

## CONVERGENCE THEOREMS OF THREE-STEP ITERATION METHODS FOR QUASI-CONTRACTIVE MAPPINGS

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**ABSTRACT** We obtain the convergence of three-step iteration methods and generalized three-step iteration methods for quasi-contractive and generalized quasi-contractive mappings, respectively, in Banach spaces. Our results extend the corresponding results in [1], [4]-[6].

### 1. Introduction and Preliminaries

Convergence results for several iteration methods of quasi-contractive mappings have been obtained by some researchers (see, for example, [1], [4]-[6]). Ding [2] introduced generalized quasi-contractive mappings. Ćirić [1] established first both the existence of fixed points and convergence of Picard iterations for quasi-contractive mappings in complete metric spaces. Liu [4] obtained convergence-theorem of Ishikawa iteration methods for quasi-contractive mappings in Hilbert spaces. Zhao [6] studied convergence of Ishikawa iteration methods for quasi-contractive mappings and generalized quasi-contractive mappings in Banach spaces, respectively.

Our aim in this paper is to establish convergence theorems of three-step iteration methods and generalized three-step iteration methods

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for quasi-contractive and generalized quasi-contractive mappings, respectively, in Banach spaces, which are the generalizations of the corresponding results in [1], [4]-[6].

Throughout this paper, let  $\delta(A)$  and  $N$  denote the diameter of  $A$  for any  $A \subset X$  and the set of all positive integers, respectively. Let  $E$  be a nonempty subset of a Banach space  $(X, \|\cdot\|)$  and  $T : E \rightarrow E$  be a mapping. Recall that  $T$  is *generalized quasi-contractive* on  $E$  if there exist a  $q \in (0, 1)$  and a function  $n : X \rightarrow N$  such that

$$(1.1) \quad \begin{aligned} & \|T^{n(x)}x - T^{n(y)}y\| \\ & \leq q \max\{\|x - y\|, \|x - T^{n(x)}x\|, \|y - T^{n(y)}y\|, \\ & \quad \|x - T^{n(y)}y\|, \|y - T^{n(x)}x\|\} \end{aligned}$$

for  $x, y \in X$ . A mapping  $T : E \rightarrow E$  is called *quasi-contractive* if it satisfies

$$(1.2) \quad \begin{aligned} \|Tx - Ty\| & \leq q \max\{\|x - y\|, \|x - Tx\|, \|y - Ty\|, \\ & \|x - Ty\|, \|y - Tx\|\} \end{aligned}$$

for  $x, y \in X$  and some  $q \in (0, 1)$ .

Clearly, each quasi-contractive mapping is generalized quasi-contractive. Now we give an example to show that the converse is not true.

**EXAMPLE 1.1.** Let  $X = (-\infty, +\infty)$  with the usual metric and  $E = [0, 1] \cup \{2\}$ . Define a function  $n : X \rightarrow N$  and a mapping  $T : E \rightarrow E$  by  $n(x) = [x] + 2$  for all  $x \in X$  and  $Tx = \frac{1}{2}x$  for  $x \in [0, 1]$ ,  $T_1 = 2$  and  $T_2 = \frac{1}{4}$ , where  $[x]$  means the greatest integer not exceeding  $x$ . For any  $q \in (0, 1)$ , there exist  $x = 1$  and  $y = 0$  such that

$$\begin{aligned} |Tx - Ty| &= 2 > 2q = q|y - Tx| \\ &= q \max\{|x - y|, |x - Tx|, |y - Ty|, |x - Ty|, |y - Tx|\}, \end{aligned}$$

which implies that  $T$  is not a quasi-contractive mapping. Now we claim that  $T$  is generalized quasi-contractive with  $q = \frac{1}{4}$ . For any  $x, y \in E$  with  $x \neq y$ , we consider the following cases:

Case 1. Let  $x, y \in [0, 1)$ . Then

$$\begin{aligned} |T^{n(x)}x - T^{n(y)}y| &= \frac{1}{4}|x - y| \\ &\leq q \max\{|x - y|, |x - T^{n(x)}x|, |y - T^{n(y)}y|, \\ &\quad |x - T^{n(y)}y|, |y - T^{n(x)}x|\}. \end{aligned}$$

Case 2. Let  $x \in [0, 1)$  and  $y = 1$ . It follows that

$$\begin{aligned} |T^{n(x)}x - T^{n(y)}y| &= \frac{1}{4}\left|x - \frac{1}{2}\right| \leq q|y - T^{n(y)}y| \\ &\leq q \max\{|x - y|, |x - T^{n(x)}x|, |y - T^{n(y)}y|, \\ &\quad |x - T^{n(y)}y|, |y - T^{n(x)}x|\}. \end{aligned}$$

Case 3. Let  $x \in [0, 1)$  and  $y = 2$ . We have

$$\begin{aligned} |T^{n(x)}x - T^{n(y)}y| &= \frac{1}{4}\left|\frac{1}{8} - x\right| \leq q|x - y| \\ &\leq q \max\{|x - y|, |x - T^{n(x)}x|, |y - T^{n(y)}y|, \\ &\quad |x - T^{n(y)}y|, |y - T^{n(x)}x|\}. \end{aligned}$$

Case 4. Let  $x = 1$  and  $y = 2$ . Then

$$\begin{aligned} |T^{n(x)}x - T^{n(y)}y| &= \frac{1}{4}\left|\frac{1}{8} - \frac{1}{2}\right| \leq q|x - y| \\ &\leq q \max\{|x - y|, |x - T^{n(x)}x|, |y - T^{n(y)}y|, \\ &\quad |x - T^{n(y)}y|, |y - T^{n(x)}x|\}. \end{aligned}$$

It follows that  $T$  is generalized quasi-contractive with  $q = \frac{1}{4}$ .

For any given  $x_0 \in E$  and the function  $n: X \rightarrow N$ , the sequence  $\{x_n\}_{n \geq 0}$  defined by

$$\begin{aligned} (1.3) \quad z_n &= (1 - c_n)x_n + c_n T^{n(x_n)}x_n, \\ y_n &= (1 - b_n)x_n + b_n T^{n(z_n)}z_n, \\ x_{n+1} &= (1 - a_n)x_n + a_n T^{n(y_n)}y_n, \quad n \geq 0, \end{aligned}$$

where  $\{a_n\}_{n \geq 0}$ ,  $\{b_n\}_{n \geq 0}$  and  $\{c_n\}_{n \geq 0}$  are any sequences in  $[0, 1]$  is called *generalized three-step iteration sequence*.

For  $x_0 \in E$ , the sequence  $\{x_n\}_{n \geq 0}$  defined by

$$(1.4) \quad \begin{aligned} z_n &= (1 - c_n)x_n + c_nTx_n, \\ y_n &= (1 - b_n)x_n + b_nTz_n, \\ x_{n+1} &= (1 - a_n)x_n + a_nTy_n, \quad n \geq 0, \end{aligned}$$

where  $\{a_n\}_{n \geq 0}$ ,  $\{b_n\}_{n \geq 0}$  and  $\{c_n\}_{n \geq 0}$  are any sequences in  $[0, 1]$  is called *three-step iteration sequence*.

It is easy to see that three-step iteration sequence is a special case of generalized three-step iteration sequence by taking  $n(x) \equiv 1$  for  $x \in X$ .

Particularly, if  $c_n = 0$  for all  $n \geq 0$  in (1.4), then the sequence  $\{x_n\}_{n \geq 0}$  defined by

$$(1.5) \quad \begin{aligned} x_0 &\in E, \\ y_n &= (1 - b_n)x_n + b_nTx_n, \\ x_{n+1} &= (1 - a_n)x_n + a_nTy_n, \quad n \geq 0, \end{aligned}$$

where  $\{a_n\}_{n \geq 0}$  and  $\{b_n\}_{n \geq 0}$  are any sequences in  $[0, 1]$  is called *Ishikawa iteration sequence* which was introduced by Ishikawa[3].

## 2. Convergence Theorems

In this section, we establish convergence theorems of three-step iteration methods and generalized three-step iteration methods for quasi-contractive and generalized quasi-contractive mappings, respectively, in Banach spaces.

**THEOREM 2.1.** *Let  $E$  be a nonempty closed convex subset of a Banach space  $X$  and  $T : E \rightarrow E$  be a quasi-contractive mapping satisfying (1.2). Suppose that  $\{a_n\}_{n \geq 0}$ ,  $\{b_n\}_{n \geq 0}$  and  $\{c_n\}_{n \geq 0}$  are any sequences in  $[0, 1]$  satisfying  $\sum_{n=0}^{\infty} a_n = \infty$ . Then the three-step iteration sequence  $\{x_n\}_{n \geq 0}$  defined by (1.4) converges to a unique fixed point of  $T$  in  $E$ .*

PROOF. For any integers  $m, n$  with  $0 \leq n < m$ , let

$$D_{n,m} = \cup_{j=n}^m \{x_j, y_j, z_j, Tx_j, Ty_j, Tz_j\}$$

and  $d_{n,m} = \delta(D_{n,m})$ . It is clear that

$$(2.1) \quad \begin{aligned} & \max\{\|Tx_k - Tx_l\|, \|Tx_k - Ty_l\|, \|Tx_k - Tz_l\|, \|Ty_k - Ty_l\|, \\ & \leq qd_{n,m} \end{aligned}$$

for  $n \leq k, l \leq m$ . Now we assert that

$$(2.2) \quad d_{n,m} = \max\{\|x_n - Tx_j\|, \|x_n - Ty_j\|, \|x_n - Tz_j\| : n \leq j \leq m\}.$$

We consider the following cases:

Case 1. Suppose that  $d_{n,m} = \max\{\|x_i - Tx_j\| : n \leq i, j \leq m\}$ . Without loss of generality, we assume that  $d_{n,m} = \|x_{k+1} - Tx_l\|$  for some  $k, l$  with  $n \leq k < m$ ,  $n \leq l \leq m$ . From (1.4) and (2.1), we have

$$\begin{aligned} d_{n,m} &= \|(1 - a_k)x_k + a_kTy_k - Tx_l\| \\ &\leq (1 - a_k)\|x_k - Tx_l\| + a_k\|Ty_k - Tx_l\| \\ &\leq (1 - a_k)d_{n,m} + a_kqd_{n,m} \\ &\leq d_{n,m}, \end{aligned}$$

which implies that  $a_k = 0$ . In this way, we infer that  $d_{n,m} = \|x_n - Tx_l\|$  for some  $l$  with  $n \leq l \leq m$ .

Case 2. Suppose that  $d_{n,m} = \max\{\|x_i - Ty_j\| : n \leq i, j \leq m\}$ . As in the proof of Case 1, we conclude that  $d_{n,m} = \|x_n - Ty_l\|$  for some  $l$  with  $n \leq l \leq m$ .

Case 3. Suppose that  $d_{n,m} = \max\{\|x_i - Tz_j\| : n \leq i, j \leq m\}$ . The proof is similar to that of Case 1, so we obtain that  $d_{n,m} = \|x_n - Tz_l\|$  for some  $l$  with  $n \leq l \leq m$ .

Case 4. Suppose that  $d_{n,m} = \max\{\|y_k - Tx_l\| : n \leq k, l \leq m\}$ . Then there exist some  $k, l$  with  $n \leq k, l \leq m$  such that  $d_{n,m} = \|y_k - Tx_l\|$ . In view of (1.4) and (2.1), we get that

$$\begin{aligned} d_{n,m} &= \|(1 - b_k)x_k + b_kTz_k - Tx_l\| \\ &\leq (1 - b_k)\|x_k - Tx_l\| + b_k\|Tz_k - Tx_l\| \\ &\leq (1 - b_k)d_{n,m} + b_kqd_{n,m} \\ &\leq d_{n,m}, \end{aligned}$$

which means that  $b_k = 0$ . Then we deduce that  $d_{n,m} = \|x_k - Tx_l\|$ . The rest of the proof is similar to that of Case 1.

Case 5. Suppose that  $d_{n,m} = \max\{\|y_k - Ty_l\| : n \leq k, l \leq m\}$ . As in the proof of Case 4, we conclude that  $d_{n,m} = \|x_k - Ty_l\|$  for some  $k, l$  with  $n \leq k, l \leq m$ . The rest of the proof is analogous to that of Case 2, so we omit it.

Case 6. Suppose that  $d_{n,m} = \max\{\|y_k - Tz_l\| : n \leq k, l \leq m\}$ . The proof is similar to that of Case 4, hence (2.2) holds.

Case 7. Suppose that  $d_{n,m} = \max\{\|z_k - Tx_l\| : n \leq k, l \leq m\}$ . Without loss of generality, we assume that  $d_{n,m} = \|z_k - Tx_l\|$  for some  $k, l$  with  $n \leq k, l \leq m$ . In the light of (1.4) and (2.1), we infer that

$$\begin{aligned} d_{n,m} &= \|(1 - c_k)x_k + c_kTx_k - Tx_l\| \\ &\leq (1 - c_k)\|x_k - Tx_l\| + c_k\|Tx_k - Tx_l\| \\ &\leq (1 - c_k)d_{n,m} + c_kqd_{n,m} \\ &\leq d_{n,m}, \end{aligned}$$

which implies that  $c_k = 0$ . Then  $d_{n,m} = \|x_k - Tx_l\|$ . The rest of the proof is analogous to that of Case 1, thus (2.2) holds.

Case 8. Suppose that  $d_{n,m} = \max\{\|z_k - Ty_l\| : n \leq k, l \leq m\}$ . As in the proof of Case 7, we get that  $d_{n,m} = \|x_k - Ty_l\|$  for some  $k, l$  with  $n \leq k, l \leq m$ . The rest of the proof is similar to that of Case 2, we omit it.

Case 9. Suppose that  $d_{n,m} = \max\{\|z_k - Tz_l\| : n \leq k, l \leq m\}$ . Similarly, (2.2) holds.

Case 10. Suppose that  $d_{n,m} = \max\{\|x_i - x_j\| : n \leq i, j \leq m\}$ . It is easy to see that there exist  $k, l$  such that  $n \leq k < l < m$  and  $d_{n,m} = \|x_k - x_{l+1}\| > \|x_k - x_l\|$ . From (1.4) and (2.1), we have

$$\begin{aligned} d_{n,m} &= \|(1 - a_l)x_l + a_lTy_l - x_k\| \\ &\leq (1 - a_l)\|x_l - x_k\| + a_l\|Ty_l - x_k\| \\ &\leq d_{n,m}, \end{aligned}$$

which means that  $a_l = 1$ . Then we conclude that  $d_{n,m} = \|x_k - Ty_l\|$ . The rest of the proof is analogous to that of Case 2, so (2.2) holds.

Case 11. Suppose that  $d_{n,m} = \max\{\|y_k - x_l\| : n \leq k, l \leq m\}$ . Without loss of generality, we assume that  $d_{n,m} = \|y_k - x_l\|$  for some  $k, l$  with  $n \leq k, l \leq m$ . In view of (1.4) and (2.1), we infer that

$$\begin{aligned} d_{n,m} &= \|(1 - b_k)x_k + b_k Tz_k - x_l\| \\ &\leq (1 - b_k)\|x_k - x_l\| + b_k\|Tz_k - x_l\| \\ &\leq d_{n,m}, \end{aligned}$$

which yields that  $d_{n,m} = \|x_k - x_l\|$  or  $d_{n,m} = \|Tz_k - x_l\|$ . The rest of the proof is similar to that of Case 10 or Case 3, hence (2.2) holds.

Case 12. Suppose that  $d_{n,m} = \max\{\|z_k - x_l\| : n \leq k, l \leq m\}$ . We assume that  $d_{n,m} = \|z_k - x_l\|$  for some  $k, l$  with  $n \leq k, l \leq m$ . By (1.4) and (2.1), we obtain that

$$\begin{aligned} d_{n,m} &= \|(1 - c_k)x_k + c_k Tx_k - x_l\| \\ &\leq (1 - c_k)\|x_k - x_l\| + c_k\|Tx_k - x_l\| \\ &\leq d_{n,m}, \end{aligned}$$

which means that  $d_{n,m} = \|x_k - x_l\|$  or  $d_{n,m} = \|Tx_k - x_l\|$ . The rest of the proof is analogous to that of Case 10 or Case 1, thus (2.2) holds.

Case 13. Suppose that  $d_{n,m} = \max\{\|y_k - y_l\| : n \leq k, l \leq m\}$ . Without loss of generality, we assume that  $d_{n,m} = \|y_k - y_l\|$  for some  $n \leq k, l \leq m$ . In view of (1.4) and (2.1), we deduce that

$$\begin{aligned} d_{n,m} &= \|(1 - b_k)x_k + b_k Tz_k - y_l\| \\ &\leq (1 - b_k)\|x_k - y_l\| + b_k\|Tz_k - y_l\| \\ &\leq d_{n,m}, \end{aligned}$$

which yields that  $d_{n,m} = \|x_k - y_l\|$  or  $d_{n,m} = \|Tz_k - y_l\|$ . The rest of the proof is similar to that of Case 11 or Case 6, so we omit it.

Case 14. Suppose that  $d_{n,m} = \max\{\|y_k - z_l\| : n \leq k, l \leq m\}$ . We assume that  $d_{n,m} = \|y_k - z_l\|$  for some  $k, l$  with  $n \leq k, l \leq m$ . In the light of (1.4) and (2.1), we have

$$\begin{aligned} d_{n,m} &= \|(1 - b_k)x_k + b_k Tz_k - z_l\| \\ &\leq (1 - b_k)\|x_k - Tz_l\| + b_k\|Tz_k - z_l\| \\ &\leq d_{n,m}, \end{aligned}$$

which implies that  $d_{n,m} = \|x_k - z_l\|$  or  $d_{n,m} = \|Tx_k - z_l\|$ . The rest of the proof is analogous to that of Case 12 or Case 9, hence (2.2) holds.

**Case 15** Suppose that  $d_{n,m} = \max\{\|z_k - z_l\| : n \leq k, l \leq m\}$ . Without loss of generality, we assume that  $d_{n,m} = \|z_k - z_l\|$  for some  $k, l$  with  $n \leq k, l \leq m$ . By virtue of (1.4) and (2.1), we deduce that

$$\begin{aligned} d_{n,m} &= \|(1 - c_k)x_k + c_kTx_k - z_l\| \\ &\leq (1 - c_k)\|x_k - z_l\| + c_k\|Tx_k - z_l\| \\ &\leq d_{n,m}, \end{aligned}$$

hence  $d_{n,m} = \|x_k - z_l\|$  or  $d_{n,m} = \|Tx_k - z_l\|$ . The rest of the proof is similar to that of Case 12 or Case 7, thus we omit it.

From Case 1 to Case 15, we obtain that (2.2) holds. Note that

$$\begin{aligned} d_{0,m} &= \max\{\|x_0 - Tx_j\|, \|x_0 - Ty_j\|, \|x_0 - Tz_j\| : 0 \leq j \leq m\} \\ &\leq \|x_0 - Tx_0\| + \max\{\|Tx_0 - Tx_j\|, \|Tx_0 - Ty_j\|, \\ &\quad \|Tx_0 - Tz_j\| : 0 \leq j \leq m\} \\ &\leq \|x_0 - Tx_0\| + qd_{0,m}, \end{aligned}$$

which yields that

$$(2.3) \quad d_{0,m} \leq \frac{1}{1-q} \|x_0 - Tx_0\| \quad \text{for } m \geq 0.$$

It follows from (2.2) and (2.3) that

$$\begin{aligned} &d_{n,n+p} \\ &= \max\{\|x_n - Tx_j\|, \|x_n - Ty_j\|, \|x_n - Tz_j\| : n \leq j \leq n+p\} \\ &\leq (1 - a_{n-1})d_{n-1,n+p} + a_{n-1}qd_{n-1,n+p} \\ &= (1 - (1-q)a_{n-1})d_{n-1,n+p} \\ (2.4) \quad &\leq \prod_{j=0}^{n-1} (1 - (1-q)a_j) d_{0,n+p} \\ &\leq \prod_{j=0}^{n-1} (1 - (1-q)a_j) \frac{1}{1-q} \|x_0 - Tx_0\| \\ &\leq \frac{1}{1-q} \|x_0 - Tx_0\| \exp \left( - (1-q) \sum_{j=0}^{n-1} a_j \right) \end{aligned}$$



for any  $p \geq 0$ . Letting  $n \rightarrow \infty$  in (2.4), we have  $d_{n,n+p} \rightarrow 0$ . Thus  $\{x_n\}_{n \geq 0}$  is a Cauchy sequence and hence  $\{x_n\}_{n \geq 0}$  converges to some  $u \in E$ . On the other hand, (2.2) and (2.4) ensure that  $\|x_n - Tx_n\| \rightarrow 0$  as  $n \rightarrow \infty$ . Next we assert that  $u$  is the fixed point of  $T$ . Otherwise  $Tu \neq u$ . By (1.2), we have

$$\begin{aligned} \|Tx_n - Tu\| &\leq q \max\{\|x_n - u\|, \|x_n - Tx_n\|, \|u - Tu\|, \\ &\quad \|x_n - Tu\|, \|u - Tx_n\|\}, \end{aligned}$$

letting  $n \rightarrow \infty$  in the above inequality, we infer that

$$\|u - Tu\| \leq q\|u - Tu\| < \|u - Tu\|,$$

which is impossible. Hence  $u = Tu$ . Since  $T$  is quasi-contractive, it is easy to see that  $u$  is the unique fixed point of  $T$  in  $E$ . This completes the proof.

REMARK 2.1 It is clear that Theorem 1 of Zhao [6] is a special case of Theorem 2.1 by taking  $c_n = 0$ .

THEOREM 2.2. *Let  $E$  be as in Theorem 2.1,  $T : E \rightarrow E$  be a generalized quasi-contractive mapping satisfying (1.1) and  $n(x)|n(Tx)$  for  $x \in X$ . Suppose that  $\{a_n\}_{n \geq 0}$ ,  $\{b_n\}_{n \geq 0}$  and  $\{c_n\}_{n \geq 0}$  are any sequences in  $[0, 1]$  satisfying  $\sum_{n=0}^{\infty} a_n = \infty$ . Then the generalized three-step iteration sequence  $\{x_n\}_{n \geq 0}$  defined by (1.3) converges to a unique fixed point of  $T$  in  $E$ .*

PROOF. For  $x \in E$ , we write  $\tilde{T}x = T^{n(x)}x$ . It is easy to show that  $\tilde{T}$  and  $\{x_n\}_{n \geq 0}$  satisfy the conditions of Theorem 2.1. It follows from Theorem 2.1 that  $\{x_n\}_{n \geq 0}$  converges to the unique fixed point  $u$  of  $\tilde{T}$  in  $E$ . Using  $n(u)|n(Tu)$ , we deduce that  $T^{n(Tu)}u = T^{n(u)}u = \tilde{T}u = u$ , which  $\tilde{T}(Tu) = T^{n(Tu)}(Tu) = Tu$ . So  $Tu$  is also a fixed point of  $\tilde{T}$ . It follows from the uniqueness of fixed point of  $\tilde{T}$  that  $Tu = u$ . Clearly,  $u$  is the unique fixed point of  $T$ . This completes the proof.

REMARK 2.2 Theorem 2.2 generalizes the corresponding results of [1], [4]-[6].

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