



Common tripled fixed point theorem in two rectangular b-metric spaces and applications

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Abstract

In this paper, we establish some new common tripled fixed point theorems for mappings defined on a set equipped with two rectangular b-metrics. We also provide illustrative examples in support of our new results. In the end of the paper, we give an existence and uniqueness theorem for a class of nonlinear integral equations by using the obtained result. The results presented in this paper generalize the well-known comparable results in the literature. ©2017 All rights reserved.

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1. Introduction and preliminaries

The concept of b-metric space was introduced by Czerwik [10] which is defined as:

Definition 1.1 ([10]). Let X be a nonempty set and $s \geq 1$ be a given real number. A function $d : X \times X \rightarrow [0, \infty)$ is a b-metric on X , if for all $x, y, z \in X$, the following conditions hold:

(bM1) $d(x, y) = 0$ if and only if $x = y$;

(bM2) $d(x, y) = d(y, x)$;

(bM3) $d(x, z) \leq s[d(x, y) + d(y, z)]$.

In this case, the pair (X, d) is called a b-metric space, and the number s is called the coefficient of (X, d) .

As an important generalizations of usual metric spaces, Branciari [8] introduced the concept of rectangular metric space as follows:

Definition 1.2 ([8]). Let X be a nonempty set, and let $d : X \times X \rightarrow [0, \infty)$ be a mapping such that for all $x, y \in X$, the following conditions hold:

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(RM1) $d(x, y) = 0$ if and only if $x = y$;

(RM2) $d(x, y) = d(y, x)$;

(RM3) $d(x, z) \leq d(x, u) + d(u, v) + d(v, z)$ for all $u, v \in X \setminus \{x, y\}$ and $u \neq v$.

Then (X, d) is called a rectangular or generalized metric space.

After that, fixed point results in rectangular metric space have been studied by many authors (see e.g. [1–3, 6, 7, 9, 11, 12, 15, 16, 18–25, 27, 28, 30]).

Recently, George et al. [17] and Roshan et al. [26] introduced the notion of rectangular b-metric space as follows:

Definition 1.3 ([17, 26]). Let X be a nonempty set, $s \geq 1$ be a given real number and let $d : X \times X \rightarrow [0, \infty)$ be a mapping such that for all $x, y \in X$, the following conditions hold:

(RbM1) $d(x, y) = 0$ if and only if $x = y$;

(RbM2) $d(x, y) = d(y, x)$;

(RbM3) $d(x, z) \leq s[d(x, u) + d(u, v) + d(v, z)]$ for all $u, v \in X \setminus \{x, y\}$ and $u \neq v$.

Then (X, d) is called a rectangular b-metric space or a generalized b-metric space, and the number s is called the coefficient of (X, d) .

Remark 1.4 ([14]). Every metric space is a rectangular metric space and every rectangular metric space is a rectangular b-metric space (with coefficient $s = 1$). However the converse is not necessarily true ([17, Examples 1.4. and 1.5.]). Also, every metric space is a b-metric space and every b-metric space with coefficient s is a rectangular b-metric space with coefficient s^2 but the converse is not necessarily true ([17, Examples 1.7]).

Very recently, Ding et al. [13, 14] and Aydi et al. [5] also discussed the fixed point and common fixed point problems of different contractive mapping for rectangular b-metric spaces. However, so far, no one discussed tripled fixed point problem in rectangular b-metric space.

The purpose of this paper is to prove some new common tripled fixed point theorems for mappings defined on a set equipped with two rectangular b-metrics. We also provide an existence and uniqueness theorem of solution for a class of nonlinear integral equations by using the obtained result.

Now, we give some basic notions before introducing some main results.

Definition 1.5 ([17]). Let (X, d) be a rectangular b-metric space, $\{x_n\}$ be a sequence in X and $x \in X$. Then

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

Note that limit of sequence in a rectangular b-metric space is not necessarily unique and also every convergent sequence in a rectangular b-metric space is not necessarily Cauchy sequence ([17, Examples 1.7]).

Definition 1.6 ([29]). An element $(x, y, z) \in X \times X \times X$ is called a tripled fixed point of the mapping $F : X \times X \times X \rightarrow X$, if $F(x, y, z) = x$, $F(y, z, x) = y$ and $F(z, x, y) = z$.

Definition 1.7 ([4]). An element $(x, y, z) \in X \times X \times X$ is called a tripled coincidence point of mappings $F : X \times X \times X \rightarrow X$ and $g : X \rightarrow X$, if $F(x, y, z) = gx$, $F(y, z, x) = gy$ and $F(z, x, y) = gz$. In this case, (gx, gy, gz) is called a triple point of coincidence of the mappings g and F .

Definition 1.8 ([4]). An element $(x, y, z) \in X \times X \times X$ is called a common tripled fixed point of mappings $F : X \times X \times X \rightarrow X$ and $g : X \rightarrow X$, if $F(x, y, z) = gx = x$, $F(y, z, x) = gy = y$ and $F(z, x, y) = gz = z$.

Definition 1.9 ([4]). Let X be a nonempty set. A pair of mappings $F : X \times X \times X \rightarrow X$ and $g : X \rightarrow X$ are called to be w -compatible, if $gF(x, y, z) = F(gx, gy, gz)$ whenever $F(x, y, z) = gx$ and $F(y, z, x) = gy$.

2. Main results

Theorem 2.1. Let d_1 and d_2 be two rectangular b -metrics on X such that $d_2(x, y) \leq d_1(x, y)$ for all $x, y \in X$, (X, d_1) with coefficient $s \geq 1$, and $F : X \times X \times X \rightarrow X$ and $g : X \rightarrow X$ be two mappings. Suppose that there exist k_1, k_2 and k_3 in $[0, 1)$ with $0 \leq k_1 + k_2 + k_3 < 1$ and $0 \leq sk_3 < 1$ such that the condition

$$\begin{aligned} d_1(F(x, y, z), F(u, v, w)) + d_1(F(y, z, x), F(v, w, u)) + d_1(F(z, x, y), F(w, u, v)) \\ \leq k_1[d_2(gx, gu) + d_2(gy, gv) + d_2(gz, gw)] \\ + k_2[d_2(gx, F(x, y, z)) + d_2(gy, F(y, z, x)) + d_2(gz, F(z, x, y))] \\ + k_3[d_2(gu, F(u, v, w)) + d_2(gv, F(v, w, u)) + d_2(gw, F(w, u, v))], \end{aligned} \tag{2.1}$$

holds for all $(x, y, z), (u, v, w) \in X \times X \times X$.

If $F(X \times X \times X) \subseteq g(X)$ and $g(X)$ is d_1 -complete, then g and F have a tripled coincidence point $(x, y, z) \in X \times X \times X$, satisfying that $gx = F(x, y, z) = gy = F(y, z, x) = gz = F(z, x, y)$.

Moreover, if g and F are w -compatible, then g and F have a unique common tripled fixed point of the form (u, u, u) , which satisfies that $u = gu = F(u, u, u)$.

Proof. Let $(x_0, y_0, z_0) \in X \times X \times X$, by making the use of $F(X \times X \times X) \subseteq g(X)$, then there exist $x_1, y_1, z_1 \in X$ such that $gx_1 = F(x_0, y_0, z_0)$, $gy_1 = F(y_0, z_0, x_0)$ and $gz_1 = F(z_0, x_0, y_0)$. By similar arguments as above we can show that there exist $x_2, y_2, z_2 \in X$ such that $gx_2 = T(x_1, y_1, z_1)$, $gy_2 = T(y_1, z_1, x_1)$, $gz_2 = T(z_1, x_1, y_1), \dots$. Repeating the above procedure, we can construct three sequences $\{x_n\}$, $\{y_n\}$ and $\{z_n\}$ such that

$$gx_{n+1} = F(x_n, y_n, z_n), \quad gy_{n+1} = F(y_n, z_n, x_n), \quad gz_{n+1} = F(z_n, x_n, y_n), \quad \forall n \geq 0.$$

Without loss of generality, we can assume that $gx_n \neq gx_{n+1}$, $gy_n \neq gy_{n+1}$ and $gz_n \neq gz_{n+1}$, for all $n \geq 0$.

By taking $(x, y, z) = (x_n, y_n, z_n)$ and $(u, v, w) = (x_{n+1}, y_{n+1}, z_{n+1})$ in (2.1), we obtain

$$\begin{aligned} d_1(gx_{n+1}, gx_{n+2}) + d_1(gy_{n+1}, gy_{n+2}) + d_1(gz_{n+1}, gz_{n+2}) \\ = d_1(F(x_n, y_n, z_n), F(x_{n+1}, y_{n+1}, z_{n+1})) + d_1(F(y_n, z_n, x_n), F(y_{n+1}, z_{n+1}, x_{n+1})) \\ + d_1(F(z_n, x_n, y_n), F(z_{n+1}, x_{n+1}, y_{n+1})) \\ \leq k_1[d_2(gx_n, gx_{n+1}) + d_2(gy_n, gy_{n+1}) + d_2(gz_n, gz_{n+1})] \\ + k_2[d_2(gx_n, F(x_n, y_n, z_n)) + d_2(gy_n, F(y_n, z_n, x_n)) + d_2(gz_n, F(z_n, x_n, y_n))] \\ + k_3[d_2(gx_{n+1}, F(x_{n+1}, y_{n+1}, z_{n+1})) \\ + d_2(gy_{n+1}, F(y_{n+1}, z_{n+1}, x_{n+1})) + d_2(gz_{n+1}, F(z_{n+1}, x_{n+1}, y_{n+1}))] \end{aligned} \tag{2.2}$$

$$\begin{aligned} = k_1[d_2(gx_n, gx_{n+1}) + d_2(gy_n, gy_{n+1}) + d_2(gz_n, gz_{n+1})] \\ + k_2[d_2(gx_n, gx_{n+1}) + d_2(gy_n, gy_{n+1}) + d_2(gz_n, gz_{n+1})] \\ + k_3[d_2(gx_{n+1}, gx_{n+2}) + d_2(gy_{n+1}, gy_{n+2}) + d_2(gz_{n+1}, gz_{n+2})] \\ \leq k_1[d_1(gx_n, gx_{n+1}) + d_1(gy_n, gy_{n+1}) + d_1(gz_n, gz_{n+1})] \end{aligned}$$

$$\begin{aligned}
 &+ k_2[d_1(gx_n, gx_{n+1}) + d_1(gy_n, gy_{n+1}) + d_1(gz_n, gz_{n+1})] \\
 &+ k_3[d_1(gx_{n+1}, gx_{n+2}) + d_1(gy_{n+1}, gy_{n+2}) + d_1(gz_{n+1}, gz_{n+2})].
 \end{aligned}$$

It follows from (2.2) that

$$\begin{aligned}
 &d_1(gx_{n+1}, gx_{n+2}) + d_1(gy_{n+1}, gy_{n+2}) + d_1(gz_{n+1}, gz_{n+2}) \\
 &\leq \left(\frac{k_1 + k_2}{1 - k_3} \right) [d_1(gx_n, gx_{n+1}) + d_1(gy_n, gy_{n+1}) + d_1(gz_n, gz_{n+1})].
 \end{aligned} \tag{2.3}$$

Taking $k = \frac{k_1+k_2}{1-k_3}$, by the condition $0 \leq k_1 + k_2 + k_3 < 1$, then we have $0 \leq k < 1$. (2.3) implies that

$$\begin{aligned}
 &d_1(gx_{n+1}, gx_{n+2}) + d_1(gy_{n+1}, gy_{n+2}) + d_1(gz_{n+1}, gz_{n+2}) \\
 &\leq k[d_1(gx_n, gx_{n+1}) + d_1(gy_n, gy_{n+1}) + d_1(gz_n, gz_{n+1})].
 \end{aligned} \tag{2.4}$$

By taking $\delta_n = d_1(gx_n, gx_{n+1}) + d_1(gy_n, gy_{n+1}) + d_1(gz_n, gz_{n+1})$. Repeating the above inequality (2.4) $n + 1$ times, we obtain,

$$\delta_{n+1} \leq k\delta_n \leq k^2\delta_{n-1} \leq \dots \leq k^{n+1}\delta_0. \tag{2.5}$$

As $(x, y, z) = (x_n, y_n, z_n)$ and $(u, v, w) = (x_{n+2}, y_{n+2}, z_{n+2})$ in (2.1), also with (2.5), we get

$$\begin{aligned}
 &d_1(gx_{n+1}, gx_{n+3}) + d_1(gy_{n+1}, gy_{n+3}) + d_1(gz_{n+1}, gz_{n+3}) \\
 &= d_1(F(x_n, y_n, z_n), F(x_{n+2}, y_{n+2}, z_{n+2})) + d_1(F(y_n, z_n, x_n), F(y_{n+2}, z_{n+2}, x_{n+2})) \\
 &\quad + d_1(F(z_n, x_n, y_n), F(z_{n+2}, x_{n+2}, y_{n+2})) \\
 &\leq k_1[d_2(gx_n, gx_{n+2}) + d_2(gy_n, gy_{n+2}) + d_2(gz_n, gz_{n+2})] \\
 &\quad + k_2[d_2(gx_n, F(x_n, y_n, z_n)) + d_2(gy_n, F(y_n, z_n, x_n)) + d_2(gz_n, F(z_n, x_n, y_n))] \\
 &\quad + k_3[d_2(gx_{n+2}, F(x_{n+2}, y_{n+2}, z_{n+2})) \\
 &\quad + d_2(gy_{n+2}, F(y_{n+2}, z_{n+2}, x_{n+2})) + d_2(gz_{n+2}, F(z_{n+2}, x_{n+2}, y_{n+2}))] \\
 &= k_1[d_2(gx_n, gx_{n+2}) + d_2(gy_n, gy_{n+2}) + d_2(gz_n, gz_{n+2})] \\
 &\quad + k_2[d_2(gx_n, gx_{n+1}) + d_2(gy_n, gy_{n+1}) + d_2(gz_n, gz_{n+1})] \\
 &\quad + k_3[d_2(gx_{n+2}, gx_{n+3}) + d_2(gy_{n+2}, gy_{n+3}) + d_2(gz_{n+2}, gz_{n+3})] \\
 &\leq k_1[d_2(gx_n, gx_{n+2}) + d_2(gy_n, gy_{n+2}) + d_2(gz_n, gz_{n+2})] \\
 &\quad + k_2[d_2(gx_n, gx_{n+1}) + d_2(gy_n, gy_{n+1}) + d_2(gz_n, gz_{n+1})] \\
 &\quad + k_3k^2[d_2(gx_n, gx_{n+1}) + d_2(gy_n, gy_{n+1}) + d_2(gz_n, gz_{n+1})] \\
 &= k_1[d_2(gx_n, gx_{n+2}) + d_2(gy_n, gy_{n+2}) + d_2(gz_n, gz_{n+2})] \\
 &\quad + (k_2 + k_3k^2)[d_2(gx_n, gx_{n+1}) + d_2(gy_n, gy_{n+1}) + d_2(gz_n, gz_{n+1})] \\
 &\leq k_1[d_1(gx_n, gx_{n+2}) + d_1(gy_n, gy_{n+2}) + d_1(gz_n, gz_{n+2})] \\
 &\quad + (k_2 + k_3k^2)[d_1(gx_n, gx_{n+1}) + d_1(gy_n, gy_{n+1}) + d_1(gz_n, gz_{n+1})].
 \end{aligned} \tag{2.6}$$

By taking

$$\delta_n^* = d_1(gx_n, gx_{n+2}) + d_1(gy_n, gy_{n+2}) + d_1(gz_n, gz_{n+2}),$$

from $k = \frac{k_1+k_2}{1-k_3} \in [0, 1)$ we have

$$k_1 + k_2 + k_3k^2 \leq k_1 + k_2 + k_3k = k_1 + k_2 + k_3 \frac{k_1 + k_2}{1 - k_3} = \frac{k_1 + k_2}{1 - k_3} = k.$$

Consequently, by the use of (2.5) and (2.6), we have

$$\delta_{n+1}^* \leq k_1\delta_n^* + (k_2 + k_3k^2)\delta_n \leq (k_1 + k_2 + k_3k^2) \max\{\delta_n, \delta_n^*\} \leq k \max\{\delta_n, \delta_n^*\}. \tag{2.7}$$

It follows from (2.5) and (2.7) that

$$\begin{aligned} \delta_{n+1}^* &\leq k \max\{\delta_n, \delta_n^*\} \leq k \max\{k\delta_{n-1}, k \max\{\delta_{n-1}, \delta_{n-1}^*\}\} = k^2 \max\{\delta_{n-1}, \delta_{n-1}^*\} \\ &\leq k^3 \max\{\delta_{n-2}, \delta_{n-2}^*\} \leq \dots \leq k^{n+1} \max\{\delta_0, \delta_0^*\}. \end{aligned} \tag{2.8}$$

Next, we show that $\{gx_n\}$, $\{gy_n\}$ and $\{gz_n\}$ are Cauchy sequences in $g(X)$. For this, we consider $d_1(x_n, x_{n+p})$ in two cases.

Case 1. p is an odd number, assume that $p = 2m + 1$, then using (RbM3) we obtain

$$\begin{aligned} d_1(gx_n, gx_{n+p}) &= d_1(gx_n, gx_{n+2m+1}) \\ &\leq s[d_1(gx_n, gx_{n+1}) + d_1(gx_{n+1}, gx_{n+2}) + d_1(gx_{n+2}, gx_{n+2m+1})] \\ &\leq s[d_1(gx_n, gx_{n+1}) + d_1(gx_{n+1}, gx_{n+2})] \\ &\quad + s^2[d_1(gx_{n+2}, gx_{n+3}) + d_1(gx_{n+3}, gx_{n+4}) + d_1(gx_{n+4}, gx_{n+2m+1})] \\ &\leq s[d_1(gx_n, gx_{n+1}) + d_1(gx_{n+1}, gx_{n+2})] + s^2[d_1(gx_{n+2}, gx_{n+3}) + d_1(gx_{n+3}, gx_{n+4})] \\ &\quad + s^3[d_1(gx_{n+4}, gx_{n+5}) + d_1(gx_{n+5}, gx_{n+6}) + d_1(gx_{n+6}, gx_{n+2m+1})] \\ &\leq \dots \\ &\leq s[d_1(gx_n, gx_{n+1}) + d_1(gx_{n+1}, gx_{n+2})] + s^2[d_1(gx_{n+2}, gx_{n+3}) + d_1(gx_{n+3}, gx_{n+4})] \\ &\quad + s^3[d_1(gx_{n+4}, gx_{n+5}) + d_1(gx_{n+5}, gx_{n+6})] + \dots \\ &\quad + s^m[d_1(gx_{n+2m-2}, gx_{n+2m-1}) + d_1(gx_{n+2m-1}, gx_{n+2m}) + d_1(gx_{n+2m}, gx_{n+2m+1})]. \end{aligned}$$

That is

$$\begin{aligned} d_1(gx_n, gx_{n+p}) &= d_1(gx_n, gx_{n+2m+1}) \\ &\leq s[d_1(gx_n, gx_{n+1}) + d_1(gx_{n+1}, gx_{n+2})] + s^2[d_1(gx_{n+2}, gx_{n+3}) + d_1(gx_{n+3}, gx_{n+4})] \\ &\quad + s^3[d_1(gx_{n+4}, gx_{n+5}) + d_1(gx_{n+5}, gx_{n+6})] + \dots \\ &\quad + s^m[d_1(gx_{n+2m-2}, gx_{n+2m-1}) + d_1(gx_{n+2m-1}, gx_{n+2m})] + s^m d_1(gx_{n+2m}, gx_{n+2m+1}). \end{aligned} \tag{2.9}$$

We can similarly prove the following result

$$\begin{aligned} d_1(gy_n, gy_{n+p}) &= d_1(gy_n, gy_{n+2m+1}) \\ &\leq s[d_1(gy_n, gy_{n+1}) + d_1(gy_{n+1}, gy_{n+2})] + s^2[d_1(gy_{n+2}, gy_{n+3}) + d_1(gy_{n+3}, gy_{n+4})] \\ &\quad + s^3[d_1(gy_{n+4}, gy_{n+5}) + d_1(gy_{n+5}, gy_{n+6})] + \dots \\ &\quad + s^m[d_1(gy_{n+2m-2}, gy_{n+2m-1}) + d_1(gy_{n+2m-1}, gy_{n+2m})] + s^m d_1(gy_{n+2m}, gy_{n+2m+1}), \end{aligned} \tag{2.10}$$

and

$$\begin{aligned} d_1(gz_n, gz_{n+p}) &= d_1(gz_n, gz_{n+2m+1}) \\ &\leq s[d_1(gz_n, gz_{n+1}) + d_1(gz_{n+1}, gz_{n+2})] + s^2[d_1(gz_{n+2}, gz_{n+3}) + d_1(gz_{n+3}, gz_{n+4})] \\ &\quad + s^3[d_1(gz_{n+4}, gz_{n+5}) + d_1(gz_{n+5}, gz_{n+6})] + \dots \\ &\quad + s^m[d_1(gz_{n+2m-2}, gz_{n+2m-1}) + d_1(gz_{n+2m-1}, gz_{n+2m})] + s^m d_1(gz_{n+2m}, gz_{n+2m+1}). \end{aligned} \tag{2.11}$$

Combining (2.5), (2.9), (2.10) and (2.11), we have

$$\begin{aligned} &d_1(gx_n, gx_{n+p}) + d_1(gy_n, gy_{n+p}) + d_1(gz_n, gz_{n+p}) \\ &= d_1(gx_n, gx_{n+2m+1}) + d_1(gy_n, gy_{n+2m+1}) + d_1(gz_n, gz_{n+2m+1}) \\ &\leq s(\delta_n + \delta_{n+1}) + s^2(\delta_{n+2} + \delta_{n+3}) + \dots + s^m(\delta_{n+2m-2} + \delta_{n+2m-1}) + s^m \delta_{n+2m} \\ &\leq s(k^n + k^{n+1})\delta_0 + s^2(k^{n+2} + k^{n+3})\delta_0 + \dots + s^m(k^{n+2m-2} + k^{n+2m-1})\delta_0 + s^m k^{n+2m} \delta_0 \\ &= sk^n(1+k) \left[1 + sk^2 + (sk^2)^2 + \dots + (sk^2)^{m-1} \right] \delta_0 + s^m k^{n+2m} \delta_0 \end{aligned}$$

$$\begin{aligned}
 &= \begin{cases} [sk^n(1+k) \cdot m + s^m k^{n+2m}] \delta_0, & sk^2 = 1, \\ \left(sk^n(1+k) \cdot \frac{1-(sk^2)^m}{1-sk^2} + s^m k^{n+2m} \right) \delta_0, & sk^2 \neq 1, \end{cases} \tag{2.12} \\
 &\leq \begin{cases} [sk^n(1+k) \cdot m + s^m k^{n+2m}] \delta_0, & sk^2 = 1, \\ \left(\frac{sk^n(1+k)}{1-sk^2} + s^m k^{n+2m} \right) \delta_0, & sk^2 \neq 1. \end{cases}
 \end{aligned}$$

Case 2. p is an even number, assume that $p = 2m$, then using (RbM3) we obtain

$$\begin{aligned}
 d_1(gx_n, gx_{n+p}) &= d_1(gx_n, gx_{n+2m}) \\
 &\leq s[d_1(gx_n, gx_{n+1}) + d_1(gx_{n+1}, gx_{n+2}) + d_1(gx_{n+2}, gx_{n+2m})] \\
 &\leq s[d_1(gx_n, gx_{n+1}) + d_1(gx_{n+1}, gx_{n+2})] \\
 &\quad + s^2[d_1(gx_{n+2}, gx_{n+3}) + d_1(gx_{n+3}, gx_{n+4}) + d_1(gx_{n+4}, gx_{n+2m})] \\
 &\leq \dots \\
 &\leq s[d_1(gx_n, gx_{n+1}) + d_1(gx_{n+1}, gx_{n+2})] + s^2[d_1(gx_{n+2}, gx_{n+3}) + d_1(gx_{n+3}, gx_{n+4})] \\
 &\quad + \dots + s^{m-1}[d_1(gx_{n+2m-4}, gx_{n+2m-3}) + d_1(gx_{n+2m-3}, gx_{n+2m-2})] \\
 &\quad + s^{m-1}d_1(gx_{n+2m-2}, gx_{n+2m}). \tag{2.13}
 \end{aligned}$$

By similar arguments as above,

$$\begin{aligned}
 d_1(gy_n, gy_{n+p}) &= d_1(gy_n, gy_{n+2m}) \\
 &\leq s[d_1(gy_n, gy_{n+1}) + d_1(gy_{n+1}, gy_{n+2})] + s^2[d_1(gy_{n+2}, gy_{n+3}) + d_1(gy_{n+3}, gy_{n+4})] \\
 &\quad + \dots + s^{m-1}[d_1(gy_{n+2m-4}, gy_{n+2m-3}) + d_1(gy_{n+2m-3}, gy_{n+2m-2})] \\
 &\quad + s^{m-1}[d_1(gy_{n+2m-2}, gy_{n+2m})], \tag{2.14}
 \end{aligned}$$

and

$$\begin{aligned}
 d_1(gz_n, gz_{n+p}) &= d_1(gz_n, gz_{n+2m}) \\
 &\leq s[d_1(gz_n, gz_{n+1}) + d_1(gz_{n+1}, gz_{n+2})] + s^2[d_1(gz_{n+2}, gz_{n+3}) + d_1(gz_{n+3}, gz_{n+4})] \\
 &\quad + \dots + s^{m-1}[d_1(gz_{n+2m-4}, gz_{n+2m-3}) \\
 &\quad + d_1(gz_{n+2m-3}, gz_{n+2m-2})] + s^{m-1}[d_1(gz_{n+2m-2}, gz_{n+2m})]. \tag{2.15}
 \end{aligned}$$

Combining (2.5), (2.8), (2.13), (2.14) and (2.15), we have

$$\begin{aligned}
 &d_1(gx_n, gx_{n+p}) + d_1(gy_n, gy_{n+p}) + d_1(gz_n, gz_{n+p}) \\
 &= d_1(gx_n, gx_{n+2m}) + d_1(gy_n, gy_{n+2m}) + d_1(gz_n, gz_{n+2m}) \\
 &\leq s(\delta_n + \delta_{n+1}) + s^2(\delta_{n+2} + \delta_{n+3}) + \dots + s^{m-1}(\delta_{n+2m-4} + \delta_{n+2m-3}) + s^{m-1}\delta_{n+2m-2}^* \\
 &\leq s(k^n + k^{n+1})\delta_0 + s^2(k^{n+2} + k^{n+3})\delta_0 \\
 &\quad + \dots + s^{m-1}(k^{n+2m-4} + k^{n+2m-3})\delta_0 + s^{m-1}k^{n+2m-2} \max\{\delta_0, \delta_0^*\} \\
 &= sk^n(1+k) \left[1 + sk^2 + (sk^2)^2 + \dots + (sk^2)^{m-2} \right] \delta_0 + s^{m-1}k^{n+2m-2} \max\{\delta_0, \delta_0^*\} \tag{2.16} \\
 &= \begin{cases} sk^n(1+k)(m-1)\delta_0 + s^{m-1}k^{n+2m-2} \max\{\delta_0, \delta_0^*\}, & sk^2 = 1, \\ sk^n(1+k) \cdot \frac{1-(sk^2)^{m-1}}{1-sk^2} \cdot \delta_0 + s^{m-1}k^{n+2m-2} \max\{\delta_0, \delta_0^*\}, & sk^2 \neq 1, \end{cases} \\
 &\leq \begin{cases} sk^n(1+k)(m-1)\delta_0 + s^{m-1}k^{n+2m-2} \max\{\delta_0, \delta_0^*\}, & sk^2 = 1, \\ \frac{sk^n(1+k)}{1-sk^2} \cdot \delta_0 + s^{m-1}k^{n+2m-2} \max\{\delta_0, \delta_0^*\}, & sk^2 \neq 1. \end{cases}
 \end{aligned}$$

Since $k \in [0, 1)$, so $k^n \rightarrow 0$ as $n \rightarrow \infty$. Taking limit as $n \rightarrow \infty$ in (2.12) and (2.16), we get

$$\lim_{n \rightarrow \infty} [d_1(gx_n, gx_{n+p}) + d_1(gy_n, gy_{n+p}) + d_1(gz_n, gz_{n+p})] = 0,$$

which implies that $\{gx_n\}$, $\{gy_n\}$ and $\{gz_n\}$ are Cauchy sequences in $g(X)$. Since $g(X)$ is complete, then there exist $x, y, z \in X$ such that

$$\lim_{n \rightarrow \infty} gx_n = gx, \quad \lim_{n \rightarrow \infty} gy_n = gy, \quad \text{and} \quad \lim_{n \rightarrow \infty} gz_n = gz.$$

It follows from (2.1) and (2.5) that

$$\begin{aligned} & d_1(gx_{n+1}, F(x, y, z)) + d_1(gy_{n+1}, F(y, z, x)) + d_1(gz_{n+1}, F(z, x, y)) \\ &= d_1(F(x_n, y_n, z_n), F(x, y, z)) + d_1(F(y_n, z_n, x_n), F(y, z, x)) + d_1(F(z_n, x_n, y_n), F(z, x, y)) \\ &\leq k_1[d_2(gx_n, gx) + d_2(gy_n, gy) + d_2(gz_n, gz)] \\ &\quad + k_2[d_2(gx_n, F(x_n, y_n, z_n)) + d_2(gy_n, F(y_n, x_n, z_n)) + d_2(gz_n, F(z_n, x_n, y_n))] \\ &\quad + k_3[d_2(gx, F(x, y, z)) + d_2(gy, F(y, z, x)) + d_2(gz, F(z, x, y))] \\ &= k_1[d_2(gx_n, gx) + d_2(gy_n, gy) + d_2(gz_n, gz)] \\ &\quad + k_2[d_2(gx_n, gx_{n+1}) + d_2(gy_n, gy_{n+1}) + d_2(gz_n, gz_{n+1})] \\ &\quad + k_3[d_2(gx, F(x, y, z)) + d_2(gy, F(y, z, x)) + d_2(gz, F(z, x, y))] \\ &\leq k_1[d_1(gx_n, gx) + d_1(gy_n, gy) + d_1(gz_n, gz)] \\ &\quad + k_2[d_1(gx_n, gx_{n+1}) + d_1(gy_n, gy_{n+1}) + d_1(gz_n, gz_{n+1})] \\ &\quad + k_3[d_1(gx, F(x, y, z)) + d_1(gy, F(y, z, x)) + d_1(gz, F(z, x, y))] \\ &= k_1[d_1(gx_n, gx) + d_1(gy_n, gy) + d_1(gz_n, gz)] + k_2\delta_n \\ &\quad + k_3[d_1(gx, F(x, y, z)) + d_1(gy, F(y, z, x)) + d_1(gz, F(z, x, y))] \\ &\leq k_1[d_1(gx_n, gx) + d_1(gy_n, gy) + d_1(gz_n, gz)] + k_2k^n\delta_0 \\ &\quad + k_3[d_1(gx, F(x, y, z)) + d_1(gy, F(y, z, x)) + d_1(gz, F(z, x, y))]. \end{aligned} \tag{2.17}$$

Applying (RbM3), (2.17) and (2.5) we have

$$\begin{aligned} & d_1(gx, F(x, y, z)) + d_1(gy, F(y, z, x)) + d_1(gz, F(z, x, y)) \\ &\leq s[d_1(gx, gx_n) + d_1(gx_n, gx_{n+1}) + d_1(gx_{n+1}, F(x, y, z))] \\ &\quad + s[d_1(gy, gy_n) + d_1(gy_n, gy_{n+1}) + d_1(gy_{n+1}, F(y, z, x))] \\ &\quad + s[d_1(gz, gz_n) + d_1(gz_n, gz_{n+1}) + d_1(gz_{n+1}, F(z, x, y))] \\ &= s[d_1(gx, gx_n) + d_1(gy, gy_n) + d_1(gz, gz_n)] + s\delta_n \\ &\quad + s[d_1(gx_{n+1}, F(x, y, z)) + d_1(gy_{n+1}, F(y, z, x)) + d_1(gz_{n+1}, F(z, x, y))] \\ &\leq s(1 + k_1)[d_1(gx_n, gx) + d_1(gy_n, gy) + d_1(gz_n, gz)] + s(1 + k_2)k^n\delta_0 \\ &\quad + sk_3[d_1(gx, F(x, y, z)) + d_1(gy, F(y, z, x)) + d_1(gz, F(z, x, y))]. \end{aligned} \tag{2.18}$$

By taking $n \rightarrow \infty$ in the above inequality (2.18), we have

$$\begin{aligned} & d_1(gx, F(x, y, z)) + d_1(gy, F(y, z, x)) + d_1(gz, F(z, x, y)) \\ &\leq sk_3[d_1(gx, F(x, y, z)) + d_1(gy, F(y, z, x)) + d_1(gz, F(z, x, y))]. \end{aligned} \tag{2.19}$$

By the condition $0 \leq sk_3 < 1$ and (2.19), we can easily obtain that

$$d_1(gx, F(x, y, z)) + d_1(gy, F(y, z, x)) + d_1(gz, F(z, x, y)) = 0,$$

which implies that

$$gx = F(x, y, z), \quad gy = F(y, z, x), \quad gz = F(z, x, y).$$

Therefore, we conclude that (x, y, z) is the tripled coincidence point of g and F .

Next, we show the uniqueness of the triple point of coincidence of g and F . Assume that (x^*, y^*, z^*) is another tripled coincidence point of mappings g and F . By (2.1), we derive

$$\begin{aligned}
 & d_1(gx, gx^*) + d_1(gy, gy^*) + d_1(gz, gz^*) \\
 &= d_1(F(x, y, z), F(x^*, y^*, z^*)) + d_1(F(y, z, x), F(y^*, z^*, x^*)) + d_1(F(z, x, y), F(z^*, x^*, y^*)) \\
 &\leq k_1[d_2(gx, gx^*) + d_2(gy, gy^*) + d_2(gz, gz^*)] \\
 &\quad + k_2[d_2(gx, F(x, y, z)) + d_2(gy, F(y, z, x)) + d_2(gz, F(z, x, y))] \\
 &\quad + k_3[d_2(gx^*, F(x^*, y^*, z^*)) + d_2(gy^*, F(y^*, z^*, x^*)) + d_2(gz^*, F(z^*, x^*, y^*))] \tag{2.20} \\
 &= k_1[d_2(gx, gx^*) + d_2(gy, gy^*) + d_2(gz, gz^*)] \\
 &\leq k_1[d_1(gx, gx^*) + d_1(gy, gy^*) + d_1(gz, gz^*)].
 \end{aligned}$$

By virtue of $0 \leq k_1 \leq k_1 + k_2 + k_3 < 1$ and (2.20), we deduce

$$d_1(gx, gx^*) + d_1(gy, gy^*) + d_1(gz, gz^*) = 0.$$

This implies that $gx = gx^*$, $gy = gy^*$ and $gz = gz^*$. So that the triple point of coincidence of g and F is unique.

Next, we show that $gx = gy = gz$. In fact, it follows from (2.1) that

$$\begin{aligned}
 & d_1(gx, gy) + d_1(gy, gz) + d_1(gz, gx) \\
 &= d_1(F(x, y, z), F(y, z, x)) + d_1(F(y, z, x), F(z, x, y)) + d_1(F(z, x, y), F(x, y, z)) \\
 &\leq k_1[d_2(gx, gy) + d_2(gy, gz) + d_2(gz, gx)] \\
 &\quad + k_2[d_2(gx, F(x, y, z)) + d_2(gy, F(y, z, x)) + d_2(gz, F(z, x, y))] \tag{2.21} \\
 &\quad + k_3[d_2(gy, F(y, z, x)) + d_2(gz, F(z, x, y)) + d_2(gx, F(x, y, z))] \\
 &= k_1[d_2(gx, gy) + d_2(gy, gz) + d_2(gz, gx)] \\
 &\leq k_1[d_1(gx, gy) + d_1(gy, gz) + d_1(gz, gx)].
 \end{aligned}$$

By making use of $0 \leq k_1 \leq k_1 + k_2 + k_3 < 1$ and (2.21), we deduce

$$d_1(gx, gy) + d_1(gy, gz) + d_1(gz, gx) = 0.$$

This means that $gx = gy = gz$.

Finally, if g and F are w -compatible, then we have $g(F(x, y, z)) = F(gx, gy, gz)$. Therefore, by taking $u = gx$, we have $u = gx = F(x, y, z) = gy = F(y, z, x) = gz = F(z, x, y)$, hence we have

$$gu = ggx = g(F(x, y, z)) = F(gx, gy, gz) = F(u, u, u).$$

Thus, (gu, gu, gu) is a coupled point of coincidence of g and F , and by its uniqueness, we get $gu = gx$. Thus, we obtain $u = gu = F(u, u, u)$. Therefore, (u, u, u) is the unique common tripled fixed point of g and F . This completes the proof of Theorem 2.1. □

In Theorem 2.1, if we take $d_1(x, y) = d_2(x, y) = d(x, y)$ for all $x, y \in X$, then we get the following corollary.

Corollary 2.2. *Let (X, d) be a rectangular b -metrics space with coefficient $s \geq 1$, and $F : X \times X \times X \rightarrow X$ and $g : X \rightarrow X$ be two mappings. Suppose that there exist k_1, k_2 and k_3 in $[0, 1)$ with $0 \leq k_1 + k_2 + k_3 < 1$ and $0 \leq sk_3 < 1$ such that the condition*

$$\begin{aligned}
 & d(F(x, y, z), F(u, v, w)) + d(F(y, z, x), F(v, w, u)) + d(F(z, x, y), F(w, u, v)) \\
 &\leq k_1[d(gx, gu) + d(gy, gv) + d(gz, gw)]
 \end{aligned}$$

$$+ k_2[d(gx, F(x, y, z)) + d(gy, F(y, z, x)) + d(gz, F(z, x, y))] \\ + k_3[d(gu, F(u, v, w)) + d(gv, F(v, w, u)) + d(gw, F(w, u, v))],$$

holds for all $(x, y, z), (u, v, w) \in X \times X \times X$.

If $F(X \times X \times X) \subseteq g(X)$ and $g(X)$ is complete, then g and F have a tripled coincidence point $(x, y, z) \in X \times X \times X$, satisfying that $gx = F(x, y, z) = gy = F(y, z, x) = gz = F(z, x, y)$.

Moreover, if g and F are w -compatible, then g and F have a unique common tripled fixed point of the form (u, u, u) , which satisfies that $u = gu = F(u, u, u)$.

Corollary 2.3. Let d_1 and d_2 be two rectangular b -metrics on X such that $d_2(x, y) \leq d_1(x, y)$ for all $x, y \in X$, (X, d_1) with coefficient $s \geq 1$, and $F : X \times X \times X \rightarrow X$ and $g : X \rightarrow X$ be two mappings. Suppose that there exist $\alpha_i \in [0, 1)$ ($i = 1, 2, 3, \dots, 9$) with $0 \leq \alpha_1 + \alpha_2 + \alpha_3 + \dots + \alpha_9 < 1$ and $0 \leq s(\alpha_7 + \alpha_8 + \alpha_9) < 1$ such that the condition

$$d_1(F(x, y, z), F(u, v, w)) \leq \alpha_1 d_2(gx, gu) + \alpha_2 d_2(gy, gv) + \alpha_3 d_2(gz, gw) \\ + \alpha_4 d_2(gx, F(x, y, z)) + \alpha_5 d_2(gy, F(y, z, x)) + \alpha_6 d_2(gz, F(z, x, y)) \quad (2.22) \\ + \alpha_7 d_2(gu, F(u, v, w)) + \alpha_8 d_2(gv, F(v, w, u)) + \alpha_9 d_2(gw, F(w, u, v)),$$

holds for all $(x, y, z), (u, v, w) \in X \times X \times X$.

If $F(X \times X \times X) \subseteq g(X)$ and $g(X)$ is d_1 -complete, then g and F have a tripled coincidence point $(x, y, z) \in X \times X \times X$, which satisfies that $gx = F(x, y, z) = gy = F(y, z, x) = gz = F(z, x, y)$.

Moreover, if g and F are w -compatible, then g and F have a unique common tripled fixed point of the form (u, u, u) , which satisfies that $u = gu = F(u, u, u)$.

Proof. Given $(x, y), (u, v), (z, w) \in X \times X$. It follows from (2.22) that

$$d_1(F(x, y, z), F(u, v, w)) \leq \alpha_1 d_2(gx, gu) + \alpha_2 d_2(gy, gv) + \alpha_3 d_2(gz, gw) \\ + \alpha_4 d_2(gx, F(x, y, z)) + \alpha_5 d_2(gy, F(y, z, x)) + \alpha_6 d_2(gz, F(z, x, y)) \quad (2.23) \\ + \alpha_7 d_2(gu, F(u, v, w)) + \alpha_8 d_2(gv, F(v, w, u)) + \alpha_9 d_2(gw, F(w, u, v)),$$

$$d_1(F(y, z, x), F(v, w, u)) \leq \alpha_1 d_2(gy, gv) + \alpha_2 d_2(gz, gw) + \alpha_3 d_2(gx, gu) \\ + \alpha_4 d_2(gy, F(y, z, x)) + \alpha_5 d_2(gz, F(z, x, y)) + \alpha_6 d_2(gx, F(x, y, z)) \quad (2.24) \\ + \alpha_7 d_2(gv, F(v, w, u)) + \alpha_8 d_2(gw, F(w, u, v)) + \alpha_9 d_2(gu, F(u, v, w)),$$

and

$$d_1(F(z, x, y), F(w, u, v)) \leq \alpha_1 d_2(gz, gw) + \alpha_2 d_2(gx, gu) + \alpha_3 d_2(gy, gv) \\ + \alpha_4 d_2(gz, F(z, x, y)) + \alpha_5 d_2(gx, F(x, y, z)) + \alpha_6 d_2(gy, F(y, z, x)) \quad (2.25) \\ + \alpha_7 d_2(gw, F(w, u, v)) + \alpha_8 d_2(gu, F(u, v, w)) + \alpha_9 d_2(gv, F(v, w, u)).$$

Combining (2.23), (2.24) and (2.25), we have

$$d_1(F(x, y, z), F(u, v, w)) + d_1(F(y, z, x), F(v, w, u)) + d_1(F(z, x, y), F(w, u, v)) \\ \leq (\alpha_1 + \alpha_2 + \alpha_3)[d_2(gx, gu) + d_2(gy, gv) + d_2(gz, gw)] \\ + (\alpha_4 + \alpha_5 + \alpha_6)[d_2(gx, F(x, y, z)) + d_2(gy, F(y, z, x)) + d_2(gz, F(z, x, y))] \\ + (\alpha_7 + \alpha_8 + \alpha_9)[d_2(gu, F(u, v, w)) + d_2(gv, F(v, w, u)) + d_2(gw, F(w, u, v))].$$

Therefore, the result follows from Theorem 2.1. \square

Remark 2.4. If we take $d_1(x, y) = d_2(x, y) = d(x, y)$ for all $x, y \in X$, where d is a rectangular b -metrics on X , then Corollary 2.3 is reduced to a new result.

The following corollary can be obtained from Theorem 2.1 immediately.

Corollary 2.5. Let d_1 and d_2 be two rectangular b-metrics on X such that $d_2(x, y) \leq d_1(x, y)$ for all $x, y \in X$, and $F : X \times X \times X \rightarrow X$ and $g : X \rightarrow X$ be two mappings. Suppose that there exists $k \in [0, 1)$ such that the condition

$$d_1(F(x, y, z), F(u, v, w)) + d_1(F(y, z, x), F(v, w, u)) + d_1(F(z, x, y), F(w, u, v)) \\ \leq k[d_2(gx, gu) + d_2(gy, gv) + d_2(gz, gw)],$$

holds for all $(x, y, z), (u, v, w) \in X \times X \times X$.

If $F(X \times X \times X) \subseteq g(X)$ and $g(X)$ is d_1 -complete, then g and F have a tripled coincidence point $(x, y, z) \in X \times X \times X$, which satisfies that $gx = F(x, y, z) = gy = F(y, z, x) = gz = F(z, x, y)$.

Moreover, if g and F are w -compatible, then g and F have a unique common tripled fixed point of the form (u, u, u) , which satisfies that $u = gu = F(u, u, u)$.

Corollary 2.6. Let d_1 and d_2 be two rectangular b-metrics on X such that $d_2(x, y) \leq d_1(x, y)$ for all $x, y \in X$, and $F : X \times X \times X \rightarrow X$ and $g : X \rightarrow X$ be two mappings. Suppose that there exists $k \in [0, 1)$ such that the condition

$$d_1(F(x, y, z), F(u, v, w)) + d_1(F(y, z, x), F(v, w, u)) + d_1(F(z, x, y), F(w, u, v)) \\ \leq k[d_2(gx, F(x, y, z)) + d_2(gy, F(y, z, x)) + d_2(gz, F(z, x, y))],$$

holds for all $(x, y, z), (u, v, w) \in X \times X \times X$.

If $F(X \times X \times X) \subseteq g(X)$ and $g(X)$ is d_1 -complete., then g and F have a tripled coincidence point $(x, y, z) \in X \times X \times X$, which satisfies that $gx = F(x, y, z) = gy = F(y, z, x) = gz = F(z, x, y)$.

Moreover, if g and F are w -compatible, then g and F have a unique common tripled fixed point of the form (u, u, u) , which satisfies that $u = gu = F(u, u, u)$.

Corollary 2.7. Let d_1 and d_2 be two rectangular b-metrics on X such that $d_2(x, y) \leq d_1(x, y)$ for all $x, y \in X$, (X, d_1) with coefficient $s \geq 1$, and $F : X \times X \times X \rightarrow X$ and $g : X \rightarrow X$ be two mappings. Suppose that there exists $k \in [0, 1)$ with $0 \leq sk < 1$ such that the condition

$$d_1(F(x, y, z), F(u, v, w)) + d_1(F(y, z, x), F(v, w, u)) + d_1(F(z, x, y), F(w, u, v)) \\ \leq k[d_2(gu, F(u, v, w)) + d_2(gv, F(v, w, u)) + d_2(gw, F(w, u, v))],$$

holds for all $(x, y, z), (u, v, w) \in X \times X \times X$.

If $F(X \times X \times X) \subseteq g(X)$ and $g(X)$ is d_1 -complete, then g and F have a tripled coincidence point $(x, y, z) \in X \times X \times X$, which satisfies that $gx = F(x, y, z) = gy = F(y, z, x) = gz = F(z, x, y)$.

Moreover, if g and F are w -compatible, then g and F have a unique common tripled fixed point of the form (u, u, u) , which satisfies that $u = gu = F(u, u, u)$.

Let $g = I_X$ (the identity mapping) in Theorem 2.1 and Corollaries 2.2, 2.3, 2.5–2.7. Then we have the following results.

Corollary 2.8. Let d_1 and d_2 be two rectangular b-metrics on X such that $d_2(x, y) \leq d_1(x, y)$ for all $x, y \in X$, (X, d_1) with coefficient $s \geq 1$ and $F : X \times X \times X \rightarrow X$ be a mapping. Suppose that there exist k_1, k_2 and k_3 in $[0, 1)$ with $0 \leq k_1 + k_2 + k_3 < 1$ and $0 \leq sk_3 < 1$ such that the condition

$$d_1(F(x, y, z), F(u, v, w)) + d_1(F(y, z, x), F(v, w, u)) + d_1(F(z, x, y), F(w, u, v)) \\ \leq k_1[d_2(x, u) + d_2(y, v) + d_2(z, w)] + k_2[d_2(x, F(x, y, z)) + d_2(y, F(y, z, x)) \\ + d_2(z, F(z, x, y))] + k_3[d_2(u, F(u, v, w)) + d_2(v, F(v, w, u)) + d_2(w, F(w, u, v))],$$

holds for all $(x, y, z), (u, v, w) \in X \times X \times X$.

If X is d_1 -complete, then F has a unique tripled fixed point of the form (u, u, u) , which satisfies that $u = F(u, u, u)$.

Corollary 2.9. Let (X, d) be a complete rectangular b -metrics space with coefficient $s \geq 1$, and $F : X \times X \times X \rightarrow X$ be a mapping. Suppose that there exist k_1, k_2 and k_3 in $[0, 1)$ with $0 \leq k_1 + k_2 + k_3 < 1$ and $0 \leq sk_3 < 1$ such that the condition

$$\begin{aligned} & d(F(x, y, z), F(u, v, w)) + d(F(y, z, x), F(v, w, u)) + d(F(z, x, y), F(w, u, v)) \\ & \leq k_1[d(x, u) + d(y, v) + d(z, w)] + k_2[d(x, F(x, y, z)) + d(y, F(y, z, x)) + d(z, F(z, x, y))] \\ & \quad + k_3[d(u, F(u, v, w)) + d(v, F(v, w, u)) + d(w, F(w, u, v))], \end{aligned}$$

holds for all $(x, y, z), (u, v, w) \in X \times X \times X$.

Then F has a unique tripled fixed point of the form (u, u, u) , which satisfies that $u = gu = F(u, u, u)$.

Corollary 2.10. Let d_1 and d_2 be two rectangular b -metrics on X such that $d_2(x, y) \leq d_1(x, y)$ for all $x, y \in X$, (X, d_1) with coefficient $s \geq 1$ and $F : X \times X \times X \rightarrow X$ be a mapping. Suppose that there exist $\alpha_i \in [0, 1)$ ($i = 1, 2, 3, \dots, 9$) with $0 \leq \alpha_1 + \alpha_2 + \alpha_3 + \dots + \alpha_9 < 1$ and $0 \leq s(\alpha_7 + \alpha_8 + \alpha_9) < 1$ such that the condition

$$\begin{aligned} d_1(F(x, y, z), F(u, v, w)) & \leq \alpha_1 d_2(x, u) + \alpha_2 d_2(y, v) + \alpha_3 d_2(z, w) \\ & \quad + \alpha_4 d_2(x, F(x, y, z)) + \alpha_5 d_2(y, F(y, z, x)) + \alpha_6 d_2(z, F(z, x, y)) \\ & \quad + \alpha_7 d_2(u, F(u, v, w)) + \alpha_8 d_2(v, F(v, w, u)) + \alpha_9 d_2(w, F(w, u, v)), \end{aligned}$$

holds for all $(x, y, z), (u, v, w) \in X \times X \times X$.

If (X, d_1) is complete, then F has a unique tripled fixed point of the form (u, u, u) , which satisfies that $u = gu = F(u, u, u)$.

Corollary 2.11. Let d_1 and d_2 be two rectangular b -metrics on X such that $d_2(x, y) \leq d_1(x, y)$ for all $x, y \in X$, and $F : X \times X \times X \rightarrow X$ be a mapping. Suppose that there exists $k \in [0, 1)$ such that the condition

$$\begin{aligned} & d_1(F(x, y, z), F(u, v, w)) + d_1(F(y, z, x), F(v, w, u)) + d_1(F(z, x, y), F(w, u, v)) \\ & \leq k[d_2(x, u) + d_2(y, v) + d_2(z, w)], \end{aligned}$$

holds for all $(x, y, z), (u, v, w) \in X \times X \times X$.

If (X, d_1) is complete, then F has a unique tripled fixed point of the form (u, u, u) , which satisfies that $u = gu = F(u, u, u)$.

Corollary 2.12. Let d_1 and d_2 be two rectangular b -metrics on X such that $d_2(x, y) \leq d_1(x, y)$ for all $x, y \in X$, and $F : X \times X \times X \rightarrow X$ be a mapping. Suppose that there exists $k \in [0, 1)$ such that the condition

$$\begin{aligned} & d_1(F(x, y, z), F(u, v, w)) + d_1(F(y, z, x), F(v, w, u)) + d_1(F(z, x, y), F(w, u, v)) \\ & \leq k[d_2(x, F(x, y, z)) + d_2(y, F(y, z, x)) + d_2(z, F(z, x, y))], \end{aligned}$$

holds for all $(x, y, z), (u, v, w) \in X \times X \times X$.

If (X, d_1) is complete, then F has a unique tripled fixed point of the form (u, u, u) , which satisfies that $u = gu = F(u, u, u)$.

Corollary 2.13. Let d_1 and d_2 be two rectangular b -metrics on X such that $d_2(x, y) \leq d_1(x, y)$ for all $x, y \in X$, (X, d_1) with coefficient $s \geq 1$ and $F : X \times X \times X \rightarrow X$ and $g : X \rightarrow X$ be two mappings. Suppose that there exists $k \in [0, 1)$ with $0 \leq sk < 1$ such that the condition

$$\begin{aligned} & d_1(F(x, y, z), F(u, v, w)) + d_1(F(y, z, x), F(v, w, u)) + d_1(F(z, x, y), F(w, u, v)) \\ & \leq k[d_2(u, F(u, v, w)) + d_2(v, F(v, w, u)) + d_2(w, F(w, u, v))], \end{aligned}$$

holds for all $(x, y, z), (u, v, w) \in X \times X \times X$.

If (X, d_1) is complete, then F has a unique tripled fixed point of the form (u, u, u) , which satisfies that $u = gu = F(u, u, u)$.

Remark 2.14. If we take coefficient $s = 1$ (for the space X) in Theorem 2.1 and Corollaries 2.2, 2.3, 2.5–2.13, then several new results can be obtain in two rectangular metric space.

3. Application to integral equations

Example 3.1. Let $X = \mathbb{R}$ and define $d : X \times X \rightarrow \mathbb{R}^+$ as $d(x, y) = |x - y|^k$, $x, y \in X$, where $k \geq 1$. Then (X, d) be a rectangular b-metric space with coefficient $s = 3^{k-1}$.

In fact, obviously conditions (RbM1) and (RbM2) in Definition 1.3 are satisfied. Now we show that condition (RbM3) holds for k . By using the following inequality

$$(a + b + c)^k \leq 3^{k-1}(a^k + b^k + c^k), \quad \forall a, b, c \in \mathbb{R}^+ \text{ and } k \geq 1,$$

we can get

$$\begin{aligned} d(x, y) &= |x - y|^k = |(x - z) + (z - w) + (w - y)|^k \\ &\leq (|x - z| + |z - w| + |w - y|)^k \\ &\leq 3^{k-1} (|x - z|^k + |z - w|^k + |w - y|^k) \\ &= 3^{k-1} (d(x, z) + d(z, w) + d(w, y)), \end{aligned}$$

for all $x, y, z, w \in X$. This means that (RbM3) holds, hence (X, d) is a rectangular b-metric space.

Example 3.2. Let $X = \mathbb{R}$ and d_1, d_2 are two rectangular b-metrics in X such that

$$d_1(x, y) = (x - y)^2, \quad d_2(x, y) = \frac{(x - y)^2}{4}, \quad \forall x, y \in X.$$

Define $F : X \times X \times X \rightarrow X$ and $g : X \rightarrow X$ respectively by

$$F(x, y, z) = \frac{x - y + z}{3}, \quad gx = 4x, \quad \forall x, y, z \in X.$$

It is easy to see that $g(X)$ is d_1 -complete, and F and g are ω -compatible.

On the other hand, we have

$$\begin{aligned} d_1(F(x, y, z), F(u, v, w)) &= (F(x, y, z) - F(u, v, w))^2 \\ &= \left(\frac{x - y + z}{3} - \frac{u - v + w}{3} \right)^2 = \left(\frac{x - u}{3} + \frac{v - y}{3} + \frac{z - w}{3} \right)^2 \\ &\leq 3 \left(\frac{(x - u)^2}{9} + \frac{(y - v)^2}{9} + \frac{(z - w)^2}{9} \right) \\ &= \frac{(x - u)^2}{3} + \frac{(y - v)^2}{3} + \frac{(z - w)^2}{3} \\ &= \frac{(4x - 4u)^2}{48} + \frac{(4y - 4v)^2}{48} + \frac{(4z - 4w)^2}{48} \\ &= \frac{(gx - gu)^2}{48} + \frac{(gy - gv)^2}{48} + \frac{(gz - gw)^2}{48} \\ &= \frac{1}{12} [d_2(gx, gu) + d_2(gy, gv) + d_2(gz, gw)]. \end{aligned}$$

By similar arguments as above, we can show that

$$d_1(F(y, z, x), F(v, w, u)) \leq \frac{1}{12} [d_2(gy, gv) + d_2(gz, gw) + d_2(gx, gu)],$$

and

$$d_1(F(z, x, y), F(w, u, v)) \leq \frac{1}{12} [d_2(gz, gw) + d_2(gx, gu) + d_2(gy, gv)].$$

Combining the above three inequalities, we obtain

$$d_1(F(x, y, z), F(u, v, w)) + d_1(F(y, z, x), F(v, w, u)) + d_1(F(z, x, y), F(w, u, v)) \leq \frac{1}{4}[d_2(gx, gu) + d_2(gy, gv) + d_2(gz, gw)].$$

Then by Corollary 2.5, F and g have a unique common tripled fixed point, in fact $(0, 0, 0)$ is the unique common tripled fixed point of mappings of F and g .

Next, we assume that $X = C[a, b]$ is the set of all continuous functions. Define two rectangular b-metrics respectively by

$$d_1(x, y) = \max_{t \in [a, b]} |x(t) - y(t)|^k, \quad d_2(x, y) = \frac{\max_{t \in [a, b]} |x(t) - y(t)|^k}{3}, \quad \forall x, y \in X, \quad (k \geq 1).$$

Then the coefficient of two rectangular b-metrics is $s = 3^{k-1}$. Consider the nonlinear integral equation set as follows

$$\begin{cases} x(r) = K(r) + \int_a^b G(r, t)[f(r, x(t)) + g(r, y(t)) + h(r, z(t))]dt, \\ y(r) = K(r) + \int_a^b G(r, t)[f(r, y(t)) + g(r, z(t)) + h(r, x(t))]dt, \\ z(r) = K(r) + \int_a^b G(r, t)[f(r, z(t)) + g(r, x(t)) + h(r, y(t))]dt. \end{cases} \tag{3.1}$$

Now, we will analyze (3.1) under the following conditions:

- (i) $f, g, h : [a, b] \times X \rightarrow \mathbb{R}$ are three continuous functions.
- (ii) $K : [a, b] \rightarrow \mathbb{R}$ are continuous functions.
- (iii) $G : [a, b] \times [a, b] \rightarrow \mathbb{R}^+$ is a continuous function.
- (iv) There exist $L_i > 0$ ($i = 1, 2, 3$) such that for all $x, y \in X$,

$$\begin{cases} |f(r, x(t)) - f(r, y(t))| \leq L_1|x - y|, \\ |g(r, x(t)) - g(r, y(t))| \leq L_2|x - y|, \\ |h(r, x(t)) - h(r, y(t))| \leq L_3|x - y|. \end{cases}$$

- (v)

$$\max_{r \in [a, b]} \left(\int_a^b G(r, t) dt \right)^k < \frac{1}{3^{2k+1}L^k},$$

where $L = \max\{L_1, L_2, L_3\}$.

Theorem 3.3. Under the conditions (i)-(v), the integral equation (3.1) has a unique common solution on $[a, b]$.

Proof. Define $F : X^3 \rightarrow X$ and $g : X \rightarrow X$ respectively by

$$F(x, y, z)(r) = K(r) + \int_a^b G(r, t)[f(r, x(t)) + g(r, y(t)) + h(r, z(t))]dt, \quad \forall x, y, z \in X, \quad r \in [a, b]$$

$$gx = x, \quad \forall x \in X.$$

By Example 3.1, (iv) and (v), we have

$$\begin{aligned}
 & |F(x, y, z)(r) - F(u, v, w)(r)|^k \\
 &= \left| \int_a^b G(r, t)[f(r, x(t)) - f(r, u(t))]dt + \int_a^b G(r, t)[g(r, y(t)) - g(r, v(t))]dt \right. \\
 &\quad \left. + \int_a^b G(r, t)[h(r, z(t)) - h(r, w(t))]dt \right|^k \\
 &\leq 3^{k-1} \left[\left| \int_a^b G(r, t)[f(r, x(t)) - f(r, u(t))]dt \right|^k + \left| \int_a^b G(r, t)[g(r, y(t)) - g(r, v(t))]dt \right|^k \right. \\
 &\quad \left. + \left| \int_a^b G(r, t)[h(r, z(t)) - h(r, w(t))]dt \right|^k \right] \\
 &\leq 3^{k-1} \left[L_1^k \left(\max_{t \in [a, b]} |x(t) - u(t)| \right)^k + L_2^k \left(\max_{t \in [a, b]} |y(t) - v(t)| \right)^k \right. \\
 &\quad \left. + L_3^k \left(\max_{t \in [a, b]} |z(t) - w(t)| \right)^k \right] \left(\int_a^b G(r, t)dt \right)^k \\
 &\leq 3^{k-1} L^k \left[\max_{t \in [a, b]} |x(t) - u(t)|^k + \max_{t \in [a, b]} |y(t) - v(t)|^k + \max_{t \in [a, b]} |z(t) - w(t)|^k \right] \left(\int_a^b G(r, t)dt \right)^k \\
 &= 3^{k-1} L^k [d_1(x, u) + d_1(y, v) + d_1(z, w)] \left(\int_a^b G(r, t)dt \right)^k \\
 &\leq 3^{k-1} L^k [d_1(x, u) + d_1(y, v) + d_1(z, w)] \cdot \frac{1}{3^{2k+1} L^k} \\
 &\leq \frac{1}{3^{k+2}} [d_1(x, u) + d_1(y, v) + d_1(z, w)].
 \end{aligned}$$

It follows from the above inequality that

$$\begin{aligned}
 d_1(F(x, y, z), F(u, v, w)) &= \max_{r \in [a, b]} |F(x, y, z)(r) - F(u, v, w)(r)|^k \\
 &\leq \frac{1}{3^{k+2}} [d_1(x, u) + d_1(y, v) + d_1(z, w)].
 \end{aligned} \tag{3.2}$$

By similar arguments as above,

$$d_1(F(y, z, x), F(v, w, u)) \leq \frac{1}{3^{k+2}} [d_1(y, v) + d_1(z, w) + d_1(x, u)], \tag{3.3}$$

$$d_1(F(z, x, y), F(w, u, v)) \leq \frac{1}{3^{k+2}} [d_1(z, w) + d_1(x, u) + d_1(y, v)]. \tag{3.4}$$

It follows from (3.2), (3.3) and (3.4) that

$$\begin{aligned}
 & d_1(F(x, y, z), F(u, v, w)) + d_1(F(y, z, x), F(v, w, u)) + d_1(F(z, x, y), F(w, u, v)) \\
 &\leq \frac{1}{3^{k+1}} [d_1(x, u) + d_1(y, v) + d_1(z, w)] = \frac{1}{3^k} [d_2(x, u) + d_2(y, v) + d_2(z, w)].
 \end{aligned}$$

By Corollary 2.5 we assert that there exists $\tau \in X$ such that $F(\tau, \tau, \tau) = g\tau = \tau$ which implies that τ is the unique solution of equation set (3.1). □

Example 3.4. We assume that $X = C[0, 1]$ is the set of all continuous functions defined on $[0, 1]$. Define (X, d_1) and (X, d_2) respectively by

$$d_1(x, y) = \max_{r \in [0,1]} |x(r) - y(r)|^2, \quad d_2(x, y) = \max_{r \in [0,1]} \frac{|x(r) - y(r)|^2}{3}, \quad \forall x, y \in X.$$

Then the coefficient of two rectangular b-metrics is $k = 2$. Consider the following nonlinear integral equation set:

$$\begin{cases} x(r) = 2^r + \int_0^1 \frac{\sin(r \cdot \pi)}{3\sqrt{3+t}} \left[\frac{e^{-rx(t)}}{3} + \frac{\sin(y(t) \cdot \pi)}{6\pi+r} + \frac{\cos(r)}{4} \cdot \frac{|z(t)|}{1+|z(t)|} \right] dt, \\ y(r) = 2^r + \int_0^1 \frac{\sin(r \cdot \pi)}{3\sqrt{3+t}} \left[\frac{e^{-ry(t)}}{3} + \frac{\sin(z(t) \cdot \pi)}{6\pi+r} + \frac{\cos(r)}{4} \cdot \frac{|x(t)|}{1+|x(t)|} \right] dt, \\ z(r) = 2^r + \int_0^1 \frac{\sin(r \cdot \pi)}{3\sqrt{3+t}} \left[\frac{e^{-rz(t)}}{3} + \frac{\sin(x(t) \cdot \pi)}{6\pi+r} + \frac{\cos(r)}{4} \cdot \frac{|y(t)|}{1+|y(t)|} \right] dt. \end{cases} \quad (3.5)$$

Define the function $K : [0, 1] \rightarrow \mathbb{R}$, $G : [0, 1] \times [0, 1] \rightarrow \mathbb{R}^+$, $f, g, h : [0, 1] \times X \rightarrow \mathbb{R}$ respectively by: $K(r) = 2^r$, $G(r, t) = \frac{\sin(r \cdot \pi)}{3\sqrt{3+t}}$, $f(r, x(t)) = \frac{e^{-rx(t)}}{3}$, $g(r, x(t)) = \frac{\sin(x(t) \cdot \pi)}{6\pi+r}$, $h(r, x(t)) = \frac{\cos(r)}{4} \cdot \frac{|x(t)|}{1+|x(t)|}$.

We can easily obtain that $K(t)$, $G(r, t)$, $f(r, x)$, $g(r, x)$, $h(r, x)$ are continuous functions. Also, for all $r \in [0, 1]$ and $x, y \in X$, we have

$$\begin{aligned} |f(r, x) - f(r, y)| &= \left| \frac{e^{-rx}}{3} - \frac{e^{-ry}}{3} \right| = \left| \frac{-re^{-r\xi}}{3} (x - y) \right| \leq \frac{1}{3} |x - y|, \\ |g(r, x) - g(r, y)| &= \left| \frac{\sin(x \cdot \pi)}{6\pi + r} - \frac{\sin(y \cdot \pi)}{6\pi + r} \right| \leq \frac{|\sin(x \cdot \pi) - \sin(y \cdot \pi)|}{6\pi} \\ &= \frac{1}{6\pi} |\pi \cdot \cos(\eta \cdot \pi) \cdot (x - y)| \leq \frac{1}{6} |x - y|, \\ |h(r, x) - h(r, y)| &= \left| \frac{\cos(r)}{4} \cdot \frac{|x|}{1+|x|} - \frac{\cos(r)}{4} \cdot \frac{|y|}{1+|y|} \right| \leq \frac{1}{4} \left| \frac{|x|}{1+|x|} - \frac{|y|}{1+|y|} \right| \\ &\leq \frac{1}{4} \left| \frac{1+|x|-1}{1+|x|} - \frac{1+|y|-1}{1+|y|} \right| \leq \frac{1}{4} \left| \frac{1}{1+|y|} - \frac{1}{1+|x|} \right| \\ &= \frac{1}{4} \left| \frac{1}{(1+\zeta)^2} (|x| - |y|) \right| \leq \frac{1}{4} ||x| - |y|| \leq \frac{1}{4} |x - y|. \end{aligned}$$

Here $r \in [0, 1]$, $L_1 = \frac{1}{3}$, $L_2 = \frac{1}{6}$, $L_3 = \frac{1}{4}$, $L = \max\{L_1, L_2, L_3\} = \frac{1}{3}$, ξ, η exist between x and y , ζ exist between $|x|$ and $|y|$.

$$\max_{r \in [0,1]} \left(\int_0^1 G(r, t) dt \right)^2 = \max_{r \in [0,1]} \left(\int_0^1 \frac{\sin(r \cdot \pi)}{3\sqrt{3+t}} dt \right)^2 \leq \left(\frac{1}{3\sqrt{3}} \right)^2 = \frac{1}{3^3} = \frac{1}{3^{2k+1}L^k}.$$

Consequently, all the conditions of Theorem 3.3 are satisfied. Hence the integral equation set (3.5) has the unique solution in $C[0, 1]$.

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