

NEW TYPE OF FIXED POINT THEOREMS IN GENERALIZED METRIC SPACES

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Abstract. In this paper, we prove some new type of fixed point theorems in generalized complete metric spaces. The results presented in this paper mainly improve the corresponding results announced by Wardowski [D. Wardowski, Fixed point theory of a new type of contractive mappings in complete metric spaces, Fixed Point Theory Appl. 2012 (2012), Article ID 94] from metric spaces to generalized metric spaces.

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1. Introduction and Preliminaries

In 1992, Dhage [2], introduced the notion of generalized metric or D-metric spaces and claimed that D-metric convergence define a Hausdorff topology and that D-metric is sequentially continuous in all the three variables. Many authors have taken these claims for granted and used them in proving fixed point theorems in D-metric spaces. Also in 1996, Rhoades [1], generalized Dhages contractive condition by increasing the number of factors and proved the existence of unique fixed point of a self map in D-metric space. D. Wardowski in [3] has

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introduced a new type of contraction and proved a new fixed point theorem. On the other hand, Suzuki generalized the notion of contractive mappings in 2008 (see, [7],[8],[9]). After this time, some authors published many results by using the Suzuki's method for mappings and multifunctions (see for example, [10] and [11] and the references therein). In this paper we prove the result obtained by Wardowski in generalized metric spaces. Also by combining Samet's and Wardowski's methods, (see [5], [3]) and by using the result obtained by Karapinar in [4] we get a new result in generalized metric spaces. Again by combining results of Suzuki and Wardowski we obtain a new result in the generalized metric spaces.

Let *X* be a nonempty set. A generalized D^* -metric on *X* is a function, $D^* : X^3 \to \mathbb{R}^+$ that satisfies the following conditions for all $x, y, z, a \in X$,

(D1) $D^*(x, y, z) \ge 0$,

(D2) $D^*(x, y, z) = 0$ if and only if x = y = z,

(D3) $D^*(x, y, z) = D^*(p\{x, y, z\})$,(symmetry) where *p* is a permutation function,

(D4) $D^*(x, y, z) \le D^*(x, a, a) + D^*(a, y, z),$

the function D^* is called a generalized D^* -metric and the pair (X, D^*) is called a generalized D^* -metric space.

Note that every D^* -metric on X induces a metric d_{D^*} on X defined by

(1)
$$d_{D^*}(x,y) = D^*(x,y,y) + D^*(y,x,x), \ \forall x, y \in X.$$

Remark 1.1. In a D^* -metric space, we prove that $D^*(x,x,y) = D^*(x,y,y)$ (i) $D^*(x,x,y) \le D^*(x,x,x) + D^*(x,y,y) = D^*(x,y,y)$, (ii) $D^*(y,y,x) \le D^*(y,y,y) + D^*(y,x,x) = D^*(y,x,x)$, Hence by (i),(ii) we get $D^*(x,x,y) = D^*(x,y,y)$.

Definition 1.2. [6] Let (X, D^*) be a D^* -metric space, and let $\{x_n\}$ be a sequence of points of X. We say that $\{x_n\}$ is D^* -convergent to $x \in X$ if

$$\lim_{n,m\to+\infty}D^*(x,x_n,x_m)=0.$$

that is, for any $\varepsilon > 0$, there exists $N \in \mathbb{N}$ such that $D^*(x, x_n, x_m) < \varepsilon$, for all $n, m \ge N$.

Proposition 1.3. [6] Let (X, D^*) be a D^* -metric space. The following are equivalent

- (i) $\{x_n\}$ is D^* -convergent to x,
- (ii) $D^*(x_n, x_n, x) \to 0$ as $n \to \infty$,
- (iii) $D^*(x_n, x, x) \to 0$ as $n \to \infty$,
- (vi) $D^*(x_n, x_m, x) \to 0$ as $n, m \to \infty$.

Definition 1.4. [6] Let (X, D^*) be a D^* -metric space. A sequence $\{x_n\}$ is called a D^* -Cauchy sequence if for any $\varepsilon > 0$, there exists $N \in \mathbb{N}$ such that $D^*(x_n, x_m, x_l) < \varepsilon$ for all $m, n, l \ge N$, that is, $D^*(x_n, x_m, x_l) \to 0$ as $n, m, l \to \infty$.

Proposition 1.5. [6] Let (X, D^*) be a D^* -metric space. Then the following are equivalent

- (1) the sequence $\{x_n\}$ is D^* -Cauchy,
- (2) for any $\varepsilon > 0$, there exists $N \in \mathbb{N}$ such that $D^*(x_n, x_m, x_m) < \varepsilon$, for all $m, n \ge N$.

Definition 1.6. [6] A D^* -metric space (X, D^*) is called D^* -complete if every D^* -Cauchy sequence is D^* -convergent in (X, D^*) .

Note that in D^* -metric space a nonempty set $A \subset X$ is D^* -closed in the D^* -metric space (X, D^*) if $A = \overline{A}$.

Proposition 1.7. Let (X,D^*) be a D^* -metric space and A be a nonempty subset of X. A is D^* -closed if for any D^* -convergent sequence $\{x_n\}$ in A with limit x, one has $x \in A$.

Definition 1.8. [2] A D^* -metric space X is said to be compact if every τ -open cover of X has a finite subcover.

Theorem 1.9. [2] In a D^{*}-metric space X, the following statement are equivalent.

- (a) X is compact,
- (b) X is countably compact,
- (c) X has Bolzano-Weierstrass property,
- (d) X is sequentially compact.

Theorem 1.10. [2] *In a D***-metric space X*,

(a) a compact subset of a D^* -metric space is closed and bounded,

(b) a D^* -metric space X is a compact if and only if it is complete and totally bounded,

(c) a subset S of a complete D^* -metric space is compact if and only if it is closed and totally bounded.

Theorem 1.11. [2] Every real-valued continuous function on a compact D^* -metric space X is bounded and attains its supremum and infimum on X.

Wardowski has defined *F*-contraction as the following (see [3]).

Definition 1.12. Let $F : \mathbb{R}_+ \to \mathbb{R}$ be a mapping satisfying,

- (*F*₁) *F* is strictly increasing, i.e. for all $\alpha, \beta \in \mathbb{R}_+$ such that $\alpha < \beta, F(\alpha) < F(\beta)$;
- (*F*₂) for each sequence $\{\alpha_n\}_{n \in \mathbb{N}}$ of positive real numbers $\lim_{n \to \infty} \alpha_n = 0$ if and only if $\lim_{n \to \infty} F(\alpha_n) = -\infty$;

(*F*₃) there exists $k \in (0,1)$ such that $\lim_{\alpha \to 0^+} \alpha^k F(\alpha) = 0$.

A mapping $T: X \to X$ is said to be an *F*-contraction if there exists $\tau > 0$ such that

$$\forall x, y \in X \ d(Tx, Ty) > 0 \Rightarrow \tau + F(d(Tx, Ty)) \le F(d(x, y))).$$

Example 1.13. Let $F(\alpha) = -\frac{1}{\sqrt{\alpha}}, \alpha > 0$. It is clear that F satisfies (F_1) - (F_3) . In this case, each F-contraction T satisfies

$$d(Tx,Ty) \leq \frac{1}{(1+\tau\sqrt{d(x,y)})^2}d(x,y), \text{ for all } x,y \in X, \ Tx \neq Ty.$$

Example 1.14. If $F(\alpha) = -\frac{1}{\alpha^2}$, $\alpha > 0$ then F satisfies (F_1) - (F_3) . In this case, each F-contraction T satisfies

$$\frac{d(Tx,Ty)}{d(x,y)} \le \sqrt{\frac{d(x,y)^2}{1+\tau d(x,y)^2}}.$$

Example 1.15. Consider $F(\alpha) = \tan(\alpha + \frac{\pi}{2})$. F satisfies conditions (F₁)-(F₃).

Wardowski has stated modified Banach contraction theorem as the following.

Theorem 1.16. [3] *Let* (X,d) *be a complete metric space and let* $T : X \to X$ *be an* F*-contraction. Then* T *has a unique fixed point* $x^* \in X$ *and for every* $x_0 \in X$ *a sequence* $\{T^n x_0\}_{n \in \mathbb{N}}$ *is convergent to* x^* . Now state and prove the main results.

2. Main results

We define modified *F*-contraction as the following.

Definition 2.17. A mapping $T : X \to X$ is said to be a GF-contraction if there exists $\tau > 0$ such that for all $x, y \in X$,

(2)
$$(D^*(Tx, Ty, Tz) > 0 \Rightarrow \tau + F(D^*(Tx, Ty, Tz)) \le F((D^*(x, y, z)))),$$

where $F : \mathbb{R}_+ \to \mathbb{R}$ satisfies the following conditions: (*GF*₁) *F* is strictly increasing, i.e. for all $\alpha, \beta \in \mathbb{R}_+$ such that $\alpha < \beta, F(\alpha) < F(\beta)$; (*GF*₂) for each sequence $\{\alpha_n\}_{n \in \mathbb{N}}$ of positive real numbers $\lim_{n \to \infty} \alpha_n = 0$ if and only if

 $\lim_{n\to\infty}F(\alpha_n)=-\infty;$

(*GF*₃) there exists $k \in (0, 1)$ such that $\lim_{\alpha \to 0^+} \alpha^k F(\alpha) = 0$.

Theorem 2.18. Let (X, D^*) be a D^* complete D^* -metric space and $T : X \to X$ be a *GF*-contraction mapping. Then *T* has a unique fixed point $x^* \in X$ and for every $x_0 \in X$ a sequence $\{T^n x_0\}_{n \in \mathbb{N}}$ is convergent to x^* .

Proof. Take an arbitrary $x_0 \in X$ and define the sequence $\{x_n\}$ as

$$x_n = T x_{n-1}, n = 1, 2, 3, \dots$$

If $x_{n_0+1} = x_{n_0}$ for some $n \in \mathbb{N}$, then obviously, the fixed point of *T* is x_{n_0} . Assume that $x_{n+1} \neq x_n$ for all $n \in \mathbb{N}$. Put $x = x_{n-1}$ and $y = z = x_n$ in (2). Then

$$F(D^*(Tx_{n-1}, Tx_n, Tx_n)) \le F((D^*(x_{n-1}, x_n, x_n))) - \tau$$
$$\le F(D^*(x_{n-2}, x_{n-1}, x_{n-1})) - \tau - \tau$$
$$= F(D^*(x_{n-2}, x_{n-1}, x_{n-1})) - 2\tau$$

$$\leq F(D^*(x_{n-2}, x_{n-1}, x_{n-1})) - 3\tau$$

:
$$\leq F(D^*(x_0, x_1, x_1)) - n\tau,$$

tending $n \to \infty$, we have

$$\lim_{n\to\infty}F(D^*(x_n,x_{n+1},x_{n+1}))=-\infty.$$

Thus from (GF_2) , we obtain

$$\lim_{n\to\infty}D^*(x_n,x_{n+1},x_{n+1})=0.$$

On the other hand, by symmetry (D3) and the rectangle (D4), we have

(3)
$$D^*(x,y,y) = D^*(y,y,x) \le D^*(y,x,x) + D^*(x,y,x) = 2D^*(y,x,x)$$

The inequality (3) with $x = x_n$ and $y = x_{n-1}$ becomes,

$$D^*(x_n, x_{n-1}, x_{n-1}) \le 2D^*(x_{n-1}, x_n, x_n).$$

Hence, we get

$$\lim_{n\to\infty}D^*(x_n,x_{n-1},x_{n-1})=0.$$

On the other hand if put $\gamma_n = D^*(x_{n-1}, x_n, x_n)$, then by using (2), we obtain,

(4)
$$(\gamma_n)^k F(\gamma_n) \leq (\gamma_n)^k F(\gamma_0) - (\gamma_n)^k n\tau.$$

Thus

$$(\gamma_n)^k F(\gamma_n) - (\gamma_n)^k F(\gamma_0) \le (\gamma_n)^k (F(\gamma_0) - n\gamma) - (\gamma_n)^k F(\gamma_0) = -(\gamma_n)^k n\tau \le 0.$$

By attention to, $\lim_{n\to\infty} \gamma_n^k F(\gamma_n) = 0$ and by $\lim_{n\to\infty} \gamma_n = 0$ and Letting $n \to \infty$ in (4), we get

(5)
$$\lim_{n\to\infty} (\gamma_n)^k n = 0.$$

So there exists $n_1 \in \mathbb{N}$ such that $(\gamma_n)^k n \leq 1$ for all $n \geq n_1$. Consequently we have

$$\gamma_n \leq \frac{1}{n^{\frac{1}{k}}}, \ \forall n \geq n_1.$$

Now, we show next that the sequence $\{x_n\}$ is a cauchy sequence in the metric space (X, d_{D^*}) where d_{D^*} is given in (1). Let $n, l \in \mathbb{N}$ with $n > l > n_1$ we obtain

$$d_{D^{*}}(x_{n}, x_{l}) \leq d_{D^{*}}(x_{n}, x_{n-1}) + d_{D^{*}}(x_{n-1}, x_{n-2}) + \dots + d_{D^{*}}(x_{l+1}, x_{l})$$

$$= D^{*}(x_{n}, x_{n-1}, x_{n-1}) + D^{*}(x_{n-1}, x_{n}, x_{n})$$

$$+ D^{*}(x_{n-1}, x_{n-2}, x_{n-2}) + D^{*}(x_{n-2}, x_{n-1}, x_{n-1}) + \dots$$

$$+ D^{*}(x_{l+1}, x_{l}, x_{l}) + D^{*}(x_{l}, x_{l+1}, x_{l+1})$$

$$= \sum_{i=l+1}^{n} [D^{*}(x_{i}, x_{i-1}, x_{i-1}) + D^{*}(x_{i-1}, x_{i}, x_{i})].$$

By using of (3), we get

(7)
$$0 \le d_{D^*}(x_n, x_l) \le \sum_{i=l+1}^n [2D^*(x_{i-1}, x_i, x_i) + D^*(x_{i-1}, x_i, x_i)] = \sum_{i=l+1}^n 3D^*(x_{i-1}, x_i, x_i).$$

Hence for $n > l > n_1$ we have,

$$0 \le d_{D^*}(x_n, x_l) \le \sum_{i=l+1}^n 3\gamma_n \le 3\sum_{i=l+1}^n \frac{1}{i^{\frac{1}{k}}}.$$

From the above and from the convergence of the series $\sum_{i=l+1}^{n} \frac{1}{i^{\frac{1}{k}}}$ we receive that $\{x_n\}$ is a cauchy sequence in (X, d_{D^*}) . Since (X, d) is D^* -complete then (X, d_{D^*}) is complete (see proposition 10 in [6]) and hence $\{x_n\}$ converges to a number say, $u \in X$. Suppose that $u \neq Tu$ or

 $d_{D^*}(u, Tu) > 0$, then we have,

$$0 \le d_{D^*}(x_n, Tu) = D^*(x_n, Tu, Tu) + D^*(Tu, x_n, x_n)$$

= $D^*(Tx_{n-1}, Tu, Tu) + D^*(Tu, Tx_{n-1}, Tx_{n-1})$
 $\le D^*(Tx_{n-1}, Tu, Tu) + 2D^*(Tx_{n-1}, Tu, Tu)$
 $\le 3D^*(Tx_{n-1}, Tu, Tu) = 3D^*(x_n, u, u).$

Passing to Limit as $n \to \infty$, we end up with $0 \le d_{D^*}(u, Tu) \le 0$ which contradicts the assumption $d_{D^*}(u, Tu) > 0$, Hence u = Tu. therefore $u \in X$ is a fixed point of T. To prove the uniqueness, we assume that $v \in X$ is another fixed point of T such that $u \ne v$. we can substitute x = u and y = z = v in (2). This yields

 $\tau + F(D^*(u, v, v)) \le F((D^*(u, v, v)))$, which is contradiction.

Definition 2.19. Let $T : X \to X$ and $\alpha : X \times X \times X \to [0, +\infty)$. We say that T is α -admissible mapping if

 $x, y \in X, \ \alpha(x, y, z) \ge 1 \implies \alpha(Tx, Ty, Tz) \ge 1.$

Denote with Ψ the family of nondecreasing functions $\psi: [0, +\infty) \to [0, +\infty)$ such that $\psi(t) < t$.

Lemma 2.20. For every function $\psi : [0, +\infty) \to [0, +\infty)$ the following holds: if ψ is nondecreasing then for each t > 0, $\lim_{n \to +\infty} \psi^n(t) = 0$ implies $\psi(t) < t$.

Theorem 2.21. Let (X, D^*) be a D^* -complete D^* -metric space and $\{A_j\}_{j=1}^m$ be a family of nonempty D^* -closed subsets of X. Let $Y = \bigcup_{j=1}^m A_j$ and $T : Y \to Y$ be a α -admissible mapping satisfying

 $T(A_j) \subseteq A_{j+1}, j = 1, ..., m$, where $A_{m+1} = A_1$.

If there exist two functions α : $Y \times Y \times Y \rightarrow [0, +\infty)$ *and* $\psi \in \Psi$ *such that*

(8)
$$\forall x, y \in X \ (D^*(Tx, Ty, Tz) > 0 \Rightarrow \tau + \alpha(x, y, Tz)F(D^*(Tx, Ty, Tz))$$
$$\leq F(\psi(D^*(x, y, z)))).$$

holds for all $x \in A_j$ and $y, z \in A_{j+1}$, j = 1, ..., m, and there exists $x_0 \in Y$ such that $\alpha(x_0, Tx_0, T^2x_0) \ge 1$, then T has a unique fixed point in $\bigcap_{i=1}^m A_j$.

Proof Let $x_0 \in Y$ such that $\alpha(x_0, Tx_0, T^2x_0) \ge 1$ and without loss of generality assume that $x_0 \in A_1$. Define the sequence $\{x_n\}$ in *Y* as follows

$$x_n = Tx_{n-1}$$
 for all $n \in \mathbb{N}$.

Since *T* is cyclic, $x_0 \in A_1$, $x_1 = T(x_0) \in A_2$,... and so on. If $x_{n_0+1} = x_{n_0}$ for some $n_0 \in \mathbb{N}$, then obviously, the fixed point of *T* is x_{n_0} . Assume that $x_n \neq x_{n+1}$ for all $n \in \mathbb{N}$. Since *T* is α -admissible, we have

$$\alpha(x_0, x_1, x_2) = \alpha(x_0, Tx_0, T^2x_0) \ge 1 \Rightarrow \alpha(Tx_0, Tx_1, Tx_2) = \alpha(x_1, x_2, x_3) \ge 1.$$

By induction, We get

(9)
$$\alpha(x_{n-1}, x_n, x_{n+1}) \ge 1, \text{ for all } n \in \mathbb{N}.$$

Applying the inequality (8) with $x = x_{n-1}$ and $y = z = x_n$, and using (9), we obtain

$$0 \le F(D^*(x_n, x_{n+1}, x_{n+1})) = F(D^*(Tx_{n-1}, Tx_n, Tx_n))$$

$$\le \alpha(x_{n-1}, x_n, Tx_n)F(D^*(Tx_{n-1}, Tx_n, Tx_n))$$

$$\le F(\Psi(D^*(x_{n-1}, x_n, x_n))) - \tau$$

$$< F((D^*(x_{n-1}, x_n, x_n))) - \tau.$$

Therefore, by repetition of the above inequality, we have that

(10)
$$F(D^*(x_n, x_{n+1}, x_{n+1})) \le F(D^*(x_0, x_1, x_1)) - n\tau, \text{ for all } n \in \mathbb{N}.$$

tending $n \to \infty$ we have

$$\lim_{n\to\infty}F(D^*(x_n,x_{n+1},x_{n+1}))=-\infty.$$

Thus,

$$\lim_{n \to \infty} D^*(x_n, x_{n+1}, x_{n+1}) = 0.$$

By similar proof in Theorem (2.18) we get

$$\lim_{n \to \infty} D^*(x_n, x_{n-1}, x_{n-1}) = 0.$$

On the other hand if put $\gamma_n = D^*(x_{n-1}, x_n, x_n)$, then by using (2) we obtain,

(11)
$$(\gamma_n)^k F(\gamma_n) \leq (\gamma_n)^k F(\gamma_0) - (\gamma_n)^k n\tau.$$

Thus

$$(\gamma_n)^k F(\gamma_n) - (\gamma_n)^k F(\gamma_0) \le (\gamma_n)^k (F(\gamma_0) - n\gamma) - (\gamma_n)^k F(\gamma_0) = -(\gamma_n)^k n\tau \le 0.$$

By attention to, $\lim_{n\to\infty} \gamma_n^k F(\gamma_n) = 0$ and by $\lim_{n\to\infty} \gamma_n = 0$ and Letting $n \to \infty$ in (11), we get

(12)
$$\lim_{n\to\infty}(\gamma_n)^k n = 0.$$

Now, from let us observe that from (12) there exists $n_1 \in \mathbb{N}$ such that $(\gamma_n)^k n \leq 1$ for all $n \geq n_1$. Consequently we have

$$\gamma_n \leq \frac{1}{n^{\frac{1}{k}}}, \ \forall n \geq n_1.$$

We show next that the sequence $\{x_n\}$ is a cauchy sequence in the metric space (X, d_{D^*}) where d_{D^*} is given in (1). Let $n, l \in \mathbb{N}$ with $n > l > n_1$ we obtain

$$d_{D^{*}}(x_{n},x_{l}) \leq d_{D^{*}}(x_{n},x_{n-1}) + d_{D^{*}}(x_{n-1},x_{n-2}) + \dots + d_{D^{*}}(x_{l+1},x_{l})$$

$$= D^{*}(x_{n},x_{n-1},x_{n-1}) + D^{*}(x_{n-1},x_{n},x_{n})$$

$$+ D^{*}(x_{n-1},x_{n-2},x_{n-2}) + D^{*}(x_{n-2},x_{n-1},x_{n-1}) + \dots$$

$$+ D^{*}(x_{l+1},x_{l},x_{l}) + D^{*}(x_{l},x_{l+1},x_{l+1})$$

$$(13) \qquad = \sum_{i=l+1}^{n} [D^{*}(x_{i},x_{i-1},x_{i-1}) + D^{*}(x_{i-1},x_{i},x_{i})].$$

Again by using a similar proof in Theorem (2.18) we obtain that $\{x_n\}$ is a Cauchy sequence in the (X, d_{D^*}) . Since the space (X, D^*) is D^* -complete, hence, $\{x_n\}$ converges to a number say, $u \in X$. Moreover, $\{x_n\}$ is D^* -Cauchy in (X, D^*) (see Proposition 9 in [6]). Now we show that $u \in \bigcap_{j=1}^m A_j$. if $x_0 \in A_1$, then the subsequence $\{x_{m(n-1)}\}_{n=1}^{\infty} \in A_1$, the subsequence $\{x_{m(n-1)+1}\}_{n=1}^{\infty} \in A_2$, and continuing in this way, the subsequence $\{x_{mn-1}\}_{n=1}^{\infty} \in A_m$. All the *m* subsequences are D^* -convergent and hence, they all converge to the same limit u. In addition, the sets A_j are D^* -closed, thus the limit $u \in \bigcap_{j=1}^m A_j$. We show that $u \in X$ is a fixed point of T, Consider now (1) and (8) with $x = x_n$, y = z = Tu and suppose that $u \neq Tu$ or $d_{D^*}(u, Tu) > 0$, then we have,

$$0 \le d_{D^*}(x_n, Tu) = D^*(x_n, Tu, Tu) + D^*(Tu, x_n, x_n)$$

= $D^*(Tx_{n-1}, Tu, Tu) + D^*(Tu, Tx_{n-1}, Tx_{n-1})$
 $\le D^*(Tx_{n-1}, Tu, Tu) + 2D^*(Tx_{n-1}, Tu, Tu)$
= $3D^*(Tx_{n-1}, Tu, Tu)$
(14) = $3(D^*(x_n, u, u)).$

Passing to Limit as $n \to \infty$, we end up with $0 \le d_{D^*}(u, Tu) \le 0$ which contradicts the assumption $d_{D^*}(u, Tu) > 0$, Hence u = Tu. therefore $u \in X$ is a fixed point of T. To prove the uniqueness, We assume that $v \in X$ is another fixed point of T such that $v \ne u$. Both u and v lie in $\bigcap_{j=1}^m A_j$, thus we can substitute x = u and y = z = v in (8). This yields

$$F(D^*(Tu,Tv,Tv)) + \tau \le \alpha(u,v,v)F(D^*(Tu,Tv,Tv)) + \tau \le F(\psi(D^*(u,v,v))),$$

and hence

$$F(D^*(Tu, Tv, Tv)) \leq F(\Psi(D^*(u, v, v)))$$

since F is strictly increasing therefore by 2.20 we get

$$D^*(Tu, Tv, Tv) \le \Psi(D^*(u, v, v)) < D^*(u, v, v).$$

This is a contradiction, Thus u = v, and the fixed point of T is unique.

Example 2.22. If $F(\alpha) = ln\alpha$, $\alpha > 0$, then consider the sequence $\{S_n\}_{n \in \mathbb{N}}$ as follows,

$$S_1 = 1, S_2 = 1 + 2, \qquad \cdots S_n = 1 + 2 + \cdots + n = \frac{n(n+1)}{2}, n \in \mathbb{N}, \qquad \cdots$$

Let $X = \{S_n : n \in \mathbb{N}\}$ and

$$D^*(x,y,z) = \begin{cases} 0 & x = y = z, \\ \max\{x,y,z\} & otherwise. \end{cases}$$

Then (X, D^*) *is a* D^* *-complete* D^* *-metric space. Define the mapping* $T : X \to X$ *by the formulate:*

$$T(S_n) = S_{n-1}$$
, for $n > 1, T(S_1) = 1$.

The mapping T is not the Banach contraction and is not the F-contraction. Indeed, for $n \neq m \neq k$, we get

$$\lim_{n \to \infty} \frac{D^*(T(S_n), T(S_m), T(S_k))}{D^*(S_n, S_m, S_k)} = \lim_{n \to \infty} \frac{\max\{S_{n-1}, S_{m-1}, S_{k-1}\}}{\max\{S_n, S_m, S_k\}} = 1$$

On the other side taking $F(\alpha) = ln\alpha + \alpha$ we obtain that T is F-contraction with $\tau = 1$. To see this, let us consider the following calculation

$$\frac{D^*(T(S_n), T(S_m), T(S_k))}{D^*(S_n, S_m, S_k)} e^{D^*(T(S_n), T(S_m), T(S_k)) - D^*(S_n, S_m, S_k)}$$
$$= \frac{\max\{S_{n-1}, S_{m-1}, S_{k-1}\}}{\max\{S_n, S_m, S_k\}} e^{\max\{S_{n-1}, S_{m-1}, S_{k-1}\} - \max\{S_n, S_m, S_k\}}$$

 $< e^{-\max\{n,m,k\}} < e^{-1}.$

Clearly S_1 is a fixed point of T.

Definition 2.23. A mapping $T : X \to X$ is said to be an GF-Suzuki-contraction if there exists $\tau > 0$ such that for all $x, y, z \in X$ with $(D^*(Tx, Ty, Tz) > 0$

$$\frac{1}{2}D^*(x, x, Tx) < D^*(x, y, z) \Rightarrow \tau + F(D^*(Tx, Ty, Tz)) \le F(D^*(x, y, z))),$$

where $F : \mathbb{R}_+ \to \mathbb{R}$ satisfies in $(GF_1) - (GF_3)$.

If F is satisfies conditions F_1 and F_2 in 1.12, we can prove the following theorem.

Theorem 2.24. Let (X, D^*) be a D^* -compact D^* -metric space and let $T : X \to X$ be an GF-Suzukicontraction mapping. Then T has a unique fixed point.

Proof. We put

$$\beta = \inf\{D^*(x, x, Tx) : x \in X\}$$

and choose a sequence $\{x_n\}$ in X satisfying $\lim_{n\to\infty} D^*(x_n, x_n, Tx_n) = \beta$. Since X is compact. without loss of generality, we may assume that $\{x_n\}$ and $\{Tx_n\}$ converge to some elements $v, w \in X$, respectively. We shall show $\beta = 0$. Arguing by contradiction, we assume $\beta > 0$. For every $\varepsilon > 0$ there exists $x_j \in X$ for some $j \in \mathbb{N}$, such that

$$D^*(x_j,x_j,Tx_j) < \beta + \varepsilon.$$

So from (GF_2) , we have

$$F(D^*(x_j, x_j, Tx_j)) < F(\beta + \varepsilon).$$

On the other hand,

$$\frac{1}{2}D^*(x_j, x_j, Tx_j) < D^*(x_j, x_j, Tx_j),$$

therefore by assumption of theorem there exists $\tau > 0$ such that

$$\tau + F(D^*(Tx_j, Tx_j, T^2x_j)) \leq F(D^*(x_j, x_j, Tx_j)) < F(\beta + \varepsilon),$$

thus

$$F(D^*(Tx_j, Tx_j, T^2x_j)) < F(\beta + \varepsilon) - \tau$$

Similarly, since $\frac{1}{2}D^*(Tx_j, Tx_j, T^2x_j) < D^*(Tx_j, Tx_j, T^2x_j)$, thus

$$\begin{aligned} \tau + F(D^*(T^2x_j, T^2x_j, T^3x_j)) &< F(D^*(Tx_j, Tx_j, T^2x_j)) \\ &\leq F(D^*(x_j, x_j, Tx_j)) - \tau \\ &< F(\beta + \varepsilon) - \tau. \end{aligned}$$

So

$$F(D^*(T^2x_j,T^2x_j,T^3x_j)) < F(\beta + \varepsilon) - 2\tau.$$

Now by continuing similar method we obtain

$$F(D^*(T^n x_j, T^n x_j, T^{n+1} x_j)) < F(\beta + \varepsilon) - n\tau.$$

This implies that

$$\lim_{n\to\infty} F(D^*(T^n x_j, T^n x_j, T^{n+1} x_j)) = -\infty.$$

From (*GF*₂), we have $\lim_{n\to\infty} D^*(T^n x_j, T^n x_j, T^{n+1} x_j) = 0$, so that there exists $n_0 \in \mathbb{N}$ such that

$$D^*(T^n x_j, T^n x_j, T^{n+1} x_j) < \beta, \ \forall \ n \ge n_0.$$

This is a contradiction with definition of β . So, $\beta = 0$. We have

$$\lim_{n\to\infty}D^*(v,v,Tx_n)=D^*(v,v,w)=\lim_{n\to\infty}D^*(x_n,x_n,Tx_n)=\beta=0,$$

which implies that $\{Tx_n\}$ also converges to v. Since, $\lim_{n\to\infty} D^*(x_n, x_n, Tx_n) = \beta = 0$, then $\lim_{n\to\infty} F(D^*(x_n, x_n, Tx_n)) = -\infty$ and we have

$$\lim_{n\to\infty} F(D^*(Tx_n,Tx_n,T^2x_n)) \leq \lim_{n\to\infty} F(D^*(x_n,x_n,Tx_n)) - \tau, \tau > 0.$$

Thus, $\lim_{n\to\infty} F(D^*(Tx_n, Tx_n, T^2x_n)) = -\infty$. Hence $\lim_{n\to\infty} D^*(Tx_n, Tx_n, T^2x_n) = 0$. Since

$$\lim_{n \to \infty} d(v, v, T^2 x_n) \le \lim_{n \to \infty} (D^*(v, v, T x_n) + D^*(T x_n, T x_n, T^2 x_n)) = 0.$$

And so $\{T^2x_n\}$ converges to *v*. If

$$\frac{1}{2}D^*(x_n, x_n, Tx_n) \ge D^*(x_n, x_n, v) \text{ and } \frac{1}{2}D^*(Tx_n, Tx_n, T^2x_n) \ge D^*(Tx_n, Tx_n, v),$$

then there exists $0 < \tau < \infty$ such that

$$\begin{aligned} \tau + F(2D^*(Tx_n, Tx_n, v)) &\leq \tau + F(D^*(Tx_n, Tx_n, T^2x_n)) \leq F(D^*(x_n, x_n, Tx_n)), \\ F(2D^*(Tx_n, Tx_n, v)) &\leq F(D^*(x_n, x_n, Tx_n)) - \tau, \\ F(2D^*(Tx_n, Tx_n, v)) &< F(D^*(x_n, x_n, Tx_n)). \end{aligned}$$

From (GF_1) , we have

$$2D^{*}(Tx_{n}, Tx_{n}, v) < D^{*}(x_{n}, x_{n}, Tx_{n}) < D^{*}(x_{n}, x_{n}, v) + D^{*}(v, v, Tx_{n}),$$

and so,

$$D^*(Tx_n, Tx_n, v) < \frac{1}{2}D^*(x_n, x_n, v) \le \frac{1}{2}D^*(x_n, x_n, v) + \frac{1}{2}D^*(v, v, Tx_n).$$

Hence

$$D^{*}(x_{n}, x_{n}, v) < \frac{1}{2}D^{*}(x_{n}, x_{n}, v) + \frac{1}{2}D^{*}(v, v, Tx_{n})$$
$$\leq \frac{1}{2}D^{*}(x_{n}, x_{n}, v) + \frac{1}{2}D^{*}(x_{n}, x_{n}, v)$$
$$= D^{*}(x_{n}, x_{n}, v).$$

This is a contradiction. Hence for every $n \in \mathbb{N}$, either

$$\frac{1}{2}D^*(x_n, x_n, Tx_n) < D^*(x_n, x_n, v) \text{ or } \frac{1}{2}D^*(Tx_n, Tx_n, T^2x_n) < D^*(Tx_n, Tx_n, v),$$

holds. By assumption, either $\tau + F(D^*(Tx_n, Tx_n, Tv)) \leq F(D^*(x_n, x_n, v))$ or

$$\tau + F(D^*(T^2x_n, T^2x_n, Tv)) \le F(D^*(Tx_n, Tx_n, v)),$$

holds. Hence one of the following holds:

* There exists an infinite subset *I* of \mathbb{N} such that $\tau + F(D^*(Tx_n, Tx_n, Tv)) \leq F(D^*(x_n, x_n, v))$ for all $n \in I$.

* There exists an infinite subset *J* of \mathbb{N} such that $\tau + F(D^*(T^2x_n, T^2x_n, Tv)) \leq F(D^*(Tx_n, Tx_n, Tv))$ for all $n \in J$.

In the first case, we obtain

$$F(D^*(Tx_n, Tx_n, Tv)) \le F(D^*(x_n, x_n, v)) - \tau,$$

$$F(D^*(Tx_n, Tx_n, Tv)) < F(D^*(x_n, x_n, v)).$$

Hence from (GF_1) , we have

$$D^*(Tx_n, Tx_n, Tv) < D^*(x_n, x_n, v),$$

$$D^*(v,v,Tv) = \lim_{n \in I, n \to \infty} D^*(Tx_n, Tx_n, Tv) \le \lim_{n \in I, n \to \infty} D^*(x_n, x_n, v) = 0$$

Also, in the second case, we obtain

$$F(D^*(T^2x_n, T^2x_n, Tv)) \leq F(D^*(Tx_n, Tx_n, v)) - \tau,$$

therefore

$$F(D^*(T^2x_n, T^2x_n, Tv)) < F(D^*(Tx_n, Tx_n, v)),$$

So from (GF_1) , we have

$$D^*(T^2x_n, T^2x_n, Tv) < D^*(Tx_n, Tx_n, v),$$

and

$$D^*(v, v, Tv) = \lim_{n \in J, n \to \infty} D^*(T^2 x_n, T^2 x_n, Tv)$$
$$\leq \lim_{n \in J, n \to \infty} D^*(T x_n, Tx_n, v) = 0.$$

Hence, *v* is a fixed point of *T*. *T* has at most one fixed point. Indeed, if $x_1^*, x_2^* \in X, Tx_1^* = x_1^* \neq x_2^* = Tx_2^*$. Then we get

$$D^*(x_1^*, x_1^*, Tx_1^*) = 0, \ \tau \le F(D^*(x_1^*, x_1^*, x_2^*)) - F(D^*(Tx_1^*, Tx_1^*, Tx_2^*)) = 0.$$

This is a contradiction.

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The authors declare that there is no conflict of interests.

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