

## LIPSCHITZ MAPPINGS IN METRIC-LIKE SPACES

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ABSTRACT. Pajoohesh introduced the concept of  $k$ -metric spaces and Hitzler and Seda defined the concept of metric-like spaces. Recently, Kopperman and Pajoohesh proved a fixed point theorem in complete  $k$ -metric spaces for a Lipschitz map with bound. In this paper, we prove a fixed point theorem in complete metric-like spaces for a Lipschitz map with bound.

### 1. Introduction and Preliminaries

Metric spaces has been generalized in many ways. Matthews [8] introduced partial metrics. His goal was to study the reality of finding closer and closer approximation to a given number and showing that contractive algorithms would serve to find these approximations. Moreover, Hitzler and Seda [5] defined the concept of metric-like (or dislocated metric) spaces which generalizes the concept of partial metric spaces. Later, Amini-Harandi [3] established some fixed point theorem in a class of metric-like spaces and many fixed point theorems on metric-like spaces have been proved([1], [2], [4], [6]).

DEFINITION 1.1. Let  $X$  be a non-empty set. Then a mapping  $d : X \times X \rightarrow [0, \infty)$  is called a *metric-like* if for any  $x, y, z \in X$ , the following conditions hold:

- (1)  $d(x, y) = 0$  implies  $x = y$ ,
- (2)  $d(x, y) = d(y, x)$ , and
- (3)  $d(x, z) \leq d(x, y) + d(y, z)$ .

In this case,  $(X, d)$  is called a *metric-like space*.

In [9],  $k$ -metric spaces were defined for some  $l$ -group applications, by weakening the metric triangle inequality.

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DEFINITION 1.2. Let  $X$  be a non-empty set and  $k$  a positive integer. Then a mapping  $d : X \times X \rightarrow [0, \infty)$  is called a  $k$ -metric if for any  $x, y, z \in X$ , the following conditions hold:

- (1)  $d(x, y) = 0$  if and only if  $x = y$ ,
- (2)  $d(x, y) = d(y, x)$ , and
- (3)  $d(x, z) \leq k[d(x, y) + d(y, z)]$ .

In this case,  $(X, d)$  is called a  $k$ -metric space.

DEFINITION 1.3. [7] Let  $(X, d)$  be a  $k$ -metric space,  $q$  a positive real number and  $f : X \rightarrow X$  a mapping. Then  $f$  is called a Lipschitz map with bound  $q$  if

$$d(f(x), f(y)) \leq qd(x, y)$$

for all  $x, y \in X$ .

Kopperman and Pajoohesh [7] proved the fixed point theorem for Lipschitz mapping in complete  $k$ -metric spaces.

Now, we define Lipschitz mappings with bound in metric-like spaces.

DEFINITION 1.4. Let  $(X, d)$  be a metric-like space,  $q$  a positive real number and  $f : X \rightarrow X$  a mapping. Then  $f$  is called a Lipschitz map with bound  $q$  if

$$d(f(x), f(y)) \leq q|d(x, y) - d(x, x)|$$

for all  $x, y \in X$ .

In this paper, we will show a fixed point theorem for Lipschitz mappings with bound in complete metric-like spaces and give some examples which are metric-like spaces but not  $k$ -metric spaces.

## 2. Fixed point theorems for Lipschitz mappings with bound

Let  $(X, d)$  be a metric-like space. For any  $x \in X$  and  $\epsilon > 0$ , let

$$B_d(x, \epsilon) = \{y \mid |d(x, y) - d(x, x)| < \epsilon\}.$$

LEMMA 2.1. [5] Let  $(X, d)$  be a metric-like space. Then we have the following:

- (1)  $\{B_d(x, \epsilon) \mid x \in X, \epsilon > 0\}$  is a base for some topology  $\tau_d$ ,
- (2)  $(X, \tau_d)$  is a  $T_0$ -space, and
- (3) a sequence  $\{x_n\}$  converges to  $x$  in  $(X, \tau_d)$  if and only if  $\lim_{n \rightarrow \infty} d(x_n, x) = d(x, x)$ .

Let  $(X, d)$  be a metric-like space. Then

- (1) a sequence  $\{x_n\}$  is called a *Cauchy sequence* in  $(X, d)$  if  $\lim_{m, n \rightarrow \infty} d(x_n, x_m)$  exists and finite and  
 (2)  $(X, d)$  is called *complete* if every Cauchy sequence in  $(X, d)$  is convergent in  $(X, \tau_d)$ .

LEMMA 2.2. *Let  $(X, d)$  be a metric-like space. Then we have*

$$|d(x, y) - d(x, x)| \leq d(x, y)$$

for all  $x, y \in X$ .

*Proof.* Since  $d(x, x) \geq 0$ , we have

$$d(x, y) - d(x, x) \leq d(x, y)$$

for all  $x, y \in X$  and

$$d(x, y) - d(x, x) \geq d(x, y) - (d(x, y) + d(x, y)) = -d(x, y)$$

for all  $x, y \in X$ . Hence one has the result.  $\square$

By Lemma 2.2 and induction, we have the following lemma.

LEMMA 2.3. *Let  $(X, d)$  be a metric-like space and  $f : X \rightarrow X$  a Lipschitz map with bound  $q$ . Then for any  $x \in X$  and any  $n \in \mathbb{N}$ , the following inequality holds:*

$$(2.1) \quad d(x, f^n(x)) \leq \sum_{i=0}^{n-1} q^i d(x, f(x)).$$

*Proof.* Clearly, (2.1) holds for  $n = 1$ . Suppose that (2.1) holds for some  $n \in \mathbb{N}$  with  $n \geq 2$ . Then by Lemma 2.2, we have

$$\begin{aligned} d(x, f^{n+1}(x)) &\leq d(x, f(x)) + d(f(x), f^{n+1}(x)) \\ &\leq d(x, f(x)) + q \left| d(x, f^n(x)) - d(x, x) \right| \\ &\leq d(x, f(x)) + q d(x, f^n(x)) \\ &\leq d(x, f(x)) + q \sum_{i=1}^n q^i d(x, f(x)) \\ &= \sum_{i=0}^n q^i d(x, f(x)). \end{aligned}$$

By induction, we have the result.  $\square$

LEMMA 2.4. Let  $(X, d)$  be a metric-like space and  $f : X \rightarrow X$  a Lipschitz map with bound  $q$ . Then for any  $\epsilon > 0$ , there is a  $\delta > 0$  such that

$$f[B_d(x, \delta)] \subseteq B_d(f(x), \epsilon).$$

*Proof.* Let  $\epsilon > 0$  and  $\delta = \frac{\epsilon}{q}$ . Then  $\delta > 0$  and take any  $y \in B_d(x, \delta)$ . Since  $|d(x, y) - d(x, x)| < \delta$ , by Lemma 2.2,

$$\begin{aligned} |d(f(x), f(y)) - d(f(x), f(x))| &\leq d(f(x), f(y)) \\ &\leq q \left| d(x, y) - d(x, x) \right| \\ &< q\delta = \epsilon \end{aligned}$$

and hence we have the result.  $\square$

Using Lemma 2.2, Lemma 2.3, and Lemma 2.4, we have the following fixed theorem.

THEOREM 2.5. Let  $(X, d)$  be a metric-like space and  $f : X \rightarrow X$  a Lipschitz map with bound  $q < 1$ . Then  $f$  has the unique fixed point  $z$  in  $X$  with  $d(z, z) = 0$ .

*Proof.* Let  $x \in X$  and  $\epsilon > 0$ . Since  $0 < q < 1$ , there is a positive integer  $l$  such that

$$(2.2) \quad \frac{q^l}{1-q} d(x, f(x)) < \epsilon.$$

For  $m > n \geq l$ , by Lemma 2.2, (2.2), and Lemma 2.3, we have

$$\begin{aligned} d(f^n(x), f^m(x)) &\leq q \left| d(f^{n-1}(x), f^{m-1}(x)) - d(f^{n-1}(x), f^{n-1}(x)) \right| \\ &\leq q d(f^{n-1}(x), f^{m-1}(x)) \\ &\leq q^n d(x, f^{m-n}(x)) \\ &\leq q^n \sum_{i=0}^{m-n-1} q^i d(x, f(x)) \\ &< \frac{q^n}{1-q} d(x, f(x)) < \epsilon. \end{aligned}$$

Hence  $\{f^n(x)\}$  is a Cauchy sequence in  $(X, d)$  and since  $(X, d)$  is a complete metric-like space, there is an  $y \in X$  such that

$$\lim_{n \rightarrow \infty} d(f^n(x), y) = d(y, y).$$

Now, we claim that  $\lim_{n \rightarrow \infty} d(f^n(x), f(y)) = d(f(y), f(y))$ . Let  $\delta > 0$ . By Lemma 2.4, there is an  $\eta > 0$

$$(2.3) \quad f[B_d(y, \eta)] \subseteq B_d(f(y), \delta).$$

Since  $\lim_{n \rightarrow \infty} d(f^n(x), y) = d(y, y)$ , there is a natural number  $l_0$  such that for any  $n \geq l_0$ ,

$$|d(f^n(x), y) - d(y, y)| < \eta$$

and by (2.3), for any  $n \geq l_0$ , we get

$$|d(f^{n+1}(x), f(y)) - d(f(y), f(y))| < \delta.$$

Hence we have

$$(2.4) \quad \lim_{n \rightarrow \infty} d(f^n(x), f(y)) = d(f(y), f(y)).$$

Let  $z = f(y)$ . Since  $f : X \rightarrow X$  is a Lipschitz map with bound  $q$ ,

$$d(z, z) = d(f(y), f(y)) \leq q|d(y, y) - d(y, y)| = 0$$

and hence  $d(z, z) = 0$ . Thus by (2.4), we get

$$(2.5) \quad \lim_{n \rightarrow \infty} d(f^n(x), z) = 0$$

Since  $d(z, z) = 0$ , we get

$$(2.6) \quad \begin{aligned} d(f(z), z) &\leq d(f(z), f^{n+1}(x)) + d(z, f^{n+1}(x)) \\ &\leq q|d(z, f^n(x)) - d(z, z)| + d(z, f^{n+1}(x)) \\ &\leq qd(z, f^n(x)) + d(z, f^{n+1}(x)). \end{aligned}$$

Letting  $n \rightarrow \infty$  in (2.6), by (2.5), we have

$$d(f(z), z) = 0$$

and so  $f(z) = z$ . Thus  $z$  is a fixed point of  $f$  with  $d(z, z) = 0$ .

To show the uniqueness of  $z$ , let  $w$  be another fixed point of  $f$  with  $d(w, w) = 0$ . Then

$$d(z, w) = d(f(z), f(w)) \leq q|d(z, w) - d(z, z)| = qd(z, w)$$

and since  $0 < q < 1$ ,  $d(z, w) = 0$ . Hence  $z = w$ .  $\square$

We will give an example which is complete metric-like but not  $k$ -metric.

EXAMPLE 2.6. Let  $X = \{0, 1, 2\}$  and  $d : X \times X \rightarrow [0, \infty)$  be a map defined by

$$\begin{aligned} d(0, 0) = d(1, 1) = 0, \quad d(0, 1) = d(1, 0) = 1, \\ d(0, 2) = d(2, 0) = \frac{3}{2}, \quad d(1, 2) = d(2, 1) = \frac{8}{5}, \quad d(2, 2) = \frac{1}{2}. \end{aligned}$$

Then  $(X, d)$  is a metric-like space but it is not a metric space. Hence  $(X, d)$  is not an 1-metric space. Clearly,  $(X, d)$  is a complete metric-like space.

Suppose that  $f$  is a Lipschitz mapping with bound  $q < 1$ . Then by Theorem 2.5, there is the unique fixed point  $z$  of  $f$  with  $d(z, z) = 0$ . By the definition of  $d$ ,  $z = 0$  or  $z = 1$ . If  $z = 1$ , then

$$\begin{aligned} d(f(0), 1) = d(f(0), f(1)) &\leq q|d(0, 1) - d(0, 0)| = q < 1, \\ d(f(0), 0) &\leq d(f(0), f(1)) + d(1, 0) = d(f(0), 1) = q < 1, \end{aligned}$$

and hence  $d(f(0), 1) = d(f(0), 0) = 0$ . That is,  $1 = f(0) = 0$  which is a contradiction and thus  $z = 0$ . Since

$$d(f(1), 0) = d(f(1), f(0)) \leq q|d(1, 0) - d(0, 0)| = q < 1,$$

and so  $f(1) = 0$ .

Thus  $f : X \rightarrow X$  is a Lipschitz mapping with bound  $q < 1$  if and only if  $f(0) = f(1) = 0$ .

EXAMPLE 2.7. Let  $A = \{2n | n \in \mathbb{N}\}$ ,  $B = \mathbb{N} - A$  and  $d : \mathbb{N} \times \mathbb{N} \rightarrow [0, \infty)$  a map defined by

$$d(x, y) = \begin{cases} 1 - \frac{2}{x}, & \text{if } x = y \in A, \\ 0, & \text{if } x = y \in B, \\ 1 + \frac{1}{x} + \frac{1}{y}, & \text{if } x \neq y \end{cases}$$

Then  $(\mathbb{N}, d)$  is a metric-like space but it is not a metric space. Hence  $(\mathbb{N}, d)$  is not an 1-metric space.

Now, we claim that  $(\mathbb{N}, d)$  is a complete metric-like space. Let  $\{x_n\}$  be a Cauchy sequence in  $(\mathbb{N}, d)$ . Then there is an  $l \in \mathbb{N}$  such that for any  $n, m \geq l$ ,

$$d(x_n, x_m) < \frac{1}{4}$$

and by the definition of  $d$ , for any  $n, m \geq l$ ,

$$x_n = x_m \in B \text{ or } x_n = x_m = 2.$$

Suppose that there are  $n, m \geq l$  such that  $x_m \in B$  and  $x_n = 2$ . Then  $d(x_n, x_m) > 1$  which is a contradiction. Hence either for any  $n \geq l$ ,  $x_n = 2t - 1$  for some  $t \in \mathbb{N}$  or for any  $n \geq l$ ,  $x_n = 2$ . Thus either

$$\lim_{n \rightarrow \infty} d(x_n, 2k - 1) = d(2k - 1, 2k - 1) = 0$$

or

$$\lim_{n \rightarrow \infty} d(x_n, 2) = d(2, 2) = 0.$$

Hence  $\{x_n\}$  is convergent in  $(\mathbb{N}, d)$  and thus  $(\mathbb{N}, d)$  is a complete metric-like space.

Let  $f : \mathbb{N} \rightarrow \mathbb{N}$  be a Lipschitz mapping with bound  $q$  ( $0 < q < 1$ ). By Theorem 2.5, there is a fixed point  $z$  of  $f$  with  $d(z, z) = 0$ . Since  $0 < q < 1$ , there is an  $l$  such that  $3q^l < \frac{1}{4}$ . For  $n \in \mathbb{N}$ , by Lemma 2.2, we have

$$d(f^l(n), z) = d(f^l(n), f^l(z)) \leq q^l d(n, z) < 3q^l < \frac{1}{4},$$

because  $d(a, b) < 3$  for all  $a, b \in \mathbb{N}$ . Hence  $f^l(n) = z$  and thus  $f^l$  is a constant map.

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