



# Endpoints of multi-valued generalized weak contraction mappings

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## ABSTRACT

Let  $(X, d)$  be a complete metric space, and let  $T : X \rightarrow P_{cl, bd}(X)$  be a multi-valued generalized weak contraction mapping. Then  $T$  has a unique endpoint if and only if  $T$  has the approximate endpoint property. Our results extend previous results given by Ćirić (1971) [15], Nadler (1969) [11], Daffer and Kaneko (1995) [9] and Amini-Harandi (2010) [8].

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## 1. Introduction and preliminaries

Let  $(X, d)$  be a metric space and  $P(X)$  denote the class of all subsets of  $X$ . Define

$$P_f(X) = \left\{ A \subseteq X : A \neq \emptyset \text{ has property } f \right\}.$$

Thus  $P_{bd}(X)$ ,  $P_{cl}(X)$ ,  $P_{cp}(X)$  and  $P_{cl, bd}(X)$  denote the classes of bounded, closed, compact, and closed bounded subsets of  $X$ , respectively. Also  $T : X \rightarrow P_f(X)$  is called a multi-valued mapping on  $X$ . A point  $x$  is called a fixed point of  $T$  if  $x \in Tx$ . Define  $\text{Fix}(T) = \{x \in X : x \in Tx\}$ . An element  $x \in X$  is said to be an endpoint of a multi-valued mapping  $T$ , if  $Tx = \{x\}$ . We denote the set of all endpoints of  $T$  by  $\text{End}(T)$ . The investigation of endpoints of multi-valued mappings has received great attention in recent years (see [1–8]). A mapping  $T : X \rightarrow X$  is said to be a weak contraction if there exists  $0 \leq \alpha < 1$  such that

$$d(Tx, Ty) \leq \alpha N(x, y), \tag{1.1}$$

for all  $x, y \in X$ , where

$$N(x, y) := \max \left\{ d(x, y), d(x, Tx), d(y, Ty), \frac{d(x, Ty) + d(y, Tx)}{2} \right\}. \tag{1.2}$$

A multi-valued mapping  $T : X \rightarrow P_{cl, bd}(X)$  is said to be a weak contraction if there exists  $0 \leq \alpha < 1$  such that

$$H(Tx, Ty) \leq \alpha N(x, y), \tag{1.3}$$

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