



## A NOTE ON $(\phi, A, B)$ CONTRACTIVE RESULTS USING COMPARISON FUNCTION ON $b$ -METRIC SPACES

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### Abstract

In this paper, we introduce the pair of functions to satisfy some contractive condition in the setting of  $b$ -metric spaces to establish the results regarding to get the unique common fixed point for such pair by using the comparison function.

### 1. Introduction

In 1989, Bakhtin [1] introduced the concept of  $b$ -metric spaces as a generalization of metric spaces. He used it to prove a generalization of the Banach principle in spaces endowed with such kind of metrics. Many authors used this notion to obtain various fixed point theorems. Common fixed point results for single-valued and multi-valued mappings satisfying a weak  $\phi$ -contraction in  $b$ -metric spaces was introduced by Aydi et al. in [2]. Starting from the results of Berinde [3], the existence and uniqueness of fixed points of  $\phi$ -contraction on  $b$ -metric spaces was proved by Pacurar [4].

“The aim of this paper is to establish the results on  $b$ -metric spaces, regarding common fixed points of two mappings, using a cyclic contraction condition defined by means of a comparison function”.

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## 2. Preliminaries

**Definition 2.1.** Let  $M$  be a non-empty set and  $b : M \times M \rightarrow [0, \infty)$ . A function  $b$  is called a  $b$ -metric with constant  $s \geq 1$  if

- (i)  $b(u, v) = 0$  if and only if  $u = v$ .
- (ii)  $b(u, v) = b(v, u)$  for all  $u, v \in M$
- (iii)  $b(u, v) \leq s[b(u, w) + b(w, v)]$  for all  $u, v, w \in M$ .

The pair  $(M, b)$  is called a  $b$ -metric space.

**Definition 2.2.** Let  $s \geq 1$  be a constant. A mapping  $\phi : [0, \infty) \rightarrow [0, \infty)$  is called comparison function with base  $s \geq 1$ , if the following two axioms are fulfilled:

- (i)  $\phi$  is non-decreasing,
- (ii)  $\lim_{n \rightarrow \infty} \phi^n(t) = 0$  for all  $t > 0$ .

Clearly, if  $\phi$  is a comparison function, then  $\phi(t) < t$  for each  $t > 0$ .

## 3. Main Results

**Definition 3.1.** Let  $A, B$  be two non-empty closed subsets of a  $b$ -metric space  $(M, b)$  with coefficient  $s \geq .1$ ,  $\phi : [0, \infty) \rightarrow [0, \infty)$  and  $f, g : X \rightarrow X$  be three mappings, the pair  $(f, g)$  is called a cyclic  $(\phi, A, B)$ -contraction if

- (i)  $\phi$  is a comparison function
- (ii)  $A \cup B$  has a cyclic representation with respect to the pair  $(f, g)$ , that is  $f(A) \subseteq B, g(B) \subseteq A, X = A \cup B$ ,
- (iii) There exists  $0 < \delta < 1$  such that the following

$$u \in A, v \in B \Rightarrow \phi(sb(fu, gv)) \leq \phi(B(u, v)).$$

**Theorem 3.1.** Let  $(M, b)$  be a complete  $b$ -metric space with constant  $s \geq 1$  and  $A, B$  be a non-empty closed subsets of  $M$ , where  $A \cup B$  has a

cyclic representation with respect to the pair  $(f, g)$ , (i.e.,  $f(A) \subseteq B, g(B) \subseteq A$  and  $M = A \cup B$  and  $f, g : M \rightarrow M$  be two cyclic mappings on  $X$ . If there is a constant  $L < \frac{1}{1+s}$  and a comparison function  $\phi$  such that

$$\phi(B(u, v)) = \phi\left(\max\left\{sb(u, v), sb(u, fu), sb(v, gv), L\left[\frac{b(u, gv) + b(v, fu)}{2}\right]\right\}\right) \quad (1)$$

holds for each  $u, v \in M$ . Suppose that  $f$  or  $g$  is continuous. Then  $f$  and  $g$  have a unique common fixed point in  $A \cup B$ .

**Proof.** Choose  $u_0 \in A$ , let  $u_1 = f(u_0)$  since  $f(A) \subseteq B$  we have  $u_1 \in B$ .

Let  $u_2 = gu_1$ . Since  $g(B) \subseteq A$  we have  $u_2 \in A$ .

Continuing this process, we can construct a sequence  $\{u_n\}$  in  $M$  such that

$$u_{2n+1} = fu_n \in B, u_{2n+2} = gu_{2n+1} \in A \quad (2)$$

for all  $n \in \mathbb{N} \cup \{0\}$ .

Suppose for some  $n \in \mathbb{N}$  such that  $u_n = u_{n+1}$ . If  $n = 2k$ , then  $u_{2k} = u_{2k+1}$  and from the contraction condition (1) with  $u = u_{2k}$  and  $v = u_{2k+1}$ , we have

$$\begin{aligned} \phi(B(u, v)) &= \phi\left(\max\left\{sb(u_{2k}, u_{2k+1}), sb(u_{2k}, gu_{2k}), sb(u_{2k+1}, gu_{2k+1}), L\left[\frac{b(u_{2k}, gu_{2k+1})b(u_{2k+1}, fu_{2k})}{2}\right]\right\}\right) \\ &= \phi\left(\max\left\{sb(u_{2k}, u_{2k+1}), sb(u_{2k}, u_{2k+1}), sb(u_{2k+1}, u_{2k+2}), L\left[\frac{b(u_{2k}, u_{2k+2})b(u_{2k+1}, u_{2k+1})}{2}\right]\right\}\right) \\ &= \phi\left(\max\left\{sb(u_{2k}, u_{2k+1}), sb(u_{2k+1}, u_{2k+2}), L\left[\frac{b(u_{2k}, u_{2k+2})}{2}\right]\right\}\right). \end{aligned}$$

Suppose we have that  $u_{2k} = u_{2k+1}$  as a comparison function and  $\phi$  is non-decreasing,

$$\phi(B(u, v)) \leq \phi\left(\max\left\{sb(u_{2k+1}, u_{2k+2}), \frac{L}{2}[s(b(u_{2k}, u_{2k+1}) + b(u_{2k+1}, u_{2k+2}))]\right\}\right)$$

$$\begin{aligned}
&= \phi\left(\max\left\{sb(u_{2k+1}, u_{2k+2}), \frac{L}{2}[sb(u_{2k+1}, u_{2k+2})]\right\}\right) \\
&= \phi(sb(u_{2k+1}, u_{2k+2})).
\end{aligned}$$

If  $b(u_{2k+1}, u_{2k+2}) > 0$ , then we have

$$\begin{aligned}
\phi(sb(u_{2k+1}, u_{2k+2})) &\leq \delta\phi(B(u, v)) \\
&= \delta\phi(sb(u_{2k+1}, u_{2k+2})) \\
&< \phi(sb(u_{2k+1}, u_{2k+2})).
\end{aligned}$$

Which is a contradiction. Therefore  $b(u_{2k+1}, u_{2k+2}) = 0$ . Hence  $u_{2k+1} = u_{2k+2}$ . Thus we have  $u_{2k} = u_{2k+1} = u_{2k+2}$ .

By (2)  $u_{2k} = u_{2k+1} = fu_{2k}$  and  $u_{2k+1} = u_{2k+2} = gu_{2k}$ .

$$\therefore u_{2k} = fu_{2k} = gu_{2k}.$$

This implies that  $f$  and  $g$  have  $u_{2k}$  as a common fixed point.

If  $n = 2k + 1$ , then as in the case  $u_{2k} = u_{2k+1}$ , we can show that  $u_{2k+1}$  is a common fixed point of  $f$  and  $g$ .

Now we shall prove that

$$\phi(sb(u_n, u_{n+1})) \leq \phi(sb(u_{n-1}, u_n)), \forall n \in \mathbb{N}. \quad (3)$$

Case (a)  $n = 2k, k \in \mathbb{N}$ .

From (1) with  $u = u_{2k}$  and  $v = u_{2k-1}$ , we have

$$\phi(sb(u_{2k+1}, u_{2k})) \leq \delta\phi(B(u, v))$$

$$\Rightarrow \phi(sb(fu_{2k}, gu_{2k-1})) \leq \phi(B(u_{2k}, u_{2k-1}))$$

$$\phi(B(u, v)) = \phi(\max\{sb(u_{2k}, u_{2k-1}), sb(u_{2k}, fu_{2k}),$$

$$sb(u_{2k-1}, gu_{2k-1})L\left[\frac{b(u_{2k}, gu_{2k-1}) + b(u_{2k-1}, fu_{2k})}{2}\right]\})$$

$$= \phi(\max\{sb(u_{2k}, u_{2k-1}), sb(u_{2k}, u_{2k+1}),$$

$$\begin{aligned}
 & sb(u_{2k-1}, u_{2k})L\left[\frac{b(u_{2k}, u_{2k}) + b(u_{2k-1}, u_{2k+1})}{2}\right] \Bigg\} \\
 &= \phi\left(\max\left\{sb(u_{2k}, u_{2k-1}), sb(u_{2k}, u_{2k+1}), L\left[\frac{b(u_{2k-1}, u_{2k+1})}{2}\right]\right\}\right) \\
 &\leq \phi\left(\max\left\{sb(u_{2k}, u_{2k-1}), sb(u_{2k}, u_{2k+1}), \frac{L}{2}[sb(u_{2k-1}, u_{2k+1}) + sb(u_{2k}, u_{2k+1})]\right\}\right) \\
 &= \phi(\max\{sb(u_{2k}, u_{2k-1}), sb(u_{2k}, u_{2k+1})\}).
 \end{aligned}$$

If we suppose that  $\phi(\max\{sb(u_{2k}, u_{2k-1}), sb(u_{2k}, u_{2k+1})\}) = sb(u_{2k}, u_{2k+1})$  then by the property of  $\phi$ , we get

$$\begin{aligned}
 \phi(\max\{sb(u_{2k+1}, u_{2k})\}) &= \phi(sb(fu_{2k}, gu_{2k-1})) \\
 &\leq \delta\phi(B(u, v)) \\
 &= \delta\phi(sb(u_{2k}, u_{2k+1})) \\
 &< \phi(sb(u_{2k+1}, u_{2k}))
 \end{aligned}$$

which contradicts the fact.

Therefore the maximum is  $sb(u_{2k}, u_{2k-1})$ . We have

$$\begin{aligned}
 \phi(sb(u_{2k+1}, u_{2k})) &= \phi(fu_{2k}, gu_{2k-1}) \\
 &\leq \delta\phi(B(u, v)) \\
 &= \delta\phi(sb(u_{2k}, u_{2k-1}))
 \end{aligned}$$

$$\therefore \phi(sb(u_{2k}, u_{2k+1})) \leq \delta\phi(sb(u_{2k-1}, u_{2k})). \tag{4}$$

Case (b):  $n = 2k + 1, k \in \mathbb{N}$ .

As in the case (a), it can be proved that equation (3) holds for  $n = 2k + 1$ , that is

$$\phi(sb(u_{2k+1}, u_{2k+2})) \leq \delta\phi(sb(u_{2k}, u_{2k+1})). \tag{5}$$

From equations (4) and (5), we conclude that the inequality (3) holds  $\forall n \in \mathbb{N}$ . From (3), by the induction it is easy to prove that

$$\therefore \phi^n(sb(u_n, u_{n+1})) \leq \delta^n \phi^n(sb(u_0, u_1)) \forall n \in \mathbb{N}. \tag{6}$$

Since  $\lim_{n \rightarrow \infty} \phi^n(t) = 0$  for all  $t > 0$ , from (6), we obtain

$$\lim_{n \rightarrow \infty} b(u_n, u_{n+1}) = 0. \quad (7)$$

We now have to prove that  $\{u_n\}$  is a Cauchy sequence.

Let  $\epsilon > 0$  since  $L < \frac{1}{1+s}$ . This implies  $s - 2L > 0$  and  $1 - L(1+s) > 0$ .

From (7), we conclude that there exists  $n_0 \in \mathbb{N}$  such that

$$b(u_n, u_{n-1}) < \frac{1-L-Ls}{2s}, \quad \forall n > n_0. \quad (8)$$

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

$$b(u_n, u_m) < \epsilon \quad \forall m > n \geq n_0. \quad (9)$$

Let  $n \geq n_0$  and  $m = n + 1$ . Then from (3) and (8), we get

$$b(u_n, u_m) = b(u_n, u_{n+1}) \leq b(u_n, u_{n-1}) < \frac{1-L-Ls}{2s} < \epsilon.$$

Thus  $\{u_n\}$  is the Cauchy sequence for  $m = n + 1$ .

We assume that (9) holds for some  $m \geq n + 1$

Now we have to prove that (9) holds for  $m + 1$ .

Case (i):  $n$  is odd and  $m + 1$  is even.

$$\begin{aligned} \phi(sb(u_n, u_{m+1})) &= \phi(sb(fu_{n-1}, gu_m)) \\ &\leq \delta\phi(B(u_{n-1}, u_m)) \end{aligned}$$

$$\phi(B(u, v)) = \phi\left(\max\left\{sb(u_{n-1}, u_n), sb(u_m, u_{m+1}), \left[\frac{b(u_n, u_{m+1}) + b(u_n, u_m)}{2}\right]\right\}\right).$$

Since  $b(u_m, u_{m+1}) < b(u_{n-1}, u_n)$  and for all  $t > 0$ , we have

$$\begin{aligned} \phi(B(u, v)) &< \phi(\max\{sb(u_{n-1}, u_n), L[b(u_{n-1}, u_{m+1}) + b(u_n, u_m)]\}) \\ &= \phi(sb(u_{n-1}, u_n)) \end{aligned} \quad (10)$$

$$\begin{aligned}
\phi(B(u, v)) &< \phi(sb(u_{n-1}, u_n)) \\
&< \phi\left(s\left[\frac{(1-L-Ls)}{2s}\varepsilon\right]\right) \\
&= \phi\left(\frac{1-L-Ls}{2}\varepsilon\right) \\
&< \phi(\varepsilon)
\end{aligned}$$

$$\begin{aligned}
\phi(sb(u_n, u_{m+1})) &= \phi(sb(fu_{n-1}, gu_m)) \\
&\leq \delta\phi(B(u_{n-1}, u_m)) \\
&< \delta\phi(\varepsilon) \\
&< \phi(\varepsilon)
\end{aligned}$$

$$\therefore sb(u_n, u_{m+1}) < \varepsilon$$

$$\Rightarrow b(u_n, u_{m+1}) < \frac{\varepsilon}{s} < \varepsilon.$$

Thus we proved that (9) holds for  $m + 1$  in this case.

Therefore, by induction (9) holds for all  $m > n$  in case (i).

Case (ii): When  $n$  is even,  $m + 1$  is odd.

This case can be proved in a similar way as we proved for case (i).

Case (iii): When  $n$  is even,  $m + 1$  is even

$$\begin{aligned}
\phi(b(u_n, u_{m+1})) &\leq \phi(sb(u_n, u_{n+1}) + sb(u_{n+1}, u_{m+1})) \\
&\leq \phi(sb(u_n, u_{n+1})) + \phi(sb(u_{n+1}, u_{m+1})) \\
&= \phi(sb(u_n, u_{n+1})) + \phi(sb(fu_n, gu_m)) \\
&\leq \phi(sb(u_n, u_{n+1})) + \delta\phi(b(u_n, u_m)) \\
&\leq \phi(sb(u_n, u_{n+1})) \\
&+ \phi\left(\max\left\{sb(u_n, u_m), sb(u_n, u_{n+1}) + sb(u_m, u_{m+1}), L\left[\frac{b(u_n, u_{m+1}) + b(u_m, u_{n+1})}{2}\right]\right\}\right)
\end{aligned}$$

$$\begin{aligned} \phi(b(u_n, u_{m+1})) &\leq \phi(sb(u_n, u_{n+1})) \\ &+ \phi\left(\max\left\{s\varepsilon, sb(u_n, u_{n+1}) + sb(u_n, u_{n+1}), L\left[\frac{b(u_n, u_{m+1}) + b(u_m, u_{n+1})}{2}\right]\right\}\right) \end{aligned} \quad (11)$$

Equality (11) implies

$$\begin{aligned} \phi(b(u_n, u_{m+1})) &< \phi(sb(u_n, u_{n+1})) + \phi(sb(u_n, u_{n+1})) \\ &= 2\phi(sb(u_n, u_{n+1})) \\ &< 2\phi\left(s\left[\frac{1-L-Ls}{2s}\varepsilon\right]\right) \\ &= \phi\left(2s\left[\frac{1-L-Ls}{2s}\varepsilon\right]\right) \\ &= \phi(\varepsilon) \\ &\Rightarrow b(u_n, u_{m+1}) < \varepsilon. \end{aligned}$$

If the inequality (11) implies

$$\phi(b(u_n, u_{m+1})) \leq \phi(sb(u_n, u_{n+1})) + \phi\left[\frac{L(b(u_n, u_{m+1}) + b(u_{n+1}, u_m))}{2}\right].$$

By triangle inequality, we have

$$\begin{aligned} \phi(b(u_n, u_{m+1})) &< \phi(sb(u_n, u_{n+1})) + \frac{1}{2}\phi[Lb(u_n, u_{m+1}) \\ &\quad + Lsb(u_{n+1}, u_n) + Lsb(u_n, u_m)] \\ &= \left(\frac{L}{2} + 1\right)\phi(sb(u_n, u_{n+1})) + L\phi\frac{b(u_n, u_{m+1})}{2} \\ &\quad + L\phi\frac{sb(u_n, u_m)}{2} \\ \left(1 - \frac{L}{2}\right)\phi(b(u_n, u_{m+1})) &= \left(1 + \frac{L}{2}\right)\phi(sb(u_n, u_{n+1})) + \frac{L}{2}\phi(b(u_n, u_m)). \end{aligned}$$

By (8) and by induction, we have



$$\begin{aligned} \left(1 - \frac{L}{2}\right) \phi(b(u_n, u_{m+1})) &< \left(1 + \frac{L}{2}\right) \phi\left[s \left[\frac{1-L-Ls}{s}\right] \varepsilon\right] + \frac{L}{2} \phi(s\varepsilon) \\ &< \phi[1-L-Ls]\varepsilon + \frac{L}{2} \phi(s\varepsilon). \end{aligned}$$

Taking  $\varphi^{-1}$  on both sides,

$$\begin{aligned} \left(1 - \frac{L}{2}\right) \phi(b(u_n, u_{m+1})) &< [1-L-Ls]\varepsilon + \frac{L}{2} s\varepsilon \\ &= (1-L)\varepsilon - Ls + \frac{L}{s} s\varepsilon \\ &= (1-L)\varepsilon - \frac{L}{2} s\varepsilon \\ &< (1-L)\varepsilon \\ &= \left(1 - \frac{L}{2}\right) \varepsilon - \frac{L}{2} \varepsilon \\ &< \left(1 - \frac{L}{2}\right) \varepsilon \\ b(u_n, u_{m+1}) &< \varepsilon. \end{aligned}$$

Thus (9) holds for  $m+1$ . Hence we conclude that in case (iii) equation (9) holds for all  $m > n$ .

Similarly, we can prove for the case  $n$  is odd,  $m+1$  is odd.

From (9), it follows that  $\{u_n\}$  is a Cauchy sequence.

Since  $u$  is complete,  $\{u_n\}$  converges to  $u \in M$  as  $n \rightarrow \infty$  and so

$$\lim_{n \rightarrow \infty} u_n = \lim_{n \rightarrow \infty} u_{2n+1} = \lim_{n \rightarrow \infty} u_{2n} = t.$$

Since  $\{u_{2n}\}$  is a sequence in  $A$  and  $A$  is closed and  $u_{2n} \rightarrow t$ , we have  $t \in A$ .

Also since  $\{u_{2n+1}\}$  is a sequence in  $B$  and  $B$  is closed and  $u_{2n+1} \rightarrow t$ , we have  $t \in B$ .

Now to prove that  $t$  is a fixed point of  $f$  and  $g$ .

Without loss of generality, we assume that  $f$  is continuous.

Since  $u_{2n} \rightarrow t$ , we have  $u_{2n+1} = fu_{2n} \rightarrow ft$ .

By the uniqueness of the limit, we get  $u = fu$ .

Similarly, we can prove  $t = gt$ .

From the contraction (1), we have

$$\begin{aligned} \phi(sb(t, gt)) &= \phi(sb(ft, gt)) \\ &\leq \delta\phi(B(u, v)) \\ &= \delta\phi\left(\max\{sb(t, t), sb(t, ft), sb(t, gt)\}, \frac{L[b(ft, t) + b(t, gt)]}{2}\right) \\ &= \delta\phi(sb(t, gt)) \\ \phi(sb(t, gt)) &\leq \delta\phi(sb(t, gt)) < \phi(sb(t, gt)) \end{aligned}$$

which is a contradiction.

$$\therefore b(t, gt) = 0 \Rightarrow gt = t.$$

Therefore  $t$  is common fixed point of  $f$  and  $g$ .

Suppose that there exist two different fixed points of  $f$  and  $g$  that is  $b(r, t) > 0$

$$\begin{aligned} \phi(sb(r, t)) &= \phi(sb(fr, gt)) \\ &\leq \delta\phi(B(r, t)) \\ &= \delta\phi\left(\max\left\{sb(r, t), sb(r, fr), sb(t, gt), L\left[\frac{[b(r, gt) + b(t, fr)]}{2}\right]\right\}\right) \\ &= \delta\phi(sb(r, t)) \\ &< \phi(sb(r, t)) \end{aligned}$$

which is a contradiction.

Finally we have a unique common fixed point for  $f$  and  $g$  in  $A \cap B$ .

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