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# Generalizations of $\epsilon$ -Fixed Point Theorems in Partial Metric Spaces

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**Abstract.** We consider the dualistic partial metric spaces on a set X, and we give necessary conditions for existence of fixed point and  $\epsilon$ -fixed point for some maps.

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# 1. Introduction

The partial metric spaces has been introduced by Matthews in [5] as a part of the study of denotational semantics of dataflow networks. In particular, Matthews established the precise relationship between partial metric spaces and the so-called weightable quasi-metric spaces. Indeed he proved a partial metric generalization of Banach contraction mapping theorem.

A partial metric [5] on a set X is a function  $p: X \times X \to [0, \infty)$  such that for all  $x, y, z \in X$ :

(1)  $x = y \Leftrightarrow p(x, x) = p(x, y) = p(y, y);$ (2)  $p(x, x) \leq p(x, y);$ 

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(3) p(x, y) = p(y, x);(4)  $p(x, y) \le p(y, x) + p(y, y)$ 

(4)  $p(x,z) \leq p(x,y) + p(y,z) - p(y,y).$ 

A partial metric space is a pair (X, p), where p is a partial metric on X. If p is a partial metric on X, then the function  $p^s : X \times X \to [0, \infty)$  given by  $p^s(x, y) = 2p(x, y) - p(x, x) - p(y, y)$  is a (usual) metric on X. Each partial metric p on X induces a  $T_0$  topology  $\tau_p$  on X which has as a basis of the family of open p-balls  $\{B_p(x, \epsilon) : x \in X, \epsilon > 0\}$ , where  $B_p(x, \epsilon) =$   $\{y \in X : p(x, y) < p(x, x) + \epsilon\}$  for all  $x \in X$  and  $\epsilon > 0$ . Similarly, closed p-ball is defined as  $B_p(x, \epsilon) = \{y \in X : p(x, y) \leq p(x, x) + \epsilon\}$ .

A sequence  $\{x_n\}_{n \in N}$  in a partial metric space (X, p) is called a Cauchy sequence if there exists (and is finite)  $\lim_{n \to \infty} p(x_n, x_m)$  [5].

A partial metric space (X, p) is said to be complete if every Cauchy sequence  $\{x_n\}_{n \in N}$  in X converges, with respect to  $\tau_p$  to a point  $x \in X$ such that  $p(x, x) = \lim_{n \to \infty} p(x_n, x_m)$  [5].

A mapping  $T: X \to X$  is said to be continuous at  $x_0 \in X$ , if for  $\epsilon > 0$ , there exists  $\delta > 0$  such that  $T(B_p(x_0, \delta)) \subset B_p(T(x_0), \epsilon)$ . [1]

**Definition 1.1.** [5] An open ball for a partial metric  $p: X \times X \to [0, \infty)$ is a set of the form  $B^p_{\epsilon}(x) ::= \{y \in X : p(x, y) < \epsilon\}$  for each  $\epsilon > 0$  and  $x \in X$ .

In [9], S. J. O'Neill proposed one significant change to Matthews definition of the partial metrics, and that was to extend their range from  $R^+$ to R. In the following, partial metrics in the O'Neill sense will be called dualistic partial metrics and a pair (X, p) such that X is a nonempty set and p is a dualistic partial metric on X will be called a dualistic partial metric space.

A dualistic partial metric on a set X is a function  $p: X \times X \to \mathbb{R}$  such that for all  $x, y, z \in X$ :

(1)  $x = y \Leftrightarrow p(x, x) = p(x, y) = p(y, y);$ 

(2)  $p(x,x) \leq p(x,y);$ 

(3) p(x, y) = p(y, x);

(4)  $p(x,z) \leq p(x,y) + p(y,z) - p(y,y)$ . A dualistic partial metric space is a pair (X,p), where p is a dualistic partial metric on X.

A quasi-metric on a set X we mean a nonnegative real-valued function d on  $X \times X$  such that for all  $x, y, z \in X$ :  $\begin{array}{l} (i) \ d(x,y) = d(y,x) = 0 \ \Leftrightarrow x = y, \\ (ii) \ d(x,y) \leqslant d(x,z) + d(z,y). \end{array}$ 

A quasi-metric space is a pair (X, d) such that X is a (nonempty) set and d is a quasi-metric on X.

**Lemma 1.2.** [5] If (X, p) is a dualistic partial metric space, then the function  $d_p : X \times X \to R^+$  defined by  $d_p(x, y) = p(x, y) - p(x, x)$ , is a quasi-metric on X such that  $\tau(p) = \tau(d_p)$ .

**Lemma 1.3.** [5] A dualistic partial metric space (X, p) is complete if and only if the metric space  $(X, (d_p)^s)$  is complete. Furthermore  $\lim_{n\to\infty} (d_p)^s(a, x_n) = 0$  if and only if  $p(a, a) = \lim_{n\to\infty} p(a, x_n) = \lim_{n\to\infty} p(x_n, x_m)$ .

Before stating our main results we establish some (essentially known) correspondences between dualistic partial metric spaces and quasi-metric spaces. Our basic references for quasi-metric spaces are [3] and [4] and for  $\epsilon$ - fixed point is [6].

Each quasi-metric d on X generates a  $T_0$ -topology T(d) on X which has as a base the family of open d-balls  $\{B_d(x,\epsilon), x \in X, \epsilon > 0\}$ , where  $B_d(x,\epsilon) = \{y \in X : d(x,y) < \epsilon\}$  for all  $x \in X$  and  $\epsilon > 0$ .

If d is a quasi-metric on X, then the function  $d^s$  defined on  $X \times X$  by  $d^s(x, y) = max\{d(x, y), d(y, x)\}$ , is a metric on X.

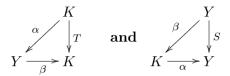
**Theorem 1.4.** [6] Let (X, p) be a dualistic partial metric space and  $T: X \to X$  be a map,  $x_0 \in X$  and  $\epsilon > 0$ . If  $d_p(T^n(x_0), T^{n+k}(x_0)) \to 0$  as  $n \to \infty$  for some k > 0, then  $T^k$  has an  $\epsilon$ -fixed point.

## 2. Main Results

In this section, we give some results on fixed point and  $\epsilon$ - fixed point in dualistic partial metric space and its diameter.

**Definition 2.1.** An open ball for a dualistic partial metric  $p: X \times X \rightarrow \mathbb{R}$  is a set of the form  $B^p_{\epsilon}(x) ::= \{y \in X : p(x,y) < \epsilon\}$  for each  $\epsilon > 0$  and  $x \in X$ .

**Theorem 2.2.** Let (X, p) be a dualistic partial metric space and K, Y be subsets of X. Also, let  $\alpha : K \to Y$  and  $\beta : Y \to K$  be two maps. Then  $T = \beta \alpha : K \to K$  has a fixed point if and only if  $S = \alpha \beta : Y \to Y$ , has a fixed point. In other words, given the commutative diagrams:



we have:  $F(T) \neq \emptyset \Leftrightarrow F(S) \neq \emptyset$ .

**Proof.** If  $y_0$  is a fixed point of  $\beta \alpha$  then it follows that  $\alpha(y_0) = \alpha \beta[\alpha(y_0)]$ .  $\Box$ 

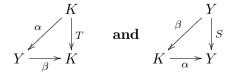
**Definition 2.3.** [6] Let (X, p) be a dualistic partial metric space and  $T: X \to X$  be a map. Then  $x_0 \in X$  is  $\epsilon$ -fixed point for T if

$$d_p(Tx_0, x_0) \leqslant \epsilon.$$

We say T has the  $\epsilon$ -fixed point property if for some  $\epsilon > 0$ ,  $AF(T) \neq \emptyset$ where

$$AF(T) = \{x_0 \in X : d_p(Tx_0, x_0) \leq \epsilon\}.$$

**Theorem 2.4.** Let (X, p) be a dualistic partial metric space and K, Y be subsets of X. Also, let  $\alpha : K \to Y$  and  $\beta : Y \to K$  be two maps and  $AF(T) = AF(\alpha)$ . Then  $T = \beta \alpha : K \to K$  has an approximate fixed point if and only if  $S = \alpha\beta : Y \to Y$ , has an approximate fixed point. In order words, given the commutative diagrams:



we have:  $AF(T) \neq \emptyset \Leftrightarrow AF(S) \neq \emptyset$ .

**Proof.** Since  $AF(T) \neq \emptyset$ , by Definition 2.3:

$$d(Ty_0, y_0) \leqslant \epsilon \quad \Leftrightarrow \quad d(\beta \alpha(y_0), y_0) \leqslant \epsilon$$
  
$$\Leftrightarrow \quad d(\alpha[\beta \alpha(y_0)], \alpha(y_0)) \leqslant \epsilon$$
  
$$\Leftrightarrow \quad d(Sy_0, y_0) \leqslant \epsilon.$$

Thus  $AF(T) \neq \emptyset \Leftrightarrow AF(S) \neq \emptyset$ .  $\Box$ 

**Theorem 2.5.** Let (X, p) be a complete dualistic partial metric space and  $T: X \to X$  be a map such that for all  $x, y \in X$ 

$$p(Tx, Ty) \leqslant cp(x, y) \ ; \ 0 \leqslant c < 1.$$

Then T has a unique fixed point u, and  $T^n(x) \to u$  as  $n \to \infty$  for each  $x \in X$ .

**Proof.** We shall show that for any given  $x \in X$ , the sequence  $\{T^n(x)\}$  of iterates convergent to a fixed point. For this purpose, first of all observe that  $p(Tx, T^2x) \leq cp(x, Tx)$  and by induction,  $p(T^nx, T^{n+1}x) \leq c^n p(x, Tx)$  for all n > 0. Thus, for any n > 0 and any k > 0, we have

$$\begin{aligned} d_p(T^n(x), T^{n+k}(x)) &\leqslant \sum_{i=n}^{n+k-1} d_p(T^i(x), T^{i+1}(x)) \\ &\leqslant (c^n + \dots + c^{n+k-1})(p(x, T(x)) - p(x, x)) \\ &\leqslant \frac{c^n}{1-c}(p(x, T(x)) - p(x, x)) \\ &= \frac{c^n}{1-c} d_p(x, T(x)). \end{aligned}$$

Since c < 1, then  $c^n \to 0$ . So by Lemma 1.3,  $\{T^n(x)\}$  is a cauchy sequence in  $(X, d_p)$ . Hence  $T^n(x) \to u$  for some  $u \in X$ . By continuity of T, we should have  $T(T^n(x)) \to Tu$ . But  $\{T^{n+1}(x)\}$  is a subsequence of  $\{T^n(x)\}$ , so Tu = u and u is a fixed point for T. Therefore, we have shown that for each  $x \in X$ , the limit of the sequence  $\{T^n(x)\}$  exists and is a fixed point, since we will show that T has at most one fixed point, and so every sequence  $\{T^n(x)\}$  should be convergent to the same point. At the end we show the uniqueness of the fixed point of T: for if  $T(x_0) = x_0$  and  $T(y_0) = y_0$ . Then  $x_0 \neq y_0$  gives the contradiction:

$$d_p(x_0, y_0) = d_p(T(x_0), T(y_0))$$
  
=  $p(T(x_0), T(y_0)) - p(T(x_0), T(x_0))$   
 $\leqslant c(p(x_0, y_0) - p(x_0, x_0))$   
 $< p(x_0, y_0) - p(x_0, x_0)$   
=  $d_p(x_0, y_0)$ .  $\Box$ 

**Corollary 2.6.** Let (X, p) be a complete dualistic partial metric space and  $B_p = B_p(y_0, r) = \{y : d_p(y, y_0) < r\}$ . Let  $T : B_p \to X$  be a map such that for all  $x, y \in X$ 

$$p(Tx, Ty) \leq cp(x, y) ; 0 < c < 1.$$
 (1)

If  $d_p(Ty_0, y_0) < (1-c)r$ , then T has a fixed point.

**Proof.** Choose  $\epsilon > r$ , so that  $d_p(Ty_0, y_0) \leq (1-c)r < (1-c)\epsilon$ . We show that T maps the closed ball  $K = \{y : d_p(y, y_0) \leq \epsilon\}$  into itself: for if  $y \in K$ , then

$$\begin{aligned} d_p(T(y), y_0) &\leqslant d_p(T(y), T(y_0)) + d_p(T(y_0), y_0) \\ &\leqslant cp(y, y_0) + (1 - c)\epsilon \\ &\leqslant c\epsilon + \epsilon - c\epsilon = \epsilon. \end{aligned}$$

Since K is complete and  $T: K \to K$  satisfies in (1) thus by Theorem 2.5, T has a fixed point.  $\Box$ 

**Theorem 2.7.** Let (X, p) be a complete dualistic partial metric space and  $T: X \to X$  be a map, not necessarily continuous. For each  $\epsilon > 0$ there is a  $\theta(\epsilon) > 0$  such that if  $d_p(x, Tx) < \theta(\epsilon)$ , then  $T[B_d(x, \epsilon)] \subset$  $B_d(x, \epsilon)$ . Also, if  $d_p(T^n(p_0), T^{n+1}(p_0)) \to 0$  for some  $p_0 \in X$ , the sequence  $\{T^n(p_0)\}$  converges to a fixed point of T. **Proof.** We consider  $T^n(p_0) = x_n$ . First we show that  $\{x_n\}$  is a Cauchy sequence. since  $d_p(x_N, Tx_N) < \theta(\epsilon)$ , we have  $T[B_d(x_N, \epsilon)] \subset B_d(x_N, \epsilon)$ . So  $Tx_N = x_{N+1} \in B(x_N, \epsilon)$  and, by induction,  $Tx_N = x_{N+k} \in B(x_N, \epsilon)$ for all  $k \ge 0$ . Thus,  $d_p(x_m, x_n) < 2\epsilon$  for all  $m, n \ge N$  and  $\{x_n\}$ is Cauchy sequence. Therefore it converges to some  $x_0 \in X$ . Now we show that  $x_0$  is a fixed point for T. Let  $d_p(x_0, Tx_0) = b > 0$ , we can choose  $x_n \in B(x_0, \frac{b}{3})$  such that  $d_p(x_n, x_{n+1}) < \theta \frac{b}{3}$ : we have  $T[B_d(x_N, \frac{b}{3})] \subset B_d(x_N, \frac{b}{3})$  by hypothesis, so  $Tx_0 \in B(x_n, \frac{b}{3})$ . But this is impossible because  $d_p(Tx_0, x_n) \ge d_p(Tx_0, x_0) - d_p(x_n, x_0) \ge \frac{2b}{3}$ . Thus  $Tx_0 \notin B(x_n, \frac{b}{3})$  and so  $d_p(x_0, Tx_0) = 0$ .  $\Box$ 

**Theorem 2.8.** Let (X, p) be a complete dualistic partial metric space and  $T: X \to X$  be a map satisfying

$$p(Tx, Ty) \leqslant \eta[p(x, y)],$$

where  $\eta : \mathbb{R}^+ \to \mathbb{R}^+$  is any nondecrasing (not necessarily continuous) function such that  $\eta^n(t) \to 0$  as  $n \to \infty$  for each t > 0. Then T has a unique fixed point  $p_0$ , and  $T^n(x) \to p_0$  as  $n \to \infty$  for  $x \in X$ .

**Proof.** Observe that  $\eta(t) < t$  for each t > 0, for if  $t \leq \eta(t)$  for some t > 0, then monotonicity of  $\eta$  gives that  $\eta(t) \leq \eta[\eta(t)]$  and by induction,  $t \leq \eta^n(t)$  for all n > 0. So we have  $p(Tx, T^2x) \leq cp(x, Tx)$  and by induction  $p(T^nx, T^{n+1}x)| \leq c^n p(x, Tx)$  for all n > 0. Fix  $x \in X$ . Then clearly for each  $x \in N$ 

$$|p(T^n x, T^n x)| \leqslant c^n |p(x, x)|$$

and

$$|p(T^n x, T^{n+1} x)| \leq c^n |p(x, Tx)|.$$

Also,

$$d_p(T^n x, T^{n+1} x) + p(T^n x, T^n x) = p(T^n x, T^{n+1} x).$$

Hence we deduce that

$$d_p(T^n x, T^{n+1} x) + p(T^n x, T^n x) \leqslant c^n |p(x, Tx)|.$$

Thus we get

$$d_{p}(T^{n}(x), T^{n+1}(x)) \leq \eta^{n} |p(x, Tx)| - |p(T^{n}x, T^{n}x)| \\ \leq \eta^{n} |p(x, Tx)| + |p(T^{n}x, T^{n}x)| \\ \leq \eta^{n} (|p(x, Tx)| - |p(x, x)|) \\ \leq \eta^{n} [d_{p}(x, Tx)].$$

So  $d_p(T^n(x), T^{n+1}(x)) \to 0$  as  $n \to \infty$  for each  $x \in X$ . Now let  $\epsilon > 0$  be given, and choose  $\theta(\epsilon) = \epsilon - \eta(\epsilon)$ ; if  $d_p(x, Tx) < \theta(\epsilon)$ , then for any  $x_0 \in B_d(x, \epsilon)$  we have

$$d_p(Tx_0, x) \leqslant d_p(Tx_0, Tx) + d_p(Tx, x) < \eta[d_p(x_0, x)] + \theta(\epsilon) \leqslant \eta(\epsilon) + \epsilon - \eta(\epsilon) = \epsilon + \frac{1}{2} + \frac{1}$$

So  $Tx_0 \in B_d(x, \epsilon)$ . Hence by Theorem 2.7, T has a fixed point. The remainder of the proof is obvious.  $\Box$ 

**Theorem 2.9.** Let (X, p) be a complete dualistic partial metric space and  $T: X \to X$  be a map satisfying

$$p(Tx, Ty) \leqslant \beta(x, y)p(x, y),$$

where  $\beta: X \times X \to \mathbf{R}^+$  has the property for any closed interval  $[a, b] \subset \mathbf{R}^+ - \{\not\models\},\$ 

$$\sup\{\beta(x,y): a \leqslant d_p(x,y) \leqslant b\} = \lambda(a,b) < 1$$

Then T has an unique fixed point p, and  $T^n(x) \to p$  as  $n \to \infty$  for each  $x \in X$ .

**Proof.** For  $x \in X$ , the sequence  $\{d_p(T^n(x), T^{n+1}(x))\}$  is nonincreasing, therefore it is convergent to some  $a \ge 0$ . We should have a = 0: otherwise,  $d_p(T^n(x), T^{n+1}(x)) \in [a, a+1]$  for all large n; then by choosing n and  $q = \lambda(a, a+1)$ , by induction we have

$$a \leq d_p(T^{n+k}(x), T^{n+k+1}(x)) \leq q^k d_p(T^n(x), T^{n+1}(x)) \leq q^k(a+1)$$

for all k > 0, but q < 1, and is a contradiction. Now, suppose  $\epsilon > 0$ ,  $\lambda = \lambda(\frac{\epsilon}{2}, \epsilon)$  and choose  $\theta = min\{\frac{\epsilon}{2}, \epsilon(1 - \lambda)\}$ . Let  $d_p(x, Tx) < \theta(\epsilon)$  and  $x_0 \in B_p(x, \epsilon)$  then

$$d_p(Tx_0, x) \leqslant d_p(Tx_0, Tx) + d_p(Tx, x).$$

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If  $d(x_0, x) < \frac{\epsilon}{2}$ : then

$$d_p(Tx_0, x) \leqslant d_p(x_0, x) + d_p(Tx, x) < \frac{\epsilon}{2} + \frac{\epsilon}{2} = \epsilon;$$

and if  $\frac{\epsilon}{2} \leq d(x_0, x) < \epsilon$ : then

$$d_p(Tx_0, x) \leqslant \beta(x, y) d_p(x_0, x) + d_p(Tx, x) < \lambda \epsilon + (1 - \lambda)\epsilon = \epsilon.$$

Hence,  $T[B_p(x, \epsilon) \subset B_p(x, \epsilon)]$ , and by Theorem 2.7, T has a fixed point. The remainder of the proof is obvious.  $\Box$ 

**Proposition 2.10.** Let (X,p) be a dualistic partial metric space and  $T: X \to X$  be a map such that T is asymptotic regular, i.e., for all  $x \in X$ 

$$d_p(T^n(x_0), T^{n+1}(x_0)) \to 0 \text{ as } n \to \infty.$$

Then T has an  $\epsilon$ -fixed point.

**Proof.** Since  $d_p(T^n(x_0), T^{n+1}(x_0)) \to 0$  as  $n \to \infty$  then for  $\epsilon > 0$ , there exists  $n_0 > 0$  such that for all  $n \ge n_0$ ,

$$d_p(T^n(x_0), T^{n+1}(x_0)) < \epsilon.$$

Then  $d_p(T^{n_0}(x_0), T(T^{n_0}(x_0))) < \epsilon$ . Therefore  $T^{n_0}(x_0)$  is an  $\epsilon$ - fixed point of T.  $\Box$ 

**Theorem 2.11.** Let T be a mapping of a dualistic partial metric space (X, p) into itself such that

$$|p(Tx, Ty)| \leq c|p(x, y)| \quad 0 < c < d(\alpha(y_0), y_0)$$

for all  $x, y \in X$ , and  $\epsilon > 0$ . Then  $T^k$  has a  $\epsilon$ -fixed point, for all k.

**Proof.** Fix  $x \in X$ . It is clear that for each  $x \in N$ 

$$|p(T^n x, T^n x)| \leqslant c^n |p(x, x)|$$

also

$$|p(T^n x, T^{n+1} x)| \leq c^n |p(x, Tx)|,$$

and

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$$d_p(T^n x, T^{n+1} x) + p(T^n x, T^n x) = p(T^n x, T^{n+1} x).$$

We deduce that

$$d_p(T^n x, T^{n+1} x) + p(T^n x, T^n x) \leqslant c^n |p(x, Tx)|.$$

Hence

$$d_p(T^n(x), T^{n+1}(x)) \leq c^n |p(x, Tx)| - |p(T^n x, T^n x)| \\ \leq c^n |p(x, Tx)| + |p(T^n x, T^n x)| \\ \leq c^n (|p(x, Tx)| + |p(x, x)|).$$

Therefore for  $k, n \in N$ 

$$d_p(T^n(x), T^{n+k}(x)) \leqslant d_p(T^n(x), T^{n+1}(x)) + \dots + d_p(T^{n+k-1}(x), T^{n+k}(x)))$$
  
$$\leqslant (c^n + \dots + c^{n+k-1})(|p(x, Tx)| + |p(x, x)|)$$
  
$$\leqslant \frac{c^n}{1-c}(|p(x, Tx)| + |p(x, x)|)$$
  
$$\leqslant \frac{c^n}{1-c}[d_p(x, Tx)].$$

Thus  $\lim_{n\to\infty} d_p(T^{n+k}(x), T^n(x)) = 0$  as  $n \to \infty$ . Therefore by Proposition 2.10  $T^k$  has an  $\epsilon$ -fixed point.  $\Box$ 

If we take  $T: X \to X$  in Theorem 2.2 of [7], we have the following corollary.

**Corollary 2.12.** Let (X,p) be a dualistic partial metric space and  $T : X \to X$  be a mapping and  $\epsilon > 0$ . Also, let

$$d_p(Tx, Ty) \leqslant \alpha d_p(x, y) + \beta [d_p(x, Tx) + d_p(y, Ty)]$$

for all  $x, y \in X$ , where  $\alpha, \beta \ge 0$  and  $\alpha + 2\beta < 1$ . Then T has a  $\epsilon$ -fixed point.

**Example 2.13.** Let  $X = (-\infty, 2]$ , and let p be the dualistic metric on X given by

$$p(x,y) = Max\{x,y\}$$

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for all  $x, y \in X$ .

Let T be the mapping from X into itself defined by T(x) = x - 1, for all  $X = (-\infty, 2]$ . It is immediate to see that

$$p(T(x), T(y)) \leqslant \frac{1}{2}p(x, y)$$

for all  $x, y \in X$ . However T does not have any fixed point. But by Proposition 2.10, for some  $\epsilon > 0$ , T has a  $\epsilon$ -fixed point.

**Definition 2.14.** Let (X, p) be a dualistic partial metric space,  $T : X \to X$ , be continues map and  $\epsilon > 0$ . We define diameter AF(T) by

$$diamAF(T) = \sup\{d_p(x, y) : x, y \in AF(T)\}.$$

If we take  $T : X \to X$  in Theorem 2.8 of [7], we have the following corollary.

**Corollary 2.15.** Let  $T : X \to X$  and  $\epsilon > 0$ . If there exists  $\alpha \in [0,1]$  such that for all  $x, y \in X$ 

$$d_p(Tx, Ty) \leqslant \alpha d_p(x, y),$$

then

$$diamAF(T) \leqslant \frac{2\epsilon}{1-\alpha}.$$

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