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# SOME STABILITY RESULTS FOR FIXED POINT ITERATION PROCESSES

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ABSTRACT. In this paper, we present some stability results for both the general Krasnoselskij and the Kirk's iteration processes. The method of Berinde [1] is employed but a more general contractive condition than those of Berinde [1], Harder and Hicks [5], Rhoades [11] and Osilike [9] is considered.

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#### 1. INTRODUCTION

Let (E, d) be a complete metric space and  $T : E \to E$  a selfmap of E. Let  $F(T) = \{ p \in E \mid Tp = p \}$  be the fixed point set of T. For  $x_0 \in E$ , let

(1.1) 
$$x_{n+1} = f(T, x_n), \ n = 0, 1, 2, \dots$$

denote an iteration procedure which yields a sequence of points  $\{x_n\}_{n=0}^{\infty}$ , for some function f. Suppose that  $\{x_n\}_{n=0}^{\infty}$  converges to a fixed point p of T and  $\{y_n\}_{n=0}^{\infty} \subset E$ . Set  $\epsilon_n = d(y_{n+1}, f(T, y_n)), n = 0, 1, 2, \ldots$ 

Then, the iteration procedure in (1.1) is said to be *T*-stable or stable with respect to *T* if and only if  $\lim_{n\to\infty} \epsilon_n = 0$  implies  $\lim_{n\to\infty} y_n = p$ . For certain contractive definitions, the stability of some iteration procedures has been studied by several authors. See for example Harder and Hicks [5], Rhoades [11, 12, 13], Osilike [9], Jachymski [7] and Berinde [1]. Harder and Hicks [5] showed that function iteration for mappings T satisfying various contractive definitions is T-stable and similarly for several iteration processes other than function iteration. Later, Rhoades [12, 13] extended some of the results of Harder and Hicks [5] to an independent contractive definition, and also proved stability results for some additional iteration procedures. In Rhoades [11] a more general contractive definition than those of Harder and Hicks [5] and Rhoades [12, 13] was employed. This was given by:

(1.2) 
$$d(Tx,Ty) \le c \max\left\{d(x,y), \frac{1}{2}\left[d(x,Tx) + d(y,Ty)\right], d(x,Ty), d(y,Tx)\right\},\$$

for each  $x, y \in E$  and a constant  $c \in [0, 1)$ . Using (1.2), Rhoades [11] proved several stability results which are generalizations and extensions of most of the results of Harder and Hicks [5] and Rhoades [13]. Indeed, Rhoades showed that if T satisfies (1.2) then,

(1.3) 
$$d(Tx, Ty) \le \frac{c}{1-c}d(x, Tx) + cd(x, y) .$$

Osilike [9] employed the following contractive definition: there exist constants  $a \in [0, 1)$  and  $L \ge 0$  such that for each  $x, y \in E$ ,

(1.4) 
$$d(Tx,Ty) \le Ld(x,Tx) + ad(x,y) .$$

Using (1.4), he established several stability results which are generalizations of most of the results of Rhoades [11].

In this paper, we establish some stability results for a more general contractive definition than those of Rhoades [11], Osilike [9], Harder and Hicks [5] and Berinde [1]. However, in the proofs of our results, we shall employ the method of Berinde [1] which was also used by Osilike [10]. For more details and references regarding the fixed point iteration processes and their stability, we refer to the recent monograph of Berinde [4].

### 2. **PRELIMINARIES**

Let  $\{x_n\}_{n=0}^{\infty}$  be the sequence generated by the iteration procedure (1.1). Then, the general Krasnoselskij (Schaefer's) iteration process is obtained from (1.1) if

$$f(T, x_n) = (1 - a)x_n + aTx_n, \ n = 0, 1, 2, \dots, \ a \in [0, 1]$$

while the Kirk's iteration process is obtained for

$$f(T, x_n) = \sum_{i=0}^k \alpha_i T^i x_n, n \ge 0, \alpha_i \ge 0, \alpha_1 > 0 \text{ and } \sum_{i=0}^k \alpha_i = 1.$$

We shall employ the following contractive definition: there exist a constant  $b \in [0, 1)$  and a monotone increasing function  $\varphi : \mathbf{R}_+ \to \mathbf{R}_+$  with  $\varphi(0) = 0$ , such that , for each  $x, y \in E$ ,

(2.1) 
$$d(Tx,Ty) \le \varphi(d(x,Tx)) + bd(x,y) .$$

The contractive definition (2.1) is indeed more general in the following sense. If  $\varphi(v) = Lv$ ,  $L \ge 0$  in (2.1), then we obtain the contractive definition of Osilike [9]. If  $\varphi(v) = \frac{c}{1-c}v$  in (2.1), then we have the contractive definition of Rhoades [11]. Again, if  $L = 2\delta$  and  $b = \delta$  in (1.4), where  $\delta = \max\left\{\alpha, \frac{\beta}{1-\beta}, \frac{\gamma}{1-\gamma}\right\}$ ,  $0 \le \alpha < 1$ ,  $0 \le \beta < 0.5$ ,  $0 \le \gamma \le 0.5$ , then we obtain the Zamfirescu's contractive definition in Berinde [1], Harder and Hicks [5]. Furthermore, if  $\varphi(u) = 0$ , then (2.1) reduces to

(2.2) 
$$d(Tx, Ty) \le bd(x, y), \ b \in [0, 1).$$

which is the Banach's contraction condition as contained in Harder and Hicks [5], Berinde [1] and Zeidler [14].

We shall employ the following Lemmas in the sequel.

**Lemma 2.1.** (Berinde [1]): If  $\delta$  is a real number such that  $0 \leq \delta < 1$  and  $\{\epsilon_n\}_{n=0}^{\infty}$  is a sequence of positive numbers such that  $\lim_{n \to \infty} \epsilon_n = 0$ , then for any sequence of positive numbers  $\{u_n\}_{n=0}^{\infty}$  satisfying

$$(2.3) u_{n+1} \le \delta u_n + \epsilon_n, \ n = 0, 1, \dots,$$

we have

$$\lim_{n \to \infty} u_n = 0$$

**Lemma 2.2.** Let  $(E, || \cdot ||)$  be a normed linear space and let  $T : E \to E$  be a selfmap of E satisfying (2.1). Suppose that  $\varphi : \mathbb{R}_+ \to \mathbb{R}_+$  is a subadditive, monotone increasing function such that  $\varphi(0) = 0, \varphi(Lu) \leq L\varphi(u), L \geq 0$ . Then,  $\forall i \in N$ , and  $\forall x, y \in E$ 

(2.4) 
$$||T^{i}x - T^{i}y|| \leq \sum_{j=1}^{i} {i \choose j} b^{i-j} \varphi^{j}(||x - Tx||) + b^{i}||x - y||.$$

*Proof.* We first establish that  $\varphi$  subadditive implies that each iterate  $\varphi^i$  of  $\varphi$  is also subadditive. Since  $\varphi$  is subadditive, we have  $\varphi(x + y) \leq \varphi(x) + \varphi(y)$ ,  $\forall x, y \in \mathbb{R}_+$ . Therefore, using subadditivity of  $\varphi$  in  $\varphi^2$  yields  $\varphi^2(x + y) = \varphi(\varphi(x + y)) \leq \varphi(\varphi(x) + \varphi(y)) \leq \varphi(\varphi(x)) + \varphi(\varphi(y)) = \varphi^2(x) + \varphi^2(y)$ , which implies that  $\varphi^2$  is subadditive. Similarly, applying subadditivity of  $\varphi^2$  in  $\varphi^3$ , we get  $\varphi^3(x + y) = \varphi(\varphi^2(x + y)) \leq \varphi(\varphi^2(x) + \varphi^2(y)) \leq \varphi(\varphi^2(x)) + \varphi(\varphi^2(y)) = \varphi^3(x) + \varphi^3(y)$ , which implies that  $\varphi^3$  is also subadditive. Hence, in general, each  $\varphi^n$ ,  $n = 1, 2, \ldots$ , is subadditive. The second part of the proof of the Lemma is by mathematical induction on *i*. If i = 1, then (2.4) becomes

$$||Tx - Ty|| \leq \sum_{j=1}^{1} {\binom{1}{j}} b^{1-j} \varphi^{j}(||x - Tx||) + b||x - y||,$$
  
=  $\varphi(||x - Tx||) + b||x - y||.$ 

i.e. (2.4) reduces to (2.1) when i = 1 and hence the result holds. Assume that (2.4) holds for  $i = m, m \in \mathbb{N}$ , i.e.

$$||T^m x - T^m y|| \le \sum_{j=1}^m \binom{m}{j} b^{m-j} \varphi^j(||x - Tx)||) + b^m ||x - y||.$$

We then show that the statement is true for i = m + 1;

$$\begin{split} &||T^{m+1}x - T^{m+1}y|| \\ &= |||T^m(Tx) - T^m(Ty)|| \\ &\leq \sum_{j=1}^m \binom{m}{j} b^{m-j} \varphi^j (||Tx - T^2x||) + b^m ||Tx - Ty|| \\ &\leq \sum_{j=1}^m \binom{m}{j} b^{m-j} \varphi^j (\varphi(||x - Tx||) + b||x - Tx||) \\ &+ b^m (\varphi(||x - Tx||) + b||x - y|| \\ &\leq \sum_{j=1}^m \binom{m}{j} b^{m-j} \varphi^{j+1} (||x - Tx||) + \sum_{j=1}^m \binom{m}{j} b^{m+1-j} \varphi^j (||x - Tx||) \\ &+ b^m \varphi(||x - Tx||) + b^{m+1} ||x - y|| \\ &= \binom{m+1}{m+1} \varphi^{m+1} (||x - Tx||) + \binom{m+1}{m} b \varphi^m (||x - Tx||) \\ &+ \binom{m+1}{m-1} b^2 \varphi^{m-1} (||x - Tx||) + \dots + \binom{m+1}{3} b^{m-2} \varphi^3 (||x - Tx||) \\ &+ \binom{m+1}{2} b^{m-1} \varphi^2 (||x - Tx||) + \binom{m+1}{1} b^m \varphi(||x - Tx||) + b^{m+1} ||x - y|| \\ &= \sum_{j=1}^{m+1} \binom{m+1}{j} b^{m+1-j} \varphi^j (||x - Tx||) + b^{m+1} ||x - y||. \end{split}$$

Remark 2.1. The proof of Lemma 2.1 is contained in [1].

Remark 2.2. Lemma 2.2 above is more general than the Lemma of Osilike [9].

#### 3. MAIN RESULTS

We now prove a stability result for the general Krasnoselskij (Schaefer's) iteration procedure.

**Theorem 3.1.** Let  $(E, ||\cdot||)$  be a normed linear space and  $T : E \to E$  a selfmap of E satisfying (2.1). Suppose that T has a fixed point p. Let  $\varphi : \mathbb{R}_+ \to \mathbb{R}_+$  be a monotone increasing function such that  $\varphi(0) = 0$ . Define the sequence  $\{x_n\}$  iteratively for arbitrary  $x_0 \in E$  by  $x_{n+1} = f(T, x_n) = (1 - a)x_n + aTx_n, \forall n \in \mathbb{N}$  where  $n \ge 0, a \in [0, 1]$ . Then, the general Krasnoselskij (Schaefer's) iteration procedure above is T-stable.

*Proof.* Let  $\{y_n\}_{n=0}^{\infty} \subset E$  and define  $\epsilon_n = ||y_{n+1} - (1-a)y_n - aTy_n||, n \ge 0$ . Let  $\lim_{n \to \infty} \epsilon_n = 0$ . Then, we shall prove that  $\lim_{n \to \infty} y_n = p$  using (2.1) and the triangle inequality:

$$\begin{aligned} ||y_{n+1} - p|| &\leq ||y_{n+1} - (1-a)y_n - aTy_n|| + ||(1-a)y_n + aTy_n - p|| \\ &= \epsilon_n + ||(1-a)y_n + aTy_n - [(1-a) + a]p|| \\ &\leq (1-a)||y_n - p|| + a||Ty_n - p|| + \epsilon_n \\ &= (1-a)||y_n - p|| + a||Tp - Ty_n|| + \epsilon_n \\ &\leq (1-a)||y_n - p|| + a\{\varphi(||p - Tp||) + b||p - y_n||\} + \epsilon_n \\ &\leq (1-a+ab)||y_n - p|| + \epsilon_n. \end{aligned}$$

$$(3.1)$$

Since  $0 \le 1 - a + ab < 1$ , then by using Lemma 2.1 in (3.1), we have  $\lim_{n \to \infty} ||y_n - p|| = 0$ , which implies that,

$$\lim_{n \to \infty} y_n = p$$

Conversely, let  $\lim_{n\to\infty} y_n = p$ . Then,

$$\begin{split} \epsilon_n &= ||y_{n+1} - (1-a)y_n - aTy_n|| \\ &\leq ||y_{n+1} - p|| + ||p - (1-a)y_n - aTy_n|| \\ &\leq ||y_{n+1} - p|| + (1-a)||p - y_n|| + a||p - Ty_n|| \\ &= ||y_{n+1} - p|| + (1-a)||y_n - p|| + a||Tp - Ty_n|| \\ &\leq ||y_{n+1} - p|| + (1-a)||y_n - p|| + a[\varphi(||p - Tp||) + b||p - y_n||] \\ &= ||y_{n+1} - p|| + (1-a + ab)||y_n - p|| \to 0 \text{ as } n \to \infty. \end{split}$$

We now prove a stability result for the Kirk's iteration process.

**Theorem 3.2.** Let  $(E, ||\cdot||)$  is a normed linear space and  $T : E \to E$  a selfmap of E satisfying (2.1). Let  $k \ge 1$  be a fixed integer,  $x_0 \in E$ , and let

$$x_{n+1} = f(T, x_n) = \sum_{i=0}^k \alpha_i T^i x_n, \ n \ge 0, \ \alpha_i \ge 0, \ \alpha_1 > 0 \ \text{and} \ \sum_{i=0}^k \alpha_i = 1.$$

Suppose that T has a fixed point p. Let  $\varphi : \mathbb{R}_+ \to \mathbb{R}_+$  be a subadditive, monotone increasing function such that  $\varphi(0) = 0$ ,  $\varphi(Lu) \leq L\varphi(u)$ ,  $L \geq 0$ . Then, the Kirk's iteration process is T-stable.

*Proof.* Let  $\{y_n\}_{n=0}^{\infty} \subset E$  and  $\epsilon_n = ||y_{n+1} - \sum_{i=0}^k \alpha_i T^i y_n||$ . Let  $\lim_{n \to \infty} \epsilon_n = 0$ . Then, we shall prove that  $\lim_{n \to \infty} y_n = p$ , using Lemma 2.2 and the triangle inequality:

$$||y_{n+1} - p|| \leq ||y_{n+1} - \sum_{i=0}^{k} \alpha_i T^i y_n|| + ||\sum_{i=0}^{k} \alpha_i T^i y_n - p||$$
  

$$= \epsilon_n + ||\sum_{i=0}^{k} \alpha_i T^i y_n - \sum_{i=0}^{k} \alpha_i T^i p||$$
  

$$\leq \sum_{i=0}^{k} \alpha_i ||T^i y_n - T^i p|| + \epsilon_n$$
  

$$= \alpha_0 ||p - y_n|| + \sum_{i=1}^{k} \alpha_i ||T^i p - T^i y_n|| + \epsilon_n$$
  

$$\leq \sum_{i=1}^{k} \alpha_i \left\{ \sum_{j=1}^{i} {i \choose j} b^{i-j} \varphi^j (||p - Tp||) + b^i ||p - y_n|| \right\} + \epsilon_n + \alpha_0 ||y_n - p||$$
  
(3.2)  

$$= \sum_{i=0}^{k} \alpha_i b^i ||y_n - p|| + \epsilon_n,$$

since  $\varphi^j(0) = \varphi(0) = 0$ .

Since  $0 \le \sum_{i=0}^{k} \alpha_i b^i < 1$ , then using Lemma 2.1 in (3.2) yields

$$\lim_{n \to \infty} ||y_n - p|| = 0,$$

that is,

$$\lim_{n \to \infty} y_n = p$$

Conversely, let  $\lim_{n\to\infty} y_n = p$ . Then,

$$\begin{aligned} & \in_{n} \\ & = ||y_{n+1} - \sum_{i=0}^{k} \alpha^{i} T^{i} y_{n}|| \\ & \leq ||y_{n+1} - p|| + ||p - \sum_{i=0}^{k} \alpha_{i} T^{i} y_{n}|| \\ & \leq ||y_{n+1} - p|| + \sum_{i=0}^{k} \alpha_{i} ||T^{i} p - T^{i} y_{n}|| \\ & = ||y_{n+1} - p|| + \alpha_{0} ||p - y_{n}|| + \sum_{i=1}^{k} ||T^{i} p - T^{i} y_{n}|| \\ & \leq ||y_{n+1} - p|| + \sum_{i=1}^{k} \alpha_{i} \left\{ \sum_{j=1}^{i} {i \choose j} b^{i-j} \varphi^{j} (||p - Tp||) + b^{i} ||p - y_{n}|| \right\} + \alpha_{0} ||y_{n} - p|| \\ & = ||y_{n+1} - p|| + \left[ \sum_{i=1}^{k} \alpha_{i} b^{i} \right] ||y_{n} - p|| \to 0 \text{ as } n \to \infty, \end{aligned}$$

since  $\varphi^{j}(0) = 0$ . This completes the proof .

**Remark 3.1.** Theorem 3.1 is a generalization of Theorem 3.1 of Imoru and Olatinwo [6], since we obtain Picard iteration with a = 1.

**Remark 3.2.** Theorem 3.2 in this paper is a generalization of Theorem 3 of Osilike [9] which is itself a generalization of Theorem 3 of Rhoades [11]. Theorem 3 of Rhoades [11] is also a generalization of both Theorem 4 of Harder and Hicks [5] and Theorem 3 of Rhoades [13].

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