

## FIBER PICARD OPERATORS

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**Abstract.** The purpose of this article is to give a fiber Picard operator theorem in generalized metric spaces.

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### 1 Introduction

In this paper we consider the following notion of generalized metric space, given by A.Branciari [1]:

**Definition 1.1** *Let  $X$  be a set and  $d : X \times X \rightarrow \mathbb{R}_+$  a mapping such that:*

(i) *for all  $x, y \in X$   $d(x, y) = 0 \Leftrightarrow x = y$ ;*

(ii) *for all  $x, y \in X$   $d(x, y) = d(y, x)$ ;*

(iii) *for all  $x, y \in X$  and for all  $z, w \in X$ , each of them different from  $x$  and  $y$ , one has*

$$d(x, y) \leq d(x, z) + d(z, w) + d(w, y).$$

*Then we will say that  $(X, d)$  is a generalized metric space (g.m.s.).*

**Remark 1.1** . *The related definitions of balls, Cauchy sequences and completeness of a g.m.s. are the same as in the standard metric spaces. In [1] Branciari generalized the Banach contraction mapping principle for such g.m.s.*

Our purpose is to give a fiber Picard operator theorem (see I. A. Rus [2] and [3]) in g.m.s.

### 2 Main results

**Definition 2.1** *Let  $(X, d)$  be a g.s.m. An operator  $A : X \rightarrow X$  is Picard operator if there exists  $x^* \in X$  such that  $F_A = \{x^*\}$  and the sequence  $(A^n(x))_{n \in \mathbb{N}}$  converges to  $x^*$  for all  $x \in X$ .*

**Definition 2.2** Let  $(X, d)$  be a g.s.m. An operator  $A : X \rightarrow X$  is weakly Picard operator if the sequence  $(A^n(x))_{n \in \mathbb{N}}$  converges for all  $x \in X$  and the limit  $x^*(x)$  is a fixed point of  $A$ .

For a weakly Picard operator  $A$ , we will consider the following operator:

$$A^\infty : X \rightarrow X, \quad A^\infty(x) := \lim_{n \rightarrow \infty} A^n(x) = x^*(x)$$

**Lemma 2.1** Let  $(X, d)$  be a complete g.m.s. and  $A_n, A : X \rightarrow X$ ,  $n \in \mathbb{N}$  some operators. We suppose that:

- (i) the sequence  $(A_n)_{n \in \mathbb{N}}$  pointwise converges to  $A$ ;
- (ii) there exists  $a \in ]0, 1[$  such that the operators  $A_n$  and  $A$ ,  $n \in \mathbb{N}$ , are  $a$ -contractions.

Then the sequence  $(A_n \circ A_{n-1} \circ \dots \circ A_0)_{n \in \mathbb{N}}$  pointwise converges to  $A^\infty$ .

**Proof.** Since  $A$  is a contraction in g.m.s., it follows from Theorem 2.1 in [1] that  $A$  has a unique fixed point; let it be  $x^*$ . Then  $A^\infty(x) = x^*$ , for all  $x \in X$ .

Let  $x \in X$ . We have:

$$\begin{aligned} d(A_n A_{n-1} \dots A_0(x), x^*) &\leq d(A_n A_{n-1} \dots A_0(x), A_n A_{n-1} \dots A_0(x^*)) + \\ &+ d(A_n A_{n-1} \dots A_0(x^*), A_n A_{n-1} \dots A_1(x^*)) + d(A_n A_{n-1} \dots A_1(x^*), x^*) \leq \\ &\leq a^{n+1} d(x, x^*) + a^n d(A_0(x^*), x^*) + d(A_n A_{n-1} \dots A_1(x^*), x^*) \end{aligned}$$

We have two cases:

I.  $n=2k$ . Then:

$$\begin{aligned} d(A_{2k} A_{2k-1} \dots A_0(x), x^*) &\leq a^{2k+1} d(x, x^*) + \sum_{i=0}^{2k} a^{2k-i} d(A_i(x^*), x^*) - \\ &- [a^{2k-1} d(A_1(x^*), x^*) + a^{2k} d(A_0(x^*), x^*)] + d(A_{2k} A_{2k-1}(x^*), x^*) \end{aligned}$$

where the sum tends to 0, by Cauchy Lemma, and the others terms also tend to zero when  $k$  tends to infinity.

II.  $n=2k+1$ . Then:

$$d(A_{2k+1} A_{2k} \dots A_0(x), x^*) \leq a^{2k+2} d(x, x^*) + \sum_{i=0}^{2k+1} a^{2k+1-i} d(A_i(x^*), x^*) \xrightarrow[k \rightarrow \infty]{} 0$$

**Lemma 2.2** Let  $(X, d)$  and  $(Y, \rho)$  be two g.m.s.,  $(x_n)_{n \in \mathbb{N}} \subset X$ ,  $x^* \in X$  and  $f : X \times Y \rightarrow Y$  an operator. We suppose that:

- (i)  $x_n \xrightarrow[n \rightarrow \infty]{} x^*$ ;
- (ii) the operator  $f(\cdot, y) : X \rightarrow Y$  is continuous for all  $y \in Y$ ;
- (iii) there exists  $a \in ]0, 1[$  such that the operator  $f(x, \cdot) : Y \rightarrow Y$  is an  $a$ -contraction for all  $x \in X$ ;
- (iv)  $(Y, \rho)$  is a complete g.s.m.

Then the sequence defined by

$$y_{n+1} = f(x_n, y_n), \quad y_1 = y, \quad n \in \mathbb{N}$$

converges to  $y^*$ , the unique fixed point of  $f(x^*, \cdot)$ , for all  $y \in Y$ .

**Proof.** We take  $A_n, A : Y \rightarrow Y$ ;  $A_n(y) = f(x_n, y)$ ,  $A(y) = f(x^*, y)$  and the proof follows from Lemma 1.1.

The main result is:

**Theorem 2.1** *Let  $(X, d)$  and  $(Y, \rho)$  be two complete g.m.s.,  $B : X \rightarrow X$ ,  $C : X \times Y \rightarrow Y$  two operators such that:*

- (i)  $B : X \rightarrow X$  is a Picard operator;
- (ii) the operator  $C(\cdot, y) : X \rightarrow Y$  is continuous for all  $x \in X$ ;
- (iii) there exists  $a \in ]0, 1[$  such that the operator  $C(x, \cdot) : Y \rightarrow Y$  is an  $a$ -contraction for all  $x \in X$ .

Then

$$A : X \times Y \rightarrow X \times Y, A(x, y) := (B(x), C(x, y))$$

is a Picard operator with the unique fixed point  $(x^*, y^*)$ , where  $x^*$  is the fixed point of  $B$  and  $y^*$  is the fixed point of  $C(x^*, \cdot)$ .

**Proof.** We have  $A^n(x, y) = (B^n(x), CA^{n-1}(x, y))$  and taking the sequences  $x_n := B^n(x) \xrightarrow[n \rightarrow \infty]{} x^* \forall x \in X$  and  $y_n := CA^{n-1}(x, y) \forall (x, y) \in X \times Y$

it follows that  $y_{n+1} = C(x_n, y_n)$ .

We are in the hypothesis of Lemma 1.1., so

$$y_n \xrightarrow[n \rightarrow \infty]{} y^* \text{ and } A^n(x, y) \xrightarrow[n \rightarrow \infty]{} (x^*, y^*).$$

The concept of g.m.s. can be generalized in the following way:

**Definition 2.3** *Let  $X$  be a set,  $\nu \in \mathbb{N}$  and  $d : X \times X \rightarrow \mathbb{R}_+$  a mapping such that:*

- (i) and (ii) from Definition 1. ;
- (iii) for all  $x, y \in X$  and for all distinct  $z_i \in X$ ,  $i = \overline{1, \nu}$ , each of them different from  $x$  and  $y$ ,  $z_0 := x$ ,  $z_{\nu+1} := y$ , one has

$$d(x, y) \leq \sum_{i=0}^{\nu} d(z_i, z_{i+1}).$$

Then we will say that  $(X, d)$  is a generalized metric space of order  $\nu$  ( $\nu$ -g.m.s.).

*Remark.* The Banach mapping contraction principle and the fiber Picard operator theorem in  $\nu$ -g.m.s. are similar with the corresponding ones in g.m.s.

The proof of Lemma 1.1. in  $\nu$ -g.m.s. is similar with the proof in g.m.s. We will have:

$$\begin{aligned} d(A_n A_{n-1} \dots A_0(x), x^*) &\leq d(A_n A_{n-1} \dots A_0(x), A_n A_{n-1} \dots A_0(x^*)) + \\ &\quad + d(A_n A_{n-1} \dots A_0(x^*), A_n A_{n-1} \dots A_1(x^*)) + \dots + \\ &\quad + d(A_n A_{n-1} \dots A_{\nu-2}(x^*), A_n A_{n-1} \dots A_{\nu-1}(x^*)) + d(A_n A_{n-1} \dots A_{\nu-1}(x^*), x^*) \leq \\ &\leq a^{n+1} d(x, x^*) + \sum_{i=0}^{\nu-2} a^{n-i} d(A_i(x^*), x^*) + d(A_n A_{n-1} \dots A_{\nu-1}(x^*), x^*) \end{aligned}$$

There are  $\nu$  cases, so we take  $n = \nu k + l$ ,  $k \in \mathbb{N}$ ,  $l = \overline{0, \nu - 1}$

$$d(A_{\nu k+l} \dots A_0(x), x^*) \leq a^{\nu k+l+1} d(x, x^*) + \sum_{i=0}^{\nu k+l} a^{\nu k+l-i} d(A_i(x^*), x^*) -$$

$$- \sum_{i=\nu k-2}^{\nu k+l} a^{\nu k+l-i} d(A_i(x^*), x^*) + d(A_{\nu k+l} \dots A_{\nu k-1}(x^*), x^*) \xrightarrow[k \rightarrow \infty]{} 0.$$

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