



# Banach Contraction Theorem on Extended Fuzzy Cone b-metric Space

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**Abstract** In this paper, a generalization of b-metric space is introduced named as extended fuzzy cone b-metric space. A new contractive mapping, extended fuzzy cone b-contractive mapping is defined and a modified form of Banach Contraction Theorem is proved for single and pair of mappings which is termed as extended fuzzy cone b-Banach Contraction Theorem. The derived results are applied on Fredholm Integral Equations to obtain a unique solution.

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## 1. INTRODUCTION

Maurice Frechet initiated the concept of metric space [1] in 1906. A generalization of Metric Space i.e. b-metric space was introduced by I. A. Bakhtin [2] which was further utilised by Czerwick [3, 4] for establishing many results and examples [5–8]. This space moves to metric space by taking  $b=1$ . Huang and Zhang [9] introduced the concept of cone metric space in 2007 by replacing real numbers by ordered Banach space. A lot of research has been done in the field of cone metric spaces that can be seen in [10–19]. Further, a generalisation of b-metric space was introduced by Tayyab Kamran et.al, which is termed as extended b-metric space in 2017 [20].

The concept of fuzzy set theory was laid by Zadeh [21] in 1965. Using fuzzy sets, a new metric space i.e. fuzzy metric space was originated by Kramosil and Michalek [22] in 1975 which was redefined in a stronger version by George and Veeramani in 1994 [23].

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Later on, a combination of cone metric and b-metric was introduced by Hussain and Shah [24] in 2011 which is termed as cone b-metric space. By introducing fuzziness to cone metric space, Oner et al. [25] in 2015, defined fuzzy cone metric space and proved some fixed point results under this space that can be viewed in [19, 26–30]. Then, using the concept of b-metric space in fuzzy cone metric space, a new space is developed named as fuzzy cone b-metric space by T. Bag [31] and then modified by Posul et. al [32] in 2019 and some basic fixed point results are proved in [33, 34].

## 2. PRELIMINARIES

Some basic definitions and terminology that helps in creating the new generalised metric space i.e. extended fuzzy cone b-metric space, are mentioned below:

**Definition 2.1.** [3] Let  $M$  be a non empty set and given  $\lambda \geq 1$  be a real number. A function  $d: M \times M \rightarrow [0, \infty)$  is a b-metric on  $M$  if for all  $x, y, z \in M$ , the following conditions hold:

- (B<sub>1</sub>)  $d(x, y) = 0 \Leftrightarrow x = y$ ;
- (B<sub>2</sub>)  $d(x, y) = d(y, x)$ ;
- (B<sub>3</sub>)  $d(x, z) \leq \lambda [d(x, y) + d(y, z)]$ .

Then, the triplet  $(M, d, \lambda)$  is denoted as b-metric space.

**Definition 2.2.** [20] Let  $X$  be a non empty set and  $\theta: X \times X \rightarrow [1, \infty)$ . A function  $d_\theta: X \times X \rightarrow [0, \infty)$  is called an extended b-metric if for all  $x, y, z \in X$ , it satisfies;

- (1)  $d_\theta(x, y) = 0 \Leftrightarrow x = y$ ;
- (2)  $d_\theta(x, y) = d_\theta(y, x)$ ;
- (3)  $d_\theta(x, z) \leq \theta(x, z) [d_\theta(x, y) + d_\theta(y, z)]$ .

The pair  $(X, d_\theta)$  is called an extended b-metric space.

**Definition 2.3.** [35] The binary operation  $*$ :  $[0, 1] \times [0, 1] \rightarrow [0, 1]$  is triangular norm (t-norm) if it satisfies the following conditions, for all  $a, b, c, d \in [0, 1]$ ;

- (1)  $a * b = b * a$ ;
- (2)  $a * 1 = a$ ;
- (3)  $a * (b * c) = (a * b) * c$ ;
- (4) If  $a \leq c$  and  $b \leq d$ , then  $a * b \leq c * d$ .

**Example 2.4.** Some commonly used t-norms are defined as follows;

- (1)  $a \wedge b = \min \{a, b\}$  ;
- (2)  $a \cdot b = ab$  i.e. usual multiplication in  $[0, 1]$  ;
- (3)  $a * b = \max \{a + b - 1, 0\}$ .

**Definition 2.5.** [23] The triplet  $(X, N, *)$  is said to be a fuzzy metric space if  $X$  is an arbitrary set,  $*$  is a continuous t-norm and  $N$  is a fuzzy set in  $X \times X \times [0, \infty)$  such that for all  $x, y, z \in X$ ,

- (1)  $N(x, y, 0) = 0$ ;
- (2)  $N(x, y, t) = 1 \Leftrightarrow x = y$ , for all  $t > 0$ ;
- (3)  $N(x, y, t) = N(y, x, t)$ , for all  $t \geq 0$ ;
- (4)  $N(x, z, t+s) \geq N(x, y, t) * N(y, z, s)$ , for all  $t, s \geq 0$ ;
- (5)  $N(x, y, \cdot): [0, \infty) \rightarrow [0, 1]$  is left continuous and  $\lim_{t \rightarrow \infty} N(x, y, t) = 1$ .

**Definition 2.6.** [36] Let  $X$  be a non empty set. Let  $b \geq 1$  is a given real number and  $*$  be a continuous t-norm. Then,  $N$ , a fuzzy set on  $X \times X \times [0, \infty)$  is said to be fuzzy b-metric if for all  $x, y, z \in X$ , the following conditions hold;

- (1)  $N(x, y, 0) = 0$ ;
- (2)  $N(x, y, t) = 1 \Leftrightarrow x = y$ , for all  $t > 0$ ;
- (3)  $N(x, y, t) = N(y, x, t)$ , for all  $t \geq 0$ ;
- (4)  $N(x, z, b(t+s)) \geq N(x, y, t) * N(y, z, s)$ , for all  $t, s \geq 0$ ;
- (5)  $N(x, y, \cdot) : [0, \infty) \rightarrow [0, 1]$  is left continuous and  $\lim_{t \rightarrow \infty} N(x, y, t) = 1$ .

**Definition 2.7.** [37] Let  $X$  be a non empty set. Let  $\theta : X \times X \rightarrow [1, \infty)$  and  $*$  be a continuous t-norm. Then,  $N_\theta$ , a fuzzy set on  $X \times X \times [0, \infty)$  is said to be extended fuzzy b-metric if for all  $x, y, z \in X$ , the following conditions hold;

- (1)  $N_\theta(x, y, 0) = 0$ ;
- (2)  $N_\theta(x, y, t) = 1 \Leftrightarrow x = y$ , for all  $t > 0$ ;
- (3)  $N_\theta(x, y, t) = N_\theta(y, x, t)$ , for all  $t \geq 0$ ;
- (4)  $N_\theta(x, z, \theta(x, z)(t+s)) \geq N_\theta(x, y, t) * N_\theta(y, z, s)$ , for all  $t, s \geq 0$ ;
- (5)  $N_\theta(x, y, \cdot) : [0, \infty) \rightarrow [0, 1]$  is left continuous and  $\lim_{t \rightarrow \infty} N_\theta(x, y, t) = 1$ .

In this paper, we will use  $B$  for denoting Banach space and  $\vartheta$  for the zero of Banach space.

**Definition 2.8.** [9] Let  $H$  be a subset of  $B$ . Then,  $H$  is a cone if;

- (1)  $H$  is closed, non empty, and  $H \neq \vartheta$ ;
- (2) If  $a, b \in [0, \infty)$  and  $u, v \in H$ , then  $au + bv \in H$ ;
- (3) If both  $u$  and  $-u$  are in  $H$ , then  $u = \vartheta$ .

For a given cone  $H \subset B$ , a partial ordering  $\prec$  on  $B$  via  $H$  is defined by  $u \prec v$  if and only if  $v - u \in H$ . Here,  $u \prec v$  stands for  $u > v$  and  $u \neq v$ , whereas  $u \ll v$  stands for  $v - u \in \text{int}(H)$ . Throughout this paper, we will assume that each cone has nonempty interior.

**Definition 2.9.** [25] Let  $X$  be a non empty set and  $H$  be a cone on  $B$ . Consider  $*$  be a continuous t-norm and  $N$  be a fuzzy set on  $X \times X \times \text{int}(H)$  satisfying the following conditions, for all  $x, y, z \in X$  and  $t, s \in \text{int}(H)$ ;

- (1)  $N(x, y, t) > 0$  and  $N(x, y, t) = 1 \Leftrightarrow x = y$ ;
- (2)  $N(x, y, t) = N(y, x, t)$ ;
- (3)  $N(x, z, t+s) \geq N(x, y, t) * N(y, z, s)$ ;
- (4)  $N(x, y, \cdot) : \text{int}(H) \rightarrow [0, 1]$  is continuous.

Thus, the triplet  $(X, N, *)$  is said to be Fuzzy Cone Metric Space.

**Definition 2.10.** [25] Consider a fuzzy cone metric space  $(X, N, *)$  and let  $x \in X$  and  $\{x_n\}$  be a sequence in  $X$ . Then,

- (1)  $\{x_n\}$  is said to converge to  $x$  if for  $t \gg \vartheta$  and  $\alpha \in (0, 1)$ , there exists a natural number  $n_1$  such that  $N(x_n, x, t) > 1 - \alpha$  for all  $n > n_1$ . It is denoted as  $\lim_{n \rightarrow \infty} x_n = x$ ;
- (2)  $\{x_n\}$  is said to be Cauchy sequence if for  $\alpha \in (0, 1)$  and  $t \gg \vartheta$ , there exists natural number  $n_1$  such that  $N(x_n, x_m, t) > 1 - \alpha$  for all  $n, m > n_1$ ;
- (3)  $(X, N, *)$  is said to be complete fuzzy cone metric space if every Cauchy sequence is convergent in  $X$ ;

- (4)  $\{x_n\}$  is said to be fuzzy cone contractive if there exists  $\alpha \in (0,1)$  such that 
$$\frac{1}{N(x_{n+1}, x_{n+2}, t)} - 1 \leq \alpha \left( \frac{1}{N(x_n, x_{n+1}, t)} - 1 \right)$$
 for all  $t \gg \vartheta, n \in \mathbb{N}$ .

**Definition 2.11.** [33] Let  $X$  be a non empty set and  $*$  be a continuous t-norm,  $N$  is a fuzzy set on  $X \times X \times \text{int}(H)$  where  $H$  is the cone of  $B$  (Real Banach Space). A quadruple  $(X, N, *, b)$  is said to be fuzzy cone b-metric space if the following conditions are satisfied, for all  $x, y, z \in X$  and  $t, s \in \text{int}(H)$  and  $b \geq 1$ ;

- FCNB1:  $N(x, y, t) > 0$  and  $N(x, y, 0) = 0$ ;
- FCNB2:  $N(x, y, t) = 1 \Leftrightarrow x = y$ ;
- FCNB3:  $N(x, y, t) = N(y, x, t)$ ;
- FCNB4:  $N(x, z, b(t+s)) \geq N(x, y, t) * N(y, z, s)$ ;
- FCNB5:  $N(x, y, \cdot) : \text{int}(H) \rightarrow [0, 1]$  is continuous and  $\lim_{t \rightarrow \infty} N(x, y, t) = 1$ .

**Definition 2.12.** [33] Consider a fuzzy cone b-metric space  $(X, N, *, b)$  with  $b \geq 1$  and let  $x \in X$  and  $\{x_n\}$  be a sequence in  $X$ . Then,

- (1)  $\{x_n\}$  is said to b-converge to  $x$  if for  $t \gg \vartheta$  and  $\alpha \in (0,1)$ , there exists a natural number  $n_1$  such that  $N(x_n, x, t) > 1 - \alpha$  for all  $n > n_1$ . It is denoted as  $\lim_{n \rightarrow \infty} x_n = x$ ;
- (2)  $\{x_n\}$  is said to be Cauchy sequence if for  $\alpha \in (0,1)$  and  $t \gg \vartheta$ , there exists natural number  $n_1$  such that  $N(x_n, x_m, t) > 1 - \alpha$  for all  $n, m > n_1$ ;
- (3)  $(X, N, *, b)$  is said to be complete fuzzy cone b-metric space if every Cauchy sequence is b-convergent in  $X$ ;
- (4) A self mapping  $R: X \rightarrow X$  is said to be fuzzy cone b-contractive if there exists  $\alpha \in (0,1)$  such that 
$$\frac{1}{N(Rx, Ry, t)} - 1 \leq \alpha \left( \frac{1}{N(x, y, t)} - 1 \right)$$
 for all  $t \gg \vartheta, n \in \mathbb{N}$ , where  $\alpha$  is known as contraction constant of  $R$ ;
- (5)  $\{x_n\}$  is said to be fuzzy cone b-contractive if there exists  $\alpha \in (0,1)$  such that 
$$\frac{1}{N(x_{n+1}, x_{n+2}, t)} - 1 \leq \alpha \left( \frac{1}{N(x_n, x_{n+1}, t)} - 1 \right)$$
 for all  $t \gg \vartheta, n \in \mathbb{N}$ .

### 3. MAIN RESULT

We now introduce extended fuzzy cone b-metric space which is one of the generalizations of b-metric space. In this definition, last condition of fuzzy cone b-metric (Definition 2.8) has been reformed in new manner.

**Definition 3.1.** Let  $X$  be a non empty set with  $*$  as continuous t-norm,  $\theta : X \times X \rightarrow [1, \infty)$ ,  $N_\theta$  be a fuzzy set on  $X \times X \times \text{int}(H)$  where  $H$  is a cone of  $B$ , the real Banach space. A quadruple  $(X, N_\theta, *, \theta)$  is said to be extended fuzzy cone b-metric space if the following conditions are satisfied, for all  $x, y, z \in X$  and  $t, s \in \text{int}(H)$  and

- (EFCbM1)  $N_\theta(x, y, t) > 0$  and  $N_\theta(x, y, 0) = 0$ ;
- (EFCbM2)  $N_\theta(x, y, t) = 1 \Leftrightarrow x = y$ ;
- (EFCbM3)  $N_\theta(x, y, t) = N_\theta(y, x, t)$ ;
- (EFCbM4)  $N_\theta(x, z, \theta(x, z)(t+s)) \geq N_\theta(x, y, t) * N_\theta(y, z, s)$ ;
- (EFCbM5)  $N_\theta(x, y, \cdot) : \text{int}(H) \rightarrow [0, 1]$  is continuous and  $\lim_{t \rightarrow \infty} N_\theta(x, y, t) = 1$ .

**Example 3.2.** Let  $E = R^2$  and  $H = \{(r_1, r_2); r_1, r_2 \geq 0\}$  is a normal cone with normal constant  $k = 1$ .

Let  $X = C([a, b], R)$  be the space of all real valued continuous functions defined on  $[a, b]$ . It is an extended fuzzy cone b-metric space by considering  $N_\theta : X \times X \times \text{int}(H) \rightarrow [0, 1]$  defined as;

$$N_\theta(x, y, t) = e^{-\frac{\sup_{\tau \in [a, b]} |x(\tau) - y(\tau)|^2}{\|t\|}} \quad \text{for all } x, y \in X \text{ and } t \geq 0.$$

where  $\theta(x, y) = |x(\tau)| + |y(\tau)| + 2$ .

(EFCbM1)

$$N_\theta(x, y, 0) = e^{-\frac{\sup_{\tau \in [a, b]} |x(\tau) - y(\tau)|^2}{\|0\|}} = e^{-\infty} = \frac{1}{\infty} = 0$$

and  $N_\theta(x, y, t) > 0, t > 0$ .

(EFCbM2)  $N_\theta(x, y, t) = 1$  for all  $t > 0 \Leftrightarrow x = y$   
i.e. for all  $\tau \in [a, b], x(\tau) = y(\tau)$

$$N_\theta(x, y, t) = e^{-\frac{\sup_{\tau \in [a, b]} |x(\tau) - y(\tau)|^2}{\|t\|}} = \frac{1}{e^0} = 1.$$

(EFCbM3)

$$\begin{aligned} N_\theta(x, y, t) &= e^{-\frac{\sup_{\tau \in [a, b]} |x(\tau) - y(\tau)|^2}{\|t\|}} \\ &= e^{-\frac{\sup_{\tau \in [a, b]} |y(\tau) - x(\tau)|^2}{\|t\|}} \\ &= e^{-\frac{\sup_{\tau \in [a, b]} |y(\tau) - x(\tau)|^2}{\|t\|}} \\ &= N_\theta(y, x, t). \end{aligned}$$

(EFCbM4)

$$t + s \leq \theta(x, z)(t + s) \text{ for } \theta(x, z) \geq 1$$

Since,  $t \leq t + s$  and  $s \leq t + s$

$$\Rightarrow t \leq \theta(x, z)(t + s), s \leq \theta(x, z)(t + s)$$

and hence,  $\|t\| \leq \|\theta(x, z)(t + s)\|$  and  $\|s\| \leq \|\theta(x, z)(t + s)\|$

$$\Rightarrow \frac{\|\theta(x, z)(t + s)\|}{\|t\|} \geq 1 \text{ and } \frac{\|\theta(x, z)(t + s)\|}{\|s\|} \geq 1$$

Now,  $|x - z|^2 = |(x - y) - (z - y)|^2 \leq |x - y|^2 + |z - y|^2$

$$= |x - y|^2 + |y - z|^2$$

$$\Rightarrow |x - z|^2 \leq |x - y|^2 + |y - z|^2$$

$$\Rightarrow |x - z|^2 \leq |x - y|^2 \frac{\|\theta(x, z)(t + s)\|}{\|t\|} + |y - z|^2 \frac{\|\theta(x, z)(t + s)\|}{\|s\|}$$

$$\begin{aligned} &\Rightarrow -|x - z|^2 \geq -|x - y|^2 \frac{\|\theta(x, z)(t + s)\|}{\|t\|} - |y - z|^2 \frac{\|\theta(x, z)(t + s)\|}{\|s\|} \\ &\Rightarrow -\frac{|x - z|^2}{\|\theta(x, z)(t + s)\|} \geq -\frac{|x - y|^2}{\|t\|} - \frac{|y - z|^2}{\|s\|} \end{aligned}$$

Thus, 
$$-\frac{|x(\tau) - z(\tau)|^2}{\|\theta(x, z)(t + s)\|} \geq -\frac{|x(\tau) - y(\tau)|^2}{\|t\|} - \frac{|y(\tau) - z(\tau)|^2}{\|s\|}$$

$$\begin{aligned} \Rightarrow -\frac{\sup_{\tau \in [a, b]} |x(\tau) - z(\tau)|^2}{\|\theta(x, z)(t + s)\|} &\geq -\frac{\sup_{\tau \in [a, b]} |x(\tau) - y(\tau)|^2}{\|t\|} - \frac{\sup_{\tau \in [a, b]} |y(\tau) - z(\tau)|^2}{\|s\|} \\ \Rightarrow e^{-\frac{\sup_{\tau \in [a, b]} |x(\tau) - z(\tau)|^2}{\|\theta(x, z)(t + s)\|}} &\geq e^{-\frac{\sup_{\tau \in [a, b]} |x(\tau) - y(\tau)|^2}{\|t\|}} e^{-\frac{\sup_{\tau \in [a, b]} |y(\tau) - z(\tau)|^2}{\|s\|}} \end{aligned}$$

Hence,  $N_\theta(x, z, \theta(x, z)(t + s)) \geq N_\theta(x, y, t) * N_\theta(y, z, s)$ .

(EFCbM5)

Define  $f : \text{int}(H) \rightarrow (0, \infty)$  as  $f(t) = \|t\| = \sqrt{r_1^2 + r_2^2}$  and  $g : (0, \infty) \rightarrow [0, 1]$  as  $g(s) = \frac{\sup_{\tau \in [a, b]} |x(\tau) - y(\tau)|^2}{s}$ .

Then,  $N_\theta(x, y, \cdot) : \text{int}(H) \rightarrow [0, 1]$  is composition of the both functions  $f$  and  $g$ . Since, both  $f$  and  $g$  are continuous. Therefore,  $N_\theta(x, y, \cdot)$  is also continuous and

$$\begin{aligned} \lim_{t \rightarrow \infty} N_\theta(x, y, t) &= \lim_{t \rightarrow \infty} e^{-\frac{\sup_{\tau \in [a, b]} |x(\tau) - y(\tau)|^2}{\|t\|}} \\ &= e^{-\frac{\sup_{\tau \in [a, b]} |x(\tau) - y(\tau)|^2}{\infty}} \\ &= e^{-0} \\ &= \frac{1}{e^0} = 1. \end{aligned}$$

Hence, it satisfies all the conditions of Definition 3.1 and is an extended fuzzy cone b-metric space.

**Definition 3.3.** Consider an extended fuzzy cone b-metric space  $(X, N_\theta, *, \theta)$  where  $\theta : X \times X \rightarrow [1, \infty)$  and let  $x \in X$  and  $\{x_n\}$  be a sequence in  $X$ . Then,

- (1)  $\{x_n\}$  is said to converge to  $x$  if for  $t \gg \vartheta$  and  $\alpha \in (0, 1)$ , there exists a natural number  $n_1$  such that  $N_\theta(x_n, x, t) > 1 - \alpha$  for all  $n > n_1$ . It is denoted as  $\lim_{n \rightarrow \infty} x_n = x$ ;
- (2)  $\{x_n\}$  is said to be Cauchy sequence if for  $\alpha \in (0, 1)$  and  $t \gg \vartheta$ , there exists natural number  $n_1$  such that  $N_\theta(x_n, x_m, t) > 1 - \alpha$  for all  $n, m > n_1$ ;
- (3)  $(X, N_\theta, *, \theta)$  is said to be complete extended fuzzy cone b-metric space if every Cauchy sequence is convergent in  $X$ ;
- (4)  $\{x_n\}$  is said to be extended fuzzy cone b-contractive if there exists  $\alpha \in (0, 1)$  such that  $\frac{1}{N_\theta(x_{n+1}, x_{n+2}, t)} - 1 \leq \alpha \left( \frac{1}{N_\theta(x_n, x_{n+1}, t)} - 1 \right)$  for all  $t \gg \vartheta$ , where  $n \in \mathbb{N}$ .

**Definition 3.4.** Let  $(X, N_\theta, *, \theta)$  be an extended fuzzy cone b-metric space and  $R : X \rightarrow X$  be a self mapping. Then,  $R$  is said to be an extended fuzzy cone b-contractive if there

exists  $\alpha \in (0,1)$  such that

$$\frac{1}{N_\theta(Rx, Ry, t)} - 1 \leq \alpha \left( \frac{1}{N_\theta(x, y, t)} - 1 \right) \text{ for all } t \gg \vartheta \text{ (}\vartheta \text{ denotes the zero of B), } n \in \mathbb{N},$$

where  $\alpha$  is known as contraction constant of R.

**Definition 3.5.** Let  $(X, N_\theta, *, \theta)$  be an extended fuzzy cone b-metric space and  $P, Q : X \rightarrow X$  are self mappings. Then, P and Q are said to be extended fuzzy cone b-contractive if there exists  $\alpha \in (0,1)$  such that

$$\frac{1}{N_\theta(Px, Qy, t)} - 1 \leq \alpha \left( \frac{1}{N_\theta(x, y, t)} - 1 \right) \text{ for all } t \gg \vartheta \text{ (}\vartheta \text{ denotes the zero of B), } n \in \mathbb{N},$$

where  $\alpha$  is known as contraction constant of both P and Q.

**Theorem 3.6.** *Extended Fuzzy Cone b-Banach Contraction Theorem: Let  $(X, N_\theta, *, \theta)$  be complete extended fuzzy cone b-metric space in which extended fuzzy cone b-contractive sequences are Cauchy and  $S, T : X \rightarrow X$  be extended fuzzy cone b-contractive mappings where  $S(X) \subseteq T(X)$ . Then, S and T have unique common fixed point.*

*Proof.* Let  $x_0 \in X$ . Consider a sequence  $\{x_n\}$  defined as  $x_{2n+1} = Sx_{2n}, x_{2n+2} = Tx_{2n+1}$  for  $n = 0, 1, 2, \dots$

At first, we will show that the subsequence  $\{x_{2n}\}$  of sequence  $\{x_n\}$  is Cauchy.

$$\begin{aligned} \frac{1}{N_\theta(x_{2n+1}, x_{2n+2}, t)} - 1 &= \frac{1}{N_\theta(Sx_{2n}, Tx_{2n+1}, t)} - 1 \\ &\leq \alpha \left( \frac{1}{N_\theta(x_{2n}, x_{2n+1}, t)} - 1 \right) \\ &= \alpha \left( \frac{1}{N_\theta(Sx_{2n-1}, Tx_{2n}, t)} - 1 \right) \\ &\leq \alpha \cdot \alpha \left( \frac{1}{N_\theta(x_{2n-1}, x_{2n}, t)} - 1 \right) \\ \Rightarrow \frac{1}{N_\theta(x_{2n+1}, x_{2n+2}, t)} - 1 &\leq \alpha^2 \left( \frac{1}{N_\theta(x_{2n-1}, x_{2n}, t)} - 1 \right) \end{aligned}$$

Continuing in the same way, we get  $\Rightarrow \frac{1}{N_\theta(x_{2n+1}, x_{2n+2}, t)} - 1 \leq \alpha^{2n+1} \left( \frac{1}{N_\theta(x_0, x_1, t)} - 1 \right)$

Thus,  $\{x_{2n}\}$  is a Cauchy sequence in X. Therefore,  $\{x_{2n}\}$  converges to some y in X.

Then, by Theorem 2.10 of [25], we have

$$\frac{1}{N_\theta(Sx_{2n}, Tx_{2n+1}, t)} - 1 \leq \alpha \left( \frac{1}{N_\theta(x_{2n+1}, x_{2n+2}, t)} - 1 \right) \leq \alpha \left( \frac{1}{N_\theta(y, y, t)} - 1 \right)$$

$$\frac{1}{N_\theta(Sx_{2n}, Tx_{2n+1}, t)} = 1$$

$$Sx_{2n} = Tx_{2n+1}$$

$$Sy = Ty \text{ as } n \rightarrow \infty.$$

Thus, y is a coincidence point of S and T. Now, we will prove y to be a fixed point of S and T.

$$\frac{1}{N_\theta(Sy, Tx_{2n}, t)} - 1 \leq \alpha \left( \frac{1}{N_\theta(y, x_{2n}, t)} - 1 \right)$$

as  $x_{2n} \rightarrow y$  and  $Tx_{2n} = x_{2n+1}$

$$\frac{1}{N_\theta(Sy, x_{2n+1}, t)} - 1 \leq \alpha \left( \frac{1}{N_\theta(y, y, t)} - 1 \right)$$

$$\frac{1}{N_\theta(Sy, x_{2n+1}, t)} - 1 \leq 0$$

$$\Rightarrow Sy = y.$$

**Uniqueness of fixed point:** Let u is also a fixed point of S and T. Then,  $Su = Tu = u$ .

$$\left(\frac{1}{N_\theta(y, u, t)} - 1\right) = \left(\frac{1}{N_\theta(Sy, Tu, t)} - 1\right) \leq \alpha \left(\frac{1}{N_\theta(y, u, t)} - 1\right)$$

$$(1 - \alpha) \left(\frac{1}{N_\theta(y, u, t)} - 1\right) \leq 0$$

$$\Rightarrow N_\theta(y, u, t) = 1$$

$$\Rightarrow y = u.$$

Thus, y is a unique fixed point of S and T. ■

**Corollary 3.7.** *Let  $(X, N_\theta, *, \theta)$  be complete extended fuzzy cone b-metric space in which extended fuzzy cone b-contractive sequence is Cauchy and  $T: X \rightarrow X$  be an extended fuzzy cone b-contractive mapping. Then, S and T have unique common fixed point.*

*Proof.* If we put  $S = T$  in Theorem 3.6, then the obtained result will give us extended fuzzy cone b-Banach contraction theorem. ■

**Definition 3.8.** Let  $(X, N_\theta, *, \theta)$  be an extended fuzzy cone b-metric space. A self mapping  $T: X \rightarrow X$  is called V-contraction if it satisfies the following conditions:

$$\frac{1}{N_\theta(Tx, Ty, t)} - 1 \leq a \left(\frac{1}{N_\theta(x, Tx, t) * N_\theta(y, Ty, t)} - 1\right) + b \left(\frac{1}{N_\theta(y, Ty, t)} - 1\right)$$

$$+ k \left(\frac{1}{\min(N_\theta(x, Ty, t), N_\theta(y, Tx, t))} - 1\right)$$

for all  $x, y \in X$  where  $k \geq 0, a, b \in [0, 1)$  and  $a + b < 1$  with  $a < 1 - k$ .

**Theorem 3.9.** *Let  $(X, N_\theta, *, \theta)$  be an extended fuzzy cone b-metric space. A self mapping  $T: X \rightarrow X$  is a V-contraction given by*

$$\frac{1}{N_\theta(Tx, Ty, t)} - 1 \leq a \left(\frac{1}{N_\theta(x, Tx, t) * N_\theta(y, Ty, t)} - 1\right) + b \left(\frac{1}{N_\theta(y, Ty, t)} - 1\right)$$

$$+ k \left(\frac{1}{\min(N_\theta(x, Ty, t), N_\theta(y, Tx, t))} - 1\right). \tag{3.1}$$

*Then, T has a unique common fixed point in X.*

*Proof.* Let  $x_0 \in X$ . Define a sequence  $\{x_n\}$  by  $x_n = Tx_{n-1}$  for  $n \geq 0$ . Then, by given contraction (3.1) for  $t \geq 0$  and  $n \geq 1$ ,

$$\frac{1}{N_\theta(Tx, Ty, t)} - 1 \leq a \left(\frac{1}{N_\theta(x, Tx, t) * N_\theta(y, Ty, t)} - 1\right) + b \left(\frac{1}{N_\theta(y, Ty, t)} - 1\right)$$

$$+ k \left(\frac{1}{\min(N_\theta(x, Ty, t), N_\theta(y, Tx, t))} - 1\right).$$

We have,

$$\frac{1}{N_\theta(x_n, x_{n+1}, t)} - 1 = \frac{1}{N_\theta(Tx_{n-1}, Tx_n, t)} - 1$$



$$\begin{aligned} &\leq a \left( \frac{1}{N_\theta(x_{n-1}, Tx_{n-1}, t) * N_\theta(x_n, Tx_{n-1}, t)} - 1 \right) \\ &\quad + b \left( \frac{1}{N_\theta(x_n, Tx_n, t)} - 1 \right) \\ &\quad + k \left( \frac{1}{\min(N_\theta(x_{n-1}, Tx_n, t), N_\theta(x_n, Tx_{n-1}, t))} - 1 \right) \\ \Rightarrow \frac{1}{N_\theta(x_n, x_{n+1}, t)} - 1 &\leq a \left( \frac{1}{N_\theta(x_{n-1}, x_n, t) * N_\theta(x_n, x_n, t)} - 1 \right) \\ &\quad + b \left( \frac{1}{N_\theta(x_n, x_{n+1}, t)} - 1 \right) \\ &\quad + k \left( \frac{1}{\min(N_\theta(x_{n-1}, x_{n+1}, t), N_\theta(x_n, x_n, t))} - 1 \right). \end{aligned}$$

$$\begin{aligned} \Rightarrow \frac{1}{N_\theta(x_n, x_{n+1}, t)} - 1 &\leq a \left( \frac{1}{N_\theta(x_{n-1}, x_n, t)} - 1 \right) + b \left( \frac{1}{N_\theta(x_n, x_{n+1}, t)} - 1 \right) + k(0) \\ \Rightarrow \left( \frac{1}{N_\theta(x_n, x_{n+1}, t)} - 1 \right) (1 - b) &\leq a \left( \frac{1}{N_\theta(x_{n-1}, x_n, t)} - 1 \right) \\ \Rightarrow \left( \frac{1}{N_\theta(x_n, x_{n+1}, t)} - 1 \right) &\leq \frac{a}{1 - b} \left( \frac{1}{N_\theta(x_{n-1}, x_n, t)} - 1 \right) \end{aligned}$$

Take  $h = \frac{a}{1 - b}$  as  $a + b < 1$  implies  $a < 1 - b$ .

This implies

$$\left( \frac{1}{N_\theta(x_n, x_{n+1}, t)} - 1 \right) \leq h \left( \frac{1}{N_\theta(x_{n-1}, x_n, t)} - 1 \right) \leq h^n \left( \frac{1}{N_\theta(x_0, x_1, t)} - 1 \right).$$

Since,  $\{x_n\}$  is an extended fuzzy cone b-contractive sequence and we get,

$$\lim_{n \rightarrow \infty} N_\theta(x_n, x_{n+1}, t) = 1 \text{ for } t > 0.$$

Now, for  $m > n \geq n_0$ ,

$$\begin{aligned} &\frac{1}{N_\theta(x_n, x_m, t)} - 1 \\ &\leq \left( \frac{1}{N_\theta(x_n, x_{n+1}, t)} - 1 \right) + \left( \frac{1}{N_\theta(x_{n+1}, x_{n+2}, t)} - 1 \right) + \dots \\ &\quad + \left( \frac{1}{N_\theta(x_{m-1}, x_m, t)} - 1 \right) \\ &\leq h^n \left( \frac{1}{N_\theta(x_0, x_1, t)} - 1 \right) + h^{n+1} \left( \frac{1}{N_\theta(x_0, x_1, t)} - 1 \right) + \dots \\ &\quad + h^{m-1} \left( \frac{1}{N_\theta(x_0, x_1, t)} - 1 \right) \\ &= (h^n + h^{n+1} + \dots + h^{m-1}) \left( \frac{1}{N_\theta(x_0, x_1, t)} - 1 \right) \rightarrow 0 \text{ as } n \rightarrow \infty \end{aligned}$$

$\lim_{n \rightarrow \infty} N_\theta(x_n, u, t) = 1$  and  $\lim_{n \rightarrow \infty} x_n = u$  for  $t \geq 0$ .

$$\frac{1}{N_\theta(x_{n+1}, Tu, t)} - 1 = \frac{1}{N_\theta(Tx_n, Tu, t)} - 1$$

$$\begin{aligned}
&\leq a \left( \frac{1}{N_\theta(x_n, Tx_n, t) * N_\theta(u, Tx_n, t)} - 1 \right) \\
&\quad + b \left( \frac{1}{N_\theta(u, Tu, t)} - 1 \right) \\
&\quad + k \left( \frac{1}{\min(N_\theta(x_n, Tu, t), N_\theta(u, Tx_n, t))} - 1 \right) \\
&= a \left( \frac{1}{N_\theta(x_n, x_{n+1}, t) * N_\theta(u, x_{n+1}, t)} - 1 \right) \\
&\quad + b \left( \frac{1}{N_\theta(u, Tu, t)} - 1 \right) \\
&\quad + k \left( \frac{1}{\min(N_\theta(x_n, Tu, t), N_\theta(u, x_{n+1}, t))} - 1 \right).
\end{aligned}$$

Applying  $n \rightarrow \infty$ ,

$$\begin{aligned}
\frac{1}{N_\theta(u, Tu, t)} - 1 &= a \left( \frac{1}{N_\theta(u, u, t) * N_\theta(u, u, t)} - 1 \right) \\
&\quad + b \left( \frac{1}{N_\theta(u, Tu, t)} - 1 \right) \\
&\quad + k \left( \frac{1}{\min(N_\theta(u, Tu, t), N_\theta(u, u, t))} - 1 \right) \\
&= 0 + b \left( \frac{1}{N_\theta(u, Tu, t)} - 1 \right) + k(0) \\
\Rightarrow \frac{1}{N_\theta(u, Tu, t)} - 1 &= b \left( \frac{1}{N_\theta(u, Tu, t)} - 1 \right) \text{ for } t \geq 0.
\end{aligned}$$

As  $b < 1$  since,  $a + b < 1$ . Thus,  $u$  is a fixed point of  $T$ .

**Uniqueness of fixed point:** Let  $v$  is another fixed point of  $T$ .

$$\begin{aligned}
\frac{1}{N_\theta(u, v, t)} - 1 &= \frac{1}{N_\theta(Tu, Tv, t)} - 1 \\
&\leq a \left( \frac{1}{N_\theta(u, Tu, t) * N_\theta(v, Tu, t)} - 1 \right) \\
&\quad + b \left( \frac{1}{N_\theta(v, Tv, t)} - 1 \right) \\
&\quad + k \left( \frac{1}{\min(N_\theta(u, Tv, t), N_\theta(v, Tu, t))} - 1 \right) \\
&= a \left( \frac{1}{N_\theta(u, u, t) * N_\theta(v, u, t)} - 1 \right) \\
&\quad + b \left( \frac{1}{N_\theta(v, v, t)} - 1 \right) \\
&\quad + k \left( \frac{1}{\min(N_\theta(u, v, t), N_\theta(v, u, t))} - 1 \right)
\end{aligned}$$

$$\begin{aligned} \Rightarrow \frac{1}{N_\theta(u, v, t)} - 1 &\leq a \left( \frac{1}{N_\theta(v, u, t)} - 1 \right) + 0 + k \left( \frac{1}{N_\theta(u, v, t)} - 1 \right) \\ \Rightarrow \frac{1}{N_\theta(u, v, t)} - 1 &\leq (a + k) \left( \frac{1}{N_\theta(v, u, t)} - 1 \right). \end{aligned}$$

As  $a < 1 - k \Rightarrow a + k < 1$ .

$$\Rightarrow N_\theta(u, v, t) = 1 \Rightarrow u = v.$$

Hence,  $u$  is a unique fixed point of  $T$ . ■

#### 4. APPLICATION

Here, we are going to apply our proved results on Fredholm Integral Equations (FIE's). Let  $U = C([0, \delta], \mathbb{R})$  be the space of all real valued continuous functions on  $[0, \delta]$  where  $0 < \delta \in \mathbb{R}$ . Thus, the Fredholm Integral equations are;

$$\phi(\tau) = \int_0^\delta k_1(\tau, s, \phi(s)) ds \tag{4.1}$$

$$\psi(\tau) = \int_0^\delta k_2(\tau, s, \psi(s)) ds \tag{4.2}$$

for all  $\phi, \psi \in U$ , where  $\tau \in [0, \delta]$  and  $k_1, k_2: [0, \delta] \times [0, \delta] \times \mathbb{R} \rightarrow \mathbb{R}$ . Thus, the induced metric  $d_\theta: U \times U \rightarrow \mathbb{R}$  be defined as;

$$d_\theta(\phi, \psi) = \sup_{\tau \in [0, \delta]} |\phi(\tau) - \psi(\tau)|^2 = \|\phi - \psi\| \tag{4.3}$$

where  $\theta: U \times U \rightarrow [1, \infty)$  defined as  $\theta(\phi, \psi) = 1 + \phi + \psi$ .

The binary operation  $*$  is defined as  $c * d = cd$ , for all  $c, d \in [0, \delta]$ . An extended fuzzy cone b-metric  $N_\theta: U \times U \times (0, \infty) \rightarrow [0, 1]$  is given by

$$N_\theta(\phi, \psi, t) = \frac{t}{t + d_\theta(\phi, \psi)} \tag{4.4}$$

for  $t > 0$ , for all  $\phi, \psi \in U$ . As it can be easily verified that  $N_\theta$  satisfies all the properties of extended fuzzy cone b-metric space and hence, a complete extended fuzzy cone b-metric space.

**Theorem 4.1.** *Given two Fredholm Integral Equations are*

$$\phi(\tau) = \int_0^\delta k_1(\tau, s, \phi(s)) ds \tag{4.5}$$

$$\psi(\tau) = \int_0^\delta k_2(\tau, s, \psi(s)) ds \tag{4.6}$$

where  $\tau \in [0, 1]$  and  $\phi, \psi \in U$ . Assume that  $K_1, K_2 : [0, 1] \times [0, 1] \times R \rightarrow R$  are such that  $A_\phi, B_\psi \in B$  for every  $\phi, \psi \in B$  where

$$A_\phi(\tau) = \int_0^\delta k_1(\tau, s, \phi(s)) ds \quad (4.7)$$

$$A_\psi(\tau) = \int_0^\delta k_2(\tau, s, \psi(s)) ds. \quad (4.8)$$

If there exists  $\beta \in (0, 1)$  such that for all  $\phi, \psi \in U$ ,

$$\|A_\phi - A_\psi\| \leq \beta M(T, \phi, \psi) \quad (4.9)$$

where

$$M(T, \phi, \psi) = \max \left\{ \|y - Ty\|, \|x - Ty\|, \|y - Tx\|, \frac{t\|x - Tx\| + t\|y - Tx\| + \|x - Tx\| \cdot \|y - Tx\|}{t^2} \right\}. \quad (4.10)$$

Then, the two integral equations defined in (4.5)-(4.6), have a unique common solution in  $U$ .

*Proof.* Define  $T: E \rightarrow E$  by

$$T(\phi) = A_\phi, T(\psi) = A_\psi \quad (4.11)$$

The FIE in (4.5)-(4.6) have a common solution if and only if  $T$  has a fixed point in  $U$ . Now, we have to show that Theorem 3.9 is applied to the integral operator  $T$ .

Then, for all  $\phi, \psi \in U$ , we have the following four cases:

**Case 1:** If  $M(T, \phi, \psi) = \|y - Ty\|$  in (4.10), then from (4.4) and (4.9), we get

$$\begin{aligned} \frac{1}{N_\theta(T\phi, T\psi, t)} - 1 &= \frac{1}{t} - 1 \\ &= \frac{t + d_\theta(T\phi, T\psi)}{t + d_\theta(T\phi, T\psi)} - 1 \\ &= \frac{d_\theta(T\phi, T\psi)}{t} - 1 \\ &= \frac{d_\theta(A_\phi, A_\psi)}{t} \\ &\leq \frac{\beta M(T, \phi, \psi)}{t} \\ &= \frac{\beta \|y - Ty\|}{t} \\ \Rightarrow \frac{1}{N_\theta(T\phi, T\psi, t)} - 1 &\leq \frac{\beta \|y - Ty\|}{t} \end{aligned} \quad (4.12)$$

Now,

$$\begin{aligned} \frac{1}{N_\theta(y, Ty, t)} - 1 &= \frac{1}{\frac{t + d_\theta(y, Ty)}{t}} \\ &= \frac{t + d_\theta(y, Ty)}{t} - 1 \\ &= \frac{d_\theta(y, Ty)}{t} \\ &= \frac{\|y - Ty\|}{t} \\ \Rightarrow \frac{1}{N_\theta(y, Ty, t)} - 1 &= \frac{\|y - Ty\|}{t}. \end{aligned} \tag{4.13}$$

Thus, from (4.12) and (4.13), we get

$$\frac{1}{N_\theta(T\phi, T\psi, t)} - 1 \leq \beta \left( \frac{1}{N_\theta(y, Ty, t)} - 1 \right) \tag{4.14}$$

for  $t \gg \vartheta$  and for all  $\phi, \psi \in U$  such that  $T\phi \neq T\psi$ . It is clear that the inequality (4.14) holds if  $T\phi = T\psi$ . Thus, the integral operator  $T$  satisfy all the conditions of Theorem 3.9 with  $\beta = b$  and  $a = k = 0$  in V-contraction and have a fixed point i.e. (4.5)-(4.6) have a common solution in  $U$ .

**Case 2:** If  $M(T, \phi, \psi) = \frac{t\|x - Tx\| + t\|y - Ty\| + \|x - Tx\| \cdot \|y - Ty\|}{t^2}$  in (4.10), then from (4.4) and (4.9), we get

$$\begin{aligned} \frac{1}{N_\theta(T\phi, T\psi, t)} - 1 &= \frac{1}{\frac{t + d_\theta(T\phi, T\psi)}{t}} - 1 \\ &= \frac{d_\theta(T\phi, T\psi)}{t} \\ &= \frac{d_\theta(A_\phi, A_\psi)}{t} \\ &\leq \frac{\beta M(T, \phi, \psi)}{t} \\ &= \beta \left( \frac{t\|x - Tx\| + t\|y - Ty\| + \|x - Tx\| \cdot \|y - Ty\|}{t^2} \right) \\ \Rightarrow \frac{1}{N_\theta(T\phi, T\psi, t)} - 1 &\leq \beta \left( \frac{t\|x - Tx\| + t\|y - Ty\| + \|x - Tx\| \cdot \|y - Ty\|}{t^2} \right) \end{aligned} \tag{4.15}$$

Now,

$$\frac{1}{N_\theta(x, Tx, t) * N_\theta(y, Ty, t)} - 1 = \frac{1}{\left( \frac{t}{t + d_\theta(x, Tx)} \right) \left( \frac{t}{t + d_\theta(y, Ty)} \right)} - 1$$

$$\begin{aligned}
&= \frac{(t + d_\theta(x, Tx))(t + d_\theta(y, Tx))}{t^2} - 1 \\
&= \frac{td_\theta(x, Tx) + td_\theta(y, Tx) + d_\theta(x, Tx)d_\theta(y, Tx)}{t^2} \\
\Rightarrow \frac{1}{N_\theta(x, Tx, t) * N_\theta(y, Tx, t)} - 1 &= \frac{t\|x - Tx\| + t\|y - Tx\| + \|x - Tx\| \cdot \|y - Tx\|}{t^2}.
\end{aligned} \tag{4.16}$$

Thus, from (4.15) and (4.16), we get

$$\frac{1}{N_\theta(T\phi, T\psi, t)} - 1 \leq \beta \left( \frac{1}{N_\theta(x, Tx, t) * N_\theta(y, Tx, t)} - 1 \right) \tag{4.17}$$

for  $t \gg \vartheta$  and for all  $\phi, \psi \in U$  such that  $T\phi \neq T\psi$ . It is clear that the inequality (4.17) holds if  $T\phi = T\psi$ . Thus, the integral operator  $T$  satisfy all the conditions of Theorem 3.9 with  $\beta = a$  and  $b = k = 0$  in  $V$ -contraction and have a fixed point i.e. (4.5)-(4.6) have a common solution in  $U$ .

**Case 3:** If  $M(T, \phi, \psi) = \|x - Ty\|$  in (4.10), then from (4.4) and (4.9), we get

$$\begin{aligned}
\frac{1}{N_\theta(T\phi, T\psi, t)} - 1 &= \frac{1}{t + d_\theta(T\phi, T\psi)} - 1 \\
&= \frac{d_\theta(T\phi, T\psi)}{t} \\
&= \frac{d_\theta(A_\phi, A_\psi)}{t} \\
&\leq \frac{\beta M(T, \phi, \psi)}{t} \\
&= \frac{\beta \|x - Ty\|}{t} \\
\Rightarrow \frac{1}{N_\theta(T\phi, T\psi, t)} - 1 &\leq \frac{\beta \|x - Ty\|}{t}.
\end{aligned} \tag{4.18}$$

Now, if  $\min(N_\theta(x, Ty, t), N_\theta(y, Tx, t)) = N_\theta(x, Ty, t)$ , then

$$\begin{aligned}
\frac{1}{\min(N_\theta(x, Ty, t), N_\theta(y, Tx, t))} - 1 &= \frac{1}{N_\theta(x, Ty, t)} - 1 \\
&= \frac{d_\theta(x, Ty)}{t} \\
&= \frac{\|x - Ty\|}{t} \\
\Rightarrow \frac{1}{\min(N_\theta(x, Ty, t), N_\theta(y, Tx, t))} - 1 &= \frac{\|x - Ty\|}{t}.
\end{aligned} \tag{4.19}$$

Thus, from (4.18) and (4.19), we get

$$\Rightarrow \frac{1}{N_\theta(T\phi, T\psi, t)} - 1 \leq \beta \left( \frac{1}{\min(N_\theta(x, Ty, t), N_\theta(y, Tx, t))} - 1 \right) \quad (4.20)$$

for  $t \gg \vartheta$  and for all  $\phi, \psi \in U$  such that  $T\phi \neq T\psi$ . It is clear that the inequality (4.20) holds if  $T\phi = T\psi$ . Thus, the integral operator  $T$  satisfy all the conditions of Theorem 3.9 with  $\beta = k$  and  $a = b = 0$  in V-contraction and have a fixed point i.e. (4.5)-(4.6) have a common solution in  $U$ .

**Case 4:** If  $M(T, \phi, \psi) = \|y - Tx\|$  in (4.10), then from (4.4) and (4.9), we get

$$\begin{aligned} \frac{1}{N_\theta(T\phi, T\psi, t)} - 1 &= \frac{1}{t} - 1 \\ &= \frac{d_\theta(T\phi, T\psi)}{t + d_\theta(T\phi, T\psi)} \\ &= \frac{d_\theta(A_\phi, A_\psi)}{t} \\ &\leq \frac{\beta M(T, \phi, \psi)}{t} \\ &= \frac{\beta \|y - Tx\|}{t} \end{aligned}$$

$$\Rightarrow \frac{1}{N_\theta(T\phi, T\psi, t)} - 1 \leq \frac{\beta \|y - Tx\|}{t}. \quad (4.21)$$

Now, if  $\min(N_\theta(x, Ty, t), N_\theta(y, Tx, t)) = N_\theta(y, Tx, t)$ , then

$$\begin{aligned} \frac{1}{\min(N_\theta(x, Ty, t), N_\theta(y, Tx, t))} - 1 &= \frac{1}{N_\theta(y, Tx, t)} - 1 \\ &= \frac{d_\theta(y, Tx)}{t} \\ &= \frac{\|y - Tx\|}{t} \end{aligned}$$

$$\Rightarrow \frac{1}{\min(N_\theta(x, Ty, t), N_\theta(y, Tx, t))} - 1 = \frac{\|y - Tx\|}{t}. \quad (4.22)$$

Thus, from (4.21) and (4.22), we get

$$\Rightarrow \frac{1}{N_\theta(T\phi, T\psi, t)} - 1 \leq \beta \left( \frac{1}{\min(N_\theta(x, Ty, t), N_\theta(y, Tx, t))} - 1 \right) \quad (4.23)$$

for  $t \gg \vartheta$  and for all  $\phi, \psi \in U$  such that  $T\phi \neq T\psi$ . It is clear that the inequality (4.23) holds if  $T\phi = T\psi$ . Thus, the integral operator  $T$  satisfy all the conditions of Theorem 3.9 with  $\beta = k$  and  $a = b = 0$  in V-contraction and have a fixed point i.e. (4.5)-(4.6) have a common solution in  $U$ .

Hence, combining the results of all cases, the given Fredholm Integral equations have a solution in  $U$ .

**Uniqueness of solution:** Let us consider that  $u$  is common solution of given integral equations under  $T$  in  $U$  i.e.  $u$  is fixed under  $T$ , implies  $T(u) = u$ . Let  $v$  be another fixed point under  $T$  i.e.  $T(v) = v$ .

For uniqueness,

$$\begin{aligned}
 \frac{1}{N_\theta(u, v, t)} - 1 &= \frac{1}{N_\theta(Tu, Tv, t)} - 1 \\
 &\leq a \left( \frac{1}{N_\theta(u, Tu, t) * N_\theta(v, Tu, t)} - 1 \right) \\
 &\quad + b \left( \frac{1}{N_\theta(v, Tv, t)} - 1 \right) \\
 &\quad + k \left( \frac{1}{\min(N_\theta(u, Tv, t), N_\theta(v, Tu, t))} - 1 \right) \\
 &= a \left( \frac{1}{N_\theta(u, u, t) * N_\theta(v, u, t)} - 1 \right) \\
 &\quad + b \left( \frac{1}{N_\theta(v, v, t)} - 1 \right) \\
 &\quad + k \left( \frac{1}{\min(N_\theta(u, v, t), N_\theta(v, u, t))} - 1 \right) \\
 &= a \left( \frac{1}{N_\theta(v, u, t)} - 1 \right) + b(0) + k \left( \frac{1}{N_\theta(u, v, t)} - 1 \right) \\
 &= (a + k) \left( \frac{1}{N_\theta(u, v, t)} - 1 \right) \\
 \Rightarrow \frac{1}{N_\theta(u, v, t)} - 1 &\leq (a + k) \left( \frac{1}{N_\theta(u, v, t)} - 1 \right)
 \end{aligned}$$

As  $a < 1 - k \Rightarrow a + k < 1$ .

$$\Rightarrow N_\theta(u, v, t) = 1 \Rightarrow u = v.$$

Hence,  $u$  is a unique fixed point of  $T$  which implies the uniqueness of solution of given integral equations. ■

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