

FISHER-TYPE FIXED POINT RESULTS in B-METRIC SPACES for FOUR MAPPINGS

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Abstract

In this paper is to clearly formulate various possible assumptions for a comparison function in contractive conditions and prove some common fixed-point theorems for three self-mappings in the context of a complete b-metric space by proposing a new contractive type condition. Further, we derive a result for four self-mappings in the same setting.

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Introduction

Fixed-point theory was a results of the investigation of the existence and uniqueness of a solution of certain differential equations. In 1922, Banach [9] reported an elegant fixed-point theorem .In 1993, Czerwik [17] suggested a successful and proper generalization of the metric space notion by introducing the concept of b-metric space. Following this famous result in the setting of b-metric spaces, several extensions in distinct aspects have been released in this direction (see e.g., [2-4,6-7,12-15] and references therein).In this paper, we study certain common fixed-point theorems for four maps in the setting of complete b-metric spaces. Firstly, we recall the notion of b-metric.

Preliminaries

Definition 1 [17]. Let X be a non empty set. A function $d : X \times X \rightarrow [0, \infty)$ is called a b-metric if the following axioms are fulfilled:

- (b1) d is reflexive, that is, $d(x, y) = 0$ if and only if $x = y$.
- (b2) d has a symmetry, that is, $d(x, y) = d(y, x)$ for all $x, y \in X$.
- (b3) $d(x, y) \leq s[d(x, z) + d(z, y)]$ for all $x, y, z \in X$, where $s \geq 1$.

Here, (X, d) is called a b-metric space.

Remark 1. In case of $s = 1$, the b-metric coincide the standard metric. Notice that b-metric does not need to be continuous in general. In this manuscript, we deal with continuous b-metrics only [11].

Example of b-metric.

Example 1. Let $X = \{x_i : 1 \leq i \leq M\}$ for some $M \in \mathbb{N}$ and $s \geq 2$. Define $d : X \times X \rightarrow \infty$ as $d(x_i, x_j) = 0$ if $i = j$,

$= s$ if $(i,j) = (1,2)$ or $(i,j) = (2,1)$,

$= 1$ otherwise.

Consequently, we derive that

$$d(x_i, x_j) \leq s/2 [d(x_i, x_k) + d(x_k, x_j)], \text{ for all } i, j, k \in \{1, M\}.$$

Thus, (X, d) forms a b -metric for $s > 2$ where the ordinary triangle inequality does not hold.

Example 2. (See e.g., [12]) For $0 < q < 1$, the space $L^q[0,1]$ of all real-valued functions $f(t)$, $t \in [0,1]$ such that $\int_0^1 |f(t)|^q dt < \infty$, endowed with

$$d(f, h) := \left(\int_0^1 |f(t) - h(t)|^q dt \right)^{1/q}, \text{ for each } x, y \in L^p[0,1], \text{ forms a } b\text{-metric space. Notice that } s = 2^{1/q}.$$

Definition 2. (see e.g., [1,20]) Suppose that f and g are self mappings on a non-empty set X . A point x is names as a coincidence point of f and g in case $fx = gx$, for x in X . Moreover, z is called a point of coincidence of f and g whenever $z = fx = gx$ for some x in X . In addition, f and g are said to be weakly compatible, if $fx = gx \Rightarrow f(gx) = g(fx)$ holds for every $x \in X$.

Proposition 1. (see Lemma 3 in [5]) Let f, g, h be self mappings on a non-empty set X and $v \in X$ is the a unique coincidence point of f, g and h . These self-mappings, f, g, h , have a unique common fixed point if $\{f, h\}$ and $\{g, h\}$ are weakly compatible.

Definition 3. [20,21] A function $\varphi : [0, \infty) \rightarrow [0, \infty)$ is called a comparison function if it is increasing and $\varphi^n(t) \rightarrow 0$ as $n \rightarrow \infty$ for every $t \in [0, \infty)$, where φ^n is the n -th iterate of φ .

Lemma 1. ([20,21]) If $\varphi : [0, \infty) \rightarrow [0, \infty)$ is a comparison function, then

1. each iterate φ^k of φ , $k \geq 1$ is also a comparison function;
2. φ is continuous at 0;
3. $\varphi(t) < t$ for all $t > 0$.

Definition 4. Let $s \geq 1$ be a real number. A function $\psi : [0, \infty) \rightarrow [0, \infty)$ is called a (b) -comparison function if

1. ψ is increasing;
2. there exist $k_0 \in \mathbb{N}$, $a \in (0,1)$ and a convergent nonnegative series $\sum_{k=1}^{\infty} v_k$ such that $s^{k+1} \psi^{k+1}(t) \leq s^k \psi^k(t) + v_k$, for $k \geq k_0$ and any $t \geq 0$.

Let $\Psi = \{\psi : [0, \infty) \rightarrow [0, \infty) : \psi \text{ is } b\text{-comparison function}\}$. Note that in case of $s = 1$, a (b) -comparison function is named as (c) -comparison.

Lemma 2. ([11]) For $\varphi \in \Psi$,

1. the series $\sum_{k=1}^{\infty} s^k \phi^k(t)$ converges for any $t \in [0, \infty)$;
2. the function $b_s : [0, \infty) \rightarrow [0, \infty)$ defined as $b_s = \sum_{k=1}^{\infty} s^k \phi^k(t)$ is increasing and continuous at $t = 0$.

Remark 2. On account of Lemma 2 and Lemma 1, any (b)-comparison function, we have ψ satisfies $\psi(t) < t$.

Fisher [18] proved the following existence theorem:

Theorem 1. [18] Let T be a mapping of the complete metric space X into itself satisfying the inequality $[d(Tx, Ty)]^2 \leq a(d(x, Tx)d(y, Ty)) + b(d(x, Ty)d(y, Tx)) \forall x, y \in X, 0 \leq a < 1, 0 \leq b$

then T has a fixed point in X .

In 1980, Pachpatte [23] extended the result of Fisher [18] in the following way.

Theorem 2. [23] Let T be a mapping of the complete metric space X into itself satisfying the inequality $[d(Tx, Ty)]^2 \leq a[d(x, Tx)d(y, Ty) + d(x, Ty)d(y, Tx)] + b[d(x, Tx)d(y, Tx) + d(x, Ty)d(y, Ty)] \forall x, y \in X$,

where $a, b \geq 0$ and $a + 2b < 1$ then T has a unique fixed point in X .

[8] proved the following existence theorem:

Let (X, d) be a complete b-metric space and let f, g, h be mappings from X into itself satisfying the condition: $f(X) \cup g(X) \subseteq h(X)$. (i)

Let $x_0 \in X$. By (1) there exists a point $x_1 \in X$ such that $hx_1 = fx_0$ and for x_1 there exists $x_2 \in X$ such that $hx_2 = gx_1$. Inductively we can define the sequences $\{x_n\}$ and $\{y_n\}$ in X such that

$$y_{2n} = hx_{2n+1} = fx_{2n}, y_{2n+1} = hx_{2n+2} = gx_{2n+1} \forall n \geq 0. \quad (ii)$$

Lemma 3. Let f, g, h be mappings from a b-metric space (X, d) into itself satisfying (1) and such that for all $x, y \in X$ $d(fx, gy)]^2 \leq \psi(F(x, y))$, (iii)

where, $\psi \in \Psi$ and $F(x, y) = \max\{d(fx, gy)d(hx, fx), d(fx, gy)d(hy, gy), d(hy, fx)d(hx, gy), \frac{1}{2}d(hy, gy)d(hx, gy)\}$, $\psi \in \Psi$. Then, the sequence $\{y_n\}$ defined by (2) is a Cauchy sequence in X .

Theorem 3. Let (X, d) be a complete b-metric space, f, g, h be self mappings of X satisfying the conditions (i) and (iii). We suppose also that $h(X)$ is a closed subspace of X . Then the maps f, g and h have a coincidence point z in X . Moreover, if the pairs $\{f, h\}$ and $\{g, h\}$ are weakly compatible then f, g and h have a unique common fixed point in X .

Main Result

Let (X, d) be a b-metric space, and let $f, g, h, t : X \rightarrow X$.

Suppose that $f(X) \subset h(X), g(X) \subset t(X)$ (1)

and one of these four subsets of X is closed. Let further $d[fx, gy] \leq \phi F[x, y]$

Let $x_0 \in X$. By (1) there exists a point $x_1 \in X$ such that $hx_1 = fx_0$ and for x_1 there exists $x_2 \in X$ such that $tx_2 = gx_1$. Inductively we can define the sequences $\{x_n\}$ and $\{y_n\}$ in X such that

$$y_{2n} = fx_{2n} = hx_{2n+1}, y_{2n+1} = gx_{2n+1} = tx_{2n+2}, \forall n \geq 0. \quad (2)$$

Lemma 4. Let f, g, h, t be mappings from a b-metric space (X, d) into itself satisfying (1) and such that for all $x, y \in X$

$$[d(fx, gy)]^2 \leq \psi(F(x, y)), \quad (3)$$

where, $\psi \in \Psi$ and

$$F(x, y) = \max\{d(fx, gy)d(hx, fx), d(fx, gy)d(ty, gy), d(ty, fx)d(hx, gy), 1/2sd(ty, gy)d(hx, gy)\},$$

$\psi \in \Psi$. Then, the sequence $\{y_n\}$ defined by (2) is a Cauchy sequence in X .

Proof. For an arbitrary $x_0 \in X$, we shall construct a sequence $\{x_n\}$ and $\{y_n\}$ in (2). If there exists n_0 such that $y_{2n_0} = y_{2n_0+1}$

we obtain : $hx_{2n_0+1} = fx_{2n_0} = tx_{2n_0+2} = gx_{2n_0+1}$

and hence, x_{2n_0+1} forms a common fixed point of h and g .

Without loss of generality, we suppose that $y_{2n} \neq y_{2n+1}$.

Accordingly, from (2) and (3) we find that

$$[d(y_{2n}, y_{2n+1})]^2 = [d(fx_{2n}, gx_{2n+1})]^2 \leq \psi(F(x_{2n}, x_{2n+1})) \quad (4)$$

$$F(x_{2n}, x_{2n+1}) = \max\{d(fx_{2n}, gx_{2n+1})d(hx_{2n}, fx_{2n}), d(fx_{2n}, gx_{2n+1}), d(tx_{2n+1}, gx_{2n+1}), d(tx_{2n+1}, fx_{2n}), d(hx_{2n}, gx_{2n+1}), 1/2sd(hx_{2n+1}, gx_{2n+1})d(hx_{2n}, gx_{2n+1})\},$$

$$\leq \max\{d(hx_{2n+1}, tx_{2n+2})d(hx_{2n}, hx_{2n+1}), d(hx_{2n+1}, tx_{2n+2})d(tx_{2n+1}, tx_{2n+2}), d(tx_{2n+1}, hx_{2n+1})d(hx_{2n}, tx_{2n+2}), 1/2sd(tx_{2n+1}, tx_{2n+2})d(hx_{2n}, tx_{2n+2})\},$$

$$\leq \max\{d(y_{2n}, y_{2n+1})d(y_{2n-1}, y_{2n}), d(y_{2n}, y_{2n+1})d(y_{2n}, y_{2n+1}), d(y_{2n}, y_{2n})d(y_{2n-1}, y_{2n+1}), 1/2sd(y_{2n}, y_{2n+1})d(y_{2n-1}, y_{2n+1})\},$$

$$\leq \max\{d(y_{2n}, y_{2n+1})d(y_{2n-1}, y_{2n}), d(y_{2n}, y_{2n+1})d(y_{2n}, y_{2n+1}), d(y_{2n}, y_{2n})d(y_{2n-1}, y_{2n+1}), 1/2sd(y_{2n}, y_{2n+1})[d(y_{2n-1}, y_{2n}) + d(y_{2n}, y_{2n+1})]\},$$

Suppose $d(y_{2n_0-1}, y_{2n_0}) < d(y_{2n_0}, y_{2n_0+1})$ for some n_0 .

Since the function then the inequality (4) turns into

$$[d(y_{2n}, y_{2n+1})]^2 \leq \psi([d(y_{2n}, y_{2n+1})]^2) < [d(y_{2n}, y_{2n+1})]^2$$

which is a contradiction.

Thus, we have $d(y_{2n}, y_{2n+1}) \leq d(y_{2n-1}, y_{2n})$ for all $n \in \mathbb{N}$.

Keeping in mind that ψ is non-decreasing, and by taking the inequality (4) into account and employing Remark 2 recursively, we conclude also that

$$\begin{aligned} [d(y_{2n}, y_{2n+1})]^2 &\leq \psi([d(y_{2n-1}, y_{2n})]^2) < [d(y_{2n-1}, y_{2n})]^2 \\ &\leq \psi^2([d(y_{2n-2}, y_{2n-1})]^2) < [d(y_{2n-2}, y_{2n-1})]^2 \\ &\dots\dots\dots \\ &\leq \psi^{2n}([d(y_0, y_1)]^2). \end{aligned}$$

By using the same arguments, similarly, we find that

$$d(y_{2n-1}, y_{2n}) \leq d(y_{2n-2}, y_{2n-1}),$$

and moreover,

$$\begin{aligned} [d(y_{2n-1}, y_{2n})]^2 &\leq \psi([d(y_{2n-2}, y_{2n-1})]^2) < [d(y_{2n-2}, y_{2n-1})]^2 \\ &\leq \psi^2([d(y_{2n-3}, y_{2n-2})]^2) < [d(y_{2n-3}, y_{2n-2})]^2 \\ &\dots \\ &\leq \psi^{2n-1}([d(y_0, y_1)]^2). \end{aligned}$$

As a result, for all $n \in \mathbb{N}$, we get $[d(y_n, y_{n+1})]^2 \leq \psi([d(y_{n-1}, y_n)]^2) < [d(y_{n-1}, y_n)]^2 \leq \dots < \psi^n([d(y_0, y_1)]^2)$. (5)

On the account of Lemma 2, we conclude that

$$\lim_{n \rightarrow \infty} d(y_{n+1}, y_n) = 0. \quad (6)$$

Now, we shall indicate that the sequence $\{y_n\}$ is Cauchy.

By using the modified triangle inequality (b3) recursively, and keeping the fact that $(\alpha + \beta)^2 \leq 2(\alpha^2 + \beta^2)$ in mind, we observe the following estimation for the distance $d(y_n, y_{n+k})$ for $k \geq 1$ and $s \geq 1$

$$\begin{aligned} [d(y_n, y_{n+k})]^2 &\leq [s(d(y_n, y_{n+1}) + d(y_{n+1}, y_{n+k}))]^2 \\ &\leq 2s^2[d(y_n, y_{n+1})]^2 + 2s^2[d(y_{n+1}, y_{n+k})]^2 \\ &\leq 2s^2[d(y_n, y_{n+1})]^2 + 2s^2\{s[d(y_{n+1}, y_{n+2}) + d(y_{n+2}, y_{n+k})]\}^2 \\ &\leq 2s^2[d(y_n, y_{n+1})]^2 + (2s^2)^2[d(y_{n+1}, y_{n+2})]^2 + (2s^2)^2[d(y_{n+2}, y_{n+k})]^2 \\ &\dots \end{aligned}$$

$$\leq 2s^2[d(y_n, y_{n+1})]^2 + (2s^2)^2[d(y_{n+1}, y_{n+2})]^2 + \cdots + (2s^2)^k[d(y_{n+k-1}, y_{n+k})]^2 \quad (7)$$

Applying (5) and (7) we derive that

$$\begin{aligned} [d(y_n, y_{n+k})]^2 &\leq (2s^2)\psi^n([d(y_0, y_1)]^2) + (2s^2)^2\psi^{n+1}([d(y_0, y_1)]^2) + \cdots + (2s^2)^k\psi^{n+k-1}([d(y_0, y_1)]^2) \\ &= \frac{1}{(2s^2)^{n-1}} ((2s^2)^n\psi^n([d(y_0, y_1)]^2) + (2s^2)^{n+1}\psi^{n+1}([d(y_0, y_1)]^2) + \cdots + (2s^2)^{n+k-1}\psi^{n+k-1}([d(y_0, y_1)]^2)). \end{aligned} \quad (8)$$

$$\text{Consequently, we have } d^2(y_n, y_{n+k}) \leq 1 / (2s^2)^{n-1} [P_{n+k-1} - P_{n-1}], \quad n \geq 1, k \geq 1, \quad (9)$$

where $P_n = \sum_{j=0}^n (2s^2)^j \psi^j([d(y_0, y_1)]^2)$, $n \geq 1$.

On the account of Lemma 2, the series

$\sum_{j=0}^{\infty} (2s^2)^j \psi^j([d(y_0, y_1)]^2)$ is convergent.

Since $s \geq 1$, letting limit $n \rightarrow \infty$ in (9) we deduce that

$$\lim_{n \rightarrow \infty} d^2(y_n, y_{n+k}) \leq \lim_{n \rightarrow \infty} 1 / (2s^2)^{n-1} [P_{n+k-1} - P_{n-1}] = 0. \quad (10)$$

We find that the constructive sequence $\{y_n\}$ is Cauchy in (X, d) .

Theorem 4. Let (X, d) be a complete b-metric space, f, g, h and t be self mappings of X satisfying the conditions (1) and (3). We suppose also that $h(X)$ and $t(X)$ is a closed subspaces of X . Then the maps f, g, h and t have a coincidence point z in X . Moreover, if the pairs $\{f, h\}$ and $\{g, t\}$ are weakly compatible then f, g, h and t have a unique common fixed point in X .

Proof. Let us consider now the sequence $\{y_n\}$ defined by (2). By Lemma 3, we have that $\{y_n\}$ is a Cauchy sequence in X and since X is complete, the sequence $\{y_n\}$ converges to a point z in X . But, $h(X)$ is complete, being a closed subspace of X and since $f(X) \subseteq h(X)$ and $g(X) \subseteq t(X)$, the subsequences $\{y_{2n}\}$ and $\{y_{2n}\}$ which are contained in $h(X)$ and $t(X)$ must have a limit z in $h(X)$ and $t(X)$,

$$\text{i.e. } \lim_{n \rightarrow \infty} f x_{2n} = \lim_{n \rightarrow \infty} g x_{2n+1} = \lim_{n \rightarrow \infty} h x_{2n+1} = \lim_{n \rightarrow \infty} t x_{2n+2} = z.$$

Let $u \in h^{-1} z$. Then $hu = z$ and we suppose that $gu \neq z$.

From (3) we have

$$[d(fx_{2n}, gu)]^2 \leq \psi(F(x_{2n}, u)), \quad (11)$$

$$\text{where } F(x_{2n}, u) = \max\{[d(fx_{2n}, gu)d(hx_{2n}, fx_{2n})], [d(fx_{2n}, gu)d(hu, gu)] [d(hu, fx_{2n})d(hx_{2n}, gu)], 1/2s[d(hu, gu)d(hx_{2n}, gu)]\}.$$

Keeping Remark 2 in mind and by taking \limsup in (11) as $n \rightarrow \infty$,

we find that

$$[d(z,gu)]^2 \leq \psi([d(z,gu)]^2) < [d(z,gu)]^2,$$

a contradiction.

Hence, we have $[d(z,gu)]^2 = 0$ which gives that $gu = z = hu$.

Using the similar reasoning, supposing that $fu \neq z$

we have

$$[d(fu, gx_{2n+1})]^2 \leq \psi(F(u, x_{2n+1})), \quad (12)$$

where $F(u, x_{2n+1}) = \max\{[d(fu, gx_{2n+1})d(hu, fu)], [d(fu, gx_{2n+1})d(hx_{2n+1}, gx_{2n+1})], [d(hx_{2n+1}, fu)d(hu, gx_{2n+1})], 1/2s[d(hx_{2n+1}, gx_{2n+1})d(hu, gx_{2n+1})]\}$.

Again, by taking Remark 2 into account and by letting \limsup in (12) as $n \rightarrow \infty$,

$$[d(fu, z)]^2 \leq \psi([d(fu, z)]^2) < [d(fu, z)]^2,$$

which is a contradiction.

Therefore, $fu = z = hu = gu$

Using the similar reasoning, supposing that $tu \neq z$

From (3) we have

$$[d(fx_{2n}, tu)]^2 \leq \psi(F(x_{2n}, u)), \quad (13)$$

where $F(x_{2n}, u) = \max\{[d(fx_{2n}, tu)d(hx_{2n}, fx_{2n})], [d(fx_{2n}, tu)d(hu, tu)] [d(hu, fx_{2n})d(hx_{2n}, tu)], 1/2s[d(hu, tu)d(hx_{2n}, tu)]\}$.

Keeping Remark 2 in mind and by taking \limsup in (13) as $n \rightarrow \infty$,

we find that

$$[d(z, tu)]^2 \leq \psi([d(z, tu)]^2) < [d(z, tu)]^2,$$

a contradiction.

Therefore, $fu = z = hu = gu = tu$.

i.e., the maps f, g, h and t have a coincidence point. If we consider the supplementary assumption, then the pairs (f, h) and (g, t) are weakly compatible, we have

$$hgu = ghu \Rightarrow gz = hz$$

$$hfu = fhu \Rightarrow fz = hz,$$

$$tgh=gtu \Rightarrow gz = tz$$

$$thu=htu \Rightarrow hz = tz$$

$$\text{so } t(z) = g(z) = f(z) = h(z). \quad (14)$$

We shall show that z is the common fixed point of f, g, h and t . Without loss of generality, suppose, on the contrary, that $z \neq gz$. Hence, by (3) we get

$$[d(fx_{2n}, gz)]^2 \leq \psi(F(x_{2n}, z)), \quad (15)$$

$$\text{where } F(x_{2n}, z) = \max\{[d(fx_{2n}, gz)d(hx_{2n}, fx_{2n})], [d(fx_{2n}, gz)d(hz, gz)], [d(hz, fx_{2n})d(hx_{2n}, gz)], 1/2s[d(hz, gz)d(hx_{2n}, gz)]\}.$$

By letting \limsup in (15) as $n \rightarrow \infty$, together with applying Remark 2, we find that

$$[d(z, gz)]^2 \leq \psi([d(z, gz)]^2) < [d(z, gz)]^2, \text{ a contradiction.}$$

Thus, we have $d(z, gz) = 0$, that is, $z = gz$. By combining with (13) we get

$gz = fz = hz = z$ which shows that z is a common fixed point of the mappings f, g and h . For the uniqueness, we suppose, on the contrary that f, g and h have two common fixed points z_1 and z_2 such that $z_1 \neq z_2$. Then, by using (3) we get

$$[d(z_1, z_2)]^2 = [d(fz_1, gz_2)]^2 \psi(F(fz_1, gz_2)), \quad (16)$$

where

$$F(fz_1, gz_2) = \max\{[d(fz_1, gz_2)d(hz_1, fz_1)], [d(fz_1, gz_2)d(hz_2, gz_2)], [d(hz_2, fz_1)d(hz_1, gz_2)], 1/2s[d(hz_2, gz_2)d(hz_1, gz_2)]\}$$

$$\leq \max\{[d(z_1, z_2)d(z_1, z_1)], [d(z_1, z_2)d(z_2, z_2)], [d(z_2, z_1)d(z_1, z_2)], 1/2s[d(z_2, z_2)d(z_1, z_2)]\}$$

$$\leq [d(z_1, z_2)]^2. \text{ Thus, (16) yields that}$$

$$[d(z_1, z_2)]^2 = [d(fz_1, gz_2)]^2 \psi(F(fz_1, gz_2)) = \psi([d(z_1, z_2)]^2) < [d(z_1, z_2)]^2, \quad (17)$$

a contradiction that completes the proof.

Conclusions

We prove some common fixed-point theorems for four self-mappings to use possible assumptions for a comparison function in contractive conditions.

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