following conditions

- ( $\Lambda_1$ )  $\phi$  is increasing in  $t_2, t_3, t_4$  and  $t_5$ ;
- ( $\Lambda_2$ )  $t_{n+1} < \phi(t_n, t_n, t_{n+1}, t_n + t_{n+1}, 0)$  implies that  $t_{n+1} < t_n$ , for each positive sequence  $\{t_n\}$ ;
- ( $\Lambda_3$ ) If  $t_n, s_n \rightarrow 0$  and  $u_n \rightarrow \gamma > 0$ , as  $n \rightarrow \infty$ , then we have  $\limsup_{n \rightarrow \infty} \phi(t_n, s_n, \gamma, u_n, t_{n+1}) < \gamma$ ;
- ( $\Lambda_4$ )  $\phi(u, u, u, 2u, 0) \leq u$ , for each  $u \in \mathbb{R}^+ = [0, +\infty)$ .

**Example 2.5.** Let  $\phi : \mathbb{R}_+^5 \rightarrow \mathbb{R}_+$  defined by

$$\phi(t_1, t_2, t_3, t_4, t_5) = \alpha t_1 + \beta t_2 + \gamma t_3 + \delta t_4 + L t_5$$

where  $\alpha, \beta, \gamma, \delta, L \geq 0, \alpha + \beta + \gamma + 2\delta = 1$  and  $\gamma \neq 1$ . We claim that  $\phi \in \Lambda$ . Indeed ( $\Lambda_1$ ) obviously holds. To show ( $\Lambda_2$ ), let  $\{t_n\}$  be a positive sequence such that

$$\begin{aligned} t_{n+1} &< \phi(t_n, t_n, t_{n+1}, t_n + t_{n+1}, 0) = \alpha t_n + \beta t_n + \gamma t_{n+1} + \delta(t_n + t_{n+1}) \\ &= (\alpha + \beta + \delta)t_n + (\gamma + \delta)t_{n+1}. \end{aligned}$$

Since  $\alpha + \beta + \gamma + 2\delta = 1$  and  $\gamma \neq 1$ , then we can conclude that  $1 - (\gamma + \delta) > 0$  and hence

$$t_{n+1} < \frac{(\alpha + \beta + \delta)}{1 - (\gamma + \delta)} t_n = t_n.$$

It is obvious to see that the properties ( $\Lambda_3$ ) and ( $\Lambda_4$ ) hold for this function.

**Definition 2.6.** [1] Let  $F : (0, +\infty) \rightarrow \mathbb{R}$  and  $\theta : (0, +\infty) \rightarrow (0, +\infty)$  be two mappings. Throughout the paper, let  $\Delta$  be the set of all pairs  $(\theta, F)$  satisfying the following:

- ( $\delta_1$ )  $\theta(t_n) \nrightarrow 0$  for each strictly decreasing sequence  $\{t_n\}$ ;
- ( $\delta_2$ )  $F$  is a strictly increasing function;
- ( $\delta_3$ ) For each sequence  $\{\alpha_n\}$  of positive numbers,  $\lim_{n \rightarrow \infty} \alpha_n = 0$  if and only if  $\lim_{n \rightarrow \infty} F(\alpha_n) = -\infty$ ;
- ( $\delta_4$ ) If  $t_n \downarrow 0$  and  $\theta(t_n) \leq F(t_n) - F(t_{n+1})$  for each  $n \in \mathbb{N}$ , then we have  $\sum_{n=1}^{\infty} t_n < \infty$ .

**Example 2.7.** [1] Let  $F(t) = \ln(t)$  and  $\theta(t) = -\ln(\alpha(t))$  for each  $t \in (0, +\infty)$ , where  $\alpha : (0, \infty) \rightarrow (0, 1)$  satisfying  $\limsup_{s \rightarrow t^+} \alpha(s) < 1$ , for all  $t \in [0, \infty)$ . Then  $(\theta, F) \in \Delta$ .

**Definition 2.8.** Let  $X \neq \emptyset$  and  $R \subseteq X \times X$  be a binary relation. A sequence  $\{x_n\}$  is called a  $R$ -sequence if

$$(\forall n \in \mathbb{N}, \quad x_n R x_{n+1}).$$

**Definition 2.9.** Let  $(X, d)$  be a metric space and  $R$  be a binary relation over  $X$ . Then  $X$  is said to be  $R$ -regular if for each sequence  $\{x_n\}$  such that  $x_n R x_{n+1}$ , for all  $n \in \mathbb{N}$ , and  $x_n \rightarrow x$ , for some  $x \in X$ , then  $x_n R x$ , for all  $n \in \mathbb{N}$  (briefly,  $(X, d, R)$  is called  $R$ -regular metric space).

**Definition 2.10.** Let  $(X, d)$  be a metric space and  $R$  be a binary relation over  $X$ . Then  $X$  is said to be  $R$ -complete if every Cauchy  $R$ -sequence is convergent (briefly,  $(X, d, R)$  is called  $R$ -complete metric space).

**Example 2.11.** Let  $X = \mathbb{Q}$ . Suppose that  $x R y$  if and only if  $x = 0$  or  $y = 0$ . Clearly,  $\mathbb{Q}$  with the Euclidean metric is not a complete metric space, but it is  $R$ -complete. In fact, if  $\{x_k\}$  is an arbitrary Cauchy  $R$ -sequence in  $\mathbb{Q}$ , then there exists a subsequence  $\{x_{k_n}\}$  of  $\{x_k\}$  for which  $x_{k_n} = 0$  for all  $n \geq 1$ . It follows that  $\{x_{k_n}\}$  converges to  $0 \in X$ . On the other hand, we know that every Cauchy sequence with a convergent subsequence is convergent. It follows that  $\{x_k\}$  is convergent. It is easy to see that  $(X, d, R)$  is also  $R$ -regular metric space.

**Example 2.12.** Let  $X = [0, 1)$ . Suppose that

$$x R y \iff \begin{cases} x \leq y \leq \frac{1}{4}, \\ \text{or } x = 0. \end{cases}$$

Clearly,  $X$  with the Euclidian metric is not a complete metric space, but it is  $\mathbb{R}$ -complete. In fact, if  $\{x_k\}$  is an arbitrary Cauchy  $\mathbb{R}$ -sequence in  $X$ , then there exists a subsequence  $\{x_{k_n}\}$  of  $\{x_k\}$  for which  $x_{k_n} = 0$  for all  $n \geq 1$  or there exists a monotone subsequence  $\{x_{k_n}\}$  of  $\{x_k\}$  for which  $x_{k_n} \leq \frac{1}{4}$  for all  $n \geq 1$ . It follows that  $\{x_{k_n}\}$  converges to a point  $x \in [0, \frac{1}{4}] \subseteq X$ . On the other hand, we know that every Cauchy sequence with a convergent subsequence is convergent. It follows that  $\{x_k\}$  is convergent. It is easy to see that  $(X, d, \mathbb{R})$  is also  $\mathbb{R}$ -regular metric space.

**Example 2.13.** Let  $X = \mathbb{R}$ . Suppose  $x \mathbb{R} y$  if and only if  $x = 0$  or  $0 \neq y \in \mathbb{Q}$ . It is easy to see that  $(X, d, \mathbb{R})$  is a  $\mathbb{R}$ -complete but not  $\mathbb{R}$ -regular metric space.

**Example 2.14.** Let  $X = \mathbb{R}$ , suppose  $x \mathbb{R} y$  if

$$x, y \in \left(n + \frac{2}{4}, n + \frac{3}{4}\right)$$

for some  $n \in \mathbb{Z}$  or

$$x = 0.$$

It is easy to see that  $(X, d, \mathbb{R})$  is a  $\mathbb{R}$ -complete but not  $\mathbb{R}$ -regular metric space.

### 3. Fixed Point Theory

We prove main theorem of this section by using the technique in [1].

**Theorem 3.1.** Let  $(X, d, \mathbb{R})$  be a  $\mathbb{R}$ -complete (not necessarily complete),  $\mathbb{R}$ -regular metric space and  $T : X \rightarrow CB(X)$  be a set-valued mapping. Assume that there exists  $(\frac{\theta}{2}, F) \in \Delta$  such that

$$\theta(d(x, y)) + F(H(Tx, Ty)) \leq F(\phi(d(x, y), D(x, Tx), D(y, Ty), D(x, Ty), D(y, Tx))), \tag{1}$$

for each  $x \mathbb{R} y$ , with  $Tx \neq Ty$ , where  $\phi \in \Lambda$ . If the following conditions are satisfied

- (i)  $T$  is monotone of type (I);
  - (ii) There exists  $x_0 \in X$  such that  $\{x_0\} \mathbb{R}_2 Tx_0$ ;
  - (iii)  $T$  is compact valued or  $F$  is continuous from the right;
- Then  $T$  has a fixed point.

*Proof.* By assumption (ii), there exists  $x_1 \in Tx_0$  such that  $x_0 \mathbb{R} x_1$ . By assumption (i), since  $T$  is monotone of type (I), then  $Tx_0 \mathbb{R}_1 Tx_1$ . If  $x_1 \in Tx_1$ , then  $x_1$  is fixed point of  $T$  and the proof is complete. Assume that  $x_1 \notin Tx_1$ , then  $Tx_0 \neq Tx_1$ . Since either  $T$  is compact valued or  $F$  is continuous from right,  $x_1 \in Tx_0$  and

$$F(D(x_1, Tx_1)) < F(H(Tx_0, Tx_1)) + \frac{\theta(d(x_0, x_1))}{2}$$

then there exists  $x_2 \in Tx_1$  with  $x_1 \mathbb{R} x_2$  such that

$$F(d(x_1, x_2)) \leq F(H(Tx_0, Tx_1)) + \frac{\theta(d(x_0, x_1))}{2}.$$

Repeating this process, we find that there exists a  $\mathbb{R}$ -sequence  $\{x_n\}$  with initial point  $x_0$  such that  $x_{n+1} \in Tx_n$ ,  $Tx_n \neq Tx_{n+1}$  and

$$F(d(x_n, x_{n+1})) \leq F(H(Tx_{n-1}, Tx_n)) + \frac{\theta(d(x_{n-1}, x_n))}{2}, \tag{2}$$

for all  $n \in \mathbb{N}$ . From (1), (2),  $(\Lambda_1)$  and  $(\delta_2)$  we have

$$\begin{aligned} & \theta(d(x_{n-1}, x_n)) + F(d(x_n, x_{n+1})) \\ & \leq \theta(d(x_{n-1}, x_n)) + F(H(Tx_{n-1}, Tx_n)) + \frac{\theta(d(x_{n-1}, x_n))}{2} \\ & \leq F(\phi(d(x_{n-1}, x_n), D(x_{n-1}, Tx_{n-1}), D(x_n, Tx_n), D(x_{n-1}, Tx_n), D(x_n, Tx_{n-1}))) \\ & \quad + \frac{\theta(d(x_{n-1}, x_n))}{2} \\ & \leq F(\phi(d(x_{n-1}, x_n), d(x_{n-1}, x_n), d(x_n, x_{n+1}), d(x_{n-1}, x_{n+1}), 0)) + \frac{\theta(d(x_{n-1}, x_n))}{2} \\ & \leq F(\phi(d(x_{n-1}, x_n), d(x_{n-1}, x_n), d(x_n, x_{n+1}), d(x_{n-1}, x_n) + d(x_n, x_{n+1}), 0)) \\ & \quad + \frac{\theta(d(x_{n-1}, x_n))}{2}, \end{aligned}$$

and so

$$\begin{aligned} & \frac{\theta(d(x_{n-1}, x_n))}{2} + F(d(x_n, x_{n+1})) \\ & \leq F(\phi(d(x_{n-1}, x_n), d(x_{n-1}, x_n), d(x_n, x_{n+1}), d(x_{n-1}, x_n) + d(x_n, x_{n+1}), 0)), \end{aligned} \tag{3}$$

for each  $n \in \mathbb{N}$ . This implies that

$$\begin{aligned} & d(x_n, x_{n+1}) \\ & < \phi(d(x_{n-1}, x_n), d(x_{n-1}, x_n), d(x_n, x_{n+1}), d(x_{n-1}, x_n) + d(x_n, x_{n+1}), 0), \end{aligned}$$

for each  $n \in \mathbb{N}$ . Then by  $(\Lambda_2)$ ,  $d(x_n, x_{n+1}) < d(x_{n-1}, x_n)$  for each  $n \in \mathbb{N}$ . Since  $\{d(x_n, x_{n+1})\}$  is a strictly decreasing sequence, then by using (3),  $(\Lambda_1)$  and  $(\Lambda_4)$ , we obtain that

$$\begin{aligned} & \frac{\theta(d(x_{n-1}, x_n))}{2} + F(d(x_n, x_{n+1})) \\ & \leq F(\phi(d(x_{n-1}, x_n), d(x_{n-1}, x_n), d(x_n, x_{n+1}), d(x_{n-1}, x_n) + d(x_n, x_{n+1}), 0)) \\ & \leq F(\phi(d(x_{n-1}, x_n), d(x_{n-1}, x_n), d(x_{n-1}, x_n), d(x_{n-1}, x_n) + d(x_{n-1}, x_n), 0)) \\ & = F(\phi(d(x_{n-1}, x_n), d(x_{n-1}, x_n), d(x_{n-1}, x_n), 2d(x_{n-1}, x_n), 0)) \\ & \leq F(d(x_{n-1}, x_n)), \end{aligned} \tag{4}$$

for each  $n \in \mathbb{N}$ .

Let  $\lim_{n \rightarrow \infty} d(x_n, x_{n+1}) = r$ , for some  $r \geq 0$ . Now, we show that  $r = 0$ . On contrary, assume that  $r > 0$ . From (4) we get

$$\frac{1}{2} \sum_{i=1}^{n-1} \theta(d(x_i, x_{i+1})) \leq F(d(x_1, x_2)) - F(d(x_n, x_{n+1})) \tag{5}$$

for each  $n \in \mathbb{N}$ . Since  $\{d(x_n, x_{n+1})\}$  is strictly decreasing, then from  $(\delta_1)$  we obtain that  $\theta(d(x_n, x_{n+1})) \rightarrow 0$ . Thus,  $\sum_{i=1}^{\infty} \theta(d(x_i, x_{i+1})) = +\infty$ , and then from (5) we have  $\lim_{n \rightarrow \infty} F(d(x_n, x_{n+1})) = -\infty$ . Then by  $(\delta_3)$ ,  $d(x_n, x_{n+1}) \rightarrow 0$ , as  $n \rightarrow \infty$ , that a contradiction. Hence

$$\lim_{n \rightarrow \infty} d(x_n, x_{n+1}) = 0. \tag{6}$$

From (4), (6) and  $(\delta_4)$ , we have  $\sum_{n=1}^{\infty} d(x_n, x_{n+1}) < \infty$ . Then by triangle inequality  $\{x_n\}$  is Cauchy R-sequence. Since  $X$  is R-complete, then there exists  $x \in X$  such that  $\lim_{n \rightarrow \infty} x_n = x$ . Now, we prove that  $x$  is fixed point of  $T$ . If there exist a strictly increasing sequence  $\{n_k\}$  such that  $x_{n_k} \in Tx$  for all  $k \in \mathbb{N}$ , since  $Tx$  is closed and

$x_{n_k} \rightarrow x$ , as  $k \rightarrow \infty$ , we get that  $x \in Tx$  and proof is complete.

So, we can assume that there exists  $n_0 \in \mathbb{N}$  such that  $x_n \notin Tx$ , for each  $n > n_0$ . This implies that  $Tx_n \neq Tx$ , for each  $n \geq n_0$ . Now since  $X$  is a  $R$ -regular metric space by using (1) with  $x = x_n$  and  $y = x$ , we obtain

$$\begin{aligned} F(D(x_{n+1}, Tx)) &< \theta(d(x_n, x)) + F(D(x_{n+1}, Tx)) \\ &\leq \theta(d(x_n, x)) + F(H(Tx_n, Tx)) \\ &\leq F(\phi(d(x_n, x), D(x_n, Tx_n), D(x, Tx), D(x_n, Tx), D(x, Tx_n))) \\ &\leq F(\phi(d(x_n, x), d(x_n, x_{n+1}), D(x, Tx), D(x_n, Tx), d(x, x_{n+1}))), \end{aligned}$$

for each  $n \geq n_0$ .

Therefore

$$D(x_{n+1}, Tx) < \phi(d(x_n, x), d(x_n, x_{n+1}), D(x, Tx), D(x_n, Tx), d(x, x_{n+1})), \tag{7}$$

for each  $n \geq n_0$ . Now if  $x \in Tx$ , then proof is complete. Let  $x \notin Tx$  then by using (7) and  $(\Lambda_3)$  we have

$$\begin{aligned} D(x, Tx) &= \limsup_{n \rightarrow \infty} D(x_{n+1}, Tx) \\ &\leq \limsup_{n \rightarrow \infty} \phi(d(x_n, x), d(x_n, x_{n+1}), D(x, Tx), D(x_n, Tx), d(x, x_{n+1})) \\ &< D(x, Tx), \end{aligned}$$

which is a contradiction. Hence  $x \in Tx$  and proof is complete.  $\square$

Letting

$$\phi(t_1, t_2, t_3, t_4, t_5) = \alpha t_1 + \beta t_2 + \gamma t_3 + \delta t_4 + L t_5,$$

where  $\alpha, \beta, \gamma, \delta, L \geq 0$ ,  $\alpha + \beta + \gamma + 2\delta = 1$  and  $\gamma \neq 1$ , we get a generalization of Theorem 3.4 of [8].

**Corollary 3.2.** Let  $(X, d, R)$  be a  $R$ -complete (not necessarily complete),  $R$ -regular metric space and  $T : X \rightarrow CB(X)$  be a set-valued mapping. Assume that there exists  $(\frac{\theta}{2}, F) \in \Delta$  such that

$$\begin{aligned} \theta(d(x, y)) + F(H(Tx, Ty)) \\ \leq F(\alpha d(x, y) + \beta D(x, Tx) + \gamma D(y, Ty) + \delta D(x, Ty) + LD(y, Tx)), \end{aligned}$$

for each  $x R y$ , with  $Tx \neq Ty$ , where  $\alpha, \beta, \gamma, \delta, L \geq 0$ ,  $\alpha + \beta + \gamma + 2\delta = 1$  and  $\gamma \neq 1$ . If the following conditions are satisfied

- (i)  $T$  is monotone of type (I);
  - (ii) There exists  $x_0 \in X$  such that  $\{x_0\} R_2 Tx_0$ ;
  - (iii)  $T$  is compact valued or  $F$  is continuous from the right;
- Then  $T$  has a fixed point.

*Proof.* By using Example 2.1 of [1], we can easily show that this corollary is a generalization of Theorem 3.4 of [8].  $\square$

Letting

$$\phi(t_1, t_2, t_3, t_4, t_5) = t_1$$

we get a generalization of Theorem 2.4 of [1].

**Corollary 3.3.** Let  $(X, d, R)$  be a  $R$ -complete (not necessarily complete),  $R$ -regular metric space and  $T : X \rightarrow CB(X)$  be a set-valued mapping. Assume that there exists  $(\frac{\theta}{2}, F) \in \Delta$  such that

$$\theta(d(x, y)) + F(H(Tx, Ty)) \leq F(d(x, y)),$$

for each  $x R y$ , with  $Tx \neq Ty$ . If the following conditions are satisfied

- (i)  $T$  is monotone of type (I);
  - (ii) There exists  $x_0 \in X$  such that  $\{x_0\} R_2 Tx_0$ ;
  - (iii)  $T$  is compact valued or  $F$  is continuous from the right;
- Then  $T$  has a fixed point.

In below we explain a generalization of Theorem 3.2 of [9].

**Corollary 3.4.** *Let  $(X, d, R)$  be a  $R$ -complete (not necessarily complete),  $R$ -regular metric space and  $T : X \rightarrow CB(X)$  be a set-valued mapping. Assume that*

$$H(Tx, Ty) \leq \alpha(d(x, y))d(x, y), \tag{8}$$

for each  $x R y$ , with  $Tx \neq Ty$  where  $\alpha$  is a function from  $(0, \infty)$  into  $(0, 1)$  such that  $\limsup_{s \rightarrow t^+} \alpha(s) < 1$  for all  $t \in [0, \infty)$ . If the following conditions are satisfied

- (i)  $T$  is monotone of type (I);
  - (ii) There exists  $x_0 \in X$  such that  $\{x_0\} R_2 Tx_0$ ;
- Then  $T$  has a fixed point.

*Proof.* Let  $F(t) = \ln(t)$ ,  $\theta(t) = -\ln(\alpha(t))$  for each  $t \in (0, \infty)$ , and  $\phi : \mathbb{R}_+^5 \rightarrow \mathbb{R}_+$  defined by  $\phi(t_1, t_2, t_3, t_4, t_5) = t_1$  then  $(\theta, F) \in \Delta$  and  $\phi \in \Lambda$ . Hence by using Theorem 3.1,  $T$  has a fixed point.  $\square$

Now we illustrate our main results by the following examples.

**Example 3.5.** *Let  $(X, d)$  be a metric space, where  $X = \{1, 2, 3, 4\}$ ,  $d(1, 2) = d(1, 3) = 1$ ,  $d(1, 4) = \frac{7}{4}$  and  $d(2, 3) = d(2, 4) = d(3, 4) = 2$ . Let  $T : X \rightarrow CB(X)$  be given by  $T1 = T4 = \{1, 4\}$ ,  $T2 = T3 = \{4\}$  and  $R = \{(1, 1), (1, 2), (1, 3), (1, 4), (4, 1), (4, 4)\}$  be a binary relation over  $X$ . Since  $X$  is finite set then every Cauchy sequence in  $(X, d)$  is equivalent constant and so convergent. Then  $(X, d)$  is a  $R$ -complete metric space. It is easy to see that:*

- (1)  $T$  is monotone of type (I);
- (2) There exists  $x_0 \in X$  such that  $\{x_0\} R_2 Tx_0$ ;
- (3)  $X$  is a  $R$ -regular metric space;
- (4) Inequality

$$1 + \ln(H(Tx, Ty)) \leq \ln(\alpha \cdot d(x, y) + L \cdot D(y, Tx)),$$

holds for each  $x R y$ , with  $Tx \neq Ty$ , where  $\alpha = 1$  and  $L = 4$ . Then by Corollary 3.2,  $T$  has a fixed point.

**Example 3.6.** *Let  $X = \{\frac{1}{2}, \frac{1}{4}, \dots, \frac{1}{2^n}, \dots\} \cup \{1\}$ ,  $d(x, y) = |x - y|$ , for all  $x, y \in X$ , and binary relation  $R$  defined over  $X$  by*

$$x R y \iff \frac{y}{x} \in \mathbb{N}.$$

Let  $T : X \rightarrow CB(X)$  defined by

$$Tx = \begin{cases} \{\frac{1}{2^n}\}, & \text{if } x = \frac{1}{2^n}, n = 1, 2, \dots, \\ \{1, \frac{1}{2}\}, & \text{if } x = 1. \end{cases}$$

Now we can easily show that

- (1)  $X$  is a  $R$ -complete ( not complete metric space ) and  $R$ -regular metric space. Furthermore, every  $R$ -sequence is convergence;
- (2)  $T$  is monotone of type (I);
- (3) There exists  $x_0 \in X$  such that  $\{x_0\} R_2 Tx_0$ ;
- (4) Inequality

$$1 + \ln(H(Tx, Ty)) \leq \ln(\alpha \cdot d(x, y) + L \cdot D(y, Tx)),$$

holds for for each  $x R y$ , with  $Tx \neq Ty$ , where  $\alpha = 1$  and  $L = 2$ . Then by Corollary 3.2,  $T$  has a fixed point.

**Example 3.7.** Consider the sequence  $\{S_n\}$  as follows:

$$\begin{aligned} S_1 &= 1 \times 2, \\ S_2 &= 1 \times 2 + 2 \times 3, \\ S_3 &= 1 \times 2 + 2 \times 3 + 3 \times 4, \\ &\dots \\ S_n &= 1 \times 2 + 2 \times 3 + \dots + n(n + 1) = \frac{n(n + 1)(n + 2)}{3}, n \in \mathbb{N}. \end{aligned}$$

Let  $X = \{S_n : n \in \mathbb{N}\}$  and  $d(x, y) = |x - y|, x, y \in X$ . For all  $S_n, S_m \in X$  define  $S_n \mathbb{R} S_m$  if and only if  $(1 = n \leq m)$ . Hence  $(X, d, \mathbb{R})$  is a  $\mathbb{R}$ -complete and  $\mathbb{R}$ -regular metric space. Define set-valued mapping  $T : X \rightarrow CB(X)$  by the formulae:

$$Tx = \begin{cases} \{S_{n-1}, S_{n+1}\}, & \text{if } x = S_n, n = 3, 4, \dots, \\ \{S_1\}, & \text{if } x = S_1, S_2. \end{cases}$$

It is easy to see that  $T$  is monotone mapping of type (I) and  $\{S_1\} \mathbb{R}_2 TS_1$ . Now since,

$$\lim_{n \rightarrow \infty} \frac{H(T(S_n), T(S_1))}{d(S_n, S_1)} = 1,$$

then  $T$  is not  $\mathbb{R}$ -contraction.

First, observe that

$$S_n \mathbb{R} S_m, T(S_n) \neq T(S_m) \iff (1 = n, m > 2).$$

On the other hand, for every  $m \in \mathbb{N}, m > 2$  we have

$$1 + \ln(H(TS_1, TS_m)) \leq \ln(\alpha \cdot d(S_1, S_m) + L \cdot D(S_m, TS_1)),$$

where  $\alpha = 1$  and  $L = 9$ . Then by Corollary 3.2,  $T$  has a fixed point.

#### 4. Applications to Ordinary Differential Equations

Our purpose here is to apply Corollary 3.4 to prove the existence of a solution for the following differential equation:

$$\begin{cases} u'(t) = f(t, u(t)), & a.e. t \in I = [0, T], \\ u(0) = a, & a \geq 1, \end{cases} \tag{9}$$

where  $f : I \times \mathbb{R} \rightarrow \mathbb{R}$  is an integrable function satisfying the following conditions:

- (c1)  $f(s, x) \geq 0$  for all  $x \geq 0$  and  $s \in I$ ,
- (c2) there exists  $\alpha \in L^1(I)$  such that

$$|f(s, x) - f(s, y)| \leq \alpha(s)|x - y|$$

for all  $t \in I$  and  $x, y \geq 0$  with  $xy \geq (x \vee y)$ , where  $x \vee y = x$  or  $y$ .

Note that  $f : I \times \mathbb{R} \rightarrow \mathbb{R}$  is not necessarily Lipschitz from the given condition (c2). For example, the function

$$f(s, x) = \begin{cases} sx, & x \leq \frac{1}{2}, \\ 0, & x > \frac{1}{2} \end{cases}$$

satisfies the conditions (c1) and (c2) while  $f$  is not continuous. Also, for  $s \neq 0$ ,

$$\left| f\left(s, \frac{1}{2}\right) - f\left(s, \frac{2}{3}\right) \right| = s \frac{1}{2} > s \frac{1}{6} = s \left| \frac{1}{2} - \frac{2}{3} \right|.$$

**Theorem 4.1.** Under above assumptions, the differential equation (9) has a positive solution.

*Proof.* Let  $X = \{u \in C(I, \mathbb{R}) : u(t) > 0, \forall t \in I\}$ . We consider the following binary relation over  $X$ :

$$x \text{ R } y \iff x(t)y(t) \geq (x(t) \vee y(t))$$

for all  $t \in I$ . Let  $A(t) = \int_0^t |\alpha(s)|ds$ . Then  $A'(t) = |\alpha(t)|$  for almost every  $t \in I$ . Define

$$\|x\|_A = \sup_{t \in I} e^{-A(t)}|x(t)|, \quad d(x, y) := \|x - y\|_A$$

for all  $x, y \in X$ . It is easy to see that  $(X, d)$  is a metric space.

Now, we show that  $X$  is R-complete (not necessarily complete). Take a Cauchy R-sequence  $\{x_n\}$  in  $X$ . It is easy to show that  $\{x_n\}$  is convergent to a point  $x \in C(I, \mathbb{R})$ . Observe that  $C(I, \mathbb{R})$  is a Banach space with this norm since it is equivalent to the maximum norm. It is enough to show the  $x \in X$ . Fix  $t \in I$ . The definition of relation R implies that

$$x_n(t) x_{n+1}(t) \geq (x_n(t) \vee x_{n+1}(t))$$

for each  $n \in \mathbb{N}$ . Since  $x_n(t) > 0$  for all  $n \in \mathbb{N}$ , there exists a subsequence  $\{x_{n_k}\}$  in  $\{x_n\}$  for which  $x_{n_k}(t) \geq 1$  for each  $k \in \mathbb{N}$ . The convergence of this sequence of real numbers to  $x(t)$  implies that  $x(t) \geq 1$ . But since  $t \in I$  is arbitrary, it follows that  $x \geq 1$  and hence  $x \in X$ . By similar reason, we can prove that  $(X, d, R)$  is a R-regular metric space. Define a mapping  $\mathcal{F} : X \rightarrow X$  by

$$\mathcal{F}u(t) = \int_0^t f(s, u(s))ds + a.$$

Note that the fixed points of  $\mathcal{F}$  are the solutions of (9). To complete the proof, we need the following steps:

Step 1:  $\mathcal{F}$  is monotone of type (I).

In fact, for all  $x, y \in X$  with  $x \text{ R } y$  and  $t \in I$ ,

$$\mathcal{F}x(t) = \int_0^t f(s, x(s))ds + a \geq 1,$$

which implies that  $\mathcal{F}x(t)\mathcal{F}y(t) \geq \mathcal{F}x(t)$  and so  $\mathcal{F}x \text{ R } \mathcal{F}y$ . Moreover, for each  $x \in X, x \text{ R } \mathcal{F}x$ .

Step 2:  $\mathcal{F}$  satisfies in contractive condition (8).

In fact, for all  $x, y \in X$  with  $x \text{ R } y$  and  $t \in I$ , the condition (c2) implies that

$$\begin{aligned} e^{-A(t)}|\mathcal{F}x(t) - \mathcal{F}y(t)| &\leq e^{-A(t)} \int_0^t |f(s, x(s)) - f(s, y(s))|ds \\ &\leq e^{-A(t)} \int_0^t |\alpha(s)|e^{A(s)}e^{-A(s)} |x(s) - y(s)|ds \\ &\leq e^{-A(t)} \left( \int_0^t |\alpha(s)|e^{A(s)}ds \right) \|x - y\|_A \\ &\leq e^{-A(t)}(e^{A(t)} - 1) \|x - y\|_A \\ &\leq (1 - e^{-\|\alpha\|_1}) \|x - y\|_A \end{aligned}$$

and so

$$\|\mathcal{F}x - \mathcal{F}y\|_A \leq (1 - e^{-\|\alpha\|_1}) \|x - y\|_A.$$

Since  $1 - e^{-\|\alpha\|_1} < 1$ ,  $\mathcal{F}$  satisfies in contractive condition (8).

Thus, Corollary 3.4 applies that the operator  $\mathcal{F}$  has a fixed point.  $\square$

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