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## On a fuzzy bipolar metric setting with a triangular property and an application on integral equations

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**Abstract:** In this manuscript, fixed point results without continuity via triangular notion on fuzzy bipolar metric spaces are established. The paper includes tangible examples which display the motivation for such investigations as those presented here. We solve an integral equation in this setting. The present work is a generalization of some published works.

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## 1. Introduction and preliminaries

In 1960, Schweizer et al. [1] first initiated the concept of a continuous  $t$ -norm. In 1965, Zadeh [2] introduced a fuzzy set and its properties. After that, Kramosil et al. [3] established the fuzzy sets into fuzzy metric spaces in 1975 using the concept of continuous  $t$ -norms. In 1994, George et al. [6] introduced the modified version of fuzzy metric spaces. Grabeic [4] established and improved the well-known Banach's fixed point theorem (FPT) to fuzzy metric spaces in the visual of Kramosil et al. [3]. Following that, Gregori et al. [5] gave an extension of the Banach contraction theorem using a fuzzy metric space in the same way as George et al. [6], Mutlu et al. [7] generalized a metric space, also known as a bipolar metric space. Bartwal et al. [8] proposed and proved FPTs using the fuzzy bipolar metric space (FBMS). Very recently, Shamas et al. [9] demonstrated fixed-point results without continuity in the setting of fuzzy metric spaces using the triangular property. In this paper, we will use the triangular property on fuzzy bipolar metric spaces to prove fixed point theorems without continuity. For further fixed point results using fuzzy setting, see the works [10–12].

Now, let's include some basic definitions and useful lemmas.

**Definition 1.1.** [13] A triangular norm (shortly,  $t$ -norm) is a binary operation on the unit interval  $[0, 1]$ , i.e., a function  $*$  :  $[0, 1] \times [0, 1] \rightarrow [0, 1]$  such that for all  $a, b, c \in [0, 1]$ , the following four axioms are satisfied:

- (Tn1)  $a * (b * c) = (a * b) * c$  (associativity);
- (Tn2)  $a * b = b * a$  (commutativity);
- (Tn3)  $a * 1 = a$  (boundary condition);
- (Tn4)  $a * b \leq a * c$ , whenever  $b \leq c$  (monotonicity).

**Definition 1.2.** [6] The 3-tuple  $(X, \mu, *)$  is a fuzzy metric space if  $X$  is an arbitrary set,  $*$  is a  $t$ -norm and  $\mu : X^2 \times (0, \infty) \rightarrow [0, 1]$  is a fuzzy set on  $X^2 \times (0, \infty)$  satisfying the following conditions for all  $x, y, \kappa \in X$  and  $r, t > 0$ :

- (f1)  $\mu(x, y, t) > 0$ ;
- (f2)  $\mu(x, y, t) = 1 \Leftrightarrow x = y$ ;
- (f3)  $\mu(x, y, t) = \mu(y, x, t)$ ;
- (f4)  $\mu(x, y, t) * \mu(y, \kappa, r) \leq \mu(x, \kappa, t + r)$ ;
- (f5)  $\mu(x, y, \cdot) : (0, \infty) \rightarrow [0, 1]$  is continuous.

**Definition 1.3.** [8] Let  $\Phi \neq \emptyset$  and  $\Psi \neq \emptyset$ . A quadruple  $(\Phi, \Psi, \Gamma_\beta, *)$  is called a FBMS, where  $*$  is a continuous  $t$ -norm and  $\Gamma_\beta$  is a fuzzy set on  $\Phi \times \Psi \times (0, \infty)$ , if for all  $\sigma, \mu, \rho, \delta > 0$ :

- (1)  $\Gamma_\beta(\sigma, \mu, l) > 0$  for all  $(\sigma, \mu) \in \Phi \times \Psi$ ;
- (2)  $\Gamma_\beta(\sigma, \mu, l) = 1$  iff  $\sigma = \mu$  for  $\sigma \in \Phi$  and  $\mu \in \Psi$ ;
- (3)  $\Gamma_\beta(\sigma, \mu, l) = \Gamma_\beta(\mu, \sigma, l)$  for all  $\sigma, \mu \in \Phi \cap \Psi$ ;
- (4)  $\Gamma_\beta(\sigma_1, \mu_2, l + \rho + \delta) \geq \Gamma_\beta(\sigma_1, \mu_1, l) * \Gamma_\beta(\sigma_2, \mu_1, \rho) * \Gamma_\beta(\sigma_2, \mu_2, \delta)$  for all  $\sigma_1, \sigma_2 \in \Phi$  and  $\mu_1, \mu_2 \in \Psi$ ;
- (5)  $\Gamma_\beta(\sigma, \mu, \cdot) : [0, \infty) \rightarrow [0, 1]$  is left continuous;
- (6)  $\Gamma_\beta(\sigma, \mu, \cdot)$  is non-decreasing for all  $\sigma \in \Phi$  and  $\mu \in \Psi$ .

**Definition 1.4.** [8] Let  $(\Phi, \Psi, \Gamma_\beta, *)$  be a FBMS.

- (1) An element  $\sigma \in \Phi \cup \Psi$  is referred to as a left point if  $\sigma \in \Phi$ , a right point if  $\sigma \in \Psi$ , and a central point if both are satisfied. Similarly, a sequence  $\{\sigma_\gamma\}$  on  $\Phi$  and a sequence  $\{\mu_\gamma\}$  on  $\Psi$  are referred to as left and right sequences, respectively;
- (2) A sequence  $\{\sigma_\gamma\}$  is convergent to a point  $\sigma$  iff ( $\{\sigma_\gamma\}$  is a left sequence,  $\sigma$  is a right point and  $\lim_{\gamma \rightarrow \infty} \Gamma_\beta(\sigma_\gamma, \sigma, \imath) = 1$  for all  $\imath > 0$ ) or ( $\{\sigma_\gamma\}$  is a right sequence,  $\sigma$  is a left point and  $\lim_{\gamma \rightarrow \infty} \Gamma_\beta(\sigma, \sigma_\gamma, \imath) = 1$  for all  $\imath > 0$ );
- (3) A bisequence  $(\{\sigma_\gamma\}, \{\mu_\gamma\})$  is a sequence on the set  $\Phi \times \Psi$ . If the sequences  $\{\sigma_\gamma\}$  and  $\{\mu_\gamma\}$  are convergent, then the bisequence  $(\{\sigma_\gamma\}, \{\mu_\gamma\})$  is said to be convergent.  $(\{\sigma_\gamma\}, \{\mu_\gamma\})$  is a Cauchy bisequence, if  $\lim_{\gamma, m \rightarrow \infty} \Gamma_\beta(\sigma_\gamma, \mu_m, \imath) = 1$  for all  $\imath > 0$ ;
- (4)  $(\Phi, \Psi, \Gamma_\beta, *)$  is complete, if every Cauchy bisequence is convergent in  $\Phi \times \Psi$ .

**Lemma 1.5.** [8] Let  $(\Phi, \Psi, \Gamma_\beta, *)$  be a FBMS and  $\tau \in \Phi \cap \Psi$  be a limit of a sequence, then it is its unique limit.

**Definition 1.6.** Let  $(\Phi, \Psi, \Gamma_\beta, *)$  be a FBMS. The FBM  $\Gamma_\beta$  is triangular if

$$\frac{1}{\Gamma_\beta(\sigma_1, \mu_2, \imath)} - 1 \leq \left( \frac{1}{\Gamma_\beta(\sigma_1, \mu_1, \imath)} - 1 \right) + \left( \frac{1}{\Gamma_\beta(\sigma_2, \mu_1, \imath)} - 1 \right) + \left( \frac{1}{\Gamma_\beta(\sigma_2, \mu_2, \imath)} - 1 \right).$$

**Example 1.7.** Let  $(\Phi, \Psi, |\cdot|)$  be a bipolar metric space (where  $\Phi$  and  $\Psi$  are subsets of the real number). Let  $\Gamma_\beta : \Phi \times \Psi \times (0, \infty) \rightarrow [0, 1]$  be a FBM defined by

$$\Gamma_\beta(\sigma, \mu, \imath) = \frac{\imath}{\imath + |\sigma - \mu|}$$

for all  $\imath > 0$ ,  $\sigma \in \Phi$  and  $\mu \in \Psi$ . The FBM  $\Gamma_\beta$  is triangular.

*Proof.* We have for all  $\imath > 0$ ,  $\sigma \in \Phi$  and  $\mu \in \Psi$ ,

$$\begin{aligned} \frac{1}{\Gamma_\beta(\sigma_1, \mu_2, \imath)} - 1 &= \frac{|\sigma_1 - \mu_2|}{\imath} = \frac{|\sigma_1 - \mu_1 + \mu_1 - \sigma_2 + \sigma_2 - \mu_2|}{\imath} \\ &\leq \frac{|\sigma_1 - \mu_1|}{\imath} + \frac{|\sigma_2 - \mu_1|}{\imath} + \frac{|\sigma_2 - \mu_2|}{\imath} \\ &= \left( \frac{1}{\Gamma_\beta(\sigma_1, \mu_1, \imath)} - 1 \right) + \left( \frac{1}{\Gamma_\beta(\sigma_2, \mu_1, \imath)} - 1 \right) \\ &\quad + \left( \frac{1}{\Gamma_\beta(\sigma_2, \mu_2, \imath)} - 1 \right), \end{aligned}$$

which implies that

$$\frac{1}{\Gamma_{\beta}(\sigma_1, \mu_2, l)} - 1 \leq \left( \frac{1}{\Gamma_{\beta}(\sigma_1, \mu_1, l)} - 1 \right) + \left( \frac{1}{\Gamma_{\beta}(\sigma_2, \mu_1, l)} - 1 \right) + \left( \frac{1}{\Gamma_{\beta}(\sigma_2, \mu_2, l)} - 1 \right), \text{ for all } l > 0.$$

Hence, the FBM  $\Gamma_{\beta}$  is triangular.  $\square$

Motivated by Shamas et al. [9], we demonstrate FPTs omitting continuity and using triangular property on FBMSs with an application.

## 2. Main results

In this section, we use the triangular property to prove FPTs on FBMSs without continuity. The following result investigates for fixed points of maps  $\Upsilon$  satisfying  $\Upsilon(\Phi) \subseteq \Phi$  and  $\Upsilon(\Psi) \subseteq \Psi$ . These maps are referred in the literature as noncyclic maps, introduced by Fernandez-Leon and Gabeleh [14].

**Theorem 2.1.** *Let  $(\Phi, \Psi, \Gamma_{\beta}, *)$  be a complete FBMS and the mapping  $\Upsilon : \Phi \cup \Psi \rightarrow \Phi \cup \Psi$  be such that*

- (1)  $\Upsilon(\Phi) \subseteq \Phi$  and  $\Upsilon(\Psi) \subseteq \Psi$  (i.e., the map  $\Upsilon$  is noncyclic);
- (2)  $\frac{1}{\Gamma_{\beta}(\Upsilon(\sigma), \Upsilon(\mu), l)} - 1 \leq \mathbb{k} \left( \frac{1}{\Gamma_{\beta}(\sigma, \mu, l)} - 1 \right)$ , for all  $l > 0$ , where  $\mathbb{k} \in (0, 1)$ ;
- (3)  $\Gamma_{\beta}$  is triangular.

Then  $\Upsilon$  has a UFP (unique fixed point).

*Proof.* Fix  $\sigma_0 \in \Phi$  and  $\mu_0 \in \Psi$ . Assume that  $\Upsilon(\sigma_{\gamma}) = \sigma_{\gamma+g}$  and  $\Upsilon(\mu_{\gamma}) = \mu_{\gamma+g}$  for all  $\gamma \in \mathbb{N} \cup \{0\}$ . Then

$$\begin{aligned} \frac{1}{\Gamma_{\beta}(\sigma_{\gamma+1}, \mu_{\gamma+1}, l)} - 1 &= \frac{1}{\Gamma_{\beta}(\Upsilon(\sigma_{\gamma}), \Upsilon(\mu_{\gamma}), l)} - 1 \\ &\leq \mathbb{k} \left( \frac{1}{\Gamma_{\beta}(\sigma_{\gamma}, \mu_{\gamma}, l)} - 1 \right) \\ &= \mathbb{k} \left( \frac{1}{\Gamma_{\beta}(\Upsilon\sigma_{\gamma-1}, \Upsilon\mu_{\gamma-1}, l)} - 1 \right) \\ &\vdots \\ &\leq \mathbb{k}^{\gamma} \left( \frac{1}{\Gamma_{\beta}(\sigma_0, \mu_0, l)} - 1 \right). \end{aligned}$$

As  $\gamma \rightarrow \infty$ , we derive that

$$\lim_{\gamma \rightarrow \infty} \Gamma_{\beta}(\sigma_{\gamma}, \mu_{\gamma}, l) = 1, \text{ for } l > 0.$$

We have

$$\begin{aligned}
\frac{1}{\Gamma_\beta(\sigma_{\gamma+1}, \mu_\gamma, \mathbb{I})} - 1 &= \frac{1}{\Gamma_\beta(\Upsilon(\sigma_\gamma), \Upsilon(\mu_{\gamma-1}), \mathbb{I})} - 1 \\
&\leq \mathbb{k} \left( \frac{1}{\Gamma_\beta(\sigma_\gamma, \mu_{\gamma-1}, \mathbb{I})} - 1 \right) \\
&= \mathbb{k} \left( \frac{1}{\Gamma_\beta(\Upsilon\sigma_{\gamma-1}, \Upsilon\mu_{\gamma-2}, \mathbb{I})} - 1 \right) \\
&\vdots \\
&\leq \mathbb{k}^\gamma \left( \frac{1}{\Gamma_\beta(\sigma_1, \mu_0, \mathbb{I})} - 1 \right).
\end{aligned}$$

As  $\gamma \rightarrow \infty$ , we derive that

$$\lim_{\gamma \rightarrow \infty} \Gamma_\beta(\sigma_{\gamma+1}, \mu_\gamma, \mathbb{I}) = 1, \text{ for all } \mathbb{I} > 0.$$

Let  $\gamma, m \in \mathbb{N}$  with  $\gamma < m$ . Then by  $\Gamma_\beta$  is triangular, we get

$$\begin{aligned}
\frac{1}{\Gamma_\beta(\sigma_\gamma, \mu_m, \mathbb{I})} - 1 &\leq \left( \frac{1}{\Gamma_\beta(\sigma_\gamma, \mu_\gamma, \mathbb{I})} - 1 \right) + \left( \frac{1}{\Gamma_\beta(\sigma_{\gamma+1}, \mu_\gamma, \mathbb{I})} - 1 \right) \\
&\quad + \left( \frac{1}{\Gamma_\beta(\sigma_{\gamma+1}, \mu_m, \mathbb{I})} - 1 \right) \\
&\quad \vdots \\
&\leq \left( \frac{1}{\Gamma_\beta(\sigma_\gamma, \mu_\gamma, \mathbb{I})} - 1 \right) + \left( \frac{1}{\Gamma_\beta(\sigma_{\gamma+1}, \mu_\gamma, \mathbb{I})} - 1 \right) \\
&\quad + \cdots + \left( \frac{1}{\Gamma_\beta(\sigma_{m-1}, \mu_{m-1}, \mathbb{I})} - 1 \right) \\
&\quad + \left( \frac{1}{\Gamma_\beta(\sigma_m, \mu_{m-1}, \mathbb{I})} - 1 \right) + \left( \frac{1}{\Gamma_\beta(\sigma_m, \mu_m, \mathbb{I})} - 1 \right) \\
&\leq \mathbb{k}^\gamma \left( \frac{1}{\Gamma_\beta(\sigma_0, \mu_0, \mathbb{I})} - 1 \right) + \mathbb{k}^\gamma \left( \frac{1}{\Gamma_\beta(\sigma_1, \mu_0, \mathbb{I})} - 1 \right) \\
&\quad + \cdots + \mathbb{k}^{m-1} \left( \frac{1}{\Gamma_\beta(\sigma_0, \mu_0, \mathbb{I})} - 1 \right) + \mathbb{k}^m \left( \frac{1}{\Gamma_\beta(\sigma_1, \mu_0, \mathbb{I})} - 1 \right) \\
&\quad + \mathbb{k}^m \left( \frac{1}{\Gamma_\beta(\sigma_0, \mu_0, \mathbb{I})} - 1 \right) \\
&\leq \mathbb{k}^\gamma (1 + \mathbb{k} + \mathbb{k}^2 + \cdots + \mathbb{k}^{m-\gamma}) \left( \frac{1}{\Gamma_\beta(\sigma_0, \mu_0, \mathbb{I})} - 1 \right) \\
&\quad + \mathbb{k}^\gamma (1 + \mathbb{k} + \mathbb{k}^2 + \cdots + \mathbb{k}^{m-\gamma}) \left( \frac{1}{\Gamma_\beta(\sigma_1, \mu_0, \mathbb{I})} - 1 \right) \\
&\leq \frac{\mathbb{k}^\gamma}{1 - \mathbb{k}} \left( \frac{1}{\Gamma_\beta(\sigma_0, \mu_0, \mathbb{I})} - 1 \right) + \frac{\mathbb{k}^\gamma}{1 - \mathbb{k}} \left( \frac{1}{\Gamma_\beta(\sigma_1, \mu_0, \mathbb{I})} - 1 \right).
\end{aligned}$$

As  $\gamma, m \rightarrow \infty$ , we get

$$\lim_{\gamma, m \rightarrow \infty} \Gamma_\beta(\sigma_\gamma, \mu_m, l) = 1, \text{ for } l > 0.$$

Thus,  $(\{\sigma_\gamma\}, \{\mu_\gamma\})$  is a Cauchy bisequence. Since  $(\Phi, \Psi, \Gamma_\beta, *)$  is complete,  $(\{\sigma_\gamma\}, \{\mu_\gamma\})$  is a convergent bisequence. We know that the bisequence  $(\{\sigma_\gamma\}, \{\mu_\gamma\})$  is biconvergent, so  $\{\sigma_\gamma\} \rightarrow r$  and  $\{\mu_\gamma\} \rightarrow r$  for all  $r \in \Phi \cap \Psi$ . By Lemma 1.5, both sequences  $\{\sigma_\gamma\}$  and  $\{\mu_\gamma\}$  have a unique limit.

Next, we prove that  $r \in \Phi \cap \Psi$  is a fixed point of  $\Upsilon$ . Since  $\Gamma_\beta$  is triangular, we derive that

$$\begin{aligned} \frac{1}{\Gamma_\beta(\Upsilon(r), r, l)} - 1 &\leq \left( \frac{1}{\Gamma_\beta(\Upsilon(r), \Upsilon(\mu_\gamma), l)} - 1 \right) + \left( \frac{1}{\Gamma_\beta(\Upsilon(\sigma_\gamma), \Upsilon(\mu_\gamma), l)} - 1 \right) \\ &\quad + \left( \frac{1}{\Gamma_\beta(\Upsilon(\sigma_\gamma), r, l)} - 1 \right) \\ &\leq \mathbb{k} \left( \frac{1}{\Gamma_\beta(r, \mu_\gamma, l)} - 1 \right) + \mathbb{k} \left( \frac{1}{\Gamma_\beta(\sigma_\gamma, \mu_\gamma, l)} - 1 \right) \\ &\quad + \left( \frac{1}{\Gamma_\beta(\sigma_{\gamma+1}, r, l)} - 1 \right). \end{aligned}$$

As  $\gamma \rightarrow \infty$ , the three right-hand terms go to zero. We deduce that

$$\Gamma_\beta(\Upsilon(r), r, l) = 1.$$

Therefore,  $\Upsilon(r) = r$ . Let  $v \in \Phi \cap \Psi$  be another fixed point of  $\Upsilon$ . Then

$$\frac{1}{\Gamma_\beta(r, v, l)} - 1 = \frac{1}{\Gamma_\beta(\Upsilon(r), \Upsilon(v), l)} - 1 \leq \mathbb{k} \left( \frac{1}{\Gamma_\beta(r, v, l)} - 1 \right).$$

As  $\mathbb{k} \in (0, 1)$ , therefore

$$\Gamma_\beta(r, v, l) = 1.$$

Hence,  $r = v$ . □

**Example 2.2.** Let  $\Phi = [0, 1]$  and  $\Psi = \{0\} \cup \mathbb{N} - \{1\}$  be equipped with a continuous  $l$ -norm. Define  $\Gamma_\beta(r, v, l) = \frac{1}{1+|\sigma-\mu|}$ , for all  $l > 0$ ,  $\sigma \in \Phi$  and  $\mu \in \Psi$ . Clearly,  $(\Phi, \Psi, \Gamma_\beta, *)$  is a complete FBMS. Note that  $\Gamma_\beta$  is triangular. Define  $\Upsilon : \Phi \cup \Psi \rightarrow \Phi \cup \Psi$  by

$$\Upsilon(r) = \begin{cases} \frac{r}{4}, & \text{if } r \in [0, 1], \\ 0, & \text{if } r \in \mathbb{N} - \{1\}. \end{cases}$$

Then,

$$\begin{aligned} \frac{1}{\Gamma_\beta(\Upsilon\sigma, \Upsilon\mu, l)} - 1 &= \frac{|\Upsilon\sigma - \Upsilon\mu|}{l} \\ &= \frac{|\sigma - \mu|}{4l} \\ &\leq \frac{|\sigma - \mu|}{2l} \end{aligned}$$

$$= \frac{1}{2} \left( \frac{1}{\Gamma_{\beta}(\sigma, \mu, \mathfrak{l})} - 1 \right).$$

Therefore, all the conditions of Theorem 2.1 are fulfilled with  $\mathbb{k} = \frac{1}{2} \in (0, 1)$ . Hence,  $\Upsilon$  has a UFP, i.e.,  $\sigma = 0$ .

The notion of cyclic maps was first introduced in by Kirk et al. [15]. Later, the notion for cyclic maps and fixed points for cyclic maps have been further developed by Eldred and Veeramani [16] by introducing the notion of best proximity points.

**Theorem 2.3.** *Let  $(\Phi, \Psi, \Gamma_{\beta}, *)$  be a complete FBMS and the mapping  $\Upsilon : \Phi \cup \Psi \rightarrow \Phi \cup \Psi$  be such that*

- (1)  $\Upsilon(\Phi) \subseteq \Psi$  and  $\Upsilon(\Psi) \subseteq \Phi$  (i.e. the map  $\Upsilon$  is cyclic);
- (2)  $\frac{1}{\Gamma_{\beta}(\Upsilon(\sigma), \Upsilon(\mu), \mathfrak{l})} - 1 \leq \mathbb{k} \left( \frac{1}{\Gamma_{\beta}(\sigma, \mu, \mathfrak{l})} - 1 \right)$ , for all  $\mathfrak{l} > 0$ , where  $\mathbb{k} \in (0, 1)$ ;
- (3)  $\Gamma_{\beta}$  is triangular.

Then  $\Upsilon$  has a UFP.

*Proof.* Fix  $\sigma_0 \in \Phi$ . Assume that  $\Upsilon(\sigma_{\gamma}) = \mu_{\gamma}$  and  $\Upsilon(\mu_{\gamma}) = \sigma_{\gamma+1}$  for all  $\gamma \in \mathbb{N} \cup \{0\}$ . Then

$$\begin{aligned} \frac{1}{\Gamma_{\beta}(\sigma_{\gamma}, \mu_{\gamma}, \mathfrak{l})} - 1 &= \frac{1}{\Gamma_{\beta}(\Upsilon(\mu_{\gamma-1}), \Upsilon(\sigma_{\gamma}), \mathfrak{l})} - 1 \\ &\leq \mathbb{k} \left( \frac{1}{\Gamma_{\beta}(\sigma_{\gamma}, \mu_{\gamma-1}, \mathfrak{l})} - 1 \right) \\ &= \mathbb{k} \left( \frac{1}{\Gamma_{\beta}(\Upsilon\mu_{\gamma-1}, \Upsilon\sigma_{\gamma-1}, \mathfrak{l})} - 1 \right) \\ &\vdots \\ &\leq \mathbb{k}^{2\gamma} \left( \frac{1}{\Gamma_{\beta}(\sigma_0, \mu_0, \mathfrak{l})} - 1 \right). \end{aligned}$$

As  $\gamma \rightarrow \infty$ , we derive that

$$\begin{aligned} \lim_{\gamma \rightarrow \infty} \Gamma_{\beta}(\sigma_{\gamma}, \mu_{\gamma}, \mathfrak{l}) &= 1, \text{ for } \mathfrak{l} > 0. \\ \frac{1}{\Gamma_{\beta}(\sigma_{\gamma+1}, \mu_{\gamma}, \mathfrak{l})} - 1 &= \frac{1}{\Gamma_{\beta}(\Upsilon(\mu_{\gamma}), \Upsilon(\sigma_{\gamma}), \mathfrak{l})} - 1 \\ &\leq \mathbb{k} \left( \frac{1}{\Gamma_{\beta}(\sigma_{\gamma}, \mu_{\gamma-1}, \mathfrak{l})} - 1 \right) \\ &= \mathbb{k} \left( \frac{1}{\Gamma_{\beta}(\Upsilon\mu_{\gamma-1}, \Upsilon\sigma_{\gamma-1}, \mathfrak{l})} - 1 \right) \\ &\vdots \\ &\leq \mathbb{k}^{2\gamma+1} \left( \frac{1}{\Gamma_{\beta}(\sigma_0, \mu_0, \mathfrak{l})} - 1 \right). \end{aligned}$$

Again,

$$\lim_{\gamma \rightarrow \infty} \Gamma_{\beta}(\sigma_{\gamma+1}, \mu_{\gamma}, l) = 1, \text{ for } l > 0.$$

Let  $\gamma, m \in \mathbb{N}$  with  $\gamma < m$ . Since  $\Gamma_{\beta}$  is triangular, we get

$$\begin{aligned} \frac{1}{\Gamma_{\beta}(\sigma_{\gamma}, \mu_m, l)} - 1 &\leq \left( \frac{1}{\Gamma_{\beta}(\sigma_{\gamma}, \mu_{\gamma}, l)} - 1 \right) + \left( \frac{1}{\Gamma_{\beta}(\sigma_{\gamma+1}, \mu_{\gamma}, l)} - 1 \right) \\ &\quad + \left( \frac{1}{\Gamma_{\beta}(\sigma_{\gamma+1}, \mu_m, l)} - 1 \right) \\ &\quad \vdots \\ &\leq \left( \frac{1}{\Gamma_{\beta}(\sigma_{\gamma}, \mu_{\gamma}, l)} - 1 \right) + \left( \frac{1}{\Gamma_{\beta}(\sigma_{\gamma+1}, \mu_{\gamma}, l)} - 1 \right) \\ &\quad + \cdots + \left( \frac{1}{\Gamma_{\beta}(\sigma_{m-1}, \mu_{m-1}, l)} - 1 \right) \\ &\quad + \left( \frac{1}{\Gamma_{\beta}(\sigma_m, \mu_{m-1}, l)} - 1 \right) + \left( \frac{1}{\Gamma_{\beta}(\sigma_m, \mu_m, l)} - 1 \right) \\ &\leq \mathbb{k}^{2\gamma} \left( \frac{1}{\Gamma_{\beta}(\sigma_0, \mu_0, l)} - 1 \right) + \mathbb{k}^{2\gamma+1} \left( \frac{1}{\Gamma_{\beta}(\sigma_0, \mu_0, l)} - 1 \right) \\ &\quad + \cdots + \mathbb{k}^{2m-2} \left( \frac{1}{\Gamma_{\beta}(\sigma_0, \mu_0, l)} - 1 \right) + \mathbb{k}^{2m-1} \left( \frac{1}{\Gamma_{\beta}(\sigma_0, \mu_0, l)} - 1 \right) \\ &\quad + \mathbb{k}^{2m} \left( \frac{1}{\Gamma_{\beta}(\sigma_0, \mu_0, l)} - 1 \right) \\ &\leq \mathbb{k}^{2\gamma} (1 + \mathbb{k} + \mathbb{k}^2 + \cdots + \mathbb{k}^{2m-2\gamma}) \left( \frac{1}{\Gamma_{\beta}(\sigma_0, \mu_0, l)} - 1 \right) \\ &\leq \frac{\mathbb{k}^{2\gamma}}{1 - \mathbb{k}} \left( \frac{1}{\Gamma_{\beta}(\sigma_0, \mu_0, l)} - 1 \right). \end{aligned}$$

As  $\gamma, m \rightarrow \infty$ , we get

$$\lim_{\gamma, m \rightarrow \infty} \Gamma_{\beta}(\sigma_{\gamma}, \mu_m, l) = 1, \text{ for } l > 0.$$

Thus,  $(\{\sigma_{\gamma}\}, \{\mu_{\gamma}\})$  is a Cauchy bisequence. Since  $(\Phi, \Psi, \Gamma_{\beta}, *)$  is complete,  $(\{\sigma_{\gamma}\}, \{\mu_{\gamma}\})$  is a convergent bisequence. Since the bisequence  $(\{\sigma_{\gamma}\}, \{\mu_{\gamma}\})$  is biconvergent sequence,  $\{\sigma_{\gamma}\} \rightarrow r$  and  $\{\mu_{\gamma}\} \rightarrow r$  for all  $r \in \Phi \cap \Psi$ . By Lemma 1.5, both sequences  $\{\sigma_{\gamma}\}$  and  $\{\mu_{\gamma}\}$  have a unique limit.

Next, we prove that  $r \in \Phi \cap \Psi$  is a fixed point of  $\Upsilon$ . Since  $\Gamma_{\beta}$  is triangular, we derive that

$$\begin{aligned} \frac{1}{\Gamma_{\beta}(\Upsilon(r), r, l)} - 1 &\leq \left( \frac{1}{\Gamma_{\beta}(\Upsilon(r), \Upsilon(\mu_{\gamma}), l)} - 1 \right) + \left( \frac{1}{\Gamma_{\beta}(\Upsilon(\sigma_{\gamma}), \Upsilon(\mu_{\gamma}), l)} - 1 \right) \\ &\quad + \left( \frac{1}{\Gamma_{\beta}(\Upsilon(\sigma_{\gamma}), r, l)} - 1 \right) \\ &\leq \mathbb{k} \left( \frac{1}{\Gamma_{\beta}(r, \mu_{\gamma}, l)} - 1 \right) + \mathbb{k} \left( \frac{1}{\Gamma_{\beta}(\sigma_{\gamma}, \mu_{\gamma}, l)} - 1 \right) \end{aligned}$$



$$+ \left( \frac{1}{\Gamma_\beta(\sigma_{\gamma+1}, r, l)} - 1 \right).$$

Again, all the right-terms go to zero when  $\gamma \rightarrow \infty$ . Consequently, as  $\gamma \rightarrow \infty$ , we get

$$\Gamma_\beta(\Upsilon(r), r, l) = 1.$$

Therefore,  $\Upsilon(r) = r$ . Let  $v \in \Phi \cap \Psi$  is another fixed point of  $\Upsilon$ . Then

$$\frac{1}{\Gamma_\beta(r, v, l)} - 1 = \frac{1}{\Gamma_\beta(\Upsilon(r), \Upsilon(v), l)} - 1 \leq \mathbb{k} \left( \frac{1}{\Gamma_\beta(r, v, l)} - 1 \right).$$

As  $\mathbb{k} \in (0, 1)$ , therefore

$$\Gamma_\beta(r, v, l) = 1.$$

Hence,  $r = v$ . □

**Example 2.4.** Let  $\Phi = \{0, 1, 2, 7\}$  and  $\Psi = \{0, \frac{1}{4}, \frac{1}{2}, 3\}$  be equipped with a continuous  $l$ -norm. Define  $\Gamma_\beta(r, v, l) = \frac{1}{l+|\sigma-\mu|}$  for all  $l > 0$ ,  $\sigma \in \Phi$  and  $\mu \in \Psi$ . Clearly,  $(\Phi, \Psi, \Gamma_\beta, *)$  is a complete FBMS. Note that  $\Gamma_\beta$  is triangular. Define  $\Upsilon : \Phi \cup \Psi \rightarrow \Phi \cup \Psi$  by

$$\Upsilon(r) = \begin{cases} \frac{r}{5}, & \text{if } r \in \{0, 7, 2\}, \\ 0, & \text{if } r \in \{\frac{1}{4}, \frac{1}{2}, 1, 3\}. \end{cases}$$

Then,

$$\begin{aligned} \frac{1}{\Gamma_\beta(\Upsilon\sigma, \Upsilon\mu, l)} - 1 &= \frac{|\Upsilon\sigma - \Upsilon\mu|}{l} \\ &= \frac{|\sigma - \mu|}{5l} \\ &\leq \frac{|\sigma - \mu|}{2l} \\ &= \frac{1}{2} \left( \frac{1}{\Gamma_\beta(\sigma, \mu, l)} - 1 \right). \end{aligned}$$

Therefore, all the conditions of Theorem 2.3 are fulfilled with  $\mathbb{k} = \frac{1}{2} \in (0, 1)$ . Hence,  $\Upsilon$  has a UFP, i.e.,  $\sigma = 0$ .

### 3. Application

The applications of cyclic maps are presented in the investigation of market equilibrium in duopoly markets, see [17, 18]. These applications allow us to find the exact solutions of systems of transcendent equations with the help of cyclic maps, for which the computer algebra systems can present only an approximation solutions. For more details, see [19].

In this section, we are going to present an application of the result for fixed points for noncyclic maps in solving integral equations. Let us consider the integral equation

$$\sigma(b) = \beta(b) + \int_{\mathcal{H}_1 \cup \mathcal{H}_2} \Omega(b, \rho, \sigma(\rho)) d\rho, \quad b \in \mathcal{H}_1 \cup \mathcal{H}_2, \quad (3.1)$$

where  $\mathcal{H}_1 \cup \mathcal{H}_2$  is a Lebesgue measurable set.

**Theorem 3.1.** Suppose that:

(1)  $\Omega : (\mathcal{H}_1^2 \cup \mathcal{H}_2^2) \times [0, \infty) \rightarrow [0, \infty)$  and  $b \in L^\infty(\mathcal{H}_1) \cup L^\infty(\mathcal{H}_2)$ ;

(2)  $\exists$  a continuous function  $\theta : \mathcal{H}_1^2 \cup \mathcal{H}_2^2 \rightarrow [0, \infty)$  and  $\mathbb{k} \in (0, 1)$  such that

$$|\Omega(b, \rho, \sigma(\rho)) - \Omega(b, \rho, \mu(\rho))| \leq \mathbb{k}\theta(b, \rho)(|\sigma(b) - \mu(b)|),$$

for  $b, \rho \in \mathcal{H}_1^2 \cup \mathcal{H}_2^2$ ;

(3)  $\int_{\mathcal{H}_1 \cup \mathcal{H}_2} \theta(b, \rho) d\rho \leq 1$ .

Then the integral equation (3.1) has a unique solution in  $L^\infty(\mathcal{H}_1) \cup L^\infty(\mathcal{H}_2)$ .

*Proof.* Let  $\Phi = L^\infty(\mathcal{H}_1)$  and  $\Psi = L^\infty(\mathcal{H}_2)$  be two normed linear spaces, where  $\mathcal{H}_1, \mathcal{H}_2$  are Lebesgue measurable sets and  $m(\mathcal{H}_1 \cup \mathcal{H}_2) < \infty$ . Consider  $\Gamma_\beta : \Phi \times \Psi \times (0, \infty) \rightarrow [0, 1]$  by

$$\Gamma_\beta(\sigma, \mu, \mathfrak{l}) = \frac{1}{1 + |\sigma - \mu|}$$

for all  $\sigma \in \Phi, \mu \in \Psi$ . Then  $(\Phi, \Psi, \Gamma_\beta, \star)$  is a complete FBMS. Define  $\Upsilon : L^\infty(\mathcal{H}_1) \cup L^\infty(\mathcal{H}_2) \rightarrow L^\infty(\mathcal{H}_1) \cup L^\infty(\mathcal{H}_2)$  by

$$\Upsilon(\sigma(b)) = \beta(b) + \int_{\mathcal{H}_1 \cup \mathcal{H}_2} \Omega(b, \rho, \sigma(\rho)) d\rho, \quad b \in \mathcal{H}_1 \cup \mathcal{H}_2.$$

Now,

$$\begin{aligned} \frac{1}{\Gamma_\beta(\Upsilon\sigma(b), \Upsilon\mu(b), \mathfrak{l})} - 1 &= \frac{|\Upsilon\sigma(b) - \Upsilon\mu(b)|}{\mathfrak{l}} \\ &= \frac{\left| \beta(b) + \int_{\mathcal{H}_1 \cup \mathcal{H}_2} \Omega(b, \rho, \sigma(\rho)) d\rho - \left( \beta(b) + \int_{\mathcal{H}_1 \cup \mathcal{H}_2} \Omega(b, \rho, \mu(\rho)) d\rho \right) \right|}{\mathfrak{l}} \\ &= \frac{\left| \int_{\mathcal{H}_1 \cup \mathcal{H}_2} (\Omega(b, \rho, \sigma(\rho)) - \Omega(b, \rho, \mu(\rho))) d\rho \right|}{\mathfrak{l}} \\ &\leq \frac{\left| \int_{\mathcal{H}_1 \cup \mathcal{H}_2} \mathbb{k}\theta(b, \rho)(|\sigma(b) - \mu(b)|) d\rho \right|}{\mathfrak{l}} \\ &\leq \frac{\mathbb{k}|\sigma(b) - \mu(b)|}{\mathfrak{l}} \\ &= \mathbb{k} \left( \frac{1}{\Gamma_\beta(\sigma(b), \mu(b), \mathfrak{l})} - 1 \right). \end{aligned}$$

Hence, all the conditions of Theorem 2.1 hold. Here, the integral equation has a unique solution.  $\square$

#### 4. Conclusions

In this paper, we defined FBMSs and investigated some of their properties. The characteristic features of FBMSs have developed and proved fixed point theorems without continuity. Hereafter, we ensured the existence of a solution of an integral equation via the FBMS setting.

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