

SOME FIXED POINT RESULTS IN EXTENDED PARAMETRIC B-METRIC SPACES WITH APPLICATION TO INTEGRAL EQUATIONS

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ABSTRACT. In this paper, we introduce the concept of extended parametric b -metric space and investigate the existence of fixed points for some contractive type mappings in such spaces. Consequently, we derive some new fixed point results in triangular ordered extended fuzzy b -metric spaces. Moreover, some examples and an application are provided here to illustrate the applicability of the obtained results.

1. INTRODUCTION AND PRELIMINARIES

The notion of an extended b -metric space was studied by Parvaneh and Ghoncheh in [12].

Definition 1.1. [12] *Let X be a (nonempty) set. A function $d : X \times X \rightarrow R^+$ is an extended b -metric (p -metric, for short) if there exists a strictly increasing continuous function $\Omega : [0, \infty) \rightarrow [0, \infty)$ with $\Omega^{-1}(t) \leq t \leq \Omega(t)$ such that for all $x, y, z \in X$, the following conditions hold:*

- (p₁) $\tilde{d}(x, y) = 0$ iff $x = y$,
- (p₂) $\tilde{d}(x, y) = \tilde{d}(y, x)$,
- (p₃) $\tilde{d}(x, z) \leq \Omega(\tilde{d}(x, y) + \tilde{d}(y, z))$.

In this case, the pair (X, d) is called an extended b -metric space, or, briefly, a p -metric space.

It should be noted that the class of p -metric spaces is considerably larger than the class of b -metric spaces, since a b -metric is a p -metric when $\Omega(t) = st$ for fixed $s \geq 1$, while a metric is a p -metric when $\Omega(t) = t$. For more details on b -metric spaces and fixed point results in these spaces we refer the reader to [8], [13] [15] and [16].

More generally, several examples of p -metrics can be constructed using the following easy proposition.

Proposition 1.2. *Let (X, d) be a b -metric space with coefficient $s \geq 1$ and let $\rho(x, y) = \xi(d(x, y))$ where $\xi : [0, \infty) \rightarrow [0, \infty)$ is a strictly increasing continuous*

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function with $t \leq \xi(t)$ for $t \geq 0$ and $\xi(0) = 0$. Then ρ is a p -metric with $\Omega(t) = \xi(st)$.

Hussain et al. [6] defined and studied the concept of parametric metric space as follows.

Definition 1.3. Let X be a nonempty set and $\mathcal{P} : X \times X \times (0, \infty) \rightarrow [0, \infty)$ be a function. We say that \mathcal{P} is a parametric metric on X if,

- (i): $\mathcal{P}(x, y, t) = 0$ for all $t > 0$ if and only if $x = y$;
- (ii): $\mathcal{P}(x, y, t) = \mathcal{P}(y, x, t)$ for all $t > 0$;
- (iii): $\mathcal{P}(x, y, t) \leq \mathcal{P}(x, z, t) + \mathcal{P}(z, y, t)$ for all $x, y, z \in X$ and all $t > 0$.

and we say that the pair (X, \mathcal{P}) is a parametric metric space.

In this paper, we introduce a new type of generalized metric space, which we call it extended parametric b -metric space, as a generalization of parametric metric and parametric b -metric spaces ([5]). Then, we prove some fixed point theorems for contractive mappings in extended parametric b -metric spaces. As application, we derive some new fixed point results in triangular extended fuzzy b -metric spaces. We illustrate these results by appropriate examples.

Definition 1.4. Let X be a non-empty set, $\Omega : [0, \infty) \rightarrow [0, \infty)$ be a strictly increasing continuous function with $\Omega^{-1}(t) \leq t \leq \Omega(t)$ and let $\tilde{\mathcal{P}} : X^2 \times (0, \infty) \rightarrow [0, \infty)$ be a map satisfying the following conditions:

- ($\tilde{\mathcal{P}}_b1$) $\tilde{\mathcal{P}}(x, y, t) = 0$ if and only if $x = y$,
- ($\tilde{\mathcal{P}}_b2$) $\tilde{\mathcal{P}}(x, y, t) = \tilde{\mathcal{P}}(y, x, t)$,
- ($\tilde{\mathcal{P}}_b3$) $\tilde{\mathcal{P}}(x, z, t) \leq \Omega[\tilde{\mathcal{P}}(x, y, t) + \tilde{\mathcal{P}}(y, z, t)]$.

Then $\tilde{\mathcal{P}}$ is called an extended parametric b -metric on X and $(X, \tilde{\mathcal{P}})$ is called an EPbMS with control function Ω .

Obviously, for $\Omega(x) = sx$, the extended parametric b -metric reduces to parametric b -metric.

Definition 1.5. Let $\{x_n\}$ be a sequence in an EPbMS $(X, \tilde{\mathcal{P}})$.

1. $\{x_n\}$ is said to be convergent to $x \in X$, written as $\lim_{n \rightarrow \infty} x_n = x$, if $\lim_{n \rightarrow \infty} \tilde{\mathcal{P}}(x_n, x, t) = 0$, for all $t > 0$.
2. $\{x_n\}$ is said to be a Cauchy sequence in X if $\lim_{n \rightarrow \infty} \tilde{\mathcal{P}}(x_n, x_m, t) = 0$, for all $t > 0$.
3. $(X, \tilde{\mathcal{P}})$ is said to be complete if every Cauchy sequence in it is a convergent sequence.

The following are some easy examples of EPbMSs.

Example 1.6. Let $X = [0, +\infty)$ and $\tilde{\mathcal{P}}(x, y, t) = e^{t(x-y)^p} - 1$ ($p \geq 1$). Then $\tilde{\mathcal{P}}$ is an extended parametric b -metric with $\Omega(t) = e^{2^{p-1}t} - 1$.

More generally, several examples of EPb metrics can be constructed using the following easy proposition.

Proposition 1.7. Let (X, \mathcal{P}) be a parametric b -metric space with coefficient $s \geq 1$ and let $\tilde{\mathcal{P}}(x, y, t) = \xi(\mathcal{P}(x, y, t))$ where $\xi : [0, \infty) \rightarrow [0, \infty)$ is a strictly increasing

continuous function with $t \leq \xi(t)$ for $t \geq 0$ and $\xi(0) = 0$. Then $\tilde{\mathcal{P}}$ is an extended parametric b -metric with $\Omega(t) = \xi(st)$.

Taking various functions ξ in the previous proposition, we can obtain a lot of examples of extended parametric b -metrics. We state just a few of them which we will use later in the text.

- Example 1.8.** (1) If $\xi(t) = e^t - 1$, we get $\tilde{\mathcal{P}}(x, y, t) = e^{\mathcal{P}(x, y, t)} - 1$ and $\Omega(t) = e^{st} - 1$. Note that $\Omega^{-1}(u) = \frac{1}{s} \ln(1 + u)$.
- (2) If $\xi(t) = te^t$, then $\tilde{\mathcal{P}}(x, y, t) = \mathcal{P}(x, y, t)e^{\mathcal{P}(x, y, t)}$ and $\Omega(t) = ste^{st}$. Note that in this case $\Omega^{-1}(u) = \frac{1}{s}W(u)$, for $u \geq 0$, where W is the Lambert W -function (see, e.g., [2]).
- (3) If $\xi(t) = t + \ln(1 + t)$, then $\tilde{\mathcal{P}}(x, y, t) = \mathcal{P}(x, y, t) + \ln(1 + \mathcal{P}(x, y, t))$ and $\Omega(t) = st + \ln(1 + st)$. Here, again W -function is used to express the inverse: $\Omega^{-1}(u) = \frac{1}{s}(W(e^{u+1}) - 1)$ for $u \geq 0$.

In general, an extended parametric b -metric function for nontrivial function Ω is not jointly continuous in all its variables. So, we need the following simple lemma about the convergent sequences in the proof of our main result.

Lemma 1.9. Let $(X, \tilde{\mathcal{P}})$ be an EPbMS with a strictly increasing continuous function $\Omega : [0, \infty) \rightarrow [0, \infty)$, and suppose that $\{x_n\}$ and $\{y_n\}$ convergent to x, y , respectively. Then, we have

$$(\Omega^2)^{-1}(\tilde{\mathcal{P}}(x, y, t)) \leq \liminf_{n \rightarrow \infty} \tilde{\mathcal{P}}(x_n, y_n, t) \leq \limsup_{n \rightarrow \infty, t} \tilde{\mathcal{P}}(x_n, y_n, t) \leq \Omega^2(\tilde{\mathcal{P}}(x, y, t)).$$

In particular, if $x = y$, then, $\lim_{n \rightarrow \infty} \tilde{\mathcal{P}}(x_n, y_n, t) = 0$. Moreover, for each $z \in X$ we have

$$\Omega^{-1}(\tilde{\mathcal{P}}(x, z, t)) \leq \liminf_{n \rightarrow \infty} \tilde{\mathcal{P}}(x_n, z, t) \leq \limsup_{n \rightarrow \infty} \tilde{\mathcal{P}}(x_n, z, t) \leq \Omega(\tilde{\mathcal{P}}(x, z, t)).$$

2. MAIN RESULTS

2.1. Results under Geraghty-type conditions. In 1973, Geraghty [4] proved a fixed point result, generalizing Banach contraction principle. Fixed point results of this kind in b -metric spaces were obtained by Đukić et al. in [3].

Following [3], for a function Ω , let \mathcal{F}_Ω denote the class of all functions $\beta : [0, \infty) \rightarrow [0, \Omega^{-1}(1))$ satisfying the following condition:

$$\beta(t_n) \rightarrow \Omega^{-1}(1) \text{ as } n \rightarrow \infty \text{ implies } t_n \rightarrow 0 \text{ as } n \rightarrow \infty.$$

Theorem 2.1. Let $(X, \preceq, \tilde{\mathcal{P}})$ be a complete ordered EPbMS. Let $f : X \rightarrow X$ be an increasing mapping with respect to \preceq such that there exists an element $x_0 \in X$ with $x_0 \preceq fx_0$. Suppose that

$$\Omega^2[\tilde{\mathcal{P}}(fx, fy, t)] \leq \beta(\tilde{\mathcal{P}}(x, y, t))M(x, y, t) \quad (2.1)$$

for all $t > 0$ and for all comparable elements $x, y \in X$, where

$$M(x, y, t) = \max \left\{ \tilde{\mathcal{P}}(x, y, t), \frac{\tilde{\mathcal{P}}(x, fx, t)\tilde{\mathcal{P}}(y, fy, t)}{[1 + \tilde{\mathcal{P}}(x, y, t)][1 + \tilde{\mathcal{P}}(fx, fy, t)]} \right\}.$$

If f is continuous, then f has a fixed point.

Proof. Starting with the given x_0 , put $x_n = f^n x_0$. Since $x_0 \preceq f x_0$ and f is an increasing function we obtain by induction that

$$x_0 \preceq f x_0 \preceq f^2 x_0 \preceq \cdots \preceq f^n x_0 \preceq f^{n+1} x_0 \preceq \cdots .$$

Step I: We will show that $\lim_{n \rightarrow \infty} \tilde{\mathcal{P}}(x_n, x_{n+1}, t) = 0$. Since $x_n \preceq x_{n+1}$ for each $n \in \mathbb{N}$, then by (2.1) we have

$$\begin{aligned} \Omega^2[\tilde{\mathcal{P}}(x_n, x_{n+1}, t)] &= \Omega^2[\tilde{\mathcal{P}}(f x_{n-1}, f x_n, t)] \leq \beta(\tilde{\mathcal{P}}(x_{n-1}, x_n, t)) M(x_{n-1}, x_n, t) \\ &< \Omega^{-1}(1) \tilde{\mathcal{P}}(x_{n-1}, x_n, t) \leq \tilde{\mathcal{P}}(x_{n-1}, x_n, t), \end{aligned} \quad (2.2)$$

because

$$\begin{aligned} &M(x_{n-1}, x_n, t) \\ &= \max \left\{ \tilde{\mathcal{P}}(x_{n-1}, x_n, t), \frac{\tilde{\mathcal{P}}(x_{n-1}, f x_{n-1}, t) \tilde{\mathcal{P}}(x_n, f x_n, t)}{[1 + \tilde{\mathcal{P}}(x_{n-1}, x_n, t)][1 + \tilde{\mathcal{P}}(f x_{n-1}, f x_n, t)]} \right\} \\ &= \max \left\{ \tilde{\mathcal{P}}(x_{n-1}, x_n, t), \frac{\tilde{\mathcal{P}}(x_{n-1}, x_n, t) \tilde{\mathcal{P}}(x_n, x_{n+1}, t)}{[1 + \tilde{\mathcal{P}}(x_{n-1}, x_n, t)][1 + \tilde{\mathcal{P}}(x_n, x_{n+1}, t)]} \right\} \\ &\leq \max \left\{ \tilde{\mathcal{P}}(x_{n-1}, x_n, t), \frac{\tilde{\mathcal{P}}(x_n, x_{n+1}, t)}{[1 + \tilde{\mathcal{P}}(x_n, x_{n+1}, t)]} \right\}. \end{aligned}$$

If $\max\{\tilde{\mathcal{P}}(x_{n-1}, x_n, t), \frac{\tilde{\mathcal{P}}(x_n, x_{n+1}, t)}{[1 + \tilde{\mathcal{P}}(x_n, x_{n+1}, t)]}\} = \frac{\tilde{\mathcal{P}}(x_n, x_{n+1}, t)}{[1 + \tilde{\mathcal{P}}(x_n, x_{n+1}, t)]}$, then from (2.2) we have,

$$\begin{aligned} \tilde{\mathcal{P}}(x_n, x_{n+1}, t) &\leq \beta(\tilde{\mathcal{P}}(x_{n-1}, x_n, t)) \frac{\tilde{\mathcal{P}}(x_n, x_{n+1}, t)}{[1 + \tilde{\mathcal{P}}(x_n, x_{n+1}, t)]} \\ &< \Omega^{-1}(1) \frac{\tilde{\mathcal{P}}(x_n, x_{n+1}, t)}{[1 + \tilde{\mathcal{P}}(x_n, x_{n+1}, t)]} \\ &\leq \frac{\tilde{\mathcal{P}}(x_n, x_{n+1}, t)}{[1 + \tilde{\mathcal{P}}(x_n, x_{n+1}, t)]}, \end{aligned} \quad (2.3)$$

which is a contradiction.

Hence, $\max\{\tilde{\mathcal{P}}(x_{n-1}, x_n, t), \frac{\tilde{\mathcal{P}}(x_n, x_{n+1}, t)}{[1 + \tilde{\mathcal{P}}(x_n, x_{n+1}, t)]}\} = \tilde{\mathcal{P}}(x_{n-1}, x_n, t)$, so from (2.3),

$$\tilde{\mathcal{P}}(x_n, x_{n+1}, t) \leq \beta(\tilde{\mathcal{P}}(x_{n-1}, x_n, t)) \tilde{\mathcal{P}}(x_{n-1}, x_n, t) \leq \tilde{\mathcal{P}}(x_{n-1}, x_n, t). \quad (2.4)$$

Therefore, the sequence $\{\tilde{\mathcal{P}}(x_n, x_{n+1}, t)\}$ is decreasing, so there exists $r \geq 0$ such that $\lim_{n \rightarrow \infty} \tilde{\mathcal{P}}(x_n, x_{n+1}, t) = r$. Suppose that $r > 0$. Now, letting $n \rightarrow \infty$, from (2.4) we have

$$\Omega^{-1}(1)r < r \leq \lim_{n \rightarrow \infty} \beta(\tilde{\mathcal{P}}(x_{n-1}, x_n, t))r \leq r.$$

So, we have $\lim_{n \rightarrow \infty} \beta(\tilde{\mathcal{P}}(x_{n-1}, x_n, t)) \geq \Omega^{-1}(1)$ and since $\beta \in \mathcal{F}_\Omega$ we deduce that $\lim_{n \rightarrow \infty} \tilde{\mathcal{P}}(x_{n-1}, x_n, t) = 0$ which is a contradiction. Hence, $r = 0$, that is,

$$\lim_{n \rightarrow \infty} \tilde{\mathcal{P}}(x_n, x_{n+1}, t) = 0. \quad (2.5)$$

Step II: Now, we prove that the sequence $\{x_n\}$ is a Cauchy sequence. Using the triangle inequality and by (2.1) we have

$$\begin{aligned} \tilde{\mathcal{P}}(x_n, x_m, t) &\leq \Omega[\tilde{\mathcal{P}}(x_n, x_{n+1}, t) + \Omega[\tilde{\mathcal{P}}(x_{n+1}, x_{m+1}, t) + \tilde{\mathcal{P}}(x_{m+1}, x_m, t)]] \\ &\leq \Omega[\tilde{\mathcal{P}}(x_n, x_{n+1}, t) + \Omega[\tilde{\mathcal{P}}(x_m, x_{m+1}, t) + \Omega^{-2}[\beta(\tilde{\mathcal{P}}(x_n, x_m, t))M(x_n, x_m, t)]]]. \end{aligned}$$

Letting $m, n \rightarrow \infty$ in the above inequality and applying (2.5) we have

$$\lim_{m, n \rightarrow \infty} \tilde{\mathcal{P}}(x_n, x_m, t) \leq \lim_{m, n \rightarrow \infty} \beta(\tilde{\mathcal{P}}(x_n, x_m, t)) \lim_{m, n \rightarrow \infty} M(x_n, x_m, t). \quad (2.6)$$

Here,

$$\begin{aligned} \tilde{\mathcal{P}}(x_n, x_m, t) &\leq M(x_n, x_m, t) \\ &= \max \left\{ \tilde{\mathcal{P}}(x_n, x_m, t), \frac{\tilde{\mathcal{P}}(x_n, fx_n, t)\tilde{\mathcal{P}}(x_m, fx_m, t)}{[1 + \tilde{\mathcal{P}}(x_n, x_m, t)][1 + \tilde{\mathcal{P}}(fx_n, fx_m, t)]} \right\} \\ &= \max \left\{ \tilde{\mathcal{P}}(x_n, x_m, t), \frac{\tilde{\mathcal{P}}(x_n, x_{n+1}, t)\tilde{\mathcal{P}}(x_m, x_{m+1}, t)}{[1 + \tilde{\mathcal{P}}(x_n, x_m, t)][1 + \tilde{\mathcal{P}}(x_{n+1}, x_{m+1}, t)]} \right\}. \end{aligned}$$

Letting $m, n \rightarrow \infty$ in the above inequality we get

$$\lim_{m, n \rightarrow \infty} M(x_n, x_m, t) = \lim_{m, n \rightarrow \infty} \tilde{\mathcal{P}}(x_n, x_m, t). \quad (2.7)$$

From (2.6) and (2.7), we obtain

$$\lim_{m, n \rightarrow \infty} \tilde{\mathcal{P}}(x_n, x_m, t) \leq \lim_{m, n \rightarrow \infty} \beta(\tilde{\mathcal{P}}(x_n, x_m, t)) \lim_{m, n \rightarrow \infty} \tilde{\mathcal{P}}(x_n, x_m, t). \quad (2.8)$$

Now we claim that, $\lim_{m, n \rightarrow \infty} \tilde{\mathcal{P}}(x_n, x_m, t) = 0$. On the contrary, if $\lim_{m, n \rightarrow \infty} \tilde{\mathcal{P}}(x_n, x_m, t) \neq 0$, then we get

$$\frac{\lim_{m, n \rightarrow \infty} \tilde{\mathcal{P}}(x_n, x_m, t)}{\lim_{m, n \rightarrow \infty} \tilde{\mathcal{P}}(x_n, x_m, t)} \leq \lim_{m, n \rightarrow \infty} \beta(\tilde{\mathcal{P}}(x_n, x_m, t)).$$

Since $\beta \in \mathcal{F}_\Omega$ we deduce that

$$\lim_{m, n \rightarrow \infty} \tilde{\mathcal{P}}(x_n, x_m, t) = 0. \quad (2.9)$$

which is a contradiction. Consequently, $\{x_n\}$ is a Cauchy sequence in X . Since $(X, \tilde{\mathcal{P}})$ is complete, the sequence $\{x_n\}$ converges to some $z \in X$, that is, $\lim_{n \rightarrow \infty} \tilde{\mathcal{P}}(x_n, z, t) = 0$.

Step III: Now, we show that z is a fixed point of f .

Using the triangle inequality, we get

$$\tilde{\mathcal{P}}(fz, z, t) \leq \Omega[\tilde{\mathcal{P}}(ft, fx_n, t) + \tilde{\mathcal{P}}(fx_n, z, t)].$$

Letting $n \rightarrow \infty$ and using the continuity of f , we have $fz = z$. Thus, z is a fixed point of f . \square

Example 2.2. Let $X = [0, 3]$ be endowed with the extended parametric b -metric

$$\tilde{\mathcal{P}}(x, y, t) = \begin{cases} e^{t(x+y)^2} - 1, & \text{if } x \neq y, \\ 0 & \text{if } x = y, \end{cases}$$

for all $x, y \in X$ and all $t > 0$. So, $\Omega(t) = e^{2t} - 1$. Define $T : X \rightarrow X$ by

$$Tx = \begin{cases} \frac{1}{8\sqrt{2}}x^{10}, & \text{if } x \in [0, 1), \\ \frac{1}{8\sqrt{2}}x, & \text{if } x \in [1, 3]. \end{cases}$$

Also, define, $\beta : [0, \infty) \rightarrow [0, \Omega^{-1}(1)) = [0, \frac{\ln(1+1)}{2} = 0.34657359028)$ by $\beta(t) = \frac{1}{4}$. Clearly, $(X, \tilde{\mathcal{P}}, e^{2t} - 1)$ is a complete EPbMS, T is a continuous mapping and $\beta \in \mathcal{F}_{e^{2t}-1}$.

- Let $x, y \in [0, 1)$ with $x \leq y$, then,

$$\begin{aligned} \Omega^2[\tilde{\mathcal{P}}(fx, fy, t)] &= e^{2e^{2\tilde{\mathcal{P}}(Tx, Ty, t)} - 1} - 1 = e^{2e^{2t(\frac{1}{8\sqrt{2}}x^{10} + \frac{1}{8\sqrt{2}}y^{10})^2} - 1} - 1 \\ &= e^{2e^{\frac{1}{64}t(x^{10} + y^{10})^2} - 1} - 1 \leq e^{2e^{\frac{1}{64}t(x+y)^2} - 1} - 1 \\ &\leq e^{\frac{1}{32}e^{t(x+y)^2} - 1} - 1 \leq e^{\frac{1}{32}[\tilde{\mathcal{P}}(x, y, t)]} - 1 \\ &\leq \frac{1}{32}[e^{\tilde{\mathcal{P}}(x, y, t)} - 1] \leq \frac{1}{4}[\tilde{\mathcal{P}}(x, y, t)] \\ &= \beta(\tilde{\mathcal{P}}(x, y, t))\tilde{\mathcal{P}}(x, y, t) \\ &\leq \beta(\tilde{\mathcal{P}}(x, y, t))M(x, y, t). \end{aligned}$$

In other possible cases the above result can also be obtained similarly. Therefore,

$$\Omega^2[\tilde{\mathcal{P}}(fx, fy, t)] \leq \beta(\tilde{\mathcal{P}}(x, y, t))M(x, y, t)$$

for all $x, y \in X$ with $x \leq y$ and all $t > 0$. Hence, all conditions of Theorem 2.1 holds and T has a unique fixed point.

Example 2.3. Let $X = [0, 5]$ be equipped with the $\tilde{\mathcal{P}}$ -metric

$$\tilde{\mathcal{P}}(x, y, t) = \sinh(t|x - y|)$$

for all $x, y \in X$, where $\Omega(x) = \sinh x$ and hence, $\Omega^{-1}(x) = \sinh^{-1}(x)$.

Define a relation \preceq on X by $x \preceq y$ iff $y \leq x$, the function $f : [0, 5] \rightarrow [0, 2]$ by

$$fx = \sqrt{2 + \frac{x}{4}}$$

and the function β given by $\beta(t) = \frac{1}{2} < 0.88137358702 = \Omega^{-1}(1)$.

For all comparable elements $x, y \in X$, we have,

$$\begin{aligned} \Omega^2(\tilde{\mathcal{P}}(fx, fy, t)) &= \sinh(\sinh(\sinh(t|\sqrt{2 + \frac{x}{4}} - \sqrt{2 + \frac{y}{4}}|))) \\ &\leq \sinh(\sinh(\sinh(t|\frac{x}{4} - \frac{y}{4}|))) \\ &\leq \sinh(\sinh(\frac{\tilde{\mathcal{P}}(x, y, t)}{4})) \\ &\leq \frac{\tilde{\mathcal{P}}(x, y, t)}{2} = \beta(\tilde{\mathcal{P}}(x, y, t))\tilde{\mathcal{P}}(x, y, t) \leq \beta(M(x, y, t))M(x, y, t), \end{aligned}$$

So, from Theorem 2.1 f has a fixed point.

Note that the continuity of f in Theorem 2.1 is not necessary and can be dropped.

Theorem 2.4. Under the hypotheses of Theorem 2.1, without the continuity assumption on f , assume that whenever $\{x_n\}$ is a nondecreasing sequence in X such that $x_n \rightarrow u$, one has $x_n \preceq u$ for all $n \in \mathbb{N}$. Then f has a fixed point.

Proof. Repeating the proof of Theorem 2.1, we construct an increasing sequence $\{x_n\}$ in X such that $x_n \rightarrow z \in X$. Using the assumption on X we have $x_n \preceq z$. Now, we show that $z = fz$. By (2.1) and Lemma 1.9,

$$\begin{aligned} \Omega^3 \left[\Omega^{-1} \tilde{\mathcal{P}}(z, fz, t) \right] &\leq \Omega^2 \left[\limsup_{n \rightarrow \infty} \tilde{\mathcal{P}}(x_{n+1}, fz, t) \right] \\ &\leq \limsup_{n \rightarrow \infty} \beta(\tilde{\mathcal{P}}(x_n, z, t)) \limsup_{n \rightarrow \infty} M(x_n, z, t), \end{aligned}$$

where,

$$\begin{aligned} &\lim_{n \rightarrow \infty} M(x_n, z, t) \\ &= \lim_n \max \left\{ \tilde{\mathcal{P}}(x_n, z, t), \frac{\tilde{\mathcal{P}}(x_n, fx_n, t) \tilde{\mathcal{P}}(z, fz, t)}{[1 + \tilde{\mathcal{P}}(x_n, z, t)][1 + \tilde{\mathcal{P}}(fx_n, fz, t)]} \right\} = 0. \end{aligned}$$

Therefore, we deduce that $\tilde{\mathcal{P}}(z, fz, t) \leq 0$. As t is arbitrary, hence, we have $z = fz$. \square

If in the above theorems we take $\beta(t) = r$, where $0 \leq r < \Omega^{-1}(1)$, then we have the following corollary.

Corollary 2.5. *Let $(X, \preceq, \tilde{\mathcal{P}})$ be an ordered complete EPbMS. Let $f : X \rightarrow X$ be an increasing mapping with respect to \preceq such that there exists an element $x_0 \in X$ with $x_0 \preceq fx_0$. Suppose that for some r , with $0 \leq r < \Omega^{-1}(1)$,*

$$\tilde{\mathcal{P}}(fx, fy, t) \leq \Omega^{-2}[rM(x, y, t)]$$

holds for each $t > 0$ and all comparable elements $x, y \in X$, where

$$M(x, y, t) = \max \left\{ \tilde{\mathcal{P}}(x, y, t), \frac{\tilde{\mathcal{P}}(x, fx, t) \tilde{\mathcal{P}}(y, fy, t)}{[1 + \tilde{\mathcal{P}}(x, y, t)][1 + \tilde{\mathcal{P}}(fx, fy, t)]} \right\}.$$

If f is continuous, or, for any nondecreasing sequence $\{x_n\}$ in X such that $x_n \rightarrow u \in X$ one has $x_n \preceq u$ for all $n \in \mathbb{N}$, then f has a fixed point.

Corollary 2.6. *Let $(X, \preceq, \tilde{\mathcal{P}})$ be an ordered complete EPbMS. Let $f : X \rightarrow X$ be an increasing mapping with respect to \preceq such that there exists an element $x_0 \in X$ with $x_0 \preceq fx_0$. Suppose that*

$$\tilde{\mathcal{P}}(fx, fy, t) \leq \alpha \tilde{\mathcal{P}}(x, y, t) + \beta \frac{\tilde{\mathcal{P}}(x, fx, t) \tilde{\mathcal{P}}(y, fy, t)}{[1 + \tilde{\mathcal{P}}(x, y, t)][1 + \tilde{\mathcal{P}}(fx, fy, t)]}$$

for each $t > 0$ and all comparable elements $x, y \in X$, where $\alpha, \beta \geq 0$ and $\alpha + \beta \leq \Omega^{-1}(1)$.

If f is continuous, or, for any nondecreasing sequence $\{x_n\}$ in X such that $x_n \rightarrow u \in X$ one has $x_n \preceq u$ for all $n \in \mathbb{N}$, then f has a fixed point.

2.2. Results using comparison functions. Let Ψ denote the family of all non-decreasing functions $\psi : [0, \infty) \rightarrow [0, \infty)$ such that $\lim_n \psi^n(t) = 0$ for all $t > 0$, where ψ^n denotes the n -th iterate of ψ . It is easy to show that, for each $\psi \in \Psi$, the following is satisfied:

- (a) $\psi(t) < t$ for all $t > 0$;
- (b) $\psi(0) = 0$.

Theorem 2.7. *Let $(X, \preceq, \tilde{\mathcal{P}})$ be an ordered complete EPbMS. Let $f : X \rightarrow X$ be an increasing mapping with respect to \preceq such that there exists an element $x_0 \in X$ with $x_0 \preceq fx_0$. Suppose that*

$$\Omega[\tilde{\mathcal{P}}(fx, fy, t)] \leq \psi(N(x, y, t)) \quad (2.10)$$

where

$$N(x, y, t) = \max \left\{ \tilde{\mathcal{P}}(x, y, t), \frac{[\tilde{\mathcal{P}}(x, fx, t)\mathcal{P}(x, fy, t) + \tilde{\mathcal{P}}(y, fy, t)\tilde{\mathcal{P}}(y, fx, t)]^2}{1 + \Omega[\tilde{\mathcal{P}}(x, fx, t) + \tilde{\mathcal{P}}(y, fy, t)][1 + \tilde{\mathcal{P}}(x, fy, t) + \tilde{\mathcal{P}}(y, fx, t)]} \right\},$$

for some $\psi \in \Psi$ and for all comparable elements $x, y \in X$ and all $t > 0$. If f is continuous, then f has a fixed point.

Proof. Since $x_0 \preceq fx_0$ and f is an increasing function, we obtain by induction that

$$x_0 \preceq fx_0 \preceq f^2x_0 \preceq \cdots \preceq f^n x_0 \preceq f^{n+1}x_0 \preceq \cdots .$$

Putting $x_n = f^n x_0$, we have

$$x_0 \preceq x_1 \preceq x_2 \preceq \cdots \preceq x_n \preceq x_{n+1} \preceq \cdots .$$

We assume that $x_n \neq x_{n+1}$ for all $n \in \mathbb{N}$.

Step I. We will prove that $\lim_{n \rightarrow \infty} \tilde{\mathcal{P}}(x_n, x_{n+1}, t) = 0$. Using condition (2.10), we obtain

$$\tilde{\mathcal{P}}(x_n, x_{n+1}, t) \leq \Omega[\tilde{\mathcal{P}}(x_n, x_{n+1}, t)] = \Omega[\tilde{\mathcal{P}}(fx_{n-1}, fx_n, t)] \leq \psi(N(x_{n-1}, x_n, t)).$$

Here,

$$\begin{aligned} & N(x_{n-1}, x_n, t) \\ &= \max \left\{ \tilde{\mathcal{P}}(x_{n-1}, x_n, t), \right. \\ & \quad \left. \frac{[\tilde{\mathcal{P}}(x_{n-1}, fx_{n-1}, t)\tilde{\mathcal{P}}(x_{n-1}, fx_n, t) + \tilde{\mathcal{P}}(x_n, fx_n, t)\tilde{\mathcal{P}}(x_n, fx_{n-1}, t)]^2}{1 + \Omega[\tilde{\mathcal{P}}(x_{n-1}, fx_{n-1}, t) + \tilde{\mathcal{P}}(x_n, fx_n, t)][1 + \tilde{\mathcal{P}}(x_{n-1}, fx_n, t) + \tilde{\mathcal{P}}(x_n, fx_{n-1}, t)]} \right\} \\ &= \max \left\{ \tilde{\mathcal{P}}(x_{n-1}, x_n, t), \right. \\ & \quad \left. \frac{[\tilde{\mathcal{P}}(x_{n-1}, x_n, t)\tilde{\mathcal{P}}(x_{n-1}, x_{n+1}, t) + \tilde{\mathcal{P}}(x_n, x_{n+1}, t)\tilde{\mathcal{P}}(x_n, x_n, t)]^2}{1 + \Omega[\tilde{\mathcal{P}}(x_{n-1}, x_n, t) + \tilde{\mathcal{P}}(x_n, x_{n+1}, t)][1 + \tilde{\mathcal{P}}(x_{n-1}, x_{n+1}, t) + \tilde{\mathcal{P}}(x_n, x_n, t)]} \right\} \\ &= \tilde{\mathcal{P}}(x_{n-1}, x_n, t). \end{aligned}$$

Hence,

$$\tilde{\mathcal{P}}(x_n, x_{n+1}, t) \leq \Omega[\tilde{\mathcal{P}}(x_n, x_{n+1}, t)] \leq \psi(\tilde{\mathcal{P}}(x_{n-1}, x_n, t)).$$

By induction, we get that

$$\tilde{\mathcal{P}}(x_n, x_{n+1}, t) \leq \psi(\tilde{\mathcal{P}}(x_{n-1}, x_n, t)) \leq \psi^2(\tilde{\mathcal{P}}(x_{n-2}, x_{n-1}, t)) \leq \cdots \leq \psi^n(\tilde{\mathcal{P}}(x_0, x_1, t)).$$

As $\psi \in \Psi$, we conclude that

$$\lim_{n \rightarrow \infty} \tilde{\mathcal{P}}(x_n, x_{n+1}, t) = 0. \quad (2.11)$$

Step II. We will prove that $\{x_n\}$ is a Cauchy sequence. Suppose the contrary. Then there exist $t_0 > 0$ and $\varepsilon > 0$ for them we can find two subsequences $\{x_{m_i}\}$ and $\{x_{n_i}\}$ of $\{x_n\}$ such that n_i is the smallest index for which

$$n_i > m_i > i \text{ and } \tilde{\mathcal{P}}(x_{m_i}, x_{n_i}, t_0) \geq \varepsilon. \quad (2.12)$$

This means that

$$\tilde{\mathcal{P}}(x_{m_i}, x_{n_i-1}, t_0) < \varepsilon. \quad (2.13)$$

From (2.12) and using the triangle inequality, we get

$$\varepsilon \leq \tilde{\mathcal{P}}(x_{m_i}, x_{n_i}, t_0) \leq \Omega[\tilde{\mathcal{P}}(x_{m_i}, x_{m_i+1}, t_0) + \tilde{\mathcal{P}}(x_{m_i+1}, x_{n_i}, t_0)].$$

Taking the upper limit as $i \rightarrow \infty$, we get

$$\Omega^{-1}[\varepsilon] \leq \limsup_{i \rightarrow \infty} \tilde{\mathcal{P}}(x_{m_i+1}, x_{n_i}, t_0). \quad (2.14)$$

From the definition of $M(x, y, t_0)$ we have

$$\begin{aligned} & M(x_{m_i}, x_{n_i-1}, t_0) \\ &= \max\{\tilde{\mathcal{P}}(x_{m_i}, x_{n_i-1}, t_0), \\ & \quad \frac{[\tilde{\mathcal{P}}(x_{m_i}, fx_{m_i}, t_0)\tilde{\mathcal{P}}(x_{m_i}, fx_{n_i-1}, t_0) + \tilde{\mathcal{P}}(x_{n_i-1}, fx_{n_i-1}, t_0)\tilde{\mathcal{P}}(x_{n_i-1}, fx_{m_i}, t_0)]^2}{1 + \Omega[\tilde{\mathcal{P}}(x_{m_i}, fx_{m_i}, t_0) + \tilde{\mathcal{P}}(x_{n_i-1}, fx_{n_i-1}, t_0)][1 + \tilde{\mathcal{P}}(x_{m_i}, fx_{n_i-1}, t_0) + \tilde{\mathcal{P}}(x_{n_i-1}, fx_{m_i}, t_0)]}\} \\ &= \max\{\tilde{\mathcal{P}}(x_{m_i}, x_{n_i-1}, t_0), \\ & \quad \frac{[\tilde{\mathcal{P}}(x_{m_i}, x_{m_i+1}, t_0)\tilde{\mathcal{P}}(x_{m_i}, x_{n_i}, t_0) + \tilde{\mathcal{P}}(x_{n_i-1}, x_{n_i}, t_0)\tilde{\mathcal{P}}(x_{n_i-1}, x_{m_i+1}, t_0)]^2}{1 + \Omega[\tilde{\mathcal{P}}(x_{m_i}, x_{m_i+1}, t_0) + \tilde{\mathcal{P}}(x_{n_i-1}, x_{n_i}, t_0)][1 + \tilde{\mathcal{P}}(x_{m_i}, x_{n_i}, t_0) + \tilde{\mathcal{P}}(x_{n_i-1}, x_{m_i+1}, t_0)]}\} \end{aligned}$$

and if $i \rightarrow \infty$, by (2.11) and (2.13) we have

$$\limsup_{i \rightarrow \infty} M(x_{m_i}, x_{n_i-1}, t_0) \leq \varepsilon.$$

Now, from (2.10) we have

$$\Omega[\tilde{\mathcal{P}}(x_{m_i+1}, x_{n_i}, t_0)] = \Omega[\tilde{\mathcal{P}}(fx_{m_i}, fx_{n_i-1}, t_0)] \leq \psi(M(x_{m_i}, x_{n_i-1}, t_0)).$$

Again, if $i \rightarrow \infty$ by (2.14) we obtain

$$\varepsilon = \Omega[\Omega^{-1}[\varepsilon]] \leq \Omega[\limsup_{i \rightarrow \infty} \tilde{\mathcal{P}}(x_{m_i+1}, x_{n_i}, a)] \leq \psi(\varepsilon) < \varepsilon,$$

which is a contradiction. Consequently, $\{x_n\}$ is a Cauchy sequence in X . Therefore, the sequence $\{x_n\}$ converges to some $z \in X$, that is, $\lim_n \tilde{\mathcal{P}}(x_n, z, t) = 0$ for all $t > 0$.

Step III. Now we show that z is a fixed point of f .

Using the triangle inequality, we get

$$\tilde{\mathcal{P}}(z, fz, t) \leq \Omega[\tilde{\mathcal{P}}(z, fx_n, t) + \tilde{\mathcal{P}}(fx_n, fz, t)].$$

Letting $n \rightarrow \infty$ and using the continuity of f , we get

$$\tilde{\mathcal{P}}(z, fz, t) \leq 0.$$

Hence, we have $fz = z$. Thus, z is a fixed point of f . \square

Theorem 2.8. *Under the hypotheses of Theorem 2.7, without the continuity assumption on f , assume that whenever $\{x_n\}$ is a nondecreasing sequence in X such that $x_n \rightarrow u \in X$, one has $x_n \preceq u$ for all $n \in \mathbb{N}$. Then f has a fixed point.*

Proof. Following the proof of Theorem 2.7, we construct an increasing sequence $\{x_n\}$ in X such that $x_n \rightarrow z \in X$. Using the given assumption on X we have $x_n \preceq z$. Now, we show that $z = fz$. By (3.2) we have

$$\Omega[\tilde{\mathcal{P}}(fz, x_n, t)] = \Omega[\tilde{\mathcal{P}}(fz, fx_{n-1}, t)] \leq \psi(M(z, x_{n-1}, t)), \quad (2.15)$$

where

$$\begin{aligned}
M(z, x_{n-1}, t) &= \max\{\tilde{\mathcal{P}}(x_{n-1}, z, t), \\
&\frac{[\tilde{\mathcal{P}}(x_{n-1}, fx_{n-1}, t)\tilde{\mathcal{P}}(x_{n-1}, fz, t) + \tilde{\mathcal{P}}(z, fz, t)\tilde{\mathcal{P}}(z, fx_{n-1}, t)]^2}{1 + \Omega[\tilde{\mathcal{P}}(x_{n-1}, fx_{n-1}, t) + \tilde{\mathcal{P}}(z, fz, t)][1 + \tilde{\mathcal{P}}(x_{n-1}, fz, t) + \tilde{\mathcal{P}}(z, fx_{n-1}, t)]}\} \\
&= \max\{\tilde{\mathcal{P}}(x_{n-1}, z, t), \\
&\frac{[\tilde{\mathcal{P}}(x_{n-1}, x_n, t)\tilde{\mathcal{P}}(x_{n-1}, fz, t) + \tilde{\mathcal{P}}(z, fz, t)\tilde{\mathcal{P}}(z, x_n, t)]^2}{1 + \Omega[\tilde{\mathcal{P}}(x_{n-1}, x_n, t) + \tilde{\mathcal{P}}(z, fz, t)][1 + \tilde{\mathcal{P}}(x_{n-1}, fz, t) + \tilde{\mathcal{P}}(z, x_n, t)]}\}.
\end{aligned}$$

Letting $n \rightarrow \infty$ in the above relation, we get

$$\limsup_{n \rightarrow \infty} M(z, x_{n-1}, t) = 0. \quad (2.16)$$

Again, taking the upper limit as $n \rightarrow \infty$ in (2.15) and using Lemma 1.9 and (2.16) we get

$$\begin{aligned}
\Omega^2[\Omega^{-1}[\tilde{\mathcal{P}}(z, fz, t)]] &\leq \Omega[\limsup_{n \rightarrow \infty} \tilde{\mathcal{P}}(x_n, fz, t)] \\
&\leq \limsup_{n \rightarrow \infty} \psi(M(z, x_{n-1}, t)) = 0.
\end{aligned}$$

So, we get $\tilde{\mathcal{P}}(z, fz, t) = 0$, i.e., $fz = z$. \square

Corollary 2.9. *Let $(X, \preceq, \tilde{\mathcal{P}})$ be an ordered complete EPbMS. Let $f : X \rightarrow X$ be an increasing mapping with respect to \preceq such that there exists an element $x_0 \in X$ with $x_0 \preceq fx_0$. Suppose that*

$$\Omega[\tilde{\mathcal{P}}(fx, fy, t)] \leq rN(x, y, t)$$

where $0 \leq r < 1$ and

$$N(x, y, t) = \max\left\{\tilde{\mathcal{P}}(x, y, t), \frac{[\tilde{\mathcal{P}}(x, fx, t)\tilde{\mathcal{P}}(x, fy, t) + \tilde{\mathcal{P}}(y, fy, t)\tilde{\mathcal{P}}(y, fx, t)]^2}{1 + \Omega[\tilde{\mathcal{P}}(x, fx, t) + \tilde{\mathcal{P}}(y, fy, t)][1 + \tilde{\mathcal{P}}(x, fy, t) + \tilde{\mathcal{P}}(y, fx, t)]}\right\},$$

for all comparable elements $x, y \in X$ and all $t > 0$. If f is continuous, or, whenever $\{x_n\}$ is a nondecreasing sequence in X such that $x_n \rightarrow u \in X$, one has $x_n \preceq u$ for all $n \in \mathbb{N}$, then f has a fixed point.

Example 2.10. *Let $X = [0, \infty]$ be equipped with the*

$$\tilde{\mathcal{P}}(x, y, t) = t|x - y| + \ln(t|x - y|)$$

for all $x, y, t \in X$, where $\Omega(x) = x + \ln x$.

Define a relation \preceq on X by $x \preceq y$ iff $y \leq x$, the function $f : X \rightarrow X$ by

$$fx = \ln\left(\frac{x}{5} + 2\right)$$

and the function ψ given by $\psi(t) = \ln(1+t)$.

For all comparable elements $x, y \in X$, by mean value theorem, we have,

$$\begin{aligned}
\Omega[\tilde{\mathcal{P}}(fx, fy, t)] &= \tilde{\mathcal{P}}(fx, fy, t) + \ln[1 + \tilde{\mathcal{P}}(fx, fy, t)] \\
&= t \left| \ln 2 + \frac{x}{5} - \ln 2 + \frac{y}{5} \right| \\
&\quad + \ln[1 + t \left| \ln 2 + \frac{x}{5} - \ln 2 + \frac{y}{5} \right|] \\
&\leq t \left| \frac{x}{5} - \frac{y}{5} \right| \\
&\quad + \ln[1 + t \left| \frac{x}{5} - \frac{y}{5} \right|] \\
&\leq \frac{1}{5} \tilde{\mathcal{P}}(x, y, t) + \ln[1 + \frac{1}{5} \tilde{\mathcal{P}}(x, y, t)] \\
&\leq \ln[1 + \tilde{\mathcal{P}}(x, y, t)] = \psi(\tilde{\mathcal{P}}(x, y, t)) \leq \psi(M(x, y, t)).
\end{aligned}$$

So, from Theorem 2.14 f has a fixed point.

2.3. Results for generalized weakly contractive mappings. In this section, we define the notion of generalized $(\psi, \varphi)_{\Omega, t}$ -contractive mapping and prove our new results.

Definition 2.11. [9] A function $\varphi : [0, +\infty) \rightarrow [0, +\infty)$ is called an altering distance function, if the following properties hold:

- (1) φ is continuous and non-decreasing.
- (2) $\varphi(t) = 0$ if and only if $t = 0$.

Let $(X, \tilde{\mathcal{P}})$ be an EPbMS and let $f : X \rightarrow X$ be a mapping. For all $x, y \in X$ and for all $t > 0$, let

$$M_t(x, y) = \max \left\{ \tilde{\mathcal{P}}(x, y, t), \tilde{\mathcal{P}}(x, fx, t), \tilde{\mathcal{P}}(y, fy, t), \frac{1}{2} \Omega^{-1}[\tilde{\mathcal{P}}(x, fy, t) + \tilde{\mathcal{P}}(y, fx, t)] \right\}.$$

Definition 2.12. Let $(X, \tilde{\mathcal{P}})$ be an EPbMS. We say that a mapping $f : X \rightarrow X$ is an ordered generalized $(\psi, \varphi)_{\Omega, t}$ -contractive mapping if there exist two altering distance functions ψ and φ such that

$$\psi(\Omega[\tilde{\mathcal{P}}(fx, fy, t)]) \leq \psi(M_t(x, y)) - \varphi(M_t(x, y)) \quad (2.17)$$

for all comparable elements $x, y \in X$ and for all $t > 0$.

Recall that a real function Ω is called super-additive if

$$\Omega(s+t) \geq \Omega(s) + \Omega(t)$$

for all $t, s \in D(\Omega)$. If Ω is a super-additive function, and if $0 \in D(\Omega)$, then $\Omega(0) \leq 0$. Indeed, super-additivity of Ω yields that $\Omega(s) \leq \Omega(s+t) - \Omega(t)$ for all $s, t \in D(\Omega)$. Taking $s = 0$ one has $\Omega(0) \leq \Omega(0+t) - \Omega(t) = 0$. Also, it is easy to see that $2\Omega(t) \leq \Omega(2t)$ for each $t \in D(\Omega)$.

Now, let us prove another result.

Theorem 2.13. Let $(X, \preceq, \tilde{\mathcal{P}})$ be an ordered complete EPbMS. Let $f : X \rightarrow X$ be an ordered generalized $(\psi, \varphi)_{\Omega, t}$ -contractive and continuous non-decreasing mapping with respect to \preceq where Ω is super-additive. If there exists $x_0 \in X$ such that $x_0 \preceq fx_0$, then f has a fixed point.

Proof. Define a sequence $\{x_n\}$ in X such that $x_{n+1} = fx_n$, for all $n \geq 0$. Since $x_0 \preceq fx_0 = x_1$ and f is non-decreasing, we have $x_1 = fx_0 \preceq x_2 = fx_1$, and by induction

$$x_0 \preceq x_1 \preceq \cdots \preceq x_n \preceq x_{n+1} \preceq \cdots .$$

We assume that $x_n \neq x_{n+1}$, for all $n \in \mathbb{N}$. By (2.17), we have

$$\begin{aligned} \psi(\tilde{\mathcal{P}}(x_n, x_{n+1}, t)) &\leq \psi(\Omega[\tilde{\mathcal{P}}(x_n, x_{n+1}, t)]) \\ &= \psi(\Omega[\tilde{\mathcal{P}}(fx_{n-1}, fx_n, t)]) \\ &\leq \psi(M_t(x_{n-1}, x_n)) - \varphi(M_t(x_{n-1}, x_n)), \end{aligned} \quad (2.18)$$

where

$$\begin{aligned} &M_t(x_{n-1}, x_n) \\ &= \max \left\{ \tilde{\mathcal{P}}(x_{n-1}, x_n, t), \tilde{\mathcal{P}}(x_{n-1}, fx_{n-1}, t), \tilde{\mathcal{P}}(x_n, fx_n, t), \frac{1}{2}\Omega^{-1}[\tilde{\mathcal{P}}(x_{n-1}, fx_n, t) + \tilde{\mathcal{P}}(x_n, fx_{n-1}, t)] \right\} \\ &= \max \left\{ \tilde{\mathcal{P}}(x_{n-1}, x_n, t), \tilde{\mathcal{P}}(x_n, x_{n+1}, t), \frac{1}{2}\Omega^{-1}[\tilde{\mathcal{P}}(x_{n-1}, x_{n+1}, t)] \right\} \\ &\leq \max \left\{ \tilde{\mathcal{P}}(x_{n-1}, x_n, t), \tilde{\mathcal{P}}(x_n, x_{n+1}, t), \frac{\tilde{\mathcal{P}}(x_{n-1}, x_n, t) + \tilde{\mathcal{P}}(x_n, x_{n+1}, t)}{2} \right\} \end{aligned} \quad (2.19)$$

From (2.18) and (2.19) and the properties of ψ and φ , we get

$$\begin{aligned} &\psi(\tilde{\mathcal{P}}(x_n, x_{n+1}, t)) \\ &\leq \psi \left(\max \left\{ \tilde{\mathcal{P}}(x_{n-1}, x_n, t), \tilde{\mathcal{P}}(x_n, x_{n+1}, t) \right\} \right) \\ &\quad - \varphi \left(\max \left\{ \tilde{\mathcal{P}}(x_{n-1}, x_n, t), \tilde{\mathcal{P}}(x_n, x_{n+1}, t), \frac{1}{2}\Omega^{-1}[\tilde{\mathcal{P}}(x_{n-1}, x_{n+1}, t)] \right\} \right). \end{aligned} \quad (2.20)$$

If

$$\max \left\{ \tilde{\mathcal{P}}(x_{n-1}, x_n, t), \tilde{\mathcal{P}}(x_n, x_{n+1}, t) \right\} = \tilde{\mathcal{P}}(x_n, x_{n+1}, t),$$

then by (2.20) we have

$$\begin{aligned} &\psi(\tilde{\mathcal{P}}(x_n, x_{n+1}, t)) \\ &\leq \psi(\tilde{\mathcal{P}}(x_n, x_{n+1}, t)) - \varphi \left(\max \left\{ \tilde{\mathcal{P}}(x_{n-1}, x_n, t), \tilde{\mathcal{P}}(x_n, x_{n+1}, t), \frac{1}{2}\Omega^{-1}[\tilde{\mathcal{P}}(x_{n-1}, x_{n+1}, t)] \right\} \right), \end{aligned}$$

which gives that $x_n = x_{n+1}$, a contradiction.

Thus, $\{\tilde{\mathcal{P}}(x_n, x_{n+1}, t) : n \in \mathbb{N} \cup \{0\}\}$ is a non-increasing sequence of positive numbers. Hence, there exists $r \geq 0$ such that

$$\lim_{n \rightarrow \infty} \tilde{\mathcal{P}}(x_n, x_{n+1}, t) = r.$$

Letting $n \rightarrow \infty$ in (2.20), we get

$$\psi(r) \leq \psi(r) - \varphi \left(\max \left\{ r, r, \lim_n \frac{1}{2}\Omega^{-1}[\tilde{\mathcal{P}}(x_{n-1}, x_{n+1}, t)] \right\} \right) \leq \psi(r).$$

Therefore,

$$\varphi \left(\max \left\{ r, r, \lim_{n \rightarrow \infty} \Omega^{-1}[\tilde{\mathcal{P}}(x_{n-1}, x_{n+1}, t)] \right\} \right) = 0,$$

and hence,

$$\lim_{n \rightarrow \infty} \tilde{\mathcal{P}}(x_n, x_{n+1}, t) = 0, \quad (2.21)$$

for each $t > 0$.

Next, we show that $\{x_n\}$ is a Cauchy sequence in X .

Suppose the contrary, that is, $\{x_n\}$ is not a Cauchy sequence. Then there exist $t_0 > 0$ and $\varepsilon > 0$ for them we can find two subsequences $\{x_{m_i}\}$ and $\{x_{n_i}\}$ of $\{x_n\}$ such that n_i is the smallest index for which

$$n_i > m_i > i, \text{ and } \tilde{\mathcal{P}}(x_{m_i}, x_{n_i}, t_0) \geq \varepsilon. \quad (2.22)$$

This means that

$$\tilde{\mathcal{P}}(x_{m_i}, x_{n_i-1}, t_0) < \varepsilon. \quad (2.23)$$

The following relations are easy to obtain:

$$\Omega^{-1}[\varepsilon] \leq \limsup_{i \rightarrow \infty} \tilde{\mathcal{P}}(x_{m_i+1}, x_{n_i}, t_0). \quad (2.24)$$

$$\limsup_{i \rightarrow \infty} \tilde{\mathcal{P}}(x_{m_i+1}, x_{n_i-1}, t_0) \leq \Omega[\varepsilon]. \quad (2.25)$$

$$\limsup_{i \rightarrow \infty} \tilde{\mathcal{P}}(x_{m_i}, x_{n_i}, t_0) \leq \Omega[\varepsilon]. \quad (2.26)$$

From (2.17), we have

$$\begin{aligned} \psi(\Omega[\tilde{\mathcal{P}}(x_{m_i+1}, x_{n_i}, t_0)]) &= \psi(\Omega[\tilde{\mathcal{P}}(fx_{m_i}, fx_{n_i-1}, t_0)]) \\ &\leq \psi(M_{t_0}(x_{m_i}, x_{n_i-1})) - \varphi(M_{t_0}(x_{m_i}, x_{n_i-1})), \end{aligned} \quad (2.27)$$

where

$$\begin{aligned} &M_{t_0}(x_{m_i}, x_{n_i-1}) \\ &= \max \left\{ \tilde{\mathcal{P}}(x_{m_i}, x_{n_i-1}, t_0), \tilde{\mathcal{P}}(x_{m_i}, fx_{m_i}, t_0), \tilde{\mathcal{P}}(x_{n_i-1}, fx_{n_i-1}, t_0), \right. \\ &\quad \left. \frac{1}{2}\Omega^{-1}[\tilde{\mathcal{P}}(x_{m_i}, fx_{n_i-1}, t_0) + \tilde{\mathcal{P}}(fx_{m_i}, x_{n_i-1}, t_0)] \right\} \\ &= \max \left\{ \tilde{\mathcal{P}}(x_{m_i}, x_{n_i-1}, t_0), \tilde{\mathcal{P}}(x_{m_i}, x_{m_i+1}, t_0), \tilde{\mathcal{P}}(x_{n_i-1}, x_{n_i}, t_0), \right. \\ &\quad \left. \frac{1}{2}\Omega^{-1}[\tilde{\mathcal{P}}(x_{m_i}, x_{n_i}, t_0) + \tilde{\mathcal{P}}(x_{m_i+1}, x_{n_i-1}, t_0)] \right\}. \end{aligned} \quad (2.28)$$

Taking the upper limit as $i \rightarrow \infty$ in (2.28) and using the above mentioned limits, we get

$$\limsup_{i \rightarrow \infty} M_{t_0}(x_{m_i-1}, x_{n_i-1}) \leq \varepsilon. \quad (2.29)$$

Now, taking the upper limit as $i \rightarrow \infty$ in (2.27) and using (2.22) and (2.29) we have

$$\begin{aligned} \psi \left(\varepsilon \right) &\leq \psi \left(\Omega \left[\limsup_{i \rightarrow \infty} \tilde{\mathcal{P}}(x_{m_i+1}, x_{n_i}, t_0) \right] \right) \\ &\leq \psi \left(\limsup_{i \rightarrow \infty} M_t(x_{m_i}, x_{n_i-1}, t_0) \right) - \liminf_{i \rightarrow \infty} \varphi(M_t(x_{m_i}, x_{n_i-1})) \\ &\leq \psi(\varepsilon) - \varphi \left(\liminf_{i \rightarrow \infty} M_t(x_{m_i}, x_{n_i-1}) \right), \end{aligned}$$

which further implies that

$$\varphi(\liminf_{i \rightarrow \infty} M_t(x_{m_i}, x_{n_i-1})) = 0,$$

so $\liminf_{i \rightarrow \infty} M_t(x_{m_i}, x_{n_i-1}) = 0$, a contradiction to (2.22). Thus, $\{x_{n+1} = fx_n\}$ is a Cauchy sequence in X .

As X is complete, there exists $u \in X$ such that $x_n \rightarrow u$ as $n \rightarrow \infty$, that is,

$$\lim_{n \rightarrow \infty} x_{n+1} = \lim_{n \rightarrow \infty} fx_n = u.$$

Now, suppose that f is continuous. Using the triangular inequality, we get

$$\tilde{\mathcal{P}}(u, fu, t) \leq \Omega[\tilde{\mathcal{P}}(u, fx_n, t) + \tilde{\mathcal{P}}(fx_n, fu, t)].$$

Letting $n \rightarrow \infty$, we get

$$\tilde{\mathcal{P}}(u, fu, t) \leq \Omega[\lim_{n \rightarrow \infty} \tilde{\mathcal{P}}(u, fx_n, t) + \lim_{n \rightarrow \infty} \tilde{\mathcal{P}}(fx_n, fu, t)].$$

So, we have $fu = u$. Thus, u is a fixed point of f . \square

Note that the continuity of f in Theorem 2.13 is not necessary and can be dropped.

Theorem 2.14. *Under the hypotheses of Theorem 2.13, without the continuity assumption on f , assume that whenever $\{x_n\}$ is a non-decreasing sequence in X such that $x_n \rightarrow x \in X$, one has $x_n \preceq x$, for all $n \in \mathbb{N}$. Then f has a fixed point in X .*

Proof. Following similar arguments to those given in the proof of Theorem 2.13, we construct an increasing sequence $\{x_n\}$ in X such that $x_n \rightarrow u$, for some $u \in X$. Using the assumption on X , we have that $x_n \preceq u$, for all $n \in \mathbb{N}$. By (2.17), we have

$$\psi(\Omega[\tilde{\mathcal{P}}(x_{n+1}, fu, t)]) \leq \psi(M_t(x_n, u)) - \varphi(M_t(x_n, u)), \quad (2.30)$$

where

$$\begin{aligned} M_t(x_n, u) &= \max \left\{ \tilde{\mathcal{P}}(x_n, u, t), \tilde{\mathcal{P}}(x_n, fx_n, t), \tilde{\mathcal{P}}(u, fu, t), \frac{1}{2}\Omega^{-1}[\tilde{\mathcal{P}}(x_n, fu, t) + \tilde{\mathcal{P}}(fx_n, u, t)] \right\} \\ &= \max \left\{ \tilde{\mathcal{P}}(x_n, u, t), \tilde{\mathcal{P}}(x_n, x_{n+1}, t), \tilde{\mathcal{P}}(u, fu, t), \frac{1}{2}\Omega^{-1}[\tilde{\mathcal{P}}(x_n, fu, t) + \tilde{\mathcal{P}}(x_{n+1}, u, t)] \right\}. \end{aligned} \quad (2.31)$$

Letting $n \rightarrow \infty$ in (2.31) and using Lemma 1.9, we get

$$\frac{\Omega^{-2}[\tilde{\mathcal{P}}(u, fu, t)]}{2} \leq \liminf_{n \rightarrow \infty} M_t(x_n, u) \leq \limsup_{n \rightarrow \infty} M_t(x_n, u) \leq \tilde{\mathcal{P}}(u, fu, t). \quad (2.32)$$

Again, taking the upper limit as $i \rightarrow \infty$ in (2.30) and using Lemma 1.9 and (2.32) we get

$$\begin{aligned} \psi(\tilde{\mathcal{P}}(u, fu, t)) &\leq \psi(\Omega[\limsup_{n \rightarrow \infty} \tilde{\mathcal{P}}(x_{n+1}, fu, t)]) \\ &\leq \psi(\limsup_{n \rightarrow \infty} M_t(x_n, u)) - \liminf_{n \rightarrow \infty} \varphi(M_t(x_n, u)) \\ &\leq \psi(\tilde{\mathcal{P}}(u, fu, t)) - \varphi(\liminf_{n \rightarrow \infty} M_t(x_n, u)). \end{aligned}$$

Therefore, $\varphi(\liminf_{n \rightarrow \infty} M_t(x_n, u)) \leq 0$, equivalently, $\liminf_{n \rightarrow \infty} M_t(x_n, u) = 0$. Thus, from (2.32) we get $u = fu$ and hence u is a fixed point of f . \square

Example 2.15. Let $X = [0, \frac{7}{10}]$ and $\tilde{\mathcal{P}}$ on X be given by

$$\tilde{\mathcal{P}}(x, y, t) = \sinh[t|x - y|],$$

for all $x, y \in X$. We define an ordering “ \preceq ” on X as follows:

$$x \preceq y \iff y \leq x, \quad \forall x, y \in X.$$

Define self-map f on X by

$$fx = \sinh^{-1} \frac{x}{15}.$$

Furthermore,

$$fX = [0, 0.65266656608236] \subseteq X,$$

Define $\psi, \varphi : [0, \infty) \rightarrow [1, \infty)$ as $\psi(t) = \frac{2 \cosh t}{1 + \cosh t} - 1$ and $\varphi(t) = [\frac{2 \cosh t}{1 + \cosh t}]^2 - 1$. Using the mean value theorem for the function \sinh we have,

$$\begin{aligned} \psi\left(\Omega\left(\tilde{\mathcal{P}}(fx, fyt)\right)\right) &= \frac{2 \cosh\left(\Omega\left(\sinh\left(t|fx - fyt|\right)\right)\right)}{1 + \cosh\left(\Omega\left(t|fx - fyt|\right)\right)} - 1 \\ &\leq \frac{2 \cosh\left(\Omega\left(\sinh\left(t\left|\sinh^{-1} \frac{x}{15} - \sinh^{-1} \frac{y}{15}\right|\right)\right)\right)}{1 + \cosh\left(\Omega\left(\sinh\left(t\left|\sinh^{-1} \frac{x}{15} - \sinh^{-1} \frac{y}{15}\right|\right)\right)\right)} - 1 \\ &\leq \frac{2 \cosh\left(\Omega\left(\left(\frac{1}{15}t|x - y|\right)\right)\right)}{1 + \cosh\left(\Omega\left(\left(\frac{1}{15}t|x - y|\right)\right)\right)} - 1 \\ &\leq \frac{2 \cosh\left(\left(\sinh\left(\frac{(t|x - y|)}{15}\right)\right)\right)}{1 + \cosh\left(\left(\sinh\left(\frac{(t|x - y|)}{15}\right)\right)\right)} - 1 \\ &= \frac{2 \cosh\left(\left(\frac{1}{15} \sinh\left(t|x - y|\right)\right)\right)}{1 + \cosh\left(\left(\frac{1}{15} \sinh\left(t|x - y|\right)\right)\right)} - 1 \\ &\leq \left[\frac{2 \cosh[\sinh(t|x - y|)]}{1 + 2 \cosh[\sinh(t|x - y|)]}\right]^4 - 1 \\ &\leq \frac{2 \cosh[\tilde{\mathcal{P}}(x, y, t)]}{1 + \cosh[\tilde{\mathcal{P}}(x, y, t)]} - 1 - \left[\frac{2 \cosh[\sinh(t|x - y|)]}{1 + 2 \cosh[\sinh(t|x - y|)]}\right]^2 - 1 \\ &= \psi(M_t(x, y)) - \varphi(M_t(x, y)). \end{aligned}$$

Thus, (2.1) is satisfied for all $x, y \in X$. Therefore, all the conditions of Theorem 2.13 are satisfied. Moreover, 0 is a fixed point of f . \square

3. FUZZY b -METRIC SPACES

In [5], Hussain et al. presented the relationship between parametric b -metrics and fuzzy b -metrics and deduce certain fixed point results in triangular partially ordered fuzzy b -metric space.

Definition 3.1. (Schweizer and Sklar [14]) A binary operation $\star : [0, 1] \times [0, 1] \rightarrow [0, 1]$ is called a continuous t -norm if it satisfies the following assertions:

- (T1) \star is commutative and associative;
- (T2) \star is continuous;
- (T3) $a \star 1 = a$ for all $a \in [0, 1]$;
- (T4) $a \star b \leq c \star d$ when $a \leq c$ and $b \leq d$, with $a, b, c, d \in [0, 1]$.

Definition 3.2. A 3-tuple (X, M, \star) is said to be a fuzzy metric space if X is an arbitrary set, \star is a continuous t -norm and M is a fuzzy set on $X^2 \times (0, \infty)$ satisfying the following conditions, for all $x, y, z \in X$ and for all $t, s > 0$,

- (i) $M(x, y, t) > 0$;
- (ii) $M(x, y, t) = 1$ for all $t > 0$ if and only if $x = y$;
- (iii) $M(x, y, t) = M(y, x, t)$;
- (iv) $M(x, y, t) \star M(y, z, s) \leq M(x, z, t + s)$;
- (v) $M(x, y, \cdot) : (0, \infty) \rightarrow [0, 1]$ is continuous;

The function $M(x, y, t)$ denotes the degree of nearness between x and y with respect to t .

Definition 3.3. [5] A fuzzy b -metric space is an ordered triple (X, B, \star) such that X is a nonempty set, \star is a continuous t -norm and B is a fuzzy set on $X \times X \times (0, +\infty)$ satisfying the following conditions, for all $x, y, z \in X$ and for all $t, s > 0$:

- (F1) $B(x, y, t) > 0$;
- (F2) $B(x, y, t) = 1$ if and only if $x = y$;
- (F3) $B(x, y, t) = B(y, x, t)$;
- (F4) $B(x, y, t) \star B(y, z, s) \leq B(x, z, b(t + s))$ where $b \geq 1$;
- (F5) $B(x, y, \cdot) : (0, +\infty) \rightarrow (0, 1]$ is left continuous.

Definition 3.4. An extended fuzzy b -metric space is an ordered quadruple (X, B, \star, Ω) such that X is a nonempty set, \star is a continuous t -norm and B is a fuzzy set on $X \times X \times (0, +\infty)$ satisfying the following conditions, for all $x, y, z \in X$ and for all $t, s > 0$:

- (F1) $B(x, y, t) > 0$;
- (F2) $B(x, y, t) = 1$ if and only if $x = y$;
- (F3) $B(x, y, t) = B(y, x, t)$;
- (F4) $B(x, y, t) \star B(y, z, s) \leq B(x, z, \Omega(t + s))$;
- (F5) $B(x, y, \cdot) : (0, +\infty) \rightarrow (0, 1]$ is left continuous.

Definition 3.5. Let (X, B, \star, Ω) be an extended fuzzy b -metric space. Then

- (i) a sequence $\{x_n\}$ converges to $x \in X$, if and only if $\lim_{n \rightarrow +\infty} B(x_n, x, t) = 1$ for all $t > 0$;
- (ii) a sequence $\{x_n\}$ in X is a Cauchy sequence if and only if for all $\epsilon \in (0, 1)$ and for all $t > 0$, there exists n_0 such that $B(x_n, x_m, t) > 1 - \epsilon$ for all $m, n \geq n_0$;
- (iii) the extended fuzzy b -metric space is called complete if every Cauchy sequence converges to some $x \in X$.

Definition 3.6. Let (X, B, \star, Ω) be an extended fuzzy b -metric space. The extended fuzzy b -metric B is called triangular whenever,

$$\frac{1}{B(x, y, t)} - 1 \leq \Omega \left[\frac{1}{B(x, z, t)} - 1 + \frac{1}{B(z, y, t)} - 1 \right]$$

for all $x, y, z \in X$ and for all $t > 0$.

Motivated by Example 8 of [10] we present the following example.

Example 3.7. Let (X, d, s) be a b -metric space. Define $B : X \times X \times (0, \infty) \rightarrow [0, \infty)$ by $B(x, y, t) = \frac{s\Omega^{-1}[t]}{s\Omega^{-1}[t] + \mathcal{P}(x, y)}$ where $\Omega : [0, \infty) \rightarrow [0, \infty)$ is a strictly increasing continuous function with $\Omega^{-1}(t) \leq t \leq \Omega(t)$. Also suppose that $a * b = \min\{a, b\}$. Then $(X, B, *, \Omega)$ is an extended fuzzy b -metric space.

Remark. Notice that $\tilde{\mathcal{P}}(x, y, t) = \frac{1}{B(x, y, t)} - 1$ is an extended parametric b -metric whenever B is a triangular extended fuzzy b -metric.

As an applications of Remark 3 and the results established in section 2, we can deduce the following results in ordered extended fuzzy b -metric spaces.

Theorem 3.8. Let $(X, \preceq, B, *, \Omega)$ be an ordered triangular complete extended fuzzy b -metric space. Let $f : X \rightarrow X$ be an increasing mapping with respect to \preceq such that there exists an element $x_0 \in X$ with $x_0 \preceq fx_0$. Suppose that

$$\Omega^2\left[\frac{1}{B(fx, fy, t)} - 1\right] \leq \beta\left(\frac{1}{B(x, y, t)} - 1\right)\mathcal{M}(x, y, t) \quad (3.1)$$

for all $t > 0$ and for all comparable elements $x, y \in X$, where

$$\mathcal{M}(x, y, t) = \max\left\{\frac{1}{B(x, y, t)} - 1, \frac{\left[\frac{1}{B(x, fx, t)} - 1\right]\left[\frac{1}{B(y, fy, t)} - 1\right]}{\frac{1}{B(fx, fy, t)} \cdot \frac{1}{B(x, y, t)}}\right\}$$

If f is continuous, then f has a fixed point.

Theorem 3.9. Under the hypotheses of Theorem 3.8, without the continuity assumption on f , assume that whenever $\{x_n\}$ is a nondecreasing sequence in X such that $x_n \rightarrow u$, one has $x_n \preceq u$ for all $n \in \mathbb{N}$. Then f has a fixed point.

Theorem 3.10. Let $(X, \preceq, B, *, \Omega)$ be an ordered triangular complete extended fuzzy b -metric space (where Ω is super-additive). Let $f : X \rightarrow X$ be a continuous non-decreasing mapping with respect to \preceq . Also suppose that there exist two altering distance functions ψ and φ such that

$$\psi\left(\Omega\left[\frac{1}{B(fx, fy, t)} - 1\right]\right) \leq \psi(\mathcal{M}_t(x, y)) - \varphi(\mathcal{M}_t(x, y))$$

for all comparable elements $x, y \in X$ where,

$$\mathcal{M}_t(x, y) = \max\left\{\frac{1}{B(x, y, t)} - 1, \frac{1}{B(x, fx, t)} - 1, \frac{1}{B(y, fy, t)} - 1, \frac{1}{2}\Omega^{-1}\left[\frac{1}{B(x, fy, t)} + \frac{1}{B(y, fx, t)} - 2\right]\right\}$$

If there exists $x_0 \in X$ such that $x_0 \preceq fx_0$, then f has a fixed point.

Theorem 3.11. Under the hypotheses of Theorem 3.10, without the continuity assumption on f , assume that whenever $\{x_n\}$ is a nondecreasing sequence in X such that $x_n \rightarrow u \in X$, one has $x_n \preceq u$ for all $n \in \mathbb{N}$. Then f has a fixed point.

Theorem 3.12. Let $(X, \preceq, B, *, \Omega)$ be an ordered triangular complete extended fuzzy b -metric space. Let $f : X \rightarrow X$ be an increasing mapping with respect to \preceq such that there exists an element $x_0 \in X$ with $x_0 \preceq fx_0$. Suppose that

$$\Omega\left[\frac{1}{B(fx, fy, t)} - 1\right] \leq \psi(\mathcal{N}(x, y, t)) \quad (3.2)$$

where

$$\mathcal{N}(x, y, t) = \max \left\{ \frac{1}{B(x, y, t)} - 1, \frac{[\frac{1}{B(x, fx, t)} - 1][\frac{1}{B(x, fy, t)} - 1] + [\frac{1}{B(y, fy, t)} - 1][\frac{1}{B(y, fx, t)} - 1]^2}{[1 + \Omega[\frac{1}{B(x, fx, t)} + \frac{1}{B(y, fy, t)} - 2]][\frac{1}{B(x, fy, t)} + \frac{1}{B(y, fx, t)} - 1]} \right\},$$

for some $\psi \in \Psi$ and for all comparable elements $x, y \in X$ and all $t > 0$. If f is continuous, then f has a fixed point.

4. APPLICATION TO EXISTENCE OF SOLUTIONS OF INTEGRAL EQUATIONS

Let $X = C([0, T], \mathbb{R})$ be the set of real continuous functions defined on $[0, T]$ and $\tilde{\mathcal{P}} : X \times X \times (0, \infty) \rightarrow [0, +\infty)$ be defined by $\tilde{\mathcal{P}}(x, y, \alpha) = \xi[\sup_{t \in [0, T]} e^{-\alpha t} |x(t) - y(t)|^p]$ for all $x, y \in X$ and all $t > 0$. Then $(X, \tilde{\mathcal{P}}, \xi(2^{p-1}t))$ is a complete extended parametric b -metric space. Let \preceq be the partial order on X defined by $x \preceq y$ if and only if $x(t) \leq y(t)$ for all $t \in [0, T]$. Then $(X, \tilde{\mathcal{P}}, \preceq)$ is a complete partially ordered metric space. Consider the following integral equation

$$x(t) = p(t) + \int_0^T S(t, s)f(s, x(s))ds \quad (4.1)$$

where

- (A) $f : [0, T] \times \mathbb{R} \rightarrow \mathbb{R}$ is continuous,
- (B) $p : [0, T] \rightarrow \mathbb{R}$ is continuous,
- (C) $S : [0, T] \times [0, T] \rightarrow [0, +\infty)$ is continuous and

$$2^{p-1} \sup_{t \in [0, T]} (e^{-\alpha t} [\int_0^T [S(t, s)]^q ds]^{\frac{1}{q}}) \leq 1,$$

- (D) there exist $k \in [0, 1)$ such that

$$\begin{aligned} & 0 \leq \xi[|f(s, y(s)) - f(s, x(s))|] \\ & \leq k(e^{-\alpha s} \max \left\{ |x(s) - y(s)|^p, |x(s) - Hx(s)|^p, |y(s) - Hy(s)|^p, \right. \\ & \left. 2^{1-p}\xi^{-1} \left[\frac{|x(s) - Hy(s)|^p + |y(s) - Hx(s)|^p}{2} \right] \right\}) \end{aligned}$$

for all $x, y \in X$ with $x \preceq y$, $s \in [0, T]$ and $\alpha > 0$ where

$$Hx(t) = p(t) + \int_0^T S(t, s)f(s, x(s))ds, \quad t \in [0, T], \quad \text{for all } x \in X.$$

- (E) there exist $x_0 \in X$ such that

$$x_0(t) \leq p(t) + \int_0^T S(t, s)f(s, x_0(s))ds.$$

We have the following result of existence of solutions for integral equations.

Theorem 4.1. *Under assumptions (A) – (E), the integral equation (4.1) has a unique solution in $X = C([0, T], \mathbb{R})$.*

Proof. Let $H : X \rightarrow X$ be defined by

$$Hx(t) = p(t) + \int_0^T S(t, s)f(s, x(s))ds, \quad t \in [0, T], \quad \text{for all } x \in X.$$

First, we will prove that H is a non-decreasing mapping with respect to \preceq . Let $x \preceq y$ then by (D) we have $0 \leq f(s, y(s)) - f(s, x(s))$ for all $s \in [0, T]$. On the other hand by definition of H we have

$$Hy - Hx = \int_0^T S(t, s)[f(s, y(s)) - f(s, x(s))]ds \geq 0 \quad \text{for all } t \in [0, T].$$

Then $Hx \preceq Hy$, that is, H is a non-decreasing mapping with respect to \preceq . Now suppose that $x, y \in X$ with $x \preceq y$. Then by (C), (D) and the definition of H we get

$$\begin{aligned} \xi[2^{p-1}\tilde{\mathcal{P}}(Hx, Hy, \alpha)] &= \xi[2^{p-1} \sup_{t \in [0, T]} \xi[e^{-\alpha t}|Hx(t) - Hy(t)|^p]] \\ &\leq \xi[2^{p-1} \sup_{t \in [0, T]} \xi[(e^{-\alpha t} \int_0^T S(t, s)|f(s, x(s)) - f(s, y(s))|ds)^p]] \\ &\leq \xi[2^{p-1} \sup_{t \in [0, T]} \xi[e^{-p\alpha t}([\int_0^T [S(t, s)]^q ds]^{\frac{1}{q}}[\int_0^T |f(s, x(s)) - f(s, y(s))|^p ds]^{\frac{1}{p}})]] \\ &\leq k(e^{-\alpha s} \max \left\{ |x(s) - y(s)|^p, |x(s) - Hx(s)|^p, |y(s) - Hy(s)|^p, \right. \\ &\quad \left. 2^{1-p}\xi^{-1}\left[\frac{|x(s) - Hy(s)|^p + |y(s) - Hx(s)|^p}{2}\right] \right\}) \\ &\leq k(e^{-\alpha s} \max \left\{ \sup_{s \in [0, T]} |x(s) - y(s)|^p, \sup_{s \in [0, T]} |x(s) - Hx(s)|^p, \sup_{s \in [0, T]} |y(s) - Hy(s)|^p, \right. \\ &\quad \left. 2^{1-p}\xi^{-1}\left[\frac{\sup_{s \in [0, T]} |x(s) - Hy(s)|^p + \sup_{s \in [0, T]} |y(s) - Hx(s)|^p}{2}\right] \right\}) \\ &\leq k[\max \left\{ \tilde{\mathcal{P}}(x, y, \alpha), \tilde{\mathcal{P}}(x, Hx, \alpha), \tilde{\mathcal{P}}(y, Hy, \alpha), 2^{1-p}\xi^{-1}\left[\frac{\tilde{\mathcal{P}}(x, Hy, \alpha) + \tilde{\mathcal{P}}(y, Hx, \alpha)}{2}\right] \right\}] \end{aligned}$$

Now, by (E) there exists $x_0 \in X$ such that $x_0 \preceq Hx_0$. Then, the conditions of Theorem 2.13 are satisfied and hence the integral equation (4.1) has a unique solution in $X = C([0, T], \mathbb{R})$. \square

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