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## Abstract

In this paper we get some generalizations of Rakotch's results [10] using the notion of  $\omega$ -distance on a metric space.

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## 1 Introduction

In 1996, O. Kada-T. Suzuki-W. Takahashi [6] introduced the concept of  $\omega$ -distance on a metric space, gave some examples, properties of  $\omega$ -distance and they improved Caristi's fixed point [1], Ekeland's  $\varepsilon$ -variational principle [5] and the non-convex minimization theorem according to W. Takahashi [17]. Finally, they using the concept of  $\omega$ -distance proved a fixed point theorem in a complete metric space. This theorem generalize the fixed theorems of Subrahmanyam [14], Kannan [7] and Ćirić [3].

In the same year T. Suzuki-W. Takahashi [15] gave another properties of the  $\omega$ -distance and using this notion they proved a fixed point theorem for set-valued mapping on complete metric spaces which are related with Nadler's fixed point theorem [9] and Edelstein theorem [4]. Moreover, they gave a characterization of completeness metric spaces.

In 1977, T. Suzuki [16] gave another properties of  $\omega$ -distance which generalize some of them [6], he proved several fixed point theorems which are generalizations of Banach contraction principle and Kannan's fixed point theorems and moreover discuss a characterization of metric completeness.

In this paper we prove some fixed point theorems which are generalizations of Rakotch's theorem.

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## 2 Preliminaries

Throughout this paper we denote by  $\mathbb{N}$  the set of positive integers, by  $\mathbb{R}$  the set of real numbers and  $\mathbb{R}^+ = [0, +\infty]$

**Definition 2.1.** *Let  $(M, d)$  be a metric space. Then a function  $p : M \times M \rightarrow [0, +\infty]$  is called a  $\omega$ -distance on  $M$  if the following conditions are satisfied:*

$w_1$ .-  $p(x, z) \leq p(x, y) + p(y, z)$  for any  $x, y, z \in M$

$w_2$ .- for any  $x \in M$ ,  $p(x, \cdot) : M \rightarrow [0, +\infty]$  is lower semi continuous.

$w_3$ .- for any  $\varepsilon > 0$  exists  $\delta = \delta(\varepsilon) > 0$  such that,  
 $p(z, x) \leq \delta$  and  $p(z, y) \leq \delta$  imply  $d(x, y) \leq \varepsilon$

The metric  $d$  is a  $\omega$ -distance on  $M$ . Some other examples of  $\omega$ -distances are given in [6] and [15].

The following results are crucial in the proof of our theorems. The next lemma was proved in [6].

**Lemma 2.2.** *Let  $(M, d)$  be a metric space and let  $p$  be a  $\omega$ -distance on  $M$ . Let  $\{\alpha_n\}$  and  $\{\beta_n\}$  be sequences in  $[0, +\infty)$  converging to 0, and let  $x, y, z \in M$ . Then the following hold:*

a.- If  $p(x_n, y) \leq \alpha_n$  and  $p(x_n, z) \leq \beta_n$  for any  $n \in \mathbb{N}$  then  $y = z$ .  
 In particular, if  $p(x, y) = 0$  and  $p(x, z) = 0$  then  $y = z$

b.- If  $p(x_n, y_n) \leq \alpha_n$  and  $p(x_n, z) \leq \beta_n$  for any  $n \in \mathbb{N}$  then  $\{y_n\}$  converges to  $z$

c.- If  $p(x_n, x_m) \leq \alpha_n$  for any  $n, m \in \mathbb{N}$  with  $m > n$  then  $\{x_n\}$  is a Cauchy sequence.

d.- If  $p(y, x_n) \leq \alpha_n$  for any  $n \in \mathbb{N}$  then  $\{x_n\}$  is a Cauchy sequence. ■

**Definition 2.3.** *Let  $(M, d)$  be a metric space. A finite sequence  $\{x_0, x_1, \dots, x_n\}$  of points of  $M$  is called an  $\varepsilon$ -chain joining  $x_0$  and  $x_n$  if  $d(x_{i-1}, x_i) < \varepsilon$  for each  $\varepsilon > 0$ ,  $i = 1, 2, \dots, n$ .*

**Definition 2.4.** *A metric space  $(M, d)$  is said to be  $\varepsilon$ -chainable if for each pair  $(x, y)$  of its points there exists an  $\varepsilon$ -chain joining  $x$  and  $y$ .*

Every connected metric space is  $\varepsilon$ -chainable but the converse is not always true. However, for compact spaces both are equivalent. The following results were proved in [15].

**Lemma 2.5.** *Let  $\varepsilon \in (0, +\infty)$  and let  $(M, d)$  be an  $\varepsilon$ -chainable metric space. Then the function  $p : M \times M \rightarrow [0, +\infty)$  defined by*

$$p(x, y) = \inf \left\{ \sum_{i=1}^n d(x_{i-1}, x_i) / \{x_0, x_1, \dots, x_n\} \text{ is an } \varepsilon\text{-chain joining } x \text{ and } y \right\}$$

*is a  $\omega$ -distance on  $M$ . ■*

We extend the class of functions introduced by Rakotch [10] in the following,

**Definition 2.6.** *Let  $(M, d)$  be a metric space and let  $p$  be a  $\omega$ -distance on  $M$ . We denote by  $\mathcal{F}$  the family of functions  $\lambda(x, y)$  satisfying the following conditions:*

- a.-  $\lambda(x, y) = \lambda(p(x, y))$ , i.e.,  $\lambda$  is dependent on the  $\omega$ -distance  $p$  on  $M$ .
- b.-  $0 \leq \lambda(p) < 1$  for every  $p > 0$ .
- c.-  $\lambda(p)$  is monotonically decreasing function of  $p$

Now we introduce the following,

**Definition 2.7.** *Let  $(M, d)$  be a metric space and let  $p$  be a  $\omega$ -distance on  $M$ . A mapping  $T : M \rightarrow M$  is called a  $\omega$ -Rakotch contraction if there exists a function  $\lambda(x, y) \in \mathcal{F}$  such that*

$$p(Tx, Ty) \leq \lambda(x, y)p(x, y)$$

for all  $x, y \in M$

Remarks:

- a.- If  $p = d$  then  $T$  is called a Rakotch contraction.
- b.- If  $\lambda(x, y) = k$ ,  $0 \leq k < 1$  then we get for all  $x, y \in M$

$$p(Tx, Ty) \leq p(x, y)$$

It is called a  $\omega$ -contraction [6] and [15] and if  $p = d$  then we have that  $T$  is a Banach contraction.

- c.- If  $\lambda(x, y) = k$   $0 \leq k < 1$  then for all  $x \neq y$  implies

$$p(Tx, Ty) < p(x, y)$$

and we call it a  $\omega$ -contractive mapping. It is clear that if  $p = d$  then  $x \neq y$  implies  $d(Tx, Ty) < d(x, y)$  is called a contractive mapping

### 3 Fixed point theorems

The next result generalize the Rakotch's theorem [10]

**Theorem 3.1.** *Let  $(M, d)$  be a complete metric space and let  $p$  be a  $\omega$ -distance on  $M$ . Let  $T : M \rightarrow M$  be a  $\omega$ -Rakotch contraction. Then there exists a unique  $z \in M$  such that  $Tz = z$ . Further the  $z$  satisfies  $p(z, z) = 0$*

Proof:

Since  $T$  is a  $\omega$ -Rakotch contraction there exists a mapping  $\lambda(x, y) \in \mathcal{F}$  such that

$$p(Tx, Ty) \leq \lambda(x, y)p(x, y)$$

for all  $x, y \in M$ .

Let  $x_0 \in M$  and define  $x_n = Tx_0, n \in \mathbb{N}$

$$\begin{aligned} p(x_n, x_{n+1}) &= p(Tx_{n-1}, Tx_n) \leq \lambda(x_{n-1}, x_n)p(x_{n-1}, x_n) \leq \dots \leq \\ &\leq \prod_{k=0}^{n-1} \lambda(p(x_k, x_{k+1}))p(x_0, Tx_0) \end{aligned}$$

Now if  $p(x_k, x_{k+1}) \geq \varepsilon_0, k = 0, 1, \dots, n-1$  for any  $\varepsilon_0 > 0$  then by monotonicity of  $\lambda$  it follows that

$$\lambda(p(x_k, x_{k+1})) \leq \lambda(\varepsilon_0)$$

and hence

$$p(x_n, x_{n+1}) \leq \lambda^n(\varepsilon_0)p(x_0, Tx_0).$$

But  $0 \leq \lambda^n(\varepsilon_0) < 1$  by lemma 2.1 we have  $\lim_{n \rightarrow \infty} p(x_n, x_{n+1}) = 0$ .

We shall show that  $\{x_n\}$  is a Cauchy sequence in  $(M, d)$ . For  $m > 0$ ,

$$p(x_n, x_{k+m}) \leq \prod_{k=0}^{n-1} \lambda[p(x_k, x_{k+m})]p(x_0, Tx_0)$$

If  $p(x_k, x_{k+m}) \geq \varepsilon_0$  for any given  $\varepsilon_0 > 0$  and  $k = 0, 1, \dots, n-1$  then

$$p(x_n, x_{n+m}) \leq \lambda^n(\varepsilon_0)p(x_0, Tx_0) \rightarrow 0$$

as  $n \rightarrow \infty$  and by lemma 2.1 we have that  $\{x_n\}$  is a Cauchy sequence. Since  $(M, d)$  is complete,  $\{x_n\}$  converges to some  $z \in M$ . Since  $x_n \rightarrow z$  and  $p(x_n, \cdot)$  is lower semicontinuous,

$$p(x_n, z) \leq \lim_{m \rightarrow \infty} p(x_n, x_m) \leq \lambda^n(\varepsilon_0)p(x_0, Tx_0)$$

so  $\lim_{n \rightarrow \infty} p(x_n, z) = 0$

On the other hand,

$$p(x_n, Tz) = p(Tx_{n-1}, Tz) \leq \lambda(p(x_{n-1}, z))p(x_{n-1}, z) < p(x_{n-1}, z)$$

so  $\lim_{n \rightarrow \infty} p(x_n, Tz) = 0$  and by lemma 2.1 we have  $Tz = z$ .

Now

$$p(z, z) = p(Tz, Tz) \leq \lambda(z, z)p(z, z) < p(z, z) \text{ so } p(z, z) = 0$$

If  $y = Ty$  then

$$p(z, y) = p(Tz, Ty) \leq \lambda(z, y)p(z, y) < p(z, y) \text{ and } p(z, y) = 0 \text{ so by lemma 2.1 we have } z = y. \quad \blacksquare$$

Remarks:

- a.- In case  $p = d$ ,  $(M, d)$  a complete metric space and  $T : M \rightarrow M$  is a Rakotch contraction then we get the Rakotch's theorem [10].
- b.- If  $(M, d)$  a complete metric space and  $\lambda(x, y) = k$ ,  $0 \leq k < 1$  we get a generalization of the banach Principle Contraction [8] and [15].

**Theorem 3.2.** *Let  $(M, d)$  be a complete metric space, let  $p$  be a  $\omega$ -distance on  $M$  and  $T : M \rightarrow M$  is a mapping such that for some integer  $m \in \mathbb{N}$   $T^m$  is a  $\omega$ -Rakotch contraction. Then  $T$  has a unique fixed point, i.e., there exists  $z \in M$  such that  $Tz = z$  and moreover holds  $p(z, z) = 0$ .*

Proof:

Since for some  $m \in \mathbb{N}$   $T^m$  is a  $\omega$ -Rakotch contraction there exists a function  $\lambda(x, y) \in \mathcal{F}$  such that

$$p(T^m x, T^m y) \leq \lambda(x, y)p(x, y)$$

for every  $x, y \in M$ .

Hence by theorem 3.1 there exists a unique  $z \in M$  such that  $z = T^m z$  for  $m \in \mathbb{N}$  and  $Tz = T(T^m z) = T^m(Tz)$  it follows that  $z = Tz$ .

Remarks:

In case  $\lambda(x, y) = k$ ,  $0 \leq k < 1$ ,  $p = d$  and  $(M, d)$  complete metric space we get the Chu-Diaz's Theorem [2].

Now we get another generalization of Rakotch's Theorem [10] using the Maia's Theorem [11]. ■

**Theorem 3.3.** *Let  $M$  be a non empty set,  $d$ , and  $\rho$  two metrics on  $M$ ,  $p$  and  $q$  their respective  $\omega$ -distances on  $M$  and  $T : M \rightarrow M$  a mapping. Suppose that:*

- a.-  $p(x, y) \leq q(x, y)$  for all  $x, y \in M$ .
- b.-  $(M, d)$  is a Complete metric space.
- c.-  $T : (M, \rho) \rightarrow (M, \rho)$  is a  $\omega$ -Rakotch contraction, i.e., there exists  $\lambda(x, y) \in \mathcal{F}$  such that

$$q(Tx, Ty) \leq \lambda(x, y)q(x, y)$$

for every  $x, y \in M$ .

Then there exists  $z \in M$  such that  $Tz = z$  and moreover  $p(z, z) = 0$ .

Proof:

Let  $x_0 \in M$  and define  $x_n = T^n x_0, n \in \mathbb{N}$ . from (c),  $\{x_n\}$  is a Cauchy sequence in  $(M, \rho)$ . By (a) and lemma 2.2,  $\{x_n\}$  is a Cauchy sequence in  $(M, d)$  and by (b) it converges. The rests of the proof is similar to Theorem 3.1. ■

Now we generalize a result given by Singh-Deb-Gardner in [13]

**Theorem 3.4.** *Let  $\varepsilon \in (0, +\infty)$  be and let  $(M, d)$  be a complete  $\varepsilon$ -chainable metric space. If  $T$  is a mapping from  $M$  into itself satisfying,  $0 < d(x, y) < \varepsilon$  implies  $d(Tx, Ty) \leq \lambda(x, y)d(x, y)$  for all  $x, y \in M$  and  $\lambda(x, y) \in \mathcal{F}$ . Then  $T$  has a unique  $z \in M$  such that  $z = Tz$  and moreover  $p(z, z) = 0$ .*

Proof:

Since  $(M, d)$  is  $\varepsilon$ -chainable for every  $x, y \in M$  we define the function  $p : M \times M \rightarrow [0, +\infty)$  as follows:

$$p(x, y) = \inf \left\{ \sum_{i=1}^n d(x_{i-1}, x_i) / \{x_0, \dots, x_n\} \text{ is a } \varepsilon\text{-chain joining } x \text{ and } y \right\}.$$

From lemma 2.2,  $p$  is a  $\omega$ -distance on  $M$  satisfying  $d(x, y) \leq p(x, y)$ . Given  $x, y \in M$  and any  $\varepsilon$ -chain  $\{x_0, \dots, x_n\}$  with  $x_0 = x$  and  $x_n = y$  we have for  $i = 1, \dots, n$ ,

$$d(Tx_{i-1}, Tx_i) \leq \lambda[d(x_{i-1}, x_i)]d(x_{i-1}, x_i) < \lambda(\varepsilon)\varepsilon < \varepsilon$$

hence  $Tx_0, \dots, Tx_n$  is an  $\varepsilon$ -chain joining  $Tx$  and  $Ty$ , and

$$p(Tx, Ty) \leq \sum_{i=1}^n d(Tx_{i-1}, Tx_i) \leq \sum_{i=1}^n \lambda(d(x_{i-1}, x_i))d(x_{i-1}, x_i)$$

Since  $\{x_0, \dots, x_n\}$  is an arbitrary  $\varepsilon$ -chain we have

$$p(Tx, Ty) \leq \lambda(x, y)p(x, y),$$

hence by theorem 3.1,  $T$  has a unique fixed point  $z \in M$ ,  $z = Tz$  and moreover  $p(z, z) = 0$

Remark:

If  $\lambda(x, y) = k$ ,  $0 \leq k < 1$  and  $p = d$  we get the result due to Edelstein [4].

Finally, the the following result generalize the Singh's theorem [12].

**Theorem 3.5.** *Let  $\varepsilon \in (0, +\infty)$  be and let  $(M, d)$  a complete  $\varepsilon$ -chainable metric space. If  $T$  is a mapping from  $M$  into itself satisfying the condition,*

$$d(x, y) < \varepsilon \text{ implies } d(T^m x, T^m y) \leq \lambda(x, y)d(x, y)$$

*for every  $x, y \in M$ , for  $m \in \mathbb{N}$  and  $\lambda(x, y) \in \mathcal{F}$ , then  $T$  has a unique fixed point in  $M$ .*

Proof:

As in theorem 3.4 we define  $p$  as follows:

$$p(x, y) = \inf \left\{ \sum_{i=1}^n d(x_{i-1}, x_i) / \{x_0, \dots, x_n\} \text{ is a } \varepsilon\text{-chain joining } x \text{ and } y \right\}.$$

By lemma 2.2,  $p$  is a  $\omega$ -distance on  $M$  satisfying  $d(x, y) \leq p(x, y)$ . In similar form as in theorem 3.3 we have that  $T^m$  satisfies the condition

$$p(T^m x, T^m y) \leq \lambda(x, y)p(x, y)$$

for all  $x, y \in M$ ,  $m \in \mathbb{N}$  and therefore by theorem 3.4 we get that  $T^m$  has a unique  $z \in M$  such that  $z = T^m z$ . It follows that  $T$  has a unique fixed point  $z$  and moreover  $p(z, z) = 0$ . ■

Finally, using the ideas of M.Telci-K.Tas [18] we get a generalization of Rakotch's theorem on noncompleteness metric spaces.

**Theorem 3.6.** *Let  $(M, d)$  be a no complete metric space and let  $p$  be a  $\omega$ -distance on  $M$ . Let  $T : M \rightarrow M$  be a  $\omega$ -Rakotch contraction and suppose that there exists a point  $u \in M$  such that*

$$\theta(u) = \inf \{ \theta(x) / x \in M \}$$

where

$$\theta(x) = p(x, Tx) \text{ for all } x \in M. \text{ Then } u \text{ is a fixed point of } T.$$

**Proof:**

Suppose that  $u \neq T(u)$ , since the other way  $u$  would be a fixed point of  $T$ . Now since  $T$  is a  $\omega$ -Rakotch contraction there exists  $\lambda(x, y) \in \mathcal{F}$  such that

$$p(Tx, Ty) \leq \lambda(p(x, y))p(x, y)$$

for all  $x, y \in M$  and so

$$\theta(Tu) = p(Tu, T^2u) \leq \lambda(p(u, Tu))p(u, Tu) < p(u, Tu) = \theta(u)$$

which is a contradiction. ■

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