



# Fixed point theorems on generalized $c$ -distance in ordered cone $b$ -metric spaces

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## Abstract

In this paper, we introduce a concept of a generalized  $c$ -distance in ordered cone  $b$ -metric spaces and, by using the concept, we prove some fixed point theorems in ordered cone  $b$ -metric spaces. Our results generalize the corresponding results obtained by Y. J. Cho, R. Saadati, Shenghua Wang [Y. J. Cho, R. Saadati, Shenghua Wang, Common fixed point theorems on generalized distance in ordered cone metric spaces, J. Computers and Mathematics with Application. 61 (2011), 1254-1260]. Furthermore, we give some examples and an application to support our main results.

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## 1. Introduction

Since the concept of a cone  $b$ -metric was introduced by N. Hussain and M. H. Shah [13], many fixed point theorems, which generalize some relative theorems on cone metric spaces (see [12]–[15]) and  $b$ -metric spaces (see [4]–[8]), have been proved for mappings on normal or non-normal cone  $b$ -metric spaces by some authors (see [11, 1] and the references contained therein). In this paper, we consider a new concept of a generalized  $c$ -distance in cone  $b$ -metric spaces, which is a generalization of  $c$ -distance of paper [7], prove theorems for some contractive type mappings in a cone  $b$ -metric space by using the generalized  $c$ -distance and give an application on the existence of solution of an integral equation.

We need the following definitions and results, consistent with [12].

Let  $E$  be a real Banach space and let  $P$  be a subset of  $E$ ,  $\text{int}P$  denotes the interior of  $P$ . The subset  $P$  is called a cone if and only if

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- (i)  $P$  is closed, nonempty and  $P \neq \{\theta\}$ ,
- (ii)  $a, b \in \mathbb{R}$ ,  $a, b \geq 0$ ,  $x, y \in P \Rightarrow ax + by \in P$ ,
- (iii)  $x \in P$  and  $-x \in P \Rightarrow x = \theta$ .

Given a cone  $P \subset E$ , we define a partial ordering  $\leq$  with respect to  $P$  by  $x \leq y$  if and only if  $y - x \in P$ . We shall write  $x < y$  if  $x \leq y$  and  $x \neq y$ , while  $x \ll y$  will stand for  $y - x \in \text{int}P$ . A cone  $P$  is called normal if there is a number  $N > 0$  such that for all  $x, y \in P$ ,

$$\theta \leq x \leq y \quad \text{implies} \quad \|x\| \leq N \|y\|.$$

The least positive number satisfying the above inequality is called the normal constant of  $P$ .

**Definition 1.1.** ([12]) Let  $X$  be a nonempty set. Suppose that the mapping  $d : X \times X \rightarrow E$  satisfies:

- (i)  $\theta < d(x, y)$  for all  $x, y \in X$  with  $x \neq y$  and  $d(x, y) = \theta$  if and only if  $x = y$ ;
- (ii)  $d(x, y) = d(y, x)$  for all  $x, y \in X$ ;
- (iii)  $d(x, y) \leq d(x, z) + d(z, y)$  for all  $x, y, z \in X$ .

Then  $d$  is called a cone metric on  $X$ , and  $(X, d)$  is called a cone metric space.

**Definition 1.2.** ([13]) Let  $X$  be a nonempty set and let  $s \geq 1$  a given real number. A mapping  $d : X \times X \rightarrow E$  is said to be a cone  $b$ -metric if and only if for all  $x, y, z \in X$  the following conditions are satisfied:

- (i)  $\theta < d(x, y)$  with  $x \neq y$  and  $d(x, y) = \theta$  if and only if  $x = y$ ;
- (ii)  $d(x, y) = d(y, x)$ ;
- (iii)  $d(x, y) \leq s[d(x, z) + d(z, y)]$ .

The pair  $(X, d)$  is called a cone  $b$ -metric space.

**Definition 1.3.** ([13]) Let  $(X, d)$  be a cone  $b$ -metric space. Then we say that  $\{x_n\}$  is:

- (i) a Cauchy sequence if for every  $c \in E$  with  $c \gg 0$ , there is  $N \in \mathbb{N}$  such that for all  $n, m > N$ ,  $d(x_n, x_m) \ll c$ ;
- (ii) a convergent sequence if for every  $c \in E$  with  $c \gg 0$ , there is  $N \in \mathbb{N}$  such that for all  $m > N$ ,  $d(x_m, x) \ll c$  for some fixed  $x$  in  $X$ .

A cone  $b$ -metric space  $X$  is said to be complete if every Cauchy sequence in  $X$  is convergent in  $X$ .

**Remark 1.4.** (i) If  $E$  is a real Banach space with a cone  $P$  and  $\alpha \leq \lambda\alpha$ , where  $\alpha \in P$  and  $0 < \lambda < 1$ , then  $\alpha = \theta$ .

- (ii) If  $c \in \text{int}P$ ,  $a_n \rightarrow \theta$ , as  $n \rightarrow \infty$ . Then there exists a positive integer  $N$  such that  $a_n \ll c$  for all  $n \geq N$ .

**Definition 1.5.** ([7]) Let  $(X, d)$  be a cone metric space, then a function  $q : X \times X \rightarrow E$  is called a  $c$ -distance on  $X$  if the following conditions are satisfied:

- (q1)  $\theta \leq q(x, y)$  for all  $x, y \in X$ ;
- (q2)  $q(x, y) \leq q(x, y) + q(y, z)$  for all  $x, y, z \in X$ ;
- (q3) for each  $x \in X$  and  $n \geq 1$ , if  $q(x, y_n) \leq u$  for some  $u = u_x \in P$ , then  $q(x, y) \leq u$  whenever  $\{y_n\}$  is a sequence in  $X$  converging to a point  $y \in X$ ;
- (q4) for all  $c \in E$  with  $\theta \ll c$ , there exists  $e \in E$  with  $0 \ll e$  such that  $q(z, x) \ll e$  and  $q(z, y) \ll e$  imply  $d(x, y) \ll c$ .

**Definition 1.6.** ([7]) A pair  $(f, g)$  of self-mappings on a partially ordered set,  $(X, \sqsubseteq)$  is said to be weakly increasing if  $fx \sqsubseteq gfx$  and  $gx \sqsubseteq fgx$  holds for all  $x \in X$ .

## 2. Main results

**Definition 2.1.** Let  $(X, d)$  be a cone metric space, then a function  $q : X \times X \rightarrow E$  is called a  $c$ -distance on  $X$  if the following conditions are satisfied:

- (q1)  $\theta \leq q(x, y)$  for all  $x, y \in X$ ;
- (q2)  $q(x, y) \leq s(q(x, y) + q(y, z))$  for all  $x, y, z \in X$ ;
- (q3) for each  $x \in X$  and  $n \geq 1$ , if  $q(x, y_n) \leq u$  for some  $u = u_x \in P$ , then  $q(x, y) \leq su$  whenever  $\{y_n\}$  is a sequence in  $X$  converging to a point  $y \in X$ ;
- (q4) for all  $c \in E$  with  $\theta \ll c$ , there exists  $e \in E$  with  $0 \ll e$  such that  $q(z, x) \ll e$  and  $q(z, y) \ll e$  imply  $d(x, y) \ll c$ .

We introduce the concept of generalized  $c$ -distance on a cone  $b$ -metric space  $(X, d)$ , which is a generalization of  $c$ -distance of Yeol Je Cho, Reza Saadati and Shenghua Wang [7]. Now, we give some examples of the generalized  $c$ -distance, as follows, which is a  $c$ -distance, and generalizes the  $c$ -distance.

**Example 2.2.** Let  $(X, d)$  be a cone  $b$ -metric space, let  $s \geq 1$  and  $P$  be a normal cone. Put  $q(x, y) = \frac{1}{s}d(u, y)$  for all  $x, y \in X$ , where  $u \in X$  is a fixed point, then  $q$  is a generalized  $c$ -distance.

**Proof .** we prove  $q$  is a generalized  $c$ -distance on  $X$ .

- (q1) since  $d(u, y) \geq \theta$ , we have  $\frac{1}{s}d(u, y) = q(x, y) \geq \theta$ ;
- (q2) since  $d(u, z) \leq sd(u, y) + sd(u, z)$ , i.e.,  $sq(x, z) \leq s^2q(x, y) + s^2q(y, z)$ , i.e.,  $q(x, z) \leq sq(x, y) + sq(y, z)$ ;
- (q3) is obvious;
- (q4)  $d(x, y) \leq sd(x, u) + sd(u, y) = sd(u, x) + sd(u, y) = s^2q(z, x) + s^2q(z, y)$ .

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**Remark 2.3.** (1)  $q(x, y) = q(y, x)$  does not necessarily hold for all  $x, y \in X$ .

(2)  $q(x, y) = \theta$  is not necessarily equivalent to  $x = y$  for all  $x, y \in X$ .

**Example 2.4.** Let  $E = \mathbb{R}$  and  $P = \{x \in E : x \geq 0\}$ . Let  $X = [0, \infty)$  and define a mapping  $d : X \times X \rightarrow E$  by

$$d(x, y) = |x - y|^s, s = \{1, 2\}$$

for all  $x, y \in X$ . Then  $(X, d)$  is a cone  $b$ -metric space. Define a mapping  $q : X \times X \rightarrow E$  by  $q(x, y) = y^s$  for all  $x, y \in X$ . Then  $q$  is a generalized  $c$ -distance. In fact (q1) and (q3) are immediate. From

$$z^s = q(x, z) \leq sq(x, y) + sq(y, z) = sy^s + sz^s,$$

it follows that (q2) holds. From  $d(x, y) = |x - y|^s \leq x^s + y^s = q(z, x) + q(z, y)$ , it follows that (q4) holds. Hence  $q$  is a generalized  $c$ -distance.

**Example 2.5.** Let

$$E = C_{\mathbb{R}}^1[0, 1]$$

with

$$\|x\| = \|x\|_{\infty} + \|x'\|_{\infty}$$

and

$$P = \{x \in E : x(t) \geq 0\}$$

on  $[0, 1]$  (this cone is not normal). Let  $X = [0, \infty)$  and define a mapping  $d : X \times X \rightarrow E$  by

$$d(x, y) = |x - y|^s \varphi, s = \{1, 2\}$$

for all  $x, y \in X$ , where  $\varphi : [0, 1] \rightarrow \mathbb{R}$  such that  $\varphi(t) = e^t$ . Then  $(X, d)$  is a cone  $b$ -metric space. Define a mapping  $q : X \times X \rightarrow E$  by  $q(x, y) = (x + y)^s \varphi$  for all  $x, y \in X$ . Then  $q$  is a generalized  $c$ -distance. In fact, (q1) and (q3) are immediate. From

$$(x + z)^s \varphi = q(x, z) \leq s(x + y)^s \varphi + s(y + z)^s \varphi = sq(x, y) + sq(y, z),$$

it follows that (q2) holds. From

$$d(x, y) = |x - y|^s \varphi \leq s(x - z)^s \varphi + s(y - z)^s \varphi \leq s(x + z)^s \varphi + s(y + z)^s \varphi = sq(z, x) + sq(z, y),$$

it follows that (q4) holds.

**Theorem 2.6.** Let  $(X, \sqsubseteq)$  be a partially ordered set and suppose that  $(X, d)$  is a complete cone  $b$ -metric space. Let  $q$  be a generalized  $c$ -distance on  $X$  and  $f : X \rightarrow X$  be a nondecreasing mapping with respect to  $\sqsubseteq$ . Suppose that the following three assertions hold:

(i) there exist  $a, b > 0$  with  $sa + sb < 1$  such that

$$q(fx, fy) \leq aq(x, y) + bq(x, fx),$$

for all  $x, y \in X$  with  $x \sqsubseteq y$ .

(ii) there exists  $x_0 \in X$  such that  $x_0 \sqsubseteq fx_0$ .

(iii) if  $(x_n)$  is nondecreasing with respect to  $\sqsubseteq$ , and converges to  $x$ , we have  $x_n \sqsubseteq x$  as  $n \rightarrow \infty$ .

Then  $f$  has a fixed point  $x' \in X$ . If  $v = fv$ , then  $q(v, v) = \theta$ .

**Proof .** If  $fx_0 = x_0$ , then the proof is finished. Suppose that  $fx_0 \neq x_0$ . Since  $x_0 \sqsubseteq fx_0$  and  $f$  is nondecreasing with respect to  $\sqsubseteq$ , we obtain by induction,

$$x_0 \sqsubseteq fx_0 = x_1 \sqsubseteq f^2x_0 = x_2 \sqsubseteq \cdots \sqsubseteq f^n x_0 = x_n \sqsubseteq f^{n+1}x_0 = x_{n+1} \sqsubseteq \cdots .$$

Since

$$\begin{aligned} q(x_n, x_{n+1}) &= q(fx_{n-1}, fx_n) \leq aq(x_{n-1}, x_n) + bq(x_{n-1}, fx_{n-1}) \\ &= (a + b)q(x_{n-1}, x_n), \end{aligned}$$

we have  $q(x_n, x_{n+1}) \leq hq(x_{n-1}, x_n) \leq \cdots \leq h^n q(x_0, x_1)$ , where  $h = a + b$ , for all  $n \geq 1$ . Let  $m > n$ . Then we have

$$\begin{aligned} q(x_n, x_m) &\leq sq(x_n, x_{n+1}) + sq(x_{n+1}, x_m) \\ &\leq sq(x_n, x_{n+1}) + (s^2q(x_{n+1}, x_{n+2}) + s^2q(x_{n+2}, x_m)) \\ &\leq sq(x_n, x_{n+1}) + s^2q(x_{n+1}, x_{n+2}) + \cdots + s^{m-n}q(x_{m-1}, x_m) \\ &\leq sh^n q(x_0, x_1) + s^2h^{n+1}q(x_0, x_1) + \cdots + s^{m-n}h^{m-1}q(x_0, x_1) \\ &= \frac{sh^n(1-(sh)^{m-n}}{1-sh}q(x_0, x_1) \\ &\leq \frac{sh^n}{1-sh}q(x_0, x_1), \end{aligned}$$

where  $0 < sh = sa + sb < 1$ , so  $0 < h = a + b < 1$ , we show that  $\{x_n\}$  is a Cauchy sequence in  $X$ . In fact, let  $c \in E$  with  $\theta \ll c$  be give, since  $\{\frac{sh^n}{1-sh}q(x_0, x_1)\}$  converges to  $\theta$ , from Remark 1.4, then there exists a positive integer  $N$  such that  $\frac{sh^n}{1-sh}q(x_0, x_1) \ll c$ . for all  $n \geq N$ , hence choose  $e = c$ , then there exists a positive integer  $N$  for all  $n \geq N$ , such that

$$q(x_n, x_{n+1}) \ll e, q(x_n, x_m) \ll e,$$

for any  $m > n > N$  and hence

$$d(x_{n+1}, x_m) \ll c.$$

Since  $X$  is complete, there exists a point  $x' \in X$  such that  $x_n \rightarrow x'$  as  $n \rightarrow \infty$ .

$$\begin{aligned} q(x_{n-1}, x_m) &\leq sq(x_{n-1}, x_n) + sq(x_n, x_m) \\ &\leq sh^{n-1}q(x_0, x_1) + \frac{s^2h^n}{1-sh}q(x_0, x_1), \end{aligned}$$

where  $0 < h = a + b < 1$  for all  $m > n > 1$ , from (q3), it follows that

$$q(x_{n-1}, x') \leq s^2h^{n-1}q(x_0, x_1) + \frac{s^3h^n}{1-sh}q(x_0, x_1),$$

$$q(x_n, fx') = q(fx_{n-1}, fx') \leq aq(x_{n-1}, x') + bq(x_{n-1}, x_n).$$

For any  $c \in E$  with  $\theta \ll c$ , there exists a positive integer  $n_0$  such that  $q(x_n, fx') \ll c$ , for all  $n \geq n_0$  and  $q(x_n, x') \ll c$  as  $n \rightarrow \infty$ , by (q4) with  $e = c$ , it follows that  $d(fx', x') \ll c$  as  $n \rightarrow \infty$ , this shows that  $fx' = x'$ .

Suppose that  $v = fv$ . Then we have

$$q(v, v) = q(fv, fv) \leq aq(v, v) + bq(v, fv) = (a + b)q(v, v),$$

since  $a + b < 1$ , we have  $q(v, v) = \theta$ . This completes the proof.  $\square$

**Theorem 2.7.** Let  $(X, \sqsubseteq)$  be a partially ordered set and suppose that  $(X, d)$  be complete cone b-metric space. Let  $q$  be a generalized  $c$ -distance on  $X$  and  $f : X \rightarrow X, g : X \rightarrow X$ . be two weakly increasing mappings with respect to  $\sqsubseteq$ . Suppose that there exist  $a, b > 0$  with  $sa + sb < 1$  such that:

$$(i) \quad q(fx, gy) \leq aq(x, y) + bq(x, fx)$$

and

$$q(gx, fy) \leq aq(x, y) + bq(x, gx)$$

for all comparable  $x, y \in X$ .

(ii) if  $(x_n)$  is nondecreasing with respect to  $\sqsubseteq$ , and converges to  $x$ , we have  $x_n \sqsubseteq x$  as  $n \rightarrow \infty$ .

Then  $f$  and  $g$  have a common fixed point  $x' \in X$ . If  $v = fv = gv$ , then  $q(v, v) = \theta$ .

**Proof .** Let  $x_0$  be an arbitrary point in  $X$  and define a sequence  $\{x_n\}$  in  $X$  as follow:

$$x_{2n+1} = fx_{2n}, \quad x_{2n+2} = gx_{2n+1}$$

for all  $n \geq 0$ . Since  $f$  and  $g$  are weakly increasing, We have  $x_1 = fx_0 \sqsubseteq gfx_0 = gx_1 = x_2$  and  $x_2 = gx_1 \sqsubseteq fgx_1 = fx_2 = x_3$ . Continuing this process, we have

$$x_1 \sqsubseteq x_2 \sqsubseteq \cdots \sqsubseteq x_n \sqsubseteq x_{n+1} \sqsubseteq \cdots ,$$

that is,  $x_n$  is nondecreasing. we have

$$\begin{aligned} q(x_{2n+1}, x_{2n+2}) &= q(fx_{2n}, gx_{2n+1}) \\ &\leq aq(x_{2n}, x_{2n+1}) + bq(x_{2n}, fx_{2n}) \\ &= aq(x_{2n}, x_{2n+1}) + bq(x_{2n}, x_{2n+1}) \\ &= (a + b)q(x_{2n}, x_{2n+1}), \end{aligned}$$

which implies that

$$q(x_{2n+1}, x_{2n+2}) \leq hq(x_{2n}, x_{2n+1}),$$

where  $h = a + b < 1$ . Similarly, it can be shown that

$$q(x_{2n+2}, x_{2n+3}) \leq hq(x_{2n+1}, x_{2n+2}).$$

Therefore, we have

$$q(x_n, x_{n+1}) \leq hq(x_{n-1}, x_n) \leq \cdots \leq h^n q(x_0, x_1).$$

Let  $m > n$ , as in the proof of Theorem 2.6, we have

$$q(x_n, x_m) \leq \frac{sh^n}{1 - sh} q(x_0, x_1),$$

so  $\{x_n\}$  is a Cauchy sequence in  $X$ . Since  $X$  is complete, there exists a point  $x' \in X$ , such that  $x_n \rightarrow x'$  as  $n \rightarrow \infty$ .

We have

$$\begin{aligned} q(x_{2n+1}, x_m) &\leq sq(x_{2n+1}, x_{2n+2}) + sq(x_{2n+2}, x_m) \\ &\leq sh^{2n+1}q(x_0, x_1) + \frac{s^2h^{2n+2}}{1-sh}q(x_0, x_1), \end{aligned}$$

for all  $m > n > 1$ , where  $0 < h = a + b < 1$ .

From (q3), it follows that

$$q(x_{2n+1}, x') \leq s^2 h^{2n+1} q(x_0, x_1) + \frac{s^3 h^{2n+2}}{1 - sh} q(x_0, x_1).$$

Since

$$\begin{aligned} q(x_{2n+2}, fx') &= q(gx_{2n+1}, fx') \\ &\leq aq(x_{2n+1}, x') + bq(x_{2n+1}, gx_{2n+1}) \\ &= aq(x_{2n+1}, x') + bq(x_{2n+1}, x_{2n+2}), \end{aligned}$$

for any  $c \in E$  with  $\theta \ll c$ , there exists a positive integer  $n_0$  such that  $q(x_{2n+2}, fx') \ll c$ , for all  $n \geq n_0$ .

Since

$$q(x_{2n+1}, fx') \leq sq(x_{2n+1}, x_{2n+2}) + sq(x_{2n+2}, fx'),$$

we have

$$q(x_{2n+1}, fx') \ll c, \text{ as } n \rightarrow \infty$$

and

$$q(x_n, fx') \ll c \text{ as } n \rightarrow \infty, \quad q(x_n, x') \ll c \text{ as } n \rightarrow \infty.$$

By (q4) with  $e = c$ , it follows that  $d(fx', x') \ll c$ , as  $n \rightarrow \infty$ .

This shows that  $fx' = x'$ .

Since

$$\begin{aligned} q(x_{2n}, x_m) &\leq sq(x_{2n}, x_{2n+1}) + sq(x_{2n+1}, x_m) \\ &\leq sh^{2n} q(x_0, x_1) + \frac{s^2 h^{2n+1}}{1 - sh} q(x_0, x_1), \end{aligned}$$

for all  $m > n > 1$ , where  $0 < h = a + b < 1$ .

From (q3), it follows that

$$q(x_{2n}, x') \leq s^2 h^{2n} q(x_0, x_1) + \frac{s^3 h^{2n+1}}{1 - sh} q(x_0, x_1).$$

Since

$$\begin{aligned} q(x_{2n+1}, gx') &= q(fx_{2n}, gx') \leq aq(x_{2n}, x') + bq(x_{2n}, fx_{2n}) \\ &= aq(x_{2n}, x') + bq(x_{2n}, x_{2n+1}), \end{aligned}$$

we have

$$q(x_{2n+1}, gx') \ll c, \text{ as } n \rightarrow \infty.$$

Since

$$q(x_{2n}, gx') \leq sq(x_{2n}, x_{2n+1}) + sq(x_{2n+1}, gx'),$$

we have

$$q(x_{2n}, gx') \ll c, \text{ as } n \rightarrow \infty$$

and

$$q(x_n, gx') \ll c, \text{ as } n \rightarrow \infty, \quad q(x_n, x') \ll c, \text{ as } n \rightarrow \infty.$$

By (q4) with  $e = c$ , it follows that  $d(gx', x') \ll c$ , as  $n \rightarrow \infty$ . This shows that  $gx' = x'$ .

Suppose that  $v = fv = gv$ . Then we have

$$q(v, v) = q(fv, gv) \leq aq(v, v) + bq(v, fv) = (a + b)q(v, v).$$

Since  $a + b < 1$ , we have  $q(v, v) = \theta$ . This completes the proof.  $\square$

**Remark 2.8.** Compared to Theorem 3.3 in [7], Theorem 2.7 in this paper presents a method without the continuity of the mappings.

We give an example to illustrate Theorem 2.6.

**Example 2.9.** Let  $E = \mathbb{R}$ , and  $P = \{x \in E : x \geq 0\}$ . Let  $X = [0, 1]$  and define a mapping  $d : X \times X \rightarrow E, d(x, y) = |x - y|^2$  for all  $x, y \in X$ . Then  $(X, d)$  is a cone  $b$ -metric space. Define a mapping  $q : X \times X \rightarrow E$  by  $q(x, y) = y^2$  for all  $x, y \in X$  and let an order relation  $\sqsubseteq$  defined by  $x \sqsubseteq y \Leftrightarrow x \leq y$ . Then  $q$  is a generalized  $c$ -distance on  $X$ . If  $f(x) = \frac{x^2}{4}$ , for all  $x \neq 1$  and  $f(1) = \frac{1}{2}$ . Let  $a = \frac{1}{4}, b = \frac{1}{5}$ , then  $f$  satisfies the assertion of Theorem 2.6. Moreover,  $0$  is a fixed point of  $f$ .

**Proof .** Firstly, we prove  $(X, d)$  is a cone  $b$ -metric space.

- (1)  $d(x, y) = |x - y|^2 \geq 0, d(x, y) = 0 \Leftrightarrow x = y$ ;
- (2)  $|x - z|^2 \leq 2|x - y|^2 + 2|y - z|^2$ , we have  $d(x, z) \leq 2d(x, y) + 2d(y, z)$ ;
- (3)  $d(x, y) = |x - y|^2 = |y - x|^2 = d(y, x)$ .

Next, we prove  $q$  is a generalized  $c$ -distance on  $X$ .

- (q1)  $q(x, y) = y^2 \geq 0$ ;
- (q2)  $z^2 = q(x, z) \leq 2q(x, y) + 2q(y, z) = 2y^2 + 2z^2$ , .ie.,  $q(x, z) \leq 2q(x, y) + 2q(y, z)$ ;
- (q3) is obvious;
- (q4)  $d(x, y) = |x - y|^2 \leq x^2 + y^2 = q(z, x) + q(z, y)$ .

Finally, we prove  $f$  satisfies the assertion of Theorem 2.6.

(i) If  $x = y = 1$ , then we have

$$q(fx, fy) = q\left(\frac{1}{2}, \frac{1}{2}\right) = \frac{1}{4}, \quad aq(x, y) = \frac{1}{4}q(1, 1) = \frac{1}{4}, \quad bq(x, fx) = \frac{1}{20},$$

we get  $q(fx, fy) \leq aq(x, y) + bq(x, fx)$ .

(ii) If  $x \neq 1$  and  $y = 1$ , then we have

$$q(fx, fy) = q\left(\frac{x^2}{4}, \frac{1}{2}\right) = \frac{1}{4}, \quad aq(x, y) = \frac{1}{4}q(x, 1) = \frac{1}{4}, \quad bq(x, fx) = bq\left(x, \frac{x^2}{4}\right) = \frac{x^4}{80},$$

we get  $q(fx, fy) \leq aq(x, y) + bq(x, fx)$ .

(iii) If  $x \neq 1, y \neq 1$ , then we have

$$q(fx, fy) = q\left(\frac{x^2}{4}, \frac{y^2}{4}\right) = \frac{y^4}{16}, \quad aq(x, y) = \frac{y^2}{4}, \quad bq(x, fx) = \frac{x^4}{80},$$

since  $0 \leq y < 1$ , we have  $\frac{y^4}{16} \leq \frac{y^2}{4}$  and  $q(fx, fy) \leq aq(x, y) + bq(x, fx)$ .

□

**Remark 2.10.** (i)  $(X, d)$  in Example 2.9 is not only a cone metric space, but also a cone  $b$ -metric space.

(ii) The mapping  $f$  in Example 2.9 is not continuous.



**Theorem 2.11.** Let  $(X, \sqsubseteq)$  be a partially ordered set and suppose that  $(X, d)$  is a complete cone  $b$ -metric space. Let  $q$  be a generalized  $c$ -distance on  $X$  and  $f : X \rightarrow X$  be a continuous and nondecreasing mapping with respect to  $\sqsubseteq$ . Suppose that the following two assertions hold:

(i) there exist  $a, b, c, m > 0$  with  $sa + sb + c + (s^2 + s)m < 1$  such that

$$q(fx, fy) \leq aq(x, y) + bq(x, fx) + cq(y, fy) + mq(x, fy)$$

for all  $x, y \in X$  with  $x \sqsubseteq y$ .

(ii) there exists  $x_0 \in X$  such that  $x_0 \sqsubseteq fx_0$ .

Then  $f$  has a fixed point  $x' \in X$ . If  $v = fv$ , then  $q(v, v) = \theta$ .

**Proof .** If  $fx_0 = x_0$ , then the proof is finished. Suppose that  $fx_0 \neq x_0$ . Since  $x_0 \sqsubseteq fx_0$  and  $f$  is nondecreasing with respect to  $\sqsubseteq$ , we obtain by induction,

$$x_0 \sqsubseteq fx_0 = x_1 \sqsubseteq f^2x_0 = x_2 \sqsubseteq \dots \sqsubseteq f^nx_0 = x_n \sqsubseteq f^{n+1}x_0 = x_{n+1} \sqsubseteq \dots .$$

Now, we have

$$\begin{aligned} q(x_n, x_{n+1}) &= q(fx_{n-1}, fx_n) \leq aq(x_{n-1}, x_n) + bq(x_{n-1}, fx_{n-1}) + cq(x_n, fx_n) + mq(x_{n-1}, fx_n) \\ &= aq(x_{n-1}, x_n) + bq(x_{n-1}, x_n) + cq(x_n, x_{n+1}) + mq(x_{n-1}, x_{n+1}) \\ &\leq aq(x_{n-1}, x_n) + bq(x_{n-1}, x_n) + cq(x_n, x_{n+1}) + smq(x_{n-1}, x_n) + smq(x_n, x_{n+1}) \\ &\leq \frac{a+b+sm}{1-c-sm}q(x_{n-1}, x_n), \end{aligned}$$

we have  $q(x_n, x_{n+1}) \leq hq(x_{n-1}, x_n) \leq \dots \leq h^nq(x_0, x_1)$ , where  $h = \frac{a+b+sm}{1-c-sm}$ , for all  $n \geq 1$ .

Let  $m > n$ . Then we have

$$\begin{aligned} q(x_n, x_m) &\leq sq(x_n, x_{n+1}) + sq(x_{n+1}, x_m) \\ &\leq sq(x_n, x_{n+1}) + (s^2q(x_{n+1}, x_{n+2}) + s^2q(x_{n+2}, x_m)) \\ &\leq sq(x_n, x_{n+1}) + s^2q(x_{n+1}, x_{n+2}) + \dots + s^{m-n}q(x_{m-1}, x_m) \\ &\leq sh^nq(x_0, x_1) + s^2h^{n+1}q(x_0, x_1) + \dots + s^{m-n}h^{m-1}q(x_0, x_1) \\ &= \frac{sh^n(1-(sh)^{m-n})}{1-sh}q(x_0, x_1) \\ &\leq \frac{sh^n}{1-sh}q(x_0, x_1), \end{aligned}$$

where  $0 < a + b + c + 2sm < sa + sb + c + (s^2 + s)m < 1$ , so  $0 < h < 1$ , and  $0 < sh < 1$ , we show that  $\{x_n\}$  is a Cauchy sequence in  $X$ .

Since  $X$  is complete, there exists a point  $x' \in X$  such that  $x_n \rightarrow x'$  as  $n \rightarrow \infty$ .

Finally, the continuity of  $f$  and  $fx_{n-1} = x_n \rightarrow x'$  as  $n \rightarrow \infty$  imply that  $fx' = x'$ . Thus we prove that  $x'$  is a fixed point of  $f$ .

Suppose that  $v = fv$ . Then we have  $q(v, v) = q(fv, fv) \leq aq(v, v) + bq(v, fv) + cq(v, fv) + mq(v, fv)$

$$= (a + b + c + m)q(v, v),$$

since  $0 < a + b + c + d < sa + sb + c + (s^2 + s)d < 1$ , we have  $q(v, v) = \theta$ . This completes the proof.  $\square$

From Theorem 2.11, we easily obtain the following result.

**Corollary 2.12.** Let  $(X, \sqsubseteq)$  be a partially ordered set and suppose that  $(X, d)$  is a complete cone metric space. Let  $q$  be a  $c$ -distance on  $X$  and  $f : X \rightarrow X$  be a continuous and nondecreasing mapping with respect to  $\sqsubseteq$ . Suppose that the following two assertions hold:

(i) there exist  $a, b, c > 0$  with  $a + b + c < 1$  such that

$$q(fx, fy) \leq aq(x, y) + bq(x, fx) + cq(y, fy)$$

for all  $x, y \in X$  with  $x \sqsubseteq y$ .

(ii) there exists  $x_0 \in X$  such that  $x_0 \sqsubseteq fx_0$ .

Then  $f$  has a fixed point  $x' \in X$ . If  $v = fv$ , then  $q(v, v) = \theta$ .

**Remark 2.13.** Theorem 2.11 is not only to give some generalized contractive condition of Theorem 3.1 in [7] but also to generalize the spaces.

**Theorem 2.14.** Let  $(X, \sqsubseteq)$  be a partially ordered set and suppose that  $(X, d)$  is a complete cone  $b$ -metric space and  $P$  is a normal cone with normal constant  $K$ . Let  $q$  be a generalized  $c$ -distance on  $X$  and  $f : X \rightarrow X$  be a continuous and nondecreasing mapping with respect to  $\sqsubseteq$ . Suppose that the following three assertions hold:

(i) there exist  $a, b, c, m > 0$  with  $sa + sb + c + (s^2 + s)m < 1$  such that

$$q(fx, fy) \leq aq(x, y) + bq(x, fx) + cq(y, fy) + mq(x, fy)$$

for all  $x, y \in X$  with  $x \sqsubseteq y$ .

(ii) there exists  $x_0 \in X$  such that  $x_0 \sqsubseteq fx_0$ .

(iii)  $\inf\{\|q(x, y)\| + \|q(x, fx)\| : x \in X\} > 0$  for all  $y \in X$  with  $y \neq fy$ .

Then  $f$  has a fixed point  $x' \in X$ . If  $v = fv$ , then  $q(v, v) = \theta$ .

**Proof .** If we take  $x_n = f^n x_0$  in the proof of Theorem 2.6, then we have

$$x_0 \sqsubseteq x_1 \sqsubseteq x_2 \sqsubseteq \cdots \sqsubseteq x_n \sqsubseteq x_{n+1} \sqsubseteq \cdots .$$

Moreover,  $\{x_n\}$  converges to a point  $x' \in X$  and

$$q(x_n, x_m) \leq \frac{sh^n}{1 - sh} q(x_0, x_1)$$

for all  $m > n \geq 1$ , where  $h = \frac{a + b + sm}{1 - c - sm} < 1$ . By (q3), we have

$$q(x_n, x') \leq \frac{s^2 h^n}{1 - sh} q(x_0, x_1)$$

for all  $n \geq 1$ . Since  $P$  is a normal cone with normal constant  $K$ , we have

$$\|q(x_n, x_m)\| \leq \frac{Ksh^n}{1 - sh} \|q(x_0, x_1)\|$$

for all  $m > n > 1$  and

$$\|q(x_n, x')\| \leq \frac{Ks^2 h^n}{1 - sh} \|q(x_0, x_1)\|$$

for all  $n \geq 1$ . If  $x' \neq fx'$ , then, by hypotheses, we have

$$\begin{aligned} 0 &< \inf\{\|q(x, x')\| + \|q(x, fx)\| : x \in X\} \\ &\leq \inf\{\|q(x_n, x')\| + \|q(x_n, x_{n+1})\| : n \geq 1\} \\ &\leq \inf\{\frac{Ks^2h^n}{1-sh}\|q(x_0, x_1)\| + \frac{Ksh^n}{1-sh}\|q(x_0, x_1)\| : n \geq 1\} \\ &= 0. \end{aligned}$$

This is a contradiction. Therefore, we have  $x' = fx'$ . Suppose that  $v = fv$  holds. we can prove  $q(v, v) = \theta$  by the final part of the proof of Theorem 2.11. This completes the proof.  $\square$

**Corollary 2.15.** Let  $(X, \sqsubseteq)$  be a partially ordered set and suppose that  $(X, d)$  is a complete cone metric space and  $P$  is a normal cone with normal constant  $K$ . Let  $q$  be a  $c$ -distance on  $X$  and  $f : X \rightarrow X$  be a continuous and nondecreasing mapping with respect to  $\sqsubseteq$ . Suppose that the following two assertions hold:

(i) there exist  $a, b, c > 0$  with  $a + b + c < 1$  such that

$$q(fx, fy) \leq aq(x, y) + bq(x, fx) + cq(y, fy)$$

for all  $x, y \in X$  with  $x \sqsubseteq y$ .

(ii) there exists  $x_0 \in X$  such that  $x_0 \sqsubseteq fx_0$ .

(iii)  $\inf\{\|q(x, y)\| + \|q(x, fx)\| : x \in X\} > 0$  for all  $y \in X$  with  $y \neq fy$ .

Then  $f$  has a fixed point  $x' \in X$ . If  $v = fv$ , then  $q(v, v) = \theta$ .

We give an example to illustrate Theorem 2.14.

**Example 2.16.** Let  $E = \mathbb{R}$ , and  $P = \{x \in E : x \geq 0\}$ . Let  $X = [0, 1]$  and define a mapping  $d : X \times X \rightarrow E, d(x, y) = |x - y|^2$  for all  $x, y \in X$ . Then  $(X, d)$  is a cone  $b$ -metric space. Define a mapping  $q : X \times X \rightarrow E$  by  $q(x, y) = y^2$  for all  $x, y \in X$  and let an order relation  $\sqsubseteq$  defined by  $x \sqsubseteq y \Leftrightarrow x \leq y$ . Then  $q$  is a generalized  $c$ -distance on  $X$ . If  $f(x) = \frac{x^2}{4}$ , for all  $x \neq 1$  and  $f(1) = \frac{1}{2}$ . Let  $a = \frac{1}{4}, b = c = d = \frac{1}{32}$ , then  $f$  satisfies the assertion of Theorem 2.14. Moreover,  $0$  is a fixed point of  $f$ .

**Proof .** Firstly, we prove  $(X, d)$  is a cone  $b$ -metric space.

$$(1) \quad d(x, y) = |x - y|^2 \geq 0, d(x, y) = 0 \Leftrightarrow x = y;$$

$$(2) \quad |x - z|^2 \leq 2|x - y|^2 + 2|y - z|^2, \text{ we have } d(x, z) \leq 2d(x, y) + 2d(y, z);$$

$$(3) \quad d(x, y) = |x - y|^2 = |y - x|^2 = d(y, x).$$

Next, we prove  $q$  is a generalized  $c$ -distance on  $X$ .

$$(q1) \quad q(x, y) = y^2 \geq 0;$$

$$(q2) \quad z^2 = q(x, z) \leq 2q(x, y) + 2q(y, z) = 2y^2 + 2z^2, \text{ .ie., } q(x, z) \leq 2q(x, y) + 2q(y, z);$$

(q3) is obvious;

$$(q4) \quad d(x, y) = |x - y|^2 \leq x^2 + y^2 = q(z, x) + q(z, y).$$

Finally, we prove  $f$  satisfies the assertion of Theorem 2.14.

(i) If  $x = y = 1$ , then we have

$$q(fx, fy) = q\left(\frac{1}{2}, \frac{1}{2}\right) = \frac{1}{4}, \quad aq(x, y) = \frac{1}{4}q(1, 1) = \frac{1}{4},$$

we get  $q(fx, fy) \leq aq(x, y) + bq(x, fx) + cq(y, fy) + dq(x, fy)$ .

(ii) If  $x \neq 1$  and  $y = 1$ , then we have

$$q(fx, fy) = q\left(\frac{x^2}{4}, \frac{1}{2}\right) = \frac{1}{4}, \quad aq(x, y) = \frac{1}{4}q(x, 1) = \frac{1}{4},$$

we get  $q(fx, fy) \leq aq(x, y) + bq(x, fx) + cq(y, fy) + dq(x, fy)$ .

(iii) If  $x \neq 1, y \neq 1$ , then we have

$$q(fx, fy) = q\left(\frac{x^2}{4}, \frac{y^2}{4}\right) = \frac{y^4}{16}, \quad aq(x, y) = \frac{y^2}{4},$$

since  $0 \leq y < 1$ , we have  $\frac{y^4}{16} \leq \frac{y^2}{4}$  and  $q(fx, fy) \leq aq(x, y) + bq(x, fx) + cq(y, fy) + dq(x, fy)$ .  
Finally, for any  $x, y \in E$  with  $y \neq Ty$ , i.e.,  $y > 0$ , we get

$$\inf\{\|q(x, y)\| + \|q(x, fx)\| : x \in X\} = y^2 > 0.$$

□

### 3. Applications

As an application of Theorem 2.6, we will present the existence of solution of an integral equation.

Let  $X = C(I, \mathbb{R}^n)$ ,  $E = \mathbb{R}^n$ ,  $P = \{(x_1, x_2, \dots, x_n) : x_i \geq 0, i = 1, \dots, n\}$ , and define  $d : X \times X \rightarrow E$  by  $d(x, y) = \{d(x, y)_i\}_{i=1}^n$ ,  $d(x, y)_i = \sup_{t \in I} |x(t) - y(t)|^2, i = 1, \dots, n$ , for every  $x, y \in X$ . Then  $(X, d)$  is a cone  $b$ -metric space and  $s = 2$ . Define a mapping  $q : X \times X \rightarrow E$  by  $q(x, y) = \{q(x, y)_i\}_{i=1}^n$ ,  $q(x, y)_i = \sup_{t \in I} |y(t)|^2, i = 1, \dots, n$ , for every  $x, y \in X$ . and let an order relation  $\sqsubseteq$  defined by  $x \sqsubseteq y \Leftrightarrow \sup_{t \in I} |x(t)| \leq \sup_{t \in I} |y(t)|$ . Then  $q$  is a generalized  $c$ -distance on  $X$ .

**Theorem 3.1.** *Let  $I$  be the closed unit interval  $[0, 1]$  in  $\mathbb{R}$ . Consider the following integral equation*

$$x(t) = \int_0^t g(s, x(s)) ds, \quad t \in I. \quad (3.1)$$

where  $g : I \times \mathbb{R}^n \rightarrow \mathbb{R}^n$  is such that  $g(s, \cdot)$  is increasing for every  $s \in I$ .

Suppose that the following assertion hold:

$$\{(|g(s, y)_i|)\}_{i=1}^n \leq \frac{1}{2}\{|y(s)|, \dots, |y(s)|\},$$

for every  $s \in I, x, y \in X$ . Then the integral equation (3.1) has a solution in  $C(I, \mathbb{R}^n)$ .

**Proof .** Define  $T : X \rightarrow X$  by

$$Tx(t) = \int_0^t g(s, x(s))ds, \quad x \in X.$$

For each  $x, y \in X$ , we have

$$\begin{aligned} q(Tx, Ty) &= (\sup_{t \in I} |[Ty](t)|^2, \dots, \sup_{t \in I} |[Ty](t)|^2) \\ &\leq (\sup_{t \in I} (\int_0^t |g(s, y(s))|ds)^2, \dots, \sup_{t \in I} (\int_0^t |g(s, y(s))|ds)^2) \\ &\leq (\sup_{t \in I} (\int_0^t \frac{1}{2}|y(s)|ds)^2, \dots, \sup_{t \in I} (\int_0^t \frac{1}{2}|y(s)|ds)^2) \\ &\leq (\frac{1}{4} \sup_{t \in I} (\int_0^t |y(s)|^2ds), \dots, \frac{1}{4} \sup_{t \in I} (\int_0^t |y(s)|^2ds)) \\ &\leq (\frac{1}{4} \sup_{t \in I} (\int_0^t \sup |y(s)|^2ds), \dots, \frac{1}{4} \sup_{t \in I} (\int_0^t \sup |y(s)|^2ds)) \\ &\leq \frac{1}{4} (\sup |y(s)|^2, \dots, \sup |y(s)|^2) \sup_{t \in I} \int_0^t 1ds \\ &\leq \frac{1}{4}q(x, y) + \frac{1}{5}q(x, fx). \end{aligned}$$

Then according to Theorem 2.6, the integral equation (3.1) has a solution.  $\square$

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