

# On $(\varphi, \psi)$ -generalized weak contractions in quasi-normed spaces

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**Abstract:** We propose the definition of quasi- $n$ -normed spaces and prove some new results on fixed points theory related to weak contractions in this framework. We prove the existence and uniqueness of fixed point for  $(\varphi, \psi)$ -generalized weak contractions and  $(\varphi, \psi)$ -generalized weak C-contractions in quasi  $n$ -normed spaces. The obtained results extend some known theorems for nonlinear contractive functions on quasi  $n$ -normed spaces. In addition, we demonstrate an application of obtained results to Integral Equation.

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## 1 Introduction

The study of obtained functions from the generalization of the norm has been the focus of many mathematicians over the years. In 1963, the mathematician Gähler [1] introduced the concept of 2-metric space and presented its topological structure in his work. Many researchers have studied 2-metric spaces and fixed points theory [2], [3]. Later, Gähler extended his work to 2-normed spaces [4], and then to  $n$ -normed spaces [5]. These spaces have been the object of study for many authors [6, 7, 8, 9, 10].

In 2001, Gunawan and Mashadi [12] studied the  $n$ -normed spaces, their completeness, Cauchy sequences and proved a fixed-point theorem. Inspired by their work, several mathematicians assured significant fixed-point results in 2-Banach and  $n$ -normed spaces [13, 14, 15, 16].

The concept of 2-normed spaces was extended to quasi 2-normed spaces [18] analogously as  $b$ -metric spaces [19]. The fixed-point theory in quasi-2-normed space and  $n$ -normed space has been a focus of research for authors [20], where they have proven the existence and uniqueness of a fixed point for several contractive functions and shown its applicable side [21].

In this paper, we give and prove some new results on the existence and uniqueness of a fixed point for  $(\varphi, \psi)$ -generalized weak contractive and

$(\varphi, \psi)$ -generalized weak C-contractive, respectively, on quasi  $n$ -normed spaces. Some analogies are obtained from the main theorems, which generalize some known results in quasi- $n$ -normed spaces. Examples illustrate the highlights of this work. In addition, an application of the main result to Integral Equations is given to show the applicable side of this framework.

## 2 Preliminaries

**Definition 1.** Let  $E$  be a linear space with  $\dim E \geq 2$  and  $\mathbb{R}^+$  the set of nonnegative real numbers. The function  $\|\cdot, \cdot\| : E^2 \rightarrow \mathbb{R}^+$  is called 2-norm, if it satisfies the following conditions:

1.  $\|x, y\| = 0$  if and only if the vectors  $\{x, y\}$  are dependent in  $E$ ;
2. For every  $(x, y) \in E^2$ ,  $\|x, y\| = \|y, x\|$ ;
3. For every  $(\alpha, x, y) \in \mathbb{R} \times E^2$ ,  $\|\alpha x, y\| = |\alpha| \|x, y\|$ ;
4. For all  $(x, y, z) \in E^3$ ,  $\|x + y, z\| \leq \|x, z\| + \|y, z\|$ .

The pair  $(E, \|\cdot, \cdot\|)$  is called quasi 2-normed space.

Park defined the quasi 2-norm as follows:

**Definition 2.** [2] Let  $E$  be a linear space with  $\dim E \geq 2$  and  $\mathbb{R}^+$  the set of nonnegative real numbers. If the function  $\|\cdot, \cdot\| : E^2 \rightarrow \mathbb{R}^+$  satisfies the following conditions:

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1.  $\|x, y\| = 0$  if and only if the vectors  $\{x, y\}$  are dependent in  $E$ ;
2. For every  $(x, y) \in X^2$ ,  $\|x, y\| = \|y, x\|$ ;
3. For every  $(\alpha, x, y) \in \mathbb{R} \times X^2$ ,  $\|\alpha x, y\| = |\alpha| \cdot \|x, y\|$ ;
4. There exists  $s \geq 1$ , such that for all  $(x, y, z) \in E^3$ ,  $\|x + y, z\| \leq s(\|x, z\| + \|y, z\|)$ .

It is called is a quasi 2-norm. The pair  $(E, \|\cdot, \cdot\|)$  is called quasi 2-normed space.

Gunawan extended the concept of 2-normed space to  $n$ -normed space as below:

**Definition 3.**[12] Let  $E$  be a real linear space with  $\dim E = d \geq n$  ( $d$  is allowed to be infinite) and  $\|\cdot, \dots, \cdot\| : E^n \rightarrow \mathbb{R}^+$  be a function which satisfies the following conditions:

1.  $\|e_1, e_2, \dots, e_n\| = 0$  if and only if  $e_1, e_2, \dots, e_n \in E$  are linearly dependent;
2.  $\|e_1, e_2, \dots, e_n\| = \|e_{j_1}, e_{j_2}, \dots, e_{j_n}\|$ , for every permutation  $(j_1, j_2, \dots, j_n)$  of  $(1, 2, \dots, n)$ ;
3.  $\|\alpha e_1, e_2, \dots, e_n\| = |\alpha| \|e_1, e_2, \dots, e_n\|$ ;
4.  $\|x + y, e_1, e_2, \dots, e_{n-1}\| \leq \|x, e_1, e_2, \dots, e_{n-1}\| + \|y, e_1, e_2, \dots, e_{n-1}\|$ ;

for all  $\alpha \in \mathbb{R}$  and  $x, y, e_1, e_2, \dots, e_n \in E$ .

The function  $\|\cdot, \dots, \cdot\| : E^n \rightarrow \mathbb{R}^+$  is called  $n$ -norm and the pair  $(E, \|\cdot, \dots, \cdot\|)$  is called  $n$ -normed space.

**Example 1.**[12] Let  $E = \mathbb{R}^n$ ,  $(e_1, e_2, \dots, e_n) \in E^n$  where  $e_j = (x_{1j}, x_{2j}, \dots, x_{nj})$  for  $j \in \{1, 2, \dots, n\}$ . The function  $\|\cdot, \dots, \cdot\| : E^n \rightarrow \mathbb{R}$

$$\|e_1, e_2, \dots, e_n\| = \left| \begin{pmatrix} x_{11} & \dots & x_{1n} \\ \vdots & \ddots & \vdots \\ x_{n1} & \dots & x_{nn} \end{pmatrix} \right|$$

is  $n$ -norm and  $(E, \|\cdot, \dots, \cdot\|)$  is  $n$ -normed space.

Below, we define the quasi  $n$ -normed space as follows.

**Definition 4.**Let  $E$  be a linear space with  $\dim E = d \geq n$  ( $d$  is allowed to be infinite). The function  $\|\cdot, \dots, \cdot\| : E^n \rightarrow \mathbb{R}^+$  is called quasi  $n$ -norm, if it satisfies the following conditions:

1.  $\|e_1, e_2, \dots, e_n\| = 0$  if and only if the vectors  $\{e_1, e_2, \dots, e_n\}$  are dependent in  $E$ ;
2. For every  $(e_1, e_2, \dots, e_n) \in E^n$ ,  $\|e_1, e_2, \dots, e_n\|$  is invariant related to the permutations of  $\{e_1, e_2, \dots, e_n\}$ ;
3. For every  $(\alpha, e_1, e_2, \dots, e_n) \in \mathbb{R} \times E^n$ ,  $\|\alpha e_1, e_2, \dots, e_n\| = |\alpha| \|e_1, e_2, \dots, e_n\|$ ;
4. There exists  $s \geq 1$ , such that for all  $(x, y, e_1, e_2, \dots, e_{n-1}) \in E^{n+1}$ , the following inequality holds:

$$\|x + y, e_1, e_2, \dots, e_{n-1}\| \leq s(\|x, e_1, e_2, \dots, e_{n-1}\| + \|y, e_1, e_2, \dots, e_{n-1}\|).$$

The couple  $(E, \|\cdot, \dots, \cdot\|)$  is called quasi  $n$ -normed space.

**Example 2.**Let  $E = \mathbb{R}^{n+1}$ ,  $(e_1, e_2, \dots, e_n) \in E^n$  where  $e_j = (x_{1j}, x_{2j}, \dots, x_{n+1j})$  for  $j \in \{1, 2, \dots, n\}$  and  $s \geq 1$ . Define

$$\text{the matrix } X = \begin{pmatrix} x_{11} & \dots & x_{1n} \\ \vdots & \ddots & \vdots \\ x_{n+1,1} & \dots & x_{n+1,n} \end{pmatrix}.$$

We take the function  $\|\cdot, \dots, \cdot\| : E^n \rightarrow \mathbb{R}^+$ ,

$$\|e_1, \dots, e_n\| = s \cdot \left| \det(x_{i_0, j})_{n \times n} \right| + \sum_{i \neq i_0}^{n+1} \left| \det(x_{i, j})_{n \times n} \right|,$$

where  $\left| \det(x_{i_0, j})_{n \times n} \right| = \min\{\left| \det(x_{i, j})_{n \times n} \right|\}$  and  $(x_{i, j})_{n \times n}$  is the matrix of order  $n$  obtained from matrix  $X$  removing the  $i$ th row.

Using the properties of the determinants and absolute value, it is easy to prove that the function  $\|\cdot, \dots, \cdot\| : E^n \rightarrow \mathbb{R}^+$ , is a quasi  $n$ -norm and the couple  $(E, \|\cdot, \dots, \cdot\|)$  is quasi  $n$ -normed space.

**Remark.**A quasi  $n$ -normed space may not be  $n$ -normed space. Indeed, if we take the quasi  $n$ -normed space  $(E, \|\cdot, \dots, \cdot\|)$  given in Example 2 and  $x = (-2, 0, 0, \dots, 0)$ ,  $y = (7, 7, 7, \dots, 7)$ ,  $e_2 = (7, 5, 7, \dots, 7)$ ,  $e_3 = (7, 7, 5, \dots, 7)$ ,  $\dots, e_n = (7, 7, \dots, 5, 7)$ , we have:

$$\|x + y, e_2, e_3, \dots, e_n\| = 7s2^{n-1} + n(7n - 2)2^{n-1},$$

$$\|x, e_2, e_3, \dots, e_n\| = s2^n + n(7n - 9)2^{n-1},$$

$$\|y, e_2, e_3, \dots, e_n\| = 7n \cdot 2^{n-1}$$

and

$$\|x + y, e_2, e_3, \dots, e_n\| \leq s(\|x, e_2, e_3, \dots, e_n\|$$

$$+ \|y, e_2, e_3, \dots, e_n\|)$$

for every  $s > 1$ . As a result the pair  $(E, \|\cdot, \dots, \cdot\|)$  is not  $n$ -normed space.

**Example 3.**Let  $E = C_{[0,1]} = \{f : [0, 1] \rightarrow \mathbb{R}, f \text{ is continuous and } s \geq 1\}$ .

Define  $\|\cdot, \dots, \cdot\|_\infty : E^n \rightarrow \mathbb{R}^+$  as follows:

$$\|f_1, \dots, f_n\|_\infty = \begin{cases} s \sup_{t \in [0,1]} \prod_{i=1}^n |f_i(t)|, & f_1, \dots, f_n \text{ are} \\ & \text{linearly independent} \\ 0, & \text{otherwise} \end{cases}$$

The space  $(E, \|\cdot, \dots, \cdot\|_\infty)$  is an infinite dimensional quasi  $n$ -Banach space with  $s \geq 1$ .

**Definition 5.**Let  $(E, \|\cdot, \dots, \cdot\|)$  be a quasi  $n$ -normed space. The sequence  $\{x_k\}_{k \in \mathbb{N}}$  in  $E$  is called convergent to  $x_0 \in E$ , if for every  $\varepsilon > 0$ , there exists  $p \in \mathbb{N}$ , such that for every  $k \in \mathbb{N}, k > p$ ,  $\|x_k - x_0, e_2, \dots, e_n\| < \varepsilon$ , for each  $e_2, \dots, e_n \in E$  or  $\lim_{k \rightarrow +\infty} \|x_k - x_0, e_2, \dots, e_n\| = 0$ .

**Definition 6.** A sequence  $\{x_k\}_{k \in \mathbb{N}}$  in a quasi  $n$ -normed space  $(E, \|\cdot, \dots, \cdot\|)$  is said to be a Cauchy sequence if for every  $\varepsilon > 0$ , there exists  $p \in \mathbb{N}$ , such that for every  $k, l \in \mathbb{N}, k, l > p$ ,  $\|x_k - x_l, e_2, \dots, e_n\| < \varepsilon$ , for each  $e_2, \dots, e_n \in E$ . (It is denoted  $\lim_{k, l \rightarrow +\infty} \|x_k - x_l, e_2, \dots, e_n\| = 0$ .)

**Definition 7.** The quasi  $n$ -normed space  $(E, \|\cdot, \dots, \cdot\|)$  is called complete if every Cauchy sequence in  $E$  is convergent in  $E$ . It is called quasi  $n$ -Banach space.

Below, we recall the concept of  $(\varphi, \psi)$ -weak contraction and its generalizations.

Dutta and Choudhury in 2008 defined the nonlinear contraction known as  $(\varphi, \psi)$ -weak contraction in metric space as follows:

**Definition 8.** [22] Let  $(X, d)$  be metric space and  $T : X \rightarrow X$  be a map. The map  $T$  is called  $(\varphi, \psi)$ -weak contraction if it satisfies the inequality:

$$\psi(d(Tx, Ty)) \leq \psi(d(x, y)) - \varphi(d(x, y)) \quad (1)$$

for every  $(x, y) \in X^2$ , where  $\psi, \varphi : \mathbb{R}^+ \rightarrow \mathbb{R}^+$  are monotone nondecreasing and continuous functions with  $\varphi(t) = \psi(t) = 0$  iff  $t = 0$ .

Later, Doric in 2009 [23] improved this contraction by replacing  $d(x, y)$  with  $M(x, y) = \max\{d(x, y), d(x, Tx), d(y, Ty), \frac{1}{2}[d(x, Ty) + d(Tx, y)]\}$  in (1) and taking the function  $\varphi$  lower semi-continuous.

Recently, Xue generalized the above-mentioned contractions as follows:

**Definition 9.** [24] Let  $(X, d)$  a metric space and  $T : X \rightarrow X$  be a map. The map  $T$  is called  $(\varphi, \psi)$ -generalized weak contraction if for every  $(x, y) \in X^2$ , it satisfies the inequality

$$\psi(d(Tx, Ty)) \leq \psi(M(x, y)) - \varphi(M(x, y)) \quad (2)$$

where  $\psi, \varphi : \mathbb{R}^+ \rightarrow \mathbb{R}^+$  are two functions which satisfy the conditions:

1.  $\varphi(t) = \psi(t) = 0$  iff  $t = 0$ ;
2.  $\liminf_{\tau \rightarrow t} \psi(\tau) > \limsup_{\tau \rightarrow t} \psi(\tau) - \liminf_{\tau \rightarrow t} \varphi(\tau)$ .

### 3 Main results

Motivated from the above results, we consider the  $(\varphi, \psi)$ -generalized weak contraction in a quasi  $n$ -normed space as follows:

**Definition 10.** Let  $(E, \|\cdot, \dots, \cdot\|)$  be a quasi  $n$ -Banach space with constant  $s \geq 1$  and  $T : E \rightarrow E$ . The function  $T$  is called  $(\varphi, \psi)$ -nonlinear generalized weak contraction if it satisfies the inequality

$$\psi(\|Tx - Ty, e_2, \dots, e_n\|) \leq \psi(M_0(x, y)) - \varphi(M_0(x, y)) \quad (3)$$

for each  $(x, y) \in E^2$  and  $e_2, \dots, e_n \in E$ , where  $\psi, \varphi : \mathbb{R}^+ \rightarrow \mathbb{R}^+$  satisfy the following conditions:

1.  $\varphi(t) = \psi(t) = 0$  iff  $t = 0$ ;
2.  $\psi$  is a nondecreasing function;
3.  $\lim_{\tau \rightarrow t} \inf \psi(\tau) > \lim_{\tau \rightarrow t} \sup \psi(\tau) - \lim_{\tau \rightarrow t} \inf \varphi(\tau)$ .

and

$$M_0(x, y) = \max \left\{ \|x - y, e_2, \dots, e_n\|, \|x - Tx, e_2, \dots, e_n\|, \|y - Ty, e_2, \dots, e_n\|, \frac{\|y - Tx, e_2, \dots, e_n\| + \|x - Ty, e_2, \dots, e_n\|}{2s} \right\}$$

for  $e_2, \dots, e_n \in E$ .

**Theorem 1.** Let  $(E, \|\cdot, \dots, \cdot\|)$  be a quasi  $n$ -Banach space with constant  $s \geq 1$  and let  $T : E \rightarrow E$  be  $(\varphi, \psi)$ -nonlinear generalized contraction. Then, the function  $T$  has a unique fixed point in  $E$ .

**Proof.** Let  $x_0 \in E$  be an arbitrary point in  $E$ . Define the sequence  $\{x_k\}_{k \in \mathbb{N}}$  such that  $x_k = Tx_{k-1} = T^k x_0$ ,  $k = 1, 2, \dots$

If there exists any  $r \in \mathbb{N}$  such that  $x_r = x_{r-1}$ , then  $Tx_{r-1} = x_{r-1}$ , and  $x_{r-1}$  is a fixed point of map  $T$ .

Suppose that for each  $k \in \mathbb{N}$ ,  $x_k \neq x_{k-1}$ .

For  $k \in \mathbb{N}$  and  $e_2, \dots, e_n \in E$ , we have

$$\psi(\|x_k - x_{k+1}, e_2, \dots, e_n\|) \leq \psi(M_0(x_{k-1}, x_k)) - \varphi(M_0(x_{k-1}, x_k))$$

where

$$M_0(x_{k-1}, x_k) = \max \left\{ \frac{1}{s} \|x_{k-1} - x_k, e_2, \dots, e_n\|, \|x_{k-1} - x_k, e_2, \dots, e_n\|, \|x_k - x_{k+1}, e_2, \dots, e_n\|, \frac{\|x_k - x_k, e_2, \dots, e_n\|}{2s} + \frac{\|x_{k-1} - x_{k+1}, e_2, \dots, e_n\|}{2s} \right\}$$

$$= \max \left\{ \|x_{k-1} - x_k, e_2, \dots, e_n\|, \|x_k - x_{k+1}, e_2, \dots, e_n\|, \frac{\|x_{k-1} - x_{k+1}, e_2, \dots, e_n\|}{2s} \right\} = \max \left\{ \|x_{k-1} - x_k, e_2, \dots, e_n\|, \|x_k - x_{k+1}, e_2, \dots, e_n\|, \frac{\|x_{k-1} - x_{k+1}, e_2, \dots, e_n\|}{2s} \right\}$$

Let us consider the following cases.

**Case 1:** If  $M_0(x_{k-1}, x_k) = \|x_{k-1} - x_k, e_2, \dots, e_n\|$  then

$$\begin{aligned} \psi(\|x_k - x_{k+1}, e_2, \dots, e_n\|) &\leq \psi(\|x_{k-1} - x_k, e_2, \dots, e_n\|) \\ &\quad - \varphi(\|x_{k-1} - x_k, e_2, \dots, e_n\|) \\ &< \psi(\|x_{k-1} - x_k, e_2, \dots, e_n\|). \end{aligned}$$

Consequently, the inequality

$$\|x_k - x_{k+1}, e_2, \dots, e_n\| < \|x_{k-1} - x_k, e_2, \dots, e_n\|$$

is true.

**Case 2:** If  $M_0(x_{k-1}, x_k) = \|x_k - x_{k+1}, e_2, \dots, e_n\|$ , then

$$\begin{aligned} \psi(\|x_k - x_{k+1}, e_2, \dots, e_n\|) &\leq \psi(\|x_k - x_{k+1}, e_2, \dots, e_n\|) \\ &\quad - \varphi(\|x_k - x_{k+1}, e_2, \dots, e_n\|) \\ &< \psi(\|x_k - x_{k+1}, e_2, \dots, e_n\|) \end{aligned}$$

which is a contradiction. Consequently, this case does not hold.

**Case 3:** If  $M_0(x_{k-1}, x_k) = \frac{\|x_{k-1} - x_{k+1}, e_2, \dots, e_n\|}{2s}$ , then

$$\begin{aligned} \psi(\|x_k - x_{k+1}, e_2, \dots, e_n\|) &\leq \psi\left(\frac{\|x_{k-1} - x_{k+1}, e_2, \dots, e_n\|}{2s}\right) \\ &\quad - \varphi\left(\frac{\|x_{k-1} - x_{k+1}, e_2, \dots, e_n\|}{2s}\right) \\ &< \psi\left(\frac{\|x_{k-1} - x_{k+1}, e_2, \dots, e_n\|}{2s}\right) \end{aligned}$$

So, we have

$$\begin{aligned} \|x_k - x_{k+1}, e_2, \dots, e_n\| &< \frac{\|x_{k-1} - x_{k+1}, e_2, \dots, e_n\|}{2s} \\ &\leq \frac{s(\|x_{k-1} - x_k, e_2, \dots, e_n\|)}{2s} \\ &\quad + \frac{\|x_k - x_{k+1}, e_2, \dots, e_n\|}{2s} \\ &= \frac{\|x_{k-1} - x_k, e_2, \dots, e_n\| + \|x_k - x_{k+1}, e_2, \dots, e_n\|}{2} \end{aligned}$$

and

$$\|x_k - x_{k+1}, e_2, \dots, e_n\| < \|x_{k-1} - x_k, e_2, \dots, e_n\|$$

Considering the above cases, we have proved that the sequence

$$\{\|x_k - x_{k+1}, e_2, \dots, e_n\|\}_{k \in \mathbb{N}} = \{\lambda_k\}_{k \in \mathbb{N}}$$

is monotone decreasing and bounded below from zero. Consequently, it converges to its infimum  $\lambda \geq 0$ ,  $\lim_{k \rightarrow \infty} \lambda_k = \lambda$ .

If we replace in (3), the value of  $M_0(x, y)$  according to Case 1 and Case 3, respectively, we have:

For  $M_0(x, y) = \|x_{k-1} - x_k, e_2, \dots, e_n\|$ , the following inequalities

$$\begin{aligned} \psi(\|x_k - x_{k+1}, e_2, \dots, e_n\|) &\leq \psi(\|x_{k-1} - x_k, e_2, \dots, e_n\|) \\ &\quad - \varphi(\|x_{k-1} - x_k, e_2, \dots, e_n\|) \end{aligned}$$

and

$$\psi(\lambda_k) \leq \psi(\lambda_k) - \varphi(\lambda_k)$$

hold.

Taking the limit of both sides when  $k \rightarrow \infty$ , we have

$$\psi(\lambda) \leq \psi(\lambda) - \varphi(\lambda)$$

If  $M_0(x, y) = \frac{\|x_{k-1} - x_{k+1}, e_2, \dots, e_n\|}{2s}$ , we have

$$\begin{aligned} \psi(\|x_k - x_{k+1}, e_2, \dots, e_n\|) &\leq \psi\left(\frac{\|x_{k-1} - x_{k+1}, e_2, \dots, e_n\|}{2s}\right) \\ &\quad - \varphi\left(\frac{\|x_{k-1} - x_{k+1}, e_2, \dots, e_n\|}{2s}\right) \\ &\leq \psi\left(\frac{s(\|x_{k-1} - x_k, e_2, \dots, e_n\|)}{2s}\right. \\ &\quad \left. + \frac{\|x_k - x_{k+1}, e_2, \dots, e_n\|}{2s}\right) \\ &\quad - \varphi\left(\frac{s(\|x_{k-1} - x_k, e_2, \dots, e_n\|)}{2s}\right. \\ &\quad \left. + \frac{\|x_k - x_{k+1}, e_2, \dots, e_n\|}{2s}\right) \end{aligned}$$

and

$$\psi(\lambda_k) \leq \psi\left(\frac{\lambda_{k-1} + \lambda_k}{2}\right) - \varphi\left(\frac{\lambda_{k-1} + \lambda_k}{2}\right)$$

As a result, taking the limit of both sides we have when  $k \rightarrow \infty$ , we have

$$\psi(\lambda) \leq \psi(\lambda) - \varphi(\lambda)$$

Consequently,  $\varphi(\lambda) = 0, \lambda = 0$  and

$$\lim_{k \rightarrow \infty} \|x_k - x_{k+1}, e_2, \dots, e_n\| = 0$$

Now, we claim that the sequence  $\{x_k\}_{k \in \mathbb{N}}$  is Cauchy.

Suppose that the sequence  $\{x_k\}_{k \in \mathbb{N}}$  is not Cauchy. So, there exist  $\varepsilon > 0$ , such that for each  $p \in \mathbb{N}$ , there exist  $k(p), l(p)$  where  $k(p)$  is the smallest index for which

$$k(p) > l(p) > p \text{ and } \|x_{l(p)} - x_{k(p)}, e_2, \dots, e_n\| \geq \varepsilon$$

It is clear that  $\|x_{l(p)} - x_{k(p)-1}, e_2, \dots, e_n\| < \varepsilon$ . From the third condition of quasi  $n$ -norm, it yields

$$\begin{aligned} \varepsilon &\leq \|x_{l(p)} - x_{k(p)}, e_2, \dots, e_n\| \\ &\leq s(\|x_{l(p)} - x_{k(p)-1}, e_2, \dots, e_n\| \\ &\quad + \|x_{k(p)-1} - x_{k(p)}, e_2, \dots, e_n\|) \\ &< s(\varepsilon + \|x_{k(p)-1} - x_{k(p)}, e_2, \dots, e_n\|) \end{aligned}$$

Taking the limit when  $p \rightarrow +\infty$  in the above inequality, we have

$$\varepsilon \leq \lim_{p \rightarrow +\infty} \|x_{l(p)} - x_{k(p)}, e_2, \dots, e_n\| \leq s\varepsilon. \tag{4}$$

Furthermore,

$$\begin{aligned} & \|x_{l(p)-1} - x_{k(p)-1}, e_2, \dots, e_n\| \\ & \leq s(\|x_{l(p)-1} - x_{k(p)}, e_2, \dots, e_n\| \\ & + \|x_{k(p)} - x_{k(p)-1}, e_2, \dots, e_n\|) \end{aligned}$$

and

$$\lim_{p \rightarrow +\infty} \|x_{l(p)-1} - x_{k(p)-1}, e_2, \dots, e_n\| \leq s\varepsilon \tag{5}$$

Next, using (4) and (5), we evaluate the  $\lim_{p \rightarrow +\infty} M_0(x_{l(p)-1}, x_{k(p)-1})$ .

We see that

$$\begin{aligned} \varepsilon & \leq M_0(x_{l(p)-1}, x_{k(p)-1}) \\ & = \max \left\{ \frac{1}{s} \|x_{l(p)-1} - x_{k(p)-1}, e_2, \dots, e_n\|, \right. \\ & \quad \|x_{l(p)-1} - x_{l(p)}, e_2, \dots, e_n\|, \\ & \quad \|x_{k(p)-1} - x_{k(p)}, e_2, \dots, e_n\|, \\ & \quad \left. \frac{s(\|x_{l(p)-1} - x_{k(p)}, e_2, \dots, e_n\|)}{2s} \right. \\ & \quad \left. + \frac{\|x_{l(p)} - x_{k(p)-1}, e_2, \dots, e_n\|}{2s} \right\} \end{aligned}$$

and

$$\varepsilon \leq \lim_{p \rightarrow +\infty} M_0(x_{l(p)-1}, x_{k(p)-1}) \leq \max \left\{ \varepsilon, 0, 0, \frac{\varepsilon + \varepsilon}{2} \right\} = \varepsilon$$

Considering the contraction, we have

$$\begin{aligned} \psi(\|x_{l(p)} - x_{k(p)}, e_2, \dots, e_n\|) & \leq \psi(M_0(x_{l(p)-1}, x_{k(p)-1})) \\ & - \varphi(M_0(x_{l(p)-1}, x_{k(p)-1})) \end{aligned}$$

and

$$\begin{aligned} & \inf_{i \geq p} \psi(\|x_{l(p)} - x_{k(p)}, e_2, \dots, e_n\|) \\ & + \inf_{i \geq p} \varphi(M_0(x_{l(p)-1}, x_{k(p)-1})) \\ & \leq \sup_{i \geq p} \psi(M_0(x_{l(p)-1}, x_{k(p)-1})) \end{aligned}$$

Consequently, it yields

$$\liminf_{t \rightarrow \varepsilon} \psi(t) + \liminf_{t \rightarrow \varepsilon} \varphi(t) \leq \limsup_{t \rightarrow \varepsilon} \psi(t)$$

and

$$\psi(\varepsilon) + \varphi(\varepsilon) \leq \psi(\varepsilon)$$

which is true if only if  $\varepsilon = 0$ , which is a contradiction. So,  $\{x_k\}_{k \in \mathbb{N}}$  is a Cauchy sequence and since the quasi

$n$ -Banach space  $(E, \|\cdot, \dots, \cdot\|)$  is complete, the sequence  $\{x_k\}_{k \in \mathbb{N}}$  converges to a point  $x^* \in E$ ,

$$\lim_{k \rightarrow +\infty} x_k = \lim_{k \rightarrow +\infty} T^k x_0 = x^*$$

Next, we prove that  $x^*$  is a fixed point of function  $T$ .

Using the contraction inequality, we have

$$\begin{aligned} \psi(\|Tx^* - x_k, e_2, \dots, e_n\|) & \tag{6} \\ & \leq \psi(M_0(x^*, x_k)) - \varphi(M_0(x^*, x_k)) \end{aligned}$$

where

$$\begin{aligned} M_0(x^*, x_k) & = \max \left\{ \frac{1}{s} \|x^* - x_k, e_2, \dots, e_n\|, \right. \\ & \quad \|x^* - Tx^*, e_2, \dots, e_n\|, \|x_k - x_{k+1}, e_2, \dots, e_n\|, \\ & \quad \left. \frac{\|Tx^* - x_k, e_2, \dots, e_n\| + \|x^* - x_{k+1}, e_2, \dots, e_n\|}{2s} \right\} \end{aligned}$$

Taking

$$\begin{aligned} & \|Tx^* - x_k, e_2, \dots, e_n\| + \|x^* - x_{k+1}, e_2, \dots, e_n\| \\ & \leq s(\|Tx^* - x^*, e_2, \dots, e_n\| + \|x^* - x_k, e_2, \dots, e_n\| \\ & + \|x^* - x_k, e_2, \dots, e_n\| + \|x_k - x_{k+1}, e_2, \dots, e_n\|) \\ & = s(\|Tx^* - x^*, e_2, \dots, e_n\| + 2\|x^* - x_k, e_2, \dots, e_n\| \\ & + \|x_k - x_{k+1}, e_2, \dots, e_n\|) \end{aligned}$$

then it yields

$$\begin{aligned} M_0(x^*, x_k) & = \max \left\{ \frac{1}{s} \|x^* - x_k, e_2, \dots, e_n\|, \right. \\ & \quad \|x^* - Tx^*, e_2, \dots, e_n\|, \|x_k - x_{k+1}, e_2, \dots, e_n\|, \\ & \quad \|x^* - x_k, e_2, \dots, e_n\| \\ & \quad \left. + \frac{\|Tx^* - x^*, e_2, \dots, e_n\| + \|x_k - x_{k+1}, e_2, \dots, e_n\|}{2} \right\} \end{aligned}$$

We see that

$$\begin{aligned} \lim_{k \rightarrow +\infty} M_0(x^*, x_k) & = \max \{0, \|x^* - Tx^*, e_2, \dots, e_n\|, 0, \\ & \quad \frac{\|Tx^* - x^*, e_2, \dots, e_n\|}{2}\} = \|x^* - Tx^*, e_2, \dots, e_n\| \end{aligned}$$

From inequality (6), we have:

$$\begin{aligned} & \inf_k \psi(\|Tx^* - x_k, e_2, \dots, e_n\|) + \inf_k \varphi(M_0(x^*, x_k)) \\ & \leq \sup_k \psi(M_0(x^*, x_k)). \end{aligned}$$

Taking the limit in the above inequality

$$\begin{aligned} & \lim_{t \rightarrow \|Tx^* - x^*, e_2, \dots, e_n\|} \inf_k \psi(t) + \lim_{t \rightarrow \|Tx^* - x^*, e_2, \dots, e_n\|} \inf_k \varphi(t) \\ & \leq \lim_{t \rightarrow \|Tx^* - x^*, e_2, \dots, e_n\|} \sup_k \psi(M_0(x^*, x_k)) \end{aligned}$$

we have  $\varphi(\|x^* - Tx^*, e_2, \dots, e_n\|) = 0$  and  $\|x^* - Tx^*, e_2, \dots, e_n\| = 0$  for each  $e_2, \dots, e_n \in E$ . Consequently,  $x^* = Tx^*$  and  $x^*$  is a fixed point of  $T$ .

Finally, we show the uniqueness of the fixed point  $x^*$  of  $T$ . Suppose that there exists another fixed point  $y^*$  of  $T$ ,  $y^* = Ty^*$ .

Using the inequality

$$\begin{aligned} & \psi(\|Tx^* - Ty^*, e_2, \dots, e_n\|) \\ & \leq \psi(M_0(x^*, y^*)) - \varphi(M_0(x^*, y^*)) \end{aligned}$$

where

$$M_0(x^*, y^*) = \|x^* - y^*, e_2, \dots, e_n\|,$$

we have:

$$\begin{aligned} \psi(\|x^* - y^*, e_2, \dots, e_n\|) & \leq \psi(\|x^* - y^*, e_2, \dots, e_n\|) \\ & - \varphi(\|x^* - y^*, e_2, \dots, e_n\|) \end{aligned}$$

From this, it yields  $\|x^* - y^*, e_2, \dots, e_n\| = 0$  for every  $e_2, \dots, e_n \in E$  and  $x^* = y^*$ .

**Example 4.** Let  $E = \mathbb{R}^d$ , where  $n < d < \infty$ . Define  $\|\cdot, \dots, \cdot\| : E^n \rightarrow [0, +\infty)$  such that

$$\|e_1, e_2, \dots, e_n\| = \begin{cases} s \prod_{i=1}^n |e_i|, & e_1, e_2, \dots, e_n \text{ linearly independent} \\ 0, & e_1, e_2, \dots, e_n \text{ linearly dependent} \end{cases}$$

The couple  $(E, \|\cdot, \dots, \cdot\|)$  is a complete  $n$ -normed space.

Taking  $s = \frac{3}{2}, T : E \rightarrow E, T(x) = T(x_1, \dots, x_d) = \frac{1}{10}(\sin x_1, \sin x_2, \dots, \sin x_d)$ , for  $x_i \in \mathbb{R}, i \in \{1, 2, \dots, d\}$ ,  $\psi : \mathbb{R}^+ \rightarrow \mathbb{R}^+, \psi(t) = \frac{t \cdot \ln(t^2 + 1)}{2}$  and  $\varphi : \mathbb{R}^+ \rightarrow \mathbb{R}^+, \varphi(t) = \frac{\sqrt{t}}{4}$ , we show that the function  $T$  satisfies the conditions of Theorem 1.

The first three conditions are clear.

Considering  $x, y, e_2, \dots, e_n \in E$ , and

$$\begin{aligned} \|Tx - Ty, e_2, \dots, e_n\| & = \frac{1}{10} \|\sin x_1 - \sin y_1, \sin x_2 - \sin y_2, \\ & \dots, \sin x_d - \sin y_d, e_2, \dots, e_n\| \\ & = \frac{s}{10} \left( \sum_{j=1}^d (\sin x_j - \sin y_j)^2 \right)^{\frac{1}{2}} \prod_{i=1}^n |e_i| \\ & \leq \frac{s}{10} \left( \sum_{j=1}^d (x_j - y_j)^2 \right)^{\frac{1}{2}} \prod_{i=1}^n |e_i| \\ & = \frac{1}{10} \|x - y, e_2, \dots, e_n\|, \end{aligned}$$

$$\begin{aligned} & \psi(\|Tx - Ty, e_2, \dots, e_n\|) + \varphi(M_0(x, y)) \\ & \leq \psi\left(\frac{1}{10} \|x - y, e_2, \dots, e_n\|\right) + \frac{\sqrt{M_0(x, y)}}{4} = \\ & \frac{\frac{1}{10} \|x - y, e_2, \dots, e_n\| \cdot \ln\left(\frac{1}{100} (\|x - y, e_2, \dots, e_n\|)^2 + 1\right)}{2} \\ & \quad + \frac{1}{4} \frac{M_0(x, y) \cdot \ln((M_0(x, y))^2 + 1)}{2} < \\ & \frac{3}{20} \frac{\frac{2}{3} \|x - y, e_2, \dots, e_n\| \cdot \ln\left(\frac{4}{9} (\|x - y, e_2, \dots, e_n\|)^2 + 1\right)}{2} \\ & \quad + \frac{1}{4} \psi(M_0(x, y)) \\ & \leq \frac{3}{20} \psi(M_0(x, y)) + \frac{1}{4} \psi(M_0(x, y)) = \frac{13}{20} \psi(M_0(x, y)) \\ & < \psi(M_0(x, y)) \end{aligned}$$

where

$$M_0(x, y) = \max \left\{ \begin{array}{l} \frac{2}{3} \|x - y, e_2, \dots, e_n\|, \\ \|x - Tx, e_2, \dots, e_n\|, \\ \|y - Ty, e_2, \dots, e_n\|, \\ \frac{\|y - Ty, e_2, \dots, e_n\| + \|x - Tx, e_2, \dots, e_n\|}{3} \end{array} \right\}$$

Since,  $\psi(\|Tx(t) - Ty(t), e_2, \dots, e_n\|) \leq \psi(M_0(x, y)) - \varphi(M_0(x, y))$ , we prove that the function  $T$  has a unique fixed point  $x = 0$ .

In 2013, Saha and Ganguly recalled weakly C-contractive function in 2-normed space, as follows:

**Definition 11.** [25] Let  $(E, \|\cdot, \cdot\|)$  2-normed space. A function  $T : E \rightarrow E$  is called weakly C-contractive if for all  $x, y \in E$ ,

$$\begin{aligned} \|Tx - Ty\| & \leq \frac{\|x - Ty, a\| + \|y - Tx, a\|}{2} \\ & - \varphi(\|x - Ty, a\|, \|y - Tx, a\|) \end{aligned}$$

where  $\varphi : \mathbb{R}^{+2} \rightarrow \mathbb{R}^+$  is a continuous map and  $\varphi(0, 0) = 0$ .

Below, we generalize weak C-contraction to  $(\varphi, \psi)$ -generalized weak C-contractions and prove some fixed-point results related to these weak contractions in quasi  $n$ -normed space.

**Definition 12.** A function  $\varphi : \mathbb{R}^{+5} \rightarrow \mathbb{R}^+$  is called of C-type if it satisfies the following conditions:

1.  $\varphi(t_1, t_2, t_3, t_4, t_5) = 0$  iff  $t_1 = t_2 = t_3 = t_4 = t_5 = 0$ ;
2.  $\varphi$  is lower semi continuous.

**Example 5.** Let  $\varphi : \mathbb{R}^{+5} \rightarrow \mathbb{R}^+$  be a nonnegative map and  $\varphi(t_1, t_2, t_3, t_4, t_5) = t_1 + t_2 e^{t^2} + \log(1 + t_3) + \max\{t_4, t_5\}$ . It is clear that this map is of C-type.

**Definition 13.** Let  $(E, \|\cdot, \dots, \cdot\|)$  be a quasi  $n$ -Banach space with constant  $s \geq 1$  and  $T : E \rightarrow E$ . The function  $T$  is called  $(\varphi, \psi)$ -nonlinear generalized weak  $C$ -contraction if it satisfies the inequality

$$\begin{aligned} \psi(\|Tx - Ty, e_2, \dots, e_n\|) &\leq \psi(M_0(x, y)) \\ -\varphi(\|x - y, e_2, \dots, e_n\|, \|x - Tx, e_2, \dots, e_n\|, \\ &\|y - Ty, e_2, \dots, e_n\|, \|y - Tx, e_2, \dots, e_n\|, \\ &\|x - Ty, e_2, \dots, e_n\|) \end{aligned} \quad (7)$$

where  $\psi : \mathbb{R}^+ \rightarrow \mathbb{R}^+$  and  $\varphi : \mathbb{R}^{+5} \rightarrow \mathbb{R}^+$  which complete the following conditions:

1.  $\psi(t) = 0$  iff  $t = 0$ ;
2.  $\psi$  is a nondecreasing function;
3.  $\psi$  is upper semi continuous function;
4.  $\varphi$  is  $C$ -type;
5.  $\lim_p \psi(t_p) > \overline{\lim}_p \psi(t_p) - \lim_p \varphi(t_p, t_p, t_p, t_p, t_p)$ ;

and

$$M_0(x, y) = \max \left\{ \begin{aligned} &\frac{1}{s} \|x - y, e_2, \dots, e_n\|, \\ &\|x - Tx, e_2, \dots, e_n\|, \\ &\|y - Ty, e_2, \dots, e_n\|, \\ &\frac{\|y - Tx, e_2, \dots, e_n\| + \|x - Ty, e_2, \dots, e_n\|}{2s} \end{aligned} \right\}$$

for  $e_2, \dots, e_n \in E$ .

**Theorem 2.** Let  $(E, \|\cdot, \dots, \cdot\|)$  be a quasi  $n$ -Banach space with constant  $s \geq 1$  and let  $T : E \rightarrow E$  be a  $(\varphi, \psi)$ -generalized weak  $C$ -contraction. Then the function  $T$  has a unique fixed point in  $E$ .

**Proof.** Let  $x_0 \in E$  be an arbitrary point in  $E$ . Define the sequence  $\{x_k\}_{k \in \mathbb{N}}$  such that  $x_k = Tx_{k-1} = T^k x_0$ ,  $k = 1, 2, \dots$

If there exists any  $r \in \mathbb{N}$  such that  $x_r = x_{r-1}$ , then  $x_{r-1}$  is a fixed point of map  $T$ .

Suppose that for each  $k \in \mathbb{N}$ ,  $x_k \neq x_{k-1}$ .

For  $k \in \mathbb{N}$  and  $e_2, \dots, e_n \in E$ , we have

$$\begin{aligned} \psi(\|x_k - x_{k+1}, e_2, \dots, e_n\|) &\leq \psi(M_0(x_{k-1}, x_k)) \\ -\varphi \left( \begin{aligned} &\|x_{k-1} - x_k, e_2, \dots, e_n\|, \|x_{k-1} - x_k, e_2, \dots, e_n\|, \\ &\|x_k - x_{k+1}, e_2, \dots, e_n\|, \|x_k - x_k, e_2, \dots, e_n\|, \\ &\|x_{k-1} - x_{k+1}, e_2, \dots, e_n\| \end{aligned} \right) \\ &= \psi(M_0(x_{k-1}, x_k)) \\ -\varphi \left( \begin{aligned} &\|x_{k-1} - x_k, e_2, \dots, e_n\|, \|x_{k-1} - x_k, e_2, \dots, e_n\|, \\ &\|x_k - x_{k+1}, e_2, \dots, e_n\|, 0, \\ &\|x_{k-1} - x_{k+1}, e_2, \dots, e_n\| \end{aligned} \right) \end{aligned}$$

where

$$\begin{aligned} M_0(x_{k-1}, x_k) &= \max \left\{ \frac{1}{s} \|x_{k-1} - x_k, e_2, \dots, e_n\|, \right. \\ &\|x_{k-1} - x_k, e_2, \dots, e_n\|, \|x_k - x_{k+1}, e_2, \dots, e_n\|, \\ &\left. \frac{\|x_k - x_k, e_2, \dots, e_n\| + \|x_{k-1} - x_{k+1}, e_2, \dots, e_n\|}{2s} \right\} \\ &= \max \left\{ \|x_{k-1} - x_k, e_2, \dots, e_n\|, \|x_k - x_{k+1}, e_2, \dots, e_n\|, \right. \\ &\left. \frac{\|x_{k-1} - x_{k+1}, e_2, \dots, e_n\|}{2s} \right\}. \end{aligned}$$

Using the same method as in Theorem 1, the inequality

$$\|x_k - x_{k+1}, e_2, \dots, e_n\| < \|x_{k-1} - x_k, e_2, \dots, e_n\|$$

can be proved for every  $e_2, \dots, e_n \in E$ .

As a result, the sequence  $\{\|x_k - x_{k+1}, e_2, \dots, e_n\|\}_{k \in \mathbb{N}} = \{\lambda_k\}_{k \in \mathbb{N}}$  is monotone decreasing and bounded below from zero. So, it converges to its infimum  $\lambda \geq 0$ ,  $\lim_{k \rightarrow \infty} \lambda_k = \lambda$ .

Considering the inequality  $\lim_p \psi(\lambda_k) > \overline{\lim}_p \psi(\lambda_k) - \lim_k \varphi(\lambda_k, \lambda_k, \lambda_k, \lambda_k, \lambda_k)$ , we have  $\psi(\lambda) \geq \psi(\lambda) - \varphi(\lambda, \lambda, \lambda, \lambda, \lambda)$  and  $\varphi(\lambda, \lambda, \lambda, \lambda, \lambda) = 0$ . So, we obtain  $\lambda = 0$ .

Consequently,  $\lim_{k \rightarrow \infty} \|x_k - x_{k+1}, e_2, \dots, e_n\| = 0$ , for every  $e_2, \dots, e_n \in E$ .

Next step is to prove that  $\{x_k\}_{k \in \mathbb{N}}$  is a Cauchy sequence.

Suppose that  $\{x_k\}_{k \in \mathbb{N}}$  is not a Cauchy sequence. Consequently, there exists  $\varepsilon > 0$ , such that for each  $p \in \mathbb{N}$ , there exists  $k(p), l(p)$  where  $k(p)$  is the smallest index for which  $k(p) > l(p) > p$  and

$$\|x_{l(p)} - x_{k(p)}, e_2, \dots, e_n\| \geq \varepsilon \quad (8)$$

and

$$\|x_{l(p)} - x_{k(p)-1}, e_2, \dots, e_n\| < \varepsilon \quad (9)$$

Using the same manner as in Theorem 1, we prove that

$$\lim_{p \rightarrow +\infty} M_0(x_{l(p)-1}, x_{k(p)-1}) = \varepsilon.$$

Furthermore,

$$\begin{aligned} &\|x_{l(p)-1} - x_{k(p)-1}, e_2, \dots, e_n\| \\ &\leq s(\|x_{l(p)-1} - x_{k(p)}, e_2, \dots, e_n\| \\ &\quad + \|x_{k(p)} - x_{k(p)-1}, e_2, \dots, e_n\|) \end{aligned}$$

Also, we see that

$$\begin{aligned} \varepsilon &\leq \|x_{l(p)} - x_{k(p)}, e_2, \dots, e_n\| \\ &\leq s(\|x_{l(p)} - x_{l(p)-1}, e_2, \dots, e_n\| \\ &\quad + \|x_{l(p)-1} - x_{k(p)}, e_2, \dots, e_n\|) \\ &< s\|x_{l(p)} - x_{l(p)-1}, e_2, \dots, e_n\| \\ &\quad + s^2(\|x_{l(p)-1} - x_{k(p)-1}, e_2, \dots, e_n\| \\ &\quad + \|x_{k(p)-1} - x_{k(p)}, e_2, \dots, e_n\|) \end{aligned}$$

Taking the limit above, the inequality (9) holds:

$$\frac{\varepsilon}{s^2} \leq \lim_{p \rightarrow +\infty} \|x_{l(p)-1} - x_{k(p)-1}, e_2, \dots, e_n\| \quad (10)$$

Furthermore, using

$$\begin{aligned} \varepsilon &\leq \|x_{l(p)} - x_{k(p)}, e_2, \dots, e_n\| \\ &\leq s (\|x_{l(p)} - x_{l(p)-1}, e_2, \dots, e_n\| \\ &\quad + \|x_{l(p)-1} - x_{k(p)}, e_2, \dots, e_n\|) \end{aligned}$$

we obtain

$$\frac{\varepsilon}{s} \leq \lim_{p \rightarrow +\infty} \|x_{l(p)-1} - x_{k(p)}, e_2, \dots, e_n\| \quad (11)$$

Considering the C-contraction, we have

$$\begin{aligned} &\Psi (\|x_{l(p)} - x_{k(p)}, e_2, \dots, e_n\|) \\ &\quad + \varphi (\|x_{l(p)-1} - x_{k(p)-1}, e_2, \dots, e_n\|, \\ &\quad \|x_{l(p)-1} - x_{l(p)}, e_2, \dots, e_n\|, \\ &\quad \|x_{k(p)-1} - x_{k(p)}, e_2, \dots, e_n\|, \\ &\quad \|x_{l(p)-1} - x_{k(p)}, e_2, \dots, e_n\|, \\ &\quad \|x_{l(p)} - x_{k(p)-1}, e_2, \dots, e_n\|) \\ &\leq \Psi (M_0 (x_{l(p)-1}, x_{k(p)-1})) \end{aligned}$$

Taking limits of both sides and using the inequalities (8), (9), (10) and (11), there is acquired

$$\begin{aligned} &\Psi (\varepsilon) + \varphi \left( \frac{\varepsilon}{s^2}, 0, 0, \frac{\varepsilon}{s}, \varepsilon \right) \\ &\leq \liminf_p \Psi (\|x_{l(p)} - x_{k(p)}, e_2, \dots, e_n\|) \\ &\quad + \liminf_p \varphi (\|x_{l(p)-1} - x_{k(p)-1}, e_2, \dots, e_n\|, \\ &\quad \|x_{l(p)-1} - x_{l(p)}, e_2, \dots, e_n\|, \\ &\quad \|x_{k(p)-1} - x_{k(p)}, e_2, \dots, e_n\|, \\ &\quad \|x_{l(p)-1} - x_{k(p)}, e_2, \dots, e_n\|, \\ &\quad \|x_{l(p)} - x_{k(p)-1}, e_2, \dots, e_n\|) \\ &\leq \overline{\lim}_p \Psi (M_0 (x_{l(p)-1}, x_{k(p)-1})) \leq \Psi (\varepsilon) \end{aligned}$$

Consequently, we have

$$\Psi (\varepsilon) + \varphi \left( \frac{\varepsilon}{s^2}, 0, 0, \frac{\varepsilon}{s}, \varepsilon \right) \leq \Psi (\varepsilon)$$

This inequality holds only if

$$\varphi \left( \frac{\varepsilon}{s^2}, 0, 0, \frac{\varepsilon}{s}, \varepsilon \right) = 0$$

and  $\varepsilon = 0$ , which is a contradiction.

So,  $\{x_k\}_{k \in \mathbb{N}}$  is Cauchy sequence.

Since  $(E, \|\cdot, \dots, \cdot\|)$  is complete, the sequence  $\{x_k\}_{k \in \mathbb{N}}$  converges to a point  $x^* \in E$ ,

$$\lim_{k \rightarrow +\infty} x_k = \lim_{k \rightarrow +\infty} T^k x_0 = x^*$$

Now we prove that  $Tx^* = x^*$ .

Taking the C-contraction inequality

$$\begin{aligned} &\Psi (\|Tx^* - x_{k+1}, e_2, \dots, e_n\|) \leq \Psi (M_0(x^*, x_k)) \\ &\quad - \varphi (\|x^* - x_k, e_2, \dots, e_n\| \\ &\quad \|x^* - Tx^*, e_2, \dots, e_n\|, \|x_k - x_{k+1}, e_2, \dots, e_n\|, \\ &\quad \|Tx^* - x_k, e_2, \dots, e_n\|, \|x^* - x_{k+1}, e_2, \dots, e_n\|) \end{aligned}$$

and

$$\begin{aligned} M_0(x^*, x_k) &= \max \left\{ \frac{1}{s} \|x^* - x_k, e_2, \dots, e_n\|, \right. \\ &\quad \|x^* - Tx^*, e_2, \dots, e_n\|, \|x_k - x_{k+1}, e_2, \dots, e_n\|, \\ &\quad \left. \frac{\|Tx^* - x_k, e_2, \dots, e_n\| + \|x^* - x_{k+1}, e_2, \dots, e_n\|}{2s} \right\} \end{aligned}$$

We see that

$$\begin{aligned} \lim_{k \rightarrow +\infty} M_0(x^*, x_k) &= \max \{0, \|x^* - Tx^*, e_2, \dots, e_n\|, 0, \\ &\quad \frac{\|Tx^* - x^*, e_2, \dots, e_n\|}{2}\} = \|x^* - Tx^*, e_2, \dots, e_n\| \end{aligned}$$

and

$$\begin{aligned} &\Psi (\|x^* - Tx^*, e_2, \dots, e_n\|) \leq \Psi (\|x^* - Tx^*, e_2, \dots, e_n\|) \\ &\quad - \varphi (\|x^* - Tx^*, e_2, \dots, e_n\|, \|x^* - Tx^*, e_2, \dots, e_n\|, \\ &\quad 0, \|x^* - Tx^*, e_2, \dots, e_n\|, \|x^* - Tx^*, e_2, \dots, e_n\|) \end{aligned}$$

From which  $\|x^* - Tx^*, e_2, \dots, e_n\| = 0$  for all  $e_2, \dots, e_n \in E$  and  $x^* = Tx^*$ .

Next, we show the uniqueness of the fixed point  $x^*$  of function  $T$ .

Suppose that there exists another fixed point  $y^*$  of function  $T$ ,  $y^* = Ty^*$ . We have

$$\begin{aligned} &\Psi (\|Tx^* - Ty^*, e_2, \dots, e_n\|) \leq \Psi (M_0(x^*, y^*)) \\ &\quad - \varphi (\|x^* - y^*, e_2, \dots, e_n\|, \|x^* - Tx^*, e_2, \dots, e_n\|, \\ &\quad \|y^* - Ty^*, e_2, \dots, e_n\|, \|Tx^* - y^*, e_2, \dots, e_n\|, \\ &\quad \|x^* - Ty^*, e_2, \dots, e_n\|) \end{aligned}$$

and

$$\begin{aligned} &\Psi (\|x^* - y^*, e_2, \dots, e_n\|) \leq \Psi (\|x^* - y^*, e_2, \dots, e_n\|) \\ &\quad - \varphi (\|x^* - y^*, e_2, \dots, e_n\|, 0, 0, \|x^* - y^*, e_2, \dots, e_n\|, \\ &\quad \|x^* - y^*, e_2, \dots, e_n\|) \end{aligned}$$

From this, it yields  $\|x^* - y^*, e_2, \dots, e_n\| = 0$  for every  $e_2, \dots, e_n \in E$  and  $x^* = y^*$ .



*Remark.* If we take  $\psi(t) = t$  in Theorem 2 there exists a unique fixed point for a function  $T : E \rightarrow E$  that satisfies the contraction

$$\begin{aligned} \|Tx - Ty, e_2, \dots, e_n\| &\leq M_0(x, y) - \varphi(\|x - y, e_2, \dots, e_n\|, \\ &\|x - Tx, e_2, \dots, e_n\|, \|y - Ty, e_2, \dots, e_n\|, \\ &\|y - Tx, e_2, \dots, e_n\|, \|x - Ty, e_2, \dots, e_n\|) \end{aligned} \quad (12)$$

in a quasi  $n$ -normed space  $(E, \|\cdot, \dots, \cdot\|)$  with  $s \geq 1$ .

*Example 6.* Considering  $P_k$  the set of real polynomials of degree less or equal to  $k$  with coefficients from  $[0, 1]$ . Taking the usual addition and multiplication with scalar, the triple  $(P_k, +, \cdot)$  is an infinite dimensional vector space. Let  $\{x_1, \dots, x_{kn}\}$  be a set of points in  $[0, 1]$ .

The function  $\|\cdot, \dots, \cdot\| : P_k^n \rightarrow [0, +\infty[$ ,

$$\|f_1, f_2, \dots, f_n\| = \begin{cases} s \sum_{i=1}^{kn} |f_1(x_i) \dots f_n(x_i)|, & f_1, \dots, f_n \text{ linearly independent} \\ 0, & f_1, \dots, f_n \text{ linearly dependent} \end{cases}$$

for  $s \geq 1$  is a quasi  $n$ -norm and the pair  $(E = P_k, \|\cdot, \dots, \cdot\|)$  is a quasi  $n$ -normed space.

$s = \frac{5}{2}$ . Taking  $T : E \rightarrow E, Tx = \frac{1}{4}x$ , where  $x$  is from  $E$ ,

$\psi : \mathbb{R}^+ \rightarrow \mathbb{R}^+, \psi(t) = 4te^t$ , and  $\varphi(t_1, t_2, t_3, t_4, t_5) = \frac{2}{5}t_1 + t_2 + t_3 + \frac{t_4 + t_5}{5}$ , we show that the function  $T$  satisfies the conditions of Theorem 2.

The first three conditions are clear.

Now we see  $\|Tx - Ty, e_2, \dots, e_n\| = \|\frac{x}{4} - \frac{y}{4}, e_2, \dots, e_n\| = \frac{1}{4} \|x - y, e_2, \dots, e_n\|$ .

In addition,

$$\begin{aligned} M_0(x, y) &= \max \left\{ \frac{2}{5} \|x - y, e_2, \dots, e_n\|, \right. \\ &\|x - Tx, e_2, \dots, e_n\|, \|y - Ty, e_2, \dots, e_n\|, \\ &\left. \frac{\|y - Tx, e_2, \dots, e_n\| + \|x - Ty, e_2, \dots, e_n\|}{5} \right\} \end{aligned}$$

Since the inequality  $t < e^t$  for every  $t \geq 0$ , we have that

$$\begin{aligned} \psi(M_0(x, y)) &= 4M_0(x, y)e^{M_0(x, y)} \\ &\geq \|x - y, e_2, \dots, e_n\| e^{\frac{1}{4}\|x - y, e_2, \dots, e_n\|} \\ &\quad + \frac{2}{5} \|x - y, e_2, \dots, e_n\| + \|x - Tx, e_2, \dots, e_n\| \\ &\quad + \|y - Ty, e_2, \dots, e_n\| \\ &\quad + \frac{\|y - Tx, e_2, \dots, e_n\| + \|x - Ty, e_2, \dots, e_n\|}{5} \\ &= \psi(\|Tx - Ty, e_2, \dots, e_n\|) \\ &\quad + \varphi(\|x - y, e_2, \dots, e_n\|, \|x - Tx, e_2, \dots, e_n\|, \\ &\quad \|y - Ty, e_2, \dots, e_n\|, \|y - Tx, e_2, \dots, e_n\|, \\ &\quad \|x - Ty, e_2, \dots, e_n\|) \end{aligned}$$

Consequently,

$$\begin{aligned} \psi(\|Tx - Ty, e_2, \dots, e_n\|) &\leq \psi(M_0(x, y)) \\ &\quad - \varphi(\|x - y, e_2, \dots, e_n\|, \|x - Tx, e_2, \dots, e_n\|, \\ &\quad \|y - Ty, e_2, \dots, e_n\|, \|y - Tx, e_2, \dots, e_n\|, \\ &\quad \|x - Ty, e_2, \dots, e_n\|) \end{aligned}$$

and we are in condition of Theorem 2. As a result, the function  $T$  has a unique fixed point in  $E, x = 0$ .

## 4 Corollaries

**Corollary 1.** Let  $(E, \|\cdot, \dots, \cdot\|)$  be quasi  $n$ -Banach space with constant  $s \geq 1$  and let  $T : E \rightarrow E$   $\varphi$ -weak contraction in  $E$ . Then  $T$  has a unique fixed point in  $E$ .

**Proof.** Let us consider the  $\varphi$ -weak contraction

$$\|Tx - Ty, e_2, \dots, e_n\| \leq M_0(x, y) - \varphi(M_0(x, y))$$

If we take  $\psi(t) = t$ , the conditions of Theorem 1 are satisfied and  $T$  has a unique fixed point in  $E$ .

*Remark.* Corollary 1 is an extension of result of [26] [26] in quasi  $n$ -normed space.

**Corollary 2.** Let  $(E, \|\cdot, \dots, \cdot\|)$  be a quasi  $n$ -Banach space with constant  $s \geq 1$  and let  $T : E \rightarrow E$  be a map. If there exists a nonnegative real number  $\alpha$ , where  $\alpha < 1$ , such that for all  $x, y \in X$ ,

$$\|Tx - Ty, e_2, \dots, e_n\| \leq \alpha \cdot M_0(x, y)$$

then  $T$  has a unique fixed point in  $E$ .

**Proof.** Let us consider  $T : E \rightarrow E$  be a map such that there exists a nonnegative real number

$$\alpha < 1, \|Tx - Ty, e_2, \dots, e_n\| \leq \alpha \cdot M_0(x, y)$$

Taking  $\varphi(t) = (1 - \alpha)t$  in the contraction of Corollary 1, we have that  $T$  has a unique fixed point in  $E$ .

*Remark.* The above result is an extension of result of [27] in quasi  $n$ -Banach space.

*Example 7.* Considering  $(E, \|\cdot, \dots, \cdot\|_\infty)$  the quasi  $n$ -Banach space given in Example 6 with  $s = \frac{3}{2}$ .

Taking  $T : E \rightarrow E$ ,  $Tx = \frac{x}{5}$ ,  $\alpha = \frac{1}{2}$ , the function  $T$  satisfies the condition of Corollary 2.

Consequently,  $\|Tx - Ty, e_2, \dots, e_n\| \leq \alpha \cdot M_0(x, y)$ , and the function  $T$  has a unique fixed point in  $E$ ,  $x = 0$ .

**Corollary 3.** Let  $(E, \|\cdot, \dots, \cdot\|)$  be a quasi  $n$ -Banach space with constant  $s \geq 1$  and  $T : X \rightarrow X$ . If there exists a nonnegative real number  $\alpha$ , where  $\alpha < 1$ , such that for all  $x, y \in X$ ,

$$\|Tx - Ty, e_2, e_3, \dots, e_n\| \leq \alpha \cdot \max\left\{\frac{1}{s} \|x - y, e_2, \dots, e_n\|, \|x - Tx, e_2, \dots, e_n\|, \|y - Ty, e_2, \dots, e_n\|\right\}$$

then  $T$  has a unique fixed point in  $X$ .

**Proof.** We note that the following inequality holds.

$$\|Tx - Ty, e_2, e_3, \dots, e_n\| \leq \alpha \cdot \max\left\{\frac{1}{s} \|x - y, e_2, \dots, e_n\|, \|x - Tx, e_2, \dots, e_n\|, \|y - Ty, e_2, \dots, e_n\|\right\} \leq \alpha \cdot M_0(x, y).$$

Consequently, the function  $T$  has a unique fixed point.

**Remark.** Corollary 3 generalizes the Sehgal's result [28] in a quasi  $n$ -Banach space.

**Corollary 4.** Let  $(E, \|\cdot, \dots, \cdot\|)$  be a quasi  $n$ -Banach space with constant  $s \geq 1$  and let  $T : E \rightarrow E$  that satisfies the weak  $C$ -contraction

$$\|Tx - Ty, e_2, \dots, e_n\| \leq \frac{\|y - Tx, e_2, \dots, e_n\| + \|x - Ty, e_2, \dots, e_n\|}{2s} - \varphi \left( \begin{array}{l} \|x - y, e_2, \dots, e_n\|, \|x - Tx, e_2, \dots, e_n\|, \\ \|y - Ty, e_2, \dots, e_n\|, \|y - Tx, e_2, \dots, e_n\|, \\ \|x - Ty, e_2, \dots, e_n\| \end{array} \right)$$

where  $\varphi : R^{+5} \rightarrow R^+$  is  $C$ -type. Then the function  $T$  has a unique fixed point in  $E$ .

**Proof.** Using the contraction inequality and the fact

$$\frac{\|y - Tx, e_2, \dots, e_n\| + \|x - Ty, e_2, \dots, e_n\|}{2s} \leq M_0(x, y)$$

we take:

$$\begin{aligned} & \|Tx - Ty, e_2, \dots, e_n\| \\ & \leq \frac{\|y - Tx, e_2, \dots, e_n\| + \|x - Ty, e_2, \dots, e_n\|}{2s} \\ & - \varphi \left( \begin{array}{l} \|x - y, e_2, \dots, e_n\|, \|x - Tx, e_2, \dots, e_n\|, \\ \|y - Ty, e_2, \dots, e_n\|, \|y - Tx, e_2, \dots, e_n\|, \\ \|x - Ty, e_2, \dots, e_n\| \end{array} \right) \\ & \leq M_0(x, y) - \varphi(\|x - y, e_2, \dots, e_n\|, \|x - Tx, e_2, \dots, e_n\|, \\ & \|y - Ty, e_2, \dots, e_n\|, \|y - Tx, e_2, \dots, e_n\|, \\ & \|x - Ty, e_2, \dots, e_n\|) \end{aligned}$$

Consequently, the function  $T$  has a unique fixed point.

**Remark 4.9** Corollary 4 generalizes Theorem 6 of [25] in quasi  $n$ -normed space.

## 5 An application to Integral Equations

The applications of Fixed-Point Theory to Integral equations have been on focus of many researchers [3], [29]. In this section, we apply the result of Theorem 2 to prove the existence and uniqueness of solution under some conditions for integral equation

$$x(t) = h(t) + \int_0^1 F(t, \tau)r(\tau, x(\tau))d\tau \quad \text{in } C_{[0,1]}$$

Let  $(E, \|\cdot, \dots, \cdot\|_\infty)$  be the complete quasi  $n$ -normed space where

$$E = C_{[0,1]} = \{f : [0, 1] \rightarrow \mathbb{R}, f \text{ is real continuous function}\}$$

and

$$\|f_1, \dots, f_n\|_\infty = \begin{cases} s \cdot \sup_{t \in [0,1]} \prod_{i=1}^n |f_i(t)|, & f_1, \dots, f_n \text{ are} \\ & \text{linearly independent} \\ 0, & \text{otherwise} \end{cases}$$

**Theorem 3.** The integral equation

$$x(t) = h(t) + \int_0^1 K(t, \tau)r(\tau, x(\tau))d\tau$$

where  $x \in C_{[0,1]}$  and  $h : [0, 1] \rightarrow \mathbb{R}$  is a continuous function,  $K : [0, 1] \times \mathbb{R} \rightarrow [0, +\infty)$  and  $r : [0, 1] \times \mathbb{R} \rightarrow \mathbb{R}$  are continuous functions which satisfy the following conditions:

$$\int_0^1 K(t, \tau)d\tau \leq 1$$

and

$$|r(\tau, x(\tau)) - r(\tau, y(\tau))| \leq \frac{1}{2s} |x(\tau) - y(\tau)|, \quad \forall \tau \in [0, 1]$$

has a unique solution in  $C_{[0,1]}$ .

**Proof.** Define the mapping  $T : C_{[0,1]} \rightarrow C_{[0,1]}$  given by  $Tx(t) = h(t) + \int_0^t K(t, \tau)r(\tau, x(\tau))d\tau$ .

Below, we show that the mapping  $T$  satisfies the conditions of Theorem 2.

Firstly, we see that:

$$\begin{aligned} |Tx(t) - Ty(t)| &= \left| \int_0^t K(t, \tau)(r(\tau, x(\tau)) - r(\tau, y(\tau)))d\tau \right| \\ &\leq \int_0^t K(t, \tau) |r(\tau, x(\tau)) - r(\tau, y(\tau))| d\tau \\ &\leq \int_0^t K(t, \tau) \frac{1}{2s} |x(\tau) - y(\tau)| d\tau \\ &\leq \frac{1}{2s} |x(t) - y(t)| \end{aligned}$$

Consequently, for  $e_i(t) \in C_{[0,1]}$ ,  $i = 2, 3, \dots, n$

$$\begin{aligned} \sup_{t \in [0, T]} |Tx(t) - Ty(t)| \cdot \prod_{i=2}^n |e_i(t)| \\ \leq \frac{1}{2s} \sup_{t \in [0, T]} |x(t) - y(t)| \cdot \prod_{i=2}^n |e_i(t)| \end{aligned}$$

As a result, the following inequalities hold.

$$\begin{aligned} \|Tx - Ty, e_2, e_3, \dots, e_n\|_\infty e^{\|Tx - Ty, e_2, e_3, \dots, e_n\|_\infty} \\ + \frac{\|x - Ty, e_2, e_3, \dots, e_n\|_\infty + \|Tx - y, e_2, e_3, \dots, e_n\|_\infty}{2s} \\ \leq \frac{1}{2s} \|x - y, e_2, e_3, \dots, e_n\|_\infty e^{\frac{1}{2s} \|x - y, e_2, e_3, \dots, e_n\|_\infty} \\ + \frac{\|x - Ty, e_2, e_3, \dots, e_n\|_\infty + \|Tx - y, e_2, e_3, \dots, e_n\|_\infty}{2s} \\ \leq \frac{1}{2} M_0(x, y) e^{M_0(x, y)} + \frac{1}{2} M_0(x, y) \leq M_0(x, y) e^{M_0(x, y)} \end{aligned}$$

This shows that the mapping  $T$  satisfies the conditions of Theorem 2 for  $\psi(t) = te^t$  and  $\varphi(t_1, t_2, t_3, t_4, t_5) = \frac{t_4 + t_5}{2s}$ , and it has a unique fixed point in  $C_{[0,1]}$ , which guaranties the existence and the uniqueness of solution for  $x(t) = h(t) + \int_0^1 F(t, \tau)r(\tau, x(\tau))d\tau$  in  $C_{[0,1]}$ .

## 6 Conclusions

In this paper there are defined quasi  $n$ -normed space as a generalization of  $n$ - normed space. There are given some examples on finite vector spaces and infinite vector

spaces. Some topological facts for quasi  $n$ -normed spaces are given. Furthermore, there are proved fixed point results for generalized weak contractions in a quasi  $n$ -normed space. The highlights of the paper are Theorem 1 and Theorem 2 which show the existence and uniqueness of a fixed point for  $(\varphi, \psi)$ -generalized weak contraction and  $(\varphi, \psi)$ -generalized weak C-contraction, respectively. As a result, from these theorems there are obtained some corollaries which extend and generalize the result of [25, ?, ?, ?] in a quasi  $n$ -normed space. Furthermore, all theorems and corollaries are true in  $n$ -normed space, quasi 2-normed space and 2-normed space. Some examples are given to show applicative side of obtained results. As an application of Theorem 2, there is given Theorem 3, which assure existence and uniqueness of a solution for a type of integral equation.

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