

# Contraction Conditions using Comparison Functions on b-2-Metric Spaces

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**ABSTRACT:** In this paper we prove fixed point theorem on b-2-metric spaces which is a generalization to a fixed point theorem of two mappings using comparison function on b-metric spaces.

**KEYWORDS:** fixed point, b-metric spaces comparison function, b-2-metric spaces.

## I. INTRODUCTION

The contraction principle of Banach [1], proved in 1922, was followed by diverse works about fixed points theory regarding different classes of contractive conditions on some spaces such as: quasi-metric spaces [2,3], cone metric spaces [4,5], partially ordered metric spaces [6,7], Menger spaces [8], and fuzzy metric spaces [9,10].

The concept of 2-metric space was initiated by S. Gähler [11,12,13]. The study was further enhanced by Iseki [14], B.E. Rhoades [15], Miczko, Palezewski [16], and Khan [17]. They introduced several properties of 2-metric spaces and proved some fixed point and common fixed point theorems for contractive and expansion mappings.

The concept of b-metric space was introduced by Bakhtin [18] in 1989, who used it to prove a generalization of the Banach principle in a spaces endowed with such kind of metric. Since then, this notion has been used by many authors to obtain various fixed point theorems. Aydi *et al*, in [19] proved common fixed point results for single-valued and

multi-valued mappings satisfying  $\phi$ -contraction in b-metric spaces. Roshan *et al*, in [20] used the notation of almost generalized contractive mappings in ordered complete b-metric space and established some fixed and common

fixed point results. In [21] Pacurar proved the existence and uniqueness of fixed points of  $\phi$ -contractions on b-metric spaces. Hussain and Shah in [22] introduced the notation of cone b-metric space, generalizing both notations of b-metric spaces and cone metric spaces. Fixed point theorems of contractive mappings in cone b-metric spaces without

assumption of the normality of a corresponding cone are proved by Huang and Xu in [23]. The setting of partially ordered b-metric spaces was used by Husain *et al*, in [24] to study tripled coincidence points of mappings which satisfy nonlinear contractive conditions, extending those results of Berinde and Borcut [25] for metric spaces to b-metric spaces. Using the concept of a g-monotone mapping, Shah and Hussain in [26] proved common fixed point theorems involving g-non-decreasing mappings in b-metric spaces, generalizing several results of Agarwal *et al* [27] and Ćirić *et al* [28]. Some results of Suzuki [29] are extended to the case of metric-type spaces and cone metric-type spaces. In [30] Shatanawi *et al* consider and establish on setting of b-metric spaces, regarding common fixed points of two mappings, using a contraction condition defined by means of a comparison function.

The aim of this paper is to establish results in b-2-metric spaces. In this paper we obtain common fixed point theorem for two mappings, using a contraction condition defined by means of comparison function, extending the main result of Shatanawi *et al* [30].

## II. PRELIMINARIES

**Definition 2.1.** Let  $X$  be a non empty set. A real valued function  $d$  on  $X \times X \times X$  is said to be 2-metric in  $X$  if

- (i) To each of distinct points  $x, y, z$  in  $X$ ,  $d(x, y, z) > 0$
- (ii)  $d(x, y, z) = 0$ , when at least two of  $x, y, z$  are equal

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- (iii)  $d(x, y, z) = d(y, z, x) = d(x, z, y)$   
 (iv)  $d(x, y, z) \leq d(x, y, a) + d(x, a, z) + d(a, y, z)$  for all  $x, y, z, a \in X$

when  $d$  is a 2-metric on  $X$ , then the order pair  $(X, d)$  is called 2-metric space.

**Definition 2.2.** A sequence  $\{x_n\}$  in 2-metric space  $(X, d)$  is said to be convergent to an element  $x \in X$  if  $\lim_{n \rightarrow \infty} d(x_n, x, a) = 0$  for all  $a \in X$

It follows that if the sequence  $\{x_n\}$  converges to  $x$  then  $\lim_{n \rightarrow \infty} d(x_n, a, b) = d(x, a, b)$

for all  $a, b \in X$

**Definition 2.3.** A sequence  $\{x_n\}$  in 2-metric space  $(X, d)$  is said to be Cauchy sequence if  $\lim_{m, n \rightarrow \infty} d(x_m, x_n, a) = 0$  as  $m, n \rightarrow \infty$  for all  $a \in X$

**Proposition 2.4.** If a sequence is convergent in a 2-metric space then it is a Cauchy sequence.

**Definition 2.5.** A 2-metric space  $(X, d)$  is said to be complete if every Cauchy sequence in  $X$  is convergent.

**Proposition 2.6.** If a sequence  $\{x_n\}$  in a 2-metric space converges to  $x$  then every subsequence of  $\{x_n\}$  also converges to the same limit  $x$

**Proposition 2.7.** Limit of a sequence in 2-metric space, if exists, is unique.

**Definition 2.8.** Let  $X$  be nonempty set and  $d : X \times X \rightarrow [0, \infty)$ . A function  $d$  is called b-metric space with constant (base)  $s \geq 1$  if:

- (1)  $d(x, y) = 0 \Leftrightarrow x = y$
- (2)  $d(x, y) = d(y, x)$  for all  $x, y \in X$
- (3)  $d(x, y) \leq s(d(x, z) + d(z, y))$  for all  $x, y, z \in X$

The pair  $(X, d)$  is called b-metric space.

It is obvious that a b-metric space with base  $s = 1$  is a metric space. spaces (see, e.g., Singh and Prasad [32]).

**Definition 2.9.** Let  $X$  be a non empty set. A real valued function  $d$  on  $X \times X \times X$  is said to be b-2-metric with constant (base)  $s \geq 1$  if

- (1) To each of distinct points  $x, y, z$  in  $X$ ,  $d(x, y, z) > 0$
- (2)  $d(x, y, z) = 0$ , when at least two of  $x, y, z$  are equal
- (3)  $d(x, y, z) = d(z, y, x) = d(x, z, y)$
- (4)  $d(x, y, z) \leq s(d(x, y, a) + d(x, a, z) + d(a, y, z))$  for all  $x, y, z, a \in X$

where  $d$  is a b-2-metric on  $X$ , then the order pair  $(X, d)$  is called b-2-metric space [33].

### III. MAIN RESULTS

Now we are ready to prove our main results

**Theorem 3.1.** Let  $(X, d)$  be complete b-2-metric space with constant  $s$  and  $T, S : X \rightarrow X$  two mappings on  $X$ . Suppose that there is a constant

$L < \frac{1}{2+s}$  and a comparison function  $\phi$  such that the inequality

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$$sd(Tx, Sy, a) \leq \varphi(\max\{sd(x, Tx, a), sd(y, Sy, a), L[d(x, Sy, a) + d(Tx, y, a)]\}) \quad (3.1)$$

holds for each  $x, y, a \in X$ . Suppose one of the mappings  $S$  or  $T$  is continuous. Then  $S$  and  $T$  have a unique common fixed point.

Proof: Let  $x_0 \in X$  be arbitrary. We define a sequence  $\{x_n\}$  as follows:  

$$x_{2n+1} = Tx_{2n}, \quad x_{2n+2} = Sx_{2n+1}, \quad n \in \mathbb{N} \quad (3.2)$$

Suppose that there is some  $n \in \mathbb{N}$  such that  $x_n = x_{n+1}$ . If  $n = 2k$  then  $x_{2k} = x_{2k+1}$  and from the contraction condition (3.1) with  $x = x_{2k}$ ,  $y = x_{2k+1}$  and for all  $a \in X$  we have  

$$sd(x_{2k+1}, x_{2k+2}, a) = sd(Tx_{2k}, Sx_{2k+1}, a)$$

$$\leq \varphi(\max\{sd(x_{2k}, Tx_{2k}, a), sd(x_{2k+1}, Sx_{2k+1}, a), L[d(x_{2k}, Sx_{2k+1}, a) + d(Tx_{2k}, x_{2k+1}, a)]\})$$

$$= \varphi(\max\{sd(x_{2k}, x_{2k+1}, a), sd(x_{2k+1}, x_{2k+2}, a), Ld(x_{2k}, x_{2k+2}, a)\})$$

Hence, as we suppose that  $x_{2k} = x_{2k+1}$  and as a comparison function  $\varphi$  is non-decreasing,

$$sd(x_{2k+1}, x_{2k+2}, a) \leq \varphi(\max\{sd(x_{2k+1}, x_{2k+2}, a), L[sd(x_{2k}, x_{2k+2}, x_{2k+1}) + sd(x_{2k}, x_{2k+1}, a) + sd(x_{2k+1}, x_{2k+2}, a)]\})$$

$$= \varphi(\max\{sd(x_{2k+1}, x_{2k+2}, a), Lsd(x_{2k+1}, x_{2k+2}, a)\})$$

$$= \varphi(sd(x_{2k+1}, x_{2k+2}, a))$$

If we assume that  $d(x_{2k+1}, x_{2k+2}, a) > 0$ , then we have, as  $\varphi(t) < t$  for  $t > 0$ ,

$$sd(x_{2k+1}, x_{2k+2}, a) \leq \varphi(sd(x_{2k+1}, x_{2k+2}, a)) < sd(x_{2k+1}, x_{2k+2}, a)$$

a contradiction. Therefore  $d(x_{2k+1}, x_{2k+2}, a) = 0$ . Hence  $x_{2k+1} = x_{2k+2}$ . Thus we have  $x_{2k} = x_{2k+1} = x_{2k+2}$ .

By (3.2), it means  $x_{2k} = Tx_{2k} = Sx_{2k}$ . That is  $x_{2k}$  is a common fixed point of  $T$  and  $S$ .

If  $n = 2k + 1$  then  $x_{2k+1} = x_{2k+2}$  and from contraction condition (3.1) with  $x = x_{2k+2}$  and  $y = x_{2k+1}$  we have

$$sd(x_{2k+2}, x_{2k+3}, a) = sd(Sx_{2k+1}, Tx_{2k+2}, a)$$

$$\leq \varphi(\max\{sd(x_{2k+2}, Tx_{2k+2}, a), sd(x_{2k+1}, Sx_{2k+1}, a), L[d(x_{2k+1}, Tx_{2k+2}, a) + d(x_{2k+2}, Sx_{2k+1}, a)]\})$$

$$= \varphi(\max\{sd(x_{2k+2}, x_{2k+3}, a), sd(x_{2k+1}, x_{2k+2}, a), Ld(x_{2k+1}, x_{2k+3}, a)\})$$

Hence, as we supposed that  $x_{2k+1} = x_{2k+2}$  and as a comparison function  $\varphi$  is non-decreasing,

$$sd(x_{2k+2}, x_{2k+3}, a) \leq \varphi(\max\{sd(x_{2k+2}, x_{2k+3}, a), L[d(x_{2k+1}, x_{2k+3}, a)]\})$$

$$\leq \varphi(\max\{sd(x_{2k+2}, x_{2k+3}, a), L[d(x_{2k+2}, x_{2k+3}, a) + d(x_{2k+1}, x_{2k+2}, a) + d(x_{2k+1}, x_{2k+3}, x_{2k+2})]\})$$

$$= \varphi(\max\{sd(x_{2k+2}, x_{2k+3}, a), L[d(x_{2k+2}, x_{2k+3}, a)]\})$$

$$= \varphi(sd(x_{2k+2}, x_{2k+3}, a))$$

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If we assume that  $d(x_{2k+2}, x_{2k+3}, a) > 0$ , then we have, as  $\varphi(t) < t$  for  $t > 0$ ,

$sd(x_{2k+2}, x_{2k+3}, a) \leq \varphi(sd(x_{2k+2}, x_{2k+3}, a)) < sd(x_{2k+2}, x_{2k+3}, a)$ ,  
a contradiction. Therefore,  $sd(x_{2k+2}, x_{2k+3}, a) = 0$ . Hence  $x_{2k+2} = x_{2k+3}$ . Thus we  
have  $x_{2k+1} = x_{2k+2} = x_{2k+3}$ . By (3.2), it means  $x_{2k+1} = Tx_{2k+1} = Sx_{2k+1}$ , that is,  $x_{2k+1}$  is a common fixed point  
of  $T$  and  $S$ .

From now on, we suppose that  $x_n \neq x_{n+1}$  each  $n \in \mathbb{N}$ .  
Now we shall prove that

$$sd(x_n, x_{n+1}, a) \leq \varphi(sd(x_{n-1}, x_n, a)) \quad \text{for each } n \in \mathbb{N} \quad \text{and} \quad a \in X \quad (3.3)$$

There are two cases which we have to consider  
Case (i).  $n = 2k, k \in \mathbb{N}$

From the contraction condition (3.1) with  $x = x_{2k}$  and  $y = x_{2k-1}$  we get

$$\begin{aligned} sd(x_{2k+1}, x_{2k}, a) &= sd(Tx_{2k}, Sx_{2k-1}, a) \\ &\leq \varphi(\max\{sd(x_{2k}, Tx_{2k}, a), sd(x_{2k-1}, Sx_{2k-1}, a), L[d(x_{2k}, Sx_{2k-1}, a) + d(x_{2k-1}, Tx_{2k}, a)]\}) \\ &= \varphi(\max\{sd(x_{2k}, x_{2k+1}, a), sd(x_{2k-1}, x_{2k}, a), L[d(x_{2k-1}, x_{2k+1}, a)]\}) \end{aligned}$$

Since  $L < \frac{1}{3}$ , we get

$$\begin{aligned} sd(x_{2k+1}, x_{2k}, a) &\leq \varphi(\max\{sd(x_{2k}, x_{2k+1}, a), sd(x_{2k-1}, x_{2k}, a), \frac{S}{3}[d(x_{2k-1}, x_{2k+1}, a)]\}) \\ &\leq \varphi(\max\{sd(x_{2k}, x_{2k+1}, a), sd(x_{2k-1}, x_{2k}, a), \frac{S}{3}[d(x_{2k}, x_{2k+1}, a) + d(x_{2k-1}, x_{2k}, a) + d(x_{2k-1}, x_{2k+1}, x_{2k})]\}) \\ &= \varphi(\max\{sd(x_{2k}, x_{2k+1}, a), sd(x_{2k-1}, x_{2k}, a)\}) \end{aligned}$$

Now, if we suppose that  $\max\{sd(x_{2k}, x_{2k+1}, a), sd(x_{2k-1}, x_{2k}, a)\} = sd(x_{2k}, x_{2k+1}, a)$  then by property (a) of

$\varphi$  in Definition 4 we get  
 $sd(x_{2k}, x_{2k+1}, a) \leq \varphi(sd(x_{2k}, x_{2k+1}, a)) < sd(x_{2k}, x_{2k+1}, a)$ ,

a contradiction. Therefore, from the above inequality we have  
 $sd(x_{2k}, x_{2k+1}, a) \leq \varphi(sd(x_{2k-1}, x_{2k}, a))$  (3.4)

Thus we proved that (3.3) holds for  $n = 2k$ .  
Case(ii)  $n = 2k + 1, n \in \mathbb{N}$ .

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Using the same argument as in the case (i), it can be proved that (3.3) holds for  $n = 2k + 1$ , that is

$$sd(x_{2k+1}, x_{2k+2}, a) \leq \varphi(sd(x_{2k}, x_{2k+1}, a)) \quad (3.5)$$

From (3.4) and (3.5) we conclude that the inequality (3.3) holds for all  $n \in \mathbb{N}$ . From (3.3), by the induction it is easy to prove that

$$sd(x_n, x_{n+1}, a) \leq \varphi^n(sd(x_0, x_1, a)), \forall n \in \mathbb{N} \quad (3.6)$$

Since  $\lim_{n \rightarrow \infty} \varphi^n(t) = 0$  for all  $t > 0$ , from (3.6) it follows that

$$\lim_{n \rightarrow \infty} d(x_n, x_{n+1}, a) = 0 \quad (3.7)$$

Now we shall prove that  $\{x_n\}$  is a Cauchy sequence. Let  $\varepsilon > 0$ . Since  $L < \frac{1}{2+s}$  implies  $s - 3L > 0$  and  $1 - L(2+s) > 0$  (3.7) we conclude that there exists  $n_0 \in \mathbb{N}$  such that

$$d(x_n, x_{n-1}, a) < \frac{1-L-Ls}{3s} \varepsilon \quad (3.8)$$

for all  $n \geq n_0$

Let  $m, n \in \mathbb{N}$  with  $m > n$ . By induction on  $m$  we shall prove that

$$d(x_n, x_m, a) < \varepsilon, \forall m > n \geq n_0 \quad (3.9)$$

Let  $n \geq n_0$  and  $m = n + 1$  then from (3.3) and (3.8) we get

$$d(x_n, x_m, a) = d(x_n, x_{n+1}, a) \leq d(x_n, x_{n-1}, a) < \frac{1-L-Ls}{3s} \varepsilon < \varepsilon$$

Thus (3.9) holds for  $m = n + 1$ .

Assume now that (3.9) holds for some  $m \geq n + 1$ . We have to prove that (3.9) holds for  $m + 1$ . We have to consider four cases.

Case1.  $n$  is odd,  $m + 1$  is even.

From contraction condition (3.1) we get

$$sd(x_n, x_{m+1}, a) = sd(Tx_{n-1}, Sx_m, a) \leq \varphi(\max\{sd(x_{n-1}, x_n, a), sd(x_m, x_{m+1}, a), L[d(x_{n-1}, x_{m+1}, a) + d(x_n, Tx_m, a)]\})$$

Hence we get, as  $d(x_m, x_{m+1}, a) < d(x_{n-1}, x_n, a)$  and  $\varphi(t) < t$  for all  $t > 0$ ,

$$sd(x_n, x_{m+1}, a) < (\max\{sd(x_{n-1}, x_n, a), L[d(x_{n-1}, x_{m+1}, a) + d(x_n, x_m, a)]\}) \quad (3.10)$$

If from (3.10) we have  $sd(x_n, x_{m+1}, a) < sd(x_{n-1}, x_n, a)$ , then by (3.8),

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$$sd(x_n, x_{m+1}, a) < sd(x_{n-1}, x_n, a) < \frac{1-L-Ls}{3s} \varepsilon < \varepsilon$$

If (3.10) implies  $sd(x_n, x_{m+1}, a) < L[d(x_{n-1}, x_{m+1}, a) + d(x_n, x_m, a)]$ , then by triangle inequality,

$$sd(x_n, x_{m+1}, a) < L[d(x_{n-1}, x_{m+1}, x_n) + d(x_{n-1}, x_n, a) + d(x_n, x_{m+1}, a) + d(x_n, x_m, a)]$$

and\*

$$\text{As } L < \frac{1}{2+s} \text{ implies } \frac{L}{1-L} < 3L < 1 \leq s$$

$$\begin{aligned} d(x_n, x_{m+1}, a) &< \frac{L}{1-L} [d(x_{n-1}, x_n, a) + \frac{1}{s} d(x_n, x_m, a)] \\ &< 3L [d(x_{n-1}, x_n, a) + \frac{1}{s} d(x_n, x_m, a)] \end{aligned}$$

Using (3.8) and the induction hypothesis (3.9) we have,

$$\begin{aligned} d(x_n, x_{m+1}, a) &< 3L \frac{1-L-Ls}{3s} \varepsilon + \frac{3L}{s} \varepsilon < \frac{1-3L-L(s-1)}{s} \varepsilon + \frac{3L}{s} \varepsilon \\ &\leq \frac{1-3L}{s} \varepsilon + \frac{3L}{s} \varepsilon = \frac{1}{s} \varepsilon \leq \varepsilon \end{aligned}$$

Thus we proved that in this case (3.9) holds for  $m+1$ . Therefore, by induction, we conclude that in Case I the inequality (3.9) holds for all  $m < n$

Case II.  $n$  is even  $m+1$  is odd. The proof of (3.9) in this case is similar to given in Case III.  $n$  is even  $m+1$  is even.

Using the triangle inequality and the contraction condition (3.1) we obtain

$$\begin{aligned} d(x_n, x_{m+1}, a) &\leq sd(x_n, x_{m+1}, x_{n+1}) + sd(x_n, x_{n+1}, a) + sd(x_{n+1}, x_{m+1}, a) \\ &= sd(x_n, x_{m+1}, x_{n+1}) + sd(x_n, x_{n+1}, a) + sd(Tx_n, Sx_m, a) \end{aligned}$$

therefore

$$\begin{aligned} &d(x_n, x_{m+1}, a) \\ &\leq sd(x_n, x_{m+1}, x_{n+1}) + sd(x_n, x_{n+1}, a) + \varphi(\max\{sd(x_n, Tx_n, a), sd(x_m, Sx_m, a), L[d(x_n, Sx_m, a) + d(x_m, Tx_n, a)]\}) \\ &= sd(x_n, x_{m+1}, x_{n+1}) + sd(x_n, x_{n+1}, a) + \varphi(\max\{sd(x_n, x_{n+1}, a), sd(x_m, x_{m+1}, a), L[d(x_n, x_{m+1}, a) + d(x_m, x_{n+1}, a)]\}) \\ &= sd(x_n, x_{m+1}, x_{n+1}) + sd(x_n, x_{n+1}, a) + \varphi(\max\{sd(x_n, x_{n+1}, a), L[d(x_n, x_{m+1}, a) + d(x_m, x_{n+1}, a)]\}) \end{aligned}$$

Hence we get, as  $d(x_m, x_{m+1}, a) < d(x_n, x_{n+1}, a)$  and  $\varphi(t) < t$  for all  $t > 0$

$$d(x_n, x_{m+1}, a) < sd(x_n, x_{m+1}, x_{n+1}) + sd(x_n, x_{n+1}, a) + (\max\{sd(x_n, x_{n+1}, a), L[d(x_n, x_{m+1}, a) + d(x_m, x_{n+1}, a)]\}) \quad (3.11)$$

If the inequality (3.11) implies

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$$d(x_n, x_{m+1}, a) < sd(x_n, x_{m+1}, x_{n+1}) + sd(x_n, x_{n+1}, a) + sd(x_n, x_{n+1}, a)$$

then from (3.8) we get

$$d(x_n, x_{m+1}, a) < sd(x_n, x_{m+1}, x_{n+1}) + sd(x_n, x_{n+1}, a) + sd(x_n, x_{n+1}, a)$$

$$d(x_n, x_{m+1}, a) < 3s \frac{1-L-Ls}{3s} \varepsilon$$

Hence

$$d(x_n, x_{m+1}, a) < \varepsilon$$

If the inequality (3.11) implies

$$d(x_n, x_{m+1}, a) < sd(x_n, x_{m+1}, x_{n+1}) + sd(x_n, x_{n+1}, a) + L[d(x_n, x_{m+1}, a) + d(x_m, x_{n+1}, a)]$$

Hence we get

$$(1-L)d(x_n, x_{m+1}, a) < sd(x_n, x_{m+1}, x_{n+1}) + sd(x_n, x_{n+1}, a) + Ld(x_m, x_{n+1}, a)$$

Then by triangle inequality we have

$$(1-L)d(x_n, x_{m+1}, a) < sd(x_n, x_{m+1}, x_{n+1}) + sd(x_n, x_{n+1}, a) + L[d(x_m, x_{n+1}, x_n) + d(x_m, x_n, a) + d(x_n, x_{n+1}, a)]$$

Now, by using (3.3) and (3.8) and induction hypothesis we obtain

$$(1-L)d(x_n, x_{m+1}, a) < sd(x_{n-1}, x_n, x_{m+1}) + sd(x_{n-1}, x_n, a) + L[d(x_{n-1}, x_n, x_m) + d(x_m, x_n, a) + d(x_{n-1}, x_n, a)]$$

$$(1-L)d(x_n, x_{m+1}, a) < 2s \frac{1-L-Ls}{3s} \varepsilon + 2L \frac{1-L-Ls}{3s} \varepsilon + L\varepsilon = \frac{2(s+L)(1-L-Ls)}{3s} \varepsilon + L\varepsilon$$

Hence we get

$$(1-L)d(x_n, x_{m+1}, a) < \frac{2(s+L)(1-L-Ls) + 3sL}{3s} \varepsilon = \frac{2s + 2L - 2L^2 - 2s^2L - 2sL^2 + sL}{3s} \varepsilon$$

Since  $L < \frac{1}{2+s}$  using  $2L + Ls < 1$  we have

$$(1-L)d(x_n, x_{m+1}, a) < \frac{2s - 2L^2 - 2s^2L - 2sL^2 + 1}{3s} \varepsilon \leq \frac{3s - 2L^2 - 2s^2L - 2sL^2}{3s} \varepsilon$$

and

$$(1-L)d(x_n, x_{m+1}, a) < \frac{3s - 2L^2 - 2s^2L - 2sL^2}{3s} \varepsilon < \frac{3s - 2sL^2}{3s} \varepsilon < \frac{3s - 2sL}{3s} \varepsilon < \frac{3s - 3sL}{3s}$$

$$(1-L)d(x_n, x_{m+1}, a) < \frac{3s(1-L)}{3s} \varepsilon$$

Hence

$$d(x_n, x_{m+1}, a) < \varepsilon$$

Thus we proved that (3.9) and holds for  $m+1$ . Therefore by induction we conclude that in Case III the inequality (3.9) holds for all  $m > n$ .

Case IV.  $n$  is odd,  $m+1$  is odd. The proof of (3.9) in this case is similar to one given in Case III.

Therefore, we proved that in all of four cases the inequality (3.9) holds.

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From (3.9) it follows that  $\{x_n\}$  is a Cauchy sequence. Since  $(X, d)$  is a complete b-2-metric space, then  $\{x_n\}$  converges to some  $u \in X$  as  $n \rightarrow +\infty$ .

Now we shall prove that if one of the mappings  $T$  or  $S$  is continuous, then  $Tu = Su = u$ . Without loss of generality, we can suppose that  $S$  is continuous. Clearly, as  $x_n \rightarrow u$  then by (3.2) we have  $Sx_{2n+1} = x_{2n+2} \rightarrow u$  as  $n \rightarrow +\infty$ . Since  $x_{2n+1} \rightarrow u$  and  $S$  is continuous then,  $Sx_{2n+1} \rightarrow Su$ . Thus, by the uniqueness of the limit in b-2-metric space, we have  $Su = u$ . Now from contraction condition (3.1)

$$sd(Tu, u, a) = sd(Tu, Su, a) \leq \varphi(\max\{sd(u, Tu, a), sd(u, Su, a), L[d(u, Su, a) + d(Tu, u, a)]\}) = \varphi(sd(u, Tu, a))$$

If we suppose that,  $d(u, Tu, a) > 0$  then we have

$$sd(u, Tu, a) \leq \varphi(sd(u, Tu, a)) < sd(u, Tu, a)$$

is a contradiction. Therefore,  $d(u, Tu, a) = 0$ . Hence  $Tu = u$ . Thus we proved that  $u$  is a common fixed point of  $T$  and  $S$ .

Suppose now that  $u$  and  $v$  are different common fixed points of  $T$  and  $S$ , that is  $d(u, v, a) > 0$ . Then

$$\begin{aligned} sd(u, v, a) &= sd(Tu, Sv, a) \\ &\leq \varphi(\max\{sd(u, Tu, a), sd(v, Sv, a), L[d(u, Sv, a) + d(v, Tu, a)]\}) \\ &= \varphi(2Ld(u, v, a)) \end{aligned}$$

Since  $2L < 1 \leq s$ , then we get  $sd(u, v, a) \leq \varphi(sd(u, v, a)) < sd(u, v, a)$ , a contradiction. Thus we proved that  $T$  and  $S$ , have a unique common fixed point in  $X$ .

If  $S = T$  in Theorem3.1., then we have the following result.

**Corollary3.1.** Let  $(X, d)$  be a complete b-2-metric space with constant  $s$  and  $T : X \rightarrow X$  a mapping on  $X$ .

Suppose that there is a constant  $L < \frac{1}{3}$  and a comparison function  $\varphi$  such that the inequality

$$sd(Tx, Ty, a) \leq \varphi(\max\{sd(x, Tx, a), sd(y, Ty, a), L[d(x, Ty, a) + d(Tx, y, a)]\}) \quad (3.12)$$

holds for each  $x, y, a \in X$ . Suppose that the mapping  $T$  is continuous. Then  $T$  has a unique fixed point.

Omitting the continuity assumption of mapping  $T$  or  $S$  in Theorem3.1., modifying the contraction condition (3.1) and imposing on a comparison function  $\varphi$  a corresponding condition, then we can prove the following

**Theorem3.2.** Let  $(X, d)$  be complete b-2-metric space with constant  $s$  and  $T, S : X \rightarrow X$  two mappings on  $X$ . Suppose that there is a constant

$L < \frac{1}{2+s}$  and a comparison function  $\varphi$  such that the inequality



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$$sd(Tx, Ty, a) \leq \varphi(\max\{sd(x, Tx, a), d(y, Ty, a), L[d(x, Ty, a) + d(Tx, y, a)]\}) \quad (3.13)$$

holds for each  $x, y, a \in X$ . If in addition function  $\varphi$  satisfies the following condition:  

$$\limsup_{n \rightarrow \infty} \varphi(\beta) < \alpha, \alpha > 0 \quad (3.14)$$

Then  $S$  and  $T$  have a unique common fixed point.

**Proof** Since the contraction condition (3.13) implies the contraction condition (3.1) in Theorem 3.1., then from the proof of Theorem 3.1. it follows that the sequence  $\{x_n\}$  defined as in (3.3), converges to some  $u \in X$ , that is  

$$Tx_{2n} = x_{2n+1} \rightarrow u \text{ and } Sx_{2n+1} = x_{2n+2} \rightarrow u \text{ as } n \rightarrow \infty \quad (3.15)$$

Now we prove that  $Su = u$ . From the contraction condition (3.13) and by monotonicity of  $\varphi$  we obtain  

$$sd(x_{2n+1}, Su, a) = sd(Tx_{2n}, Su, a)$$

$$\begin{aligned} &\leq \varphi(\max\{sd(x_{2n}, x_{2n+1}, a), d(u, Su, a), L(d(x_{2n+1}, u, a) + d(x_{2n}, Su, a))\}) \quad (3.16) \\ &\leq \varphi(\max\{sd(x_{2n}, x_{2n+1}, a), sd(u, Su, x_{2n+1}) + sd(u, x_{2n+1}, a) + sd(x_{2n+1}, Su, a), \\ &L(d(x_{2n+1}, u, a) + sd(x_{2n}, Su, x_{2n+1}) + sd(x_{2n}, x_{2n+1}, a) + sd(x_{2n+1}, Su, a))\}). \end{aligned}$$

Since  $\varphi$  is non decreasing and  $L < \frac{1}{3}$ , from (3.16) we get

$$sd(x_{2n+1}, Su, a) \leq \varphi(sd(x_{2n+1}, u, a) + sd(x_{2n}, Su, x_{2n+1}) + sd(x_{2n}, x_{2n+1}, a) + sd(x_{2n+1}, Su, a)). \quad (3.17)$$

If we set

$$t_n = sd(x_{2n+1}, u, a) + sd(x_{2n}, Su, x_{2n+1}) + sd(x_{2n}, x_{2n+1}, a) + sd(x_{2n+1}, Su, a)$$

Then in virtue of (3.15),

$$\limsup_{n \rightarrow \infty} t_n = \limsup_{n \rightarrow \infty} sd(x_{2n+1}, Su, a) = r \quad (3.18)$$

where  $r \geq 0$ . Let  $\{t_{n_k}\}$  be a subsequence of  $\{t_n\}$  such that  $t_{n_k} \rightarrow r$  as  $k \rightarrow \infty$ , For simplicity, denote  $\{t_{n_k}\}$

again by  $\{t_n\}$ . Then from

$$\lim_{n \rightarrow \infty} t_n = \lim_{n \rightarrow \infty} sd(x_{2n+1}, Su, a) = r \quad (3.19)$$

Suppose that  $r > 0$ . Then from (3.19), (3.17), and the assumption (3.14) of  $\varphi$ , we have

$$r = \lim_{n \rightarrow \infty} t_n = \lim_{n \rightarrow \infty} sd(x_{2n+1}, Su, a) \leq \lim_{t_n \rightarrow r} \varphi(t_n) < r$$

a contradiction. Therefore,

$$\lim_{n \rightarrow \infty} t_n = \lim_{n \rightarrow \infty} sd(x_{2n+1}, Su, a) = 0$$

Hence we have  $x_{2n+1} \rightarrow Su$  as  $n \rightarrow \infty$ . Since by (3.15),  $x_{2n+1} \rightarrow u$  and as the limit in a b-2-metric space is unique, it follows that  $Su = u$ . Now by (3.13)

$$\begin{aligned} sd(Tu, u, a) &= sd(Tu, Su, a) \\ &\leq \varphi(\max\{sd(u, Tu, a), d(u, Su, a), L(d(Tu, u, a) + d(u, Su, a))\}) \\ &= \varphi(sd(u, Tu, a)) \end{aligned}$$

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If we suppose that  $d(u, Tu, a) > 0$  then we have  $sd(u, Tu, a) \leq \varphi(sd(u, Tu, a)) \leq sd(u, Tu, a)$  a contradiction. Therefore,  $d(u, Tu, a) = 0$ , that is  $Tu = u$ . Thus we proved that  $Tu = Su = u$ .  
If  $S = T$  in Theorem 3.2., then we get the following result.

**Corollary 3.2.** Let  $(X, d)$  be a complete b-2-metric space with constant  $s$  and  $T : X \rightarrow X$  a mapping on  $X$ .

Suppose that there is a constant  $L < \frac{1}{1+s}$  and a comparison function  $\varphi$  such that the inequality

$$sd(Tx, Ty, a) \leq \varphi(\max\{sd(x, Tx, a), sd(y, Ty, a), L[d(x, Ty, a) + d(Tx, y, a)]\}) \quad (3.12)$$

holds for each  $x, y, a \in X$ . If in addition a comparison function  $\phi$  satisfies the inequality (3.14), then  $T$  has a unique fixed point.

## IV. CONCLUSION

Generalization of theorems from b-metric spaces to b-2-metric spaces can be direct by using definitions, as in [33], but in this paper, generalization is not direct because of restrictions  $s$  (base in b-2-metric spaces) and  $L$  (comparison function constant).

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