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COMMON FIXED POINT THEOREMS FOR TWO SELF MAPS ON A PARTIALLY ORDERED b-METRIC-LIKE SPACES

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ABSTRACT

In this paper we establish common fixed point theorems for two self maps on a partially ordered b-metric-like spaces. Incidentally we obtain results of Nannan Fang [12] as corollaries.

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Introduction and Preliminaries

Many generalizations of metric spaces have been introduced [1-5] and were studied with reference to fixed point theorem. The concept of b-metric spaces was introduced by Bahtin[6] and was used by Czersik[7] to study contraction mapping in b-metric spaces. Harandi[8] introduced the notion of metric like spaces and studied the existence of fixed points in such spaces. Alghamdi[9] introduced the notion of b-metric like spaces as natural generalization of metric spaces and metric like spaces. NannanFang [12] obtained common fixed point theorems in ordered b-metric spaces. In this paper we further investigate the existence of common fixed point for a pair of self maps on a partially ordered b-metric-like spaces. Incidentally we obtain the results of NannanFang [12] as corollaries.

We begin with some known definitions

Definition(Bahtin[6]): A b-metric on a non empty set X is a function $d: X \times X \rightarrow [0, \infty)$ such that for all $x, y, z \in X$ and a constant $b \geq 1$ the following conditions hold.

- i. $d(x, y) = 0 \Leftrightarrow x = y$.
- ii. $d(x, y) = d(y, x)$.
- iii. $d(x, y) \leq b(d(x, z) + d(z, y))$.

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

Definition(Harandi [8]): A metric-like on a non empty set X is a function $d: X \times X \rightarrow [0, \infty)$ such that for all $x, y, z \in X$ the following conditions hold.

- i. $d(x, y) = 0 \Rightarrow x = y$.
- ii. $d(x, y) = d(y, x)$.
- iii. $d(x, y) \leq d(x, z) + d(z, y)$.

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

Definition(Alghamdi [9]): A b-metric-like on a non empty set X is a function $d: X \times X \rightarrow [0, \infty)$ such that for all $x, y, z \in X$ and a constant $b \geq 1$ the following conditions hold.

- i. $d(x, y) = 0 \Rightarrow x = y$.
- ii. $d(x, y) = d(y, x)$.
- iii. $d(x, y) \leq b(d(x, z) + d(z, y))$.



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

Definition(Alghamdi [9]): Let (X, d) be a b-metric-like space and let $\{x_n\}$ be a sequence of points of X . A point $x \in X$ is said to be limit of the the sequence $\{x_n\}$ if $\lim_{n \rightarrow \infty} d(x, x_n) = d(x, x)$ and we say that the sequence $\{x_n\}$ is convergent to x and it is denoted by $x_n \rightarrow x$ as $n \rightarrow \infty$.

Definition(Alghamdi [9]): Let (X, d) be a b-metric-like space.

i. A sequence $\{x_n\}$ is said to be Cauchy if $\lim_{m, n \rightarrow \infty} d(x_m, x_n)$ exists and is finite.

ii. A b-metric-like space (X, d) is said to be complete if every Cauchy sequence $\{x_n\}$ in X converges to $x \in X$, so that

$$\lim_{m, n \rightarrow \infty} d(x_m, x_n) = d(x, x) = \lim_{n \rightarrow \infty} d(x_n, x)$$

Definition (Khan, Swaleh, Sessa[10]): A function $\varphi: [0, \infty) \rightarrow [0, \infty)$ is called an altering distance function if the following properties hold.

i. φ is continuous and non-decreasing.

ii. $\varphi(t) = 0 \Leftrightarrow t = 0$.

Definition (Ciric, Abbas, Saadati, Hussain[11]): Let (X, \leq) be a partially ordered set. Then two mappings $f, g: X \rightarrow X$ are said to be weakly increasing if $fx \leq gfx$ and $gx \leq fgx \forall x \in X$.

Main result

Before we go to the main result, we introduce the function $d^s: X^2 \rightarrow [0, \infty)$ on a b-metric-like space (X, d) as follows:

$$d^s(x, y) = |2d(x, y) - d(x, x) - d(y, y)| \forall x, y \in X \dots \dots \dots (A)$$

We observe that $d^s(x, x) = 0 \forall x \in X$.

Theorem 1. Let (X, \leq) be a partially ordered set and (X, d) be a complete b-metric-like space. Let $f, g: X \rightarrow X$ be two weakly increasing mappings with respect to \leq . Suppose $d(x, fx) \geq d(x, x)$ and $d(x, gx) \geq d(x, x) \forall x \in X$. Suppose there exists $k \geq 1$ such that $\psi(kd(fx, gy)) \leq \psi(M_b(x, y)) - \varphi(M'_b(x, y)) + L\psi(N(x, y)) \dots \dots \dots (1.1)$

whenever x, y are comparable elements of X ,

$$\text{where } M_b(x, y) = \max\{d(x, y), d(x, fx), d(y, gy), \frac{d(x, gy) + d(y, fx)}{4b}\} M'_b(x, y) =$$

$$\max\{d(x, y), d(x, fx), d(y, gy), \frac{d(x, gy) + d(y, fx)}{6b}\} \text{ and } N(x, y) = \min\{d^s(x, fx), d^s(y, gy), d^s(x, gy)\},$$

where d^s is defined in (A), $L \geq 0, \psi$ and φ are altering distance functions. Let $x_0 \in X$, define the sequence $\{x_n\}$ inductively as follows:

$$x_1 = fx_0, x_2 = gx_1 \text{ and } x_{2n+1} = fx_{2n} \text{ and } x_{2n+2} = gx_{2n+1} \text{ for } n = 0, 1, 2, \dots$$

Then $\{x_n\}$ is an increasing Cauchy sequences.

Further f and g have a common fixed point, if

(i) f or g is continuous or (ii) (X, \leq, d) satisfies the following property:

$\{z_n\}$ is an increasing sequences and converges to $z \Rightarrow z_n \leq z$ for every n .

Proof.

We first observe that (1) u is fixed point of f if and only if u is a fixed point of g .

$$(2) M'_b(x, y) \leq M_b(x, y) \forall x, y \in X$$

$$\text{Now } x_1 = fx_0 \leq gfx_0 = gx_1 = x_2 \Rightarrow x_1 \leq x_2$$

$$x_2 = fx_1 \leq fgx_1 = fx_2 = x_3 \Rightarrow x_2 \leq x_3$$



Thus $x_1 \leq x_2 \leq x_3$

Inductively we can show that $x_n \leq x_{n+1}$ for $n = 1, 2, 3 \dots$

Thus $\{x_n\}$ is an increasing sequence.

Suppose $x_{2n} = x_{2n+1}$ for some n , so that

$$x_{2n} = f x_{2n}$$

$\therefore x_{2n}$ is a fixed point of f and hence is a fixed point of g .

Thus x_{2n} is a common fixed point of f and g .

Similarly we can show that

$$x_{2n+1} = x_{2n+2} \text{ for some } n$$

$\Rightarrow x_{2n+1}$ is a common fixed point of f and g .

Hence we may suppose without loss of generality that if $x_n \neq x_{n+1}$ for $n = 1, 2, 3 \dots$

$$\begin{aligned} \text{Now } \psi(d(x_{2n+1}, x_{2n+2})) &\leq \psi(kd(x_{2n+1}, x_{2n+2})) \\ &= \psi(kd(fx_{2n}, gx_{2n+1})) \\ &\leq \psi(M_b(x_{2n}, x_{2n+1})) - \varphi(M'_b(x_{2n}, x_{2n+1})) + L\psi(N(x_{2n}, x_{2n+1})) \dots (1.2) \end{aligned}$$

Now

$$\begin{aligned} M_b(x_{2n}, x_{2n+1}) &= \max \left\{ d(x_{2n}, x_{2n+1}), d(x_{2n}, fx_{2n}), d(x_{2n+1}, gx_{2n+1}), \frac{d(x_{2n}, gx_{2n+1}) + d(x_{2n+1}, fx_{2n})}{4b} \right\} \\ &= \max \left\{ d(x_{2n}, x_{2n+1}), d(x_{2n}, x_{2n+1}), d(x_{2n+1}, x_{2n+2}), \frac{d(x_{2n}, x_{2n+2}) + d(x_{2n+1}, x_{2n+1})}{4b} \right\} \end{aligned}$$

Since $d(x_{2n}, x_{2n+2}) \leq bd(x_{2n}, x_{2n+1}) + bd(x_{2n+1}, x_{2n+2})$

$$\text{and } d(x_{2n+1}, x_{2n+1}) \leq bd(x_{2n+1}, x_{2n}) + bd(x_{2n}, x_{2n+1}) = 2bd(x_{2n+1}, x_{2n})$$

$$\begin{aligned} \text{we have, } \frac{d(x_{2n}, x_{2n+2}) + d(x_{2n+1}, x_{2n+1})}{4b} &\leq \frac{3bd(x_{2n}, x_{2n+1}) + d(x_{2n+1}, x_{2n+2})}{4b} \\ &= \frac{3}{4}d(x_{2n}, x_{2n+1}) + \frac{1}{4}d(x_{2n+1}, x_{2n+2}) \\ &= \max \{d(x_{2n}, x_{2n+1}), d(x_{2n+1}, x_{2n+2})\} \end{aligned}$$

$$\text{Hence } M_b(x_{2n}, x_{2n+1}) = \max \{d(x_{2n}, x_{2n+1}), d(x_{2n+1}, x_{2n+2})\}$$

$$\text{Similarly } M'_b(x_{2n}, x_{2n+1}) = \max \{d(x_{2n}, x_{2n+1}), d(x_{2n+1}, x_{2n+2})\}$$

and

$$\begin{aligned} N(x_{2n}, x_{2n+1}) &= \min \{d^s(x_{2n}, fx_{2n}), d^s(x_{2n+1}, fx_{2n}), d^s(x_{2n}, gx_{2n+1})\} \\ &= \min \{d^s(x_{2n}, x_{2n+1}), d^s(x_{2n+1}, x_{2n+1}), d^s(x_{2n}, x_{2n+2})\} \\ &= 0 \quad (\because d^s(x_{2n+1}, x_{2n+1}) = 0) \end{aligned}$$

$$\therefore \psi(d(x_{2n+1}, x_{2n+2})) \leq \psi(\max \{d(x_{2n}, x_{2n+1}), d(x_{2n+1}, x_{2n+2})\})$$

$$- \varphi(\max \{d(x_{2n}, x_{2n+1}), d(x_{2n+1}, x_{2n+2})\}) \dots \dots \dots (1.3)$$

If $d(x_{2n}, x_{2n+1}) \leq d(x_{2n+1}, x_{2n+2})$, we get from (1.3)

$$\begin{aligned} \psi(d(x_{2n+1}, x_{2n+2})) &\leq \psi(d(x_{2n+1}, x_{2n+2})) - \varphi(d(x_{2n+1}, x_{2n+2})) \\ &\Rightarrow \varphi(d(x_{2n+1}, x_{2n+2})) \leq 0 \\ &\Rightarrow d(x_{2n+1}, x_{2n+2}) = 0 \\ &\Rightarrow x_{2n+1} = x_{2n+2}, \text{ a contradiction.} \end{aligned}$$

Hence $d(x_{2n+1}, x_{2n+2}) < d(x_{2n}, x_{2n+1})$ for $n = 1, 2, 3 \dots$

Similarly we can show that $d(x_{2n}, x_{2n+1}) < d(x_{2n-1}, x_{2n})$ for $n = 1, 2, 3 \dots$



Thus $d(x_{n+1}, x_{n+2}) < d(x_n, x_{n+1})$ for $n = 1, 2, 3 \dots$

$\therefore \{d(x_n, x_{n+1})\}$ is strictly decreasing and hence diverges to a limit $r \geq 0$

Now from (1.3), we have

$$\psi(d(x_{2n+1}, x_{2n+2})) \leq \psi(d(x_{2n+1}, x_{2n+2})) - \varphi(d(x_{2n+1}, x_{2n+2}))$$

On letting $n \rightarrow \infty$, we get $\psi(r) \leq \psi(r) - \varphi(r)$ ($\because \psi, \varphi$ are continuous)

$$\Rightarrow \varphi(r) = 0$$

$$\Rightarrow r = 0$$

Thus $\{d(x_n, x_{n+1})\}$ decreases to 0.....(1.4)

Claim: $\{x_n\}$ is a Cauchy sequence.

Case (i): $\lim_{m,n \rightarrow \infty} d(x_{2m}, x_{2n})$ exists and is finite say l .

So $\exists N \ni d(x_{2m}, x_{2n}) > \frac{l}{2}$ for $m, n \geq N$

In particular, $d(x_{2m}, x_{2m+2}) > \frac{l}{2}$ for $m \geq N$

$$\begin{aligned} \therefore \frac{l}{2} < d(x_{2m}, x_{2m+2}) &\leq b \cdot d(x_{2m}, x_{2m+1}) + b \cdot d(x_{2m+1}, x_{2m+2}) \\ &\rightarrow 0 \text{ as } m \rightarrow \infty (\because \text{by (1.4)}) \end{aligned}$$

$$\therefore \frac{l}{2} = 0.$$

$$\therefore l = 0.$$

Suppose $\varepsilon > 0$. Then $\exists N \ni d(x_n, x_{n+1}) < \frac{\varepsilon}{2}$ if $n \geq N$

$$d(x_{2n}, x_{2n+1}) < \frac{\varepsilon}{2b} \text{ if } n \geq N$$

$$d(x_{2m}, x_{2n}) < \frac{\varepsilon}{2b} \text{ if } m, n \geq N$$

Suppose $m, n \geq 2N$. Then

$$d(x_{2m}, x_{2n+1}) \leq b d(x_{2m}, x_{2n}) + b d(x_{2n}, x_{2n+1})$$

$$b \left(\frac{\varepsilon}{2b} + \frac{\varepsilon}{2b} \right) = \varepsilon$$

Similarly $d(x_{2m+1}, x_{2n+1}) \leq b d(x_{2m+1}, x_{2n}) + b d(x_{2n}, x_{2n+1})$

$$< b \left(\frac{\varepsilon}{b} + \frac{\varepsilon}{2b} \right) = \frac{3}{2} \varepsilon$$

$$\therefore d(x_{2m+1}, x_{2n+1}) \rightarrow 0 \text{ as } m, n \rightarrow \infty$$

$$\therefore d(x_m, x_n) \rightarrow 0 \text{ as } m, n \rightarrow \infty$$

$$\therefore \lim_{n \rightarrow \infty} d(x_m, x_n) \text{ exists and is finite}$$

$$\therefore \{x_n\} \text{ is a Cauchy sequence}$$

Case (ii) $\lim_{m,n \rightarrow \infty} d(x_{2m}, x_{2n})$ does not exist.

$$\text{So } \exists \varepsilon > 0 \text{ and } \{m_i\} \{n_i\} \ni n_i > m_i > i \text{ and } d(x_{2m_i}, x_{2n_i}) \geq \varepsilon \dots \dots \dots (1.5)$$

$$\text{This means } d(x_{2m_i}, x_{2n_i-2}) < \varepsilon \dots \dots \dots (1.6)$$

From (1.5) and (1.6)

$$d(x_{2m_i}, x_{2n_i+1}) \leq b d(x_{2m_i}, x_{2n_i-2}) + b d(x_{2n_i-2}, x_{2n_i+1})$$

$$\leq b\varepsilon + b d(x_{2n_i-2}, x_{2n_i+1})$$

$$\therefore \overline{\lim}_{i \rightarrow \infty} d(x_{2m_i}, x_{2n_i+1}) \leq b\varepsilon$$



Also from (1.5) and (1.6)

$$\begin{aligned}
d(x_{2m_i}x_{2n_i+1}) &\leq b d(x_{2m_i}x_{2n_i}) + bd(x_{2n_i}, x_{2n_i+1}) \\
&= bd(x_{2n_i}, x_{2n_i+1}) + b(b d(x_{2m_i}x_{2n_i-1}) + d(x_{2n_i-1}, x_{2n_i})) \\
&\leq bd(x_{2n_i}, x_{2n_i+1}) + b^2d(x_{2m_i}, x_{2n_i-1}) + b^2d(x_{2n_i-1}, x_{2n_i}) \\
&\leq bd(x_{2n_i}, x_{2n_i+1}) + b^2d(x_{2n_i-1}, x_{2n_i}) + b^2(bd(x_{2m_i}, x_{2n_i-2}) + bd(x_{2n_i-2}, x_{2n_i-1})) \\
&= bd(x_{2n_i}, x_{2n_i+1}) + b^2d(x_{2n_i-1}, x_{2n_i}) + b^3(bd(x_{2m_i}, x_{2n_i-2}) + b^3d(x_{2n_i-2}, x_{2n_i-1})) \\
&< bd(x_{2n_i}, x_{2n_i+1}) + b^2d(x_{2n_i-1}, x_{2n_i}) + b^3d(x_{2n_i-2}, x_{2n_i-1}) + b^3\varepsilon
\end{aligned}$$

Letting $i \rightarrow \infty$,

$$\begin{aligned}
\lim_{i \rightarrow \infty} d(x_{2m_i}x_{2n_i+1}) &< b \lim_{i \rightarrow \infty} d(x_{2n_i}, x_{2n_i+1}) + b^2 \lim_{i \rightarrow \infty} d(x_{2n_i-1}, x_{2n_i}) + b^3 \lim_{i \rightarrow \infty} d(x_{2n_i-2}, x_{2n_i-1}) + b^3\varepsilon \\
&\therefore \lim_{i \rightarrow \infty} d(x_{2m_i}x_{2n_i+1}) \leq b^3\varepsilon
\end{aligned}$$

From (1.5)

$$\varepsilon \leq d(x_{2m_i}x_{2n_i}) \leq bd(x_{2m_i}, x_{2n_i+1}) + bd(x_{2n_i+1}, x_{2n_i})$$

$$\text{By (1.4)} \quad \frac{\varepsilon}{b} \leq \underline{\lim}_{i \rightarrow \infty} d(x_{2m_i}x_{2n_i+1}) \leq \overline{\lim}_{i \rightarrow \infty} d(x_{2m_i}x_{2n_i+1}) \leq \varepsilon b$$

$$\begin{aligned}
\text{Similarly} \quad \frac{\varepsilon}{b} &\leq \underline{\lim}_{i \rightarrow \infty} d(x_{2m_{i-1}}, x_{2n_i}) \leq \overline{\lim}_{i \rightarrow \infty} d(x_{2m_{i-1}}x_{2n_i}) \leq \varepsilon b \\
\varepsilon &\leq \overline{\lim}_{i \rightarrow \infty} d(x_{2m_i}, x_{2n_i}) \leq \varepsilon b^2 \\
\frac{\varepsilon}{b} &\leq \overline{\lim}_{i \rightarrow \infty} d(x_{2m_i}, x_{2n_i}) \leq \varepsilon b^2
\end{aligned}$$

Since x_{2n_i} and $x_{2m_{i-1}}$ are comparable,

$$\begin{aligned}
\psi(\varepsilon b) + \varphi(d(x_{2n_i}, x_{2m_{i-1}})) &\leq \psi(\varepsilon b) - \varphi(M_b(x_{2n_i}, x_{2m_{i-1}})) \\
&\leq \psi(M_b(x_{2n_i}, x_{2m_{i-1}})) + L\psi N(x_{2n_i}, x_{2m_{i-1}})
\end{aligned}$$

On letting $i \rightarrow \infty$

$$\begin{aligned}
\psi(\varepsilon b) + \varphi\left(\frac{\varepsilon}{b}\right) &\leq \psi(\varepsilon b) - \varphi(\underline{\lim}_{i \rightarrow \infty} d(x_{2m_{i-1}}, x_{2n_i})) \\
&\leq \psi(\varepsilon b) + 0 \\
&\therefore \varphi\left(\frac{\varepsilon}{b}\right) \leq 0 \\
&\therefore \frac{\varepsilon}{b} = 0 \\
&\therefore \varepsilon = 0
\end{aligned}$$

This is a contradiction.

$\therefore \{x_n\}$ is a Cauchy sequence in X .

So $\exists x \ni x_n \rightarrow x$ as $n \rightarrow \infty$

$$\therefore \lim_{m, n \rightarrow \infty} d(x_m, x_n) = d(x, x) = \lim_{n \rightarrow \infty} d(x_n, x)$$

In particular $\lim_{n \rightarrow \infty} d(x_n, x_{n+1}) = d(x, x)$

$$\therefore d(x, x) = 0 \quad (\because \text{by (1.4)})$$

i. Suppose f is continuous. Then

$$\lim_{n \rightarrow \infty} x_{2n+1} = \lim_{n \rightarrow \infty} f x_{2n} = f\left(\lim_{n \rightarrow \infty} x_{2n}\right) = f x \quad (\because f \text{ is continuous})$$



∴ x is a fixed point of f and hence is a common fixed point of f and g .

ii. Suppose (ii) holds

Since $\{x_n\}$ is an increasing sequence, it converges say to x .

By (ii) we have $x_n \leq x$ for every n .

$$\begin{aligned} \text{Now } \psi(kd(x_{2n+1}, gx)) &= \psi(kd(fx_{2n}, gx)) \\ &\leq \psi(M_b(x_{2n}, x)) - \varphi(M_b'(x_{2n}, x)) + L\psi(N(x_{2n}, x)) \end{aligned}$$

$$\begin{aligned} M_b(x_{2n}, x) &= \max \left\{ d(x_{2n}, x), d(x, fx_{2n}), d(x, gx), \frac{d(x_{2n}, gx) + d(x, fx_{2n})}{4b} \right\} \\ &= \max \left\{ d(x_{2n}, x), d(x, x_{2n+1}), d(x, gx), \frac{d(x_{2n}, gx) + d(x, x_{2n+1})}{4b} \right\} \end{aligned}$$

$$\begin{aligned} \text{Since } \frac{d(x_{2n}, gx) + d(x, x_{2n+1})}{4b} &\leq \frac{bd(x_{2n}, x) + b.d(x, gx) + b.d(x, gx)}{4b} \\ &= \frac{1}{4}d(x_{2n}, x) + \frac{1}{4}d(x, gx) + \frac{1}{4}d(x, gx) \end{aligned}$$

$$M_b(x_{2n}, x) = \max\{d(x_{2n}, x), d(x, x_{2n+1}), d(x, gx)\}$$

$$\text{Similarly } M_b'(x_{2n}, x) = \max\{d(x_{2n}, x), d(x, x_{2n+1}), d(x, gx)\}$$

$$\begin{aligned} \text{and } N(x_{2n}, x) &= \min\{d^s(x_{2n}, fx_{2n}), d^s(x, fx_{2n}), d^s(x_{2n}, gx)\} \\ &= \min\{d^s(x_{2n}, x_{2n+1}), d^s(x, x_{2n+1}), d^s(x_{2n}, gx)\} \end{aligned}$$

Now

$$\begin{aligned} &\psi(d(x_{2n+1}, gx)) \leq \\ &\psi(\max\{d(x_{2n}, x), d(x, x_{2n+1}), d(x, gx)\}) - \varphi(\max\{d(x_{2n}, x), d(x, x_{2n+1}), d(x, gx)\}) \\ &\quad + L\psi(N(x_{2n}, x)) \end{aligned}$$

On letting $n \rightarrow \infty$, we get

$$\begin{aligned} \psi(d(x, gx)) &\leq \psi d(x, gx) - \varphi(d(x, gx)) + L\psi(0) \\ \therefore \varphi(d(x, gx)) &= 0 \\ \therefore d(x, gx) &= 0 \\ \therefore gx &= x \end{aligned}$$

∴ x is a fixed point of g and hence is a common fixed point of f and g .

Theorem 2. Under the hypothesis of theorem 1, no two common fixed points of f and g are comparable.

Proof: Suppose x and y are common fixed points of f and g and $x \leq y$

$$\begin{aligned} \text{Then } \psi(d(fx, gy)) &\leq \psi(M_b(x, y)) - \varphi(M_b'(x, y)) + L\psi(N(x, y)) \\ &= \psi(d(x, y)) - \varphi(d(x, y)) \\ \therefore \varphi(d(x, y)) &= 0 \\ \therefore d(x, y) &= 0 \\ \therefore x &= y. \end{aligned}$$

∴ Any two comparable common fixed points of f and g are equal.

Corollary 3. Let (X, \leq) be a partially ordered set and suppose that there exists a b -metric-like d on X such that (X, d) is a complete b -metric-like space and let $f, g: X \rightarrow X$ be two weakly increasing mappings with respect to \leq . Suppose f satisfies $d(x, fx) \geq d(x, x)$ and g satisfies $d(x, gx) \geq d(x, x), \forall x \in X$. Suppose there exists $k \geq 1$ such that

$$\psi(kd(fx, gy)) \leq \psi(M_b(x, y)) - \varphi(M_b(x, y)) + L\psi(N(x, y)) \dots \dots \dots (3.1)$$



where $M_b(x, y) = \max\{d(x, y), d(x, fx), d(y, gy), \frac{d(x,gy)+d(y,fx)}{4b}\}$ and

$N(x, y) = \min\{d^s(x, fx), d^s(y, fx), d^s(x, gy)\}$, where d^s is defined in (A) for all comparable elements $x, y \in X, L \geq 0, \psi$ and φ are altering distance functions. Then f and g have a common fixed point.

Proof: Since $M'_b(x, y) = M_b(x, y)$

$$\psi(kd(fx, gy)) \leq \psi(M_b(x, y)) - \varphi(M_b(x, y)) + L\psi(N(x, y)) \Rightarrow$$

$$\psi(kd(fx, gy)) \leq \psi(M'_b(x, y)) - \varphi(M'_b(x, y)) + L\psi(N(x, y))$$

Hence the result follows from Theorem 1.

Corollary 4. Let (X, \leq) be a partially ordered set and suppose that there exists a b-metric-like d on X such that (X, d) is a complete b-metric-like space and let $f, g: X \rightarrow X$ be two weakly increasing mappings with respect to \leq . Suppose f satisfies $d(x, fx) \geq d(x, x)$ and g satisfies $d(x, gx) \geq d(x, x), \forall x \in X$. Suppose there exists $k \geq 1$ such that

$$\psi(kd(fx, gy)) \leq \psi(M'_b(x, y)) - \varphi(M'_b(x, y)) + L\psi(N(x, y)) \dots \dots \dots (4.1)$$

where $M'_b(x, y) = \max\{d(x, y), d(x, fx), d(y, gy), \frac{d(x,gy)+d(y,fx)}{6b}\}$ and

$N(x, y) = \min\{d^s(x, fx), d^s(y, fx), d^s(x, gy)\}$, where d^s is defined in (A) for all comparable elements $x, y \in X, L \geq 0, \psi$ and φ are altering distance functions. Then f and g have a common fixed point.

Proof:

$$\psi(kd(fx, gy)) \leq \psi(M'_b(x, y)) - \varphi(M'_b(x, y)) + L\psi(N(x, y)) \Rightarrow$$

$$\psi(kd(fx, gy)) \leq \psi(M_b(x, y)) - \varphi(M_b(x, y)) + L\psi(N(x, y))$$

and hence the result follows from Corollary 3.

Corollary 5. If in Corollary 3, k is replaced by b^2 , then f and g have a common fixed point.

Corollary 6. (Nannan Fang [12], Theorem 1): If in Corollary 3, k is replaced by b^4 , then f and g have a common fixed point.

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