

Quasi-2-Normed Spaces and Some Fixed Point Theorems

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Abstract: In [9], it was introduced the notion of quasi-2-normed spaces. In that paper and the others following it, no example of a quasi-2-normed space not being a 2-normed space is provided. In this paper it is shown the existence of quasi-2-normed spaces and also, there are provided theorems that extend in quasi-2-normed spaces some well-known theorems for almost contractions.

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1 Introduction

Gähler [5] initiated the Theory of 2-normed and 2-Banach spaces. These new spaces have subsequently been studied by several mathematicians (for example [1], [2], [3], [6], [7], [8]). In 2006, Park introduced the concepts of quasi-2-normed spaces and quasi-(2; p)-normed spaces [9]. In the up today current literature, it is not mentioned the existence of those spaces. We emphasize the fact that the examples given in [7] for quasi-2-normed spaces are not rigorous, those spaces own to the classes of 2-normed spaces.

In this paper, we construct and provide some examples which solve the problem of the existence of quasi-2-normed spaces.

Berinde [11] introduced a large class of contractive mappings, initially called weak contractions, but for which Berinde and Pacurar [13] later adopted the more suggestive term of almost contractions. Kikina et al. [12] obtained some theorems for almost contractions in generalized metric spaces.

In this paper, our main aim is to obtain some theorems for almost contractions in quasi-2-normed spaces.

Let us recall some definitions and results.

Definition 1.[5] Let X be a real linear space of dimension greater than 1 and let $\|\cdot, \cdot\|$ be a real valued function on $X \times X$ satisfying the following four conditions:

(2N₁) $\|x, y\| = 0$ if and only if x and y are linearly dependent in X ,

(2N₂) $\|x, y\| = \|y, x\|$ for all $x, y \in X$

(2N₃) $\|x, \alpha y\| = |\alpha| \cdot \|x, y\|$ for every real number α ;

(2N₄) $\|x, y + z\| \leq \|x, y\| + \|x, z\|$ for all $x, y, z \in X$

The function $\|\cdot, \cdot\|$ is called a 2-norm on X and the pair $(X, \|\cdot, \cdot\|)$ is called a linear 2-normed space.

So a 2-norm $\|x, y\|$ always satisfies $\|x, y + \alpha x\| = \|x, y\|$, for all $x, y \in X$ and all scalars α .

We cite some examples of 2-normed spaces from the current literature.

Example 1. Let $X = R^3$. Define $\|x, y\| = \max\{|x_1 y_2 - x_2 y_1|, |x_1 y_3 - x_3 y_1|, |x_2 y_3 - x_3 y_2|\}$, where $x = (x_1, x_2, x_3)$, $y = (y_1, y_2, y_3) \in R^3$. Then $\|x, y\|$ is a 2-norm on R^3 (see [4]).

Example 2. Let P_n denotes the set of real polynomials of degree less than or equal to n , on the interval $[0, 1]$. By considering usual addition and scalar multiplication, P_n is a linear vector space. Let $\{x_1, x_2, \dots, x_{2n}\}$ be distinct fixed points in $[0, 1]$ and define the 2-norm on P_n as $\|f, g\| = \sum_{k=1}^{2n} |f(x_k)g'(x_k) - f'(x_k)g(x_k)|$. Then $(P_n, \|f, g\|)$ is a 2-normed space (see [1]).

Definition 2.[9] Let X be a linear space. A quasi-2-normed is a real valued function on $X \times X$ satisfying three conditions of Definition 1: (2N₁), (2N₂), (2N₃) and the condition (2N₄^{*}): There is a constant $s \geq 1$ such that $\|x + y, z\| \leq s \|x, z\| + s \|y, z\|$ for all $x, y, z \in X$.

The pair $(X, \|\cdot, \cdot\|)$ is called quasi-2-normed space if $\|\cdot, \cdot\|$ is a quasi-2-norm on X . The smallest possible s is called the modulus of concavity of $\|\cdot, \cdot\|$.

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A quasi-2-norm $\|\cdot, \cdot\|$ is called a quasi-(2;p)-norm ($0 < p \leq 1$) if $\|x+y, z\|^p \leq \|x, z\|^p + \|y, z\|^p$ for all $x, y, z \in X$.

Every 2-normed space is a special case of quasi-2-normed spaces (for $s = 1$). In the following section we provide some examples of quasi-2-normed spaces which are not 2-normed spaces.

Definition 3. A sequence $\{x_n\}$ in a quasi-2-normed space $(X, \|\cdot, \cdot\|)$ is said to be a Cauchy sequence if $\lim_{m, n \rightarrow \infty} \|x_m - x_n, u\| = 0$ for all u in X .

Definition 4. A sequence $\{x_n\}$ in a quasi-2-normed space $(X, \|\cdot, \cdot\|)$ is said to be convergent if there is a point x in X such that $\lim_{n \rightarrow \infty} \|x_n - x, y\| = 0$ for all y in X . If $\{x_n\}$ converges to x , we write $\{x_n\} \rightarrow x$ as $n \rightarrow \infty$.

Definition 5. A linear quasi-2-normed space $(X, \|\cdot, \cdot\|)$ is said to be complete if every Cauchy sequence is convergent to an element of X .

Definition 6. A complete quasi-2-normed space is called a quasi-2-Banach space.

Definition 7. Let $T : X \rightarrow X$ be a mapping where $(X, \|\cdot, \cdot\|)$ is a quasi-2-normed space. For each $x \in X$, let $O(x) = \{x, Tx, T^2x, \dots\}$ which will be called the orbit of T at x . $(X, \|\cdot, \cdot\|)$ is called T -orbitally complete if and only if every Cauchy sequence which is contained in $O(x)$ converges to a point in X .

Definition 8. [11] Let (X, d) be a metric space. A map $T : X \rightarrow X$ is called an almost contraction if there exist a constant $\delta \in (0, 1)$ and some $L \geq 0$ such that

$$d(Tx, Ty) \leq \delta d(x, y) + Ld(y, Tx) \text{ for all } x, y \in X.$$

In order to give a more generalizing character to the main results of this paper, we will use the following class of implicit functions:

Definition 9. [12] The set of all upper semi-continuous functions with 5 variables $f : R_+^5 \rightarrow R$ satisfying the properties:

- (a). f is non decreasing in respect with each variable.
- (b). $f(t, t, t, t, t) \leq t, t \in R_+$

will be noted \mathbb{F}_5 and every such function will be called a \mathbb{F}_5 -function.

Some examples of \mathbb{F}_5 -function are as follows:

1. $f(t_1, t_2, t_3, t_4, t_5) = \max\{t_1, t_2, t_3, t_4, t_5\}$
2. $f(t_1, t_2, t_3, t_4, t_5) = [\max\{t_1 t_2, t_2 t_3, t_3 t_4, t_4 t_5, t_5 t_1\}]^{1/2}$
3. $f(t_1, t_2, t_3, t_4, t_5) = [\max\{t_1^p, t_2^p, t_3^p, t_4^p, t_5^p\}]^{1/p}, p > 0$
4. $f(t_1, t_2, t_3, t_4, t_5) = (a_1 t_1^p + a_2 t_2^p + a_3 t_3^p + a_4 t_4^p + a_5 t_5^p)^{\frac{1}{p}}$, where $p > 0$ and $0 \leq a_i, \sum_{i=1}^5 a_i \leq 1$

$$5. f(t_1, t_2, t_3, t_4, t_5) = \frac{t_1+t_2+t_3}{3} \text{ or } f(t_1, t_2, t_3, t_4, t_5) = \frac{t_1+t_2}{2} \text{ etc.}$$

We state the following lemma which we will use for the proof of the main theorem.

Lemma 1. Let $(X, \|\cdot, \cdot\|)$ be a quasi-2-normed space with the coefficients $s \geq 1$ and $\{x_n\}$ is a sequence in X . If $\|x_n - x_{n+1}, u\| \leq c^n l$, for all $u \in X$ and $n \in N$, where $0 \leq c < \frac{1}{s} \leq 1, l \geq 0$, then $\{x_n\}$ is a Cauchy sequence.

Proof.

$$\begin{aligned} \|x_n - x_{n+m}, u\| &\leq s \|x_n - x_{n+1}, u\| + s \|x_{n+1} - x_{n+m}, u\| \\ &\leq s \|x_n - x_{n+1}, u\| + s^2 \|x_{n+1} - x_{n+2}, u\| \\ &\quad + s^2 \|x_{n+2} - x_{n+m}, u\| \leq \dots \\ &\leq s \|x_n - x_{n+1}, u\| + s^2 \|x_{n+1} - x_{n+2}, u\| \\ &\quad + s^3 \|x_{n+2} - x_{n+3}, u\| + \dots \\ &\quad + s^{m-2} \|x_{n+m-3} - x_{n+m-2}, u\| + s^{m-1} \|x_{n+m-2} - x_{n+m-1}, u\| \\ &\quad + s^{m-1} \|x_{n+m-1} - x_{n+m}, u\| \\ &\leq s c^n l + s^2 c^{n+1} l + s^3 c^{n+2} l + \dots + s^{m-1} c^{n+m-2} l + s^m c^{n+m-1} l \\ &\leq s c^n l \frac{1-(sc)^m}{1-sc} \leq s c^n l \frac{1-(sc)^m}{1-sc} < \frac{s c^n l}{1-sc} \end{aligned}$$

And so $\lim_{n \rightarrow \infty} \|x_n - x_{n+m}, u\| = 0$. It implies that $\{x_n\}$ is a Cauchy sequence in X .

2 Some quasi-2-normed spaces

Example 3. Let $X = R^3$ and $x = x_1 i + x_2 j + x_3 k, y = y_1 i + y_2 j + y_3 k \in R^3$. Define

$$\|x, y\| = s |x_{i_0} y_{i_0+1} - x_{i_0+1} y_{i_0}| + \sum_{i \neq i_0}^3 |x_i y_{i+1} - x_{i+1} y_i|$$

where

$$|x_{i_0} y_{i_0+1} - x_{i_0+1} y_{i_0}| = \min\{|x_i y_{i+1} - x_{i+1} y_i| : 1 \leq i \leq 3\}, x_4 = x_1, y_4 = y_1 \text{ and } s > 1. \text{ Then } (R^3, \|x, y\|) \text{ is a quasi-2-normed space.}$$

Proof. The conditions $(2N_1), (2N_2)$ and $(2N_3)$ are satisfied and this is evident. Let us prove the condition $(2N_4^*)$: If

$$\begin{aligned} &|x_{i_0}(y_{i_0+1} + z_{i_0+1}) - x_{i_0+1}(y_{i_0} + z_{i_0})| = \\ &\min\{|x_i(y_{i+1} + z_{i+1}) - x_{i+1}(y_i + z_i)| : 1 \leq i \leq 3\}, \end{aligned}$$

we have

$$\begin{aligned} \|x, y + z\| &= s |x_{i_0}(y_{i_0+1} + z_{i_0+1}) - x_{i_0+1}(y_{i_0} + z_{i_0})| + \\ &\sum_{i \neq i_0}^3 |x_i(y_{i+1} + z_{i+1}) - x_{i+1}(y_i + z_i)| \\ &\leq s(|x_{i_0}(y_{i_0+1} + z_{i_0+1}) - x_{i_0+1}(y_{i_0} + z_{i_0})| + \\ &\sum_{i \neq i_0}^3 |x_i(y_{i+1} + z_{i+1}) - x_{i+1}(y_i + z_i)|) \\ &\leq s \sum_{i=1}^3 |x_i(y_{i+1} + z_{i+1}) - x_{i+1}(y_i + z_i)| \\ &\leq s \sum_{i=1}^3 |x_i y_{i+1} - x_{i+1} y_i| + s \sum_{i=1}^3 |x_i z_{i+1} - x_{i+1} z_i| \\ &\leq s \|x, y\| + s \|x, z\| \end{aligned}$$

Thus, $(R^3, \|x, y\|)$ is a quasi-2-normed space.

At last, let us show that $(R^3, \|x, y\|)$ defined as above, is not a 2-normed space.

For $x = (0, 1, -1)$; $y = (0, 2, 1)$ and $z = (1, 0, 0)$ we have

$$\begin{aligned} \|x, y + z\| &= \|(0, 1, -1), (1, 2, 1)\| = s \cdot 1 + 3 + 1 = s + 4 \\ \|x, y\| &= \|(0, 1, -1), (0, 2, 1)\| = s \cdot 0 + 3 + 0 = 3 \\ \|x, z\| &= \|(0, 1, -1), (1, 0, 0)\| = 1 + s \cdot 0 + 1 = 2 \end{aligned}$$

and $\|x, y + z\| = s + 4 > \|x, y\| + \|x, z\| = 3 + 2 = 5$.

That is, the condition $(2N_4)$ is not satisfied. Therefore, for every $s > 1$, the quasi-2-normed space $(R^3, \|x, y\|)$ is not a 2-normed space.

Example 4. Let P_2 denotes the set of real polynomials of degree 2, on the interval $[0, 1]$. By considering usual addition and scalar multiplication, P_2 is a linear vector space. Let $\{x_1, x_2, x_3, x_4\}$ be distinct fixed points in $[0, 1]$. Define the quasi-2-norm on P_2 as

$$\begin{aligned} \|f, g\| &= s |f(x_{i_0})g'(x_{i_0}) - f'(x_{i_0})g(x_{i_0})| \\ &+ \sum_{i \neq i_0}^4 |f(x_i)g'(x_i) - f'(x_i)g(x_i)|, \end{aligned}$$

where

$$\begin{aligned} &|f(x_{i_0})g'(x_{i_0}) - f'(x_{i_0})g(x_{i_0})| \\ &= \min\{|f(x_i)g'(x_i) - f'(x_i)g(x_i)| : 1 \leq i \leq 4\} \text{ and } s > 1. \end{aligned}$$

Then $(P_2, \|f, g\|)$ is a quasi-2-normed space.

Proof. The conditions $(2N_1)$, $(2N_2)$ and $(2N_3)$ are satisfied and this is evident. Let us prove the condition $(2N_4)$: If

$$\begin{aligned} &|f(x_{i_0})g'(x_{i_0}) - f'(x_{i_0})g(x_{i_0})| \\ &= \min\{|f(x_i)g'(x_i) - f'(x_i)g(x_i)| : 1 \leq i \leq 4\} \text{ we have} \end{aligned}$$

$$\begin{aligned} \|f, g + h\| &= s |f(x_{i_0})(g + h)'(x_{i_0}) - f'(x_{i_0})(g + h)(x_{i_0})| \\ &+ \sum_{i \neq i_0}^4 |f(x_i)(g + h)'(x_i) - f'(x_i)(g + h)(x_i)| \\ &\leq s(|f(x_{i_0})(g + h)'(x_{i_0}) - f'(x_{i_0})(g + h)(x_{i_0})| \\ &+ \sum_{i \neq i_0}^4 |f(x_i)(g + h)'(x_i) - f'(x_i)(g + h)(x_i)|) \\ &= s(\sum_{i=1}^4 |f(x_i)(g + h)'(x_i) - f'(x_i)(g + h)(x_i)|) \\ &\leq s(\sum_{i=1}^4 |f(x_i)g'(x_i) - f'(x_i)g(x_i)| \\ &+ \sum_{i=1}^4 |f(x_i)h'(x_i) - f'(x_i)h(x_i)|) \leq s \|x, y\| + s \|x, z\| \end{aligned}$$

Thus, $(P_2, \|f, g\|)$ is a quasi-2-normed space.

At last, let us show that $(P_2, \|f, g\|)$ defined as above, is not a 2-normed space.

Let us consider the case $x_1 = 1, x_2 = \frac{1}{2}, x_3 = \frac{1}{3}$ and $x_4 = 0$. For $f = x, g = x^2$ and $h = (x - 1)^2$, we have

$$\begin{aligned} |f(x_1)(g + h)'(x_1) - f'(x_1)(g + h)(x_1)| &= |2 \cdot 0 - 2 \cdot 1| = 2 \\ |f(x_2)(g + h)'(x_2) - f'(x_2)(g + h)(x_2)| &= \left| \frac{5}{4} \cdot (-1) - 1 \cdot \frac{5}{4} \right| \\ &= \frac{5}{2} \\ |f(x_3)(g + h)'(x_3) - f'(x_3)(g + h)(x_3)| &= \left| \frac{10}{9} \cdot \left(-\frac{4}{3}\right) - \frac{2}{3} \cdot \frac{13}{9} \right| \\ &= \frac{66}{27} = \frac{22}{9} \\ |f(x_4)(g + h)'(x_4) - f'(x_4)(g + h)(x_4)| &= |1 \cdot (-2) - 0 \cdot 2| = 2 \end{aligned}$$

and $\|f, g + h\| = s \cdot 2 + \frac{5}{2} + \frac{22}{9} + 2 = s \cdot 2 + \frac{125}{18}$.

In similar way, we get

$$\begin{aligned} |f(x_1)g'(x_1) - f'(x_1)g(x_1)| &= |2 \cdot 0 - 2 \cdot 0| = 0 \\ |f(x_2)g'(x_2) - f'(x_2)g(x_2)| &= \left| \frac{5}{4} \cdot (-1) - 1 \cdot \frac{1}{4} \right| = \frac{3}{2} \\ |f(x_3)g'(x_3) - f'(x_3)g(x_3)| &= \left| \frac{10}{9} \cdot \left(-\frac{4}{3}\right) - \frac{2}{3} \cdot \frac{4}{9} \right| = \frac{48}{27} = \frac{16}{9} \\ |f(x_4)g'(x_4) - f'(x_4)g(x_4)| &= |1 \cdot (-2) - 0 \cdot 1| = 2 \end{aligned}$$

and $\|f, g\| = s \cdot 0 + \frac{3}{2} + \frac{16}{9} + 2 = \frac{95}{18}$.

Also, we have

$$\begin{aligned} |f(x_1)h'(x_1) - f'(x_1)h(x_1)| &= |2 \cdot 0 - 2 \cdot 1| = 2 \\ |f(x_2)h'(x_2) - f'(x_2)h(x_2)| &= \left| \frac{5}{4} \cdot 0 - 1 \cdot 1 \right| = 1 \\ |f(x_3)h'(x_3) - f'(x_3)h(x_3)| &= \left| \frac{10}{9} \cdot 0 - \frac{2}{3} \cdot 1 \right| = \frac{2}{3} \\ |f(x_4)h'(x_4) - f'(x_4)h(x_4)| &= |1 \cdot 0 - 0 \cdot 1| = 0 \end{aligned}$$

and $\|f, h\| = 2 + 1 + \frac{2}{3} + s \cdot 0 = \frac{11}{3}$.

From the above results, we get:

$$\|f, g + h\| = s \cdot 2 + \frac{125}{18} > \|f, g\| + \|f, h\| = \frac{95}{18} + \frac{11}{3} = \frac{161}{18}.$$

Therefore, for every $s > 1$, the quasi-2-normed space $(P_2, \|f, g\|)$ is not a 2-normed space.

Remark 1. The Examples 3 and 4 can be generalized analogously for the case of R^n and P_n respectively.

Remark 2. The examples we provided above, show that for every $s > 1$, there exist quasi-2-normed spaces which are not 2-normed spaces.

3 Main theorems

Definition 10. Let $(X, \|\cdot, \cdot\|)$ be a quasi-2-normed space with the coefficients $s \geq 1$ and $f \in \mathbb{F}_5$. A map $T : X \rightarrow X$ is called an almost f -contraction if there exist a constant $\delta \in [0, \frac{1}{s})$ and some $L \geq 0$ such that

$$\|T(x) - T(y), u\| \leq \delta f(\|x - y, u\|, \|x - Tx, u\|, \|y - Ty, u\|, \|y - T^2x, u\|, \|y - Tx, u\|) + L\|y - Tx, u\| \tag{1}$$

for all $x, y, u \in X$.

Theorem 1. Let $(X, \|\cdot, \cdot\|)$ be a quasi-2-normed space with the coefficients $s \geq 1$ and $T : X \rightarrow X$ an almost f -contraction. If $(X, \|\cdot, \cdot\|)$ is T -orbitally complete, then

1. $Fix(T) = \{x \in X : Tx = x\} \neq \emptyset$
2. For any $x_0 \in X$, the Picard iteration $\{x_n\}$ converges to some $\alpha \in Fix(T)$.

Proof. Let x_0 be an arbitrary point in X . Define the sequences $\{x_n\}$ as follows:

$$x_n = Tx_{n-1} = T^n x_0, n = 1, 2, \dots$$

Take $u \in X$. Denote

$$d_n(u) = \|x_n - x_{n+1}, u\|, n = 0, 1, 2, \dots$$

By the inequality (1) we get:

$$\begin{aligned} d_n(u) &= \|x_n - x_{n+1}, u\| = \|T^n x_0 - T^{n+1} x_0, u\| \\ &\leq \delta f(\|T^{n-1} x_0 - T^n x_0, u\|, \|T^{n-1} x_0 - T^n x_0, u\|, \\ &\|T^n x_0 - T^{n+1} x_0, u\|, \|T^n x_0 - T^{n+1} x_0, u\|, \\ &\|T^n x_0 - T^n x_0, u\|) + L\|T^n x_0 - T^n x_0, u\| \\ &= \delta f(d_{n-1}(u), d_{n-1}(u), d_n(u), d_n(u), 0) + 0 \leq \delta d_{n-1}(u) \end{aligned}$$

And so, inductively, we obtain

$$d_n(u) \leq \delta^n d_0(u) = \delta^n l, n \in \mathbb{N} \tag{2}$$

where $l = d_0(u) = \|x_0 - x_1, u\|$.

Then, from (2) and Lemma 1 is derived that $\{x_n\}$ is a Cauchy sequence in X and hence is convergent in X . Let $\lim_{n \rightarrow \infty} x_n = \lim_{n \rightarrow \infty} T^n x_0 = \alpha \in X$. The limit α is unique: Assume that $\alpha' \neq \alpha$ is also $\lim_{n \rightarrow \infty} x_n$. Then by condition $(2N_4^*)$ of Definition 2, we obtain

$$\|\alpha - \alpha', u\| \leq k\|\alpha - x_n, u\| + k\|x_n - \alpha', u\|$$

Letting n tend to infinity we get $\|\alpha - \alpha', u\| = 0$ for all $u \in X$ and so $\alpha = \alpha'$.

Let us prove now that α is a fixed point of T . Assume that $\alpha \neq T\alpha$. Then, by Definition 2, we obtain $\|\alpha - T\alpha, u\| \leq s\|\alpha - x_n, u\| + s\|x_n - T\alpha, u\|$

And so, if $n \rightarrow \infty$, we get

$$\|\alpha - T\alpha, u\| \leq s \overline{\lim}_{n \rightarrow \infty} \|x_n - T\alpha, u\| \tag{3}$$

From (1),

$$\begin{aligned} \|x_n - T\alpha, u\| &= \|Tx_{n-1} - T\alpha, u\| \\ &\leq \delta f(\|x_{n-1} - \alpha, u\|, \|x_{n-1} - Tx_{n-1}, u\|, \|\alpha - T\alpha, u\|, \\ &\|\alpha - T^2x_{n-1}, u\|, \|\alpha - Tx_{n-1}, u\|) + L\|\alpha - Tx_{n-1}, u\| \\ &= \delta f(\|x_{n-1} - \alpha, u\|, \|x_{n-1} - x_n, u\|, \|\alpha - T\alpha, u\|, \\ &\|\alpha - x_{n+1}, u\|, \|\alpha - x_n, u\|) + L\|\alpha - x_n, u\|. \end{aligned}$$

Letting n tend to infinity we have

$$\begin{aligned} \overline{\lim}_{n \rightarrow \infty} \|x_n - T\alpha, u\| &\leq \delta f(0, 0, \|\alpha - T\alpha, u\|, 0, 0) \\ &\leq \delta \|\alpha - T\alpha, u\|. \end{aligned} \tag{4}$$

From (3) and (4),

$$\|\alpha - T\alpha, u\| \leq s \overline{\lim}_{n \rightarrow \infty} \|x_n - T\alpha, u\| \leq s\delta \|\alpha - T\alpha, u\|$$

Since $0 \leq s\delta < 1$ we have $\|\alpha - T\alpha, u\| = 0$ for all $u \in X$. So α is a fixed point of T and this completes the proof.

Theorem 2. Let $(X, \|\cdot, \cdot\|)$ be a quasi-2-normed space with the coefficients $s \geq 1$ and $T : X \rightarrow X$ be a mapping. If $(X, \|\cdot, \cdot\|)$ is T -orbitally complete, $Fix(T) \neq \emptyset$ and satisfies the following inequality:

$$\|T(x) - T(y), u\| \leq \delta_1 f(\|x - y, u\|, \|x - Tx, u\|, \|y - Ty, u\|, \|y - T^2x, u\|, \|y - Tx, u\|) + L_1 \|x - Tx, u\| \tag{5}$$

for all $x, y, u \in X$, where $\delta_1 \in [0, \frac{1}{s})$ and $L_1 \geq 0$, then T has a unique fixed point.

Proof. Let $\alpha \in Fix(T)$. Assume that $\alpha' \neq \alpha$ is also a fixed point of T . From (5),

$$\begin{aligned} \|\alpha - \alpha', u\| &= \|T(\alpha) - T(\alpha'), u\| \\ &\leq \delta_1 f(\|\alpha - \alpha', u\|, \|\alpha - T\alpha, u\|, \|\alpha' - T\alpha', u\|, \\ &\|\alpha' - T^2\alpha, u\|, \|\alpha' - T\alpha, u\|) + L_1 \|\alpha - T\alpha, u\| \\ &= \delta_1 f(\|\alpha - \alpha', u\|, 0, 0, \|\alpha' - \alpha, u\|, \|\alpha' - \alpha, u\|) + L_1 \cdot 0 \\ &\leq \delta_1 \|\alpha - \alpha', u\| \end{aligned}$$

Since $0 < \delta_1 < 1$, we have $\alpha = \alpha'$. This completes the proof.

Theorem 3. Let $(X, \|\cdot, \cdot\|)$ be a quasi-2-normed space with the coefficients $s \geq 1$ and $T : X \rightarrow X$ be a mapping. If $(X, \|\cdot, \cdot\|)$ is T -orbitally complete, $T : X \rightarrow X$ is an almost f -contraction and satisfies the inequality (5), then:

1. T has a unique fixed point, i.e. $Fix(T) = \{\alpha\}$.
2. For any $x_0 \in X$, the Picard iteration $\{x_n\}$ converges to α .

Proof. The conditions of Theorem 1 hold, and so $Fix(T) \neq \emptyset$. By Theorem 2 $Fix(T) = \{\alpha\}$ and for any $x_0 \in X$, the Picard iteration $\{x_n\}, x_n = Tx_{n-1}, n \in \mathbb{N}$, converges to α . This completes the proof of the theorem.

Example 5. Let $(X, \|\cdot, \cdot\|)$ be a quasi-2-normed space with the coefficient $s \geq 1$. Let $T : X \rightarrow X$ be the identity mapping such that $Tx = x$ for all $x \in X$.

Actually, the quasi-2-normed space $(X, \|\cdot, \cdot\|)$ is T -orbitally complete.

We verify the conditions of Theorem 3 in case $f(t_1, t_2, t_3, t_4, t_5) = t_1$. The inequality (1) takes the form

$$\|T(x) - T(y), u\| \leq \delta \|x - y, u\| + L \|y - Tx, u\| \quad (6)$$

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$$\|T(x) - T(y), u\| = \|x - y, u\| \leq \delta \|x - y, u\| + L \|y - x, u\|$$

and consequently it is satisfied for any $\delta \in [0, \frac{1}{s}]$ and $L \geq 1$.

All the conditions of Theorem 3 are satisfied. The $Fix(T) = X$ and, for any $x \in X$, the Picard iteration $\{T^n x\}$ converges to x .

Example 6. Let $X = P_2$ be the set of real polynomials of degree 2 on the interval $[0, 1]$. Let $(X, \|\cdot, \cdot\|)$ be the quasi-2-normed space with the coefficients $s = \frac{3}{2} > 1$ of Example 4. Let $T : X \rightarrow X$ be a mapping such that $Tx = \frac{1}{2}x$.

We verify the conditions of Theorem 2 in case $f(t_1, t_2, t_3, t_4, t_5) = t_1$. The quasi-2-normed space $(X, \|\cdot, \cdot\|)$ is T -orbitally complete, since $T^n x = (\frac{1}{2})^n x$ and $\lim_{n \rightarrow \infty} T^n x = 0 \in X$. The map T has at least one fixed point ($0 \in Fix(T) \neq \emptyset$), the condition (5) takes the form:

$$\begin{aligned} \|T(x) - T(y), u\| &= \|\frac{1}{2}x - \frac{1}{2}y, u\| = \frac{1}{2} \|x - y, u\| \\ &\leq \delta_1 \|x - y, u\| + L_1 \|x - \frac{1}{2}x, u\| \end{aligned}$$

and consequently it is satisfied for any $\delta_1 \in [\frac{1}{2}, \frac{1}{s} = \frac{2}{3}]$ and $L_1 \geq 0$. All the conditions of Theorem 2 are satisfied. The $Fix(T) = \{0\}$ and, for any $x \in X$, the Picard iteration $\{T^n x\}$ converges to 0.

4 Corollaries

For different expressions of f in the Theorems 1, 2 and 3 we get different Theorems. We give some of them:

1) If $f(t_1, t_2, t_3, t_4, t_5) = t_1$, then by Theorem 1 we obtain a fixed point Theorem that extends the well-known Berinde weak (almost) contraction principle (Theorem 1 in [11]) in a quasi-2-normed space.

2) By Theorem 1, with $L = 0$ it follows Theorem 2 with $L_1 = \{0\}$ and conversely. So, the case $L = 0$ or $L_1 = 0$ implies the existence and uniqueness of the fixed point.

3) If $f(t_1, t_2, t_3, t_4, t_5) = t_1$ and $L = 0$, then by Theorem 1 we obtain a fixed point Theorem that extends the well-known Banach's contraction principle in a quasi-2-normed space.

4) If $f(t_1, t_2, t_3, t_4, t_5) = \frac{t_2 + t_3}{2}$ and $L = 0$, then by Theorem 1 we obtain a fixed point Theorem that extends the well-known Kannan contraction principle in a quasi-2-normed space.

5) If $f(t_1, t_2, t_3, t_4, t_5) = \max\{t_2, t_3\}$ and $L = 0$, then by Theorem 1 we obtain a fixed point Theorem that extends the well-known Bianchini Contraction principle [15] in a quasi-2-normed space.

Remark 3. For suitable forms of f we can obtain several other corollaries that extend well-known theorems of Rhoades classifications [14] in a quasi-2-normed space (or in a 2-normed space for $s = 1$).

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