



## MODIFIED ALMOST TYPE $\mathcal{Z}$ -CONTRACTION

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**Abstract** In this paper, we introduce the notion of Almost type  $\mathcal{Z}$ -contraction and a new fixed point theorem in frame of metric spaces. We prove existence of fixed points for cyclic mappings. Also, we obtain fixed point results for weak contraction type mappings.

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### 1. INTRODUCTION

Banach contraction principle is widely and extensively applied in different branches of Mathematics and is regarded as one of cornerstones in the study of metric fixed point theory. A lot of authors studied generalizations of this principle.

**Theorem 1.1.** [1] *Let  $(X, d)$  be a complete metric space and  $\Gamma$  be a self-mapping on the set  $X$  such that  $\exists \rho \in [0, 1)$ ,*

$$d(\Gamma\phi, \Gamma\varphi) \leq \rho d(\phi, \varphi), \quad \forall \phi, \varphi \in X. \quad (1.1)$$

*Then,  $\Gamma$  has a unique fixed point in  $X$ .*

In addition, Berinde [3] introduce almost contractions which exhibits new features with respect to the ones of the particular results incorporated as follows:

**Theorem 1.2.** [3] *Let  $(X, d)$  be a complete metric space and a self-mapping  $\Gamma$  on the set  $X$  be an almost contraction, that is, a mapping for which there exist  $\delta \in [0, 1)$  and  $\exists L \geq 0$  such that*

$$d(\Gamma\phi, \Gamma\varphi) \leq \delta d(\phi, \varphi) + Ld(\varphi, \Gamma\phi), \quad \forall \phi, \varphi \in X. \quad (1.2)$$

*Then,*

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- (i)  $\text{Fix}(\Gamma) \neq \emptyset$ , where  $\text{Fix}(\Gamma) = \{\phi \in X : \Gamma\phi = \phi\}$ ;
- (ii) For any  $\phi_0 \in X$ , the Picard iteration  $\{\phi_n\}$  given by  $\phi_{n+1} = \Gamma\phi_n$  for each  $n \geq 0$  converges to some  $\phi^* \in \text{Fix}(\Gamma)$ ;
- (iii) The following estimate holds

$$d(\phi_{n+i-1}, \phi^*) \leq \frac{\delta^i}{1-\delta} d(\phi_n, \phi_{n-1}), \quad \forall n \geq 0, i \geq 1.$$

Subsequently, Babu et al. [5] defined the class of mappings satisfying condition (B) as follows:

**Definition 1.3.** [5] Let  $(X, d)$  be a metric space and a self-mapping  $\Gamma$  on  $X$  is said to satisfy condition (B) if there exist a constant  $\delta \in (0, 1)$  and  $\exists L \geq 0$  such that

$$d(\Gamma\phi, \Gamma\varphi) \leq \delta d(\phi, \varphi) + L\mathcal{Q}(\phi, \varphi), \quad \forall \phi, \varphi \in X, \tag{1.3}$$

where  $\mathcal{Q}(\phi, \varphi) = \min\{d(\phi, \Gamma\phi), d(\varphi, \Gamma\varphi), d(\phi, \Gamma\varphi), d(\varphi, \Gamma\phi)\}$ .

They proved a fixed point theorem for such mappings in complete metric spaces. They also discussed quasi-contraction, almost contraction and the class of mappings that satisfy condition (B) in detail.

Khojasteh et al. [6] originated the notion of  $\mathcal{Z}$ -contractions using a specific family of functions called simulation functions. Subsequently, many researchers generalized this idea in many ways (see [7–21]) and proved many interesting results in the arena of fixed point theory.

**Definition 1.4.** [6] A mapping  $\zeta : [0, \infty)^2 \rightarrow \mathbb{R}$  is called a simulation function if it satisfies the following conditions:

- ( $\zeta_1$ )  $\zeta(0, 0) = 0$ ;
- ( $\zeta_2$ )  $\zeta(t, s) < s - t$  for all  $t, s > 0$ ;
- ( $\zeta_3$ ) if  $\{t_n\}, \{s_n\}$  are sequences in  $(0, \infty)$  such that  $\lim_{n \rightarrow \infty} t_n = \lim_{n \rightarrow \infty} s_n > 0$ , then  $\limsup_{n \rightarrow \infty} \zeta(t_n, s_n) < 0$ .

Denoted by  $\mathcal{Z}$  is the set of all simulation functions.

**Example 1.5.** [6] The following are some examples of simulation functions.

- (i)  $\zeta(t, s) = \alpha s - t$  for all  $t, s \in [0, \infty)$ , where  $\alpha \in [0, 1)$ ;
- (ii)  $\zeta(t, s) = \frac{s}{1+s} - t$  for all  $t, s \in [0, \infty)$ ;
- (iii)  $\zeta(t, s) = sf(s) - t$  for all  $t, s \in [0, \infty)$ , where  $f : [0, \infty) \rightarrow [0, 1)$  such that  $\lim_{t \rightarrow \kappa} f(t) < 1$  for all  $\kappa > 0$ .

**Definition 1.6.** [6] Let  $(X, d)$  be a metric space and  $\zeta \in \mathcal{Z}$ . A mapping  $\Gamma : X \rightarrow X$  is called a  $\mathcal{Z}$ -contraction with respect to  $\zeta$  if

$$\zeta(d(\Gamma\phi, \Gamma\varphi), d(\phi, \varphi)) \geq 0$$

holds for all  $\phi, \varphi \in X$ .

Motivated and inspired by Definition 1.6, Definition 1.3 and Theorem 1.2, we define an Almost type  $\mathcal{Z}$ -contraction mappings in metric spaces as follows:

**Definition 1.7.** Let  $(X, d)$  be a metric space and  $\zeta \in \mathcal{Z}$ . We say that  $\Gamma : X \rightarrow X$  is a modified almost type  $\mathcal{Z}$ -contraction if there is a constant  $L \geq 0$  such that

$$\zeta(d(\Gamma\phi, \Gamma\varphi), \mathcal{P}(\phi, \varphi) + L\mathcal{Q}(\phi, \varphi)) \geq 0, \quad \forall \phi, \varphi \in X, \tag{1.4}$$

where

$$\mathcal{P}(\phi, \varphi) = \max \left\{ d(\phi, \varphi), \frac{[1 + d(\phi, \Gamma\phi)]d(\varphi, \Gamma\varphi)}{1 + d(\phi, \varphi)} \right\}$$

and

$$\mathcal{Q}(\phi, \varphi) = \min \{d(\phi, \Gamma\phi), d(\varphi, \Gamma\varphi), d(\phi, \Gamma\varphi), d(\varphi, \Gamma\phi)\}.$$

**Remark 1.8.** If  $\Gamma$  is a modified almost type  $\mathcal{Z}$ -contraction with respect to  $\zeta \in \mathcal{Z}$ , then

$$d(\Gamma\phi, \Gamma\varphi) < \mathcal{P}(\phi, \varphi) + L\mathcal{Q}(\phi, \varphi), \quad \forall \phi, \varphi \in X. \tag{1.5}$$

## 2. MAIN RESULTS

**Lemma 2.1.** *If  $\Gamma$  is a modified almost type  $\mathcal{Z}$ -contraction in and  $\Gamma$  has a fixed point, then the fixed point is unique.*

*Proof.* Let  $(X, d)$  be a metric space and  $\Gamma : X \rightarrow X$  be a modified almost type  $\mathcal{Z}$ -contraction with respect to  $\zeta \in \mathcal{Z}$ . Suppose that there are two distinct fixed points  $\phi^*, \varphi^* \in X$  of the mapping  $\Gamma$ . Then,  $d(\phi^*, \varphi^*) > 0$ . Thus, it follows from equation (1.4) and  $(\zeta_2)$  that

$$0 \leq \zeta(d(\Gamma\phi^*, \Gamma\varphi^*), \mathcal{P}(\phi^*, \varphi^*) + L\mathcal{Q}(\phi^*, \varphi^*)), \tag{2.1}$$

where

$$\mathcal{P}(\phi^*, \varphi^*) = \max \left\{ d(\phi^*, \varphi^*), \frac{[1 + d(\phi^*, \Gamma\phi^*)]d(\varphi^*, \Gamma\varphi^*)}{1 + d(\phi^*, \varphi^*)} \right\} = d(\phi^*, \varphi^*)$$

and

$$\mathcal{Q}(\phi^*, \varphi^*) = \min \{d(\phi^*, \Gamma\phi^*), d(\varphi^*, \Gamma\varphi^*), d(\phi^*, \Gamma\varphi^*), d(\varphi^*, \Gamma\phi^*)\} = 0.$$

This together with (2.1) shows that

$$\begin{aligned} 0 &\leq \zeta(d(\Gamma\phi^*, \Gamma\varphi^*), \mathcal{P}(\phi^*, \varphi^*) + L\mathcal{Q}(\phi^*, \varphi^*)) \\ &= \zeta(d(\phi^*, \varphi^*), d(\phi^*, \varphi^*)) \\ &< d(\phi^*, \varphi^*) - d(\phi^*, \varphi^*) \\ &= 0 \end{aligned} \tag{2.2}$$

which is a contradiction. Hence, the fixed point of  $\Gamma$  in  $X$  is unique. ■

**Theorem 2.2.** *Let  $(X, d)$  be a complete metric space and  $\Gamma : X \rightarrow X$  be a modified almost type  $\mathcal{Z}$ -contraction with respect to  $\zeta \in \mathcal{Z}$ . Let  $\{\phi_n\}$  be a sequence of Picard of initial point at  $\phi_0 \in X$ . Then*

$$\lim_{n \rightarrow \infty} d(\phi_n, \phi_{n+1}) = 0. \tag{2.3}$$

*Proof.* Let  $\phi_0 \in X$  and consider the Picard sequence  $\{\phi_n = T^n\phi_0 = T\phi_{n-1}\}$ ,  $n \geq 0$ . If  $\phi_{n_0} = \phi_{n_0+1}$  for some  $n_0$ , then  $\phi_{n_0}$  is a fixed point of  $\Gamma$ . Therefore, for the rest of the proof, we assume that  $d(\phi_n, \phi_{n+1}) > 0$  for all  $n \geq 0$ . From equation (1.4), for all  $n \geq 1$ , we obtain

$$0 \leq \zeta(d(\Gamma\phi_{n-1}, \Gamma\phi_n), \mathcal{P}(\phi_{n-1}, \phi_n) + L\mathcal{Q}(\phi_{n-1}, \phi_n)), \tag{2.4}$$

where

$$\begin{aligned} \mathcal{P}(\phi_{n-1}, \phi_n) &= \max \left\{ d(\phi_{n-1}, \phi_n), \frac{[1 + d(\phi_{n-1}, \Gamma\phi_{n-1})]d(\phi_n, \Gamma\phi_n)}{1 + d(\phi_{n-1}, \phi_n)} \right\} \\ &= \max \left\{ d(\phi_{n-1}, \phi_n), \frac{[1 + d(\phi_{n-1}, \phi_n)]d(\phi_n, \phi_{n+1})}{1 + d(\phi_{n-1}, \phi_n)} \right\} \\ &= \max\{d(\phi_{n-1}, \phi_n), d(\phi_n, \phi_{n+1})\} \end{aligned} \tag{2.5}$$

and

$$\begin{aligned} \mathcal{Q}(\phi_{n-1}, \phi_n) &= \min\{d(\phi_{n-1}, \Gamma\phi_{n-1}), d(\phi_n, \Gamma\phi_n), d(\phi_{n-1}, \Gamma\phi_n), d(\phi_n, \Gamma\phi_{n-1})\} \\ &= \min\{d(\phi_{n-1}, \phi_n), d(\phi_{n-1}, \phi_{n+1})\} \\ &= 0. \end{aligned} \tag{2.6}$$

This together with (2.4) shows that

$$\begin{aligned} 0 &\leq \zeta(d(\Gamma\phi_{n-1}, \Gamma\phi_n), \mathcal{P}(\phi_{n-1}, \phi_n) + L\mathcal{Q}(\phi_{n-1}, \phi_n)) \\ &= \zeta(d(\phi_n, \phi_{n+1}), \max\{d(\phi_{n-1}, \phi_n), d(\phi_n, \phi_{n+1})\}) \\ &< \max\{d(\phi_{n-1}, \phi_n), d(\phi_n, \phi_{n+1})\} - d(\phi_n, \phi_{n+1}). \end{aligned} \tag{2.7}$$

By inequality (2.7) shows that

$$\mathcal{P}(\phi_{n-1}, \phi_n) = d(\phi_{n-1}, \phi_n), \quad \forall n \geq 1 \tag{2.8}$$

which implies that

$$d(\phi_n, \phi_{n+1}) < d(\phi_{n-1}, \phi_n), \quad \forall n \geq 1. \tag{2.9}$$

Therefore, the sequence  $\{d(\phi_n, \phi_{n+1})\}$  is decreasing, so there is some  $\kappa \geq 0$  such that

$$\lim_{n \rightarrow \infty} d(\phi_{n-1}, \phi_n) = \kappa.$$

If  $\varphi > 0$  then since  $\Gamma$  is a modified almost type  $\mathcal{Z}$ -contraction with respect to  $\zeta \in \mathcal{Z}$  and  $(\zeta_3)$ , we get

$$0 \leq \limsup_{n \rightarrow \infty} \zeta(d(\phi_n, \phi_{n+1}), d(\phi_{n-1}, \phi_n)) < 0$$

which is a contradiction. Hence,  $\kappa = 0$ , that is, equation (2.3) holds. ■

**Theorem 2.3.** *Let  $(X, d)$  be a complete metric space and  $\Gamma : X \rightarrow X$  be a modified almost type  $\mathcal{Z}$ -contraction with respect to  $\zeta \in \mathcal{Z}$ . Then the Picard sequence  $\{\phi_n\}$  generated by  $\Gamma$  such that  $\Gamma\phi_{n-1} = \phi_n$  for all  $n \geq 1$  with initial value  $x_0 \in X$  is a bounded sequence.*

*Proof.* Let  $\phi_0 \in X$  and  $\{\phi_n\}$  be the Picard sequence. Assume that  $\{\phi_n\}$  is not bounded. Then there is a subsequence  $\{\phi_{n_k}\}$  such that  $n_1 = 1$  and for each  $k \in \mathbb{N}$ ,  $n_{k+1}$  is the minimum integer greater than  $n_k$  such that

$$d(\phi_{n_{k+1}}, \phi_{n_k}) > 1$$

and

$$d(\phi_m, \phi_{n_k}) \leq 1 \text{ for } n_k \leq m \leq n_{k+1} - 1.$$

Therefore, by the triangle inequality, we get

$$\begin{aligned} 1 < d(\phi_{n_{k+1}}, \phi_{n_k}) &\leq d(\phi_{n_{k+1}}, \phi_{n_{k+1}-1}) + d(\phi_{n_{k+1}-1}, \phi_{n_k}) \\ &\leq d(\phi_{n_{k+1}}, \phi_{n_{k+1}-1}) + 1. \end{aligned}$$

Taking  $k \rightarrow \infty$  and by using Theorem 2.2, we get

$$\lim_{k \rightarrow \infty} d(\phi_{n_{k+1}}, \phi_{n_k}) = 1. \tag{2.10}$$

Since  $\Gamma$  is a modified almost type  $\mathcal{Z}$ -contraction with respect to  $\zeta \in \mathcal{Z}$ , we have

$$d(\phi_{n_{k+1}}, \phi_{n_k}) \leq \mathcal{P}(\phi_{n_{k+1}-1}, \phi_{n_k-1})$$

which

$$\begin{aligned} 1 &< d(\phi_{n_{k+1}}, \phi_{n_k}) \leq \mathcal{P}(\phi_{n_{k+1}-1}, \phi_{n_k-1}) \\ &= \max \left\{ d(\phi_{n_{k+1}-1}, \phi_{n_k-1}) \frac{[1 + d(\phi_{n_{k+1}-1}, \phi_{n_{k+1}})]d(\phi_{n_k-1}, \phi_{n_k})}{1 + d(\phi_{n_{k+1}-1}, \phi_{n_k-1})} \right\}. \end{aligned}$$

Taking  $k \rightarrow \infty$ , we get

$$1 \leq \lim_{k \rightarrow \infty} \mathcal{P}(\phi_{n_{k+1}-1}, \phi_{n_k-1}) \leq 1,$$

that is,

$$\lim_{k \rightarrow \infty} \mathcal{P}(\phi_{n_{k+1}-1}, \phi_{n_k-1}) = 1. \tag{2.11}$$

Since

$$\begin{aligned} &\mathcal{Q}(\phi_{n_{k+1}-1}, \phi_{n_k-1}) \\ &= \min\{d(\phi_{n_{k+1}-1}, \phi_{n_{k+1}}), d(\phi_{n_k-1}, \phi_{n_k}), d(\phi_{n_{k+1}-1}, \phi_{n_k}), d(\phi_{n_k-1}, \phi_{n_{k+1}})\}. \end{aligned}$$

Taking  $k \rightarrow \infty$  and using Theorem 2.2, we get

$$\lim_{k \rightarrow \infty} \mathcal{Q}(\phi_{n_{k+1}-1}, \phi_{n_k-1}) = 0. \tag{2.12}$$

By equation (1.4), we have

$$\begin{aligned} 0 &\leq \zeta(d(\Gamma\phi_{n_{k+1}-1}, \Gamma\phi_{n_k-1}), \mathcal{P}(\phi_{n_{k+1}-1}, \phi_{n_k-1}) + L\mathcal{Q}(\phi_{n_{k+1}-1}, \phi_{n_k-1})) \\ &< \mathcal{P}(\phi_{n_{k+1}-1}, \phi_{n_k-1}) + L\mathcal{Q}(\phi_{n_{k+1}-1}, \phi_{n_k-1}) - d(\phi_{n_{k+1}}, \phi_{n_k}) \end{aligned} \tag{2.13}$$

which implies that

$$d(\phi_{n_{k+1}}, \phi_{n_k}) < \mathcal{P}(\phi_{n_{k+1}-1}, \phi_{n_k-1}) + L\mathcal{Q}(\phi_{n_{k+1}-1}, \phi_{n_k-1}).$$

Moreover, by using  $(\zeta_3)$ , we get

$$\limsup_{n \rightarrow \infty} \zeta(d(\phi_{n_{k+1}}, \phi_{n_k}), \mathcal{P}(\phi_{n_{k+1}-1}, \phi_{n_k-1}) + L\mathcal{Q}(\phi_{n_{k+1}-1}, \phi_{n_k-1})) < 0 \tag{2.14}$$

which contradicts equation (2.13). This contradiction proves that  $\{\phi_n\}$  is a bounded sequence. ■

**Theorem 2.4.** *Let  $(X, d)$  be a complete metric space and  $\Gamma : X \rightarrow X$  be a modified almost type  $\mathcal{Z}$ -contraction with respect to  $\zeta \in \mathcal{Z}$ . Then the Picard sequence  $\{\phi_n\}$  is a Cauchy sequence.*

*Proof.* From Theorem 2.3, we claim that sequence  $\{\phi_n\}$  is a Cauchy sequence. Consider the sequence  $\{C_n\} \subset [0, \infty)$  given by

$$C_n = \sup\{d(\phi_i, \phi_j) : i, j \geq n\}, \quad n \in \mathbb{N}. \tag{2.15}$$

It is clear that  $\{C_n\}$  is a positive decreasing sequence. So, there is some  $C \geq 0$  such that  $\lim_{n \rightarrow \infty} C_n = C$ . If  $C > 0$ , then, by definition of  $C_n$ , for every  $k \in \mathbb{N}$ ,  $n_k$  and  $m_k$  exist such that  $m_k > n_k \geq k$  and

$$C_k - \frac{1}{k} < d(\phi_{m_k}, \phi_{n_k}) \leq C_k.$$

Hence,

$$\lim_{k \rightarrow \infty} d(\phi_{m_k}, \phi_{n_k}) = C. \tag{2.16}$$

Using equation (1.4) and the triangular inequality, we get

$$d(\phi_{m_k}, \phi_{n_k}) \leq d(\phi_{m_k}, \phi_{m_k-1}) + d(\phi_{m_k-1}, \phi_{n_k-1}) + d(\phi_{n_k-1}, \phi_{n_k})$$

and

$$d(\phi_{m_k-1}, \phi_{n_k-1}) \leq d(\phi_{m_k-1}, \phi_{m_k}) + d(\phi_{m_k}, \phi_{n_k}) + d(\phi_{n_k}, \phi_{n_k-1})$$

Taking  $k \rightarrow \infty$ , using Theorem 2.2 and equation (2.16), we get

$$\lim_{k \rightarrow \infty} d(\phi_{m_k-1}, \phi_{n_k-1}) = C. \tag{2.17}$$

Since  $\Gamma$  is a modified almost type  $\mathcal{Z}$ -contraction with respect to  $\zeta \in \mathcal{Z}$ , we can deduce that

$$d(\phi_{m_k}, \phi_{n_k}) = d(\Gamma\phi_{m_k-1}, \Gamma\phi_{n_k-1}) < \mathcal{P}(\phi_{m_k-1}, \phi_{n_k-1}) + L\mathcal{Q}(\phi_{m_k-1}, \phi_{n_k-1})$$

which

$$\mathcal{P}(\phi_{m_k-1}, \phi_{n_k-1}) = \max \left\{ d(\phi_{m_k-1}, \phi_{n_k-1}), \frac{[1 + d(\phi_{m_k-1}, \phi_{m_k})]d(\phi_{n_k-1}, \phi_{n_k})}{1 + d(\phi_{m_k-1}, \phi_{n_k-1})} \right\}.$$

Taking  $k \rightarrow \infty$  and using Theorem 2.2 and equation (2.16), we get

$$\lim_{k \rightarrow \infty} \mathcal{P}(\phi_{m_k-1}, \phi_{n_k-1}) = C. \tag{2.18}$$

Additionally, with the aid of equation (1.4), we have

$$\lim_{k \rightarrow \infty} \mathcal{Q}(\phi_{m_k-1}, \phi_{n_k-1}) = 0. \tag{2.19}$$

By (2.17),(2.18),(2.19) and  $(\zeta_3)$ , we get

$$0 \leq \limsup_{k \rightarrow \infty} \zeta(d(\phi_{m_k}, \phi_{n_k}), \mathcal{P}(\phi_{m_k-1}, \phi_{n_k-1}) + L\mathcal{Q}(\phi_{m_k-1}, \phi_{n_k-1})) < 0$$

which is a contradiction and so  $C = 0$ . That is,  $\{\phi_n\}$  is a Cauchy sequence. ■

**Theorem 2.5.** *Let  $(X, d)$  be a complete metric space and  $\Gamma : X \rightarrow X$  be a modified almost type  $\mathcal{Z}$ -contraction with respect to  $\zeta \in \mathcal{Z}$ . Then the Picard sequence  $\{\phi_n\}$  converges to fixed point.*

*Proof.* Since  $(X, d)$  is a complete metric space, there is a  $\phi^* \in X$  such that  $\lim_{n \rightarrow \infty} \phi_n = \phi^*$ . We will show that the point  $\phi^*$  is a fixed point of  $\Gamma$ . Suppose that  $\Gamma\phi^* \neq \phi^*$ . Then  $d(\phi, \Gamma\phi^*) > 0$ . By equation (1.4),  $(\zeta_2)$  and  $(\zeta_3)$ , we get

$$\begin{aligned} 0 &\leq \limsup_{n \rightarrow \infty} \zeta(d(\Gamma\phi_n, \Gamma\phi^*), \mathcal{P}(\phi_n, \phi^*) + L\mathcal{Q}(\phi_n, \phi^*)) \\ &\leq \limsup_{n \rightarrow \infty} [\mathcal{P}(\phi_n, \phi^*) + L\mathcal{Q}(\phi_n, \phi^*) - d(\phi_{n+1}, \Gamma\phi^*)] \\ &= -d(\phi^*, \Gamma\phi^*) \end{aligned} \tag{2.20}$$

which implies that  $d(\phi^*, \Gamma\phi^*) = 0$ , that is,  $\phi^*$  is a fixed point of  $\Gamma$ . The uniqueness of the fixed point follows from Lemma 2.1. ■

**Example 2.6.** Let  $X = [0, 3]$  be endowed with the usual metric. Then  $(X, d)$  is a complete metric space. Define a mapping  $\Gamma : X \rightarrow X$  as  $\Gamma\phi = 3 - \phi$  for all  $\phi \in X$ . Then,  $\Gamma$  is not a  $\mathcal{Z}$ -contraction with respect to  $\zeta$  where for all  $t, s \in [0, \infty)$

$$\zeta(t, s) = \alpha s - t, \quad \alpha \in [0, 1).$$

In fact, for all  $\phi \neq \varphi$ , we have

$$\begin{aligned} \zeta(d(\Gamma\phi, \Gamma\varphi), d(\phi, \varphi)) &= \alpha |\phi - \varphi| - |3 - \phi - (3 - \varphi)| \\ &= \alpha |\phi - \varphi| - |\phi - \varphi| \\ &< |\phi - \varphi| - |\phi - \varphi| \\ &= 0. \end{aligned}$$

Now, we show that  $\Gamma$  is a modified almost  $\mathcal{Z}$ -contraction with respect to  $\zeta$ .

$$\begin{aligned} \zeta(d(\Gamma\phi, \Gamma\varphi), \mathcal{P}(\phi, \varphi) + L\mathcal{Q}(\phi, \varphi)) &= \alpha[|\mathcal{P}(\phi, \varphi) + L\mathcal{Q}(\phi, \varphi)| - |3 - \phi - (3 - \varphi)|] \\ &= \alpha[|\mathcal{P}(\phi, \varphi) + L\mathcal{Q}(\phi, \varphi)| - |\phi - \varphi|], \end{aligned}$$

where

$$\begin{aligned} \mathcal{P}(\phi, \varphi) &= \max \left\{ |\phi - \varphi|, \frac{[1 + |\phi - (3 - \phi)|] |\varphi - (3 - \varphi)|}{1 + |\phi - \varphi|} \right\} \\ &= \max \left\{ |\phi - \varphi|, \frac{[1 + |2\phi - 3|] |2\varphi - 3|}{1 + |\phi - \varphi|} \right\} \end{aligned}$$

and

$$\begin{aligned} \mathcal{Q}(\phi, \varphi) &= \min \{ |\phi - (3 - \phi)|, |\varphi - (3 - \varphi)|, |\phi - (3 - \varphi)|, |\varphi - (3 - \phi)| \} \\ &= \min \{ |2\phi - 3|, |2\varphi - 3|, |2\phi - 3|, |\phi + \varphi - 3| \} \\ &= \min \{ |2\phi - 3|, |2\varphi - 3|, |\phi + \varphi - 3| \}. \end{aligned}$$

We deduce that

$$\begin{aligned} &\zeta(d(\Gamma\phi, \Gamma\varphi), \mathcal{P}(\phi, \varphi) + L\mathcal{Q}(\phi, \varphi)) \\ &= \alpha \left[ \max \left\{ |\phi - \varphi|, \frac{[1 + |2\phi - 3|] |2\varphi - 3|}{1 + |\phi - \varphi|} \right\} \right. \\ &\quad \left. + L \min \{ |2\phi - 3|, |2\varphi - 3|, |\phi + \varphi - 3| \} - |\phi - \varphi| \right]. \end{aligned}$$

Hence, we get two cases:

**Case(i):** If  $\phi = \varphi$ , then

$$\zeta(d(\Gamma\phi, \Gamma\varphi), \mathcal{P}(\phi, \varphi) + L\mathcal{Q}(\phi, \varphi)) = \alpha[1 + |2\phi - 3|] |2\phi - 3| + L |2\phi - 3| \geq 0.$$

**Case(ii):** Without loss of generality, assume that  $\phi > \varphi$ . Then

$$\begin{aligned} &\zeta(d(\Gamma\phi, \Gamma\varphi), \mathcal{P}(\phi, \varphi) + L\mathcal{Q}(\phi, \varphi)) \\ &= \alpha \frac{[1 + |2\phi - 3|] |2\varphi - 3|}{1 + |\phi - \varphi|} + \alpha L |2\varphi - 3| - |\phi - \varphi|. \end{aligned}$$

If we especially choose  $\alpha = \frac{1}{2}$  and  $L = 8$ , then we get

$$\begin{aligned} &\zeta(d(\Gamma\phi, \Gamma\varphi), \mathcal{P}(\phi, \varphi) + L\mathcal{Q}(\phi, \varphi)) \\ &= \frac{1}{2} \frac{[1 + |2\phi - 3|] |2\varphi - 3|}{1 + |\phi - \varphi|} + 4 |2\varphi - 3| - |\phi - \varphi|. \end{aligned}$$

Thus, all of the conditions of Theorem 2.5 are satisfied. Hence,  $\Gamma$  has a unique fixed point  $\phi^* = \frac{3}{2}$ .

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