

# ADMISSIBLE PERTURBATION OF SINGLE-VALUED OPERATORS IN VECTOR-VALUED METRIC SPACES\*

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## Abstract

In this paper, using the admissible perturbation technique, we will prove some data dependence and stability results for the fixed point equation in complete vector-valued metric spaces. Our approach generalizes some recent results in metric fixed point theory.

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## 1 Preliminary notions and results

Let  $(X, d)$  be a metric space and  $P(X)$  be the set of all nonempty subsets of  $X$ . Let us recall now the following notions:

(1) the distance from a point  $x \in X$  to a set  $Y \in P(X)$ :

$$D(x, Y) := \inf\{d(x, y) \mid y \in Y\}.$$

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(2) the excess of  $Y$  over  $Z$  (where  $Y, Z \in P(X)$ ):

$$e(Y, Z) := \sup\{D(y, Z), y \in Y\}.$$

(3) the Hausdorff-Pompeiu distance between two sets  $Y, Z \in P(X)$ :

$$H(Y, Z) = \max\{e(Y, Z), e(Z, Y)\}.$$

Let  $(X, d)$  be a metric space and  $t : X \rightarrow X$  be a single-valued operator. Then  $x \in X$  is called a fixed point for  $t$  if  $x = t(x)$ . The symbol

$$Fix(t) := \{x \in X : x = t(x)\}$$

denotes the fixed point set of  $t$ .

**Remark 1** A sequence  $(x_n)_{n \in \mathbb{N}}$  from  $X$  satisfying

$$x_0 \in X, \quad x_{n+1} = t(x_n), \quad \text{for each } n \in \mathbb{N},$$

is called an iterative sequence of Picard type starting from  $x_0$  for the single-valued operator  $t : X \rightarrow X$ .

If  $x, y \in \mathbb{R}^m$ ,  $x = (x_1, \dots, x_m)$  and  $y = (y_1, \dots, y_m)$ , then, by definition

$$x \preceq y \text{ if and only if } x_i \leq y_i, \text{ for each } i \in \{1, 2, \dots, m\}.$$

Through this section, we will make an identification between row and column vectors in  $\mathbb{R}^m$ .

We can now recall the notion of vector-valued metric space, see e.g., [4]. By definition,  $(X, d)$  is a vector-valued metric space if  $X$  is a nonempty set and  $d : X \times X \rightarrow \mathbb{R}_+^m$  satisfies all the axioms of the usual metric, where the inequalities from the axioms of the metric are given with respect to  $\preceq$ .

We may suppose that

$$d(x, y) := \begin{pmatrix} d_1(x, y) \\ \dots \\ d_m(x, y) \end{pmatrix}, \text{ for } x, y \in X.$$

We denote by  $M_{m,m}(\mathbb{R}_+)$  the set of all  $m \times m$  matrices with positive elements, by  $I_{m,m}$  the identity  $m \times m$  matrix and by  $O_{m,m}$  the null  $m \times m$  matrix. Also, the symbol  $O_m$  denotes the null vector of  $\mathbb{R}^m$ .

By definition,  $K \in M_{m,m}(\mathbb{R}_+)$  is said to be convergent to zero if  $K^n \rightarrow O_{m,m}$  as  $n \rightarrow \infty$ . The following result will be important for our next considerations, see e.g. [17].

**Theorem 1** Let  $K \in M_{m,m}(\mathbb{R}_+)$ . The following assertions are equivalent:

- (i)  $K^n \rightarrow O_{m,m}$  as  $n \rightarrow \infty$ ;
- (ii) The spectral radius  $\rho(K)$  of  $K$  is strictly less than 1, i.e., the eigenvalues of  $K$  are in the open unit disc;
- (iii) The matrix  $(I_{m,m} - K)$  is nonsingular and

$$(I_{m,m} - K)^{-1} = I_{m,m} + K + \dots + K^n + \dots; \quad (1)$$

- (iv) The matrix  $(I_{m,m} - K)$  is nonsingular and  $(I_{m,m} - K)^{-1}$  has non-negative elements.

Using the above properties, Perov [4] proved the following result.

**Theorem 2 (Perov)** Let  $(X, d)$  be a complete vector-valued metric space and let  $t : X \rightarrow X$  be an  $K$ -contraction, i.e.,  $K \in M_{m,m}(\mathbb{R}_+)$  converges to zero and

$$d(t(x), t(y)) \preceq Kd(x, y), \text{ for all } x, y \in X.$$

Then:

- (1)  $\text{Fix}(t) = \{x^*\}$ ;
- (2) the sequence  $(x_n)_{n \in \mathbb{N}}$ ,  $x_n := t^n(x_0)$  of Picard iterates for  $t$  starting from any  $x_0 \in X$  is convergent to  $x^*$ ;
- (3) the following estimation holds

$$d(x_n, x^*) \preceq K^n (I_{m,m} - K)^{-1} d(x_0, x_1), \text{ for every } n \in \mathbb{N}; \quad (2)$$

The purpose of this paper is to give some data dependence and stability results for a fixed point equation in complete vector-valued metric spaces, using the admissible perturbation technique. Our approach generalizes some recent results in metric fixed point theory, see [1], [7], [8], [12], [13], [15].

## 2 Main results

Let us recall first the notion of admissible perturbation and its relation with fixed point theory. For related notions and results see [11], [13], [16].

Let  $X$  be a nonempty set and  $A : X \times X \rightarrow X$  be a mapping satisfying the following two conditions:

- (AP1)  $A(x, x) = x$ , for each  $x \in X$ ;
- (AP2) if  $x, y \in X$  satisfy  $A(x, y) = x$ , then  $y = x$ .

The concept of admissible perturbation for the single-valued case was proposed by I.A. Rus in [11]. For the multi-valued case see [6].

**Definition 1** Let  $X$  be a nonempty set and  $A : X \times X \rightarrow X$  be a mapping having the properties (AP1) and (AP2). Let  $t : X \rightarrow X$  be a single-valued operator. Then, the single-valued operator  $t_A : X \rightarrow X$  given by  $t_A(x) := A(x, t(x))$  is called the admissible perturbation of  $t$  corresponding to  $A$ .

The following important properties hold.

**Lemma 1** (see [11]) If  $X$  is a nonempty set and  $t : X \rightarrow X$  is a single-valued operator which admits an admissible perturbation  $t_A$ , then  $\text{Fix}(t) = \text{Fix}(t_A)$ .

Some examples of mappings  $A$  which generate admissible perturbations are given now.

**Example 1** (see [11]) Let  $\mathcal{E}$  be a linear space,  $\lambda \in \mathbb{R} \setminus \{0\}$  and  $A : \mathcal{E} \times \mathcal{E} \rightarrow \mathcal{E}$  be given by

$$A(x, y) := \lambda x + (1 - \lambda)y.$$

If  $t : X \rightarrow X$  is a single-valued operator, then  $t_A : X \rightarrow X$  given by

$$t_A(x) := \lambda x + (1 - \lambda)t(x)$$

is the admissible perturbation of  $t$  corresponding to  $A$ .

**Example 2** ([2], [3]) A pair  $(X, F)$  is called a convex prestructure in the sense of Gudder if  $X$  is a nonempty set and  $F : [0, 1] \times X \times X \rightarrow X$  is a given mapping. Suppose that the convex prestructure  $(X, F)$  satisfies the following axioms:

(AX1)  $F(\lambda, x, y) = F(1 - \lambda, y, x)$ , for every  $\lambda \in [0, 1]$  and each  $x, y \in X$ ;

(AX2)  $F(\lambda, x, F(\mu, y, z)) = F(\lambda + (1 - \lambda)\mu, F(\frac{\lambda}{\lambda + (1 - \lambda)\mu}, x, y), z)$ , for every  $\lambda, \mu \in [0, 1]$  with  $\lambda + (1 - \lambda)\mu \neq 0$  and for each  $x, y, z \in X$ ;

(AX3)  $F(\lambda, x, x) = x$ , for every  $\lambda \in [0, 1]$  and each  $x \in X$ ;

(AX4) If for some  $\lambda \in [0, 1]$  and  $x \in X$  we have that  $F(\lambda, x, y) = F(\lambda, x, z)$ , then  $y = z$ ;

(AX5)  $F(0, x, y) = y$ , for every  $x, y \in X$ .

Then the pair  $(X, F)$  is called a convex structure in the sense of Gudder.

If  $(X, F)$  is a convex structure, then a set  $Y \in P(X)$  is called convex if for every  $\lambda \in [0, 1]$  and every  $x, y \in X$  we have that  $F(\lambda, x, y) \in Y$ .

Let  $(X, F)$  be a convex structure and  $\lambda \in (0, 1)$ . We define now the operator  $A : X \times X \rightarrow X$  by

$$A(x, y) := F(\lambda, x, y).$$

If  $t : X \rightarrow X$  is a single-valued operator, then  $t_A : X \rightarrow X$  given by

$$t_A(x) := F(\lambda, x, t(x))$$

is the admissible perturbation of  $t$  corresponding to  $A$ .

**Example 3** ([18], [19]) Let  $(X, d)$  be a vector-valued metric space and  $W : X \times X \times [0, 1] \rightarrow X$  be an operator satisfying the following relation:

$$d(u, W(x, y, \lambda)) \preceq \lambda d(u, x) + (1 - \lambda) d(u, y), \text{ for every } u, x, y \in X \text{ and } \lambda \in (0, 1).$$

The pair  $(X, W)$  is called a convex vector-valued metric space in the sense of Takahashi if  $(X, d)$  is a vector-valued metric space and  $W : X \times X \times [0, 1] \rightarrow X$  is an operator with the above property. A set  $Y \in P(X)$  is called convex in the sense of Takahashi if  $W(x, y, \lambda) \in Y$ , for every  $\lambda \in [0, 1]$  and every  $x, y \in X$ .

Let  $(X, W)$  be a convex vector-valued metric space in the sense of Takahashi, such that the following implication holds

$$\lambda \in (0, 1), x, y \in X \text{ with } W(x, y, \lambda) = x \text{ imply that } y = x. \quad (3)$$

Then, for  $\lambda \in (0, 1)$  let us define the operator  $A : X \times X \rightarrow X$  by

$$A(x, y) := W(x, y, \lambda).$$

If  $t : X \rightarrow X$  is a single-valued operator, then  $t_A : X \rightarrow X$  given by

$$t_A(x) := W(x, t(x), \lambda)$$

is the admissible perturbation of  $t$  corresponding to  $A$ .

Let us consider now some concepts related to some stability theorems for the fixed points of single-valued operators in vector-valued metric spaces.

**Definition 2** Let  $(X, d)$  be a vector-valued metric space,  $t : X \rightarrow X$  be a single-valued operator such that  $Fix(t) \neq \emptyset$  and there exists  $r : X \rightarrow Fix(t)$  a set retraction. Then

$$X = \bigcup_{x^* \in Fix(t)} r^{-1}(x^*)$$

is the fixed point partition of  $X$  corresponding to  $r$ .

**Definition 3** Let  $(X, d)$  be a vector-valued metric space and  $t : X \rightarrow X$  be a single-valued operator with  $Fix(t) \neq \emptyset$ . Let  $\Psi : \mathbb{R}_+^m \rightarrow \mathbb{R}_+^m$  be an increasing (with respect to the componentwise partial order) function such that  $\Psi(O_m) = O_m$  and  $\Psi$  is continuous at  $O_m$ . If there exists a set retraction  $r : X \rightarrow Fix(t)$  such that

$$d(x, r(x)) \preceq \Psi(d(x, t(x))), \text{ for each } x \in X,$$

then we say that the retraction-displacement condition on  $t$  corresponding to  $r$  holds.

We will introduce now some data dependence and stability property for the fixed points of single-valued operators in vector-valued metric spaces. For related notions and results see [5], [9], [10].

**Definition 4** Let  $(X, d)$  be a vector-valued metric space. If  $t : X \rightarrow X$  is a single-valued operator with at least one fixed point, then we say that the data dependence phenomenon for the fixed point set of  $t$  holds if for an operator  $s : X \rightarrow X$  with  $Fix(s) \neq \emptyset$  and for which there exists  $\eta := (\eta_1, \dots, \eta_m)$  (with  $\eta_i > 0$  for each  $i \in \{1, 2, \dots, m\}$ ), such that

$$d(t(x), s(x)) \preceq \eta, \text{ for each } x \in X,$$

there exists an increasing (with respect to the componentwise partial order) function  $\chi : \mathbb{R}_+^m \rightarrow \mathbb{R}_+^m$  which is continuous in  $O_m$  and satisfies the relation  $\chi(O_m) = O_m$ , such that

$$H(Fix(t), Fix(s)) \preceq \chi(\eta).$$

**Definition 5** Let  $(X, d)$  be a vector-valued metric space and  $t : X \rightarrow X$  be a single-valued operator. Then, we say that the generalized Ulam-Hyers stability property for the fixed point equation  $x = t(x), x \in X$  holds if there exists a function  $\mu : \mathbb{R}_+^m \rightarrow \mathbb{R}_+^m$  which is increasing (with respect to the componentwise partial order), continuous in  $O_m$ , with  $\mu(O_m) = O_m$ , such that for every  $\epsilon := (\epsilon_1, \dots, \epsilon_m)$  (with  $\epsilon_i > 0$  for each  $i \in \{1, 2, \dots, m\}$ ) and any  $z \in X$  with  $d(z, t(z)) \preceq \epsilon$ , there exists  $x^* \in Fix(t)$  satisfying the relation

$$d(z, x^*) \preceq \mu(\epsilon).$$

**Definition 6** Let  $(X, d)$  be a vector-valued metric space and  $t : X \rightarrow X$  be a single-valued operator, such that  $Fix(t) \neq \emptyset$  and there exists  $r : X \rightarrow Fix(t)$

a set retraction. Then, we say that the well-posedness property (in the sense of Reich and Zaslavski) of the fixed point equation  $x = t(x)$  with respect to the fixed point partition  $X$  corresponding to  $r$  holds if for each  $x^* \in \text{Fix}(t)$  and for each sequence  $\{u_n\}_{n \in \mathbb{N}} \subset r^{-1}(x^*)$  with  $d(u_n, t(u_n)) \rightarrow 0$ , we have that  $u_n \rightarrow x^*$  as  $n \rightarrow \infty$ .

**Definition 7** Let  $(X, d)$  be a vector-valued metric space and  $t : X \rightarrow X$  be a single-valued operator such that  $\text{Fix}(t) \neq \emptyset$ . Let  $r : X \rightarrow \text{Fix}(t)$  be a set retraction. The fixed point equation  $x = t(x)$  has the Ostrowski stability property with respect to the fixed point partition of  $X$  corresponding to  $r$  if for each  $x^* \in \text{Fix}(t)$  and for each sequence  $\{w_n\}_{n \in \mathbb{N}} \subset r^{-1}(x^*)$  with  $d(w_{n+1}, t(w_n)) \rightarrow 0$  as  $n \rightarrow \infty$ , we have that  $w_n \rightarrow x^*$  as  $n \rightarrow \infty$ .

The following general class of mappings will be considered for our next main results.

**Definition 8** Let  $(X, d)$  be a vector-valued metric space and  $t : X \rightarrow X$  be a single-valued operator. Then,  $t$  is called a weakly Picard operator if for each  $u_0 \in X$  the sequence  $(u_n)_{n \in \mathbb{N}}$  of Picard iterates for  $t$  starting from  $u_0$  (i.e.,  $u_n := t^n(u_0)$  or equivalently  $u_{n+1} = t(u_n), n \in \mathbb{N}$ ) converges to a fixed point of  $t$ .

**Definition 9** Let  $(X, d)$  be a vector-valued metric space and  $t : X \rightarrow X$  be a weakly Picard operator. We define the operator  $t^\infty : X \rightarrow \text{Fix}(t)$ , given by  $t^\infty(u) := \lim_{n \rightarrow \infty} t^n(u)$ .

**Definition 10** Let  $(X, d)$  be a vector-valued metric space and  $t : X \rightarrow X$  be a weakly Picard operator. Then,  $t$  is called a  $\Gamma$ -weakly Picard operator if  $\Gamma : \mathbb{R}_+^m \rightarrow \mathbb{R}_+^m$  is increasing (with respect to the componentwise partial order), continuous in  $O_m$  with  $\Gamma(O_m) = O_m$  and

$$d(x, t^\infty(x)) \leq \Gamma(d(x, t(x))), \text{ for all } x \in X. \quad (4)$$

In particular, if  $t : X \rightarrow X$  is a weakly Picard operator for which there exists  $K \in M_{m,m}(\mathbb{R}_+) \setminus \{O_{m,m}\}$  such that

$$d(x, t^\infty(x)) \leq Kd(x, t(x)), \text{ for all } x \in X, \quad (5)$$

then  $t$  is called a  $K$ -weakly Picard operator.

**Example 4** Let  $(X, d)$  be a complete vector-valued metric space and  $t : X \rightarrow X$  be a single-valued operator with closed graph. If there exists a matrix  $\kappa \in M_{m,m}(\mathbb{R}_+)$  such that

$$d(t(x), t^2(x)) \leq \kappa d(x, t(x)), \text{ for every } x \in X, \quad (6)$$

then  $t$  is a  $(I_{m,m} - \kappa)^{-1}$ -weakly Picard operator. Notice that an operator satisfying the condition (6) is called a graph  $\kappa$ -contraction.

The following are the main results of the paper.

**Theorem 3** Let  $(X, d)$  be a vector-valued metric space and let  $t, s : X \rightarrow X$  be two single-valued operators. Let  $A : X \times X \rightarrow X$  be an operator satisfying the conditions (AP1) and (AP2). Suppose:

- (a) the admissible perturbation  $t_A : X \rightarrow X, t_A(x) := A(x, t(x))$  is a  $\Gamma$ -weakly Picard operator;
- (b) the admissible perturbation  $s_A : X \rightarrow X, s_A(x) := A(x, s(x))$  is a  $\Upsilon$ -weakly Picard operator;
- (c) there exists  $L \in M_{m,m}(\mathbb{R}_+) \setminus \{O_{m,m}\}$  such that  $d(x, t_A(x)) \preceq Ld(x, t(x))$ , for each  $x \in X$ ;
- (d) there exists  $Q \in M_{m,m}(\mathbb{R}_+) \setminus \{O_{m,m}\}$  such that  $d(x, s_A(x)) \preceq Qd(x, s(x))$ , for each  $x \in X$ ;
- (e) there exists  $R \in \mathbb{R}_+^m$  (with  $R_i > 0$  for each  $i \in \{1, 2, \dots, m\}$ ) such that  $d(t(x), s(x)) \leq R$ , for each  $x \in X$ .

Then

$$H(Fix(t), Fix(s)) \leq \Theta(R) := \begin{pmatrix} \max\{\Gamma_1(QR), \Upsilon_1(LR)\} \\ \dots \\ \max\{\Gamma_m(QR), \Upsilon_m(LR)\} \end{pmatrix}.$$

**Proof.** We will show that for every  $x \in Fix(t)$  there exists  $y \in Fix(s)$  such that  $d(x, y) \leq \Theta(R)$  and the analogue relation that for every  $y \in Fix(s)$  there exists  $x \in Fix(t)$  such that  $d(x, y) \leq \Theta(R)$ .

Let  $x \in Fix(t)$ . Since  $s_A$  is a  $\Upsilon$ -weakly Picard operator, we have

$$d(x_0, s_A^\infty(x_0)) \preceq \Upsilon(d(x_0, s_A(x_0))), \text{ for all } x_0 \in X.$$

Taking  $x_0 := x$  we get that  $s_A^\infty(x) \in Fix(s)$  and

$$d(x, s_A^\infty(x)) \preceq \Upsilon(d(x, s_A(x))) \preceq \Upsilon(Qd(x, s(x))) = \Upsilon(Qd(t(x), s(x))) \preceq \Upsilon(QR).$$

Similarly, for  $y \in Fix(s)$  we have that  $t_A^\infty(y) \in Fix(t)$  and the following relations hold

$$d(y, t_A^\infty(y)) \preceq \Gamma(d(y, t_A(y))) \preceq \Gamma(Ld(y, t(y))) = \Gamma(Ld(s(y), t(y))) \leq \Gamma(LR).$$

By the above relations we get  $H(\text{Fix}(t), \text{Fix}(s)) \preceq \Theta(R)$ , which completes the proof.  $\square$

Our next result proves two important properties of the fixed point equation.

**Theorem 4** *Let  $(X, d)$  be a vector-valued metric space and let  $t : X \rightarrow P(X)$  be a multi-valued operator. Let  $A : X \times X \rightarrow X$  be an operator satisfying the conditions (AP1) and (AP2). Suppose:*

- (a) *the admissible perturbation  $t_A : X \rightarrow X, t_A(x) := A(x, t(x))$  is a  $\Gamma$ -weakly Picard operator;*  
 (b) *there exists  $L \in M_{m,m}(\mathbb{R}_+) \setminus \{O_{m,m}\}$  such that  $d(x, t_A(x)) \preceq Ld(x, t(x))$ , for each  $x \in X$ .*

*Then, the fixed point equation  $x = t(x), x \in X$  is well-posed and satisfies the Ulam-Hyers stability property.*

**Proof.** Since  $t_A$  is a  $\Gamma$ -weakly Picard operator, we have that  $\text{Fix}(t) \neq \emptyset$  and for the operator  $t_A^\infty$  we have

$$d(x_0, t_A^\infty(x_0)) \preceq \Gamma(d(x_0, t_A(x_0))), \text{ for all } x_0 \in X.$$

A. (Well-posedness) Consider the fixed point partition of  $X$  corresponding to  $t_A^\infty$ , i.e.,

$$X = \bigcup_{x^* \in \text{Fix}(t)} (t_A^\infty)^{-1}(x^*).$$

Let  $u^* \in \text{Fix}(t)$ . Then, for any sequence  $\{u_n\}_{n \in \mathbb{N}} \subset (t_A^\infty)^{-1}(x^*)$  with  $d(u_n, t(u_n)) \rightarrow 0$  we have

$$d(u_n, x^*) = d(u_n, t_A^\infty(u_n)) \preceq \Gamma(d(u_n, t_A(u_n))) \preceq \Gamma(Ld(u_n, t(u_n))) \rightarrow 0$$

as  $n \rightarrow \infty$ .

B. (Ulam-Hyers stability) Take any  $\epsilon := (\epsilon_1, \dots, \epsilon_m)$  (with  $\epsilon_i > 0$  for each  $i \in \{1, 2, \dots, m\}$ ) and any  $z \in X$  with the property  $d(z, t(z)) \preceq \epsilon$ . Denote  $x^* := t_A^\infty(z) \in \text{Fix}(t)$ . Then, we have

$$d(z, x^*) \preceq d(z, t_A^\infty(z)) \preceq \Gamma(d(z, t_A(z))) \preceq \Gamma(Ld(z, t(z))) \preceq \Gamma(L\epsilon).$$

The proof is now complete.  $\square$

We discuss now the Ostrowski stability property for the fixed point equation  $x = t(x), x \in X$  with a weakly Picard operator in a vector-valued metric space.

**Theorem 5** Let  $(X, d)$  be a vector-valued metric space and let  $t : X \rightarrow X$  be a multi-valued operator. Let  $A : X \times X \rightarrow X$  be an operator satisfying the conditions (AP1) and (AP2). Suppose:

(a) the admissible perturbation  $t_A : X \rightarrow X, t_A(x) := A(x, t(x))$  is a weakly Picard operator;

(b)  $t$  is a  $K$ -quasi contraction with respect to the fixed point partition corresponding to  $t_A^\infty$ , i.e., there exists a matrix  $K \in M_{m,m}(\mathbb{R}_+)$  which converges to zero such that

$$d(t(x), t_A^\infty(x)) \preceq Kd(x, t_A^\infty(x)), \text{ for every } x \in X.$$

(b) there exists  $L \in M_{m,m}(\mathbb{R}_+) \setminus \{O_{m,m}\}$  such that  $d(x, t_A(x)) \preceq Ld(x, t(x))$ , for each  $x \in X$ .

Then, the fixed point equation  $x = t(x), x \in X$  has the Ostrowski stability property.

**Proof.** Since  $t_A$  is a weakly Picard operator, the fixed point set  $Fix(t)$  is nonempty. Let  $x^* \in Fix(t)$  and let  $\{w_n\}_{n \in \mathbb{N}} \subset (t_A^\infty)^{-1}(x^*)$  such that  $d(w_{n+1}, t(w_n)) \rightarrow 0$  as  $n \rightarrow \infty$ .

Then, we have

$$\begin{aligned} d(w_{n+1}, x^*) &= d(w_{n+1}, t_A^\infty(w_n)) \preceq d(w_{n+1}, t_A(w_n)) + d(t_A(w_n), t_A^\infty(w_n)) \preceq \\ &Ld(w_{n+1}, t(w_n)) + Kd(w_n, t_A^\infty(w_n)) = Ld(w_{n+1}, t(w_n)) + Kd(w_n, x^*) \preceq \\ &Ld(w_{n+1}, t(w_n)) + K[Ld(w_n, t(w_{n-1})) + Kd(w_{n-1}, x^*)] \preceq \dots \preceq \\ &Ld(w_{n+1}, t(w_n)) + KLd(w_n, t(w_{n-1})) + \dots + K^n Ld(w_1, t(w_0)) + K^{n+1}d(w_0, x^*). \end{aligned}$$

By the vectorial version of the Cauchy-Toeplitz Lemma (see e.g. [7], [14]) we get the conclusion.  $\square$

As consequences, for each example of operator  $A$  we can get corresponding results concerning the stability properties of the fixed point equation.

For example, in the case of the convex structure of Gudder we obtain the following result for a single-valued graph contraction in a complete vector-valued metric space.

**Theorem 6** Let  $(X, d)$  be a complete metric space endowed with a convex structure in the sense of Gudder  $F : [0, 1] \times X \times X \rightarrow X$ . Let  $t : X \rightarrow X$  be a single-valued operator with closed graph. Suppose that:

(a) there exists a matrix  $\kappa \in M_{m,m}(\mathbb{R}_+)$  which converges to zero such that

$$d(F(\lambda, x, t(x)), F(\lambda, F(\lambda, x, t(x)), t(F(\lambda, x, t(x)))))) \preceq$$

$\kappa d(x, F(\lambda, x, t(x)))$ , for every  $x \in X$  and  $\lambda \in (0, 1)$ .

(b) there exists  $Q \in M_{m,m}(\mathbb{R}_+) \setminus \{O_{m,m}\}$  such that  $d(x, F(\lambda, x, t(x))) \leq Qd(x, t(x))$ , for each  $x \in X$  and  $\lambda \in (0, 1)$ ;

(c) if  $\{x_n\}_{n \in \mathbb{N}}, \{v_n\}_{n \in \mathbb{N}}$  are two sequences in  $X$  such that  $x_n \rightarrow x$  and if the sequence  $u_n := F(\lambda, x_n, v_n), n \in \mathbb{N}$  is convergent in  $X$  to  $u$ , then there exists  $v \in X$  such that  $v_n \rightarrow v$  as  $n \rightarrow \infty$  and  $u = F(\lambda, x, v)$ .

Then, the following conclusions hold:

(i)  $t_A$  is a  $K$ -weakly Picard operator, with  $K := (I_{m,m} - \kappa)^{-1}$ ;

(ii) the fixed point equation  $x = t(x), x \in X$  is well-posed and has the Ulam-Hyers stability property.

**Proof.** By (a) we get that the admissible perturbation  $t_A$  of  $t$  is a graph  $\kappa$ -contraction. By (c) we obtain that  $t_A$  has closed graph. By Exemple 4 we obtain the conclusion (i). The conclusion (ii) follows by Theorem 4.  $\square$

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