

## SOME RESULTS IN FIXED POINT THEORY CONCERNING RECTANGULAR $b$ -METRIC SPACES

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**Abstract.** In this paper, we proved some fixed point results with different types of contraction in Rectangular  $b$ -metric space. Our results extend very recent results of Fora et. al. [7] and extend and generalize many existing results in the literature.

### 1. INTRODUCTION

In 2000, Branciari [2] introduced a concept of generalized metric space where the triangle inequality of a metric space has been replaced by an inequality involving three terms instead of two. As such, any metric space is a generalized metric space but the converse is not true [2]. He proved the Banach's fixed point theorem in such a space. After that, many fixed point results were established for this interesting space. For more, the reader can refer to [10, 3]. It is also known that common fixed point theorems are generalizations of fixed point theorems. Recently, there have been many researchers who have

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interested in generalizing fixed point theorems to coincidence point theorems and common fixed point theorems.

George et. al. [9] introduced the concept of rectangular b-metric space, which is not necessarily Hausdorff and which generalizes the concepts of metric space, rectangular metric space and b-metric space. Note that spaces with non-Hausdorff topology plays an important role in Tarskian approach to programming language semantics used in computer science (For some details see [17]). An analog of the Banach contraction principle as well as the Kannan type fixed point theorem in rectangular b-metric spaces are also proved in [9].

## 2. PRELIMINARIES

The following definitions are introduced in [1, 2, 4, 9] and [15], respectively.

**Definition 2.1.** ([1, 4]) Let  $X$  be a nonempty set and  $s \geq 1$  be a given real number. A functional  $d : X \times X \rightarrow \mathbb{R}^+$  is called a b-metric if for  $x, y, z \in X$ , the following conditions are satisfied:

- (1)  $d(x, y) = 0$  if and only if  $x = y$ ,
- (2)  $d(x, y) = d(y, x)$ ,
- (3)  $d(x, y) \leq s[d(x, z) + d(z, y)]$  (b-triangular inequality).

A pair  $(X, d)$  is called a b-metric space (with constant  $s$ ).

**Definition 2.2.** ([2]) Let  $X$  be a nonempty set. A functional  $d : X \times X \rightarrow \mathbb{R}^+$  is called a rectangular metric if for all  $x, y \in X$  and for all distinct points  $u, v \in X$  each of them different from  $x$  and  $y$ , the following conditions are satisfied:

- (1)  $d(x, y) = 0$  if and only if  $x = y$ ,
- (2)  $d(x, y) = d(y, x)$ ,
- (3)  $d(x, y) \leq d(x, u) + d(u, v) + d(v, y)$  (rectangular inequality).

A pair  $(X, d)$  is called a rectangular metric space or generalized metric spaces (g.m.s.) or Branciari's space.

For all properties and definitions of notions in Branciari's spaces see [2, 6, 8, 11, 12, 13, 15].

**Definition 2.3.** ([9, 15]) Let  $X$  be a nonempty set,  $s \geq 1$  be a given real number and  $d : X \times X \rightarrow \mathbb{R}^+$  be a mapping such that for all  $x, y \in X$  and all distinct points  $u, v \in X$  each distinct from  $x$  and  $y$ :

- (1)  $d(x, y) = 0$  if and only if  $x = y$ ,
- (2)  $d(x, y) = d(y, x)$ ,
- (3)  $d(x, y) \leq s[d(x, u) + d(u, v) + d(v, y)]$  (b-rectangular inequality).

Then  $(X, d)$  is called a rectangular b-metric space (with constant  $s$ ) or a b-generalized metric space (RbMS).

Note that every metric space is a rectangular metric space and every rectangular metric space is a rectangular b-metric space (with coefficient  $s = 1$ ). However the converse of the above implication is not necessarily true (See Examples 1.4 and 1.5 [9]).

The following gives some easy examples of RbMS's.

**Example 2.4.** Let  $X = \mathbb{N}$ , define  $d : X \times X \rightarrow \mathbb{R}^+$  by

$$d(x, y) = \begin{cases} 0 & \text{if } x = y, \\ 4\alpha & \text{if } x, y \in \{1, 2\} \text{ and } x \neq y, \\ \alpha & \text{if } x \text{ or } y \notin \{1, 2\} \text{ and } x \neq y, \end{cases}$$

where  $\alpha > 0$  is a constant. Then  $(X, d)$  is a rectangular b-metric space with coefficient  $s = \frac{4}{3} > 1$ , but  $(X, d)$  is not a rectangular metric space, as

$$d(1, 2) = 4\alpha > 3\alpha = d(1, 3) + d(3, 4) + d(4, 2).$$

**Example 2.5.** Let  $(X, \rho)$  be a g.m.s., and  $p \geq 1$  be a real number. Let  $d(x, y) = (\rho(x, y))^p$ . Evidently, from the convexity of function  $f(x) = x^p$  for  $x \geq 0$  and by Jensen inequality we have

$$(a + b + c)^p \leq 3^{p-1}(a^p + b^p + c^p)$$

for nonnegative real numbers  $a, b, c$ . So, it is easy to obtain that  $(X, d)$  is a b-g.m.s with  $s \leq 3^{p-1}$ .

Note that every b-metric space with coefficient  $s$  is a RbMS with coefficient  $s^2$  but the converse is not necessarily true. (See Example 1.7 [9]).

For any  $x \in X$  we define the open ball with center  $x$  and radius  $r > 0$  by  $B_r(x) = \{y \in X : d(x, y) < r\}$ . The open balls in RbMS are not necessarily open (See Example 1.7 [9]). Let  $U$  be the collection of all subsets  $A$  of  $X$  satisfying the condition that for each  $x \in A$  there exist  $r > 0$  such that  $B_r(x) \subseteq A$ . Then  $U$  defines a topology for the RbMS  $(X, d)$ , which is not necessarily Hausdorff (See Example 1.7 [9]).

**Definition 2.6.** Let  $(X, d)$  be a rectangular b-metric space,  $\{x_n\}$  be a sequence in  $X$  and  $x \in X$ . Then

- (a) The sequence  $\{x_n\}$  is said to be convergent to  $x \in X$ , if for every  $\varepsilon > 0$  there exists  $n_0 \in \mathbb{N}$  such that  $d(x_n, x) < \varepsilon$  for all  $n > n_0$  and this fact is represented by  $\lim_{n \rightarrow +\infty} x_n = x$  or  $x_n \rightarrow x$  as  $n \rightarrow +\infty$ .

- (b) The sequence  $\{x_n\}$  is said to be Cauchy in  $X$ , if for every  $\varepsilon > 0$  there exists  $n_0 \in \mathbb{N}$  such that  $d(x_n, x_m) < \varepsilon$  for all  $n, m > n_0$ , or equivalently, if

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

- (c)  $(X, d)$  is said to be a complete rectangular b-metric space if every Cauchy sequence in  $X$  converges to some  $x \in X$ .

Note that limit of sequence in a rectangular b-metric space (the same as in a rectangular metric space (g.m.s)) is not necessarily unique and also every rectangular b-metric convergent sequence in a rectangular b-metric space is not necessarily rectangular b-metric-Cauchy (See [9], Example 2.7).

**Lemma 2.7.** ([15]) *Let  $(X, d)$  be a rectangular b-metric space with  $s \geq 1$  and let  $\{x_n\}$  be a rectangular Cauchy sequence in  $X$  such that  $x_n \neq x_m$  whenever  $n \neq m$ . Then  $\{x_n\}$  can converge to at most one point.*

Let  $T : X \rightarrow X$  be a mapping where  $(X, d)$  is RbMS. For each  $x \in X$  let  $O(x) = \{x, Tx, T^2x, T^3x, \dots\}$  which will be called the orbit of  $T$  at  $x$ .  $O(x)$  is called T-orbitally complete if and only if every Cauchy sequence in  $O(x)$  converges to a point in  $X$ .

Let  $\Phi$  denote the class of all nondecreasing upper semicontinuous functions  $\varphi : \mathbb{R}^+ \rightarrow \mathbb{R}^+$  such that  $\sum_{n=1}^{+\infty} s^n \varphi^n(t) < +\infty$  for all  $t > 0$  where  $\varphi^n$  is the  $n^{\text{th}}$  iterate of  $\varphi$ . Since  $\sum_{n=1}^{+\infty} s^n \varphi^n(t) < +\infty$  and  $\varphi^n(t) \leq s^n \varphi^n(t)$  for all  $t \geq 0$ , so  $\sum_{n=1}^{+\infty} \varphi^n(t) < +\infty$ .

**Lemma 2.8.** ([7]) *Let  $\varphi : \mathbb{R}^+ \rightarrow \mathbb{R}^+$  be a nondecreasing function such that the sequence  $\{\varphi^n(t)\}$  converges to 0 for all  $t > 0$ . Then*

- (i)  $\varphi(t) < t$  for all  $t > 0$ ;
- (ii)  $\varphi(0) = 0$ .

### 3. MAIN RESULTS

**Theorem 3.1.** *Let  $(X, d)$  be a rectangular b-metric space with coefficient  $s \geq 1$  and let  $T : X \rightarrow X$  be a mapping such that:*

$$d(Tx, Ty) \leq \varphi(\max\{d(x, y), d(x, Tx), \frac{1}{s}d(y, Ty), d(y, Tx)\}) \quad (3.1)$$

where  $\varphi \in \Phi$ . If there exists  $x \in X$  such that  $O(x)$  is orbitally complete, then  $T$  has a unique fixed point in  $X$ .

*Proof.* Define the sequence  $\{x_n\}$  inductively as follows:  $x_0 = x$ ,  $x_n = Tx_{n-1} = T^n x$  for all  $n \in \mathbb{N}$ . Setting  $d(x_n, x_{n+1}) = d_n$ , it follows from (3.1) that

$$d(T^n x, T^{n+1} x) \leq \varphi(\max\{d(T^{n-1} x, T^n x), d(T^{n-1} x, T^n x), \frac{1}{s}d(T^n x, T^{n+1} x), d(T^n x, T^n x)\})$$

which implies that

$$d_n = d(T^n x, T^{n+1} x) \leq \varphi(d(T^{n-1} x, T^n x)) = \varphi(d_{n-1}). \quad (3.2)$$

Then, for all  $n \in \mathbb{N}$ ,

$$d_n = d(T^n x, T^{n+1} x) \leq \varphi^n(d(x, Tx)). \quad (3.3)$$

If there exists  $n < m$  such that  $x_n = x_m$ , let  $y = T^n x$  then  $T^k y = y$  where  $k = m - n$ . Since  $k \geq 1$ , we have

$$d(y, Ty) = d(T^k y, T^{k+1} y) \leq \varphi^k(d(y, Ty)).$$

Since  $\varphi(t) < t$  for all  $t > 0$ , so  $d(y, Ty) = 0$  and hence  $y$  is a fixed point of  $T$ .

Assume that  $x_n \neq x_m$  for all  $n \neq m$ , so we have

$$d(Tx, T^3 x) \leq \varphi(\max\{d(x, T^2 x), d(x, Tx), \frac{1}{s}d(T^2 x, T^3 x), d(T^2 x, Tx)\}).$$

This implies that

$$d(Tx, T^3 x) \leq \varphi(M)$$

where  $M = \max\{d(x, T^2 x), d(x, Tx)\}$ . In general, if  $n$  is a positive integer, then

$$d(T^n x, T^{n+2} x) \leq \varphi^n(M). \quad (3.4)$$

For the sequence  $\{x_n\}$  we consider  $d(x_n, x_{n+p})$  in two cases.

If  $p$  is odd say  $2m + 1$  then using (3.2) and (3.3) we obtain

$$\begin{aligned}
d(x_n, x_{n+2m+1}) &\leq s[d(x_n, x_{n+1}) + d(x_{n+1}, x_{n+2}) \\
&\quad + d(x_{n+2}, x_{n+2m+1})] \\
&\leq s[d_n + d_{n+1}] + s^2[d(x_{n+2}, x_{n+3}) + d(x_{n+3}, x_{n+4}) \\
&\quad + d(x_{n+4}, x_{n+2m+1})] \\
&\leq s[d_n + d_{n+1}] + s^2[d_{n+2} + d_{n+3}] + s^3[d_{n+4} + d_{n+5}] \\
&\quad + \cdots + s^m d_{n+2m} \\
&\leq s[\varphi^n(d(x, Tx)) + \varphi^{n+1}(d(x, Tx))] \\
&\quad + s^2[\varphi^{n+2}(d(x, Tx)) + \varphi^{n+3}(d(x, Tx))] \\
&\quad + s^3[\varphi^{n+4}(d(x, Tx)) + \varphi^{n+5}(d(x, Tx))] \\
&\quad + \cdots + s^m \varphi^{n+2m}(d(x, Tx)) \\
&\leq s^n \varphi^n(d(x, Tx)) + s^{n+1} \varphi^{n+1}(d(x, Tx)) \\
&\quad + s^{n+2} \varphi^{n+2}(d(x, Tx)) \\
&\quad + s^{n+3} \varphi^{n+3}(d(x, Tx)) + s^{n+4} \varphi^{n+4}(d(x, Tx)) \\
&\quad + s^{n+5} \varphi^{n+5}(d(x, Tx)) \\
&\quad + \cdots + s^{n+2m} \varphi^{n+2m}(d(x, Tx)).
\end{aligned}$$

Therefore, we have

$$d(x_n, x_{n+2m+1}) \leq \sum_{k=n}^{k=n+2m} s^k \varphi^k(d(x, Tx)). \quad (3.5)$$

If  $p$  is even say  $2m$  then using (3.2) and (3.3) we obtain

$$\begin{aligned}
d(x_n, x_{n+2m}) &\leq s[d(x_n, x_{n+1}) + d(x_{n+1}, x_{n+2}) + d(x_{n+2}, x_{n+2m})] \\
&\leq s[d_n + d_{n+1}] + s^2[d(x_{n+2}, x_{n+3}) \\
&\quad + d(x_{n+3}, x_{n+4}) + d(x_{n+4}, x_{n+2m})] \\
&\leq s[d_n + d_{n+1}] + s^2[d_{n+2} + d_{n+3}] + s^3[d_{n+4} + d_{n+5}] \\
&\quad + \cdots + s^{m-1}[d_{n+2m-4} + d_{n+2m-3}] \\
&\quad + s^{m-1}d(x_{n+2m-2}, x_{n+2m}) \\
&\leq s[\varphi^n(d(x, Tx)) + \varphi^{n+1}(d(x, Tx))] \\
&\quad + s^2[\varphi^{n+2}(d(x, Tx)) + \varphi^{n+3}(d(x, Tx))] \\
&\quad + s^3[\varphi^{n+4}(d(x, Tx)) + \varphi^{n+5}(d(x, Tx))] \\
&\quad + \cdots + s^{m-1}[\varphi^{n+2m-4}(d(x, Tx)) + \varphi^{n+2m-3}(d(x, Tx))] \\
&\quad + s^{m-1}d(x_{n+2m-2}, x_{n+2m}) \\
&\leq s^n \varphi^n(d(x, Tx)) + s^{n+1} \varphi^{n+1}(d(x, Tx)) \\
&\quad + s^{n+2} \varphi^{n+2}(d(x, Tx)) + s^{n+3} \varphi^{n+3}(d(x, Tx)) \\
&\quad + s^{n+4} \varphi^{n+4}(d(x, Tx)) \\
&\quad + s^{n+5} \varphi^{n+5}(d(x, Tx)) \\
&\quad + \cdots + s^{n+2m-4} \varphi^{n+2m-4}(d(x, Tx)) \\
&\quad + s^{n+2m-3} \varphi^{n+2m-3}(d(x, Tx)) \\
&\quad + s^{m-1}d(x_{n+2m-2}, x_{n+2m}).
\end{aligned}$$

Using (3.4), for all  $p > 0$  we obtain

$$d(x_n, x_{n+2m}) \leq \sum_{k=n}^{k=n+2m-3} s^k \varphi^k(d(x, Tx)) + s^{m-1} \varphi^{n+2m-2}(M). \quad (3.6)$$

Thus, by (3.3), (3.4), (3.5), and (3.6) we have

$$d(x_n, x_{n+p}) \leq \sum_{k=n}^{n+p-1} s^k \varphi^k(M).$$

Since  $\lim_{n \rightarrow +\infty} \sum_{k=n}^{+\infty} s^k \varphi^k(M) = 0$ , we have

$$\lim_{n \rightarrow +\infty} d(x_n, x_{n+p}) = 0,$$

for all  $p > 0$ . Thus it is clearly verified that  $\{x_n\}$  is a Cauchy sequence. Since  $O(x)$  is T-orbitally complete,  $\{x_n\}$  converges to  $z \in X$ .

The point  $z$  is a fixed point of  $T$ . To see this we have two cases under consideration.

**Case 1.** If  $\{x_n\}$  does not converge to  $Tz$ , then there exists a subsequence  $\{x_{n_k}\}$  of  $\{x_n\}$  such that  $x_{n_k} \neq Tz$  for all  $k \in \mathbb{N}$ . Hence

$$d(z, Tz) \leq s[d(z, x_{n_k-1}) + d(x_{n_k-1}, x_{n_k}) + d(x_{n_k}, Tz)].$$

If  $k \rightarrow +\infty$ , we get

$$d(z, Tz) \leq s \limsup_{k \rightarrow +\infty} d(x_{n_k}, Tz). \quad (3.7)$$

On the other hand, we have from (3.1)

$$\begin{aligned} d(x_n, Tz) &= d(Tx_{n-1}, Tz) \\ &\leq \varphi(\max\{d(x_{n-1}, z), d(x_{n-1}, x_n), \frac{1}{s}d(z, Tz), d(z, x_n)\}). \end{aligned}$$

Let  $n \rightarrow +\infty$ , we get

$$\limsup_{n \rightarrow +\infty} d(x_n, Tz) \leq \varphi\left(\frac{1}{s}d(z, Tz)\right) < \frac{1}{s}d(z, Tz). \quad (3.8)$$

Hence, by (3.7) and (3.8), we have  $d(z, Tz) = 0$  and  $z = Tz$ .

**Case 2.** Let  $\{x_n\}$  be convergent to  $Tz$ . Suppose that  $z \neq Tz$ . Then there exists a subsequence  $\{x_{n_k}\}$  such that  $x_{n_k} \in X - \{z, Tz\}$  for all  $k \in \mathbb{N}$ , hence

$$d(z, Tz) \leq s[d(z, x_{n_k}) + d(x_{n_k}, x_{n_k+1}) + d(x_{n_k+1}, Tz)]. \quad (3.9)$$

As  $k \rightarrow +\infty$  in (3.9), we get  $Tz = z$ , a contradiction. Then in all cases  $z$  is a fixed point of  $T$ . For the uniqueness, assume that  $w \neq z$  is also a fixed point

of  $T$ . From (3.1),

$$d(z, w) = d(Tz, Tw) \leq \varphi\left(\max\{d(z, w), d(z, Tz), \frac{1}{s}d(w, Tw), d(w, Tz)\}\right)$$

which implies that

$$d(z, w) \leq \varphi(d(z, w)),$$

hence  $z = w$ , a contradiction. Therefore,  $T$  has a unique fixed point  $z$ .  $\square$

**Corollary 3.2.** *Let  $(X, d)$  be a RbMS and let  $T : X \rightarrow X$  be a mapping such that*

$$d(Tx, Ty) \leq q \max\{d(x, y), d(x, Tx), \frac{1}{s}d(y, Ty), d(y, Tx)\}$$

where  $0 \leq sq < 1$ . If there exists  $x \in X$  such that  $O(x)$  is orbitally complete, then  $T$  has a unique fixed point in  $X$ .

*Proof.* Put  $\varphi(t) = qt$  in Theorem 3.1.  $\square$

The condition "there exists  $x \in X$  such that  $O(x)$  is orbitally complete" is necessary; to see this, consider the next example.

**Example 3.3.** Let  $X = (0, 1]$ ,  $d(x, y) = |x - y|$ , and let  $T : X \rightarrow X$  be a mapping such that  $Tx = \frac{x}{2}$  for all  $x \in X$ . So,  $O(a) = \{a, \frac{a}{2}, \frac{a}{2^2}, \dots, \frac{a}{2^n}, \dots\}$  for all  $a \in X$ . Let  $x_n = \frac{a}{2^n}$ ,  $n \in \mathbb{N}$ . Then  $\{x_n\}$  is a Cauchy sequence in  $O(a)$ , but  $\{x_n\}$  does not converge. Hence  $O(a)$  is not complete. Moreover,  $T$  satisfies the condition (3.1) where  $\varphi(t) = \frac{1}{2}t$ , and does not have a fixed point in  $X$ .

For the next result, let  $\Psi$  denote the class of all functions  $\psi : \mathbb{R}_+ \rightarrow \mathbb{R}_+$  which are nondecreasing and  $\sum_{n=1}^{+\infty} s^n \psi^n(t) < +\infty$  for all  $t > 0$ .

**Theorem 3.4.** *Let  $(X, d)$  be a RbMS and let  $T : X \rightarrow X$  be a continuous mapping such that*

$$d(Tx, T^2x) \leq \psi(d(x, Tx)), \quad d(Tx, T^3x) \leq \psi(d(x, T^2x)) \quad (3.10)$$

where  $\psi \in \Psi$ . If there exists  $x \in X$  such that  $O(x)$  is orbitally complete, then  $T$  has a fixed point in  $X$ .

*Proof.* Define the sequence  $\{x_n\}$  inductively as follows:  $x_0 = x$ ,  $x_n = Tx_{n-1}$  for all  $n \geq 1$ . For all  $n \in \mathbb{N}$ , we have

$$d_n = d(T^n x, T^{n+1} x) \leq \psi^n(d(x, Tx)). \quad (3.11)$$

If  $x_n = x_m$  for some  $m > n$ , then  $T^n x$  is a fixed point of  $T$ .

Now, assume that  $x_n \neq x_m$  for all  $n \neq m$ . For all  $n \in \mathbb{N}$ , we have

$$d(T^n x, T^{n+2} x) \leq \psi^n(d(x, T^2 x)). \quad (3.12)$$



For the sequence  $\{x_n\}$  we consider  $d(x_n, x_{n+p})$  in two cases:

**Case 1.** If  $p$  is odd say  $2m + 1$  then using (3.10) and (3.11) we obtain

$$d(x_n, x_{n+2m+1}) \leq s[d_n + d_{n+1}] + s^2[d_{n+2} + d_{n+3}] + s^3[d_{n+4} + d_{n+5}] + \cdots + s^m d_{n+2m}.$$

Therefore,

$$d(x_n, x_{n+2m+1}) \leq \sum_{k=n}^{k=n+2m} s^k \psi^k(d(x, Tx)). \quad (3.13)$$

**Case 2.** If  $p$  is even say  $2m$  then using (3.11) we obtain

$$d(x_n, x_{n+2m}) \leq s[d_n + d_{n+1}] + s^2[d_{n+2} + d_{n+3}] + s^3[d_{n+4} + d_{n+5}] + \cdots + s^{m-1}[d_{n+2m-4} + d_{n+2m-3}] + s^{m-1}d(x_{n+2m-2}, x_{n+2m}).$$

Using (3.12) we obtain

$$d(x_n, x_{n+2m}) \leq \sum_{k=n}^{k=n+2m-3} s^k \psi^k(d(x, Tx)) + s^{m-1} \psi^{n+2m-2}(d(x, T^2x)). \quad (3.14)$$

Thus, by (3.11), (3.12), (3.13), and (3.14) we have

$$d(x_n, x_{n+p}) \leq \sum_{k=n}^{n+p-1} s^k \psi^k(R),$$

where  $R = \max\{d(x, Tx), d(x, T^2x)\}$ . Since  $\sum_{k=1}^{+\infty} s^k \psi^k < +\infty$ ,  $\{x_n\}$  is a Cauchy sequence. Since  $O(x)$  is T-orbitally complete,  $\{x_n\}$  converges to  $z \in X$ , and by the continuity of  $T$ , we have  $\{x_n\}$  converges also to  $Tz$ . Hence  $z$  is a fixed point of  $T$ .  $\square$

**Corollary 3.5.** *Let  $(X, d)$  be a RbMS and let  $T : X \rightarrow X$  be a continuous mapping such that*

$$\begin{aligned} \min\{d(Tx, Ty), \max\{d(x, Tx), d(y, Ty)\}\} &\leq \psi(d(x, y)) \\ \text{and} & \\ d(x, T^2x) &\leq d(x, Tx) \end{aligned} \quad (3.15)$$

where  $\psi \in \Psi$ . If there exists  $x \in X$  such that  $O(x)$  is orbitale complete, then  $T$  has a fixed point in  $X$ .

*Proof.* By setting  $y = Tx$  in (3.15), we get

$$\min\{d(Tx, T^2x), \max\{d(x, Tx), d(Tx, T^2x)\}\} \leq \psi(d(x, Tx))$$

which implies that

$$d(Tx, T^2x) \leq \psi(d(x, Tx))$$

for all  $x \in X$ . Similarly, if we put  $y = T^2x$  in (3.15), we get

$$\min\{d(Tx, T^3x), \max\{d(x, Tx), d(T^2x, T^3x)\}\} \leq \psi(d(x, T^2x))$$

hence

$$\min\{d(Tx, T^3x), d(x, Tx)\} \leq \psi(d(x, T^2x))$$

for all  $x \in X$ , which implies that

$$d(Tx, T^3x) \leq \psi(d(x, T^2x)).$$

Then by Theorem 3.4,  $T$  has a fixed point.  $\square$

**Example 3.6.** Let  $X = A \cup B$ , where  $A = \{\frac{1}{n} : n \in \{2, 3, 4, 5\}\}$  and  $B = [1, 2]$ . Define  $d : X \times X \rightarrow [0, 1]$  such that  $d(x, y) = d(y, x)$  for all  $x, y \in X$  and

$$\begin{cases} d(\frac{1}{2}, \frac{1}{3}) = d(\frac{1}{4}, \frac{1}{5}) = 0,03; \\ d(\frac{1}{2}, \frac{1}{5}) = d(\frac{1}{3}, \frac{1}{4}) = 0,02; \\ d(\frac{1}{2}, \frac{1}{4}) = d(\frac{1}{5}, \frac{1}{3}) = 0,06; \\ d(x, y) = |x - y|^2 \text{ otherwise.} \end{cases}$$

Then  $(X, d)$  is a rectangular b-metric space with coefficient  $s = 4 > 1$ . But  $(X, d)$  is neither a metric space nor a rectangular metric space. Let  $T : X \rightarrow X$  be defined as :

$$Tx = \begin{cases} \frac{1}{4} & x \in A; \\ \frac{1}{5} & x \in B, \end{cases}$$

$\psi(t) = \frac{1}{5}t$  for all  $t \in \mathbb{R}_+$ , Then  $\sum_{n=1}^{+\infty} s^n \psi^n(t) = \sum_{n=1}^{+\infty} (\frac{4}{5})^n t < +\infty$  for all  $t \in \mathbb{R}_+$ .

If  $x \in A$  then  $Tx = T^2x = T^3x = \frac{1}{4}$ ,

$$d(Tx, T^2x) = d(\frac{1}{4}, \frac{1}{4}) = 0 \leq \psi(d(x, Tx))$$

and

$$d(Tx, T^3x) = 0 \leq \psi(d(x, T^2x)).$$

If  $x \in B$  then  $Tx = \frac{1}{5}$ ,  $T^2x = T^3x = \frac{1}{4}$ ,

$$d(Tx, T^2x) = d(\frac{1}{5}, \frac{1}{4}) = 0,03 \leq \psi(d(x, Tx)) = \frac{1}{5}(x - \frac{1}{5})^2$$

because  $\frac{1}{5}(x - \frac{1}{5})^2 \geq \frac{16}{125} > 0,03$  and

$$d(Tx, T^3x) = 0,03 \leq \psi(d(x, T^2x)) = \frac{1}{5}(x - \frac{1}{4})^2$$

because  $\frac{1}{5}(x - \frac{1}{4})^2 \geq \frac{9}{80} > 0,03$ .

There exist  $x = \frac{1}{2} \in X$  such that  $O(x) = \{\frac{1}{2}, \frac{1}{4}, \frac{1}{4}, \dots, \frac{1}{4}, \dots\}$  orbitale complete. Then  $T$  satisfies the condition of Theorem 3.4 and has a unique fixed point  $x = \frac{1}{4}$ .

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