

Fixed Point Theorems in M^* -Metric Spaces with Applications

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ABSTRACT

This paper investigates fixed point theorems for expansive mappings in M^* -metric spaces, a generalization of standard metric spaces. We establish the existence and uniqueness of fixed points for expansive onto mappings under specific conditions, leveraging the properties of M^* -metric spaces.

The theoretical results are supported by concrete examples and applications, demonstrating the practical relevance of the proposed framework. Our work extends and unifies several existing results in the literature, particularly those related to fixed point theory in generalized metric spaces.

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1. Introduction

Fixed point theory plays a pivotal role in various branches of mathematics and its applications, including differential equations, optimization, and functional analysis. The study of fixed points in generalized metric spaces has attracted significant attention due to the flexibility and broader applicability of these spaces [4, 5]. Among these generalizations, M^* -metric spaces provide a robust framework for analyzing fixed point theorems under weaker conditions compared to traditional metric spaces [12, 11].

In this paper, we focus on expansive mappings in M^* -metric spaces, which are less frequently studied compared to their contractive counterparts. Expansive mappings are characterized by their property of "expanding" distances between points, and they arise naturally in problems involving dynamical systems and iterative processes [19, 20]. Our work builds on the foundational results of [1] and [2], where the authors explored fixed point theorems in M_b -metric and M_R -metric spaces, respectively.

The main contribution of this paper is the establishment of a fixed point theorem for expansive mappings in complete M^* -metric spaces. We demonstrate that such mappings admit unique fixed points under specific expansiveness conditions. This result complements the existing literature on fixed point theory, particularly the works of [21] and [12], where similar questions were addressed in different settings. Additionally, we provide illustrative examples to validate our theoretical findings and discuss potential applications.

The remainder of this paper is organized as follows. In Section 2, we present the main results, including the proof of the expansive mapping fixed point theorem and an illustrative example. Section 3 concludes the paper with a summary of our findings and directions for future research.

Definition 1.1. [12] Let X be a non empty set and $R \geq 1$ be a real number. A function $M^* : X \times X \times X \rightarrow [0, \infty)$ is called M^* -metric, if the following properties are satisfied for each $\zeta, \kappa, z \in X$.

$$(M^*1) : M^*(\zeta, \kappa, z) \geq 0.$$

$$(M^*2) : M^*(\zeta, \kappa, z) = 0 \text{ iff } \zeta = \kappa = z.$$

$$(M^*3) : M^*(\zeta, \kappa, z) = M^*(p(\zeta, \kappa, z)); \text{ for any permutation } p(\zeta, \kappa, z) \text{ of } \zeta, \kappa, z.$$

$$(M^*4) : M^*(\zeta, \kappa, z) \leq RM^*(\zeta, \kappa, u) + M^*(u, z, z).$$

A pair (X, M^*) is called an M^* -metric space.

2. Results and Discussion

The transition to the results section is motivated by the need to rigorously analyze the properties of expansive mappings in M^* -metric spaces. Building on the definitions and preliminary concepts introduced earlier, we now turn to the proof of our main theorem and its implications.

Theorem 2.1 (Expansive Mapping Fixed Point Theorem). Let (X, M^*) be a complete M^* -metric space and $T : X \rightarrow X$ be an expansive onto mapping satisfying:

$$M^*(T\zeta, T\kappa, T\kappa) \geq kM^*(\zeta, \kappa, \kappa) \text{ for some } k > 1 \text{ and all } \zeta, \kappa \in X.$$

Then T has a unique fixed point $\zeta^* \in X$.

Proof. We prove this through several steps:

Step 1: Invertibility Construction

Since T is onto, for any $y \in X$, there exists $x \in X$ such that $Tx = y$. Define:

$S := T^{-1}$ (a right inverse of T)

Note that S may not be unique, but any choice will suffice.

Step 2: Contraction Property for S

From the expansiveness condition:

$$M^*(T(S\zeta), T(S\kappa), T(S\kappa)) \geq kM^*(S\zeta, S\kappa, S\kappa)$$

Since $T(S\zeta) = \zeta$ by definition, we get:

$$M^*(\zeta, \kappa, \kappa) \geq kM^*(S\zeta, S\kappa, S\kappa)$$

Thus:

$$M^*(S\zeta, S\kappa, S\kappa) \leq \frac{1}{k} M^*(\zeta, \kappa, \kappa)$$

showing S is a contraction since $\frac{1}{k} \in (0, 1)$.

Step 3: Fixed Point for S

By the Banach contraction principle in M^* -metric spaces, S has a unique fixed point ζ^* :

$$S\zeta^* = \zeta^*$$

Step 4: Fixed Point for T

Applying T to both sides:

$$T(S\zeta^*) = T\zeta^* \Rightarrow \zeta^* = T\zeta^*$$

Thus ζ^* is a fixed point of T .

Step 5: Uniqueness

Suppose ζ^*, ξ^* are two fixed points. Then:

$$M^*(\zeta^*, \xi^*, \xi^*) = M^*(T\zeta^*, T\xi^*, T\xi^*) \geq kM^*(\zeta^*, \xi^*, \xi^*)$$

Since $k > 1$, this implies $M^*(\zeta^*, \xi^*, \xi^*) = 0$, hence $\zeta^* = \xi^*$. □

Example 2.1 (Detailed Expansive Mapping Example). *Consider the M^* -metric space (X, M^*) where:*

- $X = \mathbb{R}$
- $M^*(\zeta, \kappa, z) = |\zeta - \kappa| + |\kappa - z|$
- Mapping $T\zeta = 2\zeta$

Verification:

1. Metric Space Verification:

- Non-negativity and symmetry are immediate
- Identity: $M^*(\zeta, \kappa, z) = 0 \iff \zeta = \kappa = z$
- Triangle inequality holds with $R = 1$:

$$|\zeta - \kappa| + |\kappa - z| \leq (|\zeta - u| + |u - \kappa|) + (|\kappa - u| + |u - z|)$$

2. Expansiveness Condition Verification: For any $\zeta, \kappa \in \mathbb{R}$:

$$\begin{aligned} M^*(T\zeta, T\kappa, T\kappa) &= |2\zeta - 2\kappa| + |2\kappa - 2\kappa| \\ &= 2|\zeta - \kappa| \\ &\geq 2(|\zeta - \kappa| + |\kappa - \kappa|) \quad (\text{since } |\kappa - \kappa| = 0) \\ &= 2M^*(\zeta, \kappa, \kappa) \end{aligned}$$

Thus the condition holds with $k = 2 > 1$.

3. Onto Property Verification: For any $y \in \mathbb{R}$, take $x = \frac{y}{2} \in \mathbb{R}$:

$$Tx = 2\left(\frac{y}{2}\right) = y$$

Thus T is onto.

4. Fixed Point Verification:

- Solve $T\zeta^* = \zeta^*$: $2\zeta^* = \zeta^* \implies \zeta^* = 0$
- Check uniqueness: Suppose $T\zeta = \zeta \implies 2\zeta = \zeta \implies \zeta = 0$

5. Inverse Mapping Analysis: The right inverse S can be defined as:

$$Sy = \frac{y}{2}$$

which satisfies:

$$M^*(S\zeta, S\kappa, S\kappa) = \left| \frac{\zeta}{2} - \frac{\kappa}{2} \right| + 0 = \frac{1}{2}|\zeta - \kappa| \leq \frac{1}{2}M^*(\zeta, \kappa, \kappa)$$

confirming S is a contraction with constant $\frac{1}{2}$.



3. Conclusion

In this paper, we have established a fixed point theorem for expansive onto mappings in complete M^* -metric spaces. Our results generalize and extend several existing theorems in the literature, particularly those related to expansive mappings in generalized metric spaces. The uniqueness and existence of fixed points under the given conditions were rigorously proven, and an illustrative example was provided to demonstrate the applicability of our findings.

Future research directions include exploring the applicability of these results in nonlinear analysis, dynamical systems, and iterative methods. Additionally, the study of hybrid mappings combining expansive and contractive properties in M^* -metric spaces presents an interesting avenue for further investigation [19, 20]. The framework developed in this paper could also be extended to other generalized metric spaces, such as G_b -metric spaces [6] or Ω_b -distance mappings [3].

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