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A COMMON FIXED POINT FOR WEAK ϕ -CONTRACTIONS ON *b*-METRIC SPACES

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Abstract. In this paper, we give a common fixed point result for single-valued and multi-valued mappings satisfying a weak ϕ -contraction in *b*-metric spaces. Presented theorems extend, generalize and improve some existing results in the literature. Some examples are also given.

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1. INTRODUCTION AND PRELIMINARIES

The concept of a *b*-metric space appeared in some works, such as Bakhtin [1] and Czerwik [9]. For instance, Czerwik [9] presented a generalization of the well known Banach's [2] fixed point theorem in *b*-metric spaces. We recall the following notations and definitions from [9, 10].

Definition 1.1. ([9, 10]) Let X be a nonempty set and $s \ge 1$ a given real number. A function $d: X \times X \to [0, +\infty)$ is called a b-metric provided that, for all $x, y, z \in X$, (bm-1) d(x, y) = 0 if and only if x = y,

- (bm-2) d(x, y) = d(y, x),
- (bm-3) $d(x, y) \le s(d(x, z) + d(z, y)).$

Throughout this paper, the letters \mathbb{R} and \mathbb{N}^* will denote the set of all real numbers and the set of all positive integer numbers, respectively.

For more considerations and examples of b-metric spaces see [7, 9, 4, 10, 11, 12, 20, 22].

The study of fixed points for multi-valued contractive mappings using the Hausdorff metric was initiated by Markin [16] and Nadler [17]. Later, an interesting and rich fixed point theory for such mappings was developed which has found applications in control theory, convex optimization, differential inclusion and economics (see, [14] and references cited therein).

Definition 1.2. Let X be a nonempty set. An element x in X is said to be a common fixed point of a single-valued $T: X \to X$ and a multi-valued mapping $S: X \to P(X)$ if $x = Tx \in Sx$, where P(X) denotes the collection of all nonempty subsets of X.

Let (X, d) be a *b*-metric space. Let $P_{cl,b}(X)$ be the collection of all nonempty closed bounded subsets of X. Again as in [4, 10], for $A, B \in P_{cl,b}(X)$, we define

$$H(A, B) = \max\{\rho(A, B), \ \rho(B, A)\},$$
(1.1)

where

$$\rho(A,B) = \sup\{D(a,B), a \in A\}, \delta(B,A) = \sup\{D(b,A), b \in B\}$$

with

$$D(a, C) = \inf\{d(a, x), x \in C\}, C \in P_{cl,b}(X).$$

By definition H is called the Pompeiu-Hausdorff functional.

We recall the following lemmas.

Lemma 1.3. ([9, 20]) Let (X, d) be a b-metric space. For any $A, B, C \in P_{cl,b}(X)$ and any $x, y \in X$, we have the following: (i) $D(x, B) \leq d(x, b)$ for any $b \in B$, (ii) $\rho(A, B) \leq H(A, B)$, (iii) $d(x, B) \leq H(A, B)$, for all $x \in A$, (iv) H(A, A) = 0, (v) H(A, B) = H(B, A), (vi) $H(A, C) \leq s(H(A, B) + H(B, C))$, (vii) $D(x, A) \leq s(d(x, y) + D(y, A))$.

Lemma 1.4. ([9, 20]) Let (X, d) be a b-metric space. Let A and B be in $P_{cl,b}(X)$. Then for each $\alpha > 0$ and for all $b \in B$ there exists $a \in A$ such that

$$d(a,b) \le H(A,B) + \alpha.$$

Lemma 1.5. ([9, 20]) Let (X, d) be a b-metric space. For $A \in P_{cl,b}(X)$ and $x \in X$, we have

$$D(x, A) = 0 \iff x \in A = A.$$

Let Φ be the set of functions $\phi: [0, +\infty) \to [0, +\infty)$ that satisfy

(1) $\phi(0) = 0$ and $\phi(t) > (1 - \frac{1}{s^2})t$ for each t > 0,

(2) ϕ is lower semi-continuous.

Note that if $\phi \in \Phi$, we have $\phi(t) > 0$ for all t > 0.

In this paper, we establish a common fixed result for single-valued and multi-valued mappings involving a weak ϕ -contraction on complete *b*-metric spaces.

2. MAIN RESULTS

Several papers deal with fixed point theory for single-valued and multi-valued operators in b-metric spaces (see [3, 4, 7, 10, 11, 20]).

Our main result is the following.

Theorem 2.1. Let (X, d) be a complete b-metric space and $\phi \in \Phi$. Suppose that $T: X \to X$ and $S: X \to P_{cl,b}(X)$ are such that for all $x, y \in X$

$$H(\{Tx\}, Sy) \le M(x, y) - \phi(M(x, y))$$
 (2.1)

where

$$M(x,y) = \max\{d(x,y), D(x,Tx), D(y,Sy), \frac{1}{2s}[D(x,Sy) + D(y,Tx)]\},$$
(2.2)

then T and S have a unique common fixed point in X.

Proof. It is clear that M(x, y) = 0 if and only if x = y is a common fixed point of T and S. Thus we may assume that M(x, y) > 0 for all $x, y \in X$.

Let $x_0 \in X$ and $x_1 \in Sx_0$. Set $x_2 = Tx_1$. By choosing $\alpha = \frac{\phi(M(x_2,x_1))}{2} > 0$ in Lemma 1.4, there exists $x_3 \in Sx_2$ such that

$$d(x_3, x_2) \le H(\{Tx_1\}, Sx_2) + \frac{\phi(M(x_2, x_1))}{2}.$$

We let $x_4 = Tx_3$. In analogous way, one can find $x_5 \in Sx_4$ such that

$$d(x_5, x_4) \le H(\{Tx_3\}, Sx_4) + \frac{\phi(M(x_4, x_3))}{2}.$$

Inductively, we let $x_{2n} = Tx_{2n-1}$, and by Lemma 1.4, there exists $x_{2n+1} \in Sx_{2n}$ such that

$$d(x_{2n+1}, x_{2n}) \le H(\{Tx_{2n-1}\}, Sx_{2n}) + \frac{\phi(M(x_{2n}, x_{2n-1}))}{2} \text{ for all } n \in \mathbb{N}^*.$$
(2.3)

From (2.1) and (2.3), we get that

$$d(x_{2n+1}, x_{2n}) \le M(x_{2n}, x_{2n-1}) - \frac{\phi(M(x_{2n}, x_{2n-1}))}{2} \text{ for all } n \in \mathbb{N}^*.$$
 (2.4)

Step 1: We claim that $\lim_{n \to +\infty} d(x_n, x_{n+1}) = 0$. For any $n \in \mathbb{N}^*$, we have

$$\begin{aligned} &d(x_{2n-1}, x_{2n}) \leq M(x_{2n}, x_{2n-1}) = M(x_{2n-1}, x_{2n}) \\ &= \max \left\{ d(x_{2n-1}, x_{2n}), \ D(x_{2n-1}, Tx_{2n-1}), \ D(x_{2n}, Sx_{2n}), \\ &\frac{1}{2s} [D(x_{2n-1}, Sx_{2n}) + D(x_{2n}, Tx_{2n-1})] \right\} \\ &\leq \max \left\{ d(x_{2n-1}, x_{2n}), \ d(x_{2n-1}, x_{2n}), \ d(x_{2n}, x_{2n+1}), \frac{1}{2s} d(x_{2n-1}, x_{2n+1}) \right\} \\ &\leq \max \left\{ d(x_{2n-1}, x_{2n}), \ d(x_{2n}, x_{2n+1}), \frac{1}{2s} [s(d(x_{2n-1}, x_{2n}) + d(x_{2n}, x_{2n+1}))] \right\} \\ &= \max \left\{ d(x_{2n-1}, x_{2n}), \ d(x_{2n}, x_{2n+1}) \right\}. \end{aligned}$$

If for some $n \ge 1$, $d(x_{2n-1}, x_{2n}) < d(x_{2n}, x_{2n+1})$, then

$$d(x_{2n-1}, x_{2n}) \le M(x_{2n-1}, x_{2n}) \le d(x_{2n}, x_{2n+1}).$$

Thus, by (2.4) we have

$$d(x_{2n+1}, x_{2n}) \le M(x_{2n}, x_{2n-1}) - \frac{\phi(M(x_{2n-1}, x_{2n}))}{2}$$
$$\le d(x_{2n}, x_{2n+1}) - \frac{\phi(M(x_{2n-1}, x_{2n}))}{2},$$

so $\frac{\phi(M(x_{2n-1},x_{2n}))}{2} = 0$, that is, $M(x_{2n-1},x_{2n}) = 0$, which is a contradiction. Thus, for each $n \ge 1$, we get that

$$d(x_{2n-1}, x_{2n}) \ge d(x_{2n}, x_{2n+1}).$$
(2.5)

Therefore,

$$M(x_{2n-1}, x_{2n}) = d(x_{2n-1}, x_{2n}) \quad \text{for each } n \ge 1.$$
(2.6)

Also using (2.1), we have

$$d(x_{2n+1}, x_{2n+2}) = D(x_{2n+1}, \{Tx_{2n+1}\}) \le H(Sx_{2n}, \{Tx_{2n+1}\})$$

= $H(\{Tx_{2n+1}\}, Sx_{2n}) \le M(x_{2n+1}, x_{2n}) - \phi(M(x_{2n+1}, x_{2n}))$
 $< M(x_{2n+1}, x_{2n}) = \max \left\{ d(x_{2n+1}, x_{2n}), D(x_{2n+1}, Tx_{2n+1}), D(x_{2n}, Sx_{2n}), \frac{1}{2s} [D(x_{2n+1}, Sx_{2n}) + D(x_{2n}, Tx_{2n+1})] \right\}$
 $\le \max \left\{ d(x_{2n+1}, x_{2n}), d(x_{2n+1}, x_{2n+2}), \frac{1}{2s} [s(d(x_{2n}, x_{2n+1}) + d(x_{2n+1}, x_{2n+2}))] \right\}$
 $= \max \left\{ d(x_{2n+1}, x_{2n}), d(x_{2n+1}, x_{2n+2}) \right\}.$

This inequality shows that

$$M(x_{2n+1}, x_{2n+2}) = d(x_{2n+1}, x_{2n+2}) \quad \text{for each } n \ge 0,$$
(2.7)

and

$$d(x_{2n+1}, x_{2n+2}) \ge d(x_{2n+2}, x_{2n+3}) \quad \text{for each } n \ge 0.$$
(2.8)

We deduce from (2.5) and (2.8)

$$d(x_{n+1}, x_{n+2}) \ge d(x_n, x_{n+1}) \quad \text{for each } n \ge 0,$$
(2.9)

We have that $\{d(x_n, x_{n+1})\}$ is a non-increasing sequence and bounded below, so

$$\lim_{n \to +\infty} M(x_{n+1}, x_n) = \lim_{n \to +\infty} d(x_{n+1}, x_n) = L \ge 0.$$
 (2.10)

Assume that L > 0, so by a property of ϕ we have $\phi(L) > 0$. Taking the upper limit as $n \to \infty$ in (2.4) and using the fact that ϕ is lower semi-continuous, we obtain that

$$L \le L - \frac{\phi(L)}{2} < L$$

a contradiction. Hence L = 0, that is,

$$\lim_{n \to +\infty} d(x_n, x_{n+1}) = 0.$$
(2.11)

Step 2: The sequence $\{x_n\}$ is bounded.

If $\{x_n\}$ were unbounded, then by step 1, $\{x_{2n}\}$ and $\{x_{2n-1}\}$ are unbounded. We choose the sequence $\{n(k)\}_{k=1}^{\infty}$ such that n(1) = 1, n(2) > n(1) is even and minimal in the sense that $d(x_{n(2)}, x_{n(1)}) > 1$, and similarly n(3) > n(2) is odd and minimal in the sense that $d(x_{n(3)}, x_{n(2)}) > 1$, ...,n(2k) > n(2k-1) is even and minimal in the sense that $d(x_{n(2k)}, x_{n(2k-1)}) > 1$, and n(2k+1) > n(2k) is odd and minimal in the sense that $d(x_{n(2k+1)}, x_{n(2k)}) > 1$.

Obviously $n(k) \ge k$ for every $k \in \mathbb{N}$. By Step 1 there exists $N_0 \in \mathbb{N}$ such that for all $k \ge N_0$ we have $d(x_{k+1}, x_k) < \frac{1}{4s}$. So for every $k \ge N_0$ we have $n(k+1) - n(k) \ge 2$ and

$$1 < d(x_{n(k+1)}, x_{n(k)}) \leq s[d(x_{n(k+1)}, x_{n(k+1)-2}) + d(x_{n(k+1)-2}, x_{n(k)})] \leq s[sd(x_{n(k+1)}, x_{n(k+1)-1}) + sd(x_{n(k+1)-1}, x_{n(k+1)-2}) + d(x_{n(k+1)-2}, x_{n(k)})] \leq s[sd(x_{n(k+1)}, x_{n(k+1)-1}) + sd(x_{n(k+1)-1}, x_{n(k+1)-2}) + 1].$$
(2.12)

Hence $1 \leq \limsup_{k \to \infty} [d(x_{n(k+1)}, x_{n(k)})] = \alpha \leq s < +\infty$. Also, by the triangular inequality (bm-3), we can write

$$d(x_{n(k+1)}, x_{n(k)}) \leq s[d(x_{n(k+1)}, x_{n(k+1)+1}) + d(x_{n(k+1)+1}, x_{n(k)})]$$

$$\leq s[d(x_{n(k+1)}, x_{n(k+1)+1}) + sd(x_{n(k+1)+1}, x_{n(k)+1}) + sd(x_{n(k)+1}, x_{n(k)})].$$
(2.13)

Take $\limsup_{k\to\infty} [d(x_{n(k+1)+1}, x_{n(k)+1})] = \beta$. Letting $k \to \infty$ in (2.13) and using Step 1, we have

$$\alpha \le s^2 \beta.$$

If n(k+1) is odd, so n(k) is even. By (2.1), for all $k \ge N_0$, we have

$$d(x_{n(k)+1}, x_{n(k+1)+1}) \le H(\{Tx_{n(k+1)}\}, Sx_{n(k)}) \le M(x_{n(k+1)}, x_{n(k)}) - \phi(M(x_{n(k+1)}, x_{n(k)})),$$
(2.14)

where

$$d(x_{n(k+1)}, x_{n(k)}) \leq M(x_{n(k+1)}, x_{n(k)})$$

$$\leq \max\{d(x_{n(k+1)}, x_{n(k)}), d(x_{n(k+1)}, x_{n(k+1)+1}), d(x_{n(k)}, x_{n(k)+1}), \frac{1}{2}[2d(x_{n(k+1)}, x_{n(k)}) + d(x_{n(k)}, x_{n(k)+1}) + d(x_{n(k+1)}, x_{n(k+1)+1})]\}.$$
(2.15)

Letting $k \to \infty$ in (2.15), we get that

$$\lim_{k \to \infty} M(x_{n(k+1)}, x_{n(k)}) = \alpha.$$

Since ϕ is lower semi-continuous, so letting $k \to \infty$ in (2.14), we have $\beta \leq \alpha - \phi(\alpha)$. Having in mind that $\alpha \leq s^2 \beta$, we conclude that

$$\phi(\alpha) \le (1 - \frac{1}{s^2})\alpha,$$

which is a contradiction because of $\alpha \ge 1 > 0$ and a property of ϕ . Step 3: $\{x_n\}$ is a Cauchy sequence.

Now, we show that $\{x_n\}$ is a Cauchy sequence in the *b*-metric space (X, d). For this purpose, define

$$t_n = \sup\{d(x_i, x_j), \ i, j \ge n\}.$$

If $\lim_{n\to\infty} t_n = 0$, then $\{x_n\}$ is a Cauchy sequence. From $d(x_i, x_j) \leq s[d(x_i, x_{i+1}) + d(x_{i+1}, x_j)]$ and Step 1, it is enough to show that $\lim_{n\to\infty} a_n = 0$, where

$$a_n = \sup\{d(x_{2i}, x_{2j+1}), i, j \ge n\}.$$

From Step 2, we have (a_n) is bounded, so $a_n < +\infty$ for all $n \in \mathbb{N}$. Also, it is clear that the sequence $\{a_n\}$ is decreasing, so it converges. Then, there exists a real $a \ge 0$ such that

$$\lim_{n \to \infty} a_n = a.$$

We argue by contradiction by assuming that a > 0. For every $k \in \mathbb{N}$, there exist $n(k), m(k) \in \mathbb{N}$ such that m(k) > n(k) > k and

$$a_k - \frac{1}{k} \le d(x_{m(k)}, x_{n(k)}) \le a_k.$$
 (2.16)

By (2.16), we get that

$$\lim_{k \to +\infty} d(x_{m(k)}, x_{n(k)}) = a.$$
 (2.17)

By the triangular inequality (bm-3), we have

$$d(x_{m(k)}, x_{n(k)}) \leq s[d(x_{m(k)}, x_{n(k)+1}) + d(x_{n(k)+1}, x_{n(k)})]$$

$$\leq s[s(d(x_{m(k)}, x_{m(k)+1}) + d(x_{m(k)+1}, x_{n(k)+1})) + d(x_{n(k)+1}, x_{n(k)})].$$

Taking the upper limit as $k \to +\infty$ and having in mind (2.11), (2.17), we obtain that

$$\limsup_{k \to +\infty} d(x_{m(k)+1}, x_{n(k)+1}) \ge \frac{a}{s^2}.$$
(2.18)

Using definition of a_n , we may assume that for every $k \in \mathbb{N}$, m(k) is odd and n(k) is even. By (2.1), we have

$$d(x_{m(k)+1}, x_{n(k)+1}) = D(Tx_{m(k)}, x_{n(k)+1}) = D(x_{n(k)+1}, \{Tx_{m(k)}\})$$

$$\leq H(Sx_{n(k)}, \{Tx_{m(k)}\}) = H(\{Tx_{m(k)}\}, Sx_{n(k)})$$

$$\leq M(x_{m(k)}, x_{n(k)}) - \phi(M(x_{m(k)}, x_{n(k)})),$$
(2.19)

where

$$\begin{aligned} d(x_{m(k)}, x_{n(k)}) &\leq M(x_{m(k)}, x_{n(k)}) \\ &= \max \left\{ d(x_{m(k)}, x_{n(k)}), \ D(x_{m(k)}, Tx_{m(k)}), \ D(x_{n(k)}, Sx_{n(k)}), \\ \frac{1}{2s} [D(x_{m(k)}, Sx_{n(k)}) + D(x_{n(k)}, Tx_{m(k)})] \right\} \\ &\leq \max \left\{ d(x_{m(k)}, x_{n(k)}), \ d(x_{m(k)}, x_{m(k)+1}), \ d(x_{n(k)}, x_{n(k)+1}), \\ \frac{1}{2} [d(x_{m(k)}, x_{n(k)}) + d(x_{n(k)}, x_{n(k)+1}) + d(x_{n(k)}, x_{m(k)}) + d(x_{m(k)}, x_{m(k)+1})] \right\}. \end{aligned}$$

By (2.11) and (2.17), we deduce that

$$\lim_{k \to +\infty} M(x_{m(k)}, x_{n(k)}) = a.$$
(2.20)

Taking the upper limit in (2.19) and combining (2.18) and (2.20), we find that

$$\frac{a}{s^2} \le a - \phi(a),$$

which contradicts a property of ϕ since a > 0. Thus, a = 0, so the sequence $\{x_n\}$ is Cauchy. Since the *b*-metric space (X, d) is complete there exists $u \in X$ such that

$$\lim_{n \to +\infty} d(x_n, u) = 0.$$
(2.21)

We claim that $u = Tu \in Su$. From (2.1), we have

$$D(x_{2n+2}, Su) = D(Tx_{2n+1}, Su) \le H(\{Tx_{2n+1}\}, Su) \le M(x_{2n+1}, u) - \phi(M(x_{2n+1}, u))$$
(2.22)

where

$$D(u, Su) \le M(x_{2n+1}, u)$$

= max $\left\{ d(x_{2n+1}, u), \ d(x_{2n+1}, x_{2n+2}), \ D(u, Su), \frac{1}{2s} [D(x_{2n+1}, Su) + d(u, x_{2n+2})] \right\}.$ (2.23)

The condition (bm-3) yields $d(x_{2n+1}, u) \le s(d(x_{2n+1}, x_{2n}) + d(x_{2n}, u))$, so from (2.11) and (2.21)

$$\lim_{n \to +\infty} d(x_{2n+1}, u) = 0.$$
(2.24)

Again, by Lemma 1.3, $D(x_{2n+1}, Su) \leq s(d(x_{2n+1}, u) + D(u, Su))$, then letting $n \to +\infty$, we get

$$\limsup_{n \to +\infty} D(x_{2n+1}, Su) \le s D(u, Su), \tag{2.25}$$

Using (2.11), (2.21), (2.24), (2.25) and letting $n \to +\infty$ in (2.23), we get

$$\lim_{n \to +\infty} M(x_{2n+1}, u) = D(u, Su).$$
(2.26)

On the other hand,

$$D(u, Su) \le s[d(u, x_{2n+1}) + D(x_{2n+1}, Su)],$$

so $\limsup_{n \to +\infty} D(x_{2n+1}, Su) \ge \frac{D(u, Su)}{s}$. Combining this and (2.26) in (2.22), we get that

$$\frac{D(u, Su)}{s} \le D(u, Su) - \phi(D(u, Su)).$$

Assume that D(u, Su) > 0, so $\phi(D(u, Su)) \leq (1 - \frac{1}{s})D(u, Su) \leq (1 - \frac{1}{s^2})D(u, Su)$, which is a contradiction with a property of ϕ , hence D(u, Su) = 0, so $u \in Su$ since Su is a closed subset in X. Moreover, from (2.1)

$$D(Tu, u) \le H(\{Tu\}, Su) \le M(u, u) - \phi(M(u, u)),$$

where

$$M(u, u) = \max\{d(u, u), D(u, Tu), D(u, Su), \frac{1}{2s}[D(u, Su) + D(u, Tu)]\} = D(u, Tu).$$

Thus, $D(u, Tu) \leq D(u, Tu) - \phi(D(u, Tu))$, which is possible only if D(u, Tu) = 0, so u = Tu. We deduce that

$$u = Tu \in Su$$

So u is a common fixed point.

Uniqueness of the common fixed point follows from (2.1) and this completes the proof. $\hfill \Box$

We illustrate Theorem 2.1 with the following examples.

Example 2.2. Let X = [0,1] be equipped with the b-metric $d(x,y) = |x-y|^2$ for all $x, y \in X$, (s = 2) and let $T : X \to X$ and $S : X \to C\mathcal{B}(X)$ defined by

$$Tx = 0$$
 and $Sx = [0, \frac{x}{5}].$

Let $\phi(t) = \frac{4}{5}t$ for all $t \ge 0$ Then u = 0 is the unique common fixed of T and S.

Example 2.3. Let $X = [0, \infty)$ be equipped with the b-metric $d(x, y) = |x - y|^2$ and let $T: X \to X$ and $S: X \to C\mathcal{B}(X)$ defined by

$$Tx = \frac{x}{3}$$
 and $Sx = \{\frac{x}{3}\}.$

Take $\phi(t) = \frac{8}{9}t$ for all $t \ge 0$. Then u = 0 is the unique common fixed of T and S.

We state next some remarks which follow from our main result.

Remark 2.4. Taking S as a singlevalued operator in Theorem 2.1 we obtain that T and S have a unique common fixed point in X.

Remark 2.5. Taking S = T in Theorem 2.1 we obtain that T has a unique fixed point in X.

Remark 2.6. If we take in Theorem 2.1 $\varphi(t) = (1-k)t$ with $k < \frac{1}{s^2}$ we obtain that T and S have a unique common fixed point in X.

If we take S = T then we get that T has a unique fixed point in X.

Remark 2.7. Our results generalize some results given by Zhang and Song [15], Rhoades [18], Ćirić [8], Rouhani and Moradi [19] and Daffer and Kaneko [13].

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