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Double controlled quasi metric-like spaces and some topological properties of this space

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Abstract: In present paper, we introduce a new extension of the double controlled metric-like spaces, so called double controlled quasi metric-like spaces “assuming that the self-distance may not be zero”. Also, if the value of the metric is zero, then it has to be “a self-distance”. After that, by using this new type of quasi metric spaces, we generalize many results in the literature and we prove fixed point theorems along with some examples illustrating.

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1. Introduction

Among various generalizations of concept of metric, Matthews [15] introduced a special kind of a partial metric space where the self-distance $d(x, x)$ is not necessarily zero. On the other hand, Amini-Harandi [4] redefined a dislocated metric of Hitzler and Seda [11] and introduced metric-like spaces. Combining these two concepts we get quasi-metric-like spaces. The study of partial metric spaces has wide area of application, especially in computer science [14, 18]. Therefore, we can find many fixed point results in the setting of partial metric spaces [3–6, 8–10].

The b-metric space [6, 7] and its partial versions, which extends the metric space by modifying the triangle equality metric axiom by inserting a constant multiple $s > 1$ to the right-hand side, is one of the most applied generalizations for metric spaces (see [1, 12]).

Very recently, the authors in [13] introduced a type of extended b-metric spaces by replacing the constant s by a function $\theta(x, y)$ depending on the parameters of the left-hand side of the triangle inequality.

In this paper we introduce a new type of generalized metric space, which we call as a double controlled quasi metric-Like type space. We also prove the corresponding Banach fixed point theorem on this metric space and we provide an illustrating example.

2. Preliminary assertions

In 2017 Kamran et al. [13] initiated the concept of extended b-metric spaces.

Definition 2.1. [13] Let Υ be a non empty set and $\theta : \Upsilon \times \Upsilon \rightarrow [1, \infty)$. An extended b-metric is a function $\varpi : \Upsilon \times \Upsilon \rightarrow [0, \infty)$ such that for all $v, t, r \in \Upsilon$ the following conditions hold:

- (1) $\varpi(v, t) = 0 \Leftrightarrow v = t$;
- (2) $\varpi(v, t) = \varpi(t, v)$;
- (3) $\varpi(v, t) \leq \theta(v, t)[\varpi(v, r) + \varpi(r, t)]$,

for all $v, t, r \in \Upsilon$. The pair (Υ, ϖ) is called an extended b-metric space.

Mlaiki et al. [17] generalized the notion of b-metric spaces.

Definition 2.2. [17] Given a nonempty set Υ and $\theta : \Upsilon \times \Upsilon \rightarrow [1, \infty)$. The function $\varpi : \Upsilon \times \Upsilon \rightarrow [0, \infty)$ is called a controlled metric type if

- (1) $\varpi(v, t) = 0 \Leftrightarrow v = t$;
- (2) $\varpi(v, t) = \varpi(t, v)$;
- (3) $\varpi(v, t) \leq \theta(v, r)\varpi(v, r) + \theta(r, t)\varpi(r, t)$

for all $v, t, r \in \Upsilon$. The pair (Υ, ϖ) is called a controlled metric type space.

Next we present the definition of double controlled metric-type spaces.

Definition 2.3. [2] Let there be given two non-comparable functions $\beta, \rho : \Upsilon \times \Upsilon \rightarrow [1, \infty)$. Let $\varpi : \Upsilon \times \Upsilon \rightarrow [0, \infty)$ be a function satisfying

- (1) $\varpi(v, t) = 0 \Leftrightarrow v = t$;
- (2) $\varpi(v, t) = \varpi(t, v)$;
- (3) $\varpi(v, t) \leq \beta(v, r)\varpi(v, r) + \rho(r, t)\varpi(r, t)$,

for all $v, t, r \in \Upsilon$. Then ϖ is called a double controlled metric type by β and ρ and the pair (Υ, ϖ) is a double controlled metric type space.

The following definition is a generalization of double controlled metric-type spaces to double controlled metric-like-type spaces, where the condition (1) is replaced by a weaker one.

Definition 2.4. [16] Consider a set Υ be a non empty set and non-comparable functions $\beta, \rho : \Upsilon \times \Upsilon \rightarrow [1, \infty)$. Suppose that a function $\varpi : \Upsilon \times \Upsilon \rightarrow [0, \infty)$ satisfies the following conditions for all $v, t, r \in \Upsilon$:

- (1) $\varpi(v, t) = 0 \Rightarrow v = t$;
- (2) $\varpi(v, t) = \varpi(t, v)$;
- (3) $\varpi(v, t) \leq \beta(v, r)\varpi(v, r) + \rho(r, t)\varpi(r, t)$.

Then the pair (Υ, ϖ) is called a double controlled metric-like space.

3. Double controlled quasi metric-Like spaces and some topological properties of this space

In this section we present our generalization of the double controlled quasi metric-like-type spaces. This concept is extension of the double controlled metric-like spaces, so called double controlled quasi metric-like spaces “assuming that the self-distance may not be zero”.

Definition 3.1. Let Υ be a non empty set and consider non-comparable functions

$$\beta, \rho : \Upsilon \times \Upsilon \rightarrow [1, \infty).$$

Suppose that a function $\varpi : \Upsilon \times \Upsilon \rightarrow [0, \infty)$, for all $v, t, r \in \Upsilon$, satisfies the following conditions:

- (ϖ_1) $\varpi(v, t) = \varpi(t, v) = 0 \Rightarrow v = t$;
 (ϖ_2) $\varpi(v, t) \leq \varpi(v, r)\beta(v, r) + \varpi(r, t)\rho(r, t)$.

Then the pair (Υ, ϖ) is called a double controlled quasi metric-like space or shortly (*DCQMLS*).

Definition 3.2. Let (Υ, ϖ) be a *DCQMLS* and (v_n) be a sequence in Υ . Then we say

(i) (v_n) converges to $v \in \Upsilon$ if and only if

$$\lim_{n \rightarrow +\infty} \varpi(v_n, v) = \varpi(v, v) = \lim_{n \rightarrow +\infty} \varpi(v, v_n).$$

In this case v is called a double controlled quasi like-limit or shortly (ϖ -limit) of (v_n) , and we write $\lim_{n \rightarrow +\infty} v_n = v$.

(ii) A sequence (v_n) is a ϖ -Cauchy sequence if both $\lim_{n, m \rightarrow +\infty} \varpi(v_n, v_m)$ and $\lim_{n, m \rightarrow +\infty} \varpi(v_m, v_n)$ exist and are finite.

(iii) (Υ, ϖ) is ϖ -complete if for any ϖ -Cauchy sequence (v_n) , there exists some $v \in \Upsilon$ such that

$$\begin{aligned} \varpi(v, v) &= \lim_{n \rightarrow +\infty} \varpi(v_n, v) \\ &= \lim_{n \rightarrow +\infty} \varpi(v, v_n) \\ &= \lim_{n, m \rightarrow +\infty} \varpi(v_n, v_m) \\ &= \lim_{n, m \rightarrow +\infty} \varpi(v_m, v_n). \end{aligned}$$

(iv) The mapping $\Xi : \Upsilon \rightarrow \Upsilon$ is said to be continuous at $v \in \Upsilon$ if for any sequence (v_n) converging to v , we have $\lim_{n \rightarrow +\infty} \Xi v_n = \Xi v$, that is,

$$\lim_{n \rightarrow +\infty} \varpi(\Xi v_n, \Xi v) = \varpi(\Xi v, \Xi v) = \lim_{n \rightarrow +\infty} \varpi(\Xi v, \Xi v_n).$$

Remark 3.1.

- (i) Topology of (*DCQMLS*) is not necessarily a Hausdorff topology, so the limit of convergent sequence is not always unique.
 (ii) There are convergent sequences in (*DCQMLS*) that are not Cauchy sequences.

Example 3.1. Let $\Upsilon = \{0, 1, 2\}$ and $\varpi : \Upsilon \times \Upsilon \rightarrow [0, +\infty)$ defined with

$$\varpi(0, 0) = \varpi(0, 1) = \varpi(1, 1) = 1,$$

$$\varpi(0, 2) = \varpi(1, 0) = \varpi(1, 2) = \varpi(2, 0) = \varpi(2, 1) = \varpi(2, 2) = 2.$$

Consider the following $\beta, \rho : \Upsilon \times \Upsilon \rightarrow [1, \infty)$:

$$\beta(1, 1) = \beta(1, 2) = \beta(1, 0) = \beta(0, 1) = \beta(0, 0) = \beta(0, 2) = \beta(2, 0) = 1,$$

$$\beta(2, 1) = \beta(2, 2) = 2,$$

and

$$\rho(1, 1) = \rho(0, 1) = \rho(1, 0) = \rho(0, 0) = 1,$$

$$\rho(0, 2) = \rho(2, 0) = \rho(1, 2) = \rho(2, 1) = \rho(2, 2) = 2.$$

Thus, (Υ, ϖ) is a *(DCQMLS)*.

The constant sequence $(v_n = 1)_{n \in \mathbb{N}}$ is convergent with both 1 and 2 as limits since

$$\lim_{n \rightarrow +\infty} \varpi(v_n, 1) = \lim_{n \rightarrow +\infty} \varpi(1, v_n) = \varpi(1, 1) = 1$$

$$\lim_{n \rightarrow +\infty} \varpi(v_n, 2) = \varpi(1, 2) = \varpi(2, 1) = \lim_{n \rightarrow +\infty} \varpi(2, v_n) = \varpi(2, 2) = 2.$$

Consider the sequence $t_{2n} = 1, t_{2n-1} = 0, n \in \mathbb{N}$. Obviously, (t_n) is not a Cauchy sequence, but

$$\lim_{n \rightarrow +\infty} \varpi(t_n, 2) = \lim_{n \rightarrow +\infty} \varpi(2, t_n) = \varpi(2, 2) = 2,$$

implying that $\lim_{n \rightarrow +\infty} t_n = 2$.

Definition 3.3. Let (Υ, ϖ) be a *(DCQMLS)* with $\varepsilon > 0$, $v_0 \in \Upsilon$. The set $\delta(v_0, \varepsilon) = \{v/v \in \Upsilon, \max(\varpi(v_0, v), \varpi(v, v_0)) < \varepsilon\}$ is called ϖ -open ball of radius ε , center v_0 and $B_\varepsilon(v_0) = \{v_0\} \cup \delta(v_0, \varepsilon)$. The set $\bar{\delta}(v_0, \varepsilon) = \{v/v \in \Upsilon, \max(\varpi(v_0, v), \varpi(v, v_0)) \leq \varepsilon\}$ is called ϖ -closed ball of radius ε , center v_0 and $\bar{B}_\varepsilon(v_0) = \{v_0\} \cup \bar{\delta}(v_0, \varepsilon)$.

4. Main results

Theorem 4.1. Let (Υ, ϖ) be a complete *(DCQMLS)* defined by functions $\beta, \rho : \Upsilon \times \Upsilon \rightarrow [1, \infty)$. Let $\Xi : \Upsilon \rightarrow \Upsilon$ be a mapping such that

$$\varpi(\Xi v, \Xi t) \leq h\varpi(v, t), \quad (4.1)$$

for all $v, t \in \Upsilon$, where $h \in (0, 1)$. For $v_0 \in \Upsilon$, take $v_n = \Xi^n v_0$. Suppose that

$$\sup_{m \geq 1} \lim_{i \rightarrow +\infty} \frac{\beta(v_{i+1}, v_{i+2})}{\beta(v_i, v_{i+1})} \rho(v_{i+1}, v_m) < \frac{1}{h}. \quad (4.2)$$

Also assume that, for every $v \in \Upsilon$, we have

$$\lim_{n \rightarrow +\infty} \beta(v, v_n) \text{ and } \lim_{n \rightarrow +\infty} \rho(v_n, v) \text{ exist and are finite.} \quad (4.3)$$

Then Ξ has a unique fixed point.

Proof. Let $v_n = \Xi^n v_0$ in Υ be a sequence that satisfies the conditions of our theorem. By using (4.1) we get

$$\varpi(v_n, v_{n+1}) \leq h^n \varpi(v_0, v_1) \text{ for all } n \geq 0. \quad (4.4)$$

Let $n, m \in \mathbb{N}$ be such that $n < m$. Then

$$\begin{aligned}
\varpi(v_n, v_m) &\leq \beta(v_n, v_{n+1})\varpi(v_n, v_{n+1}) + \rho(v_{n+1}, v_m)\varpi(v_{n+1}, v_m) \\
&\leq \beta(v_n, v_{n+1})\varpi(v_n, v_{n+1}) + \rho(v_{n+1}, v_m)\beta(v_{n+1}, v_{n+2})\varpi(v_{n+1}, v_{n+2}) \\
&\quad + \rho(v_{n+1}, v_m)\rho(v_{n+2}, v_m)\varpi(v_{n+2}, v_m) \\
&\leq \beta(v_n, v_{n+1})\varpi(v_n, v_{n+1}) + \rho(v_{n+1}, v_m)\beta(v_{n+1}, v_{n+2})\varpi(v_{n+1}, v_{n+2}) \\
&\quad + \rho(v_{n+1}, v_m)\rho(v_{n+2}, v_m)\beta(v_{n+2}, v_{n+3})\varpi(v_{n+2}, v_{n+3}) \\
&\quad + \rho(v_{n+1}, v_m)\rho(v_{n+2}, v_m)\rho(v_{n+3}, v_m)\varpi(v_{n+3}, v_m) \\
&\leq \\
&\vdots \\
&\leq \beta(v_n, v_{n+1})\varpi(v_n, v_{n+1}) + \sum_{i=n+1}^{m-2} \left(\prod_{j=n+1}^i \rho(v_j, v_m) \right) \beta(v_i, v_{i+1})\varpi(v_i, v_{i+1}) \\
&\quad + \left(\prod_{k=n+1}^{m-1} \rho(v_k, v_m) \right) \varpi(v_{m-1}, v_m) \\
&\leq \beta(v_n, v_{n+1})h^n \varpi(v_0, v_1) + \sum_{i=n+1}^{m-2} \left(\prod_{j=n+1}^i \rho(v_j, v_m) \right) \beta(v_i, v_{i+1})h^i \varpi(v_0, v_1) \\
&\quad + \left(\prod_{i=n+1}^{m-1} \rho(v_i, v_m) \right) h^{m-1} \varpi(v_0, v_1) \\
&\leq \beta(v_n, v_{n+1})h^n \varpi(v_0, v_1) + \sum_{i=n+1}^{m-2} \left(\prod_{j=n+1}^i \rho(v_j, v_m) \right) \beta(v_i, v_{i+1})h^i \varpi(v_0, v_1) \\
&\quad + \left(\prod_{i=n+1}^{m-1} \rho(v_i, v_m) \right) h^{m-1} \beta(v_{m-1}, v_m) \varpi(v_0, v_1) \\
&= \beta(v_n, v_{n+1})h^n \varpi(v_0, v_1) + \sum_{i=n+1}^{m-1} \left(\prod_{j=n+1}^i \rho(v_j, v_m) \right) \beta(v_i, v_{i+1})h^i \varpi(v_0, v_1) \\
&\leq \beta(v_n, v_{n+1})h^n \varpi(v_0, v_1) + \sum_{i=n+1}^{m-1} \left(\prod_{j=0}^i \rho(v_j, v_m) \right) \beta(v_i, v_{i+1})h^i \varpi(v_0, v_1).
\end{aligned}$$

Note that we are using the fact that $\beta(v, t) \geq 1$ and $\rho(v, t) \geq 1$. Let

$$\Phi_p = \sum_{i=0}^p \left(\prod_{j=0}^i \rho(v_j, v_m) \right) \beta(v_i, v_{i+1})h^i.$$

Then we have

$$\varpi(v_n, v_m) \leq \varpi(v_0, v_1)[h^n \beta(v_n, v_{n+1}) + (\Phi_{m-1} - \Phi_n)]. \quad (4.5)$$

By condition (4.2), using the ratio test, we see that $\lim_{n \rightarrow +\infty} \Phi_n$ exists, and hence the real sequence (Φ_n) is a Cauchy sequence. Finally, if we take the limit in inequality (4.5) as $n, m \rightarrow +\infty$, we deduce that

$$\lim_{n, m \rightarrow +\infty} \varpi(v_n, v_m) = 0. \quad (4.6)$$

Similarly proceeding we have

$$\lim_{n,m \rightarrow +\infty} \varpi(v_m, v_n) = 0.$$

Hence the sequence (v_n) is ϖ -Cauchy in (Y, ϖ) , which is a complete $(DCQMLS)$, so (v_n) converges to some $v^* \in Y$, that is,

$$\begin{aligned} \lim_{n \rightarrow +\infty} \varpi(v_n, v^*) &= \lim_{n \rightarrow +\infty} \varpi(v^*, v_n) \\ &= \varpi(v^*, v^*) \\ &= \lim_{n,m \rightarrow +\infty} \varpi(v_n, v_m) = \lim_{n,m \rightarrow +\infty} \varpi(v_m, v_n) \\ &= 0. \end{aligned} \tag{4.7}$$

Then $\varpi(v^*, v^*) = 0$. Next, we show that $\Xi v^* = v^*$. By the triangle inequality and (4.1) we have

$$\begin{aligned} \varpi(v^*, \Xi v^*) &\leq \beta(v^*, v_{n+1})\varpi(v^*, v_{n+1}) + \rho(v_{n+1}, \Xi v^*)\varpi(v_{n+1}, \Xi v) \\ &= \beta(v^*, v_{n+1})\varpi(v^*, v_{n+1}) + \rho(v_{n+1}, \Xi v^*)\varpi(\Xi v_n, \Xi v^*) \\ &\leq \beta(v^*, v_{n+1})\varpi(v^*, v_{n+1}) + h\rho(v_{n+1}, \Xi v^*)\varpi(v_n, v^*). \end{aligned}$$

and

$$\begin{aligned} \varpi(\Xi v^*, v^*) &\leq \beta(\Xi v^*, v_{n+1})\varpi(\Xi v^*, v_{n+1}) + \rho(v_{n+1}, v^*)\varpi(v_{n+1}, v^*) \\ &= \beta(\Xi v^*, v_{n+1})\varpi(\Xi v^*, \Xi v_n) + \rho(v_{n+1}, v^*)\varpi(v_{n+1}, v^*) \\ &\leq h\beta(\Xi v^*, v_{n+1})\varpi(v^*, v_n) + \rho(v_{n+1}, v^*)\varpi(v_{n+1}, v^*). \end{aligned}$$

Taking the limit as $n \rightarrow +\infty$, by (4.3) and (4.7) we deduce that $\varpi(v^*, \Xi v^*) = \varpi(\Xi v^*, v^*) = 0$, that is, $\Xi v^* = v^*$. Finally, assume that Ξ has two fixed points, say v and ξ . Then

$$\varpi(v, \xi) = \varpi(\Xi v, \Xi \xi) \leq h\varpi(v, \xi) < \varpi(v, \xi),$$

$$\varpi(\xi, v) = \varpi(\Xi \xi, \Xi v) \leq h\varpi(\xi, v) < \varpi(\xi, v),$$

which leads us to a contradiction. Therefore $\varpi(v, \xi) = \varpi(\xi, v) = 0$, so $v = \xi$. Hence Ξ has a unique fixed point.

Remark 4.1. Note that condition (4.3) in Theorem 4.1 can be changed by the assumption that Ξ and the $(DCQMLS)$ ϖ are continuous. To see this, the continuity gives us that if $v_n \rightarrow v^*$, then $\Xi v_n \rightarrow \Xi v^*$, and hence we have

$$\begin{aligned} \lim_{n \rightarrow +\infty} \varpi(\Xi v_n, \Xi v^*) &= \lim_{n \rightarrow +\infty} \varpi(\Xi v^*, \Xi v_n) \\ &= \varpi(\Xi v^*, \Xi v^*) \\ &= \lim_{n \rightarrow +\infty} \varpi(v_{n+1}, \Xi v^*) = \lim_{n \rightarrow +\infty} \varpi(\Xi v^*, v_{n+1}) \\ &= \varpi(v^*, \Xi v^*) = \varpi(\Xi v^*, v^*), \end{aligned}$$

then

$$\varpi(\Xi v^*, \Xi v^*) = \varpi(v^*, \Xi v^*) = \varpi(\Xi v^*, v^*) \tag{4.8}$$

Next we show that $\varpi(\Xi v^*, \Xi v^*) = 0$. In fact by (4.1) we have

$$\begin{aligned} \varpi(\Xi v^*, \Xi v^*) &\leq \beta(\Xi v^*, v_{n+1})\varpi(\Xi v^*, v_{n+1}) + \rho(v_{n+1}, \Xi v^*)\varpi(v_{n+1}, \Xi v^*) \\ &= \beta(\Xi v^*, v_{n+1})\varpi(\Xi v^*, \Xi v_n) + \rho(v_{n+1}, \Xi v^*)\varpi(\Xi v_n, \Xi v^*) \\ &= h\beta(\Xi v^*, v_{n+1})\varpi(v^*, v_n) + h\rho(v_{n+1}, \Xi v^*)\varpi(v_n, v^*). \end{aligned}$$

Taking the limit as $n \rightarrow +\infty$, by (4.3), (4.7) and (4.8) we deduce that $\varpi(\Xi v^*, \Xi v^*) = \varpi(v^*, \Xi v^*) = \varpi(\Xi v^*, v^*) = 0$, so $\Xi v^* = v^*$.

Definition 4.1. Let $\Xi : \Upsilon \rightarrow \Upsilon$. For some $v_0 \in \Upsilon$, consider $O(v_0) = \{v_0, \Xi v_0, \Xi^2 v_0, \dots\}$ to be the orbit of v_0 . We say that a function φ is Ξ -orbitally lower semicontinuous at $u \in \Upsilon$ if for $(v_n) \subset O(v_0)$ such that $v_n \rightarrow u$, we have $\varphi(u) \leq \liminf_{n \rightarrow +\infty} \varphi(v_n)$.

Corollary 4.1. Let (Υ, ϖ) be a complete (DCQMLS) defined by functions $\beta, \rho : \Upsilon \times \Upsilon \rightarrow [1, \infty)$. Let $\Xi : \Upsilon \rightarrow \Upsilon$. Let $v_0 \in \Upsilon$ and $0 < h < 1$ be such that

$$\varpi(\Xi u, \Xi^2 u) \leq h\varpi(v, \Xi u) \text{ for each } u \in O(v_0). \quad (4.9)$$

Take $v_n = \Xi^n v_0$. Suppose that

$$\sup_{m \geq 1} \lim_{i \rightarrow +\infty} \frac{\beta(v_{i+1}, v_{i+2})}{\beta(v_i, v_{i+1})} \rho(v_{i+1}, v_m) < \frac{1}{h}. \quad (4.10)$$

Then $\lim_{n \rightarrow +\infty} v_n = u \in \Upsilon$. Moreover, $\Xi u = u \Leftrightarrow u \mapsto \varpi(u, \Xi u)$ is Ξ -orbitally lower semicontinuous at u .

Next, we present the nonlinear case.

Theorem 4.2. Let (Υ, ϖ) be a complete (DCQMLS) defined by functions $\beta, \rho : \Upsilon \times \Upsilon \rightarrow [1, \infty)$ and assume that there exists a nondecreasing and continuous function $\psi : \mathbb{R}_+ \rightarrow \mathbb{R}_+$ such that

$$\lim_{n \rightarrow +\infty} \psi^n(v) = 0, \quad v > 0, \quad \psi(t) < t, \text{ for all } t > 0,$$

and

$$\varpi(\Xi v, \Xi t) \leq \psi(\Theta(v, t)), \quad \Theta(v, t) = \max\{\varpi(v, t), \varpi(v, \Xi v), \varpi(t, \Xi t)\}, \quad (4.11)$$

for all $v, t \in \Upsilon$. Moreover, assume that for each $v_0 \in \Upsilon$, we have

$$\sup_{m \geq 1} \lim_{i \rightarrow +\infty} \frac{\beta(v_{i+1}, v_{i+2})}{\beta(v_i, v_{i+1})} \rho(v_{i+1}, v_m) \frac{\psi^{i+1}(\varpi(v_1, v_0))}{\psi^i(\varpi(v_1, v_0))} < 1, \quad (4.12)$$

where $v_n = \Xi^n v_0, n \in \mathbb{N}$. If the (DCQMLS) ϖ and Ξ are continuous, then Ξ admits a unique fixed point $v^* \in \Upsilon$ with $\Xi^n v \rightarrow v^*$ for each $v \in \Upsilon$.

Proof. Assume that there exists $k \in \mathbb{N}$ such that $v_k = v_{k+1} = \Xi v_k$, which implies that v_k is a fixed point. So we may assume that $v_{n+1} \neq v_n$ for each n . From condition (4.11) we have

$$\varpi(v_n, v_{n+1}) = \varpi(\Xi v_n, \Xi v_{n-1}) \leq \psi(\Theta(v_{n-1}, v_n)), \quad (4.13)$$

where $\Theta(v_{n-1}, v_n) = \max\{\varpi(v_{n-1}, v_n), \varpi(v_n, v_{n+1})\}$. If for some n we accept that $\Theta(v_{n-1}, v_n) = \varpi(v_n, v_{n+1})$, then by (4.13) and the assumption $\psi(t) < t$ for all $t > 0$, we deduce that

$$0 < \varpi(v_n, v_{n+1}) \leq \psi(\varpi(v_n, v_{n+1})) < \varpi(v_n, v_{n+1}), \quad (4.14)$$

which is a contradiction. Thus, for all $n \in \mathbb{N}$, we obtain $\Theta(v_{n-1}, v_n) = \varpi(v_{n-1}, v_n)$. It follows that $0 < \varpi(v_n, v_{n+1}) \leq \psi(\varpi(v_{n-1}, v_n))$. By using induction we easily see that for all $n \geq 0$,

$$0 < \varpi(v_n, v_{n+1}) \leq \psi^n(\varpi(v_0, v_1)).$$

By the properties of ψ we can easily deduce that

$$\lim_{n \rightarrow +\infty} \varpi(v_n, v_{n+1}) = 0.$$

Using the argument in the proof of Theorem 4.1, for $n, m \in \mathbb{N}$ such that $n < m$, we can easily deduce that

$$\varpi(v_n, v_m) \leq \beta(v_n, v_{n+1})\psi^n(\varpi(v_0, v_1)) + \sum_{i=n+1}^{m-1} \left(\prod_{j=0}^i \rho(v_j, v_m) \right) \beta(v_i, v_{i+1})\psi^i(\varpi(v_0, v_1)). \quad (4.15)$$

and

$$\varpi(v_m, v_n) \leq \beta(v_m, v_{m+1})\psi^m(\varpi(v_0, v_1)) + \sum_{i=m+1}^{n-1} \left(\prod_{j=0}^i \rho(v_j, v_n) \right) \beta(v_i, v_{i+1})\psi^i(\varpi(v_0, v_1)).$$

By condition (4.12), using the ratio test, we can easily deduce that the sequence (v_n) is ϖ -Cauchy. Since (Υ, ϖ) is a complete *(DCQMLS)*, if $v_n \rightarrow r$ as $n \rightarrow +\infty$, then $\lim_{n \rightarrow +\infty} \varpi(v_n, r) = \lim_{n \rightarrow +\infty} \varpi(r, v_n) = 0$. Hence by Remark 4.1 we conclude that $\Xi r = r$. Finally, assume that r and t are two fixed points of Ξ such that $r \neq t$. From assumption (4.11) we have

$$\varpi(r, t) = \varpi(\Xi r, \Xi t) \leq \psi(\Theta(r, t)) = \psi(\varpi(r, t)) < \varpi(r, t),$$

and

$$\varpi(t, r) = \varpi(\Xi t, \Xi r) \leq \psi(\Theta(t, r)) = \psi(\varpi(t, r)) < \varpi(t, r),$$

which leads to a contradiction. Therefore $r = t$, as desired.

Remark 4.2. Note that if $\psi(v) = \alpha v$, $0 < \alpha < 1$, then condition (4.11) in Theorem 4.2 becomes

$$\varpi(\Xi v, \Xi t) \leq \alpha \max\{\varpi(v, t), \varpi(v, \Xi v), \varpi(t, \Xi t)\}. \quad (4.16)$$

Next, we prove the following result for mappings satisfying Kannan-type contraction.

Theorem 4.3. Let (Υ, ϖ) be a complete *(DCQMLS)* defined by functions $\beta, \rho : \Upsilon \times \Upsilon \rightarrow [1, \infty)$. Let $\Xi : \Upsilon \rightarrow \Upsilon$ be a Kannan mapping defined as follows:

$$\varpi(\Xi v, \Xi t) \leq \delta\{\varpi(v, \Xi v) + \varpi(t, \Xi t)\} \quad (4.17)$$

for $v, t \in \Upsilon$, where $\delta \in (0, \frac{1}{2})$. For $v_0 \in \Upsilon$, take $v_n = \Xi^n v_0$. Suppose that

$$\sup_{m \geq 1} \lim_{i \rightarrow +\infty} \frac{\beta(v_{i+1}, v_{i+2})}{\beta(v_i, v_{i+1})} \rho(v_{i+1}, v_m) < \frac{1-a}{a}. \quad (4.18)$$

Also, assume that for every $v \in \Upsilon$, we have

$$\lim_{n \rightarrow +\infty} \beta(v, v_n) < \frac{1}{\delta} \text{ and } \lim_{n \rightarrow +\infty} \rho(v_n, v) < \frac{1}{\delta} \quad (4.19)$$

Then Ξ has a fixed point. Moreover, if for every fixed point z , we have $\varpi(z, z) = 0$, then the fixed point is unique.

Proof. Consider the sequence $(v_n = \Xi v_{n-1})$ in Υ satisfying hypotheses (4.18) and (4.19). From (4.17) we obtain

$$\begin{aligned}\varpi(v_n, v_{n+1}) &= \varpi(\Xi v_{n-1}, \Xi v_n) \\ &\leq \delta\{\varpi(v_{n-1}, \Xi v_{n-1}) + \varpi(v_n, \Xi v_n)\} \\ &= \delta\{\varpi(v_{n-1}, v_n) + \varpi(v_n, v_{n+1})\}.\end{aligned}$$

Then $\varpi(v_n, v_{n+1}) \leq \frac{\delta}{1-\delta} \varpi(v_{n-1}, v_n)$. By induction we get

$$\varpi(v_n, v_{n+1}) \leq \left(\frac{\delta}{1-\delta}\right)^n \varpi(v_0, v_1), \quad \forall n \geq 0. \quad (4.20)$$

Next we show that (v_n) is a ϖ -Cauchy sequence. For two natural numbers $n < m$, we have

$$\varpi(v_n, v_m) \leq \beta(v_n, v_{n+1})\varpi(v_n, v_{n+1}) + \rho(v_{n+1}, v_m)\varpi(v_{n+1}, v_m).$$

Similarly to the proof of Theorem 4.1, we get

$$\begin{aligned}\varpi(v_n, v_m) &\leq \beta(v_n, v_{n+1})\varpi(v_n, v_{n+1}) + \sum_{i=n+1}^{m-2} \left(\prod_{j=n+1}^i \rho(v_j, v_m) \right) \beta(v_i, v_{i+1})\varpi(v_i, v_{i+1}) \\ &\quad + \left(\prod_{k=n+1}^{m-1} \rho(v_k, v_m) \right) \varpi(v_{m-1}, v_m) \\ &\leq \beta(v_n, v_{n+1}) \left(\frac{\delta}{1-\delta}\right)^n \varpi(v_0, v_1) + \sum_{i=n+1}^{m-2} \left(\prod_{j=n+1}^i \rho(v_j, v_m) \right) \beta(v_i, v_{i+1}) \left(\frac{\delta}{1-\delta}\right)^i \varpi(v_0, v_1) \\ &\quad + \left(\prod_{i=n+1}^{m-1} \rho(v_i, v_m) \right) \left(\frac{\delta}{1-\delta}\right)^{m-1} \beta(v_{m-1}, v_m) \varpi(v_0, v_1)\end{aligned}$$

Similarly proceeding we have

$$\begin{aligned}\varpi(v_m, v_n) &\leq \beta(v_m, v_{m+1})\varpi(v_m, v_{m+1}) + \sum_{i=m+1}^{n-2} \left(\prod_{j=m+1}^i \rho(v_j, v_n) \right) \beta(v_i, v_{i+1})\varpi(v_i, v_{i+1}) \\ &\quad + \left(\prod_{k=m+1}^{n-1} \rho(v_k, v_n) \right) \varpi(v_{n-1}, v_n) \\ &\leq \beta(v_m, v_{m+1}) \left(\frac{\delta}{1-\delta}\right)^m \varpi(v_0, v_1) + \sum_{i=m+1}^{n-2} \left(\prod_{j=m+1}^i \rho(v_j, v_n) \right) \beta(v_i, v_{i+1}) \left(\frac{\delta}{1-\delta}\right)^i \varpi(v_0, v_1) \\ &\quad + \left(\prod_{i=m+1}^{n-1} \rho(v_i, v_n) \right) \left(\frac{\delta}{1-\delta}\right)^{n-1} \beta(v_{n-1}, v_n) \varpi(v_0, v_1)\end{aligned}$$

Since $0 \leq \delta < \frac{1}{2}$, we have $0 < \frac{\delta}{1-\delta} < 1$, and similarly to the argument in the proof of Theorem 4.1, we obtain that (v_n) is a ϖ -Cauchy sequence in the complete $(DCQMLS)$ (Υ, ϖ) . Thus (v_n) converges to some $z \in \Upsilon$. Suppose that $\Xi z \neq z$. Then

$$\begin{aligned}0 < \varpi(z, \Xi z) &\leq \beta(z, v_{n+1})\varpi(z, v_{n+1}) + \rho(v_{n+1}, \Xi z)\varpi(v_{n+1}, \Xi z) \\ &\leq \beta(z, v_{n+1})\varpi(z, v_{n+1}) + \rho(v_{n+1}, \Xi z)\{\delta\varpi(v_n, v_{n+1}) + \delta\varpi(z, \Xi z)\},\end{aligned}$$

and

$$\begin{aligned} 0 < \varpi(\Xi z, z) &\leq \beta(\Xi z, v_{n+1})\varpi(\Xi z, v_{n+1}) + \rho(v_{n+1}, z)\varpi(v_{n+1}, z) \\ &\leq \beta(\Xi z, v_{n+1})\{\delta\varpi(z, \Xi z) + \delta\varpi(v_n, v_{n+1})\} + \rho(v_{n+1}, z)\varpi(v_{n+1}, z). \end{aligned}$$

Taking the limit in both sides of these inequalities and using (4.19), we deduce that $0 < \varpi(z, \Xi z) < \varpi(z, \Xi z)$ and $0 < \varpi(\Xi z, z) < \varpi(\Xi z, z)$, which is a contradiction. Hence $\Xi z = z$. Now assume that for every fixed point w , we have $\varpi(z, z) = 0$ and suppose that Ξ has more than one fixed point, say z and η . Then

$$\begin{aligned} \varpi(z, \eta) = \varpi(\Xi z, \Xi \eta) &\leq \delta\{\varpi(z, \Xi z) + \varpi(\eta, \Xi \eta)\} \\ &= \delta\{\varpi(z, z) + \varpi(\eta, \eta)\} \\ &= 0, \end{aligned}$$

and

$$\begin{aligned} \varpi(\eta, z) = \varpi(\Xi \eta, \Xi z) &\leq \delta\{\varpi(\eta, \Xi \eta) + \varpi(z, \Xi z)\} \\ &= \delta\{\varpi(\eta, \eta) + \varpi(z, z)\} \\ &= 0. \end{aligned}$$

Thereby $z = \eta$, as required.

Remark 4.3. It will be interesting to find more applications to our current paper in other fields see [19–23].

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