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$b - (\varphi, \Gamma)$ -graph contraction on metric space endowed with a graph

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Abstract. In this paper, we introduce the $b - (\varphi, \Gamma)$ -graphic contraction on metric space endowed with a graph so that (M, δ) is a metric space, and $V(\Gamma)$ is the vertices of Γ coincides with M. We aim to obtain some new fixed-point results for such contractions. We give an example to show that our results generalize some known results.

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1. Introduction

Jachymski [13] offers some generalizations about the Banach contraction principle to map on a metric space with respect to a graph. Some recent articles give sufficient conditions for selfmap $f: M \to M$ to be a PO if (M, δ) is a metric space endowed with a graph. We give some conditions to show that $b - (\varphi, \Gamma)$ -graphic contraction is PO. In order to study $b - (\varphi, \Gamma)$ -graphic contraction, we need the following definitions (also, see [1, 2, 4–8, 10–12, 14–16, 18–22, 24]).

Let (M, δ) be a metric space, and Δ be the diagonal of $M \times M$. Let Γ be a directed graph so that the set $V(\Gamma)$ of its vertices coincides with M, and the set $S(\Gamma)$ of its edges contains all loops, i.e. $S(\Gamma) \supseteq \Delta$. Let Γ have no parallel edges, which is why one can identify Γ with the pair $(V(\Gamma), S(\Gamma))$. By Γ^{-1} , we denote the graph obtained from Γ by reversing the direction of edges, and call it the reverse of graph Γ . Thus,

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 $S(\Gamma^{-1}) = \{(x, y) \in M \times M | (y, x) \in S(\Gamma)\}.$ $\tilde{\Gamma}$ is the undirected graph obtained from Γ by removing the direction of the edges. Thus, we have $S(\tilde{\Gamma}) = S(\Gamma) \bigcup S(\Gamma^{-1}).$

A path from x to y of length $N(N \in \mathbf{N})$ is a sequence $(x_i)_{i=0}^N$ of N+1 vertices so that $x_0 = x, x_N = y$ and $(x_{n-1}, x_n) \in S(\Gamma)$ for i = 1, ..., N. Γ has a weak connection if $\tilde{\Gamma}$ is connected. $[x]_{\Gamma}$ is the equivalent class of relations \Re defined on $V(\Gamma)$ by the rule: $z\Re y$ if there is a path in Γ from z to y. Γ_x is called the component of Γ , which comprises of all edges and vertices that are contained in some paths beginning at x.

If $f: M \to M$ is an operator, then $M^f := \{x \in M : (x, fx)\} \in S(\Gamma)\}$ and the set of all fixed points of f is denoted by $F_f := \{x \in M : f(x) = x\}.$

Definition 1.1 [3, 9] Let M be a set and $s \ge 1$ be a given real number. A function $\delta: M \times M \to \mathbf{R}^+$ is said to be a *b*-metric on M and the pair (M, δ) is called a *b*-metric space if, for all $x, y, z \in M$,

 $(\delta_1) \ \delta(x, y) = 0$ if and only if x = y,

$$(\delta_2) \ \delta(x,y) = \delta(y,x),$$

 $(\delta_3) \ \delta(x,z) \leqslant s[\delta(x,y) + \delta(y,z)].$

Remark 1 Set s = 1 in the Definition 1.1, then we obtain δ is a metric space on M.

Example 1.2 [24] Let
$$M = l_p(\mathbf{R})$$
, where $l_p(\mathbf{R}) = \{x = \{x_n\} \subset \mathbf{R} : \sum_{n=1}^{\infty} |x_n|^p < \infty\}$
and $0 . Then $\delta(x, y) = (\sum_{n=1}^{\infty} |x_n - y_n|^p)^{\frac{1}{p}}$ is a *b*-metric on M with $s = 2^{\frac{1}{p}}$.$

Definition 1.3 [8] A mapping $f: M \to M$ is called Γ -graphic contraction if

- 1. for all $x, y \in M$, if $(x, y) \in S(\Gamma)$ then $(f(x), f(y)) \in S(\Gamma)$;
- 2. there exists $a \in [0,1)$ so that $\delta(f(x), f^2(x)) \leq ad(x, f(x))$ for all $x \in M^f$.

Matkowski [17] defined class of φ -contractions in metric fixed-point theory.

Definition 1.4 [17] Let $\phi : \mathbf{R}^+ \to \mathbf{R}^+$. Consider the following properties:

 $\begin{aligned} (i)_{\varphi} \ t_1 \leqslant t_2 \Rightarrow \varphi(t_1) \leqslant \varphi(t_2) \text{ for all } t_1, t_2 \in \mathbf{R}^+, \\ (ii)_{\varphi} \ \varphi(t) < t \text{ for } t > 0, \\ (iii)_{\varphi} \ \varphi(0) = 0, \\ (iv)_{\varphi} \ \lim_{n \to \infty} \varphi^n(t) = 0 \text{ for all } t > 0, \\ (v)_{\varphi} \ \sum_{n=0}^{\infty} \varphi^n(t) \text{ converges for all } t > 0. \end{aligned}$

We state that a function φ satisfying $(i)_{\varphi}$ and $(iv)_{\varphi}$ is said to be a comparison function. Moreover, if a function φ satisfying $(i)_{\varphi}$ and $(v)_{\varphi}$ is said to be a (c)-comparison function

In Definition 1.4, $(i)_{\varphi}$ and $(iv)_{\varphi}$ imply $(ii)_{\varphi}$ and $(i)_{\varphi}$ and $(ii)_{\varphi}$ imply $(iii)_{\varphi}$.

Remark 2 Any (c)-comparison function is a comparison function.

Definition 1.5 [24] Let $s \ge 1$ be a fixed real number. A function $\varphi : \mathbf{R}^+ \to \mathbf{R}^+$ is known as (b)-comparison function if it satisfies $(i)_{\varphi}$ and the following holds:

$$(vi)_{\varphi} \sum_{n=0}^{\infty} s^n \varphi^n(t)$$
 converges for all $t \in \mathbf{R}^+$.

Remark 3 By setting s = 1 in Definition 1.5, we obtain that the function φ is a comparison function.

Example 1.6 [24] Let (M, δ) be a *b*-metric space with coefficient $s \ge 1$. Then $\varphi(t) = at$

for all $t \in \mathbf{R}^+$ with $0 < a < (\frac{1}{s})$ is a (b)-comparison function.

Definition 1.7 [24] A mapping $f: M \to M$ is called $b - (\varphi, \Gamma)$ -contraction if

- (i) for all $x, y \in M$, if $(x, y) \in S(\Gamma)$ then $(f(x), f(y)) \in S(\Gamma)$;
- (ii) $\delta(f(x), f(y)) \leq \varphi(\delta(x, y))$ whenever $(x, y) \in S(\Gamma)$,

where $\phi : \mathbf{R}^+ \to \mathbf{R}^+$ is a comparison function.

Definition 1.8 [13] Let (M, δ) be a *b*-metric space and $f: M \to M$ a mapping. Two sequences $\{f^n x\}$ and $\{f^n y\}$ in M are said to be equivalent if $\lim \delta(f^n x, f^n y) = 0$. Moreover, if each of them is a Cauchy sequence, they are called Cauchy equivalents.

In the next section, we state two fixed-point theorems for $b - (\varphi, \Gamma)$ -graphic contraction.

2. Main results

In this section, we assume that (M, δ) is a *b*-metric space with coefficient $s \ge 1$ and Γ is a directed graph so that $V(\Gamma) = M$, $\Delta \subseteq S(\Gamma)$ and Γ has no parallel edges.

Definition 2.1 A mapping $f: M \to M$ is called $b - (\varphi, \Gamma)$ -graphic contraction if

- (i) for all $x, y \in M$, if $(x, y) \in S(\Gamma)$ then $(f(x), f(y)) \in S(\Gamma)$;
- (ii) $\delta(f(x), f^2(x)) \leq \varphi(\delta(x, f(x)))$ for all $x \in M^f$,

where $\phi : \mathbf{R}^+ \to \mathbf{R}^+$ is a comparison function.

Remark 4 Any Γ -graphic contraction is a $b - (\varphi, \Gamma)$ -graphic contraction.

Lemma 2.2 Let (M, δ) be a *b*-metric space and $f: M \to M$ be a $b - (\varphi, \Gamma)$ -graphic contraction, where $\phi: \mathbf{R}^+ \to \mathbf{R}^+$ is a *b*-comparison function. Then, for given $x \in M^f$ there exists $r(x) \ge 0$ so that $\delta(f^n x, f^{n+1} x) \le \varphi^n(r(x))$ for all $n \in \mathbb{N}$.

Proof. Assume that $x \in M^f$, then by induction, we have $(f^n x, f^{n+1} x) \in S(\Gamma)$ for each $n \in \mathbf{N}$. So

$$\delta(f^n x, f^{n+1} x) \leqslant \varphi(\delta(f^{n-1} x, f^n x)) \leqslant \dots \leqslant \varphi^n(\delta(x, fx).$$

Set $r(x) = \delta(x, fx)$.

Lemma 2.3 Let (M, δ) be a *b*-metric space and $f: M \to M$ be a $b - (\varphi, \Gamma)$ -graphic contraction, where $\phi: \mathbf{R}^+ \to \mathbf{R}^+$ is a *b*-comparison function. Furthermore, for each $x \in M^f$, there exists $x^*(x) \in M$ so that the sequence $(f^n x)_{n \in \mathbb{N}}$ converges to $x^*(x)$ as $n \to \infty$.

Proof. Let
$$x \in M^f$$
. By Lemma 2.2, $\delta(f^n x, f^{n+1}x) \leq \varphi^n(r(x))$ for all $n \in \mathbb{N}$. Hence,

$$\sum_{n=0}^{\infty} \delta(f^n x, f^{n+1}x) \leq \sum_{n=0}^{\infty} \varphi^n(r(x)) < \infty$$
. Thus, $\delta(f^n x, f^{n+1}x) \to 0$ as $n \to \infty$.

Therefore the sequence $(f^n x)_{n \in \mathbb{N}}$ is a Cauchy sequence. Since the space M is complete, there exists $x^*(x) \in X$ so that the sequence $(f^n x)_{n \in \mathbb{N}}$ converges to $x^*(x)$ as $n \to \infty$.

Definition 2.4 [23] Let $f: M \to M$, and let $y \in M$, and the sequence $\{f^n y\}$ in M so that $f^n y \to x^*$ with $(f^n y, f^{n+1} y) \in S(\Gamma)$ for all $n \in \mathbf{N}$. We say that a graph Γ is (C_f) -graph if there is a subsequence $\{f^{n_k}y\}$ and a natural number p so that $(f^{n_k}y, x^*) \in$ $S(\Gamma)$ for all $k \ge p$.

Definition 2.5 [13] A mapping $f: M \to M$ is called orbitally Γ - continuous if for all $x, y \in M$ and any sequence $(k_n)_{n \in \mathbb{N}}$ of positive integers, $f^{k_n} x \to y$ and $(f^{k_n} x, f^{k_{n+1}} x) \in$ $S(\Gamma)$ imply $f(f^{k_n}x) \to fy$ as $n \to \infty$.

Theorem 2.6 Let (M, δ) be a complete b-metric space endowed with a graph Γ and Γ be (C_f) -graph. Let $f: M \to M$ be a $b - (\varphi, \Gamma)$ -graphic contraction and f be orbitally Γ -continuous, where $\phi : \mathbf{R}^+ \to \mathbf{R}^+$ is a *b*-comparison function. Thus, the following statements hold.

- (i) $F_f \neq \emptyset$ if and only if $M^f \neq \emptyset$.
- (ii) If $M^f \neq \emptyset$ and Γ are weakly connected, then f is a weakly Picard operator.
- (iii) For any $M^f \neq \emptyset$, $f \mid_{[x]_{\tilde{r}}}$ is a weak Picard operator.

Proof. First, we prove (*iii*). Let $x \in M^f$. By Lemma 2.3, there exists $x^* \in M$ so that $\lim_{n\to\infty} f^n x = x^*$. Since $x \in M^f$, then $f^n x \in M^f$ for every $n \in \mathbf{N}$. Now, we assume that $(x, fx) \in S(\Gamma)$. Since Γ is (C_f) -graph, there exists a subsequence $(f^{k_n}x)_{n \in \mathbb{N}}$ of $(f^n x)_{n \in \mathbb{N}}$ and $p \in \mathbb{N}$ so that $(f^{k_n} x, x^*) \in S(\Gamma)$ for each $k \ge p$. Now, we have a path in Γ by using the points $x, fx, \dots, f^{k_l}x, x^*$ and hence, $x^* \in [x]_{\tilde{\Gamma}}$. On the other hand, since f is orbitally Γ -continuous, we have x^* as a fixed point for $f|_{[x]_{\tilde{r}}}$.

(i) is obtained using (iii) because $F_f \neq \emptyset$ if $M^f \neq \emptyset$. Now suppose that $F_f \neq \emptyset$. Using the assumption that $\Delta \subseteq S(\Gamma)$, we obtain $M^f \neq \varnothing$.

To prove (ii), let $x \in M^f$. Because Γ is weakly connected, we have $M = [x]_{\tilde{\Gamma}}$ and (iii) complete the proof.

In the next we study the case that $f: M \to M$ as a $b - (\varphi, \Gamma)$ -graphic contraction can be a Picard operator. Thus, we need the following definition.

Definition 2.7 Let (M, δ) be a metric space endowed with a graph Γ and $f: M \to M$ be a mapping. We state that the graph Γ has a $f-{\rm path}$ property, if for any path in $\Gamma,$ $(x_i)_{i=0}^N$ from x to y so that $x_0 = x, x_N = y$ we have $fx_{i-1} = x_i$ for all $i = 1, \dots, N$.

Proposition 2.8 Let (M, δ) be a *b*-metric space endowed with a graph Γ . Let $f: M \to \mathcal{I}$ M be a $b - (\varphi, \Gamma)$ -graphic contraction, where $\phi : \mathbf{R}^+ \to \mathbf{R}^+$ is a b-comparison function. Thus, the following statements hold:

- (i) f is a b − (φ, Γ)−graphic contraction and a b − (φ, Γ⁻¹)−graphic contraction;
 (ii) [x₀]_{Γ̃} is f−invariant, and f |_{[x₀]_{Γ̃}} is a b − (φ, Γ̃_{x₀})−graphic contraction, and this means if x₀ ∈ M, then fx₀ ∈ [x₀]_{Γ̃}.

Proof. (i) is obtained using the symmetry of δ .

(ii) Let $x \in [x_0]_{\tilde{\Gamma}}$. Then there exists a path $(x_i)_{i=0}^l$ in $\tilde{\Gamma}$ from x to x_0 so that $x_0 =$ $x, x_l = x_0$. Since f is a $b - (\varphi, \tilde{\Gamma})$ -graphic contraction, then $(fx_{i-1}, fx_i) \in S(\Gamma)$ for each $i = 1, \dots, l$. So $fx \in [fx_0]_{\tilde{\Gamma}} = [x_0]_{\tilde{\Gamma}}$. Now let $(x, y) \in S(\tilde{\Gamma}_{x_0})$. Thus, there exists a path from x to y passing through x, i.e., $(x_0, x_1, \dots, x_{k-1} = x, x_k = y)$ in such a way that $(x_{i-1}, x_i) \in S(\Gamma)$ for $i = 1, \dots, k$. Since f is a $b - (\varphi, \Gamma)$ -graphic, $(fx_{i-1}, fx_i) \in S(\Gamma)$ for $i = 1, \dots, k$. Let $(z_0, z_1, \dots, z_{l-1}, z_l)$ be a path from x_0 to fx_0 . So

$$(z_0 = x_0, z_1, \dots, z_{l-1}, z_l = fx_0, fx_1, \dots, fx_{k-1} = fx, fx_k = fy)$$

is a path in $\tilde{\Gamma}$ from x_0 to fy so that $(fx, fy) \in S(\tilde{\Gamma}_{x_0})$. Since f is a $\tilde{\Gamma}$ -graphic contraction, and $S(\tilde{\Gamma}_{x_0}) \subset S(\tilde{\Gamma})$, then f is a $\tilde{\Gamma}_{x_0}$ -graphic contraction.

Lemma 2.9 Let (M, δ) be a *b*-metric space endowed with a graph Γ . Let $f: M \to M$ be a $b - (\varphi, \Gamma)$ -graphic contraction so that the graph Γ has the f-path property and $\phi : \mathbf{R}^+ \to \mathbf{R}^+$ is a *b*-comparison function. Then for any $x \in M$ and $y \in [x]_{\tilde{\Gamma}}$ two sequences $(f^n x)_{n \in \mathbf{N}}$ and $(f^n y)_{n \in \mathbf{N}}$ are equivalent.

Proof. Let $x \in M$ and $y \in [M]_{\tilde{\Gamma}}$. Then there exists a path $(x_i)_{i=0}^l$ in $\tilde{\Gamma}$ from x to y so that $x_0 = x, x_l = y$ with $(x_{i-1}, x_i) \in S(\Gamma)$ and $fx_{i-1} = x_i$ for all $i = 1, \dots, l$. From Proposition 2.8, f is a $b - (\varphi, \tilde{\Gamma})$ -graphic contraction. Thus, $(f^{n+1}x_{i-1}, f^{n+1}x_i) \in S(\tilde{\Gamma})$ for all $n \in N$. So

$$\delta(f^{n+1}x_{i-1}, f^{n+1}x_i) = \delta(f^n x_i, f^{n+1}x_i) \leqslant \varphi(\delta(f^{n-1}x_i, f^n x_i)).$$

Hence,

$$\delta(f^n x_{i-1}, f^n x_i) \leqslant \varphi^{n-1} \delta(x_i, f x_i) = \varphi^{n-1} \delta(x_i, x_{i+1}).$$
(1)

We know that $(f^n x_i)_{i=0}^l$ is a path in Γ from $f^n x$ to $f^n y$. Using Definition 1.1(d₃) and (1), we have

$$\delta(f^n x, f^n y) \leqslant \sum_{i=1}^l s^i \delta(f^n x_{i-1}, f^n x_i) \leqslant a^n \sum_{i=1}^l s^i \varphi^{n-1}(\delta(x_i, x_{i+1})).$$

Assuming $n \to \infty$, we get $\delta(f^n x, f^n y) \to 0$.

Theorem 2.10 Let (M, δ) be a complete b-metric space endowed with a graph Γ , so that Γ is (C_f) -graph, and has a f-path property. Let $f: M \to M$ be a $b-(\varphi, \Gamma)$ -graphic contraction, and f be orbitally Γ -continuous, where $\phi: \mathbf{R}^+ \to \mathbf{R}^+$ is a b-comparison function. Let $z \in M$ so that $z \in M^f$, and thus the following statements hold:

(1) $f|_{[z]_{\tilde{\Gamma}}}$ is a Picard operator;

(2) if Γ is weakly connected, then f is a Picard operator.

Proof. (1) Using (*iii*) Theorem 2.6, there exists $x^*(z) \in [z]_{\tilde{\Gamma}}$ so that $\lim_{n \to \infty} f^n(z) = x^*(z)$, and $x^*(z)$ is a fixed point of f. Now, let $y \in [z]_{\tilde{\Gamma}}$ and $\lim_{n\to\infty} f^n(y) = x^*(y)$. Then, by Lemma 2.9, two sequences $(f^n z)_{n\in\mathbb{N}}$ and $(f^n y)_{n\in\mathbb{N}}$ are equivalent. Since both are convergent sequences, they are Cauchy sequences. Hence, they are Cauchy equivalent. This means $x^*(y) = x^*(z)$.

(2) Since $z \in M^f$ and Γ is weakly connected, we have $M = [z]_{\tilde{\Gamma}}$. Then we only need to apply (1).

The following example shows that $b - (\varphi, \Gamma)$ -graphic contraction is a generalization of $b - (\varphi, \Gamma)$ - contraction.

Example 2.11 Let M = [0, 1] and $\delta(x, y) = |x - y|^2$. Define the graph Γ by $S(\Gamma) = \{(0, 0)\} \bigcup \{(0, x), x \ge \frac{1}{2}\} \bigcup \{(x, y) : x, y \in (0, 1]\}$. and $f : M \to M$ by

$$fx = \begin{cases} \frac{x}{2}, & x \in (0,1); \\ \frac{3}{4}, & x = 0; \\ 1, & x = 1. \end{cases}$$

So if $\varphi(t) = \frac{t}{3}$, then δ is a *b*-metric on *M* with s = 2, and *f* is a $b - (\varphi, \Gamma)$ -graphic contraction. But *f* is not $b - (\varphi, \Gamma)$ - contraction, because

$$\delta(f(0), f(\frac{1}{2}) \nleq \frac{\delta(0, \frac{1}{2})}{3}.$$

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Definition 2.12 A mapping $f: M \to M$ is called $b - (\varphi, \Gamma)$ -almost contraction if:

- (i) for all $x, y \in M$, if $(x, y) \in S(\Gamma)$ then $(f(x), f(y)) \in S(\Gamma)$;
- (ii) there exists $L \ge 0$ so that $\delta(f(x), f(y)) \le \varphi(\delta(x, y)) + L\delta(y, f(x))$ whenever $(x, y) \in S(\Gamma)$,

where $\phi : \mathbf{R}^+ \to \mathbf{R}^+$ is a comparison function.

Remark 5 Note that if $f: M \to M$ is a $b - (\varphi, \Gamma)$ -almost contraction, then f is a $b - (\varphi, \Gamma)$ -graphic contraction with L = 0 and y = f(x).

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