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Fixed Point Theorems for Contractions of Rational Type with PPF Dependence in Banach Spaces

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We prove the existence of the PPF dependent fixed point in the Razumikhin class for contractions of rational type in Banach spaces, by using a general class of pairs of functions. Our result has as particular cases a great number of interesting consequences which extend and generalize some results appearing in the literature.

1. Introduction

Banach's contraction principle is one of the pivotal results of analysis. Its significance lies in its vast applicability to a great number of branches of mathematics and other sciences, for example, theory of existence of solutions for nonlinear differential, integral, and functional equations, variational inequalities, and optimization and approximation theory.

Generalizations of the contractive mapping theorem have been a heavily investigated branch of research. In particular, this principle was extended in [1], where the domain of the nonlinear operator involved is $\mathcal{C}([a, b], E)$ and the range is E , where E is a Banach space. This result is known as the contraction theorem for operator with PPF (past, present, and future) dependence. The PPF fixed point theorems are useful for proving the existence of solutions for nonlinear functional-differential and integral equations which may depend upon the past history, present data, and future considerations. Some papers about fixed point theorems with PPF dependence have appeared in the literature (see, e.g., [1–5]).

On the other hand, Dass and Gupta in [6] and Jaggi in [7] were the pioneers in proving fixed point theorems using contractive conditions involving rational expressions. In [4], the authors present a fixed point theorem for contractions of rational type with PPF dependence.

The purpose of this paper is to present a fixed point theorem for generalized contractions of rational type with PPF dependence which has, as particular cases, interesting consequences. Particularly, our result extends the one appearing in [4].

2. Preliminaries

Throughout this paper, E will denote a Banach space with norm $\|\cdot\|_E$ and $E_0 = \mathcal{C}([a, b], E)$ will denote the space of the continuous E -valued functions defined on $[a, b]$ and equipped with the norm $\|\cdot\|_{E_0}$ given by

$$\|\phi\|_{E_0} = \sup_{t \in [a, b]} \|\phi(t)\|_E \quad \text{for } \phi \in E_0. \quad (1)$$

Let $T : E_0 \rightarrow E$ be a mapping. A point $\phi \in E_0$ is said to be a PPF dependence fixed point of T or a fixed point with PPF dependence of T if $T\phi = \phi(c)$, for some $c \in [a, b]$.

For a fixed $c \in [a, b]$, the Razumikhin class R_c is defined by

$$R_c = \{\phi \in E_0 : \|\phi\|_{E_0} = \|\phi(c)\|_E\}. \quad (2)$$

Remark 1. Notice that, for $x \in E$ fixed, the function ϕ_x , defined by

$$\phi_x(t) = x \quad \text{for } t \in [a, b], \quad (3)$$

satisfies $\phi_x \in E_0$, $\|\phi_x\|_{E_0} = \|\phi_x(c)\|_E = \|x\|$ for any $c \in [a, b]$ and, therefore, $\phi_x \in R_c$ for any $c \in [a, b]$. Consequently, $R_c \neq \emptyset$ for any $c \in [a, b]$.

We say that the class R_c is algebraically closed with respect to difference if for any $\phi, \xi \in R_c$ we have $\phi - \xi \in R_c$. Similarly, we say that the class R_c is topologically closed if it is closed with respect to the topology on E_0 induced by the norm $\|\cdot\|_{E_0}$.

The Razumikhin class plays an important role in the existence of PPF fixed point.

The first result about the existence of PPF fixed point appears in [1] and it is presented in the following theorem.

Theorem 2 (see [1]). *Suppose that $T : E_0 \rightarrow E$ is a mapping such that there exists $\alpha \in [0, 1)$ satisfying*

$$\|T\phi - T\xi\|_E \leq \alpha \|\phi - \xi\|_{E_0} \quad (4)$$

for any $\phi, \xi \in E_0$. If R_c is topologically closed and algebraically closed with respect to difference for some $c \in [a, b]$, then T has a unique PPF dependent fixed point in R_c .

Recently, in [4] the authors proved the following PPF dependent fixed point theorem for rational type contraction mappings.

Theorem 3 (see [4]). *Let $T : E_0 \rightarrow E$ be a mapping satisfying*

$$\|T\phi - T\xi\|_E \leq \alpha \|\phi - \xi\|_{E_0} + \beta \frac{\|\phi(c) - T\phi\|_E \|\xi(c) - T\xi\|_E}{1 + \|T\phi - T\xi\|_E} \quad (5)$$

for any $\phi, \xi \in E_0$ and where $\alpha, \beta \in [0, 1)$ with $\alpha + \beta < 1$ and $c \in [a, b]$. If R_c is topologically closed and algebraically closed with respect to difference, then T has a unique PPF dependent fixed point in R_c .

The main purpose of this paper is, by using a class of pairs of functions satisfying certain assumptions, to present new PPF dependent fixed point theorems for contractions of rational type. Particularly, our result generalizes the main result of [4] (Theorem 3).

3. Main Results

We start this section presenting the following class of pairs of functions \mathfrak{F} . A pair of functions (φ, ϕ) is said to belong to the class \mathfrak{F} if they satisfy the following conditions:

- (i) $\varphi, \phi : [0, \infty) \rightarrow [0, \infty)$;
- (ii) for $t, s \in [0, \infty)$, if $\varphi(t) \leq \phi(s)$, then $t \leq s$;
- (iii) for (t_n) and (s_n) sequences in $[0, \infty)$ such that

$$\lim_{n \rightarrow \infty} t_n = \lim_{n \rightarrow \infty} s_n = a, \quad (6)$$

if $\varphi(t_n) \leq \phi(s_n)$ for any $n \in \mathbb{N}$, then $a = 0$.

Remark 4. Notice that if $(\varphi, \phi) \in \mathfrak{F}$ and $\varphi(t) \leq \phi(t)$, then $t = 0$, since we can take $t_n = s_n = t$ for any $n \in \mathbb{N}$ and by (iii) we deduce $t = 0$.

In the sequel, we present some interesting examples of pairs of functions belonging to the class \mathfrak{F} which will be very important in our study.

Example 5. Let $\varphi : [0, \infty) \rightarrow [0, \infty)$ be a continuous and increasing function such that $\varphi(t) = 0$ if and only if $t = 0$ (these functions are known in the literature as altering distance functions).

Let $\phi : [0, \infty) \rightarrow [0, \infty)$ be a nondecreasing function such that $\phi(t) = 0$ if and only if $t = 0$ and suppose that $\phi \leq \varphi$.

Then the pair $(\varphi, \varphi - \phi) \in \mathfrak{F}$.

In fact, it is clear that $(\varphi, \varphi - \phi)$ satisfy (i).

To prove (ii), suppose that $t, s \in [0, \infty)$ and $\varphi(t) \leq (\varphi - \phi)(s)$. Then, from

$$\varphi(t) \leq \varphi(s) - \phi(s) \leq \varphi(s) \quad (7)$$

and taking into account the increasing character of φ , we can deduce that $t \leq s$.

In order to prove (iii), we suppose that

$$\varphi(t_n) \leq \varphi(s_n) - \phi(s_n) \leq \varphi(s_n) \quad \text{for any } n \in \mathbb{N}, \quad (8)$$

where $t_n, s_n \in [0, \infty)$ and

$$\lim_{n \rightarrow \infty} t_n = \lim_{n \rightarrow \infty} s_n = a. \quad (9)$$

Taking $n \rightarrow \infty$ in (8), we infer that $\lim_{n \rightarrow \infty} \varphi(s_n) = 0$.

Let us suppose that $a > 0$. Since $\lim_{n \rightarrow \infty} s_n = a > 0$, we can find $\varepsilon > 0$ and a subsequence (s_{n_k}) of (s_n) such that $s_{n_k} > \varepsilon$ for any $k \in \mathbb{N}$. As ϕ is nondecreasing, we have $\phi(s_{n_k}) > \phi(\varepsilon)$ for any $k \in \mathbb{N}$ and, consequently, $\lim_{k \rightarrow \infty} \phi(s_{n_k}) \geq \phi(\varepsilon)$. This contradicts the fact that $\lim_{k \rightarrow \infty} \phi(s_{n_k}) = 0$. Therefore, $a = 0$.

This proves that $(\varphi, \varphi - \phi) \in \mathfrak{F}$.

An interesting particular case is when φ is the identity mapping, $\varphi = 1_{[0, \infty)}$, and $\phi : [0, \infty) \rightarrow [0, \infty)$ is a nondecreasing function such that $\phi(t) = 0$ if and only if $t = 0$ and $\phi(t) \leq t$ for any $t \in [0, \infty)$.

Example 6. Let S be the class of functions defined by

$$S = \{\alpha : [0, \infty) \rightarrow [0, 1) : \{\alpha(t_n) \rightarrow 1 \implies t_n \rightarrow 0\}\}. \quad (10)$$

Let us consider the pairs of functions $(1_{[0, \infty)}, \alpha 1_{[0, \infty)})$, where $\alpha \in S$ and $\alpha 1_{[0, \infty)}$ is defined by $(\alpha 1_{[0, \infty)})(t) = \alpha(t)t$, for $t \in [0, \infty)$.

Then $(1_{[0, \infty)}, \alpha 1_{[0, \infty)}) \in \mathfrak{F}$.

It is clear that the pairs $(1_{[0, \infty)}, \alpha 1_{[0, \infty)})$ with $\alpha \in S$ satisfy (i).

To prove (ii), from

$$1_{[0, \infty)}(t) \leq (\alpha 1_{[0, \infty)})(s) \quad \text{for } t, s \in [0, \infty) \quad (11)$$

we infer, since $\alpha : [0, \infty) \rightarrow [0, 1)$, that

$$t \leq \alpha(s)s < s \quad (12)$$

and, consequently, $(1_{[0, \infty)}, \alpha 1_{[0, \infty)})$ satisfies (ii).

In order to prove (iii), we suppose that

$$1_{[0,\infty)}(t_n) = t_n \leq (\alpha 1_{[0,\infty)})(s_n) = \alpha(s_n) s_n \quad \text{for any } n \in \mathbb{N}, \quad (13)$$

where $t_n, s_n \in [0, \infty)$ and $\lim_{n \rightarrow \infty} t_n = \lim_{n \rightarrow \infty} s_n = a$.

Let us suppose that $a > 0$.

Since $\lim_{n \rightarrow \infty} s_n = a > 0$, we can find a subsequence (s_{n_k}) such that $s_{n_k} > 0$ for any $k \in \mathbb{N}$. Now, as

$$t_n \leq \alpha(s_n) s_n \leq s_n \quad \text{for any } n \in \mathbb{N}, \quad (14)$$

in particular, we have

$$t_{n_k} \leq \alpha(s_{n_k}) s_{n_k} \leq s_{n_k} \quad \text{for any } k \in \mathbb{N}, \quad (15)$$

and, since $s_{n_k} > 0$ for any $k \in \mathbb{N}$,

$$\frac{t_{n_k}}{s_{n_k}} \leq \alpha(s_{n_k}) \leq 1. \quad (16)$$

Taking $k \rightarrow \infty$ in the last inequality, we obtain

$$\lim_{k \rightarrow \infty} \alpha(s_{n_k}) = 1. \quad (17)$$

Finally, since $\alpha \in S$, we infer that $\lim_{k \rightarrow \infty} s_{n_k} = 0$ and this contradicts the fact that $\lim_{n \rightarrow \infty} s_n = a > 0$.

Therefore, $a = 0$.

This proves that $(1_{[0,\infty)}, \alpha 1_{[0,\infty)}) \in \mathfrak{F}$ for $\alpha \in S$.

Remark 7. Suppose that $g : [0, \infty) \rightarrow [0, \infty)$ is an increasing function and $(\varphi, \phi) \in \mathfrak{F}$. Then it is easily seen that the pair $(g \circ \varphi, g \circ \phi) \in \mathfrak{F}$.

Now, we are ready to present our main result.

Theorem 8. Let $T : E_0 \rightarrow E$ be a mapping such that there exists a pair of functions $(\varphi, \phi) \in \mathfrak{F}$ and $c \in [a, b]$ such that

$$\begin{aligned} & \varphi(\|T\xi - T\eta\|_E) \\ & \leq \max \left\{ \phi(\|\xi - \eta\|_{E_0}), \right. \\ & \quad \left. \phi\left(\frac{\|\xi(c) - T\xi\|_E \cdot \|\eta(c) - T\eta\|_E}{1 + \|T\xi - T\eta\|_E}\right) \right\} \end{aligned} \quad (18)$$

for any $\xi, \eta \in E_0$. If R_c is topologically closed and algebraically closed with respect to difference, then T has a unique PPF dependent fixed point in R_c .

Proof. Let ξ_0 be an arbitrary function in R_c (whose existence is guaranteed by Remark 1). Since $\xi_0 \in R_c \subset E_0$, put $x_1 = T\xi_0 \in E$.

Again, by Remark 1, we can find $\xi_1 \in R_c$ such that

$$T\xi_0 = x_1 = \xi_1(c). \quad (19)$$

Since $\xi_1 \in R_c \subset E_0$, put $x_2 = T\xi_1 \in E$. Using the same argument, we can find $\xi_2 \in R_c$ such that

$$T\xi_1 = x_2 = \xi_2(c). \quad (20)$$

Repeating this process, we can obtain a sequence (ξ_n) in R_c such that

$$T\xi_{n-1} = \xi_n(c) \quad \text{for any } n \in \mathbb{N}. \quad (21)$$

Since R_c is algebraically closed with respect to difference, we have

$$\|\xi_p - \xi_q\|_{E_0} = \|\xi_p(c) - \xi_q(c)\|_E \quad (22)$$

for any $p, q \in \mathbb{N}$.

First, we will prove that $\lim_{n \rightarrow \infty} \|\xi_{n+1} - \xi_n\|_{E_0} = 0$. In fact, taking into account (21) and (22), we get

$$\begin{aligned} \|\xi_{n+1} - \xi_n\|_{E_0} &= \|\xi_{n+1}(c) - \xi_n(c)\|_E \\ &= \|T\xi_n - T\xi_{n-1}\|_E \quad \text{for any } n \in \mathbb{N} \end{aligned} \quad (23)$$

and, therefore, applying the contractive condition, we have

$$\begin{aligned} & \varphi(\|\xi_{n+1} - \xi_n\|_{E_0}) \\ &= \varphi(\|T\xi_n - T\xi_{n-1}\|_E) \\ &\leq \max \left\{ \phi(\|\xi_n - \xi_{n-1}\|_{E_0}), \right. \\ & \quad \left. \phi\left(\frac{\|\xi_n(c) - T\xi_n\|_E \cdot \|\xi_{n-1}(c) - T\xi_{n-1}\|_E}{1 + \|T\xi_n - T\xi_{n-1}\|_E}\right) \right\}. \end{aligned} \quad (24)$$

Let us suppose that there exists $n_0 \in \mathbb{N}$ such that $\|\xi_{n_0+1} - \xi_{n_0}\|_{E_0} = 0$.

In this case, $\xi_{n_0+1} = \xi_{n_0}$ and, consequently, $\xi_{n_0+1}(c) = \xi_{n_0}(c)$.

By (21), we have

$$T\xi_{n_0} = \xi_{n_0+1}(c) = \xi_{n_0}(c) \quad (25)$$

and ξ_{n_0} would be the PPF dependent fixed point.

In the sequel we suppose that $\|\xi_{n+1} - \xi_n\|_{E_0} \neq 0$ for any $n \in \mathbb{N}$.

Now, we can distinguish two cases.

Case 1. Consider

$$\begin{aligned} & \max \left\{ \phi(\|\xi_n - \xi_{n-1}\|_{E_0}), \right. \\ & \quad \left. \phi\left(\frac{\|\xi_n(c) - T\xi_n\|_E \cdot \|\xi_{n-1}(c) - T\xi_{n-1}\|_E}{1 + \|T\xi_n - T\xi_{n-1}\|_E}\right) \right\} \\ &= \phi(\|\xi_n - \xi_{n-1}\|_{E_0}). \end{aligned} \quad (26)$$

In this case, from (24), we infer

$$\varphi(\|\xi_{n+1} - \xi_n\|_{E_0}) \leq \phi(\|\xi_n - \xi_{n-1}\|_{E_0}), \quad (27)$$

and, since $(\varphi, \phi) \in \mathfrak{F}$, we deduce

$$\|\xi_{n+1} - \xi_n\|_{E_0} \leq \|\xi_n - \xi_{n-1}\|_{E_0}. \quad (28)$$

Case 2. Consider

$$\begin{aligned} & \max \left\{ \phi \left(\|\xi_n - \xi_{n-1}\|_{E_0} \right), \right. \\ & \quad \left. \phi \left(\frac{\|\xi_n(c) - T\xi_n\|_E \cdot \|\xi_{n-1}(c) - T\xi_{n-1}\|_E}{1 + \|T\xi_n - T\xi_{n-1}\|_E} \right) \right\} \\ & = \phi \left(\frac{\|\xi_n(c) - T\xi_n\|_E \cdot \|\xi_{n-1}(c) - T\xi_{n-1}\|_E}{1 + \|T\xi_n - T\xi_{n-1}\|_E} \right). \end{aligned} \quad (29)$$

In this case, from (24) and since $(\varphi, \phi) \in \mathfrak{F}$, we infer

$$\|\xi_{n+1} - \xi_n\|_{E_0} \leq \frac{\|\xi_n(c) - T\xi_n\|_E \cdot \|\xi_{n-1}(c) - T\xi_{n-1}\|_E}{1 + \|T\xi_n - T\xi_{n-1}\|_E}. \quad (30)$$

By (21) and (22), we have

$$\begin{aligned} \|\xi_{n+1} - \xi_n\|_{E_0} & \leq \frac{\|\xi_n(c) - \xi_{n+1}(c)\|_E \cdot \|\xi_{n-1}(c) - \xi_n(c)\|_E}{1 + \|\xi_{n+1}(c) - \xi_n(c)\|_E} \\ & = \frac{\|\xi_{n+1} - \xi_n\|_{E_0} \cdot \|\xi_n - \xi_{n-1}\|_{E_0}}{1 + \|\xi_{n+1} - \xi_n\|_{E_0}}. \end{aligned} \quad (31)$$

Since $\|\xi_{n+1} - \xi_n\|_{E_0} \neq 0$, from the last inequality, it follows that

$$1 \leq \frac{\|\xi_n - \xi_{n-1}\|_{E_0}}{1 + \|\xi_{n+1} - \xi_n\|_{E_0}} \quad (32)$$

and, therefore,

$$\|\xi_{n+1} - \xi_n\|_{E_0} < 1 + \|\xi_{n+1} - \xi_n\|_{E_0} \leq \|\xi_n - \xi_{n-1}\|_{E_0}. \quad (33)$$

In both cases, we obtain that inequality (28) is satisfied and, consequently, the sequence $(\|\xi_{n+1} - \xi_n\|_{E_0})$ is a decreasing sequence of nonnegative real numbers.

Put $r = \lim_{n \rightarrow \infty} \|\xi_{n+1} - \xi_n\|_{E_0}$, where $r \geq 0$, and denote

$$\begin{aligned} A & = \{n \in \mathbb{N} : n \text{ satisfies (26)}\}, \\ B & = \{n \in \mathbb{N} : n \text{ satisfies (29)}\}. \end{aligned} \quad (34)$$

We remark the following.

- (1) If $\text{Card } A = \infty$, then from (24) we can find infinitely many natural numbers n satisfying inequality (27) and, since $\lim_{n \rightarrow \infty} \|\xi_{n+1} - \xi_n\|_{E_0} = \lim_{n \rightarrow \infty} \|\xi_n - \xi_{n-1}\|_{E_0} = r$ and $(\varphi, \phi) \in \mathfrak{F}$, we deduce that $r = 0$.
- (2) If $\text{Card } B = \infty$, then from (24) we can find infinitely many $n \in \mathbb{N}$ such that

$$\begin{aligned} & \phi \left(\|\xi_{n+1} - \xi_n\|_{E_0} \right) \\ & \leq \phi \left(\frac{\|\xi_n(c) - T\xi_n\|_E \cdot \|\xi_{n-1}(c) - T\xi_{n-1}\|_E}{1 + \|T\xi_n - T\xi_{n-1}\|_E} \right). \end{aligned} \quad (35)$$

Since $(\varphi, \phi) \in \mathfrak{F}$ and using a similar argument to the one used in Case 2, we obtain

$$\|\xi_{n+1} - \xi_n\|_{E_0} \leq \frac{\|\xi_{n+1} - \xi_n\|_{E_0} \cdot \|\xi_n - \xi_{n-1}\|_{E_0}}{1 + \|\xi_{n+1} - \xi_n\|_{E_0}} \quad (36)$$

for infinitely many $n \in \mathbb{N}$. Taking $n \rightarrow \infty$ in the last inequality and taking into account that $\lim_{n \rightarrow \infty} \|\xi_{n+1} - \xi_n\|_{E_0} = r$ we deduce

$$r \leq \frac{r^2}{1 + r}, \quad (37)$$

and, consequently, $r \leq 0$. Since $r \geq 0$, we obtain $r = 0$.

Therefore,

$$\lim_{n \rightarrow \infty} \|\xi_{n+1} - \xi_n\|_{E_0} = 0. \quad (38)$$

Next, we will prove that (ξ_n) is a Cauchy sequence in E_0 . In contrary case, since $\lim_{n \rightarrow \infty} \|\xi_{n+1} - \xi_n\|_{E_0} = 0$, by Lemma 2.1 of [8], we can find $\varepsilon > 0$ and subsequences $(\xi_{n(k)})$ and $(\xi_{m(k)})$ of (ξ_n) satisfying

(i) $n(k) > m(k) \geq k$ for $k > 0$,

(ii) $\varepsilon \leq \|\xi_{n(k)} - \xi_{m(k)}\|_{E_0}$, $\|\xi_{n(k)-1} - \xi_{m(k)}\|_{E_0} < \varepsilon$
for $k > 0$,

(iii) $\lim_{k \rightarrow \infty} \|\xi_{n(k)} - \xi_{m(k)}\|_{E_0} = \lim_{k \rightarrow \infty} \|\xi_{n(k)} - \xi_{m(k)+1}\|_{E_0}$
 $= \lim_{k \rightarrow \infty} \|\xi_{n(k)+1} - \xi_{m(k)}\|_{E_0}$
 $= \lim_{k \rightarrow \infty} \|\xi_{n(k)+1} - \xi_{m(k)+1}\|_{E_0} = \varepsilon.$ (39)

Since $\xi_{n(k)+1}, \xi_{m(k)+1} \in R_c$ for any $k \in \mathbb{N}$, from (21) and (22), we have

$$\begin{aligned} \|\xi_{n(k)+1} - \xi_{m(k)+1}\|_{E_0} & = \|\xi_{n(k)+1}(c) - \xi_{m(k)+1}(c)\|_E \\ & = \|T\xi_{n(k)} - T\xi_{m(k)}\|_E \end{aligned} \quad (40)$$

for any $k \in \mathbb{N}$.

Using the contractive condition and (21) and (22), we obtain

$$\begin{aligned} & \varphi \left(\|\xi_{n(k)+1} - \xi_{m(k)+1}\|_{E_0} \right) \\ & = \varphi \left(\|T\xi_{n(k)} - T\xi_{m(k)}\|_E \right) \\ & \leq \max \left\{ \phi \left(\|\xi_{n(k)} - \xi_{m(k)}\|_{E_0} \right), \right. \\ & \quad \left. \phi \left(\frac{\|\xi_{n(k)}(c) - T\xi_{n(k)}\|_E \cdot \|\xi_{m(k)}(c) - T\xi_{m(k)}\|_E}{1 + \|T\xi_{n(k)} - T\xi_{m(k)}\|_E} \right) \right\} \end{aligned}$$

$$\begin{aligned}
&= \max \left\{ \phi \left(\|\xi_{n(k)} - \xi_{m(k)}\|_{E_0} \right), \right. \\
&\quad \phi \left(\left(\|\xi_{n(k)}(c) - \xi_{m(k)+1}(c)\|_E \right. \right. \\
&\quad \cdot \|\xi_{m(k)}(c) - \xi_{m(k)+1}(c)\|_E \Big)^{-1} \Big) \Big\} \\
&= \max \left\{ \phi \left(\|\xi_{n(k)} - \xi_{m(k)}\|_{E_0} \right), \right. \\
&\quad \phi \left(\left(\|\xi_{n(k)+1} - \xi_{n(k)}\|_{E_0} \cdot \|\xi_{m(k)+1} - \xi_{m(k)}\|_{E_0} \right) \right. \\
&\quad \cdot \left(1 + \|\xi_{n(k)+1} - \xi_{m(k)+1}\|_{E_0} \right)^{-1} \Big) \Big\} \\
&\quad (41)
\end{aligned}$$

for any $k \in \mathbb{N}$.

Let us put

$$C = \{k \in \mathbb{N} :$$

$$\varphi \left(\|\xi_{n(k)+1} - \xi_{m(k)+1}\|_{E_0} \right) \leq \phi \left(\|\xi_{n(k)} - \xi_{m(k)}\|_{E_0} \right) \Big\},$$

$$D = \left\{ k \in \mathbb{N} :$$

$$\begin{aligned}
&\varphi \left(\|\xi_{n(k)+1} - \xi_{m(k)+1}\|_{E_0} \right) \\
&\leq \phi \left(\frac{\|\xi_{n(k)+1} - \xi_{n(k)}\|_{E_0} \cdot \|\xi_{m(k)+1} - \xi_{m(k)}\|_{E_0}}{1 + \|\xi_{n(k)+1} - \xi_{m(k)+1}\|_{E_0}} \right) \Big\}. \\
&\quad (42)
\end{aligned}$$

By (41) we have $\text{Card } C = \infty$ or $\text{Card } D = \infty$.

Let us suppose that $\text{Card } C = \infty$. Then there exist infinitely many $k \in \mathbb{N}$ such that

$$\varphi \left(\|\xi_{n(k)+1} - \xi_{m(k)+1}\|_{E_0} \right) \leq \phi \left(\|\xi_{n(k)} - \xi_{m(k)}\|_{E_0} \right) \quad (43)$$

and since $(\varphi, \phi) \in \mathfrak{F}$ and

$$\lim_{k \rightarrow \infty} \|\xi_{n(k)+1} - \xi_{m(k)+1}\|_{E_0} = \lim_{k \rightarrow \infty} \|\xi_{n(k)} - \xi_{m(k)}\|_{E_0} = \varepsilon \quad (44)$$

we infer from (39) that $\varepsilon = 0$. This is a contradiction.

Let us suppose that $\text{Card } D = \infty$. In this case, we can find infinitely many $k \in \mathbb{N}$ such that

$$\begin{aligned}
&\varphi \left(\|\xi_{n(k)+1} - \xi_{m(k)+1}\|_{E_0} \right) \\
&\leq \phi \left(\frac{\|\xi_{n(k)+1} - \xi_{n(k)}\|_{E_0} \cdot \|\xi_{m(k)+1} - \xi_{m(k)}\|_{E_0}}{1 + \|\xi_{n(k)+1} - \xi_{m(k)+1}\|_{E_0}} \right) \\
&\quad (45)
\end{aligned}$$

and since $(\varphi, \phi) \in \mathfrak{F}$, we infer

$$\begin{aligned}
&\|\xi_{n(k)+1} - \xi_{m(k)+1}\|_{E_0} \\
&\leq \frac{\|\xi_{n(k)+1} - \xi_{n(k)}\|_{E_0} \cdot \|\xi_{m(k)+1} - \xi_{m(k)}\|_{E_0}}{1 + \|\xi_{n(k)+1} - \xi_{m(k)+1}\|_{E_0}}. \\
&\quad (46)
\end{aligned}$$

Taking $k \rightarrow \infty$ and in view of (38) and (39), it follows that $\varepsilon \leq 0$ and this is a contradiction.

Therefore, since in both possibilities $\text{Card } C = \infty$ and $\text{Card } D = \infty$ we obtain a contradiction, we deduce that (ξ_n) is a Cauchy sequence in E_0 .

Since E_0 is a Banach space, we can find $\xi^* \in E_0$ such that $\lim_{n \rightarrow \infty} \xi_n = \xi^*$. As $\xi_n \in R_c$ and R_c is topologically closed, we have $\xi^* \in R_c$.

Next, we will prove that ξ^* is a PPF dependent fixed point of T . In fact, by the contractive condition, we obtain

$$\begin{aligned}
&\varphi (\|T\xi^* - T\xi_n\|_E) \\
&\leq \max \left\{ \phi (\|\xi^* - \xi_n\|_{E_0}), \right. \\
&\quad \left. \phi \left(\frac{\|\xi^*(c) - T\xi^*\|_E \cdot \|\xi_n(c) - T\xi_n\|_E}{1 + \|T\xi^* - T\xi_n\|_E} \right) \right\} \\
&\quad (47)
\end{aligned}$$

for any $n \in \mathbb{N}$.

We can distinguish two cases again.

(1) There exist infinitely many $n \in \mathbb{N}$ such that

$$\varphi (\|T\xi^* - T\xi_n\|_E) \leq \phi (\|\xi^* - \xi_n\|_{E_0}). \quad (48)$$

In this case, since $(\varphi, \phi) \in \mathfrak{F}$, we obtain

$$\|T\xi^* - T\xi_n\|_E \leq \|\xi^* - \xi_n\|_{E_0} \quad (49)$$

for infinitely many $n \in \mathbb{N}$. Since $\lim_{n \rightarrow \infty} \xi_n = \xi^*$, taking $n \rightarrow \infty$ in the last inequality, we obtain

$$\lim_{n \rightarrow \infty} T\xi_n = T\xi^*, \quad (50)$$

where, to simplify our considerations, we will denote the subsequence by the same symbol $(T\xi_n)$. By (21),

$$T\xi^* = \lim_{n \rightarrow \infty} T\xi_n = \lim_{n \rightarrow \infty} \xi_{n+1}(c). \quad (51)$$

$\xi_n \rightarrow \xi^*$ in E_0 ; this means that

$$\sup_{t \in [a, b]} \|\xi_n(t) - \xi^*(t)\|_E \rightarrow 0 \quad (52)$$

and, consequently, $\lim_{n \rightarrow \infty} \xi_{n+1}(c) = \xi^*(c)$. From this last result and from (51) we deduce that

$$T\xi^* = \xi^*(c) \quad (53)$$

and, therefore, ξ^* is a PPF dependent fixed point of T in R_c .

(2) There exist infinitely many $n \in \mathbb{N}$ such that

$$\varphi (\|T\xi^* - T\xi_n\|_E) \leq \phi \left(\frac{\|\xi^*(c) - T\xi^*\|_E \cdot \|\xi_n(c) - T\xi_n\|_E}{1 + \|T\xi^* - T\xi_n\|_E} \right). \quad (54)$$

To simplify our considerations, we will denote the subsequence by the same symbol $(T\xi_n)$. Since $(\varphi, \phi) \in \mathfrak{F}$, we infer

$$\|T\xi^* - T\xi_n\|_E \leq \frac{\|\xi^*(c) - T\xi^*\|_E \cdot \|\xi_n(c) - T\xi_n\|_E}{1 + \|T\xi^* - T\xi_n\|_E} \quad (55)$$

for any $n \in \mathbb{N}$. Using (21), we have that $T\xi_n = \xi_{n+1}(c)$ and, therefore,

$$\|T\xi^* - T\xi_n\|_E \leq \frac{\|\xi^*(c) - T\xi^*\|_E \cdot \|\xi_n(c) - \xi_{n+1}(c)\|_E}{1 + \|T\xi^* - T\xi_n\|_E} \quad (56)$$

for any $n \in \mathbb{N}$. Taking $n \rightarrow \infty$ and by (38) since $\lim_{n \rightarrow \infty} \|\xi_n(c) - \xi_{n+1}(c)\|_E = 0$, we infer (50). From the above case, we deduce that ξ^* is a PPF dependent fixed point of T in R_c .

Therefore, we have proved that in both cases ξ^* is a PPF dependent fixed point of T in R_c .

Finally, we will prove the uniqueness of PPF dependent fixed point of T in R_c .

Suppose that ϕ^* is another PPF dependent fixed point of T in R_c . Then, since $\xi^*, \phi^* \in R_c$ and R_c is algebraically closed, we obtain

$$\|\xi^* - \phi^*\|_{E_0} = \|\xi^*(c) - \phi^*(c)\|_E. \quad (57)$$

As $\xi^*(c) = T\xi^*$ and $\phi^*(c) = T\phi^*$ because ξ^* and ϕ^* are PPF dependent fixed points of T , we infer

$$\|\xi^* - \phi^*\|_{E_0} = \|\xi^*(c) - \phi^*(c)\|_E = \|T\xi^* - T\phi^*\|_E. \quad (58)$$

Consequently, using the contractive condition, we get

$$\begin{aligned} & \varphi(\|\xi^* - \phi^*\|_{E_0}) \\ &= \varphi(\|T\xi^* - T\phi^*\|_E) \\ &\leq \max \left\{ \phi(\|\xi^* - \phi^*\|_{E_0}), \right. \\ &\quad \left. \phi \left(\frac{\|\xi^*(c) - T\xi^*\|_E \cdot \|\phi^*(c) - T\phi^*\|_E}{1 + \|T\xi^* - T\phi^*\|_E} \right) \right\} \\ &= \max \{ \phi(\|\xi^* - \phi^*\|_{E_0}), \phi(0) \}. \end{aligned} \quad (59)$$

We can distinguish two cases.

(i) Consider $\max\{\phi(\|\xi^* - \phi^*\|_{E_0}), \phi(0)\} = \phi(\|\xi^* - \phi^*\|_{E_0})$. In this case, from (59) we have

$$\varphi(\|\xi^* - \phi^*\|_{E_0}) \leq \phi(\|\xi^* - \phi^*\|_{E_0}). \quad (60)$$

Now, since $(\varphi, \phi) \in \mathfrak{F}$ and using Remark 4, we get $\|\xi^* - \phi^*\|_{E_0} = 0$ and, therefore, $\xi^* = \phi^*$.

(ii) Consider $\max\{\phi(\|\xi^* - \phi^*\|_{E_0}), \phi(0)\} = \phi(0)$. From (59) we obtain

$$\varphi(\|\xi^* - \phi^*\|_{E_0}) \leq \phi(0), \quad (61)$$

and, since $(\varphi, \phi) \in \mathfrak{F}$, we infer that $\|\xi^* - \phi^*\|_{E_0} \leq 0$. Therefore, $\|\xi^* - \phi^*\|_{E_0} = 0$ or, equivalently, $\xi^* = \phi^*$.

This result finishes the proof. \square

By Theorem 8, we obtain the following corollaries.

Corollary 9. Let $T : E_0 \rightarrow E$ be a mapping such that there exists a pair of functions $(\varphi, \phi) \in \mathfrak{F}$ and $c \in [a, b]$ satisfying

$$\varphi(\|T\xi - T\eta\|_E) \leq \phi(\|\xi - \eta\|_{E_0}) \quad (62)$$

for any $\xi, \eta \in E_0$. If R_c is topologically closed and algebraically closed with respect to difference, then T has a unique PPF dependent fixed point in R_c .

Corollary 10. Let $T : E_0 \rightarrow E$ be a mapping such that there exists a pair of functions $(\varphi, \phi) \in \mathfrak{F}$ and $c \in [a, b]$ satisfying

$$\varphi(\|T\xi - T\eta\|_E) \leq \phi \left(\frac{\|\xi(c) - T\xi\|_E \|\eta(c) - T\eta\|_E}{1 + \|T\xi - T\eta\|_E} \right) \quad (63)$$

for any $\xi, \eta \in E_0$. If R_c is topologically closed and algebraically closed with respect to difference, then T has a unique PPF dependent fixed point in R_c .

The main result of [4] is Theorem 3. Notice that the contractive condition appearing in this theorem

$$\|T\xi - T\eta\|_E \leq \alpha \|\xi - \eta\|_{E_0} + \beta \frac{\|\xi(c) - T\xi\|_E \|\eta(c) - T\eta\|_E}{1 + \|T\xi - T\eta\|_E} \quad (64)$$

for any $\xi, \eta \in E_0$, where $\alpha, \beta \in [0, 1]$ with $\alpha + \beta < 1$ and $c \in [a, b]$, implies that

$$\begin{aligned} & \|T\xi - T\eta\|_E \\ &\leq (\alpha + \beta) \max \left\{ \|\xi - \eta\|_{E_0}, \frac{\|\xi(c) - T\xi\|_E \|\eta(c) - T\eta\|_E}{1 + \|T\xi - T\eta\|_E} \right\} \\ &\leq \max \left\{ (\alpha + \beta) \|\xi - \eta\|_{E_0}, \right. \\ &\quad \left. (\alpha + \beta) \frac{\|\xi(c) - T\xi\|_E \|\eta(c) - T\eta\|_E}{1 + \|T\xi - T\eta\|_E} \right\} \end{aligned} \quad (65)$$

for any $\xi, \eta \in E_0$. This condition is a particular case of the contractive condition appearing in Theorem 8 with the pair of functions $(\varphi, \phi) \in \mathfrak{F}$ given by $\varphi = 1_{[0, \infty)}$ and $\phi = (\alpha + \beta)1_{[0, \infty)}$. Therefore, Theorem 3 is a particular case of the following corollary.

Corollary 11. Let $T : E_0 \rightarrow E$ be a mapping such that there exist real numbers $\alpha, \beta \in [0, 1)$ with $\alpha + \beta < 1$ and $c \in [a, b]$ satisfying

$$\|T\xi - T\eta\|_E \leq \max \left\{ (\alpha + \beta) \|\xi - \eta\|_{E_0}, \right. \\ \left. (\alpha + \beta) \frac{\|\xi(c) - T\xi\|_E \|\eta(c) - T\eta\|_E}{1 + \|T\xi - T\eta\|_E} \right\} \quad (66)$$

for any $\xi, \eta \in E_0$. If R_c is topologically closed and algebraically closed with respect to difference, then T has a unique PPF dependent fixed point in R_c .

Taking into account Example 5, we have the following corollary.

Corollary 12. Let $T : E_0 \rightarrow E$ be a mapping such that there exist two functions $\varphi, \phi : [0, \infty) \rightarrow [0, \infty)$ and $c \in [a, b]$ such that

$$\varphi(\|T\xi - T\eta\|_E) \leq \max \left\{ \varphi(\|\xi - \eta\|_{E_0}) - \phi(\|\xi - \eta\|_{E_0}), \right. \\ \left. \varphi\left(\frac{\|\xi(c) - T\xi\|_E \|\eta(c) - T\eta\|_E}{1 + \|T\xi - T\eta\|_E}\right) \right. \\ \left. - \phi\left(\frac{\|\xi(c) - T\xi\|_E \|\eta(c) - T\eta\|_E}{1 + \|T\xi - T\eta\|_E}\right) \right\} \quad (67)$$

for any $\xi, \eta \in E_0$, where φ is a continuous and increasing function satisfying $\varphi(t) = 0$ if and only if $t = 0$, and ϕ is a nondecreasing function such that $\phi(t) = 0$ if and only if $t = 0$, and $\phi \leq \varphi$.

If R_c is topologically closed and algebraically closed with respect to difference, then T has a unique PPF dependent fixed point in R_c .

Corollary 12 has the following consequences.

Corollary 13. Let $T : E_0 \rightarrow E$ be a mapping such that there exist two functions $\varphi, \phi : [0, \infty) \rightarrow [0, \infty)$ and $c \in [a, b]$ such that

$$\varphi(\|T\xi - T\eta\|_E) \leq \varphi(\|\xi - \eta\|_{E_0}) - \phi(\|\xi - \eta\|_{E_0}) \quad (68)$$

for any $\xi, \eta \in E_0$, where φ is an increasing function and ϕ is a nondecreasing function and they satisfy $\varphi(t) = \phi(t) = 0$ if and only if $t = 0$, and φ is continuous with $\phi \leq \varphi$. If R_c is topologically closed and algebraically closed with respect to difference, then T has a unique PPF dependent fixed point in R_c .

Corollary 13 can be considered as the version, in the context of PPF dependent fixed point theorems, of the following result about fixed point theorems which appears in [9].

Theorem 14 (see [9]). Let (X, d) be a complete metric space and $T : X \rightarrow X$ a mapping satisfying

$$\varphi(d(Tx, Ty)) \leq \varphi(d(x, y)) - \phi(d(x, y)) \quad (69)$$

for $x, y \in X$, where φ and ϕ satisfy the same conditions as in Corollary 13. Then T has a unique fixed point.

Corollary 15. Let $T : E_0 \rightarrow E$ be a mapping such that there exist two functions $\varphi, \phi : [0, \infty) \rightarrow [0, \infty)$ satisfying the same conditions as in Corollary 13 and $c \in [a, b]$ such that

$$\varphi(\|T\xi - T\eta\|_E) \leq \varphi\left(\frac{\|\xi(c) - T\xi\|_E \|\eta(c) - T\eta\|_E}{1 + \|T\xi - T\eta\|_E}\right) \\ - \phi\left(\frac{\|\xi(c) - T\xi\|_E \|\eta(c) - T\eta\|_E}{1 + \|T\xi - T\eta\|_E}\right) \quad (70)$$

for any $\xi, \eta \in E_0$. If R_c is topologically closed and algebraically closed with respect to difference, then T has a unique PPF dependent fixed point in R_c .

Taking into account Example 6, we have the following corollary.

Corollary 16. Let $T : E_0 \rightarrow E$ be a mapping such that there exist $\alpha \in S$ (see Example 6) and $c \in [a, b]$ satisfying

$$\|T\xi - T\eta\|_E \leq \max \left\{ \alpha(\|\xi - \eta\|_{E_0}) \|\xi - \eta\|_{E_0}, \right. \\ \left. \alpha\left(\frac{\|\xi(c) - T\xi\|_E \|\eta(c) - T\eta\|_E}{1 + \|T\xi - T\eta\|_E}\right) \right. \\ \left. \times \frac{\|\xi(c) - T\xi\|_E \|\eta(c) - T\eta\|_E}{1 + \|T\xi - T\eta\|_E} \right\} \quad (71)$$

for any $\xi, \eta \in E_0$. If R_c is topologically closed and algebraically closed with respect to difference, then T has a unique PPF dependent fixed point in R_c .

A consequence of Corollary 16 is the following result.

Corollary 17. Let $T : E_0 \rightarrow E$ be a mapping such that there exists $\alpha \in S$ satisfying

$$\|T\xi - T\eta\|_E \leq \alpha(\|\xi - \eta\|_E) \|\xi - \eta\|_{E_0} \quad (72)$$

for any $\xi, \eta \in E_0$.

If $c \in [a, b]$ such that R_c is topologically closed and algebraically closed with respect to difference, then T has a unique PPF dependent fixed point in R_c .

Corollary 17 is the version, in the context of PPF dependent fixed point theorems, of the following result about fixed point theorems appearing in [10].

Theorem 18. Let (X, d) be a complete metric space and $T : X \rightarrow X$ a mapping satisfying

$$d(Tx, Ty) \leq \alpha(d(x, y))d(x, y) \quad (73)$$

for any $x, y \in X$, where $\alpha \in S$. Then T has a unique fixed point.

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