

## SOLVING EXISTENCE PROBLEMS VIA F-CONTRACTION IN MODIFIED $b$ -METRIC SPACES

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**ABSTRACT.** In this paper, we introduce a new abstract structure, expanded  $b$ -metric, as a natural extension of  $b$ -metric. We also define basic topological notions in expanded  $b$ -metric to able to investigate the existence of fixed point for such mappings under various  $F$ -contractive conditions. We provide example to illustrate the results presented herein.

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### 1. INTRODUCTION AND PRELIMINARIES

In the last decades, one of the attractive subject is theory fixed point. In particular, "changing the abstract structure so that a considered mappings possessed a fixed point" has been densely studied. The concept of a metric space has been refining, extending and generalizing in several ways to guarantee the existence of a fixed point of certain mappings that are defined on these new structures. Among all, we recall the most interesting and more general notion,  $b$ -metric space. It was considered by several mathematician with different names (such as quasi-metric [5], general metric), but it has been famous by the publications of Bakhtin [4] and Czerwik in [7].

Recall (see, e.g., [4, 7]) that a  $b$ -metric  $d$  on a set  $X$  is a generalization of standard metric, where the triangular inequality is replaced by

$$d(x, z) \leq s[d(x, y) + d(y, z)],$$

for all  $x, y, z \in X$ , for some fixed  $s \geq 1$ .

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Let  $\Psi$  denote a family of mappings such that for each  $\psi \in \Psi$ ,  $\psi : [0, +\infty) \rightarrow [0, +\infty)$  and  $\psi$  is onto,

- (1)  $t \leq \psi(t)$  for every  $t \in [0, +\infty)$ ,
- (2)  $\psi'$  is increasing for every  $t \in [0, +\infty)$  where  $\frac{d\psi}{dt} = \psi'$  is derivative.

**Remark 1.1.** Let  $f, g : [0, +\infty) \rightarrow \mathbb{R}$  be two functions such that  $f(0) = g(0)$  and  $\frac{df(x)}{dx} = f'(x) \leq g'(x) = \frac{dg(x)}{dx}$  for  $x \in [0, +\infty)$ , then we have  $f(x) \leq g(x)$ .

**Remark 1.2.** For every  $\psi \in \Psi$  and for every  $t \in [0, +\infty)$  we have  $\psi^{-1}(t) \leq t \leq \psi(t)$  and  $\psi^{-1}(0) = 0 = \psi(0)$ .

For example, if  $\psi : [0, +\infty) \rightarrow [0, +\infty)$  defined by  $\psi(t) = e^t - 1$ ,  $\psi(t) = te^t$  and  $\psi(t) = t^2 + 2t$  for every  $t \in [0, +\infty)$ , then it is easy to see that  $\psi \in \Psi$ .

**Lemma 1.1.** Let  $\psi \in \Psi$ , then for every  $x, y \in [0, +\infty)$ ,  $r \in (0, 1)$  and for every  $n \in \mathbb{N}$  we have:

- (1)  $\psi(x + y) \geq \psi(x) + \psi(y)$ ,
- (2)  $\psi$  is continuous and is strictly increasing,
- (3)  $r\psi(x) \geq \psi(rx)$ ,
- (4)  $\psi^{-1}(x + y) \leq \psi^{-1}(x) + \psi^{-1}(y)$ ,
- (5)  $\psi^{-1}(rx) \geq r\psi^{-1}(x)$ ,
- (6)  $\psi^n(x + y) \geq \psi^n(x) + \psi^n(y)$ ,
- (7)  $\psi^{-n}(x + y) \leq \psi^{-n}(x) + \psi^{-n}(y)$ ,
- (8)  $|\psi^{-1}(x) - \psi^{-1}(y)| \leq \psi^{-1}(|x - y|)$ .

*Proof.* (1) If define  $g(x) = \psi(x + b)$  and  $f(x) = \psi(x) + \psi(b)$ , then  $f(0) = g(0)$  and  $f'(x) = \psi'(x) \leq \psi'(x + b) = g'(x)$ . Therefore, for every  $x \in [0, +\infty)$  we have  $f(x) \leq g(x)$  that is  $\psi(x + y) \geq \psi(x) + \psi(y)$ .

(2) It is clear that  $\psi$  is continuous. Since

$$\psi'(x) = \lim_{h \rightarrow 0} \frac{\psi(x + h) - \psi(x)}{h} \geq \lim_{h \rightarrow 0} \frac{\psi(h)}{h} \geq \lim_{h \rightarrow 0} \frac{h}{h} = 1.$$

Hence,  $\psi$  is strictly increasing.

(3) If define  $f(x) = \psi(rx)$  and  $g(x) = r\psi(x)$  for every  $r \in (0, 1)$ , then  $f(0) = g(0) = 0$  and  $f'(x) = r\psi'(rx) \leq r\psi'(x) = g'(x)$ . Therefore, for every  $x \in [0, +\infty)$  we have  $f(x) \leq g(x)$  that is  $\psi(rx) \leq r\psi(x)$ .

(4) By part (2) we know first that the inverse  $\psi$  that is  $\psi^{-1}$  there exist and it is strictly increasing. Hence, if set  $x = \psi^{-1}(x)$  and  $y = \psi^{-1}(y)$  in (1), we get

$$\psi(\psi^{-1}(x) + \psi^{-1}(y)) \geq \psi(\psi^{-1}(x)) + \psi(\psi^{-1}(y)) = x + y.$$

That is  $\psi^{-1}(x + y) \leq \psi^{-1}(x) + \psi^{-1}(y)$ .

(5) If set  $x = \psi^{-1}(x)$  in (3), we get  $\psi(r\psi^{-1}(x)) \leq r\psi(\psi^{-1}(x))$ . That is  $r\psi^{-1}(x) \leq \psi^{-1}(rx)$ .

(6) For  $n = 1$  it is obvious. Suppose that (5) holds for some  $n \geq 2$ . Since

$$\begin{aligned} \psi^{n+1}(x + y) &= \psi(\psi^n(x + y)) \\ &\geq \psi(\psi^n(x) + \psi^n(y)) \\ &\geq \psi(\psi^n(x)) + \psi(\psi^n(y)) = \psi^{n+1}(x) + \psi^{n+1}(y). \end{aligned}$$

So inequality (5) is proved by induction.

(7) Similarly, this part is obtain from (4) and (5) obviously.

- (8) If  $x > y$  instead  $x$  by  $x - y$  in (4) we have  $\psi^{-1}(x) - \psi^{-1}(y) \leq \psi^{-1}(x - y)$ , also if  $x \leq y$  instead  $y$  by  $y - x$  in (4) we have  $\psi^{-1}(y) - \psi^{-1}(x) \leq \psi^{-1}(y - x)$ . Hence in generally we have

$$|\psi^{-1}(x) - \psi^{-1}(y)| \leq \psi^{-1}(|x - y|).$$

□

Now, we introduced the concept of extended  $b$ -metric spaces as follows.

**Definition 1.1.** Let  $X$  be a (nonempty) set. A function  $\rho : X \times X \rightarrow [0, +\infty)$  is a expanded  $b$ -metric if there exists a  $\psi \in \Psi$  such that for all  $x, y, z \in X$ , the following conditions hold:

- ( $\rho_1$ )  $\rho(x, y) = 0$  if and only if  $x = y$ ,
- ( $\rho_2$ )  $\rho(x, y) = \rho(y, x)$ ,
- ( $\rho_3$ )  $\rho(x, z) \leq \psi(\rho(x, y)) + \psi(\rho(y, z))$ .

In this case, the triple  $(X, \rho, \psi)$  is called a expanded  $b$ -metric space.

A  $b$ -metric [7] is a expanded  $b$ -metric, with  $\psi(t) = st$ , for some fixed  $s \geq 1$ , also every metric is a expanded  $b$ -metric, for every  $\psi \in \Psi$ . For a proper choice of  $\psi$ , the notion of strong  $b$ -metric, defined by Kirk and Shahzad [15] can be derived.

**Example 1.1.** Let  $(X, d)$  be a  $b$ -metric space with coefficient  $s \geq 1$  and let  $\rho(x, y) = \sinh(d(x, y))$ . We show that  $\rho$  is a expanded  $b$ -metric with  $\psi(t) = \sinh(2st)$  for all  $t \geq 0$  (and  $\psi^{-1}(u) = \frac{1}{2s} \sinh^{-1}(2su)$  for  $u \geq 0$ ). Obviously, conditions ( $\rho_1$ ) and ( $\rho_2$ ) of Definition 1.1 are satisfied. Since  $\sinh(x)$  is an increasing function, hence for every  $x, y \geq 0$  we have

$$\sinh(x + y) \leq \sinh(2 \max\{x, y\}) \leq \sinh(2x) + \sinh(2y).$$

Therefore, for each  $x, y, z \in X$ , we have

$$\begin{aligned} \rho(x, z) &= \sinh(d(x, z)) \\ &\leq \sinh(sd(x, y) + sd(y, z)) \leq \sinh(s \sinh(d(x, y)) + s \sinh(d(y, z))) \\ &= \sinh(s\rho(x, y) + s\rho(y, z)) \\ &\leq \sinh(2s\rho(x, y)) + \sinh(2s\rho(y, z)) \\ &= \psi(\rho(x, y)) + \psi(\rho(y, z)). \end{aligned}$$

So, condition ( $\rho_3$ ) of Definition 1.1 is also satisfied and  $\rho$  is an expanded  $b$ -metric. Note that  $\sinh|x - y|$  is not a metric on  $\mathbb{R}$ , as, e.g.,

$$\sinh 5 \approx 74.203 \not\leq 3.627 + 10.0179 \approx \sinh 2 + \sinh 3.$$

Similarly, although  $d(x, y) = (x - y)^2$  is a  $b$ -metric on  $\mathbb{R}$  with  $s = 2$ , there is no  $s \neq 1$  such that  $\rho(x, y) = \sinh(x - y)^2$  is a  $b$ -metric with parameter  $s$ . Indeed, putting  $z = 0$  and  $y = 1$  we should have  $\sinh x^2 \leq s(\sinh(x - 1)^2 + \sinh 1)$  which cannot hold for any fixed  $s$  and  $x$  sufficiently large.

**Definition 1.2.** Let  $(X, \rho, \psi)$  be a expanded  $b$ -metric space. A sequence  $\{x_n\}$  in  $X$  is said to be:

- (1) convergent to a point  $x \in X$  if, for each  $\varepsilon > 0$ , there exists a positive integer  $n_0$  such that for all  $n \geq n_0$ ,  $\rho(x, x_n) < \varepsilon$ .
- (2) Cauchy if, for each  $\varepsilon > 0$ , there exists a positive integer  $n_0$  such that for all  $m, n \geq n_0$ ,  $\rho(x_n, x_m) < \varepsilon$ .
- (3) An expanded  $b$ -metric space  $X$  is called complete, if every Cauchy sequence is convergent in  $X$ .

**Lemma 1.2.** *Let  $(X, \rho, \psi)$  be an expanded  $b$ -metric space. If  $\psi$  is continuous and a sequence  $\{x_n\}$  in  $X$  converges to  $x$ , then  $x$  is unique.*

*Proof.* Let  $\{x_n\}$  converges to  $x$  and  $y$ , then using the rectangle inequality in the expanded  $b$ -metric space it is easy to see that

$$\rho(x, y) \leq \psi(\rho(x, x_n)) + \psi(\rho(y, x_n)).$$

Taking the limit as  $n \rightarrow +\infty$  in the above inequality we obtain  $\rho(x, y) = 0$  so  $x = y$ .  $\square$

**Lemma 1.3.** *Let  $(X, \rho, \psi)$  be an expanded  $b$ -metric space. If sequence  $\{x_n\}$  in  $X$  is converges to  $x$ , then  $\{x_n\}$  is a Cauchy sequence.*

*Proof.* Since  $\lim_{n \rightarrow +\infty} x_n = x$  then, by  $(\rho_3)$ , we obtain

$$\rho(x_n, x_m) \leq \psi(\rho(x_n, x)) + \psi(\rho(x, x_m))$$

Taking the limit as  $n, m \rightarrow +\infty$  in the above inequality we obtain

$$\lim_{n, m \rightarrow +\infty} \rho(x_n, x_m) = 0.$$

Hence  $\{x_n\}$  is a Cauchy sequence.  $\square$

We will need the following simple lemma about the convergent sequences.

**Lemma 1.4.** *Let  $(X, \rho, \psi)$  be an expanded  $b$ -metric space with function  $\psi$ ,*

1. *Suppose that  $\{x_n\}$  and  $\{y_n\}$  are convergent to  $x$  and  $y$ , respectively. Then we have*

$$\psi^{-2}(\rho(x, y)) \leq \liminf_{n \rightarrow +\infty} \rho(x_n, y_n) \leq \limsup_{n \rightarrow +\infty} \rho(x_n, y_n) \leq \psi^2(\rho(x, y)).$$

*In particular, if  $x = y$ , then we have  $\lim_{n \rightarrow +\infty} \rho(x_n, y_n) = 0$ .*

2. *Suppose that  $\{x_n\}$  is convergent to  $x$  and  $z \in X$  is arbitrary. Then we have*

$$\psi^{-1}(\rho(x, z)) \leq \liminf_{n \rightarrow +\infty} \rho(x_n, z) \leq \limsup_{n \rightarrow +\infty} \rho(x_n, z) \leq \psi(\rho(x, z)).$$

*Proof.* 1. Using  $(\rho_3)$  in the expanded  $b$ -metric space it is easy to see that

$$\begin{aligned} \rho(x, y) &\leq \psi(\rho(x, x_n)) + \psi(\rho(y, x_n)) \\ &\leq \psi(\rho(x, x_n)) + \psi[\psi(\rho(y, y_n)) + \psi(\rho(x_n, y_n))] \end{aligned}$$

and

$$\begin{aligned} \rho(x_n, y_n) &\leq \psi(\rho(x_n, x)) + \psi(\rho(y_n, x)) \\ &\leq \psi(\rho(x_n, x)) + \psi[\psi(\rho(y_n, y)) + \psi(\rho(x, y))]. \end{aligned}$$

Taking the lower limit as  $n \rightarrow +\infty$  in the first inequality and the upper limit as  $n \rightarrow +\infty$  in the second inequality we obtain the desired result.

2. Using  $(\rho_3)$  we see that

$$\rho(x, z) \leq \psi(\rho(x, x_n)) + \psi(\rho(x_n, z)).$$

Taking the lower limit as  $n \rightarrow +\infty$  in the above inequality we have

$$\rho(x, z) \leq \psi(\liminf_{n \rightarrow +\infty} \rho(x_n, z)),$$

hence

$$\psi^{-1}(\rho(x, z)) \leq \liminf_{n \rightarrow +\infty} \rho(x_n, z).$$

Also

$$\rho(x_n, z) \leq \psi(\rho(x_n, x)) + \psi(\rho(z, x)).$$

Taking the the upper limit as  $n \rightarrow +\infty$  in the above inequality we obtain the desired result.  $\square$

Let  $f$  and  $g$  be two self-mappings on  $X$ . A point  $x \in X$  is called

- (1) a fixed point of  $f$  if  $f(x) = x$  (fixed point equation);
- (2) coincidence point of a pair  $(f, g)$  if  $fx = gx$  (coincidence point equation).

Notice that solving fixed point equation and coincidence point equations in certain cases is equivalent to solving complementarity and implicit complementarity problems respectively [17].

In this paper, we consider the existence and uniqueness of a fixed point of certain mapping that provides a nonlinear  $F$ -contraction in the framework of expanded  $b$ -metric space. We shall also express an example to indicate the validity of the presented results.

## 2. THE MAIN RESULTS

We start with the following useful lemma.

**Lemma 2.1.** *Let  $(X, \rho, \psi)$  be an expanded  $b$ -metric space. If there exists two sequences  $\{x_n\}$  and  $\{y_n\}$  such that  $\lim_{n \rightarrow +\infty} \rho(x_n, y_n) = 0$ , whenever  $\{x_n\}$  is a sequence in  $X$  such that  $\lim_{n \rightarrow +\infty} x_n = t$  for some  $t \in X$ , then  $\lim_{n \rightarrow +\infty} y_n = t$ .*

*Proof.* By the triangle inequality in expanded  $b$ -metric space, we have

$$\rho(y_n, t) \leq \psi(\rho(y_n, x_n)) + \psi(\rho(x_n, t)).$$

Now, by taking the upper limit when  $n \rightarrow +\infty$  in above inequality we get

$$\limsup_{n \rightarrow +\infty} \rho(y_n, t) \leq \psi(\limsup_{n \rightarrow +\infty} \rho(x_n, y_n)) + \psi(\limsup_{n \rightarrow +\infty} \rho(x_n, t)) = 0.$$

Hence  $\lim_{n \rightarrow +\infty} y_n = t$ .  $\square$

Now, we give the definition of  $(\phi, F)$ -contraction in the setting of expanded  $b$ -metric space.

Two mappings  $A, B : X \rightarrow X$  is said to be a  $(\phi, F)$ -contraction (or nonlinear  $F$ -contraction) if there exist the functions  $F : (0, +\infty) \rightarrow \mathbb{R}$  and  $\phi : (0, +\infty) \rightarrow (0, +\infty)$  satisfying

- (H1) for all  $t_1, t_2 > 0, t_1 > t_2$  implies  $F(t_1) > F(t_2)$ ;
- (H2) for any sequence  $\{t_n\} \subset (0, +\infty), t_n \rightarrow 0$  if and only if  $F(t_n) \rightarrow - + \infty$ ;
- (H3)  $\liminf_{s \rightarrow t^+} \phi(s) > 0$  for all  $t \geq 0$ ;

(H4)  $\phi(\rho(Bx, By)) + F(\psi(\rho(Ax, Ay))) \leq F(\rho(Bx, By))$  for all  $x, y \in X$  such that  $Ax \neq Ay$ .

Now, by taking as  $\psi(t) = t$  and  $B = I$  (Identity map) we give the definition of  $(\phi, F)$ -contraction in the setting of metric space see e.g. Dariusz and Wardowski [11] and also [1, 3, 12, 13, 14].

First we shall announce a coincidence point result concerning nonlinear  $F$ -contractions.

**Theorem 2.1.** *Let  $(X, \rho, \psi)$  be a complete expanded  $b$ -metric space and let  $A, B : X \rightarrow X$  be  $(\phi, F)$ -contraction such that  $A(X) \subseteq B(X)$ .*

- (1) *If  $B$  is surjective then  $A, B$  have a coincidence point.*
- (2) *If  $B$  is bijection then  $A, B$  have a unique coincidence point.*

*Proof.* Take any  $x_0, x_1 \in X$  such that  $y_0 = Ax_0 = Bx_1$  and define the sequence  $y_n = Ax_n = Bx_{n+1}, n = 0, 1, 2, \dots$ . Denote the sequence  $\gamma_n = \rho(y_{n-1}, y_n), n \in \mathbb{N}$ . If there exist  $n_0 \in \mathbb{N}$  such that  $\gamma_{n_0} = 0$  then  $y_{n_0} = y_{n_0+1}$ , that is  $Bx_{n_0+1} = Ax_{n_0+1}$  hence  $A, B$  have a

coincidence point. Therefore without loss of generality we can assume that  $\gamma_n > 0$  for all  $n \in \mathbb{N}$ . From (H4) we have

$$\begin{aligned} & F(\psi(\rho(y_n, y_{n+1}))) + \phi(\rho(y_{n-1}, y_n)) \\ &= F(\psi(\rho(Ax_n, Ax_{n+1}))) + \phi(\rho(Bx_n, Bx_{n+1})) \\ &\leq F(\rho(Bx_n, Bx_{n+1})) = F(\rho(y_{n-1}, y_n)) \text{ for all } n \in \mathbb{N}. \end{aligned}$$

That is

$$F(\gamma_{n+1}) \leq F(\psi(\gamma_{n+1})) \leq F(\gamma_n) - \phi(\gamma_n),$$

hence

$$F(\gamma_n) \leq F(\gamma_{n-1}). \tag{1}$$

From the inequality (2.1) and from (H1) we get that  $\gamma_n$  is decreasing, and hence,  $\gamma_n \rightarrow t$ , for  $t \geq 0$ . From (H3) there exists  $c > 0$  and  $n_0 \in \mathbb{N}$  such that  $\phi(\gamma_n) > c$  for all  $n \geq n_0$ . In consequence, we have

$$\begin{aligned} F(\gamma_{n+1}) &\leq F(\psi(\gamma_{n+1})) = F(\psi(\rho(y_n, y_{n+1}))) \\ &\leq F(\rho(y_{n-1}, y_n)) - \phi(\rho(y_{n-1}, y_n)) \\ &\leq F(\psi(\rho(y_{n-1}, y_n))) - \phi(\rho(y_{n-1}, y_n)) \\ &\leq F(\rho(y_{n-2}, y_{n-1})) - \phi(\rho(y_{n-2}, y_{n-1})) - \phi(\rho(y_{n-1}, y_n)) \\ &\vdots \\ &\leq F(\rho(y_0, y_1)) - \sum_{i=1}^{n-1} \phi(\rho(y_{i-1}, y_i)) \\ &= F(\gamma_1) - \sum_{i=1}^{n-1} \phi(\gamma_i). \end{aligned}$$

Therefore:

$$\begin{aligned} F(\gamma_n) &\leq F(\gamma_{n-1}) - \phi(\gamma_{n-1}) \leq \dots \leq F(\gamma_1) - \sum_{i=1}^{n-1} \phi(\gamma_i) \\ &= F(\gamma_1) - \sum_{i=1}^{n_0-1} \phi(\gamma_i) - \sum_{i=n_0}^{n-1} \phi(\gamma_i) < F(\gamma_1) - (n - n_0)c, \quad n > n_0. \end{aligned}$$

Tending with  $n \rightarrow +\infty$  we get  $F(\gamma_n) \rightarrow - + \infty$  and, by (H2),  $\gamma_n \rightarrow 0$ . To show that  $\{y_n\}$  is the Cauchy sequence. Suppose on the contrary that  $\{y_n\}$  is not Cauchy. From (H1) the set  $\Delta$  of all discontinuity points of  $F$  is at most countable. There exists  $\varepsilon > 0$ ,  $\psi(\varepsilon) \notin \Delta$  such that for every  $k \geq 0$  we can find two subsequences  $\{y_{m_k}\}$  and  $\{y_{n_k}\}$  of  $\{y_n\}$  such that  $n_k$  is the smallest index for which

$$k \leq m_k < n_k \text{ and } \rho(y_{m_k}, y_{n_k}) > \varepsilon. \tag{2}$$

This means that

$$\rho(y_{m_k}, y_{n_k-1}) \leq \varepsilon. \tag{3}$$

By (H4) we have

$$F(\psi(\rho(Ax_{m_k}, Ax_{n_k}))) \leq F(\rho(Bx_{m_k}, Bx_{n_k})) - \phi(\rho(Bx_{m_k}, Bx_{n_k})).$$

Hence

$$F(\psi(\rho(y_{m_k}, y_{n_k}))) \leq F(\rho(y_{m_k-1}, y_{n_k-1})),$$

therefore,

$$\psi(\rho(y_{m_k}, y_{n_k})) \leq \rho(y_{m_k-1}, y_{n_k-1}).$$

From the rectangular inequality, we get

$$\begin{aligned} \psi(\varepsilon) &< \psi(\rho(y_{m_k}, y_{n_k})) \leq \rho(y_{m_k-1}, y_{n_k-1}) \\ &\leq \psi(\rho(y_{m_k-1}, y_{m_k})) + \psi(\rho(y_{m_k}, y_{n_k-1})) \\ &\leq \psi(\gamma_{m_k}) + \psi(\varepsilon). \end{aligned}$$

Taking the limit as  $k \rightarrow +\infty$ , we get

$$\lim_{k \rightarrow +\infty} \psi(\rho(y_{m_k}, y_{n_k})) = \lim_{k \rightarrow +\infty} \rho(y_{m_k-1}, y_{n_k-1}) = \psi(\varepsilon), \quad (4)$$

since  $\psi$  is continuous, we get

$$\lim_{k \rightarrow +\infty} \rho(y_{m_k}, y_{n_k}) = \varepsilon. \quad (5)$$

Finally observe that from (H4) we get

$$\begin{aligned} \phi(\rho(y_{m_k-1}, y_{n_k-1})) &= \phi(\rho(Bx_{m_k}, Bx_{n_k})) \\ &\leq F(\rho(Bx_{m_k}, Bx_{n_k})) - F(\psi(\rho(Ax_{m_k}, Ax_{n_k}))) \\ &= F(\rho(y_{m_k-1}, y_{n_k-1})) - F(\psi(\rho(y_{m_k}, y_{n_k}))), k \geq 0. \end{aligned}$$

Now, from the above inequality, using (2.4), (2.5) and the fact that  $F$  is continuous at  $\psi(\varepsilon)$  one gets

$$\begin{aligned} \liminf_{s \rightarrow \psi(\varepsilon)^+} \phi(s) &\leq \liminf_{k \rightarrow +\infty} \phi(\rho(y_{m_k-1}, y_{n_k-1})) \\ &\leq \lim_{k \rightarrow +\infty} [F(\rho(y_{m_k-1}, y_{n_k-1})) - F(\psi(\rho(y_{m_k}, y_{n_k})))] \\ &= F(\psi(\varepsilon)) - F(\psi(\varepsilon)) = 0, \end{aligned}$$

which contradicts (H3). Therefore  $\{y_n\}$  is Cauchy. The completeness of  $X$  there exist  $u \in X$  such that

$$\lim_{n \rightarrow +\infty} y_n = \lim_{n \rightarrow +\infty} Ax_n = \lim_{n \rightarrow +\infty} Bx_{n+1} = u.$$

Since  $B$  is surjective there exist  $v \in X$  such that  $Bv = u$ . Now, we show that  $Av = u$ . Suppose on the contrary that  $Av \neq u$ . We can find a subsequence  $\{y_{m_k}\}$  of  $\{y_n\}$  such that  $Av \neq y_{m_k} = Ax_{m_k}$ . For  $x = v, y = x_{m_k}$ , from (H4) we have

$$\begin{aligned} F(\psi(\rho(Av, Ax_{m_k}))) &\leq F(\rho(Bv, Bx_{m_k})) - \phi(\rho(Bv, Bx_{m_k})) \\ &\leq F(\rho(Bv, Bx_{m_k})). \end{aligned}$$

That is

$$\psi(\rho(Av, Ax_{m_k})) \leq \rho(Bv, Bx_{m_k}).$$

Tending  $k \rightarrow +\infty$  by Lemma 1.4 we get

$$\begin{aligned} \rho(Av, u) &= \psi(\psi^{-1}(\rho(Av, u))) \leq \limsup_{k \rightarrow +\infty} \psi(\rho(Av, Ax_{m_k})) \\ &\leq \limsup_{k \rightarrow +\infty} \rho(Bv, Bx_{m_k}) \\ &\leq \psi(\rho(Bv, u)) = \psi(0) = 0. \end{aligned}$$

Hence  $\rho(Av, u) = 0$ , that is  $A, B$  have a coincidence point.

Now, let  $B$  is bijection and let there exist  $u, v \in X$  such that  $Av = Bv$  and  $Au = Bu$ . To show that  $Av = Au$ . Suppose on the contrary that  $Av \neq Au$ . For  $x = v, y = u$ , from (H4) we get

$$\begin{aligned} F(\psi(\rho(Av, Au))) &\leq F(\rho(Bv, Bu)) - \phi(\rho(Bv, Bu)) \\ &< F(\rho(Bv, Bu)) = F(\rho(Av, Au)). \end{aligned}$$

That is

$$\psi(\rho(Av, Au)) < \rho(Av, Au),$$

which contradiction. Therefore,  $Av = Au$  so  $Bv = Bu$ , since  $B$  is one to one it follows that  $u = v$ . That is  $A, B$  have a unique coincidence point.  $\square$

For every  $b \geq 1$ , taking  $\psi(t) = bt$  in Theorem 2.1, one obtains the following Corollary.

**Corollary 2.1.** *Let  $(X, d)$  be a complete  $b$ -metric space for  $b \geq 1$  and let  $A, B : X \rightarrow X$  be  $(\phi, F)$ -contraction such that  $A(X) \subseteq B(X)$ .*

- (1) *If  $B$  is surjective then  $A, B$  have a coincidence point.*
- (2) *If  $B$  is bijection then  $A, B$  have a unique coincidence point.*

**Corollary 2.2.** *Let  $(X, \rho, \psi)$  be a complete expanded  $b$ -metric space and let  $A : X \rightarrow X$  be a  $(\phi, F)$ -contraction, then  $A$  has unique fixed point.*

*Proof.* It is enough set  $B = I$  identity map in Theorem 2.1.  $\square$

**Corollary 2.3.** *Let  $(X, \rho, \psi)$  be a complete expanded  $b$ -metric space and let  $T : X \rightarrow X$ . Suppose that there exists  $\lambda \in ]0, 1[$  such that*

$$\psi(\rho(Tx, Ty)) \leq \lambda \rho(x, y) \text{ for all } x, y \in X.$$

*Then  $T$  has unique fixed point.*

*Proof.* The result follows from Corollary 2.2, by taking as functions

$$F(t) = Ln(t) \text{ and } \phi(s) = -Ln(\lambda),$$

for all  $t, s > 0$ .  $\square$

**Example 2.1.** *Let  $X = [0, +\infty)$  and  $\rho : X \times X \rightarrow \mathbb{R}$  be defined by  $\rho(x, y) = \sinh |x - y|$ . If define  $\psi(t) = \sinh(2t)$ , then  $(X, \rho, \psi)$  is a complete expanded  $b$ -metric space. Define a mapping  $T : X \rightarrow X$  by  $Tx = \frac{1}{4} \sinh^{-1}(x)$ . By Lemma 1.1, for all  $x, y \in X$  with  $\frac{1}{2} \leq q < 1$ , we have*

$$\begin{aligned} \psi(\rho(Tx, Ty)) &= \sinh(2\rho(Tx, Ty)) \\ &= \sinh(2(\sinh |\frac{1}{4}(\sinh^{-1}(x) - \sinh^{-1}(y))|)) \\ &\leq \sinh(2(\frac{1}{4} \sinh(|\sinh^{-1}(x) - \sinh^{-1}(y)|))) \\ &\leq \sinh(\frac{1}{2}(\sinh(\sinh^{-1}(|x - y|)))) \\ &\leq \frac{1}{2} \sinh(|x - y|) \\ &\leq q\rho(x, y). \end{aligned}$$

*Hence, since all the conditions of Corollary 2.3 are satisfied, then  $T$  has a unique fixed point  $x = 0$ .*

The following corollary give Theorem of Dariusz Wardowski [11].



**Corollary 2.4.** *Let  $(X, d)$  be a complete metric space and let  $T : X \longrightarrow X$  be a  $(\phi, F)$ -contraction. Then  $T$  has unique fixed point.*

*Proof.* The result follows from Corollary 2.2, by taking as  $\psi(t) = t$ . □

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