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## Fixed Point Theorems for Expansive Mapping in A-Metric Space

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### ABSTRACT

In this paper, we prove some fixed point theorems under different expansive type conditions in the setting of a A-metric space. Our results generalize and extend various results in the existing literature.

**Keywords:** A-metric space, expansive mapping, fixed point.

### 1. INTRODUCTION

The study of expansive mappings is very interesting research area of fixed point theory. In 1984, Wang *et al.*<sup>26</sup> introduced the concept of expanding mappings and proved some fixed point theorems in complete metric spaces. In 1992, Daffer and Kaneko<sup>7</sup> defined an expanding condition for a pair of mappings and proved some common fixed point theorems for two mappings in complete metric spaces. In 1989, Bakhtin<sup>2</sup> introduced the concept of a b-metric space as a generalization of metric spaces, in which many researchers treated the fixed point theory. In 1993, Czerwik<sup>4-5</sup> extended many results related to the b-metric spaces. In 1994, Matthews<sup>14</sup> introduced the concept of partial metric space in which the self-distance of any point of space may not be zero. Gähler<sup>11</sup> claimed that 2-metric space is a generalization of an ordinary metric space. He mentioned in<sup>11</sup> that  $d(x, y, z)$  geometrically represents the area of a triangle formed by the points  $x, y, z \in X$  as its vertices. On the other hand, Ha *et al.*<sup>12</sup> and Sharma<sup>23</sup> found some mathematical flaws in these claims. It was demonstrated in<sup>23</sup> that  $d(x, y, z)$  does not always represent the area of a triangle formed by the points  $x, y, z \in X$ . Dhage<sup>8</sup> suggested an improvement in the basic structure of 2-metric space. In 1984, Dhage in his Ph.D. thesis<sup>8</sup> identified condition second as a weakness in Gähler's theory of a 2-metric

space. To overcome these problems, he then introduced the concept of a  $D$ -metric space. Dhage<sup>9</sup> then studied topological properties of  $D$ -metric space in a series of papers. Naidu *et al.*<sup>18</sup> proved that the concepts of convergent sequences and sequential continuity are not well defined in  $D$ -metric spaces. Naidu *et al.*<sup>19</sup> pointed out some drawbacks in the idea of open balls in  $D$ -metric space. In 2003, Mustafa and Sims<sup>17</sup> identified condition third as a weakness in Dhage's theory of  $D$ -metric space. The tetrahedral inequality in  $D$ -metric has been replaced with the prototypical rectangular inequality adopted by Mustafa and Sims<sup>16</sup> in 2006 and introduced the notion of  $G$ -metric space and suggested an important generalization of metric space. Sedghi *et al.*<sup>20</sup> have introduced  $D^*$ -metric spaces which is a probable modification of the definition of  $D$ -metric spaces introduced by Dhage<sup>8</sup> and proved some basic properties in  $D^*$ -metric spaces, (see<sup>22</sup>). Every  $G$ -metric space is a  $D^*$ -metric space. The converse, however, is false in general; a  $D^*$ -metric space is not necessarily a  $G$ -metric space. Sedghi *et al.*<sup>21</sup> identified condition third of the  $G$ -metric space as a peculiar limitation but classified the symmetry condition as a common weakness of both  $G$ - and  $D^*$ -metric spaces. To overcome these difficulties, Sedghi *et al.*<sup>21</sup> introduced a new generalized metricspace called an  $S$ -metric space. The  $S$ -metric space is a space with three dimensions. Sedghi *et al.*<sup>21</sup> asserted that every  $G$ -metric is an  $S$ -metric, see<sup>21</sup>, Remarks 1.3 and <sup>21</sup>, Remarks 2.2. The Example 2.1 and Example 2.2 of Dung *et al.*<sup>10</sup> shows that this assertion is not correct. Moreover, the class of all  $S$ -metrics and the class of all  $G$ -metrics are distinct. Souayah *et al.*<sup>25</sup> have introduced  $S_b$ -metric space and established some fixed point theorems. Very recently, Abbas *et al.*<sup>15</sup> introduced the notion of  $A$ -metric space, which generalization of the  $S$ -metric space.

In this paper, we prove some fixed point theorems under expansive type conditions in the setting of a  $A$ -metric space. Our results generalize and extend various results in the existing literature.

## 2. PRELIMINARIES

In 2015, Abbas *et al.*<sup>15</sup> introduced the notion of  $A$ -metric space.

**Definition 2.1**(see<sup>15</sup>) Let  $X$  be a nonempty set. A mapping  $A: X^n \rightarrow [0, +\infty)$  is called an  $A$ -metric on  $X$  if and only if for all  $x_i, a \in X, i = 1, 2, 3, \dots, n$ : the following conditions hold:

- (A1).  $A(x_1, x_2, x_3, \dots, x_{n-1}, x_n) \geq 0$ ,
- (A2).  $A(x_1, x_2, x_3, \dots, x_{n-1}, x_n) = 0$  if and only if  $x_1 = x_2 = \dots = x_{n-1} = x_n$ ,
- (A3).  $A(x_1, x_2, x_3, \dots, x_{n-1}, x_n) \leq A(x_1, x_1, x_1, \dots, (x_1)_{n-1}, a)$   
 $+ A(x_2, x_2, x_2, \dots, (x_2)_{n-1}, a)$   
 $+ A(x_3, x_3, x_3, \dots, (x_3)_{n-1}, a) + \dots$   
 $+ A(x_{n-1}, x_{n-1}, x_{n-1}, \dots, (x_{n-1})_{n-1}, a)$   
 $+ A(x_n, x_n, x_n, \dots, (x_n)_{n-1}, a)$ .

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

The following is the intuitive geometric example for  $A$ -metric spaces.

**Example 2.2**(see<sup>15</sup>) Let  $X = [1, +\infty)$ . Define  $A: X^n \rightarrow [0, +\infty)$  by

$$A(x_1, x_2, x_3, \dots, x_{n-1}, x_n) = \sum_{i=1}^n \sum_{i < j} |x_i - x_j|$$

for all  $x_i \in X, i = 1, 2, \dots, n$ .

**Example 2.3** (see<sup>15</sup>) Let  $X = \mathbb{R}$ . Define  $A: X^n \rightarrow [0, +\infty)$  by

$$\begin{aligned} A(x_1, x_2, x_3, \dots, x_{n-1}, x_n) &= \left| \sum_{i=n}^2 x_i - (n-1)x_1 \right| \\ &+ \left| \sum_{i=n}^3 x_i - (n-2)x_2 \right| + \dots \\ &+ \left| \sum_{i=n}^{n-3} x_i - 3x_{n-3} \right| \\ &+ \left| \sum_{i=n}^{n-2} x_i - 2x_{n-2} \right| \\ &+ |x_n - x_{n-1}| \end{aligned}$$

for all  $x_i \in X, i = 1, 2, \dots, n$ .

**Lemma 2.4** (see<sup>15</sup>) Let  $(X, A)$  be an  $A$ -metric space. Then for all  $x, y \in X$ ,  
 $A_b(x, x, x, \dots, (x)_{n-1}, y) = A_b(y, y, y, \dots, (y)_{n-1}, x)$

**Lemma 2.5** (see<sup>15</sup>) Let  $(X, A)$  be an  $A$ -metric space. Then for all  $x, y, z \in X$ ,  
 $A_b(x, x, x, \dots, (x)_{n-1}, z) \leq (n-1)A_b(x, x, x, \dots, (x)_{n-1}, y)$   
 $+ A_b(z, z, z, \dots, (z)_{n-1}, y)$

and

$$\begin{aligned} A_b(x, x, x, \dots, (x)_{n-1}, z) &\leq (n-1)A_b(x, x, x, \dots, (x)_{n-1}, y) \\ &+ A_b(y, y, y, \dots, (y)_{n-1}, z) \end{aligned}$$

**Lemma 2.6**(see<sup>15</sup>)Let  $(X, A)$  be an  $A$ -metric space. Then  $(X \times X, D_A)$  is an  $A$ -metric space on  $X \times X$ , where  $D_A$  is given by for all  $x_i, y_j \in X, i, j = 1, 2, \dots, n$ :

$$\begin{aligned} D_A((x_1, y_1), (x_2, y_2), (x_3, y_3), \dots, (x_n, y_n)) \\ = A(x_1, x_2, x_3, \dots, x_n) + A(y_1, y_2, y_3, \dots, y_n). \end{aligned}$$

**Definition 2.7**(see<sup>15</sup>)Let  $(X, A)$  be an  $A$ -metric space. Then

1. A sequence  $\{x_k\}$  is called convergent to  $x$  in  $(X, A)$  if

$$\lim_{k \rightarrow +\infty} A(x_k, x_k, x_k, \dots, (x_k)_{n-1}, x) = 0.$$

That is, for each  $\epsilon \geq 0$ , there exists  $n_0 \in \mathbb{N}$  such that for all  $k \geq n_0$ , we have

$$A(x_k, x_k, x_k, \dots, (x_k)_{n-1}, x) \leq \epsilon$$

and we write  $\lim_{k \rightarrow +\infty} x_k = x$ .

2. A sequence  $\{x_k\}$  is called Cauchy in  $(X, A)$  if

$$\lim_{k, m \rightarrow +\infty} A(x_k, x_k, x_k, \dots, (x_k)_{n-1}, x_m) = 0.$$

That is, for each  $\epsilon \geq 0$ , there exists  $n_0 \in \mathbb{N}$  such that for all  $k, m \geq n_0$ , we have

$$A(x_k, x_k, x_k, \dots, (x_k)_{n-1}, x_m) \leq \epsilon.$$

3.  $(X, A)$  is said to be complete if every Cauchy sequence in  $(X, A)$  is a convergent.

**Lemma 2.8**(see<sup>15</sup>) Let  $(X, A)$  be an  $A$ -metric space. If the sequence  $\{x_k\}$  in  $X$  converges to  $x$ , then  $x$  is unique.

**Lemma 2.9**(see<sup>15</sup>) Every convergent sequence in  $A$ -metric space  $(X, A, s)$  is a Cauchy sequence.

**Definition 2.10** Let  $(X, A_b)$  be an  $A_b$ -metric space with  $s \geq 1$ . A map  $f: X \rightarrow X$  is said to be expansive mapping if there exists  $\lambda > 1$  such that

$$A_b(fx^1, fx^2, fx^3, \dots, fx^n) \geq \lambda A_b(x^1, x^2, x^3, \dots, x^n)$$

for all  $x^1, x^2, x^3, \dots, x^n \in X$ .

### 3.1 MAIN RESULT

We begin with a simple but a useful lemma.

**Lemma 3.1** Let  $(X, A)$  be an  $A$ -metric space and  $\{x_k\}$  be a sequence in  $(X, A)$  such that  $A(x_k, x_k, x_k, \dots, (x_k)_{n-1}, x_{k+1}) \leq \lambda A(x_{k-1}, x_{k-1}, x_{k-1}, \dots, (x_{k-1})_{n-1}, x_k)$  (3.1) where  $\lambda \in [0, 1)$  and  $k = 1, 2, \dots$ . Then  $\{x_k\}$  is a Cauchy sequence in  $(X, A)$ .

**Proof** For  $k = 1, 2, \dots$ , we get by induction

$$\begin{aligned} A(x_k, x_k, x_k, \dots, (x_k)_{n-1}, x_{k+1}) &\leq \lambda A(x_{k-1}, x_{k-1}, x_{k-1}, \dots, (x_{k-1})_{n-1}, x_k) \\ &\leq \lambda^2 A(x_{k-2}, x_{k-2}, x_{k-2}, \dots, (x_{k-2})_{n-1}, x_{k-1}) \\ &\vdots \\ &\leq \lambda^k A(x_0, x_0, x_0, x_0, \dots, (x_0)_{n-1}, x_1) \end{aligned} \quad (3.2)$$

Let  $m > k$ . It follows that

$$\begin{aligned} &A(x_k, x_k, x_k, \dots, (x_k)_{n-1}, x_m) \\ &\leq [(n-1)A(x_k, x_k, x_k, \dots, (x_k)_{n-1}, x_{k+1}) \\ &\quad + A(x_m, x_m, x_m, x_m, \dots, (x_m)_{n-1}, x_{k+1})] \\ &\leq (n-1)A(x_k, x_k, x_k, \dots, (x_k)_{n-1}, x_{k+1}) \\ &\quad + A(x_{k+1}, x_{k+1}, x_{k+1}, \dots, (x_{k+1})_{n-1}, x_m) \\ &\leq (n-1)A(x_k, x_k, x_k, \dots, (x_k)_{n-1}, x_{k+1}) \\ &\quad + [(n-1)A(x_{k+1}, x_{k+1}, x_{k+1}, \dots, (x_{k+1})_{n-1}, x_{k+2}) \\ &\quad + A(x_m, x_m, x_m, x_m, \dots, (x_m)_{n-1}, x_{k+2})] \\ &\leq (n-1)A(x_k, x_k, x_k, \dots, (x_k)_{n-1}, x_{k+1}) \\ &\quad + (n-1)A(x_{k+1}, x_{k+1}, x_{k+1}, \dots, (x_{k+1})_{n-1}, x_{k+2}) \\ &\quad + A(x_{k+2}, x_{k+2}, x_{k+2}, \dots, (x_{k+2})_{n-1}, x_m)] \\ &\leq (n-1)A(x_k, x_k, x_k, \dots, (x_k)_{n-1}, x_{k+1}) \\ &\quad + (n-1)A(x_{k+1}, x_{k+1}, x_{k+1}, \dots, (x_{k+1})_{n-1}, x_{k+2}) \\ &\quad + [(n-1)A(x_{k+1}, x_{k+1}, x_{k+1}, \dots, (x_{k+1})_{n-1}, x_{k+3}) \end{aligned}$$

$$\begin{aligned}
 &+A(x_m, x_m, x_m, x_m, \dots, (x_m)_{n-1}, x_{k+3})] \\
 &\leq (n-1)A(x_k, x_k, x_k, \dots, (x_k)_{n-1}, x_{k+1}) \\
 &+(n-1)A(x_{k+1}, x_{k+1}, x_{k+1}, \dots, (x_{k+1})_{n-1}, x_{k+2}) \\
 &+(n-1)A(x_{k+1}, x_{k+1}, x_{k+1}, \dots, (x_{k+1})_{n-1}, x_{k+3}) \\
 &+(n-1)A(x_{k+1}, x_{k+1}, x_{k+1}, \dots, (x_{k+1})_{n-1}, x_{k+4}) + \dots \\
 &+(n-1)A(x_{m-2}, x_{m-2}, x_{m-2}, \dots, (x_{m-2})_{n-1}, x_{m-1}) \\
 &+A(x_{m-1}, x_{m-1}, x_{m-1}, \dots, (x_{m-1})_{n-1}, x_m) \\
 &\leq (n-1)[\lambda^k + \lambda^{k+1} + \lambda^{k+2} + \lambda^{k+3} + \dots + \lambda^{m-2}] \\
 &\times A(x_0, x_0, x_0, x_0, \dots, (x_0)_{n-1}, x_1) \\
 &+\lambda^{m-1} \times A(x_0, x_0, x_0, x_0, \dots, (x_0)_{n-1}, x_1) \\
 &= (n-1)\lambda^k [1 + \lambda + \lambda^2 + \lambda^3 + \dots + \lambda^{m-k-2}] \\
 &\times A(x_0, x_0, x_0, x_0, \dots, (x_0)_{n-1}, x_1) \\
 &+\lambda^{m-k-1} \times A(x_0, x_0, x_0, x_0, \dots, (x_0)_{n-1}, x_1) \\
 &\leq (n-1)\lambda^k [1 + \lambda + \lambda^2 + \lambda^3 + \dots] \\
 &\times A(x_0, x_0, x_0, x_0, \dots, (x_0)_{n-1}, x_1) \\
 &\leq (n-1) \frac{\lambda^k}{1-\lambda} A(x_0, x_0, x_0, x_0, \dots, (x_0)_{n-1}, x_1) \tag{3}
 \end{aligned}$$

Since  $\lambda < 1$ . Assume that  $A(x_0, x_0, x_0, x_0, \dots, (x_0)_{n-1}, x_1) > 0$ . By taking limit as  $k, m \rightarrow +\infty$  in above inequality we get

$$\lim_{k,m \rightarrow +\infty} A(x_k, x_k, x_k, \dots, (x_k)_{n-1}, x_m) = 0.$$

Therefore,  $\{x_k\}$  is a Cauchy sequence in  $X$ . Also, if  $A(x_0, x_0, x_0, x_0, \dots, (x_0)_{n-1}, x_1) = 0$ , then  $A(x_k, x_k, x_k, \dots, (x_k)_{n-1}, x_m) = 0$  for all  $m > k$  and hence  $\{x_k\}$  is a Cauchy sequence in  $X$ .

Now, our first main results as follows.

**Theorem 3.2** Let  $(X, A)$  be a complete  $A$ -metric space. Assume that the mapping  $T: X \rightarrow X$  is surjection and satisfies

$$A(Tx^1, Tx^2, Tx^3, \dots, Tx^{n-1}, Tx^n) \geq \lambda A(x^1, x^2, x^3, \dots, x^{n-1}, x^n) \tag{3.3}$$

$\forall x^1, x^2, x^3, \dots, x^{n-1}, x^n \in X$ , where  $\lambda > 1$ . Then  $T$  has a fixed point.

**Proof** Let  $x_0 \in X$ , since  $T$  is surjection on  $X$ , then there exists  $x_1 \in X$  such that  $x_0 = Tx_1$ . By continuing this process, we get

$$x_k = Tx_{k+1}, \quad \forall k \in \mathbb{N} \cup \{0\}. \tag{3.4}$$

If  $A(x_{m-1}, x_{m-1}, x_{m-1}, \dots, x_{m-1}, x_m) = 0$  for some  $m$ , then  $x_{m-1} = x_m$  and  $x_m \in T^{-1}(x_{m-1})$  implies  $Tx_m = x_{m-1} = x_m$  and so  $x_m$  is a fixed point of  $T$ . Without loss of generality, we can suppose that  $A(x_{k-1}, x_{k-1}, x_{k-1}, \dots, x_{k-1}, x_k) > 0$ , that is,  $x_k \neq x_{k-1}$  for every  $k$ . From (3.3), we have

$$\begin{aligned}
 A(x_{k-1}, x_{k-1}, x_{k-1}, \dots, x_k) &= A(Tx_k, Tx_k, Tx_k, \dots, Tx_{k+1}) \\
 &\geq \lambda A(x_k, x_k, x_k, \dots, x_{k+1})
 \end{aligned}$$

and so

$$A(x_k, x_k, x_k, \dots, x_{k+1}) \leq \frac{1}{\lambda} A(x_{k-1}, x_{k-1}, x_{k-1}, \dots, x_k)$$

$$= hA(x_{k-1}, x_{k-1}, x_{k-1}, \dots, x_k) \tag{3.5}$$

for all  $k \in \mathbb{N}$ , where  $h = \frac{1}{\lambda} < 1$ . By Lemma 3.1,  $\{x_k\}$  is a Cauchy sequence in  $X$ . Since  $X$  is a complete  $A$ -metric space, there exists  $x^* \in X$  such that  $x_n \rightarrow x^*$  as  $k \rightarrow +\infty$ . Now since  $T$  is surjective map. So there exists a point  $p$  in  $X$  such that  $x^* = Tp$ . From (3.3), we have

$$A(x_k, x_k, x_k, \dots, x_k, x^*) = A(Tx_{k+1}, Tx_{k+1}, Tx_{k+1}, \dots, Tx_{k+1}, Tp) \\ \geq \lambda A(x_{k+1}, x_{k+1}, x_{k+1}, \dots, p)$$

Taking limit as  $k \rightarrow +\infty$  in the above inequality, we get

$$0 = \lim_{k \rightarrow +\infty} A(x_k, x_k, x_k, \dots, x_k, x^*) \geq \lambda \lim_{n \rightarrow \infty} A(x_{k+1}, x_{k+1}, x_{k+1}, \dots, x_{k+1}, p)$$

which implies that

$$\lim_{n \rightarrow +\infty} A(x_{k+1}, x_{k+1}, x_{k+1}, \dots, x_{k+1}, p) = 0. \tag{3.6}$$

Thus  $x_{n+1} \rightarrow p$  as  $k \rightarrow +\infty$ . By Lemma 2.8, we get  $x^* = p$ . Hence  $x^*$  is a fixed point of  $T$ .

Finally, assume  $x^* = y^*$  is also another fixed point of  $T$ . From (3.3), we get

$$A(x^*, x^*, x^*, x^*, \dots, (x^*)_{n-1}, y^*) = A(Tx^*, Tx^*, Tx^*, Tx^*, \dots, (Tx^*)_{n-1}, y^*) \\ \geq \lambda A(x^*, x^*, x^*, x^*, \dots, (x^*)_{n-1}, y^*)$$

This is true only when  $A(x^*, x^*, x^*, x^*, \dots, (x^*)_{n-1}, y^*) = 0$ . So  $x^* = y^*$ . Hence  $T$  has a unique fixed point in  $X$ .

**Corollary 3.3** Let  $(X, A)$  be a complete  $A$ -metric space and  $T: X \rightarrow X$  be a surjection. Suppose that there exist a positive integer  $k$  and a real number  $\lambda > 1$  such that

$$A(T^k(x^1), T^k(x^2), \dots, T^k(x^{n-1}), T^k(x^n)) \geq \lambda A(x^1, x^2, \dots, x^{n-1}, x^n) \tag{3.7}$$

$\forall x^1, x^2, x^3, \dots, x^{n-1}, x^n \in X$ . Then  $T$  has a fixed point.

**Proof** From Theorem 3.2,  $T^k$  has a fixed point  $x^*$ . But  $T^k(Tx^*) = T(T^k x^*) = Tx^*$ , So  $Tx^*$  is also a fixed point of  $T^k$ . Hence  $Tx^* = x^*$ ,  $x^*$  is a fixed point of  $T$ . Since the fixed point of  $T$  is also fixed point of  $T^k$ , the fixed point of  $T$  is unique.

**Theorem 3.4** Let  $(X, A)$  be a complete  $A$ -metric space and  $T: X \rightarrow X$  be a surjection such that

$$A(Tx^1, Tx^2, Tx^3, \dots, Tx^{n-1}, Tx^n) \geq \lambda_1 A(x^1, x^2, x^3, \dots, x^{n-1}, x^n) \\ + \lambda_2 A(x^1, x^1, x^1, \dots, (x^1)_{n-1}, Tx^1) + \dots \\ + \lambda_{n+1} A(x^n, x^n, x^n, \dots, (x^n)_{n-1}, Tx^n) \tag{3.8}$$

$\forall x^1, x^2, x^3, \dots, x^{n-1}, x^n \in X$ , where  $\sum_{i=1}^{n+1} \lambda_i > 1, \lambda_i \geq 0$ . Then  $T$  has a fixed point.

**Proof** Let  $x_0 \in X$ , since  $T$  is surjection on  $X$ , then there exists  $x_1 \in X$  such that  $x_0 = Tx_1$ . By continuing this process, we get

$$x_k = Tx_{k+1}, \forall k \in \mathbb{N} \cup \{0\}. \tag{3.9}$$

If  $A(x_{m-1}, x_{m-1}, x_{m-1}, \dots, x_{m-1}, x_m) = 0$  for some  $m$ , then  $x_{m-1} = x_m$  and  $x_m \in T^{-1}(x_{m-1})$  implies  $Tx_m = x_{m-1} = x_m$  and so  $x_m$  is a fixed point of  $T$ . Without loss of generality, we can suppose that  $A(x_{k-1}, x_{k-1}, x_{k-1}, \dots, x_{k-1}, x_k) > 0$ , that is,  $x_k \neq x_{k-1}$  for every  $k$ . From (3.8), we have

$$A(x_{k-1}, x_{k-1}, x_{k-1}, \dots, (x_{k-1})_{n-1}, x_k) = A(Tx_k, Tx_k, Tx_k, \dots, (Tx_k)_{n-1}, Tx_{k+1}) \\ \geq \lambda_1 A(x_k, x_k, x_k, \dots, (x_k)_{n-1}, x_{k+1})$$

$$\begin{aligned}
 & +\lambda_2 A(x_k, x_k, x_k, \dots, (x_k)_{n-1}, Tx_k) \\
 & +\lambda_3 A(x_k, x_k, x_k, \dots, x_k, (x_k)_{n-1}, Tx_k) + \dots \dots \dots \\
 & +\lambda_{n+1} A(x_{k+1}, x_{k+1}, x_{k+1}, \dots, (x_{k+1})_{n-1}, Tx_{k+1}) \\
 & = \lambda_1 A(x_k, x_k, x_k, \dots, (x_k)_{n-1}, x_{k+1}) \\
 & +\lambda_2 A(x_k, x_k, x_k, \dots, (x_k)_{n-1}, x_{k-1}) \\
 & +\lambda_3 A(x_k, x_k, x_k, \dots, (x_k)_{n-1}, x_{k-1}) + \dots \dots \dots \\
 & +\lambda_{n+1} A(x_{k+1}, x_{k+1}, x_{k+1}, \dots, (x_{k+1})_{n-1}, x_k) \\
 & = \lambda_1 A(x_k, x_k, x_k, \dots, (x_k)_{n-1}, x_{k+1}) \\
 & +\lambda_2 A(x_{k-1}, x_{k-1}, x_{k-1}, \dots, (x_{k-1})_{n-1}, x_k) \\
 & +\lambda_3 A(x_{k-1}, x_{k-1}, x_{k-1}, \dots, (x_{k-1})_{n-1}, x_k) + \dots \dots \dots \\
 & +\lambda_{n+1} A(x_k, x_k, x_k, \dots, (x_k)_{n-1}, x_{k+1})
 \end{aligned}$$

Hence, we have

$$\left(1 - \sum_{i=2}^n \lambda_i\right) A(x_{k-1}, x_{k-1}, x_{k-1}, \dots, (x_{k-1})_{n-1}, x_k) \geq (\lambda_1 + \lambda_{n+1}) A(x_k, x_k, x_k, \dots, (x_k)_{n-1}, x_{k+1})$$

If  $\lambda_1 + \lambda_{n+1} = 0$ , then  $\sum_{i=2}^n \lambda_i > 0$ . The above inequality implies that a negative number is greater than or equal to zero. This is impossible. So,  $\lambda_1 + \lambda_{n+1} \neq 0$  and  $(1 - \sum_{i=2}^n \lambda_i) > 0$ . Therefore,

$$A(x_k, x_k, x_k, \dots, (x_k)_{n-1}, x_{k+1}) \leq \lambda A(x_{k-1}, x_{k-1}, x_{k-1}, \dots, x_k) \tag{3.10}$$

where  $\lambda = \frac{(1 - \sum_{i=2}^n \lambda_i)}{\lambda_1 + \lambda_{n+1}} < 1$  for all  $k \in \mathbb{N} \cup \{0\}$ . Repeating (3.10) k-times, we get

$$A(x_k, x_k, x_k, \dots, (x_k)_{n-1}, x_{k+1}) \leq \lambda^k A(x_0, x_0, x_0, \dots, x_1) \tag{3.11}$$

By Lemma 3.1,  $\{x_k\}$  is a Cauchy sequence in  $X$ . Since  $X$  is a complete  $A$ -metric space, there exists  $x^* \in X$  such that  $x_n \rightarrow x^*$  as  $k \rightarrow +\infty$ . Now since  $T$  is surjective map. So there exists a point  $p$  in  $X$  such that  $x^* = Tp$ . From (3.8), we have

$$\begin{aligned}
 & A(x_k, x_k, x_k, \dots, x_k, x^*) = A(Tx_{k+1}, Tx_{k+1}, Tx_{k+1}, \dots, Tx_{k+1}, Tp) \\
 & \geq \lambda_1 A(x_{k+1}, x_{k+1}, x_{k+1}, \dots, p) \\
 & +\lambda_2 A(x_{k+1}, x_{k+1}, \dots, (x_{k+1})_{n-1}, Tx_{k+1}) + \dots \dots \dots \\
 & +\lambda_{n+1} A(p, p, p, \dots, (p)_{n-1}, Tp)
 \end{aligned}$$

Taking limit as  $k \rightarrow +\infty$  in the above inequality, we get

$$\begin{aligned}
 0 & = \lim_{k \rightarrow +\infty} A(x_k, x_k, x_k, \dots, x_k, x^*) \geq \lambda_1 \lim_{n \rightarrow \infty} A(x_{k+1}, x_{k+1}, x_{k+1}, \dots, x_{k+1}, p) \\
 & + \sum_{i=2}^n \lambda_i \lim_{n \rightarrow \infty} A(x_{k+1}, x_{k+1}, \dots, (x_{k+1})_{n-1}, Tx_{k+1}) \\
 & + \lambda_{n+1} A(p, p, p, \dots, (p)_{n-1}, Tp) \\
 & = \lambda_1 \lim_{n \rightarrow \infty} A(x_{k+1}, x_{k+1}, x_{k+1}, \dots, x_{k+1}, p) \\
 & + \sum_{i=2}^n \lambda_i \lim_{n \rightarrow \infty} A(x_{k+1}, x_{k+1}, \dots, (x_{k+1})_{n-1}, Tx_{k+1})
 \end{aligned}$$



$$+\lambda_{n+1}A(p, p, p, \dots, (p)_{n-1}, Tp)$$

which implies that

$$0 \geq \lambda_1 A(x^*, x^*, x^*, \dots, x^*, p) + \lambda_{n+1} A(p, p, p, \dots, (p)_{n-1}, x^*).$$

By using Lemma 2.4, we have

$$0 \geq (\lambda_1 + \lambda_{n+1})A(x^*, x^*, x^*, \dots, x^*, p)$$

Hence  $p = x^*$ . This gives that  $x^*$  is a fixed point of  $T$ . This completes the proof.

Finally, assume  $x^* = y^*$  is also another fixed point of  $T$ . From (3.8), we get

$$A(x^*, x^*, x^*, x^*, \dots, (x^*)_{n-1}, y^*) = A(Tx^*, Tx^*, Tx^*, Tx^*, \dots, (Tx^*)_{n-1}, Ty^*)$$

$$\geq \lambda_1 A(x^*, x^*, x^*, x^*, \dots, (x^*)_{n-1}, y^*)$$

$$+ \sum_{i=2}^n \lambda_i A(x^*, x^*, x^*, x^*, \dots, (x^*)_{n-1}, Tx^*)$$

$$+\lambda_{n+1}A(y^*, y^*, y^*, \dots, (y^*)_{n-1}, Ty^*)$$

$$= \lambda_1 A(x^*, x^*, x^*, x^*, \dots, (x^*)_{n-1}, y^*)$$

This is true only when  $A(x^*, x^*, x^*, x^*, \dots, (x^*)_{n-1}, y^*) = 0$ . So  $x^* = y^*$ . Hence  $T$  has a unique fixed point in  $X$ .

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