

# Some Fixed Point Theorems Via $\tilde{G}$ -Rational Contractive Mappings in Ordered Modified $G$ -Metric Spaces

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**Abstract.** In this paper, recalling the structure of modified  $G$ -metric spaces (as a generalization of both  $G$ -metric and  $G_b$ -metric spaces), we present the notions of  $\tilde{G}$ -rational contractive mappings and investigate the existence of fixed point for such mappings. We also provide examples and an application to illustrate the results presented herein.

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## 1. Introduction

principle via using different form of contractive conditions in generalized metric spaces. Some of such generalizations are obtained via contractive conditions expressed by rational terms (see, [31], [19], [4], [5], [16], [24] and [32]).

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Ran and Reurings initiated the study of fixed point results on partially ordered sets in [30]. Also, many researchers have focused on different contractive conditions in complete metric spaces endowed with a partial order. For more details we refer the reader to [25, 26].

Parvaneh and Ghoncheh in [28] introduced the concept of an extended b-metric space ( $p$ -metric space).

**Definition 1.1.** [28] Let  $X$  be a (nonempty) set. A function  $\tilde{d} : X \times X \rightarrow R^+$  is a  $p$ -metric iff there exists a strictly increasing continuous function  $\Omega : [0, \infty) \rightarrow [0, \infty)$  with  $\Omega^{-1}(x) \leq x \leq \Omega(x)$  and  $\Omega^{-1}(0) \leq 0 \leq \Omega(0)$  such that for all  $x, y, z \in X$ , the following conditions hold:

$$(\tilde{d}_1) \quad \tilde{d}(x, y) = 0 \text{ iff } x = y,$$

$$(\tilde{d}_2) \quad \tilde{d}(x, y) = \tilde{d}(y, x),$$

$$(\tilde{d}_3) \quad \tilde{d}(x, z) \leq \Omega(\tilde{d}(x, y) + \tilde{d}(y, z)).$$

In this case, the pair  $(X, \tilde{d})$  is called a  $p$ -metric space, or, an extended b-metric space.

A b-metric [6] is a  $p$ -metric, when  $\Omega(x) = sx$  while a metric is a  $p$ -metric, when  $\Omega(x) = x$ .

We have the following proposition.

**Proposition 1.2.** [28] Let  $(X, d)$  be a metric space and let  $\tilde{d}(x, y) = \xi(d(x, y))$  where  $\xi : [0, \infty) \rightarrow [0, \infty)$  is a strictly increasing function with  $x \leq \xi(x)$  and  $0 = \xi(0)$ . In this case,  $\tilde{d}$  is a  $p$ -metric with  $\Omega(t) = \xi(t)$ .

The above proposition constructs the following example:

**Example 1.3.** Let  $(X, d)$  be a metric space and let  $\tilde{d}(x, y) = e^{d(x, y)} \sec^{-1}(e^{d(x, y)})$ . Then  $\tilde{d}$  is a  $p$ -metric with  $\Omega(t) = e^t \sec^{-1}(e^t)$ .

The concept of a generalized metric space, or a  $G$ -metric space, was introduced by Mustafa and Sims. For more details in this field the reader can refer to [15, 12, 13]

**Definition 1.4.** [23] Let  $X$  be a nonempty set and  $G : X \times X \times X \rightarrow R^+$  be a function satisfying the following properties:

$$(G1) \quad G(x, y, z) = 0 \text{ iff } x = y = z;$$

$$(G2) \quad 0 < G(x, x, y), \text{ for all } x, y \in X \text{ with } x \neq y;$$

$$(G3) \quad G(x, x, y) \leq G(x, y, z), \text{ for all } x, y, z \in X \text{ with } y \neq z;$$

(G4)  $G(x, y, z) = G(x, z, y) = G(y, z, x) = \dots$ , (symmetry in all three variables);

(G5)  $G(x, y, z) \leq G(x, a, a) + G(a, y, z)$ , for all  $x, y, z, a \in X$  (rectangle inequality).

Then, the function  $G$  is called a  $G$ -metric on  $X$  and the pair  $(X, G)$  is called a  $G$ -metric space.

Aghajani *et al.* in [2] motivated by the concept of  $b$ -metric [6] introduced the concept of generalized  $b$ -metric spaces ( $G_b$ -metric spaces) and then they presented some basic properties of  $G_b$ -metric spaces.

The following is the definition of modified  $G$ -metric spaces which is a proper generalization of the notions of  $G$ -metric spaces and  $G_b$ -metric spaces.

**Definition 1.5.** [29] Let  $X$  be a nonempty set and  $\Omega : [0, \infty) \rightarrow [0, \infty)$  be a strictly increasing continuous function such that  $\Omega^{-1}(x) \leq x \leq \Omega(x)$  for all  $x > 0$  and  $\Omega^{-1}(0) = 0 = \Omega(0)$ . Suppose that a mapping  $\tilde{G} : X \times X \times X \rightarrow \mathbb{R}^+$  satisfies:

( $\tilde{G}1$ )  $\tilde{G}(x, y, z) = 0$  if  $x = y = z$ ,

( $\tilde{G}2$ )  $0 < \tilde{G}(x, x, y)$  for all  $x, y \in X$  with  $x \neq y$ ,

( $\tilde{G}3$ )  $\tilde{G}(x, x, y) \leq \tilde{G}(x, y, z)$  for all  $x, y, z \in X$  with  $y \neq z$ ,

( $\tilde{G}4$ )  $\tilde{G}(x, y, z) = \tilde{G}(p\{x, y, z\})$ , where  $p$  is a permutation of  $x, y, z$  (symmetry),

( $\tilde{G}5$ )  $G(x, y, z) \leq \Omega[\tilde{G}(x, a, a) + \tilde{G}(a, y, z)]$  for all  $x, y, z, a \in X$  (rectangle inequality).

Then  $\tilde{G}$  is called a modified  $G$ -metric and the pair  $(X, \tilde{G})$  is called a modified  $G$ -metric space or a  $\tilde{G}$ -metric space.

Each  $G$ -metric space is a  $\tilde{G}$ -metric space with  $\Omega(t) = t$  and every  $G_b$ -metric space is a  $\tilde{G}$ -metric space with  $\Omega(t) = st$ .

**Proposition 1.6.** [29] Let  $(X, G)$  be a  $G_b$ -metric space with coefficient  $s \geq 1$  and let  $\tilde{G}(x, y, z) = \xi(G(x, y, z))$  where  $\xi : [0, \infty) \rightarrow [0, \infty)$  is a strictly increasing function with  $x \leq \xi(x)$  for all  $x > 0$  and  $\xi(0) = 0$ . Then, show that  $\tilde{G}$  is a modified  $G$ -metric with  $\Omega(t) = \xi(st)$ .

For each  $x, y, z, a \in X$ ,

$$\begin{aligned}
& \tilde{G}(x, y, z) \\
&= \xi(G(x, y, z)) \leq \xi(sG(x, a, a) + sG(a, y, z)) \\
&\leq \xi(s\xi(G(x, a, a)) + s\xi(G(a, y, z))) \\
&= \xi(s\tilde{G}(x, a, a) + s\tilde{G}(a, y, z)) \\
&= \Omega(\tilde{G}(x, a, a) + \tilde{G}(a, y, z)).
\end{aligned}$$

So,  $\tilde{G}$  is a modified  $G$ -metric with  $\Omega(t) = \xi(st)$ .

The above proposition constructs the following examples:

**Example 1.7.** [27] Let  $(X, G)$  be a  $G_b$ -metric space with coefficient  $s \geq 1$ . Then,

1.  $\tilde{G}(x, y, z) = e^{G(x, y, z)} \sec^{-1}(e^{G(x, y, z)})$  is a  $\tilde{G}$ -metric with  $\Omega(t) = e^{st} \sec^{-1}(e^{st})$ .
2.  $\tilde{G}(x, y, z) = [G(x, y, z) + 1] \sec^{-1}([G(x, y, z) + 1])$  is a  $\tilde{G}$ -metric with  $\Omega(t) = [st + 1] \sec^{-1}([st + 1])$ .
3.  $\tilde{G}(x, y, z) = e^{G(x, y, z)} \tan^{-1}(e^{G(x, y, z)} - 1)$  is a  $\tilde{G}$ -metric with  $\Omega(t) = e^{st} \tan^{-1}(e^{st} - 1)$ .
4.  $\tilde{G}(x, y, z) = G(x, y, z) \cosh(G(x, y, z))$  is a  $\tilde{G}$ -metric with  $\Omega(t) = st \cosh(st)$ .
5.  $\tilde{G}(x, y, z) = e^{G(x, y, z)} \ln(1 + G(x, y, z))$  is a  $\tilde{G}$ -metric with  $\Omega(t) = e^{st} \ln(1 + st)$ .
6.  $\tilde{G}(x, y, z) = G(x, y, z) + \ln(1 + G(x, y, z))$  is a  $\tilde{G}$ -metric with  $\Omega(t) = st + \ln(1 + st)$ .

**Definition 1.8.** A  $\tilde{G}$ -metric  $\tilde{G}$  is said to be symmetric if  $\tilde{G}(x, y, y) = \tilde{G}(y, x, x)$ , for all  $x, y \in X$ .

**Proposition 1.9.** [29] Let  $X$  be a  $\tilde{G}$ -metric space. Then for each  $x, y, z, a \in X$  it follows that:

- (1) if  $\tilde{G}(x, y, z) = 0$  then  $x = y = z$ ,
- (2)  $\tilde{G}(x, y, z) \leq \Omega(\tilde{G}(x, x, y) + \tilde{G}(x, x, z))$ ,
- (3)  $\tilde{G}(x, y, y) \leq \Omega[2\tilde{G}(y, x, x)]$ ,
- (4)  $\tilde{G}(x, y, z) \leq \Omega(\tilde{G}(x, a, z) + \tilde{G}(a, y, z))$ .

Recall that a function  $f$  is super-additive if

$$f(x + y) \geq f(x) + f(y)$$

for all  $x, y \in D(f)$ .

**Definition 1.10.** Let  $X$  be a  $\tilde{G}$ -metric space with a super-additive function  $\Omega$ . We define  $\tilde{d}_{\tilde{G}}(x, y) = \tilde{G}(x, y, y) + \tilde{G}(x, x, y)$ , for all  $x, y \in X$ . It is easy to see that  $\tilde{d}_{\tilde{G}}$  defines a  $p$ -metric  $\tilde{d}$  on  $X$ , which we call it the  $\tilde{d}$ -metric associated with  $\tilde{G}$ .

**Definition 1.11.** Let  $X$  be a  $\tilde{G}$ -metric space. A sequence  $\{x_n\}$  in  $X$  is said to be:

- (1)  $\tilde{G}$ -Cauchy if, for each  $\varepsilon > 0$  there exists a positive integer  $n_0$  such that for all  $m, n, l \geq n_0$ ,  $\tilde{G}(x_n, x_m, x_l) < \varepsilon$ ;
- (2)  $\tilde{G}$ -convergent to a point  $x \in X$  if, for each  $\varepsilon > 0$  there exists a positive integer  $n_0$  such that for all  $m, n \geq n_0$ ,  $\tilde{G}(x_n, x_m, x) < \varepsilon$ .
- (3) A  $\tilde{G}$ -metric space  $X$  is called  $\tilde{G}$ -complete, if every  $\tilde{G}$ -Cauchy sequence is  $\tilde{G}$ -convergent in  $X$ .

**Proposition 1.12.** Let  $X$  be a  $\tilde{G}$ -metric space. Then the following are equivalent:

- (1) the sequence  $\{x_n\}$  is  $\tilde{G}$ -Cauchy.
- (2) for any  $\varepsilon > 0$  there exists  $n_0 \in \mathbb{N}$  such that  $\tilde{G}(x_n, x_m, x_m) < \varepsilon$  for all  $m, n \geq n_0$ .

**Proposition 1.13.** Let  $X$  be a  $\tilde{G}$ -metric space. The following are equivalent:

- (1)  $\{x_n\}$  is  $\tilde{G}$ -convergent to  $x$ .
- (2)  $\tilde{G}(x_n, x_n, x) \rightarrow 0$ , as  $n \rightarrow \infty$ .
- (3)  $\tilde{G}(x_n, x, x) \rightarrow 0$ , as  $n \rightarrow \infty$ .

In general, a  $G_b$ -metric function  $G(x, y, z)$  for  $s > 1$  and so a modified  $G$ -metric function  $\tilde{G}(x, y, z)$  with nontrivial function  $\Omega$  is not jointly continuous in all its variables (see [20]).

We will apply the following simple lemma about the  $\tilde{G}$ -convergent sequences.

**Lemma 1.14.** [29] Let  $(X, \tilde{G})$  be a  $\tilde{G}$ -metric space.

1. Suppose that  $\{x_n\}$ ,  $\{y_n\}$  and  $\{z_n\}$  are  $\tilde{G}$ -convergent to  $x$ ,  $y$  and  $z$ , respectively. Then we have

$$(\Omega^{-1})^3[\tilde{G}(x, y, z)] \leq \liminf_{n \rightarrow \infty} \tilde{G}(x_n, y_n, z_n) \leq \limsup_{n \rightarrow \infty} \tilde{G}(x_n, y_n, z_n) \leq \Omega^3[\tilde{G}(x, y, z)].$$

2. Suppose that  $\{x_n\}$  and  $\{y_n\}$  are  $\tilde{G}$ -convergent to  $x$  and  $y$ , respectively. Then we have

$$(\Omega^{-1})^2[\tilde{G}(x, y, \alpha)] \leq \liminf_{n \rightarrow \infty} \tilde{G}(x_n, y_n, \alpha) \leq \limsup_{n \rightarrow \infty} \tilde{G}(x_n, y_n, \alpha) \leq \Omega^2[\tilde{G}(x, y, \alpha)].$$

3. If  $\{x_n\}$  be  $\tilde{G}$ -convergent to  $x$ , then

$$(\Omega^{-1})[\tilde{G}(x, \alpha, \beta)] \leq \liminf_{n \rightarrow \infty} \tilde{G}(x_n, \alpha, \beta) \leq \limsup_{n \rightarrow \infty} \tilde{G}(x_n, \alpha, \beta) \leq \Omega[\tilde{G}(x, \alpha, \beta)].$$

In particular, if  $x = y = z$ , then we have  $\lim_{n \rightarrow \infty} \tilde{G}(x_n, y_n, z_n) = 0$ .

**Proof.** 1. Using the rectangle inequality in a  $\tilde{G}$ -metric space it is easy to see that,

$$\tilde{G}(x, y, z) \leq \Omega \left[ \tilde{G}(x, x_n, x_n) + \Omega[\tilde{G}(y, y_n, y_n) + \Omega[\tilde{G}(z, z_n, z_n) + \tilde{G}(x_n, y_n, z_n)]] \right]$$

and

$$\tilde{G}(x_n, y_n, z_n) \leq \Omega \left[ \tilde{G}(x_n, x, x) + \Omega[G(y_n, y, y) + \Omega[G(z_n, z, z) + G(x, y, z)]] \right].$$

Taking the lower limit as  $n \rightarrow \infty$  in the first inequality and the upper limit as  $n \rightarrow \infty$  in the second inequality we obtain the desired result.

2. Using the rectangle inequality we see that,

$$\tilde{G}(x, y, \alpha) \leq \Omega \left[ \tilde{G}(x, x_n, x_n) + \Omega[\tilde{G}(y, y_n, y_n) + \tilde{G}(x_n, y_n, \alpha)] \right]$$

and

$$\tilde{G}(x_n, y_n, \alpha) \leq \Omega \left[ \tilde{G}(x_n, x, x) + \Omega[G(y_n, y, y) + G(x, y, \alpha)] \right].$$

3. Similarly,

$$\tilde{G}(x, \alpha, \beta) \leq \Omega \left[ \tilde{G}(x, x_n, x_n) + \tilde{G}(x_n, \alpha, \beta) \right]$$

and

$$\tilde{G}(x_n, \alpha, \beta) \leq \Omega \left[ \tilde{G}(x_n, x, x) + G(x, \alpha, \beta) \right]. \quad \square$$

Let  $\mathfrak{S}$  denote the class of all real functions  $\beta : [0, \infty) \rightarrow [0, 1)$  satisfying the condition

$$\beta(t_n) \rightarrow 1 \text{ implies that } t_n \rightarrow 0, \text{ as } n \rightarrow \infty.$$

In order to generalize the Banach contraction principle, in 1973, Geraghty proved the following.

**Theorem 1.15.** [9] *Let  $(X, d)$  be a complete metric space, and let  $f : X \rightarrow X$  be a self-map. Suppose that there exists  $\beta \in \mathfrak{S}$  such that*

$$d(fx, fy) \leq \beta(d(x, y))d(x, y)$$

*holds for all  $x, y \in X$ . Then  $f$  has a unique fixed point  $z \in X$  and for each  $x \in X$  the Picard sequence  $\{f^n x\}$  converges to  $z$ .*

In 2010, Amini-Harandi and Emami [3] characterized the result of Geraghty in the setting of a partially ordered complete metric space.

In [7], some fixed point theorems for mappings satisfying Geraghty-type contractive conditions are proved in various generalized metric spaces.

Also, Zabihi and Razani [32] and Shahkoobi and Razani [31] obtained some fixed point results duo to rational Geraghty contractions in  $b$ -metric spaces.

Motivated by [19], in this paper we present some fixed point theorems for different rational contractive mappings in partially ordered modified  $G$ -metric spaces. Our results extend some existing results in the literature.

## 2. Main Results

### 2.1 Fixed point results using $\tilde{G}$ -rational geraghty contractions

Let  $(X, \tilde{G})$  be a  $\tilde{G}$ -metric space with function  $\Omega$  and let  $\mathcal{F}_\Omega$  denotes the class of all functions  $\beta : [0, \infty) \rightarrow [0, \Omega^{-1}(1))$  satisfying the following condition:

$$\limsup_{n \rightarrow \infty} \beta(t_n) = \Omega^{-1}(1) \text{ implies that } t_n \rightarrow 0, \text{ as } n \rightarrow \infty.$$

An example of a function in  $\mathcal{F}_\Omega$  may be given by  $\beta(t) = (\ln 2)e^{-t}$  for  $t > 0$  and  $\beta(0) \in [0, \ln 2)$  where  $\tilde{G}(x, y, z) = e^{\max(|x-y|, |y-z|, |z-x|)} - 1$  for all  $x, y, z \in \mathbb{R}$ .

Another example of a function in  $\mathcal{F}_\Omega$  may be given by  $\beta(t) = W(1)e^{-t}$  for  $t > 0$  and  $\beta(0) \in [0, W(1))$  where  $\tilde{G}(x, y, z) = \max(|x-y|, |y-z|, |z-x|)e^{\max(|x-y|, |y-z|, |z-x|)}$  for all  $x, y, z \in \mathbb{R}$ . Note that  $W$  is the Lambert  $W$ -function (see, e.g., [8])

**Definition 2.1.1.** *Let  $(X, \tilde{G})$  be an ordered  $\tilde{G}$ -metric space. A mapping  $f : X \rightarrow X$  is called a  $\tilde{G}$ -rational Geraghty contraction if, there exists  $\beta \in \mathcal{F}_\Omega$  such that,*

$$\Omega(\tilde{G}(fx, fy, fz)) \leq \beta(M(x, y, z))M(x, y, z) \quad (1)$$

for all comparable elements  $x, y, z \in X$ , where

$$M(x, y, z) = \max \left\{ \tilde{G}(x, y, z), \frac{\tilde{G}(x, y, fy)[\tilde{G}(y, z, fz)]^2}{1 + \tilde{G}(x, fx, f^2x)\tilde{G}(y, fy, f^2y)}, \frac{\tilde{G}(x, fx, f^2x)\tilde{G}(y, fy, f^2y)\tilde{G}(z, fz, f^2z)}{1 + \tilde{G}(fx, f^2x, f^3x)\tilde{G}(fy, f^2y, f^3y)} \right\}.$$

Recall that a modified  $G$ -metric space  $(X, \tilde{G})$  it said to has the s.l.c. property, if whenever  $\{x_n\}$  is a nondecreasing sequence in  $X$  such that  $x_n \rightarrow u \in X$ , one has  $x_n \preceq u$  for all  $n \in \mathbb{N}$

**Theorem 2.1.2.** *Let  $(X, \preceq, \tilde{G})$  be an ordered  $\tilde{G}$ -complete  $\tilde{G}$ -metric space. Let  $f : X \rightarrow X$  be an increasing mapping with respect to  $\preceq$  such that there exists an element  $x_0 \in X$  with  $x_0 \preceq f(x_0)$ . Suppose that  $f$  be a  $\tilde{G}$ -rational Geraghty contraction. If,*

(I)  $f$  is continuous, or,

(II)  $(X, \preceq, \tilde{G})$  has the s.l.c. property,

then  $f$  has a fixed point. Moreover, the set of fixed points of  $f$  is well ordered if and only if  $f$  has one and only one fixed point.

**Proof.** Put  $x_n = f^n(x_0)$ . Since  $x_0 \preceq f(x_0)$  and  $f$  is increasing, we obtain by induction that

$$x_0 \preceq f(x_0) \preceq f^2(x_0) \preceq \dots \preceq f^n(x_0) \preceq f^{n+1}(x_0) \preceq \dots$$

We will do the proof in the following steps.

**Step 1.** We will show that  $\lim_{n \rightarrow \infty} \tilde{G}(x_n, x_{n+1}, x_{n+1}) = 0$ . Without any loss of generality, we may assume that  $x_n \neq x_{n+1}$ , for all  $n \in \mathbb{N}$ . Since  $x_n \preceq x_{n+1}$  for each  $n \in \mathbb{N}$ , then by (1) we have

$$G(x_n, x_{n+1}, x_{n+2}) = \tilde{G}(fx_{n-1}, fx_n, fx_{n+1}) \leq \beta(M(x_{n-1}, x_n, x_{n+1}))M(x_{n-1}, x_n, x_{n+1}), \quad (2)$$

where

$$M(x_{n-1}, x_n, x_{n+1}) = \max \left\{ \tilde{G}(x_{n-1}, x_n, x_{n+1}), \frac{\tilde{G}(x_{n-1}, x_n, fx_n)\tilde{G}(x_n, x_{n+1}, fx_{n+1})^2}{1 + \tilde{G}(x_{n-1}, fx_{n-1}, f^2x_{n-1})\tilde{G}(x_n, fx_n, f^2x_n)}, \frac{\tilde{G}(x_{n-1}, fx_{n-1}, f^2x_{n-1})\tilde{G}(x_n, fx_n, f^2x_n)\tilde{G}(x_{n+1}, fx_{n+1}, f^2x_{n+1})}{1 + \tilde{G}(fx_{n-1}, f^2x_{n-1}, f^3x_{n-1})\tilde{G}(fx_n, f^2x_n, f^3x_n)} \right\}$$



$$\begin{aligned}
 &= \max\left\{\tilde{G}(x_{n-1}, x_n, x_{n+1}), \frac{\tilde{G}(x_{n-1}, x_n, x_{n+1})\tilde{G}(x_n, x_{n+1}, x_{n+2})^2}{1+\tilde{G}(x_{n-1}, x_n, x_{n+1})\tilde{G}(x_n, x_{n+1}, x_{n+2})}\right. \\
 &\quad \left. \frac{\tilde{G}(x_{n-1}, x_n, x_{n+1})\tilde{G}(x_n, x_{n+1}, x_{n+2})\tilde{G}(x_{n+1}, x_{n+2}, x_{n+3})}{1+\tilde{G}(x_n, x_{n+1}, x_{n+2})\tilde{G}(x_{n+1}, x_{n+2}, x_{n+3})}\right\} \\
 &\leq \max\{\tilde{G}(x_{n-1}, x_n, x_{n+1}), \tilde{G}(x_n, x_{n+1}, x_{n+2})\}. \\
 &M(x_{n-1}, x_n, x_{n+1}) \\
 &= \max\left\{\tilde{G}(x_{n-1}, x_n, x_{n+1}), \frac{\tilde{G}(x_{n-1}, x_n, fx_n)\tilde{G}(x_n, x_{n+1}, fx_{n+1})^2}{1+\tilde{G}(x_{n-1}, fx_{n-1}, f^2x_{n-1})\tilde{G}(x_n, fx_n, f^2x_n)}\right. \\
 &\quad \left. \frac{\tilde{G}(x_{n-1}, fx_{n-1}, f^2x_{n-1})\tilde{G}(x_n, fx_n, f^2x_n)\tilde{G}(x_{n+1}, fx_{n+1}, f^2x_{n+1})}{1+\tilde{G}(fx_{n-1}, f^2x_{n-1}, f^3x_{n-1})\tilde{G}(fx_n, f^2x_n, f^3x_n)}\right\} \\
 &= \max\left\{\tilde{G}(x_{n-1}, x_n, x_{n+1}), \frac{\tilde{G}(x_{n-1}, x_n, x_{n+1})\tilde{G}(x_n, x_{n+1}, x_{n+2})^2}{1+\tilde{G}(x_{n-1}, x_n, x_{n+1})\tilde{G}(x_n, x_{n+1}, x_{n+2})}\right. \\
 &\quad \left. \frac{\tilde{G}(x_{n-1}, x_n, x_{n+1})\tilde{G}(x_n, x_{n+1}, x_{n+2})\tilde{G}(x_{n+1}, x_{n+2}, x_{n+3})}{1+\tilde{G}(x_n, x_{n+1}, x_{n+2})\tilde{G}(x_{n+1}, x_{n+2}, x_{n+3})}\right\} \\
 &\leq \max\{\tilde{G}(x_{n-1}, x_n, x_{n+1}), \tilde{G}(x_n, x_{n+1}, x_{n+2})\}.
 \end{aligned}$$

If  $\max\{\tilde{G}(x_{n-1}, x_n, x_{n+1}), \tilde{G}(x_n, x_{n+1}, x_{n+2})\} = \tilde{G}(x_n, x_{n+1}, x_{n+2})$ , then from (2) we have,

$$\begin{aligned}
 \tilde{G}(x_n, x_{n+1}, x_{n+2}) &\leq \beta(M(x_{n-1}, x_n, x_{n+1}))\tilde{G}(x_n, x_{n+1}, x_{n+2}) \\
 &< \Omega^{-1}(1)\tilde{G}(x_n, x_{n+1}, x_{n+2}) \\
 &\leq \tilde{G}(x_n, x_{n+1}, x_{n+2}),
 \end{aligned} \tag{3}$$

which is a contradiction.

Hence,  $\max\{\tilde{G}(x_{n-1}, x_n, x_{n+1}), \tilde{G}(x_n, x_{n+1}, x_{n+2})\} = \tilde{G}(x_{n-1}, x_n, x_{n+1})$ . So, from (2),

$$\tilde{G}(x_n, x_{n+1}, x_{n+2}) \leq \beta(M(x_{n-1}, x_n, x_{n+1}))\tilde{G}(x_{n-1}, x_n, x_{n+1}) < \tilde{G}(x_{n-1}, x_n, x_{n+1}). \tag{4}$$

That is,  $\{\tilde{G}(x_n, x_{n+1}, x_{n+2})\}$  is a decreasing sequence, then there exists  $r \geq 0$  such that  $\lim_{n \rightarrow \infty} \tilde{G}(x_n, x_{n+1}, x_{n+2}) = r$ . We will prove that  $r = 0$ . Suppose on contrary that  $r > 0$ . Then, letting  $n \rightarrow \infty$ , from (4) we have

$$r \leq \lim_{n \rightarrow \infty} \beta(M(x_{n-1}, x_n, x_{n+1}))r \leq \Omega^{-1}(1)r,$$

which implies that  $\Omega^{-1}(1) \leq 1 \leq \lim_{n \rightarrow \infty} \beta(M(x_{n-1}, x_n, x_{n+1})) \leq \Omega^{-1}(1)$ . Now, as  $\beta \in \mathcal{F}_\Omega$  we conclude that  $M(x_{n-1}, x_n, x_{n+1}) \rightarrow 0$  which yields that  $r = 0$ , a

contradiction. Hence, the assumption that  $r > 0$  is false. That is,

$$\lim_{n \rightarrow \infty} \tilde{G}(x_n, x_{n+1}, x_{n+2}) = 0. \tag{5}$$

Consequently,

$$\lim_{n \rightarrow \infty} \tilde{G}(x_n, x_{n+1}, x_{n+1}) = 0. \tag{6}$$

**Step 2.** Now, we prove that the sequence  $\{x_n\}$  is a  $\tilde{G}$ -Cauchy sequence. Suppose the contrary, *i.e.*,  $\{x_n\}$  is not a  $\tilde{G}$ -Cauchy sequence. Then there exists  $\varepsilon > 0$  for which we can find two subsequences  $\{x_{m_i}\}$  and  $\{x_{n_i}\}$  of  $\{x_n\}$  such that  $n_i$  is the smallest index for which

$$n_i > m_i > i \text{ and } \tilde{G}(x_{m_i}, x_{n_i}, x_{n_i}) \geq \varepsilon. \tag{7}$$

This means that

$$\tilde{G}(x_{m_i}, x_{n_i-1}, x_{n_i-1}) < \varepsilon. \tag{8}$$

From the rectangular inequality, we get

$$\varepsilon \leq \tilde{G}(x_{m_i}, x_{n_i}, x_{n_i}) \leq \Omega[\tilde{G}(x_{m_i}, x_{m_i+1}, x_{m_i+1}) + \tilde{G}(x_{m_i+1}, x_{n_i}, x_{n_i})].$$

Taking the upper limit as  $i \rightarrow \infty$  and by (6), we get

$$\Omega^{-1}(\varepsilon) \leq \limsup_{i \rightarrow \infty} \tilde{G}(x_{m_i+1}, x_{n_i}, x_{n_i}). \tag{9}$$

From the definition of  $M(x, y, z)$  and the above limits,

$$\begin{aligned} \limsup_{i \rightarrow \infty} M(x_{m_i}, x_{n_i-1}, x_{n_i-1}) &= \limsup_{i \rightarrow \infty} \max\{\tilde{G}(x_{m_i}, x_{n_i-1}, x_{n_i-1}), \\ &\frac{\tilde{G}(x_{m_i}, x_{n_i-1}, f x_{n_i-1})\tilde{G}(x_{n_i-1}, x_{n_i-1}, f x_{n_i-1})^2}{1 + \tilde{G}(x_{m_i}, f x_{m_i}, f^2 x_{m_i})\tilde{G}(x_{n_i-1}, f x_{n_i-1}, f^2 x_{n_i-1})}, \\ &\frac{\tilde{G}(x_{m_i}, f x_{m_i}, f^2 x_{m_i})\tilde{G}(x_{n_i-1}, f x_{n_i-1}, f^2 x_{n_i-1})^2}{1 + \tilde{G}(f x_{m_i}, f^2 x_{m_i}, f^3 x_{m_i})\tilde{G}(f x_{n_i-1}, f^2 x_{n_i-1}, f^3 x_{n_i-1})}\} \\ &\leq \varepsilon. \end{aligned}$$

Now, from (1) and the above inequalities, we have

$$\begin{aligned} \varepsilon &\leq \limsup_{i \rightarrow \infty} \Omega(\tilde{G}(x_{m_i+1}, x_{n_i}, x_{n_i})) \\ &\leq \limsup_{i \rightarrow \infty} \beta(M(x_{m_i}, x_{n_i-1}, x_{n_i-1})) \limsup_{i \rightarrow \infty} M(x_{m_i}, x_{n_i-1}, x_{n_i-1}) \\ &\leq \varepsilon \limsup_{i \rightarrow \infty} \beta(M(x_{m_i}, x_{n_i-1}, x_{n_i-1})) \end{aligned}$$

which implies that  $\Omega^{-1}(1) \leq \limsup_{i \rightarrow \infty} \beta(M(x_{m_i}, x_{n_i-1}, x_{n_i-1}))$ . Now, as  $\beta \in \mathcal{F}_\Omega$

we conclude that

$M(x_{m_i}, x_{n_i-1}, x_{n_i-1}) \rightarrow 0$  which yields that  $\tilde{G}(x_{m_i}, x_{n_i-1}, x_{n_i-1}) \rightarrow 0$ . Consequently,

$$\tilde{G}(x_{m_i}, x_{n_i}, x_{n_i}) \leq \Omega[\tilde{G}(x_{m_i}, x_{n_i-1}, x_{n_i-1}) + s\tilde{G}(x_{n_i-1}, x_{n_i}, x_{n_i})] \rightarrow 0,$$

a contradiction to (7). Therefore,  $\{x_n\}$  is a  $\tilde{G}$ -Cauchy sequence.

$\tilde{G}$ -Completeness of  $X$  yields that  $\{x_n\}$   $\tilde{G}$ -converges to a point  $u \in X$ .

**Step 3.**  $u$  is a fixed point of  $f$ .

First, let  $f$  is continuous, so, we have

$$u = \lim_{n \rightarrow \infty} x_{n+1} = \lim_{n \rightarrow \infty} f x_n = f u.$$

Now, let (II) holds. Using the assumption on  $X$  we have  $x_n \preceq u$ . Now, by Lemma 1.14,

$$\begin{aligned} (\Omega^{-1})^2[\tilde{G}(u, u, f u)] &\leq \limsup_{n \rightarrow \infty} \tilde{G}(x_{n+1}, x_{n+1}, f u) \\ &\leq \limsup_{n \rightarrow \infty} \beta(M(x_n, x_n, u)) \limsup_{n \rightarrow \infty} M(x_n, x_n, u), \end{aligned}$$

where,

$$\begin{aligned} \lim_{n \rightarrow \infty} M(x_n, x_n, u) &= \lim_{n \rightarrow \infty} \max\left\{ \tilde{G}(x_n, x_n, u), \frac{\tilde{G}(x_n, x_n, f x_n) \tilde{G}(x_n, u, f u)^2}{1 + \tilde{G}(x_n, f x_n, f^2 x_n)^2}, \right. \\ &\quad \left. \frac{\tilde{G}(x_n, f x_n, f^2 x_n)^2 \tilde{G}(u, f u, f^2 u)}{1 + \tilde{G}(f x_n, f^2 x_n, f^3 x_n)^2} \right\} \\ &= 0. \end{aligned}$$

Therefor, we deduce that  $\tilde{G}(u, u, f u) = 0$ , so,  $u = f u$ .

Finally, suppose that the set of fixed point of  $f$  is well ordered. Assume on contrary that,  $u$  and  $v$  are two fixed points of  $f$  such that  $u \neq v$ . Then by (1), we have

$$\begin{aligned} G(u, v, v) &= \tilde{G}(f u, f v, f v) \leq \beta(M(u, v, v))M(u, v, v) = \\ &\beta(\tilde{G}(u, v, v))\tilde{G}(u, v, v) < \Omega^{-1}(1)\tilde{G}(u, v, v). \end{aligned} \tag{10}$$

Because

$$M(u, v, v) = \tilde{G}(u, v, v).$$

So, we get,  $G(u, v, v) < \Omega^{-1}(1)G(u, v, v)$ , a contradiction. Hence,  $u = v$ , and  $f$  has a unique fixed point. Conversely, if  $f$  has a unique fixed point, then the set of fixed points of  $f$  is well ordered.  $\square$

## 2.2 Fixed point results via comparison functions

Let  $\Psi$  be the family of all nondecreasing functions  $\psi : [0, \infty) \rightarrow [0, \infty)$  such that

$$\lim_{n \rightarrow \infty} \psi^n(t) = 0$$

for all  $t > 0$ .

**Lemma 2.2.1.** *If  $\psi \in \Psi$ , then the following are satisfied.*

- (a)  $\psi(t) < t$  for all  $t > 0$ ;
- (b)  $\psi(0) = 0$ .

**Definition 2.2.2.** *Let  $(X, \preceq, \tilde{G})$  is an ordered  $\tilde{G}$ -metric space. A mapping  $f : X \rightarrow X$  is called a  $\tilde{G}$ -rational  $\psi$ -contraction if, there exists  $\psi \in \Psi$  such that,*

$$\Omega(\tilde{G}(fx, fy, fz)) \leq \psi(M(x, y, z)) \tag{11}$$

for all comparable elements  $x, y, z \in X$ , where

$$M(x, y, z) = \max \left\{ \tilde{G}(x, y, z), \frac{\tilde{G}(x, x, fx)\tilde{G}(x, x, fy)}{1 + \Omega[\tilde{G}(x, x, fx) + \tilde{G}(y, y, fy)]}, \frac{\tilde{G}(y, y, z)\tilde{G}(y, y, fz)}{1 + \Omega[\tilde{G}(y, y, fy) + \tilde{G}(z, z, fz)]}, \frac{\tilde{G}(x, x, fx)\tilde{G}(x, x, z)}{1 + \tilde{G}(x, x, fy) + \tilde{G}(y, y, fx)} \right\}.$$

**Theorem 2.2.3.** *Let  $(X, \preceq, \tilde{G})$  be an ordered  $\tilde{G}$ -complete  $\tilde{G}$ -metric space. Let  $f : X \rightarrow X$  be an increasing mapping with respect to  $\preceq$  such that there exists an element  $x_0 \in X$  with  $x_0 \preceq f(x_0)$ . Suppose that  $f$  be a  $\tilde{G}$ -rational  $\psi$ -contractive mapping. If*

- (I)  $f$  is continuous, or,
- (II)  $(X, \preceq, \tilde{G})$  has the s.l.c. property,

then  $f$  has a fixed point. Moreover, the set of fixed points of  $f$  is well ordered if and only if  $f$  has one and only one fixed point.

**Proof.** Put  $x_n = f^n(x_0)$ .

**Step I:** We will show that  $\lim_{n \rightarrow \infty} \tilde{G}(x_n, x_{n+1}, x_{n+1}) = 0$ . We assume that  $x_n \neq x_{n+1}$ , for all  $n \in \mathbb{N}$ . Since  $x_n \preceq x_{n+1}$  for each  $n \in \mathbb{N}$ , then by 11 we have

$$\begin{aligned} \tilde{G}(x_n, x_{n+1}, x_{n+2}) &= \tilde{G}(fx_{n-1}, fx_n, fx_{n+1}) \\ &\leq \psi(M(x_{n-1}, x_n, x_{n+1})) \\ &\leq \psi(\tilde{G}(x_{n-1}, x_n, x_{n+1})) \\ &< \tilde{G}(x_{n-1}, x_n, x_{n+1}), \end{aligned} \tag{12}$$

because

$$\begin{aligned}
& M(x_{n-1}, x_n, x_{n+1}) \\
&= \max\left\{\tilde{G}(x_{n-1}, x_n, x_{n+1}), \frac{\tilde{G}(x_{n-1}, x_{n-1}, x_n)\tilde{G}(x_{n-1}, x_{n-1}, fx_n)}{1 + \Omega[\tilde{G}(x_{n-1}, x_{n-1}, fx_{n-1}) + \tilde{G}(x_n, x_n, fx_n)]}, \right. \\
&\quad \frac{\tilde{G}(x_n, x_n, x_{n+1})\tilde{G}(x_n, x_n, fx_{n+1})}{1 + \Omega[\tilde{G}(x_n, x_n, fx_n) + \tilde{G}(x_{n+1}, x_{n+1}, fx_{n+1})]}, \\
&\quad \left. \frac{\tilde{G}(x_{n-1}, x_{n-1}, fx_{n-1})\tilde{G}(x_{n-1}, x_{n-1}, x_{n+1})}{1 + \tilde{G}(x_{n-1}, x_{n-1}, fx_n) + \tilde{G}(x_n, x_n, fx_{n-1})}\right\} \\
&\leq \max\{\tilde{G}(x_{n-1}, x_n, x_{n+1}), \tilde{G}(x_{n-1}, x_{n-1}, x_n), \tilde{G}(x_n, x_n, x_{n+1})\} \\
&\leq \max\{\tilde{G}(x_{n-1}, x_n, x_{n+1}), \tilde{G}(x_n, x_{n+1}, x_{n+2})\},
\end{aligned}$$

and it is easy to see that

$$\max\{\tilde{G}(x_{n-1}, x_n, x_{n+1}), \tilde{G}(x_n, x_{n+1}, x_{n+2})\} = \tilde{G}(x_{n-1}, x_n, x_{n+1}),$$

so from (12), we conclude that  $\{\tilde{G}(x_n, x_{n+1}, x_{n+2})\}$  is decreasing.

Then there exists  $r \geq 0$  such that  $\lim_{n \rightarrow \infty} \tilde{G}(x_n, x_{n+1}, x_{n+2}) = r$ .

is easy to see that  $r = \lim_{n \rightarrow \infty} \tilde{G}(x_{n-1}, x_n, x_n) = 0$ .

**Step 2.** Now, we prove that the sequence  $\{x_n\}$  is a  $\tilde{G}$ -Cauchy sequence. Suppose the contrary, *i.e.*, there exists  $\varepsilon > 0$  for which we can find two subsequences  $\{x_{m_i}\}$  and  $\{x_{n_i}\}$  of  $\{x_n\}$  such that  $n_i$  is the smallest index for which

$$n_i > m_i > i \text{ and } \tilde{G}(x_{m_i}, x_{n_i}, x_{n_i}) \geq \varepsilon. \quad (13)$$

This means that

$$\tilde{G}(x_{m_i}, x_{n_i-1}, x_{n_i-1}) < \varepsilon. \quad (14)$$

As in the proof of Theorem 2.1.2, we have,

$$\limsup_{i \rightarrow \infty} \tilde{G}(x_{m_i+1}, x_{n_i}, x_{n_i}). \quad (15)$$

From the definition of  $M(x, y, z)$  and the above limits,

$$\begin{aligned} \limsup_{i \rightarrow \infty} M(x_{m_i}, x_{n_i-1}, x_{n_i-1}) &= \limsup_{i \rightarrow \infty} \max\{\tilde{G}(x_{m_i}, x_{n_i-1}, x_{n_i-1}), \\ &\frac{\tilde{G}(x_{m_i}, x_{m_i}, fx_{m_i})\tilde{G}(x_{m_i}, x_{m_i}, fx_{n_i-1})}{1 + \Omega[\tilde{G}(x_{m_i}, x_{m_i}, fx_{m_i}) + \tilde{G}(x_{n_i-1}, x_{n_i-1}, fx_{n_i-1})]}, \\ &\frac{\tilde{G}(x_{n_i-1}, x_{n_i-1}, fx_{n_i-1})\tilde{G}(x_{n_i-1}, x_{n_i-1}, fx_{n_i-1})}{1 + \Omega[\tilde{G}(x_{n_i-1}, x_{n_i-1}, fx_{n_i-1}) + \tilde{G}(x_{n_i-1}, x_{n_i-1}, fx_{n_i-1})]}, \\ &\frac{\tilde{G}(x_{m_i}, x_{m_i}, fx_{m_i})\tilde{G}(x_{m_i}, x_{m_i}, x_{n_i-1})}{1 + \tilde{G}(x_{m_i}, x_{m_i}, fx_{n_i-1}) + \tilde{G}(x_{n_i-1}, x_{n_i-1}, fx_{m_i})}\} \\ &\leq \varepsilon. \end{aligned}$$

Now, from (11) and the above inequalities, we have

$$\begin{aligned} \varepsilon &\leq \limsup_{i \rightarrow \infty} \Omega[\tilde{G}(x_{m_i+1}, x_{n_i}, x_{n_i})] \leq \limsup_{i \rightarrow \infty} \psi(M(x_{m_i}, x_{n_i-1}, x_{n_i-1})) \\ &< \varepsilon \end{aligned}$$

which is a contradiction. Now, we conclude that  $\{x_n\}$  is a  $\tilde{G}$ -Cauchy sequence.  $\tilde{G}$ -Completeness of  $X$  yields that  $\{x_n\}$   $\tilde{G}$ -converges to a point  $u \in X$ .

**Step 3.**  $u$  is a fixed point of  $f$ . This step is proved as the proof of step 3 of Theorem 2.1.2 with some elementary changes.  $\square$

If in the above theorem we take  $\psi(t) = \sinh t$  and  $\tilde{G}(x, y, z) = \sinh(G(x, y, z))$  then we have the following corollary in the framework of  $G_b$  metric spaces.

**Corollary 2.2.4.** *Let  $(X, G_b, \preceq)$  be an ordered  $G_b$ -complete  $G_b$ -metric space with coefficient  $s > 1$ . Let  $f : X \rightarrow X$  be an increasing mapping with respect to  $\preceq$  such that there exists an element  $x_0 \in X$  with  $x_0 \preceq f(x_0)$ . Suppose that*

$$\sinh(s \cdot \sinh(G(fx, fy, fz))) \leq \sinh(M(x, y, z)) \tag{16}$$

for all comparable elements  $x, y, z \in X$ , where

$$\begin{aligned} M(x, y, z) &= \max \left\{ \sinh(G(x, y, z)), \frac{\sinh(G(x, x, fx)) \sinh(G(y, y, fy))}{1 + \sinh(s \cdot [\sinh(G(x, y, y)) + \sinh(G(x, x, fy)])]}, \right. \\ &\frac{\sinh(G(y, y, fy)) \sinh(G(z, z, fz))}{1 + \sinh(s \cdot [\sinh(G(y, z, z)) + \sinh(G(y, y, fz)])]}, \\ &\left. \frac{\sinh(G(y, z, z)) \sinh(G(y, y, z))}{1 + \sinh(G(y, fy, fy)) + \sinh(G(z, fz, fz))} \right\}. \end{aligned}$$

If

- (I)  $f$  is continuous, or,
  - (II)  $(X, G_b, \preceq)$  enjoys the s.l.c. property,
- then  $f$  has a fixed point.

### 2.3 Fixed point results related to JS-contractions

Jleli et al. [17] have introduced the class  $\Theta_0$  consists of all functions  $\theta : (0, \infty) \rightarrow (1, \infty)$  satisfying the following conditions:

- ( $\theta_1$ )  $\theta$  is non-decreasing;
- ( $\theta_2$ ) for each sequence  $\{t_n\} \subseteq (0, \infty)$ ,  $\lim_{n \rightarrow \infty} \theta(t_n) = 1$  if and only if  $\lim_{n \rightarrow \infty} t_n = 0$ ;
- ( $\theta_3$ ) there exist  $r \in (0, 1)$  and  $\ell \in (0, \infty]$  such that  $\lim_{t \rightarrow 0^+} \frac{\theta(t)-1}{t^r} = \ell$ ;
- ( $\theta_4$ )  $\theta$  is continuous.

They proved the following result:

**Theorem 2.3.1.** [17, Corollary 2.1] *Let  $(X, d)$  be a complete metric space and let  $T : X \rightarrow X$  be a given mapping. Suppose that there exist  $\theta \in \Theta_0$  and  $k \in (0, 1)$  such that*

$$x, y \in X, \quad d(Tx, Ty) \neq 0 \implies \theta(d(Tx, Ty)) \leq \theta(d(x, y))^k. \quad (17)$$

Then  $T$  has a unique fixed point.

From now on, we denote by  $\Theta$  the set of all functions  $\theta : [0, \infty) \rightarrow [1, \infty)$  satisfying the following conditions:

- $\theta_1$ .  $\theta$  is a continuous strictly increasing function;
- $\theta_2$ . for each sequence  $\{t_n\} \subseteq (0, \infty)$ ,  $\lim_{n \rightarrow \infty} \theta(t_n) = 1$  if and only if  $\lim_{n \rightarrow \infty} t_n = 0$ ;

**Remark 2.3.2.** [10] *It is clear that  $f(t) = e^t$  does not belong to  $\Theta_0$ , but it belongs to  $\Theta$ . Other examples are  $f(t) = \cosh t$ ,  $f(t) = \frac{2 \cosh t}{1 + \cosh t}$ ,  $f(t) = 1 + \ln(1 + t)$ ,  $f(t) = \frac{2+2\ln(1+t)}{2+\ln(1+t)}$ ,  $f(t) = e^{te^t}$  and  $f(t) = \frac{2e^{te^t}}{1+e^{te^t}}$ , for all  $t > 0$ .*

**Definition 2.3.3.** *Let  $(X, \tilde{G}, \preceq)$  be an ordered  $\tilde{G}$ -metric space. A mapping  $f : X \rightarrow X$  is called a  $\tilde{G}$ -rational JS-contraction if*

$$\theta(\Omega[\tilde{G}(fx, fy, fz)]) \leq \theta(M(x, y, z))^k \quad (18)$$

for all comparable elements  $x, y, z \in X$ , where  $\theta \in \Theta$ ,  $k \in [0, 1)$  and

$$M(x, y, z) = \max \left\{ \tilde{G}(x, y, z), \frac{\tilde{G}(x, x, fx)\tilde{G}(y, y, fy)}{1 + \Omega[\tilde{G}(x, y, y) + \tilde{G}(x, x, fy)]}, \frac{\tilde{G}(y, y, fy)\tilde{G}(z, z, fz)}{1 + \Omega[\tilde{G}(y, z, z) + \tilde{G}(y, y, fz)]}, \frac{\tilde{G}(y, z, z)\tilde{G}(y, y, z)}{1 + \tilde{G}(y, fy, fy) + \tilde{G}(z, fz, fz)} \right\}.$$

**Theorem 2.3.4.** *Let  $(X, \tilde{G}, \preceq)$  be an ordered  $\tilde{G}$ -complete  $\tilde{G}$ -metric space. Let  $f : X \rightarrow X$  be an increasing mapping with respect to  $\preceq$  such that there exists an element  $x_0 \in X$  with  $x_0 \preceq f(x_0)$ . Suppose that  $f$  be a  $\tilde{G}$ -rational JS-contractive mapping. If*

(I)  $f$  is continuous, or,

(II)  $(X, \tilde{G}, \preceq)$  enjoys the s.l.c. property,

then  $f$  has a fixed point. Moreover, the set of fixed points of  $f$  is well ordered if and only if  $f$  has one and only one fixed point.

**Proof.** Put  $x_n = f^n(x_0)$ .

**Step 1.** We will show that  $\lim_{n \rightarrow \infty} \tilde{G}(x_n, x_{n+1}, x_{n+1}) = 0$ . Without any loss of generality, we may assume that  $x_n \neq x_{n+1}$ , for all  $n \in \mathbb{N}$ . Since  $x_n \preceq x_{n+1}$  for each  $n \in \mathbb{N}$ , then by (18) we have

$$\begin{aligned} \theta(\tilde{G}(x_n, x_{n+1}, x_{n+2})) &\leq \theta(\Omega[\tilde{G}(x_n, x_{n+1}, x_{n+2})]) \\ &= \theta(\Omega[\tilde{G}(fx_{n-1}, fx_n, fx_{n+1})]) \\ &\leq \theta(M(x_{n-1}, x_n, x_{n+1}))^k \\ &\leq \theta(\tilde{G}(x_{n-1}, x_n, x_{n+1}))^k, \end{aligned} \quad (19)$$

because  $M(x_{n-1}, x_n, x_{n+1})$

$$\begin{aligned} &= \max \left\{ \tilde{G}(x_{n-1}, x_n, x_{n+1}), \frac{\tilde{G}(x_{n-1}, x_{n-1}, fx_{n-1})\tilde{G}(x_n, x_n, fx_n)}{1 + \Omega[\tilde{G}(x_{n-1}, x_n, x_n) + \tilde{G}(x_{n-1}, x_{n-1}, fx_n)]}, \right. \\ &\quad \left. \frac{\tilde{G}(x_n, x_n, fx_n)\tilde{G}(x_{n+1}, x_{n+1}, fx_{n+1})}{1 + \Omega[\tilde{G}(x_n, x_{n+1}, x_{n+1}) + \tilde{G}(x_n, x_n, fx_{n+1})]}, \frac{\tilde{G}(x_n, x_{n+1}, x_{n+1})\tilde{G}(x_n, x_n, x_{n+1})}{1 + \tilde{G}(x_n, fx_n, fx_n) + \tilde{G}(x_{n+1}, fx_{n+1}, fx_{n+1})} \right\} \\ &= \max \left\{ \tilde{G}(x_{n-1}, x_n, x_{n+1}), \frac{\tilde{G}(x_{n-1}, x_{n-1}, x_n)\tilde{G}(x_n, x_n, x_{n+1})}{1 + \Omega[\tilde{G}(x_{n-1}, x_n, x_n) + \tilde{G}(x_{n-1}, x_{n-1}, x_{n+1})]}, \right. \\ &\quad \left. \frac{\tilde{G}(x_n, x_n, x_{n+1})\tilde{G}(x_{n+1}, x_{n+1}, x_{n+2})}{1 + \Omega[\tilde{G}(x_n, x_{n+1}, x_{n+1}) + \tilde{G}(x_n, x_n, x_{n+2})]}, \frac{\tilde{G}(x_n, x_{n+1}, x_{n+1})\tilde{G}(x_n, x_n, x_{n+1})}{1 + \tilde{G}(x_n, x_{n+1}, x_{n+1}) + \tilde{G}(x_{n+1}, x_{n+2}, x_{n+2})} \right\} \\ &\leq \max \left\{ \tilde{G}(x_{n-1}, x_n, x_{n+1}), \frac{\tilde{G}(x_{n-1}, x_{n-1}, x_n)\Omega[\tilde{G}(x_n, x_n, x_{n-1}) + \tilde{G}(x_{n-1}, x_{n-1}, x_{n+1})]}{1 + \Omega[\tilde{G}(x_{n-1}, x_n, x_n) + \tilde{G}(x_{n-1}, x_{n-1}, x_{n+1})]}, \right. \\ &\quad \left. \frac{\tilde{G}(x_n, x_n, x_{n+1})\Omega[\tilde{G}(x_{n+1}, x_{n+1}, x_n) + \tilde{G}(x_n, x_n, x_{n+2})]}{1 + \Omega[\tilde{G}(x_n, x_{n+1}, x_{n+1}) + \tilde{G}(x_n, x_n, x_{n+2})]}, \frac{\tilde{G}(x_n, x_{n+1}, x_{n+1})\tilde{G}(x_n, x_n, x_{n+1})}{1 + \tilde{G}(x_n, x_{n+1}, x_{n+1}) + \tilde{G}(x_{n+1}, x_{n+2}, x_{n+2})} \right\} \\ &\leq \max \{ \tilde{G}(x_{n-1}, x_n, x_{n+1}), \tilde{G}(x_{n-1}, x_{n-1}, x_n), \tilde{G}(x_n, x_n, x_{n+1}) \} \\ &\leq \max \{ \tilde{G}(x_{n-1}, x_n, x_{n+1}), \tilde{G}(x_n, x_{n+1}, x_{n+2}) \}. \end{aligned}$$



From (19) we deduce that,

$$\Theta(\tilde{G}(x_n, x_{n+1}, x_{n+2})) \leq \Theta(\tilde{G}(x_{n-1}, x_n, x_{n+1}))^k.$$

Therefore,

$$1 \leq \Theta(\tilde{G}(x_n, x_{n+1}, x_{n+2})) \leq \Theta(\tilde{G}(x_{n-1}, x_n, x_{n+1}))^k \leq \dots \leq \Theta(\tilde{G}(x_0, x_1, x_2))^{k^n}. \quad (20)$$

Taking the limit as  $n \rightarrow \infty$  in (20) we have,

$$\lim_{n \rightarrow \infty} \Theta(\tilde{G}(x_n, x_{n+1}, x_{n+2})) = 1$$

and since  $\Theta \in \Delta_\Theta$  we obtain,

$$\lim_{n \rightarrow \infty} \tilde{G}(x_n, x_{n+1}, x_{n+2}) = 0. \quad (21)$$

Therefore, we have,

$$\lim_{n \rightarrow \infty} \tilde{G}(x_n, x_n, x_{n-1}) = 0. \quad (22)$$

**Step 2.** Now, we prove that the sequence  $\{x_n\}$  is a  $\tilde{G}$ -Cauchy sequence. Suppose the contrary, *i.e.*, that  $\{x_n\}$  is not a  $\tilde{G}$ -Cauchy sequence. Then there exists  $\varepsilon > 0$  for which we can find two subsequences  $\{x_{m_i}\}$  and  $\{x_{n_i}\}$  of  $\{x_n\}$  such that  $n_i$  is the smallest index for which

$$n_i > m_i > i \text{ and } \tilde{G}(x_{m_i}, x_{n_i}, x_{n_i}) \geq \varepsilon. \quad (23)$$

This means that

$$\tilde{G}(x_{m_i}, x_{n_i-1}, x_{n_i-1}) < \varepsilon. \quad (24)$$

Hence,

$$\tilde{G}(x_{m_i}, x_{m_i}, x_{n_i-1}) < \Omega(2\varepsilon). \quad (25)$$

From the rectangular inequality, we get

$$\varepsilon \leq \tilde{G}(x_{m_i}, x_{n_i}, x_{n_i}) \leq \Omega[\tilde{G}(x_{m_i}, x_{m_i+1}, x_{m_i+1}) + \tilde{G}(x_{m_i+1}, x_{n_i}, x_{n_i})].$$

By taking the upper limit as  $i \rightarrow \infty$ , we get

$$\Omega^{-1}(\varepsilon) \leq \limsup_{i \rightarrow \infty} \tilde{G}(x_{m_i+1}, x_{n_i}, x_{n_i}). \quad (26)$$

From the definition of  $M(x, y, z)$  and the above limits,

$$\begin{aligned} \limsup_{i \rightarrow \infty} M(x_{m_i}, x_{n_i-1}, x_{n_i-1}) &= \limsup_{i \rightarrow \infty} \max\{\tilde{G}(x_{m_i}, x_{n_i-1}, x_{n_i-1}), \\ &\frac{\tilde{G}(x_{m_i}, x_{m_i}, fx_{m_i})\tilde{G}(x_{n_i-1}, x_{n_i-1}, fx_{n_i-1})}{1 + \Omega[\tilde{G}(x_{m_i}, x_{n_i-1}, x_{n_i-1}) + \tilde{G}(x_{n_i-1}, x_{n_i-1}, fx_{m_i})]}, \\ &\frac{\tilde{G}(x_{n_i-1}, x_{n_i-1}, fx_{n_i-1})\tilde{G}(x_{n_i-1}, x_{n_i-1}, fx_{n_i-1})}{1 + \Omega[\tilde{G}(x_{n_i-1}, x_{n_i-1}, x_{n_i-1}) + \tilde{G}(x_{n_i-1}, x_{n_i-1}, fx_{n_i-1})]}, \\ &\frac{\tilde{G}(x_{n_i-1}, x_{n_i-1}, x_{n_i-1})\tilde{G}(x_{n_i-1}, x_{n_i-1}, x_{n_i-1})}{1 + \tilde{G}(x_{n_i-1}, fx_{n_i-1}, fx_{n_i-1}) + \tilde{G}(x_{n_i-1}, fx_{n_i-1}, fx_{n_i-1})}\} \\ &\leq \varepsilon. \end{aligned}$$

Now, from (18) and the above inequalities, we have

$$\begin{aligned} \theta(\Omega[\Omega^{-1}(\varepsilon)]) &\leq \limsup_{i \rightarrow \infty} \theta(\Omega[\tilde{G}(x_{m_i+1}, x_{n_i}, x_{n_i})]) \\ &\leq \limsup_{i \rightarrow \infty} \theta(M(x_{m_i}, x_{n_i-1}, x_{n_i}))^k \\ &\leq \theta(\varepsilon)^k \end{aligned}$$

which implies that  $\varepsilon = 0$ , a contradiction. So, we conclude that  $\{x_n\}$  is a  $\tilde{G}$ -Cauchy sequence.  $\tilde{G}$ -Completeness of  $X$  yields that  $\{x_n\}$   $\tilde{G}$ -converges to a point  $u \in X$ .

**Step 3.**  $u$  is a fixed point of  $f$ .

When  $f$  is continuous, the proof is straightforward.

Now, let (II) holds. Using the assumption on  $X$  we have  $x_n \preceq u$ . Now, we show that  $u = fu$ . By Lemma 1.14,

$$\begin{aligned} \theta((\Omega^{-1})^2[\tilde{G}(u, u, fu)]) &\leq \limsup_{n \rightarrow \infty} \theta(\tilde{G}(x_{n+1}, x_{n+1}, fu)) \\ &\leq \limsup_{n \rightarrow \infty} \theta(M(x_n, x_n, u))^k, \end{aligned}$$

where,

$$\begin{aligned} &\lim_{n \rightarrow \infty} M(x_n, x_n, u) \\ &= \lim_{n \rightarrow \infty} \max \left\{ \tilde{G}(x_n, x_n, u), \frac{\tilde{G}(x_n, x_n, fx_n)\tilde{G}(x_n, x_n, fx_n)}{1 + \Omega[\tilde{G}(x_n, x_n, x_n) + \tilde{G}(x_n, x_n, fx_n)]}, \right. \\ &\left. \frac{\tilde{G}(x_n, x_n, fx_n)\tilde{G}(u, u, fu)}{1 + \Omega[\tilde{G}(x_n, u, u) + \tilde{G}(x_n, x_n, fu)]}, \frac{\tilde{G}(x_n, u, u)\tilde{G}(x_n, x_n, u)}{1 + \tilde{G}(x_n, fx_n, fx_n) + \tilde{G}(u, fu, fu)} \right\} = 0. \end{aligned}$$

Therefor, we deduce that  $\tilde{G}(u, u, fu) = 0$ , so,  $u = fu$ .

Finally, suppose that the set of fixed point of  $f$  is well ordered. Assume on contrary that,  $u$  and  $v$  are two fixed points of  $f$  such that  $u \neq v$ . Then by (18), we have

$$\theta[\tilde{G}(u, v, v)] = \theta[\tilde{G}(fu, fv, fv)] \leq \theta(M(u, v, v))^k = \theta(\tilde{G}(u, v, v))^k. \quad (27)$$

So, we get,  $G(u, v, v) = 0$ , a contradiction. Hence  $u = v$ , and  $f$  has a unique fixed point.  $\square$

If in the above theorem we take  $\theta(t) = \frac{2e^{te^t}}{1+e^{te^t}}$  and  $\tilde{G}(x, y, z) = e^{G(x, y, z)} - 1$  then we have the following corollary in the framework of  $G_b$  metric spaces.

**Corollary 2.3.5.** *Let  $(X, G_b, \preceq)$  be an ordered  $G_b$ -complete  $G_b$ -metric space with coefficient  $s > 1$ . Let  $f : X \rightarrow X$  be an increasing mapping with respect to  $\preceq$  such that there exists an element  $x_0 \in X$  with  $x_0 \preceq f(x_0)$ . Suppose that*

$$\frac{2e^{[e^{s \cdot [e^{G(fx, fy, fz)} - 1] - 1}]e^{e^{s \cdot [e^{G(fx, fy, fz)} - 1] - 1}}}}{1 + e^{[e^{s \cdot [e^{G(fx, fy, fz)} - 1] - 1}]e^{e^{s \cdot [e^{G(fx, fy, fz)} - 1] - 1}}}} \leq \sqrt{\frac{2e^{M(x, y, z)}e^{M(x, y, z)}}{1 + e^{M(x, y, z)}e^{M(x, y, z)}}}$$

for all comparable elements  $x, y, z \in X$ , where

$$M(x, y, z) = \max \left\{ e^{G(x, y, z)} - 1, \frac{[e^{G(x, x, fx)} - 1][e^{G(y, y, fy)} - 1]}{1 + e^{s \cdot [e^{G(x, y, y)} - 1 + e^{G(x, x, fx)} - 1] - 1}}, \right. \\ \left. \frac{[e^{G(y, y, fy)} - 1][e^{G(z, z, fz)} - 1]}{1 + e^{s \cdot [e^{G(y, z, z)} - 1 + e^{G(y, y, fy)} - 1] - 1}}, \frac{[e^{G(y, z, z)} - 1][e^{G(y, y, z)} - 1]}{1 + e^{G(y, fy, fy)} - 1 + e^{G(z, fz, fz)} - 1} \right\}.$$

If

- (I)  $f$  is continuous, or,
  - (II)  $(X, G_b, \preceq)$  enjoys the s.l.c. property,
- then  $f$  has a fixed point.

## 2.4 Examples

**Example 2.4.1.** Let  $X = [0, 8]$  be equipped with the  $\tilde{G}$ -metric

$$\tilde{G}(x, y, z) = \sinh\left(\frac{|x - y| + |y - z| + |z - x|}{3}\right)$$

for all  $x, y, z \in X$ , where  $\Omega(x) = \sinh x$  which  $\Omega^{-1}(x) = \sinh^{-1}(x)$ .

Define a relation  $\preceq$  on  $X$  by  $x \preceq y$  iff  $y \leq x$ , the function  $f : [0, 8] \rightarrow [0, 2]$  by

$$fx = \sqrt{2 + \frac{x}{4}}$$

and the function  $\beta$  given by  $\beta(t) = \frac{1}{2} < 0.88137358702 = \Omega^{-1}(1)$ .

For all comparable elements  $x, y \in X$ , we have,

$$\begin{aligned} & \Omega(\tilde{G}(fx, fy, fz)) \\ &= \sinh(\sinh(\frac{|\sqrt{2 + \frac{x}{4}} - \sqrt{2 + \frac{y}{4}}| + |\sqrt{2 + \frac{y}{4}} - \sqrt{2 + \frac{z}{4}}| + |\sqrt{2 + \frac{z}{4}} - \sqrt{2 + \frac{x}{4}}|}{3})) \\ &\leq \sinh(\sinh(\frac{|\frac{x}{4} - \frac{y}{4}| + |\frac{y}{4} - \frac{z}{4}| + |\frac{z}{4} - \frac{x}{4}|}{3})) \\ &\leq \sinh(\frac{\tilde{G}(x, y, z)}{4}) \\ &\leq \frac{\tilde{G}(x, y, z)}{2} = \beta(\tilde{G}(x, y, z))\tilde{G}(x, y, z) \leq \beta(M(x, y, z))M(x, y, z), \end{aligned}$$

So, from Theorem 2.1.2  $f$  has a fixed point.

**Example 2.4.2.** Let  $X = [0, \infty]$  be equipped with the

$$\tilde{G}(x, y, z) = \frac{|x - y| + |y - z| + |z - x|}{3} + \ln(\frac{|x - y| + |y - z| + |z - x|}{3})$$

for all  $x, y, z \in X$ , where  $\Omega(x) = x + \ln x$ .

Define a relation  $\preceq$  on  $X$  by  $x \preceq y$  iff  $y \leq x$ , the function  $f : X \rightarrow X$  by

$$fx = \ln(\frac{x}{5} + 2)$$

and the function  $\psi$  given by  $\psi(t) = \frac{1}{2}t$ . It is obvious that  $\psi(t) < t$  for all  $t \in X$ .

For all comparable elements  $x, y \in X$ , by mean value theorem, we have,

$$\begin{aligned} & \Omega(\tilde{G}(fx, fy, fz)) \\ &= \tilde{G}(fx, fy, fz) + \ln[1 + \tilde{G}(fx, fy, fz)] + \ln[1 + \tilde{G}(fx, fy, fz)] + \ln[1 + \tilde{G}(fx, fy, fz)] \\ &= \frac{|\ln 2 + \frac{x}{5} - \ln 2 + \frac{y}{5}| + |\ln 2 + \frac{y}{5} - \ln 2 + \frac{z}{5}| + |\ln 2 + \frac{z}{5} - \ln 2 + \frac{x}{5}|}{3} \\ &+ \ln[1 + \frac{|\ln 2 + \frac{x}{5} - \ln 2 + \frac{y}{5}| + |\ln 2 + \frac{y}{5} - \ln 2 + \frac{z}{5}| + |\ln 2 + \frac{z}{5} - \ln 2 + \frac{x}{5}|}{3}] \\ &+ \ln[1 + \frac{|\ln 2 + \frac{x}{5} - \ln 2 + \frac{y}{5}| + |\ln 2 + \frac{y}{5} - \ln 2 + \frac{z}{5}| + |\ln 2 + \frac{z}{5} - \ln 2 + \frac{x}{5}|}{3}] \end{aligned}$$

$$\begin{aligned}
 & + \ln \left[ 1 + \frac{\left| \ln 2 + \frac{x}{5} - \ln 2 + \frac{y}{5} \right| + \left| \ln 2 + \frac{y}{5} - \ln 2 + \frac{z}{5} \right| + \left| \ln 2 + \frac{z}{5} - \ln 2 + \frac{x}{5} \right|}{3} \right] \\
 & \leq \frac{\left| \frac{x}{5} - \frac{y}{5} \right| + \left| \frac{y}{5} - \frac{z}{5} \right| + \left| \frac{z}{5} - \frac{x}{5} \right|}{3} \\
 & + \ln \left[ 1 + \frac{\left| \frac{x}{5} - \frac{y}{5} \right| + \left| \frac{y}{5} - \frac{z}{5} \right| + \left| \frac{z}{5} - \frac{x}{5} \right|}{3} \right] \\
 & + \ln \left[ 1 + \frac{\left| \frac{x}{5} - \frac{y}{5} \right| + \left| \frac{y}{5} - \frac{z}{5} \right| + \left| \frac{z}{5} - \frac{x}{5} \right|}{3} \right] \\
 & + \ln \left[ 1 + \frac{\left| \frac{x}{5} - \frac{y}{5} \right| + \left| \frac{y}{5} - \frac{z}{5} \right| + \left| \frac{z}{5} - \frac{x}{5} \right|}{3} \right] \\
 & \leq \frac{1}{5} \tilde{G}(x, y, z) + \ln \left[ 1 + \frac{1}{5} \tilde{G}(x, y, z) \right] \\
 & + \ln \left[ 1 + \frac{1}{5} \tilde{G}(x, y, z) + \ln \left[ 1 + \frac{1}{5} \tilde{G}(x, y, z) \right] \right] \\
 & \leq \frac{9}{10} \tilde{G}(x, y, z) = \psi(\tilde{G}(x, y, z)) \leq \psi(M(x, y, z)),
 \end{aligned}$$

So, from Theorem 2.2.3  $f$  has a fixed point.

**Example 2.4.3.** Let  $\tilde{G} : X \times X \times X \rightarrow \mathbb{R}^+$  be defined on  $X = [0, 1.5]$  by

$$\tilde{G}(x, y, z) = e^{\frac{|x-y|+|y-z|+|z-x|}{3}} - 1$$

for all  $x, y, z \in X$ . Then  $(X, \tilde{G})$  is a  $\tilde{G}$ -complete  $\tilde{G}$ -metric space with  $\Omega(t) = e^t - 1$ .

Define  $k$  and  $\theta \in \Theta$  by  $k = \frac{1}{\sqrt{2}}$  and  $\theta(t) = e^{te^t}$ . Let  $X$  is endowed with the usual order. Let  $f : X \rightarrow X$  be defined by  $fx = \arctan(\frac{x}{16})$ . It is easy to see that  $f$  is an ordered increasing and continuous self map on  $X$  and  $0 \leq f0$ . For

any  $x, y, z \in X$ , we have

$$\begin{aligned}
 \tilde{G}(fx, fy, fz) & = e^{\frac{|fx-fy|+|fy-fz|+|fz-fx|}{3}} - 1 \\
 & = e^{\frac{\left| \arctan \frac{x}{16} - \arctan \frac{y}{16} \right| + \left| \arctan \frac{y}{16} - \arctan \frac{z}{16} \right| + \left| \arctan \frac{z}{16} - \arctan \frac{x}{16} \right|}{3}} - 1 \\
 & \leq e^{\frac{\left| \frac{x}{16} - \frac{y}{16} \right| + \left| \frac{y}{16} - \frac{z}{16} \right| + \left| \frac{z}{16} - \frac{x}{16} \right|}{3}} - 1 \\
 & \leq \frac{1}{16} \left( e^{\frac{|x-y|+|y-z|+|z-x|}{3}} - 1 \right) \\
 & = \frac{1}{16} \tilde{G}(x, y, z).
 \end{aligned}$$

So,

$$\begin{aligned} \Omega[\tilde{G}(fx, fy, fz)] &= e^{\tilde{G}(fx, fy, fz)} - 1 \\ &\leq e^{\frac{1}{16}\tilde{G}(fx, fy, fz)} - 1 \\ &\leq \frac{1}{16}\tilde{G}(fx, fy, fz). \end{aligned}$$

Therefore,

$$\begin{aligned} \theta(\Omega[\tilde{G}(fx, fy, fz)]) &= e^{\Omega[\tilde{G}(fx, fy, fz)]}e^{\Omega[\tilde{G}(fx, fy, fz)]} \\ &\leq e^{\frac{1}{16}\tilde{G}(fx, fy, fz)}e^{\frac{1}{16}\tilde{G}(fx, fy, fz)} \\ &\leq [e^{\tilde{G}(fx, fy, fz)}e^{\tilde{G}(fx, fy, fz)}]^{1/2} = [\theta(\tilde{G}(fx, fy, fz))]^{1/2}. \end{aligned}$$

Thus, (18) is satisfied with  $k = \frac{1}{\sqrt{2}}$ . Hence, all the conditions of Theorem 2.3.4 are satisfied. We have that 0 is the unique fixed point of  $f$ .

### 2.5 Existence of a solution for an integral equation

We consider the following integral equation:

$$x(t) = \int_a^b K(t, s, x(s))ds + k(t), \tag{28}$$

where  $b > a \geq 0$ . The aim of this section is to present the existence of a solution to (28) that belongs to  $X = C[a, b]$  (the set of all continuous real valued functions defined on  $[a, b]$ ) as an application to the Theorem 2.3.4.

The considered problem can be changed as follows.

Let  $f : X \rightarrow X$  be defined by:

$$fx(t) = \int_a^b (t, s, x(s))ds + k(t),$$

for all  $x \in X$  and for all  $t \in [a, b]$ . Obviously, existence of a solution to (28) is equivalent to the existence of a fixed point of  $f$ .

Let,

$$d(u, v) = \max_{t \in [a, b]} |u(t) - v(t)| = \|u - v\|_\infty.$$

Let  $X$  be equipped with the modified  $G$ -metric given by

$$\tilde{G}(u, v, w) = \xi(\max\{d(u, v), d(v, w), d(w, u)\}),$$

for all  $u, v, w \in X$  where  $\xi : [0, \infty) \rightarrow [0, \infty)$  is a strictly increasing continuous function with  $t \leq \xi(t)$  for  $t \geq 0$  and  $\xi(0) = 0$  which is a  $\tilde{G}$ -complete  $\tilde{G}$ -metric space. We endow  $X$  with the partial ordered  $\preceq$  given by  $x \preceq y \iff x(t) \leq y(t)$ ,

for all  $t \in [a, b]$ . It is known that  $(X, \preceq)$  has sequential limit comparison property [25, 1].

Now, we will prove the following result.

**Theorem 2.5.1.** *Suppose that the following hypotheses hold:*

- (i)  $K : [a, b] \times [a, b] \times R \rightarrow R$  and  $k : [a, b] \rightarrow R$  are continuous;
- (ii) for all  $s, t \in [a, b]$  and for all  $x, y \in X$  with  $x \preceq y$  we have,

$$\xi^2 \left( \int_a^b |K(t, r, x(r)) - K(t, r, y(r))| dr \right) \leq \frac{\xi(\|fx - fy\|_\infty) \theta(\xi(\|x - y\|_\infty))^{\frac{1}{2}}}{\theta(\xi(\|fx - fy\|_\infty))},$$

for all  $t \in [a, b]$  and  $\theta \in \Psi$ .

- (iii) There exists continuous function  $\alpha : [a, b] \rightarrow \mathbb{R}$  such that

$$\alpha(t) \leq \int_a^b (t, s, \alpha(s)) ds + k(t).$$

Then, the integral equations (28) has a solution  $x \in X$ .

**Proof.** Let  $x, y \in X$  be such that  $x \succeq y$ . From condition (ii), for all  $t \in [a, b]$  we have,

$$\begin{aligned} \xi^2(|fx(t) - fy(t)|) &\leq \xi^2 \left( \int_a^b |K(t, s, x(s)) - K(t, s, y(s))| ds \right) \\ &\leq \frac{\xi^2(\|fx - fy\|_\infty) \theta(\xi(\|x - y\|_\infty))^{\frac{1}{2}}}{\theta(\xi^2(\|fx - fy\|_\infty))}. \end{aligned}$$

Hence,

$$\begin{aligned} \xi^2(d(fx, fy)) &= \xi^2 \left( \sup_{t \in [a, b]} |fx(t) - fy(t)| \right) \\ &\leq \frac{\xi^2(\|fx - fy\|_\infty) \theta(\xi(\|x - y\|_\infty))^{\frac{1}{2}}}{\theta(\xi^2(\|fx - fy\|_\infty))}. \end{aligned} \tag{29}$$

Hence,

$$\theta(\xi^2(\|fx - fy\|_\infty)) \leq \theta(\xi(\|x - y\|_\infty))^{\frac{1}{2}}. \tag{30}$$

Therefore, from (29) we have,

$$\begin{aligned} \theta \left( \xi \left( \tilde{G}(fx, fy, fz) \right) \right) &= \theta \left( \xi \left( \xi \left( \max \{ d(fx, fy), d(fy, fz), d(fz, fx) \} \right) \right) \right) \\ &\leq \max \left\{ \theta \left( \xi^2(d(fx, fy)) \right), \theta \left( \xi^2(d(fy, fz)) \right), \theta \left( \xi^2(d(fz, fx)) \right) \right\} \\ &\leq \max \left\{ \theta(\xi(\|x - y\|_\infty))^{\frac{1}{2}}, \theta(\xi(\|y - z\|_\infty))^{\frac{1}{2}}, \theta(\xi(\|z - x\|_\infty))^{\frac{1}{2}} \right\} \\ &\leq \theta(M(x, y, z))^{\frac{1}{2}}, \end{aligned}$$

where

$$M(x, y, z) = \max \left\{ \tilde{G}(x, y, z), \frac{\tilde{G}(x, x, fx)\tilde{G}(y, y, fy)}{1 + \xi[\tilde{G}(x, y, y) + \tilde{G}(x, x, fy)]}, \right. \\ \left. \frac{\tilde{G}(y, y, fy)\tilde{G}(z, z, fz)}{1 + \xi[\tilde{G}(y, z, z) + \tilde{G}(y, y, fz)]}, \frac{\tilde{G}(y, z, z)\tilde{G}(y, y, z)}{1 + \tilde{G}(y, fy, fy) + \tilde{G}(z, fz, fz)} \right\},$$

So, from Theorem 2.3.4, there exists  $x \in X$ , a fixed point of  $f$  which is a solution of (28).  $\square$

### 3. Conclusion

Taking  $\Omega(x) = sx$ , our obtained results coincide with the results in usual  $G_b$ -metric spaces and taking  $\Omega(x) = x$ , our obtained results coincide with the results in usual  $G$ -metric spaces.

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