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# Some Results on $(s - q)$ -Graphic Contraction Mappings in $b$ -Metric-Like Spaces

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**Abstract:** In this paper we consider  $(s - q)$ -graphic contraction mapping in  $b$ -metric like spaces. By using our new approach for the proof that a Picard sequence is Cauchy in the context of  $b$ -metric-like space, our results generalize, improve and complement several approaches in the existing literature. Moreover, some examples are presented here to illustrate the usability of the obtained theoretical results.

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## 1. Introduction and Preliminaries

First, we present some definitions and basic notions of partial-metric, metric-like,  $b$ -metric, partial  $b$ -metric and  $b$ -metric-like spaces as the generalizations of standard metric spaces. After that, we give a process diagram, where arrows stand for generalization relationships.

**Definition 1.** [1] Let  $X$  be a nonempty set. A mapping  $p_{pm} : X \times X \rightarrow [0, +\infty)$  is said to be a  $p$ -metric if the following conditions hold for all  $x, y, z \in X$  :

$$(p_{pm}1) \quad x = y \text{ if and only if } p_{pm}(x, x) = p_{pm}(x, y) = p_{pm}(y, y);$$

$$(p_{pm}2) \quad p_{pm}(x, x) \leq p_{pm}(x, y);$$

$$(p_{pm}3) \quad p_{pm}(x, y) = p_{pm}(y, x);$$

$$(p_{pm}4) \quad p_{pm}(x, y) \leq p_{pm}(x, z) + p_{pm}(z, y) - p_{pm}(z, z).$$

Then, the pair  $(X, p_{pm})$  is called a partial metric space.

**Definition 2.** [2] Let  $X$  be a nonempty set. A mapping  $b_{ml} : X \times X \rightarrow [0, +\infty)$  is said to be metric-like if the following conditions hold for all  $x, y, z \in X$  :

$$(b_l1) \quad b_{ml}(x, y) = 0 \text{ implies } x = y;$$

$$(b_l2) \quad b_{ml}(x, y) = b_{ml}(y, x);$$

$$(b_l3) \quad b_{ml}(x, z) \leq b_{ml}(x, y) + b_{ml}(y, z).$$

In this case, the pair  $(X, b_{ml})$  is called a metric-like space.

**Definition 3.** [3,4] Let  $X$  be a nonempty set and  $s \geq 1$  a given real number. A mapping  $b : X \times X \rightarrow [0, +\infty)$  is called a  $b$ -metric on the set  $X$  if the following conditions hold for all  $x, y, z \in X$  :

$$(b1) \quad b(x, y) = 0 \text{ if and only if } x = y;$$

$$(b2) \quad b(x, y) = b(y, x);$$

$$(b3) \quad b(x, z) \leq s [b(x, y) + b(y, z)].$$

In this case, the pair  $(X, b)$  is called a  $b$ -metric space (with coefficient  $s \geq 1$ ).

**Definition 4.** [5,6] Let  $X$  be a nonempty set and  $s \geq 1$ . A mapping  $b_{pb} : X \times X \rightarrow [0, +\infty)$  is called a partial  $b$ -metric on the set  $X$  if the following conditions hold for all  $x, y, z \in X$  :

$$(b_{pb}1) \quad x = y \text{ if and only if } p_{pb}(x, x) = p_{pb}(x, y) = p_{pb}(y, y);$$

$$(b_{pb}2) \quad b_{pb}(x, x) \leq b_{pb}(x, y);$$

$$(b_{pb}3) \quad b_{pb}(x, y) = b_{pb}(y, x);$$

$$(b_{pb}4) \quad b_{pb}(x, y) \leq s [b_{pb}(x, z) + b_{pb}(z, y)] - b_{pb}(z, z).$$

Then, the pair  $(X, b_{pb})$  is called a partial  $b$ -metric space.

**Definition 5.** [7] Let  $X$  be a nonempty set and  $s \geq 1$ . A mapping  $b_{bl} : X \times X \rightarrow [0, +\infty)$  is called  $b$ -metric-like on the set  $X$  if the following conditions hold for all  $x, y, z \in X$ :

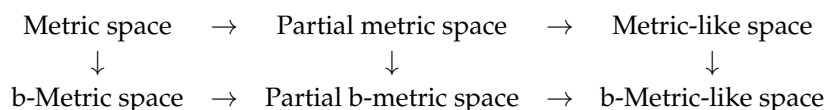
$$(b_{bl}1) \quad b_{bl}(x, y) = 0 \text{ implies } x = y;$$

$$(b_{bl}2) \quad b_{bl}(x, y) = b_{bl}(y, x);$$

$$(b_{bl}3) \quad b_{bl}(x, z) \leq s [b_{bl}(x, y) + b_{bl}(y, z)].$$

In this case, the pair  $(X, b_{bl})$  is called a  $b$ -metric-like space with coefficient  $s \geq 1$ .

Now, we give the process diagram of the classes of generalized metric spaces that were introduced earlier:



For more details on other generalized metric spaces see [8–14].

The next proposition helps us to construct some more examples of  $b$ -metric (respectively partial  $b$ -metric,  $b$ -metric-like) spaces.

**Proposition 1.** Let  $(X, d)$  (resp.  $(X, p_{pm})$ ),  $(X, b_{ml})$  be a metric (resp. partial metric, metric-like) space and  $D(x, y) = (d(x, y))^k$  (resp.  $P_{pm}(x, y) = (p_{pm}(x, y))^k$ ,  $B_{ml}(x, y) = (b_{ml}(x, y))^k$ ), where  $k > 1$  is a real number. Then  $D$  (resp.  $P_{pm}$ ,  $B_{pm}$ ) is  $b$ -metric (resp. partial  $b$ -metric,  $b$ -metric-like) with coefficient  $s = 2^{k-1}$ .

**Proof.** The proof follows from the fact that

$$u^k + v^k \leq (u + v)^k \leq (a + b)^k \leq 2^{k-1} (a^k + b^k),$$

for all nonnegative real numbers  $a, b, u, v$  with  $u + v \leq a + b$ .  $\square$

It is clear that each metric-like space, i.e., each partial  $b$ -metric space, is a  $b$ -metric-like space, while the converse is not true. For more such examples and details see [1,2,5–7,15–27]. Moreover, for various metrics in the context of the complex domain see [28,29].

The definitions of convergent and Cauchy sequences are formally the same in partial metric, metric-like, partial  $b$ -metric and  $b$ -metric like spaces. Therefore, we give only the definition of convergence and Cauchyness of the sequences in  $b$ -metric-like space. Moreover, these two notions are formally the same in metric and  $b$ -metric spaces.

**Definition 6.** [7] Let  $\{x_n\}$  be a sequence in a  $b$ -metric-like space  $(X, b_{bl})$  with coefficient  $s$ .

- (i) The sequence  $\{x_n\}$  is said to be convergent to  $x$  if  $\lim_{n \rightarrow \infty} b_{bl}(x_n, x) = b_{bl}(x, x)$ ;
- (ii) The sequence  $\{x_n\}$  is said to be  $b_{bl}$ -Cauchy in  $(X, b_{bl})$  if  $\lim_{n,m \rightarrow \infty} b_{bl}(x_n, x_m)$  exists and is finite;
- (iii) One says that a  $b$ -metric-like space  $(X, b_{bl})$  is  $b_{bl}$ -complete if for every  $b_{bl}$ -Cauchy sequence  $\{x_n\}$  in  $X$  there exists an  $x \in X$ , such that  $\lim_{n,m \rightarrow \infty} b_{bl}(x_n, x_m) = b_{bl}(x, x) = \lim_{n \rightarrow \infty} b_{bl}(x_n, x)$ .

**Remark 1.** In a  $b$ -metric-like space the limit of a sequence need not be unique and a convergent sequence need not be a  $b_{bl}$ -Cauchy sequence (see Example 7 in [18]). However, if the sequence  $\{x_n\}$  is  $b_{bl}$ -Cauchy with  $\lim_{n,m \rightarrow \infty} b_{bl}(x_n, x_m) = 0$  in the  $b_{bl}$ -complete  $b$ -metric-like space  $(X, b_{bl})$  with coefficient  $s \geq 1$ , then the limit of such a sequence is unique. Indeed, in such a case if  $x_n \rightarrow x$  ( $b_{bl}(x_n, x) \rightarrow b_{bl}(x, x)$ ) as  $n \rightarrow \infty$  we get that  $b_{bl}(x, x) = 0$ . Now, if  $x_n \rightarrow x$  and  $x_n \rightarrow y$  where  $x \neq y$ , we obtain that:

$$\frac{1}{s} b_{bl}(x, y) \leq b_{bl}(x, x_n) + b_{bl}(x_n, y) \rightarrow b_{bl}(x, x) + b_{bl}(y, y) = 0 + 0 = 0. \tag{1}$$

From  $(b_{bl}1)$  it follows that  $x = y$ , which is a contradiction. The same is true as well for partial metric, metric like and partial  $b$ -metric spaces.

The next definition and the corresponding proposition are important in the context of fixed point theory.

**Definition 7.** [30] The self-mappings  $f, g : X \rightarrow X$  are weakly compatible if  $f(g(x)) = g(f(x))$ , whenever  $f(x) = g(x)$ .

**Proposition 2.** [30] Let  $T$  and  $S$  be weakly compatible self-maps of a nonempty set  $X$ . If they have a unique point of coincidence  $w = f(u) = g(u)$ , then  $w$  is the unique common fixed point of  $f$  and  $g$ .

In this paper we shall use the following result to prove that certain Picard sequences are Cauchy. The proof is completely identical with the corresponding in [31] (see also [25]).

**Lemma 1.** Let  $\{x_n\}$  be a sequence in a  $b$ -metric-like space  $(X, b_{bl})$  with coefficient  $s \geq 1$  such that

$$b_{bl}(x_n, x_{n+1}) \leq \lambda b_{bl}(x_{n-1}, x_n) \tag{2}$$

for some  $\lambda, 0 \leq \lambda < \frac{1}{s}$ , and each  $n = 1, 2, \dots$ . Then  $\{x_n\}$  is a  $b_{bl}$ -Cauchy sequence in  $(X, b_{bl})$  such that  $\lim_{n,m \rightarrow \infty} b_{bl}(x_n, x_m) = 0$ .

**Remark 2.** It is worth noting that the previous lemma holds in the context of  $b$ -metric-like spaces for each  $\lambda \in [0, 1)$ . For more details see [6,32].

## 2. Main Results

In line with Jachymski [33], let  $(X, b_{bl})$  be a  $b$ -metric-like space and  $\mathcal{D}$  denote the diagonal of the Cartesian product  $X \times X$ . Consider a directed graph  $G$  such that the set  $V(G)$  of its vertices coincides with  $X$ , and the set  $E(G)$  of its edges contains all loops, i.e.,  $E(G) \supseteq \mathcal{D}$ . We also assume that  $G$  has

no parallel edges, so we can identify  $G$  with the pair  $(V(G), E(G))$ . Moreover, we may treat  $G$  as a weighted graph by assigning the distance between its vertices to each edge (see [33]).

By  $G^{-1}$  we denote the conversion of a graph  $G$ , i.e., the graph obtained from  $G$  by reversing the direction of edges. Thus, we have

$$E(G^{-1}) = \{(x, y) \in X \times X : (y, x) \in E(G)\}. \tag{3}$$

The letter  $\tilde{G}$  denotes the undirected graph obtained from  $G$  by ignoring the direction of edges. Actually, it will be more convenient for us to treat  $\tilde{G}$  as a directed graph for which the set of its edges is symmetric under the convention

$$E(\tilde{G}) = E(G) \cup E(G^{-1}). \tag{4}$$

If  $x$  and  $y$  are vertices in a graph  $G$ , then a path in  $G$  from  $x$  to  $y$  of length  $N$  ( $N \in \mathbb{N}$ ) is a sequence  $\{x_i\}_{i=0}^N$  of  $N + 1$  vertices such that  $x_0 = x, x_N = y$  and  $(x_{i-1}, x_i) \in E(G)$  for  $i = 1, \dots, N$ . A graph  $G$  is connected if there is a path between any two vertices.  $G$  is weakly connected if  $\tilde{G}$  is connected.

Recently, some results have appeared providing sufficient conditions for a self mapping of  $X$  to be a Picard operator when  $(X, d)$  is endowed with a graph. The first result in this direction was given by Jachymski [33]. Moreover, see [34–36].

**Definition 8.** [33] We say that a mapping  $f : X \rightarrow X$  is a Banach  $G$ -contraction or simply a  $G$ -contraction if  $f$  preserves edges of  $G$ , i.e.,

$$\text{for all } x, y \in X : (x, y) \in E(G) \text{ implies } (f(x), f(y)) \in E(G) \tag{5}$$

and  $f$  decreases the weights of edges of  $G$  as for all  $x, y \in X$ , there exists  $\lambda \in (0, 1)$ , such that

$$(x, y) \in E(G) \text{ implies } d(f(x), f(y)) \leq \lambda d(x, y). \tag{6}$$

**Definition 9.** [37] A mapping  $g : X \rightarrow X$  is called orbitally continuous, if given  $x \in X$  and any sequence  $\{k_n\}$  of positive integers,

$$g^{k_n}(x) \rightarrow y \text{ as } n \rightarrow \infty \text{ implies } g(g^{k_n}(x)) \rightarrow g(y) \text{ as } n \rightarrow \infty. \tag{7}$$

**Definition 10.** [33] A mapping  $g : X \rightarrow X$  is called  $G$ -continuous, if for any given  $x \in X$  and any sequence  $\{x_n\}_{n \in \mathbb{N}} \subset X$  with the properties that for all  $n \in \mathbb{N}$  the pair  $(x_n, x_{n+1}) \in E(G)$  and that  $x_n \rightarrow x$  as  $n \rightarrow \infty$  it follows that  $g(x_n) \rightarrow g(x)$ .

**Definition 11.** [33] A mapping  $g : X \rightarrow X$  is called orbitally  $G$ -continuous, if given  $x, y \in X$  and any sequence  $\{k_n\}$  of positive integers for all  $n \in \mathbb{N}$ ,

$$g^{k_n}x \rightarrow y \text{ and } (g^{k_n}(x), g^{k_n+1}(x)) \in E(G) \text{ implies } g(g^{k_n}(x)) \rightarrow g(y) \text{ as } n \rightarrow \infty. \tag{8}$$

In this section, we consider self-mappings  $f, g : X \rightarrow X$  with  $f(X) \subset g(X)$ . Let  $x_0 \in X$  be an arbitrary point, then there exists  $x_1 \in X$  such that  $z_0 = f(x_0) = g(x_1)$ . By repeating this step we can build a sequence  $\{z_n\}$  such that  $z_n = f(x_n) = g(x_{n+1})$  and the following property:

The property  $G_{f,g(x_n)}$ . If  $\{g(x_n)\}_{n \in \mathbb{N}}$  is a sequence in  $X$  such that  $(g(x_n), g(x_{n+1})) \in E(G)$  for all  $n \geq 1$  and  $g(x_n) \rightarrow x$ , then there is a subsequence  $\{g(x_{n_i})\}_{i \in \mathbb{N}}$  of  $\{g(x_n)\}_{n \in \mathbb{N}}$  such that  $(g(x_{n_i}), x) \in E(G)$  for all  $i \geq 1$ . Note that the property  $G_{f,g(x_n)}$  depends only on the pair of mappings  $f$  and  $g$ , and does not depend on the sequence  $\{x_n\}$ . Here, we use notation  $G_{gf}$  in the following

sense:  $x \in X$  belongs to  $G_{gf}$  if and only if there exists a sequence  $\{x_n\}_{n \in \mathbb{N}}$  in  $X$  such that  $x_0 = x$ ,  $f(x_{n-1}) = g(x_n)$  for  $n \in \mathbb{N}$ , and  $(g(x_n), g(x_m)) \in E(G)$  for all  $m, n \in \mathbb{N}$ .

Now, we present the first result of this section.

**Theorem 1.** (Hardy-Rogers) Let  $f, g : X \rightarrow X$  be self-mappings defined on a  $b$ -metric-like space  $(X, b_{bl})$  (with coefficient  $s \geq 1$ ) endowed with a graph  $G$ , and which satisfy

$$s^q b_{bl}(f(x), f(y)) \leq c_1 b_{bl}(g(x), g(y)) + c_2 b_{bl}(g(x), f(x)) + c_3 b_{bl}(g(y), f(y)) + c_4 b_{bl}(g(x), f(y)) + c_5 b_{bl}(g(y), f(x)), \tag{9}$$

for all  $x, y \in X$  with  $(g(x), g(y)) \in E(G)$  where  $q \geq 2, c_i \geq 0, i = 1, \dots, 5$  and either

$$c_1 + c_2 + c_3 + 2c_4 + 2c_5 < \frac{1}{s} \tag{10}$$

or

$$c_1 + 2c_2 + 2c_3 + c_4 + c_5 < \frac{1}{s}. \tag{11}$$

Suppose that  $f(X) \subset g(X)$  and at least one of  $f(X), g(X)$  is  $b_{bl}$ -complete subspace of  $(X, b_{bl})$ . Then:

(i) If the pair  $(f, g)$  has property  $G_{f, g(x_n)}$  and  $G_{gf} \neq \emptyset$ , then  $f$  and  $g$  have a point of coincidence in  $X$ .

(ii) If  $x$  and  $y$  in  $X$  are points of coincidence of  $f$  and  $g$  such that  $(x, y) \in E(G)$ , then  $x = y$ . Hence, points of coincidence of  $f$  and  $g$  are unique in  $X$ . Moreover, if the pair  $(f, g)$  is weakly compatible, then  $f$  and  $g$  have a unique common fixed point in  $X$ .

**Proof.** (i) Assume that  $G_{gf} \neq \emptyset$ , there exists  $x_0 \in G_{gf}$ . Since  $f(X) \subset g(X)$ , there exists  $x_1 \in X$  such that  $f(x_0) = g(x_1)$ , again we can find  $x_2 \in X$  such that  $f(x_1) = g(x_2)$ . Repeating this step, we can build a sequence  $z_n = f(x_n) = g(x_{n+1})$  such that  $(z_n, z_m) \in E(G)$ . If  $z_k = z_{k+1}$  for some  $k \in \mathbb{N}$ , then  $f(x_{k+1}) = g(x_{k+1})$  is a point of coincidence of  $f$  and  $g$ . Therefore, let  $z_n \neq z_{n+1}$  for all  $n \in \mathbb{N}$ . By Condition (9), we can get that

$$b_{bl}(z_n, z_{n+1}) \leq s^q b_{bl}(z_n, z_{n+1}) = s^q b_{bl}(f(x_n), f(x_{n+1})) \leq c_1 b_{bl}(g(x_n), g(x_{n+1})) + c_2 b_{bl}(g(x_n), f(x_n)) + c_3 b_{bl}(g(x_{n+1}), f(x_{n+1})) + c_4 b_{bl}(g(x_n), f(x_{n+1})) + c_5 b_{bl}(g(x_{n+1}), f(x_n)). \tag{12}$$

Since  $z_n = f(x_n) = g(x_{n+1})$  then Condition (12) becomes

$$b_{bl}(z_n, z_{n+1}) \leq c_1 b_{bl}(z_{n-1}, z_n) + c_2 b_{bl}(z_{n-1}, z_n) + c_3 b_{bl}(z_n, z_{n+1}) + c_4 b_{bl}(z_{n-1}, z_{n+1}) + c_5 b_{bl}(z_n, z_n) \leq c_1 b_{bl}(z_{n-1}, z_n) + c_2 b_{bl}(z_{n-1}, z_n) + c_3 b_{bl}(z_n, z_{n+1}) + sc_4 b_{bl}(z_{n-1}, z_n) + sc_4 b_{bl}(z_n, z_{n+1}) + 2sc_5 b_{bl}(z_{n-1}, z_n), \tag{13}$$

or equivalently:

$$b_{bl}(z_n, z_{n+1}) \leq \lambda b_{bl}(z_{n-1}, z_n), \tag{14}$$

where  $\lambda = \frac{c_1 + c_2 + sc_4 + 2sc_5}{1 - c_3 - sc_4}$ . Since,  $c_1 + c_2 + c_3 + sc_4 + 2sc_5 \leq sc_1 + sc_2 + sc_3 + 2sc_4 + 2sc_5 < 1$ , it follows that  $\lambda < 1$ . Therefore, by Remark 2 of Lemma 1, the sequence  $z_n = f(x_n) = g(x_{n+1})$  is a  $b_{bl}$ -Cauchy sequence. The  $b_{bl}$ -completeness of  $f(X)$  leads to  $u \in f(X) \subset g(X)$  such that  $z_n \rightarrow u = g(v)$  for some  $v \in X$ . As  $z_0 \in G_{gf}$ , this implies that  $(z_n, z_m) \in E(G)$  for  $n, m = 1, 2, \dots$  and so  $(z_n, z_{n+1}) \in E(G)$ .

By property  $G_{f,g(x_n)}$ , there is a subsequence  $\{z_{n_i}\}_{i \in \mathbb{N}}$  of  $\{z_n\}_{n \in \mathbb{N}}$  such that  $(z_{n_i}, u) \in E(G)$ . Applying  $(b_{bl}3)$ , we get

$$\begin{aligned}
 b_{bl}(f(v), g(v)) &\leq sb_{bl}(f(v), f(x_{n_i})) + sb_{bl}(f(x_{n_i}), g(v)) \\
 &\leq s^q b_{bl}(f(v), f(x_{n_i})) + sb_{bl}(f(x_{n_i}), g(v)) \\
 &\leq c_1 b_{bl}(g(v), g(x_{n_i})) + c_2 b_{bl}(g(v), f(v)) + c_3 b_{bl}(g(x_{n_i}), f(x_{n_i})) \\
 &\leq +c_4 b_{bl}(g(v), f(x_{n_i})) + c_5 b_{bl}(g(x_{n_i}), f(v)) + sb_{bl}(f(x_{n_i}), g(v)) \\
 &= c_1 b_{bl}(g(v), z_{n_i-1}) + c_2 b_{bl}(g(v), f(v)) + c_3 b_{bl}(z_{n_i-1}, z_{n_i}) \\
 &\quad + c_4 b_{bl}(g(v), z_{n_i}) + c_5 b_{bl}(z_{n_i-1}, f(v)) + sb_{bl}(z_{n_i}, g(v)). \tag{15}
 \end{aligned}$$

Since  $b_{bl}(z_{n_i-1}, f(v)) \leq sb_{bl}(z_{n_i-1}, g(v)) + sb_{bl}(g(v), f(v))$ , Condition (15) becomes

$$\begin{aligned}
 &(1 - c_2 - c_5s) b_{bl}(f(v), g(v)) \\
 &\leq c_1 b_{bl}(g(v), z_{n_i-1}) + c_3 b_{bl}(z_{n_i-1}, z_{n_i}) + c_4 b_{bl}(g(v), z_{n_i}) \\
 &\quad + c_5s b_{bl}(z_{n_i-1}, g(v)) + sb_{bl}(z_{n_i}, g(v)). \tag{16}
 \end{aligned}$$

Taking the limit in Condition (16) as  $i \rightarrow \infty$  we obtain that  $b_{bl}(f(v), g(v)) = 0$ , because  $c_2 + c_5s \leq c_1s + c_2s + c_3s + 2c_4s + 2c_5s < 1$ . That is,  $f(v) = g(v) = u$  is a point of coincidence for the mappings  $f$  and  $g$ , i.e., (i) is proved in the case if  $f(X)$  is  $b_{bl}$ -complete. The proof for the case if  $g(X)$  is  $b_{bl}$ -complete is similar.

(ii) Assume that  $x$  and  $y$  are two different points of coincidence of  $f$  and  $g$  with  $(x, y) \in E(G)$ . This means that there are different points  $x_1$  and  $y_1$  from  $X$  such that:  $f(x_1) = g(x_1) = x$  and  $f(y_1) = g(y_1) = y$ . Now, according to Condition (9) we get

$$\begin{aligned}
 sb_{bl}(x, y) &\leq s^q b_{bl}(x, y) = s^q b_{bl}(f(x_1), f(y_1)) \\
 &\leq c_1 b_{bl}(g(x_1), g(y_1)) + c_2 b_{bl}(g(x_1), f(y_1)) + c_3 b_{bl}(g(y_1), f(y_1)) \\
 &\quad + c_4 b_{bl}(g(x_1), f(y_1)) + c_5 b_{bl}(g(y_1), f(x_1)) \\
 &= c_1 b_{bl}(x, y) + c_2 b_{bl}(x, y) + c_3 b_{bl}(y, y) \\
 &\quad + c_4 b_{bl}(x, y) + c_5 b_{bl}(y, x) \\
 &\leq (c_1 + c_2 + 2c_3s + c_4 + c_5) b_{bl}(y, x) \\
 &\leq (c_1s + 2c_2s + 2c_3s + c_4s + c_5s) b_{bl}(y, x) < b_{bl}(y, x). \tag{17}
 \end{aligned}$$

Hence, if  $x \neq y$  we get a contradiction.

If  $f$  and  $g$  are weakly compatible, then by Proposition 2  $f$  and  $g$  have a unique common fixed point.  $\square$

**Example 1.** Let  $X = [0, +\infty)$  and  $f, g : X \rightarrow X$  be the mappings such that

$$f(x) = e^x - 1 \quad \text{and} \quad g(x) = e^{4x} - 1.$$

Consider  $b$ -metric-like space  $(X, b_{bl})$  under the distance  $b_{bl}(x, y) = (x + y)^2$  with coefficient  $s = 2$ , and the graph  $G = (V, E)$  with  $V = X$  and  $E = \{(x, x) : x \in X\} \cup \{(0, x) : x \in X\}$ . Assume that  $c_1 = \frac{1}{4}$  and  $c_2 = c_3 = c_4 = c_5 = \frac{1}{25}$  for which Inequalities (10) and (11) hold. Note that  $(g(x), g(y)) \in E$  if and only if  $x = y, x \geq 0$  or  $x = 0, y > 0$  or  $y = 0, x > 0$ . For  $q = 2$  let us check whether Condition (9) holds in these cases.

Case 1:  $x = y, x \geq 0$ ;

$$\begin{aligned} & c_1 b_{bl}(g(x), g(x)) + c_2 b_{bl}(g(x), f(x)) + c_3 b_{bl}(g(x), f(x)) + c_4 b_{bl}(g(x), f(x)) + c_5 b_{bl}(g(x), f(x)) \\ &= c_1 (e^{4x} - 1 + e^{4x} - 1)^2 + (c_2 + c_3 + c_4 + c_5) (e^{4x} - 1 + e^x - 1)^2 \\ &= 4c_1 (e^x - 1)^2 (e^{3x} + e^{2x} + e^x + 1)^2 + (c_2 + c_3 + c_4 + c_5) (e^x - 1)^2 (e^{3x} + e^{2x} + e^x + 2)^2 \\ &\geq 4c_1 (e^x - 1)^2 4^2 + (c_2 + c_3 + c_4 + c_5) (e^x - 1)^2 5^2 = \left(\frac{1}{4} \cdot 64 + \frac{4}{25} \cdot 25\right) (e^x - 1)^2 \\ &> 4 (e^x - 1 + e^x - 1)^2 = s^q b_{bl}(f(x), f(x)). \end{aligned}$$

Case 2:  $x = 0, y > 0$  (similarly for  $y = 0, x > 0$ );

$$\begin{aligned} & c_1 b_{bl}(g(0), g(y)) + c_2 b_{bl}(g(0), f(0)) + c_3 b_{bl}(g(y), f(y)) + c_4 b_{bl}(g(0), f(y)) + c_5 b_{bl}(g(y), f(0)) \\ &= c_1 (e^{4y} - 1)^2 + c_2 (0 + 0)^2 + c_3 (e^{4y} - 1 + e^y - 1)^2 + c_4 (e^y - 1)^2 + c_5 (e^{4y} - 1)^2 \\ &= (c_1 + c_5) (e^y - 1)^2 (e^{3y} + e^{2y} + e^y + 1)^2 + c_3 (e^y - 1)^2 (e^{3y} + e^{2y} + e^y + 2)^2 + c_4 (e^y - 1)^2 \\ &> (c_1 + c_5) (e^y - 1)^2 4^2 + c_3 (e^y - 1)^2 5^2 + c_4 (e^y - 1)^2 = \left(\frac{29}{100} \cdot 16 + \frac{1}{25} \cdot 25 + \frac{1}{25}\right) (e^y - 1)^2 \\ &> 4 (e^y - 1)^2 = s^q b_{bl}(f(0), f(y)). \end{aligned}$$

Hence,  $f$  and  $g$  satisfy Condition (9) for all  $x, y \in X$  such that  $(g(x), g(y)) \in E$ .

Moreover, there is  $x_1 = \frac{x_0}{4}$  such that  $g(x_1) = f(x_0)$ ,  $x_2 = \frac{x_0}{4^2}$  such that  $g(x_2) = f(x_1)$ , and so on. In this way, we can build the sequence  $x_n = \frac{x_0}{4^n}, n \in \mathbb{N}$  such that  $g(x_n) = f(x_{n-1})$ . For  $x_0 \neq 0$  it is clear that  $(g(x_n), g(x_m)) \notin E$ . For  $x_0 = 0, x_n = 0, n \in \mathbb{N}$  is obtained. Thus, the constant sequence  $x_n = 0$  is only convergent sequence such that  $(g(x_n), g(x_m)) = (0, 0) \in E$ , and for each subsequence  $(g(x_{n_i}))_{i \in \mathbb{N}}$  of  $(g(x_n))_{n \in \mathbb{N}}$  holds  $(g(x_{n_i}), 0) = (0, 0) \in E$ . This means that  $x_0 \in G_{gf} \neq \emptyset$  and the pair  $(f, g)$  possesses the property  $G_{f, g(x_n)}$ .

It is obvious that  $f(X) \subset g(X)$  and  $g(X) = X$  is  $b_{bl}$ -complete. Since the mappings  $f$  and  $g$  are weakly compatible at  $x = 0$  ( $f(0) = g(0)$  implies  $g(f(0)) = f(g(0))$ ), all conditions of Theorem 1 are satisfied. So, 0 is the unique common fixed point of mappings  $f$  and  $g$  in  $X$ .

**Example 2.** Now consider the same  $b$ -metric-like space  $(X, b_{bl})$  endowed with the graph  $G$  as in Example 1, and the mappings  $f, g : X \rightarrow X$  such that

$$f(x) = \begin{cases} e^x - 1, & x \neq 0 \\ 1, & x = 0 \end{cases} \quad \text{and} \quad g(x) = \begin{cases} e^{4x} - 1, & x \neq 0 \\ 2, & x = 0 \end{cases}.$$

In this case we have  $G_{gf} = \emptyset$ . Namely, for  $x_0 = 0, x_n = \frac{1}{4^n} \ln 2, n \in \mathbb{N}$  is now obtained, and  $(g(x_n), g(x_m)) \notin E$ . Hence, the conditions of Theorem 1 are not satisfied. Moreover, we can easily see that the mappings  $f$  and  $g$  have no coincidence point nor common fixed points.

As corollaries of our Theorem 1, we obtain the next results in the context of  $b$ -metric-like spaces endowed with a graph:

**Corollary 1.** (Jungck) Let  $f, g : X \rightarrow X$  be self-mappings defined on a  $b$ -metric-like space  $(X, b_{bl})$  (with coefficient  $s \geq 1$ ) endowed with a graph  $G$ , and satisfy

$$s^q b_{bl}(f(x), f(y)) \leq c_1 b_{bl}(g(x), g(y)) \tag{18}$$

for all  $x, y \in X$  with  $(g(x), g(y)) \in E(G)$  when  $c_1 < \frac{1}{s}$ . Suppose that  $f(X) \subset g(X)$  and at least one of  $f(X), g(X)$  is a  $b_{bl}$ -complete subspace of  $(X, b_{bl})$ . Then

(i) If the property  $G_{f, g(x_n)}$  is satisfied and  $G_{gf} \neq \emptyset$ , then  $f$  and  $g$  have a point of coincidence in  $X$ .

(ii) If  $x$  and  $y$  in  $X$  are points of coincidence of  $f$  and  $g$  such that  $(x, y) \in E(G)$ , then  $x = y$ . Hence, points of coincidence of  $f$  and  $g$  are unique in  $X$ . Moreover, if the pair  $(f, g)$  is weakly compatible, then  $f$  and  $g$  have a unique common fixed point in  $X$ .

**Corollary 2.** (Kannan) Let  $f, g : X \rightarrow X$  be self-mappings defined on a  $b$ -metric-like space  $(X, b_{bl})$  (with coefficient  $s \geq 1$ ) endowed with a graph  $G$ , and satisfy

$$s^q b_{bl}(f(x), f(y)) \leq c_2 b_{bl}(g(x), f(x)) + c_3 b_{bl}(g(y), f(y)) \tag{19}$$

for all  $x, y \in X$  with  $(g(x), g(y)) \in E(G)$  when

$$c_2 + c_3 < \frac{1}{2s}. \tag{20}$$

Suppose that  $f(X) \subset g(X)$  and at least one of  $f(X), g(X)$  is a  $b_{bl}$ -complete subspace of  $(X, b_{bl})$ . Then

(i) If the property  $G_{f,g(x_n)}$  is satisfied and  $G_{gf} \neq \emptyset$ , then  $f$  and  $g$  have a point of coincidence in  $X$ .

(ii) If  $x$  and  $y$  in  $X$  are points of coincidence of  $f$  and  $g$  such that  $(x, y) \in E(G)$ , then  $x = y$ . Hence, points of coincidence of  $f$  and  $g$  are unique in  $X$ . Moreover, if the pair  $(f, g)$  is weakly compatible, then  $f$  and  $g$  have a unique common fixed point in  $X$ .

**Corollary 3.** (Chatterjea) Let  $f, g : X \rightarrow X$  be self-mappings defined on a  $b$ -metric-like space  $(X, b_{bl})$  (with coefficient  $s \geq 1$ ) endowed with a graph  $G$ , and satisfy

$$s^q b_{bl}(f(x), f(y)) \leq c_4 b_{bl}(g(x), f(y)) + c_5 b_{bl}(g(y), f(x)), \tag{21}$$

for all  $x, y \in X$  with  $(g(x), g(y)) \in E(G)$  when

$$c_4 + c_5 < \frac{1}{2s}. \tag{22}$$

Suppose that  $f(X) \subset g(X)$  and at least one of  $f(X), g(X)$  is a  $b_{bl}$ -complete subspace of  $(X, b_{bl})$ . Then

(i) If the property  $G_{f,g(x_n)}$  is satisfied and  $G_{gf} \neq \emptyset$ , then  $f$  and  $g$  have a point of coincidence in  $X$ .

(ii) If  $x$  and  $y$  in  $X$  are points of coincidence of  $f$  and  $g$  such that  $(x, y) \in E(G)$ , then  $x = y$ . Hence, points of coincidence of  $f$  and  $g$  are unique in  $X$ . Moreover, if the pair  $(f, g)$  is weakly compatible, then  $f$  and  $g$  have a unique common fixed point in  $X$ .

**Corollary 4.** (Reich) Let  $f, g : X \rightarrow X$  be self-mappings defined on a  $b$ -metric-like space  $(X, b_{bl})$  (with coefficient  $s \geq 1$ ) endowed with a graph  $G$ , and satisfy

$$s^q b_{bl}(f(x), f(y)) \leq c_1 b_{bl}(g(x), g(y)) + c_2 b_{bl}(g(x), f(x)) + c_3 b_{bl}(g(y), f(y)) \tag{23}$$

for all  $x, y \in X$  with  $(g(x), g(y)) \in E(G)$  when

$$c_1 + 2c_2 + 2c_3 < \frac{1}{s} \tag{24}$$

Suppose that  $f(X) \subset g(X)$  and at least one of  $f(X), g(X)$  is a  $b_{bl}$ -complete subspace of  $(X, b_{bl})$ . Then

(i) If the property  $G_{f,g(x_n)}$  is satisfied and  $G_{gf} \neq \emptyset$ , then  $f$  and  $g$  have a point of coincidence in  $X$ .

(ii) If  $x$  and  $y$  in  $X$  are points of coincidence of  $f$  and  $g$  such that  $(x, y) \in E(G)$ , then  $x = y$ . Hence, points of coincidence of  $f$  and  $g$  are unique in  $X$ . Moreover, if the pair  $(f, g)$  is weakly compatible, then  $f$  and  $g$  have a unique common fixed point in  $X$ .

Now, we announce our last result in this section in the context of  $b$ -metric-like spaces endowed with the graph. The proof is similar enough with the corresponding proof of Theorem 1 and therefore we omit it.



**Theorem 2.** (Das-Naik-Ćirić) Let  $f, g : X \rightarrow X$  be self-mappings defined on a  $b$ -metric-like space  $(X, b_{bl})$  (with coefficient  $s \geq 1$ ) endowed with a graph  $G$ , and satisfy

$$s^q b_{bl}(f(x), f(y)) \leq \lambda \max \{b_{bl}(g(x), g(y)), b_{bl}(g(x), f(x)), b_{bl}(g(y), f(y)), b_{bl}(g(x), f(y)), b_{bl}(g(y), f(x))\} \quad (25)$$

for all  $x, y \in X$  with  $(g(x), g(y)) \in E(G)$  when  $\lambda \in [0, \frac{1}{s}]$ . Suppose that  $f(X) \subset g(X)$  and at least one of  $f(X), g(X)$  is a  $b_{bl}$ -complete subspace of  $(X, b_{bl})$ . Then

- (i) If the property  $G_{f, g(x_n)}$  is satisfied and  $G_{gf} \neq \emptyset$ , then  $f$  and  $g$  have a point of coincidence in  $X$ .
- (ii) If  $x$  and  $y$  in  $X$  are points of coincidence of  $f$  and  $g$  such that  $(x, y) \in E(G)$ , then  $x = y$ . Hence, points of coincidence of  $f$  and  $g$  are unique in  $X$ . Moreover, if the pair  $(f, g)$  is weakly compatible, then  $f$  and  $g$  have a unique common fixed point in  $X$ .

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