

## FIXED POINT THEOREMS IN A $(\alpha_{\mathbb{A}}, \eta_{\mathbb{A}})$ - $C^*$ -ALGEBRA VALUED $b$ -QUASI-METRIC SPACES

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ABSTRACT. In the present work, for a unital  $C^*$ -algebra  $\mathbb{A}$ , we introduce the notion of  $(\alpha_{\mathbb{A}}, \eta_{\mathbb{A}})$ - $C^*$ -algebra valued  $b$ -quasi-metric spaces. Also, we discuss the existence and uniqueness of fixed points for a self-mapping defined on a such space. Our results extend and supplement several recent results in the literature. Some non-trivial examples are given to illustrate our results.

### 1. INTRODUCTION

It is well known that Banach contraction principle [2] played a central role in fixed point theory because of its application in many branches of mathematics and it has many applications. Various generalizations of it appeared in the literature [4–7, 10].

In 1930, Wilson [12] introduced the concept of quasi-metric spaces. Using this idea many researcher presented generalization of the renowned Banach fixed point theorem in the quasi-metric spaces.

The concept of  $b$ -metric spaces was initiated by Bakhtin [1] and Czerwik [3] where the triangle inequality of a metric spaces was replaced by another inequality, the so-called  $b$ -triangle inequality.

In [11], Shah and Hussain established the concept of  $b$ -quasi-metric space which generalizes the concept of quasi-metric space.

In 2014, Ma et al. [8] introduced the notion of  $C^*$ -algebra valued metric spaces by replacing the range set  $\mathbb{R}$  with an unital  $C^*$ -algebra, which is more general class than the class of metric spaces.

This paper is aimed to generalization of some results on fixed point in a quasi-metric spaces and  $C^*$ -algebra valued  $b$ -quasi-metric spaces.

Throughout this paper, we use the concept of  $(\alpha, \eta)$ -triangular-admissible of mappings defined on  $C^*$ -algebra valued  $b$ -quasi-metric space and we defined the generalized contractive on such spaces. Finally, some examples are provided to illustrate the results.

The following lemma will used to proof our main results.

**Lemma 1.1.** [9] *Suppose that  $A$  is a unital  $C^*$ -algebra with a unit  $I$ .*

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- (1) For any  $x \in A_+$  we have  $x \preceq I, k \Leftrightarrow \|x\| \leq 1$ ;
- (2) If  $a \in A_+$  with  $\|x\| < \frac{1}{2}$ , then  $a$  is invertible and  $\|a(I - 1)^{-1}\| < 1$ .
- (3) Suppose that  $a, b \in A$  with  $a, b \succeq 0_{\mathbb{A}}$  and  $ab = ba$ , then  $ab \succeq 0_{\mathbb{A}}$ ;
- (4) Let  $a \in A'$ , if  $b, c \in A$  with  $b \succeq c \succeq 0_{\mathbb{A}}$ , and  $(I - a) \in A'_+$  is an invertible operator, then  $(I - 1)^{-1}b \succeq (I - 1)^{-1}c$ .

## 2. MAIN RESULT

We now introduce the definition of a  $C^*$ -algebra-valued  $b$ -quasi-metric spaces.

**Definition 2.1.** Let  $X$  be a non empty set and  $s \succeq I_{\mathbb{A}}$ . Suppose the mapping  $d : X \times X \rightarrow \mathbb{A}_+$  satisfies:

- (i)  $d(x, y) = 0_{\mathbb{A}}$  if and only if  $x = y$ ; and  $0_{\mathbb{A}} \preceq d(x, y)$  for all  $x, y \in X$ ;
- (ii)  $d(x, y) \preceq s [d(x, z) + d(z, y)]$  for all  $x, y, z \in X$ , where  $0_{\mathbb{A}}$  is zero-element in  $A$  and  $I_{\mathbb{A}}$  is the unit element in  $\mathbb{A}$ .

Then  $(X, \mathbb{A}_+, d)$  is called a  $C^*$ -algebra valued  $b$ -quasi-metric space.

*Remark 2.2.* The  $C^*$ -algebra-valued  $b$ -quasi-metric space generalise the  $C^*$ -algebra-valued  $b$ -metric space,  $C^*$ -algebra-valued quasi-metric space.

The following example illustrates that, in general, a  $C^*$ -algebra-valued  $b$ -quasi-metric space is not necessarily a  $C^*$ -algebra-valued metric space and is not necessarily a  $C^*$ -algebra-valued  $b$ -metric space.

**Example 2.3.** Let  $X$  be a Banach lattice,  $d : X \times X \rightarrow \mathbb{A}_+$  given by

$$\begin{cases} d(x, y) = \|x - y\|^p \cdot a \text{ if } x \geq y \\ d(x, y) = \|y - x\|^p \cdot a \text{ if } y > x. \end{cases}$$

for all  $x, y \in X, a \in \mathbb{A}_+, a \succeq 0$  and  $p > 1$ . Its easy to verify that is a  $C^*$ -algebra valued  $b$ -quasi-metric space.

Using the inequality  $(a + b)^p \leq 2^p(a^p + b^p)$  for all  $a, b \succeq 0, p > 1$ , we have

$$\begin{cases} \|x - y\|^p \leq 2^p(\|x - z\|^p + \|z - y\|^p) \text{ if } x \geq y \\ \|y - x\|^p \leq 2^p(\|y - z\|^p + \|z - x\|^p) \text{ if } y > x. \end{cases}$$

for  $x, y, z \in X$ , which implies that

$$d(x, y) \leq 2^p(d(x - z) + d(z - y)).$$

**Example 2.4.** Let  $X = \mathbb{R}$  and  $\mathbb{A} = M_2(\mathbb{R})$  of all  $2 \times 2$  matrices with the usual addition, scalar multiplication and multiplication. Define partial ordering on  $\mathbb{A}$  as  $\begin{pmatrix} a_1 & a_2 \\ a_3 & a_4 \end{pmatrix} \succeq \begin{pmatrix} b_1 & b_2 \\ b_3 & b_4 \end{pmatrix}$

$\Leftrightarrow a_i \geq b_i$  for  $i = 1, 2, 3, 4$

For any  $A \in \mathbb{A}$  we define its norm as  $\|A\| = \max_{1 \leq i \leq 4} |a_i|$

Define  $d : X \times X \rightarrow \mathbb{A}$  by

$$\begin{cases} d(x, y) = \begin{pmatrix} (x - y)^p & 0 \\ 0 & 0 \end{pmatrix} \text{ if } x \geq y \\ d(x, y) = \begin{pmatrix} 0 & 0 \\ 0 & (x - y)^p \end{pmatrix} \text{ if } y > x. \end{cases}$$

for all  $x, y \in X$  and  $p \geq 1$  is odd number.

It's clear that  $0_{\mathbb{A}} \preceq d(x, y)$  for all  $x, y \in X$  and  $d(x, y) = 0_{\mathbb{A}} \Leftrightarrow x = y$ .

We will verify  $b$ -triangular inequality. Let  $x, y$  et  $z \in \mathbb{R}$  then we have six cases.

**Case 1:**  $x \geq y$

$$d(x, y) = \begin{pmatrix} (x - y)^p & 0 \\ 0 & 0 \end{pmatrix}$$

(a) if  $y \geq z$

$$\begin{aligned} 2^p [d(x, z) + d(z, y)] &= \begin{pmatrix} 2^p [(x - z)^p] & 0 \\ 0 & 0 \end{pmatrix} + \begin{pmatrix} 0 & 0 \\ 0 & 2^p [(y - z)^p] \end{pmatrix} \\ &= \begin{pmatrix} 2^p [(x - z)^p] & 0 \\ 0 & 2^p [(y - z)^p] \end{pmatrix} \\ &\succeq \begin{pmatrix} (x - y)^p & 0 \\ 0 & 0 \end{pmatrix} \\ &= d(x, y). \end{aligned}$$

(b) if  $x \geq z \geq y$

$$\begin{aligned} 2^p [d(x, z) + d(z, y)] &= \begin{pmatrix} 2^p [(x - z)^p] & 0 \\ 0 & 0 \end{pmatrix} + \begin{pmatrix} 2^p [(z - y)^p] & 0 \\ 0 & 0 \end{pmatrix} \\ &= \begin{pmatrix} 2^p [(x - z)^p + (z - y)^p] & 0 \\ 0 & 0 \end{pmatrix} \\ &\succeq \begin{pmatrix} (x - y)^p & 0 \\ 0 & 0 \end{pmatrix} \\ &= d(x, y). \end{aligned}$$

(c) if  $z \geq x$

$$\begin{aligned} 2^p [d(x, z) + d(z, y)] &= \begin{pmatrix} 0 & 0 \\ 0 & 2^p [(z - x)^p] \end{pmatrix} + \begin{pmatrix} 2^p [(z - y)^p] & 0 \\ 0 & 0 \end{pmatrix} \\ &= \begin{pmatrix} 2^p [(z - y)^p] & 0 \\ 0 & 2^p [(z - x)^p] \end{pmatrix} \\ &\succeq \begin{pmatrix} (x - y)^p & 0 \\ 0 & 0 \end{pmatrix} \\ &= d(x, y). \end{aligned}$$

**Case 2:**  $x \leq y$

$$d(x, y) = \begin{pmatrix} 0 & 0 \\ 0 & (y - x)^p \end{pmatrix}$$

(a) if  $x \leq y \leq z$

$$\begin{aligned} 2^p [d(x, z) + d(z, y)] &= \begin{pmatrix} 0 & 0 \\ 0 & 2^p [(z - x)^p] \end{pmatrix} + \begin{pmatrix} 2^p [(z - y)^p] & 0 \\ 0 & 0 \end{pmatrix} \\ &= \begin{pmatrix} 2^p [(z - y)^p] & 0 \\ 0 & 2^p [(z - x)^p] \end{pmatrix} \\ &\preceq \begin{pmatrix} 0 & 0 \\ 0 & (y - x)^p \end{pmatrix} \\ &= d(x, y). \end{aligned}$$

(b) if  $x \leq z \leq y$

$$\begin{aligned} 2^p [d(x, z) + d(z, y)] &= \begin{pmatrix} 0 & 0 \\ 0 & 2^p [(z - x)^p] \end{pmatrix} + \begin{pmatrix} 0 & 0 \\ 0 & 2^p [(y - z)^p] \end{pmatrix} \\ &= \begin{pmatrix} 0 & 0 \\ 0 & 2^p [(z - x)^p + (y - z)^p] \end{pmatrix} \\ &\preceq \begin{pmatrix} 0 & 0 \\ 0 & (y - x)^p \end{pmatrix} \\ &= d(x, y). \end{aligned}$$

(c) if  $z \leq x \leq y$

$$\begin{aligned} 2^p [d(x, z) + d(z, y)] &= \begin{pmatrix} 2^p [(x - z)^p] & 0 \\ 0 & 0 \end{pmatrix} + \begin{pmatrix} 0 & 0 \\ 0 & 2^p [(y - z)^p] \end{pmatrix} \\ &= \begin{pmatrix} 2^p [(x - z)^p] & 0 \\ 0 & 2^p [(y - z)^p] \end{pmatrix} \\ &\preceq \begin{pmatrix} 0 & 0 \\ 0 & (y - x)^p \end{pmatrix} \\ &= d(x, y). \end{aligned}$$

Then  $(X, \mathbb{A}, d)$  is a  $C^*$ -algebra valued  $b$ -quasi-metric space. However we have the following:

- 1)  $(X, \mathbb{A}, d)$  is not a  $C^*$ -algebra valued metric space, as  $d(1, 0) \neq d(0, 1)$ .
- 2)  $(X, \mathbb{A}, d)$  is not a  $C^*$ -algebra valued quasi-metric space, as

$$d(2, 0) = \begin{pmatrix} 2^p & 0 \\ 0 & 0 \end{pmatrix} \succ \begin{pmatrix} 1 & 0 \\ 0 & 0 \end{pmatrix} = \begin{pmatrix} 1 & 0 \\ 0 & 0 \end{pmatrix} = d(2, 1) + d(1, 0).$$

**Definition 2.5.** Let  $(X, \mathbb{A}, d)$  is a  $C^*$ -algebra valued  $b$ -quasi-metric space and  $\{x_n\}_{n \in \mathbb{N}}$  be a sequence in  $X$ . Then

- (i) We say that  $\{x_n\}_{n \in \mathbb{N}}$  forward converges to  $x$  with respect to  $\mathbb{A}$  if and only if for given  $\varepsilon \succ 0_{\mathbb{A}}$ , there is  $N$  such that for all  $n \geq N$ ,  $d(x, x_n) \preceq \varepsilon$ . We denote it by

$$\lim_{n \rightarrow +\infty} d(x, x_n) = 0_{\mathbb{A}}.$$

(ii) We say that  $\{x_n\}_{n \in \mathbb{N}}$  backward converges to  $x$  with respect to  $\mathbb{A}$  if and only if for given  $\varepsilon \succ 0_{\mathbb{A}}$ , there is  $N$  such that for all  $n \geq N$ ,  $d(x_n, x) \preceq \varepsilon$ . We denote it by

$$\lim_{n \rightarrow +\infty} d(x_n, x) = 0_{\mathbb{A}}.$$

(iii) We say that  $\{x_n\}_{n \in \mathbb{N}}$  converges to  $x$  with respect to  $\mathbb{A}$  if and only if  $\{x_n\}_{n \in \mathbb{N}}$  forward converges and backward converges to  $x$ .

**Definition 2.6.** Let  $(X, \mathbb{A}, d)$  is a  $C^*$ -algebra valued  $b$ -quasi-metric space and  $\{x_n\}_{n \in \mathbb{N}}$  be a sequence in  $X$ . Then

(i) We say that  $\{x_n\}_{n \in \mathbb{N}}$  forward Cauchy if

$$\lim_{n, m \rightarrow +\infty} d(x_n, x_m) = 0_{\mathbb{A}}.$$

(ii) We say that  $\{x_n\}_{n \in \mathbb{N}}$  backward Cauchy if

$$\lim_{n, m \rightarrow +\infty} d(x_m, x_n) = 0_{\mathbb{A}}.$$

**Example 2.7.** Let  $X = \mathbb{R}_+$  and  $\mathbb{A} = M_2(\mathbb{R})$  of all  $2 \times 2$  matrices with the usual addition, scalar multiplication and multiplication. Define partial ordering on  $\mathbb{A}$  as  $\begin{pmatrix} a_1 & a_2 \\ a_3 & a_4 \end{pmatrix} \succeq \begin{pmatrix} b_1 & b_2 \\ b_3 & b_4 \end{pmatrix}$

$\Leftrightarrow a_i \geq b_i$  for  $i = 1, 2, 3, 4$

For any  $A \in \mathbb{A}$  we define its norm as  $\|A\| = \max_{1 \leq i \leq 4} |a_i|$

Define  $d : X \times X \rightarrow \mathbb{A}$  by

$$\begin{cases} d(x, y) = \begin{pmatrix} (x - y)^2 & 0 \\ 0 & 0 \end{pmatrix} \text{ if } x \geq y \\ d(x - y) = \begin{pmatrix} 1 & 0 \\ 0 & 1 \end{pmatrix} \text{ if } y > x. \end{cases}$$

Then  $(X, \mathbb{A}, d)$  is an  $(X, \mathbb{A}, d)$  a  $C^*$ -algebra valued  $b$ -quasi-metric space.

Let  $x_n = x + \frac{1}{n+1}$ . Then

$$\begin{cases} d(x_n, x) = \begin{pmatrix} (x_n - x)^2 & 0 \\ 0 & (x_n - x)^2 \end{pmatrix} \\ = \begin{pmatrix} (\frac{1}{n+1})^2 & 0 \\ 0 & (\frac{1}{n+1})^2 \end{pmatrix} \\ d(x, x_n) = \begin{pmatrix} 1 & 0 \\ 0 & 1 \end{pmatrix} \end{cases}$$

Then  $\lim_{n \rightarrow +\infty} d(x_n, x) = 0_{\mathbb{A}}$  and  $\lim_{n \rightarrow +\infty} d(x, x_n) = 1_{\mathbb{A}}$ . Therefore the existence forward converges does not imply the existence backward converges.

**Lemma 2.8.** Let  $(X, \mathbb{A}, d)$  a  $C^*$ -algebra valued  $b$ -quasi-metric space and  $\{x_n\}_n$  in  $X$ . If  $\{x_n\}_n$  forward converges to  $x \in X$  and backward converges to  $y \in X$ , then  $x = y$ .

*Proof.* Let  $\varepsilon \succ 0_{\mathbb{A}}$ . Since  $\{x_n\}_n$  forward converges to  $x$  so there exists  $n_1 \in \mathbb{N}$  such that  $d(x_n, x) \preceq \frac{\varepsilon}{2s}$  for all  $n \geq n_0$ . Also  $\{x_n\}_n$  backward converges to  $y$  so there exists  $n_1 \in \mathbb{N}$  such

that  $d(y, x_n) \preceq \frac{\varepsilon}{2s}$  for all  $n \geq n_1$ . Then for all  $N \geq \max\{n_0, n_1, \}$ ,

$$d(x, y) \preceq s [d(x, x_n) + d(x_n, y)] \preceq s \left[ \frac{\varepsilon}{2s} + \frac{\varepsilon}{2s} \right] = \varepsilon.$$

As  $\varepsilon \succ 0_{\mathbb{A}}$  was arbitrary, we deduce that  $d(x, y) = 0_{\mathbb{A}}$ , which implies  $x = y$ . □

**Definition 2.9.** Let  $(X, \mathbb{A}, d)$  a  $C^*$ -algebra valued  $b$ -quasi-metric space.  $X$  is said to be forward (backward) complete if every forward (backward) Cauchy sequence  $\{x_n\}_n$  in  $X$  forward (backward) converges to  $x \in X$ .

**Definition 2.10.** Let  $(X, \mathbb{A}, d)$  a  $C^*$ -algebra valued  $b$ -quasi-metric space.  $X$  is said to be complete if  $X$  is forward and backward complete.

**Definition 2.11.** Let  $(X, \mathbb{A}, d)$  a  $C^*$ -algebra valued  $b$ -quasi-metric space and  $\alpha_{\mathbb{A}}, \eta_{\mathbb{A}} : X \times X \rightarrow \mathbb{A}'_+$  be two functions and  $T : X \rightarrow X$ . We say that  $T$  is a triangular  $(\alpha_{\mathbb{A}}, \eta_{\mathbb{A}})$ -admissible mapping if

$$(T_1) \quad \alpha_{\mathbb{A}}(x, y) \succeq I_{\mathbb{A}} \Rightarrow \alpha_{\mathbb{A}}(Tx, Ty) \succeq I_{\mathbb{A}}, \quad x, y \in X;$$

$$(T_2) \quad \eta_{\mathbb{A}}(x, y) \preceq I_{\mathbb{A}} \Rightarrow \eta_{\mathbb{A}}(Tx, Ty) \preceq I_{\mathbb{A}}, \quad x, y \in X;$$

$$(T_3) \quad \begin{cases} \alpha_{\mathbb{A}}(x, y) \succeq I_{\mathbb{A}} \\ \alpha_{\mathbb{A}}(y, z) \succeq I_{\mathbb{A}} \end{cases} \Rightarrow \alpha_{\mathbb{A}}(x, z) \succeq I_{\mathbb{A}} \text{ for all } x, y, z \in X;$$

$$(T_4) \quad \begin{cases} \eta_{\mathbb{A}}(x, y) \preceq I_{\mathbb{A}} \\ \eta_{\mathbb{A}}(y, z) \preceq I_{\mathbb{A}} \end{cases} \Rightarrow \eta_{\mathbb{A}}(x, z) \preceq I_{\mathbb{A}} \text{ for all } x, y, z \in X.$$

**Definition 2.12.** Let  $(X, \mathbb{A}, d)$  a  $C^*$ -algebra valued  $b$ -quasi-metric space and  $\alpha_{\mathbb{A}}, \eta_{\mathbb{A}} : X \times X \rightarrow \mathbb{A}'_+$  be two functions.  $T : X \rightarrow X$ .

- (a)  $T$  is  $\alpha_{\mathbb{A}}$ -continuous mapping on  $(X, \mathbb{A}, d)$ , if for given point  $x \in X$  and sequence  $\{x_n\}$  in  $X$ ,  $x_n \rightarrow x$  and  $\alpha_{\mathbb{A}}(x_n, x_{n+1}) \succeq I_{\mathbb{A}}$  for all  $n \in \mathbb{N}$ , imply that  $Tx_n \rightarrow Tx$ .
- (b)  $T$  is  $\eta_{\mathbb{A}}$  sub-continuous mapping on  $(X, d)$ , if for given point  $x \in X$  and sequence  $\{x_n\}$  in  $X$ ,  $x_n \rightarrow x$  and  $\eta_{\mathbb{A}}(x_n, x_{n+1}) \preceq I_{\mathbb{A}}$  for all  $n \in \mathbb{N}$ , imply that  $Tx_n \rightarrow Tx$ .
- (c)  $T$  is  $(\alpha_{\mathbb{A}}, \eta_{\mathbb{A}})$  -continuous mapping on  $(X, d)$ , if for given point  $x \in X$  and sequence  $\{x_n\}$  in  $X$ ,  $x_n \rightarrow x$  and  $\alpha_{\mathbb{A}}(x_n, x_{n+1}) \succeq I_{\mathbb{A}}$  or  $\eta_{\mathbb{A}}(x_n, x_{n+1}) \preceq I_{\mathbb{A}}$  for all  $n \in \mathbb{N}$ , imply that  $Tx_n \rightarrow Tx$ .

**Definition 2.13.** Let  $(X, \mathbb{A}, d)$  a  $C^*$ -algebra valued  $b$ -quasi-metric space and  $\alpha_{\mathbb{A}}, \eta_{\mathbb{A}} : X \times X \rightarrow \mathbb{A}'_+$  be two functions. The space  $X$  is said to be:

- (a)  $\alpha_{\mathbb{A}}$ -complete, if every Cauchy sequence  $\{x_n\}$  in  $X$  with  $\alpha_{\mathbb{A}}(x_n, x_{n+1}) \succeq I_{\mathbb{A}}$  for all  $n \in \mathbb{N}$ , converges in  $X$ .
- (b)  $\eta_{\mathbb{A}}$ -complete, if every Cauchy sequence  $\{x_n\}$  in  $X$  with  $\eta_{\mathbb{A}}(x_n, x_{n+1}) \preceq I_{\mathbb{A}}$  for all  $n \in \mathbb{N}$ , converges in  $X$ .
- (c)  $(\alpha_{\mathbb{A}}, \eta_{\mathbb{A}})$ -complete, if every Cauchy sequence  $\{x_n\}$  in  $X$  with  $\alpha_{\mathbb{A}}(x_n, x_{n+1}) \succeq I_{\mathbb{A}}$  or  $\eta_{\mathbb{A}}(x_n, x_{n+1}) \preceq I_{\mathbb{A}}$  for all  $n \in \mathbb{N}$ , converges in  $X$ .

**Definition 2.14.** Let  $(X, \mathbb{A}, d)$  a  $C^*$ -algebra valued  $b$ -quasi-metric space and  $\alpha_{\mathbb{A}}, \eta_{\mathbb{A}} : X \times X \rightarrow \mathbb{A}'_+$  be two functions. The space  $X$  is said to be:

- (a)  $\alpha_{\mathbb{A}}$ -regular, if  $x_n \rightarrow x$ , where  $\alpha_{\mathbb{A}}(x_n, x_{n+1}) \succeq I_{\mathbb{A}}$  for all  $n \in \mathbb{N}$ , implies  $\alpha_{\mathbb{A}}(x_n, x) \succeq I_{\mathbb{A}}$  for all  $n \in \mathbb{N}$ .

- (b)  $(X, d)$  is  $\eta_{\mathbb{A}}$ -sub-regular, if  $x_n \rightarrow x$ , where  $\eta_{\mathbb{A}}(x_n, x_{n+1}) \preceq I_{\mathbb{A}}$  for all  $n \in \mathbb{N}$ , implies  $\eta_{\mathbb{A}}(x_n, x) \preceq I_{\mathbb{A}}$  for all  $n \in \mathbb{N}$ .
- (c)  $(X, d)$  is  $(\alpha_{\mathbb{A}}, \eta_{\mathbb{A}})$ -regular, if  $x_n \rightarrow x$ , where  $\alpha_{\mathbb{A}}(x_n, x_{n+1}) \succeq I_{\mathbb{A}}$  or  $\eta_{\mathbb{A}}(x_n, x_{n+1}) \preceq I_{\mathbb{A}}$  for all  $n \in \mathbb{N}$ , imply that  $\alpha_{\mathbb{A}}(x_n, x) \succeq I_{\mathbb{A}}$  or  $\eta_{\mathbb{A}}(x_n, x) \preceq I_{\mathbb{A}}$  for all  $n \in \mathbb{N}$ .

**Definition 2.15.** Let  $(X, \mathbb{A}, d)$  a  $C^*$ -algebra valued  $b$ -quasi-metric space. A mapping  $T : X \rightarrow X$  is a  $C^*$ -valued contractive mapping on  $X$ , if there exists an  $a \in \mathbb{A}$  with  $\| \mathbb{A} \| < 1$  such that

$$(2.1) \quad d(Tx, Ty) \preceq a^* d(x, y) a$$

for all  $x, y \in \mathbb{A}$ .

**Theorem 2.16.** Let  $(X, \mathbb{A}, d)$  a  $C^*$ -algebra valued  $b$ -quasi-metric space  $(\alpha_{\mathbb{A}}, \eta_{\mathbb{A}})$ -complete, with  $s \succeq I_{\mathbb{A}}, s \in \mathbb{A}', \|s\| \|a\|^2 < 1$  suppose that  $T : X \rightarrow X$ , be a contractive mapping satisfies the following conditions:

- (i)  $T$  is triangular  $(\alpha_{\mathbb{A}}, \eta_{\mathbb{A}})$ -admissible.
- (ii) There exists  $x_0 \in X$  such that  $\alpha_{\mathbb{A}}(x_0, Tx_0) \succeq I_{\mathbb{A}}$  or  $\eta_{\mathbb{A}}(x_0, Tx_0) \preceq I_{\mathbb{A}}$ .
- (iii)  $T$  is  $(\alpha_{\mathbb{A}}, \eta_{\mathbb{A}})$ -continuous.

Then  $T$  has a fixed point. Moreover,  $T$  has a unique fixed point when  $\alpha_{\mathbb{A}}(z, u) \succeq I_{\mathbb{A}}$  or  $\eta_{\mathbb{A}}(z, u) \preceq I_{\mathbb{A}}$  for all  $z, u \in \text{Fix}(T)$ .

*Proof.* Let  $x_0 \in X$  such that  $\alpha_{\mathbb{A}}(x_0, Tx_0) \succeq I_{\mathbb{A}}$  or  $\eta_{\mathbb{A}}(x_0, Tx_0) \preceq I_{\mathbb{A}}$ . We define the sequence  $\{x_n\}$  in  $X$  by  $x_n = Tx_{n+1}$ , for all  $n \in \mathbb{N}$ .

Since  $T$  is an triangular  $(\alpha_{\mathbb{A}}, \eta_{\mathbb{A}})$ -admissible mapping, then

$$\alpha_{\mathbb{A}}(x_0, x_1) = \alpha_{\mathbb{A}}(x_0, Tx_0) \succeq I_{\mathbb{A}} \Rightarrow \alpha_{\mathbb{A}}(Tx_0, Tx_1) = \alpha_{\mathbb{A}}(x_1, x_2) \succeq I_{\mathbb{A}}$$

or

$$\eta_{\mathbb{A}}(x_0, x_1) = \eta_{\mathbb{A}}(x_0, Tx_0) \preceq I_{\mathbb{A}} \Rightarrow \eta_{\mathbb{A}}(Tx_0, Tx_1) = \eta_{\mathbb{A}}(x_1, x_2) \preceq I_{\mathbb{A}}$$

Continuing this process we have

$$\alpha_{\mathbb{A}}(x_{n-1}, x_n) \succeq I_{\mathbb{A}}$$

or

$$\eta_{\mathbb{A}}(x_{n-1}, x_n) \preceq I_{\mathbb{A}},$$

for all  $n \in \mathbb{N}$ . By  $(T_3)$  and  $(T_4)$ , one has.

$$(2.2) \quad \alpha_{\mathbb{A}}(x_m, x_n) \succeq I_{\mathbb{A}} \text{ or } \eta_{\mathbb{A}}(x_m, x_n) \preceq I_{\mathbb{A}}, \quad \forall m, n \in \mathbb{N}, m \neq n.$$

Suppose that there exists  $n_0 \in \mathbb{N}$  such that  $x_{n_0} = Tx_{n_0}$ . Then  $x_{n_0}$  is a fixed point of  $T$  and the prove is finished. Hence, we assume that  $x_n \neq Tx_n$ , i.e.  $d(x_{n-1}, x_n) > 0$  for all  $n \in \mathbb{N}$ .

**Step 1:** Applying inequality 2.1 with  $x = x_{n-1}$  and  $y = x_n$ , we obtain

$$\begin{aligned} d(x_n, x_{n+1}) &= d(Tx_{n-1}, Tx_n) \\ &\preceq a^* d(x_{n-1}, x_n) a \\ &\preceq (a^*)^2 d(x_{n-2}, x_{n-1}) a^2 \\ &\preceq \dots \\ &\preceq (a^*)^n d(x_0, x_1) a^n. \end{aligned}$$

Notice that in  $C^*$ -algebra, if  $a, b \in \mathbb{A}^+$  and  $0_{\mathbb{A}} \preceq a \preceq b$ , then for any  $x \in A$  both  $x^*ax$  and  $x^*bx$  are positive elements and

$$0_{\mathbb{A}} \preceq x^*ax \preceq x^*bx.$$

By property (ii) of the  $C^*$ -algebra valued  $b$ -quasi-metric space, we have

$$\begin{aligned} d(x_n, x_{n+m}) &\preceq s [d(x_n, x_{n+1}) + d(x_{n+1}, x_{n+m})] \\ &\preceq sd(x_n, x_{n+1}) + s^2d(x_{n+1}, x_{n+2}) \\ &+ \dots \\ &+ s^{m-1}d(x_{n+m-2}, x_{n+m-1}) + s^{m-1}d(x_{n+m-1}, x_{n+m}) \\ &\preceq s(a^*)^n d(x_0, x_1) a^n + s^2(a^*)^{n+1} d(x_0, x_1) a^{n+1} \\ &+ \dots + s^{m-1}(a^*)^{n+m-2} d(x_0, x_1) a^{n+m-2} + s^{m-1}(a^*)^{n+m-1} d(x_0, x_1) a^{n+m-1} \\ &= \sum_{i=1}^{i=m-1} s^k (a^*)^{n+k-1} d(x_0, x_1) a^{n+k-1} + s^{m-1} (a^*)^{n+m-1} d(x_0, x_1) a^{n+m-1} \\ &= \sum_{i=n}^{i=n+k-1} (s^{\frac{k}{2}} a^{n+k-1} d(x_0, x_1)^{\frac{1}{2}})^* s^{\frac{k}{2}} d(x_0, x_1)^{\frac{1}{2}} a^{n+k-1} \\ &+ s^{\frac{m-1}{2}} (a^*)^{n+m-1} d(x_0, x_1)^{\frac{1}{2}} s^{\frac{m-1}{2}} a^{n+m-1} d(x_0, x_1)^{\frac{1}{2}} \\ &= \sum_{i=n}^{i=n+k-1} (s^{\frac{k}{2}} a^{n+k-1} d(x_0, x_1)^{\frac{1}{2}})^* s^{\frac{k}{2}} d(x_0, x_1)^{\frac{1}{2}} a^{n+k-1} \\ &+ (s^{\frac{m-1}{2}} (a^*)^{n+m-1} d(x_0, x_1)^{\frac{1}{2}})^* s^{\frac{m-1}{2}} a^{n+m-1} d(x_0, x_1)^{\frac{1}{2}} \\ &= \sum_{i=n}^{i=n+k-1} |s^{\frac{k}{2}} d(x_0, x_1)^{\frac{1}{2}} a^{n+k-1}|^2 + |s^{\frac{m-1}{2}} a^{n+m-1} d(x_0, x_1)^{\frac{1}{2}}|^2 \\ &\preceq \sum_{i=n}^{i=n+k-1} \|s^{\frac{k}{2}} d(x_0, x_1)^{\frac{1}{2}} a^{n+k-1}\|^2 .I_{\mathbb{A}} + \|s^{\frac{m-1}{2}} a^{n+m-1} d(x_0, x_1)^{\frac{1}{2}}\|^2 .I_{\mathbb{A}} \\ &\preceq \|d(x_0, x_1)^{\frac{1}{2}}\|^2 \sum_{i=n}^{i=n+k-1} \|s^{\frac{k}{2}} a^{n+k-1}\|^2 .I_{\mathbb{A}} + \|s^{\frac{m-1}{2}} a^{n+m-1} d(x_0, x_1)^{\frac{1}{2}}\|^2 .I_{\mathbb{A}} \\ &= \|d(x_0, x_1)\| \sum_{i=n}^{i=n+k-1} \|s^k\| \|a^{2(n+k-1)}\| .I_{\mathbb{A}} + \|d(x_0, x_1)\| \|s\|^{m-1} \|a\|^{2(n+m-1)} .I_{\mathbb{A}} \\ &\preceq \|d(x_0, x_1)\| [\|s\| \|a\|^{2n}] \left( \frac{1 - (\|s\| \|a\|^2)^{m-1}}{1 - \|s\| \|a\|^2} \right) .I_{\mathbb{A}} \\ &+ \|d(x_0, x_1)\| \|s\|^{m-1} \|a\|^{2(n+m-1)} .I_{\mathbb{A}} \rightarrow 0_{\mathbb{A}} (n \rightarrow \infty) \end{aligned}$$

with the condition  $\|s\| \|a\|^2 < 1$  and at  $n \rightarrow \infty$ . Therefore  $x_n$  is a forward Cauchy sequence with respect to  $\mathbb{A}$ . By the completeness of  $(X, \mathbb{A}, d)$  there exists an  $z \in X$  such that



**Step 2:** Substituting  $x = x_n$  and  $y = x_{n-1}$ , from (2.1), for all  $n \in \mathbb{N}$ , we have

$$\begin{aligned} d(x_{n+1}, x_n) &= d(Tx_n, Tx_{n-1}) \\ &\preceq a^* d(x_n, x_{n-1}) a \\ &\preceq (a^*)^2 d(x_{n-1}, x_{n-2}) a^2 \\ &\preceq \dots \\ &\preceq (a^*)^n d(x_1, x_0) a^n. \end{aligned}$$

By property (ii) of the  $C^*$ -algebra valued  $b$ -quasi-metric space, we have

$$\begin{aligned} d(x_{n+m}, x_n) &\preceq s [d(x_{n+m}, x_{n+m-1}) + d(x_{n+m-2}, x_n)] \\ &\preceq s d(x_{n+m}, x_{n+m-1}) + s^2 d(x_{n+m-1}, x_{n+m-2}) \\ &+ \dots \\ &+ s^{m-1} d(x_{n+2}, x_{n+1}) + s^{m-1} d(x_{n+1}, x_n) \\ &\preceq s(a^*)^n d(x_1, x_0) a^n + s^2(a^*)^{n+1} d(x_1, x_0) a^{n+1} \\ &+ \dots + s^{m-1}(a^*)^{n+m-2} d(x_1, x_0) a^{n+m-2} + s^{m-1}(a^*)^{n+m-1} d(x_1, x_0) a^{n+m-1} \\ &= \sum_{i=1}^{i=m-1} s^i (a^*)^{n+i-1} d(x_1, x_0) a^{n+i-1} + s^{m-1}(a^*)^{n+m-1} d(x_1, x_0) a^{n+m-1} \\ &\preceq \|d(x_1, x_0)\| [\|s\| \|a\|^{2n}] \left( \frac{1 - (\|s\| \|a^2\|)^{m-1}}{1 - \|s\| \|a\|^2} \right) \cdot I_{\mathbb{A}} \\ &+ \|d(x_1, x_0)\| \|s\|^{m-1} \|a\|^{2(n+m-1)} \cdot I_{\mathbb{A}} \rightarrow 0_{\mathbb{A}} (n \rightarrow \infty) \end{aligned}$$

Therefore  $x_n$  is a backward Cauchy sequence with respect to  $\mathbb{A}$ . By the completeness of  $(X, \mathbb{A}, d)$  there exists an  $u \in X$  such that

$$\lim_{n \rightarrow \infty} d(u, x_n) = 0_{\mathbb{A}}.$$

So, from Lemma 2.8, we get  $z = u$ .

On has Since  $T$  is  $(\alpha_{\mathbb{A}}, \eta_{\mathbb{A}})$ -continuous, we have

$$\lim_{n \rightarrow \infty} d(Tx_n, Tz) = 0_{\mathbb{A}}$$

and

$$\lim_{n \rightarrow \infty} d(Tz, Tx_n) = 0_{\mathbb{A}}.$$

Then  $d(Tz, z) = 0_{\mathbb{A}}$  or  $d(z, Tz) = 0_{\mathbb{A}}$ . Thus  $z = Tz$  is a fixed point for  $T$ .

**Uniqueness:** Suppose that  $u \neq z$  is another fixed point of  $T$ . Since

$$\begin{aligned} 0_{\mathbb{A}} &\preceq d(z, u) = d(Tz, Tu) \preceq a^* d(z, u) a \\ &\preceq \|a^* d(z, u) a\| \\ &\preceq \|a^*\| \|d(z, u)\| \|a\| \\ &= \|a\|^2 \|d(z, u)\| \\ &< \|d(z, u)\|, \text{ which is a contradiction.} \end{aligned}$$

Hence  $d(z, u) = 0_{\mathbb{A}}$  and  $z = u$ , which implies that the fixed point is unique. □

Now, we replace the assumption of  $(\alpha_{\mathbb{A}}, \eta_{\mathbb{A}})$  continuity of  $T$  in the above theorem by another condition.

**Theorem 2.17.** *Let  $(X, \mathbb{A}, d)$  a  $C^*$ -algebra valued  $b$ -quasi-metric space  $(\alpha_{\mathbb{A}}, \eta_{\mathbb{A}}$  complete, with  $b \succeq I_{\mathbb{A}}, b \in \mathbb{A}', \|s\| \|a\|^2 < 1$  suppose that  $T : X \rightarrow X$ , be a contractive mapping satisfies the following conditions:*

- (i)  $T$  is triangular  $(\alpha_{\mathbb{A}}, \eta_{\mathbb{A}})$ -admissible.
- (ii) There exists  $x_0 \in X$  such that  $\alpha_{\mathbb{A}}(x_0, Tx_0) \succeq I_{\mathbb{A}}$  or  $\eta_{\mathbb{A}}(x_0, Tx_0) \preceq I_{\mathbb{A}}$ .
- (iii)  $(X, d)$  is a  $(\alpha_{\mathbb{A}}, \eta_{\mathbb{A}})$ - $C^*$ -algebra valued  $b$ -quasi-metric space.

Then  $T$  has a fixed point. Moreover,  $T$  has a unique fixed point when  $\alpha_{\mathbb{A}}(z, u) \succeq_{\mathbb{A}} I$  or  $\eta_{\mathbb{A}}(z, u) \preceq I_{\mathbb{A}}$  for all  $z, u \in \text{Fix}(T)$ .

*Proof.* Similar to the proof of Theorem 2.16, we can conclude that

$$(\alpha_{\mathbb{A}}(x_n, x_{n+1}) \succeq I_{\mathbb{A}} \text{ or } \eta_{\mathbb{A}}(x_n, x_{n+1}) \preceq I_{\mathbb{A}}), \text{ and } x_n \rightarrow z \text{ as } n \rightarrow \infty,$$

Since  $(X, \mathbb{A}, d)$  is  $(\alpha_{\mathbb{A}}, \eta_{\mathbb{A}})$ -regular, then  $\alpha_{\mathbb{A}}(x_n, x) \succeq I_{\mathbb{A}}$  or  $\eta_{\mathbb{A}}(x_n, x) \preceq I_{\mathbb{A}}$  for all  $n \in \mathbb{N}$ . We can apply (2.1), to  $x_n$  and  $z$  for all  $n > n_0$  to get

$$\begin{aligned} 0_{\mathbb{A}} \preceq d(z, Tz) &\preceq s [d(z, Tx_n) + d(Tx_n, Tz)] \\ &\preceq s [(d(z, Tz) + a^* d(x_n, z)a] \rightarrow s (d(z, Tz)) \text{ (as } n \rightarrow \infty). \end{aligned}$$

It is a contradiction. Hence  $d(z, Tz) = 0$ .

New, Applying inequality (2.1) with  $x = z$  and  $y = x_n$ , we obtain

$$\begin{aligned} 0_{\mathbb{A}} \preceq d(Tz, z) &\preceq s [d(Tz, Tx_n) + d(Tx_n, z)] \\ &\preceq s [a^* d(z, x_n)a + d(Tx_n, z)] \rightarrow s (d(z, Tz)) \text{ (as } n \rightarrow \infty). \end{aligned}$$

It is a contradiction. Hence  $d(Tz, z) = 0$ . Thus  $z = Tz$  is a fixed point for  $T$ .

The proof of the uniqueness is similarly to that of Theorem 2.16. □

**Example 2.18.** Let  $X = [1, +\infty[$ ,  $\mathbb{A} = M_2(\mathbb{R})$  of all  $2 \times 2$  matrices with the usual addition, scalar multiplication and multiplication.

Define partial ordering on  $\mathbb{A}$  as  $\begin{pmatrix} a_1 & a_2 \\ a_3 & a_4 \end{pmatrix} \succeq \begin{pmatrix} b_1 & b_2 \\ b_3 & b_4 \end{pmatrix} \Leftrightarrow a_i \geq b_i$  for  $i = 1, 2, 3, 4$ . For any  $A \in \mathbb{A}$  we define its norm as,  $\| \begin{pmatrix} a_1 & a_2 \\ a_3 & a_4 \end{pmatrix} \| = \left[ \sum_{i=1}^4 |a_i|^2 \right]^{\frac{1}{2}}$ .

We define  $d : X \times X \rightarrow [0, +\infty[$  as

$$\begin{cases} d(x, y) = \begin{pmatrix} (x - y)^3 & 0 \\ 0 & (x - y)^3 \end{pmatrix} & \text{if } x \preceq y \\ d(x, y) = \begin{pmatrix} (y - x)^3 & 0 \\ 0 & (y - x)^3 \end{pmatrix} & \text{if } x \prec y \end{cases}$$

Then  $(X, \mathbb{A}_+, d)$  is a  $C^*$ -algebra valued rectangular quasi-metric space. Define mapping  $T : X \rightarrow X$  by

$$T(x) = \sqrt{x}$$

and

$$\alpha_{\mathbb{A}}(x, y) = \begin{pmatrix} \frac{x+y}{\max\{x,y\}+1} & 0 \\ 0 & \frac{x+y}{\max\{x,y\}+1} \end{pmatrix}.$$

$$\eta_{\mathbb{A}}(x, y) = \begin{pmatrix} \frac{|x-y|}{\max\{x,y\}+1} & 0 \\ 0 & \frac{|x-y|}{\max\{x,y\}+1} \end{pmatrix}.$$

Evidently,  $T(x) \in X$  and Then,  $T$  is an  $((\alpha_{\mathbb{A}}, \eta_{\mathbb{A}})$  –continuous triangular  $(\alpha, \eta)$  –admissible mapping.

Consider the following possibilities:

case 1 :  $x \succeq y$  . Then

$$T(x) = \sqrt{x}, T(y) = \sqrt{y}, d(Tx, Ty) = \begin{pmatrix} (\sqrt{x} - \sqrt{y})^3 & 0 \\ 0 & (\sqrt{x} - \sqrt{y})^3 \end{pmatrix}.$$

On the other hand

$$d(x, y) = \begin{pmatrix} (x - y)^3 & 0 \\ 0 & (x - y)^3 \end{pmatrix}.$$

it follows that

$$(2.3) \quad d(Tx, Ty) \preceq a^* d(x, y) a.$$

Indeed

$$\begin{aligned} d(Tx, Ty) &= \begin{pmatrix} (\sqrt{x} - \sqrt{y})^3 & 0 \\ 0 & (\sqrt{x} - \sqrt{y})^3 \end{pmatrix} \\ &\preceq \begin{pmatrix} \frac{1}{\sqrt{8}} & 0 \\ 0 & \frac{1}{\sqrt{8}} \end{pmatrix} \begin{pmatrix} (x - y)^3 & 0 \\ 0 & (x - y)^3 \end{pmatrix} \begin{pmatrix} \frac{1}{\sqrt{8}} & 0 \\ 0 & \frac{1}{\sqrt{8}} \end{pmatrix} \\ &= a^* d(x, y) a. \end{aligned}$$

where

$$a = \begin{pmatrix} \frac{1}{\sqrt{8}} & 0 \\ 0 & \frac{1}{\sqrt{8}} \end{pmatrix}$$

with verify

$$\|a\| = \frac{\sqrt{2}}{\sqrt{8}} = \frac{1}{4} < 1.$$

case 2 :  $x \prec y$  . Then

$$T(x) = \sqrt{x}, T(y) = \sqrt{y}, d(Tx, Ty) = \begin{pmatrix} (\sqrt{y} - \sqrt{x})^3 & 0 \\ 0 & (\sqrt{y} - \sqrt{x})^3 \end{pmatrix}.$$

On the other hand

$$d(x, y) = \begin{pmatrix} (y - x)^3 & 0 \\ 0 & (y - x)^3 \end{pmatrix}.$$

it follows that

$$(2.4) \quad d(Tx, Ty) \preceq a^* d(x, y) a.$$

Indeed

$$\begin{aligned} d(Tx, Ty) &= \begin{pmatrix} (\sqrt{y} - \sqrt{x})^3 & 0 \\ 0 & (\sqrt{y} - \sqrt{x})^3 \end{pmatrix} \\ &\preceq \begin{pmatrix} \frac{1}{\sqrt{8}} & 0 \\ 0 & \frac{1}{\sqrt{8}} \end{pmatrix} \begin{pmatrix} (y-x)^3 & 0 \\ 0 & (y-x)^3 \end{pmatrix} \begin{pmatrix} \frac{1}{\sqrt{8}} & 0 \\ 0 & \frac{1}{\sqrt{8}} \end{pmatrix} \\ &= a^* d(x, y) a. \end{aligned}$$

where

$$a = \begin{pmatrix} \frac{1}{\sqrt{8}} & 0 \\ 0 & \frac{1}{\sqrt{8}} \end{pmatrix}$$

with verify

$$\|a\| = \frac{\sqrt{2}}{\sqrt{8}} = \frac{1}{4} < 1.$$

Hence, the condition (2.1) is satisfied. Therefore,  $T$  has a unique fixed point  $z = 1$ .

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