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## COMMON FIXED POINT RESULTS FOR MAPPINGS UNDER NONLINEAR CONTRACTION OF CYCLIC FORM IN b-METRIC SPACES

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**Abstract.** In this research, we interpret the notion of a b-cyclic  $(\Phi, C, D)$ -contraction for the pair (g, S) of self-mappings on the set Y. We employ our definition to introduce some common fixed point theorems for the two mappings g and S under a set of conditions. Also we introduce an example to support our results.

### 1. Introduction

Many years ago, different results were obtained in fixed point theory in b-metric spaces. A main topic in the fixed point theory is the cyclic contraction. Kirk et al. [15] established the first result in this interesting field.

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Now a days, others attained important outcomes in this dominant field see [20, 21, 29, 30]

We start with the definition of a cyclic map.

**Definition 1.1.** ([29]) Let C and D be non-empty subsets of a metric space (Y,d) and  $S: C \cup D \to C \cup D$ . Then S is called a cyclic map if  $S(C) \subseteq D$  and  $S(D) \subseteq C$ .

In 2003, Kirk et al. [15] gave the following interesting theorem in fixed point theory for a cyclic map.

**Theorem 1.2.** ([15]) Let C and D be nonempty closed subsets of a complete metric space (Y, d). Suppose that  $S: C \cup D \to C \cup D$  is a cyclic map such that

$$d(Sx, Sy) \le kd(x, y), \quad \forall x, y \in D.$$

If  $k \in [0,1)$ , then S has a unique fixed point in  $C \cap D$ .

Some of contractive conditions are based on functions called control function which alter the distance between two points in a metric space. Such functions were inaugurated by Khan et al. [17]

**Definition 1.3.** ([17]) The function  $\Phi : [0, \infty) \to [0, \infty)$  is called an altering distance function if the following properties are satisfied:

- (1)  $\Phi$  is continuous and nondecreasing,
- (2)  $\Phi(\zeta) = 0$  if and only if  $\zeta = 0$ .

**Definition 1.4.** ([6, 11]) Let Y be a nonempty set and  $b \ge 1$  be a given real number. A function  $d: Y \times Y \to [0, \infty)$  is called b-metric. If it satisfies the following properties for each  $y_1, y_2, y_3 \in Y$ ,

- (1)  $d(y_1, y_2) = 0$  if and only if  $y_1 = y_2$ ,
- $(2) \ d(y_1, y_2) = d(y_2, y_1),$
- (3)  $d(y_1, y_3) \le b[d(y_1, y_2) + d(y_2, y_3)].$

The pair (Y, d) is called a b-metric space.

**Example 1.5.** Let  $Y = l_P(R)$  with  $0 , where <math>l_p(R) = \{y_n \subset R : \sum_{n=1}^{\infty} |y_n|^p < \infty\}$ .

Define  $d: Y \times Y \to R^+$  by:

$$d(y,z) = (\sum_{n=1}^{\infty} |y_n - z_n|^p)^{\frac{1}{p}},$$

where  $y = \{y_n\}, z = \{z_n\}$ . Then d is a b-metric space (see [12]) with coefficient  $b = \frac{1}{p}$ .

**Example 1.6.** Let  $Y = L_p[0,1]$  be the space of all real function  $x(t), t \in [0,1]$  such that for 0 ,

$$\int_{0}^{1} |y(t)|^{p} < \infty.$$

Define  $d: Y \times Y \to R^+$  by:

$$d(x,y) = \left( \int_{0}^{1} |y(t) - z(t)|^{p} dt \right)^{\frac{1}{p}}.$$

Then d is a b-metric space (see [12]) with coefficient  $b = 2^{\frac{1}{p}}$ .

The above examples show that class of b-metric space is larger than the class of metric spaces. When b=1, the concept of b-metric coincides with the concept of metric spaces. Many authors introduce many fixed point theorems in the notion of metric spaces, for more details see [1, 2, 3, 5, 7, 8, 9, 16, 22, 24, 25, 34, 35, 36, 37, 38, 39, 40, 41, 42]. Also, for some work on b-metric, we refer the reader to [4, 10, 13, 18, 19, 23, 26, 27, 28, 31, 32, 33].

**Definition 1.7.** ([13]) Let (Y, d) be a b- metric space.

- (1) A sequence  $\{y_n\}$  in Y is said to be Cauchy, if  $d(y_n, y_m) \to 0$  as  $n, m \to \infty$ .
- (2) A sequence  $\{y_n\}$  in Y is said to be convergent, if there exists  $y \in Y$  such that  $d(y_n, y) \to 0$  as  $n \to \infty$  and we write  $\lim_{n \to \infty} y_n = y$ .
- (3) The b-metric space (Y, d) is said to be complete if every Cauchy sequence in Y is convergent.

**Theorem 1.8.** ([14]) Let (Y,d) be a complete b-metric space with constant  $b \geq 1$ , such that b-metric is a continuous functional. Let  $S: Y \to Y$  be a contraction with constant  $k \in [0,1)$  such that kb < 1. Then S has a unique fixed point.

The justification of this paper is to acquire common fixed point results for mapping satisfying nonlinear contractive conditions of a cyclic form based on the notion of an altering distance function.

### 2. The main results

We begin with the following definition.

**Definition 2.1.** Let (Y, d) be a b-metric space and C, D be nonempty closed subsets of Y. Let  $g, S : Y \to Y$  be two mappings. The pair (g, S) is called a b-cyclic  $(\Phi, C, D)$ -contraction, if the following conditions are satisfied:

- (1)  $\Phi$  is an altering distance function,
- (2)  $C \cup D$  has a cyclic representation w.r.t. the pair (g, S); that is  $g(C) \subseteq D$ ,  $S(D) \subseteq C$  and  $Y = C \cup D$ ,
- (3) there exists  $\delta > 0$  with  $b^2 \delta < 1$  such that for all  $x, y \in Y$  with  $x \in C$  and  $y \in D$ , we have

$$\Phi\left(bd\left(gx,Sy\right)\right) \leqslant \Phi\left(\delta \max\left\{d\left(x,y\right),d\left(x,gx\right),d\left(y,Sy\right),\frac{1}{2b}d\left(x,Sy\right),\frac{1}{2b}d\left(gx,y\right)\right\}\right). \tag{2.1}$$

From this point till the end of the paper, by  $\Phi$  we mean altering distance function unless otherwise stated and Y stands for a complete b-metric space. In the rest of this paper, we also mean by N set of non negative integer numbers.

**Theorem 2.2.** Let (Y, d) be a b-complete metric space and C, D be nonempty closed subsets of Y. Let  $g, S : Y \to Y$  be two mapping. Assume the following:

- (1) the pair (g, S) is a b-cyclic  $(\Phi, C, D)$  contraction,
- (2) g or S is continuous.

Then g and S have a common fixed point.

Proof. Choose  $y_0 \in C$ , let  $y_1 = gy_0$ . Since  $gC \subseteq D$ , we have  $y_1 \in D$ . Also, let  $y_2 = Sy_1$ . Since  $SD \subseteq C$ , we have  $y_2 \in C$ . Continuing this process, we can construct a sequence  $\{y_n\}$  in Y such that  $y_{2n+1} = gy_{2n}$ ,  $y_{2n+2} = Sy_{2n+1}$ ,  $y_{2n} \in C$  and  $y_{2n+1} \in D$ .

We divide our proof into the following steps:

**Step 1.** We will show that  $\{y_n\}$  is a Cauchy sequence in (Y, d).

**Subcase 1:** Suppose that  $y_{2n} = y_{2n+1}$  for some  $n \in N$ . Since  $y_{2n}$  and  $y_{2n+1}$  are elements in Y with  $y_{2n} \in C$  and  $y_{2n+1} \in D$ , we have

$$\begin{split} &\Phi\left(bd\left(y_{2n+1},y_{2n+2}\right)\right) \\ &= \Phi\left(d\left(gy_{2n},Sy_{2n+1}\right)\right) \\ &\leqslant \Phi\left(\delta \max\left\{d\left(y_{2n},y_{2n+1}\right),d\left(y_{2n},gy_{2n}\right),d\left(y_{2n+1},Sy_{2n+1}\right),\right. \\ &\left. \frac{1}{2b}d\left(y_{2n},Sy_{2n+1}\right),\frac{1}{2b}d\left(gy_{2n},y_{2n+1}\right)\right\}\right) \\ &= \Phi\left(\delta \max\left\{d\left(y_{2n},y_{2n+1}\right),d\left(y_{2n},y_{2n+1}\right),d\left(y_{2n+1},y_{2n+2}\right),\right. \\ &\left. \frac{1}{2b}d\left(y_{2n},y_{2n+2}\right),\frac{1}{2b}d\left(y_{2n+1},y_{2n+1}\right)\right\}\right) \end{split}$$

$$\leq \Phi \left( \delta d \left( y_{2n+1}, y_{2n+2} \right) \right)$$
  
$$\leq \Phi \left( \delta b d \left( y_{2n+1}, y_{2n+2} \right) \right).$$

By properties of  $\phi$ , we have  $bd(y_{2n+1}, y_{2n+2}) \leq \delta bd(y_{2n+1}, y_{2n+2})$ . Since  $\delta b < 1$ , we have  $bd(y_{2n+1}, y_{2n+2}) = 0$  and hence  $y_{2n+2} = y_{2n+1}$ .

Similarly, we may show that  $y_{2n+3} = y_{2n+2}$ . Hence  $\{y_n\}$  is a constant sequence in Y, so it is a Cauchy sequence in (Y, d).

**Subcase 2:**  $y_{2n} \neq y_{2n+1}$  for all  $n \in \mathbb{N}$ . Given  $n \in \mathbb{N}$ . If n is even, then n = 2q for some  $q \in \mathbb{N}$ .

Since  $y_{2q} \in C$ ,  $y_{2q+1} \in D$  and  $y_{2q}$ ,  $y_{2q+1}$  are elements in Y, we have

$$\begin{split} \Phi\left(bd\left(y_{n+1},y_{n+2}\right)\right) &= \Phi\left(bd\left(y_{2q+1},y_{2q+2}\right)\right) \\ &= \Phi\left(bd\left(gy_{2q},Sy_{2q+1}\right)\right) \\ &\leq \Phi\left(\delta \max\left\{d\left(y_{2q},y_{2q+1}\right),d\left(y_{2q},gy_{2q}\right),d\left(y_{2q+1},Sy_{2q+1}\right),\right. \\ &\left. \frac{1}{2b}d\left(y_{2q},Sy_{2q+1}\right),\frac{1}{2b}d\left(gy_{2q},y_{2q+1}\right)\right\}\right) \\ &= \Phi\left(\delta \max\left\{d\left(y_{2q},y_{2q+1}\right),d\left(y_{2q+1},y_{2q+2}\right),\right. \\ &\left. \frac{1}{2b}d\left(y_{2q},y_{2q+2}\right),\frac{1}{2b}d\left(y_{2q+1},y_{2q+2}\right)\right\}\right) \\ &\leq \Phi\left(\delta \max\left\{d\left(y_{2q},y_{2q+1}\right),d\left(y_{2q},y_{2q+2}\right)\right\}\right) \\ &\leq \Phi\left(\delta b \max\left\{d\left(y_{2q},y_{2q+1}\right),d\left(y_{2q},y_{2q+2}\right)\right\}\right). \end{split}$$

If

$$\max\{d(y_{2q}, y_{2q+1}), d(y_{2q+1}, y_{2q+2})\} = d(y_{2q+1}, y_{2q+2}),$$

then

$$\Phi \left( bd \left( y_{2q+1}, y_{2q+2} \right) \right) \leq \Phi \left( \delta d \left( y_{2q+1}, y_{2q+2} \right) \right) \\
\leq \Phi \left( \delta bd \left( y_{2q+1}, y_{2q+2} \right) \right) \\
< \Phi \left( d \left( y_{2q+1}, y_{2q+2} \right) \right) \\
\leq \Phi \left( bd \left( y_{2q+1}, y_{2q+2} \right) \right),$$

which is a contradiction. Thus

$$\max\{d(y_{2q}, y_{2q+1}), d(y_{2q+1}, y_{2q+2})\} = d(y_{2q}, y_{2q+1}). \tag{2.2}$$

Therefore

$$\Phi \left( bd \left( y_{2q+1}, y_{2q+2} \right) \right) \leq \Phi \left( \delta d \left( y_{2q}, y_{2q+1} \right) \right) 
\leq \Phi \left( \delta bd \left( y_{2q}, y_{2q+1} \right) \right).$$
(2.3)

If n is odd, then n=2q+1 for some  $q \in N$ . Since  $y_{2q+2}$  and  $y_{2q+1}$  are elements in Y with  $y_{2q+2} \in C$  and  $y_{2q+1} \in D$ , we have

$$\begin{split} &\Phi\left(bd\left(y_{n+2},y_{n+1}\right)\right) \\ &= \Phi\left(bd\left(y_{2q+3},y_{2q+2}\right)\right) \\ &= \Phi\left(bd(gy_{2q+2},Sy_{2q+1})\right) \\ &\leq \Phi\left(\max\delta\left\{d\left(y_{2q+2},y_{2q+1}\right),d\left(y_{2q+2},gy_{2q+2}\right),d\left(y_{2q+2},Sy_{2q+1}\right),\right. \\ &\left. \frac{1}{2b}d\left(y_{2q+2},Sy_{2q+1}\right),\frac{1}{2b}d\left(gy_{2q+2},y_{2q+1}\right)\right\}\right) \\ &\leq \Phi\left(\delta\max\left\{d\left(y_{2q+2},y_{2q+1}\right),d\left(y_{2q+2},y_{2q+3}\right),\right. \\ &\left. \frac{1}{2b}d\left(y_{2q+2},y_{2q+2}\right),\frac{1}{2b}d\left(y_{2q+3},y_{2q+1}\right)\right\}\right) \\ &\leq \Phi\left(\delta\max\left\{d\left(y_{2q+2},y_{2q+1}\right),d\left(y_{2q+2},y_{2q+3}\right)\right\}\right) \\ &\leq \Phi\left(\deltab\max\left\{d\left(y_{2q+2},y_{2q+1}\right),d\left(y_{2q+2},y_{2q+3}\right)\right\}\right). \end{split}$$

If

$$\max\{d(y_{2q+2}, y_{2q+1}), d(y_{2q+2}, y_{2q+3}) = d(y_{2q+2}, y_{2q+3}),\$$

then

$$\Phi\left(bd\left(y_{2q+2},y_{2q+3}\right)\right) \ \leq \ \Phi\left(\delta bd\left(y_{2q+2},y_{2q+3}\right)\right).$$

Properties of  $\phi$  implies that

$$bd(y_{2g+2}, y_{2g+3}) \leq \delta bd(y_{2g+2}, y_{2g+3}) < bd(y_{2g+2}, y_{2g+3}),$$

which is a contradiction. Therefore

$$\max\{d(y_{2q+2}, y_{2q+1}), d(y_{2q+2}, y_{2q+3})\} = d(y_{2q+2}, y_{2q+1}), \tag{2.4}$$

and hence

$$\Phi\left(bd\left(y_{2q+3}, y_{2q+2}\right)\right) \le \Phi\left(\delta bd\left(y_{2q+2}, y_{2q+1}\right)\right). \tag{2.5}$$

From (2.3) and (2.5), we have

$$\Phi(bd(y_{n+1}, y_{n+2})) \le \Phi(bd(y_n, y_{n+1})) \le \Phi(bd(y_n, y_{n+1})). \tag{2.6}$$

Since  $\Phi$  is an altering distance function, we have  $\{d(y_{n+1}, y_{n+2}) : n \in \mathbb{N} \cup \{0\}\}$  is a bounded nonincreasing sequence. Thus there exists  $\zeta \geq 0$  such that

$$\lim_{n\to\infty} d\left(y_n, y_{n+1}\right) = \zeta.$$

On letting  $n \to \infty$  in (2.6), we have

$$\Phi\left(b\zeta\right) \leq \Phi\left(\delta b\zeta\right).$$

Claim:  $\zeta = 0$ . Suppose to the contrary, that is,  $\zeta \neq 0$ . By properties of  $\phi$ , we have

$$b\zeta \leq \delta b\zeta < \zeta$$
,

which is a contradiction. Therefore  $\zeta = 0$ . Thus

$$\lim_{n \to \infty} d(y_n, y_{n+1}) = 0. \tag{2.7}$$

Next, we show that  $\{y_n\}$  is a Cauchy sequence in b-metric space (Y, d). It is sufficient to show that  $\{y_{2n}\}$  is a Cauchy sequence in (Y,d). Suppose to the contrary, that is,  $\{y_{2n}\}$  is not a Cauchy sequence in (Y,d). Then there exists  $\epsilon > 0$  for which we can find two subsequences  $\{y_{2m(i)}\}$  and  $\{y_{2n(i)}\}$  of  $\{y_{2n}\}$ such that n(i) is the smallest index for which

$$n(i) > m(i) > i, \quad d\left(y_{2m(i)}, y_{2n(i)}\right) \ge \epsilon. \tag{2.8}$$

This means that

$$d\left(y_{2m(i)}, y_{2n(i)-2}\right) < \epsilon. \tag{2.9}$$

From (2.8), (2.9) and the definition of the b-metric space, we get

$$\begin{array}{ll} \epsilon & \leq & d\left(y_{2m(i)},y_{2n(i)}\right) \\ & \leq & bd\left(y_{2m(i)},y_{2n(i)-2}\right) + bd\left(y_{2n(i)-2},y_{2n(i)}\right) \\ & \leq & bd\left(y_{2m(i)},y_{2n(i)-2}\right) + b^2d\left(y_{2n(i)-2},y_{2n(i)-1}\right) + b^2d\left(y_{2n(i)-1},y_{2n(i)}\right) \\ & \leq & \epsilon b + b^2d\left(y_{2n(i)-2},y_{2n(i)-1}\right) + b^2d\left(y_{2n(i)-1},y_{2n(i)}\right). \end{array}$$

By taking the sup limit of above inequalities using (2.7), we have

$$\epsilon \le \limsup_{i \to +\infty} d\left(y_{2m(i)}, y_{2n(i)}\right) \le \epsilon b.$$
(2.10)

Again, from (2.8) and the definition of the b-metric space, we get

$$\epsilon \le d(y_{2m(i)}, y_{2n(i)})$$
 $\le b((d(y_{2m(i)}, y_{2m(i)+1}) + d(y_{2m(i)+}, y_{2n(i)})).$ 

On taking the limsup in above inequalities and using (2.7), we get

$$\epsilon \le \limsup_{i \to +\infty} bd\left(y_{2m(i)+1}, y_{2n(i)}\right). \tag{2.11}$$

Again, from the definition of the b-metric space, we get

$$d(y_{2m(i)}, y_{2n(i)-1}) \le b((d(y_{2m(i)}, y_{2n(i)}) + d(y_{2n(i)+}, y_{2n(i)-1})).$$

On taking the limsup in above inequalities and using (2.7) and (2.10), we get

$$\lim_{i \to +\infty} \sup bd\left(y_{2m(i)}, y_{2n(i)-1}\right) \le \epsilon b^2. \tag{2.12}$$

Again, from the definition of the b-metric space, we get that

$$d\left(y_{2n(i)+1}, y_{2n(i)-1}\right) \leq \underline{d}\left(y_{2n(i)+1}, y_{2n(i)}\right) + d\left(y_{2n(i)}, y_{2n(i)-1}\right).$$

On taking the limsup in above inequalities and using the properties of  $\Phi$  , we get

$$\lim_{i \to +\infty} \sup bd \left( y_{2n(i)+1}, y_{2n(i)-1} \right) = 0.$$
 (2.13)

Since  $y_{2m(i)} \in C$  and  $y_{2n(i)-1} \in D$ , we have

$$\begin{split} \Phi\left(bd\left(y_{2m(i)+1},y_{2n(i)}\right)\right) &= \Phi\left(bd\left(gy_{2m(i)},Sy_{2n(i)-1}\right)\right) \\ &\leq \Phi\bigg(\max\delta\bigg\{d\left(y_{2m(i)},y_{2n(i)-1}\right),d\left(y_{2m(i)},y_{2m(i)}\right),\\ &d\left(y_{2n(i)-1},Sy_{2n(i)-1}\right),\\ &\frac{1}{2b}d\left(y_{2m(i)},gy_{2n(i)-1}\right),\frac{1}{2b}d\left(gy_{2m(i)},y_{2n(i)-1}\right)\bigg\}\bigg) \\ &= \Phi\bigg(\delta\max\bigg\{d\left(y_{2m(i)},y_{2n(i)-1}\right),d\left(y_{2m(i)},y_{2m(i)+1}\right),\\ &d\left(y_{2n(i)-1},y_{2n(i)}\right),\\ &\frac{1}{2b}d\left(y_{2m(i)},y_{2n(i)}\right),\frac{1}{2b}d\left(y_{2n(i)+1},y_{2n(i)-1}\right)\bigg\}\bigg). \end{split}$$

Taking the limsup in above inequalities, and using the properties of  $\Phi$  and (2.7), (2.10), (2.11), (2.12) and (2.13), we get

$$\Phi\left(\epsilon\right) \le \Phi\left(\epsilon\delta b^2\right).$$

Again, properties of  $\Phi$  implies that  $\epsilon \leq \epsilon \delta b^2$ . Since  $b^2 \delta < 1$ , we have  $\epsilon = 0$ , a contradiction. Thus  $\{y_n\}$  is a Cauchy sequence in (Y, d).

**Step 2:** Existence of a common fixed point.

Since (Y, d) is a complete b-metric space and  $\{y_n\}$  is a Cauchy sequence in Y we have  $\{y_n\}$  converges to some  $v \in Y$ , that is,  $\lim_{n \to +\infty} d(y_n, v) = 0$ . Therefore,

$$\lim_{n \to \infty} y_n = \lim_{n \to \infty} y_{2n-1} = \lim_{n \to +\infty} y_{2n} = v.$$
 (2.14)

Since  $\{y_{2n}\}$  is a sequence in C. C is closed and  $y_{2n} \to v$ , we have  $v \in C$ . Also, since  $\{y_{2n+1}\}$  is a sequence in D, D is closed and  $y_{2n+1} \to v$ , we have  $v \in D$ .

Now, we show that v is a fixed point of g and S. Without loss of generality, we may assume that g is continuous, since  $y_{2n} \to v$ , we get  $y_{2n+1} = gy_{2n} \to gv$ . By the uniqueness of limit, we have v = gv.

Now, we show that v = Sv. Since  $v \in C$  and  $v \in D$ , we have

$$\begin{split} \Phi\left(bd\left(v,Sv\right)\right) &= \Phi\left(bd\left(gv,Sv\right)\right) \\ &\leq \Phi(\delta \max\{d\left(gv,Sv\right),d\left(v,gv\right),d\left(v,Sv\right),\\ &\frac{1}{2b}d\left(v,Sv\right),\frac{1}{2b}d\left(gv,v\right)\}) \\ &= \Phi\left(\delta d\left(v,Sv\right)\right). \end{split}$$

Properties of  $\Phi$  implies that

$$bd(v, Sv) \le \delta d(v, Sv),$$

the last inequality only if d(v, Sv) = 0, and hence v = Sv.

If we take  $\Phi = I[0, +\infty]$  is the identity function in Theorem 2.2 we have the following result.

**Corollary 2.3.** Let (Y,d) be a b-metric space and C,D be nonempty closed subsets of Y. Let  $g,S:Y\to Y$  be two mappings and  $C\cup D$  has a b-cyclic representation with respect to the pair (g,S). Suppose there exists  $\delta>0$  with  $b^2\delta<1$  such that for all  $x,y\in Y$  with  $x\in C$  and  $y\in Y$ , we have

$$bd\left(gx,Sy\right) \leq \delta \max \left\{ d\left(x,y\right), d\left(x,gx\right), d\left(y,Sy\right), \frac{1}{2b}d\left(x,Sy\right), \frac{1}{2b}d\left(gx,y\right) \right\}.$$

If g or S is continuous, then g and S have a common fixed point.

By taking g = S in Theorem 2.2, we have the following result.

**Corollary 2.4.** Let (Y,d) be a b- metric space and C,D be nonempty closed subsets of Y with  $Y=C\cup D$ . Let  $g,S:Y\to Y$  be two mappings. Suppose there exists  $\delta>0$  with  $b^2\delta<1$  such that for all  $x,y\in Y$  with  $x\in C$  and  $y\in Y$ , we have

$$\Phi\left(bd\left(gx,gy\right)\right) \\ \leq \Phi\left(\delta \max\left\{d\left(x,y\right),d\left(x,gx\right),d\left(y,gy\right),\frac{1}{2b}d\left(x,gy\right),\frac{1}{2b}d\left(gx,y\right)\right\}\right).$$

Assume that g is a continuous and cyclic map, Then g has a fixed point.

By taking C = D = Y in Theorem 2.2, we have the following result.

**Corollary 2.5.** Let (Y,d) be a b- metric space. Let  $g,S:Y\to Y$  be two mappings. Suppose there exists  $\delta>0$  with  $b^2\delta<1$  such that for all  $x,y\in Y$ , we have

$$\begin{split} &\Phi\left(bd\left(gx,Sy\right)\right)\\ &\leq\Phi\left(\delta\max\left\{d\left(x,y\right),d\left(x,gx\right),d\left(y,Sy\right),\frac{1}{2b}d\left(x,Sy\right),\frac{1}{2b}d\left(gx,y\right)\right\}\right). \end{split}$$

If g or S is continuous, then g and S have a common fixed point.

**Example 2.6.** Let  $Y = \{1, 2, 3, 4, 5\}$ . Define  $d: Y \times Y \to [0, +\infty)$  by d(x, x) = 0 if  $x \in \{1, 2, 3, 4, 5\}$ ;

d(x,y) = 1 if  $x, y \in \{1, 2, 3, 4\}$  and  $x \neq y$ ;

 $d(x,y) = 20 \text{ if } x \in \{1,2,3\} \text{ and } y = 5;$ 

d(x,y) = 20 if x = 5 and  $y \in \{1, 2, 3\}$ ;

 $d(x,y) = 12 \text{ if } x, y \in \{4,5\} \text{ and } x \neq y.$ 

Define  $g: Y \to Y$  by g(x) = 1 if  $x \in \{1, 2, 3, 4\}$  and g(5) = 4. Also, define  $S: Y \to Y$  by S(x) = 1 if  $x \in \{1, 2, 3, 4\}$  and S(5) = 3. Also, define  $\Phi: [0, +\infty) \to [0, +\infty)$  via  $\Phi(t) = \frac{t}{4}$ . Let  $C = \{1, 3, 5\}$  and  $D = \{1, 2, 4\}$ . Then

- (1) (Y, d) is a complete b-metric space,
- (2)  $C \cup D$  has cyclic representation with respect to the pair (q, S),
- (3) for every two elements  $x, y \in Y$  with  $x \in C$  and  $y \in D$ , we have

$$\Phi\left(2d\left(gx,Sy\right)\right) \\ \leq \Phi\left(\frac{1}{8}max\left\{d\left(x,y\right),d\left(x,gx\right),d\left(y,Sy\right),\frac{1}{4}d\left(x,Sy\right),\frac{1}{4}d\left(gx,y\right)\right\}\right).$$

The proof of (1) is obvious with b = 2. To prove part (2), since  $gC = \{1, 4\} \subseteq D$  and  $SD = \{1\} \subseteq C$ , we can say that  $C \cup D$  has b-cyclic representation with respect to the pair (g, S). To prove part (3), we have the following two cases:

Case I: Let x = 1, 3 and  $y \in D$ . Then g(x) = 1 and S(y) = 1 and hence  $\Phi(d(gx, Sy)) = 0$ . Thus we have

$$\Phi\left(2d\left(gx,Sy\right)\right) \\ \leq \Phi\left(\frac{1}{8}max\left\{d\left(x,y\right),d\left(x,gx\right),d\left(y,Sy\right),\frac{1}{4}d\left(x,Sy\right),\frac{1}{4}d\left(gx,y\right)\right\}\right).$$

Case II: Let x = 5 and  $y \in D\{1, 2\}$ . Then g(x) = 4 and S(y) = 1. Hence  $\Phi(2d(gx, Sy)) = \Phi(2d(4, 1)) = \Phi(2) = \frac{1}{2}$  and d(x, y) = 10. Thus,

$$\begin{split} &\Phi\left(2d\left(gx,Sy\right)\right) = \frac{1}{2} \leq \frac{5}{8} = \Phi\left(\frac{1}{8}d(x,y)\right) \\ &\leq \Phi\left(\frac{1}{8}max\left\{d\left(x,y\right),d\left(x,gx\right),d\left(y,Sy\right)\frac{1}{4}d\left(x,Sy\right),\frac{1}{4}d\left(gx,y\right)\right\}\right) \\ &= \Phi\left(\frac{5}{2}\right). \end{split}$$

Similarly, we can deal with the case x = 5 and y = 4. Thus g and S satisfy all the hypothesis of Theorem 2.2. Hence g and S have a common fixed point. Here 1 is the common fixed point of g and S.

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