



Fixed points for φ_E -Geraghty contractions

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Abstract

In this paper, we introduce the new concept of a generalization of contraction so-called φ_E -Geraghty contraction and we establish a fixed point theorem for such mappings in complete metric spaces. ©2017 All rights reserved.

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1. Introduction and preliminaries

Banach's contraction principle (BCP) [1] is one of the initial and also fundamental results in theory of fixed point.

It is known that BCP has been extended in many various directions by several authors, see [1–18] and the references therein. The following generalization is due to Geraghty [7].

Theorem 1.1 ([7]). *Let (X, d) be a complete metric space and $T : X \rightarrow X$ be an operator. If T satisfies the following inequality:*

$$d(Tx, Ty) \leq \varphi(d(x, y)) \cdot d(x, y), \quad \forall x, y \in X,$$

where $\varphi : [0, \infty) \rightarrow [0, 1)$ is a function which satisfies the condition

$$\lim_{n \rightarrow \infty} \varphi(t_n) = 1 \Rightarrow \lim_{n \rightarrow \infty} t_n = 0,$$

then T has a unique fixed point.

In this paper, starting from [16], we introduce the notion of φ_E -Geraghty contraction and prove a fixed point theorem for φ_E -contractions, which generalizes Theorem 1.1. Examples are given to show that our result is a proper extension.

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2. Main results

Definition 2.1. Let ϕ denote the class of functions $\varphi : [0, \infty) \rightarrow [0, 1)$ which satisfy the condition

$$\lim_{n \rightarrow \infty} \varphi(t_n) = 1 \Rightarrow \lim_{n \rightarrow \infty} t_n = 0.$$

Let (X, d) be a metric space. A mapping $T : X \rightarrow X$ is said to be a φ_E -Geraghty contraction on (X, d) if there exists $\varphi \in \phi$ such that

$$d(Tx, Ty) \leq \varphi(E(x, y)) \cdot E(x, y), \quad \forall x, y \in X, \quad (2.1)$$

where

$$E(x, y) = d(x, y) + |d(x, Tx) - d(y, Ty)|. \quad (2.2)$$

Remark 2.2. Due to the fact that $\varphi : [0, \infty) \rightarrow [0, 1)$ we have

$$d(Tx, Ty) \leq \varphi(E(x, y)) \cdot E(x, y) < E(x, y)$$

for any $x, y \in X$, with $x \neq y$.

Theorem 2.3. Let (X, d) be a complete metric space and $T : X \rightarrow X$ be a φ_E -Geraghty contraction. Then T has a unique fixed point x^* and for all $x_0 \in X$, the sequence $\{T^n x_0\}$ is convergent to x^* .

Proof. Let $x_0 \in X$ be arbitrary and fixed. We define a sequence $\{x_n\} \subset X$ by $x_{n+1} = Tx_n = T^n x_0$ for all $n \in \mathbb{N}$. Suppose that $x_{n_0} = x_{n_0+1}$ for some $n_0 \in \mathbb{N}$. Then $Tx_{n_0} = x_{n_0}$. This proves that x_{n_0} is a fixed point of T .

From now, we suppose that $x_{n+1} \neq x_n$ for all $n \in \mathbb{N}$. Then, $d(x_{n+1}, x_n) > 0$ and it follows from (2.2) that for each $n \in \mathbb{N}$

$$0 < d(x_n, x_{n+1}) = d(Tx_{n-1}, Tx_n) \leq \varphi(E(x_{n-1}, x_n)) \cdot E(x_{n-1}, x_n), \quad (2.3)$$

where

$$\begin{aligned} E(x_{n-1}, x_n) &= d(x_{n-1}, x_n) + |d(x_{n-1}, Tx_{n-1}) - d(x_n, Tx_n)| \\ &= d(x_{n-1}, x_n) + |d(x_{n-1}, x_n) - d(x_n, x_{n+1})|. \end{aligned}$$

If we denote by

$$d_n = d(x_{n-1}, x_n),$$

we have

$$d_{n+1} \leq \varphi(d_n + |d_n - d_{n+1}|) \cdot (d_n + |d_n - d_{n+1}|).$$

If there exists $n \in \mathbb{N}$ such that $d_n \leq d_{n+1}$, then (2.3) becomes

$$d_{n+1} \leq \varphi(d_{n+1}) \cdot d_{n+1} < d_{n+1}.$$

But, it is a contradiction. Therefore, $d_n > d_{n+1}$ for all $n \in \mathbb{N}$. Thus, we have from (2.3)

$$d_{n+1} \leq \varphi(2d_n - d_{n+1}) \cdot (2d_n - d_{n+1}) \quad (2.4)$$

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

Let now $d = \lim_{n \rightarrow \infty} d_n$ and we suppose that $d > 0$. Taking the limit as $n \rightarrow \infty$ in (2.4) we get

$$d = \lim_{n \rightarrow \infty} d_{n+1} \leq \lim_{n \rightarrow \infty} [\varphi(2d_n - d_{n+1}) \cdot (2d_n - d_{n+1})] \leq \lim_{n \rightarrow \infty} (2d_n - d_{n+1}).$$

It follows that $\lim_{n \rightarrow \infty} \varphi(2d_n - d_{n+1}) = 1$. Owing to the fact that $\varphi \in \Phi$ we have

$$d = \lim_{n \rightarrow \infty} (2d_n - d_{n+1}) = 0,$$

which is a contradiction. Therefore,

$$d = \lim_{n \rightarrow \infty} d(x_{n-1}, x_n) = 0. \quad (2.5)$$

We claim now that $\{x_n\}$ is a Cauchy sequence. Suppose, on the contrary, that there exist $\varepsilon > 0$ and sequences $\{n(k)\}, \{m(k)\}$ of positive integers such that $n(k) > m(k) > k$ and

$$d(x_{n(k)}, x_{m(k)}) \geq \varepsilon, \quad d(x_{n(k)-1}, x_{m(k)}) < \varepsilon, \quad \forall k \in \mathbb{N}.$$

Using the triangle inequality, we have

$$\begin{aligned} \varepsilon &\leq d(x_{n(k)}, x_{m(k)}) \leq d(x_{n(k)}, x_{n(k)-1}) + d(x_{n(k)-1}, x_{m(k)}) \\ &< d(x_{n(k)}, x_{n(k)-1}) + \varepsilon. \end{aligned}$$

Combining (2.5) and the above inequality we obtain

$$\lim_{k \rightarrow \infty} d(x_{n(k)}, x_{m(k)}) = \varepsilon.$$

But, using the triangle inequality,

$$\begin{aligned} d(x_{n(k)}, x_{m(k)}) &\leq d(x_{n(k)}, x_{n(k)-1}) \\ &\quad + d(x_{n(k)-1}, x_{m(k)-1}) + d(x_{m(k)-1}, x_{m(k)}), \end{aligned}$$

and so

$$\begin{aligned} d(x_{n(k)}, x_{m(k)}) - d(x_{n(k)-1}, x_{m(k)-1}) &\leq d(x_{n(k)}, x_{n(k)-1}) \\ &\quad + d(x_{m(k)-1}, x_{m(k)}). \end{aligned}$$

Also

$$\begin{aligned} d(x_{n(k)-1}, x_{m(k)-1}) &\leq d(x_{n(k)-1}, x_{n(k)}) \\ &\quad + d(x_{n(k)}, x_{m(k)}) + d(x_{m(k)}, x_{m(k)-1}), \end{aligned}$$

and

$$\begin{aligned} d(x_{n(k)-1}, x_{m(k)-1}) - d(x_{n(k)}, x_{m(k)}) &\leq d(x_{n(k)}, x_{n(k)-1}) \\ &\quad + d(x_{m(k)-1}, x_{m(k)}). \end{aligned}$$

Now, we have

$$\begin{aligned} |d(x_{n(k)-1}, x_{m(k)-1}) - d(x_{n(k)}, x_{m(k)})| &\leq d(x_{n(k)}, x_{n(k)-1}) \\ &\quad + d(x_{m(k)-1}, x_{m(k)}), \end{aligned}$$

and

$$\begin{aligned} \lim_{k \rightarrow \infty} |d(x_{n(k)}, x_{m(k)}) - d(x_{n(k)-1}, x_{m(k)-1})| \\ \leq \lim_{k \rightarrow \infty} (d(x_{n(k)}, x_{m(k)}) + d(x_{m(k)-1}, x_{m(k)})) = 0. \end{aligned}$$

Hence,

$$\lim_{k \rightarrow \infty} d(x_{n(k)}, x_{m(k)}) = \lim_{k \rightarrow \infty} d(x_{n(k)-1}, x_{m(k)-1}) = \varepsilon. \tag{2.6}$$

On the other hand, from (2.2) we have

$$\begin{aligned} \varepsilon &\leq d(x_{n(k)}, x_{m(k)}) = d(Tx_{n(k)-1}, Tx_{m(k)-1}) \\ &\leq \varphi(E(x_{n(k)-1}, x_{m(k)-1})) \cdot E(x_{n(k)-1}, x_{m(k)-1}). \end{aligned} \tag{2.7}$$

Since

$$\begin{aligned} E(x_{n(k)-1}, x_{m(k)-1}) &= d(x_{n(k)-1}, x_{m(k)-1}) + |d(x_{n(k)-1}, Tx_{n(k)-1}) - d(x_{m(k)-1}, Tx_{m(k)-1})| \\ &= d(x_{n(k)-1}, x_{m(k)-1}) + |d(x_{n(k)-1}, x_{n(k)}) - d(x_{m(k)-1}, x_{m(k)})|, \end{aligned}$$

using (2.5) and (2.6) we obtain

$$\lim_{k \rightarrow \infty} E(x_{n(k)-1}, x_{m(k)-1}) = \varepsilon. \tag{2.8}$$

Combining (2.7), (2.8) with the property of φ , we get

$$\varepsilon \leq \lim_{k \rightarrow \infty} \varphi(E(x_{n(k)-1}, x_{m(k)-1})) \cdot \varepsilon \leq \varepsilon,$$

so,

$$\lim_{k \rightarrow \infty} \varphi[E(x_{n(k)-1}, x_{m(k)-1})] = 1 \implies \varepsilon = \lim_{k \rightarrow \infty} E(x_{n(k)-1}, x_{m(k)-1}) = 0.$$

It is a contradiction. Therefore, $\{x_n\}$ is a Cauchy sequence. By completeness of (X, d) , $\{x_n\}$ converges to some point $x^* \in X$,

$$\lim_{n \rightarrow \infty} d(x_n, x^*) = 0. \tag{2.9}$$

We shall prove that x^* is a fixed point of T .

If for each $n \in \mathbb{N}$, there exists $i_n \in \mathbb{N}$ such that $x_{i_n} = Tx^*$ and $i_n > i_{n-1}$, then we have

$$x^* = \lim_{n \rightarrow \infty} x_{i_{n+1}} = Tx^*.$$

This proves that x^* is a fixed point of T .

Suppose now, there exists $N \in \mathbb{N}$ such that $x_{n+1} \neq Tx^*$. This implies

$$d(x_{n+1}, Tx^*) > 0, \quad \forall n > N.$$

It follows from (2.2) and the property of φ that

$$d(x_{n+1}, Tx^*) = d(Tx_n, Tx^*) \leq \varphi(E(x_n, x^*)) \cdot E(x_n, x^*) < E(x_n, x^*). \tag{2.10}$$

Since

$$\begin{aligned} E(x_n, x^*) &= d(x_n, x^*) + |d(x_n, Tx_n) - d(x^*, Tx^*)| \\ &= d(x_n, x^*) + |d(x_n, x_{n+1}) - d(x^*, Tx^*)|, \end{aligned}$$

combining (2.5) and (2.9) we have

$$\lim_{n \rightarrow \infty} E(x_n, x^*) = d(x^*, Tx^*).$$

Taking the limit as $n \rightarrow \infty$ in (2.10), since $d(x^*, Tx^*) > 0$, we have

$$d(x^*, Tx^*) \leq \lim_{n \rightarrow \infty} \varphi(E(x_n, x^*)) \cdot d(x^*, Tx^*) \leq d(x^*, Tx^*),$$

hence $\lim_{n \rightarrow \infty} \varphi (E (x_n, x^*)) = 1$. Thus, we obtain

$$d (x^*, Tx^*) = \lim_{n \rightarrow \infty} E (x_n, x^*) = 0.$$

It is a contradiction. Therefore $d (x^*, Tx^*) = 0$, that is, x^* is a fixed point of T .

Finally, we prove that the fixed point of T is unique. For this, let x^*, y^* be two fixed points of T , and suppose that

$$Tx^* = x^* \neq y^* = Ty^*.$$

Since

$$\begin{aligned} E (x^*, y^*) &= d (x^*, y^*) + |d (x^*, Tx^*) - d (y^*, Ty^*)| \\ &= d (x^*, y^*) + |d (x^*, x^*) - d (y^*, y^*)| \\ &= d (x^*, y^*), \end{aligned}$$

it follows from (2.1) that

$$\begin{aligned} 0 < d (x^*, y^*) &= d (Tx^*, Ty^*) \leq \varphi (E (x^*, y^*)) \cdot E (x^*, y^*) \\ &= \varphi (d (x^*, y^*)) \cdot d (x^*, y^*) < d (x^*, y^*). \end{aligned}$$

This is a contradiction. Then $d (x^*, y^*) = 0$, that is $x^* = y^*$. This proves that the fixed point of T is unique. \square

Example 2.4. Let $X = \{0, 1, 4\}$, $d (x, y) = |x - y|$ and $T : X \rightarrow X$ defined by

$$T1 = T4 = 1, \quad T0 = 4.$$

Then, since $d (T0, T1) = 3$ and $d (0, 1) = 1$ we can not find a function $\varphi \in \Phi$ satisfying

$$d(T0, T1) \leq \varphi (d(0, 1)) \cdot d(0, 1).$$

Therefore, T is not a Geraghty contraction. Now consider a function $\varphi : [0, \infty) \rightarrow [0, 1)$, defined by

$$\varphi (t) = \begin{cases} \frac{1}{1 + \frac{t}{15}}, & t > 0, \\ \frac{1}{2}, & t = 0, \end{cases}$$

then T is a φ_E -Geraghty contraction.

Indeed, since

$$\begin{aligned} d (0, 1) &= 1, \quad d (0, 4) = 4, \quad d (1, 4) = 3, \\ d (0, T0) &= |0 - 4| = 4, \quad d (1, T1) = |1 - 1| = 0, \quad d (4, T4) = |4 - 1| = 3, \\ d (T0, T1) &= |4 - 1| = 3, \quad d (T0, T4) = |4 - 1| = 3, \quad d (T1, T4) = 0, \end{aligned}$$

for $x = 0$ and $y = 1$

$$3 = d (T0, T1) \geq \frac{15}{16} = \frac{d (0, 1)}{1 + \frac{d(0,1)}{15}} = \varphi (d (0, 1)) \cdot d (0, 1).$$

On the other hand,

$$\begin{aligned} E (0, 1) &= d (0, 1) + |d (0, T0) - d (1, T1)| = 1 + |4 - 0| = 5, \\ E (0, 4) &= d (0, 4) + |d (0, T0) - d (4, T4)| = 4 + |4 - 3| = 5, \\ E (1, 4) &= d (1, 4) + |d (1, T1) - d (4, T4)| = 3 + |0 - 3| = 6, \end{aligned}$$

so, we have the following cases:

Case 1. Let $x = 0$ and $y = 1$. Then

$$d(T0, T1) \leq \varphi(E(0, 1)) \cdot E(0, 1) \iff 3 \leq \frac{5}{1 + \frac{5}{15}} = \frac{5}{1 + \frac{1}{3}} = \frac{15}{4}.$$

Case 2. Let $x = 0$ and $y = 4$. Then

$$3 = d(T0, T4) \leq \varphi(E(0, 4)) \cdot E(0, 4) = \frac{5}{1 + \frac{5}{15}} = \frac{15}{4}.$$

Case 3. Let $x = 1$ and $y = 4$. Then

$$0 = d(T1, T4) \leq \varphi(E(1, 4)) \cdot E(1, 4) = \frac{6}{1 + \frac{6}{15}}.$$

This proves that T is a φ_E -Geraghty contraction.

Example 2.5. Let $T: [-\frac{2}{3}, \frac{2}{3}] \rightarrow [-\frac{2}{3}, \frac{2}{3}]$ be given by

$$Tx = \begin{cases} 0, & x \in [-\frac{2}{3}, 0], \\ -x, & x \in (0, \frac{2}{3}], \end{cases}$$

and $d(x, y) = |x - y|$. Let us consider the mapping

$$\varphi(t) = \begin{cases} \frac{1}{1+t}, & t > 0, \\ \frac{1}{2}, & t = 0, \end{cases}$$

We obtain that T is a φ_E -Geraghty contraction.

To see this, let us consider the following calculations. First, we observe that for $x, y \in (0, \frac{2}{3}]$, with $x \neq y$ we have

$$\begin{aligned} d(Tx, Ty) &= |x - y| \leq \frac{|x - y|}{1 + |x - y|} = \frac{1}{1 + d(x, y)} \cdot d(x, y) \\ &\iff 1 + |x - y| \leq 1 \iff |x - y| \leq 0. \end{aligned}$$

This is a contradiction, so, Geraghty's theorem cannot be used to prove the existence of a fixed point of T .

Now, we consider the following cases:

Case 1: Let $x, y > 0$, with $x < y$. Then, $d(x, y) = |x - y| = y - x$ and

$$E(x, y) = d(x, y) + |d(x, Tx) - d(y, Ty)| = |x - y| + ||x - x| - |y - y|| = 3(y - x).$$

Thus,

$$\begin{aligned} y - x &= d(Tx, Ty) \leq \frac{E(x, y)}{1 + E(x, y)} = \frac{3(y - x)}{1 + 3(y - x)} \\ &\iff 1 + 3(y - x) \leq 3 \iff y - x \leq \frac{2}{3}. \end{aligned}$$

Case 2: Let $x, y < 0$, $x < y$. Then, $d(x, y) = |x - y|$, $d(Tx, Ty) = 0$ and

$$E(x, y) = |x - y| + ||x - 0| - |y - 0|| = 2|x - y|.$$

So,

$$0 = d(Tx, Ty) \leq \frac{2|x - y|}{1 + 2|x - y|} = \frac{E(x, y)}{1 + E(x, y)},$$

is true.

Case 3: Let $x \leq 0$, $y > 0$. Then, $d(x, y) = y - x$, $d(Tx, Ty) = y$ and

$$E(x, y) = y - x + |-x - |2y|| = y - x + |-x - 2y|.$$

Because $x < 0$, let us denote $-x = a \geq 0$. We have now two subcases:

(i) If $a \leq 2y$, then

$$\begin{aligned} E(x, y) &= y + a + |a - 2y| = y + a + 2y - a = 3y \quad \text{and} \\ y = d(Tx, Ty) &\leq \frac{3y}{1 + 3y} \iff y + 3y^2 \leq 3y \iff 0 \leq y \leq \frac{2}{3}. \end{aligned}$$

(ii) If $a > 2y$, then

$$\begin{aligned} E(x, y) &= y + a + a - 2y = 2a - y \quad \text{and} \\ y = d(Tx, Ty) &\leq \frac{2a - y}{1 + 2a - y} \iff y + 2ay - y^2 \leq 2a - y \\ &\iff \frac{2y - y^2}{2 - 2y} \leq a. \end{aligned}$$

This is true, because we have

$$\frac{2y - y^2}{2 - 2y} \leq 2y < a \iff 2y - y^2 \leq 4y - 4y^2 \iff 3y^2 \leq 2y \iff y \in \left[0, \frac{2}{3}\right].$$

Since the conditions of Theorem 2.3 are satisfied, then T has a unique fixed point.

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