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Fixed points of generalized contractive mappings of integral type

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available at the end of the article**Abstract**

The aim of this paper is to introduce classes of α -admissible generalized contractive type mappings of integral type and to discuss the existence of fixed points for these mappings in complete metric spaces. Our results improve and generalize fixed point results in the literature.

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1 Introduction and preliminaries

In 2002, Branciari [1] established a fixed point theorem for a single-valued mapping satisfying a contractive inequality of integral type; we also refer the reader to [2–10]. Recently, Liu *et al.* [11] (see also [12, 13]) obtained fixed point theorems for general classes of contractive mappings of integral type in complete metric spaces. In this paper, using auxiliary functions, we establish some fixed point theorems for self-mappings satisfying a certain contractive inequality of integral type.

Throughout the paper $\mathbb{R}^+ = [0, +\infty)$, $\mathbb{N}_0 = \mathbb{N} \cup \{0\}$, where \mathbb{N} denotes the set of all positive integers, (X, d) is a metric space and $f : X \rightarrow X$ is a self-mapping. Let

$$\Phi_1 = \{\varphi : \varphi : \mathbb{R}^+ \rightarrow \mathbb{R}^+ \text{ is Lebesgue integrable, summable on each compact subset of } \mathbb{R}^+ \text{ and } \int_0^\epsilon \varphi(t) dt > 0 \text{ for each } \epsilon > 0\};$$
$$\Phi_2 = \{\varphi : \varphi : \mathbb{R}^+ \rightarrow \mathbb{R}^+ \text{ satisfies that } \liminf_{n \rightarrow \infty} \varphi(a_n) > 0 \Leftrightarrow \liminf_{n \rightarrow \infty} a_n > 0 \text{ for each } \{a_n\}_{n \in \mathbb{N}} \subset \mathbb{R}^+\};$$
$$\Phi_3 = \{\varphi : \varphi : \mathbb{R}^+ \rightarrow \mathbb{R}^+ \text{ is nondecreasing continuous and } \varphi(t) = 0 \Leftrightarrow t = 0\};$$
$$\Phi_4 = \{\varphi : \varphi : \mathbb{R}^+ \rightarrow \mathbb{R}^+ \text{ satisfies that } \varphi(0) = 0\};$$
$$\Phi_5 = \{\varphi : \varphi : \mathbb{R}^+ \rightarrow \mathbb{R}^+ \text{ satisfies that } \limsup_{s \rightarrow t} \varphi(s) < 1 \text{ for each } t > 0\};$$
$$\Phi_6 = \{(\alpha, \beta) : \alpha, \beta : \mathbb{R}^+ \rightarrow [0, 1) \text{ satisfy that } \limsup_{s \rightarrow 0^+} \beta(s) < 1, \limsup_{s \rightarrow t^+} \frac{\alpha(s)}{1-\beta(s)} < 1 \text{ and } \alpha(t) + \beta(t) < 1 \text{ for each } t > 0\}.$$

In 2013, Liu *et al.* [11] introduced the following three contractive mappings of integral type:

$$\psi \left(\int_0^{d(fx, fy)} \varphi(t) dt \right) \leq \psi \left(\int_0^{d(x, y)} \varphi(t) dt \right) - \phi \left(\int_0^{d(x, y)} \varphi(t) dt \right), \quad (1)$$

where $(\varphi, \phi, \psi) \in \Phi_1 \times \Phi_2 \times \Phi_3$,

$$\psi \left(\int_0^{d(fx, fy)} \varphi(t) dt \right) \leq \alpha(d(x, y)) \psi \left(\int_0^{d(x, y)} \varphi(t) dt \right), \quad \forall x, y \in X, \tag{2}$$

where $(\varphi, \psi, \alpha) \in \Phi_1 \times \Phi_3 \times \Phi_5$, and

$$\begin{aligned} \psi \left(\int_0^{d(fx, fy)} \varphi(t) dt \right) \leq & \alpha(d(x, y)) \phi \left(\int_0^{d(x, fx)} \varphi(t) dt \right) \\ & + \beta(d(x, y)) \psi \left(\int_0^{d(y, fy)} \varphi(t) dt \right), \quad \forall x, y \in X, \end{aligned} \tag{3}$$

where $(\varphi, \psi, \phi) \in \Phi_1 \times \Phi_3 \times \Phi_4$ and $(\alpha, \beta) \in \Phi_6$.

The following lemmas will be used in the proof of our main results.

Lemma 1.1 [11] *Let $\varphi \in \Phi_1$ and $\{r_n\}_{n \in \mathbb{N}}$ be a nonnegative sequence with $\lim_{n \rightarrow \infty} r_n = a$. Then we have*

$$\lim_{n \rightarrow \infty} \int_0^{r_n} \varphi(t) dt = \int_0^a \varphi(t) dt.$$

Lemma 1.2 [11] *Let $\varphi \in \Phi_1$ and $\{r_n\}_{n \in \mathbb{N}}$ be a nonnegative sequence. Then we have the following equivalence:*

$$\lim_{n \rightarrow \infty} \int_0^{r_n} \varphi(t) dt = 0$$

if and only if $\lim_{n \rightarrow \infty} r_n = 0$.

Lemma 1.3 [11] *Let $\varphi \in \Phi_2$. Then $\varphi(t) > 0$ if and only if $t > 0$.*

The notion of α -admissibility was defined in [14] and appreciated by several authors [15–17] (see also [18–31]).

Definition 1.1 [14] *Let $T : X \rightarrow X$ and $\alpha : X \times X \rightarrow [0, \infty)$. The mapping T is said to be α -admissible if for all $x, y \in X$, we have*

$$\alpha(x, y) \geq 1 \quad \Rightarrow \quad \alpha(Tx, Ty) \geq 1. \tag{4}$$

Definition 1.2 *Let $T : X \rightarrow X$ and $\alpha : X \times X \rightarrow [0, \infty)$. The mapping T is said to be weak triangular α -admissible if for all $x \in X$ we have*

$$\alpha(x, Tx) \geq 1 \quad \text{and} \quad \alpha(Tx, T^2x) \geq 1 \quad \Rightarrow \quad \alpha(x, T^2x) \geq 1. \tag{5}$$

2 Main results

In this section, we state and prove our main results. We start with the following general contractive inequality of integral type.

Definition 2.1 Let (X, d) be a complete metric space, $f : X \rightarrow X$ and $\alpha : X \times X \rightarrow [0, \infty)$ be mappings. Suppose that there exist $(\varphi, \phi, \psi) \in \Phi_1 \times \Phi_2 \times \Phi_3$ and $L \geq 0$ such that

$$\alpha(x, y)\psi\left(\int_0^{d(fx, fy)} \varphi(t) dt\right) \leq \psi\left(\int_0^{M(x, y)} \varphi(t) dt\right) - \phi\left(\int_0^{N(x, y)} \varphi(t) dt\right) + L\psi\left(\int_0^{O(x, y)} \varphi(t) dt\right) \tag{6}$$

for all $x, y \in X$, where

$$M(x, y) = \max\left\{d(x, y), d(x, fx), d(y, fy), \frac{1}{2}[d(x, fy) + d(y, fx)]\right\},$$

and

$$N(x, y) = \max\{d(x, y), d(x, fx), d(y, fy)\}$$

and

$$O(x, y) = \min\{d(x, fx), d(y, fy), d(y, fx), d(x, fy)\}.$$

Then f is said to be an α -admissible contractive inequality of integral type I.

Theorem 2.1 Let (X, d) be a complete metric space. Suppose that $f : X \rightarrow X$ is an α -admissible contractive inequality of integral type I which satisfies

- (i) f is weak triangular α -admissible;
- (ii) there exists $x \in X$ such that either $\alpha(x, fx) \geq 1$ or $\alpha(fx, x) \geq 1$;
- (iii) f is continuous.

Then T has a fixed point.

Proof From (ii), there exists a point $x \in X$ such that $\alpha(x, fx) \geq 1$ (due to the symmetry of the metric, the other case yields the same result). Let $x_0 = x$ and we define an iterative sequence $\{x_n\}$ in X by $x_{n+1} = fx_n$ for all $n \geq 0$. Note that we have

$$\alpha(x_0, x_1) = \alpha(x_0, fx_0) \geq 1 \Rightarrow \alpha(fx_0, fx_1) = \alpha(x_1, x_2) \geq 1.$$

Inductively, we have

$$\alpha(x_n, x_{n+1}) \geq 1 \quad \text{for all } n \in \mathbb{N}_0. \tag{7}$$

In the sequel, we use the following abbreviations:

$$d_n = d(x_n, x_{n+1}) \quad \text{and} \quad \alpha_n = \alpha(x_n, x_{n+1}) \quad \text{for } n \in \mathbb{N}_0. \tag{8}$$

Notice that if $x_{n_0} = x_{n_0+1}$ for some n_0 , then it is evident that $u = x_{n_0}$ is a fixed point of f . This completes the proof. Consequently, we assume that $x_n \neq x_{n+1}$ for all $n \in \mathbb{N}_0$, that is,

$$0 < d_n = d(x_n, x_{n+1}) \quad \text{for all } n \in \mathbb{N}_0. \tag{9}$$

We now prove that $\{d_n\}$ is a non-increasing sequence of real numbers, that is,

$$d_n \leq d_{n-1}, \quad \forall n \in \mathbb{N}. \tag{10}$$

Suppose, on the contrary, that inequality (10) does not hold. Thus, there exists some $n_0 \in \mathbb{N}$ such that

$$d_{n_0} > d_{n_0-1}. \tag{11}$$

From (9) and (11), we get

$$0 < \int_0^{d_{n_0-1}} \varphi(t) dt < \int_0^{d_{n_0}} \varphi(t) dt. \tag{12}$$

Regarding again (9) and (11) together with the properties of ψ , we conclude that

$$0 = \psi(0) < \psi\left(\int_0^{d_{n_0-1}} \varphi(t) dt\right) \leq \psi\left(\int_0^{d_{n_0}} \varphi(t) dt\right). \tag{13}$$

Using equations (13), (7), (6), (8) and the fact that $(\varphi, \phi, \psi) \in \Phi_1 \times \Phi_2 \times \Phi_3$, we obtain immediately that

$$\begin{aligned} \psi\left(\int_0^{d_{n_0-1}} \varphi(t) dt\right) &\leq \psi\left(\int_0^{d_{n_0}} \varphi(t) dt\right) \\ &\leq \alpha_{n_0} \psi\left(\int_0^{d_{n_0}} \varphi(t) dt\right) = \alpha_{n_0} \psi\left(\int_0^{d(f^{n_0}x, f^{n_0+1}x)} \varphi(t) dt\right) \\ &\leq \psi\left(\int_0^{M(f^{n_0-1}x, f^{n_0}x)} \varphi(t) dt\right) - \phi\left(\int_0^{N(f^{n_0-1}x, f^{n_0}x)} \varphi(t) dt\right) \\ &\quad + L\psi\left(\int_0^{O(f^{n_0-1}x, f^{n_0}x)} \varphi(t) dt\right), \end{aligned} \tag{14}$$

where

$$\begin{aligned} M(f^{n_0-1}x, f^{n_0}x) &\leq \max\{d(f^{n_0-1}x, f^{n_0}x), d(f^{n_0}x, f^{n_0+1}x)\} = \max\{d_{n_0-1}, d_{n_0}\}, \\ N(f^{n_0-1}x, f^{n_0}x) &= \max\{d(f^{n_0-1}x, f^{n_0}x), d(f^{n_0}x, f^{n_0+1}x)\} = \max\{d_{n_0-1}, d_{n_0}\}, \\ O(f^{n_0-1}x, f^{n_0}x) &= \min\{d(f^{n_0-1}x, f^{n_0}x), d(f^{n_0}x, f^{n_0+1}x), \\ &\quad d(f^{n_0}x, f^{n_0}x), d(f^{n_0-1}x, f^{n_0+1}x)\} = 0. \end{aligned}$$

Thus $M(f^{n_0-1}x, f^{n_0}x) \leq d_{n_0}$ and $N(f^{n_0-1}x, f^{n_0}x) = d_{n_0}$ from (11). Hence, inequality (14) turns into

$$\begin{aligned} \psi\left(\int_0^{d_{n_0}} \varphi(t) dt\right) &\leq \alpha_{n_0} \psi\left(\int_0^{d_{n_0}} \varphi(t) dt\right) \\ &\leq \psi\left(\int_0^{d_{n_0}} \varphi(t) dt\right) - \phi\left(\int_0^{d_{n_0}} \varphi(t) dt\right) < \psi\left(\int_0^{d_{n_0}} \varphi(t) dt\right), \end{aligned} \tag{15}$$

which is a contradiction. Hence (10) holds. Thus, there exists a constant $c \geq 0$ such that $\lim_{n \rightarrow \infty} d_n = c \geq 0$.

Next we show that $c = 0$, that is,

$$\lim_{n \rightarrow \infty} d_n = 0. \tag{16}$$

Suppose, on the contrary, that $c > 0$. It follows from (6) and (7) that

$$\begin{aligned} \psi \left(\int_0^{d_n} \varphi(t) dt \right) &= \psi \left(\int_0^{d(f^n x, f^{n+1} x)} \varphi(t) dt \right) \\ &\leq \alpha(x_n, x_{n+1}) \psi \left(\int_0^{d(f^n x, f^{n+1} x)} \varphi(t) dt \right) \\ &\leq \psi \left(\int_0^{M(f^{n-1} x, f^n x)} \varphi(t) dt \right) - \phi \left(\int_0^{N(f^{n-1} x, f^n x)} \varphi(t) dt \right) \\ &\quad + L \psi \left(\int_0^{O(f^{n-1} x, f^n x)} \varphi(t) dt \right), \end{aligned} \tag{17}$$

where

$$\begin{aligned} M(f^{n-1} x, f^n x) &\leq \max \{ d(f^{n-1} x, f^n x), d(f^n x, f^{n+1} x) \} = \max \{ d_{n-1}, d_n \}, \\ N(f^{n-1} x, f^n x) &= \max \{ d(f^{n-1} x, f^n x), d(f^n x, f^{n+1} x) \} = \max \{ d_{n-1}, d_n \}, \\ O(f^{n-1} x, f^n x) &= \min \{ d(f^{n-1} x, f^n x), d(f^n x, f^{n+1} x), d(f^n x, f^n x), d(f^{n-1} x, f^{n+1} x) \} = 0. \end{aligned}$$

Hence, inequality (17) becomes

$$\begin{aligned} \psi \left(\int_0^{d_n} \varphi(t) dt \right) &= \psi \left(\int_0^{d(f^n x, f^{n+1} x)} \varphi(t) dt \right) \leq \alpha_n \psi \left(\int_0^{d(f^n x, f^{n+1} x)} \varphi(t) dt \right) \\ &\leq \psi \left(\int_0^{d_{n-1}} \varphi(t) dt \right) - \phi \left(\int_0^{d_{n-1}} \varphi(t) dt \right). \end{aligned} \tag{18}$$

Taking the upper limit in (18) and using Lemma 1.1 and noting $(\varphi, \phi, \psi) \in \Phi_1 \times \Phi_2 \times \Phi_3$, we get

$$\begin{aligned} \psi \left(\int_0^c \varphi(t) dt \right) &= \limsup_{n \rightarrow \infty} \psi \left(\int_0^{d_n} \varphi(t) dt \right) \\ &\leq \limsup_{n \rightarrow \infty} \left[\psi \left(\int_0^{d_{n-1}} \varphi(t) dt \right) - \phi \left(\int_0^{d_{n-1}} \varphi(t) dt \right) \right] \\ &= \psi \left(\int_0^c \varphi(t) dt \right) - \liminf_{n \rightarrow \infty} \phi \left(\int_0^{d_{n-1}} \varphi(t) dt \right) \\ &< \psi \left(\int_0^c \varphi(t) dt \right), \end{aligned} \tag{19}$$

which is a contradiction. Hence $c = 0$.

Next we prove that $\{f^n x\}_{n \in \mathbb{N}}$ is a Cauchy sequence. Suppose, on the contrary, that $\{f^n x\}_{n \in \mathbb{N}}$ is not a Cauchy sequence. Thus, there is a constant $\epsilon > 0$ such that for each positive integer k , there are positive integers $m(k)$ and $n(k)$ with $m(k) > n(k) > k$ satisfying

$$d(f^{m(k)} x, f^{n(k)} x) > \epsilon. \tag{20}$$

For each positive integer k , let $m(k)$ denote the least integer exceeding $n(k)$ and satisfying (20). This implies that

$$d(f^{m(k)} x, f^{n(k)} x) > \epsilon \quad \text{and} \quad d(f^{m(k)-1} x, f^{n(k)} x) \leq \epsilon \quad \text{for all } k \in \mathbb{N}. \tag{21}$$

On the other hand, we have

$$\begin{aligned} d(f^{m(k)} x, f^{n(k)} x) &\leq d(f^{n(k)} x, f^{m(k)-1} x) + d_{m(k)-1}, \quad \forall k \in \mathbb{N}, \\ |d(f^{m(k)} x, f^{n(k)+1} x) - d(f^{m(k)} x, f^{n(k)} x)| &\leq d_{n(k)}, \quad \forall k \in \mathbb{N}, \\ |d(f^{m(k)+1} x, f^{n(k)+1} x) - d(f^{m(k)} x, f^{n(k)+1} x)| &\leq d_{m(k)}, \quad \forall k \in \mathbb{N}, \\ |d(f^{m(k)+1} x, f^{n(k)+1} x) - d(f^{m(k)+1} x, f^{n(k)+2} x)| &\leq d_{n(k)+1}, \quad \forall k \in \mathbb{N}. \end{aligned} \tag{22}$$

In view of (21) and (22), we infer that

$$\begin{aligned} \lim_{k \rightarrow \infty} d(f^{n(k)} x, f^{m(k)} x) &= \epsilon, \\ \lim_{k \rightarrow \infty} d(f^{m(k)} x, f^{n(k)+1} x) &= \epsilon, \\ \lim_{k \rightarrow \infty} d(f^{m(k)+1} x, f^{n(k)+1} x) &= \epsilon, \\ \lim_{k \rightarrow \infty} d(f^{m(k)+1} x, f^{n(k)+2} x) &= \epsilon. \end{aligned} \tag{23}$$

Using the weak triangular alpha admissible property of f , we get in view of (7)

$$\alpha(f^{m(k)} x, f^{n(k)+1} x) \geq 1. \tag{24}$$

From (6) and (24), we have

$$\begin{aligned} &\psi \left(\int_0^{d(f^{m(k)+1} x, f^{n(k)+2} x)} \varphi(t) dt \right) \\ &\leq \alpha(f^{m(k)} x, f^{n(k)+1} x) \psi \left(\int_0^{d(f^{m(k)+1} x, f^{n(k)+2} x)} \varphi(t) dt \right) \\ &\leq \psi \left(\int_0^{M(f^{m(k)} x, f^{n(k)+1} x)} \varphi(t) dt \right) - \phi \left(\int_0^{N(f^{m(k)} x, f^{n(k)+1} x)} \varphi(t) dt \right) \\ &\quad + L \psi \left(\int_0^{O(f^{m(k)} x, f^{n(k)+1} x)} \varphi(t) dt \right), \quad \forall k \in \mathbb{N}. \end{aligned} \tag{25}$$

Taking the upper limit in (25) and using (23), $(\varphi, \phi, \psi) \in \Phi_1 \times \Phi_2 \times \Phi_3$ and Lemma 1.1, we get

$$\begin{aligned} \psi \left(\int_0^\epsilon \varphi(t) dt \right) &= \limsup_{k \rightarrow \infty} \psi \left(\int_0^{d(f^{m(k)+1}x, f^{n(k)+2}x)} \varphi(t) dt \right) \\ &\leq \limsup_{k \rightarrow \infty} \alpha(f^{m(k)}x, f^{n(k)+1}x) \psi \left(\int_0^{d(f^{m(k)+1}x, f^{n(k)+2}x)} \varphi(t) dt \right) \\ &\leq \limsup_{k \rightarrow \infty} \psi \left(\int_0^{M(f^{m(k)}x, f^{n(k)+1}x)} \varphi(t) dt \right) \\ &\quad - \liminf_{k \rightarrow \infty} \phi \left(\int_0^{N(f^{m(k)}x, f^{n(k)+1}x)} \varphi(t) dt \right) \\ &\quad + L \limsup_{k \rightarrow \infty} \psi \left(\int_0^{O(f^{m(k)}x, f^{n(k)+1}x)} \varphi(t) dt \right) \\ &= \psi \left(\int_0^\epsilon \varphi(t) dt \right) - \liminf_{k \rightarrow \infty} \phi \left(\int_0^{d(f^{m(k)}x, f^{n(k)+1}x)} \varphi(t) dt \right) \\ &\quad + L \limsup_{k \rightarrow \infty} \psi \left(\int_0^{O(f^{m(k)}x, f^{n(k)+1}x)} \varphi(t) dt \right) \\ &= \psi \left(\int_0^\epsilon \varphi(t) dt \right) - \liminf_{k \rightarrow \infty} \phi \left(\int_0^{d(f^{m(k)}x, f^{n(k)+1}x)} \varphi(t) dt \right) \\ &< \psi \left(\int_0^\epsilon \varphi(t) dt \right), \end{aligned}$$

which is impossible. Thus $\{f^n x\}_{n \in \mathbb{N}}$ is a Cauchy sequence. Now, since (X, d) is complete, there exists a point $a \in X$ such that $\lim_{n \rightarrow \infty} f^n x = a$. From the continuity of f , it follows that $x_n = f x_{n+1} \rightarrow fa$ as $n \rightarrow +\infty$. From the uniqueness of limits, we get $a = fa$, that is, a is a fixed point of f . This completes the proof. \square

Theorem 2.2 *Let (X, d) be a complete metric space. Suppose that $f : X \rightarrow X$ is an α -admissible contractive inequality of integral type I which satisfies*

- (i) *f is weak triangular α -admissible;*
- (ii) *there exists $x \in X$ such that either $\alpha(x, fx) \geq 1$ or $\alpha(fx, x) \geq 1$;*
- (iii) *if $\{x_n\}$ is a sequence in X such that $\alpha(x_n, x_{n+1}) \geq 1$ for all n and $x_n \rightarrow x \in X$ as $n \rightarrow +\infty$, then $\alpha(x_n, x) \geq 1$ for all n .*

Then f has a fixed point.

Proof Following the proof in Theorem 2.1, we see that $\{x_n\}$ is a Cauchy sequence in the complete metric space (X, d) . Then there exists $a \in X$ such that $x_n \rightarrow a$ as $n \rightarrow +\infty$. On the other hand, from inequality (7) and hypothesis (iii), we have

$$\alpha(x_n, a) \geq 1 \quad \forall n \in \mathbb{N}. \tag{26}$$

Let us suppose that $a \neq fa$. In view of the above inequality and (6), we obtain that

$$\begin{aligned} \psi \left(\int_0^{d(f^{n+1}x, fa)} \varphi(t) dt \right) &\leq \alpha(x_n, a) \psi \left(\int_0^{d(f^{n+1}x, fa)} \varphi(t) dt \right) \\ &\leq \psi \left(\int_0^{M(f^n x, a)} \varphi(t) dt \right) - \phi \left(\int_0^{N(f^n x, a)} \varphi(t) dt \right) \\ &\quad + L \psi \left(\int_0^{O(f^n x, a)} \varphi(t) dt \right) \end{aligned} \tag{27}$$

for all $n \in \mathbb{N}$. On the other hand, we have

$$\begin{aligned} M(f^n x, a) &= \max \left\{ d(f^n x, a), d(f^n x, f^{n+1}x), d(a, fa), \frac{1}{2} [d(f^n x, fa) + d(a, f^{n+1}x)] \right\}, \\ N(f^n x, a) &= \max \{ d(f^n x, a), d(f^n x, f^{n+1}x), d(a, fa) \}, \\ O(f^n x, a) &= \min \{ d(f^n x, f^{n+1}x), d(a, fa), d(f^n x, fa), d(a, f^{n+1}x) \}. \end{aligned} \tag{28}$$

Taking the upper limit in (27), in view of Lemmas 1.1 and 1.2 and $(\varphi, \phi, \psi) \in \Phi_1 \times \Phi_2 \times \Phi_3$, we infer from (28) that

$$\begin{aligned} \psi \left(\int_0^{d(a, fa)} \varphi(t) dt \right) &= \limsup_{n \rightarrow \infty} \psi \left(\int_0^{d(f^{n+1}x, fa)} \varphi(t) dt \right) \\ &\leq \limsup_{n \rightarrow \infty} \alpha(x_n, a) \psi \left(\int_0^{d(f^{n+1}x, fa)} \varphi(t) dt \right) \\ &\leq \limsup_{n \rightarrow \infty} \psi \left(\int_0^{M(f^n x, a)} \varphi(t) dt \right) - \liminf_{n \rightarrow \infty} \phi \left(\int_0^{N(f^n x, a)} \varphi(t) dt \right) \\ &\quad + L \limsup_{n \rightarrow \infty} \psi \left(\int_0^{O(f^n x, a)} \varphi(t) dt \right) \\ &\leq \psi \left(\int_0^{d(a, fa)} \varphi(t) dt \right) - \phi \left(\int_0^{d(a, fa)} \varphi(t) dt \right) \\ &< \psi \left(\int_0^{d(a, fa)} \varphi(t) dt \right), \end{aligned}$$

which is a contradiction. Thus, we have $a = fa$. □

Now, we present another contractive inequality of integral type.

Definition 2.2 Let (X, d) be a complete metric space and $f : X \rightarrow X$ be a self-mapping. Suppose that there exist $(\varphi, \phi, \psi) \in \Phi_1 \times \Phi_2 \times \Phi_3$ and $L \geq 0$ such that

$$\begin{aligned} \alpha(x, y) \psi \left(\int_0^{d(fx, fy)} \varphi(t) dt \right) &\leq \psi \left(\int_0^{M^*(x, y)} \varphi(t) dt \right) - \phi \left(\int_0^{N^*(x, y)} \varphi(t) dt \right) \\ &\quad + L \psi \left(\int_0^{O(x, y)} \varphi(t) dt \right) \end{aligned} \tag{29}$$

for all $x, y \in X$, where

$$M^*(x, y) = \max \left\{ d(x, y), \frac{1}{2} [d(x, fx) + d(y, fy)], \frac{1}{2} [d(x, fy) + d(y, fx)] \right\},$$

and

$$N^*(x, y) = \max \left\{ d(x, y), \frac{1}{2} [d(x, fx) + d(y, fy)] \right\}$$

and

$$O(x, y) = \min \{ d(x, fx), d(y, fy), d(y, fx), d(x, fy) \}.$$

Then f is said to be an α -admissible contractive inequality of integral type II.

We omit the proof of the following two theorems since they mimic the proof of Theorem 2.1 and Theorem 2.2.

Theorem 2.3 *Let (X, d) be a complete metric space. Suppose that $f : X \rightarrow X$ is an α -admissible contractive inequality of integral type II which satisfies*

- (i) f is weak triangular α -admissible;
- (ii) there exists $x_0 \in X$ such that either $\alpha(x_0, fx_0) \geq 1$ or $\alpha(fx_0, x_0) \geq 1$;
- (iii) f is continuous.

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The following condition provides the uniqueness of fixed points of the maps considered in Theorem 2.3 and Theorem 2.4. Consider

(U^*) for all $x, y \in \text{Fix}(f)$, there exists $z \in X$ such that $\alpha(x, z) \geq 1$ and $\alpha(y, z) \geq 1$, where $\text{Fix}(f)$ denotes the set of fixed points of f .

Theorem 2.5 *If the condition (U^*) is added to the hypotheses of Theorem 2.3 (respectively, Theorem 2.4), then the fixed point u of T is unique.*

Proof From (U^*) , we have

$$\alpha(x, z) \geq 1 \quad \text{and} \quad \alpha(y, z) \geq 1.$$

Define the sequence $\{z_n\}$ in X by $z_{n+1} = fz_n$ for all $n \geq 0$ and $z_0 = z$. Using the weak triangular α -admissible property of f , we infer that

$$\alpha(x, z^n) \geq 1 \quad \text{and} \quad \alpha(y, z^n) \geq 1$$

for all $n \in \mathbb{N}$. Using inequality (6), we get

$$\begin{aligned} \int_0^{d(x,z_n)} \varphi(t) dt &= \int_0^{d(fx,f(z_{n-1}))} \varphi(t) dt \\ &\leq \alpha(x, z_{n-1}) \int_0^{d(fx,f(z_{n-1}))} \varphi(t) dt \\ &\leq \psi \left(\int_0^{d(x,z_{n-1})} \varphi(t) dt \right) - \phi \left(\int_0^{d(x,z_{n-1})} \varphi(t) dt \right) \\ &\quad + L\psi \left(\int_0^{d(x,z_{n-1})} \varphi(t) dt \right). \end{aligned}$$

Using standard techniques, we derive that $d(x, z_n) \leq d(x, z_{n-1})$ and hence the sequence $\{d(x, z_n)\}$ converges to some $L \geq 0$. If $L = 0$, then the proof is complete. Indeed, we get that $z_n \rightarrow x$ and analogously, $z_n \rightarrow y$ as $n \rightarrow \infty$ and from the uniqueness of limits, we derive that $x = y$. Suppose, on the contrary, $L > 0$. By letting $n \rightarrow \infty$, we derive from the above inequality that

$$\int_0^L \varphi(t) dt \leq \psi \left(\int_0^L \varphi(t) dt \right) - \phi \left(\int_0^L \varphi(t) dt \right),$$

which is a contradiction. □

Now we introduce a third type of contractive inequality of integral type.

Definition 2.3 Let (X, d) be a complete metric space and $f : X \rightarrow X$ be a self-mapping. Suppose that there exist $(\varphi, \phi, \psi) \in \Phi_1 \times \Phi_2 \times \Phi_3$ such that

$$\alpha(x, y)\psi \left(\int_0^{d(fx,fy)} \varphi(t) dt \right) \leq \psi \left(\int_0^{d(x,y)} \varphi(t) dt \right) - \phi \left(\int_0^{d(x,y)} \varphi(t) dt \right). \tag{30}$$

Then f is said to be an α -admissible contractive inequality of integral type III.

Theorem 2.6 Let (X, d) be a complete metric space. Suppose that $f : X \rightarrow X$ is an α -admissible contractive inequality of integral type III which satisfies

- (i) f is weak triangular α -admissible;
- (ii) there exists $x_0 \in X$ such that either $\alpha(x_0, fx_0) \geq 1$ or $\alpha(fx_0, x_0) \geq 1$;
- (iii) f is continuous.

Then T has a fixed point.

Proof Following the lines in the proof of Theorem 2.1, we conclude the result. □

Theorem 2.7 Let (X, d) be a complete metric space. Suppose that $f : X \rightarrow X$ is an α -admissible contractive inequality of integral type III which satisfies

- (i) f is weak triangular α -admissible;
- (ii) there exists $x_0 \in X$ such that either $\alpha(x_0, fx_0) \geq 1$ or $\alpha(fx_0, x_0) \geq 1$;
- (iii) if $\{x_n\}$ is a sequence in X such that $\alpha(x_n, x_{n+1}) \geq 1$ for all n and $x_n \rightarrow x \in X$ as $n \rightarrow +\infty$, then $\alpha(x_n, x) \geq 1$ for all n .

Then f has a fixed point.

Proof The reasoning in Theorem 2.2 establishes the result. □

Example 2.4 Suppose that $X = [0, 1]$ with the usual metric. We consider a mapping $f : X \rightarrow X$ defined by $f(x) = \frac{x}{6}$. Define the mapping $\alpha : X \times X \rightarrow [0, +\infty)$ by $\alpha(x, y) = 1$ for all $x, y \in X$. Hence, f is weak triangular α -admissible. Define $\varphi \in \Phi_1$ by $\varphi(t) = t$. Let us define $\psi \in \Phi_3$ and $\phi \in \Phi_2$ by $\psi(t) = \frac{t}{2}$ and $\phi(t) = \frac{t}{3}$ respectively for all $t \geq 0$.

Clearly, in view of the definitions of α and f , we infer that f is an α -admissible contractive inequality of integral type III. There exists $x_0 \in X$ such that $\alpha(x_0, fx_0) \geq 1$. In fact, for $x_0 = 0$, we obtain

$$\alpha(1, f1) = \alpha\left(1, \frac{1}{6}\right) = 1.$$

Clearly, f is continuous. Now, all the hypotheses of Theorem 2.6 are satisfied. Thus f has a fixed point in X . In this case, 0 is a fixed point of f .

Example 2.5 Suppose that $X = \{\frac{1}{n} : n \in \mathbb{N}\} \cup \{0\}$ with the usual metric $d(x, y) = |x - y|$ induced by \mathbb{R} . It is a complete metric space, since X is a closed subset of \mathbb{R} . We consider a mapping $f : X \rightarrow X$ defined by

$$f(x) = \begin{cases} \frac{1}{n+1} & \text{if } x = \frac{1}{n}, \\ 0 & \text{if } x = 0. \end{cases}$$

Define the mapping $\alpha : X \times X \rightarrow [0, +\infty)$ by $\alpha(x, y) = 1$ for all $x, y \in X$. It is clear that f is weak triangular α -admissible. Thus, the condition (i) of Theorem 2.7 is satisfied.

Now, consider the following auxiliary function φ defined as

$$\varphi(t) = \begin{cases} 0 & \text{if } t = 0, \\ t^{(1/t)-2} [1 - \log t] & \text{if } 0 < t < 1, \\ 1 & \text{if } t \geq 1. \end{cases}$$

Then, for any $\varepsilon > 0$, we have $\int_0^\varepsilon \varphi(t) dt = \varepsilon^{1/\varepsilon}$ for $0 < \varepsilon < 1$ and $\int_0^\varepsilon \varphi(t) dt = \varepsilon$ for $\varepsilon \geq 1$. Consequently, we have $\varphi \in \Phi_1$.

Clearly, in view of the definitions of α and f , we infer that f is an α -admissible contractive inequality of integral type III for $\psi(t) = \frac{t}{2}$ and $\phi(t) = \frac{t}{3}$, for all $t \geq 0$, where $\psi \in \Phi_3$ and $\phi \in \Phi_2$.

There exists $x_0 \in X$ such that $\alpha(x_0, fx_0) \geq 1$. In fact, for example, for $x_0 = 0$, we obtain $\alpha(0, f0) = \alpha(0, 0) = 1$. Hence, the condition (ii) of Theorem 2.7 is fulfilled.

Let $\{x_n\}$ be a sequence in X such that $\alpha(x_n, x_{n+1}) \geq 1$ for all n and $x_n \rightarrow x$ as $n \rightarrow +\infty$ for some $x \in X$. From the definition of α , for all n , we have $\alpha(x_n, x) = 1$ for all. So, the last condition of Theorem 2.7 is satisfied. As a result, due to Theorem 2.7, the mapping f has a fixed point. Notice that $u = 0$ is a fixed point of f .

Theorem 2.8 *If the condition (U^*) is added to the hypotheses of Theorem 2.6 (respectively, Theorem 2.7), then the fixed point u of T is unique.*

3 Consequences in metric spaces

We get the following result by letting $\alpha(x, y) = 1$ in Theorem 2.5.

Theorem 3.1 *Let f be a mapping from a complete metric space (X, d) into itself satisfying, for all $x, y \in X$,*

$$\begin{aligned} \psi \left(\int_0^{d(fx, fy)} \varphi(t) dt \right) &\leq \psi \left(\int_0^{M^*(x, y)} \varphi(t) dt \right) - \phi \left(\int_0^{N^*(x, y)} \varphi(t) dt \right) \\ &\quad + L\psi \left(\int_0^{O(x, y)} \varphi(t) dt \right), \end{aligned} \tag{31}$$

where $M^*(x, y) = \max\{d(x, y), \frac{1}{2}[d(x, fx), d(y, fy)], \frac{1}{2}[d(x, fy) + d(y, fx)]\}$, $N^*(x, y) = \max\{d(x, y), \frac{1}{2}[d(x, fx), d(y, fy)]\}$, $O(x, y) = \min\{d(x, fx), d(y, fy), d(y, fx), d(x, fy)\}$ and $(\varphi, \phi, \psi) \in \Phi_1 \times \Phi_2 \times \Phi_3$. Then f has a unique fixed point $a \in X$ such that $\lim_{n \rightarrow \infty} f^n x = a$ for each $x \in X$.

If we take $L = 0$ in Theorem 3.1, we get the following result.

Theorem 3.2 *Let f be a mapping from a complete metric space (X, d) into itself satisfying, for all $x, y \in X$,*

$$\psi \left(\int_0^{d(fx, fy)} \varphi(t) dt \right) \leq \psi \left(\int_0^{M^*(x, y)} \varphi(t) dt \right) - \phi \left(\int_0^{N^*(x, y)} \varphi(t) dt \right), \tag{32}$$

where $M^*(x, y) = \max\{d(x, y), \frac{1}{2}[d(x, fx), d(y, fy)], \frac{1}{2}[d(x, fy) + d(y, fx)]\}$, $N^*(x, y) = \max\{d(x, y), \frac{1}{2}[d(x, fx), d(y, fy)]\}$ and $(\varphi, \phi, \psi) \in \Phi_1 \times \Phi_2 \times \Phi_3$. Then f has a unique fixed point $a \in X$ such that $\lim_{n \rightarrow \infty} f^n x = a$ for each $x \in X$.

If we take $\psi(t) = t$ in Theorem 3.2, we get the following result.

Theorem 3.3 *Let f be a mapping from a complete metric space (X, d) into itself satisfying, for all $x, y \in X$,*

$$\int_0^{d(fx, fy)} \varphi(t) dt \leq \int_0^{M^*(x, y)} \varphi(t) dt - \phi \left(\int_0^{N^*(x, y)} \varphi(t) dt \right), \tag{33}$$

where $M^*(x, y) = \max\{d(x, y), \frac{1}{2}[d(x, fx) + d(y, fy)], \frac{1}{2}[d(x, fy) + d(y, fx)]\}$, $N^*(x, y) = \max\{d(x, y), \frac{1}{2}[d(x, fx) + d(y, fy)]\}$ and $(\varphi, \phi) \in \Phi_1 \times \Phi_2$. Then f has a unique fixed point $a \in X$ such that $\lim_{n \rightarrow \infty} f^n x = a$ for each $x \in X$.

Remark 3.1 The following theorem is the main result of [11] that can be easily deduced by taking $\alpha(x, y) = 1$, for all $x, y \in X$, in Theorem 2.8. Consequently, all corollaries of the main result of [11] can be deduced evidently.

Theorem 3.4 *Let f be a mapping from a complete metric space (X, d) into itself satisfying, for all $x, y \in X$,*

$$\psi \left(\int_0^{d(fx, fy)} \varphi(t) dt \right) \leq \psi \left(\int_0^{d(x, y)} \varphi(t) dt \right) - \phi \left(\int_0^{d(x, y)} \varphi(t) dt \right), \tag{34}$$

where $(\varphi, \phi, \psi) \in \Phi_1 \times \Phi_2 \times \Phi_3$. Then f has a unique fixed point $a \in X$ such that $\lim_{n \rightarrow \infty} f^n x = a$ for each $x \in X$.

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where $(\varphi, \phi) \in \Phi_1 \times \Phi_2$. Then f has a unique fixed point $a \in X$ such that $\lim_{n \rightarrow \infty} f^n x = a$ for each $x \in X$.

Theorem 3.6 Let f be a mapping from a complete metric space (X, d) into itself. If there is $k \in [0, 1)$ satisfying the following condition for all $x, y \in X$:

$$\int_0^{d(fx, fy)} \varphi(t) dt \leq k \int_0^{d(x, y)} \varphi(t) dt, \tag{36}$$

then f has a unique fixed point $a \in X$ such that $\lim_{n \rightarrow \infty} f^n x = a$ for each $x \in X$.

4 Consequences in partially ordered metric spaces

Definition 4.1 Let (X, \preceq) be a partially ordered set and $T : X \rightarrow X$ be a given mapping. We say that T is nondecreasing with respect to \preceq if

$$x, y \in X, \quad x \preceq y \quad \implies \quad Tx \preceq Ty.$$

Definition 4.2 Let (X, \preceq) be a partially ordered set. A sequence $\{x_n\} \subset X$ is said to be nondecreasing with respect to \preceq if $x_n \preceq x_{n+1}$ for all n .

Definition 4.3 Let (X, \preceq) be a partially ordered set and d be a metric on X . We say that (X, \preceq, d) is regular if for every nondecreasing sequence $\{x_n\} \subset X$ such that $x_n \rightarrow x \in X$ as $n \rightarrow \infty$, there exists a subsequence $\{x_{n(k)}\}$ of $\{x_n\}$ such that $x_{n(k)} \preceq x$ for all k .

We have the following result.

Corollary 4.1 Let (X, \preceq) be a partially ordered set and d be a metric on X such that (X, d) is complete. Let $f : X \rightarrow X$ be a nondecreasing mapping with respect to \preceq and satisfy the following inequality:

$$\begin{aligned} \psi \left(\int_0^{d(fx, fy)} \varphi(t) dt \right) &\leq \psi \left(\int_0^{M^*(x, y)} \varphi(t) dt \right) - \phi \left(\int_0^{N^*(x, y)} \varphi(t) dt \right) \\ &\quad + L\psi \left(\int_0^{O(x, y)} \varphi(t) dt \right) \end{aligned}$$

for all $x, y \in X$ with $x \succeq y$, where $M^*(x, y) = \max\{d(x, y), \frac{1}{2}[d(x, fx) + d(y, fy)], \frac{1}{2}[d(x, fy) + d(y, fx)]\}$, $N^*(x, y) = \max\{d(x, y), \frac{1}{2}[d(x, fx) + d(y, fy)]\}$, $O(x, y) = \min\{d(x, fx), d(y, fy), d(y, fx), d(x, fy)\}$ and $(\varphi, \phi, \psi) \in \Phi_1 \times \Phi_2 \times \Phi_3$. Suppose also that the following conditions hold:

- (i) there exists $x_0 \in X$ such that $x_0 \preceq fx_0$;
- (ii) f is continuous or (X, \preceq, d) is regular.

Then f has a fixed point. Moreover, if for all $x, y \in X$ there exists $z \in X$ such that $x \preceq z$ and $y \preceq z$, we have uniqueness of the fixed point.

Proof Define the mapping $\alpha : X \times X \rightarrow [0, \infty)$ by

$$\alpha(x, y) = \begin{cases} 1 & \text{if } x \preceq y \text{ or } x \succeq y, \\ 0 & \text{otherwise.} \end{cases}$$

Clearly, f is an α -admissible contractive inequality of integral type I . From condition (i), we have $\alpha(x_0, fx_0) \geq 1$. Moreover, for all $x, y \in X$, from the monotone property of f , we have

$$\alpha(x, y) \geq 1 \implies x \succeq y \text{ or } x \preceq y \implies fx \succeq fy \text{ or } fx \preceq fy \implies \alpha(fx, fy) \geq 1.$$

Thus f is α -admissible. Now, if f is continuous, the existence of a fixed point follows from Theorem 2.1. Suppose now that (X, \preceq, d) is regular. Let $\{x_n\}$ be a sequence in X such that $\alpha(x_n, x_{n+1}) \geq 1$ for all n and $x_n \rightarrow x \in X$ as $n \rightarrow \infty$. From the regularity hypothesis, there exists a subsequence $\{x_{n(k)}\}$ of $\{x_n\}$ such that $x_{n(k)} \preceq x$ for all k . This implies from the definition of α that $\alpha(x_{n(k)}, x) \geq 1$ for all k . In this case, the existence of a fixed point follows from Theorem 2.2. To show the uniqueness, let $x, y \in X$. By hypothesis, there exists $z \in X$ such that $x \preceq z$ and $y \preceq z$, which implies from the definition of α that $\alpha(x, z) \geq 1$ and $\alpha(y, z) \geq 1$. Thus we deduce the uniqueness of the fixed point by Theorem 2.5. \square

The following result is an immediate consequence of Corollary 4.1.

Corollary 4.2 *Let (X, \preceq) be a partially ordered set and d be a metric on X such that (X, d) is complete. Let $T : X \rightarrow X$ be a nondecreasing mapping with respect to \preceq . Suppose that there exists a function $\psi \in \Psi$ such that*

$$d(Tx, Ty) \leq \psi(d(x, y)),$$

for all $x, y \in X$ with $x \succeq y$. Suppose also that the following conditions hold:

- (i) there exists $x_0 \in X$ such that $x_0 \preceq Tx_0$;
- (ii) T is continuous or (X, \preceq, d) is regular.

Then T has a fixed point. Moreover, if for all $x, y \in X$ there exists $z \in X$ such that $x \preceq z$ and $y \preceq z$, we have uniqueness of the fixed point.

Remark 4.1 Let $\{A_i\}_{i=1}^2$ be nonempty closed subsets of a complete metric space (X, d) and $T : Y \rightarrow Y$ be a given mapping, where $Y = A_1 \cup A_2$. If the following condition holds:

$$T(A_1) \subseteq A_2 \quad \text{and} \quad T(A_2) \subseteq A_1, \tag{37}$$

then T is called a cyclic mapping. Since A_1 and A_2 are closed subsets of the complete metric space (X, d) , then (Y, d) is complete. Define the mapping $\alpha : Y \times Y \rightarrow [0, \infty)$ by

$$\alpha(x, y) = \begin{cases} 1 & \text{if } (x, y) \in (A_1 \times A_2) \cup (A_2 \times A_1), \\ 0 & \text{otherwise.} \end{cases}$$

By using the observation above, it is possible to deduce some fixed point results of a cyclic mapping that satisfies, e.g., one of the inequalities between (31)-(36), and so on. For more details on such approach, we refer, e.g., to [14, 16].

5 Further results

Theorem 5.1 *Let (X, d) be a complete metric space, $f : X \rightarrow X$ and $\alpha : X \times X \rightarrow [0, +\infty)$ be self-mappings. Suppose that there exist $(\varphi, \psi, \gamma) \in \Phi_1 \times \Phi_3 \times \Phi_5$ and $L \geq 0$ such that*

$$\alpha(x, y)\psi\left(\int_0^{d(fx, fy)} \varphi(t) dt\right) \leq \gamma(M(x, y))\psi\left(\int_0^{M(x, y)} \varphi(t) dt\right) + L\psi\left(\int_0^{O(x, y)} \varphi(t) dt\right), \tag{38}$$

for all $x, y \in X$, where

$$M(x, y) = \max\left\{d(x, y), d(x, fx), d(y, fy), \frac{1}{2}[d(x, fy) + d(y, fx)]\right\},$$

and

$$O(x, y) = \min\{d(x, fx), d(y, fy), d(y, fx), d(x, fy)\}.$$

Suppose also that the following conditions hold:

- (i) f is weak triangular α -admissible;
- (ii) there exists $x \in X$ such that $x \preceq fx$;
- (iii) f is continuous or (X, \preceq, d) is regular.

Then f has a unique fixed point $a \in X$ such that $\lim_{n \rightarrow \infty} f^n x = a$ for each $x \in X$.

Proof From (ii), there exists a point $x \in X$ such that $\alpha(x, fx) \geq 1$ (due to the symmetry of the metric, the other case yields the same result). Let $x_0 = x$ and consider an iterative sequence $\{x_n\}$ in X by $x_{n+1} = fx_n$ for all $n \geq 0$. Note that we have

$$\alpha(x_0, x_1) = \alpha(x_0, fx_0) \geq 1 \implies \alpha(fx_0, fx_1) = \alpha(x_1, x_2) \geq 1.$$

By mathematical induction, we get

$$\alpha(x_n, x_{n+1}) \geq 1 \quad \text{for all } n \in \mathbb{N}_0. \tag{39}$$

Let us denote

$$d_n = d(x_n, x_{n+1}) \quad \text{and} \quad \alpha_n = \alpha(x_n, x_{n+1}) \quad \text{for } n \in \mathbb{N}_0. \tag{40}$$

Now, if $x_{n_0} = x_{n_0+1}$ for some n_0 , then $u = x_{n_0}$ is a fixed point of f . This completes the proof. Consequently, suppose $x_n \neq x_{n+1}$ for all $n \in \mathbb{N}_0$, that is,

$$0 < d_n = d(x_n, x_{n+1}) \quad \text{for all } n \in \mathbb{N}_0. \tag{41}$$

Now, we proceed to show that $\{d_n\}$ is a non-increasing sequence of real numbers, that is,

$$d_n \leq d_{n-1}, \quad \forall n \in \mathbb{N}. \tag{42}$$

Suppose, on the contrary, that inequality (42) does not hold. Thus, there exists some $n_0 \in \mathbb{N}$ such that

$$d_{n_0} > d_{n_0-1}. \tag{43}$$

From (41) and (43), we get

$$0 < \int_0^{d_{n_0-1}} \varphi(t) dt < \int_0^{d_{n_0}} \varphi(t) dt. \tag{44}$$

Regarding again (41) and (43) together with the properties of ψ , we conclude that

$$0 = \psi(0) < \psi\left(\int_0^{d_{n_0-1}} \varphi(t) dt\right) \leq \psi\left(\int_0^{d_{n_0}} \varphi(t) dt\right). \tag{45}$$

Using equations (38)-(40), (45) we obtain that

$$\begin{aligned} \psi\left(\int_0^{d_{n_0-1}} \varphi(t) dt\right) &\leq \alpha_{n_0} \psi\left(\int_0^{d_{n_0-1}} \varphi(t) dt\right) \\ &\leq \alpha_{n_0} \psi\left(\int_0^{d_{n_0}} \varphi(t) dt\right) = \alpha_{n_0} \psi\left(\int_0^{d(f^{n_0}x, f^{n_0+1}x)} \varphi(t) dt\right) \\ &\leq \gamma(M(f^{n_0-1}x, f^{n_0}x)) \psi\left(\int_0^{M(f^{n_0-1}x, f^{n_0}x)} \varphi(t) dt\right) \\ &\quad + L \psi\left(\int_0^{O(f^{n_0-1}x, f^{n_0}x)} \varphi(t) dt\right), \end{aligned} \tag{46}$$

where

$$\begin{aligned} M(f^{n_0-1}x, f^{n_0}x) &\leq \max\{d(f^{n_0-1}x, f^{n_0}x), d(f^{n_0}x, f^{n_0+1}x)\} = \max\{d_{n_0-1}, d_{n_0}\}, \\ O(f^{n_0-1}x, f^{n_0}x) &= \min\{d(f^{n_0-1}x, f^{n_0}x), d(f^{n_0}x, f^{n_0+1}x), d(f^{n_0}x, f^{n_0}x), \\ &\quad d(f^{n_0-1}x, f^{n_0+1}x)\} = 0. \end{aligned}$$

From (43), we have $M(f^{n_0-1}x, f^{n_0}x) \leq d_{n_0}$. Hence, inequality (46) implies

$$\begin{aligned} \psi\left(\int_0^{d_{n_0-1}} \varphi(t) dt\right) &\leq \alpha_{n_0} \psi\left(\int_0^{d_{n_0-1}} \varphi(t) dt\right) \leq \alpha_{n_0} \psi\left(\int_0^{d_{n_0}} \varphi(t) dt\right) \\ &\leq \gamma(d_{n_0}) \psi\left(\int_0^{d_{n_0}} \varphi(t) dt\right) \\ &< \psi\left(\int_0^{d_{n_0}} \varphi(t) dt\right), \end{aligned} \tag{47}$$

which contradicts inequality (44). Hence, (42) holds. Thus, there exists a constant $c \geq 0$ such that $\lim_{n \rightarrow \infty} d_n = c \geq 0$.

Next we show that $c = 0$, that is,

$$\lim_{n \rightarrow \infty} d_n = 0. \tag{48}$$

Suppose, on the contrary, that $c > 0$. It follows from (38) and (39) that

$$\begin{aligned} \psi \left(\int_0^{d_n} \varphi(t) dt \right) &= \psi \left(\int_0^{d(f^n x, f^{n+1} x)} \varphi(t) dt \right) \\ &\leq \alpha_n \psi \left(\int_0^{d(f^n x, f^{n+1} x)} \varphi(t) dt \right) \\ &\leq \gamma(M(f^n x, f^{n-1} x)) \psi \left(\int_0^{M(f^n x, f^{n-1} x)} \varphi(t) dt \right) \\ &\quad + L \psi \left(\int_0^{O(f^{n-1} x, f^n x)} \varphi(t) dt \right), \end{aligned} \tag{49}$$

where

$$\begin{aligned} M(f^{n-1} x, f^n x) &\leq \max \{ d(f^{n-1} x, f^n x), d(f^n x, f^{n+1} x) \} = \max \{ d_{n-1}, d_n \}, \\ O(f^{n-1} x, f^n x) &= \min \{ d(f^{n-1} x, f^n x), d(f^n x, f^{n+1} x), d(f^n x, f^n x), d(f^{n-1} x, f^{n+1} x) \} = 0. \end{aligned}$$

Hence, inequality (49) becomes

$$\begin{aligned} \psi \left(\int_0^{d_n} \varphi(t) dt \right) &= \psi \left(\int_0^{d(f^n x, f^{n+1} x)} \varphi(t) dt \right) \leq \alpha_n \psi \left(\int_0^{d(f^n x, f^{n+1} x)} \varphi(t) dt \right) \\ &\leq \gamma(d_{n-1}) \psi \left(\int_0^{d_{n-1}} \varphi(t) dt \right). \end{aligned} \tag{50}$$

Taking the upper limit in (50) and using Lemma 1.1, we get

$$\begin{aligned} \psi \left(\int_0^c \varphi(t) dt \right) &= \limsup_{n \rightarrow \infty} \psi \left(\int_0^{d_n} \varphi(t) dt \right) \\ &\leq \limsup_{n \rightarrow \infty} \left[\gamma(d_{n-1}) \psi \left(\int_0^{d_{n-1}} \varphi(t) dt \right) \right] \\ &\leq \limsup_{n \rightarrow \infty} [\gamma(d_{n-1})] \cdot \limsup_{n \rightarrow \infty} \left[\psi \left(\int_0^{d_{n-1}} \varphi(t) dt \right) \right] \\ &< \psi \left(\int_0^c \varphi(t) dt \right), \end{aligned} \tag{51}$$

which is a contradiction. Hence $c = 0$.

Next we show that $\{f^n x\}_{n \in \mathbb{N}}$ is a Cauchy sequence. Suppose, on the contrary, that $\{f^n x\}_{n \in \mathbb{N}}$ is not a Cauchy sequence. Thus, there is a constant $\epsilon > 0$ such that for each positive integer k , there are positive integers $m(k)$ and $n(k)$ with $m(k) > n(k) > k$ satisfying

$$d(f^{m(k)} x, f^{n(k)} x) > \epsilon. \tag{52}$$

For each positive integer k , let $m(k)$ denote the least integer exceeding $n(k)$ and satisfying (52). This implies that

$$d(f^{m(k)}x, f^{n(k)}x) > \epsilon \quad \text{and} \quad d(f^{m(k)-1}x, f^{n(k)}x) \leq \epsilon \quad \text{for all } k \in \mathbb{N}. \tag{53}$$

On the other hand, we have

$$\begin{aligned} d(f^{m(k)}x, f^{n(k)}x) &\leq d(f^{n(k)}x, f^{m(k)-1}x) + d_{m(k)-1}, \quad \forall k \in \mathbb{N}, \\ |d(f^{m(k)}x, f^{n(k)+1}x) - d(f^{m(k)}x, f^{n(k)}x)| &\leq d_{n(k)}, \quad \forall k \in \mathbb{N}, \\ |d(f^{m(k)+1}x, f^{n(k)+1}x) - d(f^{m(k)}x, f^{n(k)+1}x)| &\leq d_{m(k)}, \quad \forall k \in \mathbb{N}, \\ |d(f^{m(k)+1}x, f^{n(k)+1}x) - d(f^{m(k)+1}x, f^{n(k)+2}x)| &\leq d_{n(k)+1}, \quad \forall k \in \mathbb{N}. \end{aligned} \tag{54}$$

In view of (53) and (54), we infer that

$$\begin{aligned} \lim_{k \rightarrow \infty} d(f^{n(k)}x, f^{m(k)}x) &= \epsilon, \\ \lim_{k \rightarrow \infty} d(f^{m(k)}x, f^{n(k)+1}x) &= \epsilon, \\ \lim_{k \rightarrow \infty} d(f^{m(k)+1}x, f^{n(k)+1}x) &= \epsilon, \\ \lim_{k \rightarrow \infty} d(f^{m(k)+1}x, f^{n(k)+2}x) &= \epsilon. \end{aligned} \tag{55}$$

Using the weak triangular alpha admissible property of f , we get in view of (39)

$$\alpha(f^{m(k)}x, f^{n(k)+1}x) \geq 1. \tag{56}$$

From (38) and (56), we have, for all $k \in \mathbb{N}$,

$$\begin{aligned} &\psi \left(\int_0^{d(f^{m(k)+1}x, f^{n(k)+2}x)} \varphi(t) dt \right) \\ &\leq \alpha(f^{m(k)}x, f^{n(k)+1}x) \psi \left(\int_0^{d(f^{m(k)+1}x, f^{n(k)+2}x)} \varphi(t) dt \right) \\ &\leq \gamma(M(f^{m(k)}x, f^{n(k)+1}x)) \psi \left(\int_0^{M(f^{m(k)}x, f^{n(k)+1}x)} \varphi(t) dt \right) \\ &\quad + L \psi \left(\int_0^{O(f^{m(k)}x, f^{n(k)+1}x)} \varphi(t) dt \right). \end{aligned} \tag{57}$$

Taking the upper limit in (57) and using (55) and Lemma 1.1, we get

$$\begin{aligned} \psi \left(\int_0^\epsilon \varphi(t) dt \right) &= \limsup_{k \rightarrow \infty} \psi \left(\int_0^{d(f^{m(k)+1}x, f^{n(k)+2}x)} \varphi(t) dt \right) \\ &\leq \limsup_{k \rightarrow \infty} \alpha(f^{m(k)}x, f^{n(k)+1}x) \psi \left(\int_0^{d(f^{m(k)+1}x, f^{n(k)+2}x)} \varphi(t) dt \right) \\ &\leq \limsup_{k \rightarrow \infty} \gamma(M(f^{m(k)}x, f^{n(k)+1}x)) \psi \left(\int_0^{M(f^{m(k)}x, f^{n(k)+1}x)} \varphi(t) dt \right) \end{aligned}$$

$$\begin{aligned}
 &+ L \limsup_{k \rightarrow \infty} \psi \left(\int_0^{O(f^{m(k)}x, f^{n(k)+1}x)} \varphi(t) dt \right) \\
 &< \psi \left(\int_0^\epsilon \varphi(t) dt \right),
 \end{aligned}$$

which is impossible. Thus $\{f^n x\}_{n \in \mathbb{N}}$ is a Cauchy sequence. Now, since (X, d) is complete, there exists a point $a \in X$ such that $\lim_{n \rightarrow \infty} f^n x = a$. From the continuity of f , it follows that $x_n = fx_{n+1} \rightarrow fu$ as $n \rightarrow +\infty$. From the uniqueness of limits, we get $a = fa$, that is, u is a fixed point of f . This completes the proof. \square

Theorem 5.2 *Let (X, d) be a complete metric space and $f : X \rightarrow X$ be a self-mapping. Suppose that there exist $(\varphi, \phi, \psi) \in \Phi_1 \times \Phi_2 \times \Phi_3$ with $\phi(t) \leq \psi(t)$ for all $t \in \mathbb{R}^+$, $\beta \in \Phi_5$, $\alpha : X \times X \rightarrow [0, +\infty)$ and $L \geq 0$ such that*

$$\begin{aligned}
 \alpha(x, y) \psi \left(\int_0^{d(fx, fy)} \varphi(t) dt \right) &\leq \beta(M(x, y)) \phi \left(\int_0^{M(x, y)} \varphi(t) dt \right) \\
 &+ L \psi \left(\int_0^{O(x, y)} \varphi(t) dt \right)
 \end{aligned} \tag{58}$$

for all $x, y \in X$, where

$$M(x, y) = \max \left\{ d(x, y), d(x, fx), d(y, fy), \frac{1}{2} [d(x, fy) + d(y, fx)] \right\},$$

and

$$O(x, y) = \min \{ d(x, fx), d(y, fy), d(y, fx), d(x, fy) \}.$$

Suppose also that the following conditions hold:

- (i) f is weak triangular α -admissible;
- (ii) there exists $x \in X$ such that $x \leq fx$;
- (iii) f is continuous or (X, \leq, d) is regular.

Then f has a unique fixed point $a \in X$ such that $\lim_{n \rightarrow \infty} f^n x = a$ for each $x \in X$.

Proof From condition (ii), there exists a point $x \in X$ such that $\alpha(x, fx) \geq 1$ (due to the symmetry of the metric, the other case yields the same result). Let $x_0 = x$ and let the iterative sequence $\{x_n\}$ in X be defined by $x_{n+1} = fx_n$ for all $n \geq 0$. Note that we have

$$\alpha(x_0, x_1) = \alpha(x_0, fx_0) \geq 1 \quad \Rightarrow \quad \alpha(fx_0, fx_1) = \alpha(x_1, x_2) \geq 1.$$

Using mathematical induction, we obtain

$$\alpha(x_n, x_{n+1}) \geq 1 \quad \text{for all } n \in \mathbb{N}_0. \tag{59}$$

Set

$$d_n = d(x_n, x_{n+1}) \quad \text{and} \quad \alpha_n = \alpha(x_n, x_{n+1}) \quad \text{for } n \in \mathbb{N}_0. \tag{60}$$

If for some n_0 , $x_{n_0} = x_{n_0+1}$, then $u = x_{n_0}$ is a fixed point of f . This completes the proof. Suppose that $x_n \neq x_{n+1}$ for all $n \in \mathbb{N}_0$, that is,

$$0 < d_n = d(x_n, x_{n+1}) \quad \text{for all } n \in \mathbb{N}_0. \tag{61}$$

Now, we need to show that $\{d_n\}$ is a non-increasing sequence of real numbers, that is,

$$d_n \leq d_{n-1}, \quad \forall n \in \mathbb{N}. \tag{62}$$

Suppose, on the contrary, that inequality (62) does not hold. Thus, there exists some $n_0 \in \mathbb{N}$ such that

$$d_{n_0} > d_{n_0-1}. \tag{63}$$

From (61) and (63), we get

$$0 < \int_0^{d_{n_0-1}} \varphi(t) dt < \int_0^{d_{n_0}} \varphi(t) dt. \tag{64}$$

From equations (61) and (63) and using the properties of ψ , we get

$$0 = \psi(0) < \psi\left(\int_0^{d_{n_0-1}} \varphi(t) dt\right) \leq \psi\left(\int_0^{d_{n_0}} \varphi(t) dt\right). \tag{65}$$

In view of equations (58)-(60), (65) we infer that

$$\begin{aligned} \psi\left(\int_0^{d_{n_0-1}} \varphi(t) dt\right) &\leq \alpha_{n_0} \psi\left(\int_0^{d_{n_0-1}} \varphi(t) dt\right) \\ &\leq \alpha_{n_0} \psi\left(\int_0^{d_{n_0}} \varphi(t) dt\right) = \alpha_{n_0} \psi\left(\int_0^{d(f^{n_0}x, f^{n_0+1}x)} \varphi(t) dt\right) \\ &\leq \beta(M(f^{n_0-1}x, f^{n_0}x)) \phi\left(\int_0^{M(f^{n_0-1}x, f^{n_0}x)} \varphi(t) dt\right) \\ &\quad + L \psi\left(\int_0^{O(f^{n_0-1}x, f^{n_0}x)} \varphi(t) dt\right), \end{aligned} \tag{66}$$

where

$$\begin{aligned} M(f^{n_0-1}x, f^{n_0}x) &\leq \max\{d(f^{n_0-1}x, f^{n_0}x), d(f^{n_0}x, f^{n_0+1}x)\} = \max\{d_{n_0-1}, d_{n_0}\}, \\ O(f^{n_0-1}x, f^{n_0}x) &= \min\{d(f^{n_0-1}x, f^{n_0}x), d(f^{n_0}x, f^{n_0+1}x), d(f^{n_0}x, f^{n_0}x), \\ &\quad d(f^{n_0-1}x, f^{n_0+1}x)\} = 0. \end{aligned}$$

From (63), we have $M(f^{n_0-1}x, f^{n_0}x) \leq d_{n_0}$. Hence, inequality (66) implies

$$\begin{aligned} \psi\left(\int_0^{d_{n_0-1}} \varphi(t) dt\right) &\leq \alpha_{n_0} \psi\left(\int_0^{d_{n_0-1}} \varphi(t) dt\right) \leq \alpha_{n_0} \psi\left(\int_0^{d_{n_0}} \varphi(t) dt\right) \\ &\leq \beta(d_{n_0}) \phi\left(\int_0^{d_{n_0}} \varphi(t) dt\right) \end{aligned}$$

$$\begin{aligned} &\leq \beta(d_{n_0})\psi\left(\int_0^{d_{n_0}} \varphi(t) dt\right) \\ &< \psi\left(\int_0^{d_{n_0}} \varphi(t) dt\right), \end{aligned} \tag{67}$$

which contradicts inequality (64). Hence, (62) holds. Thus, there exists a constant $c \geq 0$ such that $\lim_{n \rightarrow \infty} d_n = c \geq 0$.

Next we show that $c = 0$, that is,

$$\lim_{n \rightarrow \infty} d_n = 0. \tag{68}$$

Suppose, on the contrary, that $c > 0$. It follows from (58) and (59) that

$$\begin{aligned} \psi\left(\int_0^{d_n} \varphi(t) dt\right) &= \psi\left(\int_0^{d(f^n x, f^{n+1} x)} \varphi(t) dt\right) \leq \alpha_n \psi\left(\int_0^{d(f^n x, f^{n+1} x)} \varphi(t) dt\right) \\ &\leq \beta(M(f^n x, f^{n-1} x))\phi\left(\int_0^{M(f^n x, f^{n-1} x)} \varphi(t) dt\right) \\ &\quad + L\psi\left(\int_0^{O(f^{n-1} x, f^n x)} \varphi(t) dt\right), \end{aligned} \tag{69}$$

where

$$\begin{aligned} M(f^{n-1} x, f^n x) &\leq \max\{d(f^{n-1} x, f^n x), d(f^n x, f^{n+1} x)\} = \max\{d_{n-1}, d_n\}, \\ O(f^{n-1} x, f^n x) &= \min\{d(f^{n-1} x, f^n x), d(f^n x, f^{n+1} x), d(f^n x, f^n x), d(f^{n-1} x, f^{n+1} x)\} = 0. \end{aligned}$$

Hence, inequality (69) becomes

$$\begin{aligned} \psi\left(\int_0^{d_n} \varphi(t) dt\right) &= \psi\left(\int_0^{d(f^n x, f^{n+1} x)} \varphi(t) dt\right) \leq \alpha_n \psi\left(\int_0^{d(f^n x, f^{n+1} x)} \varphi(t) dt\right) \\ &\leq \beta(d_{n-1})\phi\left(\int_0^{d_{n-1}} \varphi(t) dt\right). \end{aligned} \tag{70}$$

Taking the upper limit in (70) and using Lemma 1.1, we get

$$\begin{aligned} \psi\left(\int_0^c \varphi(t) dt\right) &= \limsup_{n \rightarrow \infty} \psi\left(\int_0^{d_n} \varphi(t) dt\right) \\ &\leq \limsup_{n \rightarrow \infty} \left[\beta(d_{n-1})\phi\left(\int_0^{d_{n-1}} \varphi(t) dt\right)\right] \\ &\leq \limsup_{n \rightarrow \infty} [\beta(d_{n-1})] \cdot \limsup_{n \rightarrow \infty} \left[\phi\left(\int_0^{d_{n-1}} \varphi(t) dt\right)\right] \\ &\leq \limsup_{n \rightarrow \infty} [\beta(d_{n-1})] \cdot \limsup_{n \rightarrow \infty} \left[\psi\left(\int_0^{d_{n-1}} \varphi(t) dt\right)\right] \\ &< \psi\left(\int_0^c \varphi(t) dt\right), \end{aligned} \tag{71}$$

which is a contradiction. Hence $c = 0$.

Now, we show that $\{f^n x\}_{n \in \mathbb{N}}$ is a Cauchy sequence. Suppose, on the contrary, that $\{f^n x\}_{n \in \mathbb{N}}$ is not a Cauchy sequence. Thus, there is a constant $\epsilon > 0$ such that for each positive integer k , there are positive integers $m(k)$ and $n(k)$ with $m(k) > n(k) > k$ satisfying

$$d(f^{m(k)} x, f^{n(k)} x) > \epsilon. \tag{72}$$

For each positive integer k , let $m(k)$ denote the least integer exceeding $n(k)$ and satisfying (72). This implies that

$$d(f^{m(k)} x, f^{n(k)} x) > \epsilon \quad \text{and} \quad d(f^{m(k)-1} x, f^{n(k)} x) \leq \epsilon \quad \text{for all } k \in \mathbb{N}. \tag{73}$$

On the other hand, we have

$$\begin{aligned} d(f^{m(k)} x, f^{n(k)} x) &\leq d(f^{m(k)} x, f^{m(k)-1} x) + d_{m(k)-1}, \quad \forall k \in \mathbb{N}, \\ |d(f^{m(k)} x, f^{n(k)+1} x) - d(f^{m(k)} x, f^{n(k)} x)| &\leq d_{n(k)}, \quad \forall k \in \mathbb{N}, \\ |d(f^{m(k)+1} x, f^{n(k)+1} x) - d(f^{m(k)} x, f^{n(k)+1} x)| &\leq d_{m(k)}, \quad \forall k \in \mathbb{N}, \\ |d(f^{m(k)+1} x, f^{n(k)+1} x) - d(f^{m(k)+1} x, f^{n(k)+2} x)| &\leq d_{n(k)+1}, \quad \forall k \in \mathbb{N}. \end{aligned} \tag{74}$$

In view of (73) and (74), we infer that

$$\begin{aligned} \lim_{k \rightarrow \infty} d(f^{n(k)} x, f^{m(k)} x) &= \epsilon, \\ \lim_{k \rightarrow \infty} d(f^{m(k)} x, f^{n(k)+1} x) &= \epsilon, \\ \lim_{k \rightarrow \infty} d(f^{m(k)+1} x, f^{n(k)+1} x) &= \epsilon, \\ \lim_{k \rightarrow \infty} d(f^{m(k)+1} x, f^{n(k)+2} x) &= \epsilon. \end{aligned} \tag{75}$$

Using the weak triangular alpha admissible property of f , we get in view of (59)

$$\alpha(f^{m(k)} x, f^{n(k)+1} x) \geq 1. \tag{76}$$

From (58) and (76), we have, for all $k \in \mathbb{N}$,

$$\begin{aligned} \psi \left(\int_0^{d(f^{m(k)+1} x, f^{n(k)+2} x)} \varphi(t) dt \right) &\leq \alpha(f^{m(k)} x, f^{n(k)+1} x) \psi \left(\int_0^{d(f^{m(k)+1} x, f^{n(k)+2} x)} \varphi(t) dt \right) \\ &\leq \beta(M(f^{m(k)} x, f^{n(k)+1} x)) \phi \left(\int_0^{M(f^{m(k)} x, f^{n(k)+1} x)} \varphi(t) dt \right) \\ &\quad + L \psi \left(\int_0^{O(f^{m(k)} x, f^{n(k)+1} x)} \varphi(t) dt \right). \end{aligned} \tag{77}$$

Taking the upper limit in (77) and using (75) and Lemma 1.1, we get

$$\begin{aligned}
 \psi\left(\int_0^\epsilon \varphi(t) dt\right) &= \limsup_{k \rightarrow \infty} \psi\left(\int_0^{d(f^{m(k)+1}x, f^{n(k)+2}x)} \varphi(t) dt\right) \\
 &\leq \limsup_{k \rightarrow \infty} \alpha(f^{m(k)}x, f^{n(k)+1}x) \psi\left(\int_0^{d(f^{m(k)+1}x, f^{n(k)+2}x)} \varphi(t) dt\right) \\
 &\leq \limsup_{k \rightarrow \infty} \beta(M(f^{m(k)}x, f^{n(k)+1}x)) \phi\left(\int_0^{M(f^{m(k)}x, f^{n(k)+1}x)} \varphi(t) dt\right) \\
 &\quad + L \limsup_{k \rightarrow \infty} \psi\left(\int_0^{O(f^{m(k)}x, f^{n(k)+1}x)} \varphi(t) dt\right) \\
 &\leq \limsup_{k \rightarrow \infty} \beta(M(f^{m(k)}x, f^{n(k)+1}x)) \psi\left(\int_0^{M(f^{m(k)}x, f^{n(k)+1}x)} \varphi(t) dt\right) \\
 &\quad + L \limsup_{k \rightarrow \infty} \psi\left(\int_0^{O(f^{m(k)}x, f^{n(k)+1}x)} \varphi(t) dt\right) \\
 &< \psi\left(\int_0^\epsilon \varphi(t) dt\right),
 \end{aligned}$$

which is impossible. Thus $\{f^n x\}_{n \in \mathbb{N}}$ is a Cauchy sequence. Now, since (X, d) is complete, there exists a point $a \in X$ such that $\lim_{n \rightarrow \infty} f^n x = a$. From the continuity of f , it follows that $x_n = f x_{n+1} \rightarrow f a$ as $n \rightarrow +\infty$. From the uniqueness of limits, we get $a = f a$, that is, a is a fixed point of f . This completes the proof. \square

6 Conclusion

In this paper, we handle contractive mappings of integral type in a more general frame via α -admissible mappings. More precisely, we examine the contractive mapping of integral type given in [11] by using α -admissible mappings. Very recently, some new contractive mappings of integral type were introduced in [12] and [13]. We assert that our techniques are also valid to extend the results of [12] and [13] in the frame of α -admissible mappings.

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