

# Fixed points for mappings defined on generalized gauge spaces

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**ABSTRACT.** In this article, the distinct classes of continuous pseudo-gauge structures and pseudometrics (perfect, quasi-perfect, sequentially complete) are defined and studied in depth. The conditions under which the set of fixed points of a given mapping of a space with concrete pseudo-gauge structure is non-empty are determined. Some examples are proposed.

## 1. INTRODUCTION

By a space we understand a completely regular topological Hausdorff space. We use the terminology from [14, 16, 20].

Let  $\preceq$  be a pre-order on a set  $E$ , i.e.  $\preceq$  is a binary relation on  $E$  such that  $x \preceq x$  for each  $x \in E$  and relations  $x \preceq y$  and  $y \preceq z$  imply  $x \preceq z$ . If  $a \preceq b$  and  $b \not\preceq a$ , then we put  $a \prec b$ . The pre-order  $\preceq$  is an order if relations  $x \preceq y$  and  $y \preceq x$  imply  $x = y$ . A set  $L \subset E$  is called *upper (lower) semi-bounded* if there exists  $b \in E$  such that  $x \preceq b$  ( $b \succeq x$ ) for all  $x \in L$ .

A *supremum (infimum)* of a non-empty subset  $L \subset E$  is an element  $a = \vee L$  ( $a = \wedge L$ ) satisfying the following conditions:

- $x \preceq a$  ( $a \preceq x$ ) for each  $x \in L$ ;
- if  $b \in E$  and  $x \preceq b$  ( $b \preceq x$ ) for each  $x \in L$ , then  $a \prec b$  ( $b \prec a$ ).

If  $a, b \in E$  are the supremums (infimums) of the set  $L \subset E$ , then simultaneous we have  $a \preceq b$  and  $b \preceq a$ . A maximal (minimal) element need not be a supremum (infimum). The pre-ordered space  $E$  is *reticulated* if any non-empty upper (lower) semi-bounded subset  $L$  has a unique supremum  $\vee L$  (infimum  $\wedge L$ ). In this case from  $a \preceq b$  and  $b \preceq a$  it follows  $a = b$ .

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## 2. SPACES WITH PSEUDO-GAUGE STRUCTURES

A *Banach metric scale* is a non singleton partially ordered Banach space  $E$  such that:

- $x < y$  implies  $x + z < y + z$ ;
- $E$  is a reticulate lattice;
- for any non-empty lower semi-bounded chain  $L$  of  $E$  and  $b = \wedge L$  there exists a sequence  $A = \{x_n \in L : n \in \mathbb{N}\}$  such that  $\lim_{n \rightarrow \infty} x_n = b$ ;
- if  $0 \leq x \leq y$ , then  $\|x\| \leq \|y\|$ .

Fix a Banach metric scale  $E$ .

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If  $L$  is a non-empty lower semi-bounded chain of  $E$ ,  $b = \wedge L$  and  $A = \{x_n \in L : n \in \mathbb{N}\}$  is a sequence such that  $\lim_{n \rightarrow \infty} x_n = b$ , then  $b = \wedge A$ .

A function  $\rho : X \times X \rightarrow \mathbb{E}$  is called an  $E$ -pseudometric or simply pseudometric on a space  $X$  if:

(P1)  $\rho(x, x) = 0$ ,  $\rho(x, y) = \rho(y, x)$  and  $\rho(x, z) \leq \rho(x, y) + \rho(y, z)$  for all  $x, y, z \in X$ .

If  $\rho(x, y) = 0$  if and only if  $x = y$ , then  $\rho$  is called an  $E$ -metric on the space  $X$ . General concepts of metric scales and of pseudometrics were examined by distinct authors (by instance, see [1, 18, 20]).

Let  $\rho$  be a pseudometric on a space  $X$ .

The pseudometric  $\rho$  is non-negative:  $\rho(x, x) \leq \rho(x, y) + \rho(y, x) = \rho(x, y) + \rho(x, y)$  and  $0 = \rho(x, x) \leq \rho(x, y) \leq \rho(x, y) + \rho(x, y)$ .

If  $\varepsilon > 0$  and  $x \in X$ , then the set  $B(x, \rho, \varepsilon) = \{y \in X : \|\rho(x, y)\| < \varepsilon\}$  is called the  $\varepsilon$ -ball of the space  $X$  with center  $x$  and radius  $\varepsilon$  or, simply, the  $\varepsilon$ -ball about  $x$ . The pseudometric  $\rho$  generate on  $X$  the topology  $T(\rho)$  with the open base  $\{B(x, \rho, \varepsilon) : x \in X, \varepsilon > 0\}$ .

If  $x \in X$ , then we put  $\rho(x, H) = \wedge\{\rho(x, y) : y \in H\}$ . If  $r$  is a positive number, then  $\rho(x, H) \leq r$ , if  $B(x, \rho, r) \cap H \neq \emptyset$ .

A pseudometric  $\rho$  is called a continuous pseudometric on a space  $X$  if:

(P2) the set  $B(x, \rho, \varepsilon)$  is open in  $X$  for all  $x \in X$  and  $\varepsilon > 0$ .

**Proposition 2.1.** *Let  $E$  be a Banach metric scale and  $\rho$  be an  $E$ -pseudometric on a space  $X$ . Then the function  $d_\rho(x, y) = \|\rho(x, y)\|$  is a real-valued pseudometric on the space  $X$  with the following properties:*

1. *The pseudometric  $\rho$  is continuous if and only if the pseudometric  $d_\rho$  is continuous.*
2. *The pseudometric  $\rho$  is a metric if and only if the pseudometric  $d_\rho$  is a metric.*
3. *The metric  $\rho$  is complete if and only if the metric  $d_\rho$  is complete.*

*Proof.* Let  $\varepsilon > 0$ . The assertions of the Proposition follow from the equality  $\{x \in X : \|\rho(x, y)\| < \varepsilon\} = \{x \in X : d_\rho(x, y) < \varepsilon\}$ . □

**Remark 2.1.** Let  $E$  be a Banach metric scale and  $\rho$  be an  $E$ -pseudometric on a space  $X$ . Then the function  $d_\rho(x, y) = \|\rho(x, y)\|$  is a real-valued pseudometric on the space  $X$  with the following properties:

1. The pseudometric  $\rho$  is continuous if and only if the pseudometric  $d_\rho$  is continuous.
2. The pseudometric  $\rho$  is a metric if and only if the pseudometric  $d_\rho$  is a metric.
3. The metric  $\rho$  is complete if and only if the metric  $d_\rho$  is complete.

A pseudo-gauge  $E$ -structure, or simple a pseudo-gauge structure on a space  $X$  is a non-empty family  $\mathcal{G} = \{d_\alpha : X \times X \rightarrow E : \alpha \in A\}$  of continuous pseudometrics.

The pseudo-gauge  $E$ -structure  $\mathcal{G} = \{d_\alpha : \alpha \in A\}$  generate on  $X$  the topology  $T(\mathcal{G}) = \vee\{T(d_\alpha) : \alpha \in A\}$ .

If  $T(\mathcal{G})$  is the topology of the space  $X$ , then  $\mathcal{G}$  is called a gauge  $E$ -structure or a gauge structure (see [20] for  $E = \mathbb{R}$ ).

Fix a space  $X$  and a pseudo-gauge  $E$ -structure  $\mathcal{G} = \{d_\alpha : \alpha \in A\}$  on the space  $X$ .

We put  $Z(x, \mathcal{G}) = \{y \in X : d_\alpha(x, y) = 0 \text{ for each } \alpha \in A\}$  for any  $x \in X$ . A sequence  $\{x_n : n \in \mathbb{N}\}$  is called  $\mathcal{G}$ -Cauchy if for each  $\alpha \in A$  and each  $\varepsilon > 0$  there exists  $m \in \mathbb{N}$  such that  $d_\alpha(x_n, x_k) < \varepsilon$  for all  $n, k \geq m$ .

We say that the pseudo-gauge  $E$ -structure  $\mathcal{G}$ :

- is sequentially quasi-complete if any  $\mathcal{G}$ -Cauchy sequence has an accumulation point in  $X$ ;
- is sequentially complete if any  $\mathcal{G}$ -Cauchy sequence has an accumulation point in  $X$  and the set  $Z(x, \mathcal{G})$  is compact for each point  $x \in X$ .

On a compact space any pseudo-gauge  $E$ -structure is complete. If  $x \in X$  is an accumulation point of a  $\mathcal{G}$ -Cauchy sequence  $\{x_n : n \in \mathbb{N}\}$ , then  $\lim_{n \rightarrow \infty} d_\alpha(x, x_n) = 0$  for each  $\alpha \in A$ .

There exist a space  $X/\mathcal{G}$  and a gauge  $E$ -structure  $\bar{\mathcal{G}} = \{\bar{d}_\alpha : \alpha \in A\}$  and a surjection  $\pi_{\mathcal{G}} : X \rightarrow X/\mathcal{G}$  such that  $d(x, y) = \bar{d}_\alpha(\pi_{\mathcal{G}}(x), \pi_{\mathcal{G}}(y))$  for all  $x, y \in X$  and  $\alpha \in A$ .

On  $(X/\mathcal{G}, \bar{\mathcal{G}})$  we consider the topology  $T(\bar{\mathcal{G}})$ . The pseudometrics  $d_\alpha$  are continuous if and only if the mapping  $\pi_{\mathcal{G}}$  is continuous.

The pseudo-gauge  $E$ -structure  $\mathcal{G}$  is sequentially quasi-complete if and only if the gauge  $E$ -structure  $\bar{\mathcal{G}}$  is sequentially complete.

The pseudo-gauge  $E$ -structure  $\mathcal{G}$  is called a *quasi-perfect* pseudo-gauge  $E$ -structure on a space  $X$  if it satisfies the following conditions:

(P3) the set  $Z(x, \mathcal{G})$  is countably compact for each point  $x \in X$ ;

(P4) If  $x \in X$ , the set  $U$  is open in  $X$  and  $Z(x, \mathcal{G}) \subseteq U$ , then there exist  $\varepsilon > 0$  and a finite subset  $B \subseteq A$  such that  $\cap\{B(x, d_\beta, \varepsilon) : \beta \in B\}$ .

The pseudo-gauge  $E$ -structure  $\mathcal{G}$  is called a *perfect* pseudo-gauge  $E$ -structure on a space  $X$  if it is quasi-perfect satisfy the following condition:

(P5) the set  $Z(x, \mathcal{G})$  is compact for each point  $x \in X$ .

A mapping  $g : X \rightarrow Y$  of space  $X$  into a space  $Y$  is called closed if the set  $g(H)$  is closed in  $Y$  for each closed subset  $H$  of the space  $X$ . The mapping  $g$  is a *perfect mapping* if it is continuous, closed and the fibers  $g^{-1}(y)$ ,  $y \in Y$ , are compact. The mapping  $g$  is a *quasi-perfect mapping* if it is continuous, closed and the fibers  $g^{-1}(y)$ ,  $y \in Y$ , are countably compact.

The pseudo-gauge  $E$ -structure  $\mathcal{G}$  is *quasi-perfect* if and only if the mapping  $\pi_{\mathcal{G}} : X \rightarrow X/\mathcal{G}$  is quasi-perfect. The pseudo-gauge  $E$ -structure  $\mathcal{G}$  is *perfect* if and only if the mapping  $\pi_{\rho} : X \rightarrow X/\mathcal{G}$  is perfect.

The pseudo-gauge  $E$ -structure  $\mathcal{G}$  is a gauge  $E$ -structure if and only if it is *quasi-perfect* and for any two distinct points  $x, y \in X$  there exists  $\alpha \in A$  such that  $d_\alpha(x, y) \neq 0$  (i.e. the mapping  $\pi_{\mathcal{G}}$  is one-to-one and, therefore, is a homeomorphism).

On a compact space any pseudo-gauge structure is perfect and sequentially complete.

Let  $\mathcal{G} = \{d_\alpha : Y \times Y \rightarrow \mathbb{R} : \alpha \in A\}$  be a pseudo-gauge structure on a countably compact space  $X$  and the quotient space  $X/\mathcal{G}$  is metrizable. Then the pseudo-gauge structure  $\mathcal{G}$  is quasi-perfect and is sequentially quasi-complete. Moreover, if the space  $X$  is not compact, then the pseudo-gauge structure  $\mathcal{G}$  is not perfect and is not sequentially complete.

**Example 2.1.** Let  $Y$  be an infinite compact space and  $\mathcal{G} = \{d_\alpha : Y \times Y \rightarrow \mathbb{R} : \alpha \in A\}$  be a family of continuous pseudometrics on  $Y$  and for any two distinct points  $x, y \in Y$  there exists  $\alpha \in A$  such that  $d_\alpha(x, y) \neq 0$ . Then  $(Y, \mathcal{G})$  is a compact sequentially complete gauge space. Let  $X$  be the set  $Y$  with the discrete topology. Then  $\mathcal{G}$  is a pseudo-gauge structure on  $X$ ,  $X/\mathcal{G} = Y$ , the mapping  $\pi_{\mathcal{G}}$  is one-to-one and non-perfect. In particular,  $\mathcal{G}$  is not a quasi-perfect pseudo-gauge structure on  $X$ .

Moreover:

- if in  $Y$  there exists an infinite convergent sequence, then the pseudo-gauge structure  $\mathcal{G}$  is not sequentially complete on  $X$ ;

- if  $Y$  is a space without infinite convergent sequences, then the pseudo-gauge structure  $\mathcal{G}$  is sequentially complete on  $X$ .

**Example 2.2.** Let  $Y$  be an infinite compact space and  $\mathcal{G}^* = \{\rho_\alpha : Y \times Y \rightarrow \mathbb{R} : \alpha \in A\}$  be a family of continuous pseudometrics on  $Y$  and for any two distinct points  $x, y \in Y$  there exists  $\alpha \in A$  such that  $\rho_\alpha(x, y) \neq 0$ . Then  $(Y, \mathcal{G}^*)$  is a compact gauge space. The gauge

structure  $\mathcal{G}^*$  is sequentially complete. Fix an infinite space  $Z$ . We put  $X = Y \times Z$ . Let  $\pi_Y : X \rightarrow Y$  be the projection  $\pi_Y(y, z) = y$  for any  $(y, z) \in Y \times Z = X$ . The mapping  $\pi$  is open. If the space  $Y$  is first-countable and the space  $Z$  is countably compact, then the mapping  $\pi_Y$  is quasi-perfect. If the space  $Z$  is compact, then the mapping  $\pi_Y$  is perfect. For any  $\alpha \in A$  and all  $u = (y_1, z_1) \in X, v = (y_2, z_2) \in X$  we put  $d_\alpha(u, v) = \rho_\alpha(y_1, y_2)$ . Then  $\mathcal{G} = \{d_\alpha : X \times X \rightarrow \mathbb{R} : \alpha \in A\}$  is a quasi-gauge structure on  $X$  with the following properties:

(1) the quasi-gauge structure  $\mathcal{G}$  is sequentially quasi-complete if and only if the space  $Z$  is countably compact;

(2) the quasi-gauge structure  $\mathcal{G}$  is quasi-perfect if and only if the space  $Z$  is countably compact and the mapping  $\pi$  is closed;

(3) the quasi-gauge structure  $\mathcal{G}$  is perfect if and only if the space  $Z$  is compact;

(4)  $\pi_{\mathcal{G}} = \pi_Y$ .

Consider some particular cases:

**Case 1.** Let  $Z$  be the subspace of rational numbers of the unity segment  $Y = [0, 1]$ ,  $\rho(u, v) = |u - v|$  for all  $u, v \in Y$ ,  $\mathcal{G}^* = \{\rho\}$ . Thus the gauge space  $(Y, \mathcal{G}^*)$  is a metric compact space. We put  $x_n = (2^{-n} \cdot 2^{1/2}, 2^{-n})$ . Then  $\{x_n : n \in \mathbb{N}\}$  is a non-convergent Cauchy sequence of the pseudo-gauge space  $(X, \mathcal{G})$ .

**Case 2.** Let  $\Omega$  be the first uncountable ordinal number and  $Y$  be the space of all ordinal numbers  $\nu \leq \Omega$  in the topology induced on  $Y$  by the natural linear order on  $Y$ . The space  $Y$  is compact and not first-countable (in point  $\Omega$ ). The space  $Z = Y \setminus \{\Omega\}$  is first-countable and countably compact. The set  $F = \{(\nu, \nu) : \nu \in Z\}$  is closed in  $X = Y \times Z$  and the set  $\pi_Y(F)$  is not closed in  $Y$ . In this case the quasi-gauge structure  $\mathcal{G}$  is sequentially quasi-complete and not quasi-perfect.

**Case 3.** Let  $Z$  be the space from the Case 2,  $Y$  and  $\mathcal{G}^*$  be as in the Case 1. In this case the quasi-gauge structure  $\mathcal{G}$  is sequentially quasi-complete, quasi-perfect and not perfect.

**Example 2.3.** Let  $\tau$  be an uncountable cardinal number  $D = \{0, 1\}$  be a discrete space,  $B = \{b_n : n \in \mathbb{N}\}$  be an infinite convergent sequence of the space  $D^\tau$  to the point  $b \in D^\tau \setminus B$ . Let  $X = D^\tau \setminus \{b\}$ . The space  $X$  is not countably compact and  $B$  be a discrete closed subset of the space  $X$ . Fix a pseudo-gauge  $E$ -structure  $\mathcal{G} = \{d_\alpha : X \times X \rightarrow E : \alpha \in A\}$  on a space  $X$ .

The space  $D^\tau$  is the Stone-Ćech compactification  $\beta X$  of the space  $X$  and the space  $X/\{d\}$  is a compact metrizable space for each continuous  $E$ -pseudometric  $d$  on  $X$ . Thus for each continuous  $E$ -pseudometric  $d$  on  $X$  there exists a continuous  $E$ -pseudometric  $e(d)$  on  $\beta X = D^\tau$  such that  $e(d)(x, y) = d(x, y)$  for all  $x, y \in X$ . If the cardinality  $|A| < \tau$ , then the set  $F(A) = \{x \in X : e(d)(b, x) = 0\}$  is of cardinality  $\tau$  and non-empty.

Therefore, the pseudo-gauge space  $(X, \mathcal{G})$  has the following properties:

(1)  $B = \{b_n : n \in \mathbb{N}\}$  is a Cauchy sequence of the pseudo-gauge space  $(X, \mathcal{G})$ ;

(2) the pseudo-gauge space  $(X, \mathcal{G})$  is not quasi-complete;

(3) if  $|A| < \tau$ , then the gauge space  $(X/\mathcal{G}, \bar{\mathcal{G}})$  is complete;

(4) if  $\mathcal{G}$  is a gauge structure on  $X$ , then  $|A| \geq \tau$  and the gauge space  $(X, \mathcal{G}) = (X/\mathcal{G}, \bar{\mathcal{G}})$  is not quasi-complete.

3. SOME GENERAL REDUCTION PRINCIPLES

Fix a Banach metric scale  $E$  and a pseudo-gauge structure  $\mathcal{G}$  on a space  $X$ .

If  $f : X \rightarrow Y$  is a set-valued mapping of a space  $X$  into a space  $Y$ , then  $f(x)$  is a non-empty closed subset of  $Y$  for any  $x \in X$ .

For any set-valued mapping  $f : X \rightarrow X$  denote by  $Fix(f) = \{x \in X : x \in f(x)\}$  the set of fixed points of the mapping  $f$ , by  $Fix_{\mathcal{G}}(f) = \{x \in X : d(x, y) = 0 \text{ for some } y \in f(x)\}$  is the set of  $\mathcal{G}$ -fixed points of the mapping  $f$  and by  $Fix_{v\mathcal{G}}(f) = \{x \in X : d(x, f(x)) = 0\}$  is the set of virtual  $\mathcal{G}$ -fixed points of the mapping  $f$ . Obviously,  $Fix(f) \subseteq Fix_{\mathcal{G}}(f) \subseteq Fix_{v\mathcal{G}}(f)$ . In general, the sets  $Fix(f)$ ,  $Fix_{\mathcal{G}}(f)$ ,  $Fix_{v\mathcal{G}}(f)$  are distinct. If  $E = \mathbb{R}$ , then  $Fix_{\mathcal{G}}(f) = Fix_{v\mathcal{G}}(f)$ .

**Example 3.4.** Let  $E = \mathbb{R} \times \mathbb{R}$ ,  $X = \{(0, 0), (0, 1), (1, 0)\}$  be a subspace of  $E$ ,  $d((x, y), (u, v)) = (|x - u|, |y - v|)$  for each pair of points  $(x, y), (u, v) \in X$  is the  $E$ -metric on  $X$ ,  $\mathbb{G} = \{d\}$  is a gauge structure on  $X$ . Consider the set-valued mapping  $f : X \rightarrow X$ , where  $f(0, 1) = (1, 0)$ ,  $f(0, 1) = (0, 0)$ , and  $f(0, 0) = \{(0, 1), (1, 0)\}$ . Then  $Fix(f) = \emptyset$ ,  $Fix_{\mathcal{G}}(f) = \emptyset$ ,  $Fix_{v\mathcal{G}}(f) = \{(0, 0)\}$ .

Assume that  $n \geq 0$ ,  $f^{(0)}(x) = x$  for each  $x \in X$ ,  $f^{(1)} = f$  and  $f^{(n+1)}(x) = f(f^{(n)}(x))$  for each  $x \in X$ .

In the applications of pseudometric spaces  $(X, d)$ , the complementary assumptions compensate the situation  $d(x, y) = 0$  for some distinct points  $x, y \in X$ . We mention that in some cases the study of problems on spaces with pseudometrics can be reduced to the metric spaces.

**Theorem 3.1.** Let  $E$  be a Banach metric scale,  $\mathcal{G} = \{d_{\alpha} : X \times X \rightarrow E : \alpha \in A\}$  be a pseudo-gauge  $E$ -structure on a space  $X$  and  $g : X \rightarrow X$  be a mapping. Assume that for any two points  $x, y \in X$  for which  $g(x) \neq g(y)$  there exists  $\alpha = a(x, y) \in A$  such that  $d_{\alpha}(x, y) \neq 0$ . Then there exists a mapping  $f : X/\mathcal{G} \rightarrow X/\mathcal{G}$  such that:

1.  $f(\pi_{\mathcal{G}}(x)) = \pi_{\mathcal{G}}(g(x))$  for each  $x \in X$ .
2. If  $b \in X$  and  $\pi_{\mathcal{G}}(b)$  is a fixed point of the mapping  $f$ , then  $g(b)$  is a fixed point of the mapping  $g$ .
3. If  $a, b \in X$ ,  $\{g^n(a) : n \in \mathbb{N}\}$  is a Cauchy sequence and  $\lim_{n \rightarrow \infty} d_{\alpha}(b, g^n(a)) = 0$  for any  $\alpha \in A$ , then  $g(b)$  is a fixed point of the mapping  $g$ .
4. Assume that  $\mathcal{P}$  are properties of mappings of pseudo-gauge  $E$ -structures and of  $E$  and for any mapping of a  $E$ -gauge space with properties  $\mathcal{P}$  the set of fixed points is non-empty. If the pseudo-gauge  $E$ -structure  $\mathcal{G}$  on the space  $X$ , mapping  $g$  and  $E$  has the properties  $\mathcal{P}$ , then the set of  $\mathcal{G}$ -fixed points of the mapping  $g$  is non-empty.

*Proof.* If  $x, y \in X$  and  $d_{\alpha}(x, y) = 0$  for all  $\alpha \in A$ , then  $g(x) = g(y)$ .

There exists a subset  $Y$  of  $X$  such that for each  $x \in X$  there exists a unique point  $y(x) \in Y$  such that  $\rho(x, y(x)) = 0$ . Then  $\pi_{\rho}(Y) = X/\mathcal{G}$  and  $\pi_{\mathcal{G}}|_Y$  is a one-to-one mapping of  $Y$  onto  $X/\mathcal{G}$ .

For each  $y \in Y$  there exists a unique point  $h(y) = y(g(y)) \in Y$  such that  $d_{\alpha}(g(y), h(y)) = 0$  for all  $\alpha \in A$ . Now, for each  $x \in X$  we put  $f(\pi_{\mathcal{G}}(x)) = \pi_{\mathcal{G}}(h(y(x)))$ . If  $x, x' \in X$  and  $d_{\alpha}(x, x') = 0$  for all  $\alpha \in A$ , then  $y(x) = y(x')$ ,  $g(x) = g(x')$  and  $f(\pi_{\mathcal{G}}(x)) = f(\pi_{\mathcal{G}}(x'))$ . Thus the mapping  $f$  is correct defined and  $f(\pi_{\mathcal{G}}(x)) = \pi_{\mathcal{G}}(g(x))$  for each  $x \in X$ .

Assume that  $b \in X$  and  $\pi_{\mathcal{G}}(b)$  is a fixed point of the mapping  $f$ , i.e.  $f(\pi_{\rho}(b)) = \pi_{\rho}(b)$ . Suppose that  $g(g(b)) \neq g(b)$ . Then  $d_{\alpha}(b, g(b)) \neq 0$  for some  $\alpha \in A$  and  $\pi_{\mathcal{G}}(b) \neq \pi_{\mathcal{G}}(g(b)) = f(\pi_{\mathcal{G}}(b)) = \pi_{\mathcal{G}}(b)$ , a contradiction. The assertion 2 is proved. The assertion 4 follows from the assertion 2.

Fix  $a \in X$ . Let  $b \in X$  and  $\lim_{n \rightarrow \infty} d_\alpha(b, g^n(a)) = 0$  for each  $\alpha \in A$ . Then  $\lim_{n \rightarrow \infty} d_\alpha(g(b), g^n(a)) = 0$  and  $d_\alpha(b, g(b)) = 0$  for each  $\alpha \in A$ . Thus  $b$  is a  $\mathcal{G}$ -fixed point of  $g$  and  $g(g(b)) = g(b)$ . The assertion 3 is proved. The proof is complete.  $\square$

**Theorem 3.2.** Let  $\mathcal{G}$  be a pseudo-gauge  $E$ -structure on a space  $X$  and  $f : X \rightarrow X$  be a mapping.

1. Assume  $x = y$  if  $d(f(x), f(y)) = 0$  for each  $d \in \mathcal{G}$ . Then  $Fix_{\mathcal{G}}(f) = Fix(f)$ . In particular, from  $Fix_{\mathcal{G}}(f) \neq \emptyset$  it follows  $Fix(f) \neq \emptyset$ .

2. Assume that  $f$  is a set-valued mapping and for any  $x \in X$  with  $x \notin f(x)$  there exists  $d \in \mathcal{G}$  such that  $d(x, f(x)) > 0$ . Then  $Fix(f) = Fix_{\mathcal{G}}(f)$ . In particular, from  $Fix_{\mathcal{G}}(f) \neq \emptyset$  it follows  $Fix(f) \neq \emptyset$ .

3. Assume that  $n \geq 0$  and for any  $x \in X$  with  $f^{(n+1)}(x) \neq f^{(n)}(x)$  there exists  $d \in \mathcal{G}$  such that  $d(f^{(n)}(x), f^{(n+1)}(x)) > 0$ . Then  $f^{(n)}(b) \in Fix(f)$  for each  $b \in Fix_{\mathcal{G}}(f)$ . In particular, from  $Fix_{\mathcal{G}}(f) \neq \emptyset$  it follows  $Fix(f) \neq \emptyset$ .

*Proof.* Assertion 1 immediately follows from Theorem 3.1. Assertion 2 is obvious. We mention, that for single-valued mappings Assertion 2 is the Assertion 3 for  $n = 0$ .

Let  $n \geq 0$ . Suppose that for any  $x \in X$  with  $f^{(n+1)}(x) \neq f^{(n)}(x)$  there exists  $d \in \mathcal{G}$  such that  $d(f^{(n)}(x), f^{(n+1)}(x)) > 0$ . Fix  $b \in Fix_{\mathcal{G}}(f)$ . Let  $c = f^{(n)}(b)$ . Then  $c \in Fix_{\mathcal{G}}(f)$  and  $d(b, c) = 0$  for each  $d \in \mathcal{G}$ . Assume that  $f(c) \neq c$ . Then  $c = f^{(n)}(x) \neq f^{(n+1)}(x) = f(c)$  and there exists  $d \in \mathcal{G}$  such that  $d(f^{(n)}(x), f^{(n+1)}(x)) > 0$ , i.e.  $d(c, f(c)) > 0$ , a contradiction. Assertion 3 is proved. The proof is complete.  $\square$

**Corollary 3.1.** Assume that  $\mathcal{P}$  are properties of mappings of pseudo-gauge  $E$ -structures and of Banach  $m$ -scales  $E$  and for any mapping of a  $E$ -gauge space with properties  $\mathcal{P}$  the set of fixed points is non-empty. Let  $E$  be a Banach  $m$ -scale,  $\mathcal{G} = \{d_\alpha : X \times X \rightarrow E : \alpha \in A\}$  be a pseudo-gauge  $E$ -structure on a space  $X$  and  $g : X \rightarrow X$  be a mapping with properties  $\mathcal{P}$ . If for each  $x \in X$  the subspace  $Z(x, \rho)$  is a fixed point space, then  $Fix(g) = \{x \in X : g(x) = x\}$  is a non-empty set.

**Example 3.5.** Let  $\mathbb{R}$  be the space of reals with the distance  $\rho(x, y) = |x - y|$ . Fix a number  $k \in \mathbb{R} \setminus \{0, 1\}$ . Consider the mapping  $\varphi : \mathbb{R} \rightarrow \mathbb{R}$ , where  $\varphi(x) = kx$  for each  $x \in X$ . Let  $\mathbb{D} = \{-1, 1\}$  be a discrete space. Let  $X = \mathbb{R} \times \mathbb{D}$  and  $\psi(x, i) = (\varphi(x), -i)$  for each point  $(x, i) \in \mathbb{R} \times \mathbb{D} = X$ . On  $X$  consider the continuous pseudometric  $d((x, i), (y, j)) = \rho(x, y)$  for all points  $(x, i), (y, j) \in \mathbb{R} \times \mathbb{D} = X$ . Then  $\mathbb{G} = \{d\}$  is a perfect pseudo-gauge structure on  $X$ ,  $d(\psi(x, i), \psi(y, j)) = |k| \cdot d((x, i), (y, j))$  for all points  $(x, i), (y, j) \in X$ ,  $Fix(\psi) = \emptyset$  and  $Fix_{\mathcal{G}}(\psi) = \{(0, -1), (0, 1)\}$ .

**Example 3.6.** Let  $\mathbb{R}$  be the space of reals with the distance  $\rho(x, y) = |x - y|$ . Fix a number  $k \in \mathbb{R} \setminus \{0, 1\}$ . Consider the mapping  $\varphi : \mathbb{R} \rightarrow \mathbb{R}$ , where  $\varphi(x) = kx$  for each  $x \in X$ . Let  $\mathbb{I} = [0, 1]$  be the unite interval as a subspace of the space of reals  $\mathbb{R}$ . Let  $X = \mathbb{R} \times \mathbb{I}$  and  $n$  be a natural number. We put  $\psi(x, t) = (\varphi(x), \max\{0, 2^{-1}t - 2^{-n-1}\})$  for each point  $(x, t) \in \mathbb{R} \times \mathbb{I} = X$ . On  $X$  consider the continuous pseudometric  $d((x, t), (y, t')) = \rho(x, y)$  for all points  $(x, t), (y, t') \in X$ . Then  $\mathbb{G} = \{d\}$  is a perfect pseudo-gauge structure on  $X$ ,  $d(\psi(x, t), \psi(y, t')) = |k| \cdot d((x, t), (y, t'))$  for all points  $(x, t), (y, t') \in X$ ,  $Fix(\psi) = \{(0, 0)\}$  and  $Fix_{\mathcal{G}}(\psi) = \{(0, t) : t(0, 1) \in \mathbb{I}\}$ . By construction, if  $\psi^{(n)}(x, t) \neq \psi^{(n+1)}(x, t)$ , then  $d(\psi^{(n)}(x, t), \psi^{(n+1)}(x, t)) > 0$ . Hence  $\psi^n(Fix_{\mathcal{G}}(\psi)) = Fix(\psi)$ .

**Example 3.7.** Let  $\mathbb{R}$  be the space of reals with the distance  $\rho(x, y) = |x - y|$ . Fix a number  $k \in \mathbb{R} \setminus \{0, 1\}$ . Consider the mapping  $\varphi : \mathbb{R} \rightarrow \mathbb{R}$ , where  $\varphi(x) = kx$  for each  $x \in X$ . Let  $\mathbb{I} = [0, 1]$  be the unite interval as a subspace of the space of reals  $\mathbb{R}$ . Let  $X = \mathbb{R} \times \mathbb{I}$  and  $n$  be a natural number. We put  $\psi(x, t) = (\varphi(x), \max\{0, 2^{-1}t - 2^{-n-1}\})$  for each

point  $(x, t) \in \mathbb{R} \times \mathbb{I} = X$ . On  $X$  consider the continuous pseudometric  $d((x, t), (y, t')) = \rho(x, y)$  for all points  $(x, t), (y, t') \in X$ . Then  $\mathbb{G} = \{d\}$  is a perfect pseudo-gauge structure on  $X$ ,  $d(\psi(x, t), \psi(y, t')) = |k| \cdot d((x, t), (y, t'))$  for all points  $(x, t), (y, t') \in X$ ,  $Fix(\psi) = \{(0, 0)\}$  and  $Fix_{\mathbb{G}}(\psi) = \{(0, t) : t \in \mathbb{I}\}$ . By construction, if  $\psi^{(n)}(x, t) \neq \psi^{(n+1)}(x, t)$ , then  $d(\psi^{(n)}(x, t), \psi^{(n+1)}(x, t)) > 0$ . Hence  $\psi^n(Fix_{\mathbb{G}}(\psi)) = Fix(\psi)$ .

**Example 3.8.** Let  $\mathbb{R}$  be the space of reals with the distance  $\rho(x, y) = |x - y|$ . Fix a number  $k \in \mathbb{R} \setminus \{0, 1\}$ . Consider the mapping  $\varphi : \mathbb{R} \rightarrow \mathbb{R}$ , where  $\varphi(x) = kx$  for each  $x \in X$ . Let  $X = \mathbb{R} \times \mathbb{I}$ . We put  $\psi(x, t) = (\varphi(x), \max\{0, 2^{-1}t\})$  for each point  $(x, t) \in \mathbb{R} \times \mathbb{I} = X$ . On  $X$  consider the continuous pseudometric  $d((x, t), (y, t')) = \rho(x, y)$  for all points  $(x, t), (y, t') \in X$ . Then  $\mathbb{G} = \{d\}$  is a perfect pseudo-gauge structure on  $X$ ,  $d(\psi(x, t), \psi(y, t')) = |k| \cdot d((x, t), (y, t'))$  for all points  $(x, t), (y, t') \in X$ ,  $Fix(\psi) = \{(0, 0)\}$  and  $Fix_{\mathbb{G}}(\psi) = \{(0, t) : t \in \mathbb{I}\}$ . By construction,  $\psi^n(Fix_{\mathbb{G}}(\psi)) \neq Fix(\psi)$  for each  $n \in \mathbb{N}$ .

**Example 3.9.** Let  $\mathbb{R}$  be the space of reals with the distance  $\rho(x, y) = |x - y|$ . Fix a number  $k \in \mathbb{R} \setminus \{0, 1\}$ . Consider the mapping  $\varphi : \mathbb{R} \rightarrow \mathbb{R}$ , where  $\varphi(x) = kx$  for each  $x \in X$ . Let  $X = \mathbb{R} \times \mathbb{R}$ . We put  $\psi(x, t) = (\varphi(x), \max\{0, 2^{-1}t - 2^{-n-1}\})$  for each point  $(x, t) \in \mathbb{R} \times \mathbb{R} = X$ . On  $X$  consider the continuous pseudometric  $d((x, t), (y, t')) = \rho(x, y)$  for all points  $(x, t), (y, t') \in X$ . Then  $\mathbb{G} = \{d\}$  is a pseudo-gauge structure on  $X$ ,  $d(\psi(x, t), \psi(y, t')) = |k| \cdot d((x, t), (y, t'))$  for all points  $(x, t), (y, t') \in X$ ,  $Fix(\psi) = \{(0, 0)\}$  and  $Fix_{\mathbb{G}}(\psi) = \{(0, t) : t \in \mathbb{R}\}$ . By construction,  $\psi^n(Fix_{\mathbb{G}}(\psi)) \neq Fix(\psi)$  for each  $n \in \mathbb{N}$ . Moreover, for each  $(x, t) \in Fix_{\mathbb{G}}(\psi)$  there exists  $n$  such that  $\psi(x, t) \in Fix(\psi)$ . We mention that the pseudo-gauge structure  $\mathbb{G} = \{d\}$  is not perfect.

#### 4. SOME APPLICATIONS OF THE REDUCTION PRINCIPLES

Consider a Banach metric scale  $E$  and a pseudo-gauge structure  $\mathcal{G}$  on a space  $X$ .

The results of above sections may be applied to the spaces with pseudo-gauge structures. For that are important the conditions which guarantee non-empties of the set  $Fix_{\mathcal{G}}(f)$ . A mapping  $g : X \rightarrow Y$  is called an *upper semicontinuous* mapping, if for any open subset  $V$  of  $Y$  the set  $g^{\ominus 1}(V) = \{x \in X : g(x) \subseteq V\}$  is open in  $X$ .

**Lemma 4.1.** *Let  $\mathbb{G}$  be a sequentially quasi-complete pseudo-gauge structure on a space  $X$  and  $g : X \rightarrow X$  be an upper semicontinuous compact-valued mapping. Then:*

1. *The set  $Fix(g)$  is closed in  $X$ .*
2. *The set  $Fix_{\mathbb{G}}(g)$  is closed in  $X$ .*
3. *If  $x \in Fix_{\mathbb{G}}(g)$ , then  $Z(x, \mathcal{G}) \subseteq Fix_{\mathbb{G}}(g)$ .*

*Proof.* Assume that  $x \notin g(x)$ . There exist two open subsets  $V$  and  $W$  of  $X$  such that  $x \in V$ ,  $g(x) \subseteq W$  and  $V \cap W = \emptyset$ . The set  $U = V \cap g^{\ominus 1}(W)$  is open in  $X$ ,  $x \in U$  and  $U \cap g(U) = \emptyset$ . Assertion 1 is proved for arbitrary upper semicontinuous set-valued mappings. Assume that  $x_0 \notin Fix_{\mathbb{G}}(g)$ . Then for each  $x \in g(x_0)$  there exist  $r(x) > 0$  and  $d_x \in \mathcal{G}$  such that  $\|d_x(x_0, x)\| \geq 3r(x)$ . Since  $g(x_0)$  is a compact space and  $g(x_0) \subseteq \cup\{B(x, d_x, r(x)) : x \in g(x_0)\}$ , then there exists a non-empty finite subset  $L$  of  $g(x_0)$  such that  $g(x_0) \subseteq \cup\{B(x, d_x, r(x)) : x \in L\}$ . Let  $W = \cup\{B(x, d_x, r(x)) : x \in L\}$ ,  $V_1 = \cap\{B(x_0, d_x, r(x)) : x \in L\}$  and  $V = V_1 \cap g^{\ominus 1}(W)$ . The set  $V$  is open in  $X$ ,  $x_0 \in Z(x_0, \mathcal{G}) \subseteq V$  and  $V \cap Fix_{\mathbb{G}}(g) = \emptyset$ . Assertions 2 and 3 are proved. □

A sequence  $\{x_n : n \in \mathbb{N}\}$  is a Picard sequence of the set-valued mapping  $g : X \rightarrow X$  if  $x_{n+1} \in g(x_n)$  for each  $n \in \mathbb{N}$ . If  $\{x_n : n \in \mathbb{N}\}$  is a Cauchy sequence of the space  $(X, \mathcal{G})$ , then we say that  $\{x_n : n \in \mathbb{N}\}$  is a  $\mathcal{G}$ -Picard sequence of the mapping  $g$ .

**Lemma 4.2.** Let  $\mathcal{G}$  be a sequentially quasi-complete pseudo-gauge structure on a space  $X$ ,  $g : X \rightarrow X$  be an upper semicontinuous set-valued mapping and  $\{x_n : n \in \mathbb{N}\}$  be a Picard sequence of the mapping  $g$ . Then:

1. If  $x \in X$  and  $\lim_{n \rightarrow \infty} d(x, x_n) = 0$  for each  $d \in \mathcal{G}$ , then  $x \in Z(x, \mathcal{G}) \subseteq \text{Fix}_{\mathcal{G}}(g)$  and  $\{x_n : n \in \mathbb{N}\}$  is a  $\mathcal{G}$ -Picard sequence of the mapping  $g$ .

2. If  $\{x_n : n \in \mathbb{N}\}$  is a  $\mathcal{G}$ -Picard sequence of the mapping  $g$  and  $x$  is an accumulation point of the sequence  $\{x_n : n \in \mathbb{N}\}$ , then  $\lim_{n \rightarrow \infty} d(x, x_n) = 0$  for each  $d \in \mathcal{G}$  and  $x \in \text{Fix}_{\mathcal{G}}(g)$ .

*Proof.* Let  $b \in X$  and  $\lim_{n \rightarrow \infty} d(b, x_n) = 0$  for each  $d \in \mathcal{G}$ . Then  $\{x_n : n \in \mathbb{N}\}$  is a Cauchy sequence of the space  $(X, \mathcal{G})$  and a  $\mathcal{G}$ -Picard sequence of the mapping  $g$ . The sequence  $\{x_n : n \in \mathbb{N}\}$  has an accumulation point  $x_0$  and  $b \in Z(x_0, \mathcal{G})$ . By virtue of Lemma 4.1, we can assume that  $b = x_0$  is an accumulation point of the sequence  $\{x_n : n \in \mathbb{N}\}$ . Since the mapping  $g$  is upper semicontinuous and  $\{x_n : n \in \mathbb{N}\} \subseteq g(\{x_n : n \in \mathbb{N}\})$ , the sequence  $\{x_n : n \in \mathbb{N}\}$  has an accumulation point  $c \in g(b)$ . Then  $d(b, c) = 0$  for all  $d \in \mathcal{G}$  and  $b \in \text{Fix}_{\mathcal{G}}(g)$ . Assertion 1 is proved. Assertion 2 follows from Assertion 1.  $\square$

A set-valued mapping  $g : X \rightarrow X$  is called  $\mathcal{G}$ -contractive if there exists a family of non-negative numbers  $\{k_d : d \in \mathbb{G}\}$  and for all  $x, y \in X$  and  $x' \in g(x)$  there exists  $y' \in g(y)$  for which  $d(x', y') \leq k_d \cdot d(x, y)$  and  $0 \leq k_d < 1$  for each  $d \in \mathbb{G}$ .

**Lemma 4.3.** Let  $\mathcal{G}$  be a pseudo-gauge structure on a space  $X$  and  $g : X \rightarrow X$  be a  $\mathbb{G}$ -contractive mapping. If  $x_1 \in X$  is an arbitrary fixed point,  $x_2 \in g(x_1)$  and  $x_{n+2} = c(g, x_n, x_{n+1}, x_{n+1}) \in g(x_{n+1})$  for each  $n \in \mathbb{N}$ , then  $T(g, x_1, x_2) = \{x_n : n \in \mathbb{N}\}$  is a  $\mathcal{G}$ -Picard sequence of the mapping  $g$  generated by  $x_1$  and  $x_2 \in g(x_1)$ .

*Proof.* Assume that the points  $x_1 \in X$  and  $x_2 \in g(x_1)$  are fixed and  $x_{n+2} = c(g, x_n, x_{n+1}, x_{n+1}) \in g(x_{n+1})$  for each  $n \in \mathbb{N}$ . Let  $b_d = d(x_1, x_2)$ . Then  $d(x_{n+1}, x_{n+m}) \leq (k_d^n : (1 - k_d)) \cdot b_d$ . The proof is complete.  $\square$

**Theorem 4.3.** Let  $\mathcal{G}$  be a sequentially complete perfect pseudo-gauge structure on a space  $X$  and  $g : X \rightarrow X$  be a  $\mathcal{G}$ -contractive upper semicontinuous set-valued mapping. Then for each points  $x_1 \in X$  and  $x_2 \in g(x_1)$  the Picard orbit  $T(g, x_1, x_2) = \{x_n : n \in \mathbb{N}\}$  is a  $\mathcal{G}$ -Picard sequence of the pseudo-gauge space  $(X, \mathbb{G})$  with accumulation points in  $X$ . Moreover, if  $z \in X$  is an accumulation point of the sequence  $T(g, x_1, x_2)$ , then  $z \in \text{Fix}_{\mathcal{G}}(g)$  and  $\lim_{n \rightarrow \infty} d(z, x_n) = 0$  for each  $d \in \mathcal{G}$ .

*Proof.* Follows from Lemmas 4.2 and 4.3.  $\square$

**Theorem 4.4.** Let  $\mathcal{G}$  be a sequentially quasi-complete pseudo-gauge structure on a space  $X$  and  $g : X \rightarrow X$  be a  $\mathcal{G}$ -contractive mapping. Then:

1. For each point  $x \in X$  the Picard orbit  $T(g, x) = \{x_n : n \in \mathbb{N}\}$ , where  $x_1 = x$  and  $x_{n+1} = g(x_n)$  for each  $n \in \mathbb{N}$ , is a Cauchy sequence of the pseudo-gauge space  $(X, \mathcal{G})$  with accumulation points in  $X$ . Moreover, if  $z \in X$  is an accumulation point of the sequence  $T(g, x)$ , then  $z \in \text{Fix}_{\mathcal{G}}(g)$  and  $\lim_{n \rightarrow \infty} d(z, x_n) = 0$  for each  $d \in \mathcal{G}$ .

2. If  $x, y \in \text{Fix}_{\mathcal{G}}(g)$ , then  $d(x, y) = 0$  for each  $d \in \mathcal{G}$  and  $\text{Fix}_{\mathcal{G}}(g) = \{z \in X : d(x, z) = 0 \text{ for each } d \in \mathcal{G}\}$ .

3.  $\text{Fix}_{\mathcal{G}}(g)$  is a non-empty closed countably compact subspace of the space  $X$ .

*Proof.* Assertion 1 follows from Theorem 4.3.

If  $x, y \in \text{Fix}_{\mathcal{G}}(g)$ , then  $d(x, g(x)) = 0, d(y, g(y)) = 0, d(x, y) \leq d(x, g(x)) + d(g(x), g(y)) + d(g(y), y) = d(g(x), g(y)) \leq k_d \cdot d(x, y)$ , i.e.  $d(x, y) = 0$  for each  $d \in \mathcal{G}$ . If  $d \in \mathcal{G}$ ,  $z \in X$  and  $d(x, z) > 0$ , then  $d(x, g(z)) = d(g(x), g(z)) < d(x, z)$ . Thus  $z \neq g(z), d(g(z), z) > 0$  and



$z \notin \text{Fix}_{\mathcal{G}}(g)$ . If  $d(x, z) = 0$ , then  $d(x, g(z)) = 0$  too. Hence  $\text{Fix}_{\mathcal{G}}(g) = \{z \in X : d(x, z) = 0 \text{ for each } d \in \mathcal{G}\}$ . Assertion 2 is proved.

If  $\{x_n \in \text{Fix}_{\mathcal{G}}(g) : n \in \mathbb{N}\}$ , then, by virtue of Assertion 2, we have  $d(x_n, x_m) = 0$  for all  $n \in \mathbb{N}$  and each  $d \in \mathcal{G}$ . Hence,  $\{x_n : n \in \mathbb{N}\}$  is a Cauchy sequence and has an accumulation point in  $X$ . Since the pseudometrics  $d \in \mathcal{G}$  are continuous, the set  $\text{Fix}_{\mathcal{G}}(g)$  is closed in  $X$ . Assertion 3 is proved  $\square$

Some special cases of Theorem 4.4 were examined in [3, 12, 13, 17, 20]. We mention, that Assertions 2 and 3 of Theorem 4.4 are not true for set-valued mappings.

**Example 4.10.** Let  $\mathcal{G}$  be a sequential complete gauge structure on a space  $X$  with an infinite closed subset  $F$ . Consider the set-valued mapping  $g : X \rightarrow X$ , where  $g(x) = F$  for each  $x \in X$ . The mapping  $g$  is upper semicontinuous (and lower semicontinuous too). The mapping  $g$  is compact-valued if and only if the set  $F$  is compact. If  $x, y \in X$  and  $x' \in g(x)$ , then we put  $c(g, x, y, x') = x'$ . Then  $g$  is a  $\mathcal{G}$ -contractive mapping with  $k_d = 0$  for any  $d \in \mathcal{G}$ . We have  $\text{Fix}_{\mathcal{G}}(g) = \text{Fix}_{\mathcal{G}} = F$ .

Assume now that  $\mathcal{G}$  is a pseudo-gauge structure on a space  $X$ . Let  $\Phi = \cup\{Z(x, \mathcal{G}) : x \in F\}$ . Obviously,  $F \subseteq \Phi$ . For some  $\mathcal{G}$  we have  $F \neq \Phi$ . We have  $\text{Fix}(g) = F$  and  $\text{Fix}_{\mathcal{G}} = \Phi$ .

A space  $X$  is called a *fixed point space* if for each continuous mapping we have  $g(y) = y$  for some  $y \in X$  (see [12, 13, 16]).

Any convex compact subset of a topological liner space is a fixed point space [8, 9, 16, 20].

**Corollary 4.2.** Let  $\mathcal{G}$  be a sequentially quasi-complete pseudo-gauge structure on a space  $X$  and  $g : X \rightarrow X$  be a  $\mathcal{G}$ -contractive mapping. If for each  $x \in X$  the subspace  $Z(x, \rho)$  is a fixed point space, then  $\text{Fix}(g) = \{x \in X : g(x) = x\}$  is a non-empty set.

**Example 4.11.** Let  $\mathcal{G}_1$  be a sequential complete gauge structure on a space  $Y$  and  $Z$  be a compact fixed-point space. Consider the  $X = Y \times Z$ . For each  $\rho \in \mathcal{G}_1$  on  $X$  we consider the continuous pseudometric  $d((x, z), (y, z')) = \rho(x, y)$  for all points  $(x, z), (y, z') \in X$ . Then  $\mathcal{G} = \{d_\rho : \rho \in \mathcal{G}_1\}$  is a perfect pseudo-gauge structure on  $X$ .

Assume that  $0 < k < 1$  and  $g : X \rightarrow X$  is a mapping such that  $d(g(x, z), g(y, z')) \leq k \cdot d((x, z), (y, z'))$  for all points  $(x, z), (y, z') \in X$ . Then there exists a unique point  $(x_0, z_0) \in X$  such that  $\text{Fix}_{\mathcal{G}}(g) = \{(x, z) \in X : d((x, z), (x_0, z_0)) = 0 \text{ for each } d \in \mathcal{G}\} = \{x_0\} \times Z$ . Then  $f : Z \rightarrow Z$ , where  $f(z) = z'$  if and only if  $g(x_0, z) = g(x_0, z')$ , is a continuous mapping of  $Z$  into  $Z$ . Since  $Z$  is a fixed-point space, there exists  $z_1 \in Z$  such that  $z_1 \in \text{Fix}(f)$ . Then  $(x_0, z_1) \in \text{Fix}(g)$  and  $\text{Fix}(g) \neq \emptyset$ .

**Theorem 4.5.** Let  $E$  be a Banach metric scale and  $\|x+y\| = \|x\| + \|y\|$  provided  $0 \leq x$  and  $0 \leq y$ ,  $\mathcal{G}$  be a sequentially quasi-complete pseudo-gauge structure on a space  $X$ ,  $\{\varphi_d : X \rightarrow E : d \in \mathcal{G}\}$  be functions,  $0 \leq \varphi_d(x)$  for all  $x \in X$  and  $d \in \mathcal{G}$ , and  $g : X \rightarrow X$  be a set-valued mapping with a closed graph  $\text{Gr}(g) = \cup\{\{x\} \times g(x) : x \in X\}$  in  $X \times X$ . Assume that for each  $x \in X$  there exists  $s(x) \in g(x)$  such that  $d(x, s(x)) \leq \varphi_d(x) - \varphi_d(s(x))$  for each  $d \in \mathcal{G}$ . Then:

1.  $\text{Fix}_{\mathcal{G}}(g)$  is a non-empty set of the space  $X$ .
2. If  $x_0 \in X$  and  $x_{n+1} = s(x_n)$ , then  $\{x_n : n \in \mathbb{N}\}$  is a Cauchy sequence of the space  $X$  and there exist two accumulation points  $b, c$  of  $\{x_n : n \in \mathbb{N}\}$  such that  $c \in g(b)$  and  $b \in \text{Fix}_{\mathcal{G}}(g)$ .

*Proof.* Note that the mapping  $g$  is called the Caristi operator on  $X$  (see [7]; [20], p. 75).

Fix  $x_0 \in X$  and  $x_{n+1} = s(x_n)$  for each  $n \in \mathbb{N}$ . Denote by  $A(x_0)$  the set of all accumulation points of the sequence  $\{x_n : n \in \mathbb{N}\}$  and  $L(x_0) = \{x \in X : \lim_{n \rightarrow \infty} d(x, x_n) = 0\}$ . Obviously,  $A(x_0) \subseteq L(x_0)$ .

Fix  $d \in \mathcal{G}$ . Obviously, that  $\Sigma\{d(x_i, x_{i+1}) : 0 \leq i \leq n\} \leq f_d(x_0) - f_d(x_{n+1}) \leq f(x_0)$  for each  $n \in \mathbb{N}$ . Hence the series  $\Sigma\{d(x_i, x_{i+1}) : 0 \leq i < \infty\}$  is convergent in  $E$  and  $\Sigma\{d(x_i, x_{i+1}) : 0 \leq i < \infty\} = \vee\{\Sigma\{d(x_i, x_{i+1}) : 0 \leq i \leq n\} : n \in \mathbb{N}\} \leq f_d(x_0)$ . In particular, the series  $\Sigma\{\|d(x_i, x_{i+1})\| : 0 \leq i < \infty\}$  is convergent in  $E$  and  $\Sigma\{\|d(x_i, x_{i+1})\| : 0 \leq i < \infty\} \leq \|f(x_0)\|$ . Hence  $\{x_n : n \in \mathbb{N}\}$  is a Cauchy sequence of the space  $(X, \mathcal{G})$ . Let  $P = \{(x_n, x_{n+1}) : n \in \mathbb{N}\} \subseteq X \times X$ . By construction,  $P \subseteq Gr(g)$ .

Since  $(X, \mathcal{G})$  is a sequentially complete pseudo-gauge space, there exists  $b \in X$  such that  $b$  is an accumulation point of the sequence  $\{x_n : n \in \mathbb{N}\}$ . Moreover,  $A(x_0)$  and  $L(x_0)$  are non-empty compact subsets of the space  $X$  and  $b \in A(x_0) \subseteq L(x_0)$ .

**Claim 1.** Let  $V$  be an open subset of  $X$  and  $A(x_0) \subseteq V$ . Then the set  $\{n : x_n \notin V\}$  is finite.

Follows from the following fact: any infinite subsequence of the sequence  $\{x_n : n \in \mathbb{N}\}$  is a Cauchy sequence of the space  $(X, \mathcal{G})$  and has accumulation points in  $A(x_0)$ .

**Claim 2.**  $(A(x_0) \times A(x_0)) \cap cl_{X \times X} P \neq \emptyset$ .

Assume that  $(A(x_0) \times A(x_0)) \cap cl_{X \times X} P = \emptyset$ . Since the set  $A(x_0)$  is compact, then there exists an open subset  $V$  of  $X$  such that  $A(x_0) \subseteq V$  and  $(V \times V) \cap P = \emptyset$ . By virtue of Claim 1, there exists  $k \in \mathbb{N}$  such that  $x_n \in V$  for all  $n \geq k$ . Then  $(x_n, x_{n+1}) \in (V \times V) \cap P$  for all  $n \geq k$ , a contradiction. Claim 2 is proved.

Without loss of generality, we can suppose that  $(b, c) \in (A(x_0) \times A(x_0)) \cap cl_{X \times X} P$  for some  $c \in A(x_0)$ . Since the set  $Gr(g)$  is closed in  $X \times X$  and  $P \subseteq Gr(g)$ , we have  $c \in g(b)$ . By construction,  $\lim_{n \rightarrow \infty} d(b, x_n) = 0$  and  $\lim_{n \rightarrow \infty} d(c, x_n) = 0$  for each  $d \in \mathcal{G}$ . Hence  $d(b, c) = 0$  for each  $d \in \mathcal{G}$  and  $b \in Fix_{\mathcal{G}}(g)$ . □

Theorem 4.5 is true for regular Banach metric scales: every increasing sequence which is bounded from above is convergent (see [20], p. 80).

In similar way the generalized contractions of types of Ćirić - Reich - Rus ([20], p. 28), Krasnoselelskii - Zabrejko ([20], p. 29), Zamfirescu ([20], p. 29), Rus - Kasahara - Hicks - Rhoades ([20], p. 35), Niemytzky - Edelstein ([20], p. 38), Berinde - Choban [4, 5] are extended for set-valued mappings of pseudo-gauge spaces.

### 5. SPACES WITH FINITE PSEUDO-GAUGE STRUCTURES

Let  $E$  be a Banach metric scale and  $m$  be a natural number. Consider the Banach metric scale  $E^m$  in which for all  $(x_1, x_2, \dots, x_m), (y_1, y_2, \dots, y_m) \in E^m$  we have  $\|(x_1, x_2, \dots, x_m)\| = \|x_1\| + \|x_2\| + \dots + \|x_m\|$  and  $(x_1, x_2, \dots, x_m) \leq (y_1, y_2, \dots, y_m)$  if and only if  $x_1 \leq y_1, x_2 \leq y_2, \dots, x_m \leq y_m$ . The Banach metric scale  $E^m$  is regular if and only if  $E$  is a regular Banach metric scale.

Let  $\mathcal{G} = \{d_1, d_2, \dots, d_m\}$  be a finite pseudo-gauge structure on a space  $X$ . Then  $d((x_1, x_2, \dots, x_m), (y_1, y_2, \dots, y_m)) = (d_1(x_1, y_1), d_2(x_2, y_2), \dots, d_m(x_m, y_m))$  is a continuous  $E^m$ -pseudometric on the space  $d$ .

Hence the results from [10] are true for spaces with finite pseudo-gauge structures.

The matrix contractions may be applied to the finite pseudo-gauge spaces. Denote by  $M_m^*$  the family of all  $m \times m$  matrices  $S = (s_{ij})_m^m$  with the properties:

- $s_{ij} \in \mathbb{R}$  and  $0 \leq s_{ij}$  for all  $i, j \leq m$ ;
- $\lim_{k \rightarrow \infty} S^k = \theta_m$ , where  $\theta_m$  is the zero  $m \times m$  matrix.

If  $S \in M_m^*$ , then it is said to be that the matrix  $S$  is convergent to zero ([20], Section 6.0.3).

By virtue of Theorem 6.0.1 from [20], for any non-negative scalar  $m \times m$  matrix  $S$  the following assertions are equivalent:

- (i)  $S$  is a convergent to zero matrix;
- (ii)  $\det(\varepsilon_m - S) \neq 0$  and  $(\varepsilon_m - S)^{-1}$  has non-negative elements, where  $\varepsilon_m$  is the unit  $m \times m$  matrix;
- (iii)  $\det(\varepsilon_m - S) \neq 0$  and  $(\varepsilon_m - S)^{-1} = \varepsilon_m + S + S^2 + \dots + S^n + \dots$

The matrix approach and reduction principles permit to extend the distinct fixed point theorems, proved for the  $\mathbb{R}^m$ -metrics (see [20, 19]).

A mapping  $\varphi : X \rightarrow X$  is a scalar  $S$ -contraction if there exists  $S \in M_m^*$  such that  $d(\varphi(x), \varphi(y)) \leq Sd(x, y)$  for all  $x, y \in X$ .

**Theorem 5.6.** *Let  $(X, \mathcal{G})$  be a sequentially complete pseudo-gauge space and  $\varphi : X \rightarrow X$  be a scalar  $S$ -contraction. Then:*

1. *There exists  $x^* \in X$  such that  $d(x^*, \varphi(x^*)) = 0$ .*
2. *If  $\{x_n : n \in \mathbb{N}\}$  and  $\lim_{n \rightarrow \infty} d(x_n, \varphi(x_n)) = 0$ , then  $\lim_{n \rightarrow \infty} d(x_n, x^*) = 0$ .*
3. *If  $d(x, y) \neq 0$  provided  $\varphi(x) \neq \varphi(y)$ , then  $Fix(\varphi) \neq \emptyset$ .*
4. *Assume that  $x = y$  if  $d(\varphi(x), \varphi(y)) = 0$ . Then  $Fix(\varphi)$  is a singleton set.*

*Proof.* The proofs of the assertions 1 and 2 are similar as in the case  $E = \mathbb{R}$  (see [20], Theorems 6.1.1 and 6.1.2). The assertion 3 follows from the assertion 1 and Theorem 3.1. The assertion 4 follows from the assertion 1 and Theorem 3.2. □

## 6. PSEUDOMETRICS IN ORDERED BANACH ALGEBRAS

In the present section the notion of the scalar  $S$ -contraction is extended for matrices with elements from a given ordered commutative Banach algebra (we use the notions from [2, 6, 15] about normed rings and ordered algebras).

A Banach metric  $r$ -scale is a non singleton partially ordered Banach space  $E$  such that:

- $E$  is a Banach metric scale;
- $E$  is a commutative ring with unity 1 such that  $0 < 1, \|1\| = 1, \|xy\| \leq \|x\| \cdot \|y\|$  for all  $x, y$  from  $E, xy \geq 0$  provided  $x \geq 0$  and  $y \geq 0, uv \leq uz$  provided  $u \geq 0$  and  $v \leq z$ .

Fix a Banach metric  $r$ -scale  $E$  and a natural number  $m$ .

Let  $M_m(E)$  be the family of all  $m \times m$  matrices  $S = (s_{ij})_m^m$  with the properties:

- $s_{ij} \in E$  and  $0 \leq s_{ij}$  for all  $i, j \leq m$ ;
- $\|detS\| + \|detS^2\| + \dots + \|detS^n\| + \dots < \infty$ ;
- there exists the sum  $|S| + |S^2| + \dots + |S^n| + \dots$ , where  $|A| = (\|a_{ij}\|)_m^m$  for each matrix  $A = (a_{ij})_m^m$ .

If  $S \in M_m(E)$ , then  $\lim_{k \rightarrow \infty} S^k = \theta_m$ , where  $\theta_m$  is the zero  $m \times m$  matrix.

Let  $\mathcal{G} = \{d_1, d_2, \dots, d_m\}$  be a finite pseudo-gauge structure on a space  $X$ . Then  $d((x_1, x_2, \dots, x_m), (y_1, y_2, \dots, y_m)) = (d_1(x_1, y_1), d_2(x_2, y_2), \dots, d_m(x_m, y_m))$  is a continuous  $E^m$ -pseudometric on the space  $d$ .

The matrix approach and reduction principles permit to extend the distinct fixed point theorems, proved for the  $\mathbb{R}^m$ -metrics (see [20]).

A mapping  $\varphi : X \rightarrow X$  is an  $SE$ -contraction if there exists  $S \in M_m(E)$  such that  $d(\varphi(x), \varphi(y)) \leq Sd(x, y)$  for all  $x, y \in X$ .

**Theorem 6.7.** *Let  $(X, \mathcal{G})$  be a sequentially complete pseudo-gauge space and  $\varphi : X \rightarrow X$  be an  $SE$ -contraction. Then:*

1. *There exists  $x^* \in X$  such that  $d(x^*, \varphi(x^*)) = 0$ .*
2. *If  $\{x_n : n \in \mathbb{N}\}$  and  $\lim_{n \rightarrow \infty} d(x_n, \varphi(x_n)) = 0$ , then  $\lim_{n \rightarrow \infty} d(x_n, x^*) = 0$ .*
3. *If  $d(x, y) \neq 0$  provided  $\varphi(x) \neq \varphi(y)$ , then  $Fix(\varphi) \neq \emptyset$ .*
4. *Assume that  $x = y$  if  $d(\varphi(x), \varphi(y)) = 0$ . Then  $Fix(\varphi)$  is a singleton set.*

*Proof.* Let  $\varepsilon_m$  be the unit matrix. Then  $(\varepsilon_m + S)^{-1} = \varepsilon_m + S + S^2 + \dots + S^n + \dots$  for any  $S \in M_m(E)$ . The proofs of the assertions 1 and 2 are similar as in the case  $E = \mathbb{R}$  (see [20], Theorems 6.1.1 and 6.1.2). The assertion 3 follows from the assertion 1 and Theorem 3.1. The assertion 4 follows from the assertion 1 and Theorem 3.2.  $\square$

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