

## A Fixed Point Theorem in Generalized Metric Spaces

Mothukuri Balaiah

Associate Professor of Mathematics,  
Pragati Engineering College, Surampalem, Kakinada, East Godavari Dist.  
Andhra Pradesh, India.  
balaiah\_m19@hotmail.com

---

**Abstract:** The aim of this paper is to prove a fixed point theorem in generalized metric space which generalizes the result of Akbar Azam and Muhammad Arshad [2] Theorem [2.1]. The result is supported through an example.

**Keywords:** Complete generalized metric space, fixed point.

**AMS (2000) Subject classification:** 54H25, 47H10.

---

### 1. INTRODUCTION

In literature, the basic fixed point theorem is Banach contraction principle which asserts that if  $M$  is a complete metric space and  $T: M \rightarrow M$  is a contraction mapping. That is there exists  $k \in [0, 1)$  such that

$$d(Tx, Ty) \leq k d(x, y) \text{ for all } x, y \in M$$

Then  $T$  has unique fixed point. In 2000 A. Branciari [1] introduced generalized metric space as follows.

**Definition 1.1:** Let  $M$  be a non-empty set. Suppose that  $d: M \times M \rightarrow R$  satisfies

- (1)  $d(x, y) \geq 0$  for all  $x, y \in M$  and  $d(x, y) = 0 \Leftrightarrow x = y$ ;
- (2)  $d(x, y) = d(y, x)$  for all  $x, y \in M$ ;
- (3)  $d(x, y) \leq d(x, w) + d(w, z) + d(z, y)$  for all  $x, y \in M$  and for all distinct points  $w, z \in M - \{x, y\}$ . [Rectangular property].

Then  $d$  is called a generalized metric and  $(M, d)$  is called a generalized metric space. It is noted that every metric space is a generalized metric space. But converse is not true. It is also illustrated with an example by A. Azam and M. Arshad with an example [1.2] in [2].

**Definition 1.2:** Let  $(M, d)$  be a generalized metric space. Let  $\{x_n\}$  be a sequence in  $M$  and  $x \in M$ . If for  $\epsilon > 0$  there is an  $n_0 \in N$  such that  $d(x_n, x) < \epsilon$  for all  $n > n_0$ , then  $\{x_n\}$  is said to be convergent,  $\{x_n\}$  converges to  $x$  and  $x$  is the limit of  $\{x_n\}$ . We denote this by  $\lim_{n \rightarrow \infty} x_n = x$  or  $\{x_n\} \rightarrow x$  as  $n \rightarrow \infty$  also illustrated with an example by A. Azam and M. Arshad with an example [1.2] in [2].

**Definition 1.3:** A sequence  $\{x_n\}$  is said to be Cauchy sequence if for every  $\epsilon > 0$  there is an  $n_0 \in N$  such that  $d(x_n, x_{n+m}) < \epsilon$  for all  $n > n_0$ , then  $\{x_n\}$  is called a Cauchy sequence in  $M$ .

**Definition 1.4:** Let  $(M, d)$  be a generalized metric space. If every Cauchy sequence in  $M$  is convergent in  $M$ , then  $M$  is called a complete generalized metric space.

Remark that  $d(a_n, y) \rightarrow d(a, y)$  and  $d(x, a_n) \rightarrow d(x, a)$  whenever  $\{a_n\}$  is a sequence in  $M$  with  $\{a_n\} \rightarrow a$ .

In [2] Akbar Azam proved the following result on generalized metric space.

**Theorem 1.5:** Let  $(M, d)$  be a complete generalized metric space and the mapping  $T: M \rightarrow M$  satisfies the following inequality

$$d(Tx, Ty) \leq \lambda [d(x, Tx) + d(y, Ty)] \text{ where } \lambda \in [0, 1)$$

Then  $T$  has a unique fixed point.

**2. MAIN RESULT**

We have obtained the following main result.

**Theorem 2.1:** Let  $(M, d)$  be a complete generalized metric space and the mapping  $T: M \rightarrow M$  satisfies the following inequality

$$d(Tx, Ty) \leq k \max \{d(x, y), d(x, Tx), d(y, Ty)\} \dots (2.1.1)$$

for all  $x, y \in M$  and  $k \in [0, 1)$  then  $T$  has a unique fixed point in  $M$ .

**Proof:** Let  $x_0$  be an arbitrary point in  $M$ . Let  $x_1 = T(x_0)$ .

If  $x_1 = x_0$  then  $T(x_0) = x_0$  implies  $x_0$  is a fixed point of  $T$ , which shows we have nothing to prove. We now assume that  $x_1 \neq x_0$ . Let  $x_2 = T(x_1)$ . Define  $\{x_n\}$  of points in  $M$  as follows;

$$x_{n+1} = T(x_n) = T^{n+1}(x_0) \forall n = 1, 2, 3, \dots$$

Using the inequality (2.1.1) we have

$$\begin{aligned} d(x_n, x_{n+1}) &= d(Tx_{n-1}, Tx_n) \\ &\leq k \max \{d(x_{n-1}, x_n), d(x_n, x_{n+1})\} \\ &\leq k [d(x_{n-1}, x_n) + d(x_n, x_{n+1})] \end{aligned}$$

Hence we have

$$\begin{aligned} (1 - k)d(x_n, x_{n+1}) &= k d(x_{n-1}, x_n) \\ d(x_n, x_{n+1}) &\leq \frac{k}{1 - k} d(x_{n-1}, x_n) \end{aligned}$$

Suppose that  $x_0$  is not a periodic point. Infact if  $x_n = x_0$  then

$$\begin{aligned} d(x_0, Tx_0) &= d(x_n, Tx_n) = d(T^n x_0, T^{n+1} x_0) \\ &\leq \left(\frac{k}{1 - k}\right) d(T^{n-1} x_0, T^n x_0) \\ &\leq \left(\frac{k}{1 - k}\right)^2 d(T^{n-2} x_0, T^{n-1} x_0) \\ &\vdots \\ &\leq \left(\frac{k}{1 - k}\right)^n d(x_0, Tx_0) \end{aligned}$$

put  $h = \frac{k}{1 - k}$  then  $h < 1$  and  $(1 - h^n) d(x_0, Tx_0) \leq 0$ .

Which shows  $x_0$  is a fixed point of  $T$ .

Thus we can suppose that  $x_n \neq x_0$ . i.e.  $T^n x_0 \neq x_0 \forall n = 1, 2, 3, \dots$

Now from the inequality

$$\begin{aligned} d(T^n x_0, T^{n+m} x_0) &\leq k \max \{d(T^{n-1} x_0, T^{n+m-1} x_0), d(T^{n-1} x_0, T^n x_0), \\ &\quad d(T^{n+m-1} x_0, T^{n+m} x_0)\} \end{aligned}$$

$$\leq k \max \{h^{n-1} d(x_0, T^n x_0), h^{n-1} d(x_0, T x_0), h^{n+m-1} d(x_0, T x_0)\}$$

Therefore  $d(x_n, x_{n+m}) \rightarrow 0$  as  $n \rightarrow \infty$  i.e.  $\{x_n\}$  is a Cauchy sequence. Since  $M$  is a complete generalized metric space, there exists a  $u \in M$  such that  $x_n \rightarrow u$ .

By rectangular property we have

$$\begin{aligned} d(Tu, u) &\leq d(Tu, T^n x_0) + d(T^n x_0, T^{n+1} x_0) + d(T^{n+1} x_0, u) \\ &\leq k \max \{d(u, T^{n-1} x_0), d(u, Tu), d(T^{n-1} x_0, T^n x_0)\} + \\ &\quad h^n d(x_0, T x_0) + d(T^{n+1} x_0, u) \end{aligned}$$

As  $n \rightarrow \infty$  and using remark we have  $u = Tu$ .

Now we have to show that  $T$  has a unique fixed point. Suppose there exists one another fixed point  $v$  in  $M$  such that  $v = Tv$ .

Now

$$\begin{aligned} d(u, v) &= d(Tu, Tv) \\ &\leq k \max \{d(u, v), d(u, Tu), d(v, Tv)\} \\ &\leq k d(u, v) \\ &\Rightarrow (1 - k) d(u, v) \leq 0 \\ &\Rightarrow d(u, v) = 0 \end{aligned}$$

Hence  $u = v$ .

Now we give an example for our result which satisfies our inequality and has a unique fixed point of  $T$ .

**Example 2.2:** Let  $M = \{0, 1, 2, 3\}$  and define  $d : M \times M \rightarrow \mathbb{R}$  by

$$\begin{aligned} d(0, 2) &= d(0, 3) = d(3, 0) = d(2, 0) = d(2, 3) = d(3, 2) = 3. \\ d(1, 2) &= d(1, 3) = d(2, 1) = d(3, 1) = 1 \\ d(0, 1) &= d(1, 0) = 1 \end{aligned}$$

Also define  $d(x, y) = 0 \Leftrightarrow x = y \forall x, y \in M$

It is observed that  $(M, d)$  is a generalized metric space, but not a metric space. Because it lacks triangular inequality.

$$d(2, 0) = 3. \text{ But } d(2, 1) + d(1, 0) = 2. \text{ i.e. } d(2, 0) > d(2, 1) + d(1, 0).$$

Define  $T : M \rightarrow M$  by  $T(x) = \begin{cases} 1, & \text{if } x \neq 3 \\ 0, & \text{if } x = 3 \end{cases}$

Then clearly  $T$  satisfies our inequality and has unique fixed point 1.

### REFERENCES

- [1]. Branciari A., A fixed point theorem of Banach-Caccippoli type on a class of generalized metric spaces, Publ. Math. Debrecen. 57:1-2, Pp.31-37 (2000).
- [2]. Akbar Azam and Muhammad Arshad, Kannan fixed point theorem on generalized metric spaces. The Journal of Nonlinear Sciences and Applications, Pp. 45-48 (2008).

### AUTHOR'S BIOGRAPHY



**Mothukuri Balaiah**, having more than 7 years of teaching experience. Presently, He is working as an Associate Professor of Mathematics in the Department of Basic Sciences & Humanities at Pragati Engineering College, Surampalem, INDIA. He conferred his Ph.D. degree from GITAM University in 2014 for his contributions to Functional Analysis (Fixed Point Theory). Also, he received M. Phil. Degree from Andhra University in 2007. His research interests are Fixed Point Theory and Algebra.