

ON FIXED POINTS OF GENERALIZED CONTRACTIONS  
ON PROBABILISTIC METRIC SPACES

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**1. Introduction.** V. Sehgal and A. Bharucha-Reid [8] introduced a notion of a contraction mapping on a probabilistic metric space and proved fixed-point theorems which are extensions of the classical Banach's fixed-point principle and a fixed-point theorem of M. Edelstein [4].

In the present note we introduce a notion of a generalized contraction map on a probabilistic metric space and prove a fixed point theorem which is an extension of some results of [1] and [8]. Then we consider a sequence of maps on a probabilistic metric space and prove a theorem which extends some results of [3] and [5].

**2.** Statistical or probabilistic metric spaces were introduced by K. Menger [7]. A probabilistic metric space (briefly a Pm-space) is an ordered pair  $(X, \mathcal{F})$ , where  $X$  is an abstract set of elements and  $\mathcal{F}$  is a mapping of  $X \times X$  into a collection  $\mathcal{L}$  of all distribution functions  $F$  (a distribution function  $F$  is a nondecreasing and leftcontinuous mapping of reals into  $[0, 1]$  with  $\inf F(x) = 0$  and  $\sup F(x) = 1$ ). The value of  $\mathcal{F}$  at  $(u, v) \in X \times X$  will be denoted by  $F_{u,v}$ . The functions  $F_{u,v}$ ,  $u, v \in X$ , are assumed to satisfy the following conditions:

- (a)  $F_{u,v}(x) = 1$  for all  $x > 0$ , if and only if  $u = v$ .
- (b)  $F_{u,v}(0) = 0$ .
- (c)  $F_{u,v} = F_{v,u}$
- (d)  $F_{u,v}(x) = 1$  and  $F_{v,w}(y) = 1$  imply  $F_{u,w}(x+y) = 1$ .

The value  $F_{u,v}(x)$  of  $F_{u,v}$  at  $x \in \mathbb{R}$  may be interpreted as the probability that the distance between  $u$  and  $v$  is less than  $x$ .

A mapping  $t: [0, 1] \times [0, 1] \rightarrow [0, 1]$  is a  $t$ -norm if it satisfies

- 1.  $t(a, 1) = 1$ ,  $t(0, 0) = 0$ ,
- 2.  $t(a, b) = t(b, a)$ ,
- 3.  $t(c, d) \geq t(a, b)$  for  $c \geq a$ ,  $d \geq b$ ,
- 4.  $t(t(a, b), c) = t(a, t(b, c))$ .

A Menger space is a triplet  $(X, \mathcal{F}, t)$ , where  $(X, \mathcal{F})$  is a *Pm*-space and *t*-norm *t* is such that the Menger's triangle inequality

$$(M) \quad f_{u,w}(x+y) \geq t[F_{u,v}(x), F_{v,w}(y)]$$

is satisfied for all  $u, v, w \in X$  and for all  $x \geq 0, y \geq 0$ . A topology in  $(X, \mathcal{F}, t)$  is introduced by the family  $\{U_v(\varepsilon, \lambda) : v \in X, \varepsilon > 0, \lambda > 0\}$ , where the set

$$U_v(\varepsilon, \lambda) = \{u \in X : F_{u,v}(x) > 1 - \lambda\}, \quad \varepsilon > 0, \lambda > 0$$

is called an  $(\varepsilon, \lambda)$ -neighborhood of  $v \in X$ .

3. We now introduce a notion of a generalized contraction on a *Pm*-space.

**Definition 1** A mapping *T* on *Pm*-space  $(X, \mathcal{F})$  will be called a *generalized contraction* iff there exists a constant  $q, 0 < q < 1$ , such that for every  $u, v \in X$ ,

$$(1) \quad F_{Tu, Tv}(qx) \geq \min\{F_{u,v}(x), F_{u, Tu}(x), F_{v, Tv}(x), F_{u, Tv}(2x), F_{v, Tu}(2x)\}$$

for all  $x > 0$ .

Now we shall prove the following result.

**Theorem 1.** *Let  $(X, \mathcal{F}, t)$  be a Menger space, where *t* is continuous and satisfies  $t(x, x) \geq x$  for each  $x \in [0, 1]$ . If  $T : X \rightarrow X$  is a generalized contraction on *X* and *X* is *T*-orbitally complete, then *T* has a unique fixed-point  $v \in X$  and  $\lim_n T^n u = v$  for every  $u \in X$ .*

**Proof.** Let  $u \in X$  be arbitrary and consider the sequence:

$$(2) \quad u_0 = u, \quad u_1 = Tu_0, \quad u_2 = Tu_1, \quad \dots, \quad u_n = Tu_{n-1}, \quad \dots$$

We shall show that the sequence (2) is fundamental in *X*, i. e., that for each  $\varepsilon > 0, \lambda > 0$ , there is an integer  $K(\varepsilon, \lambda)$  such that  $m, n \geq K(\varepsilon, \lambda)$  imply  $F_{u_m, u_n}(\varepsilon) > 1 - \lambda$ .

First observe that by (a)

$$(3) \quad u \neq v \text{ implies } F_{u,v}(qx) < F_{u,v}(x) \text{ for some } x > 0 \text{ and that } (M), 3. \text{ and } t(x, x) \geq x \text{ imply}$$

$$(4) \quad F_{u,w}(x+y) \geq \min\{F_{u,v}(x), F_{v,w}(y)\}$$

for all  $u, v, w \in X$  and for all  $x \geq 0, y \geq 0$ .

Suppose that in the sequence (2)  $u_{n-1} \neq u_n$  for every integer *n*, since  $u_{n-1} = u_n = Tu_{n-1}$  for some *n* implies immediately that (2) is fundamental. Then for  $u_{n-1}, u_n \in X$  by (1)

$$\begin{aligned} F_{u_n, u_{n+1}}(qx) &= F_{Tu_{n-1}, Tu_n}(qx) \geq \\ &\min\{F_{u_{n-1}, u_n}(x), F_{u_{n-1}, u_n}(x), F_{u_n, u_{n+1}}(x), F_{u_{n-1}, u_{n+1}}(2x), F_{u_n, u_n}(2x)\} \\ &= \min\{F_{u_{n-1}, u_n}(x), F_{u_n, u_{n+1}}(x), F_{u_{n-1}, u_{n+1}}(2x), 1\}. \end{aligned}$$

Since by (4)

$$F_{u_{n-1}, u_{n+1}}(2x) \geq \min\{F_{u_{n-1}, u_n}(x), F_{u_n, u_{n+1}}(x)\},$$

we have

$$F_{u_n, u_{n+1}}(qx) \geq \min \{F_{u_{n-1}, u_n}(x), F_{u_n, u_{n+1}}(x)\} \text{ for all } x > 0.$$

Since we assume that  $u_n \neq u_{n+1}$  for each integer  $n$ , (3) implies that

$$F_{u_n, u_{n+1}}(qx) \geq F_{u_n, u_{n+1}}(x) \text{ for all } x > 0$$

is impossible. Then it follows that for each integer  $n$ ,

$$(5) \quad F_{u_n, u_{n+1}}(qx) \geq F_{u_{n-1}, u_n}(x) \text{ for all } x > 0.$$

For an arbitrary integer  $n$  we have by (5)

$$F_{u_n, u_{n+1}}(x) \geq F_{u_{n-1}, u_n}\left(\frac{x}{q}\right) \geq \dots \geq F_{u_0, u_1}\left(\frac{x}{q^n}\right).$$

Let now  $\varepsilon, \lambda$  be arbitrary positive reals. Since  $F_{u_0, u_1}\left(\frac{x}{q^n}\right) \rightarrow 1$  when  $n \rightarrow \infty$ , it follows that there exists an integer  $K = K\left(\frac{1-q}{q} \varepsilon, \lambda\right)$  such that

$$(6) \quad F_{u_{n-1}, u_n}\left(\frac{1-q}{q} \varepsilon\right) > 1 - \lambda \text{ for each } n \geq K.$$

Then by (5) for  $n \geq K$  we have

$$(7) \quad F_{u_{n+p}, u_{n+p+1}}(\varepsilon) \geq F_{u_{n+p-1}, u_{n+p}}(\varepsilon) \geq \dots \geq F_{u_{n-1}, u_n}(\varepsilon) \geq F_{u_{n-1}, u_n}\left(\frac{1-q}{q} \varepsilon\right) > 1 - \lambda$$

for every  $p \geq 0$ , as  $F$  is a non-decreasing function (we may suppose that  $q \geq \frac{1}{2}$ ).

Now we shall show that for each  $n \geq K$

$$(8) \quad F_{u_n, u_{n+p}}(\varepsilon) > 1 - \lambda \text{ for } p = 0, 1, 2, \dots$$

Since (8) holds trivially for  $p = 0$ , we may proceed by induction on  $p$ . Assume that (8) is valid for some fixed  $p$ . Then by definition of  $u_n$  and (1)

$$F_{u_n, u_{n+p+1}}(\varepsilon) = F_{Tu_{n-1}, Tu_{n+p}}\left(q \frac{\varepsilon}{q}\right) \geq \min \left\{ F_{u_{n-1}, u_{n+p}}\left(\frac{\varepsilon}{q}\right), F_{u_{n-1}, u_n}\left(\frac{\varepsilon}{q}\right), F_{u_{n+p}, u_{n+p+1}}\left(\frac{\varepsilon}{q}\right), F_{u_{n-1}, u_{n+p+1}}\left(\frac{2\varepsilon}{q}\right), F_{u_n, u_{n+p}}\left(\frac{2\varepsilon}{q}\right) \right\}.$$

Since by (4)

$$F_{u_{n-1}, u_{n+p}}\left(\frac{\varepsilon}{q}\right) \geq \min \left\{ F_{u_{n-1}, u_n}\left(\frac{1-q}{q} \varepsilon\right), F_{u_n, u_{n+p}}(\varepsilon) \right\}$$

and

$$F_{u_{n-1}, u_{n+p+1}}\left(\frac{2\varepsilon}{q}\right) \geq \min \left\{ F_{u_{n-1}, u_{n+p}}\left(\frac{\varepsilon}{q}\right), F_{u_{n+p}, u_{n+p+1}}\left(\frac{\varepsilon}{q}\right) \right\},$$

we obtain

$$\begin{aligned} F_{u_n, u_{n+p+1}}(\varepsilon) &\geq \min \left\{ F_{u_{n-1}, u_n}\left(\frac{1-q}{q}\varepsilon\right), F_{u_n, u_{n+p}}(\varepsilon), F_{u_{n-1}, u_n}\left(\frac{\varepsilon}{q}\right), \right. \\ &\quad \left. F_{u_{n+p}, u_{n+p+1}}\left(\frac{\varepsilon}{q}\right), F_{u_n, u_{n+p}}\left(\frac{2\varepsilon}{q}\right) \right\} \\ &\geq \min \left\{ F_{u_{n-1}, u_n}\left(\frac{1-q}{q}\varepsilon\right), F_{u_n, u_{n+p}}(\varepsilon), F_{u_{n+p}, u_{n+p+1}}(\varepsilon) \right\}. \end{aligned}$$

Using (6), the inductive assumption and (7) we have

$$F_{u_n, u_{n+p+1}}(\varepsilon) > 1 - \lambda \text{ for all } n \geq K.$$

Therefore, (8) is valid for all  $n \geq K$  and for every  $p = 0, 1, 2, \dots$ . Hence (2) is a fundamental sequence. Since (2) is an orbit of  $T$  at  $u \in X$  and  $X$  is  $T$ -orbitally complete, there is a point  $v \in X$  such that

$$v = \lim_n u_n = \lim_n T^n u.$$

We now prove that

$$(9) \quad Tv = \lim_n u_{n+1} = v.$$

Let  $U_{Tv}(\varepsilon, \lambda)$  be any *nbd* of  $Tv$ . Since  $\lim_n u_n = v$  there exists an integer  $K$  such that

$$(10) \quad n \geq K \text{ implies } T_{u_n, v}\left(\frac{1-q}{2q}\varepsilon\right) > 1 - \lambda \text{ and } F_{u_n, u_{n+1}}\left(\frac{1-q}{2q}\varepsilon\right) > 1 - \lambda.$$

Then by (1)

$$\begin{aligned} F_{u_{n+1}, Tv}(\varepsilon) &= F_{Tu_n, Tv}\left(q \cdot \frac{\varepsilon}{q}\right) \geq \\ &\geq \min \left\{ F_{u_n, v}\left(\frac{\varepsilon}{q}\right), F_{u_n, u_{n+1}}\left(\frac{\varepsilon}{q}\right), F_{v, Tv}\left(\frac{\varepsilon}{q}\right), F_{u_n, Tv}\left(\frac{2\varepsilon}{q}\right), F_{u_{n+1}, v}\left(\frac{2\varepsilon}{q}\right) \right\}. \end{aligned}$$

Since by (4)

$$F_{v, Tv}\left(\frac{\varepsilon}{q}\right) = F_{v, Tv}\left(\frac{1-q}{2q}\varepsilon + \frac{1+q}{2q}\varepsilon\right) \geq \min \left\{ F_{v, u_{n+1}}\left(\frac{1-q}{2q}\varepsilon\right), F_{u_{n+1}, Tv}\left(\frac{1+q}{2q}\varepsilon\right) \right\}$$

and

$$F_{u_n, Tv}\left(\frac{2\varepsilon}{q}\right) \geq \min \left\{ F_{u_n, u_{n+1}}\left(\frac{\varepsilon}{q}\right), F_{u_{n+1}, Tv}\left(\frac{\varepsilon}{q}\right) \right\},$$

we obtain, as  $F$  is nondecreasing, that

$$(11) \quad F_{u_{n+1}, Tv}(\varepsilon) \geq \min \left\{ F_{u_n, v}\left(\frac{1-q}{2q}\varepsilon\right), F_{u_n, u_{n+1}}\left(\frac{1-q}{2q}\varepsilon\right), F_{u_{n+1}, v}\left(\frac{1-q}{2q}\varepsilon\right), \right. \\ \left. F_{u_{n+1}, Tv}\left(\frac{1+q}{2q}\varepsilon\right) \right\}.$$

Hence and by (10)

$$(12) \quad F_{u_{n+1}, T_v}(\varepsilon) > 1 - \lambda \text{ for all } n \geq K, \text{ or}$$

$$(13) \quad F_{u_{n+1}, T_v}(\varepsilon) = F_{u_{n+1}, T_v}\left(\frac{1+q}{2q} \varepsilon_1\right) \text{ for all } n \geq K.$$

We proved (9) if (12) is valued. Now if (12) were false, then substituting in (11)  $\varepsilon$  by  $\varepsilon_1 = \frac{1+q}{2q} \varepsilon > \varepsilon$ , it would follow

$$(13') \quad F_{u_{n+1}, T_v}(\varepsilon_1) = F_{u_{n+1}, T_v}\left(\frac{1+q}{2q} \varepsilon_1\right) = F_{u_{n+1}, T_v}\left[\left(\frac{1+q}{2q}\right)^2 \varepsilon\right], \text{ and}$$

$$F_{u_{n+1}, T_v}(\varepsilon) = F_{u_{n+1}, T_v}\left(\frac{1+q}{2q} \varepsilon\right) = F_{u_{n+1}, T_v}\left[\left(\frac{1+q}{2q}\right)^2 \varepsilon\right].$$

Proceeding in this direction we would obtain that

$$1 - \lambda \geq F_{u_{n+1}, T_v}(\varepsilon) = \dots = F_{u_{n+1}, T_v}\left[\left(\frac{1+q}{2q}\right)^k \varepsilon\right] \rightarrow 1, k \rightarrow \infty$$

which is a contradiction. Therefore, the inequality (12) is correct, which implies (9). So we conclude that there exists a fixed point for  $T$ .

To prove the uniqueness of the fixed point  $v$  in (9), suppose that  $w \neq v$  and  $Tw = w$ . Then by (1)

$$F_{v,w}(qx) = F_{T_v, T_w}(qx) \geq \min \{F_{v,w}(x), F_{v,T_v}(x), F_{w,T_w}(x), F_{v,T_w}(2x), F_{w,T_v}(2x)\}$$

$$= \min \{F_{v,w}(x), 1, 1, F_{v,w}(2x), F_{w,v}(2x)\} = F_{v,w}(x)$$

for all  $x > 0$ , which is a contradiction with (3). Therefore, the fixed point is unique.

**Corollary 1.1.** *Let  $(M, d)$  be a metric space and let  $T: M \rightarrow M$  be a mapping. If*

$$(14) \quad d(Tu, Tv) \leq q \cdot \max \left\{ d(u, v), d(u, Tu), d(v, Tv), \frac{1}{2} d(u, Tv), \frac{1}{2} d(v, Tu) \right\}$$

for some  $q < 1$  and for all  $u, v \in M$  and if  $M$  is  $T$ -orbitally complete, then  $T$  has a unique fixed point  $p \in M$  and  $\lim_n T^n u = p$  for every  $u \in M$ .

**Proof.** The metric  $\mathbf{d}$  induces a mapping  $\mathcal{F}: M \times M \rightarrow \mathcal{L}$ , where  $\mathcal{F}(u, v) = F_{u,v}(u, v \in M)$  is defined by  $F_{u,v}(x) = 0$  if  $x \leq d(u, v)$  and  $F_{u,v}(x) = 1$  if  $x > d(u, v)$ . Further, if  $t: [0, 1] \times [0, 1] \rightarrow [0, 1]$  is defined by  $t(a, b) = \min \{a, b\}$ , then  $(M, \mathcal{F}, t)$  is a  $T$ -orbitally complete Menger space, what is easy to prove.

Now we shall show that (14) implies (1). Put  $d(a, b) = \max \{d(u, v), d(u, Tu), d(v, Tv)\}$  and  $\frac{1}{2} d(c, e) = \max \left\{ \frac{1}{2} d(u, Tv), \frac{1}{2} d(v, Tu) \right\}$ . Suppose first that  $d(Tu, Tv) \leq qd(a, b)$ . Then for  $x \leq d(a, b)$  one has  $F_{a,b}(x) = 0$  and hence  $F_{T_u, T_v}(qx) \geq F_{a,b}(x)$ ; and for  $x > d(a, b)$  it follows  $qx > qd(a, b) \geq d(Tu, Tv)$  which implies  $F_{T_u, T_v}(qx) = 1$  and hence  $F_{T_u, T_v}(qx) \geq F_{a,b}(x)$ . Therefore,  $F_{T_u, T_v}(qx) \geq$

$\geq F_{a,b}(x)$  for all  $x > 0$  when  $d(Tu, Tv) \leq qd(a, b)$ . Suppose now that  $d(Tu, Tv) < q \frac{1}{2} d(c, e)$ . Then  $x < \frac{1}{2} d(c, e)$  implies  $F_{c,e}(2x) = 0$ ; and  $x > \frac{1}{2} d(c, e)$  implies  $qx > d(Tu, Tv)$  and hence  $F_{Tu, Tv}(qx) = 1$ . Thus,  $F_{Tu, Tv}(qx) \geq F_{c,e}(2x)$  for all  $x > 0$  when  $d(Tu, Tv) \leq q \frac{1}{2} d(c, e)$ . Therefore, we showed that if  $T$  satisfies the condition (14) on  $(M, d)$  then  $T$  satisfies the condition (1) on  $(M, \mathcal{F}, t)$ , as  $d(f, g) = d(y, z)$  implies  $F_{f,g}(x) = F_{y,z}(x)$  for  $x > 0$ . The result now follows by our Theorem.

**Corollary 1.2.** ([8], Th. 3). *Let  $(E, \mathcal{F}, t)$  be a complete Menger space, where  $t$  is continuous function satisfying  $t(x, x) \geq x$  for each  $x \in [0, 1]$ . If  $T$  is any contraction mapping of  $E$  into itself, i.e. if for each  $u, v \in E$*

$$F_{Tu, Tv}(qx) \geq F_{u,v}(x) \quad \text{for all } x > 0,$$

*then there is a unique  $p \in E$  such that  $Tp = p$ . Moreover,  $T^n q \rightarrow p$  for each  $q \in E$ .*

**4.** In this section we shall consider a sequence of maps on a  $Pm$ -space. We need the following definition (see [5]).

**Definition 2.** A sequence of maps  $T_i: X \rightarrow X$  on a  $Pm$ -space  $X$  converges uniformly to a map  $T: X \rightarrow X$  iff for every  $\varepsilon > 0$  and  $\lambda > 0$  there exists a positive integer  $K = K(\varepsilon, \lambda)$  such that

$$F_{T_i, T_i u}(\varepsilon) > 1 - \lambda$$

for every  $u \in X$  and all  $i \geq K$ .

**Theorem 2.** *Let  $\{T_i\}_{i \in \mathbb{N}}$  be a sequence of maps on a Menger space  $(X, \mathcal{F}, t)$ , where  $t$  is continuous and satisfies  $t(x, x) \geq x$ ,  $x \in [0, 1]$  and let  $T: X \rightarrow X$  be a generalized contraction on  $X$  and  $X$   $T$ -orbitally complete. If each  $T_i$  ( $i = 1, 2, \dots$ ) has at least one fixed point  $v_i$  and if the sequence  $\{T_i\}_{i \in \mathbb{N}}$  on the subset  $I = \{u \in X: \text{there is some } T_i \text{ such that } u = T_i u\}$  converges uniformly to  $T$ , then the sequence  $\{v_i\}_{i \in \mathbb{N}}$  converges to a unique fixed point  $v$  of  $T$ .*

**Proof.** By Theorem 1 the mapping  $T$  has a unique fixed point  $v$ . To show that  $v = \lim_i v_i$ , let  $U_v(\varepsilon, \lambda)$  be an arbitrary  $nbd$  of  $v$ . We must show that

$$F_{v_i, v}(\varepsilon) > 1 - \lambda$$

for almost all  $i \in \mathbb{N}$ . Since  $\{T_i\}$  converges uniformly to  $T$ , there exists  $K \in \mathbb{N}$  such that

$$(15) \quad F_{T_i u, T_i u} \left( \frac{1-q}{2} \varepsilon \right) > 1 - \lambda \quad \text{for } i \geq K$$

for every  $u \in X$ . For arbitrary  $v_i \in X$  for which  $T_i v_i = v_i$  we have by (4)

$$(16) \quad F_{v_i, v}(\varepsilon) = F_{v_i, v} \left( \frac{1-q}{2} \varepsilon + \frac{1+q}{2} \varepsilon \right) \geq \min \left\{ F_{T_i v_i, T_i v_i} \left( \frac{1-q}{2} \varepsilon \right), F_{T v_i, v} \left( \frac{1+q}{2} \varepsilon \right) \right\}.$$

Since  $T$  is a generalized contraction,  $v = Tv$ ,  $v_i = T_i v_i$  and  $F$  is nondecreasing, we obtain

$$F_{Tv_i, v} \left( \frac{1+q}{2} \varepsilon \right) = F_{Tv_i, Tv} \left( q \frac{1+q}{2q} \varepsilon \right) \geq \\ \min \left\{ F_{v_i, v} \left( \frac{1+q}{2q} \varepsilon \right), F_{v_i, Tv_i} \left( \frac{1+q}{2q} \varepsilon \right), F_{v, Tv} \left( \frac{1+q}{2q} \varepsilon \right), F_{v_i, Tv} \left( \frac{1+q}{q} \varepsilon \right), T_{v, Tv_i} \left( \frac{1+q}{q} \varepsilon \right) \right\} \\ \geq \min \left\{ F_{v_i, v} \left( \frac{1+q}{2q} \varepsilon \right), F_{T_i v_i, Tv_i} \left( \frac{1+q}{2q} \varepsilon \right), F_{v, Tv_i} \left( \frac{1+q}{q} \varepsilon \right) \right\}.$$

Using that

$$F_{v, Tv_i} \left( \frac{1+q}{q} \varepsilon \right) \geq \min \left\{ F_{v v_i} \left( \frac{1+q}{2q} \varepsilon \right), F_{T_i v_i, Tv_i} \left( \frac{1+q}{2q} \varepsilon \right) \right\}$$

we get

$$F_{Tv_i, v} \left( \frac{1+q}{2} \varepsilon \right) \geq \min \left\{ F_{v_i, v} \left( \frac{1+q}{2q} \varepsilon \right), F_{T_i v_i, Tv_i} \left( \frac{1+q}{2q} \varepsilon \right) \right\} \geq \\ \geq \min \left\{ F_{v_i, v} \left( \frac{1+q}{2q} \varepsilon \right), F_{T_i v_i, Tv_i} \left( \frac{1-q}{2} \varepsilon \right) \right\}.$$

Then (16) results in

$$F_{v_i, v}(\varepsilon) \geq \min \left\{ F_{T_i v_i, Tv_i} \left( \frac{1-q}{2} \varepsilon \right), F_{v_i, v} \left( \frac{1+q}{2q} \varepsilon \right) \right\}.$$

Hence and by (15)

$$(17) \quad F_{v_i, v}(\varepsilon) > 1 - \lambda \quad \text{for all } i \geq K, \text{ or}$$

$$(18) \quad F_{v_i, v}(\varepsilon) = F_{v_i, v} \left( \frac{1+q}{2q} \varepsilon \right) \quad \text{for all } i \geq K.$$

The assertion of Theorem follows if (17) is valid. Since  $F_{v_i, v}(\varepsilon) \leq 1 - \lambda$  implies (as in the proof of Theorem 1.)

$$F_{v_i, v}(\varepsilon) = F_{v_i, v} \left( \left( \frac{1+q}{2q} \right)^n \varepsilon \right) \rightarrow 1, \quad n \rightarrow \infty,$$

which is a contradiction, we see that (17) is correct. The theorem is proved.

**COROLLARY 2.1.** ([5], Th. 21.1). *Let  $\{T_i\}_{i \in \mathbb{N}}$  be a sequence of maps on a Menger space  $(S, \mathcal{F}, t)$  such that  $T_i s_i = s_i$  for some  $s_i \in S$  and let  $T_0$  be a contraction mapping on  $S$  with a fixed point  $s_0 \in S$ . If  $\{T_i\}$  converges uniformly to  $T_0$ , then the sequence  $\{s_i\}$  converges to  $s_0$ .*

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