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# Generalized *c*-distance on cone *b*-metric spaces endowed with a graph and fixed point results

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## Abstract

The aim of this paper is to present fixed point results of contractive mappings in the framework of cone b-metric spaces endowed with a graph and associated with a generalized c-distance. Some corollaries and an example are presented to support the main result proved herein. Our results unify, extend and generalize various comparable results in the literature.

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### 1. INTRODUCTION

The interplay between the notion of a nearness among abstract objects of a set and fixed point theory is very strong and fruitful. This gives rise to an interesting branch of nonlinear functional analysis called metric fixed point theory. This theory is studied in the framework of a set equipped with some notion of

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a distance along with appropriate mappings satisfying certain contraction conditions and has many applications in economics, computer science and other related disciplines. The concept of a *b*-metric is one of the important measure of nearness defined by Bakhtin [2] and Boriceanu [5]. The reader interested in fixed point results in setup of *b*-metric spaces is referred to ([1, 6, 12, 14]).

Huang and Zhang [15] defined the concept of cone metric space by replacing the range of a distance function with an ordered normed space equipped with an order structure induced by a cone and proved some fixed point results for contraction type mappings on such spaces ([26]). After that, the concept of *b*metric spaces to cone *b*-metric spaces or cone metric type spaces are introduced ([11, 18]).

Kada et al. [20] introduced the concept of w-distance on metric spaces and solved non-convex minimization problems. Cho et al. [7] defined the notion of a c-distance which is the cone version of a w-distance. Recently, Hussain et al. [17] defined the concept of wt-distance on b-metric spaces and proved some fixed point theorems under a wt-distance in partially ordered b-metric spaces (also, see [21]). Bao et al. [3] defined generalized c-distance in cone b-metric spaces and obtained some fixed point results in ordered cone b-metric spaces.

The aim of this paper is to prove the existence and uniqueness of fixed points for contractive mappings defined on cone *b*-metric spaces endowed with a graph and associated with a generalized *c*-distance. Our results generalize and extend various results in the existing literature. It is worth mentioning that we have employed the weaker version of continuity of the mapping called orbitally *G*-continuity.

#### 2. Preliminaries

Let E be a real Banach space. A subset P of E is called a cone if and only if:

(i) P is nonempty, closed and  $P \neq \{\theta\}$  (where  $\theta$  is the zero element of E);

- (ii)  $a, b \in \mathbb{R}, a, b \ge 0$  and  $x, y \in P$  implies that  $ax + by \in P$ ;
- (iii)  $P \cap (-P) = \{\theta\}.$

Partial ordering on E is defined with help of a cone P as follows:  $x \leq y$  if and only if  $y - x \in P$ . We shall write  $x \prec y$  to indicate that  $x \leq y$  but  $x \neq y$  and  $x \ll y$  stands for  $y - x \in intP$ , where intP denotes the interior of P. Unless or otherwise stated, it is assumed that E is a Banach space, P is a cone in Ewith  $intP \neq \emptyset$  and  $\leq$  is partial ordering on E induced by P.

A cone P is normal or semi monotone if

$$\inf\{\|x+y\|: x, y \in P \text{ and } \|x\| = \|y\| = 1\} > 0$$

or equivalently, if there is a number K > 0 such that for all  $x, y \in P$ ,  $\theta \preceq x \preceq y$  implies that  $||x|| \leq K ||y||$ . The least positive number satisfying the above inequality is called a normal constant of P. If  $x = (x_1, ..., x_n)^T, y = (y_1, ..., y_n)^T \in \mathbb{R}^n$ , then  $x \preceq y$  means that  $x_i \leq y_i, i = 1, ..., n$ . In this case, the

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set  $P = \{x = (x_1, ..., x_n)^T \in \mathbb{R}^n : x_i \ge 0 \text{ for } i = 1, 2, ..., n\}$  is a normal cone with K = 1.

**Lemma 2.1.** Let  $u, c \in E$  and  $\{x_n\}$  a sequence in E. Then we have the following properties:

- (p1) If  $u \leq \lambda u$  where  $u \in P$  and  $0 < \lambda < 1$ , then  $u = \theta$ ;
- (p<sub>2</sub>) If  $c \in intP$ ,  $\theta \leq x_n$  and  $x_n \to \theta$ , then there exists  $n_0$  such that for all  $n > n_0$  we have  $x_n \ll c$ .

**Definition 2.2** ([11, 18]). Let X be a nonempty set and  $s \ge 1$  a given real number. A mapping  $d: X \times X \to E$  is said to be a cone *b*-metric on X if for any  $x, y, z \in X$ , the following conditions hold:

- $(d_1) \ \theta \leq d(x, y)$  and  $d(x, y) = \theta$  if and only if x = y;
- $(d_2) \ d(x,y) = d(y,x);$

 $(d_3) \ d(x,z) \preceq s(d(x,y) + d(y,z)).$ 

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

Obviously, for s = 1, the cone *b*-metric space is a cone metric space. Moreover, if X is any nonempty set,  $E = \mathbb{R}$  and  $P = [0, \infty)$ , then cone *b*-metric on X is a *b*-metric on X.

**Definition 2.3** ([3]). Let (X, d) be a cone *b*-metric space and  $s \ge 1$  a given real number. A mapping  $q: X \times X \to E$  is said to be a generalized *c*-distance on X if for any  $x, y, z \in X$ , the following properties are satisfied:

- $(q_1) \ \theta \leq q(x,y),$
- $(q_2) \quad q(x,z) \preceq s[q(x,y) + q(y,z)],$
- (q<sub>3</sub>) If for all  $n \ge 1$ ,  $q(x, y_n) \preceq u$  for some  $u = u_x$ , then  $q(x, y) \preceq su$ , where  $\{y_n\}$  is a sequence in X which converges to  $y \in X$ ;
- (q<sub>4</sub>) for any  $c \in intP$ , there exists  $e \in E$  with  $\theta \ll e$  such that  $q(z, x) \ll e$ and  $q(z, y) \ll e$  imply that  $d(x, y) \ll c$ .

If (X, d) is a *b*-metric space,  $E = \mathbb{R}$  and  $P = [0, \infty)$ . Then, *wt*-distance [17] on a *b*-metric space X is a generalized *c*-distance. But the converse does not hold.

Furthermore, if s = 1, the generalized *c*-distance is a *c*-distance defined in [7]. Also, if in the above definition, we take s = 1,  $E = \mathbb{R}$  and  $P = [0, \infty)$ , then we obtain the definition of *w*-distance [20].

Note that, if q is a generalized c-distance, then  $q(x, y) = \theta$  is not necessarily equivalent to x = y. Moreover, q(x, y) = q(y, x) does not necessarily hold for all  $x, y \in X$ .

**Lemma 2.4.** Let (X, d) be a cone b-metric space and q a generalized c-distance on X. Let  $\{x_n\}$  and  $\{y_n\}$  be sequences in X,  $\{u_n\}$  and  $\{v_n\}$  two sequences in P converging to  $\theta$ . For any  $x, y, z \in X$ , the following conditions hold:

- $(qp_1)$  if for all  $n \in \mathbb{N}$ ,  $q(x_n, y) \preceq u_n$  and  $q(x_n, z) \preceq v_n$ , then y = z. In particular, if  $q(x, y) = \theta$  and  $q(x, z) = \theta$ , then y = z;
- $(qp_2)$  if for all  $n \in \mathbb{N}$ ,  $q(x_n, y_n) \preceq u_n$  and  $q(x_n, z) \preceq v_n$ , then  $\{y_n\}$  converges to z;

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- (qp<sub>3</sub>) if for  $m, n \in \mathbb{N}$ , with m > n, we have  $q(x_n, x_m) \preceq u_n$ , then  $\{x_n\}$  is a Cauchy sequence in X;
- $(qp_4)$  if for all  $n \in \mathbb{N}$ ,  $q(y, x_n) \leq u_n$  then  $\{x_n\}$  is a Cauchy sequence in X.

*Proof.* Following arguments similar to those given in [7], the Lemma follows.  $\Box$ 

On the other hand, the interplay between the order among abstract objects of underlying mathematical structure and fixed point theory is very strong and fruitful. This gives rise to an interesting branch of nonlinear functional analysis called order oriented fixed point theory. This theory is studied in the framework of a partially ordered sets along with appropriate mappings satisfying certain order conditions and has many applications in economics, computer science and other related disciplines.

Existence of fixed points in partially ordered metric spaces was first investigated in 2004 by Ran and Reurings [25], and then by Nieto and Lopez [23].

Jachymski [19] introduced a new approach in metric fixed point theory by replacing order structure with a graph structure on a metric space. In this way, the results obtained in ordered metric spaces are generalized. Employing the notion of orbits, Nicolae et al. [22] obtained some fixed point results for a new type of contraction mappings and for *G*-asymptotic contraction mapping in metric spaces endowed with a graph. Bojor [4] defined the notion of *G*-Reich type mappings and obtained a fixed point theorem for such mappings in metric spaces endowed with a graph. Cholamjiak [8] proved fixed point theorems for a Banach type contractive mapping on a complete Tvs-cone metric spaces endowed with a graph. Also, Hussain et al. [16] proved new fixed point results for graphic weak  $\psi$ -contractive mappings. The following definitions and notations will be needed in the sequel.

Let (X, d) be a cone *b*-metric space and  $\Delta$  denotes the diagonal of  $X \times X$ . Let G be a directed graph such that set V(G) of its vertices is X and E(G) be the set of edges of a graph G which contains all loops; that is,  $(x, x) \in \Delta \subset E(G)$  for all  $x \in X$ . Assume further that graph G has no parallel edges.

Thus one can identify the graph G with the ordered pair (V(G), E(G)). If  $x, y \in X$ , then a finite sequence  $\{x_i\}_{i=0}^N$  consisting of N + 1 vertices is called a path in G from x to y whenever  $x_0 = x$ ,  $x_N = y$  and  $(x_{i-1}, x_i)$  is an edge of G for  $i = 1, \ldots, N$ .

The graph G is called connected if there exists a path in G between any two vertices of G. The symbols  $G^{-1}$  and  $\widetilde{G}$  denote the graph which is obtained from G by reversing the directions of its edges and an undirected graph obtained from G by ignoring the directions of the edges, respectively. In other words,  $V(G^{-1}) = V(\widetilde{G}) = X, E(G^{-1}) = \{(x,y) : (y,x) \in E(G)\}$  and  $E(\widetilde{G}) = E(G) \cup E(G^{-1})$ .

We denote by Fix(T) the set of all fixed points of a self mapping T on X and  $X_T$  the set of all points  $x \in X$  such that (x, Tx) is an edge of a graph G. In other words,  $X_T = \{x \in X : (x, Tx) \in E(G)\}.$  Following is the analogue of the concept of Picard operators [24] in cone *b*-metric spaces.

**Definition 2.5.** Let (X, d) be a cone *b*-metric space. A self mapping T on X is called a Picard operator if T has a unique fixed point  $x_*$  in X and  $T^n x \to x_*$  for any  $x \in X$ .

Consistent with Jachymski [19, Definition 2.4], we introduce the concept of orbitally G-continuous for self mapping T on a cone b-metric space (see also [9]).

**Definition 2.6.** A mapping  $T: X \to X$  is called orbitally *G*-continuous on *X* if for any  $x, y \in X$  and a sequence  $\{b_n\}$  of positive integers with  $(T^{b_n}x, T^{b_{n+1}}x) \in E(G)$  for all  $n \geq 1$ ,  $T^{b_n}x \to y$  implies that  $T(T^{b_n}x) \to Ty$ .

Note that a continuous mapping on a cone b-metric space is orbitally Gcontinuous for all graphs G but the converse is not true in general.

#### 3. Main results

The following is the main result of this paper.

**Theorem 3.1.** Let (X, d) be a complete cone b-metric space associated with the generalized c-distance q and endowed with the graph G and  $s \ge 1$  be a given real number. Also, let  $T : X \to X$  be a orbitally G-continuous mapping such that the following conditions holds.

- **(T1)** T preserves the edges of G; that is,  $(x, y) \in E(G)$  implies that  $(Tx, Ty) \in E(G)$  for all  $x, y \in X$ ;
- (T2) there exist nonnegative constants  $\alpha, \beta, \gamma$  such that

 $q(Tx,Ty) \preceq \alpha q(x,y) + \beta q(x,Tx) + \gamma q(y,Ty)$ 

for all  $x, y \in X$  with  $(x, y) \in E(G)$ , where  $s(\alpha + \beta) + \gamma < 1$ .

Then T has a fixed point if and only if  $X_T \neq \emptyset$ . Moreover, for any  $x_*$ in X with  $Tx_* = x_*$ , we have  $q(x_*, x_*) = \theta$ . Also, if the subgraph of G with the vertex set Fix(T) is connected, then the restriction of T to  $X_T$  is a Picard operator.

*Proof.* As  $\operatorname{Fix}(T) \subseteq X_T$ , if T has a fixed point then  $X_T$  is nonempty. Let  $x_0$  be a given point in  $X_T$ . Define a sequence  $\{x_n\}$  in X by  $x_n = Tx_{n-1} = T^n x_0$ . Clearly,  $(x_n, x_{n+1}) \in E(G)$  for all  $n \in \mathbb{N}$ . Thus

$$q(x_n, x_{n+1}) = q(Tx_{n-1}, Tx_n) \preceq \alpha q(x_{n-1}, x_n) + \beta q(x_{n-1}, Tx_{n-1}) + \gamma q(x_n, Tx_n) \preceq (\alpha + \beta) q(x_{n-1}, x_n) + \gamma q(x_n, x_{n+1}),$$

which implies that

$$q(x_n, x_{n+1}) \preceq \frac{\alpha + \beta}{1 - \gamma} q(x_{n-1}, x_n)$$

for all  $n \in \mathbb{N}$ . Continuing this way, we have

$$q(x_n, x_{n+1}) \preceq \lambda^n q(x_0, x_1)$$

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for all  $n \in \mathbb{N}$ , where  $0 \leq \lambda = \frac{\alpha + \beta}{1 - \gamma} < \frac{1}{s}$ . Let m > n. It follows from  $(q_2)$  and  $0 \leq s\lambda < 1$  that

$$q(x_n, x_m) \leq s[q(x_n, x_{n+1}) + q(x_{n+1}, x_m)]$$

$$\leq sq(x_n, x_{n+1}) + s[sq(x_{n+1}, x_{n+2}) + q(x_{n+2}, x_m)]$$

$$\vdots$$

$$\leq sq(x_n, x_{n+1}) + s^2q(x_{n+1}, x_{n+2}) + \dots + s^{m-n}q(x_{m-1}, x_m)]$$

$$\leq (s\lambda^n + s^2\lambda^{n+1} \dots + s^{m-n}\lambda^{m-1})q(x_0, x_1)$$

$$\leq \frac{s\lambda^n}{1 - s\lambda}q(x_0, x_1) \rightarrow \theta \text{ when } n \rightarrow \infty.$$

By (*iii*) of Lemma 2.4,  $\{x_n\}$  is a Cauchy sequence in X. Next we assume that there exists a point  $x_* \in X$  such that  $x_n = T^n x_0 \to x_*$  as  $n \to \infty$ . As  $x_0 \in X_T$ ,  $(T^n x_0, T^{n+1} x_0) \in E(G)$  for all  $n \ge 0$ . From orbital G-continuity of T, we get  $T^{n+1} x_0 \to T x_*$  and hence  $T x_* = x_*$ . Now if  $T x_* = x_*$  for any  $x_* \in X$ . Then, from **(T2)** we have

$$q(x_*, x_*) = q(Tx_*, Tx_*) \preceq \alpha q(x_*, x_*) + \beta q(x_*, Tx_*) + \gamma q(x_*, Tx_*)$$
  
=  $(\alpha + \beta + \gamma)q(x_*, x_*).$ 

Since  $0 \le \alpha + \beta + \gamma < s(\alpha + \beta) + \gamma < 1$ , therefore  $q(x_*, x_*) = \theta$ .

Now, if the subgraph of G with the vertex set  $\operatorname{Fix}(T)$  is connected and  $x_{**} \in X$  is a fixed point of T. Then there exists a path  $\{x_i\}_{i=0}^N$  in G from  $x_*$  to  $x_{**}$  such that  $x_1, \ldots, x_{N-1} \in \operatorname{Fix}(T)$ ; that is,  $x_0 = x_*, x_N = x_{**}$  and  $(x_i, x_{i+1}) \in E(G)$  for  $i = 0, \ldots, N-1$ . By **(T2)** and  $q(x_{i+1}, x_{i+1}) = q(x_i, x_i) = \theta$ , we have

$$q(x_{i}, x_{i+1}) = q(Tx_{i}, Tx_{i+1})$$
  

$$\preceq \alpha q(x_{i}, x_{i+1}) + \beta q(x_{i}, Tx_{i}) + \gamma q(x_{i+1}, Tx_{i+1})$$
  

$$= \alpha q(x_{i}, x_{i+1}) + \beta q(x_{i}, x_{i}) + \gamma q(x_{i+1}, x_{i+1})$$
  

$$= \alpha q(x_{i}, x_{i+1}).$$

It follows from  $(p_1)$  that  $q(x_i, x_{i+1}) = \theta$ . Since  $q(x_i, x_i) = \theta$  and  $q(x_i, x_{i+1}) = \theta$ , by Definition 2.3 we have  $d(x_i, x_{i+1}) = 0$ ; that is,  $x_i = x_{i-1}$ . Consequently,

 $x_* = x_0 = x_1 = \dots = x_{N-1} = x_N = x_{**}$ 

and hence the fixed point of T is unique and the restriction of T to  $X_T$  is a Picard operator.

**Example 3.2.** Let X = [0, 1],  $E = C^1_{\mathbb{R}}[0, 1]$  with the norm  $\|\varphi\| = \|\varphi\|_{\infty} + \|\varphi'\|_{\infty}$ , and  $P = \{\varphi \in E : \varphi(t) \ge 0 \text{ on } [0, 1]\}$  a non-normal cone. Define the mapping  $d : X \times X \to Y$  by  $d(x, y) = |x - y|^2 \cdot \varphi(t)$ , where  $\varphi(t) = 2^t \in P \subset E$  with  $t \in [0, 1]$ . Then (X, d) is a cone b-metric space with constant s = 2. Let the mapping  $q : X \times X \to E$  be given by

$$q(x,y)(t) = y^2 \cdot 2^t$$

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where  $t \in [0, 1]$ . Then q is a generalized c-distance. Define  $T: X \to X$  by

$$T(x) = \begin{cases} \frac{1}{2} \text{ if } x = 1, \\ \frac{x^2}{4} \text{ if } x \neq 1. \end{cases}$$

Clearly, T is not continuous at x = 1. Now assume that X is endowed with a graph G = (V(G), E(G)), where V(G) = X and  $E(G) = \{(x, x) : x \in X\}$ . Note that for any  $x, y \in X$  with  $(x, y) \in E(G)$ , we have x = y. If  $x, y \in X$  and  $\{b_n\}$  is a sequence of positive integers with  $(T^{b_n}x, T^{b_{n+1}}x) \in E(G)$  for all  $n \ge 1$ such that  $T^{b_n}x \to y$ , then  $\{T^{b_n}x\}$  is necessarily a constant sequence. Thus, for some y in X, we have  $T^{b_n}x = y$  for all  $n \ge 1$  and hence  $T(T^{b_n}x) \to Ty$ . Take  $\alpha = \frac{1}{4}, \beta = \frac{1}{5}$  and  $\gamma = 0$ . Then

1) 
$$s(\alpha + \beta) + \gamma = 2(\frac{1}{4} + \frac{1}{5}) = \frac{9}{10} < 1;$$
  
2) Let  $x \in X$  with  $(x, x) \in E(G)$ . If  $x \neq 1$ , then  
 $q(Tx, Tx)(t) = (\frac{x^2}{4})^2 \cdot 2^t$   
 $= \frac{x^4}{16} \cdot 2^t \le \alpha q(x, x)(t) + \beta q(x, Tx)(t) + \gamma q(x, Tx)(t)$ 

If x = 1, then we have

$$\begin{aligned} q(T1,T1)(t) &= (\frac{1}{2})^2 \cdot 2^t \\ &= \frac{1}{4} \cdot 2^t \le \alpha q(1,1)(t) + \beta q(1,T1)(t) + \gamma q(1,T1)(t). \end{aligned}$$

3) Also  $(0, T0) = (0, 0) \in E(G)$ , so  $X_T \neq \emptyset$ .

Thus, all the conditions of Theorem 3.1 are satisfied. Moreover,  $x_* = 0$  is a fixed point of T has a fixed point and q(0,0) = 0.

Remark 3.3. (i) Since we need not to the continuity of mapping, the method of mentioned theorem generalize, extend and unify all of research papers on fixed point theorems in cone *b*-metric spaces associated with a generalized *c*-distance and cone metric spaces associated with a *c*-distances such as: Cho et al. [7], Bao et al. [3] and Hussain et al. [17] (and also, all references contained in them about *w*-distance and *c*-distance).

(ii) In 2012, Ćirić et al. [10] show that the method of Du [13] for contraction mappings in cone metric spaces cannot be applied for contraction mappings in cone metric spaces with a associated *c*-distance. Also, their notes are hold for generalized *c*-distance in cone *b*-metric spaces. Thus, our results are new and cannot to derived from the version of *wt*-distance in *b*-metric spaces.

If a cone *b*-metric space X is endowed with the complete graph  $G_0$  whose vertex set coincides with X; that is,  $V(G_0) = X$  and  $E(G_0) = X \times X$  and we set  $G = G_0$  in Theorem 3.1, then the set  $X_T$  coincides with the whole set X, where T is a self mapping on X. Thus, we have the following corollary.

**Corollary 3.4.** Let (X, d) be a complete cone b-metric space with constant  $s \ge 1$  associated with the generalized c-distance q and  $T: X \to X$  a orbitally

continuous mapping. If there exist nonnegative constants  $\alpha, \beta, \gamma$  such that

 $q(Tx, Ty) \preceq \alpha q(x, y) + \beta q(x, Tx) + \gamma q(y, Ty)$ 

for all  $x, y \in X$ , where  $s(\alpha + \beta) + \gamma < 1$ . Then T is a Picard operator.

Suppose that  $(X, \sqsubseteq)$  is a partially ordered set (poset). Let  $G_1$  be the graph such  $V(G_1) = X$  and  $E(G_1) = \{(x, y) \in X \times X : x \sqsubseteq y\}$ . Since  $\sqsubseteq$  is reflexive, it follows that  $E(G_1)$  contain all the loops. If we take  $G = G_1$  in Theorem 3.1, then we obtain the following corollary.

**Corollary 3.5.** Let  $(X, d, \sqsubseteq)$  be a partially ordered complete cone b-metric space with constant  $s \ge 1$  associated with the generalized c-distance q and endowed with the graph  $G_1$ . Suppose that  $T : X \to X$  is a nondecreasing orbitally  $G_1$ -continuous mapping. If there exist nonnegative constants  $\alpha, \beta, \gamma$ such that

$$q(Tx, Ty) \preceq \alpha q(x, y) + \beta q(x, Tx) + \gamma q(y, Ty)$$

for all  $x, y \in X$  with  $x \sqsubseteq y$ , where  $s(\alpha + \beta) + \gamma < 1$ . Then T has a fixed point in X if and only if there exists  $x_0 \in X$  such that  $x_0 \sqsubseteq Tx_0$ . Moreover, if  $Tx_* = x_*$  for any  $x_* \in X$ , then  $q(x_*, x_*) = \theta$ . Also, if the subgraph of  $G_1$ with the vertex set Fix(T) is connected, then the restriction of T to the set of all points in  $x \in X$  satisfying  $x \sqsubseteq Tx$  is a Picard operator.

Let X be a poset endowed with the graph  $G_2$  given by  $V(G_2) = X$  and

$$E(G_2) = \{ (x, y) \in X \times X : x \sqsubseteq y \lor y \sqsubseteq x \}.$$

That is, an ordered pair  $(x, y) \in X \times X$  is an edge of  $G_2$  if and only if x and y are comparable elements of  $(X, \sqsubseteq)$ . If we set  $G = G_2$  in Theorem 3.1, then we obtain the following corollary.

**Corollary 3.6.** Let  $(X, d, \sqsubseteq)$  be a partially ordered complete cone b-metric space with  $s \ge 1$  associated with the generalized c-distance q and endowed with the graph  $G_2$ . Suppose that  $T : X \to X$  is a nondecreasing orbitally  $G_2$ continuous mapping which maps comparable elements of X onto comparable elements. If there exist nonnegative constants  $\alpha, \beta, \gamma$  such that

$$q(Tx, Ty) \preceq \alpha q(x, y) + \beta q(x, Tx) + \gamma q(y, Ty)$$

for all  $x, y \in X$ , where x and y are comparable and  $s(\alpha+\beta)+\gamma < 1$ . Then T has a fixed point in X if and only if there exists  $x_0 \in X$  such that  $x_0$  and  $Tx_0$  are comparable. Moreover,  $Tx_* = x_*$  for any  $x_*$  in X implies that  $q(x_*, x_*) = \theta$ . Also, if every two elements of Fix(T) are comparable, then the restriction of Tto the set of all  $x \in X$  such x and Tx are comparable is a Picard operator.

Let  $e \in int P$  with  $\theta \ll e$  be a fixed. Recall that two elements  $x, y \in X$  are said to be *e*-closed if  $d(x, y) \prec e$ . Define the *e*-graph  $G_3$  by

$$V(G_3) = X$$
 and  $E(G_3) = \{(x, y) \in X \times X : d(x, y) \prec e\}.$ 

Note that  $E(G_3)$  contains all loops. Finally, if we set  $G = G_3$  in Theorem 3.1, then we obtain the following result.

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Generalized c-distance in cone b-metric spaces endowed with a graph

**Corollary 3.7.** Let (X, d) be a complete cone b-metric space with  $s \ge 1$  associated with the generalized c-distance q endowed with the graph  $G_3$ . Suppose that  $T: X \to X$  is an orbitally  $G_3$ -continuous mapping which maps e-close elements of X onto e-close elements. If there exist nonnegative constants  $\alpha, \beta, \gamma$  such that

$$q(Tx, Ty) \preceq \alpha q(x, y) + \beta q(x, Tx) + \gamma q(y, Ty)$$

for all  $x, y \in X$ , where x and y are e-close elements and  $s(\alpha+\beta)+\gamma < 1$ . Then T has a fixed point in X if and only if there exists  $x_0 \in X$  such that  $x_0$  and  $Tx_0$  are e-close. Moreover, if  $Tx_* = x_*$  for any  $x_* \in X$ , then  $q(x_*, x_*) = \theta$ . Also, if every two elements of Fix(T) are  $\varepsilon$ -close, then the restriction of T to the set of all  $x \in X$  such x and Tx are e-close is a Picard operator.

Note that our results can be easily proved for  $\alpha, \beta, \gamma : X \to [0, 1)$  be functions with suitable conditions instead to be constants and for other well-known contractive conditions. Also, as a new work, it will be interesting to study common fixed point results for two or more than two mappings with respect to the generalized *c*-distance on cone *b*-metric spaces endowed with the graph *G* by considering functions  $\alpha, \beta, \gamma : X \to [0, 1)$  with suitable conditions.

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