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A New Fixed Point Theorem on Generalized Quasimetric Spaces

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We obtain a new fixed point theorem in generalized quasimetric spaces. This result generalizes, unify, enrich, and extend some theorems of well-known authors from metric spaces to generalized quasimetric spaces.

1. Introduction and Preliminaries

The concept of metric space, as an ambient space in fixed point theory, has been generalized in several directions. Some of such generalizations are quasimetric spaces, generalized metric spaces, and generalized quasimetric spaces.

The concept of quasimetric spaces is treated differently by many authors. In this paper our concept is in line with this treated in [1–6], and so forth and the triangular inequality $d(x, y) \leq d(x, z) + d(z, y)$ is replaced by quasi-triangular inequality:

$$d(x, y) \leq k[d(x, z) + d(z, y)], \quad k \geq 1. \quad (1.1)$$

In 2000 Branciari [7] introduced the concept of generalized metric spaces (gms) (the triangular inequality $d(x, y) \leq d(x, z) + d(z, y)$ is replaced by tetrahedral inequality $d(x, y) \leq d(x, z) + d(z, w) + d(w, y)$). Starting with the paper of Branciari, some classical metric fixed point theorems have been transferred to gms (see [8–13]).

Recently L. kikina and k. kikina [14] introduced the concept of generalized quasimetric space (gqms) on the lines of quasimetric space, where the tetrahedral inequality $d(x, y) \leq d(x, z) + d(z, w) + d(w, y)$ has been replaced by quasitetrahedral inequality $d(x, y) \leq k[d(x, z) + d(z, w) + d(w, y)]$. The well-known fixed point theorems of Banach and of Kannan have been transferred to such a space.

The metric spaces are a special case of generalized metric spaces and generalized metric spaces are a special case of generalized quasimetric spaces (for $k = 1$). Also, every qms is a gqms, while the converse is not true.

In gqms, contrary to a metric space, the “open” balls $B(a, r) = \{x \in X : d(x, a) < r\}$ are not always open sets, and consequently, a generalized quasidistance is not always continuous of its variables. The gqms is not always a Hausdorff space and the convergent sequence (x_n) in gqms is not always a Cauchy sequence (see Example 1.3).

Under this situation, it is reasonable to consider if some well-known fixed point theorems can be obtained in generalized quasimetric space.

The aim of this paper is to generalize, unify, and extend some theorems of well-known authors such as of Fisher and Popa, from metric spaces to generalized quasimetric spaces.

Let us start with the main definitions.

Definition 1.1 (see [7]). Let X be a set and $d : X^2 \rightarrow R^+$ a mapping such that for all $x, y \in X$ and for all distinct points $z, w \in X$, each of them different from x and y , one has

- (a) $d(x, y) = 0$ if and only if $x = y$,
- (b) $d(x, y) = d(y, x)$,
- (c) $d(x, y) \leq d(x, z) + d(z, w) + d(w, y)$ (tetrahedral inequality).

Then d is called a generalized metric and (X, d) is a generalized metric space (or shortly gms).

Definition 1.2 (see [14]). Let X be a set. A nonnegative symmetric function d defined on $X \cdot X$ is called a *generalized quasidistance* on X if and only if there exists a constant $k \geq 1$ such that for all $x, y \in X$ and for all distinct points $z, w \in X$, each of them different from x and y , the following conditions hold:

- (i) $d(x, y) = 0 \Leftrightarrow x = y$;
- (ii) $d(x, y) = d(y, x)$;
- (iii) $d(x, y) \leq k[d(x, z) + d(z, w) + d(w, y)]$.

Inequality (2.7) is often called *quasitetrahedral inequality* and k is often called the *coefficient* of d . A pair (X, d) is called a *generalized quasimetric space* if X is a set and d is a generalized quasidistance on X .

The set $B(a, r) = \{x \in X : d(x, a) < r\}$ is called “open” ball with center $a \in X$ and radius $r > 0$.

The family $\tau = \{Q \subset X : \forall a \in Q, \exists r > 0, B(a, r) \subset Q\}$ is a topology on X and it is called induced topology by the generalized quasidistance d .

The following example illustrates the existence of the generalized quasimetric space for an arbitrary constant $k \geq 1$.

Example 1.3 (see [14]). Let $X = \{1 - (1/n) : n = 1, 2, \dots\} \cup \{1, 2\}$. Define $d : X \cdot X \rightarrow R$ as follows:

$$d(x, y) = \begin{cases} 0, & \text{for } x = y, \\ \frac{1}{n}, & \text{for } x \in \{1, 2\}, \ y = 1 - \frac{1}{n} \text{ or } y \in \{1, 2\}, \ x = 1 - \frac{1}{n}, \ x \neq y, \\ 3k, & \text{for } x, y \in \{1, 2\}, \ x \neq y, \\ 1, & \text{otherwise.} \end{cases} \quad (1.2)$$

Then it is easy to see that (X, d) is a generalized quasimetric space and is not a generalized metric space (for $k > 1$).

Note that the sequence $(x_n) = (1 - (1/n))$ converges to both 1 and 2 and it is not a Cauchy sequence:

$$d(x_n, x_m) = d\left(1 - \frac{1}{n}, 1 - \frac{1}{m}\right) = 1, \quad \forall n, m \in N. \quad (1.3)$$

Since $B(1, r) \cap B(2, r) \neq \emptyset$ for all $r > 0$, the (X, d) is non-Hausdorff generalized metric space.

The function d is not continuous: $1 = \lim_{n \rightarrow \infty} d(1 - (1/n), 1/2) \neq d(1, 1/2) = 1/2$.

In [14] the following is proved.

Proposition 1.4. *If (X, d) is a quasimetric space, then (X, d) is a generalized quasimetric space. The converse proposition does not hold true.*

Definition 1.5. A sequence $\{x_n\}$ in a generalized quasimetric space (X, d) is called Cauchy sequence if $\lim_{n, m \rightarrow \infty} d(x_n, x_m) = 0$.

Definition 1.6. Let (X, d) be a generalized quasimetric space. Then one has the following.

- (1) A sequence $\{x_n\}$ in X is said to be convergent to a point $x \in X$ (denoted by $\lim_{n \rightarrow \infty} x_n = x$) if $\lim_{n \rightarrow \infty} d(x_n, x) = 0$.
- (2) It is called compact if every sequence contains a convergent subsequence.

Definition 1.7. A generalized quasimetric space (X, d) is called complete, if every Cauchy sequence is convergent.

Definition 1.8. Let (X, d) be a gqms and the coefficient of d is k .

A map $T : X \rightarrow X$ is called contraction if there exists $0 < c < 1/k$ such that

$$d(Tx, Ty) \leq cd(x, y) \quad \forall x, y \in X. \quad (1.4)$$

Definition 1.9. Let $T : X \rightarrow X$ be a mapping where X is a gqms. For each $x \in X$, let

$$O(x) = \{x, Tx, T^2x, \dots\}, \quad (1.5)$$

which will be called the orbit of T at x . The space X is said to be T -orbitally complete if and only if every Cauchy sequence which is contained in $O(x)$ converges to a point in X .

Definition 1.10. The set of all upper semicontinuous functions with 3 variables $f : R_+^3 \rightarrow R$ satisfying the following properties:

- (a) f is nondecreasing in respect to each variable,
- (b) $f(t, t, t) \leq t, t \in R_+$

will be noted by \mathbb{F}_3 and every such function will be called an \mathbb{F}_3 -function. Some examples of \mathbb{F}_3 -function are as follows:

- (1) $f(t_1, t_2, t_3) = \max\{t_1, t_2, t_3\},$
- (2) $f(t_1, t_2, t_3) = [\max\{t_1 t_2, t_2 t_3, t_3 t_1\}]^{1/2},$
- (3) $f(t_1, t_2, t_3) = [\max\{t_1^p, t_2^p, t_3^p\}]^{1/p}, p > 0,$
- (4) $f(t_1, t_2, t_3) = (at_1 t_2 + bt_2 t_3 + ct_3 t_1)^{1/2},$ where $a, b, c \geq 0$ and $a + b + c < 1$.

2. Main Result

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

Lemma 2.1. *Let (X, d) be a generalized quasimetric space and $\{x_n\}$ is a sequence of distinct point ($x_n \neq x_m$ for all $n \neq m$) in X . If $d(x_n, x_{n+1}) \leq c^n l, 0 \leq c < 1/k < 1$, for all $n \in N$ and $\lim_{n \rightarrow \infty} d(x_n, x_{n+2}) = 0$, then $\{x_n\}$ is a Cauchy sequence.*

Proof. If $m > 2$ is odd, then writing $m = 2p + 1, p \geq 1$, by quasitetrahedral inequality, we can easily show that

$$\begin{aligned}
 d(x_n, x_{n+m}) &\leq k[d(x_n, x_{n+1}) + d(x_{n+1}, x_{n+2}) + d(x_{n+2}, x_{n+m})] \\
 &\leq kd(x_n, x_{n+1}) + k^2 d(x_{n+1}, x_{n+2}) + k^2 d(x_{n+2}, x_{n+m}) \\
 &\leq kc^n l + k^2 c^{n+1} l + k^2 d(x_{n+2}, x_{n+m}) \leq \dots \\
 &\leq kc^n l + k^2 c^{n+1} l + k^3 c^{n+2} l + \dots + k^{m-1} c^{n+m-2} l + k^{m-1} c^{n+m-1} l \\
 &\leq kc^n l + k^2 c^{n+1} l + k^3 c^{n+2} l + \dots + k^{m-1} c^{n+m-2} l + k^m c^{n+m-1} l \\
 &\leq kc^n l [1 + kc + \dots + (kc)^{m-1}] = kc^n l \frac{1 - (kc)^m}{1 - kc} < kc^n l \frac{1}{1 - kc}.
 \end{aligned} \tag{2.1}$$

Therefore, $\lim_{n \rightarrow \infty} d(x_n, x_{n+m}) = 0$.

If $m > 2$ is even, then writing $m = 2p$, $p \geq 2$ and using the same arguments as before we can get

$$\begin{aligned}
d(x_n, x_{n+m}) &\leq k[d(x_n, x_{n+2}) + d(x_{n+2}, x_{n+3}) + d(x_{n+3}, x_{n+m})] \\
&\leq kd(x_n, x_{n+2}) + kc^{n+2}l + kd(x_{n+3}, x_{n+m}) \\
&\leq kd(x_n, x_{n+2}) + kc^{n+2}l + k^2[d(x_{n+3}, x_{n+4}) + d(x_{n+4}, x_{n+5}) + d(x_{n+5}, x_{n+m})] \leq \dots \\
&\leq kd(x_n, x_{n+2}) + kc^{n+2}l + k^2c^{n+3}l + \dots + k^{m-2}c^{n+m-1}l \\
&= kd(x_n, x_{n+2}) + kc^{n+2}l[1 + kc + \dots + (kc)^{m-3}] \\
&= kd(x_n, x_{n+2}) + kc^{n+2}l \frac{1 - (kc)^{m-2}}{1 - kc} \\
&< kd(x_n, x_{n+2}) + kc^{n+2}l \frac{1}{1 - kc}.
\end{aligned} \tag{2.2}$$

And so $\lim_{n \rightarrow \infty} d(x_n, x_{n+m}) = 0$. It implies that $\{x_n\}$ is a Cauchy sequence in X . This completes the proof of the lemma. \square

We state the following theorem.

Theorem 2.2. *Let (X, d) and (Y, ρ) be two generalized quasimetric spaces with coefficients k_1 and k_2 , respectively. Let T be a mapping of X into Y and S a mapping of Y into X satisfying the following inequalities:*

$$\begin{aligned}
d(Sy, STx) &\leq cf_1\{d(x, Sy), d(x, STx), \rho(y, Tx)\}, \\
\rho(Tx, TSy) &\leq cf_2\{\rho(y, Tx), \rho(y, TSy), d(x, Sy)\},
\end{aligned} \tag{2.3}$$

for all $x \in X$ and $y \in Y$, where $0 < c < 1/k \leq 1$, $k = \max\{k_1, k_2\}$, $f_1, f_2 \in \mathbb{F}_3$. If there exists $x_0 \in X$ such that $O(x_0)$ is ST -orbitally complete in X and $O(Tx_0)$ is TS -orbitally complete in Y , then ST has a unique fixed point α in X and TS has a unique fixed point β in Y . Further, $T\alpha = \beta$ and $S\beta = \alpha$.

Proof. Let x_0 be an arbitrary point in X . Define the sequences (x_n) and (y_n) inductively as follows:

$$x_n = Sy_n = (ST)^n x_0, \quad y_1 = Tx_0, \quad y_{n+1} = Tx_n = (TS)^n y_1, \quad n \geq 1. \tag{2.4}$$

Denote

$$d_n = d(x_n, x_{n+1}), \quad \rho_n = \rho(y_n, y_{n+1}), \quad n = 1, 2, \dots \tag{2.5}$$

Using the inequality (2) we get

$$\begin{aligned}\rho_n &= \rho(y_n, y_{n+1}) = \rho(Tx_{n-1}, TSy_n) \\ &\leq cf_2(\rho(y_n, y_n), \rho(y_n, y_{n+1}), d(x_{n-1}, x_n)) = cf_2(0, \rho_n, d_{n-1}).\end{aligned}\quad (2.6)$$

By this inequality and properties of f_2 , it follows that

$$\rho_n \leq cd_{n-1}. \quad (2.7)$$

Using the inequality (2.3) we have

$$\begin{aligned}d_n &= d(x_n, x_{n+1}) = d(Sy_n, STx_n) \\ &\leq cf_1(d(x_n, x_n), d(x_n, x_{n+1}), \rho(y_n, y_{n+1})) = cf_1(0, d_n, \rho_n),\end{aligned}\quad (2.8)$$

and so $d_n \leq c\rho_n$. By this inequality and (2.7) we obtain

$$d_n \leq c^2 d_{n-1} \leq cd_{n-1}. \quad (2.9)$$

Using the mathematical induction, by the inequalities (2.7) and (2.9), we get

$$d_n \leq c^n d(x_0, x_1), \quad \rho_n \leq c^n d(x_0, x_1). \quad (2.10)$$

So

$$\lim_{n \rightarrow \infty} d(x_n, x_{n+1}) = \lim_{n \rightarrow \infty} \rho(y_n, y_{n+1}) = 0. \quad (2.11)$$

Applying the inequality (2), we get

$$\begin{aligned}\rho(y_n, y_{n+2}) &= \rho(Tx_{n-1}, TSy_{n+1}) \\ &\leq cf_2(\rho(y_{n+1}, y_n), \rho(y_{n+1}, y_{n+2}), d(x_{n-1}, x_{n+1})) \\ &= cf_2(\rho_n, \rho_{n+1}, d(x_{n-1}, x_{n+1})) \leq c \max\{c^n d(x_0, x_1), d(x_{n-1}, x_{n+1})\},\end{aligned}\quad (2.12)$$

and so

$$\rho(y_n, y_{n+2}) \leq \max\{c^n d(x_0, x_1), cd(x_{n-1}, x_{n+1})\}. \quad (2.13)$$

Similarly, using (2.3), we obtain

$$d(x_n, x_{n+2}) \leq \max\{c^n d(x_0, x_1), cd(x_{n-1}, x_{n+1})\}. \quad (2.14)$$

Using the mathematical induction, we get

$$\begin{aligned} d(x_n, x_{n+2}) &\leq \max\{c^n d(x_0, x_1), c d(x_{n-1}, x_{n+1})\} \leq \max\{c^n d(x_0, x_1), c^2 d(x_{n-2}, x_n)\} \\ &\leq \cdots \leq \max\{c^n d(x_0, x_1), c^n d(x_0, x_2)\} = c^n \max\{d(x_0, x_1), d(x_0, x_2)\} = c^n l, \end{aligned} \quad (2.15)$$

and so

$$d(x_n, x_{n+2}) \leq c^n l, \quad \text{similarly } \rho(y_n, y_{n+2}) \leq c^n l, \quad (2.16)$$

where $l = \max\{d(x_0, x_1), d(x_0, x_2)\}$.

We divide the proof into two cases.

Case 1. Suppose $x_p = x_q$ for some $p, q \in N$, $p \neq q$. Let $p > q$. Then $(ST)^p x_0 = (ST)^{p-q} (ST)^q x_0 = (ST)^q x_0$; that is, $(ST)^n \alpha = \alpha$ where $n = p - q$ and $(ST)^q x_0 = \alpha$. Now if $n > 1$, by (2.10), we have

$$d(\alpha, ST\alpha) = d[(ST)^n \alpha, (ST)^{n+1} \alpha] \leq c^n d(\alpha, ST\alpha). \quad (2.17)$$

Since $0 < c < 1$, $d(\alpha, ST\alpha) = 0$. So $ST\alpha = \alpha$ and hence α is a fixed point of ST .

By the equality $x_p = x_q$ it follows that $y_{p+1} = y_{q+1}$. We take $\beta = (TS)^q T x_0$ and, in similar way, we prove that β is a fixed point of TS .

Case 2. Assume that $x_n \neq x_m$ for all $n \neq m$. Then, from (2.10), (2.16), and Lemma 2.1 is derived that $\{x_n\}$ is a Cauchy sequence in X . Since $O(x_0)$ is ST -orbitally complete, there exists $\alpha \in X$ such that $\lim_{n \rightarrow \infty} x_n = \alpha$. In the same way, we show that the sequence (y_n) is a Cauchy sequence and there exists a $\beta \in Y$ such that $\lim_{n \rightarrow \infty} y_n = \beta$.

We now prove that the limits α and β are unique. Suppose, to the contrary, that $\alpha' \neq \alpha$ is also $\lim_{n \rightarrow \infty} x_n$. Since $x_n \neq x_m$ for all $n \neq m$, there exists a subsequence (x_{n_k}) of (x_n) such that $x_{n_k} \neq \alpha$ and $x_{n_k} \neq \alpha'$ for all $k \in N$. Without loss of generality, assume that (x_n) is this subsequence. Then by Tetrahedral property of Definition 1.1 we obtain

$$d(\alpha, \alpha') \leq k[d(\alpha, x_n) + d(x_n, x_{n+1}) + d(x_{n+1}, \alpha')]. \quad (2.18)$$

Letting n tend to infinity we get $d(\alpha, \alpha') = 0$ and so $\alpha = \alpha'$, in the same way for β .

Let us prove now that α is a fixed point of ST . First we prove that $\beta = T\alpha$. In contrary, if $\beta \neq T\alpha$, the sequence (y_n) does not converge to $T\alpha$ and there exists a subsequence (y_{n_q}) of (y_n) such that $y_{n_q} \neq T\alpha$ for all $q \in N$. Then by Tetrahedral property of Definition 1.1 we obtain

$$\rho(\beta, T\alpha) \leq k[\rho(\beta, y_{n_{q-1}}) + \rho(y_{n_{q-1}}, y_{n_q}) + \rho(y_{n_q}, T\alpha)]. \quad (2.19)$$

Then if $q \rightarrow \infty$, we get

$$\rho(\beta, T\alpha) \leq k \lim_{q \rightarrow \infty} \rho(y_{n_q}, T\alpha). \quad (2.20)$$

Using the inequality (2), for $x = \alpha$ and $y = y_{n-1}$ we obtain

$$\begin{aligned}\rho(T\alpha, y_n) &= \rho(T\alpha, TSy_{n-1}) \leq cf_2(\rho(y_{n-1}, T\alpha), \rho(y_{n-1}, TSy_{n-1}), d(\alpha, Sy_{n-1})) \\ &= cf_2(\rho(y_{n-1}, T\alpha), \rho(y_{n-1}, y_n), d(\alpha, x_{n-1})).\end{aligned}\quad (2.21)$$

Letting n tend to infinity we get

$$\lim_{n \rightarrow \infty} \rho(T\alpha, y_n) \leq cf_2\left(\lim_{n \rightarrow \infty} \rho(y_{n-1}, T\alpha), 0, 0\right). \quad (2.22)$$

And so,

$$\lim_{n \rightarrow \infty} \rho(T\alpha, y_n) = 0. \quad (2.23)$$

Since $\lim_{n \rightarrow \infty} \rho(y_{n_q}, T\alpha) \leq \lim_{n \rightarrow \infty} \rho(T\alpha, y_n)$, by (2.23) and (2.20), we have $\rho(\beta, T\alpha) = 0$ and so

$$T\alpha = \beta. \quad (2.24)$$

It follows similarly that

$$S\beta = \alpha. \quad (2.25)$$

By (2.24) and (2.25) we obtain

$$ST\alpha = S\beta = \alpha, \quad TS\beta = T\alpha = \beta. \quad (2.26)$$

Thus, we proved that the points α and β are fixed points of ST and TS , respectively.

Let us prove now the uniqueness (for Cases 1 and 2 in the same time). Assume that $\alpha' \neq \alpha$ is also a fixed point of ST . By (2.3) for $x = \alpha'$ and $y = \beta$ we get

$$d(\alpha, \alpha') = d(S\beta, ST\alpha') \leq cf_1(d(\alpha', \alpha), 0, \rho(T\alpha, T\alpha')). \quad (2.27)$$

And so, we have

$$d(\alpha, \alpha') \leq c\rho(T\alpha, T\alpha'). \quad (2.28)$$

If $T\alpha \neq T\alpha'$, in similar way by (2) for $x = ST\alpha$ and $y = T\alpha'$, we have

$$\rho(T\alpha, T\alpha') \leq cd(\alpha, \alpha'). \quad (2.29)$$

By (2.28) and (2.29) we get $d(\alpha, \alpha') = 0$. Thus, we have again $\alpha = \alpha'$. The uniqueness of β follows similarly. This completes the proof of the theorem. \square

3. Corollaries

- (1) If $k_1 = k_2 = 1$, then by Theorem 2.2 we obtain [12, Theorem 2.1], that generalize and extend the well-known Fisher fixed point theorem [15] from metric space to generalized metric spaces.

For different expressions of f_1 and f_2 in Theorem 2.2 we get different theorems.

- (2) For $f_1 = f_2 = f$, where $f(t_1, t_2, t_3) = \max\{t_1, t_2, t_3\}$ we have an extension of Fisher's theorem [15] in generalized quasimetric spaces.
- (3) For $f_1 = f_2 = f$, where $f(t_1, t_2, t_3) = [\max\{t_1 t_2, t_2 t_3, t_3 t_1\}]^{1/2}$, we have an extension of Popa's theorem [13] in generalized quasimetric spaces.
- (4) For $f_1(t_1, t_2, t_3) = (a_1 t_1 t_2 + b_1 t_2 t_3 + c_1 t_3 t_1)^{1/2}$ and $f_2(t_1, t_2, t_3) = (a_2 t_1 t_2 + b_2 t_2 t_3 + c_2 t_3 t_1)^{1/2}$ we obtain an extension of Popa's Corollary [13] in generalized quasimetric spaces.

Remark 3.1. We can obtain many other similar results for different f .

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