



## GENERALIZATION OF FIXED POINT THEOREMS WITH RESPECT TO $\Omega$ -DISTANCE

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**Abstract.** In this paper, we introduce the new concept of  $\Omega$ -distance on an  $S$ -metric space and prove a fixed point theorem for a self-map. This is a generalization of well-known results which are proved by Guran [7].

### 1. INTRODUCTION

It is well known that the Banach contraction principle is a fundamental result in fixed point theory. After this classical result, many authors have extended, generalized and improved this theorem in different ways (see for details, [1], [2], [3], [4]). Also recently, fixed and common fixed point results in different types of spaces have been developed. For example, ultra metric spaces [16], fuzzy metric spaces [8] and uniform spaces [15].

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In this paper we recall the definitions of  $S$ -metric space and give some properties of it (see [5, 10]). After than, we prove a fixed point theorem for single-valued operators in terms of a  $\Omega$ -distance.

We begin by briefly recalling some basic definitions and results for  $S$ -metric spaces that will be needed in the sequel. For more details please see in [6, 9, 11].

**Definition 1.1.** ([5, 10]) Let  $X$  be a (nonempty) set. An  $S$ -metric on  $X$  is a function  $S : X^3 \rightarrow [0, \infty)$  that satisfies the following conditions: for each  $x, y, z, a \in X$ ,

- (1)  $S(x, y, z) \geq 0$ ,
- (2)  $S(x, y, z) = 0$  if and only if  $x = y = z$ ,
- (3)  $S(x, y, z) \leq S(x, x, a) + S(y, y, a) + S(z, z, a)$ , for all  $x, y, z, a \in X$ .

The pair  $(X, S)$  is called an  $S$ -metric space.

Immediate examples of such  $S$ -metric spaces are:

**Example 1.2.** ([12, 14])

- (i) Let  $X = \mathbb{R}^n$  and  $\| \cdot \|$  a norm on  $X$ . Then  $S(x, y, z) = \| y + z - 2x \| + \| y - z \|$  is an  $S$ -metric on  $X$ .
- (ii) Let  $X$  be a nonempty set,  $d$  be an ordinary metric on  $X$ . Then  $S(x, y, z) = d(x, z) + d(y, z)$  is an  $S$ -metric on  $X$ . This  $S$ -metric is called the usual  $S$ -metric on  $X$ .

**Definition 1.3.** ([13]) Let  $(X, S)$  be an  $S$ -metric space.

- (1) A sequence  $\{x_n\} \subset X$  converges to  $x \in X$  if  $S(x_n, x_n, x) \rightarrow 0$  as  $n \rightarrow \infty$ . That is, for each  $\varepsilon > 0$ , there exists  $n_0 \in \mathbb{N}$  such that for all  $n \geq n_0$  we have  $S(x_n, x_n, x) < \varepsilon$ . We write  $x_n \rightarrow x$  for brevity.
- (2) A sequence  $\{x_n\} \subset X$  is Cauchy if  $S(x_n, x_n, x_m) \rightarrow 0$  as  $n, m \rightarrow \infty$ . That is, for each  $\varepsilon > 0$ , there exists  $n_0 \in \mathbb{N}$  such that for all  $n, m \geq n_0$  we have  $S(x_n, x_n, x_m) < \varepsilon$ .
- (3) The  $S$ -metric space  $(X, S)$  is complete if every Cauchy sequence is convergent.

**Definition 1.4.** ([12]) Let  $(X, S)$  be an  $S$ -metric space. For  $r > 0$  and  $x \in X$  we define the open ball  $B_s(x, r)$  and closed ball  $B_s[x, r]$  with center  $x$  and radius  $r$  as follows respectively:

$$\begin{aligned} B_s(x, r) &= \{y \in X : S(y, y, x) < r\}, \\ B_s[x, r] &= \{y \in X : S(y, y, x) \leq r\}. \end{aligned}$$

**Example 1.5.** ([12]) Let  $X = \mathbb{R}$  and  $S(x, y, z) = |y + z - 2x| + |y - z|$  for all  $x, y, z \in \mathbb{R}$ . Then

$$\begin{aligned} B_s(1, 2) &= \{y \in \mathbb{R} : S(y, y, 1) < 2\} = \{y \in \mathbb{R} : |y - 1| < 1\} \\ &= \{y \in \mathbb{R} : 0 < y < 2\} = (0, 2). \end{aligned}$$

**Lemma 1.6.** ([13]) *Let  $(X, S)$  be an  $S$ -metric space. If  $r > 0$  and  $x \in X$ , then the ball  $B_s(x, r)$  is open subset of  $X$ .*

**Lemma 1.7.** ([12, 13, 14]) *In an  $S$ -metric space, we have  $S(x, x, y) = S(y, y, x)$ .*

**Lemma 1.8.** ([14]) *Let  $(X, S)$  be an  $S$ -metric space. If sequence  $\{x_n\}$  converges to  $x$ , then  $x$  is unique.*

**Lemma 1.9.** ([14]) *Let  $(X, S)$  be an  $S$ -metric space. If sequence  $\{x_n\}$  is convergent to  $x$ , then  $\{x_n\}$  is a Cauchy sequence.*

**Lemma 1.10.** ([12, 13, 14]) *Let  $(X, S)$  be an  $S$ -metric space. If there exist sequences  $\{x_n\}$  and  $\{y_n\}$  such that  $\lim_{n \rightarrow \infty} x_n = x$  and  $\lim_{n \rightarrow \infty} y_n = y$ , then  $\lim_{n \rightarrow \infty} S(x_n, x_n, y_n) = S(x, x, y)$ .*

## 2. FIXED POINT THEOREMS IN $\Omega$ -DISTANCE

Now, we introduce the new concept of  $\Omega$ -distance on an  $S$ -metric space.

**Definition 2.1.** Let  $(X, S)$  be an  $S$ -metric space. Then a function  $\Omega : X \times X \times X \rightarrow [0, \infty)$  is called an  $\Omega$ -distance on  $X$  if the followings are satisfied:

- (1)  $\Omega(x, y, z) \leq \Omega(x, x, a) + \Omega(y, y, a) + \Omega(z, z, a)$  for all  $x, y, z, a \in X$ ,
- (2) for each  $x \in X$ ,  $\Omega(x, x, \cdot) : X \rightarrow [0, \infty)$  is a lower semi-continuous,
- (3) for each  $\epsilon > 0$ , there is  $\delta > 0$  such that  $\Omega(x, x, a) \leq \delta$ ,  $\Omega(y, y, a) \leq \delta$  and  $\Omega(z, z, a) \leq \delta$  imply  $S(x, y, z) \leq \epsilon$ .

Let us give some examples of  $\Omega$ -distance.

**Example 2.2.** Let  $(X, S)$  be an  $S$ -metric space. Then we know that the metric  $S$  is an  $\Omega$ -distance. If set  $\Omega = S$ , then (1) is obvious. For (2), let  $\{x_n\}$  be a sequence in  $X$  such that  $\lim_{n \rightarrow \infty} x_n = u$ . Then we have

$$S(x, x, x_n) = S(x_n, x_n, x) \leq 2S(x_n, x_n, u) + S(x, x, u).$$

Taking  $n \rightarrow \infty$  of above inequality, we have

$$\lim_{n \rightarrow \infty} S(x, x, x_n) \leq S(x, x, u).$$

Similarly,

$$S(x, x, u) = S(u, u, x) \leq 2S(u, u, x_n) + S(x, x, x_n).$$

Taking  $n \rightarrow \infty$  of above inequality, we have

$$S(x, x, u) \leq \lim_{n \rightarrow \infty} S(x, x, x_n).$$

That is,  $\lim_{n \rightarrow \infty} S(x, x, x_n) = S(x, x, u)$ . We show (3). Let  $\epsilon > 0$  be given and be choose  $\delta \leq \frac{\epsilon}{3}$ . Then, we have

$$\begin{aligned} S(x, y, z) &\leq S(x, x, a) + S(y, y, a) + S(z, z, a) \\ &= \Omega(x, x, a) + \Omega(y, y, a) + \Omega(z, z, a) \\ &\leq \epsilon. \end{aligned}$$

**Example 2.3.** Let  $X = \mathbb{R}$  be real number and  $(X, S)$  be an S-metric space with  $S(x, y, z) = |x - z| + |y - z|$ . Then function  $\Omega : X \times X \times X \rightarrow [0, \infty)$  defined by  $\Omega(x, y, z) = |x| + |y|$  for every  $x, y, z \in X$  is a  $\Omega$ -distance on  $X$ . The condition (1) is obvious. For (2), let  $\{x_n\}$  be a sequence in  $X$  such that  $\lim_{n \rightarrow \infty} x_n = u$ . Then we have

$$2|x| = \Omega(x, x, x_n) \leq \liminf_{n \rightarrow \infty} \Omega(x, x, x_n) = 2|x|.$$

We show (3). Let  $\epsilon > 0$  be given, if choose  $\delta \leq \frac{\epsilon}{3}$ . Then, we have

$$\begin{aligned} S(x, y, z) &= |x - z| + |y - z| \leq |x| + |y| + 2|z| \\ &\leq \Omega(x, x, a) + \Omega(y, y, a) + \Omega(z, z, a) \\ &\leq 3\delta \\ &\leq \epsilon. \end{aligned}$$

**Example 2.4.** Let  $X$  be a normed linear space with norm  $\|\cdot\|$  and  $(X, S)$  be an S-metric space with  $S(x, y, z) = \|x - z\| + \|y - z\|$ . Then function  $\Omega : X \times X \times X \rightarrow [0, \infty)$  defined by  $\Omega(x, y, z) = \|x - z\|$  for every  $x, y, z \in X$  is an  $\Omega$ -distance on  $X$ . The condition (1) is obvious. For (2), let  $\{x_n\}$  be a sequence in  $X$  such that  $\lim_{n \rightarrow \infty} x_n = u$ . Since  $\|x - u\| = \lim_{n \rightarrow \infty} \|x - x_n\|$ , we have

$$\begin{aligned} \Omega(x, x, u) &= \|x - u\| \\ &= \lim_{n \rightarrow \infty} \|x - x_n\| = \lim_{n \rightarrow \infty} \Omega(x, x, x_n) \\ &\leq \liminf_{n \rightarrow \infty} \Omega(x, x, x_n) = \|x - u\|. \end{aligned}$$

Let  $\epsilon > 0$  be given, if choose  $\delta \leq \frac{\epsilon}{4}$ . Then, we have

$$\begin{aligned} S(x, y, z) &= \|x - z\| + \|y - z\| \\ &\leq \|x - a\| + \|z - a\| + \|y - a\| + \|z - a\| \\ &\leq \Omega(x, x, a) + \Omega(y, y, a) + 2\Omega(z, z, a) \\ &\leq 4\delta \\ &\leq \epsilon. \end{aligned}$$

**Example 2.5.** Let  $X = [0, \infty)$  and  $(X, S)$  be an S-metric space with  $S(x, y, z) = |x - z| + |x + y - 2z|$ . Then function  $\Omega : X \times X \times X \rightarrow [0, \infty)$  defined by

$\Omega(x, y, z) = \max\{x, y\}$  for every  $x, y, z \in X$  is an  $\Omega$ -distance on  $X$ . The conditions (1) and (2) are obvious. Let  $\epsilon > 0$  be given, if choose  $\delta \leq \frac{\epsilon}{6}$ . Then, we have

$$\begin{aligned} S(x, y, z) &= |x - z| + |x + y - 2z| \\ &\leq 2|x| + |y| + 3|z| = 2x + y + 3z \\ &\leq 2\Omega(x, x, a) + \Omega(y, y, a) + 3\Omega(z, z, a) \\ &\leq 6\delta \\ &\leq \epsilon. \end{aligned}$$

**Example 2.6.** Let  $X = [0, \infty)$  and  $(X, S)$  be an  $S$ -metric space with  $S(x, y, z) = |x - z| + |y - z|$ . Then function  $\Omega : X \times X \times X \rightarrow [0, \infty)$  defined by  $\Omega(x, y, z) = \max\{x, y, z\}$  for every  $x, y, z \in X$  is an  $\Omega$ -distance on  $X$ . In fact, the condition (1) is obvious. For (2), let  $\{x_n\}$  be a sequence in  $X$  such that  $\lim_{n \rightarrow \infty} x_n = u$ . Then we have

$$\begin{aligned} \max\{x, x_n\} &= \Omega(x, x, x_n) \\ &\leq \liminf_{n \rightarrow \infty} \Omega(x, x, x_n) \\ &= \max\{x, u\} = \Omega(x, x, u). \end{aligned}$$

Let  $\epsilon > 0$  be given, if choose  $\delta \leq \frac{\epsilon}{4}$ . Then, we have

$$\begin{aligned} S(x, y, z) &= |x - z| + |y - z| \\ &\leq x + y + 2z \\ &\leq \Omega(x, x, a) + \Omega(y, y, a) + 2\Omega(z, z, a) \\ &\leq 4\delta \\ &\leq \epsilon. \end{aligned}$$

**Definition 2.7.** An  $\Omega$ -distance of  $S$ -metric space  $(X, S)$  is called symmetric if  $\Omega(x, x, y) = \Omega(y, y, x)$  for all  $x, y \in X$ .

We can easily show that the  $\Omega$ -distances in Example 2.4 and Example 2.6 are symmetric.

The following lemma plays an important role to prove fixed point theorems.

**Lemma 2.8.** *Let  $(X, S)$  be an  $S$ -metric space and let  $\Omega$  be an  $\Omega$ -distance on  $X$ . Let  $\{x_n\}$  and  $\{y_n\}$  be sequences in  $X$ , let  $\{\alpha_n\}$ ,  $\{\beta_n\}$  and  $\{\gamma_n\}$  be three sequences in  $[0, \infty)$  converging to 0. Then, for every  $x, y, z \in X$  we have the following statements:*

- (1) *If  $\Omega(x, x, x_n) \leq \alpha_n$ ,  $\Omega(y, y, x_n) \leq \beta_n$  and  $\Omega(z, z, x_n) \leq \gamma_n$  for any  $n \in \mathbb{N}$ , then  $x = y = z$ . In particular,  $\Omega(x, x, x_n) \leq \alpha_n$  and  $\Omega(y, y, x_n) \leq \beta_n$ , then  $x = y$ ,*

- (2) If  $\Omega(y_n, y_n, x_n) \leq \alpha_n$  and  $\Omega(y, y, x_n) \leq \beta_n$  for any  $n \in \mathbb{N}$ , then  $S(y_n, y_n, y) \rightarrow 0$ , that is,  $\{y_n\}$  converges to  $y$ ,
- (3) If  $\Omega(y_n, y_n, x_n) \leq \alpha_n$  and  $\Omega(y_m, y_m, x_n) \leq \beta_n$  for any  $n, m \in \mathbb{N}$  with  $m > n$ , then  $\{y_n\}$  is a Cauchy sequence,
- (4) If  $\Omega(x_n, x_n, a) \leq \alpha_n$  for every  $n \in \mathbb{N}$  and  $a \in X$ , then  $\{x_n\}$  is a Cauchy sequence.

*Proof.* To prove (1), let  $\epsilon > 0$  be given. From the definition of  $\Omega$ -distance, we can choose  $n_0 \in \mathbb{N}$  such that  $\alpha_n \leq \delta$ ,  $\beta_n \leq \delta$  and  $\gamma_n \leq \delta$  for every  $n \geq n_0$ . Then for any  $n \geq n_0$  we have,  $\Omega(x, x, x_n) \leq \alpha_n \leq \delta$ ,  $\Omega(y, y, x_n) \leq \beta_n \leq \delta$  and  $\Omega(z, z, x_n) \leq \gamma_n \leq \delta$ . Hence  $S(x, y, z) \leq \epsilon$ . This implies that  $x = y = z$ .

To prove (2), let  $\epsilon > 0$  be given. From the definition of  $\Omega$ -distance, we can choose  $n_0 \in \mathbb{N}$  such that  $\alpha_n \leq \delta$  and  $\beta_n \leq \delta$  for every  $n \geq n_0$ . Then for any  $n \geq n_0$  we have,  $\Omega(y_n, y_n, x_n) \leq \alpha_n \leq \delta$  and  $\Omega(y, y, x_n) \leq \beta_n \leq \delta$ . Hence  $S(y_n, y_n, y) \leq \epsilon$ . This implies that  $\{y_n\}$  converges to  $y$ .

In order to prove that the statement (3) holds. Let  $\epsilon > 0$  be given. As in the proof of (2), choose  $\delta > 0$ . Then for any  $n, m \geq n_0$ ,

$$\Omega(y_n, y_n, x_n) \leq \alpha_n \leq \delta \text{ and } \Omega(y_m, y_m, x_n) \leq \beta_n \leq \delta.$$

Hence  $S(y_n, y_n, y_m) \leq \epsilon$ . This implies that  $\{y_n\}$  is a Cauchy sequence. As in the proof of (3), we can prove (4). Because, for any  $n, m \geq n_0$ , we can choose  $\delta > 0$  such that

$$\Omega(x_n, x_n, a) \leq \alpha_n \leq \delta \text{ and } \Omega(x_m, x_m, a) \leq \alpha_n \leq \delta.$$

Hence  $S(x_n, x_n, x_m) \leq \epsilon$ . This implies that  $\{x_n\}$  is a Cauchy sequence.  $\square$

In the first part of the section, we introduce and prove the following fixed point theorem.

**Theorem 2.9.** Let  $(X, S)$  be a complete  $S$ -metric space and  $\Omega$  be a symmetric  $\Omega$ -distance on  $X$ . Let  $T : X \rightarrow X$  be a mapping such that

$$\Omega(Tx, Ty, Tz) \leq k \max \left\{ \begin{array}{l} \Omega(x, y, z), \Omega(x, x, Tx), \Omega(y, y, Ty), \Omega(z, z, Tz), \\ \frac{1}{7}(\Omega(x, x, Ty) + \Omega(y, y, Tz) + \Omega(z, z, Tx)) \end{array} \right\}$$

holds for each  $x, y, z \in X$  and  $0 \leq k < 1$ . Suppose that if  $u \neq Tu$ ,

$$\inf\{\Omega(Tx, Tx, u) : x \in X\} > 0.$$

Then  $T$  has a fixed point. Moreover, if  $\Omega(x, x, x) \leq \Omega(x, x, y)$  for every  $x, y \in X$ , then  $T$  has a unique fixed point.

*Proof.* Let  $x_0 \in X$  and  $x_{n+1} = Tx_n$  for each  $n \in \mathbb{N}$ . If there is  $n \in \mathbb{N}$  for which  $x_{n+1} = x_n$ , then  $x_n$  is a fixed point of  $T$ . In the following, we assume  $x_{n+1} \neq x_n$  for each  $n \in \mathbb{N}$ .

First we shall prove that  $\lim_{n \rightarrow \infty} \Omega(x_n, x_n, x_{n+1}) = 0$ . For  $n \in \mathbb{N}$ , we have

$$\begin{aligned}
 & \Omega(x_n, x_n, x_{n+1}) \\
 &= \Omega(Tx_{n-1}, Tx_{n-1}, Tx_n) \\
 &\leq k \max \left\{ \begin{array}{l} \Omega(x_{n-1}, x_{n-1}, x_n), \Omega(x_{n-1}, x_{n-1}, Tx_{n-1}), \\ \Omega(x_{n-1}, x_{n-1}, Tx_{n-1}), \Omega(x_n, x_n, Tx_n) \end{array} \right\} \\
 &= k \max \left\{ \begin{array}{l} \Omega(x_{n-1}, x_{n-1}, x_n), \Omega(x_{n-1}, x_{n-1}, x_n), \\ \Omega(x_{n-1}, x_{n-1}, x_n), \Omega(x_n, x_n, x_{n+1}), \\ \frac{1}{7}(\Omega(x_{n-1}, x_{n-1}, Tx_{n-1}) + \Omega(x_{n-1}, x_{n-1}, Tx_n) \\ + \Omega(x_n, x_n, Tx_{n-1})) \end{array} \right\} \\
 &\leq k \max \left\{ \begin{array}{l} \Omega(x_{n-1}, x_{n-1}, x_n), \Omega(x_n, x_n, x_{n+1}), \\ \frac{1}{7}(\Omega(x_{n-1}, x_{n-1}, x_n) + \Omega(x_{n-1}, x_{n-1}, x_{n+1}) \\ + \Omega(x_n, x_n, x_n)) \end{array} \right\}.
 \end{aligned}$$

Since  $\Omega$  is symmetric, by Definition 2.1 we have

$$\begin{aligned}
 & \Omega(x_n, x_n, x_{n+1}) \\
 &\leq k \max \left\{ \begin{array}{l} \Omega(x_{n-1}, x_{n-1}, x_n), \Omega(x_n, x_n, x_{n+1}), \\ \frac{1}{7}(\Omega(x_{n-1}, x_{n-1}, x_n) + \Omega(x_{n-1}, x_{n-1}, x_{n+1}) + \Omega(x_n, x_n, x_n)) \end{array} \right\} \\
 &\leq k \max \left\{ \begin{array}{l} \Omega(x_{n-1}, x_{n-1}, x_n), \Omega(x_n, x_n, x_{n+1}), \\ \frac{1}{7}(\Omega(x_{n-1}, x_{n-1}, x_n) + 2\Omega(x_{n-1}, x_{n-1}, x_n) \\ + \Omega(x_n, x_n, x_{n+1}) + 3\Omega(x_n, x_n, x_{n+1})) \end{array} \right\}.
 \end{aligned}$$

Now, if

$$\max\{\Omega(x_{n-1}, x_{n-1}, x_n), \Omega(x_n, x_n, x_{n+1})\} = \Omega(x_n, x_n, x_{n+1}),$$

by above inequality, it follows that  $\Omega(x_n, x_n, x_{n+1}) < \Omega(x_n, x_n, x_{n+1})$  which is a contradiction. Therefore,

$$\Omega(x_n, x_n, x_{n+1}) \leq \Omega(x_{n-1}, x_{n-1}, x_n).$$

Then, we have, for any  $n \in \mathbb{N}$ ,

$$\begin{aligned}
 \Omega(x_n, x_n, x_{n+1}) &\leq k\Omega(x_{n-1}, x_{n-1}, x_n) \\
 &\leq k^2\Omega(x_{n-2}, x_{n-2}, x_{n-1}) \\
 &\vdots \\
 &\leq k^n\Omega(x_0, x_0, x_1) = \alpha_n.
 \end{aligned} \tag{2.1}$$

So, if  $m > n$ , then

$$\begin{aligned}
\Omega(x_m, x_m, x_{n+1}) &= \Omega(x_{n+1}, x_{n+1}, x_m) \\
&\leq 2 \sum_{i=n+1}^{m-2} \Omega(x_i, x_i, x_{i+1}) + \Omega(x_{m-1}, x_{m-1}, x_m) \\
&\leq 2 \sum_{i=n+1}^{m-2} k^i \Omega(x_0, x_0, x_1) + k^{m-1} \Omega(x_0, x_0, x_1) \\
&\leq 2k^{n+1} \Omega(x_0, x_0, x_1) [1 + k + k^2 + \dots] \\
&\leq \frac{2k^{n+1}}{1-k} \Omega(x_0, x_0, x_1) \\
&= \beta_n.
\end{aligned} \tag{2.2}$$

That is, for every  $\epsilon > 0$ , there is  $n_0 \in \mathbb{N}$  such that

$$\Omega(x_n, x_n, x_m) < \epsilon, \quad \forall n, m \geq n_0.$$

Thus

$$\liminf_{n \rightarrow \infty} \Omega(x_n, x_n, x_m) \leq \liminf_{n \rightarrow \infty} \epsilon = \epsilon, \quad \forall n, m \geq n_0.$$

Also, by (2.1), (2.2) and by Lemma 2.8,  $\{x_n\}$  is a Cauchy sequence. Since  $(X, S)$  is complete,  $\{x_n\}$  converges to some point  $z \in X$ . Suppose  $z \neq Tz$  and let  $n_0 \in \mathbb{N}$  be fixed. Then, since  $\{x_n\}$  converges to  $z$  and  $\Omega(x_n, x_n, z)$  is lower semicontinuous at  $z$  in  $X$ , we have

$$\Omega(x_n, x_n, z) \leq \liminf_{m \rightarrow \infty} \Omega(x_n, x_n, x_m) \leq \epsilon, \quad \forall n, m \geq n_0.$$

On the other hand, we have

$$\begin{aligned}
0 < \inf\{\Omega(Tx, Tx, z) : x \in X\} &\leq \inf\{\Omega(Tx_n, Tx_n, z) : n \geq n_0\} \\
&\leq \inf\{\liminf_{n \rightarrow \infty} \Omega(Tx_n, Tx_n, x_m) \leq \epsilon,
\end{aligned}$$

which contradicts the hypotheses. Therefore,  $z = Tz$  and hence  $z$  is a fixed point of  $T$ . We shall deal now with the uniqueness of the fixed point of  $T$ . Suppose that there are  $u$  and  $v$  in  $X$  fixed points of the mapping  $T$ . By hypotheses, since  $\max\{\Omega(v, v, v), \Omega(u, u, u)\} \leq \Omega(v, v, u)$ . It follows that

$$\begin{aligned}
\Omega(v, v, u) &= \Omega(Tv, Tv, Tu) \\
&\leq k \max \left\{ \Omega(v, v, u), \Omega(v, v, Tv), \Omega(v, v, Tu), \Omega(u, u, Tu), \right. \\
&\quad \left. \frac{1}{7}(\Omega(v, v, Tv) + \Omega(v, v, Tu) + \Omega(u, u, Tv)) \right\} \\
&= k \max \left\{ \Omega(v, v, u), \Omega(v, v, v), \Omega(v, v, v), \Omega(u, u, u), \right. \\
&\quad \left. \frac{1}{7}(\Omega(v, v, v) + \Omega(v, v, u) + \Omega(u, u, v)) \right\} \\
&< \Omega(v, v, u),
\end{aligned}$$



which is possible only for  $\Omega(v, v, u) = 0$ . Similarly, it can be proved that  $\Omega(u, u, v) = 0$ . According to the definition of an  $\Omega$ -distance,  $S(v, v, u) = 0$  this imply that  $u = v$ . Hence,  $T$  has a unique fixed point.  $\square$

**Example 2.10.** Let  $X = \{0, 1, 2, \dots\}$  and  $S(x, y, z) = |x - y| + |x + y - 2z|$ . Then it is clear that  $(X, S)$  is a complete  $S$ -metric spaces. Let  $\Omega : X^3 \rightarrow [0, \infty)$ , defined by  $\Omega(x, y, z) = \max\{x, y, z\}$  for all  $x, y, z \in X$ . Then for all  $x, y, z \in X$  we have

- (1)  $\Omega(x, y, z) \leq \Omega(x, x, a) + \Omega(y, y, a) + \Omega(z, z, a)$  for all  $a \in X$ ,
- (2) for each  $x \in X$ ,  $\Omega(x, x, \cdot) : X \rightarrow [0, \infty)$  is a lower semi-continuous,
- (3) for each  $\epsilon > 0$ , we can choose  $\delta \leq \frac{\epsilon}{6}$  such that  $\Omega(x, x, a) \leq \delta$ ,  $\Omega(y, y, a) \leq \delta$  and  $\Omega(z, z, a) \leq \delta$  imply

$$\begin{aligned} |x - y| + |x + y - 2z| &= S(x, y, z) \\ &\leq 2x + 2y + 2z \\ &< 2\Omega(x, x, a) + 2\Omega(y, y, a) + 2\Omega(z, z, a) \\ &< 6\delta \\ &< \epsilon, \end{aligned}$$

- (4)  $\Omega(x, x, y) \leq \Omega(y, y, x)$ .

If define

$$T(x, y) = \begin{cases} 0 & \text{if } x = 0, \\ \frac{x}{2} & \text{if } x = 2n, \\ \frac{x-1}{2} & \text{if } x = 2n + 1, \end{cases}$$

then it is clear that  $T0 = 0$ . But in otherwise, that is  $Tu \neq u$  for any  $u \in X$ , we have

$$\begin{aligned} &\inf\{\Omega(Tx, Tx, u) \mid x \in X\} \\ &= \inf \left\{ \begin{array}{ll} \Omega(\frac{x}{2}, \frac{x}{2}, u) = \max\{\frac{x}{2}, u\} & \text{if } x = 2n, \\ \Omega(\frac{x-1}{2}, \frac{x-1}{2}, u) = \max\{\frac{x-1}{2}, u\} & \text{if } x = 2n + 1, \end{array} \right\} \\ &\geq u > 0. \end{aligned}$$

On the other hand for  $k = \frac{1}{2}$ , we have three cases:

**Case 1.** If  $x, y, z \in X$  are even, then

$$\begin{aligned} \Omega(x, y, z) &= \Omega\left(\frac{x}{2}, \frac{y}{2}, \frac{z}{2}\right) \\ &= \frac{1}{2} \max\{x, y, z\} \\ &\leq k\Omega(x, y, z). \end{aligned}$$

**Case 2.** If  $x, y, z \in X$  are odd, then

$$\begin{aligned}\Omega(x, y, z) &= \Omega\left(\frac{x-1}{2}, \frac{y-1}{2}, \frac{z-1}{2}\right) \\ &= \frac{1}{2} \max\{x, y, z\} - \frac{1}{2} \\ &\leq \frac{1}{2} \max\{x, y, z\}.\end{aligned}$$

**Case 3.** If  $x, y \in X$  are even and  $z$  is an odd, then

$$\begin{aligned}\Omega(x, y, z) &= \Omega\left(\frac{x-1}{2}, \frac{y-1}{2}, \frac{z}{2}\right) \\ &= \max\left\{\frac{x-1}{2}, \frac{y-1}{2}, \frac{z}{2}\right\} \\ &\leq \frac{1}{2} \max\{x, y, z\}.\end{aligned}$$

These shows that all conditions of Theorem 2.9 for  $k = \frac{1}{2}$  are satisfied and so  $T$  has a unique fixed point  $x = 0$  in  $X$ .

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