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## Research article

# Fixed points of non-linear set-valued $(\alpha_*, \phi_M)$ -contraction mappings and related applications

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**Abstract:** The aim of this manuscript is to prove some fixed point results for non-linear set-valued maps with new approach of  $(\alpha_*, \phi_M)$ -contraction in complete *M*-metric space. Also, we prove some fixed point results in ordered *M*-metric space. As an presented work which are the extension and improves the current study of set-valued mappings. Finally, we also give an non-trivial extensive examples and application to homotopy theory and the existence solution of functional equations to show that our concepts are meaningful and to support our results.

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### **1. Introduction and preliminaries**

In 1922, S. Banach [15] provided the concept of Contraction theorem in the context of metric space. After, Nadler [28] introduced the concept of set-valued mapping in the module of Hausdroff metric space which is one of the potential generalizations of a Contraction theorem. Let (X, d) is a complete metric space and a mapping  $T : X \to CB(X)$  satisfying

$$H(T(x), T(y)) \le \gamma d(x, y)$$

for all  $x, y \in X$ , where  $0 \le \gamma < 1$ , *H* is a Hausdorff with respect to metric *d* and  $CB(X) = {\mathbf{S} \subseteq X : S \text{ is closed and bounded subset of X equipped with a metric$ *d* $}. Then$ *T*has a fixed point in*X*.

In the recent past, Matthews [26] initiate the concept of partial metric spaces which is the classical extension of a metric space. After that, many researchers generalized some related results in the frame of partial metric spaces. Recently, Asadi et al. [4] introduced the notion of an *M*-metric space which is the one of interesting generalizations of a partial metric space. Later on, Samet et al. [33] introduced the class of mappings which known as  $(\alpha, \psi)$ -contractive mapping. The notion of  $(\alpha, \psi)$ -contractive mapping has been generalized in metric spaces (see more [10, 12, 14, 17, 19, 25, 29, 30, 32]).

Throughout this manuscript, we denote the set of all positive integers by  $\mathbb{N}$  and the set of real numbers by  $\mathbb{R}$ . Let us recall some basic concept of an *M*-metric space as follows:

**Definition 1.1.** [4] Let  $m : X \times X \to \mathbb{R}^+$  be a mapping on nonempty set X is said to be an *M*-metric if for any *x*, *y*, *z* in *X*, the following conditions hold:

- (i) m(x, x) = m(y, y) = m(x, y) if and only if x = y;
- (ii)  $m_{xy} \leq m(x, y)$ ;
- (iii) m(x, y) = m(y, x);
- (iv)  $m(x, y) m_{xy} \le (m(x, z) m_{xz}) + (m(z, y) m_{z,y})$  for all  $x, y, z \in X$ . Then a pair (X, m) is called *M*-metric space. Where

$$m_{xy} = \min \{m(x, x), m(y, y)\}$$

and

$$M_{xy} = \max \{m(x, x), m(y, y)\}.$$

**Remark 1.2.** [4] For any x, y, z in *M*-metric space X, we have

(i)  $0 \le M_{xy} + m_{xy} = m(x, x) + m(y, y);$ (ii)  $0 \le M_{xy} - m_{xy} = |m(x, x) - m(y, y)|;$ (iii)  $M_{xy} - m_{xy} \le (M_{xz} - m_{xz}) + (M_{zy} - m_{zy}).$ 

**Example 1.3.** [4] Let (X, m) be an *M*-metric space. Define  $m^w, m^s : X \times X \to \mathbb{R}^+$  by:

(i)

$$m^{w}(x, y) = m(x, y) - 2m_{x,y} + M_{x,y},$$

(ii)

$$m^{s} = \begin{cases} m(x, y) - m_{x,y}, \text{ if } x \neq y \\ 0, \text{ if } x = y. \end{cases}$$

Then  $m^w$  and  $m^s$  are ordinary metrics. Note that, every metric is a partial metric and every partial metric is an *M*-metric. However, the converse does not hold in general. Clearly every *M*-metric on *X* generates a  $T_0$  topology  $\tau_m$  on *X* whose base is the family of open *M*-balls

$$\{B_m(x,\epsilon): x \in X, \epsilon > 0\},\$$

where

$$B_m(x,\epsilon) = \{y \in X : m(x,y) < m_{xy} + \epsilon\}$$

for all  $x \in X$ ,  $\varepsilon > 0$ . (see more [3,4,23]).

**Definition 1.4.** [4] Let (X, m) be an *M*-metric space. Then,

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(i) A sequence  $\{x_n\}$  in (X, m) is said to be converges to a point x in X with respect to  $\tau_m$  if and only if

$$\lim \left(m\left(x_n, x\right) - m_{x_n x}\right) = 0.$$

(ii) Furthermore,  $\{x_n\}$  is said to be an *M*-Cauchy sequence in (X, m) if and only if

$$\lim_{n,m\to\infty} \left( m\left(x_n,x_m\right) - m_{x_nx_m} \right), \text{ and } \lim_{n,m\to\infty} \left( M_{x_n,x_m} - m_{x_nx_m} \right)$$

exist (and are finite).

(iii) An *M*-metric space (X, m) is said to be complete if every *M*-Cauchy sequence  $\{x_n\}$  in (X, m) converges with respect to  $\tau_m$  to a point  $x \in X$  such that

$$\lim_{n \to \infty} m(x_n, x) - m_{x_n x} = 0, \text{ and } \lim_{n \to \infty} (M_{x_n, x} - m_{x_n x}) = 0.$$

**Lemma 1.5.** [4] Let (X, m) be an M-metric space. Then:

- (i)  $\{x_n\}$  is an *M*-Cauchy sequence in (X, m) if and only if  $\{x_n\}$  is a Cauchy sequence in a metric space  $(X, m^w)$ .
- (ii) An *M*-metric space (X, m) is complete if and only if the metric space  $(X, m^w)$  is complete. Moreover,

$$\lim_{n\to\infty} m^w(x_n, x) = 0 \text{ if and only if } \left(\lim_{n\to\infty} \left(m(x_n, x) - m_{x_n x}\right) = 0, \lim_{n\to\infty} \left(M_{x_n x} - m_{x_n x}\right) = 0\right).$$

**Lemma 1.6.** [4] Suppose that  $\{x_n\}$  converges to x and  $\{y_n\}$  converges to y as n approaches to  $\infty$  in *M*-metric space (X, m). Then we have

$$\lim_{n\to\infty}\left(m\left(x_n,y_n\right)-m_{x_ny_n}\right)=m\left(x,y\right)-m_{xy}.$$

**Lemma 1.7.** [4] Suppose that  $\{x_n\}$  converges to x as n approaches to  $\infty$  in M-metric space (X, m). Then we have

$$\lim_{n\to\infty} \left( m(x_n, y) - m_{x_n y} \right) = m(x, y) - m_{xy} \text{ for all } y \in X.$$

**Lemma 1.8.** [4] Suppose that  $\{x_n\}$  converges to x and  $\{x_n\}$  converges to y as n approaches to  $\infty$  in *M*-metric space (X, m). Then  $m(x, y) = m_{xy}$  moreover if m(x, x) = m(y, y), then x = y.

**Definition 1.9.** Let  $\alpha : X \times X \to [0, \infty)$ . A mapping  $T : X \to X$  is said to be an  $\alpha$ -admissible mapping if for all  $x, y \in X$ 

$$\alpha(x, y) \ge 1 \Rightarrow \alpha(T(x), T(y)) \ge 1.$$

Let  $\Psi$  be the family of the (c)-comparison functions  $\psi : \mathbb{R}^+ \cup \{0\} \to \mathbb{R}^+ \cup \{0\}$  which satisfy the following properties:

(i)  $\psi$  is nondecreasing,

(ii)  $\sum_{n=0}^{\infty} \psi^n(t) < \infty$  for all t > 0, where  $\psi^n$  is the *n*-iterate of  $\psi$  (see [7, 8, 10, 11]).

**Definition 1.10.** [33] Let (X, d) be a metric space and  $\alpha : X \times X \to [0, \infty)$ . A mapping  $T : X \to X$  is called  $(\alpha, \psi)$ -contractive mapping if for all  $x, y \in X$ , we have

$$\alpha(x, y) d(T(x), T(x)) \le \psi(d(x, y)),$$

where  $\psi \in \Psi$ .

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A subset *K* of an *M*-metric space *X* is called bounded if for all  $x \in K$ , there exist  $y \in X$  and r > 0 such that  $x \in B_m(y, r)$ . Let  $\overline{K}$  denote the closure of *K*. The set *K* is closed in *X* if and only if  $\overline{K} = K$ .

**Definition 1.11.** [31] Define  $H_m : CB_m(X) \times CB_m(X) \rightarrow [0, \infty)$  by

$$H_m(K,L) = \max \left\{ \nabla_m(K,L), \nabla_m(L,K) \right\},\$$

where

$$m(x, L) = \inf \{m(x, y) : y \in L\} \text{ and}$$
  

$$\nabla_m(L, K) = \sup \{m(x, L) : x \in K\}.$$

**Lemma 1.12.** [31] Let F be any nonempty set in M-metric space (X, m), then

$$x \in \overline{F}$$
 if and only if  $m(x, F) = \sup_{a \in F} \{m_{xa}\}.$ 

**Proposition 1.13.** [31] Let  $A, B, C \in CB_m(X)$ , then

(i)  $\nabla_m(A, A) = \sup_{x \in A} \{ \sup_{y \in A} m_{xy} \},$ (ii)  $\left( \nabla_m(A, B) - \sup_{x \in A} \sup_{y \in B} m_{xy} \right) \leq \left( \nabla_m(A, C) - \inf_{x \in A} \inf_{z \in C} m_{xz} \right) + \left( \nabla_m(C, B) - \inf_{z \in C} \inf_{y \in B} m_{zy} \right).$ 

**Proposition 1.14.** [31] Let  $A, B, C \in CB_m(X)$  following are hold

(i)  $H_m(A, A) = \nabla_m(A, A) = \sup_{x \in A} \{ \sup_{y \in A} m_{xy} \},$ (ii)  $H_m(A, B) = H_m(B, A),$ (iii)  $H_m(A, B) - \sup_{x \in A} \sup_{y \in A} m_{xy} \le H_m(A, C) + H_m(B, C) - \inf_{x \in A} \inf_{z \in C} m_{xz} - \inf_{z \in C} \inf_{y \in B} m_{zy}.$ 

**Lemma 1.15.** [31] Let  $A, B \in CB_m(X)$  and h > 1. Then for each  $x \in A$ , there exist at the least one  $y \in B$  such that

$$m(x, y) \le hH_m(A, B).$$

**Lemma 1.16.** [31] Let  $A, B \in CB_m(X)$  and l > 0. Then for each  $x \in A$ , there exist at least one  $y \in B$  such that

$$m(x, y) \le H_m(A, B) + l.$$

**Theorem 1.17.** [31] Let (X, m) be a complete *M*-metric space and  $T : X \to CB_m(X)$ . Assume that there exist  $h \in (0, 1)$  such that

$$H_m(T(x), T(y)) \le hm(x, y), \qquad (1.1)$$

for all  $x, y \in X$ . Then T has a fixed point.

**Proposition 1.18.** [31] Let  $T : X \to CB_m(X)$  be a set-valued mapping satisfying (1.1) for all x, y in an *M*-metric space *X*. If  $z \in T(z)$  for some z in *X* such that m(x, x) = 0 for  $x \in T(z)$ .

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#### 2. Main results

We start with the following definition:

#### **Definition 2.1.** Assume that $\Psi$ is a family of non-decreasing functions $\phi_M : \mathbb{R}^+ \to \mathbb{R}^+$ such that

- (i)  $\sum_{n=1}^{+\infty} \phi_{M}^{n}(x) < \infty$  for every x > 0 where  $\phi_{M}^{n}$  is a  $n^{th}$ -iterate of  $\phi_{M}$ ,
- (ii)  $\phi_M(x+y) \le \phi_M(x) + \phi_M(y)$  for all  $x, y \in \mathbb{R}^+$ ,
- (iii)  $\phi_M(x) < x$ , for each x > 0.

**Remark 2.2.** If  $\sum \alpha_n|_{n=\infty} = 0$  is a convergent series with positive terms then there exists a monotonic sequence  $(\beta_n)|_{n=\infty}$  such that  $\beta_n|_{n=\infty} = \infty$  and  $\sum \alpha_n \beta_n|_{n=\infty} = 0$  converges.

**Definition 2.3.** Let (X, m) be an *M*-metric pace. A self mapping  $T : X \to X$  is called  $(\alpha_*, \phi_M)$ contraction if there exist two functions  $\alpha_* : X \times X \to [0, \infty)$  and  $\phi_M \in \Psi$  such that

$$\alpha_*(x, y) m(T(x), T(y)) \le \phi_M(m(x, y)),$$

for all  $x, y \in X$ .

**Definition 2.4.** Let (X, m) be an *M*-metric space. A set-valued mapping  $T : X \to CB_m(X)$  is said to be  $(\alpha_*, \phi_M)$ -contraction if for all  $x, y \in X$ , we have

$$\alpha_*(x, y) H_m(T(x), T(x)) \le \phi_M(m(x, y)), \qquad (2.1)$$

where  $\phi_M \in \Psi$  and  $\alpha_* : X \times X \to [0, \infty)$ . A mapping *T* is called  $\alpha_*$ -admissible if

$$\alpha_*(x, y) \ge 1 \Rightarrow \alpha_*(a_1, b_1) \ge 1$$

for each  $a_1 \in T(x)$  and  $b_1 \in T(y)$ .

**Theorem 2.5.** Let (X, m) be a complete *M*-metric space. Suppose that  $(\alpha_*, \phi_M)$  contraction and  $\alpha_*$ -admissible mapping  $T : X \to CB_m(X)$  satisfies the following conditions:

- (*i*) there exist  $x_0 \in X$  such that  $\alpha_*(x_0, a_1) \ge 1$  for each  $a_1 \in T(x_0)$ ,
- (*ii*) if  $\{x_n\} \in X$  is a sequence such that  $\alpha_*(x_n, x_{n+1}) \ge 1$  for all n and  $\{x_n\} \to x \in X$  as  $n \to \infty$ , then  $\alpha_*(x_n, x) \ge 1$  for all  $n \in \mathbb{N}$ . Then T has a fixed point.

*Proof.* Let  $x_1 \in T(x_0)$  then by the hypothesis (*i*)  $\alpha_*(x_0, x_1) \ge 1$ . From Lemma 1.16, there exist  $x_2 \in T(x_1)$  such that

$$m(x_1, x_2) \le H_m(T(x_0), T(x_1)) + \phi_M(m(x_0, x_1)).$$

Similarly, there exist  $x_3 \in T(x_2)$  such that

$$m(x_2, x_3) \le H_m(T(x_1), T(x_2)) + \phi_M^2(m(x_0, x_1)).$$

Following the similar arguments, we obtain a sequence  $\{x_n\} \in X$  such that there exist  $x_{n+1} \in T(x_n)$  satisfying the following inequality

$$m(x_n, x_{n+1}) \le H_m(T(x_{n-1}), T(x_n)) + \phi_M^n(m(x_0, x_1)).$$

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Since *T* is  $\alpha_*$ -admissible, therefore  $\alpha_*(x_0, x_1) \ge 1 \Rightarrow \alpha_*(x_1, x_2) \ge 1$ . Using mathematical induction, we get

$$\alpha_*(x_n, x_{n+1}) \ge 1. \tag{2.2}$$

By (2.1) and (2.2), we have

$$\begin{split} m(x_n, x_{n+1}) &\leq H_m(T(x_{n-1}), T(x_n)) + \phi_M^n(m(x_0, x_1)) \\ &\leq \alpha_*(x_n, x_{n+1}) H_m(T(x_{n-1}), T(x_n)) \\ &+ \phi_M^n(m(x_0, x_1)) \\ &\leq \phi_M(m(x_{n-1}, x_n)) + \phi_M^n(m(x_0, x_1)) \\ &= \phi_M\left[(m(x_{n-1}, x_n)) + \phi_M^{n-1}(m(x_0, x_1))\right] \\ &\leq \phi_M\left[H_m(T(x_{n-2}), T(x_{n-1})) + \phi_M^{n-1}(m(x_0, x_1))\right] \\ &\leq \phi_M\left[\alpha_*(x_{n-1}, x_n) H_m(T(x_{n-1}), T(x_n)) + \phi_M^{n-1}(m(x_0, x_1))\right] \\ &\leq \phi_M\left[\phi_M(m(x_{n-2}, x_{n-1})) + \phi_M^{n-1}(m(x_0, x_1)) + \phi_M^{n-1}(m(x_0, x_1))\right] \\ &\leq \phi_M^2\left[m(x_{n-2}, x_{n-1})\right] + 2\phi_M^n(m(x_0, x_1)) \\ &\leq \cdots \end{split}$$

$$m(x_n, x_{n+1}) \leq \phi_M^n(m(x_0, x_1)) + n\phi_M^n(m(x_0, x_1)) m(x_n, x_{n+1}) \leq (n+1)\phi_M^n(m(x_0, x_1)).$$

Let us assume that  $\epsilon > 0$ , then there exist  $n_0 \in N$  such that

$$\sum_{n\geq n_0} \left(n+1\right) \phi_M^n\left(m\left(x_0,x_1\right)\right) < \epsilon.$$

By the Remarks (1.2) and (2.2), we get

$$\lim_{n\to\infty}m\left(x_n,x_{n+1}\right)=0.$$

Using the above inequality and  $(m_2)$ , we deduce that

$$\lim_{n \to \infty} m(x_n, x_n) = \lim_{n \to \infty} \min \left\{ m(x_n, x_n), m(x_{n+1}, x_{n+1}) \right\}$$
$$= \lim_{n \to \infty} m_{x_n x_{n+1}}$$
$$\leq \lim_{n \to \infty} m(x_n, x_{n+1}) = 0.$$

Owing to limit, we have  $\lim_{n\to\infty} m(x_n, x_n) = 0$ ,

$$\lim_{n,m\to\infty}m_{x_nx_m}=0.$$

Now, we prove that  $\{x_n\}$  is *M*-Cauchy in *X*. For *m*, *n* in *N* with m > n and using the triangle inequality of an *M*-metric we get

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$$m(x_{n}, x_{m}) - m_{x_{n}x_{m}} \leq m(x_{n}, x_{n+1}) - m_{x_{n}x_{n+1}} + m(x_{n+1}, x_{m}) - m_{x_{n+1}x_{m}}$$
  

$$\leq m(x_{n}, x_{n+1}) - m_{x_{n}x_{n+1}} + m(x_{n+1}, x_{n+2}) - m_{x_{n+1}x_{n+1}} + m(x_{n+2}, x_{m}) - m_{x_{n+2}x_{m}}$$
  

$$\leq m(x_{n}, x_{n+1}) - m_{x_{n}x_{n+1}} + m(x_{n+1}, x_{n+2}) - m_{x_{n+1}x_{n+2}} + \dots + m(x_{m-1}, x_{m}) - m_{x_{m-1}x_{m}}$$
  

$$\leq m(x_{n}, x_{n+1}) + m(x_{n+1}, x_{n+2}) + \dots + m(x_{m-1}, x_{m})$$

$$\leq m(x_n, x_{n+1}) + m(x_{n+1}, x_{n+2}) + \dots + m(x_{m-1})$$

$$= \sum_{r=n}^{m-1} m(x_r, x_{r+1})$$

$$\leq \sum_{r=n}^{m-1} (r+1) \phi_M^r(m(x_0, x_1))$$

$$\leq \sum_{r\geq n_0}^{m-1} (r+1) \phi_M^r(m(x_0, x_1))$$

$$\leq \sum_{r\geq n_0}^{m-1} (r+1) \phi_M^r(m(x_0, x_1)) < \epsilon.$$

 $m(x_n, x_m) - m_{x_n x_m} \to 0$ , as  $n \to \infty$ , we obtain  $\lim_{m,n\to\infty} (M_{x_n x_m} - m_{x_n x_m}) = 0$ . Thus  $\{x_n\}$  is a *M*-Cauchy sequence in *X*. Since (X, m) is *M*-complete, there exist  $x^* \in X$  such that

$$\lim_{n \to \infty} \left( m\left(x_n, x^{\star}\right) - m_{x_n x^{\star}} \right) = 0 \text{ and}$$
$$\lim_{n \to \infty} \left( M_{x_n x^{\star}} - m_{x_n x^{\star}} \right) = 0.$$

Also,  $\lim_{n\to\infty} m(x_n, x_n) = 0$  gives that

$$\lim_{n \to \infty} m(x_n, x^*) = 0 \text{ and } \lim_{n \to \infty} M_{x_n x^*} = 0,$$

$$\lim_{n \to \infty} \{\max(m(x_n, x^*), m(x^*, x^*))\} = 0,$$
(2.3)

which implies that  $m(x^*, x^*) = 0$  and hence we obtain  $m_{x^*T(x^*)} = 0$ . By using (2.1) and (2.3) with

$$\lim_{n\to\infty}\alpha_*(x_n,x^\star)\geq 1.$$

Thus,

$$\lim_{n \to \infty} H_m(T(x_n), T(x^*)) \le \lim_{n \to \infty} \phi_M(m(x_n, x^*)) \le \lim_{n \to \infty} m(x_n, x^*).$$
$$\lim_{n \to \infty} H_m(T(x_n), T(x^*)) = 0.$$
(2.4)

Now from (2.3), (2.4), and  $x_{n+1} \in T(x_n)$ , we have

$$m(x_{n+1}, T(x^{\star})) \leq H_m(T(x_n), T(x^{\star})) = 0.$$

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Taking limit as  $n \to \infty$  and using (2.4), we obtain that

$$\lim_{n \to \infty} m(x_{n+1}, T(x^{\star})) = 0.$$
(2.5)

Since  $m_{x_{n+1}T(x^{\star})} \leq m(x_{n+1}, T(x^{\star}))$  which gives

$$\lim_{n \to \infty} m_{x_{n+1}T(x^*)} = 0.$$
 (2.6)

Using the condition  $(m_4)$ , we obtain

$$m(x^{\star}, T(x^{\star})) - \sup_{y \in T(x^{\star})} m_{x^{\star}y} \leq m(x^{\star}, T(x^{\star})) - m_{x^{\star}, T(x^{\star})}$$
  
$$\leq m(x^{\star}, x_{n+1}) - m_{x^{\star}x_{n+1}}$$
  
$$+ m(x_{n+1}, T((x^{\star})) - m_{x_{n+1}T(x^{\star})}.$$

Applying limit as  $n \to \infty$  and using (2.3) and (2.6), we have

$$m(x^{\star}, T(x^{\star})) \leq \sup_{y \in T(x^{\star})} m_{x^{\star}y}.$$
(2.7)

From  $(m_2)$ ,  $m_{x^*y} \le m(x^*y)$  for each  $y \in T(x^*)$  which implies that

$$m_{x^{\star}y} - m\left(x^{\star}, y\right) \le 0.$$

Hence,

$$\sup\left\{m_{x^{\star}y}-m\left(x^{\star},y\right):y\in T\left(x^{\star}\right)\right\}\leq0.$$

Then

$$\sup_{y \in T(x^{\star})} m_{x^{\star}y} - \inf_{y \in T(x^{\star})} m(x^{\star}, y) \le 0$$

Thus

$$\sup_{y \in T(x^{\star})} m_{x^{\star}y} \le m\left(x^{\star}, T\left(x^{\star}\right)\right).$$
(2.8)

Now, from (2.7) and (2.8), we obtain

$$m(T(x^{\star}), x^{\star}) = \sup_{y \in T(x^{\star})} m_{x^{\star}y}.$$

Consequently, owing to Lemma (1.12), we have  $x^{\star} \in \overline{T(x^{\star})} = T(x^{\star})$ .

**Corollary 2.6.** Let (X, m) be a complete *M*-metric space and an self mapping  $T : X \to X$  an  $\alpha_*$ -admissible and  $(\alpha_*, \phi_M)$ -contraction mapping. Assume that the following properties hold:

- (*i*) there exists  $x_0 \in X$  such that  $\alpha_*(x_0, T(x_0)) \ge 1$ ,
- (*ii*) either *T* is continuous or for any sequence  $\{x_n\} \in X$  with  $\alpha_*(x_n, x_{n+1}) \ge 1$  for all  $n \in \mathbb{N}$  and  $\{x_n\} \to x$  as  $n \to \infty$ , we have  $\alpha_*(x_n, x) \ge 1$  for all  $n \in \mathbb{N}$ . Then *T* has a fixed point.

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**Definition 2.7.** Let  $(X, \leq)$  be a partially ordered set. A sequence  $\{x_n\} \subset X$  is said to be non-decreasing if  $x_n \leq x_{n+1}$  for all *n*.

**Definition 2.8.** [16] Let *F* and *G* be two nonempty subsets of partially ordered set  $(X, \leq)$ . The relation between *F* and *G* is defined as follows:  $F \prec_1 G$  if for every  $x \in F$ , there exists  $y \in G$  such that  $x \leq y$ .

**Definition 2.9.** Let  $(X, m, \leq)$  be a partially ordered set on *M*-metric. A set-valued mapping  $T : X \rightarrow CB_m(X)$  is said to be ordered  $(\alpha_*, \phi_M)$ -contraction if for all  $x, y \in X$ , with  $x \leq y$  we have

$$H_m(T(x), T(y)) \le \phi_M(m(x, y))$$

where  $\phi_M \in \Psi$ . Suppose that  $\alpha_* : X \times X \to [0, \infty)$  is defined by

$$\alpha_*(x,y) = \begin{cases} 1 & \text{if } Tx \prec_1 Ty \\ 0 & \text{otherwise.} \end{cases}$$

A mapping T is called  $\alpha_*$ -admissible if

$$\alpha(x, y) \ge 1 \Rightarrow \alpha_*(a_1, b_1) \ge 1,$$

for each  $a_1 \in T(x)$  and  $b_1 \in T(y)$ .

**Theorem 2.10.** Let  $(X, m, \leq)$  be a partially ordered complete *M*-metric space and  $T : X \to CB_m(X)$ an  $\alpha_*$ -admissible ordered  $(\alpha_*, \phi_M)$ -contraction mapping satisfying the following conditions:

- (*i*) there exist  $x_0 \in X$  such that  $\{x_0\} \prec_1 \{T(x_0)\}, \alpha_*(x_0, a_1) \ge 1$  for each  $a_1 \in T(x_0)$ ,
- (*ii*) for every  $x, y \in X$ ,  $x \le y$  implies  $T(x) \prec_1 T(y)$ ,
- (*iii*) If  $\{x_n\} \in X$  is a non-decreasing sequence such that  $x_n \leq x_{n+1}$  for all n and  $\{x_n\} \to x \in X$  as  $n \to \infty$  gives  $x_n \leq x$  for all  $n \in \mathbb{N}$ . Then T has a fixed point.

*Proof.* By assumption (*i*) there exist  $x_1 \in T(x_0)$  such that  $x_0 \leq x_1$  and  $\alpha_*(x_0, x_1) \geq 1$ . By hypothesis (*ii*),  $T(x_0) <_1 T(x_1)$ . Let us assume that there exist  $x_2 \in T(x_1)$  such that  $x_1 \leq x_2$  and we have the following

$$m(x_1, x_2) \le H_m(T(x_0), T(x_1)) + \phi_M(m(x_0, x_1)).$$

In the same way, there exist  $x_3 \in T(x_2)$  such that  $x_2 \leq x_3$  and

$$m(x_2, x_3) \le H_m(T(x_1), T(x_2)) + \phi_M^2(m(x_0, x_1)).$$

Following the similar arguments, we have a sequence  $\{x_n\} \in X$  and  $x_{n+1} \in T(x_n)$  for all  $n \ge 0$  satisfying  $x_0 \le x_1 \le x_2 \le x_3 \le ... x_n \le x_{n+1}$ . The proof is complete follows the arguments given in Theorem 2.5.

**Example 2.11.** Let  $X = \begin{bmatrix} \frac{1}{6}, 1 \end{bmatrix}$  be endowed with an *M*-metric given by  $m(x, y) = \frac{x+y}{2}$ . Define  $T : X \to CB_m(X)$  by

$$T(x) = \begin{cases} \left\{\frac{1}{2}x + \frac{1}{6}, \frac{1}{4}\right\}, \text{ if } x = \frac{1}{6} \\ \left\{\frac{x}{2}, \frac{x}{3}\right\}, \text{ if } \frac{1}{4} \le x \le \frac{1}{3} \\ \left\{\frac{2}{3}, \frac{5}{6}\right\}, \text{ if } \frac{1}{2} \le x \le 1. \end{cases}$$

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Define a mapping  $\alpha_* : X \times X \to [0, \infty)$  by

$$\alpha_*(x,y) = \begin{cases} 1 & \text{if } x, y \in \left\lfloor \frac{1}{4}, \frac{1}{3} \right\rfloor \\ 0 & \text{otherwise.} \end{cases}$$

Let  $\phi_M : \mathbb{R}^+ \to \mathbb{R}^+$  be given by  $\phi_M(t) = \frac{17}{10}$  where  $\phi_M \in \Psi$ , for  $x, y \in X$ . If  $x = \frac{1}{6}$ ,  $y = \frac{1}{4}$  then  $m(x, y) = \frac{5}{24}$ , and

$$\begin{split} H_m(T(x), T(y)) &= H_m\left(\left\{\frac{3}{12}, \frac{1}{4}\right\}, \left\{\frac{1}{8}, \frac{1}{12}\right\}\right) \\ &= \max\left(\nabla_m\left(\left\{\frac{3}{12}, \frac{1}{4}\right\}, \left\{\frac{1}{8}, \frac{1}{12}\right\}\right), \nabla_m\left(\left\{\frac{1}{8}, \frac{1}{12}\right\}, \left\{\frac{3}{12}, \frac{1}{4}\right\}\right)\right) \\ &= \max\left\{\frac{3}{16}, \frac{2}{12}\right\} = \frac{3}{16} \\ &\leq \phi_M(t) \, m(x, y) \,. \end{split}$$

If  $x = \frac{1}{3}$ ,  $y = \frac{1}{2}$  then  $m(x, y) = \frac{5}{12}$ , and

$$\begin{aligned} H_m(T(x), T(y)) &= H_m\left(\left\{\frac{1}{6}, \frac{1}{9}\right\}, \left\{\frac{2}{3}, 1\right\}\right) \\ &= \max\left(\nabla_m\left(\left\{\frac{1}{6}, \frac{1}{9}\right\}, \left\{\frac{2}{3}, 1\right\}\right), \nabla_m\left(\left\{\frac{2}{3}, 1\right\}, \left\{\frac{1}{6}, \frac{1}{9}\right\}\right)\right) \\ &= \max\left\{\frac{17}{36}, \frac{7}{18}\right\} = \frac{17}{36} \\ &\leq \phi_M(t) m(x, y) \,. \end{aligned}$$

If  $x = \frac{1}{6}$ , y = 1, then  $m(x, y) = \frac{7}{12}$  and

$$\begin{split} H_m(T(x), T(y)) &= H_m\left(\left\{\frac{3}{12}, \frac{1}{4}\right\}, \left\{\frac{2}{3}, \frac{5}{6}\right\}\right) \\ &= \max\left(\nabla_m\left(\left\{\frac{3}{12}, \frac{1}{4}\right\}, \left\{\frac{2}{3}, \frac{5}{6}\right\}\right), \nabla_m\left(\left\{\frac{2}{3}, \frac{5}{6}\right\}, \left\{\frac{3}{12}, \frac{1}{4}\right\}\right)\right) \\ &= \max\left\{\frac{11}{24}, \frac{13}{24}\right\} = \frac{13}{24} \\ &\leq \phi_M(t) \, m(x, y) \,. \end{split}$$

In all cases, T is  $(\alpha_*, \phi_M)$ -contraction mapping. If  $x_0 = \frac{1}{3}$ , then  $T(x_0) = \left\{\frac{x}{2}, \frac{x}{3}\right\}$ . Therefore  $\alpha_*(x_0, a_1) \ge 1$  for every  $a_1 \in T(x_0)$ . Let  $x, y \in X$  be such that  $\alpha_*(x, y) \ge 1$ , then  $x, y \in \left[\frac{x}{2}, \frac{x}{3}\right]$  and  $T(x) = \left\{\frac{x}{2}, \frac{x}{3}\right\}$  and  $T(y) = \left\{\frac{x}{2}, \frac{x}{3}\right\}$  which implies that  $\alpha_*(a_1, b_1) \ge 1$  for every  $a_1 \in T(x)$  and  $b_1 \in T(x)$ . Hence T is  $\alpha_*$ -admissble.

Let  $\{x_n\} \in X$  be a sequence such that  $\alpha_*(x_n, x_{n+1}) \ge 1$  for all *n* in  $\mathbb{N}$  and  $x_n$  converges to *x* as *n* converges to  $\infty$ , then  $x_n \in \left[\frac{x}{2}, \frac{x}{3}\right]$ . By definition of  $\alpha_*$ -admissibility, therefore  $x \in \left[\frac{x}{2}, \frac{x}{3}\right]$  and hence  $\alpha_*(x_n, x) \ge 1$ . Thus all the conditions of Theorem 2.3 are satisfied. Moreover, *T* has a fixed point.

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**Example 2.12.** Let  $X = \{(0,0), (0, -\frac{1}{5}), (-\frac{1}{8}, 0)\}$  be the subset of  $\mathbb{R}^2$  with order  $\leq$  defined as: For  $(x_1, y_1), (x_2, y_2) \in X, (x_1, y_1) \leq (x_2, y_2)$  if and only if  $x_1 \leq x_2, y_1 \leq y_2$ . Let  $m : X \times X \to \mathbb{R}^+$  be defined by

$$m((x_1, y_1), (x_2, y_2)) = \left|\frac{x_1 + x_2}{2}\right| + \left|\frac{y_1 + y_2}{2}\right|, \text{ for } x = (x_1, y_1), y = (x_2, y_2) \in X.$$

Then (X, m) is a complete *M*-metric space. Let  $T : X \to CB_m(X)$  be defined by

$$T(x) = \begin{cases} \{(0,0)\}, \text{ if } x = (0,0), \\ \{(0,0), \left(-\frac{1}{8},0\right)\}, \text{ if } x \in \left(0,-\frac{1}{5}\right) \\ \{(0,0)\}, \text{ if } x \in \left(-\frac{1}{8},0\right). \end{cases}$$

Define a mapping  $\alpha_* : X \times X \to [0, \infty)$  by

$$\alpha_*(x,y) = \begin{cases} 1 & \text{if } x, y \in X \\ 0 & \text{otherwise.} \end{cases}$$

Let  $\phi_M : \mathbb{R}^+ \to \mathbb{R}^+$  be given by  $\phi_M(t) = \frac{1}{2}$ . Obviously,  $\phi_M \in \Psi$ . For  $x, y \in X$ , if  $x = (0, -\frac{1}{5})$  and y = (0, 0), then  $H_m(T(x), T(y)) = 0$  and  $m(x, y) = \frac{1}{10}$  gives that

$$H_m(T(x), T(y)) = H_m\left(\left\{(0, 0), \left(-\frac{1}{8}, 0\right)\right\}, \{(0, 0)\}\right)$$
  
=  $\max\left\{\begin{array}{c} \nabla_m\left(\left\{(0, 0), \left(-\frac{1}{8}, 0\right)\right\}, \{(0, 0)\}\right), \\ \nabla_m\left(\left\{(0, 0)\right\}, \left\{(0, 0), \left(-\frac{1}{8}, 0\right)\right\}\right)\end{array}\right\}$   
=  $\max\{0, 0\} = 0$   
 $\leq \phi_M(t) m(x, y).$ 

If  $x = (-\frac{1}{8}, 0)$  and y = (0, 0) then  $H_m(T(x), T(y)) = 0$ , and  $m(x, y) = \frac{1}{16}$  implies that

 $H_{m}\left(T\left(x\right),T\left(y\right)\right)\leq\phi_{M}\left(t\right)m\left(x,y\right).$ 

If x = (0, 0) and y = (0, 0) then  $H_m(T(x), T(y)) = 0$ , and m(x, y) = 0 gives

$$H_m(T(x), T(y)) \le \phi_M(t) m(x, y).$$

If  $x = (0, -\frac{1}{5})$  and  $y = (0, -\frac{1}{5})$  then  $H_m(T(x), T(y)) = 0$ , and  $m(x, y) = \frac{1}{5}$  implies that

$$H_m(T(x), T(y)) \le \phi_M(t) m(x, y).$$

If  $x = (0, -\frac{1}{8})$  and  $y = (0, -\frac{1}{8})$  then  $H_m(T(x), T(y)) = 0$ , and  $m(x, y) = \frac{1}{8}$  gives that

$$H_m(T(x), T(y)) \le \phi_M(t) m(x, y).$$

Thus all the condition of Theorem 2.10 satisfied. Moreover, (0,0) is the fixed point of T.

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#### 3. Application

In this section, we present an application of our result in homotopy theory. We use the fixed point theorem proved for set-valued  $(\alpha_*, \phi_M)$ -contraction mapping in the previous section, to establish the result in homotopy theory. For further study in this direction, we refer to [6,35].

**Theorem 3.1.** Suppose that (X, m) is a complete *M*-metric space and *A* and *B* are closed and open subsets of *X* respectively, such that  $A \subset B$ . For  $a, b \in \mathbb{R}$ , let  $T : B \times [a, b] \rightarrow CB_m(X)$  be a set-valued mapping satisfying the following conditions:

(i)  $x \notin T(y, t)$  for each  $y \in B/A$  and  $t \in [a, b]$ ,

(*ii*) there exist  $\phi_M \in \Psi$  and  $\alpha_* : X \times X \to [0, \infty)$  such that

 $\alpha_*(x, y) H_m(T(x, t), T(y, t)) \le \phi_M(m(x, y)),$ 

for each pair  $(x, y) \in B \times B$  and  $t \in [a, b]$ , (iii) there exist a continuous function  $\Omega : [a, b] \to \mathbb{R}$  such that for each  $s, t \in [a, b]$  and  $x \in B$ , we get

 $H_m(T(x, s), T(y, t)) \le \phi_M |\Omega(s) - \Omega(t)|,$ 

- (*iv*) if  $x^* \in T(x^*, t)$ , then  $T(x^*, t) = \{x^*\}$ ,
- (v) there exist  $x_0$  in X such that  $x_0 \in T(x_0, t)$ ,
- (vi) a function  $\mathfrak{R} : [0, \infty) \to [0, \infty)$  defined by  $\mathfrak{R}(x) = x \phi_M(x)$  is strictly increasing and continuous if  $T(., t^{\intercal})$  has a fixed point in B for some  $t^{\intercal} \in [a, b]$ , then T(., t) has a fixed point in A for all  $t \in [a, b]$ . Moreover, for a fixed  $t \in [a, b]$ , fixed point is unique provided that  $\phi_M(t) = \frac{1}{2}t$  where t > 0.

*Proof.* Define a mapping  $\alpha_* : X \times X \to [0, \infty)$  by

$$\alpha_* (x, y) = \begin{cases} 1 & \text{if } x \in T(x, t), \ y \in T(y, t) \\ 0 & \text{otherwise.} \end{cases}$$

We show that *T* is  $\alpha_*$ -admissible. Note that  $\alpha_*(x, y) \ge 1$  implies that  $x \in T(x, t)$  and  $y \in T(y, t)$  for all  $t \in [a, b]$ . By hypothesis (*iv*),  $T(x, t) = \{x\}$  and  $T(y, t) = \{y\}$ . It follows that *T* is  $\alpha_*$ -admissible. By hypothesis (*v*), there exist  $x_0 \in X$  such that  $x_0 \in (x_0, t)$  for all *t*, that is  $\alpha_*(x_0, x_0) \ge 1$ . Suppose that  $\alpha_*(x_n, x_{n+1}) \ge 1$  for all *n* and  $x_n$  converges to *q* as *n* approaches to  $\infty$  and  $x_n \in T(x_n, t)$  and  $x_{n+1} \in T(x_{n+1}, t)$  for all *n* and  $t \in [a, b]$  which implies that  $q \in T(q, t)$  and thus  $\alpha_*(x_n, q) \ge 1$ . Set

$$D = \{t \in [a, b] : x \in T (x, t) \text{ for } x \in A\}.$$

So  $T(., t^{\mathsf{T}})$  has a fixed point in *B* for some  $t^{\mathsf{T}} \in [a, b]$ , there exist  $x \in B$  such that  $x \in T(x, t)$ . By hypothesis (*i*)  $x \in T(x, t)$  for  $t \in [a, b]$  and  $x \in A$  so  $D \neq \phi$ . Now we now prove that <u>D</u> is open and close in [a, b]. Let  $t_0 \in D$  and  $x_0 \in A$  with  $x_0 \in T(x_0, t_0)$ . Since A is open subset of X,  $\overline{B_m(x_0, r)} \subseteq A$ for some r > 0. For  $\epsilon = r + m_{xx_0} - \phi(r + m_{xx_0})$  and a continuous function  $\Omega$  on [a, b], there exist  $\delta > 0$ such that

$$\phi_M |\Omega(t) - \Omega(t_0)| < \epsilon \text{ for all } t \in (t_0 - \delta, t_0 + \delta)$$

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If  $t \in (t_0 - \delta, t_0 + \delta)$  for  $x \in B_m(x_0, r) = \{x \in X : m(x_0, x) \le m_{x_0x} + r\}$  and  $l \in T(x, t)$ , we obtain

$$m(l, x_0) = m(T(x, t), x_0)$$
  
=  $H_m(T(x, t), T(x_0, t_0)).$ 

Using the condition (iii) of Proposition 1.13 and Proposition 1.18, we have

$$m(l, x_0) \le H_m(T(x, t), T(x_0, t_0)) + H_m(T(x, t), T(x_0, t_0))$$
(2.9)

as  $x \in T(x_0, t_0)$  and  $x \in B_m(x_0, r) \subseteq A \subseteq B$ ,  $t_0 \in [a, b]$  with  $\alpha_*(x_0, x_0) \ge 1$ . By hypothesis (*ii*), (*iii*) and (2.9)

$$\begin{split} m(l,x_0) &\leq \phi_M \left| \Omega(t) - \Omega(t_0) \right| + \alpha_* (x_0,x_0) H_m (T(x,t),T(x_0,t_0)) \\ &\leq \phi_M \left| \Omega(t) - \Omega(t_0) \right| + \phi_M (m(x,x_0)) \\ &\leq \phi_M (\epsilon) + \phi_M (m_{xx_0} + r) \\ &\leq \phi_M (r + m_{xx_0} - \phi_M (r + m_{xx_0})) + \phi_M (m_{xx_0} + r) \\ &< r + m_{xx_0} - \phi_M (r + m_{xx_0}) + \phi_M (m_{xx_0} + r) = r + m_{xx_0}. \end{split}$$

Hence  $l \in \overline{B_m(x_0, r)}$  and thus for each fixed  $t \in (t_0 - \delta, t_0 + \delta)$ , we obtain  $T(x, t) \subset \overline{B_m(x_0, r)}$  therefore  $T : \overline{B_m(x_0, r)} \to CB_m(\overline{B_m(x_0, r)})$  satisfies all the assumption of Theorem (3.1) and T(., t) has a fixed point  $\overline{B_m(x_0, r)} = B_m(x_0, r) \subset B$ . But by assumption of (*i*) this fixed point belongs to A. So  $(t_0 - \delta, t_0 + \delta) \subseteq D$ , thus D is open in [a, b]. Next we prove that D is closed. Let a sequence  $\{t_n\} \in D$  with  $t_n$  converges to  $t_0 \in [a, b]$  as n approaches to  $\infty$ . We will prove that  $t_0$  is in D.

Using the definition of D, there exist  $\{t_n\}$  in A such that  $x_n \in T(x_n, t_n)$  for all n. Using Assumption (*iii*)–(v), and the condition (*iii*) of Proposition 1.13, and an outcome of the Proposition 1.18, we have

$$\begin{split} m(x_n, x_m) &\leq H_m(T(x_n, t_n), T(x_m, t_m)) \\ &\leq H_m(T(x_n, t_n), T(x_n, t_m)) + H_m(T(x_n, t_m), T(x_m, t_m)) \\ &\leq \phi_M |\Omega(t_n) - \Omega(t_m)| + \alpha_* (x_n, x_m) H_m(T(x_n, t_m), T(x_m, t_m)) \\ &\leq \phi_M |\Omega(t_n) - \Omega(t_m)| + \phi_M (m(x_n, x_m)) \\ &\Rightarrow \\ m(x_n, x_m) - \phi_M (m(x_n, x_m)) &\leq \phi_M |\Omega(t_n) - \Omega(t_m)| \\ &\Rightarrow \\ \Re(m(x_n, x_m)) &\leq \phi_M |\Omega(t_n) - \Omega(t_m)| \\ \Re(m(x_n, x_m)) &\leq |\Omega(t_n) - \Omega(t_m)| \\ m(x_n, x_m) &< \frac{1}{\Re} |\Omega(t_n) - \Omega(t_m)|. \end{split}$$

So, continuity of  $\frac{1}{\Re}$ ,  $\Re$  and convergence of  $\{t_n\}$ , taking the limit as  $m, n \to \infty$  in the last inequality, we obtain that

$$\lim_{m \to \infty} m(x_n, x_m) = 0.$$

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Sine  $m_{x_n x_m} \leq m(x_n, x_m)$ , therefore

$$\lim_{m,n\to\infty}m_{x_nx_m}=0$$

Thus, we have  $\lim_{n\to\infty} m(x_n, x_n) = 0 = \lim_{m\to\infty} m(x_m, x_m)$ . Also,

$$\lim_{m,n\to\infty}\left(m\left(x_n,x_m\right)-m_{x_nx_m}\right)=0,\ \lim_{m,n\to\infty}\left(M_{x_nx_m}-m_{x_nx_m}\right).$$

Hence  $\{x_n\}$  is an *M*-Cauchy sequence. Using Definition 1.4, there exist  $x^*$  in X such that

$$\lim_{n \to \infty} (m(x_n, x^*) - m_{x_n x^*}) = 0 \text{ and } \lim_{n \to \infty} (M_{x_n x^*} - m_{x_n x^*}) = 0.$$

As  $\lim_{n\to\infty} m(x_n, x_n) = 0$ , therefore

$$\lim_{n\to\infty} m(x_n, x^*) = 0 \text{ and } \lim_{n\to\infty} M_{x_n x^*} = 0.$$

Thus, we have  $m(x, x^*) = 0$ . We now show that  $x^* \in T(x^*, t^*)$ . Note that

$$\begin{split} m\left(x_{n}, T\left(x^{*}, t^{*}\right)\right) &\leq H_{m}\left(T\left(x_{n}, t_{n}\right), T\left(x^{*}, t^{*}\right)\right) \\ &\leq H_{m}\left(T\left(x_{n}, t_{n}\right), T\left(x_{n}, t^{*}\right)\right) + H_{m}\left(T\left(x_{n}, t^{*}\right), T\left(x^{*}, t^{*}\right)\right) \\ &\leq \phi_{M}\left|\Omega\left(t_{n}\right) - \Omega\left(t^{*}\right)\right| + \alpha_{*}\left(x_{n}, t^{*}\right) H_{m}\left(T\left(x_{n}, t^{*}\right), T\left(x^{*}, t^{*}\right)\right) \\ &\leq \phi_{M}\left|\Omega\left(t_{n}\right) - \Omega\left(t^{*}\right)\right| + \phi_{M}\left(m\left(x_{n}, t^{*}\right)\right). \end{split}$$

Applying the limit  $n \to \infty$  in the above inequality, we have

$$\lim_{n \to \infty} m\left(x_n, T\left(x^*, t^*\right)\right) = 0.$$

Hence

$$\lim_{n \to \infty} m\left(x_n, T\left(x^*, t^*\right)\right) = 0.$$
(2.10)

Since  $m(x^*, x^*) = 0$ , we obtain

$$\sup_{y \in T(x^*,t^*)} m_{x^*y} = \sup_{y \in T(x^*,t^*)} \min \left\{ m(x^*,x^*), m(y,y) \right\} = 0.$$
(2.11)

From above two inequalities, we get

$$m(x^*, T(x^*, t^*)) = \sup_{y \in T(x^*, t^*)} m_{x^*y}.$$

Thus using Lemma 1.12 we get  $x^* \in T(x^*, t^*)$ . Hence  $x^* \in A$ . Thus  $x^* \in D$  and D is closed in [a, b], D = [a, b] and D is open and close in [a, b]. Thus T(., t) has a fixed point in A for all  $t \in [a, b]$ . For uniqueness,  $t \in [a, b]$  is arbitrary fixed point, then there exist  $x \in A$  such that  $x \in T(x, t)$ . Assume that y is an other point of T(x, t), then by applying condition 4, we obtain

$$m(x, y) = H_m(T(x, t), T(y, t))$$
  

$$\leq \alpha_M(x, y) H_m(T(x, t), T(y, t)) \leq \phi_M(m(x, y)).$$

For  $\phi_M(t) = \frac{1}{2}t$ , where t > 0, the uniqueness follows.

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#### 4. Application to integral equation

In this section we will apply the previous theoretical results to show the existence of solution for some integral equation. For related results (see [13, 20]). We see for non-negative solution of (3.1) in  $X = C([0, \delta], \mathbb{R})$ . Let  $X = C([0, \delta], \mathbb{R})$  be a set of continuous real valued functions defined on  $[0, \delta]$  which is endowed with a complete *M*-metric given by

$$m(x, y) = \sup_{t \in [0,\delta]} \left( \left| \frac{x(t) + x(t)}{2} \right| \right) \text{ for all } x, y \in X.$$

Consider an integral equation

$$v_1(t) = \rho(t) + \int_0^{\delta} h(t, s) J(s, v_1(s)) \, ds \text{ for all } 0 \le t \le \delta.$$
(3.1)

Define  $g: X \to X$  by

$$g(x)(t) = \rho(t) + \int_0^{\delta} h(t, s) J(s, x(s)) ds$$

where

- (*i*) for  $\delta > 0$ , (*a*)  $J : [0, \delta] \times \mathbb{R} \to \mathbb{R}$ , (*b*)  $h : [0, \delta] \times [0, \delta] \to [0, \infty)$ , (*c*)  $\rho : [0, \delta] \to \mathbb{R}$  are all continuous functions
- (*ii*) Assume that  $\sigma : X \times X \to \mathbb{R}$  is a function with the following properties,
- (*iii*)  $\sigma(x, y) \ge 0$  implies that  $\sigma(T(x), T(y)) \ge 0$ ,
- (*iv*) there exist  $x_0 \in X$  such that  $\sigma(x_0, T(x_0)) \ge 0$ ,
- (v) if  $\{x_n\} \in X$  is a sequence such that  $\sigma(x_n, x_{n+1}) \ge 0$  for all  $n \in \mathbb{N}$  and  $x_n \to x$  as  $n \to \infty$ , then  $\sigma(x, T(x)) \ge 0$

(vi)

$$\sup_{t\in[0,\delta]}\int_0^{\delta} h(t,s)\,ds \le 1$$

where  $t \in [0, \delta], s \in \mathbb{R}$ ,

(*vii*) there exist  $\phi_M \in \Psi$ ,  $\sigma(y, T(y)) \ge 1$  and  $\sigma(x, T(x)) \ge 1$  such that for each  $t \in [0, \delta]$ , we have

$$|J(s, x(t)) + J(s, y(t))| \le \phi_M (|x + y|).$$
(3.3)

**Theorem 4.1.** Under the assumptions (i) – (vii) the integral Eq (3.1) has a solution in  $\{X = C([0, \delta], \mathbb{R}) \text{ for all } t \in [0, \delta]\}$ .

Proof. Using the condition (vii), we obtain that

$$m(g(x), g(y)) = \left| \frac{g(x)(t) + g(y)(t)}{2} \right| = \left| \int_0^{\delta} h(t, s) \left[ \frac{J(s, x(s)) + J(s, y(s))}{2} \right] ds \right|$$
  

$$\leq \int_0^{\delta} h(t, s) \left| \frac{J(s, x(s)) + J(s, y(s))}{2} \right| ds$$
  

$$\leq \int_0^{\delta} h(t, s) \left[ \phi_M \left| \frac{x(s) + y(s)}{2} \right| \right] ds$$

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$$\leq \left(\sup_{t \in [0,\delta]} \int_0^\delta h(t,s) \, ds\right) \left(\phi_M \left| \frac{x(s) + y(s)}{2} \right| \right)$$
  
$$\leq \phi_M \left( \left| \frac{x(s) + y(s)}{2} \right| \right)$$
  
$$m(g(x), g(y)) \leq \phi(m(x,y))$$

Define  $\alpha_* : X \times X \to [0, +\infty)$  by

$$\alpha_*(x, y) = \begin{cases} 1 & \text{if } \sigma(x, y) \ge 0\\ 0 & \text{otherwise} \end{cases}$$

which implies that

$$m(g(x),g(y)) \le \phi_M(m(x,y)).$$

Hence all the assumption of the Corollary 2.6 are satisfied, the mapping g has a fixed point in  $X = C([0, \delta], \mathbb{R})$  which is the solution of integral Eq (3.1).

#### 5. Conclusions

In this study we develop some set-valued fixed point results based on  $(\alpha_*, \phi_M)$ -contraction mappings in the context of *M*-metric space and ordered *M*-metric space. Also, we give examples and applications to the existence of solution of functional equations and homotopy theory.

#### **Conflict of interest**

The authors declare that they have no competing interests.

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