

# A NEW RELAXED COMPLEX-VALUED *b*-METRIC TYPE AND FIXED POINT RESULTS

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ABSTRACT. In this paper, we study the existence and uniqueness of fixed point in complex valued *b*-metric spaces and introduce a new relaxed  $\alpha$ ,  $\beta$  Complex-valued *b*-metric type by relaxing the triangle inequality and determine whether the fixed point theorems are applicable in these spaces.

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#### 1. INTRODUCTION

The concept of a *b*-metric was initiated from the contributions of Bourbaki [2] and Bakhtin [1]. Czerwik [3] gave an axiom which was weaker than the triangular inequality and formally defined a *b*-metric space with a view of generalizing the Banach contraction mapping theorem. Later on, Fagin et al. [4] discussed some kind of relaxation in the triangular inequality and called this new distance measure a non-linear elastic pattern matching. In 2011, A. Azzam, B. Fisher and M. Khan introduced the notion of a complex valued metric space and called the complex-valued metric space as an extension of the classical metric space and proved some common fixed point theorems, [5]. In a similar way various authors have studied and proved the fixed point results for mappings satisfying different types of contractive conditions in the framework of complex-valued metric spaces,[6]. In 2013, Rao, et al. introduced the concept of a complex-valued *b*-metric space which is a generalization of the concept of a complex-valued metric space, [8] and subsequent to that A.A Mukheimer obtained common fixed point results, [7]. In this paper, we generalize the concept of a complex-valued *b*-metric and prove the common fixed results satisfying certain expressions in this new space.

#### 2. PRELIMINARIES

Let  $\mathbb{C}$  be the set of complex numbers and if  $z_1, z_2 \in \mathbb{C}$  then define a partial ordering  $\preccurlyeq$  on  $\mathbb{C}$  as follows:

 $z_1 \preccurlyeq z_2 \iff \operatorname{Re}(z_1) \le \operatorname{Re}(z_2) \text{ and } \operatorname{Im}(z_1) \le \operatorname{Im}(z_2)$ 

Futhermore, if  $z_3 \in \mathbb{C}$ , we obtain that following: (i) If  $0 \preccurlyeq z_1 \not\supseteq z_2$  then  $|z_1| < |z_2|$ (ii) If  $z_1 \preccurlyeq z_2$  and  $z_2 \preccurlyeq z_3$  then  $z_1 \preccurlyeq z_3$ (iii) If  $a, b \in \mathbb{R}$  and  $a \le b$  then  $az \preccurlyeq bz$  for all  $z \in \mathbb{C}$ 

**Definition 2.1.** Let X be a non-empty set. A function  $d : X \times X \to \mathbb{C}$  is a complex-valued *b*-metric on X, [8], if there exists a real number  $\alpha \ge 1$  such that the following conditions hold for all  $x, y, z \in X$ :

(i)  $0 \preccurlyeq d(x, y)$  and  $d(x, y) = 0 \iff x = y$ (ii) d(x, y) = d(y, x)(iii)  $d(x, y) \preccurlyeq \alpha [d(x, z) + d(z, y)]$ 

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

**Definition 2.2.** Let X be a non-empty set. A function  $\rho : X \times X \to \mathbb{C}$  is a generalized  $\alpha, \beta$  complex-valued b-metric on X if there exists real numbers  $\alpha, \beta \ge 1$  such that the following conditions hold for all  $x, y, z \in X$ :

(i)  $0 \preccurlyeq \rho(x, y) \text{ and } \rho(x, y) = 0 \iff x = y$ (ii)  $\rho(x, y) = \rho(y, x)$ (iii)  $\rho(x, y) \preccurlyeq \alpha \rho(x, z) + \beta \rho(z, y)$ 

The pair  $(X, \rho)$  is a called a  $\alpha, \beta$  complex-valued *b*-metric space.

The following example justifies the generalization found in the definition.

**Example 2.1.** Let X = (1,3) and let  $\rho : X \times X \to \mathbb{C}$  be a function defined by

$$\rho(x,y) = \begin{cases} e^{|x-y|} + ie^{|x-y|}, & \text{if } x \neq y \\ 0, & \text{iff } x = y. \end{cases}$$

To show that the example is a generalized  $\alpha, \beta$  complex-valued b-metric, we only need to verify the  $\alpha, \beta$  triangle inequality:

$$\begin{aligned} & \text{For } x \neq y, \ z \in X \text{ and } \theta \in (0,1) \\ & \rho(x,y) \preccurlyeq (1+i)e^{|x-z|+|z-y|} \\ & = (1+i)e^{\theta|x-z|+(1-\theta)|z-y|}e^{(1-\theta)|x-z|+\theta|z-y|} \\ & \preccurlyeq \sup_{x,y,z \in X} e^{\theta|x-z|+(1-\theta)|z-y|} \left( (1-\theta)(1+i)e^{|x-z|} + \theta(1+i)e^{|z-y|} \right) \\ & \preccurlyeq (1-\theta)e^2(1+i)e^{|x-z|} + \theta(1+i)e^2e^{|z-y|} \\ & = (1-\theta)e^2\rho(x,z) + \theta e^2\rho(z,y). \end{aligned}$$

For  $\theta = \frac{1}{3}$  we have constants  $\alpha = \frac{2}{3}e^2$  and  $\beta = \frac{1}{3}e^2$ .

One introduces a topology on a generalized  $\alpha, \beta$  b-metric space  $(X, \rho)$  in the usual way. The open ball  $B(x, \epsilon)$  with centre  $x \in X$  and radius  $0 \prec \epsilon \in \mathbb{C}$  is given by

$$B(x,\epsilon) = \{ y \in X : \rho(x,y) \prec \epsilon \}$$

A subset A of X is open if for every  $x \in A$  there is a number  $0 \prec \epsilon \in \mathbb{C}$  such that  $B(x, \epsilon) \subseteq A$ .

**Definition 2.3.** Let  $(X, \rho)$  be a generalized  $\alpha, \beta$  complex-valued *b*-metric space, and let  $\{x_n\}$  be a sequence in X and  $x \in X$ . Then:

- (i) The sequence  $\{x_n\}$  converges to  $x \in X$ , if for every  $0 \prec \epsilon \in \mathbb{C}$  then there is  $N \in \mathbb{N}$  such that  $\rho(x_n, x) \prec \epsilon$ . The sequence  $\{x_n\}$  converges to  $x \in X \iff |\rho(x_n, x)| \to 0$  as  $n \to \infty$ , [8].
- (ii) The sequence  $\{x_n\}$  is a Cauchy in  $(X, \rho)$  if for every  $\epsilon \in \mathbb{C}$  there is  $N \in \mathbb{N}$  such that  $\rho(x_n, x_{n+m}) \prec \epsilon$ , where  $m \in \mathbb{N}$ . The sequence  $\{x_n\}$  is a Cauchy in  $(X, \rho) \iff |\rho(x_n, x_{n+m})| \to 0$  as  $n \to \infty$ , where  $m \in \mathbb{N}$ , [8].
- (iii) The space  $(X, \rho)$  is complete if every Cauchy sequence  $\{x_n\}$  in X converges to a point  $x \in X$ .

# 3. Fixed point theorem for generalized $\alpha,\beta$ complex-valued b-metric spaces

As a consequence of (iii) of definition 2.2 , the  $\alpha,\beta$  triangle inequality, we get for  $n,m\in\mathbb{N}$  with m>n

(3.1)  

$$\rho(x_n, x_m) \\
\preccurlyeq \alpha \rho(x_n, x_{n+1}) + \beta \rho(x_{n+1}, x_m) \\
\preccurlyeq \alpha \rho(x_n, x_{n+1}) + \beta [\alpha \rho(x_{n+1}, x_{n+2}) + \beta \rho(x_{n+2}, x_m)]$$

Successively applying the  $\alpha, \beta$  triangle inequality, we obtain

(3.2) 
$$\rho(x_n, x_m) \preccurlyeq \alpha \sum_{i=0}^{m-n-2} \beta^i \rho(x_{n+i}, x_{n+i+1}) + \beta^{m-n-1} \rho(x_{m-1}, x_m).$$

This theorem is a generalization of the fixed point theorem studied by Mishra, et al., in [9].

**Theorem 3.1.** Let  $(X, \rho)$  be a complete generalized  $\alpha, \beta$  complex-valued b-metric space and  $T: X \to X$  a mapping such that

$$\rho(Tx, Ty) \preccurlyeq a\rho(x, Tx) + b\rho(y, Ty) + c\rho(x, y)$$

for all  $x, y \in X$ , where a, b, and c are non-negative real numbers satisfying  $a + \beta(b + c) < 1$ , then T has a unique fixed point.

*Proof.* We begin by proving that for  $x_0 \in X$ , the sequence  $\{x_n\}$  generated by the recussive formula  $x_n = Tx_{n-1} = T^n x_0$  is a Cauchy sequence in X. For  $n \in \mathbb{N}$  we obtain

(3.3) 
$$\rho(x_{n+2}, x_{n+1}) = \rho(Tx_{n+1}, Tx_n)$$
$$\leq a\rho(x_{n+1}, Tx_{n+1}) + b\rho(x_n, Tx_n) + c\rho(x_{n+1}, x_n)$$
$$\leq a\rho(x_{n+2}, x_{n+1}) + b\rho(x_{n+1}, x_n) + c\rho(x_{n+1}, x_n)$$
$$\leq a\rho(x_{n+2}, x_{n+1}) + (b+c)\rho(x_{n+1}, x_n)$$

(3.5) 
$$(1-a)\rho(x_{n+2}, x_{n+1}) \preccurlyeq (b+c)\rho(x_{n+1}, x_n)$$
$$\rho(x_{n+2}, x_{n+1}) \preccurlyeq \left(\frac{b+c}{1-a}\right)\rho(x_{n+1}, x_n)$$

If we let  $\gamma = \left(\frac{b+c}{1-a}\right)$  then repeated use of (3.5) we get

(3.6) 
$$\rho(x_{n+2}, x_{n+1}) \preccurlyeq \gamma^{n+1} \rho(x_1, x_0).$$

Using (3.2) and (3.6) for  $k \in \mathbb{N}$ , we get

(3.7)

Now,

(3.8) 
$$|\rho(x_n, x_{n+k+1})| \le \gamma^n \frac{\alpha}{(1-\beta\gamma)} \rho(x_0, x_1)$$

Since  $a + \beta(b + c) < 1$  for  $\beta \ge 1$  then  $\beta\gamma < 1$  and  $\gamma < 1$ . Taking the limit  $n \to \infty$  we get  $\gamma^n \to 0$ , which implies that  $|\rho(x_n, x_{n+k+1})| \to 0$  as  $n \to \infty$  thus the sequence  $\{x_n\}$  is a Cauchy sequence. Since X is a complete  $\alpha, \beta$  complex-valued b-metric space the sequence converges to  $x^* \in X$ . We show that  $x^*$  is a fixed point of T. Using the  $\alpha, \beta$  triangle inequality, we have

(3.9)  

$$\rho(x^*, Tx^*) \preccurlyeq \alpha \rho(x^*, x_{n+1}) + \beta \rho(x_{n+1}, Tx^*) 
\preccurlyeq \alpha \rho(x^*, x_{n+1}) + \beta \rho(Tx_n, Tx^*) 
\preccurlyeq \alpha \rho(x^*, x_{n+1}) + \beta [a\rho(x_n, Tx_n) + b\rho(x^*, Tx^*) + c\rho(x_n, x^*)]$$

(3.10) 
$$(1 - b\beta)\rho(x^*, Tx^*) \preccurlyeq \alpha\rho(x^*, x_{n+1}) + a\beta\rho(x_n, Tx_n) + c\beta\rho(x_n, x^*)$$
$$\rho(x^*, Tx^*) \preccurlyeq \frac{1}{(1 - b\beta)} [\alpha\rho(x^*, x_{n+1}) + a\beta\rho(x_n, x_{n+1}) + c\beta\rho(x_n, x^*)]$$

Taking the absolute value of both sides, we get

(3.11) 
$$\begin{aligned} |\rho(x^*, Tx^*)| &\leq \frac{1}{(1-b\beta)} \left| \left[ \alpha \rho(x^*, x_{n+1}) + a\beta \rho(x_n, x_{n+1}) + c\beta \rho(x_n, x^*) \right] \right| \\ &\leq \frac{1}{(1-b\beta)} \left| \alpha \rho(x^*, x_{n+1}) \right| + a\beta \gamma^n \left| \rho(x_0, x_1) \right| + c\beta \left| \rho(x_n, x^*) \right| \end{aligned}$$

Since  $x_n$  converges to  $x^*$ , taking limit  $n \to \infty$  implies that  $|\rho(x^*, Tx^*)| \to 0$  which yields  $x^* = Tx^*$ . To show uniqueness of the fixed point. Assume that there exists  $x^{**} \in X$  such that  $Tx^{**} = x^{**}$ . Then

(3.12) 
$$\rho(x^{**}, x^{*}) = \rho(Tx^{**}, Tx^{*}) \preccurlyeq a\rho(x^{**}, Tx^{**}) + b\rho(x^{*}, Tx^{*}) + c\rho(x^{*}, x^{**})$$

which implies that  $\rho(x^{**}, x^*) \preccurlyeq c\rho(x^*, x^{**})$ . Taking the absolute value of both sides, we get  $|\rho(x^{**}, x^*)| \le c |\rho(x^*, x^{**})|$ . This implies that  $\rho(x^*, x^{**}) = 0$ . Thus  $x^* = x^{**}$ .

**Theorem 3.2.** Let  $(X, \rho)$  be a complete generalized complex-valued  $\alpha, \beta$  b-metric space and let  $T: X \to X$  be a mapping such that

(3.13) 
$$\rho(Tx,Ty) \preccurlyeq a\rho(x,Ty) + b\rho(y,Tx)$$

for every  $x, y \in X$ , where a, b are non-negative constants with  $\beta b < \frac{1}{1+\alpha}$ . Then T has a fixed point in X and has a unique fixed point if a + b < 1.

*Proof.* Let  $x_0 \in X$  be fixed then consider the sequence generated by the formula  $x_n = Tx_{n-1} = T^n x_0$ . Let  $n \in \mathbb{N}$  then we get

(3.14)  

$$\rho(x_{n+2}, x_{n+1}) = \rho(Tx_{n+1}, Tx_n) \\
\Rightarrow a\rho(x_{n+1}, Tx_n) + b\rho(x_n, Tx_{n+1}) \\
= a\rho(x_{n+1}, x_{n+1}) + b\rho(x_n, x_{n+2}) \\
= b\rho(x_n, x_{n+2}) \\
\Rightarrow b\alpha\rho(x_n, x_{n+1}) + b\beta\rho(x_{n+1}, x_{n+2}) \\
(1 - b\beta)\rho(x_{n+2}, x_{n+1}) \\
\Rightarrow b\alpha\rho(x_n, x_{n+1}) \\
\Rightarrow b\alpha\rho(x_n, x_{n+1}) \\
\end{cases}$$

Letting  $\gamma = \frac{b\alpha}{1-b\beta}$  and repeated use of (3.14) yields

(3.15)  

$$\rho(x_{n+1}, x_{n+2}) \preccurlyeq \gamma \rho(x_n, x_{n+1}) 
\preccurlyeq \gamma^2 \rho(x_{n-1}, x_n) 
\vdots 
\preccurlyeq \gamma^{n+1} \rho(x_0, x_1)$$

## Let $m \in \mathbb{N}$ then

$$\begin{split} \rho(x_{n}, x_{n+m}) \\ &\preccurlyeq \alpha \rho(x_{n}, x_{n+1}) + \beta \rho(x_{n+1}, x_{n+m}) \\ &\preccurlyeq \alpha \rho(x_{n}, x_{n+1}) + \beta \left[ \alpha \rho(x_{n+1}, x_{n+2}) + \beta \rho(x_{n+2}, x_{n+m}) \right] \\ &\preccurlyeq \alpha \rho(x_{n}, x_{n+1}) + \alpha \beta \rho(x_{n+1}, x_{n+2}) + \dots + \alpha \beta^{m-2} \rho(x_{n+m-2}, x_{n+m-1}) + \beta^{m-1} \rho(x_{n+m-1}, x_{n+m}) \\ &\preccurlyeq \alpha \gamma^{n} \rho(x_{0}, x_{1}) + \alpha \beta \gamma^{n+1} \rho(x_{0}, x_{1}) + \dots + \alpha \gamma^{n+m-2} \beta^{m-2} \rho(x_{0}, x_{1}) + \beta^{m-1} \gamma^{n+m-1} \rho(x_{0}, x_{1}) \\ &\preccurlyeq \alpha \gamma^{n} \rho(x_{0}, x_{1}) \left[ 1 + \beta \gamma + \dots + \gamma^{m-2} \beta^{m-2} \right] + \beta^{m-1} \gamma^{n+m-1} \rho(x_{0}, x_{1}) \\ &\preccurlyeq \alpha \gamma^{n} \rho(x_{0}, x_{1}) \left[ \frac{1 - (\beta \gamma)^{m-1}}{1 - \beta \gamma} \right] + \beta^{m-1} \gamma^{n+m-1} \rho(x_{0}, x_{1}) \\ &\preccurlyeq \alpha \frac{\gamma^{n}}{1 - \beta \gamma} \rho(x_{0}, x_{1}) \left[ \alpha - (\beta \gamma)^{m-1} (\alpha - 1 + \beta \gamma) \right] \\ &\prec \alpha \frac{\gamma^{n}}{1 - \beta \gamma} \rho(x_{0}, x_{1}) \end{split}$$

Since  $\beta b < \frac{1}{1+\alpha}$  then  $0 < \gamma < \frac{1}{\beta}$  and  $\beta \gamma < 1$ . Taking the limit  $n \to \infty$ , we get  $\gamma^n \to 0$ . This implies that  $|\rho(x_n, x_{n+m})| \to 0$  as  $n \to \infty$ . The sequence  $\{x_n\}$  is a Cauchy sequence in X. Since  $(X, \rho)$  is a complete complex-valued b-metric space then  $\{x_n\}$  converges to  $x^* \in X$ . We show that  $x^*$  is a fixed point of T.

$$\rho(x^*, Tx^*) \preccurlyeq \alpha \rho(x^*, x_n) + \beta \rho(x_n, Tx^*)$$

$$= \alpha \rho(x^*, x_n) + \beta \rho(Tx_{n-1}, Tx^*)$$

$$\preccurlyeq \alpha \rho(x^*, x_n) + \beta \left[a\rho(x_{n-1}, Tx^*) + b\rho(Tx_{n-1}, Tx^*)\right]$$

$$= \alpha \rho(x^*, x_n) + \beta a\rho(x_{n-1}, Tx^*) + \beta b\rho(x_n, x^*)$$

$$\preccurlyeq (\alpha + \beta b)\rho(x_n, x^*) + \beta a\alpha \rho(x_{n-1}, x^*) + a\beta^2 \rho(x^*, Tx^*)$$

$$(3.16) \qquad [1 - a\beta^2]\rho(x^*, Tx^*) \preccurlyeq (\alpha + \beta b)\rho(x_n, x^*) + a\beta \alpha \rho(x_{n-1}, x^*)$$

Since  $\{x_n\}$  converges to  $x^*$  we get  $|\rho(x^*, x_n)| \to 0$  as  $n \to \infty$ , and taking the absolute value of both sides of (3.16) we obtain  $|\rho(x^*, Tx^*)| \leq 0$  thus  $\rho(x^*, Tx^*) = 0$ , which implies that  $Tx^* = x^*$ .

To prove the uniqueness of the fixed point we assume that there  $x^*, x^{**} \in X$  such that  $Tx^* = x^*$  and  $Tx^{**} = x^{**}$ . Now

(3.17) 
$$\rho(x^*, x^{**}) = \rho(Tx^*, Tx^{**})$$

$$(3.18) \qquad \qquad \preccurlyeq a\rho(x^*, Tx^{**}) + b\rho(x^{**}, Tx^*)$$

(3.19) 
$$= a\rho(x^*, x^{**}) + b\rho(x^{**}, x^*)$$

$$(3.20) \qquad \qquad = (a+b)\rho(x^*, x^{**})$$

Thus we get  $|\rho(x^*, x^{**})| \le |(a+b)| |\rho(x^*, x^{**})|$ . Since a+b < 1 we get  $|\rho(x^*, x^{**})| = 0$  thus  $x^* = x^{**}$ .

Author Kir et. al., studied the following fixed point theorem in *b*-metric spaces and we generalized the result into a  $\alpha$ ,  $\beta$  complex-valued *b*-metric spaces, [10].

**Theorem 3.3.** Let  $(X, \rho)$  be a  $\alpha, \beta$  complex-valued b-metric space and let  $T : X \to X$  be a mapping such that

$$\rho(Tx, Ty) \preccurlyeq \lambda[\rho(x, Tx) + \rho(y, Ty)],$$

where  $\lambda \in [0, \frac{1}{2})$ , for all  $x, y \in X$ . Then T has a unique fixed point.

*Proof.* We begin by showing that for  $x_0 \in X$  fixed, the sequence  $\{x_n\}$  where  $x_n = Tx_{n-1} = T^n x_0$  is a Cauchy sequence in  $(X, \rho)$ .

For  $n \in \mathbb{N}$ , we have

For  $m, n \in X$ 

Repeated use of (3.21), for  $n \in \mathbb{N}$ , we get

$$\rho(x_{n+2}, x_{n+1}) \preccurlyeq \left(\frac{\lambda}{1-\lambda}\right)^{n+1} \rho(x_1, x_0).$$

$$\begin{split} \rho(x_n, x_{n+m}) \\ &\preccurlyeq \alpha \rho(x_n, x_{n+1}) + \beta \rho(x_{n+1}, x_{n+m}) \\ &\preccurlyeq \alpha \rho(x_n, x_{n+1}) + \beta \alpha \rho(x_{n+1}, x_{n+2}) + \beta^2 \rho(x_{n+2}, x_{n+m}) \\ &\preccurlyeq \alpha \rho(x_n, x_{n+1}) + \alpha \beta \rho(x_{n+1}, x_{n+2}) + \dots + \alpha \beta^{m-2} \rho(x_{n+m-2}, x_{n+m-1}) \\ &+ \beta^{m-1} \rho(x_{n+m-1}, x_{n+m}) \\ &\preccurlyeq \alpha \left(\frac{\lambda}{1-\lambda}\right)^n \rho(x_0, x_1) + \alpha \beta \left(\frac{\lambda}{1-\lambda}\right)^{n+1} \rho(x_0, x_1) + \dots + \alpha \beta^{m-2} \left(\frac{\lambda}{1-\lambda}\right)^{n+m-2} \rho(x_0, x_1) \\ &+ \beta^{m-1} \left(\frac{\lambda}{1-\lambda}\right)^{n+m-1} \rho(x_0, x_1) \\ &= \alpha \left(\frac{\lambda}{1-\lambda}\right)^n \rho(x_0, x_1) \left[1 + \beta \left(\frac{\lambda}{1-\lambda}\right) + \dots + \beta^{m-2} \left(\frac{\lambda}{1-\lambda}\right)^{m-2}\right] + \beta^{m-1} \left(\frac{\lambda}{1-\lambda}\right)^{n+m-1} \rho(x_0, x_1) \end{split}$$

Since  $\lambda \in [0, \frac{1}{2})$  implies that  $0 \leq \frac{\lambda}{1-\lambda} < 1$ . Taking the absolute value of both sides we get  $|\rho(x_n, x_m)| \to 0$  as  $n \to \infty$ . It follows that that the sequence  $\{x_n\}$  is a Cauchy sequence in  $(X, \rho)$ . Since  $(X, \rho)$  is complete there exists a  $x^* \in X$  such that

$$\lim_{n \to \infty} \rho(x_n, x^*) = 0$$

We now show that  $x^*$  is a fixed point of the mapping T.

(3.22)  

$$\rho(x^*, Tx^*) \preccurlyeq \alpha \rho(x^*, x_n) + \beta \rho(x_n, Tx^*) 
= \alpha \rho(x^*, x_n) + \beta \rho(Tx_{n-1}, Tx^*) 
\preccurlyeq \alpha \rho(x^*, x_n) + \beta \lambda \rho(x_{n-1}, Tx_{n-1}) + \beta \lambda \rho(x^*, Tx^*) 
\preccurlyeq \alpha \rho(x^*, x_n) + \beta \lambda \rho(x_{n-1}, x_n)$$

Taking the absolute value of both sides of (3.22) and taking  $n \to \infty$ , we obtain  $\rho(x^*, Tx^*) = 0$ . This implies that  $x^*$  is a fixed point of T.

To prove the uniqueness of the fixed point we assume that there  $x^*, x^{**} \in X$  such that  $Tx^* = x^*$  and  $Tx^{**} = x^{**}$ . Now

$$\rho(x^*, x^{**}) = \rho(Tx^*, Tx^{**})$$
  

$$\preccurlyeq \lambda \left[ \rho(x^*, Tx^*) + \rho(x^{**}, Tx^{**}) \right]$$
  

$$= 0$$

Thus we get  $|\rho(x^*, x^{**})| \leq 0$ , which implies that  $x^* = x^{**}$ . Hence  $x^*$  is a unique fixed point.

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## 4. CONCLUSION

In this paper we have presented a relaxed  $\alpha, \beta$  complex-valued *b*-metric and proved some fixed point results for this new class of a generalized metric. The generalization may bring a wider applications of fixed point results. We have shown that for complex-valued *b*-metric spaces the mappings that have fixed points have fixed points in the generalized space.

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