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# Fixed Point Results for Generalized $\mathcal{F}$ -Contractions in Modular $b$ -Metric Spaces with Applications

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**Abstract:** The aim of this paper is to generalize the  $\mathcal{F}$ -contractive condition in the framework of  $\alpha - \nu$ -complete modular  $b$ -metric spaces. Some results in ordered modular  $b$ -metric spaces are also presented. Moreover, an illustrative example and some related applications are presented to support the obtained results.

**Keywords:** fixed point; modular  $b$ -metric space;  $\mathcal{F}$ -contraction

## 1. Introduction

The concept of a  $b$ -metric space has been introduced by Bakhtin [1] and Czerwik [2,3]. So far, many interesting results about the existence of fixed points in  $b$ -metric spaces have been presented (see, e.g., [4–18].)

**Definition 1** ([2]). Let  $\Omega$  be a nonempty set and  $s \geq 1$  be a given real number. A function  $B : \Omega \times \Omega \rightarrow [0, \infty)$  is a  $b$ -metric on  $\Omega$  if, for all  $\rho, \varrho, \sigma \in \Omega$ , the following assertions hold:

$$(b_1) \quad B(\rho, \varrho) = 0 \text{ iff } \rho = \varrho;$$

$$(b_2) \quad B(\rho, \varrho) = B(\varrho, \rho);$$

$$(b_3) \quad B(\rho, \sigma) \leq s[B(\rho, \varrho) + B(\varrho, \sigma)].$$

The pair  $(\Omega, B)$  is called a  $b$ -metric space.

Note that a  $b$ -metric is not continuous in its two variables. On the other hand, a modular metric space is an applicable extension of classical modulars over linear spaces. The concept of a modular metric space has been introduced in [19–22]. Here, we deal with modular metric spaces as the nonlinear version of the classical one introduced by Nakano [23] on a vector space and a modular function space presented by Musielak [24] and Orlicz [25].

Let  $\Omega$  be a nonempty set and let  $\xi : (0, \infty) \times \Omega \times \Omega \rightarrow [0, \infty]$  be a function. For simplicity, we will write

$$\xi_\lambda(\rho, \varrho) = \xi(\lambda, \rho, \varrho),$$

for all  $\lambda > 0$  and for all  $\rho, \varrho \in \Omega$ .

**Definition 2** ([19,20]). A function  $\xi : (0, \infty) \times \Omega \times \Omega \rightarrow [0, \infty]$  is called a modular metric on  $\Omega$  if, for all  $\rho, \varrho, \sigma \in \Omega$  and  $\lambda > 0$ , the following assertions hold:

- (i)  $\rho = \varrho$  iff  $\xi_\lambda(\rho, \varrho) = 0$ ;
- (ii)  $\xi_\lambda(\rho, \varrho) = \xi_\lambda(\varrho, \rho)$ ;
- (iii)  $\xi_{\lambda+\mu}(\rho, \varrho) \leq \xi_\lambda(\rho, \sigma) + \xi_\mu(\sigma, \varrho)$ .

A modular metric  $\xi$  on  $\Omega$  is called regular if the following weaker version of (i) holds:

$$\rho = \varrho \text{ iff } \xi_\lambda(\rho, \varrho) = 0 \text{ for some } \lambda = \omega > 0.$$

Ege and Alaca in [26] introduced the notion of modular  $b$ -metric spaces as follows.

**Definition 3** ([26]). Let  $\Omega$  be a nonempty set and  $s \geq 1$ . A mapping  $v : (0, \infty) \times \Omega \times \Omega \rightarrow [0, \infty]$  is called a modular  $b$ -metric, if for all  $\rho, \varrho, \sigma \in \Omega$  and  $\lambda > 0$ , we have the following assertions:

- (i)  $v_\lambda(\rho, \varrho) = 0$  iff  $\rho = \varrho$ ;
- (ii)  $v_\lambda(\rho, \varrho) = v_\lambda(\varrho, \rho)$ ;
- (iii)  $v_{\lambda+\mu}(\rho, \varrho) \leq s[v_\lambda(\rho, \sigma) + v_\mu(\sigma, \varrho)]$  for all  $\lambda, \mu > 0$ .

Then, we say that  $(\Omega, v)$  is a modular  $b$ -metric space.

**Definition 4.** Let  $(\Omega, v)$  be a modular  $b$ -metric space. Let  $M$  be a subset of  $\Omega$  and  $\{\rho_n\}_{n \in \mathbb{N}}$  be a sequence in  $\Omega$ . Then, we have the following statements:

- (i)  $\{\rho_n\}_{n \in \mathbb{N}}$  is called  $v$ -convergent to  $\rho$  if there is  $\lambda > 0$  (maybe it depends on  $\{\rho_n\}$  and  $\rho$ ), such that  $v_\lambda(\rho_n, \rho) \rightarrow 0$ , as  $n \rightarrow \infty$ .  $\rho$  will be called the  $v$ -limit of  $(\rho_n)$ .
- (ii)  $\{\rho_n\}_{n \in \mathbb{N}}$  is called  $v$ -Cauchy if there is  $\lambda > 0$  (maybe it depends on the sequence) such that  $v_\lambda(\rho_m, \rho_n) \rightarrow 0$ , as  $m, n \rightarrow \infty$ .
- (iii)  $M$  is called  $v$ -complete if any  $v$ -Cauchy sequence in  $M$  is  $v$ -convergent in  $M$ .
- (iv) The function  $f : (\Omega, v) \rightarrow (\Omega, v)$  is called  $v$ -continuous if  $v_\lambda(f\rho_n, f\rho) \rightarrow 0$ , whenever  $v_\lambda(\rho_n, \rho) \rightarrow 0$ .

**Example 1.** Let  $(\Omega, \xi)$  be an MbMS and let  $p \geq 1$  be a real number. Take  $v_\lambda(\rho, \varrho) = (\xi_\lambda(\rho, \varrho))^p$ . Using the convexity of  $f(t) = t^p$  for  $t \geq 0$ , by Jensen inequality, we have

$$(a + b)^p \leq 2^{p-1}(a^p + b^p) \tag{1}$$

for nonnegative real numbers  $a, b$ . Thus,  $(\Omega, v)$  is an MbMS with  $s = 2^{p-1}$ .

**Lemma 1.** Let  $(\Omega, v)$  be an MbMS. Suppose that  $\{\rho_n\}$  and  $\{\varrho_n\}$   $v$ -converge to  $\rho$  and  $\varrho$ , respectively. Then,

$$\frac{1}{s^2} v_\lambda(\rho, \varrho) \leq \limsup_{n \rightarrow \infty} v_{\frac{\lambda}{4}}(\rho_n, \varrho_n)$$

and

$$\limsup_{n \rightarrow \infty} v_\lambda(\rho_n, \varrho_n) \leq s^2 v_{\frac{\lambda}{4}}(\rho, \varrho).$$

In particular, if  $\rho = \varrho$ , then  $\lim_{n \rightarrow \infty} v_\lambda(\rho_n, \varrho_n) = 0$ . Moreover, for each  $\sigma \in \Omega$ , we have

$$\frac{1}{s} v_\lambda(\rho, \sigma) \leq \limsup_{n \rightarrow \infty} v_{\frac{\lambda}{2}}(\rho_n, \sigma)$$

and

$$\limsup_{n \rightarrow \infty} v_\lambda(\rho_n, \sigma) \leq s v_{\frac{\lambda}{2}}(\rho, \sigma).$$

**Proof.** (a) Using the triangular inequality, one writes

$$\begin{aligned} v_\lambda(\rho, \varrho) &\leq s(v_{\frac{\lambda}{2}}(\rho, \rho_n) + v_{\frac{\lambda}{2}}(\rho_n, \varrho)) \\ &\leq s(v_{\frac{\lambda}{2}}(\rho, \rho_n) + s(v_{\frac{\lambda}{4}}(\rho_n, \varrho_n) + v_{\frac{\lambda}{4}}(\varrho_n, \varrho))) \end{aligned}$$

and

$$v_\lambda(\rho_n, \varrho_n) \leq s(v_{\frac{\lambda}{2}}(\rho_n, \rho) + s(v_{\frac{\lambda}{4}}(\rho, \varrho) + v_{\frac{\lambda}{4}}(\varrho, \varrho_n))).$$

As  $n \rightarrow \infty$ , we have

$$v_\lambda(\rho, \varrho) \leq s^2(\limsup_{n \rightarrow \infty} v_{\frac{\lambda}{4}}(\rho_n, \varrho_n)).$$

Taking the upper limit as  $n \rightarrow \infty$  in the second inequality implies that

$$\limsup_{n \rightarrow \infty} v_\lambda(\rho_n, \varrho_n) \leq s^2(v_{\frac{\lambda}{4}}(\rho, \varrho)).$$

(b) Using the triangular inequality, one has

$$v_\lambda(\rho, \sigma) \leq s(v_{\frac{\lambda}{2}}(\rho, \rho_n) + v_{\frac{\lambda}{2}}(\rho_n, \sigma))$$

and

$$v_\lambda(\rho_n, \sigma) \leq s(v_{\frac{\lambda}{2}}(\rho_n, \rho) + v_{\frac{\lambda}{2}}(\rho, \sigma)).$$

We find that

$$v_\lambda(\rho, \sigma) \leq s(\limsup_{n \rightarrow \infty} v_{\frac{\lambda}{2}}(\rho_n, \sigma))$$

and

$$\limsup_{n \rightarrow \infty} v_\lambda(\rho_n, \sigma) \leq s(v_{\frac{\lambda}{2}}(\rho, \sigma)).$$

□

**Definition 5 ([27]).** Given  $\alpha : \Omega \times \Omega \rightarrow [0, \infty)$ , where  $\Omega$  is a nonempty set, the self-mapping  $T$  on  $\Omega$  is said to be  $\alpha$ -admissible if

$$\rho, \varrho \in \Omega, \quad \alpha(\rho, \varrho) \geq 1 \quad \implies \quad \alpha(T\rho, T\varrho) \geq 1.$$

**Definition 6 ([28]).** Given  $\alpha : \Omega \times \Omega \rightarrow [0, \infty)$ , the mapping  $T : \Omega \rightarrow \Omega$  is said to be triangular  $\alpha$ -admissible if

(i)  $\rho, \varrho \in \Omega, \quad \alpha(\rho, \varrho) \geq 1 \quad \implies \quad \alpha(T\rho, T\varrho) \geq 1;$

(ii)  $\rho, \varrho, \sigma \in \Omega, \quad \begin{cases} \alpha(\rho, \sigma) \geq 1 \\ \alpha(\sigma, \varrho) \geq 1 \end{cases} \implies \alpha(\rho, \varrho) \geq 1.$

**Lemma 2** ([28]). Let  $f$  be a triangular  $\alpha$ -admissible mapping. Assume that there is  $\rho_0 \in \Omega$  such that  $\alpha(\rho_0, f\rho_0) \geq 1$ . Define  $\rho_n = f^n\rho_0$ . Then,

$$\alpha(\rho_m, \rho_n) \geq 1 \text{ for all } m, n \in \mathbb{N} \text{ with } m < n.$$

**Definition 7.** Let  $(\Omega, d)$  be a metric space and let  $\alpha : \Omega \times \Omega \rightarrow [0, \infty)$  be a function. The metric space  $\Omega$  is said to be  $\alpha$ -complete if every Cauchy sequence  $\{\rho_n\}$  in  $\Omega$  with  $\alpha(\rho_n, \rho_{n+1}) \geq 1$  for all  $n \in \mathbb{N}$ , converges in  $\Omega$ .

**Remark 1.** If  $(\Omega, d)$  is a complete metric space, then  $\Omega$  is also an  $\alpha$ -complete metric space. The converse is not true.

**Definition 8** ([29]). Let  $(\Omega, d)$  be a metric space. Given  $\alpha : \Omega \times \Omega \rightarrow [0, \infty)$ , the mapping  $T : \Omega \rightarrow \Omega$  is said to be  $\alpha$ -continuous on  $(\Omega, d)$ , if for given  $\rho \in \Omega$  and sequence  $\{\rho_n\}$ ,

$$\rho_n \rightarrow \rho \text{ as } n \rightarrow \infty \text{ and } \alpha(\rho_n, \rho_{n+1}) \geq 1 \text{ for all } n \in \mathbb{N},$$

we have  $T\rho_n \rightarrow T\rho$  as  $n \rightarrow \infty$ .

We extend Definitions 7 and 8 to modular  $b$ -metric spaces.

**Definition 9.** Let  $(\Omega, \nu)$  be an MbMS and  $Y$  be a self-mapping on  $\Omega$ . Then, we have the following statements:

- (i)  $(\Omega, \nu)$  is said to be  $\alpha - \nu$ -complete if every  $\nu$ -Cauchy sequence  $\{\rho_n\}$  in  $\Omega$  with  $\alpha(\rho_n, \rho_{n+1}) \geq 1$  for all  $n \in \mathbb{N}$  is  $\nu$ -convergent to some  $\rho$  in  $\Omega$ .
- (ii)  $Y$  is said to be  $\alpha - \nu$ -continuous on  $(\Omega, \nu)$ , if for a  $\nu$ -convergent sequence  $\{\rho_n\}$  to some  $\rho \in \Omega$  so that  $\alpha(\rho_n, \rho_{n+1}) \geq 1$  for all  $n \in \mathbb{N}$ , we have  $\{Y\rho_n\}$  is  $\nu$ -convergent to  $Y\rho$ .

Wardowski [30] presented a new type of contractions called  $\mathcal{F}$ -contractions and proved a new fixed point theorem as a generalization of the Banach contraction principle.

In this paper, we prove some fixed point results for generalized  $\mathcal{F}$ -contractive mappings in the setup of modular  $b$ -metric spaces. An example is presented to verify the effectiveness of our obtained results. Some applications are also presented at the end.

## 2. Main Results

Motivated by Wardowski [30] (see also [31]), we denote by  $\Delta$  the set of all functions  $\mathcal{F} : (0, \infty) \rightarrow \mathbb{R}$  such that:

- ( $\mathcal{F}_1$ )  $\mathcal{F}$  is a continuous and strictly increasing mapping;
- ( $\mathcal{F}_2$ ) for each sequence  $\{t_n\} \subseteq (0, \infty)$ ,  $\lim_{n \rightarrow \infty} t_n = 0$  iff  $\lim_{n \rightarrow \infty} \mathcal{F}(t_n) = -\infty$ .

**Example 2.** Let  $t > 0$ . The following functions:

$$\mathcal{F}(t) = \ln(t);$$

$$\mathcal{F}(t) = 1 - \frac{1}{t^p} \text{ (with } p > 0\text{);}$$

$$\mathcal{F}(t) = 1 - \frac{1}{e^t - 1};$$

$$\mathcal{F}(t) = \frac{1}{e^{-t} - e^t}$$

belong to  $\Delta$ .

The class  $\Delta$  is different from the class of functions introduced by Wardowski [30]. It suffices to  $\mathcal{U}(t) = -\frac{1}{t} + t$  for  $t > 0$ . Note that  $\lim_{\alpha \rightarrow 0^+} \alpha^k \mathcal{U}(\alpha) = -\infty$  ( $0 < k < 1$ ), that is,  $\mathcal{U} \in \Delta$ , but it is not a Wardowski mapping.

Let  $\Theta$  denote the set of all functions  $\vartheta : \mathbb{R} \rightarrow \mathbb{R}$  satisfying:

- ( $\vartheta_1$ )  $\lim_{n \rightarrow \infty} \vartheta^n(t) = -\infty$  for all  $t > 0$ ;
- ( $\vartheta_2$ )  $\vartheta(t) < t$  for all  $t \geq 0$ ;
- ( $\vartheta_3$ )  $\vartheta$  is an increasing continuous function.

**Example 3.** The following functions:  $\vartheta(t) = t - \delta$  (with  $\delta > 0$ ) and  $\vartheta = \sqrt[3]{t} - 1$  are elements in  $\Theta$ .

**Definition 10.** Let  $(\Omega, \nu)$  be an MbMS and  $Y$  be a self-mapping on  $\Omega$ . Given  $\alpha : \Omega \times \Omega \rightarrow [0, \infty)$ . We say that  $Y$  is an  $\alpha - \vartheta$ - $\mathcal{F}$ -contraction if the following inequality:

$$\mathcal{F}(s^3 \cdot \nu_\lambda(Y\rho, Y\rho)) \leq \vartheta(\mathcal{F}(\nu_\lambda(\rho, \rho))), \tag{2}$$

holds for all  $\rho, \rho \in \Omega$  with  $\alpha(\rho, \rho) \geq 1$  and  $\nu_\lambda(Y\rho, Y\rho) > 0$ , where  $\mathcal{F} \in \Delta$  and  $\vartheta \in \Theta$ .

From now on, assume that  $(\Omega, \nu)$  is regular.

**Theorem 1.** Let  $\alpha : \Omega \times \Omega \rightarrow [0, \infty)$  be a function and let  $(\Omega, \nu)$  be an  $\alpha$ - $\nu_\lambda$ -complete MbMS. Assume that  $Y : \Omega \rightarrow \Omega$  is such that

- (i)  $Y$  is triangular  $\alpha$ -admissible;
- (ii)  $Y$  is an  $\alpha$ - $\vartheta$ - $\mathcal{F}$ -contraction;
- (iii) there is  $\rho_0 \in \Omega$  such that  $\alpha(\rho_0, Y\rho_0) \geq 1$ ;
- (iv)  $Y$  is  $\alpha - \nu$ -continuous.

Then,  $Y$  has a fixed point. In addition,  $Y$  has a unique fixed point, provided that  $\alpha(\rho, \rho) \geq 1$  for all  $\rho, \rho \in \text{Fix}(Y)$ .

**Proof.** Let  $\eta_0 \in \Omega$  satisfy  $\alpha(\eta_0, Y\eta_0) \geq 1$ . Define a sequence  $\{\eta_n\}$  by  $\eta_n = Y^n \eta_0 = Y\eta_{n-1}$ . Since  $Y$  is  $\alpha$ -admissible,  $\alpha(\eta_1, \eta_2) = \alpha(Y\eta_0, Y\eta_1) \geq 1$ . Continuing this process, we have

$$\alpha(\eta_{n-1}, \eta_n) \geq 1$$

for all  $n \in \mathbb{N}$ . According to the triangular approach in assumption (i), one writes that

$$\alpha(\eta_m, \eta_n) \geq 1 \text{ for all } m, n \in \mathbb{N}, m \neq n. \tag{3}$$

Suppose that there is  $n_0 \in \mathbb{N}$  so that  $\eta_{n_0} = \eta_{n_0+1}$ . Then,  $\eta_{n_0}$  is a fixed point of  $Y$ . Hence, suppose that  $\eta_n \neq \eta_{n+1}$ , i.e.,  $\nu_\lambda(Y\eta_{n-1}, Y\eta_n) > 0$  for all  $n \in \mathbb{N}$ .

We will show that

$$\lim_{n \rightarrow \infty} \nu_\lambda(\eta_n, \eta_{n+1}) = 0, \tag{4}$$

for all  $\lambda > 0$ . Since  $Y$  is an  $\alpha$ - $\vartheta$ - $\mathcal{F}$ -contraction, we have

$$\mathcal{F}(\nu_\lambda(\eta_n, \eta_{n+1})) = \mathcal{F}(\nu_\lambda(Y\eta_{n-1}, Y\eta_n)) \leq \vartheta(\mathcal{F}(\nu_\lambda(\eta_{n-1}, \eta_n))),$$

which implies that

$$\mathcal{F}(\nu_\lambda(\eta_n, \eta_{n+1})) \leq \vartheta^n(\mathcal{F}(\nu_\lambda(\eta_0, \eta_1))) < \mathcal{F}(\nu_\lambda(\eta_0, \eta_1)). \tag{5}$$

Taking the limit as  $n \rightarrow \infty$  in Label (5) and using  $(\vartheta_1)$ , we have  $\lim_{n \rightarrow \infty} \mathcal{F}(v_\lambda(\eta_n, \eta_{n+1})) = -\infty$ . In view of  $\mathcal{F} \in \Delta$ , we get

$$\lim_{n \rightarrow \infty} v_\lambda(\eta_n, \eta_{n+1}) = 0.$$

Hence, Label (4) is proved for all  $\lambda > 0$ .

Next, we show that  $\{\eta_n\}$  is a  $\nu$ -Cauchy sequence in  $\Omega$ , that is, there is some  $\lambda > 0$  so that  $\lim_{n,m} v_\lambda(\eta_{m_i}, \eta_{n_i}) = 0$ .

Suppose there is  $\varepsilon > 0$  for which for all  $\lambda > 0$ , we find  $\{\eta_{m_i}\}$  and  $\{\eta_{n_i}\}$  of  $\{\eta_n\}$  so that  $n_i$  is the smallest index corresponding to

$$n_i > m_i > i \text{ and } v_\lambda(\eta_{m_i}, \eta_{n_i}) \geq \varepsilon, \tag{6}$$

for all  $\lambda > 0$ . This means that

$$v_\lambda(\eta_{m_i}, \eta_{n_i-1}) < \varepsilon. \tag{7}$$

From Label (6) and using the modular inequality, we get

$$\varepsilon \leq \eta_{4\lambda}(\eta_{m_i}, \eta_{n_i}) \leq s\eta_{2\lambda}(\eta_{m_i}, \eta_{m_i+1}) + s[sv_\lambda(\eta_{m_i+1}, \eta_{n_i+1}) + sv_\lambda(\eta_{n_i+1}, \eta_{n_i})].$$

Letting  $i \rightarrow \infty$  and using Label (4), we get

$$\frac{\varepsilon}{s^2} \leq \limsup_{i \rightarrow \infty} v_\lambda(\eta_{m_i+1}, \eta_{n_i+1}). \tag{8}$$

We also have

$$v_\lambda(\eta_{m_i}, \eta_{n_i}) \leq sv_{\frac{\lambda}{2}}(\eta_{m_i}, \eta_{n_i-1}) + sv_{\frac{\lambda}{2}}(\eta_{n_i-1}, \eta_{n_i}).$$

Then, from (4) and (7), we get that

$$\limsup_{i \rightarrow \infty} v_\lambda(\eta_{m_i}, \eta_{n_i}) \leq s\varepsilon. \tag{9}$$

Because of (3), we can apply (13) to conclude that

$$\begin{aligned} \mathcal{F}(s^3 \cdot v_\lambda(\eta_{m_i+1}, \eta_{n_i+1})) &= \mathcal{F}(s^2 \cdot v_\lambda(Y\eta_{m_i}, Y\eta_{n_i})) \\ &\leq \vartheta(\mathcal{F}(v_\lambda(\eta_{m_i}, \eta_{n_i}))). \end{aligned} \tag{10}$$

Now, taking  $i \rightarrow \infty$  in (10) and using  $(\mathcal{F}_1)$ , (8) and (9), we have

$$\begin{aligned} \mathcal{F}(s\varepsilon) &= \mathcal{F}\left(s^3 \cdot \frac{\varepsilon}{s^2}\right) \leq \mathcal{F}\left(s^3 \cdot \limsup_{i \rightarrow \infty} v_\lambda(\eta_{m_i+1}, \eta_{n_i+1})\right) \\ &\leq \vartheta(\mathcal{F}(\limsup_{i \rightarrow \infty} v_\lambda(\eta_{m_i}, \eta_{n_i}))) \\ &\leq \vartheta(\mathcal{F}(s\varepsilon)) < \mathcal{F}(s\varepsilon), \end{aligned}$$

which is a contradiction due to the property  $(\vartheta_2)$ .

Thus,  $\{\eta_n\}$  is  $\nu$ -Cauchy in the MbMS  $(\Omega, \nu_\lambda)$ , that is,  $\alpha$  -  $\nu$ -complete, so since

$$\alpha(\eta_{n-1}, \eta_n) \geq 1$$

for all  $n \in \mathbb{N}$ , the sequence  $\{\eta_n\}$  is  $\nu$ -convergent to some  $z \in \Omega$ . Thus, there is some  $\lambda > 0$  (without loss of generality, we choose  $\lambda = \frac{\omega}{2} > 0$ , where  $\omega$  was given to ensure the regularity of  $(\Omega, \nu)$ ), so that  $\lim_{n \rightarrow \infty} v_\lambda(\eta_n, z) =: \lim_{n \rightarrow \infty} v_{\frac{\omega}{2}}(\eta_n, z) = 0$ .

If  $z \neq Yz$ , then, using Lemma 1 and the  $\alpha - \nu$ -continuity of  $Y$ , we have

$$\nu_\omega(z, Yz) \leq s[\nu_{\frac{\omega}{2}}(z, Y\eta_n) + \nu_{\frac{\omega}{2}}(Y\eta_n, Yz)].$$

Taking the limit as  $n \rightarrow \infty$  and using again  $\alpha - \nu$ -continuity of  $Y$ , we get that the the right-hand side goes to 0, so  $\nu_\omega(z, Yz) = 0$ . Using regularity of  $(\Omega, \nu)$ , we obtain that  $z = Yz$ .

Let  $\rho, \varrho \in \text{Fix}(T)$  where  $\rho \neq \varrho$  and  $\alpha(\rho, \varrho) \geq 1$ . We have

$$\mathcal{F}(\nu_\lambda(Y\rho, Y\varrho)) \leq \vartheta(\mathcal{F}(\nu_\lambda(\rho, \varrho))) < \mathcal{F}(\nu_\lambda(\rho, \varrho)).$$

It is a contradiction. We deduce that  $\rho = \varrho$ . Therefore,  $Y$  has a unique fixed point.  $\square$

An MbMS  $(\Omega, \nu)$  is said to have the  $\alpha - \nu$ -sequential limit comparison property if, for each sequence  $\{\eta_n\}$  in  $\Omega$  so that  $\alpha(\eta_n, \eta_{n+1}) \geq 1$  and  $\nu$ -converges to  $\rho \in \Omega$ , one has  $\alpha(\eta_n, \rho) \geq 1$  for all  $n \in \mathbb{N}$ .

**Theorem 2.** Let  $\alpha : \Omega \times \Omega \rightarrow [0, \infty)$  be a function and let  $(\Omega, \nu)$  be an  $\alpha - \nu_\lambda$ -complete MbMS. Let  $Y : \Omega \rightarrow \Omega$  satisfy the following conditions:

- (i)  $Y$  is triangular  $\alpha$ -admissible;
- (ii)  $Y$  is an  $\alpha - \vartheta$ - $\mathcal{F}$ -contraction;
- (iii) there is  $\eta_0 \in \Omega$  such that  $\alpha(\eta_0, Y\eta_0) \geq 1$ ;
- (iv)  $(\Omega, \nu)$  enjoys the  $\alpha - \nu$ -sequential limit comparison property.

Then,  $Y$  has a fixed point. Furthermore, this fixed point is unique provided that  $\alpha(\rho, \varrho) \geq 1$  for all  $\rho, \varrho \in \text{Fix}(Y)$ .

**Proof.** Let  $\eta_0 \in \Omega$  be so that  $\alpha(\eta_0, Y\eta_0) \geq 1$ . As in the proof of Theorem 1, one has

$$\alpha(\eta_n, \eta_{n+1}) \geq 1 \quad \text{and} \quad \eta_n \rightarrow \rho^* \quad \text{as} \quad n \rightarrow \infty,$$

where  $\eta_{n+1} = Y\eta_n$ . Thus,

$$\alpha(\eta_{n+1}, \rho^*) \geq 1$$

for all  $n \in \mathbb{N}$ . For  $\lambda = \omega > 0$ , recall that  $(\Omega, \nu)$  is regular. By (13), we find that

$$\mathcal{F}(\nu_\omega(Y\eta_n, Y\rho^*)) \leq \vartheta(\mathcal{F}(\nu_\omega(\eta_n, \rho^*))),$$

which implies

$$\mathcal{F}(\nu_\omega(Y\eta_n, Y\rho^*)) \leq \mathcal{F}(\nu_\omega(\eta_n, \rho^*)).$$

Using  $(\mathcal{F}_1)$ , we have

$$\nu_\omega(\eta_{n+1}, Y\rho^*) \leq \nu_\omega(\eta_n, \rho^*).$$

Suppose that  $\rho^* \neq Y\rho^*$ . By Lemma 1, we have

$$\frac{1}{s}\nu_\omega(\rho^*, Y\rho^*) \leq \limsup_{n \rightarrow \infty} \nu_\omega(\eta_{n+1}, Y\rho^*) \leq \limsup_{n \rightarrow \infty} \nu_\omega(\eta_n, \rho^*) = 0.$$

Thus,  $\nu_\omega(\rho^*, Y\rho^*) = 0$ . The regularity of  $(\Omega, \nu)$  implies that  $\rho^* = Y\rho^*$ . Thus,  $\rho^*$  is a fixed point of  $Y$ . Its uniqueness comes as in Theorem 1.  $\square$

Taking  $\vartheta(t) = t - \tau$  ( $\tau > 0$ ), an extension of Wardowski's result (Theorem 2.1 [30]) to the class of an MbMS is as follows.

**Corollary 1.** Let  $(\Omega, v)$  be an  $\alpha - v$ -complete MbMS and  $Y : \Omega \rightarrow \Omega$  be a self-mapping. Suppose that the following inequality:

$$\tau + \mathcal{F}(s^3 \cdot v_\lambda(Y\rho, Y\varrho)) \leq \mathcal{F}(v_\lambda(\rho, \varrho))$$

holds for all  $\rho, \varrho \in \Omega$  with  $v_\lambda(Y\rho, Y\varrho) > 0$ , where  $\tau > 0$ . Then,  $Y$  has a fixed point, if it satisfies the following conditions:

- (iii)  $Y$  is  $\alpha - v$ -continuous, or
- (iii')  $(\Omega, v)$  enjoys the  $\alpha - v$ -sequential limit comparison property.

By considering various functions  $\mathcal{F} \in \Delta$  given in [30] and  $\vartheta \in \Theta$ , other results could be derived. We present an illustrative example.

**Example 4.** Let  $\Omega = [0, \infty)$ . Take the modular  $b$ -metric

$$v_\lambda(\rho, \varrho) = \begin{cases} \frac{(\rho^2 + \varrho^2)^2}{\lambda}, & \text{if } \rho \neq \varrho, \\ 0, & \text{if } \rho = \varrho, \end{cases}$$

for all  $\rho, \varrho \in \Omega$  and  $\lambda > 0$ . Define  $Y : \Omega \rightarrow \Omega$ ,  $\alpha : \Omega \times \Omega \rightarrow [0, \infty)$ ,  $\vartheta : \mathbb{R} \rightarrow \mathbb{R}$  and  $\mathcal{F} : (0, \infty) \rightarrow \mathbb{R}$  by

$$Y\rho = \begin{cases} 2\rho^2 + 1, & \text{if } \rho \in [0, 0.2), \\ \frac{1}{4}\rho^2, & \text{if } \rho \in [0.2, 1], \\ 3\rho - 1, & \text{if } \rho \in (1, 2), \\ 6\rho^{10} & \text{if } \rho \in [2, \infty), \end{cases}$$

$$\alpha(\rho, \varrho) = \begin{cases} 1, & \text{if } \rho, \varrho \in [0.2, 1], \\ 0, & \text{otherwise,} \end{cases}$$

$$\vartheta(\rho) = \begin{cases} \rho^3 - 1, & \text{if } \rho \in (-\infty, 1], \\ \rho - 1, & \text{otherwise,} \end{cases}$$

and  $\mathcal{F}(t) = -\frac{1}{t} + t$ , respectively.

Note that  $(\Omega, v)$  is a modular  $b$ -metric space with  $s = 2$ . Here,  $Y$  is triangular  $\alpha$ -admissible.

Let  $\{\eta_n\}$  be in  $\Omega$  so that  $\alpha(\eta_n, \eta_{n+1}) \geq 1$  with  $\eta_n \rightarrow \rho$  as  $n \rightarrow \infty$ , then  $\eta_n \in [0.2, 1]$  for all  $n \in \mathbb{N}$ . Thus,  $\rho \in [0.2, 1]$ . This yields that  $\alpha(\eta_n, \rho) \geq 1$  for all  $n \in \mathbb{N}$ . In addition,  $\alpha(1, Y1) \geq 1$ . Moreover,  $-\frac{1}{\frac{8\rho}{256}} + \frac{8\rho}{256} \leq (-\frac{1}{\rho} + \rho)^3 - 1$  for all  $\rho \geq 0.2$ . Now, for all  $\rho, \varrho$  with  $\alpha(\rho, \varrho) \geq 1$ , we have

$$\begin{aligned} \mathcal{F}(s^3 v_\lambda(Y\rho, Y\varrho)) &= -\frac{1}{s^3 v_\lambda(Y\rho, Y\varrho)} + s^3 v_\lambda(Y\rho, Y\varrho) \\ &= -\frac{1}{8 \frac{(Y\rho^2 + Y\varrho^2)^2}{\lambda}} + 8 \frac{(Y\rho^2 + Y\varrho^2)^2}{\lambda} \\ &= -\frac{1}{8 \frac{((\frac{1}{4}\rho^2) + (\frac{1}{4}\varrho^2))^2}{\lambda}} + 8 \frac{((\frac{1}{4}\rho^2)^2 + (\frac{1}{4}\varrho^2)^2)^2}{\lambda} \\ &\leq -\frac{1}{8 \frac{((\frac{1}{4}\rho)^2 + (\frac{1}{4}\varrho)^2)^2}{\lambda}} + 8 \frac{((\frac{1}{4}\rho)^2 + (\frac{1}{4}\varrho)^2)^2}{\lambda} \\ &\leq -\frac{1}{\frac{8(\rho^2 + \varrho^2)^2}{256}} + \frac{8(\rho^2 + \varrho^2)^2}{256} \\ &\leq -\frac{1}{\frac{8v_\lambda(\rho, \varrho)}{256}} + \frac{8v_\lambda(\rho, \varrho)}{256} \\ &\leq [-\frac{1}{v_\lambda(\rho, \varrho)} + v_\lambda(\rho, \varrho)]^3 - 1 \\ &= \vartheta(\mathcal{F}(v_\lambda(\rho, \varrho))). \end{aligned}$$

Thus,  $Y$  is an  $\alpha - \vartheta$ - $\mathcal{F}$  contraction. All the hypotheses of Theorem 2 are verified, so  $Y$  has a fixed point.

A self-mapping  $Y$  has the property  $P$  if  $Fix(Y^n) = Fix(Y)$  for all  $n \in \mathbb{N}$ .

**Theorem 3.** Let  $(\Omega, v)$  be an MbMS and  $Y : \Omega \rightarrow \Omega$  be an  $\alpha - v$ -continuous self-mapping. Assume that there are  $\vartheta \in \Theta$  and  $\mathcal{F} \in \Delta$  such that

$$\mathcal{F}(s^3 v_\lambda(Y\rho, Y^2\rho)) \leq \vartheta(\mathcal{F}(v_\lambda(\rho, Y\rho))) \tag{11}$$

for all  $\rho \in \Omega$  with  $v_\lambda(Y\rho, Y^2\rho) > 0$ . If  $Y$  is  $\alpha$ -admissible and there exists  $\eta_0 \in \Omega$  in order that  $\alpha(\eta_0, Y\eta_0) \geq 1$ , then  $Y$  has the property  $P$ .

**Proof.** Let  $n > 1$ . Assume contrarily that  $w \in Fix(Y^n)$  and  $w \notin Fix(Y)$ . Then,  $v_{\lambda_0}(w, Yw) > 0$  for some  $\lambda_0 > 0$ . Now, we have

$$\begin{aligned} \mathcal{F}(v_{\lambda_0}(w, Yw)) &= \mathcal{F}(v_{\lambda_0}(Y(Y^{n-1}w), Y^2(Y^{n-1}w))) \\ &\leq \vartheta(\mathcal{F}(v_{\lambda_0}(Y^{n-1}w, Y^n w))) \\ &\leq \vartheta^2(\mathcal{F}(v_{\lambda_0}(Y^{n-2}w, Y^{n-1}w))) \leq \dots \\ &\leq \vartheta^n(v_{\lambda_0}(w, Yw)). \end{aligned}$$

Taking the limit as  $n \rightarrow \infty$  in the above inequality, we have  $\mathcal{F}(v_{\lambda_0}(w, Yw)) = -\infty$ . Hence, by  $(\mathcal{F}_2)$ , we get  $v_{\lambda_0}(w, Yw) = 0$ , which is a contradiction. Therefore,  $Fix(Y^n) = Fix(Y)$  for all  $n \in \mathbb{N}$ .  $\square$

### 3. Results in Ordered Modular $b$ -Metric Spaces

Let  $(\Omega, v, \preceq)$  be a partially ordered MbMS and let  $Y$  be a self-mapping on  $\Omega$ .

**Definition 11.** (i)  $(\Omega, \nu)$  is said to be  $\preceq -\nu$ -complete if every  $\nu$ -Cauchy sequence  $\{\rho_n\}$  in  $\Omega$  with  $\rho_n \preceq \rho_{n+1}$  for all  $n \in \mathbb{N}$ ,  $\nu$ -converges in  $\Omega$ .

(ii)  $Y$  is said to be  $\preceq -\nu$ -continuous on  $(\Omega, \nu)$ , if, for a  $\nu$ -convergent sequence  $\{\rho_n\}$  to some  $\rho \in \Omega$  so that  $\rho_n \preceq \rho_{n+1}$  for all  $n \in \mathbb{N}$ , we have  $\{Y\rho_n\}$  is  $\nu$ -convergent to  $Y\rho$ .

(iii)  $(\Omega, \nu)$  is said to have the  $\preceq -\nu$ -sequential limit comparison property if, for each sequence  $\{\eta_n\}$  in  $\Omega$  so that  $\eta_n \preceq \eta_{n+1}$  and is  $\nu$ -convergent to  $\rho \in \Omega$ , one has  $\eta_n \preceq \rho$  for all  $n \in \mathbb{N}$ .

Now, we say that  $Y$  is an  $\preceq -\vartheta$ - $\mathcal{F}$ -contraction if for all  $\rho, \varrho \in \Omega$  with  $\rho \preceq \varrho$  and  $\nu_\lambda(Y\rho, Y\varrho) > 0$ , we have

$$\mathcal{F}(s^3 \cdot \nu_\lambda(Y\rho, Y\varrho)) \leq \vartheta(\mathcal{F}(\nu_\lambda(\rho, \varrho))), \tag{12}$$

where  $\mathcal{F} \in \Delta$  and  $\vartheta \in \Theta$ .

Using the above statements and applying Theorem 1, we have the following result.

**Theorem 4.** Let  $(\Omega, \nu, \preceq)$  be an  $\preceq -\nu$ -complete partially ordered MbMS. Assume that

- (i)  $Y$  is a  $\preceq -\vartheta$ - $\mathcal{F}$ -contraction;
- (ii)  $Y$  is nondecreasing;
- (iii) there is  $\eta_0 \in \Omega$  so that  $\eta_0 \preceq Y\eta_0$ ;
- (iv) either  $Y$  is  $\preceq -\nu$ -continuous, or  $(\Omega, \nu, \preceq)$  possesses the  $\preceq -\nu$ -sequential limit comparison property.

Then,  $Y$  has a fixed point.

Again, we apply Theorem 2 to state the following result.

**Theorem 5.** Let  $(\Omega, \nu, \preceq)$  be an  $\preceq -\nu$ -complete partially ordered MbMS. Assume that

- (i) the inequality (11) holds for all  $\rho \in \Omega$  with  $\nu_\lambda(Y\rho, Y^2\rho) > 0$ .
- (ii)  $Y$  is nondecreasing;
- (iii) there is  $\eta_0 \in \Omega$  such that  $\eta_0 \preceq Y\eta_0$ ;
- (iv) either  $Y$  is  $\preceq -\nu$ -continuous, or  $(\Omega, \nu, \preceq)$  possesses the  $\preceq -\nu$ -sequential limit comparison property.

Then,  $Y$  has the property P.

#### 4. Applications

In [17], Hussain and Salimi presented the relationship between modular metrics and fuzzy metrics and deduced certain fixed point results in triangular partially ordered fuzzy metric spaces.

**Definition 12** ([32]). A binary operation  $\star : [0, 1] \times [0, 1] \rightarrow [0, 1]$  is called a continuous  $t$ -norm if it satisfies the following assertions:

- (T1)  $\star$  is commutative and associative;
- (T2)  $\star$  is continuous;
- (T3)  $a \star 1 = a$  for all  $a \in [0, 1]$ ;
- (T4)  $a \star b \leq c \star d$  when  $a \leq c$  and  $b \leq d$ , with  $a, b, c, d \in [0, 1]$ .

**Definition 13.** A 3-tuple  $(X, M, \star)$  is said to be a fuzzy metric space if  $X$  is an arbitrary set,  $\star$  is a continuous  $t$ -norm and  $M$  is a fuzzy set on  $X^2 \times (0, \infty)$  satisfying the following conditions, for all  $x, y, z \in X$  and for all  $t, s > 0$ ,

- (i)  $M(x, y, t) > 0$ ;
- (ii)  $M(x, y, t) = 1$  for all  $t > 0$  if and only if  $x = y$ ;
- (iii)  $M(x, y, t) = M(y, x, t)$ ;

- (iv)  $M(x, y, t) * M(y, z, s) \leq M(x, z, t + s)$ ;
- (v)  $M(x, y, \cdot) : (0, \infty) \rightarrow [0, 1]$  is continuous.

The function  $M(x, y, t)$  denotes the degree of nearness between  $x$  and  $y$  with respect to  $t$ .

**Definition 14** ([33]). A fuzzy  $b$ -metric space is an ordered triple  $(X, B, \star)$  such that  $X$  is a nonempty set,  $\star$  is a continuous  $t$ -norm and  $B$  is a fuzzy set on  $X \times X \times (0, \infty)$  satisfying the following conditions, for all  $x, y, z \in X$  and for all  $t, s > 0$ :

- (F1)  $B(x, y, t) > 0$ ;
- (F2)  $B(x, y, t) = 1$  if and only if  $x = y$ ;
- (F3)  $B(x, y, t) = B(y, x, t)$ ;
- (F4)  $B(x, y, t) \star B(y, z, s) \leq B(x, z, b(t + s))$  where  $b \geq 1$ ;
- (F5)  $B(x, y, \cdot) : (0, \infty) \rightarrow (0, 1]$  is left-continuous.

**Definition 15** ([33]). Let  $(X, B, \star)$  be a fuzzy  $b$ -metric space (in short, FbMS). Then,

- (i) a sequence  $\{x_n\}$  converges to  $x \in X$ , if and only if  $\lim_{n \rightarrow \infty} B(x_n, x, t) = 1$  for all  $t > 0$ ;
- (ii) a sequence  $\{x_n\}$  in  $X$  is a Cauchy sequence if and only if, for all  $\epsilon \in (0, 1)$  and for all  $t > 0$ , there exists  $n_0$  such that  $B(x_n, x_m, t) > 1 - \epsilon$  for all  $m, n \geq n_0$ ;
- (iii) the fuzzy  $b$ -metric space is called complete if every Cauchy sequence converges to some  $x \in X$ .

**Definition 16** ([33]). The fuzzy  $b$ -metric space  $(X, B, \star)$  is called triangular whenever

$$\frac{1}{B(x, y, t)} - 1 \leq s \left[ \frac{1}{B(x, z, t)} - 1 + \frac{1}{B(z, y, t)} - 1 \right]$$

for all  $x, y, z \in X$  and for all  $t > 0$ .

Motivated by Lemmas 33 and 34 of [34], we present the following.

**Remark 2.** Let  $(X, B, \star)$  be a triangular fuzzy  $b$ -metric space. Define  $v : X \times X \times (0, \infty) \rightarrow [0, \infty)$  by  $v(x, y, t) = s \left[ \frac{1}{B(x, y, t)} - 1 \right]$ . Then,  $v$  is a modular  $b$ -metric.

In view of Remark 2 and applying the results established in Section 2, we can deduce the following results in fuzzy  $b$ -metric spaces.

**Definition 17.** Let  $(\Omega, B, \star)$  be an FbMS and  $Y$  be a self-mapping on  $\Omega$ . We say that  $Y$  is a fuzzy  $\alpha$ - $\vartheta$ - $\mathcal{F}$ -contraction if, for all  $\rho, \varrho \in \Omega$  with  $\alpha(\rho, \varrho) \geq 1$  and  $B(Y\rho, Y\varrho, t) < 1$  ( $t > 0$ ), we have

$$\mathcal{F} \left( \frac{s^4}{B(Y\rho, Y\varrho, t)} - s^4 \right) \leq \vartheta \left( \mathcal{F} \left( \frac{s}{B(\rho, \varrho, t)} - s \right) \right), \tag{13}$$

where  $\mathcal{F} \in \Delta$  and  $\vartheta \in \Theta$ .

In addition, note that Definition 9 could be derived for FbMS.

**Theorem 6.** Let  $\alpha : \Omega \times \Omega \rightarrow [0, \infty)$  be a function and let  $(\Omega, B, \star)$  be an  $\alpha$ - $v$ -complete FbMS. Assume that  $Y : \Omega \rightarrow \Omega$  is such that

- (i)  $Y$  is triangular  $\alpha$ -admissible;
- (ii)  $Y$  is a fuzzy  $\alpha$ - $\vartheta$ - $\mathcal{F}$ -contraction;
- (iii) there is  $\rho_0 \in \Omega$  such that  $\alpha(\rho_0, Y\rho_0) \geq 1$ ;

(iv)  $Y$  is  $\alpha - B$ -continuous.

Then,  $Y$  has a fixed point. In addition,  $Y$  has a unique fixed point, provided that  $\alpha(\rho, \varrho) \geq 1$  for all  $\rho, \varrho \in \text{Fix}(Y)$ .

**Proof.** It follows from Theorem 1.  $\square$

**Theorem 7.** Let  $\alpha : \Omega \times \Omega \rightarrow [0, \infty)$  be a function and let  $(X, B, *)$  be an  $\alpha$ - $v$ -complete FbMS. Let  $Y : \Omega \rightarrow \Omega$  satisfy the following conditions:

- (i)  $Y$  is triangular  $\alpha$ -admissible;
- (ii)  $Y$  is a fuzzy  $\alpha$ - $\vartheta$ - $\mathcal{F}$ -contraction;
- (iii) there is  $\eta_0 \in \Omega$  such that  $\alpha(\eta_0, Y\eta_0) \geq 1$ ;
- (iv)  $(\Omega, B, *)$  enjoys the  $\alpha - B$ -sequential limit comparison property.

Then,  $Y$  has a fixed point. Furthermore, this fixed point is unique provided that  $\alpha(\rho, \varrho) \geq 1$  for all  $\rho, \varrho \in \text{Fix}(Y)$ .

**Proof.** It follows from Theorem 2.  $\square$

**Theorem 8.** Let  $(X, B, *)$  be an FbMS and  $Y : \Omega \rightarrow \Omega$  be an  $\alpha - v$ -continuous self-mapping. Assume that there are  $\vartheta \in \Theta$  and  $\mathcal{F} \in \Delta$  such that

$$\mathcal{F}\left(\frac{s^4}{B(Y\rho, Y^2\rho, t)} - s^4\right) \leq \vartheta\left(\mathcal{F}\left(\frac{s}{B(\rho, Y\rho, t)} - s\right)\right) \tag{14}$$

for all  $\rho \in \Omega$  with  $B(Y\rho, Y^2\rho, t) < 1$ . If  $Y$  is  $\alpha$ -admissible and there exists  $\eta_0 \in \Omega$  in order that  $\alpha(\eta_0, Y\eta_0) \geq 1$ , then  $Y$  has the property  $P$ .

**Proof.** It follows from Theorem 3.  $\square$

**Remark 3.** The analogue of Theorem 4 and Theorem 5 could be derived easily in the context of partially ordered fuzzy  $b$ -metric spaces.

Now, we consider the following boundary value problem:

$$\begin{cases} y''(x) = f(x, y(x)), & x \in [0, 1], \\ y(0) = y(1) = 0, \end{cases}$$

where  $f : [0, 1] \times \mathbb{R} \rightarrow \mathbb{R}$  is a continuous function.

The above equation can be transformed to the following Fredholm integral equation:

$$y(x) = - \int_0^1 K(x, t)f(t, y(t))dt, \tag{15}$$

where the kernel is given by

$$K(x, t) = \begin{cases} t(1 - x), & \text{if } t \in [0, x], \\ x(1 - t), & \text{if } t \in [x, 1]. \end{cases}$$

See [35] for details.

Now, to give an existence theorem for a solution of (15) that belongs to  $X = C(I, \mathbb{R})$  (the set of continuous real functions defined on  $I = [0, 1]$ ), note that the space  $X$  endowed with the  $b$ -metric given by

$$d(x, y) = \max_{t \in I} |x(t) - y(t)|^2$$

for all  $x, y \in X$  is a  $b$ -complete  $b$ -metric space ( $s = 2^{2-1}$ ).

Take on  $X$  the partial order  $\preceq$  given by

$$x \preceq y \iff x(t) \leq y(t),$$

for all  $x, y \in X$  and  $t \in I$ .

For  $\rho \in X$ , define

$$\|\rho\|_\infty = \sup_{t \in I} |\rho(t)|.$$

Here,  $(X, \|\cdot\|_\infty)$  is a Banach space. The modular metric induced by this norm is

$$\mu_\lambda(\rho, \varrho) = \frac{\|\rho - \varrho\|_\infty}{\lambda} = \max_{t \in I} \frac{|\rho(t) - \varrho(t)|}{\lambda}, \quad \lambda > 0,$$

for all  $\rho, \varrho \in X$ . We consider the modular  $b$ -metric  $\nu$  given by

$$\nu_\lambda(\rho, \varrho) = \frac{\|\rho - \varrho\|_\infty^2}{\lambda^2} = \max_{t \in I} \frac{|\rho(t) - \varrho(t)|^2}{\lambda^2}.$$

Define  $Y : X \rightarrow X$  by

$$Y\rho(x) = - \int_0^1 K(x, t) f(t, \rho(t)) dt, \quad \rho \in X, \quad x \in I.$$

Clearly, a function  $u \in X$  is a solution of (15) if and only if it is a fixed point of  $Y$ .

Consider the following assumptions:

(C1) For all  $u, v \in \mathbb{R}$  with  $u \preceq v$  and for all  $t \in I$ ,

$$|f(t, u) - f(t, v)|^2 \leq \frac{\|u - v\|_\infty^2}{8}.$$

(C2) There is  $\eta_0 : I \rightarrow \mathbb{R}$  so that

$$\eta_0(x) \leq - \int_0^1 K(x, t) f(t, \eta_0(t)) dt, \quad x \in I.$$

(C3)  $f(t, \cdot) : \mathbb{R} \rightarrow \mathbb{R}$  is nonincreasing for all  $t \in [0, 1]$ .

**Theorem 9.** Assume that above assumptions (C1) – (C3) hold. Then, Equation (15) has a solution in  $X$ .

**Proof.** First, by assumption (C2), we have  $\eta_0 \preceq Y\eta_0$ . Clearly,  $Y$  is  $\preceq$   $\nu$ -continuous and nondecreasing.

To show that all the assumptions of Theorem 4 are satisfied, it remains to prove that  $Y$  is an  $\preceq$ - $\vartheta$ - $\mathcal{F}$ -contraction. Let  $\rho, \varrho \in X$  with  $\rho \preceq \varrho$ . For each  $x \in I$ , we have

$$\begin{aligned} |Y\rho(x) - Y\varrho(x)|^2 &= \left| \int_0^1 K(x,t)f(t,\rho(t))dt - \int_0^1 K(x,t)f(t,\varrho(t))dt \right|^2 \\ &= \int_0^1 (K(x,t)|f(t,\rho(t)) - f(t,\varrho(t))|^2) dt \\ &\leq \left[ \int_0^1 |K(x,t)|^2 dt \right] \left[ \int_0^1 |f(t,\rho(t)) - f(t,\varrho(t))|^2 dt \right] \\ &\leq \left[ \int_0^1 |K(x,t)|^2 dt \right] \int_0^1 \frac{\|\rho(t) - \varrho(t)\|_\infty^2}{8} dt \\ &\leq \left[ \int_0^1 |K(x,t)|^2 dt \right] \frac{\|\rho - \varrho\|_\infty^2}{8}. \end{aligned}$$

Via a careful calculation, we get that

$$\int_0^1 |K(x,t)|^2 dt = \frac{(1-x)^2x^3 + x^2(1-x)^3}{3}, \quad x \in [0,1].$$

We obtain that

$$|Y\rho(x) - Y\varrho(x)|^2 \leq \left[ \frac{(1-x)^2x^3}{3} + \frac{x^2(1-x)^3}{3} \right] \frac{\|\rho - \varrho\|_\infty^2}{8}. \tag{16}$$

Taking the supremum on  $x \in [0,1]$ , we deduce that

$$|Y\rho - Y\varrho|_\infty^2 \leq \frac{21}{1000} \frac{\|\rho - \varrho\|_\infty^2}{8}.$$

Now, one writes

$$\begin{aligned} \ln\left(\frac{s^3|Y\rho - Y\varrho|_\infty^2}{\lambda^2}\right) &= \ln\left(\frac{8|Y\rho - Y\varrho|_\infty^2}{\lambda^2}\right) \\ &\leq \ln\left(\frac{21}{1000}\right) + \ln\left(\frac{\|\rho - \varrho\|_\infty^2}{\lambda^2}\right) \\ &\leq \ln\left(\frac{21}{1000}\right) + \ln(v_\lambda(\rho, \varrho)). \end{aligned}$$

That is,

$$\mathcal{F}(s^3 \cdot \eta(Y\rho, Y\varrho)) \leq \vartheta(\mathcal{F}(v_\lambda(\rho, \varrho))), \tag{17}$$

where  $\mathcal{F}(t) = \ln t$  and  $\vartheta(t) = t - \delta$  with  $\delta = -\ln(\frac{21}{1000}) > 0$  (Example 3). Thus, all the hypotheses of Theorem 4 are fulfilled and we deduce the existence of  $u \in X$  such that  $u = Yu$ .  $\square$

### 5. Conclusions

We presented some fixed point results for generalized  $\mathcal{F}$ -contractions in the setting of modular  $b$ -metric spaces. We also established some related results in fuzzy  $b$ -metric spaces. At the end, we resolved a Fredholm type integral equation.

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