

Some existence and uniqueness results for a solution of a system of equations

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ABSTRACT

This paper presents some existence and uniqueness results for a solution of a system of equations. Our results extend and generalize the well-known and celebrated results of Boyd and Wong [Proc. Amer. Math. Soc. 20 (1969)], Matkowski [Dissertations Math. (Rozprawy Mat.) 127 (1975)], Proinov [Nonlinear Anal. 64 (2006)], Ri [Indag. Math. (N. S.) 27 (2016)] and many others. We also present some illustrative examples to validate our results.

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1. INTRODUCTION AND PRELIMINARIES

Let (W_i, ρ_i) , $i = 1, 2, \dots, n$, be metric spaces and $W := W_1 \times \dots \times W_n$. Assume that $T_i : W \rightarrow W_i$, $i = 1, \dots, n$, are mappings, \mathbb{N} the set of natural numbers, \mathbb{R} the set of real numbers and $(\omega^m) = (\omega_1^m, \dots, \omega_n^m)$, $m \in \mathbb{N}$, be a sequence in W . We denote $\Phi = \{\varphi : [0, \infty) \rightarrow [0, \infty) \mid \varphi(t) < t, \limsup_{t \rightarrow s^+} \varphi(t) < s \text{ for all } t > 0\}$.

In 1975, Matkowski [20] obtained an important generalization of the Banach contraction theorem (BCT) for a system of mappings (T_1, \dots, T_n) on the finite

product of metric spaces and established an existence and uniqueness result to demonstrate a solution of the following system of equations:

$$T_i(\omega_1, \dots, \omega_n) = \omega_i, \quad i = 1, 2, \dots, n. \tag{1.1}$$

Using some slightly different conditions, Czerwik [7] generalized a certain fixed point result of Eldestein [8] and established the following existence and uniqueness result for a system of mappings.

Theorem 1.1 ([7]). *Let (W_i, ρ_i) , $i = 1, 2, \dots, n$, be compact metric spaces. Suppose that $T_i : W \rightarrow W_i$, $i = 1, 2, \dots, n$, fulfill the following conditions:*

$$\rho_i(T_i\omega, T_i\bar{\omega}) < \sum_{k=1}^n a_{ik}\rho_k(\omega_k, \bar{\omega}_k) \text{ in } B = W \times W - \Delta,$$

$$|\lambda_i| \leq 1, \quad i = 1, 2, \dots, n$$

where $\Delta = \{(\omega, \bar{\omega}) \in W \times W : \omega_i = \bar{\omega}_i, i = 1, 2, \dots, n\}$, $a_{ik} > 0$, $i, k = 1, \dots, n$, and λ_i , $i = 1, 2, \dots, n$ are characteristic roots of the matrix (a_{ik}) , $i, k = 1, \dots, n$. Then the system of equations (1.1) has a unique solution.

These types of results are fruitful to study the existence solutions of the system of functional equations of the following form:

$$\phi_i(t) = h_i(t, \phi_1[f_{i1}(t)], \dots, \phi_n[f_{in}(t)]) \quad \text{for } i = 1, 2, \dots, n \tag{1.2}$$

where $f_{ik} : A \rightarrow A \subset X \neq \emptyset$, $h_i : X \times \mathbb{R}^n \rightarrow \mathbb{R}$, $i, k = 1, 2, \dots, n$ and $\phi_i : \mathbb{R} \rightarrow \mathbb{R}$, $i = 1, 2, \dots, n$ are the unknown functions.

In 1981, Reddy and Subrahmanyam [26] generalized Krasnoselski’s fixed point result [18] for two systems of mappings and applied it to find convex solutions of the system of functional equations (1.2). On the same line, Khantwal and Gairola [16] generalized the result of Matkowski to provide an existence result for bounded solutions of the system of functional equations (1.2). Due to applicability of finding a solution of the system of functional equations (1.2), many extensions and generalizations of Matkowski’s result [19, 20] have appeared in the literature (see [1], [6], [9], [10], [11], [12], [15], [22], [27], [29], [30], [31] and references therein).

On the other hand, Proinov [25] generalized the BCT to more general class of mappings. He introduced a new class of mappings, which includes the contraction mappings of Boyd-Wong [3], Matkowski [20] and Meir-Keeler [23] type and established the following result.

Theorem 1.2 ([25]). *Let (Y, ρ) be a complete metric space. Assume that $g : Y \rightarrow Y$ is an asymptotically regular and continuous mapping. If there exists a function $\phi : [0, \infty) \rightarrow [0, \infty)$ such that for any $\varepsilon > 0$ there exists $\delta > \varepsilon$ such that $\varepsilon < t < \delta$ implies $\phi(t) \leq \varepsilon$ and the following conditions hold:*

- (P1): $\rho(g(u), g(v)) \leq \phi(L(u, v))$ for all $u, v \in Y$,
- (P2): $\rho(g(u), g(v)) < L(u, v)$, whenever $L(u, v) \neq 0$,

where $L(u, v) = \rho(u, v) + \eta[\rho(u, g(u)) + \rho(v, g(v))]$, $\eta \geq 0$, then g has a fixed point $w \in Y$.

Moreover, for $\eta = 1$, the continuity of g can be dropped if the function ϕ is continuous and $\phi(t) < t$ for $t > 0$.

This result generalizes or extends certain results of Ćirić [5], Jacimiski [14], Matkowski [21] and others. For recent developments along this direction one can refer to [2], [17], [24] and [32].

In 2016, Ri [28] obtained a generalization of the BCT and the Boyd and Wong's fixed point theorem by relaxing the requirement of upper semi-continuity of the control function ϕ used in Boyd and Wong's result [3].

Theorem 1.3 ([28]). *Let (Y, ρ) be a complete metric space and $\varphi : [0, \infty) \rightarrow [0, \infty)$ be a function such that $\varphi(t) < t$ and $\limsup_{s \rightarrow t^+} \varphi(s) < t$ for all $t > 0$.*

Assume that $f : Y \rightarrow Y$ is a mapping such that

$$\rho(fu, fv) \leq \varphi(\rho(u, v)) \quad \text{for all } u, v \in Y. \quad (1.3)$$

Then f has a unique fixed point.

In this paper, we introduce the notion of a coordinatewise asymptotically regular mappings and show that the coordinatewise asymptotic regularity is not a sufficient condition for the existence of a solution for a system of equations (1.1). Further, motivated by the work of Matkowski [19, 20] and Czerwik [7], we generalize certain results from [3], [25], [28] to a system of mappings. We also show that the assumption of continuity of control function used in Theorem 1.2 for $\eta = 1$ can be weaken. Moreover, we prove an existence result for a new class of a system of mappings without using the assumption of continuity and present a generalization of [24, Theorem 7] to a system of mappings. We also present some illustrative examples to justify the validity of our results.

2. MAIN RESULTS

Firstly, we define a new class of a system of mappings on the product of metric spaces.

Definition 2.1. Let (W_i, ρ_i) , $i = 1, 2, \dots, n$, be metric spaces and $T_i : W \rightarrow W_i$, $i = 1, 2, \dots, n$ be mappings. Then, the system of mappings (T_1, \dots, T_n) is called *coordinatewise asymptotically regular* at some point $\omega^0 = (\omega_1^0, \dots, \omega_n^0) \in W$, if the sequence of iterations (ω_i^m) defined by

$$\omega_i^1 = T_i \omega^0 \quad \text{and} \quad \omega_i^{m+1} = T_i \omega^m \quad \text{for } m \in \mathbb{N}$$

satisfies

$$\lim_{m \rightarrow \infty} \rho_i(\omega_i^m, \omega_i^{m+1}) = 0 \quad \text{for } i = 1, 2, \dots, n.$$

If (T_1, \dots, T_n) is *coordinatewise asymptotically regular* at each point of W then we call the system (T_1, \dots, T_n) is *coordinatewise asymptotically regular* on W . For $n = 1$, the above definition coincides with the definition of the asymptotic regular mapping due to Browder and Petryshyn [4].

Definition 2.2. Let (Y, ρ) be a metric space. A mapping $g : Y \rightarrow Y$ is called asymptotically regular at some $u \in Y$ if $\lim_{n \rightarrow \infty} \rho(g^n u, g^{n+1} u) = 0$. In other words, the mapping g is asymptotically regular at point $u \in Y$ if the sequence of iterations $(g^n u)$ satisfies $\lim_{n \rightarrow \infty} \rho(g^n u, g^{n+1} u) = 0$. The mapping g is called asymptotically regular on Y if it is asymptotically regular at each point of Y .

Example 2.3. Let $W_i = [0, 1]$ be equipped with the usual metric ρ_i for $i = 1, 2$. Define $T_1 : W_1 \times W_2 \rightarrow W_i$ by

$$T_1(\omega_1, \omega_2) = \begin{cases} 1/(r + 1), & \text{if } \omega_1 = 1/r, r \in \mathbb{N}, \\ 1/2, & \text{if } \omega_1 \neq 1/r, r \in \mathbb{N}, \end{cases}$$

and $T_2 : W_1 \times W_2 \rightarrow W_i$ by

$$T_2(\omega_1, \omega_2) = \begin{cases} 1/(s + 1), & \text{if } \omega_2 = 1/s, s \in \mathbb{N}, \\ 1/2, & \text{if } \omega_2 \neq 1/s, s \in \mathbb{N}. \end{cases}$$

We consider the following three cases:

Case 1 Let $\omega_1 = 1/s$ and $\omega_2 = 1/r$. Then for $\omega^0 = (\omega_1, \omega_2)$, we have $\omega_1^m = 1/(m + r)$, $\omega_2^m = 1/(m + s)$ and $\lim_{m \rightarrow \infty} \rho_i(\omega_i^m, \omega_i^{m+1}) = 0$, $i = 1, 2$.

Case 2 Let $\omega_1 = 1/r$ and $\omega_2 \neq 1/s$. Then for $\omega^0 = (\omega_1, \omega_2)$, we have $\omega_1^m = 1/(m + r)$, $\omega_2^m = 1/(m + 1)$ and $\lim_{m \rightarrow \infty} \rho_i(\omega_i^m, \omega_i^{m+1}) = 0$, $i = 1, 2$.

Case 3 Let $\omega_1 \neq 1/r$ and $\omega_2 \neq 1/s$. Then, for $\omega^0 = (\omega_1, \omega_2)$ we have $\omega_1^m = 1/(m + 1)$, $\omega_2^m = 1/(m + 1)$ and $\lim_{m \rightarrow \infty} \rho_i(\omega_i^m, \omega_i^{m+1}) = 0$, $i = 1, 2$.

Thus, the system (T_1, T_2) is coordinatewise asymptotically regular even though the system of equations

$$T_i(\omega_1, \omega_2) = \omega_i \quad \text{for } i = 1, 2,$$

has no solution in $W_1 \times W_2$. This implies that the condition of coordinatewise asymptotic regularity is not sufficient enough to ensure the existence of a solution of such types of system of equations.

Now, we prove an existence result for a solution of the system of equations (1.1) under the certain conditions.

Theorem 2.4. Let (W_i, ρ_i) , $i = 1, 2, \dots, n$, be complete metric spaces and $T_i : W \rightarrow W_i$, $i = 1, 2, \dots, n$, be continuous mappings. Assume that the system of mappings (T_1, \dots, T_n) is coordinatewise asymptotically regular on W . If there exists $\varphi \in \Phi$ such that for all $\omega, \bar{\omega} \in W$ and $i = 1, 2, \dots, n$, the following conditions hold:

$$\rho_i(T_i \omega, T_i \bar{\omega}) \leq \varphi(D_i(\omega, \bar{\omega})) \quad \text{for all } \omega_k, \bar{\omega}_k \in W_k; \tag{2.1}$$

$$|\lambda_i| \leq 1 \quad \text{for } i = 1, 2, \dots, n, \tag{2.2}$$

where $D_i(\omega, \bar{\omega}) = \sum_{k=1}^n a_{ik} \rho_k(\omega_k, \bar{\omega}_k) + \eta \{ \rho_i(\omega_i, T_i \omega) + \rho_i(\bar{\omega}_i, T_i \bar{\omega}) \}$, $a_{ik} > 0$, $i, k = 1, \dots, n$, and λ_i , $i = 1, 2, \dots, n$ are characteristics roots of matrix (a_{ik}) , $i, k = 1, 2, \dots, n$. Then the system of equations (1.1) has a unique solution $(z_1, \dots, z_n) \in$

W. Further, for arbitrarily fixed $\omega_i^1 \in W_i$, $i = 1, 2, \dots, n$, the sequence of successive approximations

$$\omega_i^{m+1} = T_i \omega^m \quad \text{for } i = 1, 2, \dots, n \text{ and } m \in \mathbb{N}$$

converges such that

$$z_i = \lim_{n \rightarrow \infty} \omega_i^m \quad \text{for } i = 1, 2, \dots, n.$$

Moreover, if $\eta = 1$ then the continuities of T_i , $i = 1, 2, \dots, n$, are not required.

Proof. For each $i = 1, 2, \dots, n$, pick $\omega_i^0 \in W_i$ and define

$$\omega_i^{m+1} = T_i \omega^m \quad \text{for } i = 1, 2, \dots, n \text{ and } m \in \mathbb{N} \cup \{0\}.$$

Now, by coordinatewise asymptotic regularity of (T_1, \dots, T_n) , we get

$$\lim_{m \rightarrow \infty} \rho_i(\omega_i^m, \omega_i^{m+1}) = 0 \quad \text{for } i = 1, 2, \dots, n. \quad (2.3)$$

Then for each $\varepsilon_i > 0$, $i = 1, 2, \dots, n$, there exists $r_i \in \mathbb{N}$ such that

$$\rho_i(\omega_i^{m_i}, \omega_i^{m_i+1}) < \varepsilon_i \quad \text{for } r_i \leq m_i \in \mathbb{N}.$$

In the above inequalities, taking $r = \max\{r_i : i = 1, 2, \dots, n\}$, we get

$$\rho_i(\omega_i^m, \omega_i^{m+1}) < \varepsilon_i \quad \text{for } i = 1, 2, \dots, n \text{ and } m \geq r \in \mathbb{N}. \quad (2.4)$$

Now, we prove that (ω_i^m) is a Cauchy sequence for each $i = 1, 2, \dots, n$. Assume that sequence (ω_i^m) is not a Cauchy in W_i . Then for each $i = 1, 2, \dots, n$ and $r \in \mathbb{N}$, there exist $\varepsilon_i > 0$ and sequences of positive integers $(p_i(r))$, $(q_i(r))$ with $r \leq p_i(r) < q_i(r)$ such that

$$\rho_i(\omega_i^{p_i(r)}, \omega_i^{q_i(r)}) \geq \varepsilon_i. \quad (2.5)$$

We may assume that $q_i(r)$ is the smallest positive integer greater than $p_i(r)$ such that the inequality (2.5) holds with the following inequality

$$\rho_i(\omega_i^{p_i(r)}, \omega_i^{q_i(r)-1}) < \varepsilon_i \quad \text{for } i = 1, 2, \dots, n. \quad (2.6)$$

Then by the triangle inequality and using (2.6), we have

$$\begin{aligned} \rho_i(\omega_i^{p_i(r)}, \omega_i^{q_i(r)}) &\leq \rho_i(\omega_i^{p_i(r)}, \omega_i^{q_i(r)-1}) + \rho(\omega_i^{q_i(r)-1}, \omega_i^{q_i(r)}) \\ &< \varepsilon_i + \rho_i(\omega_i^{q_i(r)}, \omega_i^{q_i(r)-1}) \quad \text{for } i = 1, 2, \dots, n. \end{aligned}$$

Making $r \rightarrow \infty$ and using (2.3), we get

$$\lim_{r \rightarrow \infty} \rho_i(\omega_i^{p_i(r)}, \omega_i^{q_i(r)}) = \varepsilon_i \quad \text{for } i = 1, 2, \dots, n. \quad (2.7)$$

Next, we observe that,

$$\begin{aligned} \varepsilon_i &\leq \rho_i(\omega_i^{p_i(r)}, \omega_i^{q_i(r)}) \\ &\leq \rho_i(\omega_i^{p_i(r)}, \omega_i^{p_i(r)+1}) + \rho_i(\omega_i^{p_i(r)+1}, \omega_i^{q_i(r)+1}) + \rho_i(\omega_i^{q_i(r)+1}, \omega_i^{q_i(r)}) \\ &\leq \rho_i(\omega_i^{p_i(r)}, \omega_i^{p_i(r)+1}) + \rho_i(T_i \omega^{p_i(r)}, T_i \omega^{q_i(r)}) + \rho_i(\omega_i^{q_i(r)+1}, \omega_i^{q_i(r)}) \\ &\leq \rho_i(\omega_i^{p_i(r)}, \omega_i^{p_i(r)+1}) + \varphi \left(D_i(\omega^{p_i(r)}, \omega^{q_i(r)}) \right) + \rho_i(\omega_i^{q_i(r)+1}, \omega_i^{q_i(r)}) \end{aligned}$$

for $i = 1, 2, \dots, n$. Making $r \rightarrow \infty$ and using (2.7), we get

$$\varepsilon_i \leq \varphi \left(D_i(\omega^{p_i(r)}, \omega^{q_i(r)}) \right) \text{ for } i = 1, 2, \dots, n.$$

We note that

$$\lim_{r \rightarrow \infty} D_i(\omega^{p_i(r)}, \omega^{q_i(r)}) = \sum_{k=1}^n a_{ik} \varepsilon_k \text{ for } i = 1, 2, \dots, n$$

and let

$$\sum_{k=1}^n a_{ik} \varepsilon_k = h_i \text{ for } i = 1, 2, \dots, n.$$

Then $\limsup_{s \rightarrow t^+} \varphi(s) < t$ for all $t > 0$ implies

$$\varepsilon_i \leq \lim_{r \rightarrow +\infty} \varphi(D_i(\omega^{p_i(r)}, \omega^{q_i(r)})) \leq \lim_{\varepsilon' \rightarrow +0} \sup_{s \in (h_i, h_i + \varepsilon')} \varphi(s) < h_i$$

for $i = 1, 2, \dots, n$. Hence we get

$$\varepsilon_i < \sum_{k=1}^n a_{ik} \varepsilon_k \text{ for } i = 1, 2, \dots, n. \tag{2.8}$$

Then from (2.2) and Peron’s theorem [13, page 53], there exist positive numbers (t_1, \dots, t_n) such

$$\sum_{k=1}^n a_{ik} t_k \leq t_i \text{ for } i = 1, 2, \dots, n. \tag{2.9}$$

Without loss of generality, we may assume that

$$\varepsilon_i \leq t_i \text{ for } i = 1, 2, \dots, n.$$

Then from (2.8) and (2.9), we have

$$\varepsilon_i < \sum_{k=1}^n a_{ik} \varepsilon_k \leq \sum_{k=1}^n a_{ik} t_k \leq t_i \text{ for } i = 1, 2, \dots, n.$$

Since these inequalities are strict, there exists $h = \max \left\{ \frac{\varepsilon_1}{t_1}, \frac{\varepsilon_2}{t_2}, \dots, \frac{\varepsilon_n}{t_n} \right\} \in (0, 1)$ such that

$$\varepsilon_i \leq h t_i \text{ for } i = 1, 2, \dots, n.$$

Repeating this process m times, we get

$$\varepsilon_i \leq h^m t_i \text{ for } i = 1, 2, \dots, n.$$

Making $m \rightarrow \infty$, we get

$$\varepsilon_i \leq 0 \text{ for } i = 1, 2, \dots, n.$$

Hence (ω_i^m) is a Cauchy sequence for each $i = 1, 2, \dots, n$. Since W_i is a complete metric space, there exists $z_i \in W_i$ such that $\lim_{m \rightarrow \infty} \omega_i^m = z_i$, $i = 1, 2, \dots, n$ and $\omega^m = (\omega_1^m, \dots, \omega_n^m) \rightarrow z = (z_1, \dots, z_n)$. If T_i , $i = 1, 2, \dots, n$, are continuous then $T_i \omega^m = \omega_i^{m+1} \rightarrow T_i z$ implies $T_i z = z_i$, $i = 1, 2, \dots, n$.

Now suppose that $\eta = 1$ then from (2.1), we have

$$\rho_i(\omega_i^{m+1}, T_i z) = \rho_i(T_i \omega^m, T_i z) \leq \varphi(D_i(\omega^m, z)) \quad \text{for } i = 1, 2, \dots, n$$

where $D_i(\omega^m, z) = \sum_{k=1}^n a_{ik} \rho_k(\omega_k^m, z_k) + \rho_i(\omega_i^m, \omega_i^{m+1}) + \rho_i(z_i, T_i z)$.

Making $m \rightarrow \infty$, we get

$$\rho_i(z_i, T_i z) \leq \lim_{m \rightarrow \infty} \varphi(D_i(z_i, T_i z)) \quad \text{for } i = 1, 2, \dots, n.$$

Also

$$\lim_{m \rightarrow \infty} D_i(\omega^m, z) = \sum_{k=1}^n a_{ik} \rho_k(z_k, T_k z) \quad \text{for } i = 1, 2, \dots, n.$$

Let $\rho_i^* = \sum_{k=1}^n a_{ik} \rho_k(z_k, T_k z)$, $i = 1, 2, \dots, n$. Then by $\limsup_{s \rightarrow t^+} \varphi(s) < t$ for all $t > 0$, we obtain

$$\rho_i(z_i, T_i z) \leq \lim_{m \rightarrow \infty} \varphi(D_i(\omega^m, z)) \leq \lim_{\rho \rightarrow +0} \sup_{s \in (\rho_i^*, \rho_i^* + \rho)} \varphi(s) < \rho_i^* \quad \text{for } i = 1, 2, \dots, n.$$

This implies

$$\rho_i(z_i, T_i z) < \sum_{k=1}^n a_{ik} \rho_k(z_k, T_k z) \quad \text{for } i = 1, 2, \dots, n. \quad (2.10)$$

We may assume that

$$\rho_i(z_i, T_i z) \leq t_i \quad \text{for } i = 1, 2, \dots, n.$$

Then, taking into account of conditions (2.9), (2.10) and by Peron's theorem [13], we get

$$\rho_i(z_i, T_i z) < t_i \quad \text{for } i = 1, 2, \dots, n.$$

Since these inequalities are strict, there exists an $\ell = \max\{\rho_i(z_i, T_i z)/t_i : i = 1, 2, \dots, n\} \in (0, 1)$ such that

$$\rho_i(z_i, T_i z) \leq \ell t_i \quad \text{for } i = 1, 2, \dots, n.$$

Repeating the above process m times, we get

$$\rho_i(z_i, T_i z) \leq \ell^m t_i \quad \text{for } i = 1, 2, \dots, n.$$

Making $m \rightarrow \infty$, we get

$$\rho_i(z_i, T_i z) = 0 \quad \text{or } T_i z = z_i \quad \text{for } i = 1, 2, \dots, n.$$

Hence the system of equations (1.1) has a solution in W .

For uniqueness of a solution of the system of equations (1.1), assume that $w = (w_1, \dots, w_n)$ is another solution of the system (1.1) such that

$$\rho_i(z_i, w_i) \neq 0 \quad \text{for } i = 1, 2, \dots, n.$$

Then from (2.1), we have

$$\begin{aligned} \rho_i(z_i, w_i) &\leq \varphi \left(\sum_{k=1}^n a_{ik} \rho_k(z_k, w_k) + \eta \{ \rho_i(z_i, T_i z) + \rho_i(w_i, T_i w) \} \right) \\ &< \sum_{k=1}^n a_{ik} \rho_k(z_k, w_k) \quad \text{for } i = 1, 2, \dots, n. \end{aligned} \tag{2.11}$$

We may assume that

$$\rho_i(z_i, w_i) \leq t_i \quad \text{for } i = 1, 2, \dots, n.$$

Then in view of Peron's theorem [13, page 53] and conditions (2.9), (2.11), we get

$$\rho_i(z_i, w_i) < t_i \quad \text{for } i = 1, 2, \dots, n.$$

As the above inequalities are strict so there exists $\tau = \max\{\rho_i(z_i, w_i)/t_i : i = 1, 2, \dots, n\} \in (0, 1)$ such that

$$\rho_i(z_i, w_i) \leq \tau t_i \quad \text{for } i = 1, 2, \dots, n.$$

Following this process m times, we get

$$\rho_i(z_i, w_i) \leq \tau^m t_i \quad \text{for } i = 1, 2, \dots, n.$$

Making $m \rightarrow \infty$, we get

$$\rho_i(z_i, w_i) = 0 \quad \text{or } z_i = w_i \quad \text{for } i = 1, 2, \dots, n.$$

This completes the proof. □

The following example illustrates the utility of our result.

Example 2.5. Let $W_i = \{0, 1, 2\}$, $i = 1, 2$ and (W_i, ρ_i) , $i = 1, 2$, be usual metric spaces. Define $T_1 : W_1 \times W_2 \rightarrow W_1$ by

$$T_1(\omega_1, \omega_2) = 4\omega_1 - 2\omega_1^2$$

and $T_2 : W_1 \times W_2 \rightarrow W_2$ by

$$T_2(\omega_1, \omega_2) = 4\omega_2 - 2\omega_2^2$$

for all $(\omega_1, \omega_2) \in W_1 \times W_2$.

Then, it is easy to see that (W_i, ρ_i) , $i = 1, 2$ are complete metric spaces and T_i , $i = 1, 2$ are continuous mappings. Also, the system (T_1, T_2) is coordinate-wise asymptotically regular on $W_1 \times W_2$. Now, if we take

$$a_{11} = a_{12} = a_{21} = a_{22} = 1/2, \quad \varphi(t) = t/2 \quad \text{and} \quad \eta = 4$$

then for all $\omega, \bar{\omega} \in W_1 \times W_2$, we have

$$\rho_i(T_i \omega, T_i \bar{\omega}) \leq 2 \leq \varphi(D_i(\omega, \bar{\omega})) \quad \text{for } i = 1, 2.$$

Hence, all the assumptions of Theorem 2.4 are verified and the system of equations (1.1) for $n = 2$, has a unique solution at $(0, 0)$. However for $\omega = (0, 0)$ and $\bar{\omega} = (1, 1)$, we have

$$\rho_i(T_i\omega, T_i\bar{\omega}) > \sum_{k=1}^2 a_{ik}\rho_k(\omega_k, \bar{\omega}_k) \quad \text{for } i = 1, 2.$$

Thus, we cannot apply Theorem 1.1 and result of [20, Theorem 1.4].

Remark 2.6. By definition of ϕ , we know that for every $\epsilon > 0$ there exists $\delta > \epsilon$ such that $\epsilon < t < \epsilon + \delta$ implies $\phi(t) \leq \epsilon$. In other word, we can say $\phi(t) < t$ for all $t \in (\epsilon, \epsilon + \delta)$. This implies $\phi(t) < t$ for $t > 0$ and $\lim_{\delta \rightarrow 0} \sup_{s \in (\epsilon, \epsilon + \delta)} \phi(s) < s$.

Hence $\phi \in \Phi$.

If we take $n = 1, T_i = g, a_{11} = 1, W_i = Y, \rho_i = \rho$ in Theorem 2.4, we get a generalized version of Theorem 1.2 which shows in case when $\eta = 1$, the assumption of continuity on the control function is weaken.

Corollary 2.7. *Let (Y, ρ) be a complete metric space. Assume that $g : Y \rightarrow Y$ is a continuous asymptotically regular mapping on Y which satisfies the following condition:*

$$\rho(gu, gv) \leq \varphi(D(u, v))$$

where $D(u, v) = \rho(u, v) + \eta \{ \rho(u, gu) + \rho(v, gv) \}$, $\eta \geq 0$ and $\varphi \in \Phi$. Then the mapping g has a unique fixed point in Y . Moreover, if we take $\eta = 1$ then continuity of g is not required.

Corollary 2.8. *Let (Z, ρ) be a complete metric space and $T : Z^n \rightarrow Z$ be a continuous asymptotically regular mapping on Z such that*

$$\rho(T(z, \dots, z), T(\bar{z}, \dots, \bar{z})) \leq \varphi(\rho(z, \bar{z}) + \eta \{ \rho(z, Tz) + \rho(\bar{z}, T\bar{z}) \})$$

where $\varphi \in \Phi$. Then the system of equation $T(z, \dots, z) = z$ has a unique solution. Moreover, if we take $\eta = 1$ then continuity of T need not be required.

Proof. The proof is obtained by taking $W_i = Z, T_i = T, \rho_i = \rho$ and $a_{ik} = q_k$ with $q_1 + \dots + q_n = 1$ for each $i = 1, 2, \dots, n$, in Theorem 2.4. \square

If we take $D_i(\omega, \bar{\omega}) = \sum_{k=1}^n a_{ik}\rho_k(\omega_k, \bar{\omega}_k)$ for $i = 1, 2, \dots, n$, in Theorem 2.4 then assumptions of continuity and coordinatewise asymptotic regularity remain redundant and we get an extension of [20, Theorem 1.4].

Theorem 2.9. *Let (W_i, ρ_i) , $i = 1, 2, \dots, n$, be complete metric spaces and $T_i : W \rightarrow W_i$, $i = 1, 2, \dots, n$, be mappings. If there exists $\varphi \in \Phi$ such that for all $\omega, \bar{\omega} \in W$ and $i = 1, 2, \dots, n$, the following condition hold:*

$$\rho_i(T_i\omega, T_i\bar{\omega}) \leq \varphi \left(\sum_{k=1}^n a_{ik}\rho_k(\omega_k, \bar{\omega}_k) \right) \tag{2.12}$$

where a_{ik} , $i, k = 1, 2, \dots, n$ are defined in Theorem 2.4. Then, the system of equations (1.1) has a unique solution (z_1, \dots, z_n) in W . Moreover, for arbitrarily fixed $\omega_i^1 \in W_i$, $i = 1, 2, \dots, n$, the sequence of successive approximations $\omega_i^{m+1} = T_i \omega^m$ converges to $z_i = \lim_{m \rightarrow \infty} \omega_i^m$ for $i = 1, 2, \dots, n$ and $m \in \mathbb{N}$.

Proof. For each $i = 1, 2, \dots, n$, pick $\omega_i^0 \in W_i$ and define

$$\omega_i^{m+1} = T_i \omega^m \quad \text{for } i = 1, 2, \dots, n \quad \text{and } m \in \mathbb{N} \cup \{0\}.$$

Then from (2.2) and Peron’s theorem [13, page 53], there exist positive numbers (r_1, \dots, r_n) such

$$\sum_{k=1}^n a_{ik} r_k \leq r_i \quad \text{for } i = 1, 2, \dots, n. \tag{2.13}$$

We may assume that

$$\rho_i(\omega_i^1, \omega_i^0) \leq r_i \quad \text{for } i = 1, 2, \dots, n.$$

Then from (2.12) and (2.13), we have

$$\begin{aligned} \rho_i(\omega_i^2, \omega_i^1) &= \rho_i(T_i \omega^1, T_i \omega^0) \\ &\leq \varphi \left(\sum_{k=1}^n a_{ik} \rho_k(\omega_k^1, \omega_k^0) \right) \\ &\leq \varphi \left(\sum_{k=1}^n a_{ik} r_k \right) < r_i \quad \text{for } i = 1, 2, \dots, n. \end{aligned}$$

Since these inequalities are strict, there exists an $h = \max\{\rho_i(\omega_i^2, \omega_i^1)/r_i : i = 1, 2, \dots, n\} \in (0, 1)$ such that

$$\rho_i(\omega_i^2, \omega_i^1) \leq h r_i \quad \text{for } i = 1, 2, \dots, n.$$

Now using induction, we prove that the following inequalities are true for all $m \geq 1 \in \mathbb{N}$,

$$\rho_i(\omega_i^{m+1}, \omega_i^m) \leq h^m r_i \quad \text{for } i = 1, 2, \dots, n \quad \text{and } m \in \mathbb{N} \cup \{0\}.$$

Assume that the above inequalities are true for some $m \in \mathbb{N}$. Then from (2.12), we have

$$\begin{aligned} \rho_i(\omega_i^{m+2}, \omega_i^{m+1}) &= \rho_i(T_i \omega^{m+1}, T_i \omega^m) \\ &\leq \varphi \left(\sum_{k=1}^n a_{ik} \rho_k(\omega_k^{m+1}, \omega_k^m) \right) \\ &\leq \varphi \left(\sum_{k=1}^n a_{ik} h^m r_k \right) < h^m r_i \quad \text{for } i = 1, 2, \dots, n. \end{aligned}$$

Again, since the above inequalities are strict, we can find $h \in (0, 1)$ such that

$$\rho_i(\omega_i^{m+2}, \omega_i^{m+1}) \leq h^{m+1} r_i \quad \text{for } i = 1, 2, \dots, n.$$

Making $m \rightarrow \infty$, we get

$$\lim_{m \rightarrow \infty} \rho_i(\omega_i^{m+1}, \omega_i^m) = 0 \quad \text{for } i = 1, 2, \dots, n.$$

Hence the system of mappings (T_1, \dots, T_n) is an asymptotically regular on W . Also, the condition (2.10) implies that the mappings T_i , $i = 1, 2, \dots, n$ are continuous on W . Rest of the proof may be completed following the proof of Theorem 2.4. \square

If we take $W_i = Z$, $T_i = T$, $a_{ik} = 1$, $\rho_i = \rho$ for each $i, k = 1, 2, \dots, n$ in Theorem 2.9, we get the following result.

Corollary 2.10. *Let (Z, ρ) be a complete metric space and $T : Z^n \rightarrow Z$ be a mapping on Z such that*

$$\rho(T(z, \dots, z), T(\bar{z}, \dots, \bar{z})) \leq \varphi(\rho(z, \bar{z}))$$

where $\varphi \in \Phi$. Then $T(z, \dots, z) = z$ has a unique solution. Moreover, if we take $\eta = 1$ then continuity of T is not required.

If we take $n = 1$, $T_i = f$, $a_{11} = 1$, $W_i = Y$, and $\rho_i = \rho$ in Corollary 2.9, then we obtain Theorem 1.3 as a direct consequence of Corollary 2.9.

Now, we establish an existence and uniqueness result for a new class of system of mappings without using the assumption of continuity.

Theorem 2.11. *Let (W_i, ρ_i) , $i = 1, 2, \dots, n$, be complete metric spaces and $T_i : W \rightarrow W_i$, $i = 1, 2, \dots, n$, be mappings. If the system of mappings (T_1, \dots, T_n) is coordinatewise asymptotically regular on W such that the following conditions hold:*

$$\rho_i(\omega_i, T_i \bar{\omega}) \leq \sum_{k=1}^n a_{ik} \rho_k(\omega_k, \bar{\omega}_k) + \mu \{ \rho_i(\omega_i, T_i \omega) + \rho_i(T_i \omega^j, T_i \omega^{j+1}) \}; \quad (2.14)$$

$$|\lambda_i| < 1 \quad \text{for } i = 1, 2, \dots, n \quad (2.15)$$

for all $\omega, \bar{\omega} \in W$, where $a_{ik} > 0$, $i, k = 1, \dots, n$, $\mu \in [0, \infty)$, $j \in \mathbb{N}$ and λ_i , $i = 1, \dots, n$ are characteristics roots of matrix (a_{ik}) , $i, k = 1, 2, \dots, n$. Then, the system of equations (1.1) has a unique solution $(z_1, \dots, z_n) \in W$ and for arbitrarily fixed $\omega_i^1 \in W_i$, $i = 1, 2, \dots, n$ the sequence of successive approximations $\omega_i^{m+1} = T_i \omega^m$ for $i = 1, 2, \dots, n$ and $m \in \mathbb{N}$ converges such that $z_i = \lim_{m \rightarrow \infty} \omega_i^m$ for $i = 1, 2, \dots, n$.

Proof. For each $i = 1, 2, \dots, n$, pick $\omega_i^0 \in W_i$ and define

$$\omega_i^{m+1} = T_i \omega^m \quad \text{for } m \in \mathbb{N} \quad \text{and } i = 1, 2, \dots, n.$$

Now, by coordinatewise asymptotic regularity of (T_1, \dots, T_n) , we get

$$\lim_{m \rightarrow \infty} \rho_i(\omega_i^m, \omega_i^{m+1}) = 0 \quad \text{for } i = 1, 2, \dots, n.$$

Then, for every $\varepsilon_i > 0$, $i = 1, 2, \dots, n$ there exists an $r \in \mathbb{N}$ such that

$$\rho_i(\omega_i^m, \omega_i^{m+1}) < \varepsilon_i \quad \text{for } i = 1, 2, \dots, n \quad \text{and } m \geq r \in \mathbb{N}. \quad (2.16)$$

Now, we assume that the sequence $(\omega_i^{m_n}) \in W_i$ is not Cauchy for each $i = 1, 2, \dots, n$. Then following the proof of Theorem 2.4 we get, there exist $\varepsilon_i > 0$ and two sequences of positive integers $(p_i(r)), (q_i(r))$ with $r \leq p_i(r) < q_i(r)$ such that

$$\lim_{r \rightarrow \infty} \rho_i(\omega_i^{p_i(r)}, \omega_i^{q_i(r)}) = \varepsilon_i \text{ for } i = 1, 2, \dots, n \text{ and } r \in \mathbb{N}. \tag{2.17}$$

Next, we observe that,

$$\begin{aligned} \varepsilon_i &\leq \rho_i(\omega_i^{p_i(r)}, \omega_i^{q_i(r)}) \\ &\leq \rho_i(\omega_i^{p_i(r)}, \omega_i^{p_i(r)+1}) + \rho_i(\omega_i^{p_i(r)+1}, \omega_i^{q_i(r)+1}) + \rho_i(\omega_i^{q_i(r)+1}, \omega_i^{q_i(r)}) \\ &\leq \rho_i(\omega_i^{p_i(r)}, \omega_i^{p_i(r)+1}) + \rho_i(T_i \omega^{p_i(r)}, T_i \omega^{q_i(r)}) + \rho_i(\omega_i^{q_i(r)+1}, \omega_i^{q_i(r)}) \\ &\leq \rho_i(\omega_i^{p_i(r)}, \omega_i^{p_i(r)+1}) + \sum_{k=1}^n a_{ik} \rho_k(\omega_k^{p_i(r)}, \omega_k^{q_i(r)}) \\ &\quad + \mu \left\{ \rho_i(\omega_i^{p_i(r)}, T_i \omega^{p_i(r)}) + \rho_i(T_i^j \omega^{p_i(r)}, T_i^{j+1} \omega^{p_i(r)}) \right\} + \rho_i(\omega_i^{q_i(r)+1}, \omega_i^{q_i(r)}) \\ &= \rho_i(\omega_i^{p_i(r)}, \omega_i^{p_i(r)+1}) + \sum_{k=1}^n a_{ik} \rho_k(\omega_k^{p_i(r)}, \omega_k^{q_i(r)}) + \mu \left\{ \rho_i(\omega_i^{p_i(r)}, \omega_i^{p_i(r)+1}) \right\} \\ &\quad + \mu \left\{ \rho_i(\omega_i^{p_i(r)+j}, \omega_i^{p_i(r)+j+1}) \right\} + \rho_i(\omega_i^{q_i(r)+1}, \omega_i^{q_i(r)}) \end{aligned}$$

for $i = 1, 2, \dots, n$. Making $r \rightarrow \infty$ and using (2.16), (2.17), we get

$$\varepsilon_i \leq \sum_{k=1}^n a_{ik} \varepsilon_k \text{ for } i = 1, 2, \dots, n. \tag{2.18}$$

Now, from Peron’s theorem [13, page 53] and condition (2.15) there exist positive numbers (t_1, \dots, t_n) such that

$$\sum_{k=1}^n a_{ik} t_k < t_i \text{ for } i = 1, 2, \dots, n.$$

We may assume that

$$\varepsilon_i \leq t_i \text{ for } i = 1, 2, \dots, n.$$

Further, if we put

$$h = \max_{1 \leq i \leq n} \left(t_i^{-1} \sum_{k=1}^n a_{ik} t_k \right) \tag{2.19}$$

then $h \in (0, 1)$ and

$$\sum_{k=1}^n a_{ik} t_k \leq h t_i \text{ for } i = 1, 2, \dots, n.$$

From (2.18), we have

$$\varepsilon_i \leq \sum_{k=1}^n a_{ik} \varepsilon_k \leq \sum_{k=1}^n a_{ik} t_k \leq \sum_{k=1}^n a_{ik} h t_k < h t_i \text{ for } i = 1, 2, \dots, n.$$

Repeating this process m times, we get

$$\varepsilon_i \leq h^m t_i \text{ for } i = 1, 2, \dots, n.$$

Making $m \rightarrow \infty$, we get the following contradictions

$$\varepsilon_i \leq 0 \text{ for } i = 1, 2, \dots, n.$$

Hence, (ω_i^m) is a Cauchy sequence for each $i = 1, 2, \dots, n$. Since W_i is a complete metric space, there exists $z_i \in W_i$ such that $\lim_{m \rightarrow \infty} \omega_i^m = z_i$ for $i = 1, 2, \dots, n$. Now from (2.14), we have

$$\rho_i(\omega_i^m, T_i z) \leq \sum_{k=1}^n a_{ik} \rho_k(\omega_k^m, z_k) + \mu \{ \rho_i(\omega_i^m, \omega_i^{m+1}) + \rho_i(\omega_i^{m+j}, \omega_i^{m+j+1}) \}$$

for $i = 1, 2, \dots, n$. Making $m \rightarrow \infty$, we get

$$\rho_i(z_i, T_i z) \leq 0 \text{ for } i = 1, 2, \dots, n$$

which implies that $T_i z = z_i$ for $i = 1, 2, \dots, n$. Hence the system of equations (1.1) has a solution in W . For uniqueness of the solution, assume that $w = (w_1, \dots, w_n)$ is another solution of system of equations (1.1). Then

$$\begin{aligned} 0 < \rho_i(z_i, w_i) &= \rho_i(z_i, T_i w) \\ &\leq \sum_{k=1}^n a_{ik} \rho_k(z_k, w_k) + \mu \{ \rho_i(z_i, T_i z) + \rho_i(T_i z^j, T_i z^{j+1}) \} \\ &\leq \sum_{k=1}^n a_{ik} \rho_k(z_k, w_k) \text{ for } i = 1, 2, \dots, n. \end{aligned}$$

We may assume that

$$\rho_i(z_i, w_i) \leq t_i \text{ for } i = 1, 2, \dots, n,$$

then

$$\rho_i(z_i, w_i) \leq \sum_{k=1}^n a_{ik} \rho_i(z_i, w_i) \leq \sum_{k=1}^n a_{ik} t_k < t_i \text{ for } i = 1, 2, \dots, n.$$

Taking into account of (2.19), there exists $h \in (0, 1)$ such that

$$\rho_i(z_i, w_i) \leq \sum_{k=1}^n a_{ik} t_k \leq h t_i \text{ for } i = 1, 2, \dots, n.$$

Continuing this process m times, we get

$$\rho_i(z_i, w_i) \leq h^m t_i \text{ for } i = 1, 2, \dots, n.$$

Making $m \rightarrow \infty$, we get

$$\rho_i(z_i, w_i) = 0 \text{ for } i = 1, 2, \dots, n.$$

Hence $z_i = w_i$ for $i = 1, 2, \dots, n$. □

Example 2.12. Let $W_i = [0, 1]$ and ρ_i be usual metric on W_i for each $i = 1, 2$. Define $T_i : W_1 \times W_2 \rightarrow W_i$ for $i = 1, 2$ by

$$\begin{aligned} T_1(\omega_1, \omega_2) &= \begin{cases} 0, & \text{when } 0 \leq \omega_1 < 1, \\ 1/2, & \text{when } \omega_1 = 1, \end{cases} \quad \text{and} \\ T_2(\omega_1, \omega_2) &= \begin{cases} 0, & \text{when } 0 \leq \omega_2 < 1, \\ 1/2, & \text{when } \omega_2 = 1. \end{cases} \end{aligned}$$

Then, it is easily seen that the system (T_1, T_2) is continuous and coordinatewise asymptotically regular on $W_1 \times W_2$. Now, for $\omega, \bar{\omega} \in [0, 1) \times [0, 1)$ or $\omega = \bar{\omega} = (1, 1)$, we have

$$\rho_i(\omega_i, T_i \bar{\omega}) = \omega_i \leq \mu \rho_i(\omega_i, T_i \omega) \quad \text{for } i = 1, 2 \text{ and } \mu \geq 2.$$

If $\omega \in [0, 1)$ and $\bar{\omega} = (1, 1)$ then

$$\rho_i(\omega_i, T_i \bar{\omega}) = |\omega_i - \bar{\omega}_i| \leq \mu \rho_i(\omega_i, T_i \omega) \quad \text{for } i = 1, 2 \text{ and } \mu \geq 2.$$

Thus the system (T_1, T_2) satisfies the condition (2.14) for $n = 2$. Hence all the assumptions of Theorem 2.9 are verified and $(\omega_1, \omega_2) = (0, 0)$ is a solution of the system of equations (1.1) for $n = 2$.

If we take $W_i = Z$, $T_i = T$, $a_{ik} = h$, $\rho_i = \rho$ for each $i, k = 1, 2, \dots, n$ in Theorem 2.11, we get the following result.

Corollary 2.13. *Let (Z, ρ) be a complete metric space and $T : Z^n \rightarrow Z$ be a mapping on Z such that*

$$\rho((z, \dots, z), T(\bar{z}, \dots, \bar{z})) \leq h\rho(z, \bar{z}) + \mu \left\{ \begin{array}{l} \rho(z, T(z, \dots, z)) + \\ \rho(T^j(z, \dots, z), T^{j+1}(z, \dots, z)) \end{array} \right\}$$

where $\varphi \in \Phi$, $\mu \in [0, \infty)$, $j \in \mathbb{N}$ and $h \in (0, 1)$. Then the equation $T(z, \dots, z) = z$ has a unique solution.

If we take $n = 1$, $a_{11} = k$, $T_i = f$, $W_i = Y$, $\rho_i = \rho$, in Theorem 2.11 then we get following result of [24, Theorem 7].

Corollary 2.14. *Let (Y, ρ) be a complete metric space. Assume that $f : W \rightarrow W$ is an asymptotically regular mapping satisfying the following condition :*

$$\rho(u, fv) \leq k\rho(u, v) + \mu\{\rho(u, fu) + \rho(f^j u, f^{j+1}u)\}$$

where $j \in \mathbb{N}$, $k \in (0, 1)$ and $\mu \in [0, \infty)$. Then there exists a unique fixed point $p \in Y$ for f and for any $\bar{\omega} \in Y$, we have $\lim_{n \rightarrow \infty} f^n(\omega) = p$.

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