

# Some fixed point theorems in 2-Banach spaces and 2-normed tensor product spaces

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**Abstract:** In this paper, we derive some fixed point theorems in 2-Banach spaces. Let  $X$  be a 2-Banach space and  $T$  be a self-mapping on  $X$ . Let  $\psi : [0, \infty) \rightarrow [0, \infty)$ ;  $\beta, \phi : [0, \infty) \times [0, \infty) \rightarrow [0, \infty)$  and  $\gamma : [0, \infty) \times [0, \infty) \times [0, \infty) \rightarrow [0, \infty)$  be continuous mappings having some specific characteristics. Using these mappings, we define some conditions for  $T$  under which  $T$  has a unique fixed point in  $X$ . The conditions for two self-mappings  $T_1$  and  $T_2$  on  $X$  for having the common unique fixed point are also derived here with proper examples. Moreover, defining a 2-norm in the projective tensor product space, we derive a fixed point theorem here with a suitable example.

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## 1 Introduction

In this paper, we derive some fixed point theorems for mappings on 2-Banach spaces satisfying some specific characteristics. The notion of 2-normed linear spaces and their topological structures was initiated by Gähler [10] in his paper “Linear 2-normed spaces”. He studied the special class of 2-metric spaces which is linear and defined a 2-norm on those spaces. Motivated by this work, several authors namely Iseki [11], Rhoads [27], White [29], etc., studied various aspects of the fixed point theory and proved some fixed point theorems in 2-metric and 2-Banach spaces. Cho et al. [3] investigated about common fixed points of weakly compatible mappings in 2-metric spaces. In 1993, Khan and Khan [12] derived some results on fixed points of involution maps in 2-Banach spaces. In 2013 [28], Saha et al. discussed some fixed point theorems for a class of weakly C-contractive mappings in a setting of 2-Banach Space.

## 2 Preliminaries

**Definition 1.** Let  $X$  be a real linear space of dimension greater than 1 and let  $\|.,.\|$  be a real valued function on  $X \times X$  satisfying the following conditions:

- (i)  $\|x, y\| = 0$  if and only if  $x$  and  $y$  are linearly dependent,
- (ii)  $\|x, y\| = \|y, x\|$  for all  $x, y \in X$ ,
- (iii)  $\|\alpha x, y\| = |\alpha| \|y, x\|$ ,  $\alpha$  being real,  $x, y \in X$ ,
- (iv)  $\|x, y + z\| \leq \|x, y\| + \|x, z\|$ , for all  $x, y, z \in X$

Then  $\|.,.\|$  is called a 2-norm on  $X$  and  $(X, \|.,.\|)$  is called a linear 2-normed space.

**Definition 2.** A sequence  $\{x_n\}$  in a 2-normed space  $(X, \|.,.\|)$  is said to be a Cauchy sequence if  $\lim_{n,m \rightarrow \infty} \|x_n - x_m, a\| = 0$  for all  $a$  in  $X$ .

**Definition 3.** A sequence  $\{x_n\}$  in a 2-normed space  $X$  is called a convergent sequence if there is an  $x$  in  $X$  such that  $\lim_{n \rightarrow \infty} \|x_n - x, a\| = 0$  for all  $a$  in  $X$ .

**Definition 4.** A 2-normed space in which every Cauchy sequence is convergent is called a 2-Banach space.

**Definition 5.** Let  $X$  and  $Y$  be two linear 2-normed spaces. An operator  $T : X \rightarrow Y$  is said to be continuous at  $x \in X$  if for every sequence  $\{x_n\}$  in  $X$ ,  $\{x_n\} \rightarrow x$  as  $n \rightarrow \infty$  implies  $\{T(x_n)\} \rightarrow T(x)$  in  $Y$  as  $n \rightarrow \infty$ .

**Definition 6.** Let  $f$  and  $g$  be two self-maps on a set  $X$ . If  $fx = gx$ , for some  $x$  in  $X$  then  $x$  is called coincidence point of  $f$  and  $g$ .

**Definition 7.** Let  $f$  and  $g$  be two self-maps defined on a set  $X$ . Then  $f$  and  $g$  are said to be weakly compatible if they commute at coincidence points, i.e., if  $fu = gu$  for some  $u \in X$ , then  $fgu = gfu$ .

### 3 Fixed point in 2-Banach spaces

**Theorem 1.** Let  $X$  be a 2-Banach space and  $T$  be a self map on  $X$ . Let  $\psi : [0, \infty) \rightarrow [0, \infty)$  and  $\beta : [0, \infty) \times [0, \infty) \rightarrow [0, \infty)$  are continuous mappings satisfying the conditions:  $\psi(0) = 0$ ,  $\psi$  is monotonically increasing;

$$b\psi(s) \leq \beta(r, s) \Rightarrow bs \leq r, b \in \{1, 2\}; \beta(s, t) = 0 \Leftrightarrow s = t = 0.$$

Let

$$\begin{aligned} \psi(\|Tx - Ty, a\|) &\leq \beta(\|x - Tx, a\|, \|y - Ty, a\|) - \max[\psi(\|x - Tx, a\|), \psi(\|y - Ty, a\|)] \\ \text{where } x, y, a \in X. \quad \text{Then } T \text{ has a unique fixed point on } X. \end{aligned}$$

*Proof.* For any fixed  $x_0 \in X$ , we construct a sequence  $\{x_n\}$  by  $x_{n+1} = Tx_n$ ,  $n = 0, 1, 2, \dots$

$$\begin{aligned} \psi(\|x_n - x_{n+1}, a\|) &\leq \beta(\|x_{n-1} - x_n, a\|, \|x_n - x_{n+1}, a\|) \\ &\quad - \max[\psi(\|x_{n-1} - x_n, a\|), \psi(\|x_n - x_{n+1}, a\|)] \\ &\leq \beta(\|x_{n-1} - x_n, a\|, \|x_n - x_{n+1}, a\|) \end{aligned}$$

Therefore we write,

$$\|x_n - x_{n+1}, a\| \leq \|x_{n-1} - x_n, a\|.$$

So,  $\{\|x_n - x_{n+1}, a\|\}$  is a monotonic decreasing sequence of real numbers and hence it converges to some  $r$ , say, i.e.,  $\|x_n - x_{n+1}, a\| \rightarrow r$  as  $n \rightarrow \infty$ .

Now,  $\|x_n - x_{n+1}, a\| = \|Tx_{n-1} - Tx_n, a\|$ . So,

$$\begin{aligned} \psi(r) &= \psi\left(\lim_{n \rightarrow \infty} \|x_n - x_{n+1}, a\|\right) = \lim_{n \rightarrow \infty} \psi(\|Tx_{n-1} - Tx_n, a\|) \\ &\leq \lim_{n \rightarrow \infty} [\beta(\|x_{n-1} - Tx_{n-1}, a\|, \|x_n - Tx_n, a\|) - \max(\psi(\|x_{n-1} - Tx_{n-1}, a\|), \psi(\|x_n - Tx_n, a\|))] \\ &= \lim_{n \rightarrow \infty} [\beta(\|x_{n-1} - x_n, a\|, \|x_n - x_{n+1}, a\|) - \max(\psi(\|x_{n-1} - x_n, a\|), \psi(\|x_n - x_{n+1}, a\|))] \\ &= \beta(r, r) - \max[\psi(r), \psi(r)]. \end{aligned}$$

Thus,  $2\psi(r) \leq \beta(r, r) \Rightarrow 2r \leq r$ , possible for  $r = 0$ . Hence,  $\|x_n - x_{n+1}, a\| \rightarrow 0$  as  $n \rightarrow \infty$ .

Next, we show that  $\{x_n\}$  is a Cauchy sequence in  $X$ . If possible, let  $\{x_n\}$  be not a Cauchy sequence, and so, there exists

$\varepsilon > 0$  such that there exists sub sequences  $\{x_{m_k}\}$  and  $\{x_{n_k}\}$  of  $\{x_n\}$  with  $n_k > m_k > k$  such that  $\|x_{m_k} - x_{n_k}, a\| \geq \varepsilon$  and  $\|x_{m_k} - x_{n_k-1}, a\| < \varepsilon$ . Then,

$$\begin{aligned}\psi(\varepsilon) &\leq \psi(\|x_{m_k} - x_{n_k}, a\|) = \psi(\|Tx_{m_k-1} - Tx_{n_k-1}, a\|) \\ &\leq \beta(\|x_{m_k-1} - Tx_{m_k-1}, a\|, \|x_{n_k-1} - Tx_{n_k-1}, a\|) \\ &\quad - \max[\psi(\|x_{m_k-1} - Tx_{m_k-1}, a\|), \psi(\|x_{n_k-1} - Tx_{n_k-1}, a\|)]\end{aligned}$$

Taking  $n_k$  and  $m_k \rightarrow \infty$  and using the continuity of  $\beta$  and  $\psi$

$$\psi(\varepsilon) \leq \beta(0, 0) - \max[\psi(0), \psi(0)] = 0 = \psi(0) \Rightarrow \varepsilon \leq 0$$

which is a contradiction. Hence  $\{x_n\}$  is a Cauchy sequence in  $X$ , and so, it converges to some  $z$ , in  $X$ . Now,

$$\begin{aligned}\psi(\|x_n - Tz, a\|) &\leq \beta(\|x_{n-1} - Tx_{n-1}, a\|, \|z - Tz, a\|) - \max[\psi(\|x_{n-1} - Tx_{n-1}, a\|), \psi(\|z - Tz, a\|)] \\ &\Rightarrow 2\psi(\|z - Tz, a\|) \leq \beta(0, \|z - Tz, a\|); [\text{taking } n \rightarrow \infty] \\ &\Rightarrow 2\|z - Tz, a\| \leq 0, (\forall a \in X) \\ &\Rightarrow \|z - Tz, a\| = 0\end{aligned}$$

Since  $a$  is arbitrary, taking  $a = 0$ , we get,  $z = Tz$ .

To show the uniqueness: Let  $Tz_1 = z_1$  and  $Tz_2 = z_2$ . Then

$$\begin{aligned}\psi(\|Tz_1 - Tz_2, a\|) &\leq \beta(\|z_1 - Tz_1, a\|, \|z_2 - Tz_2, a\|) - \max[\psi(\|z_1 - Tz_1, a\|), \psi(\|z_2 - Tz_2, a\|)] \\ &= \beta(0, 0) - \max[\psi(0), \psi(0)].\end{aligned}$$

Therefore we write,

$$\|Tz_1 - Tz_2, a\| = 0 \quad \forall a \in X \Rightarrow Tz_1 = Tz_2 \Rightarrow z_1 = z_2.$$

The proof is completed.

**Example 1.** Let  $X = \mathbb{R}^3$  and we consider the following 2-norm on  $X$  (refer to [1])

$$\|x, y\| = \left| \det \begin{pmatrix} i & j & k \\ x_1 & x_2 & x_3 \\ y_1 & y_2 & y_3 \end{pmatrix} \right|$$

where  $x = (x_1, x_2, x_3), y = (y_1, y_2, y_3) \in \mathbb{R}^3$ . Then  $(X, \|\cdot, \cdot\|)$  is a 2-Banach space.

We fix  $(e, f, g) \in \mathbb{R}^3$  and let  $T$  be a self mapping on  $\mathbb{R}^3$  defined by  $T(x, y, z) = (e, f, g) \quad \forall (x, y, z) \in \mathbb{R}^3$ .

Let  $\psi(s) = 2s, \beta(r, s) = \frac{r}{2} + s$ ; where  $(r, s) \in [0, \infty)$ . Now,  $Tx = (e, f, g) = Ty$  therefore  $\|Tx - Ty, a\| = 0$ .

Hence all the conditions of Theorem 1 are satisfied. So,  $T$  has a unique fixed point  $(e, f, g) \in \mathbb{R}^3$ .

For common fixed point of two self maps  $T_1$  and  $T_2$  on  $X$ , we prove.

**Theorem 2.** Let  $X$  be a 2-Banach space and  $T_1$  and  $T_2$  be two self maps on  $X$ . Let  $\psi$  and  $\beta$  be as defined in Theorem 1 with  $\beta(r,s) = \beta(s,r)$ . Then  $T_1$  and  $T_2$  have common unique fixed point, if for  $x,y,a \in X$

$$\psi(\|T_1x - T_2y, a\|) \leq \beta(\|x - T_1x, a\|, \|y - T_2y, a\|) - \max[\psi(\|x - T_1x, a\|), \psi(\|y - T_2y, a\|)]$$

*Proof.* For a fixed point  $x_0 \in X$ , we construct a sequence  $\{x_n\}$  by

$$x_{2n+1} = T_1(x_{2n}) \text{ and } x_{2n+2} = T_2(x_{2n+1}), n = 0, 1, 2, \dots$$

Now, it can be shown that  $\{x_n\}$  is a Cauchy sequence in  $X$ , converging to some  $z$  in  $X$ , which is the common fixed point for  $T_1$  and  $T_2$ .

**Corollary 1.** Let  $X$  be a 2-Banach space and  $T$  be a self map on  $X$ . Let  $\psi, \beta$  be as defined in Theorem 3.1 satisfying

$$\psi(\|Tx - Ty, a\|) \leq \frac{1}{c}[\beta(\|x - Ty, a\|, \|y - Ty, a\|) - \max(\psi(\|y - Tx, a\|), \psi(\|x - Tx, a\|))]$$

where  $c > 2$  and  $x, y, a \in X$ . Then  $T$  has unique fixed point on  $X$ .

**Corollary 2.** If  $\psi$  satisfies then also similar result holds for

$$\psi(\|Tx - Ty, a\|) \leq \beta(\|x - y, a\|, \|y - Ty, a\|) - \max[\psi(\|x - y, a\|), \psi(\|x - Tx, a\|)], \forall x, y, a \in X.$$

We now establish another fixed point theorem for  $T$  using two other mappings  $\gamma$  and  $\phi$ .

**Theorem 3.** Let  $X$  be a 2-Banach space and  $T$  be a self mapping on  $X$ . Let  $\gamma : [0, \infty) \times [0, \infty) \times [0, \infty) \rightarrow [0, \infty)$  and  $\phi : [0, \infty) \times [0, \infty) \rightarrow [0, \infty)$  be continuous mapping satisfying  $\gamma(r, 0, r+t) \leq kr$  and  $\phi(r, t) \geq k/r$ , where  $k, k' \in [0, \infty)$  such that  $k - k' < 1$ . Let

$$\|Tx - Ty, a\| \leq \gamma[\|x - y, a\|, \|y - Tx, a\|, \|x - Ty, a\|] - \phi[\|x - Tx, a\|, \|y - Ty, a\|], \forall x, y, a \in X$$

Then  $T$  has a fixed point.

*Proof.* For any fixed  $x_0 \in X$ , we construct a sequence  $\{x_n\}$  by  $x_{n+1} = Tx_n$ . We get,

$$\begin{aligned} \|x_n - x_{n+1}, a\| &\leq \gamma[\|x_{n-1} - x_n, a\|, \|x_n - x_n, a\|, \|x_{n-1} - x_{n+1}, a\|] - \phi[\|x_{n-1} - x_n, a\|, \|x_n - x_{n+1}, a\|] \\ &\leq \gamma[\|x_{n-1} - x_n, a\|, 0, \|x_{n-1} - x_n, a\| + \|x_n - x_{n+1}, a\|] - \phi[\|x_{n-1} - x_n, a\|, \|x_n - x_{n+1}, a\|] \\ &\leq (k - k')\|x_{n-1} - x_n, a\| \\ &\leq (k - k')^2\|x_{n-2} - x_{n-1}, a\| \leq \dots \leq (k - k')^n\|x_0 - x_1, a\| \rightarrow 0 \text{ as } n \rightarrow \infty \end{aligned}$$

Hence  $\{x_n\}$  is a Cauchy sequence in  $X$  and so, it converges to some  $z$ ,(say) in  $X$ .

$$\begin{aligned} \|z - Tz, a\| &\leq \|z - x_{n+1}, a\| + \|x_{n+1} - Tz, a\| \\ &\leq \|z - x_{n+1}, a\| + \gamma[\|x_n - z, a\|, \|z - Tx_n, a\|, \|x_n - Tz, a\|] - \phi[\|x_n - Tx_n, a\|, \|z - Tz, a\|] \\ &\leq 0 + \gamma[0, 0, 0 + \|z - Tz, a\|] - \phi[0, \|z - Tz, a\|] \text{ [taking } n \rightarrow \infty\text{].} \end{aligned}$$

Therefore we write  $\|z - Tz, a\| = 0$ , for all  $a \in X$ . Since  $a$  is arbitrary, taking  $a = 0$ , we get,  $z = Tz$ .

**Example 2.** Let  $\gamma(r, s, t) = k_1(r+s+t)$  and  $\phi(r, s) = k_2(r+s)$ , where  $k_1$  and  $k_2$  are two constants ( $> 0$ ). Now we can find out  $k, k' \in [0, \infty)$  with  $k - k' < 1$  such that  $\gamma(r, 0, r+t) = k_1(2r+t) \leq kr$  and  $\phi(r, t) = k_2(r+t) \geq k/r$ . Let  $T$  and  $X$  be as

defined in Example 1. Now, for  $x, y, a \in X$

$$\|Tx - Ty, a\| \leq \gamma[\|x - y, a\|, \|y - Tx, a\|, \|x - Ty, a\|] - \phi[\|x - Tx, a\|, \|y - Ty, a\|]$$

Hence by Theorem 3,  $T$  has a fixed point on  $X$ .

Depending upon  $k_1$  and  $k_2$ , the mapping  $T$  is of different types. From the given condition,

$$\begin{aligned} \|Tx - Ty, a\| &\leq \gamma[\|x - y, a\|, \|y - x, a\| + \|x - Tx, a\|, \|x - y, a\| + \|y - Ty, a\|] - \phi[\|x - Tx, a\|, \|y - Ty, a\|] \\ &\leq k_1[3\|x - y, a\| + \|x - Tx, a\| + \|y - Ty, a\|] - k_2[\|x - Tx, a\| + \|y - Ty, a\|]. \end{aligned}$$

So, if  $k_1 = k_2$ , then  $\|Tx - Ty, a\| \leq 3k_1\|x - y, a\|$  which is a contraction mapping for  $k_1 < \frac{1}{3}$  (and has a unique fixed point) and nonexpansive for  $k_1 = \frac{1}{3}$ .

Next, we discuss common fixed point for four mappings in 2-Banach spaces.

## 4 2-Norm for projective tensor product

### 4.1 Algebraic tensor product

[2]. Let  $X, Y$  be normed spaces over  $F$  with dual spaces  $X^*$  and  $Y^*$  respectively. Given  $x \in X, y \in Y$ , let  $x \otimes y$  be the element of  $BL(X^*, Y^*; F)$  (which is the set of all bounded bilinear forms from  $X^* \times Y^*$  to  $F$ ), defined by

$$x \otimes y(f, g) = f(x)g(y), \quad (f \in X^*, g \in Y^*)$$

The algebraic tensor product of  $X$  and  $Y$ ,  $X \otimes Y$  is defined to be the linear span of  $\{x \otimes y : x \in X, y \in Y\}$  in  $BL(X^*, Y^*; F)$ .

### 4.2 Projective tensor product

[2]. Given normed spaces  $X$  and  $Y$ , the projective tensor norm  $\gamma$  on  $X \otimes Y$  is defined by

$$\|u\|_\gamma = \inf\left\{\sum_i \|x_i\| \|y_i\| : u = \sum_i x_i \otimes y_i\right\}$$

where the infimum is taken over all (finite) representations of  $u$ . For the normed spaces  $X$  and  $Y$ , in the projective tensor product  $X \otimes_\gamma Y$ , we take

$$\|u, v\| = \|u\| \|v\|, \quad u, v \in X \otimes_\gamma Y$$

Following White [29], we can say that  $X \otimes_\gamma Y$  is a 2-Banach space upto linear dependence (i.e.,  $X \otimes_\gamma Y$  satisfies all the conditions for being a 2-Banach space except  $u$  and  $v$  may be linearly dependent and yet  $\|u, v\| \neq 0$ ).

Let  $D_X, D_Y$  and  $D_{X \otimes_\gamma Y}$  denote a closed and bounded subset of  $X, Y$  and  $X \otimes_\gamma Y$  respectively. Let  $T_1$  and  $T_2$  be two pairs of mappings where  $T_1 : D_{X \otimes_\gamma Y} \rightarrow D_X$  and  $T_2 : D_{X \otimes_\gamma Y} \rightarrow D_Y$  be such that for any  $u, v \in D_{X \otimes_\gamma Y}$  and  $a \otimes b \in D_{X \otimes_\gamma Y}$  with  $\|a\| \geq 1$  and  $\|b\| \geq 1$ .

$$(E) \|T_1(u) - T_1(v)\| \leq \frac{1}{KM_2}(k\|u - v, a \otimes b\| - \psi(k\|u - v, a \otimes b\|))$$

$$(F) \|T_2(u) - T_2(v)\| \leq \frac{1}{KM_1}(k'/\|u - v, a \otimes b\| - \psi(k'/\|u - v, a \otimes b\|))$$

where

- (i)  $\psi : [0, \infty) \rightarrow [0, \infty)$  is continuous and non-decreasing,  $\psi(0) = 0$
- (ii)  $\|T_1 u\| \leq M_1$  and  $\|T_2 u\| \leq M_2, \forall u \in D_{X \otimes Y}$ .

Here,  $D_{X \otimes Y}$  is bounded by  $K$  and  $k, k'$  are positive. From the mappings  $T_1$  and  $T_2$  we define a mapping  $T : D_{X \otimes Y} \rightarrow D_{X \otimes Y}$  such that  $Tu = T_1 u \otimes T_2 u$ .

**Theorem 4.** *The mapping  $T$  derived by the pair of mappings  $(T_1, T_2)$  satisfying (E) and (F) has a unique fixed point in  $D_{X \otimes Y}$  if  $k + k' \leq 1$ .*

*Proof.* For  $u, v \in D_{X \otimes Y}, a \in X$  and  $b \in Y$  and  $a \otimes b \in D_{X \otimes Y}$  with  $\|a\| \geq 1$  and  $\|b\| \geq 1$

$$\begin{aligned}
 \|Tu - Tv, a \otimes b\| &= \|T_1 u \otimes T_2 u - T_1 v \otimes T_2 v, a \otimes b\| \\
 &\leq \|(T_1 u - T_1 v) \otimes T_2 u, a \otimes b\| + \|T_1 v \otimes (T_2 u - T_2 v), a \otimes b\| \\
 &= \|T_1 u - T_1 v\| \|T_2 u\| \|a \otimes b\| + \|T_1 v\| \|T_2 u - T_2 v\| \|a \otimes b\| \\
 &\leq \frac{1}{KM_2} [k \|u - v, a \otimes b\| - \psi(k \|u - v, a \otimes b\|)] \cdot KM_2 \\
 &\quad + \frac{1}{KM_1} [k' \|u - v, a \otimes b\| - \psi(k' \|u - v, a \otimes b\|)] \cdot KM_1 \\
 &= (k + k') \|u - v, a \otimes b\| - \psi(k \|u - v, a \otimes b\|) - \psi(k' \|u - v, a \otimes b\|) \\
 &\leq \|u - v, a \otimes b\| - \{\psi(k \|u - v, a \otimes b\|) + \psi(k' \|u - v, a \otimes b\|)\}
 \end{aligned}$$

Let  $x_0 \in D_{X \otimes Y}$  be fixed. We take  $x_{n+1} = Tx_n$ . Now,

$$\begin{aligned}
 \|x_{n+1} - x_n, a \otimes b\| &= \|Tx_n - Tx_{n-1}, a \otimes b\| \\
 &\leq \|x_n - x_{n-1}, a \otimes b\| - \psi(k \|x_n - x_{n-1}, a \otimes b\|) - \psi(k' \|x_n - x_{n-1}, a \otimes b\|) \\
 &\leq \|x_n - x_{n-1}, a \otimes b\|
 \end{aligned}$$

Hence  $\{\|x_{n+1} - x_n, a \otimes b\|\}$  is a monotonically decreasing sequence of non-negative real numbers and so, is convergent to some real, say  $r$ . Taking  $n \rightarrow \infty$ , we get

$$r \leq r - \{\psi(r) + \psi(k/r)\}, \text{(by continuity of } \psi\text{). Then, } \psi(r) + \psi(k/r) \leq 0,$$

this is possible only when  $r = 0$ . So,

$$\begin{aligned}
 \lim_{n \rightarrow \infty} \|x_{n+1} - x_n, a \otimes b\| &= 0 \\
 \Rightarrow \lim_{n \rightarrow \infty} \|x_{n+1} - x_n\| \|a \otimes b\| &= 0 \Rightarrow \lim_{n \rightarrow \infty} \|x_{n+1} - x_n\| = 0 \\
 \Rightarrow \lim_{n \rightarrow \infty} \|x_{n+1} - x_n, u\| &= 0 \quad \forall u \in D_{X \otimes Y}
 \end{aligned}$$

Hence,  $\{x_n\}$  is a Cauchy sequence in the 2-Banach space  $D_{X \otimes Y}$ . Let it converge to some  $z \in D_{X \otimes Y}$ . Now,

$$\begin{aligned}
 \|z - Tz, u\| &\leq \|z - x_{n+1}, u\| + \|x_{n+1} - Tz, u\| = \|z - x_{n+1}, u\| + \|Tx_n - Tz, u\| \\
 &\leq \|z - x_{n+1}, u\| + \|x_n - z, u\| - [\psi(k \|x_n - z, u\|) + \psi(k' \|x_n - z, u\|)] \\
 &\rightarrow 0 \text{ as } n \rightarrow \infty
 \end{aligned}$$

Hence,  $\|z - Tz, u\| = 0 \Rightarrow z = Tz$ . To show the uniqueness. Let  $z_1$  and  $z_2$  be two distinct fixed points for  $T$  in  $D_{X \otimes_\gamma Y}$ . Now,

$$\begin{aligned} \|z_1 - z_2, u\| &= \|Tz_1 - Tz_2, u\| \leq \|z_1 - z_2, u\| - [\psi(k\|z_1 - z_2, u\|) + \psi(k'\|z_1 - z_2, u\|)] \\ &\Rightarrow \psi(k\|z_1 - z_2, u\|) + \psi(k'\|z_1 - z_2, u\|) \leq 0 \end{aligned}$$

which is contradiction. So,  $z_1 = z_2$ . Thus,  $T$  has a unique fixed point in the closed and bounded subset  $D_{X \otimes_\gamma Y}$  of  $X \otimes_\gamma Y$ .

**Example 3.** Let  $D_{l^1 \otimes_\gamma \mathbb{K}}$  (with the same 2-norm as defined above in the tensor product space),  $D_{l^1}$  and  $D_{\mathbb{K}}$  denote a closed and bounded subset of  $l^1 \otimes_\gamma \mathbb{K}$ ,  $l^1$  and  $\mathbb{K}$ , bounded by  $K$ ,  $\sqrt{K}$  and  $\sqrt{K}$  respectively ( $K > 0$ ).

We define  $T_1 : D_{l^1 \otimes_\gamma \mathbb{K}} \rightarrow D_{l^1}$  by

$$T_1(\sum_i a_i \otimes x_i) = \frac{1}{2K^3} \sum_i \{a_{i_n} x_i\}, \text{ where } a_i = \{a_{i_n}\}_n$$

and  $T_2 : D_{l^1 \otimes_\gamma \mathbb{K}} \rightarrow D_{\mathbb{K}}$  by  $T_2(\sum_i a_i \otimes x_i) = \frac{1}{4} \sum_i \|a_i\| |x_i|$ . For arbitrary  $b_k = \{b_{k_n}\} \in D_{l^1}$ ,  $b \in D_{\mathbb{K}}$  with  $\|b_k\| \geq 1$  and  $|b| \geq 1$ ,

$$\begin{aligned} \|T_1(\sum_i a_i \otimes x_i)\| &= \left\| \frac{1}{2K^3} \sum_i \{a_{i_n} x_i\} \right\| \leq \frac{1}{2K^3} \sum_i \|\{a_{i_n} x_i\}\| \|b_k\| |b| \\ &\leq \frac{1}{2K^3} \left\| \sum_i a_i \otimes x_i \right\| \|b_k \otimes b\| [l^1 \otimes_\gamma X = l^1(X) \text{ (refer to [26])}] \\ &\leq \frac{1}{2K^3} K^2 = \frac{1}{2K} (= M_1), \end{aligned}$$

and

$$\|T_2(\sum_i a_i \otimes x_i)\| \leq \frac{1}{4} \left\| \sum_i a_i \otimes x_i \right\| \|b_k \otimes b\| \leq \frac{K^2}{4} (= M_2)$$

For  $u = \sum_i a_i \otimes x_i$  and  $v = \sum_i d_i \otimes y_i$  in  $D_{l^1 \otimes_\gamma \mathbb{K}}$ , we have,

$$\begin{aligned} \|T_1 u - T_1 v\| &= \left\| \frac{1}{2K^3} \sum_i \{a_{i_n} x_i\} - \frac{1}{2K^3} \sum_i \{d_{i_n} y_i\} \right\| \\ &= \frac{\frac{1}{4} \left\| \sum_i a_i \otimes x_i - \sum_i d_i \otimes y_i \right\|}{\frac{K^3}{2}} \leq \frac{\frac{1}{4} \|u - v\| \|b_k \otimes b\|}{\frac{K^3}{2}} \\ &\leq 2 \left[ \frac{\frac{1}{2} \|u - v, b_k \otimes b\| - \frac{1}{2} \left[ \frac{1}{2} \|u - v, b_k \otimes b\| \right]}{K \frac{K^2}{2}} \right] \\ &= \frac{1}{KM_2} \left[ \frac{1}{2} \|u - v, b_k \otimes b\| - \psi \left( \frac{1}{2} \|u - v, b_k \otimes b\| \right) \right]; \text{ where } \psi(t) = \frac{t}{2}, k = \frac{1}{2}, \end{aligned}$$

and

$$\|T_2 u - T_2 v\| = \left\| \frac{1}{4} \sum_i \|a_i\| |x_i| - \frac{1}{4} \sum_i \|d_i\| |y_i| \right\| \leq \frac{1}{4} \left| \sum_i \|a_i\| |x_i| - \sum_i \|d_i\| |y_i| \right| \|b_k\| |b|.$$

Taking the projective tensor norm,

$$\begin{aligned}
 \|T_2u - T_2v\| &\leq \frac{1}{4}(\|u\| - \|v\|)\|b_k \otimes b\| \leq \frac{1}{4}\|u - v\|\|b_k \otimes b\| = \frac{1}{4}\|u - v, b_k \otimes b\| \\
 &\leq \frac{\frac{1}{2}\|u - v, b_k \otimes b\| - \frac{1}{2}\left[\frac{1}{2}\|u - v, b_k \otimes b\|\right]}{K\frac{1}{2K}} \\
 &\leq \frac{\frac{1}{2}\|u - v, b_k \otimes b\| - \psi\left(\frac{1}{2}\|u - v, b_k \otimes b\|\right)}{KM_1}; \text{ where } \psi(t) = \frac{t}{2}, k' = \frac{1}{2}
 \end{aligned}$$

Therefore,  $(T_1, T_2)$  satisfies the conditions (a) and (b). Also,  $k + k' = \frac{1}{2} + \frac{1}{2} = 1$ . So, the mapping  $T : D_{l^1 \otimes \gamma \mathbb{K}} \rightarrow D_{l^1 \otimes \gamma \mathbb{K}}$  has a unique fixed point in  $D_{l^1 \otimes \gamma \mathbb{K}}$ .

Let  $T_1, S_1, P_1, T_2, S_2$  and  $P_2$  be some mappings where  $T_1, S_1, P_1 : D_{X \otimes \gamma Y} \rightarrow D_X$  and  $T_2, S_2, P_2 : D_{X \otimes \gamma Y} \rightarrow D_Y$  be two mappings such that for any  $u, v \in D_{X \otimes \gamma Y}$  and  $a \otimes b \in X \otimes \gamma Y$ ,

$$\begin{aligned}
 (G) \quad &\|T_1(u) - S_1(v)\| \leq \frac{1}{MM_2}(k(\|Pu - Tv, a \otimes b\| + \|Pu - Sv, a \otimes b\|) - \psi(k\|Pu - Tv, a \otimes b\|, k\|Pu - Sv, a \otimes b\|)) \\
 (H) \quad &\|T_2(u) - S_2(v)\| \leq \frac{1}{MM_1}(k'(\|Pu - Tv, a \otimes b\| + \|Pu - Sv, a \otimes b\|) - \psi(k'\|Pu - Tv, a \otimes b\|, k'\|Pu - Sv, a \otimes b\|))
 \end{aligned}$$

where

- (i)  $\psi : [0, \infty) \rightarrow [0, \infty)$  is continuous and non-decreasing,  $\psi(0) = 0$
- (ii)  $\max[\|T_1u\|, \|S_1v\|] \leq M_1$  and  $\max[\|T_2u\|, \|S_2v\|] \leq M_2$ ,  $\forall u, v \in D_{X \otimes \gamma Y}$ ,  $a \in X$  and  $b \in Y$ . Here,  $D_{X \otimes \gamma Y}$  is bounded by  $M$  and  $k, k'$  are positive.

From the mappings  $T_1, S_1, P_1, T_2, S_2$  and  $P_2$  we define some mappings  $T : D_{X \otimes \gamma Y} \rightarrow D_{X \otimes \gamma Y}$  such that  $Tu = T_1u \otimes T_2u$ ;  $S : D_{X \otimes \gamma Y} \rightarrow D_{X \otimes \gamma Y}$  such that  $Su = S_1u \otimes S_2u$  and  $P : D_{X \otimes \gamma Y} \rightarrow D_{X \otimes \gamma Y}$  such that  $Pu = P_1u \otimes P_2u$ .

**Theorem 5.** Let  $T, S$  and  $P$  be self mappings as defined above such that

- (i)  $\{T, P\}$  and  $\{S, P\}$  are weakly compatible
- (ii)  $T(X \otimes \gamma Y) \subseteq P(X \otimes \gamma Y)$  and  $S(X \otimes \gamma Y) \subseteq P(X \otimes \gamma Y)$
- (iii) satisfy (G) and (H), then  $T, S$  and  $P$  have a common unique fixed point on  $D_{X \otimes \gamma Y}$  if  $k + k' \leq \frac{1}{4}$

*Proof.* Let  $x_0 \in D_{X \otimes \gamma Y}$  be fixed. We define

$$y_n = Tx_n = Px_{n+1}, \quad y_{n+1} = Sx_{n+1} = Px_{n+2}$$

Now, for any  $a \otimes b \in D_{X \otimes \gamma Y}$ ,

$$\begin{aligned}
 \|Tu - Sv, a \otimes b\| &\leq \|T_1u - S_1v\|\|T_2u\|\|a \otimes b\| + \|S_1v\|\|T_2u - S_2v\|\|a \otimes b\| \\
 &\leq \frac{1}{4}(\|Pu - Tv, a \otimes b\| + \|Pu - Sv, a \otimes b\|) - \psi(k'\|Pu - Tv, a \otimes b\|, k'\|Pu - Sv, a \otimes b\|).
 \end{aligned}$$

$$\begin{aligned}
& \|y_n - y_{n+1}, a \otimes b\| = \|Tx_n - Sx_{n+1}, a \otimes b\| \\
& \leq \frac{1}{4} (\|Px_n - Tx_{n+1}, a \otimes b\| + \|Px_n - Sx_{n+1}, a \otimes b\|) \\
& \quad - \psi(k \|Px_n - Tx_{n+1}, a \otimes b\|, k \|Px_n - Sx_{n+1}, a \otimes b\|) \\
& \quad - \psi(k' \|Px_n - Tx_{n+1}, a \otimes b\|, k' \|Px_n - Sx_{n+1}, a \otimes b\|) \\
& = \frac{1}{4} (\|y_{n-1} - y_{n+1}, a \otimes b\| + \|y_{n-1} - y_{n+1}, a \otimes b\|) \\
& \quad - \psi(k \|y_{n-1} - y_{n+1}, a \otimes b\|, k \|y_{n-1} - y_{n+1}, a \otimes b\|) \\
& \quad - \psi(k' \|y_{n-1} - y_{n+1}, a \otimes b\|, k' \|y_{n-1} - y_{n+1}, a \otimes b\|) \\
& \leq \frac{1}{2} (\|y_{n-1} - y_n, a \otimes b\| + \|y_n - y_{n+1}, a \otimes b\|) \\
& \quad - \psi(k \|y_{n-1} - y_{n+1}, a \otimes b\|, k \|y_{n-1} - y_{n+1}, a \otimes b\|) \\
& \quad - \psi(k' \|y_{n-1} - y_{n+1}, a \otimes b\|, k' \|y_{n-1} - y_{n+1}, a \otimes b\|) \\
& = \|y_{n-1} - y_n, a \otimes b\| - 2\psi(k \|y_{n-1} - y_{n+1}, a \otimes b\|, k \|y_{n-1} - y_{n+1}, a \otimes b\|) \\
& \quad - 2\psi(k' \|y_{n-1} - y_{n+1}, a \otimes b\|, k' \|y_{n-1} - y_{n+1}, a \otimes b\|) \\
& \leq \|y_{n-1} - y_n, a \otimes b\|.
\end{aligned}$$

Hence  $\{\|y_{n+1} - y_n, a \otimes b\|\}$  is a monotonically decreasing sequence of non-negative real numbers and so, is convergent to some real, say  $r$ . If  $r \neq 0$ , then

$$\begin{aligned}
& \|y_n - y_{n+1}, a \otimes b\| = \|Tx_n - Sx_{n+1}, a \otimes b\| \\
& \leq \frac{1}{4} (\|y_{n-1} - y_{n+1}, a \otimes b\| + \|y_{n-1} - y_{n+1}, a \otimes b\|) \\
& \quad - \psi(k \|y_{n-1} - y_{n+1}, a \otimes b\|, k \|y_{n-1} - y_{n+1}, a \otimes b\|) \\
& \quad - \psi(k' \|y_{n-1} - y_{n+1}, a \otimes b\|, k' \|y_{n-1} - y_{n+1}, a \otimes b\|) \\
& \leq \frac{1}{2} (\|y_{n-1} - y_{n+1}, a \otimes b\|) \leq \frac{1}{2} (\|y_{n-1} - y_n, a \otimes b\| + \|y_n - y_{n+1}, a \otimes b\|)
\end{aligned}$$

Taking  $n \rightarrow \infty$ , we get  $\|y_{n-1} - y_{n+1}, a \otimes b\| \rightarrow 2r$  and

$$r \leq r - 2\{\psi(2kr, 2kr) + \psi(2k/r, 2k/r)\}, \text{ (by continuity of } \psi\text{), therefore } 2\{\psi(2kr, 2kr) + \psi(2k/r, 2k/r)\} \leq 0,$$

this is possible only when  $r = 0$ . So,

$$\lim_{n \rightarrow \infty} \|y_{n+1} - y_n, a \otimes b\| = 0. \quad (1)$$

Now, proceeding as in Theorem 4.3 we have  $\lim_{n \rightarrow \infty} \|y_{n+1} - y_n, q\| = 0 \forall q \in D_{X \otimes Y}$  and  $\{y_n\}$  is a Cauchy sequence in  $D_{X \otimes Y}$ . Let it converge to some  $z \in D_{X \otimes Y}$  i.e.,

$$\begin{aligned}
\lim_{n \rightarrow \infty} y_n &= z \Rightarrow \lim_{n \rightarrow \infty} Tx_n = \lim_{n \rightarrow \infty} Px_{n+1} = z \text{ and} \\
\lim_{n \rightarrow \infty} Sx_{n+1} &= \lim_{n \rightarrow \infty} Px_{n+2} = z.
\end{aligned}$$

Since  $S(X) \subseteq P(X)$  and  $T(X) \subseteq P(X)$ , so there exists a point  $u \in D_{X \otimes \gamma Y}$  such that  $z = Pu$ . Now,

$$\begin{aligned} \|Tu - z, q\| &\leq \|Tu - Sx_{n+1}, q\| + \|Sx_{n+1} - z, q\| \\ &\leq \frac{1}{4}(\|Pu - Tx_{n+1}, q\| + \|Pu - Sx_{n+1}, q\|) \\ &\quad - \psi(k\|Pu - Tx_{n+1}, q\|, k\|Pu - Sx_{n+1}, q\|) \\ &\quad - \psi(k/\|Pu - Tx_{n+1}, q\|, k/\|Pu - Sx_{n+1}, q\|) + \|Sx_{n+1} - z, q\|. \end{aligned}$$

Taking  $n \rightarrow \infty$ ,

$$\|Tu - z, q\| \leq 0 \Rightarrow \|Tu - z, q\| = 0$$

Therefore  $Tu = z$ . So,  $Pu = Tu = z$ , i.e.,  $u$  is a coincidence point of  $P$  and  $T$ . Since the pair of mappings are weakly compatible, so,

$$PTu = TPu \Rightarrow Pz = Tz.$$

Again for  $z = Pu$  we have,

$$\begin{aligned} \|z - Su, q\| &= \|Tu - Su, q\| \\ &\leq \frac{1}{4}(\|Pu - Tu, q\| + \|Pu - Su, q\|) \\ &\quad - \psi(k\|Pu - Tu, q\|, k\|Pu - Su, q\|) \\ &\quad - \psi(k/\|Pu - Tu, q\|, k/\|Pu - Su, q\|) = 0. \end{aligned}$$

Thus,  $\|z - Su, q\| = 0$ . So,  $Su = z$ . Thus  $Pu = Su = z$ , i.e.,  $w$  is a coincidence point of  $P$  and  $S$ . Since the pair of mappings are weakly compatible, so,

$$PSu = SPu \Rightarrow Pz = Sz$$

Now, we show that  $z$  is a fixed point of  $T$

$$\begin{aligned} \|Tz - z, q\| &= \|Tz - Su, q\| \\ &\leq \frac{1}{4}(\|Pz - Tu, q\| + \|Pz - Su, q\|) \\ &\quad - \psi(k\|Pz - Tu, q\|, k\|Pz - Su, q\|) \\ &\quad - \psi(k/\|Pz - Tu, q\|, k/\|Pz - Su, q\|) \\ &= \frac{1}{2}\|Tz - z, q\| \end{aligned}$$

possible only for  $\|Tz - z, q\| = 0 \Rightarrow Tz = z$  therefore  $Tz = Pz = z$ . Now, we show that  $z$  is a fixed point of  $S$

$$\begin{aligned} \|z - Sz, q\| &= \|Tz - Sz, q\| \\ &\leq \frac{1}{4}(\|Pz - Tz, q\| + \|Pz - Sz, q\|) \\ &\quad - \psi(k\|Pz - Tz, q\|, k\|Pz - Sz, q\|) \\ &\quad - \psi(k/\|Pz - Tz, q\|, k/\|Pz - Sz, q\|) = 0 \\ \Rightarrow \|Sz - z, q\| &= 0 \end{aligned}$$

possible only for  $Sz = z$  therefore  $Sz = Pz = z$ . Hence,  $Tz = Pz = z = Sz$ . Uniqueness can be shown in a similar manner. Thus  $z$  is a common unique fixed point for the mappings  $T, S$  and  $P$ .

## 5 Conclusion

Thus, in this paper, we have derived different fixed point theorems in 2-Banach spaces and also in the tensor product of normed spaces as 2-Banach spaces.

In the paper of Misiak [17], in 1989, the idea of  $n$ -normed spaces can be found. Some recent results and related works in  $n$ -normed spaces can be found in [13], [16]. Let  $n \in \mathbb{N}$  and  $X$  be a real vector space of dimension  $d \geq n$ . A real-valued function  $\|., ., .\|$  on  $X^n$  satisfying the following four properties,

(1)  $\|x_1, \dots, x_n\| = 0$  if and only if  $x_1, \dots, x_n$  are linearly dependent;

(2)  $\|x_1, \dots, x_n\|$  is invariant under permutation;

(3)  $\|x_1, \dots, x_{n-1}, \alpha x_n\| = |\alpha| \|x_1, \dots, x_{n-1}, x_n\|$  for any  $\alpha \in \mathbb{R}$  ;

(4)  $\|x_1, \dots, x_{n-1}, y + z\| \leq \|x_1, \dots, x_{n-1}, y\| + \|x_1, \dots, x_{n-1}, z\|$ ,

is called an  $n$ -norm on  $X$  and the pair  $(X, \|., ., .\|)$  is called an  $n$ -normed space. Considering the study of fixed points, the following problem can be raised.

Can we make analogous study concerning fixed points for a mapping  $T$  in the  $n$ -normed spaces and their tensor product?

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