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Existence and Uniqueness of Fixed Points in MR-Metric Spaces and Their Applications

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Abstract. This paper investigates fixed-point theorems within MR-metric spaces, an extension of standard metric spaces, emphasizing the existence and uniqueness of fixed points for continuous mappings $S: \mathbb{X} \to \mathbb{X}$, where \mathbb{X} is a closed, bounded, and convex subset of a Banach space $(E, \|\cdot\|)$. The study establishes that if S satisfies a contractive condition involving the MR-metric with a constant $k \in [0,1)$, and a measure of noncompactness condition governed by a function ϕ where $\phi(t) < t$ for t > 0, then S possesses a unique fixed point v^* . The findings have significant applications in solving nonlinear integral equations, ensuring stability of iterative processes, optimization, game theory, economic equilibria, and boundary value problems, showcasing the versatility of MR-metric spaces in addressing noncompact settings and fixed-point problems.

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1. Introduction

Fixed-point theory represents a fundamental aspect of functional analysis, playing a pivotal role in mathematics and numerous scientific fields. The idea of a fixed point, where a function maps a specific point to itself, is essential for solving equations, studying dynamic systems, and addressing optimization problems. In this framework, the introduction of generalized metric spaces, including MR-metric spaces, offers a versatile structure for tackling fixed-point challenges, particularly in noncompact contexts.

This study explores MR-metric spaces, which generalize the classical metric space framework to encompass a wider array of applications. By defining a generalized metric M and utilizing the measure of noncompactness, we derive fixed-point theorems for mappings $S: \mathbb{X} \to \mathbb{X}$, where \mathbb{X} represents a closed, bounded, and convex subset of a Banach space. These results ensure the existence and uniqueness of fixed points under certain contractive conditions and noncompactness criteria.

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The importance of these findings stems from their wide-ranging applications in both mathematical theory and practical problems, such as nonlinear integral equations, iterative methods, optimization, game theory, and boundary value challenges. This work seeks to establish a solid theoretical framework for employing MR-metric spaces within fixed-point theory, emphasizing their capability to handle intricate and noncompact situations effectively.

For additional information, we direct readers to [1–27].

Definition 1. [28] Let $\mathbb{X} \neq \emptyset$ denote a non-empty set, and let R > 1 be a given real number. A function $M: \mathbb{X} \times \mathbb{X} \times \mathbb{X} \to [0, \infty)$ is called an MR-metric if it fulfills the following conditions for all $v, \xi, \Im \in \mathbb{X}$:

- $(M1): M(v, \xi, \Im) \ge 0.$
- (M2): $M(v, \xi, \Im) = 0$ if and only if $v = \xi = \Im$.
- $(M3): M(v, \xi, \Im) = M(p(v, \xi, \Im)), \text{ for any permutation } p(v, \xi, \Im) \text{ of } v, \xi, \Im.$
- $(M4): M(v,\xi,\Im) \le R[M(v,\xi,\ell_1) + M(v,\ell_1,\Im) + M(\ell_1,\xi,\Im)].$

A pair (X, M) that satisfies these properties is called an MR-metric space.

Definition 2. Let $\{v_{i_n}\}$ be a sequence in an MR-metric space (\mathbb{Y}, M) . The sequence is termed MR-convergent if there exists an element $v_{i_1} \in \mathbb{Y}$ such that for every $\epsilon > 0$, there exists a positive integer N satisfying $M(v_{i_n}, v_{i_m}, v_{i_1}) < \epsilon$ for all $m, n \geq N$. In this case, the sequence $\{v_{i_n}\}$ is said to MR-converge to v_{i_1} , where v_{i_1} is considered the limit of the sequence.

Definition 3. A sequence $\{v_{i_n}\}$ in an MR-metric space (\mathbb{Y}, M) is called MR-Cauchy if for every $\epsilon > 0$, there exists a positive integer N such that $M(vi_n, vi_m, vi_p) < \epsilon$ for all $m, n, p \geq N$.

Definition 4. An MR-metric space (X, M) is considered bounded if there exists a real number L > 0 such that $M(v, \xi, \Im) \leq L$ for all $v, \xi, \Im \in \mathbb{X}$. In this case, M is referred to as an MR-bound for the metric.

Definition 5. Let E be a set subset of an MR-metric space (X, M) is said to be M-bounded if there exists L > 0 such that $M(v, \xi, \Im) \leq L$ for all $v, \xi, \Im \in E$.

Definition 6. [29] A **Banach space** is a vector space \mathbb{X} over the field \mathbb{R} or \mathbb{C} equipped with a norm $\|\cdot\|: X \to \mathbb{R}$ that satisfies the following conditions:

- (i) **Positivity:** $||v|| \ge 0$ for all $v \in X$, and ||v|| = 0 if and only if v = 0.
- (ii) Scalar Multiplication: $\|\alpha v\| = |\alpha| \|v\|$ for all $\alpha \in \mathbb{R}$ or \mathbb{C} , and $v \in X$.
- (iii) Triangle Inequality: $||v + \xi|| \le ||v|| + ||\xi||$ for all $v, \xi \in X$.

Moreover, X is **complete** with respect to the norm, meaning that every Cauchy sequence in X converges to a limit in X.

Definition 7. [30] In measure theory, a **measurable set** is a subset of a set X that belongs to a σ -algebra A over X. This means:

- The set X is associated with a measure μ, which is a function defined on a collection A.
- A is a family of subsets of X satisfying the following conditions:
 - (i) $\mathbb{X} \in \mathcal{A}$.
 - (ii) If $A \in \mathcal{A}$, then $\mathbb{X} \setminus A \in \mathcal{A}$ (closure under complements).
 - (iii) If $\{A_n\}_{n=1}^{\infty} \subset \mathcal{A}$, then $\bigcup_{n=1}^{\infty} A_n \in \mathcal{A}$ (closure under countable unions).

Thus, a measurable set is any element of the σ -algebra A.

2. Fixed Point Theorem in MR-Metric Space within a Banach Space

Fixed-point theory within MR-metric spaces broadens traditional fixed-point results by addressing mappings in more generalized and intricate settings, including noncompact spaces. Here, we focus on MR-metric spaces where $\mathbb X$ is a closed, bounded, and convex subset of a Banach space $(E, \|\cdot\|)$. Conditions are derived to ensure that a continuous mapping $S: \mathbb X \to \mathbb X$ possesses a unique fixed point. This result forms a crucial theoretical foundation for applications in both pure and applied mathematical contexts.

Theorem 1. Consider an MR-metric space (\mathbb{X}, M) , where \mathbb{X} is a closed, bounded, and convex subset of a Banach space $(E, \|\cdot\|)$. Let $S: \mathbb{X} \to \mathbb{X}$ satisfy the following conditions:

- (i) S is continuous.
- (ii) For all $v, \xi, \Im \in \mathbb{X}$,

$$M(S(v), S(\xi), S(\Im)) \le k \cdot M(v, \xi, \Im),$$

where $k \in [0,1)$ is a constant.

Under these conditions, S has a unique fixed point $v^* \in \mathbb{X}$, such that $S(v^*) = v^*$.

Proof. Let $v_0 \in \mathbb{X}$ be an arbitrary element, and define a sequence $\{v_n\}$ by $v_{n+1} = S(v_n)$ for all n > 0.

Using the contraction condition satisfied by S, we have for all n > 0:

$$M(v_{n+1}, v_{n+2}, v_{n+3}) = M(S(v_n), S(v_{n+1}), S(v_{n+2})) \le k \cdot M(v_n, v_{n+1}, v_{n+2}).$$

Iterating this inequality yields:

$$M(v_{n+1}, v_{n+2}, v_{n+3}) \le k^n \cdot M(v_0, v_1, v_2),$$

where $M(v_0, v_1, v_2)$ is a finite constant since M is non-negative.

As $n \to \infty$, the term $k^n \to 0$ because $k \in [0,1)$. Thus:

$$\lim_{n \to \infty} M(v_{n+1}, v_{n+2}, v_{n+3}) = 0.$$

This implies that the sequence $\{v_n\}$ is a Cauchy sequence with respect to the MR-metric M.

Since (X, M) is an MR-metric space and X is closed in the Banach space E, the completeness of E ensures that the sequence $\{v_n\}$ converges to some $v^* \in X$. That is,

$$\lim_{n\to\infty} \upsilon_n = \upsilon^*.$$

To show that v^* is a fixed point of S, we use the continuity of S. By definition of S and the convergence of $\{v_n\}$, we have:

$$\lim_{n \to \infty} S(v_n) = S\left(\lim_{n \to \infty} v_n\right).$$

Substituting $v_{n+1} = S(v_n)$, we obtain:

$$v^* = S(v^*).$$

To prove the uniqueness of the fixed point, suppose there exists another fixed point $\xi^* \neq v^*$ such that $S(\xi^*) = \xi^*$. Using the contraction condition for S, we have:

$$M(v^*, v^*, v^*) = M(S(\xi^*), S(\xi^*), S(\xi^*)) \le k \cdot M(\xi^*, \xi^*, \xi^*).$$

Since $M(v^*, v^*, v^*) = 0$ by the properties of the MR-metric, it follows that $M(\xi^*, \xi^*, \xi^*) = 0$. The second axiom of the MR-metric implies $v^* = \xi^*$, which contradicts the assumption that $v^* \neq \xi^*$. Hence, v^* is the unique fixed point of S.

Theorem 2. Let (\mathbb{X}, M) be an MR-metric space, where \mathbb{X} is a closed, bounded, and convex subset of a Banach space $(E, \|\cdot\|)$. Assume $S: \mathbb{X} \to \mathbb{X}$ is a continuous operator satisfying the following conditions:

(i) For all $v, \xi, \Im \in \mathbb{X}$,

$$M(S(v), S(\xi), S(\Im)) < k \cdot M(v, \xi, \Im),$$

where $k \in [0,1)$ is a constant.

(ii) The measure of noncompactness μ satisfies:

$$\mu(S(A)) \le \phi(\mu(A)),$$

for every bounded subset $A \subset \mathbb{X}$, where $\phi : [0, \infty) \to [0, \infty)$ is a non-decreasing function such that $\phi(t) < t$ for all t > 0 and $\phi(0) = 0$.

Then S has a unique fixed point $v^* \in \mathbb{X}$, such that $S(v^*) = v^*$.

Proof. Let $v_0 \in \mathbb{X}$ be arbitrary, and define a sequence $\{v_n\}$ by $v_{n+1} = S(v_n)$ for all $n \geq 0$.

Using the contraction condition of S with respect to the MR-metric M, we have:

$$M(v_{n+1}, v_{n+2}, v_{n+3}) = M(S(v_n), S(v_{n+1}), S(v_{n+2})) \le k \cdot M(v_n, v_{n+1}, v_{n+2}).$$

By induction, it follows that:

$$M(v_{n+1}, v_{n+2}, v_{n+3}) \le k^n \cdot M(v_0, v_1, v_2),$$

where $M(v_0, v_1, v_2)$ is a finite constant since M is non-negative. As $n \to \infty$, $k^n \to 0$, and hence:

$$\lim_{n \to \infty} M(v_{n+1}, v_{n+2}, v_{n+3}) = 0.$$

Thus, the sequence $\{v_n\}$ is a Cauchy sequence under the MR-metric.

Since \mathbb{X} is closed and (\mathbb{X}, M) is complete, the sequence $\{v_n\}$ converges to some $v^* \in \mathbb{X}$. By the continuity of S, we have:

$$\lim_{n \to \infty} S(v_n) = S\left(\lim_{n \to \infty} v_n\right),\,$$

which implies $v^* = S(v^*)$. Thus, v^* is a fixed point of S.

Now, for uniqueness, assume there exists another fixed point $\xi^* \neq v^*$. Using the contraction condition for S with respect to the MR-metric, we have:

$$M(v^*, v^*, v^*) = M(S(\xi^*), S(\xi^*), S(\xi^*)) \le k \cdot M(\xi^*, \xi^*, \xi^*).$$

Since $M(v^*, v^*, v^*) = 0$ and $k \in [0, 1)$, it follows that $M(\xi^*, \xi^*, \xi^*) = 0$. By the properties of M, this implies $v^* = \xi^*$. Hence, the fixed point is unique.

Finally, consider the measure of noncompactness μ . Since $\mathbb X$ is closed and bounded, we have:

$$\mu(S(A)) \le \phi(\mu(A)),$$

for any bounded subset $A \subset \mathbb{X}$. Since $\phi(t) < t$ for all t > 0, repeated application of S reduces the measure of noncompactness, ensuring the existence of a fixed point. The uniqueness follows from the argument above.

Example 1. Fixed Point in MR-Metric Space

Let $\mathbb{X} = \mathbb{R}$ and define the MR-metric $M : \mathbb{X} \times \mathbb{X} \times \mathbb{X} \to [0, \infty)$ by:

$$M(v, \xi, \Im) = |v - \xi| + |\xi - \Im| + |\Im - v|.$$

Let $S : \mathbb{R} \to \mathbb{R}$ be the mapping defined by:

$$S(v) = \frac{v}{2}.$$

We verify that S satisfies the contraction condition:

$$M(S(\upsilon),S(\xi),S(\Im)) = \frac{1}{2}M(\upsilon,\xi,\Im),$$

where $k=\frac{1}{2}<1$. Hence, S satisfies the conditions of the MR-metric space fixed point

Let $v_0 \in \mathbb{R}$. Construct the sequence $v_{n+1} = S(v_n)$. By iteration:

$$v_n = \frac{v_0}{2^n}.$$

As $n \to \infty$, $v_n \to 0$. Thus, the fixed point of S is $v^* = 0$.

Example 2. Fixed Point in Banach Space with Measure of Noncompactness Let $\mathbb{X} = C[0,1]$, the Banach space of continuous functions on [0,1] with the norm:

$$||f|| = \max_{v \in [0,1]} |f(v)|.$$

Define the measure of noncompactness μ for a bounded set $A \subset \mathbb{X}$ by:

 $\mu(A) = \inf\{\delta > 0 : A \text{ can be covered by a finite number of sets of diameter } \delta\}.$

Let $S: C[0,1] \to C[0,1]$ be defined by:

$$(Sf)(v) = \frac{1}{2}f(v).$$

We verify that S satisfies:

$$\mu(S(A)) \le \phi(\mu(A)),$$

where $\phi(t) = \frac{t}{2}$ is non-decreasing with $\phi(t) < t$ for t > 0. For $f \in \mathbb{X}$, consider the sequence $f_{n+1}(v) = S(f_n)(v)$. Iterating S gives:

$$f_n(v) = \frac{1}{2^n} f_0(v).$$

As $n \to \infty$, $f_n(v) \to 0$, showing that the fixed point of S is $f^*(v) = 0$.

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$$||f|| = \max_{v \in [0,1]} |f(v)|.$$

Define the MR-metric $M: \mathbb{X} \times \mathbb{X} \times \mathbb{X} \to [0, \infty)$ by:

$$M(f, g, h) = ||f - g|| + ||g - h|| + ||h - f||.$$

Consider the operator $S: C[0,1] \to C[0,1]$ defined by:

$$(Sf)(v) = \frac{1}{2}f(v).$$

We verify the conditions of the theorem:

1. Contraction Condition in MR-Metric: For all $f, g, h \in C[0, 1]$,

$$M(S(f), S(g), S(h)) = ||S(f) - S(g)|| + ||S(g) - S(h)|| + ||S(h) - S(f)||.$$

Since $S(f)(v) = \frac{1}{2}f(v)$, we have:

$$||S(f) - S(g)|| = \frac{1}{2}||f - g||.$$

Similarly for other terms, giving:

$$M(S(f), S(g), S(h)) = \frac{1}{2}M(f, g, h).$$

Thus, the contraction constant is $k = \frac{1}{2} < 1$.

2. Measure of Noncompactness Condition: Define the measure of noncompactness μ on a bounded set $A \subset C[0,1]$ as:

 $\mu(A) = \inf\{\delta > 0 : A \text{ can be covered by a finite number of sets of diameter } \delta\}.$

For $S(A) \subset C[0,1]$, we compute:

$$\mu(S(A)) = \mu\left(\left\{\frac{1}{2}f : f \in A\right\}\right).$$

By the linearity of S and the definition of μ , we get:

$$\mu(S(A)) = \frac{1}{2}\mu(A).$$

Define $\phi(t) = \frac{1}{2}t$, which satisfies $\phi(t) < t$ for all t > 0 and $\phi(0) = 0$. Thus:

$$\mu(S(A)) \le \phi(\mu(A)).$$

Since both conditions are satisfied, S has a unique fixed point $f^* \in C[0,1]$. Iteratively applying S, starting from any $f_0 \in C[0,1]$, we find that:

$$f_n(v) = \frac{1}{2^n} f_0(v).$$

As $n \to \infty$, $f_n(v) \to 0$. Therefore, the fixed point of S is $f^*(v) = 0$.

3. Applications of the Theorem

The concept of an MR-metric space plays a critical role in the following applications, as it provides a generalization of the standard metric and enables the handling of noncompact settings, essential for various fixed-point problems.

1. Solving Nonlinear Integral Equations

Example 4. Consider the nonlinear integral equation:

$$v(t) = \int_{a}^{b} K(t, s, v(s)) ds,$$

where $K:[a,b]\times[a,b]\times\mathbb{R}\to\mathbb{R}$ is a continuous function that satisfies a Lipschitz-type condition with respect to the third variable, i.e., there exists a constant L>0 such that for all $t,s\in[a,b]$ and $v_1,v_2\in\mathbb{R}$,

$$|K(t, s, v_1) - K(t, s, v_2)| \le L|v_1 - v_2|.$$

Step 1: Define the Space Let $\mathbb{X} = C([a,b])$, the space of continuous functions on the interval [a,b], which is a Banach space when equipped with the supremum norm:

$$||v||_{\infty} = \sup_{t \in [a,b]} |v(t)|.$$

Now, equip X with the MR-metric:

$$M(v,\xi,\Im) = \sup_{t \in [a,b]} |v(t) - \xi(t)| + \sup_{t \in [a,b]} |\xi(t) - \Im(t)|.$$

The MR-metric generalizes the usual metric by considering the distance between three functions simultaneously, which provides a richer structure to analyze the operator.

Step 2: Define the Operator Define the operator $S: \mathbb{X} \to \mathbb{X}$ by:

$$(Sv)(t) = \int_a^b K(t, s, v(s)) ds.$$

The operator S maps a function $v \in \mathbb{X}$ to another function Sv, obtained by evaluating the integral.

Step 3: Verify Continuity of S Since K(t, s, v) is continuous and satisfies the Lipschitz condition in \mathbb{X} , the operator S is well-defined and continuous on \mathbb{X} . Specifically, for any $v, \xi \in \mathbb{X}$,

$$|(T\upsilon)(t) - (T\xi)(t)| = \left| \int_a^b \left(K(t, s, \upsilon(s)) - K(t, s, \xi(s)) \right) ds \right|.$$

Using the Lipschitz condition:

$$|(Sv)(t) - (S\xi)(t)| \le \int_a^b L|v(s) - \xi(s)| \, ds \le L||v - \xi||_{\infty}(b - a).$$

Thus, S is a contraction in the supremum norm.

Step 4: Verify Contraction in MR-Metric For $v, \xi, \Im \in \mathbb{X}$,

$$M(Sv, S\xi, S\Im) = \sup_{t \in [a,b]} |(Sv)(t) - (S\xi)(t)| + \sup_{t \in [a,b]} |(S\xi)(t) - (S\Im)(t)|.$$

Using the contraction property derived above:

$$\sup_{t \in [a,b]} |(Sv)(t) - (S\xi)(t)| \le k \sup_{t \in [a,b]} |v(t) - \xi(t)|,$$

and similarly:

$$\sup_{t \in [a,b]} |(S\xi)(t) - (S\Im)(t)| \le k \sup_{t \in [a,b]} |\xi(t) - \Im(t)|.$$

Therefore:

$$M(Sv, S\xi, S\Im) \le k \cdot M(v, \xi, \Im),$$

where k = L(b-a) < 1 ensures the contraction condition in the MR-metric.

Step 5: Existence and Uniqueness of Fixed Point By the theorem, since S satisfies the contraction condition in the MR-metric and \mathbb{X} is closed, bounded, and convex, there exists a unique fixed point $v^* \in \mathbb{X}$ such that:

$$v^*(t) = (Sv^*)(t) = \int_a^b K(t, s, v^*(s)) ds.$$

This fixed point v^* is the unique solution to the nonlinear integral equation.

2. Stability of Iterative Processes

Example 5. Consider an iterative scheme represented by the update rule:

$$v_{n+1} = S(v_n),$$

where $S: \mathbb{X} \to \mathbb{X}$ is a mapping on a Banach space \mathbb{X} equipped with a norm $\|\cdot\|$. The space \mathbb{X} is further structured with an MR-metric defined as:

$$M(v, \xi, \Im) = ||v - \xi|| + ||\xi - \Im||.$$

Assumptions: 1. S satisfies a contraction condition in the MR-metric:

$$M(S(v), S(\xi), S(\Im)) \le k \cdot M(v, \xi, \Im),$$

for all $v, \xi, \Im \in \mathbb{X}$, where $k \in [0, 1)$ is a constant.

2. The norm $\|\cdot\|$ ensures that \mathbb{X} is a complete metric space.

Step-by-Step Analysis: Step 1: Understanding the MR-Metric The MR-metric generalizes the standard metric by simultaneously measuring the "distances" between three elements. In this case:

$$M(v, \xi, \Im) = ||v - \xi|| + ||\xi - \Im||.$$

This metric allows the analysis to track how the distances between successive iterations evolve in a dynamic system.

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$$M(S(v), S(\xi), S(\Im)) = ||S(v) - S(\xi)|| + ||S(\xi) - S(\Im)|| \le k(||v - \xi|| + ||\xi - \Im||),$$

where $k \in [0,1)$. This guarantees that the operator S "brings points closer together" under the MR-metric.

Step 3: Iterative Sequence Start with an initial guess $v_0 \in \mathbb{X}$ and define the sequence:

$$v_{n+1} = S(v_n), \quad n \ge 0.$$

For any n, consider three successive iterates v_{n-1}, v_n, v_{n+1} :

$$M(v_{n+1}, v_n, v_{n-1}) = ||v_{n+1} - v_n|| + ||v_n - v_{n-1}||.$$

Using the contraction property of S:

$$M(v_{n+1}, v_n, v_{n-1}) \le k \cdot M(v_n, v_{n-1}, v_{n-2}).$$

By induction:

$$M(v_{n+1}, v_n, v_{n-1}) \le k^n \cdot M(v_1, v_0, v_{-1}),$$

where v_{-1} can be taken as the initial condition.

Step 4: Convergence to the Fixed Point Since $k \in [0,1), k^n \to 0$ as $n \to \infty$. This implies:

$$M(\upsilon_{n+1}, \upsilon_n, \upsilon_{n-1}) \to 0.$$

Decomposing $M(v_{n+1}, v_n, v_{n-1})$, we observe that:

$$||v_{n+1} - v_n|| \to 0$$
 and $||v_n - v_{n-1}|| \to 0$.

Thus, the sequence $\{v_n\}$ is Cauchy in \mathbb{X} . Since \mathbb{X} is a Banach space, $\{v_n\}$ converges to a unique point $v^* \in \mathbb{X}$.

Step 5: Verification of the Fixed Point From the continuity of S, the limit v^* satisfies:

$$v^* = \lim_{n \to \infty} v_n = \lim_{n \to \infty} S(v_n) = S(v^*).$$

Hence, v^* is the unique fixed point of S.

3. Optimization Problems

Example 6. Consider an iterative scheme represented by the update rule:

$$v_{n+1} = S(v_n),$$

where $S: \mathbb{X} \to \mathbb{X}$ is a mapping on a Banach space \mathbb{X} equipped with a norm $\|\cdot\|$. The space \mathbb{X} is further structured with an MR-metric defined as:

$$M(v, \xi, \Im) = ||v - \xi|| + ||\xi - \Im||.$$

Assumptions: 1. S satisfies a contraction condition in the MR-metric:

$$M(S(v), S(\xi), S(\Im)) \le k \cdot M(v, \xi, \Im),$$

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$$v_{n+1} = S(v_n), \quad n \ge 0.$$

For any n, consider three successive iterates v_{n-1}, v_n, v_{n+1} :

$$M(v_{n+1}, v_n, v_{n-1}) = ||v_{n+1} - v_n|| + ||v_n - v_{n-1}||.$$

Using the contraction property of S:

$$M(v_{n+1}, v_n, v_{n-1}) \le k \cdot M(v_n, v_{n-1}, v_{n-2}).$$

By induction:

$$M(v_{n+1}, v_n, v_{n-1}) < k^n \cdot M(v_1, v_0, v_{-1}),$$

where v_{-1} can be taken as the initial condition.

Step 4: Convergence to the Fixed Point Since $k \in [0,1), k^n \to 0$ as $n \to \infty$. This implies:

$$M(v_{n+1}, v_n, v_{n-1}) \to 0.$$

Decomposing $M(v_{n+1}, v_n, v_{n-1})$, we observe that:

$$||v_{n+1} - v_n|| \to 0$$
 and $||v_n - v_{n-1}|| \to 0$.

Thus, the sequence $\{v_n\}$ is Cauchy in \mathbb{X} . Since \mathbb{X} is a Banach space, $\{v_n\}$ converges to a unique point $v^* \in \mathbb{X}$.

Step 5: Verification of the Fixed Point From the continuity of S, the limit v^* satisfies:

$$v^* = \lim_{n \to \infty} v_n = \lim_{n \to \infty} S(v_n) = S(v^*).$$

Hence, v^* is the unique fixed point of S.

4. Game Theory and Economic Equilibria

Example 7. In game theory, consider a strategic game where N players aim to optimize their individual payoffs. Let $\mathbb{X} = \mathbb{X}_1 \times \mathbb{X}_2 \times \cdots \times \mathbb{X}_N$ represent the strategy space, where \mathbb{X}_i is the strategy set of player i, assumed to be a closed, bounded, and convex subset of a Banach space. The goal is to find a Nash equilibrium $v^* = (v_1^*, v_2^*, \dots, v_N^*)$, where no player has an incentive to unilaterally deviate.

Best-Response Mapping Define the best-response operator T as:

$$S(v) = \text{BestResponse}(v) = (S_1(v), S_2(v), \dots, S_N(v)),$$

where $S_i(v)$ is the best-response of player i given the strategies of all other players v_{-i} . Mathematically:

$$S_i(v) = \arg\max_{\xi \in \mathbb{X}_i} u_i(\xi, v_{-i}),$$

where u_i is the utility function of player i, and v_{-i} denotes the strategy profile of all players except i.

MR-Metric Equip the strategy space X with the MR-metric:

$$M(v, \xi, \Im) = ||v - \xi|| + ||\xi - \Im||,$$

where $\|\cdot\|$ is a norm defined on \mathbb{X} . This metric is particularly useful for capturing the distances between successive strategy profiles v, ξ, \Im during iterative updates.

Assumptions and Contraction Property 1. Convexity of Strategy Sets: The strategy sets X_i are convex, ensuring the existence of well-defined best responses for each player.

2. Lipschitz Continuity of S: Assume that S satisfies a Lipschitz-type condition in the MR-metric:

$$M(S(v), S(\xi), S(\Im)) \le k \cdot M(v, \xi, \Im),$$

for some constant $k \in [0, 1)$.

3. Existence and Uniqueness: By the conditions of the MR-metric theorem, S has a unique fixed point $v^* \in \mathbb{X}$, ensuring a unique Nash equilibrium.

Iterative Process Starting from an initial strategy profile $v^0 \in \mathbb{X}$, the sequence $\{v^n\}$ is generated iteratively using:

$$v^{n+1} = S(v^n).$$

The contraction property of S ensures that $\{v^n\}$ converges to the fixed point v^* , which is the Nash equilibrium:

$$S(v^*) = v^*$$
.

Interpretation of the Fixed Point At the Nash equilibrium $v^* = (v_1^*, v_2^*, \dots, v_N^*)$, each player's strategy v_i^* satisfies:

$$u_i(v_i^*, v_{-i}^*) \ge u_i(\xi, v_{-i}^*), \quad \forall \xi \in \mathbb{X}_i.$$

This implies that no player can improve their utility by unilaterally changing their strategy.

5. Boundary Value Problems

Example 8. Consider the boundary value problem (BVP):

$$-u''(v) = f(v, u(v)), \quad v \in (0, 1),$$

$$u(0) = u(1) = 0.$$

This type of problem often arises in physics and engineering, such as in heat conduction, elastic deformation, and electrostatics.

Function Space Define the function space $\mathbb{X} = C([0,1])$, the space of continuous functions on the interval [0,1], equipped with the MR-metric:

$$M(u, v, w) = ||u - v||_{\infty} + ||v - w||_{\infty},$$

where $||u-v||_{\infty} = \sup_{v \in [0,1]} |u(v)-v(v)|$ is the supremum norm.

Integral Operator Representation The solution of the boundary value problem can be represented using an integral operator S, defined as:

$$(Su)(v) = \int_0^1 G(v,s)f(s,u(s)) ds,$$

where G(v, s) is the Green's function for the BVP:

$$G(v,s) = \begin{cases} s(1-v), & \text{if } s \le v, \\ v(1-s), & \text{if } s > v. \end{cases}$$

The Green's function satisfies the boundary conditions u(0) = u(1) = 0 and accounts for the second-order differential operator.

Assumptions for f(v, u) 1. Continuity: The function f(v, u) is continuous in both v and u, ensuring the well-posedness of the integral operator S.

2. Lipschitz Condition: There exists a constant L > 0 such that:

$$|f(v, u_1) - f(v, u_2)| \le L|u_1 - u_2|, \quad \forall v \in [0, 1], u_1, u_2 \in \mathbb{R}.$$

This condition ensures that S is a contraction mapping in the MR-metric.

Contraction Property in the MR-Metric Let $u, v, w \in \mathbb{X}$. For the operator S, we have:

$$||S(u) - S(v)||_{\infty} = \sup_{v \in [0,1]} \left| \int_{0}^{1} G(v,s) (f(s,u(s)) - f(s,v(s))) ds \right|.$$

Using the Lipschitz condition for f:

$$||S(u) - S(v)||_{\infty} \le L \sup_{v \in [0,1]} \int_0^1 |G(v,s)| \, ds \cdot ||u - v||_{\infty}.$$

The boundedness of G(v,s) ensures that the contraction property is satisfied. Similarly, for the MR-metric:

$$M(S(u), S(v), S(w)) = ||S(u) - S(v)||_{\infty} + ||S(v) - S(w)||_{\infty}.$$

Existence and Uniqueness By the MR-metric fixed-point theorem, the contraction property of S guarantees that S has a unique fixed point $u^* \in \mathbb{X}$. This fixed point satisfies:

$$u^*(v) = \int_0^1 G(v, s) f(s, u^*(s)) ds,$$

which is the unique solution to the original boundary value problem.

Iterative Approximation Starting with an initial guess $u_0(v) \in \mathbb{X}$, the solution can be approximated iteratively using:

$$u_{n+1}(v) = (Tu_n)(v) = \int_0^1 G(v, s) f(s, u_n(s)) ds.$$

The sequence $\{u_n\}$ converges to the fixed point $u^*(v)$ under the MR-metric.

Applications 1. Heat Equation: Modeling steady-state heat distribution in a one-dimensional rod. 2. Elasticity: Determining the deflection of a beam under a distributed load. 3. Electrostatics: Solving for potential distributions in one-dimensional domains.

The use of the MR-metric provides a robust framework for analyzing the convergence of solutions and stability of the problem.

4. Conclusion

This paper introduces new fixed-point theorems in the context of **MR-metric spaces**, which extend classical metric space theory. The analysis focuses on continuous self-mappings $S: X \to X$, where X is a closed, bounded, and convex subset of a Banach space. The main results establish the existence and uniqueness of fixed points under two key conditions:

- (i) A contraction condition with a constant $k \in [0, 1)$.
- (ii) A noncompactness condition controlled by a function φ satisfying $\varphi(t) < t$ for all t > 0.

These theorems provide a significant generalization of classical fixed-point theory, with applications spanning multiple fields, including:

- Solutions to nonlinear integral equations
- Stability analysis of iterative methods
- Optimization problems
- Game theory and economic equilibria
- Boundary value problems

The framework of MR-metric spaces offers a versatile and powerful structure for analyzing noncompact and complex systems, enhancing both theoretical insights and practical applications.

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