

## REMARKS ON FRINK'S METRIZATION TECHNIQUE AND APPLICATIONS

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**Abstract.** In this paper, we give a simple counterexample to show again the limits of Frink's construction [17, page 134] and then use Frink's metrization technique to answer two conjectures posed by Berinde and Choban [5], and to calculate corresponding metrics induced by some  $b$ -metrics known in the literature. We also use that technique to prove a metrization theorem for 2-generalized metric spaces, and to deduce the Banach contraction principle in  $b$ -metric spaces and 2-generalized metric spaces from that in metric spaces.

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