



# On Fixed Point Results for Some Multi-valued Operators with respect to Extended wt-Distance on Extended b-Metric Spaces

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**ABSTRACT.** In this paper, we prove some new fixed point results for multi-valued mappings via extended wt-distance on complete extended b-metric spaces. We obtain a generalization of Feng and Liu [8] fixed point theorem on multi-valued operators. Moreover, we give a homotopy application to show the applicability of our results.

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## 1. INTRODUCTION AND PRELIMINARIES

The notion of b-metric space was introduced by Bakhtin [4] and later on studied and developed by many researchers [3, 5, 13, 15, 17–20, 24]. The concept of b-metric space was given by the following:

**Definition 1.1** ([4]). Let  $X$  be a non empty set and  $s \geq 1$  be a given real number. A function  $d : X \times X \rightarrow [0, \infty)$  is called a b-metric if it satisfies the following properties for each  $x, y, z \in X$ :

- (i)  $d(x, y) = 0 \Leftrightarrow x = y$
- (ii)  $d(x, y) = d(y, x)$
- (iii)  $d(x, z) \leq s[d(x, y) + d(y, z)]$ .

The pair  $(X, d, s)$  is called a b-metric space and every metric space is a b-metric space, where  $s = 1$ . Moreover, each b-metric  $d$  induces a topology  $\tau_d$  such that for each open set  $G$  of  $\tau_d$  and for each  $x \in G$  there is an  $r > 0$  such that  $x \in B_d(x, r) \subseteq G$ , where  $B_d(x, r) = \{y \in X : d(x, y) < r\}$ . Contrary to the metric case, b-metrics are not necessarily continuous functions and the set  $B_d(x, r)$  is not necessarily  $\tau_d$ -open set. Hussain et al [10] extended the concept of w-distance given by Kada [11] to the b-metric spaces and introduced the following concept of wt-distance.

**Definition 1.2** ([10]). Let  $(X, d, s)$  be a b-metric space with  $s \geq 1$ . Then, a function  $p : X \times X \rightarrow [0, \infty)$  is called a wt-distance on  $X$  if the following conditions are satisfied:

- (i)  $p(x, z) \leq s[p(x, y) + p(y, z)]$
- (ii) for any  $x \in X$ ,  $p(x, \cdot) : X \rightarrow [0, \infty)$  is  $s$ -lower semi-continuous
- (iii) for any  $\epsilon > 0$ , there exists  $\delta > 0$  such that  $p(z, x) \leq \delta$  and  $p(z, y) \leq \delta$  imply  $d(x, y) \leq \epsilon$ .

The notion of  $s$ -lower semi-continuity means that if either  $\lim_{x_n \rightarrow x_0} f(x_n) = \infty$  or  $f(x_0) \leq \lim_{x_n \rightarrow x_0} s f(x_n)$ , whenever  $x_n \in X$  for each  $n \in \mathbb{N}$  and  $x_n \rightarrow x_0$ .

Demma et al [6] proved some fixed point theorems for multi-valued operators by using wt-distance in the complete b-metric spaces and they gave the following result which is a generalization of Feng and Liu [8] on multi-valued operators.

According to [6], let  $(X, d, s)$  be a b-metric space and  $p$  be a wt-distance on  $X$ . For a positive constant  $b \in (0, 1)$  define the set  $I_b^x$  as follows:

$$I_b^x = \{y \in Tx : bp(x, y) \leq p(x, Tx)\}.$$

**Theorem 1.3** ([6]). *Let  $(X, d, s)$  be a complete b-metric space. Let  $C(X)$  be the set of all nonempty closed subsets of  $X$  and  $T : X \rightarrow C(X)$  a multi-valued operator,  $p : X \times X \rightarrow [0, \infty)$  a wt-distance on  $X$  and  $b \in (0, 1)$ . Suppose that there exists,  $c \in (0, 1)$  with  $cb^{-1} \in [0, s^{-1})$ , such that for any  $x \in X$  there is  $y \in I_b^x$  satisfying*

$$p(y, Ty) \leq cp(x, y).$$

If one of the following assertions holds:

- (i)  $p(x, Tx) = 0$  if there exists a sequence  $(x_n) \subset X$  such that  $p(x_n, Tx_n) \rightarrow 0$ , as  $n \rightarrow \infty$ ;
- (ii) the function  $f : X \rightarrow \mathbb{R}$  as  $f(x) = p(x, T(x))$  is  $s$ -lower semi-continuous;
- (iii) for every  $y \in X$  with  $y \notin T(y)$ , we have

$$\inf_{x \in X} \{p(x, y) + p(x, Tx)\} > 0$$

- (iv)  $T$  is a closed operator,

then  $T$  has a fixed point in  $X$ .

In [12], Kamran et al. introduced the concept of extended b-metric space as follows:

**Definition 1.4** ([12]). Let  $X$  be a nonempty set and  $\theta : X \times X \rightarrow [1, \infty)$ . The function  $d_\theta : X \times X \rightarrow [0, \infty)$  is called an extended b-metric space if for all  $x, y, z \in X$ , it satisfies:

- (i)  $d_\theta(x, y) = 0 \Leftrightarrow x = y$
- (ii)  $d_\theta(x, y) = d_\theta(y, x)$
- (iii)  $d_\theta(x, z) \leq \theta(x, z)[d_\theta(x, z) + d_\theta(z, y)]$ .

The pair  $(X, d_\theta)$  is called extended b-metric space. The definitions of convergence, Cauchy sequence and completeness was given in [12] as follows:

**Definition 1.5** ([12]). Let  $(X, d_\theta)$  be an extended b-metric space.

- (i) A sequence  $(x_n) \in X$  is said to converge to  $x \in X$ , if for every  $\epsilon > 0$  there exists  $N = N(\epsilon) \in \mathbb{N}$  such that  $d_\theta(x_n, x) < \epsilon$  for all  $n \geq N$ .
- (ii) A sequence  $(x_n) \in X$  is said to be Cauchy, if for every  $\epsilon > 0$  there exists  $N = N(\epsilon) \in \mathbb{N}$  such that  $d_\theta(x_m, x_n) < \epsilon$  for all  $m, n \geq N$ .

An extended b-metric space  $(X, d_\theta)$  is complete if every Cauchy sequence in  $X$  is convergent.

In [2], Alamgir et al. generalized Nadler's fixed point theorem by using extended b-metric spaces. Moreover, they obtained Mizoguchi-Takahashi's type fixed point theorem for a multi-valued mapping from a complete extended b-metric space  $X$  into the non empty closed and bounded subsets of  $X$ . The aforementioned main result is as follows:

**Theorem 1.6** ([2]). *Let us consider a multi-valued mapping  $T : X \rightarrow CB(X)$ , where  $(X, d_\theta)$  is a complete extended b-metric space and  $CB(X)$  denotes all nonempty closed and bounded subsets of  $X$ . Furthermore, let us consider that the following two conditions hold:*

- (i) The mapping  $f : X \rightarrow \mathbb{R}$  defined by  $f(x) = d_\theta(x, Tx)$ ,  $x \in X$ , is lower semi-continuous.
- (ii) There exists  $b, c \in (0, 1)$ ,  $b < c$  such that for all  $x \in X$  there exists  $y \in I_c^x$  satisfying

$$d_\theta(y, Ty) \leq bd_\theta(x, y).$$

Moreover, for each  $x_0 \in X$ ,  $\lim_{m, n \rightarrow \infty} \theta(x_n, x_m) < \frac{1}{\alpha}$  for all  $\alpha \in (0, 1)$ . Then,  $T$  has a fixed point in  $X$ .

Moreover, they extended Mizoguchi-Takahashi's [14] type fixed point theorem to the concept of extended b-metric spaces by the following result:

**Theorem 1.7** ([14]). *Let  $(X, d_\theta)$  be a complete extended b-metric space. Let us consider a multivalued mapping  $T : X \rightarrow CB(X)$ . Suppose that there exists  $c \in (0, 1)$  and  $\Omega : [0, \infty) \rightarrow [0, c)$  such that*

$$\limsup_{s \rightarrow t^+} \Omega(s) < c, \text{ for all } t \in [0, \infty)$$

and for all  $x \in X$ , there exists  $y \in I_c^x$  satisfying

$$d_\theta(y, Ty) \leq \Omega(d_\theta(x, y))d_\theta(x, y)$$

and for each  $x_0 \in X$ ,  $\lim_{m, n \rightarrow \infty} \theta(x_n, x_m) < \frac{1}{\alpha}$  for any  $\alpha \in (0, 1)$ , where  $x_n = T^n x_0$ . If the map  $f : X \rightarrow \mathbb{R}$  defined by  $f(x) = d_\theta(x, Tx)$ ,  $x \in X$ , is lower semi-continuous. Then,  $T$  has a fixed point in  $X$ .

In [7] extended wt-distance definition introduced as follows:

**Definition 1.8** ([7]). Let  $(X, d_\theta)$  be an extended b-metric space, where  $\theta$  is a function such that  $\theta : X \times X \rightarrow [1, \infty)$ . A function  $p_\theta : X \times X \rightarrow [0, \infty)$  is called extended wt-distance if the following are satisfied:

- (i)  $p_\theta(x, z) \leq \theta(x, z)[p_\theta(x, y) + p_\theta(y, z)]$ ;
- (ii) for any  $x \in X$ ,  $p_\theta(x, \cdot) : X \rightarrow [0, \infty)$  is  $\theta$ -lower semicontinuous;
- (iii) for any  $\epsilon > 0$ , there exists  $\delta > 0$  such that  $p_\theta(z, x) \leq \delta$  and  $p_\theta(z, y) \leq \delta$  imply  $d_\theta(x, y) \leq \epsilon$ .

The notion of  $\theta$ -lower semi-continuity means that if either  $\lim_{x_n \rightarrow x_0} p_\theta(x, x_n) = \infty$  or  $p_\theta(x, x_0) \leq \lim_{x_n \rightarrow x_0} \theta(x, x_0)p_\theta(x, x_n)$ , whenever  $x_n \in X$  for each  $n \in \mathbb{N}$  and  $x_n \rightarrow x_0$  according to  $\tau_{d_\theta}$ .

**Example 1.9** ([7]). Let  $X = [0, \infty)$ . Define the mappings  $\theta : X \times X \rightarrow [1, \infty)$  and  $d_\theta : X \times X \rightarrow [0, \infty)$  as follows:  $\theta(x, y) = 1 + x + y$  and

$$d_\theta(x, y) = \begin{cases} x^2 + y^2, & x, y \in X, x \neq y \\ 0, & x = y. \end{cases}$$

Then,  $(X, d_\theta)$  is an extended b-metric space (see [9]). Let consider the mapping  $p_\theta : X \times X \rightarrow [0, \infty)$  defined by  $p_\theta(x, y) = y^2$ . Then,  $p_\theta$  is an extended wt-distance on  $(X, d_\theta)$ .

**Example 1.10** ([7]). Let  $X = [0, \infty)$ . Define the mappings  $\theta : X \times X \rightarrow [1, \infty)$  and  $d_\theta : X \times X \rightarrow [0, \infty)$  as follows:  $\theta(x, y) = 1 + x + y$  and

$$d_\theta(x, y) = \begin{cases} x + y, & x, y \in X, x \neq y \\ 0, & x = y \end{cases}$$

Then,  $(X, d_\theta)$  is an extended b-metric space (see [9]). Let consider the mapping  $p_\theta : X \times X \rightarrow [0, \infty)$  defined by  $p_\theta(x, y) = y$ . It is clear that  $p_\theta$  is an extended wt-distance on  $(X, d_\theta)$ .

Moreover, the following fundamental lemma was given in [7].

**Lemma 1.11** ([7]). *Let  $(X, d_\theta)$  be an extended b-metric space and  $p_\theta$  be an extended wt-distance on  $X$ . Let  $(x_n)$  and  $(y_n)$  be sequences in  $X$ , let  $(\alpha_n)$  and  $(\beta_n)$  be sequences in  $[0, \infty)$  converging to zero and let  $x, y, z \in X$ . Then, the following hold:*

- (i) *If  $p_\theta(x_n, y) \leq \alpha_n$  and  $p_\theta(x_n, z) \leq \beta_n$  for any  $n \in \mathbb{N}$ , then  $y = z$ . In particular, if  $p_\theta(x, y) = 0$  and  $p_\theta(x, z) = 0$ , then  $y = z$ .*
- (ii) *If  $p_\theta(x_n, y_n) \leq \alpha_n$  and  $p_\theta(x_n, z) \leq \beta_n$  for any  $n \in \mathbb{N}$ , then  $d_\theta(y_n, z) \rightarrow 0$*
- (iii) *If  $p_\theta(x_n, x_m) \leq \alpha_n$  for any  $n, m \in \mathbb{N}$  with  $m > n$ , then  $(x_n)$  is a Cauchy sequence.*
- (iv) *If  $p_\theta(y, x_n) \leq \alpha_n$  for any  $n \in \mathbb{N}$ , then  $(x_n)$  is a Cauchy sequence.*

Throughout this paper, we denote by  $C(X)$  the set of all nonempty and closed subsets of  $X$ , by  $CB(X)$  the set of all nonempty closed and bounded subsets of  $X$  and by  $K(X)$  nonempty compact subsets of  $X$ , where  $(X, d_\theta)$  is an extended b-metric space.

In this paper, we will extend some results in [2] and [6] to the setting of extended b-metric spaces endowed with an extended wt-distance and we obtain generalizations of Theorem 1.3 and Theorem 1.6. Moreover, we present an application of our results to homotopy theory.

## 2. MAIN RESULTS

In this section, we start with the following lemma which is fundamental in some of our results. In the following lemma, we extend Lemma 2.2 in [22] to the concept of extended wt-distance.

**Lemma 2.1.** *Let  $(X, d_\theta)$  be an extended b-metric space and  $F$  be a closed subset of  $X$ . Let  $p_\theta$  be an extended wt-distance on  $X$ . Suppose that there exists  $a \in X$  such that  $p_\theta(a, a) = 0$ . Then,  $a \in F$  iff  $p_\theta(a, F) = 0$ .*

*Proof.* Let  $a \in F$  such that  $p_\theta(a, a) = 0$ . Then,  $p_\theta(a, F) = \inf\{p_\theta(a, x) : x \in F\} = 0$ . Conversely, let  $p_\theta(a, F) = 0$ . Then, there exists a sequence  $(x_n) \subseteq X$  such that  $p_\theta(a, x_n) \rightarrow 0$ , as  $n \rightarrow \infty$ . Since  $p_\theta(a, a) = 0$ , by Lemma 1.11, we get  $x_n \rightarrow a$ . Since  $F$  is closed, we obtain that  $a \in F$ . □

**Theorem 2.2.** *Let  $(X, d_\theta)$  be a complete extended b-metric space and  $p_\theta$  be an extended wt-distance on  $X$ . Let us consider a multi-valued mapping  $T : X \rightarrow CB(X)$  such that the following two conditions hold:*

- (i) *The mapping  $f : X \rightarrow \mathbb{R}$  defined by  $f(x) = p_\theta(x, Tx)$ ,  $x \in X$ , is lower semi-continuous.*
- (ii) *There exists  $b, c \in (0, 1)$ ,  $b < c$  such that for all  $x \in X$  there exists  $y \in I_c^x$  satisfying*

$$p_\theta(y, Ty) \leq bp_\theta(x, y)$$

*for each  $x_0 \in X$ ,  $\lim_{m,n \rightarrow \infty} \theta(x_n, x_m) < \frac{1}{\alpha}$  for all  $\alpha \in (0, 1)$ , where  $x_n \in T^n x_0$ .*

*Then, there exists  $z \in X$  such that  $f(z) = 0$ . Further, if  $p_\theta(z, z) = 0$ , then  $z$  is a fixed point of  $T$ .*

*Proof.* As  $Tx \in CB(X)$  for any  $x \in X$  and  $X$  is complete,  $I_c^x$  is nonempty for any constant  $c \in (0, 1)$ . For some arbitrary initial point  $x_0 \in X$ , there exists  $x_1 \in I_c^{x_0}$  such that

$$p_\theta(x_1, Tx_1) \leq bp_\theta(x_0, x_1).$$

And for  $x_1 \in X$ , there exists  $x_2 \in I_c^{x_1}$  such that

$$p_\theta(x_2, Tx_2) \leq bp_\theta(x_1, x_2).$$

Continuing this process, we can obtain an iterative sequence  $(x_n)$ , where  $x_{n+1} \in I_c^{x_n}$  and

$$p_\theta(x_{n+1}, Tx_{n+1}) \leq bp_\theta(x_n, x_{n+1}), n = 0, 1, 2, \dots \tag{2.1}$$

Since  $x_{n+1} \in I_c^{x_n}$ , we can write

$$cp_\theta(x_n, x_{n+1}) \leq p_\theta(x_n, Tx_n), n = 0, 1, 2, \dots \tag{2.2}$$

By equations (2.1) and (2.2), we get

$$p_\theta(x_{n+1}, x_{n+2}) \leq \frac{b}{c} p_\theta(x_n, x_{n+1}), n = 0, 1, 2, \dots \tag{2.3}$$

$$p_\theta(x_{n+1}, Tx_{n+1}) \leq \frac{b}{c} p_\theta(x_n, Tx_n), n = 0, 1, 2, \dots \tag{2.4}$$

By (2.3) and (2.4), it is obvious that

$$\begin{aligned} p_\theta(x_n, x_{n+1}) &\leq \frac{b^n}{c^n} p_\theta(x_0, x_1), n = 0, 1, 2, \dots \\ p_\theta(x_n, Tx_n) &\leq \frac{b^n}{c^n} p_\theta(x_0, Tx_0), n = 0, 1, 2, \dots \end{aligned} \tag{2.5}$$

Let  $\alpha = \frac{b}{c}$ . Since  $b < c$ , we get  $\alpha = \frac{b}{c} < 1$ . Letting  $n \rightarrow \infty$  in (2.5), we obtain that

$$\lim_{n \rightarrow \infty} p_\theta(x_n, Tx_n) = 0.$$

Now, we will prove that  $(x_n)$  is a Cauchy sequence. Let  $m, n \in \mathbb{N}$  with  $n < m$ . Then, by the triangle inequality, we have the following:

$$\begin{aligned} p_\theta(x_n, x_m) &\leq \theta(x_n, x_m)\alpha^n p_\theta(x_0, x_1) + \theta(x_n, x_m)\alpha^{n+1} p_\theta(x_0, x_1) \\ &\quad + \theta(x_n, x_m)\theta(x_{n+1}, x_m)\dots\theta(x_{m-1}, x_m)\alpha^{m-1} p_\theta(x_0, x_1) \\ &\leq p_\theta(x_0, x_1)[\theta(x_1, x_m)\theta(x_2, x_m)\dots\theta(x_n, x_m)\alpha^n + \\ &\quad + \theta(x_1, x_m)\theta(x_2, x_m)\dots\theta(x_n, x_m)\theta(x_{n+1}, x_m)\alpha^{n+1} + \dots \\ &\quad + \theta(x_1, x_m)\theta(x_2, x_m)\dots\theta(x_n, x_m)\theta(x_{n+1}, x_m)\theta(x_{m-1}, x_m)\alpha^{m-1}]. \end{aligned}$$

Since  $\lim_{m,n \rightarrow \infty} \theta(x_n, x_m) < \frac{1}{\alpha}$ , the series  $\sum_{n=1}^{\infty} \alpha^n \prod_{r=1}^n \theta(x_r, x_m)$  converges by ratio test for each  $m \in \mathbb{N}$ .

Let  $S = \sum_{n=1}^{\infty} \alpha^n \prod_{r=1}^n \theta(x_r, x_m)$  and  $S_n = \sum_{i=1}^n \alpha^i \prod_{r=1}^i \theta(x_r, x_m)$ . Thus we have for  $n < m$ ,  $p_{\theta}(x_n, x_m) \leq p_{\theta}(x_0, x_1)[S_{m-1} - S_n]$ , from Lemma 1.11, we get that  $(x_n)$  is a Cauchy sequence. Since  $X$  is complete, there exists  $z \in X$  such that  $x_n \rightarrow z$  as  $n \rightarrow \infty$ . By the Assumption (i), we get that

$$0 \leq f(z) \leq \liminf_{n \rightarrow \infty} f(x_n) = 0.$$

Hence,  $f(z) = p_{\theta}(z, Tz) = 0$ . If  $p_{\theta}(z, z) = 0$ , by Lemma 2.1, we obtain that  $z \in Tz$  and hence  $z$  is a fixed point of  $T$ .  $\square$

**Example 2.3.** Let us consider the complete extended b-metric space and extended wt-distance given in Example 1.10. Now, define the multi-valued mapping  $T : X \rightarrow CB(X)$  by  $T(x) = [0, x]$ . Consider the function  $f : X \rightarrow \mathbb{R}$  defined by  $f(x) = p_{\Theta}(x, Tx)$  and from the definition of  $p_{\Theta}$ , we obtain that

$$\begin{aligned} f(x) &= \inf\{p_{\Theta}(x, a) : a \in Tx\} \\ &= \inf\{a : a \in Tx\} = \inf\{a : a \in [0, x]\} = 0. \end{aligned}$$

Thus,  $f$  is a constant function and it is lower semi-continuous. For any  $b, c \in (0, 1)$  with  $b < c$  and for all  $x \in X$ , there exists  $y = 0 \in Tx = [0, x]$  such that

$$cp_{\Theta}(x, y) = c \cdot 0 = 0 \leq p_{\Theta}(x, Tx)$$

and

$$p_{\Theta}(y, Ty) = 0 \leq bp_{\Theta}(x, y).$$

Consider a sequence  $(x_n) = \frac{1}{2^n}$  such that  $x_n \in T^n(x_0)$  for  $x_0 = 1$ . Moreover,  $\lim_{m,n \rightarrow \infty} \Theta(x_n, x_m) = \lim_{m,n \rightarrow \infty} (1 + x_n + x_m) = 1 < \frac{1}{\alpha}$ , for each  $\alpha \in (0, 1)$ .

Therefore, it is fulfilled all of the conditions of Theorem 2.2 and  $T$  has fixed point.

**Remark 2.4.** It is obvious that if  $\sup_{x,y \in X} \theta(x, y) < \infty$ , then extended b-metric is an extended wt-distance. If we choose the function  $\theta : X \times X \rightarrow [1, \infty)$  to satisfy that  $\sup_{x,y \in X} \theta(x, y) < \infty$ , then Theorem 1.6 can be given as a corollary of Theorem 2.2 as follows.

**Corollary 2.5.** Let us consider a multi-valued mapping  $T : X \rightarrow CB(X)$ , where  $(X, d_{\theta})$  complete extended b-metric space. Furthermore, let us consider that the following two conditions hold:

- (i) The map  $f : X \rightarrow \mathbb{R}$  defined by  $f(x) = d_{\theta}(x, Tx)$  is lower semi-continuous.
- (ii) There exists  $b, c \in (0, 1)$ ,  $b < c$  such that for all  $x \in X$  there exists  $y \in I_c^x$  satisfying

$$d_{\theta}(y, Ty) \leq bd_{\theta}(x, y)$$

for each  $x_0 \in X$ ,  $\lim_{m,n \rightarrow \infty} \theta(x_n, x_m) < \frac{1}{\alpha}$  for all  $\alpha \in (0, 1)$ , where  $x_n \in T^n x_0$ .

Then,  $T$  has a fixed point in  $X$ .

**Theorem 2.6.** Let  $(X, d_{\theta})$  be a complete extended b-metric space and  $p_{\theta}$  be an extended wt-distance on  $X$ . Let us consider a multi-valued mapping  $T : X \rightarrow C(X)$ . Suppose that there exists  $c \in (0, 1)$  and  $\Omega : [0, \infty) \rightarrow [0, c)$  such that

$$\limsup_{s \rightarrow t^+} \Omega(s) < c, \text{ for all } t \in [0, \infty)$$

and for all  $x \in X$ , there exists  $y \in I_c^x$  satisfying

$$p_{\theta}(y, Ty) \leq \Omega(p_{\theta}(x, y))p_{\theta}(x, y)$$

and for each  $x_0 \in X$  and any sequence  $(y_m) \subseteq X$ ,  $\lim_{m,n \rightarrow \infty} \theta(x_n, y_m) < \frac{1}{\alpha}$  for any  $\alpha \in (0, 1)$ , where  $x_n \in T^n x_0$ . If one of the following conditions holds:

- (i)  $p_{\theta}(x, Tx) = 0$  if there exists a sequence  $(x_n) \subset X$  converging to  $x$  such that  $p_{\theta}(x_n, Tx_n) \rightarrow 0$ .
- (ii) The map  $f : X \rightarrow \mathbb{R}$  defined by  $f(x) = p_{\theta}(x, Tx)$ ,  $x \in X$ , is lower semi-continuous.
- (iii)  $T$  is a closed operator.
- (iv) For every  $y \in X$  with  $y \notin T(y)$ , we have

$$\inf_{x \in X} \{p_{\theta}(x, y) + p_{\theta}(x, Tx)\} > 0.$$

Then,  $T$  has a fixed point in  $X$ .

*Proof.* Since  $T(x) \in C(X)$  for any  $x \in X$ ,  $I_c^x$  is nonempty for any constant  $c \in (0, 1)$ . Thus, for any initial point  $x_0 \in X$ , there is  $x_1 \in I_c^{x_0}$  such that

$$p_\theta(x_1, Tx_1) \leq \Omega(p_\theta(x_0, x_1))p_\theta(x_0, x_1), \Omega(p_\theta(x_0, x_1)) < c \quad (2.6)$$

and

$$cp_\theta(x_0, x_1) \leq p_\theta(x_0, Tx_0). \quad (2.7)$$

From equations (2.6) and (2.7), we have

$$p_\theta(x_0, Tx_0) - p_\theta(x_1, Tx_1) \geq [c - \Omega(p_\theta(x_0, x_1))]p_\theta(x_0, x_1).$$

Moreover, for  $x_1 \in X$ , there exists  $x_2 \in Tx_1$ ,  $x_1 \neq x_2$  such that

$$p_\theta(x_2, Tx_2) \leq \Omega(p_\theta(x_1, x_2))p_\theta(x_1, x_2), \Omega(p_\theta(x_1, x_2)) < c \quad (2.8)$$

and

$$cp_\theta(x_1, x_2) \leq p_\theta(x_1, Tx_1). \quad (2.9)$$

From (2.8) and (2.9), we have

$$p_\theta(x_1, Tx_1) - p_\theta(x_2, Tx_2) \geq [c - \Omega(p_\theta(x_1, x_2))]p_\theta(x_1, x_2).$$

From (2.6) and (2.9) we get

$$\begin{aligned} p_\theta(x_1, x_2) &\leq \frac{1}{c}p_\theta(x_1, Tx_1) \\ &\leq \frac{1}{c}\Omega(p_\theta(x_0, x_1))p_\theta(x_0, x_1) \\ &< p_\theta(x_0, x_1). \end{aligned}$$

Continuing this process, for  $x_n, n > 1$ , there exists  $x_{n+1} \in Tx_n$ ,  $x_{n+1} \neq x_n$  satisfying

$$cp_\theta(x_n, x_{n+1}) \leq p_\theta(x_n, Tx_n) \quad (2.10)$$

and

$$p_\theta(x_{n+1}, Tx_{n+1}) \leq \Omega(p_\theta(x_n, x_{n+1}))p_\theta(x_n, x_{n+1}), \Omega(p_\theta(x_n, x_{n+1})) < c. \quad (2.11)$$

From (2.10) and (2.11), we have

$$p_\theta(x_n, Tx_n) - p_\theta(x_{n+1}, Tx_{n+1}) \geq [c - \Omega(p_\theta(x_n, x_{n+1}))]p_\theta(x_n, x_{n+1}) > 0 \quad (2.12)$$

and

$$p_\theta(x_n, x_{n+1}) < p_\theta(x_{n-1}, x_n). \quad (2.13)$$

From (2.12) and (2.13),  $\{p_\theta(x_n, Tx_n)\}$  and  $\{p_\theta(x_n, x_{n+1})\}$  are decreasing and hence convergent. By assumption, there exists  $c' \in [0, c)$  such that

$$\limsup_{n \rightarrow \infty} \Omega(p_\theta(x_n, x_{n+1})) = c'.$$

Therefore, for any  $c_0 \in (c', c)$ , there exists  $n_0 \in \mathbb{N}$  such that

$$\Omega(p_\theta(x_n, x_{n+1})) < c_0, \text{ for all } n > n_0.$$

From (2.10) and (2.11), we get that

$$p_\theta(x_n, x_{n+1}) < \alpha p_\theta(x_{n-1}, x_n), \text{ where } \alpha = \frac{c_0}{c} \text{ and } n > n_0.$$

Then, for  $n > n_0$ , we have the following

$$\begin{aligned}
 p_\theta(x_n, Tx_n) &\leq \Omega(p_\theta(x_{n-1}, x_n))p_\theta(x_{n-1}, x_n) \\
 &\leq \frac{1}{c}\Omega(p_\theta(x_{n-1}, x_n))p_\theta(x_{n-1}, Tx_{n-1}) \\
 &\leq \frac{\Omega(p_\theta(x_{n-1}, x_n))\dots\Omega(p_\theta(x_0, x_1))}{c^n}p_\theta(x_0, Tx_0) \\
 &= \frac{\Omega(p_\theta(x_{n-1}, x_n))\dots\Omega(p_\theta(x_{n_0+1}, x_{n_0+2}))}{c^{n-n_0}} \\
 &\times \frac{\Omega(p_\theta(x_{n_0}, x_{n_0+1}))\dots\Omega(p_\theta(x_0, x_1))}{c^{n_0}}p_\theta(x_0, Tx_0) \\
 &< \left(\frac{c_0}{c}\right)^{n-n_0} \frac{\Omega(p_\theta(x_{n_0}, x_{n_0+1}))\dots\Omega(p_\theta(x_0, x_1))}{c^{n_0}}p_\theta(x_0, Tx_0).
 \end{aligned}$$

Since  $c_0 < c$ ,  $\lim_{n \rightarrow \infty} \left(\frac{c_0}{c}\right)^{n-n_0} = 0$ . Thus, we have that

$$\lim_{n \rightarrow \infty} p_\theta(x_n, Tx_n) = 0.$$

Let  $m > n > n_0$ , we have the following inequalities

$$\begin{aligned}
 p_\theta(x_n, x_m) &\leq \theta(x_n, x_m)p_\theta(x_n, x_{n+1}) + \theta(x_n, x_m)\theta(x_{n+1}, x_m)p_\theta(x_{n+1}, x_{n+2}) + \dots \\
 &\quad + \theta(x_n, x_m)\theta(x_{n+1}, x_m)\dots\theta(x_{m-1}, x_m)p_\theta(x_{m-1}, x_m) \\
 &\leq \theta(x_n, x_m)\alpha^n p_\theta(x_0, x_1) + \theta(x_n, x_m)\theta(x_{n+1}, x_m)\alpha^{n+1} p_\theta(x_0, x_1) + \dots \\
 &\quad + \theta(x_n, x_m)\theta(x_{n+1}, x_m)\dots\theta(x_{m-1}, x_m)\alpha^{m-1} p_\theta(x_0, x_1).
 \end{aligned}$$

By following the similar procedure in Theorem 2.2, there exists a Cauchy sequence  $(x_n)$  such that  $x_{n+1} \in Tx_n, x_{n+1} \neq x_n$ . Since  $X$  is complete, there exists  $z \in X$  such that  $x_n \rightarrow z$  and we have the following inequality

$$p_\theta(x_n, x_m) \leq p_\theta(x_0, x_1)[S_{m-1} - S_n], \tag{2.14}$$

where  $S = \sum_{n=1}^\infty \alpha^n \prod_{r=1}^n \theta(x_r, x_m)$  and  $S_n = \sum_{i=1}^n \alpha^i \prod_{r=1}^i \theta(x_r, x_m)$ .

Case I: The assertion (i) holds: Since  $p_\theta(x_n, Tx_n)$  converges to 0 and  $x_n \rightarrow z$  we have that  $p_\theta(z, Tz) = 0$ . Then, there exists a sequence  $(y_n) \subset Tz$  such that  $p_\theta(z, y_n) \rightarrow 0$ . From (2.14) and  $\theta$ -lower semicontinuity of  $p_\theta$ , we obtain the followings:

$$\begin{aligned}
 p_\theta(x_n, z) &\leq \liminf_{m \rightarrow \infty} \theta(x_n, z)p_\theta(x_n, x_m) \\
 &\leq \liminf_{m \rightarrow \infty} \theta(x_n, z)p_\theta(x_0, x_1)[S_{m-1} - S_n].
 \end{aligned}$$

From the triangle inequality, we have

$$\begin{aligned}
 p_\theta(x_n, y_n) &\leq \theta(x_n, y_n)[p_\theta(x_n, z) + p_\theta(z, y_n)] \\
 &\leq \theta(x_n, y_n)[\liminf_{m \rightarrow \infty} \theta(x_n, z)p_\theta(x_0, x_1)[S_{m-1} - S_n] + p_\theta(z, y_n)].
 \end{aligned} \tag{2.15}$$

Since  $\lim_{m, n \rightarrow \infty} \theta(x_n, y_m) < \frac{1}{c}$ , letting  $n \rightarrow \infty$  in (2.15) we obtain that  $\lim_{n \rightarrow \infty} p_\theta(x_n, y_n) = 0$ . Hence,  $p_\theta(x_n, y_n) \rightarrow 0$  and  $p_\theta(x_n, z) \rightarrow 0$ , by lemma 1.11, we get that  $d_\theta(y_n, z) \rightarrow 0$ . Since  $Tz$  is a closed,  $z \in Tz$ .

Case II: If  $f(x) = p_\theta(x, Tx)$  is lower semicontinuous, then the assumption (i) holds.

Case III: Let us suppose that the assumption (iii) holds. Then, from  $x_{n+1} \in T(x_n)$  for all  $n \in \mathbb{N} \cup 0$  and  $(x_n, x_{n+1}) \rightarrow (z, z)$ , we get that  $z \in Tz$ .

Case IV: Suppose to the contrary that  $z \notin Tz$ . Then,

$$\begin{aligned} 0 &< \inf_{x \in X} \{p_\theta(x, z) + p_\theta(x, Tx)\} \\ &\leq \inf_{n \in \mathbb{N}} \{p_\theta(x_n, z) + p_\theta(x_n, Tx_n)\} \\ &\leq \inf_{n \in \mathbb{N}} \{p_\theta(x_n, z) + p_\theta(x_{n-1}, x_n)\} \\ &\leq \inf_{n \in \mathbb{N}} \{\liminf_{m \rightarrow \infty} \theta(x_n, z) p_\theta(x_0, x_1) [S_{m-1} - S_n] + \alpha^{n-1} p_\theta(x_0, x_1)\} = 0, \end{aligned}$$

which is a contradiction thus  $z \in Tz$ . □

**Remark 2.7.** If we choose the function  $\Omega : [0, \infty) \rightarrow [0, c)$  defined by  $\Omega(t) = b < c$  for all  $t \in [0, \infty)$  in Theorem 2.6, we can give the following result as a corollary.

**Corollary 2.8.** Let  $(X, d_\theta)$  be a complete extended  $b$ -metric space and  $p_\theta$  be an extended  $wt$ -distance on  $X$ . Let us consider a multivalued mapping  $T : X \rightarrow C(X)$ . Suppose that there exists  $b, c \in (0, 1), b < c$  such that for all  $x \in X$  there exists  $y \in I_c^x$  satisfying

$$p_\theta(y, Ty) \leq b p_\theta(x, y)$$

for each  $x_0 \in X$ , where  $x_n = T^n x_0$  and for any sequence  $(y_m) \subset X$  with  $\lim_{m, n \rightarrow \infty} \theta(x_n, y_m) < \frac{1}{\alpha}$  for all  $\alpha \in (0, 1)$ . If one of the following conditions holds:

- (i)  $p_\theta(x, Tx) = 0$  if there exists a sequence  $(x_n) \subset X$  converging to  $x$  such that  $p_\theta(x_n, Tx_n) \rightarrow 0$ ;
- (ii) The map  $f : X \rightarrow \mathbb{R}$  defined by  $f(x) = p_\theta(x, Tx), x \in X$ , is lower semi-continuous;
- (iii)  $T$  is a closed operator;
- (iv) for every  $y \in X$  with  $y \notin T(y)$ , we have

$$\inf_{x \in X} \{p_\theta(x, y) + p_\theta(x, Tx)\} > 0.$$

Then,  $T$  has a fixed point in  $X$ .

**Remark 2.9.** In [16], the following lemma was proved by considering the following condition

$$\limsup_{m, n \rightarrow \infty} \theta(x_n, x_m) < \infty \tag{2.16}$$

rather than the condition  $\lim_{m, n \rightarrow \infty} \theta(x_n, x_m) < \frac{1}{\alpha}$  for all  $\alpha \in (0, 1)$  in Theorem 2.2.

**Lemma 2.10** ([16]). Let  $(X, d_\theta)$  be an extended  $b$ -metric space such that the condition (2.16) is satisfied and let  $(x_n)$  be a sequence in  $X$ . Suppose that there exists  $\lambda \in [0, 1)$  such that  $d_\theta(x_{n+1}, x_n) \leq \lambda d_\theta(x_n, x_{n-1})$  for all  $n \in \mathbb{N}$ . Then,  $(x_n)$  is a Cauchy sequence in  $X$ .

Moreover, from the condition (iii) of Lemma 1.11 and Lemma 2.10, we can easily give the following lemma which helps to prove Theorem 2.6 in a shorter and easier way.

**Lemma 2.11.** Let  $(X, d_\theta)$  be an extended  $b$ -metric space and  $p_\theta$  be an extended  $wt$ -distance and the condition (2.16) is satisfied. Let  $(x_n)$  be a sequence in  $X$  and suppose that there exists  $\lambda \in [0, 1)$  such that  $p_\theta(x_{n+1}, x_n) \leq \lambda p_\theta(x_n, x_{n-1})$  for all  $n \in \mathbb{N}$ . Then,  $(x_n)$  is a Cauchy sequence in  $X$ .

Now, we can give the Theorem 2.6 by using the condition (2.16). Since proof is obvious from Lemma 2.11 and Theorem 2.6, we omitted it.

**Theorem 2.12.** Let  $(X, d_\theta)$  be a complete extended  $b$ -metric space and  $p_\theta$  be an extended  $wt$ -distance on  $X$ . Let us consider a multi-valued mapping  $T : X \rightarrow C(X)$ . Suppose that there exists  $c \in (0, 1)$  and  $\Omega : [0, \infty) \rightarrow [0, c)$  such that

$$\limsup_{s \rightarrow t^+} \Omega(s) < c, \text{ for all } t \in [0, \infty)$$

and for all  $x \in X$ , there exists  $y \in I_c^x$  satisfying

$$p_\theta(y, Ty) \leq \Omega(p_\theta(x, y)) p_\theta(x, y)$$

and for each  $x_0 \in X$  and any sequence  $(y_m) \subseteq X$ ,  $\limsup_{m, n \rightarrow \infty} \theta(x_n, y_m) < \infty$ , where  $x_n \in T^n x_0$ . If one of the following conditions holds:



- (i)  $p_\theta(x, Tx) = 0$  if there exists a sequence  $(x_n) \subset X$  converging to  $x$  such that  $p_\theta(x_n, Tx_n) \rightarrow 0$ ;
- (ii) The map  $f : X \rightarrow \mathbb{R}$  defined by  $f(x) = p_\theta(x, Tx)$ ,  $x \in X$ , is lower semi-continuous;
- (iii)  $T$  is a closed operator;
- (iv) for every  $y \in X$  with  $y \notin T(y)$ , we have

$$\inf_{x \in X} \{p_\theta(x, y) + p_\theta(x, Tx)\} > 0.$$

Then,  $T$  has a fixed point in  $X$ .

Notice that if we take  $\theta(x, y) = s$  for all  $x, y \in X$  in Theorem 1.3, the wt-distance  $p$  is actually an extended wt-distance. Moreover, if we choose the function  $\Omega : [0, \infty) \rightarrow [0, c)$  defined by  $\Omega(t) = b < c$  for all  $t \in [0, \infty)$  in Theorem 2.12, we can obtain Theorem 1.3 as a result of Theorem 2.12 by the following:

**Corollary 2.13.** Let  $(X, d, s)$  be a complete b-metric space. Let  $C(X)$  be the set of all nonempty closed subsets of  $X$  and  $T : X \rightarrow C(X)$  a multi-valued operator,  $p : X \times X \rightarrow [0, \infty)$  a wt-distance on  $X$  and  $b \in (0, 1)$ . Suppose that there exists  $c \in (0, 1)$  with  $cb^{-1} \in [0, s^{-1})$ , such that for any  $x \in X$  there is  $y \in I_b^x$  satisfying

$$p(y, Ty) \leq cp(x, y).$$

If one of the following assertions holds:

- (i)  $p(x, Tx) = 0$  if there exists a sequence  $(x_n) \subset X$  such that  $p(x_n, Tx_n) \rightarrow 0$ , as  $n \rightarrow \infty$ ;
- (ii) the function  $f : X \rightarrow \mathbb{R}$  as  $f(x) = p(x, T(x))$  is  $s$ -lower semi-continuous;
- (iii) for every  $y \in X$  with  $y \notin T(y)$ , we have

$$\inf_{x \in X} \{p(x, y) + p(x, Tx)\} > 0.$$

- (iv)  $T$  is a closed operator;

then  $T$  has a fixed point in  $X$ .

In [21], the notion of compactness in extended b-metric spaces was given by the following.

**Definition 2.14** ([21]). Let  $(X, d_\theta)$  be an extended b-metric space. A subset  $C$  of  $X$  is compact if and only if for every sequence of elements of  $C$  there exists a subsequence that converges to an element of  $C$ .

**Remark 2.15.** From the uniqueness of the limit in the extended b-metric spaces and the previous definition, we can easily say that every compact subset of an extended b-metric space is a closed subset.

Now, we can give the following result for compact valued multifunctions in extended b-metric spaces via extended wt-distance.

**Corollary 2.16.** Let  $(X, d_\theta)$  be a complete extended b-metric space and  $p_\theta$  be an extended wt-distance on  $X$ . Let us consider a multivalued mapping  $T : X \rightarrow K(X)$ . Suppose that there exists  $c \in (0, 1)$  and  $\Omega : [0, \infty) \rightarrow [0, 1)$  such that

$$\limsup_{s \rightarrow t^+} \Omega(s) < 1, \text{ for all } t \in [0, \infty)$$

and for all  $x \in X$ , there exists  $y \in I_1^x$  satisfying

$$p_\theta(y, Ty) \leq \Omega(p_\theta(x, y))p_\theta(x, y)$$

and for each  $x_0 \in X$  and any sequence  $(y_m) \subset X$ ,  $\lim_{m, n \rightarrow \infty} \theta(x_n, y_m) < \frac{1}{\alpha}$  for any  $\alpha \in (0, 1)$ , where  $x_n \in T^n x_0$ . If the map  $f : X \rightarrow \mathbb{R}$  defined by  $f(x) = p_\theta(x, Tx)$ ,  $x \in X$ , is lower semi-continuous, then there exists  $z \in X$  such that  $f(z) = 0$ . Further, if  $p_\theta(z, z) = 0$ , then  $z$  is a fixed point of  $T$ .

*Proof.* Since  $Tx \in K(X)$  for any  $x \in X$ ,  $I_1^x$  is nonempty. Hence, for all  $x \in X$ , there exists  $y \in Tx$  such that  $p_\theta(x, y) \leq p_\theta(x, Tx)$ . Let us choose an arbitrary point  $x_0 \in X$ . By following the similar process as in Theorem 2.6, we obtain a Cauchy sequence  $(x_n)$  such that  $x_{n+1} \in Tx_n$ ,  $x_{n+1} \neq x_n$ , satisfying the followings:

$$p_\theta(x_n, x_{n+1}) = p_\theta(x_n, Tx_n)$$

and

$$p_\theta(x_n, Tx_n) \leq \Omega(p_\theta(x_{n-1}, x_n))p_\theta(x_{n-1}, x_n), \Omega(p_\theta(x_{n-1}, x_n)) < 1.$$

Since  $X$  is complete, there exists  $z \in X$  such that  $x_n \rightarrow z$ . By the lower semi-continuity of the function  $f$ , we have

$$0 \leq p_\theta(z, Tz) \leq \liminf_{n \rightarrow \infty} p_\theta(x_n, Tx_n) = 0.$$

Then,  $p_\theta(z, Tz) = 0$ . Further, if  $p_\theta(z, z) = 0$ , then  $z$  is a fixed point of  $T$ . □

### 3. AN APPLICATION TO HOMOTOPY THEORY

In this section, we give an application of our main theorem to homotopy theory inspired by the results given in [1] and [23]. Firstly, we introduce some definitions which are necessary for the homotopy result.

Let  $(X, d_\theta)$  be an extended b-metric space and  $p_\theta$  be an extended wt-distance on  $X$ . We define the following mapping:

$$H_{p_\theta} : CB(X) \times CB(X) \rightarrow [0, \infty)$$

as follows

$$H_{p_\theta}(A, B) = \max\{\sup_{a \in A} p_\theta(a, B), \sup_{b \in B} p_\theta(A, b)\}$$

for all  $A, B \in CB(X)$ .

Now, we give the following proposition. The proof is similar to the proof of Theorem 4.4 in [16], so we omit the proof.

**Proposition 3.1.** *Let  $(X, d_\theta)$  be an extended b-metric and  $p_\theta$  be an extended wt-distance on  $X$ . The mapping  $H_{p_\theta} : CB(X) \times CB(X) \rightarrow [0, \infty)$  satisfies the following inequality:*

$$H_{p_\theta}(U, V) \leq \theta_H(U, V)[H_{p_\theta}(U, W) + H_{p_\theta}(W, V)],$$

where the mapping  $\theta_H : CB(X) \times CB(X) \rightarrow [1, \infty)$  given as follows:

$$\theta_H(U, V) = \max\{\sup_{u \in U} \inf_{v \in V} \theta(u, v), \sup_{v \in V} \inf_{u \in U} \theta(u, v)\}.$$

**Definition 3.2.** Let  $(X, d_\theta)$  be an extended b-metric space and  $p_\theta$  be an extended wt-distance on  $X$ . Let  $T : X \times [0, 1] \rightarrow CB(X)$  be a multi-valued operator. The graph of  $T$  is defined by the set  $G(T) = \{(x, t, y) : x \in X, t \in [0, 1], y \in T(x, t)\}$ . If the graph of  $T$  is closed in  $(X \times [0, 1] \times X, \bar{d}_\theta)$ , where

$$\bar{d}_\theta((x, t, y), (x', t', y')) = d_\theta(x, x') + |t - t'| + d_\theta(y, y'),$$

then  $T$  is called a closed multi-valued operator.

**Theorem 3.3.** *Let  $(X, d_\theta)$  be a complete extended b-metric space such that  $d_\theta$  is a continuous functional in first variable and  $p_\theta$  be an extended wt-distance on  $X$ , where there exists a real number  $M > 1$  such that  $\theta(x, y) < M$  for all  $x, y \in X$ . Let  $K$  be a closed subset of  $X$  and  $O$  be an open subset of  $X$  with  $O \subseteq K$ . Assume that  $T : K \times [0, 1] \rightarrow CB(X)$  is a closed multi-valued mapping satisfying the following conditions:*

- (i)  $x \notin T(x, t)$  for each  $x \in K \setminus O$  and each  $t \in [0, 1]$ .
- (ii) The mapping  $f : K \rightarrow \mathbb{R}$  given by  $f(x) = p_\theta(x, T(x, t))$  is lower semicontinuous for all  $t \in [0, 1]$ .
- (iii) There exist  $b, c \in (0, 1)$  with  $b < c$  and  $Mb < 1$  such that for all  $x \in X$ , there exists  $y \in I_c^{(x,t)}$ , where

$$I_c^{(x,t)} = \{y \in T(x, t) : cp_\theta(x, y) \leq p_\theta(x, T(x, t))\},$$

satisfying the following:

$$H_{p_\theta}(T(x, t), T(y, t)) \leq bp_\theta(x, y).$$

- (iv) There exists  $L > 0$  such that

$$H_{p_\theta}(T(x, t_1), T(x, t_2)) \leq L |t_1 - t_2|.$$

for all  $t_1, t_2 \in [0, 1]$  and for every  $x \in K$ .

- (v) If  $x \in T(x, t)$ , then  $T(x, t) = \{x\}$ .
- (vi) Let  $x \in K$  and  $r > 0, t \in [0, 1]$ . Then, for each  $x^* \in \bar{B}_{d_\theta}(x, r)$  and  $y^* \in K \cup T(x^*, t)$ , the equality  $d_\theta(x, y^*) = p_\theta(x, y^*)$  holds.

(vii) For each  $x_0 \in X$ ,  $\lim_{m,n \rightarrow \infty} \theta(x_m, x_n) \leq \frac{1}{\alpha}$  for all  $x_n \in T(x_0, \cdot)$ .

If  $T(\cdot, 0)$  has a fixed point in  $K$ , then  $T(\cdot, 1)$  has a fixed point in  $K$ .

*Proof.* Let us define the set

$$\Phi = \{t \in [0, 1] : x \in T(x, t) \text{ for some } x \in O\}.$$

Since  $T(\cdot, 0)$  has a fixed point, then  $\Phi$  is nonempty. Now, we show that  $\Phi$  is open and closed in  $[0, 1]$ . Due to the connectedness of  $[0, 1]$ , we will obtain that  $\Phi = [0, 1]$ . For this aim, we first show that  $\Phi$  is closed in  $[0, 1]$ . Let  $(t_n)$  be a sequence in  $\Phi$  such that  $t_n \rightarrow t^* \in [0, 1]$  as  $n \rightarrow \infty$ . Then, from the definition of  $\Phi$ , there exists  $x_n \in O$  such that  $x_n \in T(x_n, t_n)$  for each  $n \in \mathbb{N}$ . Furthermore, for all  $m, n \in \mathbb{N}$ ,

$$\begin{aligned} p_\theta(x_n, x_m) &= H_{p_\theta}(T(x_n, t_n), T(x_m, t_m)) \\ &\leq M[H_{p_\theta}(T(x_n, t_n), T(x_n, t_m)) + H_{p_\theta}(T(x_n, t_m), T(x_m, t_m))] \\ &\leq ML |t_n - t_m| + bp_\theta(x_n, x_m). \end{aligned}$$

Then,  $p_\theta(x_n, x_m) \leq \frac{ML}{1-b} |t_n - t_m|$ . Since every convergent sequence is a Cauchy sequence in  $[0, 1]$ ,  $(t_n)$  is a Cauchy sequence. Therefore, we get that  $\lim_{m,n \rightarrow \infty} p_\theta(x_n, x_m) = 0$  and from Lemma 1.11,  $(x_n)$  is a Cauchy sequence. Since  $(X, d_\theta)$  is complete, there exists an element  $x^*$  such that  $\lim_{n \rightarrow \infty} d_\theta(x_n, x^*) = 0$ . Also,  $T$  is a closed multi-valued mapping, we have that  $(x_n, t_n, x_n) \in G(T)$  and  $(x_n, t_n, x_n) \rightarrow (x^*, t^*, x^*)$  as  $n \rightarrow \infty$ . Thus,  $(x^*, t^*, x^*) \in G(T)$  and from (i), it is clear that  $x^* \in O$  and  $(t^*, x^*) \in \Phi$ . Then, we obtain that  $t^* \in \Phi$  and  $\Phi$  is closed.

Now, we show that  $\Phi$  is open in  $[0, 1]$ . Let  $t_0 \in \Phi$  and  $x_0 \in O$  with  $x_0 \in T(x_0, t_0)$ . Since  $O$  is open in  $X$ , there exists  $r_0 > 0$  such that  $B_{d_\theta}(x_0, r_0) \subseteq O$ . Consider an  $\epsilon > 0$  with  $\epsilon \leq \frac{r_0(1-Mb)}{ML}$ . Let  $t \in (t_0 - \epsilon, t_0 + \epsilon)$ . We show that  $T(x, t) \subseteq \overline{B_{d_\theta}}(x_0, r_0)$ , for all  $x \in \overline{B_{d_\theta}}(x_0, r_0)$ . Let  $y \in T(x, t)$ . Then, from (vi) we obtain the followings:

$$\begin{aligned} d_\theta(y, x_0) &= p_\theta(y, x_0) \\ &= p_\theta(y, T(x_0, t_0)) \\ &\leq H_{p_\theta}(T(x, t), T(x_0, t_0)) \\ &\leq M[H_{p_\theta}(T(x, t), T(x, t_0)) + H_{p_\theta}(T(x, t_0), T(x_0, t_0))] \\ &\leq ML |t - t_0| + Mbp_\theta(x, x_0) \\ &\leq ML\epsilon + Mbr_0 \\ &\leq r_0. \end{aligned}$$

Thus,  $y \in \overline{B_{d_\theta}}(x_0, r_0)$  and for each  $t \in (t_0 - \epsilon, t_0 + \epsilon)$ ,  $T(\cdot, t) : \overline{B_{d_\theta}}(x_0, r_0) \rightarrow CB(\overline{B_{d_\theta}}(x_0, r_0))$ . Therefore all assumptions of Theorem 2.2 are satisfied and there exists a point  $x' \in \overline{B_{d_\theta}}(x_0, r_0)$  such that  $f(x') = p_\theta(x', T(x', t)) = 0$ . Since  $x' \in K$ , from the condition (vi), we get  $d_\theta(x', x') = p_\theta(x', x') = 0$ . Thus, we obtain from Theorem 2.2,  $T$  has a fixed point in  $\overline{B_{d_\theta}}(x_0, r_0) \subseteq K$ . Due to the condition (i), the fixed point has to be in  $O$  for all  $t \in [0, 1]$ . Thus,  $(t_0 - \epsilon, t_0 + \epsilon) \subseteq \Phi$  and  $\Phi$  is open set in  $[0, 1]$ . Consequently,  $T(\cdot, 1)$  has a fixed point.  $\square$

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