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Some Fixed Point Theorems for Prešić-Hardy-Rogers Type Contractions in Metric Spaces

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We introduce some generalizations of Prešić type contractions and establish some fixed point theorems for mappings satisfying Prešić-Hardy-Rogers type contractive conditions in metric spaces. Our results generalize and extend several known results in metric spaces. Some examples are included which illustrate the cases when new results can be applied while old ones cannot.

1. Introduction

The well-known Banach contraction mapping principle states that if (X, d) is a complete metric space and $T : X \rightarrow X$ is a self-mapping such that

$$d(Tx, Ty) \leq \lambda d(x, y) \quad (1)$$

for all $x, y \in X$, where $0 \leq \lambda < 1$, then there exists a unique $x \in X$ such that $Tx = x$. This point x is called the fixed point of mapping T .

On the other hand, for mappings $T : X \rightarrow X$, Kannan [1] introduced the contractive condition:

$$d(Tx, Ty) \leq \lambda [d(x, Tx) + d(y, Ty)], \quad (2)$$

for all $x, y \in X$, where $\lambda \in [0, 1/2)$ is a constant and proved a fixed point theorem using (2) instead of (1). The conditions (1) and (2) are independent, as it was shown by two examples in [2].

Reich [3], for mappings $T : X \rightarrow X$, generalized Banach and Kannan fixed point theorems, using contractive condition:

$$d(Tx, Ty) \leq \alpha d(x, y) + \beta d(x, Tx) + \gamma d(y, Ty), \quad (3)$$

for all $x, y \in X$, where α, β, γ are nonnegative constants with $\alpha + \beta + \gamma < 1$. An example in [3] shows that the condition (3) is a proper generalization of (1) and (2).

For mapping $T : X \rightarrow X$ Chatterjea [4] introduced the contractive condition:

$$d(Tx, Ty) \leq \lambda [d(x, Ty) + d(y, Tx)], \quad (4)$$

for all $x, y \in X$, where $\lambda \in [0, 1/2)$ is a constant and proved a fixed point result using (4).

Ćirić [5], for mappings $T : X \rightarrow X$, generalized all above mappings, using contractive condition:

$$d(Tx, Ty) \leq \alpha d(x, y) + \beta d(x, Tx) + \gamma d(y, Ty) + \delta [d(x, Ty) + d(y, Tx)], \quad (5)$$

for all $x, y \in X$, where $\alpha, \beta, \gamma, \delta$ are nonnegative constants with $\alpha + \beta + \gamma + 2\delta < 1$. A mapping satisfying (5) is called Generalized contraction.

Hardy and Rogers [6], for mappings $T : X \rightarrow X$, used the contractive condition:

$$d(Tx, Ty) \leq \alpha d(x, y) + \beta d(x, Tx) + \gamma d(y, Ty) + \delta d(x, Ty) + \mu d(y, Tx), \quad (6)$$

for all $x, y \in X$, where $\alpha, \beta, \gamma, \delta, \mu$ are nonnegative constants with $\alpha + \beta + \gamma + \delta + \mu < 1$ and proved fixed point result. Note that condition (6) generalizes all the previous conditions.

In 1965, Prešić [7, 8] extended Banach contraction mapping principle to mappings defined on product spaces and proved the following theorem.

Theorem 1. *Let (X, d) be a complete metric space, k a positive integer, and $f : X^k \rightarrow X$ a mapping satisfying the following contractive type condition:*

$$d(f(x_1, x_2, \dots, x_k), f(x_2, x_3, \dots, x_{k+1})) \leq \sum_{i=1}^k q_i d(x_i, x_{i+1}), \tag{7}$$

for every $x_1, x_2, \dots, x_{k+1} \in X$, where q_1, q_2, \dots, q_k are non-negative constants such that $q_1 + q_2 + \dots + q_k < 1$. Then there exists a unique point $x \in X$ such that $f(x, x, \dots, x) = x$. Moreover if x_1, x_2, \dots, x_k are arbitrary points in X and for $n \in \mathbb{N}$,

$$x_{n+k} = f(x_n, x_{n+1}, \dots, x_{n+k-1}), \tag{8}$$

then the sequence $\{x_n\}$ is convergent and $\lim x_n = f(\lim x_n, \lim x_n, \dots, \lim x_n)$.

Note that condition (7) in the case $k = 1$ reduces to the well-known Banach contraction mapping principle. So, Theorem 1 is a generalization of the Banach fixed point theorem. Some generalizations and applications of Prešić theorem can be seen in [9–18].

The k -step iterative sequence given by (8) represents a nonlinear difference equation and the solution of this equation can be assumed to be a fixed point of f ; that is, solution of (8) is a point $x^* \in X$ such that $x^* = f(x^*, x^*, \dots, x^*)$. The Prešić theorem insures the convergence of the sequence $\{x_n\}$ defined by (8) and provides a sufficient condition for the existence of solution of (8) in the case when mapping f satisfies the condition (7). A condition, independent from (7); namely, the Prešić-Kannan condition, is considered in [11] (for the proof of independency of these conditions in case $k = 1$, we refer [1, 2]). In this paper, we introduce some generalizations of Prešić type contractions in metric spaces and use a more general condition; namely, the Prešić-Hardy-Rogers type condition, to prove the existence of fixed point of f in metric spaces. We note that this condition generalizes the result of Prešić [7, 8], Păcurar [11], Hardy and Rogers [6], and several known results in metric spaces. Some examples are included which illustrate the cases when new results can be applied while old ones cannot.

2. Some Generalizations of Prešić Type Contractions

In this section, we introduced some Prešić type contractions in metric spaces.

Let (X, d) be a metric space, k a positive integer, and $f : X^k \rightarrow X$ be a mapping.

(i) f is said to be a Prešić contraction if f satisfies the condition (7).

(ii) f is said to be a Prešić-Kannan contraction (see [11] for detail) if f satisfies following condition:

$$d(f(x_1, x_2, \dots, x_k), f(x_2, x_3, \dots, x_{k+1})) \leq \beta \sum_{i=1}^{k+1} d(x_i, f(x_i, x_i, \dots, x_i)) \tag{9}$$

for all $x_1, x_2, \dots, x_k, x_{k+1} \in X$, where

$$0 \leq \beta k(k+1) < 1. \tag{10}$$

(iii) f is said to be a Prešić-Reich contraction if f satisfies following condition:

$$d(f(x_1, x_2, \dots, x_k), f(x_2, x_3, \dots, x_{k+1})) \leq \sum_{i=1}^k \alpha_i d(x_i, x_{i+1}) + \sum_{i=1}^{k+1} \beta_i d(x_i, f(x_i, x_i, \dots, x_i)) \tag{11}$$

for all $x_1, x_2, \dots, x_k, x_{k+1} \in X$, where α_i, β_i are non-negative constants such that

$$\sum_{i=1}^k \alpha_i + k \sum_{i=1}^{k+1} \beta_i < 1. \tag{12}$$

(iv) f is said to be a Prešić-Chatterjea contraction if f satisfies following condition:

$$d(f(x_1, x_2, \dots, x_k), f(x_2, x_3, \dots, x_{k+1})) \leq \gamma \sum_{i=1, i \neq j}^{k+1} \sum_{j=1}^{k+1} d(x_i, f(x_j, x_j, \dots, x_j)) \tag{13}$$

for all $x_1, x_2, \dots, x_k, x_{k+1} \in X$, where

$$0 \leq \gamma k^2(k+1) < 1. \tag{14}$$

(v) f is said to be a Generalized-Prešić contraction if f satisfies following condition:

$$d(f(x_1, x_2, \dots, x_k), f(x_2, x_3, \dots, x_{k+1})) \leq \sum_{i=1}^k \alpha_i d(x_i, x_{i+1}) + \sum_{i=1}^{k+1} \beta_i d(x_i, f(x_i, x_i, \dots, x_i)) + \beta \sum_{i=1, i \neq j}^{k+1} \sum_{j=1}^{k+1} d(x_i, f(x_j, x_j, \dots, x_j)) \tag{15}$$

for all $x_1, x_2, \dots, x_k, x_{k+1} \in X$, where α_i, β_i, β are nonnegative constants such that

$$\sum_{i=1}^k \alpha_i + k \sum_{i=1}^{k+1} \beta_i + \beta k^2 (k + 1) < 1. \tag{16}$$

(vi) f is said to be a Prešić-Hardy-Rogers contraction if f satisfies following condition:

$$\begin{aligned} & d(f(x_1, x_2, \dots, x_k), f(x_2, x_3, \dots, x_{k+1})) \\ & \leq \sum_{i=1}^k \alpha_i d(x_i, x_{i+1}) \\ & + \sum_{i=1}^{k+1} \sum_{j=1}^{k+1} \beta_{i,j} d(x_i, f(x_j, x_j, \dots, x_j)) \end{aligned} \tag{17}$$

for all $x_1, x_2, \dots, x_k, x_{k+1} \in X$, where $\alpha_i, \beta_{i,j}$ are non-negative constants such that

$$\sum_{i=1}^k \alpha_i + k \sum_{i=1}^{k+1} \sum_{j=1}^{k+1} \beta_{i,j} < 1. \tag{18}$$

Remark 2. Note that for $\beta_{i,j} = \beta$ for all $i, j \in \{1, 2, \dots, k, k+1\}$ with $i \neq j$ and $\beta_{i,i} = \beta_i$ for all $i \in \{1, 2, \dots, k, k+1\}$, the Prešić-Hardy-Rogers contraction reduces into the Generalized-Prešić contraction. With $\beta = 0$, the Generalized-Prešić contraction reduces into the Prešić-Reich contraction and with $\alpha_i = 0$ for all $i \in \{1, 2, \dots, k\}$, $\beta_i = 0$ for all $i \in \{1, 2, \dots, k, k+1\}$, and $\beta = \gamma$, the Generalized-Prešić contraction reduces into the Prešić-Chatterjea contraction. With $\alpha_i = 0$ for all $i \in \{1, 2, \dots, k\}$, the Prešić-Reich contraction reduces into the Prešić-Kannan contraction and with $\beta_i = 0$ for all $i \in \{1, 2, \dots, k, k+1\}$, the Prešić-Reich contraction reduces into the Prešić contraction. Therefore among all above definitions, the Prešić-Hardy-Rogers contraction is the most general contraction.

Remark 3. It is easy to see that for $k = 1$, Prešić-Hardy-Rogers contraction reduces into Hardy-Rogers contraction and for $k = 1$, Generalized-Prešić contraction reduces into Generalized contraction and so forth; therefore, the comparison as considered in [19] shows that the above generalization is proper.

Now, we shall prove some fixed point results for Prešić-Hardy-Rogers type contractions in metric spaces.

3. Main Results

The following theorem is the fixed point result for Prešić-Hardy-Rogers type contractions and the main result of this paper.

Theorem 4. Let (X, d) be any complete metric space, k a positive integer. Let $f : X^k \rightarrow X$ be a Prešić-Hardy-Rogers contraction, then f has a unique fixed point in X .

Proof. Let $x_0 \in X$ be arbitrary. Define a sequence $\{x_n\}$ in X by

$$x_{n+1} = f(x_n, \dots, x_n), \quad n \geq 0. \tag{19}$$

If $x_n = x_{n+1}$ for any n then x_n is a fixed point of f . Therefore we assume $x_n \neq x_{n+1}$ for all n .

We shall show that this sequence is a Cauchy sequence in X .

For simplicity, set

$$d_i = d(x_i, x_{i+1}), \quad D_{i,j} = d(x_i, f(x_j, \dots, x_j)) \tag{20}$$

$\forall i, j \geq 1.$

For any $n \geq 0$, we obtain

$$\begin{aligned} d_{n+1} & = d(x_{n+1}, x_{n+2}) \\ & = d(f(x_n, \dots, x_n), f(x_{n+1}, \dots, x_{n+1})) \\ & \leq d(f(x_n, \dots, x_n), f(x_n, \dots, x_n, x_{n+1})) \\ & \quad + d(f(x_n, \dots, x_n, x_{n+1}), f(x_n, \dots, x_n, x_{n+1}, x_{n+1})) \\ & \quad + \dots + d(f(x_n, x_{n+1}, \dots, x_{n+1}), f(x_{n+1}, \dots, x_{n+1})), \end{aligned} \tag{21}$$

using (17), it follows from above inequality that

$$\begin{aligned} d_{n+1} & \leq \left\{ \alpha_k d_n + \left[\sum_{j=1}^k \beta_{1,j} + \sum_{j=1}^k \beta_{2,j} + \dots + \sum_{j=1}^k \beta_{k,j} \right] D_{n,n} \right. \\ & \quad + \left[\sum_{i=1}^k \beta_{i,k+1} \right] D_{n,n+1} + \left[\sum_{j=1}^k \beta_{k+1,j} \right] D_{n+1,n} \\ & \quad \left. + \beta_{k+1,k+1} D_{n+1,n+1} \right\} \\ & \quad + \left\{ \alpha_{k-1} d_n \right. \\ & \quad + \left[\sum_{j=1}^{k-1} \beta_{1,j} + \sum_{j=1}^{k-1} \beta_{2,j} + \dots + \sum_{j=1}^{k-1} \beta_{k-1,j} \right] D_{n,n} \\ & \quad + \left[\sum_{i=1}^{k-1} \beta_{i,k} + \sum_{i=1}^{k-1} \beta_{i,k+1} \right] D_{n,n+1} \\ & \quad + \left[\sum_{j=1}^{k-1} \beta_{k,j} + \sum_{j=1}^{k-1} \beta_{k+1,j} \right] D_{n+1,n} \\ & \quad \left. + \left[\sum_{j=k}^{k+1} \beta_{k,j} + \sum_{j=k}^{k+1} \beta_{k+1,j} \right] D_{n+1,n+1} \right\} \\ & \quad + \dots \end{aligned}$$

$$\begin{aligned}
 & + \left\{ \alpha_1 d_n + \beta_{1,1} D_{n,n} \right. \\
 & + \left[\sum_{j=2}^{k+1} \beta_{1,j} \right] D_{n,n+1} + \left[\sum_{i=2}^{k+1} \beta_{i,1} \right] D_{n+1,n} \\
 & \left. + \left[\sum_{j=2}^{k+1} \beta_{2,j} + \sum_{j=2}^{k+1} \beta_{3,j} + \cdots + \sum_{j=2}^{k+1} \beta_{k+1,j} \right] D_{n+1,n+1} \right\}, \tag{22}
 \end{aligned}$$

that is,

$$\begin{aligned}
 d_{n+1} & \leq \left[\sum_{i=1}^k \alpha_i \right] d_n \\
 & + \left\{ \left[\sum_{i=1}^k \sum_{j=1}^k \beta_{i,j} \right] D_{n,n} + \left[\sum_{i=1}^k \beta_{i,k+1} \right] D_{n,n+1} \right. \\
 & \left. + \left[\sum_{j=1}^k \beta_{k+1,j} \right] D_{n+1,n} + \beta_{k+1,k+1} D_{n+1,n+1} \right\} \\
 & + \left\{ \left[\sum_{i=1}^{k-1} \sum_{j=1}^{k-1} \beta_{i,j} \right] D_{n,n} + \left[\sum_{i=1}^{k-1} \sum_{j=k}^{k+1} \beta_{i,j} \right] D_{n,n+1} \right. \\
 & \left. + \left[\sum_{i=k}^{k+1} \sum_{j=1}^{k-1} \beta_{i,j} \right] D_{n+1,n} + \left[\sum_{i=k}^{k+1} \sum_{j=k}^{k+1} \beta_{i,j} \right] D_{n+1,n+1} \right\} \\
 & + \cdots \\
 & + \left\{ \beta_{1,1} D_{n,n} + \left[\sum_{j=2}^{k+1} \beta_{1,j} \right] D_{n,n+1} \right. \\
 & \left. + \left[\sum_{i=2}^{k+1} \beta_{i,1} \right] D_{n+1,n} + \left[\sum_{i=2}^{k+1} \sum_{j=2}^{k+1} \beta_{i,j} \right] D_{n+1,n+1} \right\}, \tag{23}
 \end{aligned}$$

that is,

$$\begin{aligned}
 d_{n+1} & \leq \left[\sum_{i=1}^k \alpha_i \right] d_n \\
 & + \left[\sum_{j=1}^k \sum_{i=1}^k \beta_{i,j} + \sum_{i=1}^{k-1} \sum_{j=1}^{k-1} \beta_{i,j} + \cdots + \sum_{i=1}^2 \sum_{j=1}^2 \beta_{i,j} + \beta_{1,1} \right] D_{n,n} \\
 & + \left[\sum_{i=1}^k \beta_{i,k+1} + \sum_{i=1}^{k-1} \sum_{j=k}^{k+1} \beta_{i,j} + \cdots + \sum_{i=1}^2 \sum_{j=3}^{k+1} \beta_{i,j} + \sum_{j=2}^{k+1} \beta_{1,j} \right] D_{n,n+1} \\
 & + \left[\sum_{j=1}^k \beta_{k+1,j} + \sum_{i=k}^{k+1} \sum_{j=1}^{k-1} \beta_{i,j} + \cdots + \sum_{i=3}^{k+1} \sum_{j=1}^2 \beta_{i,j} + \sum_{i=2}^{k+1} \beta_{i,1} \right] D_{n+1,n}
 \end{aligned}$$

$$\begin{aligned}
 & + \left[\sum_{i=2}^{k+1} \sum_{j=2}^{k+1} \beta_{i,j} + \sum_{i=3}^{k+1} \sum_{j=3}^{k+1} \beta_{i,j} + \cdots + \sum_{i=k}^{k+1} \sum_{j=k}^{k+1} \beta_{i,j} + \beta_{k+1,k+1} \right] D_{n+1,n+1} \\
 & = Ad_n + BD_{n,n} + CD_{n,n+1} + ED_{n+1,n} + FD_{n+1,n+1}, \tag{24}
 \end{aligned}$$

where $A, B, C, E,$ and F are the coefficients of $d_n, D_{n,n}, D_{n,n+1}, D_{n+1,n},$ and $D_{n+1,n+1},$ respectively, in the above inequality.

By definition, $D_{n,n} = d(x_n, f(x_n, \dots, x_n)) = d(x_n, x_{n+1}) = d_n,$ $D_{n,n+1} = d(x_n, f(x_{n+1}, \dots, x_{n+1})) = d(x_n, x_{n+2}),$ $D_{n+1,n} = d(x_{n+1}, f(x_n, \dots, x_n)) = d(x_{n+1}, x_{n+1}) = 0,$ $D_{n+1,n+1} = d(x_{n+1}, f(x_{n+1}, \dots, x_{n+1})) = d(x_{n+1}, x_{n+2}) = d_{n+1},$ therefore

$$\begin{aligned}
 d_{n+1} & \leq Ad_n + Bd_n + Cd(x_n, x_{n+2}) + Fd_{n+1} \\
 & \leq Ad_n + Bd_n + Cd(x_n, x_{n+1}) + Cd(x_{n+1}, x_{n+2}) + Fd_{n+1} \\
 & = (A + B + C) d_n + (C + F) d_{n+1}, \tag{25}
 \end{aligned}$$

that is,

$$(1 - C - F) d_{n+1} \leq (A + B + C) d_n. \tag{26}$$

Again, as $d_{n+1} = d(x_n, x_{n+1}) = d(x_{n+1}, x_n),$ interchanging the role of x_n and $x_{n+1},$ and repeating above process, we obtain

$$(1 - E - B) d_{n+1} \leq (A + F + E) d_n. \tag{27}$$

It follows from (26) and (27) that

$$\begin{aligned}
 (2 - B - C - E - F) d_{n+1} & \leq (2A + B + C + E + F) d_n, \\
 d_{n+1} & \leq \frac{2A + B + C + E + F}{2 - B - C - E - F} d_n, \\
 d_{n+1} & \leq \lambda d_n, \tag{28}
 \end{aligned}$$

where $\lambda = (2A + B + C + E + F)/(2 - B - C - E - F).$

Using (18), we obtain

$$\begin{aligned}
 A + B + C + E + F & = \sum_{i=1}^k \alpha_i + \sum_{i=1}^k \sum_{j=1}^k \beta_{i,j} + \sum_{i=1}^{k-1} \sum_{j=1}^{k-1} \beta_{i,j} + \cdots + \sum_{i=1}^2 \sum_{j=1}^2 \beta_{i,j} + \beta_{1,1} \\
 & + \sum_{i=1}^k \beta_{i,k+1} + \sum_{i=1}^{k-1} \sum_{j=k}^{k+1} \beta_{i,j} + \cdots + \sum_{i=1}^2 \sum_{j=3}^{k+1} \beta_{i,j} + \sum_{j=2}^{k+1} \beta_{1,j} \\
 & + \sum_{j=1}^k \beta_{k+1,j} + \sum_{i=k}^{k+1} \sum_{j=1}^{k-1} \beta_{i,j} + \cdots + \sum_{i=3}^{k+1} \sum_{j=1}^2 \beta_{i,j} + \sum_{i=2}^{k+1} \beta_{i,1} \\
 & + \sum_{i=2}^{k+1} \sum_{j=2}^{k+1} \beta_{i,j} + \sum_{i=3}^{k+1} \sum_{j=3}^{k+1} \beta_{i,j} + \cdots + \sum_{i=k}^{k+1} \sum_{j=k}^{k+1} \beta_{i,j} + \beta_{k+1,k+1} \\
 & = \sum_{i=1}^k \alpha_i + k \sum_{i=1}^{k+1} \sum_{j=1}^{k+1} \beta_{i,j} \\
 & < 1. \tag{29}
 \end{aligned}$$

So $0 \leq \lambda < 1$. By (28), we obtain

$$d_{n+1} \leq \lambda^{n+1}d_0 \quad \forall n \geq 0. \tag{30}$$

Suppose $n, m \in \mathbb{N}$ with $m > n$. Then

$$\begin{aligned} d(x_n, x_m) &\leq d(x_n, x_{n+1}) + d(x_{n+1}, x_{n+2}) + \dots + d(x_{m-1}, x_m) \\ &= d_n + d_{n+1} + \dots + d_{m-1} \\ &\leq \lambda^n d_0 + \lambda^{n+1} d_0 + \dots + \lambda^{m-1} d_0 \\ &\leq \frac{\lambda^n}{1 - \lambda} d_0, \end{aligned} \tag{31}$$

as $0 \leq \lambda < 1$, it follows from the above inequality that $\lim_{n \rightarrow \infty} d(x_n, x_m) = 0$. Therefore $\{x_n\}$ is a Cauchy sequence. By completeness of X , there exists $u \in X$ such that $\lim_{n \rightarrow \infty} x_n = u$.

We shall show that u is the fixed point of f . Note that

$$\begin{aligned} d(u, f(u, \dots, u)) &\leq d(u, x_{n+1}) + d(x_{n+1}, f(u, \dots, u)) \\ &= d(u, x_{n+1}) + d(f(x_n, \dots, x_n), f(u, \dots, u)), \end{aligned} \tag{32}$$

using a similar process as used in the calculation of d_{n+1} , we obtain

$$\begin{aligned} d(u, f(u, \dots, u)) &\leq d(u, x_{n+1}) + Ad(x_n, u) + Bd(x_n, f(x_n, \dots, x_n)) \\ &\quad + Cd(x_n, f(u, \dots, u)) + Ed(u, f(x_n, \dots, x_n)) \\ &\quad + Fd(u, f(u, \dots, u)) \\ &\leq d(u, x_{n+1}) + Ad(x_n, u) + Bd(x_n, x_{n+1}) + Cd(x_n, u) \\ &\quad + Cd(u, f(u, \dots, u)) + Ed(u, x_{n+1}) \\ &\quad + Fd(u, f(u, \dots, u)), \end{aligned} \tag{33}$$

that is,

$$\begin{aligned} d(u, f(u, \dots, u)) &\leq \frac{A + B + C}{1 - C - F} d(x_n, u) + \frac{1 + B + E}{1 - C - F} d(x_{n+1}, u). \end{aligned} \tag{34}$$

Using the fact that $\lim_{n \rightarrow \infty} x_n = u$, it follows from the above inequality that

$$d(u, f(u, \dots, u)) = 0 \quad \text{that is, } f(u, \dots, u) = u. \tag{35}$$

Thus u is a fixed point of f . For uniqueness, let v be another fixed point of f , that is, $f(v, \dots, v) = v$. Again using a similar process as used in the calculation of d_{n+1} , we obtain

$$\begin{aligned} d(u, v) &\leq Ad(u, v) + Bd(u, f(u, \dots, u)) \\ &\quad + Cd(u, f(v, \dots, v)) + Ed(v, f(u, \dots, u)) \\ &\quad + Fd(v, f(v, \dots, v)) \\ &= (A + C + E) d(u, v), \end{aligned} \tag{36}$$

as $A + B + C + E + F < 1$, we obtain $d(u, v) = 0$, that is, $u = v$. Thus fixed point is unique. \square

Remark 5. For $k = 1$ in the above theorem, we obtain the result of Hardy and Rogers [6]. For $\beta_{i,j} = 0$ for all $i, j \in \{1, 2, \dots, k, k + 1\}$, we obtain the fixed point result of Prešić. Therefore, above theorem is a generalization of the results of Hardy and Rogers and Prešić.

With Remark 2, the following corollaries are obtained.

Corollary 6. *Let (X, d) be any complete metric space, k a positive integer, and $f : X^k \rightarrow X$ a Generalized Prešić contraction. Then f has a unique fixed point in X .*

For $k = 1$ in above corollary, we obtain the fixed point result of Ćirić [5].

Corollary 7. *Let (X, d) be any complete metric space, k a positive integer, and $f : X^k \rightarrow X$ a Prešić-Reich contraction. Then f has a unique fixed point in X .*

For $k = 1$ in the above corollary, we obtain the fixed point result of Reich [3].

Corollary 8. *Let (X, d) be any complete metric space, k a positive integer, and $f : X^k \rightarrow X$ a Prešić-Kannan contraction. Then f has a unique fixed point in X .*

For $k = 1$ in above the corollary, we obtain the fixed point result of Kannan [2].

Corollary 9. *Let (X, d) be any complete metric space, k a positive integer, and $f : X^k \rightarrow X$ a Prešić-Chatterjea contraction. Then f has a unique fixed point in X .*

For $k = 1$ in above corollary, we obtain the fixed point result of Chatterjea [4].

The following are some examples which illustrate the cases when known results are not applicable, while our new results can be used to conclude the existence of fixed point of mapping.

Example 10. Let $X = [0, 1]$ with usual metric. For $k = 2$ define $f : X^2 \rightarrow X$ by

$$f(x, y) = \begin{cases} \frac{1}{5}, & \text{if } x = y = 1; \\ \frac{x+y}{5}, & \text{otherwise.} \end{cases} \quad (37)$$

Then

- (i) f is a Prešić-Reich contraction with $\alpha_1 = \alpha_2 = 1/5, \beta_1 = \beta_2 = \beta_3 = 1/11$;
- (ii) f is not a Prešić contraction;
- (iii) f is not a Prešić-Kannan contraction.

Proof. (i) Note that for $x_1, x_2, x_3 \in [0, 1]$ with $x_1 \leq x_2 \leq x_3$,

$$\begin{aligned} d(f(x_1, x_2), f(x_2, x_3)) &= d\left(\frac{x_1 + x_2}{5}, \frac{x_2 + x_3}{5}\right) = \frac{x_3 - x_1}{5} \\ &= \frac{1}{5} [(x_2 - x_1) + (x_3 - x_2)] \\ &= \frac{1}{5} [d(x_1, x_2) + d(x_2, x_3)] \\ &= \frac{1}{5} \sum_{i=1}^2 d(x_i, x_{i+1}). \end{aligned} \quad (38)$$

Therefore conditions (11) and (12) are satisfied for $\alpha_1 = \alpha_2 = 1/5$ and $\beta_1, \beta_2, \beta_3$ with $\beta_1 + \beta_2 + \beta_3 \in [0, 3/10]$.

If any one of x_1, x_2, x_3 is 1 then proof is similar. If any two of x_1, x_2, x_3 are 1, for example, if $x_1 \in [0, 1]$ and $x_2 = x_3 = 1$, then

$$\begin{aligned} d(f(x_1, x_2), f(x_2, x_3)) &= d(f(x_1, 1), f(1, 1)) = d\left(\frac{x_1 + 1}{5}, \frac{1}{5}\right) \\ &= \frac{x_1 + 1}{5} - \frac{1}{5} = \frac{x_1}{5} \\ \frac{1}{11} \sum_{i=1}^3 d(x_i, f(x_i, x_i)) &= \frac{1}{11} [d(x_1, f(x_1, x_1)) + d(x_2, f(x_2, x_2)) \\ &\quad + d(x_3, f(x_3, x_3))] \\ &= \frac{1}{11} \left[\frac{3x_1}{5} + \frac{4}{5} + \frac{4}{5} \right] = \frac{1}{55} [3x_1 + 8]. \end{aligned} \quad (39)$$

As $x_1 \in [0, 1]$, so conditions (11) and (12) are satisfied for $\beta_1 = \beta_2 = \beta_3 = 1/11$ and α_1, α_2 with $\alpha_1 + \alpha_2 \in [0, 5/11]$.

Similarly in all possible cases conditions (11) and (12) are satisfied with $\alpha_1 = \alpha_2 = 1/5, \beta_1 = \beta_2 = \beta_3 = 1/11$. Therefore f is a Prešić-Reich contraction. All other conditions of Corollary 7 are satisfied and 0 is the unique fixed point of f .

(ii) Note that for $x_1 = 9/10$ and $x_2 = x_3 = 1$

$$\begin{aligned} d(f(x_1, x_2), f(x_2, x_3)) &= d\left(\frac{19}{50}, \frac{1}{5}\right) = \frac{9}{50} \\ \sum_{i=1}^2 \alpha_i d(x_i, x_{i+1}) &= \alpha_1 d(x_1, x_2) + \alpha_2 d(x_2, x_3) \\ &= \alpha_1 d\left(\frac{9}{10}, 1\right) + \alpha_2 d(1, 1) = \frac{1}{10} \alpha_1. \end{aligned} \quad (40)$$

Therefore, we cannot find nonnegative constants α_1, α_2 such that condition (7) is satisfied with $\alpha_1 + \alpha_2 < 1$. So f is not a Prešić contraction.

(iii) Again for $x_1 = x_2 = 0, x_3 = 1$

$$\begin{aligned} d(f(x_1, x_2), f(x_2, x_3)) &= d\left(0, \frac{1}{5}\right) = \frac{1}{5} \\ \beta \sum_{i=1}^3 d(x_i, f(x_i, x_i)) &= \beta [d(x_1, f(x_1, x_1)) + d(x_2, f(x_2, x_2)) \\ &\quad + d(x_3, f(x_3, x_3))] \\ &= \beta \left[d(0, 0) + d(0, 0) + d\left(1, \frac{1}{5}\right) \right] = \frac{4}{5} \beta. \end{aligned} \quad (41)$$

Therefore, we cannot find nonnegative constant β such that conditions (9) and (10) are satisfied. So f is not a Prešić-Kannan contraction. \square

Remark 11. In the above example, we cannot apply the result of Prešić [7, 8] and Păcurar [11] to conclude the existence of fixed point of f . But Corollary 7 is applicable which insures the existence of unique fixed point of f .

Example 12. Let $X = [0, 1]$ with usual metric. For $k = 2$, define $f : X^2 \rightarrow X$ by

$$f(x, y) = \begin{cases} \frac{4}{15}, & \text{if } x = y = 1; \\ 0, & \text{otherwise.} \end{cases} \quad (42)$$

Then

- (i) f is a Prešić-Chatterjea contraction with $\gamma \in [1/13, 1/12]$;
- (ii) f is not a Prešić contraction;
- (iii) f is not a Prešić-Kannan contraction.

Proof. (i) Note that if $x_1, x_2, x_3 \in [0, 1]$ or any one of x_1, x_2, x_3 is 1, then conditions (17) and (18) are satisfied trivially.

If any two of x_1, x_2, x_3 are 1, for example, if $x_1 \in [0, 1)$, $x_2 = x_3 = 1$, then

$$\begin{aligned}
 & d(f(x_1, x_2), f(x_2, x_3)) \\
 &= d(f(x_1, 1), f(1, 1)) \\
 &= d\left(0, \frac{4}{15}\right) = \frac{4}{15} \\
 & \gamma \sum_{i=1, i \neq j}^3 \sum_{j=1}^3 d(x_i, f(x_j, x_j)) \\
 &= \gamma \left[d\left(x_1, \frac{4}{15}\right) + d\left(x_1, \frac{4}{15}\right) \right. \\
 & \quad + d(1, 0) + d\left(1, \frac{4}{15}\right) \\
 & \quad \left. + d(1, 0) + d\left(1, \frac{4}{15}\right) \right] \\
 &= \gamma \left[2 \left| x_1 - \frac{4}{15} \right| + 2 + \frac{22}{15} \right] \\
 &= \gamma \left[2 \left| x_1 - \frac{4}{15} \right| + \frac{52}{15} \right] \\
 &\leq \gamma \frac{52}{15}.
 \end{aligned} \tag{43}$$

Therefore conditions (13) and (14) are satisfied with $\gamma \in [1/13, 1/12)$. Also all other conditions of Corollary 9 are satisfied and f has a unique fixed point 0.

(ii) For $x_1 = 9/10, x_2 = 1, x_3 = 1$, we have

$$\begin{aligned}
 & d(f(x_1, x_2), f(x_2, x_3)) \\
 &= d\left(f\left(\frac{9}{10}, 1\right), f(1, 1)\right) = d\left(0, \frac{4}{15}\right) = \frac{4}{15} \\
 & \sum_{i=1}^2 \alpha_i d(x_i, x_{i+1}) \\
 &= \alpha_1 d(x_1, x_2) + \alpha_2 d(x_2, x_3) = \alpha_1 \frac{1}{10}.
 \end{aligned} \tag{44}$$

Therefore we cannot find nonnegative constants α_1, α_2 such that condition (7) is satisfied with $\alpha_1 + \alpha_2 < 1$. So f is not a Prešić contraction.

(iii) For $x_1 = 0, x_2 = x_3 = 1$, we have

$$\begin{aligned}
 & d(f(x_1, x_2), f(x_2, x_3)) \\
 &= d(f(0, 1), f(1, 1)) = d\left(0, \frac{4}{15}\right) = \frac{4}{15} \\
 & \beta \sum_{i=1}^3 d(x_i, f(x_i, x_i)) \\
 &= \beta [d(x_1, f(x_1, x_1)) + d(x_2, f(x_2, x_2)) \\
 & \quad + d(x_3, f(x_3, x_3))] = \beta \frac{22}{15}.
 \end{aligned} \tag{45}$$

Therefore we cannot find nonnegative constant β such that conditions (9) and (10) are satisfied. So f is not a Prešić-Kannan contraction. \square

Remark 13. In the above example, we cannot apply the result of Prešić [7, 8] and Păcurar [11] to conclude the existence of fixed point of f . But Corollary 9 is applicable which insures the existence of unique fixed point of f .

The following theorem is a consequence of Theorem 4 and the recent result of Aydi et al. [20].

Theorem 14. Let (X, d) be any complete metric space and k a positive integer. Let $f : X^k \rightarrow X$ and $T : X \rightarrow X$ be two mappings such that the following condition holds:

$$\begin{aligned}
 & d(Tf(x_1, x_2, \dots, x_k), Tf(x_2, x_3, \dots, x_{k+1})) \\
 & \leq \sum_{i=1}^k \alpha_i d(Tx_i, Tx_{i+1}) \\
 & \quad + \sum_{i=1}^{k+1} \sum_{j=1}^{k+1} \beta_{i,j} d(Tx_i, Tf(x_j, x_j, \dots, x_j))
 \end{aligned} \tag{46}$$

for all $x_1, x_2, \dots, x_k, x_{k+1} \in X$, where $\alpha_i, \beta_{i,j}$ are nonnegative constants such that

$$\sum_{i=1}^k \alpha_i + k \sum_{i=1}^{k+1} \sum_{j=1}^{k+1} \beta_{i,j} < 1 \tag{47}$$

and T is continuous, injective, and sequentially convergent. Then f has a unique fixed point in X .

Proof. Define a mapping $\rho : X \times X \rightarrow [0, \infty)$ by

$$\rho(x, y) = d(Tx, Ty) \quad \forall x, y \in X. \tag{48}$$

Then (X, ρ) is a complete metric space (see [20]). Note that condition (46) reduces to the condition (17); that is, mapping f reduces to Prešić-Hardy-Rogers contraction with respect to metric ρ . So the rest of the proof followed Theorem 4. \square

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