



A New Fixed-Point Theorem in b-Metric Space with Application

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Abstract

The goal of this study is to provide a new contraction mapping in b-metric space. We build a fixed point result for this new contraction mapping; we also provide applications related to authenticity concerns in integral equations.

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1. Introduction

One of the most important theorems and helpful tools in the investigation of metric spaces is Banach's contraction principle. Different fixed-point theorems have been established in these spaces and several generalizations of the idea of metric space have been built, (see [4], [8], [12], [13]). In particular, the b-metric spaces were introduced by Bakhtin [2] and Czerwik [6] so that the triangle inequality was replaced by the b-triangle inequality. A b-metric space is not always a metric space, but any metric space is also a b-metric space. Numerous fixed-point results have been found on these spaces (see [7], [14], [15]). In a novel class of contraction mappings called θ -contraction (or JS-contraction) introduced by Jleli and Samet [7] in 2014, they showed a fixed point result in generalized metric spaces. In this direction, several fixed point theorems have been created, investigated, and generalised in a variety of conditions (see [9]–[11]). Most recently, Rossafi et al. [5] developed a new concept of " $\theta - \phi$ -contraction" and some fixed point discovering for these mappings in metric space and generalized the conclusions obtained by Zheng et al [16]. In this paper, we demonstrate the fixed-point theorem in b-metric space and introduce a

novel concept known as generalized $\theta - \phi$ -contraction. The results of this study develop the corresponding findings in b-metric space from Kannan [8], Reich [13], and Rossafi [15]. As an application, we discuss the existence and uniqueness of a solution to the nonlinear Fredholm integral equations [1-3].

2. Preliminaries

In this section, we recall some definitions and Lemmas associated with our work.

Definition 2.1. [6]. Let S be a non-empty set. A mapping $d_b : S \times S \rightarrow [0, +\infty)$ is said to be a b-metric, if there exists $b \geq 1$ such that db satisfies the following conditions:

1. $d_b(s, t) = 0$, if and only if $s = t$,
2. $d_b(s, t) = d_b(t, s)$,
3. $d_b(s, t) \leq b[d_b(s, r) + d_b(r, t)]$,

For all $s, t, r \in S$. The pair is called a b-metric space.

The following Lemmas will be used to establish our result.

Lemma 2.2. [1] Let (S, d) be b-metric space and

suppose that $r_n \rightarrow r$ and $s_n \rightarrow s$ as $n \rightarrow \infty$ with $r \neq s, r_n \neq r$ and $s_n \neq s, \forall n$, then we have

$$\frac{1}{b^2} d(r, s) \leq \liminf_{n \rightarrow \infty} d(r_n, s_n) \leq \limsup_{n \rightarrow \infty} d(r_n, s_n) \leq b^2 d(r, s).$$

In particular, if $r = s$, then we have $\lim_{n \rightarrow \infty} d(r_n, s_n) = 0$. Moreover for each $t \in S$ we have

$$\frac{1}{b} d(r, t) \leq \liminf_{n \rightarrow \infty} d(r_n, t) \leq \limsup_{n \rightarrow \infty} d(r_n, t) \leq b d(r, t)$$

For all $r \in S$.

Lemma 2.3. [14] Let (S, d) be b -metric space and let $\{r_n\}$ be a sequence in S such that $\lim_{n \rightarrow \infty} d(r_n, r_{n+1}) = 0$.

If $\{r_n\}$ is not a b -Cauchy sequence, then there exist $\epsilon > 0$ and two sequences $\{m_k\}$ and $\{n_k\}$ of positive integers such that

$$\begin{aligned} \epsilon &\leq \liminf_{k \rightarrow \infty} d(r_{m(k)}, r_{n(k)}) \leq \limsup_{k \rightarrow \infty} d(r_{m(k)}, r_{n(k)}) \leq b \epsilon, \\ \epsilon &\leq \liminf_{k \rightarrow \infty} d(r_{n(k)}, r_{m(k)+1}) \leq \limsup_{k \rightarrow \infty} d(r_{n(k)}, r_{m(k)+1}) \leq b \epsilon, \\ \epsilon &\leq \liminf_{k \rightarrow \infty} d(r_{m(k)}, r_{n(k)+1}) \leq \limsup_{k \rightarrow \infty} d(r_{m(k)}, r_{n(k)+1}) \leq b \epsilon, \\ \frac{\epsilon}{b} &\leq \liminf_{k \rightarrow \infty} d(r_{m(k)+1}, r_{n(k)+1}) \leq \limsup_{k \rightarrow \infty} d(r_{m(k)+1}, r_{n(k)+1}) \leq b^2 \epsilon. \end{aligned}$$

Definition 2.4. [7] Let Θ be the family of all functions $\theta: (0, \infty) \rightarrow (1, \infty)$ such that (θ_1) θ is increasing, (θ_2) for each sequence $\{r_n\} \subset (0, \infty)$; $\lim_{n \rightarrow \infty} r_n = 0$ if and only if $\lim_{n \rightarrow \infty} \theta(r_n) = 1$; (θ_3) θ is continuous.

Definition 2.5. [7] Let Φ be the family of all functions $\phi: [1, \infty) \rightarrow [1, \infty)$ such that (ϕ_1) ϕ is nondecreasing, (ϕ_2) for each $t \in (1, \infty)$; $\lim_{n \rightarrow \infty} \phi^n(t) = 1$; (ϕ_3) ϕ is continuous.

Lemma 2.6. [7] If $\phi \in \Phi$, then $\phi(1) = 1$ and

$$\phi(t) < t \forall t \in (1, \infty).$$

Definition 2.7. [15] Let (S, d) be a b -metric space with parameter $b > 1$ and $T: S \rightarrow S$ be a mapping then

1. T is said to be a θ -contraction if there exist $\theta \in \Theta$ and $t \in (0, 1)$ and $a \in [0, 1]$ such that

$$d(Tr, Ts) > 0 \Rightarrow \theta[b^3 d(Tr, Ts)] \leq \theta[M(r, s)]^t,$$

where

$$M(r, s) = \max\{d(r, s), d(r, Tr), d(s, Ts), \frac{d(r, Ts) + d(Tr, s)}{2b^2}\}.$$

2. T is said to be a θ - ϕ -contraction if there exist $\theta \in \Theta$ and $\phi \in \Phi$ such that

$$d(Tr, Ts) > 0 \Rightarrow \theta[b^3 d(Tr, Ts)] \leq \phi[\theta(M(r, s))],$$

where

$$M(r, s) = a \max\{d(r, s), d(r, Tr), d(s, Ts), \frac{d(r, Ts) + d(Tr, s)}{2b^2}\}.$$

3. Main Results

In this section we introduce Gregus type contraction in b -metric space and establish fixed point result for such contraction. Now, we present our result for an Gregus type contraction in a complete b -metric space endowed with an example:

Definition 3.1. Let (S, d) be a b -metric space with parameter $b > 1$ and $T: S \rightarrow S$ be a mapping. T is said to be a Gregus type θ - ϕ -contraction if there exist $\theta \in \Theta$ and $\phi \in \Phi$ and $a \in [0, 1]$ such that

$$d(Tr, Ts) > 0 \Rightarrow \theta[b^3 d(Tr, Ts)] \leq \phi[\theta(M(r, s))],$$

(3.1)

where

$$M(r, s) = a \max\{d(r, s), d(r, Tr), d(s, Ts), \frac{d(r, Ts) + d(Tr, s)}{2b^2}\} + (1-a)d(r, s).$$

Example 1. Let $S = [1, \infty)$. Define $d : S \times S \rightarrow [0, \infty)$ by $d(r, s) = |r - s|^2$. Then (S, d) is a b -metric space with coefficient $b = 2$. Define a mapping $T : S \rightarrow S$ by $T(r) = r^{\frac{1}{8}}$.

Evidently, $T(r) \in S$. Let $\theta(r) = e^{\sqrt{r}}$, $\phi(r) = e^{\frac{r+1}{2}}$. It is obvious that $\theta \in \Theta$ and $\phi \in \Phi$.

Theorem 3.2. Let (S, d) be a complete b -metric space with $b \geq 1$ and $T : S \rightarrow S$ be a Gregus type $\theta - \phi$ -contraction then T has a unique fixed point.

Proof. Take an arbitrary point $r_0 \in S$ and define a sequence $\{r_n\}$ by

$$r_{n+1} = Tr_n = T^{n+1}r_0,$$

for all $n \in N$. If there exist $n_0 \in N$ such that $d(r_{n_0}, r_{n_0+1}) = 0$ then the proof is completed. Suppose that $d(r_{n_0}, r_{n_0+1}) > 0$ for all $n \in N$. Letting $r = r_{n-1}$ and $s = r_n$ in (3.1), we have

$$\theta[d(r_n, r_{n+1})] \leq \theta[b^3 d(r_n, r_{n+1})] \leq \phi[\theta(M(r_{n-1}, r_n))], \quad \forall n \in N, \quad (3.2)$$

Where

$$\begin{aligned} M(r_{n-1}, r_n) &= a \max\{d(r_{n-1}, r_n), d(r_{n-1}, r_n), d(r_n, r_{n+1}), \\ &\quad \frac{d(r_n, r_n) + d(r_{n-1}, r_{n+1})}{2b^3}\} + (1-a) d(r_{n-1}, r_n) \\ &= a \max\left\{d(r_{n-1}, r_n), d(r_n, r_{n+1}), \frac{d(r_{n-1}, r_{n+1})}{2b^2}\right\} \\ &\quad + (1-a) d(r_{n-1}, r_n). \end{aligned}$$

Since

$$\begin{aligned} \frac{1}{2b^2} d(r_{n-1}, r_{n+1}) &\leq \frac{1}{2b^2} [b(d(r_{n-1}, r_n) + d(r_n, r_{n+1}))] \\ &= \frac{1}{2b} (d(r_{n-1}, r_n) + d(r_n, r_{n+1})) \\ &\leq \frac{1}{2} (d(r_{n-1}, r_n) + d(r_n, r_{n+1})) \\ &\leq \max\{d(r_{n-1}, r_n), d(r_n, r_{n+1})\}, \end{aligned}$$

We obtain

$$\begin{aligned} M(r_{n-1}, r_n) &= a \max\{d(r_{n-1}, r_n), d(r_n, r_{n+1})\} \\ &\quad + (1-a) d(r_{n-1}, r_n). \end{aligned}$$

If $M(r_{n-1}, r_n) = a d(r_n, r_{n+1}) + (1-a)d(r_{n-1}, r_n)$, then by (3.2), we have $\theta(d(r_n, r_{n+1})) \leq \phi[\theta\{a d(r_n, r_{n+1}) + (1-a)d(r_{n-1}, r_n)\}] < \theta(ad(r_n, r_{n+1}))$,

which is a contradiction. Hence $M(r_{n-1}, r_n) = d(r_{n-1}, r_n)$. Thus

$$\theta(d(r_n, r_{n+1})) \leq \phi[\theta(d(r_{n-1}, r_n))]. \quad (3.3)$$

Repeating this step, we conclude that

$$\theta(d(r_n, r_{n+1})) \leq \phi[\theta(d(r_{n-1}, r_n))] \leq \phi^2[\theta(d(r_{n-2}, r_{n-1}))] \leq \dots \leq \phi^n[\theta(d(r_0, r_1))].$$

From (3.3) and using (θ_1) we get

$$d(r_n, r_{n+1}) < d(r_{n-1}, r_n).$$

Therefore, $d(r_n, r_{n+1})_{n \in N}$ is a monotone strictly decreasing sequence of nonnegative real numbers. Consequently, there exists $\alpha \geq 0$ such that

$$\lim_{n \rightarrow \infty} d(r_{n+1}, r_n) = \alpha.$$

Now, we claim that $\alpha = 0$. Assume that $\alpha > 0$. Since $d(r_n, r_{n+1})_{n \in N}$ is a nonnegative decreasing sequence, we have

$$d(r_n, r_{n+1}) \geq \alpha, \quad \forall n \in N.$$

By the property of θ , we get

$$\begin{aligned} 1 < \theta(\alpha) &\leq \theta(d(r_{n-1}, r_n)) \leq \phi^n \theta(d(r_0, r_1)) \\ &\leq \dots \leq \phi^n \theta(d(r_0, r_1)). \end{aligned} \quad (3.4)$$

Letting $n \rightarrow \infty$, we obtain

$$1 < \theta(\alpha) \leq \lim_{n \rightarrow \infty} \phi^n \theta(d(r_0, r_1)) = 1.$$

This is contradiction. Therefore,

$$\lim_{n \rightarrow \infty} d(r_n, r_{n+1}) = 0. \quad (3.5)$$

Next, we shall prove that $\{r_n\}_{n \in N}$ is a Cauchy sequence, i.e., $\lim_{n, m \rightarrow \infty} d(r_n, r_m) = 0$. By Lemma 2.3, there is an $\epsilon > 0$ such that for an integer k there exist two sequences $\{n_{(k)}\}$ and $\{m_{(k)}\}$ such that

$$1. \quad \epsilon \leq \liminf_{k \rightarrow \infty} d(r_{m_{(k)}}, r_{n_{(k)}})$$

$$\leq \lim_{k \rightarrow \infty} d(r_{m_{(k)}}, r_{n_{(k)}}) \leq b \epsilon$$

$$2. \quad \frac{\epsilon}{b} \leq \liminf_{k \rightarrow \infty} d(r_{m_{(k)}}, r_{n_{(k)+1}})$$

$$\leq \limsup_{k \rightarrow \infty} d(r_{m(k)}, r_{n(k)+1}) \leq b^2 \in$$

3. $\frac{\epsilon}{b} \leq \liminf_{k \rightarrow \infty} d(r_{m(k)+1}, r_{n(k)})$

$$\leq \limsup_{k \rightarrow \infty} d(r_{m(k)+1}, r_{n(k)}) \leq b^2 \in$$

4. $\frac{\epsilon}{b^2} \leq \liminf_{k \rightarrow \infty} d(r_{m(k)+1}, r_{n(k)+1})$

$$\leq \limsup_{k \rightarrow \infty} d(r_{m(k)+1}, r_{n(k)+1}) \leq b^3 \in.$$

From (3.1) and by setting $r = r_{m(k)}$ and $s = r_{n(k)}$, we have

$$M(r_{m(k)}, r_{n(k)}) = \max\{d(r_{m(k)}, r_{n(k)}), d(r_{m(k)}, r_{m(k)+1}), d(r_{n(k)}, r_{n(k)+1}), \frac{1}{2b^2}(d(r_{n(k)}, r_{m(k)+1}) + d(r_{m(k)}, r_{n(k)+1}))\}.$$

Taking the limit as $k \rightarrow \infty$ and using (3.5) and Lemma 2.3, we have

$$\begin{aligned} \lim_{k \rightarrow \infty} M(r_{m(k)}, r_{n(k)}) &= \lim_{k \rightarrow \infty} \max\{d(r_{m(k)}, r_{n(k)}), d(r_{m(k)}, r_{m(k)+1}), d(r_{n(k)}, r_{n(k)+1}), \\ &\frac{1}{2b^2}(d(r_{n(k)}, r_{m(k)+1}) + d(r_{m(k)}, r_{n(k)+1}))\} \\ &\leq \max\left\{b \in, 0, 0, \frac{1}{2b^2}(b^2 \in + b^2 \in)\right\} = b \in. \end{aligned}$$

So, we have

$$\lim_{k \rightarrow \infty} M(r_{m(k)}, r_{n(k)}) \leq b \in. \quad (3.6)$$

Now, letting $r = r_{m(k)}$ and $s = r_{n(k)}$ in (3.1), we obtain

$$\theta[b^3 d(r_{m(k)+1}, r_{n(k)+1})] \leq \phi[\theta(M(r_{m(k)}, r_{n(k)}))].$$

Letting $k \rightarrow \infty$ in the above inequality, applying the continuity of θ and using (3.6), we obtain

$$\begin{aligned} \theta\left(\frac{\epsilon}{b^2} b^3\right) &= \theta(b \in) \leq \theta\left[b^3 \lim_{k \rightarrow \infty} d(r_{m(k)+1}, r_{n(k)+1})\right] \\ &\leq \phi\left[\theta\left(\lim_{k \rightarrow \infty} M(r_{m(k)}, r_{n(k)})\right)\right] \end{aligned}$$

Therefore,

$$\theta(b \in) \leq \phi[\theta(b \in)] < \theta(b \in).$$

Since θ is increasing, we get $b \in < b \in$, which is a contradiction. Thus

$$\lim_{n, m \rightarrow \infty} d(r_{m(k)}, r_{n(k)}) = 0.$$

Hence $\{r_n\}$ is a Cauchy sequence in S . By completeness of (S, d) , there exists $w \in S$ such that

$$\lim_{n \rightarrow \infty} d(r_n, w) = 0.$$

Now, we show that $d(Tw, w) = 0$. Assume that $d(Tw, w) > 0$. Since $r_n \rightarrow w$ as $n \rightarrow \infty$, from Lemma 2.3, we conclude that

$$\frac{1}{b^2} d(w, Tw) \leq \limsup_{n \rightarrow \infty} d(Tr_n, Tw) \leq b^2 d(w, Tw).$$

Now, letting $r = r_n$ and $s = w$ in (3.3), we have

$$\theta(b^3 d(Tr_n, Tw)) \leq [\theta(M(r_n, w))], \forall n \in N,$$

Where

$$M(r_n, w) = a \max\{d(r_n, w), d(r_n, Tr_n), d(w, Tw), \frac{1}{b^2}(d(w, Tr_n) + d(r_n, Tw))\} + (1-a)d(r_n, w).$$

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

$$\begin{aligned} \limsup_{n \rightarrow \infty} M(r_n, w) &= \limsup_{n \rightarrow \infty} \max\{d(r_n, w), d(r_n, Tr_n), d(w, Tw), \\ &\frac{1}{b^2}(d(w, Tr_n) + d(r_n, Tw))\} \\ &= d(w, Tw). \end{aligned}$$

Therefore,

$$\begin{aligned} \theta(b^3 d(Tr_n, Tw)) &\leq \phi\left[\theta\left(a \max\{d(r_n, w), d(r_n, Tr_n), d(w, Tw), \frac{1}{2b^2}(d(w, Tr_n) + d(r_n, Tw) + (1-a)d(r_n, w))\}\right)\right]. \end{aligned} \quad (3.7)$$

Taking $n \rightarrow \infty$ in (3.7) and using the properties of ϕ and θ , we obtain

$$\begin{aligned} \theta\left(b^3 \frac{1}{b^2} d(w, Tw)\right) &= \theta(b d(w, Tw)) \\ &\leq \theta\left[b^3 \lim_{n \rightarrow \infty} d(Tr_n, Tw)\right] \\ &\leq \phi[\theta(d(w, Tw))] < \theta(d(w, Tw)). \end{aligned}$$

By (θ_1) , we get

$$b d(w, Tw) < d(w, Tw).$$

This implies that

$$(b-1)d(w, Tw) < 0$$

which shows $b < 1$, a contradiction. Hence $Tw = w$.
Now, suppose that $u, w \in S$ are two fixed points of T such that $u \neq w$. Then we have

$$d(w, u) = d(Tw, Tu) > 0.$$

Letting $r = w$ and $y = u$ in (3.1), we have

$$\begin{aligned} \theta(d(w, u)) &= \theta(d(Tu, Tw)) \leq \theta(b^3 d(Tu, Tw)) \\ &\leq \phi[\theta(M(w, u))], \end{aligned}$$

Where

$$\begin{aligned} M(w, u) &= a \max\{d(w, u), d(w, Tw), d(u, Tu), \\ &\frac{1}{b^2}(d(u, Tw) + d(w, Tu))\} + (1-a)d(w, u) \\ &= d(w, u). \end{aligned}$$

Therefore, we have

$$\theta(d(w, u)) \leq \phi[\theta(d(w, u))] < \theta(d(w, u)),$$

which implies that

$$d(w, u) < d(w, u),$$

a contradiction. Therefore $u = w$.

Corollary 3.1. In particular if $a = 1$, we get Theorem 3.5 of Rossafi et al.[15].

Example 2. Let $S = A \cup B$, where $A = \{p^{n-1} \mid n \in \mathbb{N}$ and $p \in \left(0, \frac{1}{5}\right)\}$ and $B = \{0\}$. Define

$d: S \times S \rightarrow [0, \infty)$ by $d(r, s) = |r - s|^2$. Then (S, d) is a b -metric space with coefficient $b = 2$.

Define a mapping $T: S \rightarrow S$ by

$$T(r) = \begin{cases} r^n, & \text{if } r \in A \\ 1, & \text{if } r = 0. \end{cases}$$

Then $T(r) \in S$. Let $\theta(t) = \sqrt{t} + 1$, $\phi(t) = \frac{t+1}{2}$. It is

obvious that $\theta \in \Theta$ and $\phi \in \Phi$ is Gregus type $\theta - \phi$ contraction. Consider the following possibilities:

Case: 1 Let $r = p^{n-1}$, $s = p^{m-1}$ for $m > n \geq 1$. Then

$$d(Tr, Ts) = (p^{n(n-1)} - p^{n(m-1)})^2.$$

So

$$\theta[b^3 d(Tr, Ts)] = \sqrt{8}(p^{n(n-1)} - p^{n(m-1)}) + 1$$

and

$$\begin{aligned} \phi[\theta(d(r, s))] &= \phi[\theta(p^{n-1} - p^{m-1})^2] \\ &= \frac{(p^{n(n-1)} - p^{n(m-1)})}{2p} + 1. \end{aligned}$$

On the other hand

$$\begin{aligned} \theta[b^3 d(Tr, Ts)] - \phi[\theta(d(r, s))] &= \sqrt{8}(p^{n(n-1)} - p^{n(m-1)}) \\ &+ 1 - \left[\frac{(p^{n(n-1)} - p^{n(m-1)})}{2p} + 1 \right] \\ &= \left(\sqrt{8} - \frac{1}{2p} \right) (p^{n(n-1)} - p^{n(m-1)}) \\ &\leq 0. \end{aligned}$$

Thus

$$\begin{aligned} \theta[b^3 d(Tr, Ts)] &\leq \phi[\theta(d(r, s))] \\ &\leq \phi[\theta(a \max\{d(r, s), d(r, Tr), d(s, Ts), \\ &\frac{d(r, Ts) + d(Tr, s)}{2b^2}\} + (1-a)d(r, s))] \end{aligned}$$

Case: 2 Let $r = p^{n-1}$, $s = 0$. Then $T(r) = p^{n(n-1)}$, $T(s) = 0$, then $d(Tr, Ts) = (p^n)^2$.

So we have $\theta[b^3 d(Tr, Ts)] = \sqrt{8}p^{n(n-1)} + 1$. Thus

$$\begin{aligned} M(r, s) &= \phi[\theta(a \max\{d(r, s), d(r, Tr), d(s, Ts), \\ &\frac{d(r, Ts) + d(Tr, s)}{2b^2}\} + (1-a)d(r, s))] \\ &\geq d(r, s) = (p^{n-1})^2 \end{aligned}$$

$$\text{and } \phi[\theta(d(r, s))] = \frac{p^{n-1}}{2} + 1$$

On the other hand

$$\begin{aligned} \theta[b^3 d(Tr, Ts)] - \phi[\theta(d(r, s))] &= \sqrt{8}p^n + 1 - \left(\frac{p^{n-1}}{2} + 1 \right) \\ &= \left(\sqrt{8} - \frac{1}{2p} \right) p^n \\ &\leq 0. \end{aligned}$$

Then

$$\begin{aligned} \theta[b^3 d(Tr, Ts)] &\leq \phi[\theta(d(r, s))] \\ &\leq \phi[\theta(a \max\{d(r, s), d(r, Tr), d(s, Ts), \\ &\frac{d(r, Ts) + d(Tr, s)}{2b^2}\} + (1-a)d(r, s))]. \end{aligned}$$

As a result, condition (3.1) is achieved. Hence T has an unique fixed point at $z = 1$.

The following Figure(1) is graph of $T(r)$ for different values of $p \in \left(0, \frac{1}{5}\right)$. We see that in

these graph unique fixed point at $r = 1$.

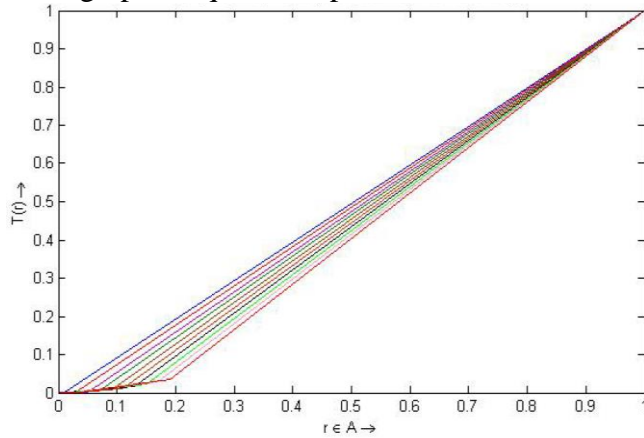


Figure 1 Graphical representation of the function $T(r)$

4. Application

In this section, as an application of Theorem 3.2, we present the following result which provides a unique solution to nonlinear integral equations of Fredholm type:

$$r(y) = \lambda \int_p^q K(y, x, r(x)) dx, \quad (4.1)$$

Where $p, q \in R, r \in C([p, q], R)$ and a continuous function $K : [p, q]^2 \times R \rightarrow R$ is given.

Theorem 4.1. Assume that the kernel function K satisfies the condition:

$$|K(y, x, r(x)) - K(y, x, s(x))| \leq \frac{1}{b^2} (|r(x) - s(x)|) \forall x, y \in [p, q] \text{ and } r, s \in R$$

and consider the nonlinear integral equation problem (4.1). Then for some constant λ based on the constant b , the equation (4.1) has a unique solution $r \in C([p, q])$.

Proof. Let $T : X \rightarrow X$ be defined by

$$Tr(y) = \lambda \int_p^q K(y, x, r(x)) dx, \forall r \in X, \text{ where}$$

$X = C([p, q])$. Let $d : X \times X \rightarrow [0, \infty)$ be given by

$$d(r, s) = (\max_{y \in [p, q]} |r(y) - s(y)|)^2 \forall r, s \in X.$$

It is evident that (X, d) forms a complete b -metric space. To solve the integral equation (4.1), we need to find the condition on λ under which the operator has a unique fixed point. Assume that $r, s \in X$ and $x, y \in [p, q]$. Then we have

$$\begin{aligned} |Tr(y) - Ts(y)| &= |\lambda|^2 \left(\left| \int_p^q K(y, x, r(x)) dx - \int_p^q K(y, x, s(x)) dx \right|^2 \right) \\ &= |\lambda|^2 \left\| \int_p^q (K(y, x, r(x)) - K(y, x, s(x))) dx \right\|^2 \\ &\leq |\lambda|^2 \left\| \int_p^q (K(y, x, r(x)) - K(y, x, s(x))) dx \right\|^2 \\ &\leq |\lambda|^2 \left| \int_p^q \left(\frac{1}{b^2} (|r(x) - s(x)|) \right) dx \right|^2 \\ &= |\lambda|^2 \left| \frac{1}{b^4} \left[\int_p^q (|r(x) - s(x)|) dx \right]^2 \right| \\ &= |\lambda|^2 \left| \frac{1}{b^4} \left[\int_p^q (|r(x) - s(x)|) dx \right]^2 \right|. \end{aligned}$$

This shows that

$$\begin{aligned} \max_{y \in [p, q]} (|Tr(y) - Ts(y)|)^2 &= \max_{y \in [p, q]} |\lambda|^2 \left[\int_p^q (K(y, x, r(x)) - K(y, x, s(x))) dx \right]^2 \\ &\leq \max_{y \in [p, q]} |\lambda|^2 \int_p^q \left(\frac{1}{b^2} (|r(x) - s(x)|) \right) dx^2 \\ &\leq |\lambda|^2 \frac{1}{b^4} \int_p^q ((\max_{y \in [p, q]} (|r(y) - s(y)|) dr)^2. \end{aligned}$$

Since, $d(Tr, Ts) > 0$ and $d(r, s) > 0 \forall r \neq s$, we can take natural Log both sides and obtain

$$\begin{aligned} \log[b^3 d(Tr, Ts)] &= \log[b^3 |\lambda|^2 \max_{y \in [p, q]} \left| \int_p^q (K(y, x, r(x)) - K(y, x, s(x))) dx \right|^2] \\ &\leq \log\left[\left(\frac{|\lambda|}{b} \right)^2 \int_p^q (\max_{y \in [p, q]} (|r(y) - s(y)|) dr)^2 \right] \\ &= [\log\{ \int_p^q (\max_{y \in [p, q]} (|r(y) - s(y)|) dr)^2 \}] \left(\frac{|\lambda|}{b} \right)^2, \end{aligned}$$

assuming that $|\lambda| < b$, this shows that

$$\begin{aligned} \log[b^3 d(Tr, Ts)] &\leq [\log\{ \int_p^q (\max_{y \in [p, q]} (|r(y) - s(y)|) dr)^2 \}]^\alpha. \end{aligned}$$

Hence

$$\begin{aligned} F(b^3 d(Tr, Ts)) + \phi(d(r, s)) &\leq F(d(r, s)), \\ \forall r, s \in X \text{ with } \theta(x) = \log(x), \phi(x) = x^\alpha \text{ and} \\ \alpha &= \left(\frac{|\lambda|}{b} \right)^2. \text{ Thus } T \text{ holds the condition (3.1).} \end{aligned}$$

Therefore, the nonlinear Fredholm integral (4.1) has a unique solution.



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