

## LIMINF AND LIMSUP CONTRACTIONS

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**ABSTRACT.** We give some theorems related to the contraction mapping principle of Banach-Caccioppoli and Edelstein. The contractive conditions we consider involve the quantities  $\liminf_{\xi \rightarrow x} d(\xi, f\xi)$  and  $\limsup_{\xi \rightarrow x} d(\xi, f\xi)$  instead of  $d(\cdot, f\cdot)$ . Some examples are provided to show the difference between our results and the classical ones.

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**1. Introduction.** One of the simplest and most useful results in the fixed point theory is the Banach-Caccioppoli contraction mapping principle (see [1, 2]), which in the general setting of complete metric spaces reads as follows.

**THEOREM 1.1.** *Let  $(X, d)$  be a complete metric space,  $f : X \rightarrow X$  a mapping and  $c \in [0, 1[$  such that*

$$d(fx, fy) \leq cd(x, y), \quad \forall x, y \in X; \quad (1.1)$$

then

- (i) *there exists a point  $a \in X$  such that for each  $x \in X$ ,  $\lim_{n \rightarrow +\infty} f^n x = a$ ;*
- (ii)  *$a$  is the unique fixed point for  $f$ ;*
- (iii) *for each  $x \in X$ ,  $d(f^n x, a) \leq c^n / (1 - c) d(x, fx)$ .*

In 1962, in the case of compact metric spaces, Edelstein in [3] has proved the following generalization of the contraction mapping principle.

**THEOREM 1.2.** *Let  $(X, d)$  be a compact metric space and  $f : X \rightarrow X$  be a mapping such that*

$$d(fx, fy) < d(x, y), \quad \forall x, y \in X, x \neq y; \quad (1.2)$$

then there exists a unique fixed point for  $f$ .

The main results of this paper are related to Theorems 1.1 and 1.2 in which we have replaced the contractive conditions above by similar ones using the mappings  $\phi(\cdot) := \liminf_{\xi \rightarrow \cdot} d(\xi, f\xi)$  and  $\psi(\cdot) := \limsup_{\xi \rightarrow \cdot} d(\xi, f\xi)$  instead of  $d(\cdot, f\cdot)$ .

Before stating our theorems we need some notations and definitions: by  $\mathbb{Z}$ ,  $\mathbb{Z}^+$ ,  $\mathbb{R}$ , and  $\mathbb{R}^+$  we denote, respectively, the sets of integers, nonnegative integers, real numbers and nonnegative real numbers; let now  $X'$  be the cluster set of  $X$  and  $\varphi : X \rightarrow \mathbb{R}^+$  be a real-valued mapping, then  $\varphi$  is called (weak) lower semicontinuous at  $x \in X'$  if and only if

$$\varphi(x) \leq \liminf_{\xi \rightarrow x} \varphi(\xi) \quad (\varphi(x) \leq \limsup_{\xi \rightarrow x} \varphi(\xi)); \quad (1.3)$$

if this happens for all  $x \in X'$  then we simply say that  $\varphi$  is a (weak) lower semicontinuous mapping. Finally, taking a mapping  $f : X \rightarrow X$  then  $\varphi$  is said to be  $f$ -orbitally (weak) lower semicontinuous at  $a \in X$  if and only if for each  $x \in X$  and for each sequence  $(\xi_n)_{n \in \mathbb{Z}^+}$  in  $O_\infty(x) := \{f^n x; n \in \mathbb{Z}^+\}$  (the orbit of  $x$ ) converging to  $a$ , one has

$$\varphi(a) \leq \liminf_{n \rightarrow +\infty} \varphi(\xi_n) \quad (\varphi(a) \leq \limsup_{n \rightarrow +\infty} \varphi(\xi_n)). \tag{1.4}$$

**2. Main results.** We are now ready to state and prove our results; the first two are related to [Theorem 1.1](#), while the third one is related to [Theorem 1.2](#).

**THEOREM 2.1.** *Let  $(X, d)$  be a complete metric space such that  $X' \neq \emptyset$  and let  $f : X \rightarrow X$  be a mapping such that  $f(X') \subseteq X'$ . Suppose that there exists a point  $x \in X'$  such that*

$$\liminf_{\xi \rightarrow x} d(\xi, f\xi) < +\infty \tag{2.1}$$

and that the mapping  $\varphi(\cdot) := d(\cdot, f\cdot)$  is lower semicontinuous. Finally, let  $c \in [0, 1[$  be such that

$$\liminf_{\eta \rightarrow f\xi} d(\eta, f\eta) \leq c \liminf_{\xi \rightarrow x} d(\xi, f\xi) \quad \forall x \in X'; \tag{2.2}$$

then for all  $x \in X'$  satisfying (2.1),

- (i) there exists a point  $a \in X$  such that  $f^n x \rightarrow a$  as  $n \rightarrow +\infty$ ;
- (ii)  $fa = a$ ;
- (iii)  $d(f^n x, a) \leq c^n / (1 - c) \liminf_{\xi \rightarrow x} d(\xi, f\xi)$ .

**PROOF.** Let  $x \in X'$  be such that (2.1) holds and consider the sequence  $(f^n x)_{n \in \mathbb{Z}^+}$ , thus for  $n \in \mathbb{Z}^+$  we have

$$\liminf_{\xi \rightarrow f^n x} d(\xi, f\xi) \leq c \liminf_{\xi \rightarrow f^{n-1} x} d(\xi, f\xi) \leq \dots \leq c^n \liminf_{\xi \rightarrow x} d(\xi, f\xi) < +\infty, \tag{2.3}$$

further, by the lower semicontinuity of  $\varphi$ , one has

$$d(f^n x, f^{n+1} x) \leq \liminf_{\xi \rightarrow f^n x} d(\xi, f\xi) \leq c^n \liminf_{\xi \rightarrow x} d(\xi, f\xi), \tag{2.4}$$

thus

$$\sum_{n=0}^{+\infty} d(f^n x, f^{n+1} x) \leq \liminf_{\xi \rightarrow x} d(\xi, f\xi) \sum_{n=0}^{+\infty} c^n < +\infty; \tag{2.5}$$

this implies that  $(f^n x)_{n \in \mathbb{Z}^+}$  is a Cauchy sequence so that, for the completeness of  $(X, d)$ , there exists  $\lim_{n \rightarrow +\infty} f^n x = a \in X$  so that (i) is proved. Further, again by the lower semicontinuity of  $\varphi$ , one has

$$d(a, fa) \leq \liminf_{\xi \rightarrow a} d(\xi, f\xi) \leq \lim_{n \rightarrow +\infty} d(f^n x, f^{n+1} x) = 0, \tag{2.6}$$

thus  $fa = a$  and (ii) is proved. Finally, to see the validity of (iii), we note that

$$\begin{aligned} d(f^n x, f^{n+m} x) &\leq d(f^n x, f^{n+1} x) + \dots + d(f^{n+m-1} x, f^{n+m} x) \\ &\leq (c^n + \dots + c^{n+m-1}) \liminf_{\xi \rightarrow x} d(\xi, f\xi) \\ &= c^n (1 + \dots + c^{m-1}) \liminf_{\xi \rightarrow x} d(\xi, f\xi) \end{aligned} \tag{2.7}$$

so that, letting  $m \rightarrow +\infty$ , one has

$$d(f^n x, a) \leq \frac{c^n}{1-c} \liminf_{\xi \rightarrow x} d(\xi, f\xi), \tag{2.8}$$

which proves item (iii). □

**THEOREM 2.2.** *Let  $(X, d)$  be a complete metric space such that  $X' \neq \emptyset$  and let  $f : X \rightarrow X$  be a mapping such that  $f(X') \subseteq X'$ . Suppose that there exists a point  $x \in X'$  such that*

$$\limsup_{\xi \rightarrow x} d(\xi, f\xi) < +\infty \tag{2.9}$$

and that the mapping  $\varphi(\cdot) := d(\cdot, f\cdot)$  is weak lower semicontinuous. Finally, let  $c \in [0, 1[$  be such that

$$\limsup_{\eta \rightarrow f x} d(\eta, f\eta) \leq c \limsup_{\xi \rightarrow x} d(\xi, f\xi) \quad \forall x \in X'; \tag{2.10}$$

then for all  $x \in X'$  satisfying (2.9)

- (i) there exists a point  $a \in X$  such that  $f^n x \rightarrow a$  as  $n \rightarrow +\infty$ ;
- (ii)  $fa = a$  if and only if  $\varphi$  is  $f$ -orbitally weak lower semicontinuous at  $a$ ;
- (iii)  $d(f^n x, a) \leq c^n / (1 - c) \limsup_{\xi \rightarrow x} d(\xi, f\xi)$ .

**PROOF.** We start with a point  $x \in X'$  such that (2.9) holds and consider the sequence  $(f^n x)_{n \in \mathbb{Z}^+}$ , thus as in the previous proof we have

$$\limsup_{\xi \rightarrow f^n x} d(\xi, f\xi) \leq c \limsup_{\xi \rightarrow f^{n-1} x} d(\xi, f\xi) \leq \dots \leq c^n \limsup_{\xi \rightarrow x} d(\xi, f\xi) < +\infty; \tag{2.11}$$

using the weak lower semicontinuity of  $\varphi$  one now has

$$d(f^n x, f^{n+1} x) \leq \limsup_{\xi \rightarrow f^n x} d(\xi, f\xi) \leq c^n \limsup_{\xi \rightarrow x} d(\xi, f\xi) \tag{2.12}$$

thus

$$\sum_{n=0}^{+\infty} d(f^n x, f^{n+1} x) \leq \limsup_{\xi \rightarrow x} d(\xi, f\xi) \sum_{n=0}^{+\infty} c^n < +\infty; \tag{2.13}$$

hence  $(f^n x)_{n \in \mathbb{Z}^+}$  is a Cauchy sequence in the complete metric space  $(X, d)$ , so that there exists  $a = \lim_{n \rightarrow +\infty} f^n x$ , thus (i) is proved. Now let  $a = fa$ , then

$$d(a, fa) = 0 \leq \limsup_{k \rightarrow +\infty} d(f^{n_k} y, f^{n_k+1} y), \tag{2.14}$$

which is true for each subsequence  $(f^{n_k}y)_{k \in \mathbb{Z}^+}$  of  $(f^n y)_{n \in \mathbb{Z}^+}$  converging to  $a$  as  $k \rightarrow +\infty$ , that is,  $\varphi$  is  $f$ -orbitally weak lower semicontinuous at  $a$ . Conversely, suppose the  $f$ -orbitally weak lower semicontinuity of  $\varphi$  at  $a$ , then

$$d(a, fa) \leq \limsup_{n \rightarrow +\infty} d(f^n x, f^{n+1}x) = 0, \tag{2.15}$$

that is,  $fa = a$ , which guarantees (ii). Finally, as in the proof of [Theorem 2.1](#), we have

$$\begin{aligned} d(f^n x, f^{n+m}x) &\leq d(f^n x, f^{n+1}x) + \dots + d(f^{n+m-1}x, f^{n+m}x) \\ &\leq (c^n + \dots + c^{n+m-1}) \limsup_{\xi \rightarrow x} d(\xi, f\xi) \\ &= c^n(1 + \dots + c^{m-1}) \limsup_{\xi \rightarrow x} d(\xi, f\xi) \end{aligned} \tag{2.16}$$

and thus, as  $m \rightarrow +\infty$ , one has

$$d(f^n x, a) \leq \frac{c^n}{1-c} \limsup_{\xi \rightarrow x} d(\xi, f\xi), \tag{2.17}$$

which proves item (iii). □

**THEOREM 2.3.** *Let  $(X, d)$  be a compact metric space such that  $X' \neq \emptyset$  and let  $f : X \rightarrow X$  be a mapping such that  $f(X') \subseteq X'$ . Suppose that for each  $x \in X'$  such that  $\liminf_{\xi \rightarrow x} d(\xi, f\xi) \neq 0$*

$$\liminf_{\eta \rightarrow fx} d(\eta, f\eta) < \liminf_{\xi \rightarrow x} d(\xi, f\xi) \tag{2.18}$$

*and that the mapping  $\varphi(\cdot) := d(\cdot, f\cdot)$  is lower semicontinuous; then  $f$  has a fixed point.*

**PROOF.** We define  $\phi : X' \rightarrow [0, +\infty]$  by

$$\phi(x) \stackrel{\text{def}}{=} \liminf_{\xi \rightarrow x} d(\xi, f\xi), \tag{2.19}$$

thus we can observe that such  $\phi$  is lower semicontinuous, in fact for each  $a \in (X')'$  one has

$$\liminf_{x \rightarrow a} \phi(x) = \liminf_{x \rightarrow a} \liminf_{\xi \rightarrow x} d(\xi, f\xi) \geq \liminf_{x \rightarrow a} d(x, fx) = \phi(a). \tag{2.20}$$

Further,  $\phi$  is defined on the compact set  $X'$ , in fact it is a closed subset of the compact set  $X$ , thus  $\phi$  has a minimum on  $X'$ ; we call it  $a$ , that is,

$$\phi(a) = \min_{x \in X'} \phi(x). \tag{2.21}$$

We now claim that  $\phi(a) = 0$ , in fact suppose by contradiction that this is false, then by the hypotheses we have  $fa \in X'$  and

$$\phi(fa) = \liminf_{\eta \rightarrow fa} d(\eta, f\eta) < \liminf_{\xi \rightarrow a} d(\xi, f\xi) = \phi(a), \tag{2.22}$$

but this contradicts the minimality of  $a \in X'$ , thus  $\phi(a) = 0$ .

Now for the lower semicontinuity of  $\varphi$  one has

$$d(a, fa) \leq \liminf_{\xi \rightarrow a} d(\xi, f\xi) = \phi(a) = 0, \tag{2.23}$$

thus  $fa = a$ , and the theorem is proved. □

Mappings satisfying (2.2), (2.10), and (2.18) will be called in the next section, respectively, *liminf contractions*, *limsup contractions*, and *weak liminf contractions*.

**3. Some remarks and examples.** In this section, we give some remarks and examples concerning liminf, limsup, and weak liminf contractions which are not classical ones; we make use of the following notations:  $1/2^\infty := 0$  (for  $\infty$  we mean  $+\infty$ ),  $P := \{2k \mid k \in \mathbb{Z}\}$ , and  $D := \{2k+1 \mid k \in \mathbb{Z}\}$ .

**REMARK 3.1.** All the contractive conditions we have considered have a local character in the sense that they do not involve two generic points of the underlying space, but a single points and its orbit; under this aspects the results in this paper are related more to [4, Hicks-Rhoades theorem] rather than to Banach-Caccioppoli principle.

**REMARK 3.2.** It is obvious that a Banach-Caccioppoli or an Edelstein contraction  $f$  is also, respectively, a liminf and limsup or weak liminf contraction if it satisfies the additional hypothesis  $f(X') \subseteq X' \neq \emptyset$ , so that our results are sometimes generalizations of the classical ones; the opposite is not true as we will see in the sequel.

**EXAMPLE 3.3.** We consider the metric space  $(X, d)$  where

$$X \stackrel{\text{def}}{=} \left\{ \left( \frac{1}{2^m}, \frac{1}{2^n} \right) \mid m, n \in \mathbb{Z} \cup \{+\infty\}, n \geq m \right\} \tag{3.1}$$

and for each  $(2^{-m}, 2^{-n}), (2^{-s}, 2^{-t}) \in X$

$$d \left[ \left( \frac{1}{2^m}, \frac{1}{2^n} \right), \left( \frac{1}{2^s}, \frac{1}{2^t} \right) \right] \stackrel{\text{def}}{=} \left| \frac{1}{2^m} - \frac{1}{2^s} \right| + \left| \frac{1}{2^n} - \frac{1}{2^t} \right|. \tag{3.2}$$

This metric is equivalent to the Euclidean one in  $\mathbb{R}^2$  (restricted to  $X$ ), and  $X$  is a closed subset of  $\mathbb{R}^2$  so that  $(X, d)$  is actually a complete metric space.

Now consider the mapping  $f : X \rightarrow X$  defined by

$$f \left( \frac{1}{2^m}, \frac{1}{2^n} \right) \stackrel{\text{def}}{=} \begin{cases} (0, 0) & \text{if } m = n = \infty, \\ \left( \frac{1}{2^{m+3}}, 0 \right) & \text{if } m \in P, n = \infty, \\ \left( \frac{1}{2^{m-1}}, 0 \right) & \text{if } m \in D, n = \infty, \\ \left( \frac{1}{2^{m+3}}, \frac{1}{2^{n+3}} \right) & \text{if } m \in P, n \neq \infty, \\ \left( \frac{1}{2^{m-2}}, \frac{1}{2^{n+2}} \right) & \text{if } m \in D, n \neq \infty. \end{cases} \tag{3.3}$$

It is easy to see that  $X' = \{(2^{-m}, 0) \mid m \in \mathbb{Z} \cup \{+\infty\}\}$  and that  $f(X') \subseteq X'$ .

Let now  $x = (2^{-2k}, 0)$  with  $k \in \mathbb{Z}$ , then  $fx = (2^{-(2k+3)}, 0)$  and

$$\begin{aligned} \liminf_{\eta \rightarrow fx} d(\eta, f\eta) &= \lim_{n \rightarrow +\infty} \left[ \left| \frac{1}{2^{2k+3}} - \frac{1}{2^{2k+1}} \right| + \left| \frac{1}{2^n} - \frac{1}{2^{n+2}} \right| \right] = \frac{3}{2^{2k+3}}, \\ \liminf_{\xi \rightarrow x} d(\xi, f\xi) &= \lim_{n \rightarrow +\infty} \left[ \left| \frac{1}{2^{2k}} - \frac{1}{2^{2k+3}} \right| + \left| \frac{1}{2^n} - \frac{1}{2^{n+3}} \right| \right] = \frac{7}{2^{2k+3}}, \end{aligned} \tag{3.4}$$

thus

$$\liminf_{\eta \rightarrow f\eta} d(\eta, f\eta) \leq \frac{3}{7} \liminf_{\xi \rightarrow x} d(\xi, f\xi), \tag{3.5}$$

$$d(x, fx) = \left| \frac{1}{2^{2k}} - \frac{1}{2^{2k+3}} \right| = \frac{7}{2^{2k+3}} = \liminf_{\xi \rightarrow x} d(\xi, f\xi), \tag{3.6}$$

while in the case  $x = (2^{-(2k+1)}, 0)$  ( $k \in \mathbb{Z}$ ) we have  $fx = (2^{-2k}, 0)$  and

$$\liminf_{\eta \rightarrow f\eta} d(\eta, f\eta) = \lim_{n \rightarrow +\infty} \left[ \left| \frac{1}{2^{2k}} - \frac{1}{2^{2k+3}} \right| + \left| \frac{1}{2^n} - \frac{1}{2^{n+3}} \right| \right] = \frac{7}{2^{2k+3}}, \tag{3.7}$$

$$\liminf_{\xi \rightarrow x} d(\xi, f\xi) = \lim_{n \rightarrow +\infty} \left[ \left| \frac{1}{2^{2k+1}} - \frac{1}{2^{2k-1}} \right| + \left| \frac{1}{2^n} - \frac{1}{2^{n+2}} \right| \right] = \frac{3}{2^{2k+1}} = \frac{12}{2^{2k+3}},$$

thus

$$\liminf_{\eta \rightarrow f\eta} d(\eta, f\eta) \leq \frac{7}{12} \liminf_{\xi \rightarrow x} d(\xi, f\xi), \tag{3.8}$$

$$d(x, fx) = \left| \frac{1}{2^{2k+1}} - \frac{1}{2^{2k}} \right| = \frac{1}{2^{2k+1}} < \frac{3}{2^{2k+1}} = \liminf_{\xi \rightarrow x} d(\xi, f\xi). \tag{3.9}$$

In short for each  $x \in X'$  one has

$$\liminf_{\eta \rightarrow f\eta} d(\eta, f\eta) \leq \frac{7}{12} \liminf_{\xi \rightarrow x} d(\xi, f\xi) < +\infty \tag{3.10}$$

and, by (3.6) and (3.9), the mapping  $y \mapsto d(y, fy)$  is lower semicontinuous, so that all the hypotheses of [Theorem 2.1](#) are satisfied (in fact  $f$  has  $(0,0)$  as fixed point), but  $f$  is not a contraction in the sense of Hicks and Rhoades (see [4]), in fact for  $x = (2^{-(2k+1)}, 0)$  ( $k \in \mathbb{Z}$ ) we have  $(fx = (2^{-2k}, 0), f^2x = (2^{-(2k+3)}, 0))$ :

$$d(fx, f^2x) = \left| \frac{1}{2^{2k}} - \frac{1}{2^{2k+3}} \right| = \frac{7}{2^{2k+3}} > \frac{1}{2^{2k+1}} = \left| \frac{1}{2^{2k+1}} - \frac{1}{2^{2k}} \right| = d(x, fx). \tag{3.11}$$

The mapping of this example is actually both a liminf and a limsup contraction, but starting from it we give two other examples: in the first one ([Example 3.4](#)) the mapping we give is a liminf but not limsup contraction, while the opposite is true in [Example 3.5](#) (all the details are left to the interested reader).

**EXAMPLE 3.4.** Let  $(X, d)$  be as above, we consider the following mapping:

$$f\left(\frac{1}{2^m}, \frac{1}{2^n}\right) \stackrel{\text{def}}{=} \begin{cases} (0, 0) & \text{if } m = n = \infty, \\ \left(\frac{1}{2^{m+3}}, 0\right) & \text{if } m \in P, n = \infty, \\ \left(\frac{1}{2^{m-1}}, 0\right) & \text{if } m \in D, n = \infty, \\ \left(\frac{1}{2^{m+3}}, \frac{1}{2^{n+3}}\right) & \text{if } m \in P, n \neq \infty, \\ \left(\frac{1}{2^{m-2}}, \frac{1}{2^{n+2}}\right) & \text{if } m \in D, n \in P, \\ \left(\frac{1}{2^{m-3}}, \frac{1}{2^{n+3}}\right) & \text{if } m, n \in D. \end{cases} \tag{3.12}$$

It is easy to see that  $f$  is a liminf but not limsup contraction, in fact for  $x = (2^{-2k}, 0)$  ( $k \in \mathbb{Z}$ ) one has

$$\begin{aligned} \liminf_{\eta \rightarrow fx} d(\eta, f\eta) &= \frac{3}{2^{2k+3}} = \frac{3}{7} \cdot \frac{7}{2^{2k+3}} = \frac{3}{7} \liminf_{\xi \rightarrow x} d(\xi, f\xi), \\ \limsup_{\eta \rightarrow fx} d(\eta, f\eta) &= \frac{7}{2^{2k+3}} = \limsup_{\xi \rightarrow x} d(\xi, f\xi). \end{aligned} \tag{3.13}$$

**EXAMPLE 3.5.** Let  $(X, d)$  be as in Examples 3.4 and 3.5 and let  $f$  be the following mapping:

$$f\left(\frac{1}{2^m}, \frac{1}{2^n}\right) \stackrel{\text{def}}{=} \begin{cases} (0, 0) & \text{if } m = n = \infty, \\ \left(\frac{1}{2^{m+3}}, 0\right) & \text{if } m \in P, n = \infty, \\ \left(\frac{1}{2^{m-1}}, 0\right) & \text{if } m \in D, n = \infty, \\ \left(\frac{1}{2^{m+3}}, \frac{1}{2^{n+3}}\right) & \text{if } m \in P, n \neq \infty, \\ \left(\frac{1}{2^{m-2}}, \frac{1}{2^{n+2}}\right) & \text{if } m, n \in D, \\ \left(\frac{1}{2^{m-1}}, \frac{1}{2^{n+1}}\right) & \text{if } m \in D, n \in P. \end{cases} \tag{3.14}$$

Now  $f$  is a limsup but not liminf contraction, in fact for  $x = (2^{-(2k+1)}, 0)$  ( $k \in \mathbb{Z}$ ) one has

$$\begin{aligned} \limsup_{\eta \rightarrow fx} d(\eta, f\eta) &= \frac{7}{2^{2k+3}} = \frac{7}{12} \cdot \frac{12}{2^{2k+3}} = \frac{7}{12} \limsup_{\xi \rightarrow x} d(\xi, f\xi), \\ \liminf_{\eta \rightarrow fx} d(\eta, f\eta) &= \frac{7}{2^{2k+3}} > \frac{1}{2^{2k+1}} = \liminf_{\xi \rightarrow x} d(\xi, f\xi). \end{aligned} \tag{3.15}$$

The final example shows that a weak liminf contraction may not be an Edelstein one (even in this case all the details are left to the interested reader).

**EXAMPLE 3.6.** Let  $X$  be the following set:

$$X \stackrel{\text{def}}{=} \left\{ \left(\frac{1}{m}, \frac{1}{n}\right) \mid m, n \in (\mathbb{Z}^+ - \{0\}) \cup \{\infty\}, n \geq m \right\}, \tag{3.16}$$

and let  $d : X^2 \rightarrow \mathbb{R}^+$  be a mapping such that for each  $(x, y), (u, v) \in X$  one has

$$d[(x, y), (u, v)] \stackrel{\text{def}}{=} \begin{cases} \max\{x, u\} + |y - v| & \text{if } x \neq u, \\ |y - v| & \text{if } x = u, \end{cases} \tag{3.17}$$

with the definitions above it is easy to see that  $(X, d)$  becomes a compact metric space and that  $X' = \{(1/m, 0) \mid m \in (\mathbb{Z}^+ - \{0\}) \cup \{\infty\}\}$ . We define the mapping  $f : X \rightarrow X$  in the following manner (in this example  $D$  and  $P$  denote, respectively, the set of positive

odd numbers and the set of positive even numbers):

$$f\left(\frac{1}{m}, \frac{1}{n}\right) \stackrel{\text{def}}{=} \begin{cases} (0, 0) & \text{if } m = n = \infty, \\ \left(\frac{1}{m-1}, 0\right) & \text{if } m \in D - \{1\}, n = \infty, \\ \left(\frac{1}{3}, 0\right) & \text{if } m = 1, n = \infty, \\ \left(\frac{1}{m+3}, 0\right) & \text{if } m \in P, n = \infty, \\ \left(\frac{1}{m-2}, \frac{1}{n+2}\right) & \text{if } m \in D - \{1\}, n \in \mathbb{Z}^+ - \{0\}, \\ \left(1, \frac{1}{n+1}\right) & \text{if } m = 1, n \in \mathbb{Z}^+ - \{0\}, \\ \left(\frac{1}{m+3}, \frac{1}{n+3}\right) & \text{if } m \in P, n \in \mathbb{Z}^+ - \{0\}. \end{cases} \quad (3.18)$$

This mapping is now a weak  $\liminf$  contraction, that is, it satisfies (2.18) and all the hypotheses of Theorem 2.3 but it does not satisfy Edelstein condition (1.2); further it is not a  $\liminf$  contraction in the sense of Theorem 2.1, in fact one has

$$\sup_{x \in X' - \{(0,0)\}} \frac{\liminf_{\eta \rightarrow fx} d(\eta, f\eta)}{\liminf_{\xi \rightarrow x} d(\xi, f\xi)} = 1, \quad (3.19)$$

so that for every  $c \in [0, 1[$ , (2.2) may not be satisfied.

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