



## Solving Integral Equations via Admissible Contraction Mappings

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**Abstract.** In this article, we introduce a new concept of admissible contraction and prove fixed point theorems which generalize Banach contraction principle in a different way more than in the known results from the literature. The article includes an example which shows the validity of our results, and additionally we obtain a solution of integral equation by admissible contraction mapping in the setting of b-metric spaces.

### 1. Introduction

Ciric [10] introduced the quasi-contraction and multivalued quasi-contractions and established fixed point results under these contractions. In 1989, Bakhtin [7] introduced the concept of b-metric space. Czerwik [12] first presented a generalization of the Banach fixed point theorem in b-metric spaces, which is a problem of the convergence of measurable functions concerning measure.

Using this idea, many researchers presented a generalization of the renowned Banach fixed point theorem in the b-metric space. Czerwik's [13], Audi, Bota and Karapinar [6], Sintunavaat, Plibtieng, and Katchang [34], Kir and Kiziltunc [22], Dubey, Shukla, and Dubey [14] extended the fixed point theorem in b-metric space. Latif et al. [23] explained Suzuki type theorems for nonlinear contraction conditions in the b-metric space configuration. Pant and Panicker [28] obtained some fixed point theorems for admissible mappings in b-metric space and also discussed an application to a nonlinear quadratic integral equation.

Many fixed point theorems, such as the well-known Geraghty and Ciric theorems on b-metric spaces by Mlaiki [27], were improved by his results. In recent years, many fixed point results for single-valued and multivalued operators in b-metric spaces have been extensively studied in [1, 4, 8, 15, 18, 19, 24, 25, 29, 32] and elsewhere. Alghamdi [2] was the first to talk about b-metric-like space as well as in a partially ordered b-metric-like space. Shukla [33] generalized both the concepts of b-metric and partial metric spaces by introducing the partial b-metric space and an analogy of the Banach contraction principle, as well as the Kannan type fixed point theorem in partial b-metric spaces, which he also proved. Chen, Dong, and Zhu [9] introduced the concept of quasi-b-metric-like spaces and some fixed point results are investigated in quasi-b-metric-like spaces. Many papers have dealt with fixed point for single and multivalued in b-metric-like spaces (see [20, 31]). In 2012, Samet et al. [30] initiated the concepts of  $\alpha$ -admissible mappings and

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established many fixed point results for such mappings defined on complete metric spaces. Afterward, Alsulami et al. [3] and Karapinar et al. [21] modified the notion of admissible mapping with contractions and integral types of generalized metric spaces. The idea of  $\alpha$ -admissible has been utilized by many researchers (see, [5, 11, 16, 17, 26, 35]).

In this article, using a mapping  $\zeta : \mathbf{R}_0^{+\omega} \rightarrow \mathbf{R}_0^+$ , we introduce a new type of contraction called  $\alpha - \zeta$ -contraction and prove a new fixed point theorem concerning  $\alpha - \zeta$ -contraction. The article includes the examples of  $\alpha - \zeta$ -contractions and give an integral equation application support by the nature of  $\alpha - \zeta$ -contractions.

## 2. Preliminaries

In this paper, we use the following notations. The sets of natural numbers, non-negative reals, and real numbers are denoted by  $\mathbb{N}$ ,  $\mathbf{R}_0^+$  and  $\mathbf{R}$ , respectively. Czerwik [7] formally defined the notion of a b-metric space as follows:

**Definition 2.1.** ([7]) Let  $\mathfrak{F} \neq \emptyset$ . We say that a mapping  $\mathcal{D} : \mathfrak{F} \times \mathfrak{F} \rightarrow \mathbf{R}_0^+$  is a b-metric if there exists a positive number  $\eta$  such that  $\forall \vartheta, \varsigma, \rho \in \mathfrak{F}$ ,

- ( $\mathcal{D}_1$ )  $\mathcal{D}(\vartheta, \varsigma) = 0 \iff \vartheta = \varsigma$ ;
- ( $\mathcal{D}_2$ )  $\mathcal{D}(\vartheta, \varsigma) = \mathcal{D}(\varsigma, \vartheta)$ ;
- ( $\mathcal{D}_3$ )  $\mathcal{D}(\vartheta, \rho) \leq \eta(\mathcal{D}(\vartheta, \varsigma) + \mathcal{D}(\varsigma, \rho))$ .

Then triplet  $(\mathfrak{F}, \mathcal{D}, \eta)$  is called a b-MS (shortly, b-MS).

The following is the main result in Aleksic [1].

**Theorem 2.2.** ([1]) Let  $(\mathfrak{F}, \mathcal{D})$  be a complete b-MS with a constant  $\eta \geq 1$ . If  $\mathbb{G} : \mathfrak{F} \rightarrow \mathfrak{F}$  satisfies the inequality:

$$\mathcal{D}(\mathbb{G}\vartheta, \mathbb{G}\varsigma) \leq \tau_1 \mathcal{D}(\vartheta, \varsigma) + \tau_2 \mathcal{D}(\vartheta, \mathbb{G}\vartheta) + \tau_3 \mathcal{D}(\varsigma, \mathbb{G}\varsigma) + \tau_4 \mathcal{D}(\vartheta, \mathbb{G}\varsigma) + \mathcal{D}(\mathbb{G}\vartheta, \varsigma),$$

where  $\tau_\kappa \geq 0$ ,  $\forall \kappa = 1, 2, 3, 4$  and  $\tau_1 + \tau_2 + \tau_3 + 2\tau_4 < 1$  for  $\eta \in [1, 2]$  and  $\frac{2}{\eta} < \tau_1 + \tau_2 + \tau_3 + 2\tau_4 < 1$ ,  $\forall \eta \in [3, +\infty)$ , then  $\mathbb{G}$  has a unique fixed point.

Kirk [22] initiated the following concepts as follows.

**Definition 2.3.** ([22]) Let  $\{\vartheta_v\}$  be a sequence in b-MS  $(\mathfrak{F}, \mathcal{D}, \eta \geq 1)$ .

(i) If for any positive number  $\xi$ , there exists  $v_0 \in \mathbb{N}$  such that  $\mathcal{D}(\vartheta_v, \vartheta_\omega) < \xi$ ,  $\forall v, \omega \geq v_0$ . Then the sequence  $\{\vartheta_v\}$  is called Cauchy sequence.

(ii) If there exists  $\hbar \in \mathfrak{F}$  such that any positive number  $\xi$ , there exists  $v_0 \in \mathbb{N}$  such that  $\mathcal{D}(\vartheta_v, \hbar) < \xi$ ,  $\forall v \geq v_0$ . Then, we say that the sequence  $\{\vartheta_v\}$  converges to  $\hbar$ .

**Definition 2.4.** ([22]) We say that a b-MS  $(\mathfrak{F}, \mathcal{D}, \eta \geq 1)$  is complete if every Cauchy sequence is convergent.

To prove our main results, we will use the following lemma in Latif [23], since b-metric is not continuous.

**Lemma 2.5.** ([23]) Suppose that any two sequences  $\{\vartheta_v\}$  and  $\{\varsigma_v\}$  in  $(\mathfrak{F}, \mathcal{D}, \eta \geq 1)$  converge to  $\vartheta$  and  $\varsigma \in \mathfrak{F}$ . Then

$$\eta^2 \mathcal{D}(\vartheta, \varsigma) \geq \limsup_{v \rightarrow +\infty} \mathcal{D}(\vartheta_v, \varsigma_v) \geq \liminf_{v \rightarrow +\infty} \mathcal{D}(\vartheta_v, \varsigma_v) \geq \frac{1}{\eta^2} \mathcal{D}(\vartheta, \varsigma).$$

Particularly, if  $\vartheta = \varsigma$ , then  $\lim_{v \rightarrow +\infty} \mathcal{D}(\vartheta_v, \varsigma_v) = 0$ . Moreover, for any  $\rho \in \mathfrak{F}$ , we obtain

$$\eta \mathcal{D}(\vartheta, \rho) \geq \limsup_{v \rightarrow +\infty} \mathcal{D}(\vartheta_v, \rho) \geq \liminf_{v \rightarrow +\infty} \mathcal{D}(\vartheta_v, \rho) \geq \frac{1}{\eta} \mathcal{D}(\vartheta, \rho).$$

In [25], Miculescu proved the following interesting results.

**Lemma 2.6.** ([25]) *For each sequence  $\{\vartheta_v\}$  of b-MS  $(\mathfrak{F}, \mathcal{D}, \eta \geq 1)$  is Cauchy if there exists  $\tau \in [0, 1)$  such that  $\mathcal{D}(\vartheta_v, \vartheta_{v+g}) \leq \tau \mathcal{D}(\vartheta_{v-g}, \vartheta_v), \forall v \in \mathbb{N}$ .*

In [20], Jain introduced the following notion of new contractive mapping.

**Definition 2.7.** ([20]) *For any  $\omega \in \mathbb{N}$ ,  $\mathbb{E}_\omega$  denote the family of all functions  $\zeta : \mathbf{R}_0^{+\omega} \rightarrow \mathbf{R}_0^+$  such that*  
 (i)  $\zeta(\omega_1, \omega_2, \omega_3, \dots, \omega_\omega) < \max\{\omega_1, \omega_2, \omega_3, \dots, \omega_\omega\}$  if  $(\omega_1, \omega_2, \omega_3, \dots, \omega_\omega) \neq (0, 0, 0, \dots, 0)$ ;  
 (ii) if  $\{\omega_\kappa^v\}_{v \in \mathbb{N}}, 1 \leq \kappa \leq \omega$  are  $\omega$  sequences in  $\mathbf{R}_0^+$  such that

$$\lim_{v \rightarrow +\infty} \sup \omega_\kappa^{(v)} = \omega_\kappa < +\infty, \forall \kappa = 1 \text{ to } \omega,$$

then

$$\lim_{v \rightarrow +\infty} \inf \zeta(\omega_1^v, \omega_2^v, \omega_3^v, \dots, \omega_\omega^v) \leq \zeta(\omega_1, \omega_2, \omega_3, \dots, \omega_\omega).$$

The following  $\alpha$ -admissible mapping was first initiated by Samet et al. [30].

**Definition 2.8.** *Let  $\mathfrak{F} \neq \emptyset$  and a mapping  $\alpha : \mathfrak{F} \times \mathfrak{F} \rightarrow \mathbf{R}_0^+$ . Then  $\mathbb{G}$  is said to be  $\alpha$ -admissible if  $(\vartheta, \varsigma) \in \mathfrak{F} \times \mathfrak{F}$ ,*

$$\alpha(\vartheta, \varsigma) \geq 1 \text{ implies } \alpha(\mathbb{G}\vartheta, \mathbb{G}\varsigma) \geq 1. \tag{1}$$

In this paper, we present the notion of admissible  $\zeta$ - contraction mapping of types, which includes the  $\zeta$ -contraction (resp.  $\zeta$ -contraction of types) of Jain et al. [20]. Utilizing this class of mapping, we establish approximate fixed point and fixed point theorems in the setting of b-metric and b-metric-like spaces.

### 3. Main Results

We introduce  $\alpha$ -admissible  $\zeta$ -contraction map of type-I motivated by Jain et al. [20] as follows.

**Definition 3.1.** *Let  $\mathbb{G}$  be a self-map on b-MS  $(\mathfrak{F}, \mathcal{D}, \eta \geq 1)$  and a mapping  $\alpha : \mathfrak{F} \times \mathfrak{F} \rightarrow \mathbf{R}_0^+$ . We say that  $\mathbb{G}$  is  $\zeta$ -contractive map of type-I if there exists  $\zeta \in \mathbb{E}_4$  and  $\forall \vartheta, \varsigma \in \mathfrak{F}$ ,*

$$\alpha(\vartheta, \varsigma) \mathcal{D}(\mathbb{G}\vartheta, \mathbb{G}\varsigma) \leq \frac{1}{\eta} \zeta(\vartheta, \varsigma), \tag{2}$$

where

$$\zeta(\vartheta, \varsigma) = \max\left(\mathcal{D}(\vartheta, \varsigma), \mathcal{D}(\vartheta, \mathbb{G}\vartheta), \mathcal{D}(\varsigma, \mathbb{G}\varsigma), \frac{\mathcal{D}(\vartheta, \mathbb{G}\varsigma) + \mathcal{D}(\mathbb{G}\vartheta, \varsigma)}{2\eta}\right).$$

In the following main theorem, Jain et al. [20] proved fixed point theorems in  $\zeta$ -contraction in b-metric space, we extend this our initiated admissible  $\zeta$ -contractive mapping of type - I in the setting of b-metric space.

**Theorem 3.2.** *Let  $\mathbb{G}$  be a self-map on complete b-MS  $(\mathfrak{F}, \mathcal{D}, \eta \geq 1)$  and let  $\alpha : \mathfrak{F} \times \mathfrak{F} \rightarrow \mathbf{R}_0^+$  be a function. Assume that the following conditions are true:*

- (i)  $\mathbb{G}$  is  $\alpha$ -admissible.
- (ii)  $\exists \vartheta_1 \in \mathfrak{F}$  such that  $\alpha(\vartheta_1, \mathbb{G}\vartheta_1) \geq 1$  and  $\alpha(\vartheta_1, \mathbb{G}^2\vartheta_1) \geq 1$ .
- (iii)

$$\alpha(\vartheta, \varsigma) \mathcal{D}(\mathbb{G}\vartheta, \mathbb{G}\varsigma) \leq \frac{1}{\eta} \zeta(\vartheta, \varsigma),$$

where  $\zeta(\vartheta, \varsigma) = \max\left(\mathcal{D}(\vartheta, \varsigma), \mathcal{D}(\vartheta, \mathbb{G}\vartheta), \mathcal{D}(\varsigma, \mathbb{G}\varsigma), \frac{\mathcal{D}(\vartheta, \mathbb{G}\varsigma) + \mathcal{D}(\mathbb{G}\vartheta, \varsigma)}{2\eta}\right), \forall \vartheta, \varsigma \in \mathfrak{F}$ .

Then,  $G$  has a unique fixed point.

*Proof.* Let  $\vartheta_1 \in \mathfrak{F}$  be such that  $\alpha(\vartheta_1, G\vartheta_1) \geq 1$  and  $\alpha(\vartheta_1, G^2\vartheta_1) \geq 1$ . Since Banach abstracted the fixed point theorem from the result of Picard, we define the Picard’s iterative sequence  $\{\vartheta_v\}$  in  $\mathfrak{F}$  by the rule  $\vartheta_v = G\vartheta_{v-1} = G^v\vartheta_1, \forall v \geq 1$ . Obviously, if there exists  $v_0 \geq 1$  for which  $G^{v_0}\vartheta_1 = G^{v_0+1}\vartheta_1$  then  $G^{v_0}\vartheta_1$  has a fixed point of  $G$ . Thus, we suppose that  $G^v\vartheta_1 \neq G^{v+1}\vartheta_1$  for every  $v \geq 1$ .

Since  $G$  is  $\alpha$ -admissible, the condition (ii) implies

$$\alpha(\vartheta_1, \vartheta_2) = \alpha(\vartheta_1, G\vartheta_1) \geq 1 \implies \alpha(G\vartheta_1, G\vartheta_2) = \alpha(\vartheta_2, \vartheta_3) \geq 1,$$

continuing in this way,

$$\alpha(\vartheta_v, \vartheta_{v+1}) \geq 1, \forall v \in \mathbb{N}.$$

In a similar way, starting with

$$\alpha(\vartheta_1, \vartheta_3) = \alpha(\vartheta_1, G^2\vartheta_1) \geq 1 \implies \alpha(G\vartheta_1, G\vartheta_3) = \alpha(\vartheta_2, \vartheta_4) \geq 1,$$

we deduce

$$\alpha(\vartheta_v, \vartheta_{v+2}) \geq 1, \forall v \in \mathbb{N}.$$

Assume that  $\vartheta_v \neq \vartheta_{v+1} \forall v \in \mathbb{N}$ . Now, we prove  $\{\vartheta_v\}$  is a Cauchy sequence. Let  $v \in \mathbb{N}$ . Consider

$$\begin{aligned} \mathcal{D}(\vartheta_v, \vartheta_{v+g}) &= \mathcal{D}(G^v\vartheta_1, G^{v+1}\vartheta_1) \\ &\leq \alpha(G^{v-1}\vartheta_1, G^v\vartheta_1)\mathcal{D}(G^{v-1}\vartheta_1, G^v\vartheta_1) \\ &\leq \frac{1}{\eta} \max\left(\mathcal{D}(G^{v-1}\vartheta_1, G^v\vartheta_1), \mathcal{D}(G^{v-1}\vartheta_1, G^v\vartheta_1), \mathcal{D}(G^v\vartheta_1, G^{v+1}\vartheta_1), \right. \\ &\quad \left. \frac{\mathcal{D}(G^{v-1}\vartheta_1, G^{v+1}\vartheta_1) + \mathcal{D}(G^v\vartheta_1, G^v\vartheta_1)}{2\eta}\right) \\ &= \frac{1}{\eta} \max\left(\mathcal{D}(G^{v-1}\vartheta_1, G^v\vartheta_1), \frac{\mathcal{D}(G^{v-1}\vartheta_1, G^{v+1}\vartheta_1)}{2\eta}\right) \\ &\leq \frac{1}{\eta} \max\left(\mathcal{D}(G^{v-1}\vartheta_1, G^v\vartheta_1), \frac{\mathcal{D}(G^{v-1}\vartheta_1, G^v\vartheta_1) + \mathcal{D}(G^v\vartheta_1, G^{v+1}\vartheta_1)}{2}\right) \\ &\leq \frac{1}{\eta} \max\left(\mathcal{D}(\vartheta_{v-1}, \vartheta_v), \frac{\mathcal{D}(\vartheta_{v-1}, \vartheta_v) + \mathcal{D}(\vartheta_v, \vartheta_{v+1})}{2}\right), \end{aligned} \tag{3}$$

by (3) implies that

$$\mathcal{D}(\vartheta_v, \vartheta_{v+g}) < \frac{1}{\eta} \mathcal{D}(\vartheta_{v-g}, \vartheta_v), \forall v \geq 1. \tag{4}$$

**Case 1:** If  $\eta > 1$ , then, the sequence  $\{\vartheta_v\}$  is Cauchy, by Lemma 2.6 in view of equation (4).

**Case 2:** If  $\eta = 1$ , then, by equation (4), we get monotonically decreasing and bounded below sequence  $\{\mathcal{D}(\vartheta_v, \vartheta_{v+g})\}$ . Now, we obtain,  $\mathcal{D}(\vartheta_v, \vartheta_{v+g}) \rightarrow b$  for some  $b \geq 0$ . Suppose that  $b > 0$  now, taking  $\lim_{v \rightarrow +\infty}$  in (3),

we have  $b \leq \zeta(b, b, b, b')$ , where

$$b' = \limsup_{v \rightarrow +\infty} \frac{\mathcal{D}(\vartheta_{v-g}, \vartheta_{v+g})}{2} \leq \limsup_{v \rightarrow +\infty} \frac{\mathcal{D}(\vartheta_{v-g}, \vartheta_v) + \mathcal{D}(\vartheta_v, \vartheta_{v+g})}{2}.$$

Now,  $b \leq \zeta(b, b, b, b') < \max(b, b, b, b') = b$ , which is a contradiction, therefore,

$$\lim_{v \rightarrow +\infty} \mathcal{D}(\vartheta_v, \vartheta_{v+g}) = 0. \tag{5}$$

On contrary, we assume that the sequence  $\{\vartheta_v\}$  is not Cauchy, then  $\exists \xi > 0$  and sequences  $\{\omega_n\}, \{v_n\}; \omega_n > v_n \geq n$  such that

$$\mathcal{D}(\vartheta_{\omega_n}, \vartheta_{v_n}) \geq \xi. \quad (6)$$

Now, take  $\omega_n > v_n$  such that equation (6) holds. Then,

$$\begin{aligned} \xi &\leq \mathcal{D}(\vartheta_{\omega_n}, \vartheta_{v_n}) \\ &\leq \mathcal{D}(\vartheta_{\omega_n}, \vartheta_{\omega_{n-g}}) + \mathcal{D}(\vartheta_{\omega_{n-g}}, \vartheta_{v_n}) \\ &< \mathcal{D}(\vartheta_{\omega_n}, \vartheta_{v_{n-g}}) + \xi \\ &< \mathcal{D}(\vartheta_n, \vartheta_{n-g}) + \xi, \end{aligned}$$

thus, taking  $\lim n \rightarrow +\infty$  and by (4), we get

$$\lim_{n \rightarrow +\infty} \mathcal{D}(\vartheta_{\omega_n}, \vartheta_v) = \xi. \quad (7)$$

Now, consider

$$\begin{aligned} \mathcal{D}(\vartheta_{\omega_{n+1}}, \vartheta_{v_{n+1}}) &\leq \alpha(\vartheta_{\omega_n}, \vartheta_{v_n}) \mathcal{D}(\mathbb{G}\vartheta_{\omega_n}, \mathbb{G}\vartheta_{v_n}) \\ &\leq \max\left(\mathcal{D}(\vartheta_{\omega_n}, \vartheta_{v_n}), \mathcal{D}(\vartheta_{\omega_n}, \vartheta_{\omega_{n+1}}), \mathcal{D}(\vartheta_{v_n}, \vartheta_{v_{n+1}}), \frac{\mathcal{D}(\vartheta_{\omega_n}, \vartheta_{v_{n+1}}) + \mathcal{D}(\vartheta_{\omega_{n+1}}, \vartheta_{v_n})}{2}\right). \end{aligned}$$

Therefore, we have

$$\begin{aligned} \mathcal{D}(\vartheta_{\omega_n}, \vartheta_{v_n}) &\leq \mathcal{D}(\vartheta_{\omega_n}, \vartheta_{\omega_{n+1}}) + \mathcal{D}(\vartheta_{\omega_{n+1}}, \vartheta_{v_{n+1}}) + \mathcal{D}(\vartheta_{v_{n+1}}, \vartheta_{v_n}) \\ &\leq \mathcal{D}(\vartheta_{\omega_n}, \vartheta_{\omega_{n+1}}) + \mathcal{D}(\vartheta_{v_{n+1}}, \vartheta_{v_n}) \\ &\quad + \max\left(\mathcal{D}(\vartheta_{\omega_n}, \vartheta_{v_n}), \mathcal{D}(\vartheta_{\omega_n}, \vartheta_{\omega_{n+1}}), \mathcal{D}(\vartheta_{v_n}, \vartheta_{v_{n+1}}), \frac{\mathcal{D}(\vartheta_{\omega_n}, \vartheta_{v_{n+1}}) + \mathcal{D}(\vartheta_{\omega_{n+1}}, \vartheta_{v_n})}{2}\right). \end{aligned}$$

From the above, setting  $\liminf_{n \rightarrow +\infty}$  and using equations (5) and (7). Thus, we get  $\xi \leq 0 + 0 + \zeta(\xi, 0, 0, \xi')$ , where

$$\begin{aligned} \xi' &= \limsup_{n \rightarrow +\infty} \frac{\mathcal{D}(\vartheta_{\omega_n}, \vartheta_{v_{n+1}}) + \mathcal{D}(\vartheta_{\omega_{n+1}}, \vartheta_{v_n})}{2} \\ &\leq \limsup_{n \rightarrow +\infty} \frac{\mathcal{D}(\vartheta_{\omega_n}, \vartheta_{v_n}) + \mathcal{D}(\vartheta_{\omega_n}, \vartheta_{v_{n+1}}) + \mathcal{D}(\vartheta_{\omega_{n+1}}, \vartheta_{\omega_n}) + \mathcal{D}(\vartheta_{\omega_n}, \vartheta_{v_n})}{2} \\ &= \frac{\xi + 0 + 0 + \xi}{2} \\ &= \xi. \end{aligned}$$

Thus,  $\xi \leq \zeta(\xi, 0, 0, \xi') < \max\{\xi, 0, 0, \xi'\} = \xi$ , a contradiction. Thus, the Cauchy sequence  $\{\vartheta_v\}$  in  $\mathfrak{b}\text{-MS}$   $(\mathfrak{F}, \mathcal{D}, \eta \geq 1)$  is complete. Therefore,  $\exists \vartheta \in \mathfrak{F}$  such that  $\vartheta_v \rightarrow \vartheta$ .

Consider

$$\begin{aligned} \mathcal{D}(\mathbb{G}\vartheta_v, \mathbb{G}\vartheta) &\leq \alpha(\vartheta_v, \vartheta) \mathcal{D}(\mathbb{G}\vartheta_v, \mathbb{G}\vartheta) \\ &\leq \frac{1}{\eta} \max\left(\mathcal{D}(\vartheta_v, \vartheta), \mathcal{D}(\vartheta_v, \mathbb{G}\vartheta_v), \mathcal{D}(\vartheta, \mathbb{G}\vartheta), \frac{\mathcal{D}(\vartheta_v, \mathbb{G}\vartheta) + \mathcal{D}(\vartheta, \mathbb{G}\vartheta_v)}{2\eta}\right), \end{aligned}$$

which implies that

$$\begin{aligned} \mathcal{D}(\vartheta_{v+1}, \mathbb{G}\vartheta) &= \mathcal{D}(\mathbb{G}\vartheta_v, \mathbb{G}\vartheta) \\ &\leq \alpha(\vartheta_v, \vartheta) \mathcal{D}(\mathbb{G}\vartheta_v, \mathbb{G}\vartheta) \\ &\leq \frac{1}{\eta} \max\left(\mathcal{D}(\vartheta_v, \vartheta), \mathcal{D}(\vartheta_v, \mathbb{G}\vartheta_{v+1}), \mathcal{D}(\vartheta, \mathbb{G}\vartheta), \frac{\mathcal{D}(\vartheta_v, \mathbb{G}\vartheta) + \mathcal{D}(\vartheta, \mathbb{G}\vartheta_v)}{2\eta}\right). \end{aligned}$$

From the above inequality taking  $\liminf v \rightarrow +\infty$  and by Lemma 2.5, we get

$$\frac{1}{\eta} \mathcal{D}(\vartheta, G\vartheta) \leq \frac{1}{\eta} \max(0, 0, \mathcal{D}(\vartheta, G\vartheta), \hbar),$$

i.e.,

$$\mathcal{D}(\vartheta, G\vartheta) \leq \max(0, 0, \mathcal{D}(\vartheta, G\vartheta), \hbar),$$

where

$$\hbar = \limsup_{v \rightarrow +\infty} \frac{\mathcal{D}(\vartheta_v, G\vartheta) + \mathcal{D}(\vartheta, G\vartheta_v)}{2\eta} \leq \limsup_{v \rightarrow +\infty} \frac{s\mathcal{D}(\vartheta, G\vartheta) + 0}{2\eta} = \frac{\mathcal{D}(\vartheta, G\vartheta)}{2}.$$

Thus

$$\mathcal{D}(\vartheta, G\vartheta) \leq \zeta(0, 0, \mathcal{D}(\vartheta, G\vartheta), \hbar) < \max\{0, 0, \mathcal{D}(\vartheta, G\vartheta), \hbar\} = \mathcal{D}(\vartheta, G\vartheta),$$

which is a contradiction. Hence  $G\vartheta = \vartheta$ .

Suppose that  $\vartheta, \varsigma$  are two fixed points of  $G$  such that  $G\vartheta = \vartheta \neq \varsigma = G\varsigma$ . Then, for all  $\vartheta, \varsigma \in \mathfrak{F}$  such that  $\alpha(\vartheta, \varsigma) \geq 1$ . If  $\mathcal{D}(\vartheta, \varsigma) > 0$  then, by the contractive condition (iii) with the fixed points  $\vartheta$  and  $\varsigma$  yields

$$\begin{aligned} \mathcal{D}(\vartheta, \varsigma) &= \alpha(\vartheta, \varsigma) \mathcal{D}(G\vartheta, G\varsigma) \leq \frac{1}{\eta} \max\left(\mathcal{D}(\vartheta, \varsigma), \mathcal{D}(\vartheta, G\vartheta), \mathcal{D}(\varsigma, G\varsigma), \frac{\mathcal{D}(\vartheta, G\varsigma) + \mathcal{D}(\varsigma, G\vartheta)}{2\eta}\right) \\ &\leq \frac{1}{\eta} \max\left(\mathcal{D}(\vartheta, \varsigma), 0, 0, \frac{\mathcal{D}(\vartheta, \varsigma)}{\eta}\right) \\ &< \frac{1}{\eta} \max\left\{\mathcal{D}(\vartheta, \varsigma), 0, 0, \frac{\mathcal{D}(\vartheta, \varsigma)}{\eta}\right\} \\ &= \frac{\mathcal{D}(\vartheta, \varsigma)}{\eta}, \end{aligned}$$

which is a contradiction. Therefore,  $\vartheta = \varsigma$ .  $\square$

Now, the following corollary is an extension of Theorem 3.2.

**Corollary 3.3.** Let  $G$  be a self-map on complete  $b$ -MS  $(\mathfrak{F}, \mathcal{D}, \eta \geq 1)$  and let  $\alpha : \mathfrak{F} \times \mathfrak{F} \rightarrow \mathbf{R}_0^+$  be a function. Suppose that there exists  $q \in [0, \frac{1}{\eta})$  such that the following assumptions are true:

- (i)  $G$  is  $\alpha$ -admissible;
- (ii)  $\exists \vartheta_1 \in \mathfrak{F}$  such that  $\alpha(\vartheta_1, G\vartheta_1) \geq 1$  and  $\alpha(\vartheta_1, G^2\vartheta_1) \geq 1$ ;
- (iii)

$$\alpha(\vartheta, \varsigma) \mathcal{D}(G\vartheta, G\varsigma) \leq q \max\left\{\mathcal{D}(\vartheta, \varsigma), \mathcal{D}(\vartheta, G\vartheta), \mathcal{D}(\varsigma, G\varsigma), \frac{\mathcal{D}(\vartheta, G\varsigma) + \mathcal{D}(G\vartheta, \varsigma)}{2\eta}\right\}, \quad \forall \vartheta, \varsigma \in \mathfrak{F} \quad (8)$$

Then,  $G$  has a unique fixed point.

*Proof.* Let  $\zeta \in \mathbb{E}_4$  be defined by  $\zeta(\omega_1, \omega_2, \omega_3, \omega_4) = \zeta \eta \max\{\omega_1, \omega_2, \omega_3, \omega_4\}$ . Then  $G$  has a unique fixed point by Theorem 3.2.  $\square$

We see that all conditions are satisfied in Theorem 3.2, but it is not applicable in Corollary 3.3.

**Example 3.4.** Let  $\mathfrak{F} = \left\{ \frac{1}{\sqrt{v}} : v \in \mathbf{N} \cup \{0\} \right\}$ . Define  $\mathcal{D} : \mathfrak{F} \times \mathfrak{F} \rightarrow \mathbf{R}_0^+$  by  $\mathcal{D}(\vartheta, \varsigma) = |\vartheta - \varsigma|^2, \forall \vartheta, \varsigma \in \mathfrak{F}$ . Then  $\mathcal{D}$  is a  $b$ -metric on  $\mathfrak{F}$  with  $\eta = 2$ . A self-map  $G$  on  $\mathfrak{F}$  defined by

$$G\left(\frac{1}{\sqrt{v}}\right) = \frac{1}{\sqrt{2(v+1)}}, \quad \forall v \in \mathbf{N} \text{ and } G(0) = 0.$$

Define

$$\zeta(\omega_1, \omega_2, \omega_3, \omega_4) = \begin{cases} \frac{\max\{\omega_1, \omega_2, \omega_3, \omega_4\}}{1+\omega_1}, & \text{if } \omega_1 > 0, \\ \frac{1}{2} \max\{\omega_1, \omega_2, \omega_3, \omega_4\}, & \text{otherwise.} \end{cases}$$

and define  $\alpha : \mathfrak{F} \times \mathfrak{F} \rightarrow \mathbf{R}_0^+$  by

$$\alpha(\vartheta, \varsigma) = \begin{cases} 1, & \text{if } \vartheta \leq \varsigma \text{ or } \varsigma \leq \vartheta, \\ 0, & \text{if otherwise.} \end{cases}$$

Now, for all  $\vartheta, \varsigma \in \mathfrak{F}$ , condition (iii) of Theorem 3.2 is satisfied, and all conditions of Theorem 3.2 are satisfied. However, if (8) is satisfied, then, we have

$$\alpha(\vartheta, \varsigma)\mathfrak{D}(\mathbf{G}\vartheta, \mathbf{G}\varsigma) \leq q\mathbb{N}(\vartheta, \varsigma), \quad \forall \vartheta, \varsigma \in \mathfrak{F},$$

where  $\mathbb{N}(\vartheta, \varsigma) = \max\{\mathfrak{D}(\vartheta, \varsigma), \mathfrak{D}(\vartheta, \mathbf{G}\vartheta), \mathfrak{D}(\varsigma, \mathbf{G}\varsigma), \frac{\mathfrak{D}(\vartheta, \mathbf{G}\varsigma) + \mathfrak{D}(\mathbf{G}\vartheta, \varsigma)}{2\eta}\}$ . So, in particular, we have

$$\alpha\left(\frac{1}{\sqrt{v}}, \frac{1}{\sqrt{\omega}}\right)\mathfrak{D}\left(\frac{1}{\sqrt{2(v+1)}}, \frac{1}{\sqrt{2(\omega+1)}}\right) \leq q\mathbb{N}\left(\frac{1}{\sqrt{v}}, \frac{1}{\sqrt{\omega}}\right), \quad \forall \omega, v \in \mathbb{N}, \omega \neq v,$$

i.e.,

$$\frac{\left|\frac{1}{\sqrt{2(v+1)}}, \frac{1}{\sqrt{2(\omega+1)}}\right|^2}{\mathbb{N}\left(\frac{1}{\sqrt{v}}, \frac{1}{\sqrt{\omega}}\right)} \leq 2q, \quad \forall \omega, v \in \mathbb{N}, \omega \neq v.$$

In the above inequality, take  $\lim v, \omega \rightarrow +\infty$ , we have  $2q \geq 1$ , a contradiction. Thus, this example is not applied for Corollary 3.3.

### 3.1. Second Main Result

We introduce the another concept of  $\alpha$ -admissible  $\zeta$ -contraction mapping of type-II motivated by Jain et al. [20] as follows.

**Definition 3.5.** Let  $\mathbf{G}$  be a self-map on  $\mathfrak{b}$ -MS  $(\mathfrak{F}, \mathfrak{D}, \eta \geq 1)$  and a mapping  $\alpha : \mathfrak{F} \times \mathfrak{F} \rightarrow \mathbf{R}_0^+$ . We say that  $\mathbf{G}$  is  $\zeta$ -contractive map of type-II if there exists  $\zeta \in \mathbb{E}_5$ ,

$$\alpha(\vartheta, \varsigma)\mathfrak{D}(\mathbf{G}\vartheta, \mathbf{G}\varsigma) \leq \frac{1}{\eta}\zeta(\vartheta, \varsigma), \quad \forall \vartheta, \varsigma \in \mathfrak{F}, \tag{9}$$

where  $\zeta(\vartheta, \varsigma) = \max\left(\mathfrak{D}(\vartheta, \varsigma), \mathfrak{D}(\vartheta, \mathbf{G}\vartheta), \mathfrak{D}(\varsigma, \mathbf{G}\varsigma), \frac{\mathfrak{D}(\vartheta, \mathbf{G}\varsigma)}{2\eta}, \mathfrak{D}(\mathbf{G}\vartheta, \varsigma)\right)$ .

In a similar way, the proof of our succeeding results proceeds as the proof of Theorem 3.2.

**Theorem 3.6.** Let  $\mathbf{G}$  be a self-map on complete  $\mathfrak{b}$ -MS  $(\mathfrak{F}, \mathfrak{D}, \eta \geq 1)$  and  $\alpha : \mathfrak{F} \times \mathfrak{F} \rightarrow \mathbf{R}_0^+$  be a function. Assume that the following conditions are true:

- (i)  $\mathbf{G}$  is  $\alpha$ -admissible;
- (ii)  $\exists \vartheta_1 \in \mathfrak{F}$  such that  $\alpha(\vartheta_1, \mathbf{G}\vartheta_1) \geq 1$  and  $\alpha(\vartheta_1, \mathbf{G}^2\vartheta_1) \geq 1$ ;
- (iii)

$$\alpha(\vartheta, \varsigma)\mathfrak{D}(\mathbf{G}\vartheta, \mathbf{G}\varsigma) \leq \frac{1}{\eta}\zeta(\vartheta, \varsigma), \quad \forall \vartheta, \varsigma \in \mathfrak{F},$$

where  $\zeta(\vartheta, \varsigma) = \max\left(\mathfrak{D}(\vartheta, \varsigma), \mathfrak{D}(\vartheta, \mathbf{G}\vartheta), \mathfrak{D}(\varsigma, \mathbf{G}\varsigma), \frac{\mathfrak{D}(\vartheta, \mathbf{G}\varsigma)}{2\eta}, \mathfrak{D}(\mathbf{G}\vartheta, \varsigma)\right)$ .

Then,  $G$  has a unique fixed point.

**Corollary 3.7.** Let  $G$  be a self-map on complete  $b$ -MS  $(\mathfrak{F}, \mathcal{D}, \eta \geq 1)$  and  $\alpha : \mathfrak{F} \times \mathfrak{F} \rightarrow \mathbf{R}_0^+$  be a function. Assume that there exists  $q \in [0, \frac{1}{\eta})$  such that the following results are true:

- (i)  $G$  is  $\alpha$ -admissible;
- (ii)  $\exists \vartheta_1 \in \mathfrak{F}$  such that  $\alpha(\vartheta_1, G\vartheta_1) \geq 1$  and  $\alpha(\vartheta_1, G^2\vartheta_1) \geq 1$ ;
- (iii)

$$\alpha(\vartheta, \varsigma)\mathcal{D}(G\vartheta, G\varsigma) \leq q \max\left(\mathcal{D}(\vartheta, \varsigma), \mathcal{D}(\vartheta, G\vartheta), \mathcal{D}(\varsigma, G\varsigma), \frac{\mathcal{D}(\vartheta, G\varsigma)}{2\eta}, \mathcal{D}(G\vartheta, \varsigma)\right), \forall \vartheta, \varsigma \in \mathfrak{F}.$$

Then,  $G$  has a unique fixed point.

*Proof.* Let  $\zeta$  in  $\mathbb{E}_5$  defined by  $\zeta(\omega_1, \omega_2, \omega_3, \omega_4, \omega_5) = \zeta\eta \max\{\omega_1, \omega_2, \omega_3, \omega_4, \omega_5\}$ . Then, by Theorem 3.6,  $G$  has a unique fixed point.  $\square$

**Corollary 3.8.** Let  $G$  be a self-map on complete  $b$ -MS  $(\mathfrak{F}, \mathcal{D}, \eta \geq 1)$  and  $\alpha : \mathfrak{F} \times \mathfrak{F} \rightarrow \mathbf{R}_0^+$  be a function. Assume the following conditions are true:

- (i)  $G$  is  $\alpha$ -admissible;
- (ii)  $\exists \vartheta_1 \in \mathfrak{F}$  such that  $\alpha(\vartheta_1, G\vartheta_1) \geq 1$  and  $\alpha(\vartheta_1, G^2\vartheta_1) \geq 1$ ;
- (iii)  $\forall \vartheta, \varsigma \in \mathfrak{F}$ ,

$$\alpha(\vartheta, \varsigma)\mathcal{D}(G\vartheta, G\varsigma) \leq \tau_1\mathcal{D}(\vartheta, \varsigma) + \tau_2\mathcal{D}(\vartheta, G\vartheta) + \tau_3\mathcal{D}(\varsigma, G\varsigma) + \tau_4\mathcal{D}(\vartheta, G\varsigma) + \tau_5\mathcal{D}(G\vartheta, \varsigma), \tag{10}$$

where  $\tau_1 + \tau_2 + \tau_3 + \delta\eta\tau_4 + \tau_5 < \frac{1}{\eta}$  and  $\tau_k \geq 0, \forall k = 1$  to 5.

Then,  $G$  has a unique fixed point.

*Proof.* Let  $\zeta$  in  $\mathbb{E}_5$  defined by  $\zeta(\omega_1, \omega_2, \omega_3, \omega_4, \omega_5) = \eta(\tau_1\mathcal{D}(\vartheta, \varsigma) + \tau_2\mathcal{D}(\vartheta, G\vartheta) + \tau_3\mathcal{D}(\varsigma, G\varsigma) + \tau_4\mathcal{D}(\vartheta, G\varsigma) + \tau_5\mathcal{D}(G\vartheta, \varsigma))$ . Then, by Theorem 3.6,  $G$  has a unique fixed point.  $\square$

We prove some fixed point results for  $\alpha$ -admissible  $\zeta$ -contractive mappings in  $b$ -metric-like spaces, inspired by the work in [18,19].

#### 4. Fixed Point Results in $b$ -MLSs

In 2014, Shukla [33] initiated the partial  $b$ -metric.

**Definition 4.1.** [33] Let  $\mathfrak{F} \neq \emptyset$ . Then, we say that a mapping  $\mathcal{D} : \mathfrak{F} \times \mathfrak{F} \rightarrow \mathbf{R}_0^+$  is partial  $b$ -metric if there exists a positive number  $\eta$  such that  $\forall \vartheta, \varsigma, \rho \in \mathfrak{F}$ ,

- (pb<sub>1</sub>)  $\mathcal{D}(\vartheta, \varsigma) = 0 \iff \mathcal{D}(\vartheta, \vartheta) = \mathcal{D}(\vartheta, \varsigma) = \mathcal{D}(\varsigma, \varsigma)$ ;
- (pb<sub>2</sub>)  $\mathcal{D}(\vartheta, \vartheta) \leq \mathcal{D}(\vartheta, \varsigma)$ ;
- (pb<sub>3</sub>)  $\mathcal{D}(\vartheta, \varsigma) = \mathcal{D}(\varsigma, \vartheta)$ ;
- (pb<sub>4</sub>)  $\mathcal{D}(\vartheta, \rho) \leq \eta(\mathcal{D}(\vartheta, \varsigma) + \mathcal{D}(\varsigma, \rho)) - \mathcal{D}(\varsigma, \varsigma)$ .

Then, the triplet  $(\mathfrak{F}, \mathcal{D}, \eta)$  is said to be a partial  $b$ -MS.

In 2013, Alghamdi [2] initiated the concept of  $b$ -metric-like space.

**Definition 4.2.** [2] Let  $\mathfrak{F} \neq \emptyset$ . Then, we say that a mapping  $\mathcal{D} : \mathfrak{F} \times \mathfrak{F} \rightarrow \mathbf{R}_0^+$  is  $b$ -metric-like if there exists a positive number  $\eta$  such that  $\forall \vartheta, \varsigma, \rho \in \mathfrak{F}$ ,

- (bml<sub>1</sub>)  $\mathcal{D}(\vartheta, \varsigma) = 0 \iff \vartheta = \varsigma$ ;
- (bml<sub>2</sub>)  $\mathcal{D}(\vartheta, \varsigma) = \mathcal{D}(\varsigma, \vartheta)$ ;



$$(bml_3) \quad \mathcal{D}(\vartheta, \varrho) \leq \eta(\mathcal{D}(\vartheta, \varsigma) + \mathcal{D}(\varsigma, \varrho)).$$

Then, the triplet  $(\mathfrak{F}, \mathcal{D}, \eta)$  is called a *b-metric-like space* (shortly, *b-MLS*).

**Definition 4.3.** [9] Let  $\{\vartheta_v\}$  be a sequence in *b-MLS*  $(\mathfrak{F}, \mathcal{D}, \eta \geq 1)$ . We say that a point  $\vartheta \in \mathfrak{F}$  is the limit point of  $\{\vartheta_v\}$  if  $\lim_{v \rightarrow +\infty} \mathcal{D}(\vartheta, \vartheta_v) = \mathcal{D}(\vartheta, \vartheta)$ , and the sequence  $\{\vartheta_v\}$  is said to be convergent to  $\vartheta$  and it is denoted  $\vartheta_v \rightarrow \vartheta$  as  $v \rightarrow +\infty$ .

**Definition 4.4.** [9]

- (i) A sequence  $\{\vartheta_v\}$  in a *b-MLS*  $(\mathfrak{F}, \mathcal{D}, \eta \geq 1)$  is said to be Cauchy sequence if  $\lim_{v, \omega \rightarrow +\infty} \mathcal{D}(\vartheta_v, \vartheta_\omega)$  exists and is finite.
- (ii) A *b-MLS*  $(\mathfrak{F}, \mathcal{D}, \eta \geq 1)$  is called complete if for each Cauchy sequence  $\{\vartheta_v\}$  in  $\mathfrak{F}$  converges to  $\vartheta \in \mathfrak{F}$ . i.e.,

$$\lim_{v, \omega \rightarrow +\infty} \mathcal{D}(\vartheta_v, \vartheta_\omega) = \mathcal{D}(\vartheta, \vartheta) = \lim_{v \rightarrow +\infty} \mathcal{D}(\vartheta_v, \vartheta).$$

The following proposition used by Alghamdi [2] for proving fixed point result.

**Proposition 4.5.** [2] A sequence  $\{\vartheta_v\}$  in *b-MLS*  $(\mathfrak{F}, \mathcal{D}, \eta \geq 1)$  such that  $\lim_{v \rightarrow +\infty} \mathcal{D}(\vartheta_v, \vartheta) = 0$ , for some  $\vartheta \in \mathfrak{F}$ . Then,

- (i)  $\vartheta$  is unique.
- (ii)  $\frac{1}{\eta} \mathcal{D}(\vartheta, \varsigma) \leq \lim_{v \rightarrow +\infty} \mathcal{D}(\vartheta_v, \varsigma) \leq \eta \mathcal{D}(\vartheta, \varsigma)$  for all  $\varsigma \in \mathfrak{F}$ .

In 2019, Sen [31] introduced the following lemma.

**Lemma 4.6.** [31] A sequence  $\{\vartheta_v\}$  in *b-MLS*  $(\mathfrak{F}, \mathcal{D}, \eta \geq 1)$  such that for some  $\tau \in [0, 1)$ ,

$$\mathcal{D}(\vartheta_v, \vartheta_{v+1}) \leq \tau \mathcal{D}(\vartheta_{v-1}, \vartheta_v), \quad \forall v \in \mathbb{N}.$$

Then, the sequence  $\{\vartheta_v\}$  is Cauchy with  $\lim_{v, \omega \rightarrow +\infty} \mathcal{D}(\vartheta_v, \vartheta_\omega) = 0$ .

Now, we extend Theorem 3.2 in the framework of admissible  $\zeta$ -contraction in *b-metric-like space* and provide a supporting example at the end of the proof.

**Theorem 4.7.** Let  $G$  be a self-map on complete *b-MS*  $(\mathfrak{F}, \mathcal{D}, \eta \geq 1)$  and  $\alpha : \mathfrak{F} \times \mathfrak{F} \rightarrow \mathbf{R}_0^+$  be a mapping. Assume that there exists  $\zeta \in \mathbb{E}_4$  such that the following assumptions are true:

- (i)  $G$  is  $\alpha$ -admissible;
- (ii)  $\exists \vartheta_1 \in \mathfrak{F}$  such that  $\alpha(\vartheta_1, G\vartheta_1) \geq 1$  and  $\alpha(\vartheta_1, G^2\vartheta_1) \geq 1$ ;
- (iii)

$$\alpha(\vartheta, \varsigma) \mathcal{D}(G\vartheta, G\varsigma) \leq \frac{1}{\eta} \zeta(\vartheta, \varsigma), \quad \forall \vartheta, \varsigma \in \mathfrak{F},$$

where

$$\zeta(\vartheta, \varsigma) = \max\left(\mathcal{D}(\vartheta, \varsigma), \mathcal{D}(\vartheta, G\vartheta), \mathcal{D}(\varsigma, G\varsigma), \frac{\mathcal{D}(\vartheta, G\varsigma) + \mathcal{D}(G\vartheta, \varsigma) - \mathcal{D}(\varsigma, \varsigma)}{2\eta}\right)$$

Then,  $G$  has a unique fixed point.

*Proof.* Let  $\vartheta_1 \in \mathfrak{F}$  be such that  $\alpha(\vartheta_1, G\vartheta_1) \geq 1$  and  $\alpha(\vartheta_1, G^2\vartheta_1) \geq 1$ . We define the iterative sequence  $\{\vartheta_v\}$  in  $\mathfrak{F}$  by the rule  $\vartheta_v = G\vartheta_{v-1} = G^v\vartheta_1, \forall v \geq 1$ . Obviously, if there exists  $v_0 \geq 1$  for which  $G^{v_0}\vartheta_1 = G^{v_0+1}\vartheta_1$ , then  $G^{v_0}\vartheta_1$  has a fixed point of  $G$ . Thus, suppose  $G^v\vartheta_1 \neq G^{v+1}\vartheta_1$  for every  $v \geq 1$ .

Since  $G$  is  $\alpha$ -admissible, the condition (ii) implies

$$\alpha(\vartheta_1, \vartheta_2) = \alpha(\vartheta_1, G\vartheta_1) \geq 1 \implies \alpha(G\vartheta_1, G\vartheta_2) = \alpha(\vartheta_2, \vartheta_3) \geq 1,$$

continuing in this way,

$$\alpha(\vartheta_v, \vartheta_{v+1}) \geq 1, \forall v \in \mathbb{N}.$$

In a similar way, starting with

$$\alpha(\vartheta_1, \vartheta_3) = \alpha(\vartheta_1, G^2\vartheta_1) \geq 1 \implies \alpha(G\vartheta_1, G\vartheta_3) = \alpha(\vartheta_2, \vartheta_4) \geq 1,$$

we deduce

$$\alpha(\vartheta_v, \vartheta_{v+2}) \geq 1, \forall v \in \mathbb{N}.$$

Assume that  $\vartheta_v \neq \vartheta_{v+1} \forall v \in \mathbb{N}$ . Now, we prove the sequence  $\{\vartheta_v\}$  is Cauchy. Let  $v \in \mathbb{N}$ . Now,

$$\varnothing(\vartheta_{v-1}, G\vartheta_v) + \varnothing(G\vartheta_{v-1}, \vartheta_v) = \varnothing(\vartheta_{v-1}, \vartheta_{v+1}) + \varnothing(\vartheta_v, \vartheta_v) \geq \varnothing(\vartheta_v, \vartheta_v);$$

therefore, using (12), we have

$$\begin{aligned} \varnothing(\vartheta_v, \vartheta_{v+g}) &= \varnothing(G^v\vartheta_1, G^{v+1}\vartheta_1) \\ &\leq \alpha(G^{v-1}\vartheta_1, G^v\vartheta_1)\varnothing(G^{v-1}\vartheta_1, G^v\vartheta_1) \\ &\leq \frac{1}{\eta} \max\left\{\varnothing(\vartheta_{v-1}, \vartheta_v), \varnothing(\vartheta_{v-1}, \vartheta_v), \varnothing(\vartheta_v, \vartheta_{v+1}), \frac{\varnothing(\vartheta_{v-1}, \vartheta_{v+1}) + \varnothing(\vartheta_v, \vartheta_v) - \varnothing(\vartheta_v, \vartheta_v)}{2\eta}\right\} \\ &< \frac{1}{\eta} \max\left\{\varnothing(\vartheta_{v-1}, \vartheta_v), \varnothing(\vartheta_{v-1}, \vartheta_v), \varnothing(\vartheta_v, \vartheta_{v+1}), \frac{\varnothing(\vartheta_{v-1}, \vartheta_{v+1})}{2\eta}\right\} \\ &= \frac{1}{\eta} \max\left\{\varnothing(\vartheta_{v-1}, \vartheta_v), \frac{\varnothing(\vartheta_{v-1}, \vartheta_{v+1})}{2\eta}\right\} \\ &\leq \frac{1}{\eta} \max\left\{\varnothing(\vartheta_{v-1}, \vartheta_v), \frac{\varnothing(\vartheta_{v-1}, \vartheta_v) + \varnothing(\vartheta_v, \vartheta_{v+1})}{2}\right\}, \end{aligned} \tag{11}$$

which implies that

$$\varnothing(\vartheta_v, \vartheta_{v+1}) < \frac{1}{\eta}\varnothing(\vartheta_{v-1}, \vartheta_v), \forall v \geq 1. \tag{12}$$

**Case 1:** If  $\eta > 1$ , then the sequence  $\{\vartheta_v\}$  is Cauchy, by Lemma 4.6 in view of equation (12).

**Case 2:** If  $\eta = 1$ , then by equation (12) we get monotonically decreasing and bounded below the sequence  $\{\varnothing(\vartheta_v, \vartheta_{v+1})\}$ . Here, we obtain  $\varnothing(\vartheta_v, \vartheta_{v+1}) \rightarrow k$  for some  $b \geq 0$ . Suppose that  $b > 0$ ; now, taking  $\liminf v \rightarrow +\infty$  in (11), we have  $b \leq \zeta(b, b, b, b')$  where

$$b' = \limsup_{n \rightarrow +\infty} \frac{\varnothing(\vartheta_{v-1}, \vartheta_{v+1})}{2} \leq \lim_{v \rightarrow +\infty} \frac{\varnothing(\vartheta_{v-1}, \vartheta_v) + \varnothing(\vartheta_v, \vartheta_{v+1})}{2} = b.$$

Now,

$$b \leq \zeta(b, b, b, b') < \max\{b, b, b, b'\} = b,$$

which is a contradiction; so

$$\lim_{v \rightarrow +\infty} \varnothing(\vartheta_v, \vartheta_{v+1}) = 0. \tag{13}$$

Furthermore,

$$\varnothing(\vartheta_v, \vartheta_v) \leq \varnothing(\vartheta_v, \vartheta_{v+1}) + \varnothing(\vartheta_{v+1}, \vartheta_v),$$

taking  $\limsup v \rightarrow +\infty$ , and using (13), we find

$$\lim_{v \rightarrow +\infty} \varnothing(\vartheta_v, \vartheta_{v+1}) = 0. \tag{14}$$

Suppose that

$$\lim_{v \rightarrow +\infty} \mathcal{D}(\vartheta_v, \vartheta_{v+1}) \neq 0.$$

On contrary, we assume that the sequence  $\{\vartheta_v\}$  is not Cauchy, then  $\exists \xi > 0$  and sequences  $\{\omega_n\}, \{v_n\}; \omega_n > v_n \geq n$  such that

$$\mathcal{D}(\vartheta_{\omega_n}, \vartheta_{v_n}) \geq \xi. \quad (15)$$

Now, take  $\omega_n > v_n$  such that equation (15) holds. Then,

$$\begin{aligned} \xi &\leq \mathcal{D}(\vartheta_{\omega_n}, \vartheta_{v_n}) \\ &\leq \mathcal{D}(\vartheta_{\omega_n}, \vartheta_{\omega_n-1}) + \mathcal{D}(\vartheta_{\omega_n-1}, \vartheta_{v_n}) \\ &< \mathcal{D}(\vartheta_{\omega_n-1}, \vartheta_{\omega_n}) + \xi \\ &< \mathcal{D}(\vartheta_r, \vartheta_{n-1}) + \xi. \end{aligned}$$

Thus, taking  $\lim_{n \rightarrow +\infty}$  and by (13), we get

$$\lim_{n \rightarrow +\infty} \mathcal{D}(\vartheta_{\omega_n}, \vartheta_{v_n}) = \xi. \quad (16)$$

Now, assume that there exist infinitely large  $n$  such that

$$\mathcal{D}(\vartheta_{\omega_n}, \mathbb{G}\vartheta_{v_n}) + \mathcal{D}(\mathbb{G}\vartheta_{\omega_n}, \vartheta_{v_n}) < \mathcal{D}(\vartheta_{v_n}, \vartheta_{v_n}).$$

Setting  $\limsup_{n \rightarrow +\infty}$ , and by (14), we get

$$\lim_{n \rightarrow +\infty} \mathcal{D}(\vartheta_{\omega_n}, \mathbb{G}\vartheta_{v_n}) + \mathcal{D}(\mathbb{G}\vartheta_{\omega_n}, \vartheta_{v_n}) = 0,$$

which means that

$$\lim_{n \rightarrow +\infty} \mathcal{D}(\vartheta_{\omega_n}, \mathbb{G}\vartheta_{v_n+1}) = \lim_{n \rightarrow +\infty} \mathcal{D}(\mathbb{G}\vartheta_{\omega_n+1}, \vartheta_{v_n}) = 0.$$

Now,

$$\xi = \lim_{n \rightarrow +\infty} \mathcal{D}(\vartheta_{\omega_n}, \vartheta_{v_n}) \leq \lim_{n \rightarrow +\infty} \sup(\mathcal{D}(\vartheta_{\omega_n}, \vartheta_{v_n+1}) + \mathcal{D}(\vartheta_{v_n+1}, \vartheta_{v_n})) = 0,$$

a contradiction. Therefore, there exists  $n_0 \in \mathbb{N}$  such that

$$\forall n \geq n_0, \mathcal{D}(\vartheta_{\omega_n}, \mathbb{G}\vartheta_{v_n}) + \mathcal{D}(\mathbb{G}\vartheta_{\omega_n}, \vartheta_{v_n}) \geq \mathcal{D}(\vartheta_{v_n}, \vartheta_{v_n}).$$

Thus, for all  $n \geq n_0$ , using (12),

$$\begin{aligned} \mathcal{D}(\vartheta_{\omega_n+1}, \vartheta_{v_n+1}) &\leq \alpha(\vartheta_{\omega_n}, \vartheta_{v_n}) \mathcal{D}(\mathbb{G}\vartheta_{\omega_n}, \mathbb{G}\vartheta_{v_n}) \\ &\leq \max\left(\mathcal{D}(\vartheta_{\omega_n}, \vartheta_{v_n}), \mathcal{D}(\vartheta_{\omega_n}, \vartheta_{\omega_n+1}), \mathcal{D}(\vartheta_{v_n}, \vartheta_{v_n+1}), \right. \\ &\quad \left. \frac{\mathcal{D}(\vartheta_{\omega_n}, \vartheta_{v_n+1}) + \mathcal{D}(\vartheta_{\omega_n+1}, \vartheta_{v_n}) - \mathcal{D}(\vartheta_{v_n}, \vartheta_{v_n})}{2}\right). \end{aligned}$$

Now,

$$\begin{aligned} \mathcal{D}(\vartheta_{\omega_n}, \vartheta_{v_n}) &\leq \mathcal{D}(\vartheta_{\omega_n}, \vartheta_{\omega_n+1}) + \mathcal{D}(\vartheta_{\omega_n+1}, \vartheta_{v_n+1}) + \mathcal{D}(\vartheta_{v_n+1}, \vartheta_{v_n}) \\ &\leq \mathcal{D}(\vartheta_{\omega_n}, \vartheta_{\omega_n+1}) + \mathcal{D}(\vartheta_{v_n+1}, \vartheta_{v_n}) + \max\left(\mathcal{D}(\vartheta_{\omega_n}, \vartheta_{v_n}), \mathcal{D}(\vartheta_{\omega_n}, \vartheta_{\omega_n+1}), \mathcal{D}(\vartheta_{v_n}, \vartheta_{v_n+1}), \right. \\ &\quad \left. \frac{\mathcal{D}(\vartheta_{\omega_n}, \vartheta_{v_n+1}) + \mathcal{D}(\vartheta_{\omega_n+1}, \vartheta_{v_n}) - \mathcal{D}(\vartheta_{v_n}, \vartheta_{v_n})}{2}\right). \end{aligned}$$

From the above, setting  $\liminf_{n \rightarrow +\infty}$  and by equations (13) and (16). Thus, we get  $\xi \leq 0 + 0 + \zeta(\xi, 0, 0, \xi')$ , where

$$\begin{aligned} \xi' &= \limsup_{n \rightarrow +\infty} \frac{\mathcal{D}(\vartheta_{\omega_n}, \vartheta_{v_{n+1}}) + \mathcal{D}(\vartheta_{\omega_{n+1}}, \vartheta_{v_n}) - \mathcal{D}(\vartheta_{v_n}, \vartheta_{v_n})}{2} \\ &\leq \limsup_{n \rightarrow +\infty} \frac{\mathcal{D}(\vartheta_{\omega_n}, \vartheta_{v_n}) + \mathcal{D}(\vartheta_{\omega_n}, \vartheta_{v_{n+1}}) + \mathcal{D}(\vartheta_{\omega_{n+1}}, \vartheta_{\omega_n}) + \mathcal{D}(\vartheta_{\omega_n}, \vartheta_{v_n}) - 0}{2} \\ &= \frac{\xi + 0 + 0 + \xi}{2} \\ &= \xi. \end{aligned}$$

Thus,  $\xi \leq \zeta(\xi, 0, 0, \xi') < \max\{\xi, 0, 0, \xi'\} = \xi$ , a contradiction. Thus,  $\{\vartheta_v\}$  is a Cauchy sequence. Since  $(\mathfrak{F}, \mathcal{D}, \eta \geq 1)$  is complete b-MLS, there exists  $\vartheta \in \mathfrak{F}$  such that  $\vartheta_v \rightarrow \vartheta$

$$\mathcal{D}(\vartheta, \vartheta) = \lim_{v \rightarrow +\infty} \mathcal{D}(\vartheta_v, \vartheta) = \lim_{v, \omega \rightarrow +\infty} \mathcal{D}(\vartheta_v, \vartheta_\omega) = 0.$$

Moreover, by Proposition 4.5,  $\vartheta$  is unique. Assume that  $G\vartheta \neq \vartheta$ . Consider

$$\begin{aligned} \mathcal{D}(G\vartheta_v, G\vartheta) &\leq \alpha(\vartheta_v, \vartheta) \mathcal{D}(G\vartheta_v, G\vartheta) \\ &\leq \frac{1}{\eta} \max\left(\mathcal{D}(\vartheta_v, \vartheta), \mathcal{D}(\vartheta_v, G\vartheta_v), \mathcal{D}(\vartheta, G\vartheta), \frac{\mathcal{D}(\vartheta_v, G\vartheta) + \mathcal{D}(\vartheta, G\vartheta_v) - \mathcal{D}(\vartheta, \vartheta)}{2\eta}\right), \end{aligned}$$

which implies that

$$\begin{aligned} \mathcal{D}(\vartheta_{v+1}, G\vartheta) &= \mathcal{D}(G\vartheta_v, G\vartheta) \\ &\leq \alpha(\vartheta_v, \vartheta) \mathcal{D}(G\vartheta_v, G\vartheta) \\ &\leq \frac{1}{\eta} \max\left(\mathcal{D}(\vartheta_v, \vartheta), \mathcal{D}(\vartheta_v, G\vartheta_{v+1}), \mathcal{D}(\vartheta, G\vartheta), \frac{\mathcal{D}(\vartheta_v, G\vartheta) + \mathcal{D}(\vartheta, \vartheta_{v+1})}{2\eta}\right). \end{aligned}$$

From the above inequality taking  $\liminf_{v \rightarrow +\infty}$  and by Proposition 4.5, we get

$$\frac{1}{\eta} \mathcal{D}(\vartheta, G\vartheta) \leq \frac{1}{\eta} \zeta(0, 0, \mathcal{D}(\vartheta, G\vartheta), \hbar),$$

i.e.,

$$\mathcal{D}(\vartheta, G\vartheta) \leq \zeta(0, 0, \mathcal{D}(\vartheta, G\vartheta), \hbar),$$

where

$$\hbar = \limsup_{v \rightarrow +\infty} \frac{\mathcal{D}(\vartheta_v, G\vartheta) + \mathcal{D}(\vartheta, \vartheta_{v+1})}{2\eta} \leq \limsup_{v \rightarrow +\infty} \frac{\eta \mathcal{D}(\vartheta, G\vartheta) + 0}{2\eta} = \frac{\mathcal{D}(\vartheta, G\vartheta)}{2}.$$

Thus

$$\mathcal{D}(\vartheta, G\vartheta) \leq \zeta(0, 0, \mathcal{D}(\vartheta, G\vartheta), \hbar) < \max\{0, 0, \mathcal{D}(\vartheta, G\vartheta), \hbar\} = \mathcal{D}(\vartheta, G\vartheta),$$

which is a contradiction. Therefore,  $G\vartheta = \vartheta$ .

Suppose that  $\vartheta, \zeta$  are two fixed points of  $G$  such that  $G\vartheta = \vartheta \neq \zeta = G\zeta$ . Then, for all  $\vartheta, \zeta \in \mathfrak{F}$  such that

$\alpha(\vartheta, \varsigma) \geq 1$ . If  $\mathcal{D}(\vartheta, \varsigma) > 0$  then, by the contractive condition (iii) with the fixed points  $\vartheta$  and  $\varsigma$  yields

$$\begin{aligned} \mathcal{D}(\vartheta, \varsigma) &= \alpha(\vartheta, \varsigma) \mathcal{D}(\mathbf{G}\vartheta, \mathbf{G}\varsigma) \leq \frac{1}{\eta} \max\left(\mathcal{D}(\vartheta, \varsigma), \mathcal{D}(\vartheta, \mathbf{G}\vartheta), \mathcal{D}(\varsigma, \mathbf{G}\varsigma), \frac{\mathcal{D}(\vartheta, \mathbf{G}\varsigma) + \mathcal{D}(\varsigma, \mathbf{G}\vartheta) - \mathcal{D}(\vartheta, \vartheta)}{2\eta}\right) \\ &= \frac{1}{\eta} \max\left(\mathcal{D}(\vartheta, \varsigma), \mathcal{D}(\vartheta, \mathbf{G}\vartheta), \mathcal{D}(\varsigma, \mathbf{G}\varsigma), \frac{\mathcal{D}(\vartheta, \mathbf{G}\varsigma) + \mathcal{D}(\varsigma, \mathbf{G}\vartheta)}{2\eta}\right) \\ &\leq \frac{1}{\eta} \max\left(\mathcal{D}(\vartheta, \varsigma), 0, 0, \frac{\mathcal{D}(\vartheta, \varsigma)}{\eta}\right) \\ &< \frac{1}{\eta} \max\left\{\mathcal{D}(\vartheta, \varsigma), 0, 0, \frac{\mathcal{D}(\vartheta, \varsigma)}{\eta}\right\} \\ &= \frac{\mathcal{D}(\vartheta, \varsigma)}{\eta}, \end{aligned}$$

which is a contradiction. Therefore,  $\vartheta = \varsigma$ .  $\square$

**Example 4.8.** Let  $\mathfrak{F} = \mathbf{R}_0^+$ . Define  $\mathcal{D} : \mathfrak{F} \times \mathfrak{F} \rightarrow \mathbf{R}_0^+$  by  $\mathcal{D}(\vartheta, \varsigma) = (\vartheta + \varsigma)^2$ ,  $\forall \vartheta, \varsigma \in \mathfrak{F}$ . Then,  $\mathcal{D}$  is  $b$ -ML on  $\mathfrak{F}$  with  $\eta = 2$ , but  $\mathcal{D}$  is not  $b$ -metric on  $\mathfrak{F}$ . A mapping  $\mathbf{G} : \mathfrak{F} \rightarrow \mathfrak{F}$  defined by  $\mathbf{G} = \frac{\vartheta}{2}$ . In addition, define  $\mathfrak{J}(\omega_1, \omega_2, \omega_3, \omega_4) = \frac{\vartheta}{2} \max\{\omega_1, \omega_2, \omega_3, \omega_4\}$  and define  $\alpha : \mathfrak{F} \times \mathfrak{F} \rightarrow \mathbf{R}_0^+$  by

$$\alpha(\vartheta, \varsigma) = \begin{cases} 1, & \text{if } \vartheta \leq \varsigma \text{ or } \varsigma \leq \vartheta, \\ 0, & \text{if otherwise.} \end{cases}$$

Now,  $\forall \vartheta, \varsigma \in \mathfrak{F}$  with  $\mathcal{D}(\vartheta, \mathbf{G}\varsigma) + \mathcal{D}(\mathbf{G}\vartheta, \varsigma) \geq \mathcal{D}(\varsigma, \varsigma)$ , condition (iii) of Theorem 4.7 is fulfilled and hence, 0 is the unique fixed point of  $\mathbf{G}$ .

## 5. Application

In this section, we arise an integral equation application of our main results. Consider the following integral equation:

$$u(n) = v(n) + \rho \int_a^b \mathbb{H}(n, \varrho) \mathfrak{f}(\varrho, u(\varrho)) \mathcal{D}\varrho, n \in \mathbb{I} = [a, b], \quad (17)$$

where  $\rho$  is a constant such that  $\rho \geq 0$  and  $v : [a, b] \rightarrow \mathbf{R}$ ,  $\mathbb{H} : [a, b] \times [a, b] \rightarrow \mathbf{R}$  and  $\mathfrak{f} : [a, b] \times \mathbf{R} \rightarrow \mathbf{R}$  are given continuous functions.

The set of all real valued continuous functions  $\mathfrak{F}$  defined on  $[a, b]$ . Define the  $b$ -metric by the following:

$$\mathcal{D}(u, v) = \frac{1}{\eta} \sup_{n \in \mathbb{I}} |u(n) - v(n)|, \quad \forall u, v \in \mathfrak{F}. \quad (18)$$

Consider  $\eta > 1$ . Then,  $(\mathfrak{F}, \mathcal{D})$  is a complete  $b$ -MS. Now, a self-map  $\mathbf{G}$  defined on  $\mathfrak{F}$  by

$$\mathbf{G}u(n) = v(n) + \rho \int_a^b \mathbb{H}(n, \varrho) \mathfrak{f}(\varrho, u(\varrho)) \mathcal{D}\varrho, n \in [a, b]. \quad (19)$$

Assume that the following to prove the existence of a solution of Equation (17):

- $\rho \leq \frac{1}{\eta}$
- $\sup_{n \in [a, b]} \int_a^b \mathbb{H}(n, \varrho) \mathcal{D}\varrho \leq \frac{1}{b-a}$
- $\forall u, v \in \mathbf{R}, |\mathfrak{f}(\varrho, u) - \mathfrak{f}(\varrho, v)| \leq |u - v|$
- There exists a mapping  $\zeta : \mathfrak{F} \times \mathfrak{F} \rightarrow \mathbf{R}_0^+$  such that  $\forall n \in [a, b]$  and  $\forall u, v \in \mathfrak{F}$  with  $\zeta(u, v) \geq 0$ .

A solution to Equation (17) is equal to the existence of a fixed point of  $G$ . We will now present the following results.

**Theorem 5.1.** Equation (17) has a unique solution in  $\mathfrak{F}$ , under the above assumptions (a) - (d).

*Proof.*

$$\begin{aligned}
 \mathcal{D}(Gu_1, Gu_2) &= \frac{1}{\eta} \sup_{n \in \mathbb{I}} |Gu_1(n) - Gu_2(n)| \\
 &= \frac{1}{\eta} \sup_{n \in \mathbb{I}} \left| \left( v(n) + \rho \int_a^b \mathbb{H}(n, \varrho) \tilde{f}(\varrho, u_1(\varrho)) \mathcal{D}\varrho \right) - \left( v(n) + \rho \int_a^b \mathbb{H}(n, \varrho) \tilde{f}(\varrho, u_2(\varrho)) \mathcal{D}\varrho \right) \right| \\
 &= \frac{1}{\eta} \sup_{n \in \mathbb{I}} \left| \rho \int_a^b \mathbb{H}(n, \varrho) [\tilde{f}(\varrho, u_1(\varrho)) - \tilde{f}(\varrho, u_2(\varrho))] \mathcal{D}\varrho \right| \\
 &\leq \frac{1}{\eta^2} \left\{ \sup_{n \in \mathbb{I}} \int_a^b \mathbb{H}(n, \varrho) \right\} \left( \int_a^b |\tilde{f}(\varrho, u_1(\varrho)) - \tilde{f}(\varrho, u_2(\varrho))| \mathcal{D}\varrho \right) \\
 &\leq \frac{1}{\eta^2} \left\{ \sup_{n \in \mathbb{I}} \int_a^b \mathbb{H}(n, \varrho) \right\} \int_a^b |u_1 - u_2| \mathcal{D}\varrho \\
 &\leq \frac{1}{\eta^2} |u_1 - u_2| \left( \frac{1}{b-a} \right) \int_a^b \mathcal{D}\varrho \\
 &= \frac{1}{\eta} \mathcal{D}(u_1, u_2).
 \end{aligned} \tag{20}$$

So, Equation (17) has a solution in  $\mathfrak{F}$ , which means that  $G$  has a fixed point.  $\square$

## 6. Conclusion

In this study, we introduce the notion of admissible  $\zeta$ -contraction mapping of types, which includes the admissible  $\zeta$ -contraction of Jain et al. [20] and the  $\alpha$ -admissible mapping of Samet et al. [30]. Utilizing this class of mappings, we establish approximate fixed point and fixed point theorems in the setting of  $b$ -metric and  $b$ -metric-like spaces. Finally, we use some examples to prove the established theorems and our results can be used to solve an integral equation.

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