

Fixed points of  $(F^*, \mathcal{V}^*)$ -weak contractions by generalized altering distancesG. V. R. Babu<sup>1</sup>, P. A. Kameswari<sup>2</sup> and P. Mounika<sup>3\*</sup>

**Abstract:** We define  $(F^*, \mathcal{V}^*)$ -contraction and  $(F^*, \mathcal{V}^*)$ -weak contraction where  $\mathcal{V}^*$  is a generalized altering distance function and prove the existence and uniqueness of fixed points of these maps in complete metric spaces. Further, we extend it to  $(F^*, \mathcal{V}^*)$ -contraction in orbits by using  $\Lambda$ -orbitally continuity. Our results generalize the result of Wardowski, Theorem 2.1, [10].

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## I. INTRODUCTION

In the direction of generalization of contraction condition, Wardowski [10] introduced a new concept namely,  $F$ -contraction as follows:

**Definition 1.1.**[10] Let  $\mathcal{G}$  be the family of all functions  $F: (0, \infty) \rightarrow \mathbb{R}$  satisfying the following conditions:

$(F_1)$ : For any  $\iota, \kappa \in (0, +\infty)$ ,  $\iota < \kappa$  implies  $F(\iota) < F(\kappa)$

$(F_2)$ :  $\lim_{n \rightarrow +\infty} \iota_n = 0 \Leftrightarrow \lim_{n \rightarrow +\infty} F(\iota_n) = -\infty$ , for any  $\{\iota_n\} \subset (0, +\infty)$ .

$(F_3)$ : There exists a number  $k \in (0, 1)$  such that  $\lim_{\iota \rightarrow 0^+} \iota^k F(\iota) = 0$ .

We denote  $\mathcal{G} = \{F: (0, \infty) \rightarrow \mathbb{R} / F \text{ satisfies } (F_1) - (F_3)\}$ .

**Example 1.1.** [10] The following functions belong to  $\mathcal{G}$ . For  $\iota > 0$ ,

- i)  $F(\iota) = -\frac{1}{\sqrt{\iota}}$
- ii)  $F(\iota) = \iota + \ln \iota$
- iii)  $F(\iota) = \ln \iota$

iv)  $F(\iota) = \ln(\iota^2 + \iota)$ .

We denote  $\mathcal{G}^*$ , the family of all functions  $F^*$  which satisfy the conditions  $(F_1)$  and  $(F_2)$ . Here we observe that  $\mathcal{G} \subset \mathcal{G}^*$ .

**Example 1.2.** The following functions belong to  $\mathcal{G}^*$ , but not to  $\mathcal{G}$ . For  $\iota > 0$ ,

- i)  $F(\iota) = -\frac{1}{\iota} + \ln \iota + \iota$
- ii)  $F(\iota) = -\frac{1}{\sqrt{\iota}} + \ln \iota$ .

**Definition 1.2.** [10] Let  $(\mathfrak{E}, \varrho)$  be a metric space. Let  $\Lambda: \mathfrak{E} \rightarrow \mathfrak{E}$ . If there exist  $\Gamma > 0$  and  $F \in \mathcal{G}$  such that

$$(1.1) \quad \varrho(\Lambda \lambda, \Lambda \wp) > 0 \Rightarrow \Gamma + F(\varrho(\Lambda \lambda, \Lambda \wp)) \leq F(\varrho(\lambda, \wp))$$

for all  $\lambda, \wp$  in  $\mathfrak{E}$ , then  $\Lambda$  is said to be an  $F$ -contraction.

Wardowski [10] observed that every  $F$ -contraction is a continuous mapping.

**Theorem 1.1.** (Theorem 2.1, [10]) Let  $(\mathfrak{E}, \varrho)$  be a complete metric space and let  $\Lambda: \mathfrak{E} \rightarrow \mathfrak{E}$  be an  $F$ -contraction. Then  $\Lambda$  has a unique fixed point

$\lambda^* \in \Xi$  and for every  $\lambda_0 \in \Xi$ ,  $\{\Lambda^n \lambda_0\}_{n \in \mathbb{N}}$  is convergent to  $\lambda^*$ .

For more works on  $\mathbb{F}$ -contractions and related results on existence of fixed points, we refer [6],[11].

Further, in 2020, Alfaqih, Imdad and Gubran [1], introduced the following class of functions.

Let  $\mathcal{G}' = \{\mathbb{F}: (0, \infty) \rightarrow \mathbb{R} / \lim_{n \rightarrow \infty} \mathbb{F}(t_n) = -\infty \Rightarrow \lim_{n \rightarrow \infty} t_n = 0 \text{ for any } \{t_n\} \subset (0, \infty)\}$ .

Obviously,  $\mathcal{G} \subset \mathcal{G}'$ . But its converse is not true and it was shown in Example 2.1 and Example 2.2 [1].

**Definition 1.3.** [1] Let  $(\Xi, \varrho)$  be a metric space. Let  $\Lambda: \Xi \rightarrow \Xi$ . If there exist  $\Gamma > 0$  and  $\mathbb{F} \in \mathcal{G}'$  such that

$$(1.2) \quad \varrho(\Lambda \lambda, \Lambda \wp) > 0 \Rightarrow \Gamma + \mathbb{F}(\varrho(\Lambda \lambda, \Lambda \wp)) \leq \mathbb{F}(m(\lambda, \wp))$$

where  $(\lambda, \wp) = \max \{\varrho(\lambda, \wp), \varrho(\lambda, \Lambda \lambda), \varrho(\wp, \Lambda \wp)\}$ , for all  $\lambda, \wp$  in  $\Xi$ , then  $\Lambda$  is said to be an  $\mathbb{F}'$ -weak contraction.

**Theorem 1.2.** (Theorem 2.1, [1]) Let  $(\Xi, \varrho)$  be a complete metric space and  $\Lambda: \Xi \rightarrow \Xi$  an  $\mathbb{F}'$ -weak contraction. If  $\mathbb{F}'$  is continuous, then

- $\Lambda$  has a unique fixed point  $\mathfrak{1}$  in  $\Xi$ ,
- $\lim_{n \rightarrow \infty} \Lambda^n \lambda = \mathfrak{1}$  for all  $\lambda \in \Xi$ .

Moreover,  $\Lambda$  is continuous at  $\mathfrak{1}$  if and only if  $\lim_{\lambda \rightarrow \mathfrak{1}} m(\lambda, \mathfrak{1}) = 0$ .

In 1984, Khan, Swaleh and Sessa [4] considered contraction condition with an altering distance function to prove the existence of fixed points in complete metric spaces.

**Definition 1.4.** [4] Let  $\Upsilon: \mathbb{R}^+ \rightarrow \mathbb{R}^+$  ( $\mathbb{R}^+ = [0, \infty)$ ) be a function. If  $\Upsilon$  satisfies the conditions

( $\Upsilon_1$ )  $\Upsilon$  is continuous

( $\Upsilon_2$ )  $\Upsilon$  is monotonically increasing, and

( $\Upsilon_3$ )  $\Upsilon(j) = 0 \Leftrightarrow j = 0$

then  $\Upsilon$  is said to be an *altering distance function* or *control function*.

We denote the class of all altering distance functions by  $\Upsilon$ .

For more details on altering distance functions and results based on altering distance functions, we refer Naidu [5], Sastry and Babu [7] and [8].

A function  $\Upsilon$  that satisfies ( $\Upsilon_1$ ) and ( $\Upsilon_3$ ), we call  $\Upsilon$  a *generalized altering distance function*.

We denote  $\Upsilon^* = \{\Upsilon: \mathbb{R}^+ \rightarrow \mathbb{R}^+ / \Upsilon \text{ satisfies } (\Upsilon_1) \text{ and } (\Upsilon_3)\}$ . Here we note that  $\Upsilon \subset \Upsilon^*$ .

Motivated by the works of Alfaqih, Imdad and Gubran [1], we extend these results to find the existence and uniqueness of fixed points by using generalized altering distance functions.

In Section 2, we define  $(\mathbb{F}^*, \Upsilon^*)$ -contraction, where  $\mathbb{F}^* \in \mathcal{G}^*$  and  $\Upsilon^* \in \Upsilon^*$  and prove the existence and uniqueness of fixed points in complete metric spaces. We discuss the importance of  $\Upsilon^*$  and provide examples in support of our results. In Section 3, we extend the result of Wardowski [10] to orbits, which generalizes the result of Wardowski [10].

## II. Main results

**Definition 2.1.** Let  $\Lambda$  be a selfmap on a metric space  $(\Xi, \varrho)$ . If there exist  $\Upsilon^* \in \Upsilon^*$ ,  $\mathbb{F}^* \in \mathcal{G}^*$  and  $\Gamma > 0$  such that  $\varrho(\Lambda \lambda, \Lambda \wp) > 0$  implies that

$$(2.1) \quad \Gamma + \mathbb{F}^*(\Upsilon^*(\varrho(\Lambda \lambda, \Lambda \wp))) \leq \mathbb{F}^*(\Upsilon^*(\varrho(\lambda, \wp)))$$

for all  $\lambda, \wp \in \Xi$ , then we say that  $\Lambda$  is a  $(\mathbb{F}^*, \Upsilon^*)$ -contraction.

**Example 2.1.** Let  $\Xi = [0, 1]$  with the usual metric.

We define  $\Lambda: \Xi \rightarrow \Xi$  by  $\Lambda \lambda = \frac{\lambda}{\lambda+2}$  and

$\Upsilon^*: \mathbb{R}^+ \rightarrow \mathbb{R}^+$  by  $\Upsilon^*(j) = j^2, j \geq 0$ . Then  $\Upsilon^* \in \Upsilon^*$ .

We define  $\mathbb{F}^* \in \mathcal{G}^*$  by  $\mathbb{F}^*(t) = -\frac{1}{\sqrt{t}} + \ln t, t > 0$ .

We choose  $\Gamma = \ln 2 > 0$ . For this  $\Gamma$ , we have

$$\begin{aligned} \Gamma + \mathbb{F}^*(\Upsilon^*(\varrho(\Lambda \lambda, \Lambda \wp))) &= \ln 2 + \mathbb{F}^*\left(\Upsilon^*\left(\varrho\left(\frac{\lambda}{\lambda+2}, \frac{\wp}{\wp+2}\right)\right)\right) \\ &= \ln 2 + \mathbb{F}^*\left(\Upsilon^*\left(\left|\frac{\lambda}{\lambda+2} - \frac{\wp}{\wp+2}\right|\right)\right) \\ &= \ln 2 + \mathbb{F}^*\left(\left|\frac{\lambda}{\lambda+2} - \frac{\wp}{\wp+2}\right|^2\right) \\ &= \ln 2 + \mathbb{F}^*\left(\left|\frac{2|\lambda-\wp|}{(\lambda+2)(\wp+2)}\right|^2\right) \end{aligned}$$

$$\begin{aligned}
&= \ln 2 - \frac{1}{\sqrt{\frac{2|\lambda-\wp|}{(\lambda+2)(\wp+2)}}} + \ln \left( \frac{2|\lambda-\wp|}{(\lambda+2)(\wp+2)} \right)^2 \\
&= \ln 2 - \frac{|\lambda+2)(\wp+2)|}{2|\lambda-\wp|} + 2 \ln(2|\lambda-\wp|) \\
&\quad - 2 \ln |(\lambda+2)(\wp+2)| \\
&\leq \ln 2 - \frac{4}{2|\lambda-\wp|} + 2 \ln 2 + 2 \ln |\lambda-\wp| \\
&\quad - 2 \ln 4 \\
&= 2 \ln |\lambda-\wp| - \frac{2}{|\lambda-\wp|} - \ln 2 \\
&< 2 \ln |\lambda-\wp| - \frac{1}{\sqrt{|\lambda-\wp|^2}} \\
&= \ln |\lambda-\wp|^2 - \frac{1}{\sqrt{|\lambda-\wp|^2}} \\
&= F^*(|\lambda-\wp|^2) \\
&= F^*(\mathcal{V}^*(\varrho(\lambda, \wp))).
\end{aligned}$$

Therefore  $\Lambda$  satisfies the inequality (2.1), so that  $\Lambda$  is a  $(F^*, \mathcal{V}^*)$ -contraction.

**Theorem 2.1.** Let  $(\Xi, \varrho)$  be a complete metric space. Let  $\Lambda: \Xi \rightarrow \Xi$  be a  $(F^*, \mathcal{V}^*)$ -contraction and  $F^*$  is continuous. Suppose that  $\lambda_0 \in \Xi$ . We define  $\{\lambda_n\}$  in  $\Xi$  by  $\lambda_{n+1} = \Lambda \lambda_n, n = 0, 1, 2, \dots$ . If  $\Lambda$  is continuous, then  $\Lambda$  has a unique fixed point  $\lambda^*$  in  $\Xi$ .

**Proof.** Let  $\lambda_0 \in \Xi$ . We define the sequence  $\lambda_{n+1} = \Lambda \lambda_n$  for  $n = 0, 1, 2, \dots$ .

If  $\lambda_{n+1} = \lambda_n$  for some  $n$ , then we have  $\Lambda \lambda_n = \lambda_n$ . By choosing  $\lambda_1 = \lambda_n$ , we have  $\Lambda \lambda_1 = \lambda_1$ , and the conclusion of the theorem follows.

We now assume, without loss of generality, that  $\lambda_n \neq \lambda_{n+1}$ , for every  $n \in \mathbb{N}$ .

By taking  $\lambda = \lambda_n$  and  $\wp = \lambda_{n-1}$  in (2.1), we have  $\Gamma + F^*(\mathcal{V}^*(\varrho(\Lambda \lambda_n, \Lambda \lambda_{n-1}))) \leq F^*(\mathcal{V}^*(\varrho(\lambda_n, \lambda_{n-1})))$

and hence

$$\begin{aligned}
&F^*(\mathcal{V}^*(\varrho(\lambda_{n+1}, \lambda_n))) \\
&\leq F^*(\mathcal{V}^*(\varrho(\lambda_n, \lambda_{n-1}))) - \Gamma \\
&\leq F^*(\mathcal{V}^*(\varrho(\lambda_{n-1}, \lambda_{n-2}))) - 2\Gamma \\
&\vdots \\
&\leq F^*(\mathcal{V}^*(\varrho(\lambda_1, \lambda_0))) - n\Gamma.
\end{aligned}$$

On letting  $n \rightarrow \infty$ , it follows that

$$\lim_{n \rightarrow \infty} F^*(\mathcal{V}^*(\varrho(\lambda_{n+1}, \lambda_n))) = -\infty.$$

By using  $(F_2)$ , we have

$$\lim_{n \rightarrow \infty} \mathcal{V}^*(\varrho(\lambda_{n+1}, \lambda_n)) = 0.$$

This implies that  $\mathcal{V}^*(\lim_{n \rightarrow \infty} \varrho(\lambda_{n+1}, \lambda_n)) = 0$ .

Hence, by applying  $(\mathcal{V}_3)$ , we have

$$\lim_{n \rightarrow \infty} \varrho(\lambda_{n+1}, \lambda_n) = 0.$$

Now, if  $\{\lambda_n\}$  is not Cauchy, then by Lemma 1.4 of [2], there exist  $\varsigma > 0$  and sequences of positive integers  $\{m_k\}$  and  $\{n_k\}$  with  $m_k > n_k > k$  such that  $\varrho(\lambda_{m_k}, \lambda_{n_k}) \geq \varsigma$  and  $\varrho(\lambda_{m_k-1}, \lambda_{n_k}) < \varsigma$  and  $\lim_{k \rightarrow \infty} \varrho(\lambda_{m_k}, \lambda_{n_k}) = \varsigma$ ,

$$\lim_{k \rightarrow \infty} \varrho(\lambda_{m_k-1}, \lambda_{n_k-1}) = \varsigma \text{ and}$$

$$\lim_{k \rightarrow \infty} \varrho(\lambda_{m_k-1}, \lambda_{n_k}) = \varsigma.$$

By taking  $\lambda = \lambda_{m_k}$  and  $\wp = \lambda_{n_k}$  in (2.1), we have

$$\begin{aligned}
\Gamma + F^*(\mathcal{V}^*(\varrho(\lambda_{m_k}, \lambda_{n_k}))) \\
&= \Gamma + F^*(\mathcal{V}^*(\varrho(\Lambda \lambda_{m_k-1}, \Lambda \lambda_{n_k-1}))) \\
&\leq F^*(\mathcal{V}^*(\varrho(\lambda_{m_k-1}, \lambda_{n_k-1}))).
\end{aligned}$$

Since  $F^*$  and  $\mathcal{V}^*$  are continuous and on letting  $k \rightarrow \infty$ , we have

$$\Gamma + F^*(\mathcal{V}^*(\varsigma)) \leq F^*(\mathcal{V}^*(\varsigma)),$$

a contradiction.

Therefore  $\{\lambda_n\}$  is Cauchy.

Since  $\Xi$  is complete, we have  $\lim_{n \rightarrow \infty} \lambda_n = \lambda^*$ , for some  $\lambda^*$  in  $\Xi$ .

Since  $\Lambda$  is continuous, we have

$$\lambda^* = \lim_{n \rightarrow \infty} \lambda_{n+1} = \lim_{n \rightarrow \infty} \Lambda \lambda_n = \Lambda(\lim_{n \rightarrow \infty} \lambda_n) = \Lambda \lambda^*$$

Therefore  $\Lambda \lambda^* = \lambda^*$ .

Suppose that  $\Lambda \wp^* = \wp^*$  and  $\lambda^* \neq \wp^*$ .

We now consider

$$\begin{aligned}
F^*(\mathcal{V}^*(\varrho(\lambda^*, \wp^*))) &= F^*(\mathcal{V}^*(\varrho(\Lambda \lambda^*, \Lambda \wp^*))) \\
&< \Gamma + F^*(\mathcal{V}^*(\varrho(\Lambda \lambda^*, \Lambda \wp^*))) \\
&\leq F^*(\mathcal{V}^*(\varrho(\lambda^*, \wp^*))),
\end{aligned}$$

a contradiction.

Therefore  $\lambda^* = \wp^*$ .

Hence  $\lambda^*$  is the unique fixed point of  $\Lambda$ .

This completes the proof of the theorem.

In the following, we show the importance of  $\mathcal{V}^* \in \mathcal{Y}^*$  in Theorem 2.1.

**Example 2.2.** Let  $\Xi = \{1, 2, 3, \dots\}$  with the usual metric. We define  $\Lambda: \Xi \rightarrow \Xi$  by  $\Lambda \lambda = \lambda^2$ . We

define  $\mathcal{V}^* \in \mathcal{Y}^*$  by  $\mathcal{V}^*(j) = \begin{cases} j^2, & 0 \leq j \leq 1 \\ \frac{1}{j}, & j \geq 1 \end{cases}$  and

$F^* \in \mathcal{G}^*$  by  $F^*(l) = -\frac{1}{l} + \ln l + l, l > 0$ . We choose  $\Gamma = 1 > 0$ . For this  $\Gamma$ , we consider

$$\begin{aligned}
\Gamma + F^*(\mathcal{V}^*(\varrho(\Lambda \lambda, \Lambda \wp))) \\
&= 1 + F^*(\mathcal{V}^*(|\lambda^2 - \wp^2|)) \\
&= 1 + F^*\left(\frac{1}{|\lambda^2 - \wp^2|}\right)
\end{aligned}$$

$$\begin{aligned} &= 1 - |\lambda^2 - \wp^2| + \ln\left(\frac{1}{|\lambda^2 - \wp^2|}\right) + \frac{1}{|\lambda^2 - \wp^2|} \\ &\leq 1 - 2|\lambda - \wp| + \ln\left(\frac{1}{|\lambda - \wp|}\right) + \frac{1}{|\lambda - \wp|} \\ &= 1 - |\lambda - \wp| - |\lambda - \wp| + \ln\left(\frac{1}{|\lambda - \wp|}\right) + \frac{1}{|\lambda - \wp|} \\ &\leq -|\lambda - \wp| + \ln\left(\frac{1}{|\lambda - \wp|}\right) + \frac{1}{|\lambda - \wp|} \\ &= \mathbb{F}^*\left(\frac{1}{|\lambda - \wp|}\right) \\ &= \mathbb{F}^*(\mathcal{V}^*(\varrho(\lambda, \wp))). \end{aligned}$$

Thus  $\Lambda$  satisfies the inequality (2.1), and satisfies the hypotheses of Theorem 2.1 and '1' is the unique fixed point of  $\Lambda$ .

If  $\mathcal{V}^*(j) = j$  in the inequality (2.1), we have

$$\begin{aligned} \Gamma + \mathbb{F}^*(\varrho(\Lambda \lambda, \Lambda \wp)) &= \Gamma + \mathbb{F}^*(|\lambda^2 - \wp^2|) \\ &= \Gamma - \frac{1}{|\lambda^2 - \wp^2|} + \\ &\quad \ln(|\lambda^2 - \wp^2| + |\lambda^2 - \wp^2|) \\ &\leq -\frac{1}{|\lambda - \wp|} + \ln(|\lambda - \wp|) \\ &\quad + |\lambda - \wp| \\ &= \mathbb{F}^*(\varrho(\lambda, \wp)), \text{ so that } \Lambda \end{aligned}$$

fails to satisfy the inequality (1.1) and hence

Theorem 1.1 is not applicable.

Therefore Theorem 2.1 generalizes Wardowski's theorem, Theorem 1.1 .

**Definition 2.2.** Let  $\Lambda$  be a selfmap on a metric space  $(\Xi, \varrho)$ . If there exist  $\mathcal{V}^* \in \mathcal{Y}^*$ ,  $\mathbb{F}^* \in \mathcal{G}^*$  and  $\Gamma > 0$  such that  $\varrho(\Lambda \lambda, \Lambda \wp) > 0$  implies that

$$(2.2) \quad \Gamma + \mathbb{F}^*(\mathcal{V}^*(\varrho(\Lambda \lambda, \Lambda \wp))) \leq \mathbb{F}^*(m_{\mathcal{V}^*}(\lambda, \wp))$$

where  $m_{\mathcal{V}^*}(\lambda, \wp) = \max\{\mathcal{V}^*(\varrho(\lambda, \wp)),$

$\mathcal{V}^*\varrho\lambda, \Lambda\lambda, \mathcal{V}^*(\varrho(\wp, \Lambda\wp))\}$ , for all  $\lambda, \wp \in \Xi$ , then we say that  $\Lambda$  is an  $(\mathbb{F}^*, \mathcal{V}^*)$ -weak contraction.

If  $\mathcal{V}^*$  is the identity map, then we call  $\Lambda$  is an  $\mathbb{F}^*$ -weak contraction.

Here we note that every  $(\mathbb{F}^*, \mathcal{V}^*)$ -contraction is a  $(\mathbb{F}^*, \mathcal{V}^*)$ -weak contraction. But its converse is not true due to the following example.

**Example 2.3.** Let  $\Xi = [0,1]$  with the usual metric.

We define  $\Lambda: \Xi \rightarrow \Xi$  by  $\Lambda \lambda = \begin{cases} \frac{1}{2} & \text{if } \lambda \in [0,1) \\ \frac{1}{4} & \text{if } \lambda = 1 \end{cases}$ . We

define  $\mathcal{V}^* \in \mathcal{Y}^*$  by  $\mathcal{V}^*(j) = \begin{cases} j^2, & 0 \leq j \leq 1 \\ \frac{1}{j}, & j \geq 1 \end{cases}$  and we

define  $\mathbb{F}^* \in \mathcal{G}^*$  by  $\mathbb{F}^*(t) = -\frac{1}{\sqrt{t}} + \ln t, t > 0$ . We choose  $\Gamma = 2 \ln 3 > 0$ . For this  $\Gamma$ , we verify that  $\Lambda$  satisfies the inequality (2.2). Let  $\lambda \in [0,1)$  and  $\wp = 1$ . We now consider,

$$\begin{aligned} \Gamma + \mathbb{F}^*(\mathcal{V}^*(\varrho(\Lambda \lambda, \Lambda \wp))) &= 2 \ln 3 + \mathbb{F}^*\left(\mathcal{V}^*\left(\varrho\left(\frac{1}{2}, \frac{1}{4}\right)\right)\right) \\ &= 2 \ln 3 + \mathbb{F}^*\left(\mathcal{V}^*\left(\left|\frac{1}{2} - \frac{1}{4}\right|\right)\right) \\ &= 2 \ln 3 + \mathbb{F}^*\left(\left(\frac{1}{4}\right)^2\right) \\ &= 2 \ln 3 - \frac{1}{\sqrt{\left(\frac{1}{4}\right)^2}} + \ln\left(\frac{1}{4}\right)^2 \\ &= \ln 3^2 - 4 + \ln \frac{1}{16} \\ &= \ln 9 - 4 + \ln 1 - \ln 16 \\ &\leq -\frac{4}{3} + \ln 9 - \ln 16 \\ &\leq \begin{cases} \mathbb{F}^*(\mathcal{V}^*(\varrho(\wp, \Lambda \wp))) & \text{if } \lambda \geq \frac{1}{4} \\ \mathbb{F}^*(\mathcal{V}^*(\varrho(\lambda, \wp))) & \text{if } \lambda \leq \frac{1}{4} \end{cases} \\ &\leq \mathbb{F}^*(\max\{\mathcal{V}^*(\varrho(\lambda, \wp)), \\ &\quad \mathcal{V}^*(\varrho(\lambda, \Lambda \lambda)), \mathcal{V}^*(\varrho(\wp, \Lambda \wp))\}) \\ &\quad \text{for all } \lambda, \wp \in \Xi \\ &= \mathbb{F}^*(m_{\mathcal{V}^*}(\lambda, \wp)). \end{aligned}$$

Therefore  $\Lambda$  is a  $(\mathbb{F}^*, \mathcal{V}^*)$ -weak contraction.

But its converse is not true. For, if  $\lambda = \frac{3}{4}$  and  $\wp = 1$ , then

$$\begin{aligned} \Gamma + \mathbb{F}^*(\mathcal{V}^*(\varrho(\Lambda \lambda, \Lambda \wp))) &= \Gamma + \mathbb{F}^*\left(\left(\frac{1}{4}\right)^2\right) \\ &\leq \mathbb{F}^*\left(\left(\frac{1}{4}\right)^2\right) \\ &= \mathbb{F}^*(\mathcal{V}^*(\lambda, \wp)), \text{ for} \end{aligned}$$

any  $\Gamma > 0, \mathbb{F}^* \in \mathcal{G}^*$  and  $\mathcal{V}^* \in \mathcal{Y}^*$ .

Hence  $\Lambda$  is not a  $(\mathbb{F}^*, \mathcal{V}^*)$ -contraction. In fact,  $\Lambda$  is not continuous so that  $\Lambda$  is not an  $\mathbb{F}$ -contraction also.

The following is an extension of Theorem 1.2 by  $\mathcal{V}^* \in \mathcal{Y}^*$ , in which we used  $\mathbb{F}^* \in \mathcal{G}^*$ .

**Theorem 2.2.** Let  $(\Xi, \varrho)$  be a complete metric space. Let  $\Lambda: \Xi \rightarrow \Xi$  be an  $(\mathbb{F}^*, \mathcal{V}^*)$ -weak contraction and  $\mathbb{F}^*$  is continuous. Let  $\lambda_0 \in \Xi$ . We define  $\{\lambda_n\}$  in  $\Xi$  by  $\lambda_{n+1} = \Lambda \lambda_n$ , for  $n = 0, 1, 2, \dots$ . Then  $\Lambda$  has a unique fixed point  $\lambda^* \in \Xi$ . Moreover,  $\Lambda$  is continuous at the fixed point  $\lambda^*$  if and only if  $\lim_{n \rightarrow \infty} m(\lambda_n, \lambda^*) = 0$ .

**Proof.** Let  $\lambda_0 \in \Xi$ . We define the sequence

$$\lambda_{n+1} = \Lambda \lambda_n \text{ for } n = 0, 1, 2, \dots$$

We assume that  $\lambda_n \neq \lambda_{n+1}$ , for every  $n \in \mathbb{N}$ .

By taking  $\lambda = \lambda_n$  and  $\wp = \lambda_{n-1}$  in (2.2), we have

$$\Gamma + \mathbb{F}^*(\mathcal{V}^*(\varrho(\Lambda \lambda_n, \Lambda \lambda_{n-1}))) \leq \mathbb{F}^*(m_{\mathcal{V}^*}(\lambda_n, \lambda_{n-1}))$$

where  $m_{\mathcal{V}^*}(\lambda_n, \lambda_{n-1}) = \max\{\mathcal{V}^*(\varrho(\lambda_n, \lambda_{n-1})),$

$$\begin{aligned} & \mathcal{V}^*(\varrho(\lambda_n, \Lambda \lambda_n)), \\ & \mathcal{V}^*(\varrho(\lambda_{n-1}, \Lambda \lambda_{n-1}))\} \\ & = \max\{\mathcal{V}^*(\varrho(\lambda_n, \lambda_{n-1})), \\ & \mathcal{V}^*(\varrho(\lambda_n, \lambda_{n+1})), \\ & \mathcal{V}^*(\varrho(\lambda_{n-1}, \lambda_n))\}. \\ & = \max\{\mathcal{V}^*(\varrho(\lambda_n, \lambda_{n-1})), \\ & \mathcal{V}^*(\varrho(\lambda_{n+1}, \lambda_n))\}. \end{aligned}$$

Let  $m_{\mathcal{V}^*}(\lambda_n, \lambda_{n-1}) = \mathcal{V}^*(\varrho(\lambda_{n+1}, \lambda_n))$ , then we have

$$\Gamma + \mathbb{F}^*(\mathcal{V}^*(\varrho(\lambda_{n+1}, \lambda_n))) \leq \mathbb{F}^*(\mathcal{V}^*(\varrho(\lambda_{n+1}, \lambda_n))),$$

a contradiction.

Therefore  $m_{\mathcal{V}^*}(\lambda_n, \lambda_{n-1}) = \mathcal{V}^*(\varrho(\lambda_n, \lambda_{n-1}))$ .

Thus, we have

$$\begin{aligned} \Gamma + \mathbb{F}^*(\mathcal{V}^*(\varrho(\lambda_{n+1}, \lambda_n))) & \\ & = \Gamma + \mathbb{F}^*(\mathcal{V}^*(\varrho(\Lambda \lambda_n, \Lambda \lambda_{n-1}))) \\ & \leq \mathbb{F}^*(\mathcal{V}^*(\varrho(\lambda_n, \lambda_{n-1}))) \end{aligned}$$

and hence

$$\begin{aligned} \mathbb{F}^*(\mathcal{V}^*(\varrho(\lambda_{n+1}, \lambda_n))) & \\ & \leq \mathbb{F}^*(\mathcal{V}^*(\varrho(\lambda_n, \lambda_{n-1}))) - \Gamma \\ & \leq \mathbb{F}^*(\mathcal{V}^*(\varrho(\lambda_{n-1}, \lambda_{n-2}))) - 2\Gamma \\ & \vdots \\ & \leq \mathbb{F}^*(\mathcal{V}^*(\varrho(\lambda_1, \lambda_0))) - n\Gamma. \end{aligned}$$

On letting  $n \rightarrow \infty$ , it follows that

$$\lim_{n \rightarrow \infty} \mathbb{F}^*(\mathcal{V}^*(\varrho(\lambda_{n+1}, \lambda_n))) = -\infty.$$

By using  $(\mathbb{F}_2)$ , we have

$$\lim_{n \rightarrow \infty} \mathcal{V}^*(\varrho(\lambda_{n+1}, \lambda_n)) = 0.$$

This implies that  $\mathcal{V}^*(\lim_{n \rightarrow \infty} \varrho(\lambda_{n+1}, \lambda_n)) = 0$ .

Hence, by applying  $(\mathcal{V}_3)$ , we have

$$\lim_{n \rightarrow \infty} \varrho(\lambda_{n+1}, \lambda_n) = 0.$$

If  $\{\lambda_n\}$  is not Cauchy, then by Lemma 1.4 of [2],

there exist  $\varsigma > 0$  and sequences of positive integers  $\{m_k\}$  and  $\{n_k\}$  with  $m_k > n_k > k$  such that  $\varrho(\lambda_{m_k}, \lambda_{n_k}) \geq \varsigma$  and  $\varrho(\lambda_{m_k-1}, \lambda_{n_k}) < \varsigma$  and  $\lim_{k \rightarrow \infty} \varrho(\lambda_{m_k}, \lambda_{n_k}) = \varsigma$ ,

$$\lim_{k \rightarrow \infty} \varrho(\lambda_{m_k-1}, \lambda_{n_k-1}) = \varsigma \text{ and}$$

$$\lim_{k \rightarrow \infty} \varrho(\lambda_{m_k-1}, \lambda_{n_k}) = \varsigma.$$

By taking  $\lambda = \lambda_{m_k}$  and  $\wp = \lambda_{n_k}$  in (2.2), we have

$$\begin{aligned} \Gamma + \mathbb{F}^*(\mathcal{V}^*(\varrho(\lambda_{m_k}, \lambda_{n_k}))) & \\ & = \Gamma + \mathbb{F}^*(\mathcal{V}^*(\varrho(\Lambda \lambda_{m_k-1}, \Lambda \lambda_{n_k-1}))) \\ & \leq \mathbb{F}^*(m_{\mathcal{V}^*}(\lambda_{m_k-1}, \lambda_{n_k-1})) \end{aligned}$$

$$\begin{aligned} \text{where } m_{\mathcal{V}^*}(\lambda_{m_k-1}, \lambda_{n_k-1}) & \\ & = \max\{\mathcal{V}^*(\varrho(\lambda_{m_k-1}, \lambda_{n_k-1})), \\ & \mathcal{V}^*(\varrho(\lambda_{m_k-1}, \Lambda \lambda_{m_k-1})), \\ & \mathcal{V}^*(\varrho(\lambda_{n_k-1}, \Lambda \lambda_{n_k-1}))\}. \end{aligned}$$

On letting  $k \rightarrow \infty$ , we have

$$\lim_{k \rightarrow \infty} m_{\mathcal{V}^*}(\lambda_{m_k-1}, \lambda_{n_k-1}) = \mathcal{V}^*(\varsigma).$$

Since  $\mathbb{F}^*$  and  $\mathcal{V}^*$  are continuous and on letting  $k \rightarrow \infty$ , we have

$$\Gamma + \mathbb{F}^*(\mathcal{V}^*(\varsigma)) \leq \mathbb{F}^*(\mathcal{V}^*(\varsigma)),$$

a contradiction.

Therefore  $\{\lambda_n\}$  is Cauchy.

Since  $\Xi$  is complete,  $\lim_{n \rightarrow \infty} \lambda_n = \lambda^*$ , for some  $\lambda^*$  in  $\Xi$ .

We now show that  $\Lambda \lambda^* = \lambda^*$ .

If  $\lambda_n = \Lambda \lambda^*$  for infinitely many  $n$ , then there exists a subsequence  $\{\lambda_{n_k}\}$  of  $\{\lambda_n\}$  which converges to  $\Lambda \lambda^*$ .

Therefore  $\lim_{k \rightarrow \infty} \lambda_{n_k} = \Lambda \lambda^*$ .

That is,  $\lambda^* = \Lambda \lambda^*$ .

If  $\lambda_n = \Lambda \lambda^*$  for finitely many  $n$ , then

$\varrho(\lambda_n, \Lambda \lambda^*) > 0$  for infinitely many  $n$ .

Hence, there exists a subsequence  $\{\lambda_{n_k}\} \subseteq \{\lambda_n\}$

such that  $\varrho(\lambda_{n_k}, \Lambda \lambda^*) > 0$  for all  $k = 1, 2, \dots$ .

Now, using the inequality (2.2), we have, for all  $k$ ,

$$\begin{aligned} \Gamma + \mathbb{F}^*(\mathcal{V}^*(\varrho(\lambda_{n_k}, \Lambda \lambda^*))) & \\ & \leq \mathbb{F}^*(m_{\mathcal{V}^*}(\lambda_{n_k-1}, \lambda^*)), \end{aligned}$$

where  $m_{\mathcal{V}^*}(\lambda_{n_k-1}, \lambda^*)$

$$\begin{aligned} & = \max\{\mathcal{V}^*(\varrho(\lambda_{n_k-1}, \lambda^*)), \\ & \mathcal{V}^*(\varrho(\lambda_{n_k-1}, \lambda_{n_k})), \\ & \mathcal{V}^*(\varrho(\lambda^*, \Lambda \lambda^*))\}. \end{aligned}$$

If  $\varrho(\Lambda \lambda^*, \lambda^*) > 0$  then

$$\lim_{k \rightarrow \infty} m_{\mathcal{V}^*}(\lambda_{n_k-1}, \lambda^*) = \mathcal{V}^*(\varrho(\Lambda \lambda^*, \lambda^*)).$$

On letting  $k \rightarrow \infty$ ,

$$\begin{aligned} \Gamma + \mathbb{F}^*(\mathcal{V}^*(\varrho(\lambda^*, \Lambda \lambda^*))) & \\ & \leq \mathbb{F}^*(\mathcal{V}^*(\varrho(\lambda^*, \Lambda \lambda^*))), \end{aligned}$$

a contradiction.

Therefore  $\Lambda \lambda^* = \lambda^*$ .

Suppose that  $\Lambda \wp^* = \wp^*$  and  $\lambda^* \neq \wp^*$ .

We now consider

$$\begin{aligned} \mathbb{F}^* \left( \Upsilon^* \left( \varrho(\lambda^*, \wp^*) \right) \right) &= \mathbb{F}^* \left( \Upsilon^* \left( \varrho(\Lambda \lambda^*, \Lambda \wp^*) \right) \right) \\ &< \Gamma + \mathbb{F}^* \left( \Upsilon^* \left( \varrho(\Lambda \lambda^*, \Lambda \wp^*) \right) \right) \\ &\leq \mathbb{F}^* \left( \Upsilon^* \left( \varrho(\lambda^*, \wp^*) \right) \right), \end{aligned}$$

a contradiction.

Therefore  $\lambda^* = \wp^*$ .

Hence  $\lambda^*$  is the unique fixed point of  $\Lambda$ .

First we assume that  $\Lambda$  is continuous at its fixed point  $\lambda^*$ .

Let  $\{\lambda_n\} \subset \Xi$  such that  $\lambda_n \rightarrow \lambda^*$  as  $n \rightarrow \infty$ .

Then we have  $\Lambda \lambda_n \rightarrow \Lambda \lambda^* = \lambda^*$ .

Therefore

$$(2.3) \quad \lim_{n \rightarrow \infty} \varrho(\lambda_n, \Lambda \lambda_n) = 0.$$

We have

$$m_{\Upsilon^*}(\lambda_n, \lambda^*) = \max \left\{ \Upsilon^* \left( \varrho(\lambda_n, \lambda^*) \right), \Upsilon^* \left( \varrho(\lambda_n, \Lambda \lambda_n) \right), \Upsilon^* \left( \varrho(\lambda^*, \Lambda \lambda^*) \right) \right\}.$$

On letting  $n \rightarrow \infty$ , we have

$$\begin{aligned} \lim_{n \rightarrow \infty} m_{\Upsilon^*}(\lambda_n, \lambda^*) &= \max \left\{ \lim_{n \rightarrow \infty} \Upsilon^* \left( \varrho(\lambda_n, \lambda^*) \right), \lim_{n \rightarrow \infty} \Upsilon^* \left( \varrho(\lambda_n, \Lambda \lambda_n) \right), \Upsilon^* \left( \varrho(\lambda^*, \Lambda \lambda^*) \right) \right\}. \end{aligned}$$

Therefore, by using (2.3), we have

$$\begin{aligned} \lim_{n \rightarrow \infty} m_{\Upsilon^*}(\lambda_n, \lambda^*) &= \max \left\{ \Upsilon^* \left( \varrho(\lambda^*, \lambda^*) \right), 0, \Upsilon^* \left( \varrho(\lambda^*, \Lambda \lambda^*) \right) \right\} \\ &= 0. \end{aligned}$$

Hence  $\lim_{n \rightarrow \infty} m_{\Upsilon^*}(\lambda_n, \lambda^*) = 0$ .

Conversely, suppose that

$$\lim_{n \rightarrow \infty} m_{\Upsilon^*}(\lambda_n, \lambda^*) = 0.$$

Then, we have

$$\lim_{n \rightarrow \infty} \Upsilon^* \left( \varrho(\lambda_n, \lambda^*) \right) = 0,$$

$$\lim_{n \rightarrow \infty} \Upsilon^* \left( \varrho(\lambda_n, \Lambda \lambda_n) \right) = 0 \text{ and}$$

$$\Upsilon^* \left( \varrho(\lambda^*, \Lambda \lambda^*) \right) = 0.$$

Since  $\Upsilon^* \in \Upsilon^*$ , by  $(\Upsilon_3)$ , it follows that

$$\lim_{n \rightarrow \infty} \varrho(\lambda_n, \lambda^*) = 0, \lim_{n \rightarrow \infty} \varrho(\lambda_n, \Lambda \lambda_n) = 0$$

and  $\Upsilon^* \left( \varrho(\lambda^*, \Lambda \lambda^*) \right) = 0$  which implies that

$$\lim_{n \rightarrow \infty} \Lambda \lambda_n = \lim_{n \rightarrow \infty} \lambda_n = \lambda^* = \Lambda \lambda^*, \text{ so that } \Lambda$$

is continuous at  $\lambda^*$ .

Hence the theorem follows.

**Remark 2.1.** The selfmap  $\Lambda$  defined on  $[0,1]$  in Example 2.3 satisfies all the hypotheses of Theorem 2.2 and  $\frac{1}{2}$  is the unique fixed point of  $\Lambda$ .

**Corollary 2.1.** Let  $(\Xi, \varrho)$  be a complete metric space. Let  $\Lambda: \Xi \rightarrow \Xi$  be an  $\mathbb{F}^*$ -weak contraction and  $\mathbb{F}^*$  is continuous. Let  $\lambda_0 \in \Xi$ . We define  $\{\lambda_n\}$  in  $\Xi$  by  $\lambda_{n+1} = \Lambda \lambda_n$ , for  $n = 0, 1, 2, \dots$ . Then  $\Lambda$  has a unique fixed point  $\lambda^* \in \Xi$ . Moreover,  $\Lambda$  is continuous at the fixed point  $\lambda^*$  if and only if  $\lim_{n \rightarrow \infty} m(\lambda_n, \lambda^*) = 0$ .

**Proof.** By choosing  $\Upsilon^*(j) = j, j \geq 0$  in (2.2), the conclusion of this corollary follows from of Theorem 2.2.

**Theorem 2.3.** Let  $(\Xi, \varrho)$  be a metric space. Let  $\Lambda: \Xi \rightarrow \Xi$  be an  $(\mathbb{F}^*, \Upsilon^*)$ -weak contraction and  $\mathbb{F}^*$  is continuous. Suppose that for some  $\lambda_0 \in \Xi$ , the sequence  $\{\Lambda^n \lambda_0\}$  has a cluster point  $\mathfrak{a} \in \Xi$ . If  $\Lambda$  is continuous then  $\mathfrak{a}$  is the unique fixed point of  $\Lambda$  and the sequence  $\{\Lambda^n \lambda_0\}$  converges to  $\mathfrak{a}$ .

**Proof.** Let  $\lambda_0 \in \Xi$ . We define  $\lambda_n = \Lambda^n \lambda_0$ ,  $n = 1, 2, \dots$ .

If  $\lambda_{n+1} = \lambda_n$  for some  $n$ , then  $\Lambda \lambda_n = \lambda_n$ , and we are through.

Hence, we suppose that  $\Lambda \lambda_{n+1} \neq \Lambda \lambda_n$ .

Then, by applying the inequality (2.2), we have

$$\begin{aligned} \Gamma + \mathbb{F}^* \left( \Upsilon^* \left( \varrho(\lambda_{n+1}, \lambda_{n+2}) \right) \right) &= \Gamma + \mathbb{F}^* \left( \Upsilon^* \left( \varrho(\Lambda \lambda_n, \Lambda \lambda_{n+1}) \right) \right) \\ &\leq \mathbb{F}^* \left( m_{\Upsilon^*}(\lambda_n, \lambda_{n+1}) \right) \end{aligned}$$

$$\begin{aligned} \text{where } m_{\Upsilon^*}(\lambda_n, \lambda_{n+1}) &= \max \left\{ \Upsilon^* \left( \varrho(\lambda_n, \lambda_{n+1}) \right), \Upsilon^* \left( \varrho(\lambda_n, \Lambda \lambda_n) \right), \Upsilon^* \left( \varrho(\lambda_{n+1}, \Lambda \lambda_{n+1}) \right) \right\} \\ &= \max \left\{ \Upsilon^* \left( \varrho(\lambda_n, \lambda_{n+1}) \right), \Upsilon^* \left( \varrho(\lambda_n, \lambda_{n+1}) \right), \Upsilon^* \left( \varrho(\lambda_{n+1}, \lambda_{n+2}) \right) \right\}. \\ &= \Upsilon^* \left( \varrho(\lambda_{n+1}, \lambda_{n+2}) \right) \text{ and} \end{aligned}$$

hence

$$\begin{aligned} \Gamma + \mathbb{F}^* \left( \Upsilon^* \left( \varrho(\lambda_{n+1}, \lambda_{n+2}) \right) \right) &\leq \mathbb{F}^* \left( \Upsilon^* \left( \varrho(\lambda_{n+1}, \lambda_{n+2}) \right) \right), \end{aligned}$$

a contradiction.

Therefore,  $\lambda_{n+1} = \lambda_{n+2}$  and hence

$$\lambda_{n+2} = \lambda_{n+1} = \lambda_n.$$

In general, it follows that  $\lambda_m = \lambda_n$  for all  $m \geq n$ .

Therefore,  $\lim_{m \rightarrow \infty} \lambda_m = \lambda_n = \mathfrak{a}$ , and the conclusion of the theorem holds.

Hence, we suppose that  $\lambda_{n+1} \neq \lambda_n$  for all  $n$ .

Then, by taking  $\lambda = \lambda_{n+1}$  and  $\wp = \lambda_n$  in the inequality (2.2), we have

$$\begin{aligned} \Gamma + \mathbb{F}^*(\mathcal{V}^*(\varrho(\Lambda \lambda_{n+1}, \Lambda \lambda_n))) \\ \leq \mathbb{F}^*(m_{\mathcal{V}^*}(\lambda_{n+1}, \lambda_n)) \\ \text{where } m_{\mathcal{V}^*}(\lambda_{n+1}, \lambda_n) = \max\{\mathcal{V}^*(\varrho(\lambda_n, \lambda_{n+1})), \\ \mathcal{V}^*(\varrho(\lambda_n, \Lambda \lambda_n)), \\ \mathcal{V}^*(\varrho(\lambda_{n+1}, \Lambda \lambda_{n+1}))\} \\ = \max\{\mathcal{V}^*(\varrho(\lambda_n, \lambda_{n+1})), \\ \mathcal{V}^*(\varrho(\lambda_{n+1}, \lambda_{n+2})), \\ \mathcal{V}^*(\varrho(\lambda_n, \lambda_{n+1}))\}. \end{aligned}$$

$$= \max\{\mathcal{V}^*(\varrho(\lambda_{n+1}, \lambda_n)) \\ \mathcal{V}^*(\varrho(\lambda_{n+1}, \lambda_{n+2}))\}.$$

If  $m_{\mathcal{V}^*}(\lambda_{n+1}, \lambda_n) = \mathcal{V}^*(\varrho(\lambda_{n+2}, \lambda_{n+1}))$ , then

$$\begin{aligned} \Gamma + \mathbb{F}^*(\mathcal{V}^*(\varrho(\lambda_{n+2}, \lambda_{n+1}))) \\ \leq \mathbb{F}^*(\mathcal{V}^*(\varrho(\lambda_{n+2}, \lambda_{n+1}))), \end{aligned}$$

a contradiction.

Therefore,  $m_{\mathcal{V}^*}(\lambda_{n+1}, \lambda_n) = \mathcal{V}^*(\varrho(\lambda_{n+1}, \lambda_n))$

and hence

$$\begin{aligned} \Gamma + \mathbb{F}^*(\mathcal{V}^*(\varrho(\lambda_{n+2}, \lambda_{n+1}))) \\ \leq \mathbb{F}^*(\mathcal{V}^*(\varrho(\lambda_{n+1}, \lambda_n))) \text{ for all } n. \end{aligned}$$

Now

$$\begin{aligned} \mathbb{F}^*(\mathcal{V}^*(\varrho(\lambda_{n+1}, \lambda_n))) \\ \leq \mathbb{F}^*(\mathcal{V}^*(\varrho(\lambda_n, \lambda_{n-1}))) - \Gamma \\ \leq \mathbb{F}^*(\mathcal{V}^*(\varrho(\lambda_{n-1}, \lambda_{n-2}))) - 2\Gamma \\ \vdots \\ \leq \mathbb{F}^*(\mathcal{V}^*(\varrho(\lambda_1, \lambda_0))) - n\Gamma. \end{aligned}$$

On letting  $n \rightarrow \infty$ , it follows that

$$\lim_{n \rightarrow \infty} \mathbb{F}^*(\mathcal{V}^*(\varrho(\lambda_{n+1}, \lambda_n))) = -\infty.$$

By using  $(\mathbb{F}_2)$ , we have

$$\lim_{n \rightarrow \infty} \mathcal{V}^*(\varrho(\lambda_{n+1}, \lambda_n)) = 0.$$

This implies that  $\mathcal{V}^*(\lim_{n \rightarrow \infty} \varrho(\lambda_{n+1}, \lambda_n)) = 0$

and hence, by  $(\mathcal{V}_3)$ , we have

$$(2.4) \quad \lim_{n \rightarrow \infty} \varrho(\lambda_{n+1}, \lambda_n) = 0.$$

Since  $\{\Lambda^n \lambda_0\}$  has a cluster point  $\mathfrak{a}$  in  $\Xi$ , there exists a subsequence  $\{\Lambda^{n_k} \lambda_0\}$  of  $\{\Lambda^n \lambda_0\}$  such that the sequence  $\{\Lambda^{n_k} \lambda_0\}$  converges to  $\mathfrak{a}$  (say) in  $\Xi$ .

Now, from (2.4),  $\lim_{k \rightarrow \infty} \varrho(\lambda_{n_{k+1}}, \lambda_{n_k}) = 0$ .

Therefore

$$(2.5) \quad \lim_{k \rightarrow \infty} \lambda_{n_{k+1}} = \lim_{k \rightarrow \infty} \lambda_{n_k} = \mathfrak{a}.$$

Now, by the continuity of  $\Lambda$ , it follows that

$$\lim_{k \rightarrow \infty} \lambda_{n_{k+1}} = \lim_{k \rightarrow \infty} \Lambda(\lambda_{n_k})$$

$$= \Lambda(\lim_{k \rightarrow \infty} \lambda_{n_k}) = \Lambda \mathfrak{a}, \text{ and hence}$$

by (2.5), we have  $\Lambda \mathfrak{a} = \mathfrak{a}$ .

As in the proof of Theorem 2.2, it is easy to see

that the sequence  $\{\lambda_n\}$  is Cauchy.

Since this sequence  $\{\lambda_n\}$  has a subsequence that converges to  $\mathfrak{a}$ , it follows that the sequence  $\{\lambda_n\}$  converges to  $\mathfrak{a}$ .

Hence the theorem follows.

### III. A fixed point theorem in orbits by using generalized altering distance function

Let  $\Lambda$  be a selfmap on a nonempty set  $\Xi$ . For  $\lambda_0 \in \Xi$ ,  $O(\lambda_0) = \{\Lambda^n \lambda_0; n = 0, 1, 2, \dots\}$  is called the orbit of  $\lambda_0$ , where  $\Lambda^0 = I$ ,  $I$  the identity map of  $\Xi$ .

**Definition 3.1.** [9] A metric space  $\Xi$  is said to be  $\Lambda$ -orbitally complete if every Cauchy sequence which is contained in  $O(\lambda)$  for all  $\lambda$  in  $\Xi$  converges to a point of  $\Xi$ .

**Definition 3.2.** [9] A selfmap  $\Lambda$  of a metric space  $\Xi$  is said to be orbitally continuous at a point  $\mathfrak{a}$  in  $\Xi$  if for any sequence  $\{\lambda_n\} \subseteq O(\lambda)$ ,  $\lambda \in \Xi$ ,  $\lambda_n \rightarrow \mathfrak{a}$  as  $n \rightarrow \infty$  implies  $\Lambda \lambda_n \rightarrow \Lambda \mathfrak{a}$  as  $n \rightarrow \infty$ .

Motivated by the works of Ćirić [3], Sastry and Babu [8] on the existence of fixed points in orbits, we prove the following.

**Theorem 3.1.** Let  $\Lambda$  be a selfmap of a metric space  $(\Xi, \varrho)$ . Suppose that there exists a point  $\lambda_0$  in  $\Xi$  such that the orbit  $O(\lambda_0)$  has a cluster point  $\mathfrak{a}$  in  $\Xi$ . If there exist  $\mathcal{V}^* \in \mathcal{Y}^*$ ,  $\mathbb{F}^* \in \mathcal{G}^*$  and  $\Gamma > 0$  such that  $\varrho(\Lambda \lambda, \Lambda \wp) > 0$  implies that

$$(3.1) \quad \Gamma + \mathbb{F}^*(\mathcal{V}^*(\varrho(\Lambda \lambda, \Lambda \wp))) \\ \leq \mathbb{F}^*(\mathcal{V}^*(\varrho(\lambda, \wp)))$$

for each  $\lambda, \wp \in \overline{O(\lambda_0)}$  and if  $\Lambda$  is orbitally continuous at  $\mathfrak{a}$  then  $\mathfrak{a}$  is a fixed point of  $\Lambda$  in  $\Xi$ .

**Proof.** Let  $\lambda_0 \in \Xi$ . We now define the sequence  $\{\lambda_n\}$  by  $\lambda_{n+1} = \Lambda \lambda_n$  for  $n = 0, 1, 2, \dots$ .

We assume, without loss of generality, that  $\lambda_{n+1} \neq \lambda_n$  for every  $n \in \mathbb{N}$ .

Let  $\iota_n = \mathcal{V}^*(\varrho(\lambda_{n+1}, \lambda_n))$ . Then by taking

$\lambda = \lambda_n$  and  $\wp = \lambda_{n-1}$  in (3.1), we have

$$\Gamma + \mathbb{F}^*(\mathcal{V}^*(\varrho(\Lambda \lambda_n, \Lambda \lambda_{n-1})))$$

which implies that  $\Gamma + \mathbb{F}^*(l_n) \leq \mathbb{F}^*(l_{n-1})$ .

Therefore

$$(3.2) \quad \begin{aligned} \mathbb{F}^*(l_n) &\leq \mathbb{F}^*(l_{n-1}) - \Gamma \\ &\leq \mathbb{F}^*(l_{n-2}) - 2\Gamma \\ &\vdots \\ &\leq \mathbb{F}^*(l_0) - n\Gamma. \end{aligned}$$

From (3.2), we obtain that

$$(3.3) \quad \lim_{n \rightarrow \infty} \mathbb{F}^*(l_n) = -\infty.$$

Now by  $(\mathbb{F}_2)$ , we have

$$(3.4) \quad \lim_{n \rightarrow \infty} l_n = 0.$$

Let  $n(k)$  be a subsequence of positive integers such that  $\{\lambda_{n(k)}\}$  converges to 1.

Then  $\{l_{n(k)}\}$  converges to 0.

By the continuity of  $\mathcal{V}^*$  and orbital continuity of  $\Lambda$  at 1, we have

$$0 = \lim_{k \rightarrow \infty} l_{n(k)} = \lim_{k \rightarrow \infty} \mathcal{V}^* \left( \varrho(\lambda_{n(k)}, \lambda_{n(k)+1}) \right) = \mathcal{V}^* \left( \varrho(1, \Lambda 1) \right).$$

Thus, by the property  $(\mathcal{V}_3)$  of  $\mathcal{V}^*$ , we have  $\Lambda 1 = 1$ .

**Corollary 3.1.** Let  $\Lambda$  be a selfmap of a metric space  $(\mathbb{E}, \varrho)$ . Suppose that there exists a point  $\lambda_0 \in \mathbb{E}$  such that the orbit  $O(\lambda_0)$  has a cluster point 1 in  $\mathbb{E}$ . If there exist  $\mathbb{F}^* \in \mathcal{G}^*$  and  $\Gamma > 0$  such that  $\varrho(\Lambda \lambda, \Lambda \wp) > 0$  implies that

$$\Gamma + \mathbb{F}^* \left( \mathcal{V}^* \left( \varrho(\Lambda \lambda, \Lambda \wp) \right) \right) \leq \mathbb{F}^* \left( \mathcal{V}^* \left( \varrho(\lambda, \wp) \right) \right)$$

for each  $\lambda, \wp \in \overline{O(\lambda_0)}$  and if  $\Lambda$  is orbitally continuous at 1 then 1 is a fixed point of  $\Lambda$ .

**Proof.** Follows by choosing  $\mathcal{V}^*(j) = j, j \geq 0$  in the inequality (3.1), the conclusion of this corollary holds from Theorem 3.1.

**Example 3.1.** Let  $\mathbb{E} = \{0, 1, 2\} \cup \left\{1 + \frac{1}{2(n+1)}; n = 1, 2, \dots\right\}$  with the usual metric. Define  $\Lambda: \mathbb{E} \rightarrow \mathbb{E}$  by

$$\Lambda \lambda = \begin{cases} 2 & \text{if } \lambda = 0 \\ 1 + \frac{1}{2(n+2)} & \text{if } \lambda = 1 + \frac{1}{2(n+1)}, n = 1, 2, \dots \\ 1 & \text{if } \lambda = 1 \\ 2 & \text{if } \lambda = 2 \end{cases}.$$

We define  $\mathcal{V}^*(j) = \begin{cases} j^2, & 0 \leq j \leq 1 \\ \frac{1}{j}, & j \geq 1 \end{cases}$ . Then  $\mathcal{V}^* \in \mathcal{Y}^*$ .

$\mathbb{F}^* \in \mathcal{G}^*$  is defined by  $\mathbb{F}^*(l) = -\frac{1}{\sqrt{l}} + \ln l, l > 0$ .

We choose  $\Gamma = 2 \ln 2 > 0$ . Let  $\lambda_0 = 1 + \frac{1}{4}$ ,

$$O(\lambda_0) = \left\{1 + \frac{1}{4}, 1 + \frac{1}{6}, 1 + \frac{1}{8}, \dots, 1 + \frac{1}{2(n+1)}, \dots\right\},$$

$O(\lambda_0)$  has a cluster point 1, and

$$\overline{O(\lambda_0)} = O(\lambda_0) \cup \{1\}.$$

We now verify the inequality (3.1).

**Case (i):** Let  $\lambda = 1 + \frac{1}{2(n+1)}, \wp = 1$ .

We now consider

$$\begin{aligned} \Gamma + \mathbb{F}^* \left( \mathcal{V}^* \left( \varrho(\Lambda \lambda, \Lambda \wp) \right) \right) &= 2 \ln 2 + \mathbb{F}^* \left( \mathcal{V}^* \left( \varrho \left( 1 + \frac{1}{2(n+2)}, 1 \right) \right) \right) \\ &= 2 \ln 2 + \mathbb{F}^* \left( \mathcal{V}^* \left( \frac{1}{2(n+2)} \right) \right) \\ &= 2 \ln 2 + \mathbb{F}^* \left( \left( \frac{1}{2(n+2)} \right)^2 \right) \\ &= 2 \ln 2 - \frac{1}{\sqrt{\left( \frac{1}{2(n+2)} \right)^2}} + \ln \left( \frac{1}{2(n+2)} \right)^2 \\ &= 2 \ln 2 - 2(n+2) + \ln \left( \frac{1}{2(n+2)} \right)^2 \\ &\leq 2 \ln 2 - 2(n+2) + \ln \frac{1}{2(n+2)} \\ &= 2 \ln 2 - 2(n+1) - 2 + \ln \frac{1}{2(n+2)} \\ &\leq -2(n+1) + \ln \frac{1}{2(n+1)} \\ &= \mathbb{F}^* \left( \mathcal{V}^* \left( \varrho \left( 1 + \frac{1}{2(n+1)}, 1 \right) \right) \right) \\ &= \mathbb{F}^* \left( \mathcal{V}^* \left( \varrho(\lambda, \wp) \right) \right). \end{aligned}$$

**Case (ii):** Let  $\lambda = 1 + \frac{1}{2(n+1)}$ ,

$$\wp = 1 + \frac{1}{2(m+1)}, n > m.$$

We now consider

$$\begin{aligned} \Gamma + \mathbb{F}^* \left( \mathcal{V}^* \left( \varrho(\Lambda \lambda, \Lambda \wp) \right) \right) &= 2 \ln 2 + \mathbb{F}^* \left( \mathcal{V}^* \left( \varrho \left( 1 + \frac{1}{2(n+2)}, 1 + \frac{1}{2(m+2)} \right) \right) \right) \\ &= 2 \ln 2 + \mathbb{F}^* \left( \mathcal{V}^* \left( \frac{1}{2(n+2)} - \frac{1}{2(m+2)} \right) \right) \\ &= 2 \ln 2 + \mathbb{F}^* \left( \mathcal{V}^* \left( \frac{2(m+2) - 2(n+2)}{4(n+2)(m+2)} \right) \right) \\ &= 2 \ln 2 + \mathbb{F}^* \left( \mathcal{V}^* \left( \frac{|m-n|}{2(n+2)(m+2)} \right) \right) \\ &= 2 \ln 2 + \mathbb{F}^* \left( \left( \frac{n-m}{2(n+2)(m+2)} \right)^2 \right) \\ &= 2 \ln 2 - \frac{1}{\sqrt{\left( \frac{n-m}{2(n+2)(m+2)} \right)^2}} + \ln \left( \frac{n-m}{2(n+2)(m+2)} \right)^2 \end{aligned}$$



$$\begin{aligned}
&= 2 \ln 2 - \frac{2(m+2)(n+2)}{n-m} + \ln \left( \frac{n-m}{2(n+2)(m+2)} \right)^2 \\
&= 2 \ln 2 - \frac{2(m+1)(n+1)}{n-m} - \frac{2(m+n+3)}{n-m} \\
&\quad + \ln \left( \frac{n-m}{2(n+2)(m+2)} \right)^2 \\
&< -\frac{2(m+1)(n+1)}{n-m} + \ln \left( \frac{n-m}{2(n+2)(m+2)} \right)^2 \\
&\leq -\frac{2(m+1)(n+1)}{n-m} + \ln \left( \frac{n-m}{2(n+1)(m+1)} \right)^2 \\
&= \mathbb{F}^* \left( \mathcal{V}^* \left( \varrho \left( 1 + \frac{1}{2(n+1)}, 1 + \frac{1}{2(m+1)} \right) \right) \right) \\
&= \mathbb{F}^* \left( \mathcal{V}^* (\varrho(\lambda, \wp)) \right).
\end{aligned}$$

Thus, from Case (i) and Case (ii), we have  $\Lambda$  satisfies the inequality (3.1). Also,  $\Lambda$  is orbitally continuous at the limit point 1. Thus,  $\Lambda$  satisfies all the hypotheses of Theorem 3.1 and '1' is the unique fixed point of  $\Lambda$  in  $\overline{O(\lambda_0)}$ .

Here we observe that  $\Lambda$  fails to satisfy the inequality (3.1) on  $\Xi$  for any  $\Gamma > 0$ ,  $\mathbb{F}^* \in \mathcal{G}^*$  and  $\mathcal{V}^* \in \mathcal{Y}^*$ . For, by choosing  $\lambda = 0$ ,  $\wp = 2$  in the inequality (3.1), we have

$$\begin{aligned}
\Gamma + \mathbb{F}^*(\mathcal{V}^*(\varrho(\Lambda 0, \Lambda 2))) &= \Gamma + \mathbb{F}^*(\mathcal{V}^*(2)) \\
&\not\leq \mathbb{F}^*(\mathcal{V}^*(2)) \\
&= \mathbb{F}^*(\mathcal{V}^*(\varrho(\lambda, \wp))).
\end{aligned}$$

Thus Wardowski's theorem, Theorem 1.1, is not applicable. Here we observe that the inequality (1.1) fails to hold even though  $\mathbb{F} \in \mathcal{G}$ . So Theorem 3.1 generalizes Wardowski's theorem, Theorem 1.1.

**Example 3.2.** Let  $\Xi = [0, 1]$  with the usual metric.

We define  $\Lambda: \Xi \rightarrow \Xi$  by  $\Lambda \lambda = \begin{cases} \frac{\lambda}{2} & \text{if } \lambda \in \left[0, \frac{1}{2}\right] \\ \lambda & \text{if } \lambda \in \left(\frac{1}{2}, 1\right] \end{cases}$ .

Let  $\lambda_0 = \frac{1}{2}$ , then  $O(\lambda_0) = \left\{ \frac{1}{2}, \frac{1}{2^2}, \frac{1}{2^3}, \dots \right\}$  and  $\overline{O(\lambda_0)} = O(\lambda_0) \cup \{0\}$ .  $\Xi$  is  $\Lambda$ -orbitally complete and satisfies the inequality (3.1) with

$$\mathcal{V}^*(j) = \begin{cases} j^2, & 0 \leq j \leq 1 \\ \frac{1}{j}, & j \geq 1 \end{cases}, \mathcal{V}^* \in \mathcal{Y}^*;$$

$$\mathbb{F}^*(\iota) = -\frac{1}{\sqrt{\iota}} + \ln \iota, \iota > 0, \mathbb{F}^* \in \mathcal{G}^* \text{ and } \Gamma = 2 \ln 2.$$

Let  $\lambda_0 = \frac{1}{2}$ , and  $\Gamma = 2 \ln 2$ . Also,  $\Lambda$  is orbitally continuous at 0. Hence,  $\Lambda$  satisfies the hypotheses of Theorem 3.1 and '0' is the unique fixed point of  $\Lambda$  on  $\overline{O(\lambda_0)}$ . But it is not an  $\mathbb{F}$ -contraction for any  $\mathbb{F} \in \mathcal{G}$  and hence Theorem 1.1 is not applicable.

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