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## ABSTRACT

In the present paper we give results to show that a fixed power of a mapping satisfying generalized contraction type of condition of Pal and Maiti [4] or Das [1] or Jaggi [2] is a contraction of Banach type under some given conditions. In another section we generalize further the result of Sastry and Naidu [6] considering two mappings on a metric space and get a result where a fixed power of a composite map is a contraction under a given condition. The result is based on the idea of generalized orbit (to be introduced later) of two mappings.

## 1. INTRODUCTION

After the mid half of the last decade the Banach contraction theorem has been generalized in different ways by many authors and as a result we have many generalized contractive mappings on a metric space. Recently Rao [5] gave a result, which reduces the  $n$ th (fixed) power of a generalized Kannan type mapping to be the Banach contraction under a condition given by him. We further go ahead in this direction and show that the  $n$ th (fixed) power of a mapping satisfying generalized contraction type of condition of Pal and Maiti [4] and Jaggi [2] becomes a contraction of Banach type under a given condition.

**Theorem 1.** Let  $T$  be a mapping on a metric space  $(X, d)$  into itself satisfying any one of the following three inequalities

- (i)  $d(x, Tx) + d(y, Ty) \leq \beta \{d(x, Ty) + d(y, Tx) + d(x, y)\}$ ,  $\frac{1}{2} \leq \beta < \frac{3}{8}$
- (ii)  $d(x, Tx) + d(y, Ty) + d(Tx, Ty) \leq \gamma \{d(x, Ty) + d(y, Tx)\}$ ,  $1 \leq \gamma < \frac{3}{2}$
- (iii)  $d(Tx, Ty) \leq \alpha \frac{d(x, Tx)d(y, Ty)}{d(x, y)} + \beta d(x, y)$ ,  $x \neq y$ ,  $0 \leq \alpha + \beta < 1$

with  $d(x, p) < d(x, Tx) + d(Tx, p)$  or,

$$d(Tx, p) < d(Tx, x) + d(x, p) \text{ for all } x \neq p (=Tp) \in X.$$

Further if there exists  $h > 0$  such that

$$d(x, Tx) + d(y, Ty) \leq h d(x, y), \quad x \neq y \quad (1)$$

then  $T^n$  is a contraction for a large  $n$  in all the above three cases.

**Proof.** Let  $x_0$  be any arbitrary point in  $X$ , we define a sequence  $\{x_n\}$  as follows.

$$x_1 = Tx_0, x_2 = Tx_1, \dots, x_n = Tx_{n-1} = T^n x_0, \dots$$

Then from [4] and [2] it is easy to see that  $\{x_n\}$  is a Cauchy sequence in all the above three cases. Now assuming  $X$  to be complete we get a point  $t$  in  $X$  such that  $x_n \rightarrow t$  in each case. Further for any positive integer  $p$  we have

$$\begin{aligned} d(x_n, x_{n+p}) &\leq d(x_n, x_{n+1}) + d(x_{n+1}, x_{n+2}) + \dots + d(x_{n+p-1}, x_{n+p}) \\ &\leq \frac{\lambda^n}{1-\lambda} d(x_0, Tx_0) \end{aligned}$$

where  $\lambda = \frac{2\beta-1}{1-\beta}$ ,  $\frac{\gamma-1}{2-\gamma}$  and  $\frac{\beta}{1-\alpha}$  in case (i), (ii) and (iii)

respectively. Now as  $p$  tends to infinity we get,

$$d(T^n x_0, t) \leq \frac{\lambda^n}{1-\lambda} d(x_0, Tx_0) \quad (2)$$

Similarly for any arbitrary  $y_0$ , we can get

$$d(T^n y_0, t) \leq \frac{\lambda^n}{1-\lambda} d(y_0, Ty_0) \quad (3)$$

Adding (2) and (3) we get

$$\begin{aligned} d(T^n x_0, T^n y_0) &\leq \frac{\lambda^n}{1-\lambda} \{d(x_0, Tx_0) + d(y_0, Ty_0)\} \\ &\leq \frac{h\lambda^n}{1-\lambda} d(x_0, y_0) \end{aligned}$$

or,  $d(T^n x_0, T^n y_0) \leq M_n d(x_0, y_0)$

It easily follows that  $M_0 < 1$  for some large  $n$  and hence  $T^n$  is a contraction in each case.

Next suppose that  $X$  is not complete. Then in case (i)

$$\begin{aligned} d(Tx, Ty) &\leq d(Tx, x) + d(x, y) + d(y, Ty) \\ &\leq \beta \{d(x, Ty) + d(y, Tx) + d(x, y)\} + d(x, y) \\ &\leq \{\beta (h+3) + 1\} d(x, y) \end{aligned}$$

since  $d(x, Ty) + d(y, Tx) \leq (h+2)d(x, y)$  from (1). Next in case (ii) we have

$$\begin{aligned} 2d(Tx, Ty) &= d(Tx, Ty) + d(Tx, Ty) \\ &\leq d(Tx, x) + d(x, y) + d(y, Ty) + d(Tx, Ty) \\ &\leq \gamma \{d(x, Ty) + d(y, Tx)\} + d(x, y) \\ &\leq \{\gamma(h+2) + 1\} d(x, y) \end{aligned}$$

And in case (iii) we get

$$\begin{aligned} d(Tx, Ty) &\leq \frac{\alpha d(x, Tx)d(y, Ty)}{d(x, y)} + \beta d(x, y) \\ &\leq \frac{\alpha [\{d(x, Tx) + d(y, Ty)\}^2 - \{d(x, Tx) - d(y, Ty)\}^2]}{4} \cdot \frac{1}{d(x, y)} \\ &\quad + \beta d(x, y) \\ &\leq \frac{\alpha \{h d(x, y)\}^2}{4 d(x, y)} + \beta d(x, y) \\ &\leq \left( \frac{\alpha h^2}{4} + \beta \right) d(x, y) \end{aligned}$$

We see that in the above three cases  $T$  is uniformly continuous. Let  $\tilde{X}$  and  $\tilde{T}$  be the completions of  $X$  and  $T$  respectively. Then clearly  $\tilde{T}$  will satisfy the inequalities (including (1)) considered in the theorem and therefore it follows from what is proved above for  $T$  that  $\tilde{T}^n$  is a contraction for some large  $n$ . Hence  $T^n$  is a contraction for a large  $n$ .

In our next theorem we search for another condition under which  $(T^m)^n$ , where  $T^m$  satisfying inequality (A) of Theorem 1 of Das [1] is a contraction.

Theorem 2. Let  $T$  be a self mapping on a metric space  $(X, d)$ . Let  $T^m$  (denoting it by  $S$ ), for some positive integer  $m$ , satisfies

$$\begin{aligned} d(Sx, Sy) \leq & \alpha_1 \frac{d(x, Sx)d(y, Sy)}{d(x, y)} + \alpha_2 \frac{d(x, Sx)d(y, Sx)}{d(Sx, Sy)} \\ & + \alpha_3 \frac{d(x, Sy)d(y, Sy)}{d(Sx, Sy)} + \beta_1 d(x, y) + \\ & \beta_2 d(x, Sx) + \beta_3 d(y, Sy) + \beta_4 d(x, Sy) + \beta_5 d(y, Sx) \end{aligned}$$

for all  $x, y \in X$  with  $x \neq y$ ,  $Sx \neq Sy$  where  $\sum_{i=1}^3 \alpha_i + \sum_{j=1}^5 \beta_j < 1$   
 $\alpha_i, \beta_j > 0$ ,  $i = 1, 2, 3$  and  $j = 1, 2, \dots, 5$ .

If there exist  $h > 0$ ,  $k > 0$  such that

$$d(x, Sx) + d(y, Sy) \leq hd(x, y), \quad x \neq y \quad (4)$$

and

$$\frac{d(x, Sx)d(y, Sx)}{d(Sx, Sy)} + \frac{d(x, Sy)d(y, Sy)}{d(Sx, Sy)} \leq k d(x, y) d(Sx, Sy) \quad (5)$$

Then  $S^n$  is a contraction for some large  $n$ .

**Proof:** Without any loss of generality we take  $\alpha_2 = \alpha_3$ ,  $\beta_2 = \beta_3$ ,  $\beta_4 = \beta_5$ . Assuming  $X$  to be complete we get  $S^n$  is a contraction for some large  $n$  by arguments analogous to that used in the proof of Theorem 1. Now when  $X$  is not complete, we have

$$\begin{aligned} d(Sx, Sy) \leq & \frac{\alpha_1 d(x, Sx)d(y, Sy)}{d(x, y)} + \frac{\alpha_2 d(x, Sx)d(y, Sx)}{d(Sx, Sy)} \\ & + \frac{\alpha_2 d(x, Sy)d(y, Sy)}{d(Sx, Sy)} + \beta_1 d(x, y) + \beta_2 d(x, Sx) \\ & + \beta_2 d(y, Sy) + \beta_4 d(x, Sy) + \beta_4 d(y, Sx) \\ \leq & \frac{\alpha_1 \{h d(x, y)\}^2}{4d(x, y)} + \frac{\alpha_2 k d(x, y)d(Sx, Sy)}{d(Sx, Sy)} \\ & + \beta_1 d(x, y) + \beta_2 h d(x, y) + \beta_4 (h+2)d(x, y) \end{aligned}$$

$$\leq \left( \frac{\alpha_1 h^2}{4} + k \alpha_2 + \beta_1 + \beta_2 h + (h+2) \beta_4 \right) d(x,y)$$

$$\leq K d(x,y), \text{ where } 0 < K = \left( \frac{\alpha_1 h^2}{4} + \alpha_2 k + \beta_1 + \beta_2 h + \beta_4 (h+2) \right)$$

Thus S is uniformly continuous. Then the similar arguments as given in the proof of Theorem 1 lead that  $S^n$  is a contraction for some large n.

2. In what follows we give a generalization of Theorem 1 of Sastry and Naidu [6]. In the generalized contraction of a single mapping of [6] has been extended further for two mappings involving two different composite structures and then we show that a fixed powers of these composite maps respectively again are contractions under a given condition. The concept of generalized orbit of two mappings, which is defined below, is used in the theorem.

**Definition:** Let f, g be two self mappings of a complete metric space (X,d). Let  $F = g f$  be the composite map of f and g. Then the generalized orbit of a point  $x \in X$  is defined to be the sequence of iterates  $\{x, f(x), g f(x) = F(x), f F(x), F^2(x), f F^2(x), \dots\}$ ; to be denoted by  $D_g(x)$ .

**Theorem 3.** Let  $f, g : X \rightarrow X$ , where (X,d) is a metric space and f, g commute with each other. Let  $\delta(A)$  denotes the diameter of a non-empty subset A of X and for any x, y in X

$$\beta(x,y) = \inf_{1 \leq n < \infty} \{d(x, F^n x), d(x, F^n y), d(x, f F^{n-1} x),$$

$$d(x, f F^{n-1} y), d(y, F^n x), d(y, f F^{n-1} x), d(y, F^n y), d(y, f F^{n-1} y)\}$$

Further we suppose that

$$\delta(D_g(x)) < \infty \tag{6}$$

and

$$d(F x, F y) \leq \alpha \delta(D_g(x) \cup D_g(y)), 0 \leq \alpha < 1 \tag{7}$$

$$d(f F x, f F y) \leq \beta \delta(D_g(x) \cup D_g(y)), 0 \leq \beta < 1 \tag{8}$$

and there exists  $h > 0$  such that

$$\beta(x,y) \leq h d(x,y), x \neq y \tag{9}$$

Then  $F^n$  and  $f F^{n-1}$  ( $\equiv G$ ) are contractions for some large n.

**Proof:** Let  $A$  be a generalized invariant subset of  $X$  under  $f$  and  $g$ , then (7) and (8) implies that

$$\delta (F(A)) \leq \alpha \delta(A) \quad (10)$$

and

$$\delta (f F(A)) \leq \beta \delta (A) \quad (11)$$

Further for  $x, y \in X$ , let  $B = D_g(x) \cup D_g(y)$  such that  $B$  is  $F$  and  $f F$  invariant. Then from (10) and (11) we get

$$\delta (F^n (B)) \leq \alpha^n \delta(B) \quad \forall n \geq 1 \quad (12)$$

and

$$\delta (f F^{n-1} (B)) \leq \beta \alpha^{n-2} \delta (B) \quad \forall n > 1 \quad (13)$$

where

$$\begin{aligned} \delta (B) = \text{Sup}_{1 \leq n < \infty} \{ & d(x, F^n x), d(x, F^n y), d(x, f F^{n-1} x), \\ & d(x, f F^{n-1} y), d(y, F^n x), d(y, F^n y), \\ & d(y, f F^{n-1} x), d(y, f F^{n-1} y) \} \end{aligned} \quad (14)$$

Also  $\delta(B) < \infty$  by (6). Then for  $n \geq 1$  using (12) and (13) we get

$$d(x, F^n(x)) \leq d(x, y) + K(m) + \alpha \delta(B) \quad \forall m \geq 1 \quad (15)$$

where  $K(m)$  is any one of  $d(x, F^m x)$ ,  $d(x, F^m y)$ ,

$$d(x, f F^{m-1} x), d(x, f F^{m-1} y), d(y, F^m x), d(y, F^m y), d(y, f F^{m-1} x),$$

and

$$d(y, f F^{m-1} y). \text{ Take } K(m) = d(y, f F^{m-1} x)$$

for one verification. Then due to  $f g = g f$  we have

$$\begin{aligned} \text{and } d(x, F^n x) & \leq d(x, y) + d(y, f F^{m-1} x) + d(f F^{m-1} x, F^n x) \\ & \leq d(x, y) + d(y, f F^{m-1} x) + d(F^{m-1} (fx), F^n x) \\ & \leq d(x, y) + d(y, f F^{m-1} x) + \alpha \delta(B). \end{aligned}$$

Thus

$$d(x, F^n x) \leq d(x, y) + \beta(x, y) + \alpha \delta(B) \quad (16)$$

Further we observe that if the left hand side of (15) is replaced by any one of  $d(x, F^n y)$ ,  $d(x, f F^{n-1} x)$ ,  $d(x, f F^{n-1} y)$ ,  $d(y, F^n x)$ ,  $d(y, F^n y)$ ,  $d(y, f F^{n-1} x)$ ,  $d(y, f F^{n-1} y)$  it remains true. Hence from (14) we get

$$\delta(B) \leq d(x, y) + \beta(x, y) + \alpha \delta(B)$$



or,

$$\delta(B) \leq \frac{1}{(1-\alpha)} [d(x,y) + \beta(x,y)]$$

Then (12) and (13) further implies that

$$\delta(F^n(B)) \leq \frac{\alpha^n}{(1-\alpha)} [d(x,y) + \beta(x,y)] \leq \frac{\alpha^n(1+h)}{(1-\alpha)} d(x,y)$$

and

$$\delta(f F^{n-1}(B)) \leq \frac{\beta\alpha^{n-2}}{(1-\alpha)} [d(x,y) + \beta(x,y)] \leq \frac{\beta\alpha^{n-2}(1+h)}{(1-\alpha)} d(x,y)$$

for  $x \neq y$  from (9). Therefore we have

$$d(F^n x, F^n y) \leq L d(x,y) \quad \forall x,y \in X$$

and

$$d(f F^{n-1}x, f F^{n-1}y) \leq M d(x,y) \quad \forall x,y \in X$$

where  $L = \frac{\alpha^n(1+h)}{(1-\alpha)}$  and  $M = \frac{\beta\alpha^{n-2}(1+h)}{(1-\alpha)}$  are less than 1 for

some large  $n$  and hence  $F^n$  and  $f F^{n-1}$  are contractions for some large  $n$  and this completes the whole proof of the theorem.

**Example:** Let  $X = \{1,2,3,4\}$ ,  $d(1,2) = 4$ ,  $d(1,3) = 1.5$ ,  $d(1,4) = 2.6$ ,  $d(2,3) = 2.5$ ,  $d(2,4) = 1.4$ ,  $d(3,4) = 3$ .

Define  $T: X \rightarrow X$  by  $T(1) = 1$ ,  $T(2) = 3$ ,  $T(3) = T(4) = 1$ .

Then  $T$  satisfies condition (i) of Theorem 1 for  $\frac{8}{13} \leq \beta < \frac{2}{3}$

Clearly  $T$  is not a contraction (for the pair (2,4)) on  $X$  but we observe that  $T^2$  is a contraction.

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