



The weight inequalities on Reich type theorem in b-metric spaces



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Abstract

In this note, we give a generalization of the Reich type theorem in b-metric spaces by using weight inequalities. Here, the existence of nonunique fixed points is ensured. Other known fixed point results in the literature are derived.

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1. Introduction and preliminaries

Bakhtin [6] and Czerwik [9] introduced the notion of b-metric spaces and proved some fixed point theorems in b-metric spaces. A large number of results in fixed point theory in b-metric spaces and other generalized metric spaces has been obtained over the past ten years. For more details, see [1, 3–5, 11, 17–22, 24]. We begin with two known definitions.

Definition 1.1. Let X be a nonempty set and let $b \geq 1$ be a given real number. A function $d : X \times X \rightarrow [0, \infty)$ is said to be a b-metric if and only if for all $x, y, z \in X$, the following conditions are satisfied:

- (1) $d(x, y) = 0$ if and only if $x = y$;
- (2) $d(x, y) = d(y, x)$;
- (3) $d(x, z) \leq b[d(x, y) + d(y, z)]$.

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A triplet (X, d, b) , is called a b -metric space.

Note that a metric space is included in the class of b -metric spaces. The topological notions of a convergent sequence, a Cauchy sequence and a complete space are defined as in metric spaces.

Definition 1.2. Let (X, d, b) be a b -metric space, $\{x_n\}$ be a sequence in X and $x \in X$.

- (a) The sequence $\{x_n\}$ is said to be convergent in (X, d, b) to x , if for every $\varepsilon > 0$ there exists $n_0 \in \mathbb{N}$ such that $d(x_n, x) < \varepsilon$ for all $n > n_0$. This fact is represented by $\lim_{n \rightarrow \infty} x_n = x$ or $x_n \rightarrow x$ as $n \rightarrow \infty$.
- (b) The sequence $\{x_n\}$ is said to be Cauchy in (X, d, b) , if for every $\varepsilon > 0$ there exists $n_0 \in \mathbb{N}$ such that $d(x_n, x_{n+p}) < \varepsilon$ for all $n > n_0, p > 0$.
- (c) (X, d, b) is said to be complete, if every Cauchy sequence in X converges to some $x \in X$.

In this paper, we use the following result of Miculescu and Mihail [15, Lemma 2.2] and Suzuki [27, Lemma 6].

Lemma 1.3. Let (X, d, b) be a b -metric space and let $\{x_n\}$ be a sequence in X . Assume that there exists $\gamma \in [0, 1)$ satisfying $d(x_{n+1}, x_n) \leq \gamma d(x_n, x_{n-1})$ for any $n \in \mathbb{N}$. Then $\{x_n\}$ is Cauchy.

2. Main results

Definition 2.1. In the framework of a b -metric space (X, d, b) , a mapping $T : X \rightarrow X$ is called an (r, a) -weight type contraction, if there exists $\lambda \in [0, 1)$ and such that

$$d(Tx, Ty) \leq \lambda M^r(T, x, y, a), \tag{2.1}$$

where $r \geq 0, a = (a_1, a_2, a_3), a_i \geq 0, i = 1, 2, 3$ such that $a_1 + a_2 + a_3 = 1$ and

$$M^r(T, x, y, a) = \begin{cases} [a_1(d(x, y))^r + a_2(d(x, Tx))^r + a_3(d(y, Ty))^r]^{1/r}, & r > 0, \\ (d(x, y))^{a_1} (d(x, Tx))^{a_2} (d(y, Ty))^{a_3}, & r = 0, \end{cases} \tag{2.2}$$

for all $x, y \in X \setminus \text{Fix}(T)$, where $\text{Fix}(T) = \{u \in X, Tu = u\}$.

Remark 2.2. In all following cases, the $x, y \in X$ are such that $x, y \notin \text{Fix}(T)$.

1. If $r = 1, a = (\frac{1}{3}, \frac{1}{3}, \frac{1}{3})$, we obtain Reich-Rus-Ćirić type contraction,

$$d(Tx, Ty) \leq \frac{\lambda}{3} [d(x, y) + d(x, Tx) + d(y, Ty)],$$

where $\lambda \in [0, 1)$, see [8, 23, 25].

2. 1. If $r = 2, a = (\frac{1}{3}, \frac{1}{3}, \frac{1}{3})$, we obtain the following condition,

$$d(Tx, Ty) \leq \frac{\lambda}{\sqrt{3}} [d^2(x, y) + d^2(x, Tx) + d^2(y, Ty)]^{1/2},$$

where $\lambda \in [0, 1)$.

3. If $r = 1$ and $a = (a_1, a_2, a_3)$, we have a Reich type contraction,

$$d(Tx, Ty) \leq \alpha d(x, y) + \beta d(x, Tx) + \gamma d(y, Ty)],$$

where $\alpha = \lambda a_1, \beta = \lambda a_2, \gamma = \lambda a_3, \alpha, \beta, \gamma, \lambda \in [0, 1)$ and $\alpha + \beta + \gamma < 1$, see [23].

4. If $r = 1$ and $a = (0, \frac{1}{2}, \frac{1}{2})$, we have a Kannan type contraction,

$$d(Tx, Ty) \leq \frac{\lambda}{2} [d(x, Tx) + d(y, Ty)],$$

see [14].

5. If $r = 2$ and $\alpha = (0, \frac{1}{2}, \frac{1}{2})$, we have

$$d(Tx, Ty) \leq \frac{\lambda}{\sqrt{2}} [d^2(x, Tx) + d^2(y, Ty)]^{1/2}.$$

6. If $r = 0$ and $\alpha = (0, \alpha, 1 - \alpha)$ with $\alpha \in (0, 1)$, we obtain an interpolative Kannan type contraction,

$$d(Tx, Ty) \leq \lambda (d(x, Tx))^\alpha (d(y, Ty))^{1-\alpha},$$

see [12].

7. If $r = 0$ and $\alpha = (\beta, \alpha, 1 - \alpha - \beta)$ with $\alpha, \beta \in (0, 1)$, we have an interpolative Reich-Rus-Ćirić type contraction,

$$d(Tx, Ty) \leq \lambda (d(x, y))^\beta (d(x, Tx))^\alpha (d(y, Ty))^{1-\alpha-\beta},$$

see [13].

Lemma 2.3. *If $r \leq s$, then we have the following weighted inequality:*

$$M^r(T, x, y, \alpha) \leq M^s(T, x, y, \alpha).$$

Proof. See for example [7]. □

Our essential main result is

Theorem 2.4. *Let (X, d, b) be a complete b -metric space and $T : X \rightarrow X$ be an (r, α) -weight type contraction mapping. Then T has a fixed point $x^* \in X$ and for any $x_0 \in X$ the sequence $\{T^n x_0\}$ converges to x^* if one of the following conditions holds:*

(i) T is continuous at such point x^* ;

(ii) $b^r a_2 < 1$;

(iii) $b^r a_3 < 1$.

Proof. Let $x_0 \in X$ be arbitrary. Define the sequence $\{x_n\}$ by $x_{n+1} = Tx_n$ for all $n \geq 0$. If there exists n_0 such that $x_{n_0} = x_{n_0+1}$, then x_{n_0} is a fixed point of T . The proof is completed. From now, assume that $x_n \neq x_{n+1}$ for all $n \geq 0$.

1. Case $r > 0$. From condition (2.1), we have that

$$d(x_{n+1}, x_n) \leq \lambda [a_1 (d(x_n, x_{n-1}))^r + a_2 (d(x_n, x_{n+1}))^r + a_3 (d(x_{n-1}, x_n))^r]^{1/r}.$$

Therefore,

$$d(x_{n+1}, x_n) \leq \left[\frac{\lambda^r (a_1 + a_3)}{1 - \lambda^r a_2} \right]^{1/r} d(x_n, x_{n-1}).$$

Put $\gamma = \left[\frac{\lambda^r (a_1 + a_3)}{1 - \lambda^r a_2} \right]^{1/r}$. We have that $\gamma \in [0, 1)$. It follows from Lemma 1.3 that $\{x_n\}$ is a Cauchy sequence in X . By completeness of (X, d, b) , there exists $x^* \in X$ such that

$$\lim_{n \rightarrow \infty} x_n = x^*.$$

Now, we claim that x^* is a fixed point of T . First, for any $n \in \mathbb{N}$, we have

$$d(x^*, Tx^*) \leq b[d(x^*, x_{n+1}) + d(Tx_n, Tx^*)]. \tag{2.3}$$

(i) Suppose that T is a continuous map at the point $x^* \in X$.
 Since $\lim_{n \rightarrow \infty} d(x^*, x_{n+1}) = 0$ and T is a continuous at a point x^* , we have

$$\lim_{n \rightarrow \infty} d(Tx_n, Tx^*) = d(Tx^*, Tx^*) = 0,$$

and from (2.3), we obtain $d(x^*, Tx^*) = 0$, i.e., $Tx^* = x^*$.

(ii) Suppose that $b^r a_2 < 1$. Assume that $Tx^* \neq x^*$. We have

$$\begin{aligned} 0 < d(Tx^*, x^*) &\leq b[d(Tx^*, x_{n+1}) + d(x_{n+1}, x^*)] \\ &= b[d(Tx^*, Tx_n) + d(x_{n+1}, x^*)] \\ &\leq b[a_1 d((x^*, x_n))^r + a_2 (d(x^*, Tx^*))^r + a_3 (d(x_n, x_{n+1}))^r]^{1/r} \\ &\quad + b d(x_{n+1}, x^*). \end{aligned}$$

At the limit as $n \rightarrow \infty$, we have

$$0 < d(Tx^*, x^*) \leq b a_2^{1/r} d(Tx^*, x^*).$$

Since $b a_2^{1/r} < 1$, we have a contradiction, that is, $Tx^* = x^*$.

(iii) Suppose that $b^r a_3 < 1$. Again, assume that $d(Tx^*, x^*) > 0$. Then

$$\begin{aligned} 0 < d(x^*, Tx^*) &\leq b[d(x^*, x_{n+1}) + d(x_{n+1}, Tx^*)] \\ &= b[d(x^*, x_{n+1}) + d(Tx_n, Tx^*)] \\ &\leq b d(x^*, x_{n+1}) + b[a_1 (d(x_n, x^*))^r + a_2 (d(x_n, x_{n+1}))^r \\ &\quad + a_3 (d(x^*, Tx^*))^r]^{1/r}. \end{aligned}$$

Taking $n \rightarrow \infty$, we have

$$0 < d(Tx^*, x^*) \leq b a_3^{1/r} d(Tx^*, x^*).$$

Since $b a_3^{1/r} < 1$, we get a contradiction. Thus, $Tx^* = x^*$.

2. Case $r = 0$. Here, (2.1) and (2.2) become

$$d(Tx, Ty) \leq \lambda (d(x, y))^{a_1} (d(x, Tx))^{a_2} (d(y, Ty))^{1-a_1-a_2},$$

for all $x, y \in X \setminus \text{Fix}(T)$, where $\lambda \in [0, 1)$ and $a_1, a_2 \in (0, 1)$. Following [13, Theorem 2.1 with its metric case], the map T has a fixed point in X . Again, following [13, Example 2.1 and Example 2.2], we have not a uniqueness of fixed points. □

Remark 2.5. We note that for $r = 0$, the proof follows from Lemma 2.3 and the case $r > 0$.

We state the following corollaries.

Corollary 2.6. *Let (X, d, b) be a complete b -metric space and $T : X \rightarrow X$ be a mapping such that*

$$d(Tx, Ty) \leq \lambda d^{a_1}(x, y) \cdot d^{a_2}(x, Tx) \cdot d^{a_3}(y, Ty),$$

for all $x, y \in X \setminus \text{Fix}(T)$, where $\lambda \in [0, 1)$, $a_1, a_2, a_3 \geq 0$ and $a_1 + a_2 + a_3 = 1$. Then T has a fixed point x^* and for any $x_0 \in X$ the sequence $\{T^n x_0\}$ converges to x^* .

Proof. Put in Theorem 2.4, $r = 0$ and $a = (a_1, a_2, a_3)$. □

Remark 2.7. We note that from Corollary 2.6, we get [13, Theorem 2] (for metric spaces).

Corollary 2.8. *Let (X, d, b) be a complete b -metric space and $T : X \rightarrow X$ be a mapping such that*

$$d(Tx, Ty) \leq \lambda \sqrt[3]{d(x, y) \cdot d(x, Tx) \cdot d(y, Ty)}, \tag{2.4}$$

for all $x, y \in X \setminus \text{Fix}(T)$, where $\lambda \in [0, 1)$. Then T has a fixed point x^* and for any $x_0 \in X$, the sequence $\{T^n x_0\}$

converges to x^* .

Proof. Put in Theorem 2.4, $r = 0$ and $\alpha = (\frac{1}{3}, \frac{1}{3}, \frac{1}{3})$. □

Corollary 2.9. Let (X, d, b) be a complete b -metric space and $T : X \rightarrow X$ be a mapping such that

$$d(Tx, Ty) \leq \frac{\lambda}{3} [d(x, y) + d(x, Tx) + d(y, Ty)],$$

for all $x, y \in X \setminus \text{Fix}(T)$, where $\lambda \in [0, 1)$, then T has a fixed point x^* and for any $x_0 \in X$, the sequence $\{T^n x_0\}$ converges to x^* if one of the following conditions holds:

- (i) T is continuous at such point $x^* \in X$;
- (ii) $b < 3$.

Proof. Put in Theorem 2.4, $r = 1$ and $\alpha = (\frac{1}{3}, \frac{1}{3}, \frac{1}{3})$. □

Corollary 2.10. Let (X, d, b) be a complete b -metric space and $T : X \rightarrow X$ be a mapping such that

$$d(Tx, Ty) \leq \frac{\lambda}{\sqrt{3}} [d^2(x, y) + d^2(x, Tx) + d^2(y, Ty)]^{1/2},$$

for all $x, y \in X \setminus \text{Fix}(T)$, where $\lambda \in [0, 1)$, then T has a fixed point x^* and for any $x_0 \in X$, the sequence $\{T^n x_0\}$ converges to x^* if one of the following conditions holds:

- (i) T is continuous at such point $x^* \in X$;
- (ii) $b^2 < 3$.

Proof. Put in Theorem 2.4, $r = 2$ and $\alpha = (\frac{1}{3}, \frac{1}{3}, \frac{1}{3})$. □

Theorem 2.4 is illustrated by the following examples.

Example 2.11. Let $X = \{0, 1, 2, 4\}$ be a set endowed with the classical metric $d(x, y) = |x - y|$ ($b = 1$), that is,

$d(x, y)$	0	1	2	4
0	0	1	2	4
1	1	0	1	3
2	2	1	0	2
4	4	3	2	0

We define a self-mapping T on X by $T : \begin{pmatrix} 0 & 1 & 2 & 4 \\ 2 & 4 & 2 & 4 \end{pmatrix}$. It is clear that T is not a Reich-Rus-Ćirić contraction. Indeed, there is no $\lambda \in [0, 1)$ such that the following inequality is fulfilled

$$d(T0, T1) \leq \frac{\lambda}{3} [d(0, 1) + d(0, T0) + d(1, T1)],$$

namely, we have,

$$2 \leq \frac{\lambda}{3} [1 + 2 + 3].$$

So, we can not apply Corollary 2.9. Also, from condition (2.4) we obtain

$$d(T0, T1) \leq \lambda \sqrt[3]{d(0, 1) \cdot d(0, T0) \cdot d(1, T1)},$$

i.e., $2 \leq \lambda \sqrt[3]{1 \cdot 2 \cdot 3}$, so $\lambda \geq \frac{2}{\sqrt[3]{6}} > 1$. Hence can not apply Corollary 2.8.

On the other hand, the conditions of Corollary 2.10 are valid. Let $x, y \in X$ be such that $x, y \in X \setminus \text{Fix}(T)$. Then $x, y \in \{0, 1\}$. For $\lambda = \sqrt{\frac{6}{7}}$, we have in this case,

$$d(Tx, Ty) \leq \frac{\lambda}{\sqrt{3}} [d^2(x, y) + d^2(x, Tx) + d^2(y, Ty)]^{1/2},$$

for $x, y \in \{0, 1\}$ and $\lambda = \sqrt{\frac{6}{7}}$ and $\{2, 4\}$ is the set of fixed points of T .

Example 2.12. Consider the set $X = [1, 2]$. Take on X the b-metric $d(x, y) = |x - y|^2$ ($b = 2$). Obviously, (X, d) is a complete b-metric space. Consider now the mapping

$$Tx = \frac{1+x}{2}.$$

Let $x, y \in X$ be such that $x, y \in X \setminus \text{Fix}(T)$. Then $x, y \in (1, 2]$. Showing that

$$d(Tx, Ty) \leq \frac{\lambda}{\sqrt{3}} [d^2(x, y) + d^2(x, Tx) + d^2(y, Ty)]^{1/2},$$

is equivalent to

$$3d^2(Tx, Ty) \leq \lambda^2 [d^2(x, y) + d^2(x, Tx) + d^2(y, Ty)],$$

that is,

$$\frac{3}{16} |x - y|^4 \leq \lambda^2 [|x - y|^4 + \frac{1}{16} |x - 1|^4 + \frac{1}{16} |x - 1|^4],$$

which holds when taking $\lambda \in [\frac{\sqrt{3}}{4}, 1)$. Note that T is continuous at 1. All the conditions of Corollary 2.10 are satisfied. Here, 1 is the fixed point of T .

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