

# PICARD ORBITS OF LIPSCHITZIAN TYPE MAPPINGS AND THEIR ACCUMULATION POINTS ON DISTANCE SPACES

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**Abstract.** We give a new example which illustrates the fact that some Picard orbits may have  $n$  distinct accumulation points, where  $n$  is a given natural number.

**Keywords:** distance space,  $N$ -distance space,  $F$ -distance space,  $H$ -distance space, quasi-metric space, contraction mapping, fixed point.

## ORBITELE PICARD ALE APLICAȚIILOR DE TIP LIPSCHITZIAN ȘI PUNCTELE LOR DE ACUMULARE PE SPAȚII CU DISTANȚĂ

**Rezumat.** Construim un nou exemplu care ilustrează faptul că unele orbite Picard pot avea  $n$  puncte de acumulare distincte, unde  $n$  este un număr natural dat.

**Cuvinte cheie:** Spațiu cu distanță, spațiu cu  $N$ -distanță, spațiu cu  $F$ -distanță, spațiu cu  $H$ -distanță, spațiu quasimetric, contracție, punct fix.

### 1. Preliminaries

In [2] the authors proposed the following two problems.

**Problem 1.** Let  $g : X \rightarrow X$  be a contraction of a complete quasimetric space  $(X, d)$ . Is it true that  $g$  has fixed points?

**Problem 2.** Let  $g : X \rightarrow X$  be a contraction of a complete  $F$ -symmetric space  $(X, d)$ . Is it true that  $g$  has fixed points?

These two problems were solved in [8]. Our aim in the present paper is to present an example that illuminates the results in [2] and [8] to some extent. Distinct variants of the fixed point problem in general distance spaces were examined in [1, 2, 4, 5, 6, 7, 8, 15] and other articles.

Throughout the paper, by a space we understand a topological  $T_0$ -space, and we use the terminology from [9, 10, 14].

Let  $X$  be a non-empty set and  $d : X \times X \rightarrow \mathbb{R}$  be a mapping such that for all  $x, y \in X$  we have:

$$(i_m) \quad d(x, y) \geq 0;$$

$$(ii_m) \quad d(x, y) + d(y, x) = 0 \text{ if and only if } x = y.$$

Then  $(X, d)$  is called a *distance space* and  $d$  is called a *distance* on  $X$ .

Let  $d$  be distance on  $X$  and let  $B(x, d, r) = \{y \in X : d(x, y) < r\}$  be the *ball* with the center  $x$  and radius  $r > 0$ . The set  $U \subset X$  is called  *$d$ -open* if for any  $x \in U$  there exists  $r > 0$  such that  $B(x, d, r) \subset U$ . The family  $\mathcal{T}(d)$  of all  $d$ -open subsets is the topology on  $X$  generated by  $d$ . The space  $(X, \mathcal{T}(d))$  is a  $T_0$ -space.

A distance space is a *sequential space*, i.e., a set  $B \subseteq X$  is closed if and only if for any sequence  $\{x_n\}$  in  $B$ , all limits of  $\{x_n\}$  are in  $B$  [9].

Let  $(X, d)$  be a distance space,  $\{x_n : n \in \mathbb{N} = \{1, 2, \dots\}\}$  be a sequence in  $X$  and  $x \in X$ . We say that the sequence  $\{x_n : n \in \mathbb{N}\}$ :

1) is *convergent* to  $x$  if and only if  $\lim_{n \rightarrow \infty} d(x, x_n) = 0$ . We denote this by  $x_n \rightarrow x$  or  $x = \lim_{n \rightarrow \infty} x_n$ .

2) is *Cauchy* or *fundamental* if  $\lim_{n, m \rightarrow \infty} d(x_n, x_m) = 0$ .

We say that a distance space  $(X, d)$  is *complete* if every Cauchy sequence in  $X$  converges to some point in  $X$ .

Let  $d$  be a distance on  $X$  such that for all  $x, y \in X$  we have:

$$(iii_m) \quad d(x, y) = d(y, x).$$

Then  $(X, d)$  is called a *symmetric space* and  $d$  is called a *symmetric* on  $X$ .

Let  $d$  be a distance on  $X$  such that for all  $x, y, z \in X$  we have:

$$(iv_m) \quad d(x, z) \leq d(x, y) + d(y, z).$$

Then  $(X, d)$  is called a *quasimetric space* and  $d$  is called a *quasimetric* on  $X$ .

A distance  $d$  on a set  $X$  is called a *metric* if it is simultaneously a symmetric and a quasimetric.

## 2. Conditions of existence of fixed points

Let  $X$  be a non-empty set and  $d(x, y)$  be a distance on  $X$  with the following property:

(N) for each point  $x \in X$  and any  $\varepsilon > 0$  there exists  $\delta = \delta(x, \varepsilon) > 0$  such that from  $d(x, y) \leq \delta$  and  $d(y, z) \leq \delta$  it follows  $d(x, z) \leq \varepsilon$ .

Then  $(X, d)$  is called an *N-distance space* and  $d$  is called an *N-distance* on  $X$ . If  $d$  is a symmetric, then we say that  $d$  is an *D-symmetric* (see [11, 12, 13, 16, 17]).

If  $d$  satisfy the condition

(F) for any  $\varepsilon > 0$  there exists  $\delta = \delta(\varepsilon) > 0$  such that from  $d(x, y) \leq \delta$  and  $d(y, z) \leq \delta$  it follows  $d(x, z) \leq \varepsilon$ ,

then  $d$  is called an *F-distance* or a *Fréchet distance* and  $(X, d)$  is called an *F-distance space* (see [3, 11]).

*Remark.* Any *F-distance* is an *N-distance*.

A distance space  $(X, d)$  is called an *H-distance space* if for any two distinct points  $x, y \in X$  there exists  $\delta = \delta(x, y) > 0$  such that  $d(x, z) + d(y, z) \geq \delta$  for each point  $z \in X$ , i.e.,  $B(x, d, \delta) \cap B(y, d, \delta) = \emptyset$ .

*Remark.* Any *N-symmetric* is an *H-distance*.

A space  $(X, d)$  is a *H-distance space* if and only if any convergent sequence has a unique limit point (see [11], Theorem 3).

Consider the mapping  $\varphi : X \rightarrow X$ . and let  $\varphi^1 = \varphi$  and  $\varphi^{n+1} = \varphi \circ \varphi^n$  for each  $n \in \mathbb{N}$   $= \{1, 2, \dots\}$  be its iterates. If  $x \in X$ , then put  $x_0 = x$  and consider  $x_n = \varphi^n(x_0)$ , for every  $n \in \mathbb{N}$ . The set  $O(x, \varphi) = \{x_n : n \in \mathbb{N}\}$  is called the *Picard orbit* of the point  $x$ .

In the paper [8] the following assertions were established.

**Theorem 2.1.** Let  $d$  be an *N-distance* and an *H-distance* on a space  $X$  and let  $\varphi : X \rightarrow X$  be a mapping with the following properties:

(i) the mapping  $\varphi$  is continuous or there exists a number  $\lambda > 0$  such that  $d(\varphi(x), \varphi(y)) \leq \lambda \cdot d(x, y)$  for all points  $x, y \in X$ ;

(ii) for some point  $e \in X$  the Picard orbit  $O(e, \varphi) = \{e_n = \varphi^n(e) : n \in \mathbb{N}\}$  has an accumulation point and  $\lim_{n \rightarrow \infty} d(e_n, e_{n+1}) = 0$ .

Then:

1. The mapping  $\varphi$  has fixed points. Any accumulation point of the orbit  $O(e, \varphi)$  is a fixed point of  $\varphi$ .
2. The orbit of the point  $e$  has not periodic points.
3. If  $\lim_{n \rightarrow \infty} d(g^n(y), g^{n+1}(y)) = 0$ , for each point  $y \in X$ , then any periodic point of the mapping  $\varphi$  is a fixed point of  $\varphi$ .
4. The space  $(X, \mathcal{J}(d))$  is first-countable and Hausdorff.

**Corrolary 2.2.** Let  $d$  be a quasimetric and an  $H$ -distance on a space  $X$  and let  $\varphi : X \rightarrow X$  be a mapping with properties:

(i) the mapping  $\varphi$  is continuous or there exists a number  $\lambda > 0$  such that  $d(\varphi(x), \varphi(y)) \leq \lambda \cdot d(x, y)$  for all points  $x, y \in X$ ;

(ii) for some point  $e \in X$  the Picard orbit  $O(e, \varphi) = \{e_n = \varphi^n(e) : n \in \mathbb{N}\}$  has an accumulation point and  $\lim_{n \rightarrow \infty} d(e_n, e_{n+1}) = 0$  and  $\lim_{n \rightarrow \infty} d(e_n, e_{n+1}) = 0$ .

Then:

1. The mapping  $\varphi$  has fixed points. Any accumulation point of the orbit  $O(e, \varphi)$  is a fixed point of  $\varphi$ .
2. The orbit of the point  $e$  has no periodic points.
3. If  $\lim_{n \rightarrow \infty} d(g^n(y), g^{n+1}(y)) = 0$  for each point  $y \in X$ , then any periodic point of the mapping  $\varphi$  is a fixed point of  $\varphi$ .
4. The space  $(X, \mathcal{J}(d))$  is first-countable and Hausdorff.

**Corrolary 2.3.** Let  $d$  be a complete quasimetric and an  $H$ -distance on a space  $X$  and  $\varphi : X \rightarrow X$  be a mapping with properties:

(i) the mapping  $\varphi$  is continuous or there exists a number  $\lambda > 0$  such that  $d(\varphi(x), \varphi(y)) \leq \lambda \cdot d(x, y)$  for all points  $x, y \in X$ ;

(ii) for each point  $x \in X$  and the Picard orbit  $O(x, \varphi) = \{x_n = \varphi^n(x) : n \in \mathbb{N}\}$  there exists a non-negative number  $\mu(x) < 1$  such that  $d(\varphi(x_n), \varphi(x_m)) \leq \mu(x) \cdot d(x_n, x_m)$  for all  $n, m \in \mathbb{N}$ .

Then:

1. The mapping  $\varphi$  has fixed points.
2. Any periodic point of the mapping  $\varphi$  is a fixed point of  $\varphi$ .
3. Any Picard orbit is a Cauchy convergent sequence to some fixed point of the mapping  $\varphi$ .
4. The space  $(X, \mathcal{J}(d))$  is first-countable and Hausdorff.

*Remark.* The condition that  $d$  is an  $H$ -distance on  $X$  is essential (see [8]).

In connection with the above results it is important to answer the following question.

**Problem 3.** Let  $(X, d)$  be a complete quasimetric space, where  $d$  is an  $H$ -quasimetric,  $a \in X$  and let  $g : X \rightarrow X$  be a mapping such that  $d(g^n(a), g^{n+1}(a)) > d(g^{n+1}(a), g^{n+2}(a))$  and  $\lim_{n \rightarrow \infty} d(g^n(a), g^{n+1}(a)) = 0$ .

*How many accumulations points does have the orbit of  $g$  at the point  $a$ ?*

In [8] it was constructed an example to answer Problem 3, where the orbit of  $g$  at the point  $a$  has two accumulation points.

The main aim of the next section is to show, by virtue of an appropriate example, that the orbit of a point may have actually  $m$  distinct accumulation points, where  $m$  is a given natural number.

### 3. An example of a Picard orbit possessing $m \geq 2$ accumulation points

**Example 3.1.** Let  $m \geq 2$  and consider a set  $B = \{b_1, b_2, \dots, b_m\}$  with  $m$  distinct points. Assume that  $B \cap \mathbb{N} = \emptyset$  and let  $X = \mathbb{N} \cup B$ . In  $\mathbb{N}$  consider a sequence  $\{i_{(n,1)}, i_{(n,2)}, \dots, i_{(n,m)}, i_{(n,m+1)} : n \in \mathbb{N}\}$  such that:

- (i)  $4 = i_{(1,1)} < \dots < i_{(1,m+1)} < i_{(2,1)} < \dots < i_{(n-1,m+1)} < i_{(n,1)} < i_{(n,2)} < \dots < i_{(n,m)} < i_{(n,m+1)} < i_{(n+1,1)} < \dots$ ;
- (ii)  $\Sigma\{m^{-1} : m \in \mathbb{N}, i_{(n,i)} \leq m < i_{(n,i+1)}\} < 2$ ,  $\Sigma\{m^{-1} : m \in \mathbb{N}, i_{(n,i)} \leq m \leq i_{(n,i+1)}\} \geq 2$  for each  $n \in \mathbb{N}$  and  $i \leq m$ ;
- (iii)  $\Sigma\{m^{-1} : m \in \mathbb{N}, i_{(n,m+1)} \leq m < i_{(n+1,1)}\} < 2$ ,  $\Sigma\{m^{-1} : m \in \mathbb{N}, i_{(n,m+1)} \leq m \leq i_{(n+1,1)}\} \geq 2$ , for each  $n \in \mathbb{N}$ .

Since  $0 \notin \mathbb{N}$  and we need the numbers  $i_{(n-1,m+1)}$  and  $i_{(n,0)}$  for each  $n \in \mathbb{N}$ , it is convenient to put  $i_{(0,m+1)} = 1$  and  $i_{(n,0)} = i_{(n-1,m+1)}$ .

Consider on  $\mathbb{N}$  the function  $f(n) = \Sigma\{m^{-1} : m \in \mathbb{N}, m \leq n\}$ . The sets  $I_{(n,i)} = \{k \in \mathbb{N} : i_{(n,i)} \leq k \leq i_{(n,i+1)}\}$ ,  $I_{(n,m+1)} = \{k \in \mathbb{N} : i_{(n,m+1)} \leq k \leq i_{(n+1,1)}\}$  are called the  $m$ -intervals of integers of the rank  $n$ .

Now we construct on  $X$  the distance  $d$  with the conditions:

- (C1)  $d(x, x) = 0$  for each  $x \in X$ ;
- (C2)  $d(b_i, b_j) = 1$  for all distinct  $i, j \in \{1, 2, \dots, m\}$ ;
- (C3)  $d(n, b_i) = 1$  for all  $n \in \mathbb{N}$  and  $i \in \{1, 2, \dots, m\}$ ;
- (C4)  $d(n, m) = \min\{1, |f(n) - f(m)|\}$ , for all  $n, m \in \mathbb{N}$ ;
- (C5) If  $y, n \in \mathbb{N}$ ,  $1 \leq i \leq m$ ,  $x = b_i$  and  $i_{(n-1,m+1)} \leq y \leq i_{(n,m+1)}$ , then  $d(x, y) = d(b_i, y) = (i_{(n,i)})^{-1} + |f(y) - f(i_{(n,i)})|$ .

By construction,  $0 \leq d(x, y) \leq 1$ , for all  $x, y \in X$ . Moreover, if  $x, y \in \mathbb{N} \subset X$  and  $d(x, y) < 1$ , then we have three possibilities:

- (i) There exists  $n = n(x, y) \in \mathbb{N}$  such that  $x, y \in [i_{(n-1,m+1)}, i_{(n,2)}]$ ;
- (ii) There exists  $n = n(x, y) \in \mathbb{N}$  such that  $x, y \in [i_{(n,m)}, i_{(n+1,1)}]$ ;
- (iii) There exists  $n = n(x, y) \in \mathbb{N}$  and  $i \leq m$  such that  $i \geq 2$  and  $x, y \in [i_{(n,i-1)}, i_{(n,i+1)}]$ .

In the above cases,  $x, y$  are numbers belonging to an  $m$ -interval or to the union of two adjacent  $m$ -intervals.

We put  $\varphi(b_i) = b_i$ , for each  $i \leq m$  and  $\varphi(n) = n + 1$ , for each  $n \in \mathbb{N}$ . By construction,  $\text{Fix}(\varphi) = \{b_1, b_2, \dots, b_m\}$ . We prove the following claims.

**Property 1.**  $(X, d)$  is a complete distance space.

*Proof.* The space  $(X, d)$  has no non-trivial Cauchy sequences, i.e., if  $\{x_n \in X : n \in \mathbb{N}\}$  is a Cauchy sequence, then there exists  $k \in \mathbb{N}$  such that  $x_k = x_n$  for all  $n \geq k$  and  $\lim_{n \rightarrow \infty} x_n = x_k$ .

**Property 2.**  $(X, d)$  is a quasimetric space.

*Proof.* Fix three distinct points  $x, y, z \in X$ .

**Case 1.**  $x, y, z \in \mathbb{N}$ .

On  $\mathbb{N}$  the distance  $d$  is a metric. Hence  $d(x, z) \leq d(x, y) + d(y, z)$ .

**Case 2.**  $x, y, z \in B$ .

On  $M$  the distance  $d$  is a discrete metric. Hence  $1 = d(x, z) \leq d(x, y) + d(y, z) = 2$ .

**Case 3.**  $x, y \in B$  and  $z \in \mathbb{N}$ .

In this case  $d(x, z) \leq 1 = d(x, y) < d(x, y) + d(y, z)$ .

**Case 4.**  $x, z \in B$  and  $y \in \mathbb{N}$ .

In this case  $d(x, z) \leq 1 = d(y, z) < d(x, y) + d(y, z)$ .

**Case 5.**  $y, z \in B$  and  $x \in \mathbb{N}$ .

In this case  $d(x, z) \leq 1 = d(y, z) < d(x, y) + d(y, z) = 2$ .

**Case 6.**  $y \in B$  and  $x, z \in \mathbb{N}$ .

In this case  $d(x, z) \leq 1 = d(x, y) < d(x, y) + d(y, z)$ .

**Case 7.**  $z \in B$  and  $x, y \in \mathbb{N}$ .

In this case  $d(x, z) = 1 = d(y, z) < d(x, y) + d(y, z)$ .

For  $x \in B$  and  $y, z \in \mathbb{N}$  we consider the following cases.

**Case 8.**  $x \in B, y, z \in \mathbb{N}$  and  $d(y, z) = 1$ .

In this case  $d(x, z) \leq 1, d(x, y) \leq 1$  and  $d(x, z) < d(x, y) + d(y, z)$ .

**Case 9.**  $x = b_i \in B, y, z \in \mathbb{N}, d(y, z) < 1, n \in \mathbb{N}$  and  $y, z \in [i_{(n-1, m+1)}, \leq i_{(n, m+1)}]$ .

In this case  $d(x, z) = d(b_i, z) = \min\{1, (i_{(n, 1)})^{-1} + |f(z) - f(i_{(n, i)})|\} = \min\{1, (i_{(n, 1)})^{-1} + |(f(z) - f(y)) + (f(y) - f(i_{(n, i)}))|\} \leq \min\{1, (i_{(n, 1)})^{-1} + |f(z) - f(y)| + |f(y) - f(i_{(n, i)})|\} \leq \min\{1, (i_{(n, 1)})^{-1} + |f(y) - f(i_{(n, i)})|\} + |f(z) - f(y)| = d(x, y) + d(y, z)$ .

**Property 3.** The mapping  $\varphi$  has the following properties:

- 1)  $d(\varphi(x), \varphi(y)) < 2d(x, y)$ , for all distinct points  $x, y \in X$ ;
- 2) if  $x, y \in X$  and  $d(x, y) = 1$ , then  $d(\varphi(x), \varphi(y)) \leq d(x, y)$ ;
- 3) if  $x, y \in \mathbb{N}$  and  $x \neq y$ , then  $d(\varphi(x), \varphi(y)) < d(x, y)$ ;
- 4)  $\varphi$  is a continuous mapping.

*Proof.* Let  $x, y \in X$  and  $x \neq y$ .

If  $d(x, y) = 1$ , then  $d(\varphi(x), \varphi(y)) \leq 1 = d(x, y)$ . Assertion 2 is proved.

Assume that  $d(x, y) < 1$ . We have the following two cases:

**Case 1.**  $x, y \in \mathbb{N}$ .

Assume that  $x < y$ . In this case  $d(\varphi(x), \varphi(y)) = \Sigma\{m^{-1} : x + 1 < m \leq y + 1\} \cup \Sigma\{m^{-1} : x < m \leq y\} \leq d(x, y)$ . Moreover,  $d(x, y) - d(\varphi(x), \varphi(y)) = |(x + 1)^{-1} - (y + 1)^{-1}|$ . Assertion 3 is proved.

**Case 2.**  $x \in B$  and  $y \in \mathbb{N}$ .

Let  $x = b_i, 1 \leq i \leq m$ . In this case there exists  $n \in \mathbb{N}$  such that  $i_{(n-1, m+1)} \leq y \leq i_{(n, m+1)}$  and  $d(x, y) = d(b_i, y) = (i_{(n, 1)})^{-1} + |f(y) - f(i_{(n, i)})|$ .

If  $y < i_{(n, i)}$ , then  $d(\varphi(x), \varphi(y)) = (i_{(n, 1)})^{-1} + f(i_{(n, i)}) - f(y + 1) \cup (i_{(n, 1)})^{-1} + f(i_{(n, i)}) - f(y) = d(x, y)$ .

If  $y \geq i_{(n, i)}$ , then  $d(\varphi(x), \varphi(y)) = i_{(n, 1)}^{-1} + f(y + 1) - f(i_{(n, i)}) = i_{(n, 1)}^{-1} + f(y) - f(i_{(n, i)}) + (y + 1)^{-1} = d(x, y) + (y + 1)^{-1}$ . Since  $(y + 1)^{-1} < (i_{(n, i)})^{-1} \leq d(x, y)$ , we have  $d(\varphi(x), \varphi(y)) < 2d(x, y)$ . Assertion 1 is proved. Assertion 4 follows from Assertion 1.

**Property 4.** If  $x \in X$ , then  $\lim_{n \rightarrow \infty} d(\varphi^n(x), \varphi^{n+1}(x)) = 0$ .

*Proof.* If  $x \in B$ , then  $\varphi(x) = x$  and the assertion is proved. If  $x \in \mathbb{N}$ , then  $d(\varphi^n(x), \varphi^{n+1}(x)) = \Sigma\{z^{-1} : z \leq x+n+1\} - \Sigma\{z^{-1} : z \leq x+n\} = (x+n+1)^{-1}$ . Hence  $\lim_{n \rightarrow \infty} d(\varphi^n(x), \varphi^{n+1}(x)) = \lim_{n \rightarrow \infty} (x+n+1)^{-1} = 0$ .

**Property 5.** The space  $(X, \mathcal{T}(d))$  is complete metrizable.

*Proof.* If  $x \in \mathbb{N}$ , then  $N_n x = \{x\}$  for each  $n \in \mathbb{N}$ . If  $x = b_i \in B$  and  $n \in \mathbb{N}$ , then  $N_n x = \{x\} \cup \{y \in N : d(x, y) < 2^{-n}\}$ . For any  $i < j \leq m$  we have  $N_1 b_i \cap N_1 b_j = \emptyset$ . Then  $\mathcal{B} = \{N_n x : x \in X, n \in \mathbb{N}\}$  is a base of open-and-closed subsets of the space  $(X, \mathcal{T}(d))$ . The proof is complete.

**Property 6.** If  $x \in \mathbb{N} \subset X$ , then  $O(x, \varphi) = \{n \in \mathbb{N} : x \leq n\}$ . Moreover, if  $x, y \in \mathbb{N} \subset X$  and  $x < y$ , then  $O(y, \varphi) \subset O(x, \varphi) \subset O(1, \varphi)$ .

**Property 7.** Let  $i \leq m$ . Then  $\lim_{n \rightarrow \infty} d(b_i, i_{(n,i)}) = \lim_{n \rightarrow \infty} (i_{(n,i)})^{-1} = 0$ .

**Property 8.** The space  $(X, T(d))$  is not locally compact.

*Proof.* Fix  $i \leq m$ . Assume that  $U$  is an open neighbourhood of the point  $b_i$  in  $X$ . There exists  $k \in \mathbb{N}$  such that  $\{x \in X : d(b_i, x) < 2k^{-1}\} \subset U$ . For each  $n \geq k$ , fix  $x_n \in I_{(n,i)}$  such that  $k^{-1} \leq d(i_{(n,i)}, x_n) < 2k^{-1}$ . Then  $\{x_n \in \mathbb{N} : n \in \mathbb{N}, n \geq k\}$  is a closed discrete sequence of the space  $(X, \mathcal{T}(d))$  such that  $x_n \in U$  and  $x_n < x_{n+1}$  for each  $n \in \mathbb{N}, n \geq k$ .

**Property 9.** All points  $x \in B$  are points of accumulation of the Picard orbit  $O(n, \varphi)$ ,  $n \in \mathbb{N}$ .

**Property 10.** The Picard orbit  $O(x, \varphi)$  is not convergent in  $(X, d)$ , for any  $x \in \mathbb{N}$ .

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