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COUNTABLE EXTENSION OF TRIANGULAR NORMS AND THEIR APPLICATIONS TO THE FIXED POINT THEORY IN PROBABILISTIC METRIC SPACES

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In this paper a fixed point theorem for a probabilistic q -contraction $f : S \rightarrow S$, where (S, \mathcal{F}, T) is a complete Menger space, \mathcal{F} satisfies a growth condition, and T is a g -convergent t -norm (not necessarily $T \geq T_{\mathbf{L}}$) is proved. There is proved also a second fixed point theorem for mappings $f : S \rightarrow S$, where (S, \mathcal{F}, T) is a complete Menger space, \mathcal{F} satisfy a weaker condition than in [13], and T belongs to some subclasses of Dombi, Aczél–Alsina, and Sugeno–Weber families of t -norms. An application to random operator equations is obtained.

1. INTRODUCTION

The origin of triangular norms was in the theory of probabilistic metric spaces, in the work K. Menger [9], see [4, 7, 14]. It turns out that t -norms and related t -conorms are crucial operations in several fields, e.g., in fuzzy sets, fuzzy logics (see [7]) and their applications, but also, among other fields, in the theory of generalized measures [7, 11, 17] and in nonlinear differential and difference equations [11].

We present in this paper some results on t -norms which are closely related to the fixed point theory in probabilistic metric spaces, see [4]. The first fixed point theorem in probabilistic metric spaces was proved by Sehgal and Bharucha-Reid [15] for mappings $f : S \rightarrow S$, where $(S, \mathcal{F}, T_{\mathbf{M}})$ is a Menger space, where $T_{\mathbf{M}} = \min$. Further development of the fixed point theory in a more general Menger space (S, \mathcal{F}, T) was connected with investigations of the structure of the t -norm T . Very soon the problem was in some sense completely solved. Namely, if we restrict ourselves to complete Menger spaces (S, \mathcal{F}, T) , where T is a continuous t -norm, then any probabilistic q -contraction $f : S \rightarrow S$ has a fixed point if and only if the t -norm T is of H -type, see [4].

We investigate in this paper the countable extension of t -norms and we introduce a new notion: the geometrically convergent (briefly g -convergent) t -norm, which is closely related to the fixed point property. We prove that t -norms of H -type and some subclasses of Dombi, Aczél–Alsina, and Sugeno–Weber families of t -norms are geometrically convergent. We prove also some practical criteria for the geometrically convergent t -norms.

A new approach to the fixed point theory in probabilistic metric spaces is given in Tardiff's paper [16], where some additional growth conditions for the mapping $\mathcal{F} : S \times S \rightarrow \mathcal{D}^+$ are assumed, and $T \geq T_{\mathbf{L}}$. V. Radu [13] introduced a stronger growth condition for \mathcal{F} than in Tardiff's paper (under the condition $T \geq T_{\mathbf{L}}$), which enables him to define a metric. By metric approach an estimation of the convergence with respect to the solution is obtained, see [4].

We prove in this paper a fixed point theorem for a probabilistic g -contraction $f : S \rightarrow S$, where (S, \mathcal{F}, T) is a complete Menger space, \mathcal{F} satisfies Radu's condition, and T is a g -convergent t-norm (not necessarily $T \geq T_{\mathbf{L}}$). We prove a second fixed point theorem for mappings $f : S \rightarrow S$, where (S, \mathcal{F}, T) is a complete Menger space, \mathcal{F} satisfy a weaker condition than in [13], and T belongs to some subclasses of Dombi, Aczél–Alsina, and Sugeno–Weber families of t-norms. An application to random operator equations is obtained.

Notions and notations can be found in [4, 7, 11, 14].

2. TRIANGULAR NORMS

A triangular norm (t-norm for short) is a binary operation on the unit interval $[0, 1]$, i.e., a function $T : [0, 1]^2 \rightarrow [0, 1]$ which is commutative, associative, monotone and $T(x, 1) = x$. t-conorm \mathbf{S} is defined by $\mathbf{S}(x, y) = 1 - T(1 - x, 1 - y)$.

If T is a t-norm, $x \in [0, 1]$ and $n \in \mathbb{N} \cup \{0\}$ then we shall write

$$x_T^{(n)} = \begin{cases} 1 & \text{if } n = 0, \\ T(x_T^{(n-1)}, x) & \text{otherwise.} \end{cases}$$

Definition 1. A t-norm T is of H -type if the family $(x_T^{(n)})_{n \in \mathbb{N}}$ is equicontinuous at the point $x = 1$.

A trivial example of a t-norm of H -type is $T_{\mathbf{M}}$. There is a nontrivial example of a t-norm T such that $(x_T^{(n)})_{n \in \mathbb{N}}$ is an equicontinuous family at the point $x = 1$.

Example 2. Let \bar{T} be a continuous t-norm and let for every $m \in \mathbb{N} \cup \{0\}$:

$$I_m = [1 - 2^{-m}, 1 - 2^{-m-1}].$$

If

$$T(x, y) = 1 - 2^{-m} + 2^{-m-1} \bar{T}(2^{m+1}(x - 1 + 2^{-m}), 2^{m+1}(y - 1 + 2^{-m}))$$

for $(x, y) \in I_m \times I_m$ and $T(x, y) = \min(x, y)$ for $(x, y) \notin \bigcup_{m \in \mathbb{N} \cup \{0\}} I_m \times I_m$ then the family $(x_T^{(n)})_{n \in \mathbb{N}}$ is equicontinuous at the point $x = 1$, i.e., T is a t-norm of H -type.

Proposition 3. ([4]) If a continuous t-norm T is Archimedean than it can not be a t-norm of H -type.

A method of construction a new t-norm from a system of given t-norms is given in the following theorem, see [4, 7].

Theorem 3. Let $(T_k)_{k \in K}$ be a family of t-norms and let $((\alpha_k, \beta_k))_{k \in K}$ be a family of pairwise disjoint open subintervals of the unit interval $[0, 1]$ (i.e., K is an at most countable index set). Consider the linear transformations $\varphi_k : [\alpha_k, \beta_k] \rightarrow [0, 1], k \in K$ given by

$$\varphi_k(u) = \frac{u - \alpha_k}{\beta_k - \alpha_k}.$$

Then the function $T : [0, 1]^2 \rightarrow [0, 1]$ defined by

$$T(x, y) = \begin{cases} \varphi_k^{-1}(T_k(\varphi_k(x), \varphi_k(y))) & \text{if } (x, y) \in (\alpha_k, \beta_k)^2, \\ \min(x, y) & \text{otherwise,} \end{cases}$$

is a triangular norm, which is called the ordinal sum of $(T_k)_{k \in K}$ and will be denoted by $T = (< (\alpha_k, \beta_k), T_k >)_{k \in K}$.

The following proposition was proved in [12].

Proposition 5. A continuous t-norm T is of H -type if and only if $T = (< (\alpha_k, \beta_k), T_k >)_{k \in K}$ and $\sup \beta_k < 1$ or $\sup \alpha_k = 1$.

Remark 6. If $T = (< (\alpha_k, \beta_k), T_k >)_{k \in K}$ and $\sup \beta_k < 1$ or $\sup \alpha_k = 1$, then T is of H -type for any summands T_k (not only for continuous and Archimedean summands $T_k, k \in K$, see [12]). Hence, if

$$T = (< (1 - 2^{-k}, 1 - 2^{-k-1}), \bar{T} >)_{k \in \mathbb{N} \cup \{0\}}$$

we have $\sup \alpha_k = \sup(1 - 2^{-k}) = 1$ (cf. Example 2).

For an arbitrary t-norm of H -type we have by [4] the following characterization.

Theorem 7. Let T be a t-norm. Then (i) and (ii) hold, where:

(i) Suppose that there exists a strictly increasing sequence $(b_n)_{n \in \mathbb{N}}$ from the interval $[0, 1)$ such that $\lim_{n \rightarrow \infty} b_n = 1$ and $T(b_n, b_n) = b_n$. Then T is of H -type.

(ii) If T is continuous and of H -type, then there exists a sequence $(b_n)_{n \in \mathbb{N}}$ as in (i).

From the proof of the above theorem it follows that the condition of continuity of whole sequence $(x_T^{(n)})_{n \in \mathbb{N}}$ can be replaced by the condition that the function $\delta_T(x) = T(x, x) (x \in [0, 1])$ is right-continuous on an interval $[b, 1)$ for $b < 1$.

Theorem 8. Let T be a t-norm such that the function $\delta_T(x) = T(x, x)$ ($x \in [0, 1]$) is right-continuous on an interval $[b, 1]$ for $b < 1$. Then T is a t-norm of H -type if and only if there exists a sequence $(b_n)_{n \in \mathbb{N}}$ from the interval $(0, 1)$ of idempotents of T such that $\lim_{n \rightarrow \infty} b_n = 1$.

In particular, for continuous t-norms the following characterization holds, [4].

Theorem 9. Let T be a continuous t-norm. Then the following are equivalent:

- a) T is not of H -type.
- b) There exist $a_T \in [0, 1)$ and a continuous strictly increasing and surjective mapping $\varphi_{a_T} : [a_T, 1] \rightarrow [0, 1]$ such that

$$T(x, y) = \varphi_{a_T}^{-1}(\varphi_{a_T}(x) \star \varphi_{a_T}(y)), \text{ for every } x, y \geq a_T,$$

where the operation \star is either $T_{\mathbf{P}}$ or $T_{\mathbf{L}}$, where $T_{\mathbf{P}}(x, y) = xy$ and $T_{\mathbf{L}}(x, y) = \max(x + y - 1, 0)$.

3. COUNTABLE EXTENSION OF t-NORMS

An arbitrary t-norm T can be extended (by associativity) in a unique way to an n -ary operation taking for $(x_1, \dots, x_n) \in [0, 1]^n$, $n \in \mathbb{N}$, the values $T(x_1, \dots, x_n)$ which is defined by

$$\prod_{i=1}^0 x_i = 1, \quad \prod_{i=1}^n x_i = T\left(\prod_{i=1}^{n-1} x_i, x_n\right) = T(x_1, \dots, x_n).$$

Specially, we have $T_{\mathbf{L}}(x_1, \dots, x_n) = \max\left(\sum_{i=1}^n x_i - (n-1), 0\right)$ and $T_{\mathbf{M}}(x_1, \dots, x_n) = \min(x_1, \dots, x_n)$.

We can extend T to a countable infinitary operation taking for any sequence $(x_n)_{n \in \mathbb{N}}$ from $[0, 1]$ the values

$$\prod_{i=1}^{\infty} x_i = \lim_{n \rightarrow \infty} \prod_{i=1}^n x_i. \quad (1)$$

The limit on the right side of (1) exists since the sequence $(\prod_{i=1}^n x_i)_{n \in \mathbb{N}}$ is non-increasing and bounded from below.

Remark 10. An alternative approach to the infinitary extension of t-norms can be found in [10].

In the fixed point theory it is of interest to investigate the classes of t-norms T and sequences $(x_n)_{n \in \mathbb{N}}$ from the interval $[0, 1]$ such that $\lim_{n \rightarrow \infty} x_n = 1$, and

$$\lim_{n \rightarrow \infty} \prod_{i=n}^{\infty} x_i = \lim_{n \rightarrow \infty} \prod_{i=1}^{\infty} x_{n+i} = 1. \quad (2)$$

In the classical case $T = T_{\mathbf{P}}$ we have $(T_{\mathbf{P}})_{i=1}^n = \prod_{i=1}^n x_i$ and for every sequence $(x_n)_{n \in \mathbb{N}}$ from the interval $[0, 1]$ with $\sum_{i=1}^{\infty} (1 - x_n) < \infty$ it follows that

$$\lim_{n \rightarrow \infty} (T_{\mathbf{P}})_{i=n}^{\infty} = \lim_{n \rightarrow \infty} \prod_{i=n}^{\infty} x_i = 1.$$

Namely, it is well known that

$$\prod_{i=1}^{\infty} x_i > 0 \iff \lim_{n \rightarrow \infty} \prod_{i=n}^{\infty} x_i = 1 \iff \sum_{i=1}^{\infty} (1 - x_i) < \infty.$$

The equivalence

$$\sum_{i=1}^{\infty} (1 - x_i) < \infty \iff \lim_{n \rightarrow \infty} \prod_{i=n}^{\infty} x_i = 1 \tag{3}$$

holds also for $T \geq T_{\mathbf{L}}$. Indeed

$$(T_{\mathbf{L}})_{i=1}^n x_i = \max \left(\sum_{i=1}^n x_i - (n - 1), 0 \right) = \max \left(\sum_{i=1}^n (x_i - 1) + 1, 0 \right),$$

and therefore $\sum_{n=1}^{\infty} (1 - x_n) < \infty$ holds if and only if

$$\lim_{n \rightarrow \infty} (T_{\mathbf{L}})_{i=n}^{\infty} x_i = \max \left(\lim_{n \rightarrow \infty} \sum_{i=n}^{\infty} (x_i - 1) + 1, 0 \right) = 1.$$

For $T \geq T_{\mathbf{L}}$ we have $\prod_{i=1}^n x_i \geq (T_{\mathbf{L}})_{i=1}^n x_i$ and therefore for such a t-norm T the implication

$$\sum_{i=1}^{\infty} (1 - x_i) < \infty \implies \lim_{n \rightarrow \infty} \prod_{i=n}^{\infty} x_i = 1$$

holds.

We shall need some families of t-norms given in the following example.

Example 11. (i) The Dombi family of t-norms $(T_{\lambda}^{\mathbf{D}})_{\lambda \in [0, \infty]}$ is defined by

$$T_{\lambda}^{\mathbf{D}}(x, y) = \begin{cases} T_{\mathbf{D}}(x, y) & \text{if } \lambda = 0, \\ T_{\mathbf{M}}(x, y) & \text{if } \lambda = \infty, \\ \left(1 + \left(\left(\frac{1-x}{x} \right)^{\lambda} + \left(\frac{1-y}{y} \right)^{\lambda} \right)^{1/\lambda} \right)^{-1} & \text{if } \lambda \in (0, \infty). \end{cases}$$

(ii) The Schweizer–Sklar family of t-norms $(T_\lambda^{\text{SS}})_{\lambda \in [-\infty, \infty]}$ is defined by

$$T_\lambda^{\text{SS}}(x, y) = \begin{cases} T_{\mathbf{M}}(x, y) & \text{if } \lambda = -\infty, \\ (x^\lambda + y^\lambda - 1)^{1/\lambda} & \text{if } \lambda \in (-\infty, 0), \\ T_{\mathbf{P}}(x, y) & \text{if } \lambda = 0, \\ (\max(x^\lambda + y^\lambda - 1, 0))^{1/\lambda} & \text{if } \lambda \in (0, \infty), \\ T_{\mathbf{D}}(x, y) & \text{if } \lambda = \infty. \end{cases}$$

(iii) The Aczél–Alsina family of t-norms $(T_\lambda^{\text{AA}})_{\lambda \in [0, \infty]}$ is defined by

$$T_\lambda^{\text{AA}}(x, y) = \begin{cases} T_{\mathbf{D}}(x, y) & \text{if } \lambda = 0, \\ T_{\mathbf{M}}(x, y) & \text{if } \lambda = \infty, \\ e^{-(|\log x|^\lambda + |\log y|^\lambda)^{1/\lambda}} & \text{if } \lambda \in (0, \infty). \end{cases}$$

(iv) The family $(T_\lambda^{\text{SW}})_{\lambda \in [-1, +\infty]}$ of Sugeno–Weber t-norms is given by

$$T_\lambda^{\text{SW}}(x, y) = \begin{cases} T_{\mathbf{D}}(x, y) & \text{if } \lambda = -1, \\ T_{\mathbf{P}}(x, y) & \text{if } \lambda = \infty, \\ \max\left(0, \frac{x + y - 1 + \lambda xy}{1 + \lambda}\right) & \text{otherwise.} \end{cases}$$

The condition $T \geq T_{\mathbf{L}}$ is fulfilled by the families: 1. T_λ^{SS} for $\lambda \in [-\infty, 1]$; 2. T_λ^{SW} for $\lambda \in [0, \infty]$.

On the other side there exists a member of the family $(T_\lambda^{\mathbf{D}})_{\lambda \in (0, \infty)}$ which is incomparable with $T_{\mathbf{L}}$, and there exists a member of the family $(T_\lambda^{\text{AA}})_{\lambda \in (0, \infty)}$ which is incomparable with $T_{\mathbf{L}}$.

We shall give some sufficient conditions for (2).

Proposition 12. Let $(x_n)_{n \in \mathbb{N}}$ be a sequence of numbers from $[0, 1]$ such that $\lim_{n \rightarrow \infty} x_n = 1$ and t-norm T is of H -type. Then (2) holds.

Proof. Since t-norm T is of H -type for every $\lambda \in (0, 1)$ there exists $\delta(\lambda) \in (0, 1)$ such that

$$x \geq \delta(\lambda) \quad \Rightarrow \quad \prod_{i=1}^p x > 1 - \lambda$$

for every $p \in \mathbb{N}$. Since $\lim_{n \rightarrow \infty} x_n = 1$ there exists $n_0(\lambda) \in \mathbb{N}$ such that $x_n \geq \delta(\lambda)$ for every $n \geq n_0(\lambda)$. Hence

$$\begin{aligned} \prod_{i=1}^p x_{n+i} &\geq \prod_{i=1}^p \delta(\lambda) \\ &> 1 - \lambda, \end{aligned}$$

for every $n \geq n_0(\lambda)$ and every $p \in \mathbb{N}$. This means that (2) holds. \square

Remark 13. If T is a t-norm such that there exists a sequence $(x_n)_{n \in \mathbb{N}}$ from the interval $(0, 1)$ such that $\lim_{n \rightarrow \infty} x_n = 1$ and $\lim_{n \rightarrow \infty} \prod_{i=n}^{\infty} x_i = 1$, then T is continuous at the point $(1, 1)$. Indeed, let $\lambda \in (0, 1)$ be given. Then there exists $n_0(\lambda) \in \mathbb{N}$ such that

$$\prod_{i=n_0(\lambda)}^{\infty} x_i > 1 - \lambda.$$

Since $T(x_{n_0(\lambda)}, x_{n_0(\lambda)+1}) \geq \prod_{i=n_0(\lambda)}^{\infty} x_i > 1 - \lambda$ we obtain that $x, y \geq \max(x_{n_0(\lambda)}, x_{n_0(\lambda)+1})$ implies $T(x, y) > 1 - \lambda$.

For some families of t-norms we shall characterize the sequences $(x_n)_{n \in \mathbb{N}}$ from $(0, 1]$, which tend to 1 and for which (2) holds.

Lemma 14. Let T be a strict t-norm with an additive generator \mathbf{t} , and the corresponding multiplicative generator θ . Then we have

$$\prod_{i=1}^{\infty} x_i = \mathbf{t}^{-1} \left(\sum_{i=1}^{\infty} \mathbf{t}(x_i) \right)$$

or

$$\prod_{i=1}^{\infty} x_i = \theta^{-1} \left(\prod_{i=1}^{\infty} \theta(x_i) \right).$$

The preceding lemma and the continuity of the generators of strict t-norms imply the following proposition.

Proposition 15. Let T be a strict t-norm with an additive generator \mathbf{t} , and the corresponding multiplicative generator θ . For a sequence $(x_n)_{n \in \mathbb{N}}$ from the interval $(0, 1)$ such that $\lim_{n \rightarrow \infty} x_n = 1$ the condition

$$\lim_{n \rightarrow \infty} \sum_{i=n}^{\infty} \mathbf{t}(x_i) = 0,$$

or the condition

$$\lim_{n \rightarrow \infty} \prod_{i=n}^{\infty} \theta(x_i) = 1,$$

holds if and only if (2) is satisfied.

Example 16. Let $(T_\lambda^{\mathbf{D}})_{\lambda \in (0, \infty)}$ be the Dombi family of t-norms and $(x_n)_{n \in \mathbb{N}}$ be a sequence of elements from $(0, 1]$ such that $\lim_{n \rightarrow \infty} x_n = 1$. Then we have the following equivalence:

$$\sum_{i=1}^{\infty} \left(\frac{1-x_i}{x_i} \right)^\lambda < \infty \Leftrightarrow \lim_{n \rightarrow \infty} (T_\lambda^{\mathbf{D}})_{i=n}^\infty x_i = 1.$$

For a t-norm $T_\lambda^{\mathbf{D}}$, $\lambda \in (0, \infty)$, the multiplicative generator $\theta_\lambda^{\mathbf{D}}$ is given by

$$\theta_\lambda^{\mathbf{D}}(x) = e^{-\left(\frac{1-x}{x}\right)^\lambda}$$

and therefore with the property $\theta_\lambda^{\mathbf{D}}(1) = 1$. Hence

$$\begin{aligned} \prod_{i=n}^{\infty} \theta_\lambda^{\mathbf{D}}(x_i) &= \prod_{i=n}^{\infty} e^{-\left(\frac{1-x_i}{x_i}\right)^\lambda} \\ &= e^{-\sum_{i=n}^{\infty} \left(\frac{1-x_i}{x_i}\right)^\lambda}, \end{aligned}$$

and therefore the above equivalence follows by Proposition 15. Since $\lim_{n \rightarrow \infty} x_n = 1$, we have that

$$\left(\frac{1-x_n}{x_n} \right)^\lambda \sim (1-x_n)^\lambda \text{ as } n \rightarrow \infty.$$

Hence

$$\sum_{n=1}^{\infty} (1-x_n)^\lambda < \infty \Leftrightarrow \sum_{n=1}^{\infty} \left(\frac{1-x_n}{x_n} \right)^\lambda < \infty,$$

which implies the equivalence

$$\sum_{n=1}^{\infty} (1-x_n)^\lambda < \infty \Leftrightarrow \lim_{n \rightarrow \infty} (T_\lambda^{\mathbf{D}})_{i=n}^\infty x_i = 1.$$

Example 17. Let $(T_\lambda^{\mathbf{AA}})_{\lambda \in (0, \infty)}$ be the Aczél–Alsina family of t-norms given by

$$T_\lambda^{\mathbf{AA}}(x, y) = e^{-\left(|\log x|^\lambda + |\log y|^\lambda\right)^{1/\lambda}}$$

and $(x_n)_{n \in \mathbb{N}}$ be a sequence of elements from $(0, 1]$ such that $\lim_{n \rightarrow \infty} x_n = 1$. Then we have the following equivalence

$$\sum_{i=1}^{\infty} (1-x_i)^\lambda < \infty \Leftrightarrow \lim_{n \rightarrow \infty} (T_\lambda^{\mathbf{AA}})_{i=n}^\infty x_i = 1.$$

For a t-norm $T_\lambda^{\mathbf{AA}}$, $\lambda \in (0, \infty)$, the multiplicative generator $\theta_\lambda^{\mathbf{AA}}$ is given by

$$\theta_\lambda^{\mathbf{AA}}(x) = e^{-(-\log x)^\lambda}$$

and therefore with the property $\theta_\lambda^{\mathbf{AA}}(1) = 1$. Hence

$$\begin{aligned} \prod_{i=n}^{\infty} \theta_\lambda^{\mathbf{AA}}(x_i) &= \prod_{i=n}^{\infty} e^{-(-\log x_i)^\lambda} \\ &= e^{-\sum_{i=n}^{\infty} (-\log x_i)^\lambda}. \end{aligned}$$

Since $\lim_{i \rightarrow \infty} x_i = 1$ and $\log x_i \sim x_i - 1$ as $i \rightarrow \infty$ by Proposition 15. the above equivalence follows.

For t-norms $T_\lambda^{\mathbf{SW}}, \lambda \in (-1, \infty]$ we have the following proposition.

Proposition 18. Let $(x_n)_{n \in \mathbb{N}}$ be a sequence from $(0, 1)$ such that the series $\sum_{n=1}^{\infty} (1 - x_n)$ is convergent. Then for every $\lambda \in (-1, \infty]$

$$\lim_{n \rightarrow \infty} (T_\lambda^{\mathbf{SW}})_{i=n}^\infty x_i = 1.$$

Proof. An additive generator of $T_\lambda^{\mathbf{SW}}$ for $\lambda \in (-1, 0)$ is given by

$$t_\lambda^{\mathbf{SW}}(x) = -\log \left(\frac{1 + \lambda x}{1 + \lambda} \right) \cdot \frac{1}{\log(1 + \lambda)}.$$

We shall prove that for some $n_1 \in \mathbb{N}$ and every $p \in \mathbb{N}$

$$\prod_{i=1}^p \theta_\lambda^{\mathbf{SW}}(x_{n+i-1}) = \exp \left(\sum_{i=1}^p \log \left(\frac{1 + \lambda x_{n+i-1}}{1 + \lambda} \right) \cdot \frac{1}{\log(1 + \lambda)} \right) > e^{-1} \quad (4)$$

for every $n \geq n_1$ since in this case

$$(T_\lambda^{\mathbf{SW}})_{i=1}^p x_{n+i-1} = (\theta_\lambda^{\mathbf{SW}})^{-1} \left(\prod_{i=1}^p \theta_\lambda^{\mathbf{SW}}(x_{n+i-1}) \right). \quad (5)$$

We have to prove that for some $n_1 \in \mathbb{N}$ and every $p \in \mathbb{N}$

$$-\frac{1}{\log(1 + \lambda)} \sum_{i=0}^p \log \left(\frac{1 + \lambda x_{n+i-1}}{1 + \lambda} \right) < 1 \text{ for every } n > n_1, \quad (6)$$

since (6) implies (4). From $\lim_{n \rightarrow \infty} (1 - x_n) = 0$ it follows that

$$\log \left(1 + \frac{\lambda}{1 + \lambda} (x_n - 1) \right) \sim \frac{\lambda}{1 + \lambda} (x_n - 1)$$

and therefore the series

$$-\frac{1}{\log(1 + \lambda)} \sum_{n=1}^{\infty} \log \left(1 + \frac{\lambda}{1 + \lambda} (x_n - 1) \right)$$

is convergent. Hence it follows that there exists $n_1 \in \mathbb{N}$ such that (4) holds for every $n \geq n_1$ and every $p \in \mathbb{N}$, and this implies (5).

The above proposition holds also for $\lambda \geq 0$ since in this case $T_\lambda^{\text{SW}} \geq T_{\mathbf{L}}$. \square

It is of special interest for the fixed point theory in probabilistic metric spaces to investigate condition (2) for a special sequence $(1 - q^n)_{n \in \mathbb{N}}$ for $q \in (0, 1)$.

Proposition 19. If for a t-norm T there exists $q_0 \in (0, 1)$ such that

$$\lim_{n \rightarrow \infty} \prod_{i=n}^{\infty} (1 - q_0^i) = 1, \quad (7)$$

then

$$\lim_{n \rightarrow \infty} \prod_{i=n}^{\infty} (1 - q^i) = 1,$$

for every $q \in (0, 1)$.

Proof. If $q < q_0$ then $1 - q^n > 1 - q_0^n$ for every $n \in \mathbb{N}$ and therefore (7) implies

$$\lim_{n \rightarrow \infty} \prod_{i=n}^{\infty} (1 - q^i) \geq \lim_{n \rightarrow \infty} \prod_{i=n}^{\infty} (1 - q_0^i) = 1.$$

Now suppose that $q > q_0$. First, we consider the special case when $q^2 = q_0$, i.e., $\sqrt{q_0} = q > q_0$. Then

$$\begin{aligned} \prod_{i=2m}^{\infty} (1 - q^i) &\geq T \left(\prod_{i=m}^{\infty} (1 - q^{2i}), \prod_{i=m}^{\infty} (1 - q^{2i+1}) \right) \\ &\geq T \left(\prod_{i=m}^{\infty} (1 - q_0^i), \prod_{i=m}^{\infty} (1 - q_0^i) \right) \end{aligned}$$

and since T by Remark 13 is continuous at $(1, 1)$ it follows that

$$\lim_{m \rightarrow \infty} \prod_{i=2m}^{\infty} (1 - q^i) \geq T(1, 1) = 1.$$

Therefore

$$\lim_{m \rightarrow \infty} \prod_{i=2m+1}^{\infty} (1 - q^i) \geq \lim_{m \rightarrow \infty} \prod_{i=2m}^{\infty} (1 - q^i) = 1.$$

Now we consider an arbitrary $q > q_0$ from the interval $(0, 1)$. Since for $q > q_0$ there exists $m \in \mathbb{N}$ such that $q_0^{2^{-m}} > q$ we reduce this situation on the case of the m -iterations of the preceding procedure. \square

Definition 20. We say that a t-norm T is geometrically convergent (briefly g -convergent, in [4] called q -convergent for some $q \in (0, 1)$) if

$$\lim_{n \rightarrow \infty} \prod_{i=n}^{\infty} (1 - q^i) = 1.$$

for every $q \in (0, 1)$.

Since $\lim_{n \rightarrow \infty} (1 - q^n) = 1$ and $\sum_{n=1}^{\infty} (1 - (1 - q^n))^s < \infty$ for every $s > 0$ it follows that all t-norms from the family

$$\bigcup_{\lambda \in (0, \infty)} \{T_{\lambda}^{\mathbf{D}}\} \cup \bigcup_{\lambda \in (0, \infty)} \{T_{\lambda}^{\mathbf{AA}}\} \cup \mathcal{T}^H \cup \bigcup_{\lambda \in (-1, \infty]} \{T_{\lambda}^{\mathbf{SW}}\}$$

are g -convergent, where \mathcal{T}^H is the class of all t-norms of H -type.

The following example shows that not every strict t-norm is g -convergent.

Example 21. Let T be the strict t-norm with an additive generator $\mathbf{t}(x) = -\frac{1}{\log(1-x)}$. In this case the series $\sum_{i=1}^{\infty} \mathbf{t}(1 - q^i)$ for any $q \in (0, 1)$ is not convergent since

$$\sum_{i=1}^{\infty} \mathbf{t}(1 - q^i) = -\sum_{i=1}^{\infty} \frac{1}{\log(q^i)} = -\sum_{i=1}^{\infty} \frac{1}{i \log q}.$$

In the following two propositions we shall give sufficient conditions for a t-norm T to be g -convergent.

Proposition 22. Let T and T_1 be strict t-norms and \mathbf{t} and \mathbf{t}_1 their additive generators, respectively, and there exists $b \in (0, 1)$ such that $\mathbf{t}(x) \leq \mathbf{t}_1(x)$ for every $x \in (b, 1]$. If T_1 is g -convergent, then T is g -convergent.

Proof. Since T_1 is g -convergent we have $\lim_{n \rightarrow \infty} (T_1)_{i=n}^{\infty} (1 - q^i) = 1$. Therefore

$$\lim_{n \rightarrow \infty} \sum_{i=n}^{\infty} \mathbf{t}_1(1 - q^i) = 0. \tag{8}$$

Since there exists $n_0 \in \mathbb{N}$ such that $1 - q^{n_0} \in (b, 1]$ we have by the condition of the proposition that

$$\mathbf{t}(1 - q^n) \leq \mathbf{t}_1(1 - q^n) \text{ for every } n \geq n_0.$$

Therefore, by (8) $\lim_{n \rightarrow \infty} \sum_{i=n}^{\infty} \mathbf{t}(1 - q^i) = 0$, i.e., T is g -convergent. □

Proposition 23. Let T be a strict t-norm with a generator \mathbf{t} which has a bounded derivative on an interval $(b, 1)$ for some $b \in (0, 1)$. Then T is g -convergent.

Proof. By the Lagrange mean value theorem we have for every $x \in (b, 1)$ that

$$\mathbf{t}(x) - \mathbf{t}(1) = \mathbf{t}'(\xi)(x - 1)$$

for some $\xi \in (x, 1)$, and therefore

$$\sum_{i=i_0}^{\infty} \mathbf{t}(1 - q^i) \leq M \sum_{i=i_0}^{\infty} q^i,$$

where $M = \sup_{x \in (b, 1)} |\mathbf{t}'(x)|$, and $1 - q^{i_0} \in (b, 1)$. □

Proposition 24. Let T be a t-norm and $\psi : (0, 1] \rightarrow [0, \infty)$. If for some $\delta \in (0, 1)$ and every $x \in [0, 1]$, $y \in [1 - \delta, 1]$

$$|T(x, y) - T(x, 1)| \leq \psi(y) \tag{9}$$

then for every sequence $(x_n)_{n \in \mathbb{N}}$ from the interval $[0, 1]$ such that $\lim_{n \rightarrow \infty} x_n = 1$ and $\sum_{n=1}^{\infty} \psi(x_n) < \infty$, relation (2) holds.

For the proof see [4].

Corollary 25. Let T and ψ be as in Proposition 25. If for some $q \in (0, 1)$,

$$\sum_{n=1}^{\infty} \psi(1 - q^n) < \infty$$

then T is g -convergent.

Proof. Since $\lim_{n \rightarrow \infty} (1 - q^n) = 1$ by Proposition 25 we obtain that

$$\lim_{n \rightarrow \infty} \prod_{i=n}^{\infty} (1 - q^i) = 1. \tag{10} \quad \square$$

Example 26. Let $\alpha > 0$, $p > 1$ and $z_{\alpha, p} : (0, 1] \times [0, 1] \rightarrow [0, \infty)$ be defined in the following way:

$$z_{\alpha, p}(x, y) = \begin{cases} y - \frac{\alpha}{|\ln(1-x)|^p} & \text{if } (x, y) \in (0, 1) \times [0, 1], \\ y & \text{if } (x, y) \in \{1\} \times [0, 1]. \end{cases}$$

In this case the function $z_{\alpha, p}$ is equal zero on the curve which connects the points $(1, 0)$ and $(1 - e^{-\alpha^{1/p}}, 1)$, where $1 - e^{-\alpha^{1/p}} < 1$.

Let T be a t-norm such that $T(x, y) \geq z_{\alpha,p}(x, y)$ for every $(x, y) \in [1 - \delta, 1] \times [0, 1]$. Then for every $(x, y) \in [0, 1] \times [1 - \delta, 1]$

$$\begin{aligned} |T(x, y) - T(x, 1)| &= |T(y, x) - T(1, x)| \\ &\leq |z_{\alpha,p}(y, x) - z_{\alpha,p}(1, x)| \\ &\leq \frac{\alpha}{|\ln(1 - y)|^p}, \end{aligned}$$

i.e., (9) holds for

$$\psi(y) = \begin{cases} \frac{\alpha}{|\ln(1 - y)|^p} & \text{if } y \in [1 - \delta, 1), \\ 0 & \text{if } y = 1. \end{cases}$$

Since

$$\begin{aligned} \sum_{n=1}^{\infty} \psi(1 - q^n) &= \sum_{n=1}^{\infty} \frac{\alpha}{|\ln(q^n)|^p} \\ &= \sum_{n=1}^{\infty} \frac{\alpha}{n^p |\ln(q)|^p} < \infty, \end{aligned}$$

T is g -convergent.

4. FIXED POINT THEORY IN PROBABILISTIC METRIC SPACES

Let Δ^+ be the set of all distribution functions F such that $F(0) = 0$ (F is a nondecreasing, left continuous mapping from \mathbb{R} into $[0, 1]$ such that $\sup_{x \in \mathbb{R}} F(x) = 1$).

The ordered pair (S, \mathcal{F}) is said to be a *probabilistic metric space* if S is a nonempty set and $\mathcal{F} : S \times S \rightarrow \Delta^+$ ($\mathcal{F}(p, q)$ is written by $F_{p,q}$ for every $(p, q) \in S \times S$) satisfies the following conditions:

1. $F_{u,v}(x) = 1$ for every $x > 0 \Rightarrow u = v$ ($u, v \in S$).
2. $F_{u,v} = F_{v,u}$ for every $u, v \in S$.
3. $F_{u,v}(x) = 1$ and $F_{v,w}(y) = 1 \Rightarrow F_{u,w}(x + y) = 1$ for $u, v, w \in S$ and $x, y \in \mathbb{R}_+ = [0, \infty)$.

A *Menger space* is a triple (S, \mathcal{F}, T) , where (S, \mathcal{F}) is a probabilistic metric space, T is a t-norm and the following inequality holds

$$F_{u,v}(x + y) \geq T(F_{u,w}(x), F_{w,v}(y)) \text{ for every } u, v, w \in S \text{ and every } x > 0, y > 0.$$

The (ε, λ) -topology in S is introduced by the family of neighbourhoods

$$\mathcal{U} = \{U_v(\varepsilon, \lambda)\}_{(v, \varepsilon, \lambda) \in S \times \mathbb{R}_+ \times (0, 1)},$$

where

$$U_v(\varepsilon, \lambda) = \{u \mid u \in S, F_{u,v}(\varepsilon) > 1 - \lambda\}.$$

4.1. Probabilistic q -contraction and g -convergent t -norms

Definition 27. ([15]) Let (S, \mathcal{F}) be a probabilistic metric space. A mapping $f : S \rightarrow S$ is a probabilistic q -contraction ($q \in (0, 1)$) if

$$F_{fp_1, fp_2}(x) \geq F_{p_1, p_2}\left(\frac{x}{q}\right) \tag{10}$$

for every $p_1, p_2 \in S$ and every $x \in \mathbb{R}$.

By Remark 13 each g -convergent t -norm T satisfies the condition $\sup_{x < 1} T(x, x) = 1$, which ensures the metrizability of the (ε, λ) -topology.

Theorem 28. Let (S, \mathcal{F}, T) be a complete Menger space and $f : S \rightarrow S$ a probabilistic q -contraction such that for some $p \in S$ and $k > 0$

$$\sup_{x > 0} x^k (1 - F_{p, fp}(x)) < \infty. \tag{11}$$

If t -norm T is g -convergent, then there exists a unique fixed point z of the mapping f and $z = \lim_{n \rightarrow \infty} f^n p$.

Proof. Let $\mu \in (q, 1)$ and $\delta = q/\mu < 1$. We shall prove that $(f^n p)_{n \in \mathbb{N}}$ is a Cauchy sequence. Choose $\varepsilon > 0$ and $\lambda \in (0, 1)$ and prove that there exists $n_0(\varepsilon, \lambda) \in \mathbb{N}$ such that

$$F_{f^n p, f^{n+m} p}(\varepsilon) > 1 - \lambda \text{ for every } n \geq n_0(\varepsilon, \lambda) \text{ and every } m \in \mathbb{N}.$$

Since the series $\sum_{i=1}^{\infty} \delta^i$ is convergent, there exists $n_1 = n_1(\varepsilon) \in \mathbb{N}$ such that $\sum_{i=n_1}^{\infty} \delta^i \leq \varepsilon$.

Let $n > n_1$. Then we have

$$\begin{aligned} F_{f^n p, f^{n+m} p}(\varepsilon) &\geq F_{f^n p, f^{n+m} p}\left(\sum_{i=n}^{\infty} \delta^i\right) \\ &\geq F_{f^n p, f^{n+m} p}\left(\sum_{i=n}^{n+m-1} \delta^i\right) \\ &\geq \underbrace{T\left(T\left(\dots\left(T\left(F_{f^n p, f^{n+1} p}(\delta^n), F_{f^{n+1} p, f^{n+2} p}(\delta^{n+1})\right), \dots, F_{f^{n+m-1} p, f^{n+m} p}(\delta^{n+m-1})\right)\right)\right)}_{(m-1)\text{-times}} \\ &\geq \underbrace{T\left(T\left(\dots\left(T\left(F_{p, fp}\left(\frac{1}{\mu^n}\right), F_{p, fp}\left(\frac{1}{\mu^{n+1}}\right)\right), \dots, F_{p, fp}\left(\frac{1}{\mu^{n+m-1}}\right)\right)\right)\right)}_{(m-1)\text{-times}}. \end{aligned}$$

Let $M > 0$ be such that

$$x^k (1 - F_{p, fp}(x)) \leq M \text{ for every } x > 0. \tag{12}$$

Suppose that n_2 is such that

$$1 - M(\mu^k)^n \in [0, 1) \text{ for every } n \geq n_2. \tag{13}$$

From (12) it follows that

$$F_{p,fp} \left(\frac{1}{\mu^n} \right) > 1 - M(\mu^k)^n \text{ for every } n \in \mathbb{N}$$

and by (13) for $n \geq \max(n_1, n_2)$

$$F_{f^n p, f^{n+m} p}(\varepsilon) \geq \underbrace{T \left(T \left(\dots \left(T \left(1 - M(\mu^k)^n, 1 - M(\mu^k)^{n+1} \right), \dots, 1 - M(\mu^k)^{n+m-1} \right) \right) \right)}_{(m-1)\text{-times}}$$

Let s_0 be such that $M(\mu^k)^{s_0} < \mu^k$. Then for every $n \in \mathbb{N}$

$$1 - M(\mu^k)^{n+s_0} \geq 1 - (\mu^k)^{n+1}$$

and therefore for $n \geq \max(n_1, n_2)$ and $m \in \mathbb{N}$

$$\begin{aligned} F_{f^{n+s_0} p, f^{n+s_0+m} p}(\varepsilon) &\geq \underbrace{T \left(T \left(\dots \left(T \left(1 - M(\mu^k)^{n+s_0}, 1 - M(\mu^k)^{n+s_0+1} \right) \right) \right) \right)}_{(m-1)\text{-times}} \\ &\quad \dots, 1 - M(\mu^k)^{n+s_0+m-1} \\ &\geq \prod_{i=n+1}^{\infty} (1 - (\mu^k)^i). \end{aligned}$$

Since T is g -convergent we conclude that $(f^n p)_{n \in \mathbb{N}}$ is a Cauchy sequence. Let $z = \lim_{n \rightarrow \infty} f^n p$. By the continuity of the mapping f it follows that $fz = z$. \square

Corollary 29. Let (S, \mathcal{F}, T) be a complete Menger space such that T is a strict t-norm with a multiplicative generator θ , and $f : S \rightarrow S$ a probabilistic q -contraction such that for some $k > 0$ and $p \in S$ (11) holds. If there exists $\mu \in (0, 1)$ such that

$$\lim_{n \rightarrow \infty} \prod_{i=n}^{\infty} \theta(1 - \mu^i) = 1,$$

then there exists a unique fixed point x of the mapping f and $x = \lim_{n \rightarrow \infty} f^n p$.

Let

$$\mathcal{T} = \bigcup_{\lambda \in (0, \infty)} \{T_\lambda^{\mathbf{D}}\} \cup \bigcup_{\lambda \in (0, \infty)} \{T_\lambda^{\mathbf{AA}}\}.$$

Corollary 30. Let (S, \mathcal{F}, T) be a complete Menger space such that $T \geq T_1$ for some $T_1 \in \mathcal{T}$ and $f : S \rightarrow S$ a probabilistic q -contraction such that for some $k > 0$ and $p \in S$ (11) holds. Then there exists a unique fixed point x of the mapping f and $x = \lim_{n \rightarrow \infty} f^n p$.

From the proof of Theorem 28 it follows that $f : S \rightarrow S$ has a unique fixed point if (11) and the condition that T is g -convergent is replaced by the condition

$$\lim_{n \rightarrow \infty} \prod_{i=n}^{\infty} F_{p,fp} \left(\frac{1}{\mu^i} \right) = 1 \quad (\mu \in (0, 1)). \tag{14}$$

Using Examples 16 and 17 and Proposition 18 we obtain a fixed point theorem, where the condition (11) is replaced by the condition

$$\sup_{x>1} \ln^k x(1 - F_{p,fp}(x)) < \infty, \tag{15}$$

for some $k > 0$, which under some additional conditions implies (14).

Theorem 31. Let (S, \mathcal{F}, T) be a complete Menger space and $f : S \rightarrow S$ a probabilistic q -contraction. Suppose that one of the following two conditions is satisfied:
 (i) $T \in \{T_\lambda^{\mathbf{D}}, T_\lambda^{\mathbf{AA}}\}$ for some $\lambda > 0$ and there exists $p \in S$ such that (15) holds, where $k\lambda > 1$.
 (ii) $T = T_\lambda^{\mathbf{SW}}$ for some $\lambda \in (-1, \infty]$ and there exists $p \in S$ such that (15) holds, where $k > 1$.

Then there exists a unique fixed point z of the mapping f and $z = \lim_{n \rightarrow \infty} f^n p$.

Proof. (i) Suppose that $\sup_{x>1} \ln^k x(1 - F_{p,fp}(x)) < \infty$, i.e., that there exists $M > 0$ such that

$$\ln^k x(1 - F_{p,fp}(x)) < M \text{ for every } x > 1. \tag{16}$$

Relation (16) implies that

$$\begin{aligned} F_{p,fp} \left(\frac{1}{\mu^n} \right) &\geq 1 - \frac{M}{\ln^k \left(\frac{1}{\mu^n} \right)} \\ &= 1 - \frac{M}{n^k |\ln \mu|^k} \quad (\mu \in (0, 1)). \end{aligned}$$

Suppose that $1 - \frac{M}{n^k |\ln \mu|^k} > 0$ for every $n \geq n_0$. Then

$$\prod_{i=n}^{\infty} F_{p,fp} \left(\frac{1}{\mu^i} \right) \geq \prod_{i=n}^{\infty} \left(1 - \frac{M}{n^k |\ln \mu|^k} \right) \text{ for every } n \geq n_0.$$

By Examples 16 and 17

$$\lim_{n \rightarrow \infty} \prod_{i=n}^{\infty} \left(1 - \frac{M}{n^k |\ln \mu|^k} \right) = 1$$

since for $k\lambda > 1$

$$\sum_{i=1}^{\infty} \frac{M^\lambda}{i^{k\lambda} |\ln \mu|^{k\lambda}} < \infty.$$

Hence (14) holds.

(ii) If $T = T_\lambda^{\mathbf{S}\mathbf{W}}$ for some $\lambda \in (-1, \infty]$ and (16) holds for some $k > 1$ then (14) holds, since by Proposition 18, $\sum_{i=1}^{\infty} \frac{M}{i^k |\ln \mu|^k} < \infty$ implies (14). \square

Remark. It is obvious by Proposition 18 that in the case (ii) the condition (15) can be replaced by the Tardiff's condition (see [16])

$$\int_1^\infty \ln u \, dF_{p,f_p}(u) < \infty.$$

4.2. An application to random operator equations

Special non-additive measures, so called decomposable measures, see [11], generate a probabilistic metric space ([4]) on which Theorem 28 implies a random fixed point theorem.

Definition 32. Let \mathbf{S} be a t-conorm. An \mathbf{S} -decomposable measure m is a set function $m : \mathcal{A} \rightarrow [0, 1]$ such that $m(\emptyset) = 0$ and

$$m(A \cup B) = \mathbf{S}(m(A), m(B))$$

whenever $A, B \in \mathcal{A}$ and $A \cap B = \emptyset$.

Example 33. Taking \mathbf{S}_L t-conorm, $\Omega = \mathbb{N}$, $\mathcal{A} = 2^{\mathbb{N}}$ and $m(E) = \min(|E|/N, 1)$ for a fixed natural number N , where $|E|$ is the cardinal number of E , we obtain that m is \mathbf{S}_L -decomposable measure.

Definition 34. Let \mathbf{S} be a left-continuous t-conorm. A set function $m : \mathcal{A} \rightarrow [0, 1]$ is σ - \mathbf{S} -decomposable measure if $m(\emptyset) = 0$ and

$$m\left(\bigcup_{i=1}^{\infty} A_i\right) = \mathbf{S}_{i=1}^{\infty} m(A_i)$$

for every sequence $(A_i)_{i \in \mathbb{N}}$ from \mathcal{A} whose elements are pairwise disjoint set.

The set function considered in Example 33. is σ - \mathbf{S}_L -decomposable.

An \mathbf{S} -decomposable measure m is monotone, which means that $A, B \in \mathcal{A}$, $A \subseteq B$ implies $m(A) \leq m(B)$. A measure m is of (NSA)-type (see [17]) if and only if $\mathbf{s} \circ m$ is a finite additive measure, where \mathbf{s} is an additive generator of the t-conorm \mathbf{S} (see [17]), which is continuous, non-strict, and Archimedean, and with respect to which m is decomposable ($\mathbf{s}(1) = 1$). If (Ω, \mathcal{A}, m) is a measure space and (M, d) is a separable metric space, by S we shall denote the set of all the equivalence classes of measurable mappings $X : \Omega \rightarrow M$. An element from S will be denoted by \widehat{X} if $\{X(\omega)\} \in \widehat{X}$. The following proposition is proved in [14].

Proposition 35. Let (Ω, \mathcal{A}, m) be a measure space, where m is a continuous **S**-decomposable measure of (NSA)-type with monotone increasing generator \mathbf{s} . Then (S, \mathcal{F}, T) is a Menger space, where \mathcal{F} and t-norm T are given in the following way $(\mathcal{F}(\widehat{X}, \widehat{Y}) = F_{\widehat{X}, \widehat{Y}})$:

$$F_{\widehat{X}, \widehat{Y}}(u) = m(\{\omega \mid \omega \in \Omega, d(X(\omega), Y(\omega)) < u\}) = m(\{d(X, Y) < u\})$$

(for every $\widehat{X}, \widehat{Y} \in S, u \in \mathbb{R}$),

$$T(x, y) = \mathbf{s}^{-1}(\max(0, \mathbf{s}(x) + \mathbf{s}(y) - 1)), \text{ for every } x, y \in [0, 1].$$

Let $f : \Omega \times M \rightarrow M$ be a continuous random operator. Then for every measurable mapping $X : \Omega \rightarrow M$, the mapping $\omega \mapsto f(\omega, X(\omega)) (\omega \in \Omega)$ is measurable. If $X : \Omega \rightarrow M$ is a measurable mapping let $(\widehat{f\widehat{X}})(\omega) = f(\omega, X(\omega)), \omega \in \Omega, X \in \widehat{X}$. Hence $\widehat{f} : S \rightarrow S$.

Corollary 36. Let (Ω, \mathcal{A}, m) be a measure space, where m is a continuous **S**-decomposable measure of (NSA)-type, \mathbf{s} is a monotone increasing additive generator of **S**, (M, d) a complete separable metric space and $f : \Omega \times M \rightarrow M$ a continuous random operator such that for some $q \in (0, 1)$

$$\begin{aligned} & m(\{\omega \mid \omega \in \Omega, d((\widehat{f\widehat{X}})(\omega), (\widehat{f\widehat{Y}})(\omega)) < u\}) \\ & \geq m\left(\left\{\omega \mid \omega \in \Omega, d(X(\omega), Y(\omega)) < \frac{u}{q}\right\}\right) \end{aligned} \tag{17}$$

for every measurable mappings $X, Y : \Omega \rightarrow M$ and every $u > 0$. If there exists a measurable mapping $U : \Omega \rightarrow M$ such that for some $k > 0$

$$\sup_{x>0} x^k (1 - m(\{d(\widehat{U}, \widehat{f\widehat{U}}) < x\})) < \infty$$

and t-norm T defined by

$$T(x, y) = \mathbf{s}^{-1}(\max(0, \mathbf{s}(x) + \mathbf{s}(y) - 1)), x, y \in [0, 1],$$

is g -convergent, then there exists a random fixed point of the operator f .

Corollary 37. Let (Ω, \mathcal{A}, m) be a measure space, where m is a continuous $\mathbf{S}_\lambda^{\text{SW}}$ -decomposable measure of (NSA)-type for some $\lambda \in (-1, \infty]$, (M, d) a complete separable metric space and $f : \Omega \times M \rightarrow M$ a continuous random operator such that for some $q \in (0, 1)$ (17) holds for every measurable mappings $X, Y : \Omega \rightarrow M$ and every $u > 0$. If there exists a measurable mapping $U : \Omega \rightarrow M$ such that for some $k > 1$

$$\sup_{x>1} \ln^k x (1 - m(\{d(\widehat{U}, \widehat{f\widehat{U}}) < x\})) < \infty,$$

then there exists a random fixed point of the operator f .

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