



## A generalization of Lim's lemma



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### Abstract

It follows from [A. L. Dontchev, R. T. Rockafellar, Springer, New York, (2014), Theorem 5I.3] that the distance from a point  $x$  to the set of fixed points of a set-valued contraction mapping  $\Phi$  is bounded by a constant times the distance from  $x$  to  $\Phi(x)$ . In this paper, we generalize both this result and Lim's lemma for a larger class of set-valued mappings instead of the class of set-valued contraction mappings. As consequence, we obtain some known fixed points theorems.

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### 1. Introduction and preliminaries

Let  $(X, d)$  be a metric space. We denote by  $\mathcal{C}(X)$  the set of nonempty and closed subsets of  $X$ . The *extended<sup>1</sup> Hausdorff distance* between two elements  $A$  and  $B$  of  $\mathcal{C}(X)$  is

$$h(A, B) = \max\{e(A, B), e(B, A)\},$$

where  $e(A, B) = \sup_{x \in A} d(x, B)$  is the *excess* from the set  $A$  to the set  $B$ . The pair  $(\mathcal{C}(X), h)$  is an extended metric space, see for instance [1].

Let  $\Phi : X \rightarrow \mathcal{C}(X)$  be a set-valued mapping.

(i)  $\Phi$  is said to be *Lipschitzian* if there exists a nonnegative constant  $\alpha$  such that

$$h(\Phi(x), \Phi(y)) \leq \alpha d(x, y), \quad \forall x, y \in X.$$

The constant  $\alpha$  is called *Lipschitz constant* of  $\Phi$ . If  $\alpha < 1$ ,  $\Phi$  is said to be a *set-valued contraction mapping*.

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<sup>1</sup>The word "extended" refers to the possibility of the distance being  $\infty$ .

(ii)  $\Phi$  is said to be a *set-valued Kannan mapping* if there exists a constant  $\beta \in [0, 1/2)$  such that

$$h(\Phi(x), \Phi(y)) \leq \beta[d(x, \Phi(x)) + d(y, \Phi(y))], \quad \forall x, y \in X.$$

(iii)  $\Phi$  is said to be a *set-valued Chatterjea mapping* if there exists a constant  $\gamma \in [0, 1/2)$  such that

$$h(\Phi(x), \Phi(y)) \leq \gamma[d(x, \Phi(y)) + d(y, \Phi(x))] \quad \forall x, y \in X.$$

(iv)  $\Phi$  is said to be a *set-valued Reich mapping* if there exists two nonnegative constants  $\alpha, \beta$  with  $\alpha + 2\beta < 1$  such that

$$h(\Phi(x), \Phi(y)) \leq \alpha d(x, y) + \beta[d(x, \Phi(x)) + d(y, \Phi(y))] \quad \forall x, y \in X.$$

(v)  $\Phi$  is said to be a *set-valued Hardy-Rogers mapping* if there exists three nonnegative constants  $\alpha, \beta, \gamma$  with  $\alpha + 2\beta + 2\gamma < 1$  such that

$$h(\Phi(x), \Phi(y)) \leq \alpha d(x, y) + \beta[d(x, \Phi(x)) + d(y, \Phi(y))] + \gamma[d(x, \Phi(y)) + d(y, \Phi(x))] \quad \forall x, y \in X.$$

It is easy to see that the set-valued contraction mappings and the set-valued Kannan mappings are set-valued Reich mappings. It was shown by two examples in [6] that the set-valued contraction mappings and the set-valued Kannan mappings are independent. An example in [9] shows that the set-valued Reich mapping is a proper generalization of the set-valued contraction mappings and the set-valued Kannan mappings. Observe also that Hardy-Rogers set-valued mapping cover both of Reich and Chatterjea mappings set-valued.

A point  $x \in X$  is said to be a *fixed point* of a set-valued mapping  $\Phi : X \rightarrow \mathcal{C}(X)$  if  $x \in \Phi(x)$ . The set of fixed points of  $\Phi$  will be denoted by  $\text{Fix}(\Phi)$ . It follows from [3, Theorem 5I.3] that the distance from a point  $x$  to the set of fixed points of a set-valued contraction mapping  $\Phi$  is bounded by a constant times the distance from  $x$  to  $\Phi(x)$ . Precisely, we have the following result:

**Theorem 1.1** ([3]). *Let  $(X, d)$  be a complete metric space, and let  $\Phi : X \rightarrow \mathcal{C}(X)$  be a set-valued contraction mapping with Lipschitz constant  $\alpha$ . Then, for every  $x \in X$ ,*

$$d(x, \text{Fix}(\Phi)) \leq \frac{1}{1 - \alpha} d(x, \Phi(x)).$$

Our first goal in this paper is to give a generalization of this theorem (Theorem 1.1) for set-valued Hardy-Rogers mappings instead of set-valued contraction mappings.

As application, we provide a generalization of Lim's lemma, see [7, Lemma 1], which says that the extended Hausdorff distance between the sets of fixed points of two set valued contraction mappings is bounded by a constant times the uniform extended Hausdorff distance between the mappings.

## 2. Main result and consequences

In this section, we present our main result, see Theorem 2.1 below, from which we will derive a list of consequences, among them Theorem 1.1. The key idea of the proof of our main result is based on an iteration procedure similar to that used in proving [4, Theorem 2.1].

**Theorem 2.1.** *Let  $(X, d)$  be a complete metric space, and let  $\Phi : X \rightarrow \mathcal{C}(X)$  be a set-valued Hardy-Rogers mapping with constants  $\alpha, \beta$  and  $\gamma$ . Then, for every  $x \in X$ ,*

$$d(x, \text{Fix}(\Phi)) \leq \frac{1 - (\beta + \gamma)}{1 - (\alpha + 2\beta + 2\gamma)} d(x, \Phi(x)). \quad (2.1)$$

*Proof.* By assumption, we have  $\alpha + 2\beta + 2\gamma < 1$  and

$$h(\Phi(x), \Phi(y)) \leq \alpha d(x, y) + \beta[d(x, \Phi(x)) + d(y, \Phi(y))] + \gamma[d(x, \Phi(y)) + d(y, \Phi(x))], \quad (2.2)$$

for all  $x, y \in X$ .

Let  $x \in X$  and  $y \in \Phi(x)$ . If  $y = x$ , then  $x \in \Phi(x)$ , hence  $x \in \text{Fix}(\Phi)$ . Therefore the left side of (2.1) is 0 and the estimation (2.1) holds automatically.

Assume next that  $y \neq x$ . Consider a real  $\alpha' > \alpha$  such that  $\alpha' + 2\beta + 2\gamma < 1$  and define

$$r := \frac{\alpha' + \beta + \gamma}{1 - (\beta + \gamma)}.$$

By induction, we will construct a sequence  $(x_n)$  of elements of  $X$ , with  $x_0 = x$ , such that for all  $n \in \mathbb{N}$

$$x_{n+1} \in \Phi(x_n) \quad \text{and} \quad d(x_n, x_{n+1}) \leq r^n d(x, y). \quad (2.3)$$

By taking  $x_1 = y$  we obtain (2.3) for  $n = 0$ .

Now, suppose that we have already found  $x_0, x_1, \dots, x_m$ , satisfying (2.3) for  $n = 0, 1, \dots, m-1$ , for some  $m \in \mathbb{N}^*$ .

By assumption of induction,  $x_m \in \Phi(x_{m-1})$ . Then, using (2.2), we obtain

$$\begin{aligned} d(x_m, \Phi(x_m)) &\leq h(\Phi(x_{m-1}), \Phi(x_m)) \\ &\leq \alpha d(x_{m-1}, x_m) + \beta[d(x_{m-1}, \Phi(x_{m-1})) + d(x_m, \Phi(x_m))] \\ &\quad + \gamma[d(x_{m-1}, \Phi(x_m)) + d(x_m, \Phi(x_{m-1}))] \\ &\leq \alpha d(x_{m-1}, x_m) + \beta d(x_{m-1}, x_m) + \beta d(x_m, \Phi(x_m)) \\ &\quad + \gamma d(x_{m-1}, x_m) + \gamma d(x_m, \Phi(x_m)). \end{aligned}$$

Thus, by vertu of the assumption of induction,

$$d(x_m, \Phi(x_m)) \leq \frac{\alpha + \beta + \gamma}{1 - (\beta + \gamma)} d(x_m, x_{m-1}) < r^m d(x, y).$$

Hence, there exists  $x_{m+1} \in \Phi(x_m)$  such that

$$d(x_m, x_{m+1}) \leq r^m d(x, y).$$

In this moment, we have completely finished the induction step, hence (2.3) holds for every  $n \in \mathbb{N}$ .

Let us now prove that  $(x_n)_n$  is a Cauchy sequence. Let  $(n, m) \in \mathbb{N}^2$  such that  $n < m$ . With the triangle inequality and the use of (2.3), it follows that

$$d(x_n, x_m) \leq \sum_{k=n}^{m-1} d(x_k, x_{k+1}) \leq \sum_{k=n}^{m-1} r^k d(x, y) \leq \frac{r^n}{1-r} d(x, y). \quad (2.4)$$

Since  $r \in [0, 1)$  the right hand of (2.4) converges to 0 when  $n$  goes to  $\infty$ . This proves that  $(x_n)_n$  is a Cauchy sequence of elements of  $X$ . By completeness of  $X$  we deduce that the sequence  $(x_n)$  converges to some  $\bar{x} \in X$ .

On the other hand, we have

$$\begin{aligned} d(\bar{x}, \Phi(\bar{x})) &\leq d(\bar{x}, x_{n+1}) + d(x_{n+1}, \Phi(\bar{x})) \\ &\leq d(\bar{x}, x_{n+1}) + h(\Phi(x_n), \Phi(\bar{x})) \\ &\leq d(\bar{x}, x_{n+1}) + \alpha d(x_n, \bar{x}) + \beta[d(x_n, \Phi(x_n)) + d(\bar{x}, \Phi(\bar{x}))] \\ &\quad + \gamma[d(x_n, \Phi(\bar{x})) + d(\bar{x}, \Phi(x_n))] \end{aligned}$$

$$\leq d(\bar{x}, x_{n+1}) + \alpha d(x_n, \bar{x}) + \beta [d(x_n, x_{n+1}) + d(\bar{x}, \Phi(\bar{x}))] \\ + \gamma [d(x_n, \bar{x}) + d(\bar{x}, \Phi(\bar{x})) + d(\bar{x}, x_{n+1})].$$

Passing to the limit in this latter when  $n$  goes to  $+\infty$ , we get

$$d(\bar{x}, \Phi(\bar{x})) \leq (\beta + \gamma)d(\bar{x}, \Phi(\bar{x})).$$

Since  $\beta + \gamma < 1$ , it follows that  $d(\bar{x}, \Phi(\bar{x})) = 0$ . Therefore,  $\bar{x} \in \text{Fix}(\Phi)$  because  $\Phi(\bar{x})$  is closed. By taking  $n = 0$  and letting  $m$  goes to  $\infty$  in (2.4), we obtain

$$d(x, \text{Fix}(\Phi)) \leq d(x, \bar{x}) \leq \frac{1}{1-\alpha} d(x, y) = \frac{1 - (\beta + \gamma)}{1 - (\alpha' + 2\beta + 2\gamma)} d(x, y).$$

Also, by letting  $\alpha'$  goes to  $\alpha$  in this latter, we get

$$d(x, \text{Fix}(\Phi)) \leq \frac{1 - (\beta + \gamma)}{1 - (\alpha + 2\beta + 2\gamma)} d(x, y).$$

By taking the infimum over  $y \in \Phi(x)$ , we conclude the required estimation

$$d(x, \text{Fix}(\Phi)) \leq \frac{1 - (\beta + \gamma)}{1 - (\alpha + 2\beta + 2\gamma)} d(x, \Phi(x)).$$

□

As a first consequence of our main result (taking  $\beta = \gamma = 0$ ) we obtain Theorem 1.1. A second consequence is [4, Theorem 2.1], its statement is given in the following corollary, which generalizes both Nadler's fixed point theorem [8, Theorem 5] and the fixed point theorem of Hardy and Rogers [5, Theorem 1].

**Corollary 2.2.** *Let  $(X, d)$  be a complete metric space and let  $\Phi : X \rightarrow \mathcal{C}(X)$  be a set-valued Hardy-Rogers mapping with constants  $\alpha, \beta$  and  $\gamma$ . Then  $\Phi$  has a fixed point.*

In the following corollaries, we give some other consequences of our main result.

**Corollary 2.3.** *Let  $(X, d)$  be a complete metric space, and let  $\Phi : X \rightarrow \mathcal{C}(X)$  be a set-valued mapping such that*

$$h(\Phi(x), \Phi(y)) \leq \alpha_1 d(x, y) + \alpha_2 d(x, \Phi(x)) + \alpha_3 d(y, \Phi(y)) + \alpha_4 d(x, \Phi(y)) + \alpha_5 d(y, \Phi(x)),$$

for all  $x, y \in X$ , where  $\alpha_i \geq 0$  for each  $i \in \{1, 2, \dots, 5\}$  and  $\sum_{i=1}^5 \alpha_i < 1$ . Then, for every  $x \in X$ ,

$$d(x, \text{Fix}(\Phi)) \leq \frac{2 - \sum_{i=2}^5 \alpha_i}{2 - 2 \sum_{i=1}^5 \alpha_i} d(x, \Phi(x)).$$

**Corollary 2.4.** *Let  $(X, d)$  be a complete metric space, and let  $\Phi : X \rightarrow \mathcal{C}(X)$  be a set-valued Kannan mapping with constant  $\beta$ . Then, for every  $x \in X$ ,*

$$d(x, \text{Fix}(\Phi)) \leq \frac{1 - \beta}{1 - 2\beta} d(x, \Phi(x)).$$

Kannan's fixed point theorem [6] is straight from this corollary.

**Corollary 2.5.** *Let  $(X, d)$  be a complete metric space, and let  $\Phi : X \rightarrow \mathcal{C}(X)$  be a set-valued Chatterjea mapping with constant  $\gamma$ . Then, for every  $x \in X$ ,*

$$d(x, \text{Fix}(\Phi)) \leq \frac{1 - \gamma}{1 - 2\gamma} d(x, \Phi(x)).$$

Chatterjea's fixed point theorem [2] can be directly derived from this corollary.

**Corollary 2.6.** *Let  $(X, d)$  be a complete metric space, and let  $\Phi : X \rightarrow \mathcal{C}(X)$  be a set-valued Reich mapping with constants  $\alpha$  and  $\beta$ . Then, for every  $x \in X$ ,*

$$d(x, \text{Fix}(\Phi)) \leq \frac{1 - \beta}{1 - (\alpha + 2\beta)} d(x, \Phi(x)).$$

Riech's fixed point theorem [9] easily follows from this corollary.

### 3. A generalization of Lim's lemma

In 1985, Lim proved the following theorem called in modern literature Lim's lemma.

**Theorem 3.1** ([7, Lemma 1]). *Let  $(X, d)$  be a complete metric space, and let  $T_1$  and  $T_2$  be two set-valued contraction mappings from  $X$  into  $\mathcal{C}(X)$  with the same Lipschitz constant  $\alpha$ . Then*

$$h(\text{Fix}(T_1), \text{Fix}(T_2)) \leq \frac{1}{1 - \alpha} \sup_{x \in X} h(T_1(x), T_2(x)).$$

A variant of this result has been recently appeared in [3] as follows.

**Theorem 3.2** ([3, Theorem 5I.4]). *Let  $(X, d)$  be a complete metric space and let  $T_1$  and  $T_2$  be two set-valued contraction mappings from  $X$  into  $\mathcal{C}(X)$  with the same Lipschitz constant  $\alpha$ . Then*

$$e(\text{Fix}(T_1), \text{Fix}(T_2)) \leq \frac{1}{1 - \alpha} \sup_{x \in X} e(T_1(x), T_2(x)).$$

In the following theorem we extend this result (Theorem 3.2) for set-valued Hardy-Rogers mappings instead of set-valued contraction mappings.

**Theorem 3.3.** *Let  $(X, d)$  be a complete metric space, and let  $T_1$  and  $T_2$  be two set-valued Hardy-Rogers mappings from  $X$  into  $\mathcal{C}(X)$  with the same constants  $\alpha, \beta$  and  $\gamma$ . Then*

$$e(\text{Fix}(T_1), \text{Fix}(T_2)) \leq \frac{1 - (\beta + \gamma)}{1 - (\alpha + 2\beta + 2\gamma)} \sup_{x \in X} e(T_1(x), T_2(x)).$$

*Proof.* By assumption  $T_2 : X \rightarrow \mathcal{C}(X)$  is a set-valued Hardy-Rogers mapping with constants  $\alpha, \beta$  and  $\gamma$ . Then, applying Theorem 2.1 with  $\Phi = T_2$ , we have for any  $x \in X$

$$d(x, \text{Fix}(T_2)) \leq \frac{1 - (\beta + \gamma)}{1 - (\alpha + 2\beta + 2\gamma)} d(x, T_2(x)). \quad (3.1)$$

Passing to the supremum in (3.1) with respect to  $x \in \text{Fix}(T_1)$  we have

$$\begin{aligned} e(\text{Fix}(T_1), \text{Fix}(T_2)) &\leq \frac{1 - (\beta + \gamma)}{1 - (\alpha + 2\beta + 2\gamma)} \sup_{x \in \text{Fix}(T_1)} d(x, T_2(x)) \\ &\leq \frac{1 - (\beta + \gamma)}{1 - (\alpha + 2\beta + 2\gamma)} \sup_{x \in \text{Fix}(T_1)} e(T_1(x), T_2(x)) \\ &\leq \frac{1 - (\beta + \gamma)}{1 - (\alpha + 2\beta + 2\gamma)} \sup_{x \in X} e(T_1(x), T_2(x)). \quad \square \end{aligned}$$

As a corollary of Theorem 3.3, we obtain the following generalization of Lim's lemma (Theorem 3.1).

**Corollary 3.4.** *Let  $(X, d)$  be a complete metric space, and let  $T_1$  and  $T_2$  be two set-valued Hardy-Rogers mappings from  $X$  into  $\mathcal{C}(X)$  with the same constants  $\alpha, \beta$  and  $\gamma$ . Then*

$$h(\text{Fix}(T_1), \text{Fix}(T_2)) \leq \frac{1 - (\beta + \gamma)}{1 - (\alpha + 2\beta + 2\gamma)} \sup_{x \in X} h(T_1(x), T_2(x)).$$

We deduce immediately from Corollary 3.4 the following result, which can be regarded as an extension of [3, Corollary 5I.6].

**Corollary 3.5.** *Let  $(X, d)$  be a complete metric space, and let  $(Y, \delta)$  be a metric space. Consider a mapping  $M : Y \times X \rightarrow \mathcal{C}(X)$  having the following properties:*

(i)  $M(y, \cdot)$  is a set-valued Hardy-Rogers mapping with  $\alpha, \beta$  and  $\gamma$  uniformly in  $y \in Y$ ;

(ii)  $M(\cdot, x)$  is Lipschitzian with a constant  $\lambda$  uniformly in  $x \in X$ .

Then, the mapping  $y \mapsto \text{Fix}(M(y, \cdot))$  is Lipschitzian with constant  $\lambda \frac{1-(\beta+\gamma)}{1-(\alpha+2\beta+2\gamma)}$ .

Next, we give in the following corollaries some particular cases of Theorem 3.3.

**Corollary 3.6.** Let  $(X, d)$  be a complete metric space, and  $T_1$  and  $T_2$  be two set-valued Kannan mappings from  $X$  into  $\mathcal{C}(X)$  with the same constant  $\beta$ . Then

$$e(\text{Fix}(T_1), \text{Fix}(T_2)) \leq \frac{1-\beta}{1-2\beta} \sup_{x \in X} e(T_1(x), T_2(x)).$$

**Corollary 3.7.** Let  $(X, d)$  be a complete metric space, and let  $T_1$  and  $T_2$  be two set-valued Chatterjea mappings from  $X$  into  $\mathcal{C}(X)$  with the same constant  $\gamma$ . Then

$$e(\text{Fix}(T_1), \text{Fix}(T_2)) \leq \frac{1-\gamma}{1-2\gamma} \sup_{x \in X} e(T_1(x), T_2(x)).$$

**Corollary 3.8.** Let  $(X, d)$  be a complete metric space, and let  $T_1$  and  $T_2$  be two set-valued Reich mappings from  $X$  into  $\mathcal{C}(X)$  with the same constants  $\alpha$  and  $\beta$ . Then

$$e(\text{Fix}(T_1), \text{Fix}(T_2)) \leq \frac{1-\beta}{1-(\alpha+2\beta)} \sup_{x \in X} e(T_1(x), T_2(x)).$$

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