



## A Fixed Point Problem with Constraint Inequalities via a Contraction in Incomplete Metric Spaces

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**Abstract.** In the present paper, firstly, we review the notion of the SO-complete metric spaces. This notion let us to consider some fixed point theorems for single-valued mappings in incomplete metric spaces. Secondly, as motivated by the recent work of H. Baghani et al. (A fixed point theorem for a new class of set-valued mappings in R-complete (not necessarily complete) metric spaces, *Filomat*, 31 (2017), 3875–3884), we obtain the results of Ansari et al. [*J. Fixed Point Theory Appl.* (2017), 1145–1163] with very much weaker conditions. Also, we provide some examples show that our main theorem is a generalization of previous results. Finally, we give an application to the boundary value system for our results.

### 1. Introduction and preliminaries

The Banach contraction mapping principle is one of the pivotal results in fixed point theory which their conditions dropped by a large number of researchers (see [1, 7–9, 13]). Recently, Jleli and Samet [11] provided sufficient conditions for the existence of a fixed point of  $T$  satisfying the two constraint inequalities:  $Ax \leq_1 Bx$  and  $Cx \leq_2 Dx$ , where  $T : X \rightarrow X$  defined on a complete metric space equipped with two partial orders " $\leq_1$ " and " $\leq_2$ " and  $A, B, C, D : X \rightarrow X$  are self-operators. In the other words, this problem contains: finding  $x \in X$  such that

$$\begin{cases} x = Tx, \\ Ax \leq_1 Bx, \\ Cx \leq_2 Dx. \end{cases} \quad (1)$$

Ansari, Kumam and Samet in [2] proved that this problem has a unique solution without continuity of  $C$  and  $D$ .

Before presenting the main result obtained in [2], let us recall some concepts introduced in [11].

**Definition 1.1.** [11] Let  $(X, d)$  be a metric space. A partial order " $\leq$ " on  $X$  is  $d$ -regular if for any two sequences  $\{u_n\}$  and  $\{v_n\}$  in  $X$ , we have

$$\lim_{n \rightarrow \infty} d(u_n, u) = \lim_{n \rightarrow \infty} d(v_n, v) = 0, u_n \leq v_n \text{ for all } n \implies u \leq v,$$

where  $(u, v) \in X \times X$ .

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**Definition 1.2.** [11] Let " $\leq_1$ " and " $\leq_2$ " be two partial orders on  $X$  and operators  $T, A, B, C, D : X \rightarrow X$  be given. The operator  $T$  is called  $(A, B, C, D, \leq_1, \leq_2)$ -stable if

$$x \in X, Ax \leq_1 Bx \implies CTx \leq_2 DTx.$$

Let  $\Phi$  be the set of all functions  $\varphi : \mathbb{R}^+ \rightarrow \mathbb{R}^+$  satisfying the following conditions:

- ( $\Phi_1$ )  $\varphi$  is a lower semicontinuous function;
- ( $\Phi_2$ )  $\varphi^{-1}(\{0\}) = \{0\}$ .

The main theorem presented in [2] is given by the following result.

**Theorem 1.3.** Let  $(X, d)$  be a complete metric space endowed with two partial orders " $\leq_1$ " and " $\leq_2$ ". Let operators  $T, A, B, C, D : X \rightarrow X$  be given. Suppose that the following conditions are satisfied:

- (i) " $\leq_i$ " is  $d$ -regular,  $i = 1, 2$ ;
- (ii)  $A, B$  are continuous;
- (iii) there exists  $x_0 \in X$  such that  $Ax_0 \leq_1 Bx_0$ ;
- (iv)  $T$  is  $(A, B, C, D, \leq_1, \leq_2)$ -stable;
- (v)  $T$  is  $(C, D, A, B, \leq_2, \leq_1)$ -stable;
- (vi) there exists  $\varphi \in \Phi$  such that

$$Ax \leq_1 Bx, Cy \leq_2 Dy \implies d(Tx, Ty) \leq d(x, y) - \varphi(d(x, y)).$$

Then the sequence  $\{T^n x_0\}$  converges to some  $x^* \in X$ , which is a unique solution to (1).

In this paper, we address the following questions.

Q<sub>1</sub>: Is it possible to remove the completeness assumption of the space in Theorem 1.3?

Q<sub>2</sub>: Is it possible to remove the continuity conditions of the mappings  $A$  and  $B$  in Theorem 1.3?

Q<sub>3</sub>: Is condition (vi) have to satisfy all the  $x$  and  $y$  that  $Ax \leq_1 Bx$  and  $Cy \leq_2 Dy$  or not, we can limite it?

In future, we show that Theorem 1.3 is hold whenever  $X$  is not a complete metric space and condition (iv) is sufficient to satisfy more limited number  $x$  and  $y$  in  $X$ . For this purpose, we review the concept of orthogonal sets introduced in [4, 5, 10]. Also, we prove that continuity assumptions of the mappings  $A$  and  $B$  in Theorem 1.3 are not necessary. Finally, we give an application related to boundary value systems. For more application of fixed point theorem the reads can see [6, 12, 15, 16].

At first, we recall some important definitions.

**Definition 1.4.** [3, 10] Let  $X \neq \emptyset$  and  $\perp \subseteq X \times X$  be a binary relation. If " $\perp$ " satisfies the following condition:

$$\exists x_0: (\forall y, y \perp x_0) \text{ or } (\forall y, x_0 \perp y),$$

then " $\perp$ " is called an orthogonality relation and the pair  $(X, \perp)$  an orthogonal set (briefly  $O$ -set).

Note that in above definition, we say that  $x_0$  is an orthogonal element. Also, we say that elements  $x, y \in X$  are  $\perp$ -comparable either  $x \perp y$  or  $y \perp x$ .

**Definition 1.5.** [3, 10] Let  $(X, \perp)$  be an  $O$ -set. A sequence  $\{x_n\}$  is called an orthogonal sequence (briefly,  $O$ -sequence) if

$$(\forall n, x_n \perp x_{n+1}) \text{ or } (\forall n, x_{n+1} \perp x_n).$$

Next, we introduce the new type of sequences in  $O$ -sets.

**Definition 1.6.** [14] Let  $(X, \perp)$  be an  $O$ -set. A sequence  $\{x_n\}$  is called a strongly orthogonal sequence (briefly,  $SO$ -sequence) if

$$(\forall n, k; x_n \perp x_{n+k}) \text{ or } (\forall n, k; x_{n+k} \perp x_n).$$

It is obvious that every SO-sequence is an O-sequence. The following example shows that the converse is not true in general.

**Example 1.7.** Let  $X = \mathbb{N} \cup \{0\}$ . Suppose  $x \perp y$  iff  $xy = 0$ . Define the sequence  $\{x_n\}$  as follows:

$$x_n = \begin{cases} 0 & n = 2k, \text{ for some } k \in \mathbb{N} \cup \{0\}, \\ n & n = 2k + 1, \text{ for some } k \in \mathbb{N} \cup \{0\}. \end{cases}$$

Then for all  $n \in \mathbb{N} \cup \{0\}$ ,  $x_n \perp x_{n+1}$ , but  $x_{2n+1}$  is not orthogonal to  $x_{4n+1}$ . Therefore  $\{x_n\}$  is an O-sequence which is not SO-sequence.

**Definition 1.8.** [3, 10] Let  $(X, \perp, d)$  be an orthogonal metric space ( $(X, \perp)$  is an O-set and  $(X, d)$  is a metric space).  $X$  is said to be orthogonal complete (briefly, O-complete) if every Cauchy O-sequence is convergent.

**Definition 1.9.** [14] Let  $(X, \perp, d)$  be an orthogonal metric space.  $X$  is said to be strongly orthogonal complete (briefly, SO-complete) if every Cauchy SO-sequence is convergent.

Clearly, every O-complete metric space is SO-complete. In the next example  $X$  is SO-complete but it is not O-complete.

**Example 1.10.** Let  $X = \{\sqrt{2}\} \cup \{\frac{1}{2n}\}_{n>1}$  with the Euclidean metric. Define orthogonal relation " $\perp$ " as follows:

$$x \perp y \iff \frac{x}{y} \notin \mathbb{N} - \{1\} \text{ and } x \geq y.$$

Clearly,  $X$  is O-set with  $x_0 = \sqrt{2}$ . Obviously,  $X$  is SO-complete metric space. But  $X$  is not O-complete metric space. Because the Cauchy O-sequence  $x_n = 1/2n$  in  $X$  is not convergent in  $X$ .

**Definition 1.11.** [3, 10] Let  $(X, \perp, d)$  be an orthogonal metric space. A mapping  $f : X \rightarrow X$  is orthogonal continuous (briefly, O-continuous) in  $a \in X$  if for each O-sequence  $\{a_n\}$  in  $X$  if  $a_n \rightarrow a$ , then  $f(a_n) \rightarrow f(a)$ . Also,  $f$  is O-continuous on  $X$  if  $f$  is O-continuous in each  $a \in X$ .

**Definition 1.12.** [14] Let  $(X, \perp, d)$  be an orthogonal metric space. A mapping  $f : X \rightarrow X$  is strongly orthogonal continuous (briefly, SO-continuous) in  $a \in X$  if for each SO-sequence  $\{a_n\}$  in  $X$  if  $a_n \rightarrow a$ , then  $f(a_n) \rightarrow f(a)$ . Also,  $f$  is SO-continuous on  $X$  if  $f$  is SO-continuous in each  $a \in X$ .

It is easy to see that every continuous mapping is O-continuous and every O-continuous mapping is SO-continuous. The following example shows that the converse is not true in general.

**Example 1.13.** Let  $X = [0, 1]$  with the Euclidean metric. Assume " $\perp$ " is the orthogonal relation in Example 1.7. Define  $f : X \rightarrow X$  by

$$f(x) = \begin{cases} 1 & x \in \mathbb{Q} \cap [0, 1], \\ x & x \in \mathbb{Q}^c \cap [0, 1]. \end{cases}$$

Notice that  $f$  is not continuous but we can see that  $f$  is SO-continuous. If  $\{x_n\}$  is a SO-sequence in  $X$  which converges to  $x \in X$ . Applying definition " $\perp$ " we obtain  $x_n = 0$ . This implies that  $1 = f(x_n) \rightarrow f(x) = 1$ . To see that  $f$  is not O-continuous, consider the sequence

$$x_n = \begin{cases} 0 & n = 2k + 1, \text{ for some } k \in \mathbb{N} \cup \{0\}, \\ \frac{\sqrt{3}}{k} & n = 2k, \text{ for some } k \in \mathbb{N} \cup \{0\}. \end{cases}$$

It's clear that  $x_n \rightarrow 0$  while the sequence  $\{f(x_n)\}$  is not convergent to  $f(0)$ .

**Definition 1.14.** Let  $(X, \perp, d)$  be an orthogonal metric space. Then  $X$  is said to be  $\perp$ -regular if for each SO-sequence  $\{x_n\}$  with  $x_n \rightarrow x$  for some  $x \in X$ , we conclude that

$$(\forall n; x_n \perp x) \text{ or } (\forall n; x \perp x_n).$$

**Definition 1.15.** Let  $(X, \perp, d)$  be an orthogonal metric space. We say that a partial order " $\leq$ " on  $X$  is  $d_\perp$ -regular if for each two SO-sequences  $\{u_n\}$  and  $\{v_n\}$  in  $X$ , we have

$$\lim_{n \rightarrow \infty} d(u_n, u) = \lim_{n \rightarrow \infty} d(v_n, v) = 0, u_n \leq v_n \text{ for all } n \implies u \leq v,$$

where  $(u, v) \in X \times X$ .

It is easy to see that every partial order " $\leq$ " which is  $d$ -regular also is  $d_\perp$ -regular but the converse is not true in general.

**Example 1.16.** Let  $X = \{0, 1, \frac{1}{2}, \frac{2}{3}, \frac{1}{3}, \frac{3}{4}, \dots, \frac{1}{n+1}, \frac{n+1}{n+2}, \dots\}$ . Define partial order " $\leq$ " on  $X$  as follows:

$$x \leq y \iff (x = y = 1) \text{ or } (y \neq 1 \text{ and } x \leq y).$$

We claim that " $\leq$ " is not  $d$ -regular.

For this purpose, we consider two sequences  $t_n = \{\frac{n+1}{n+2}\}$  and  $t'_n = \{\frac{1}{n+1}\}$ . We have  $\lim_{n \rightarrow \infty} d(t_n, 1) = \lim_{n \rightarrow \infty} d(t'_n, 0) = 0, t'_n \leq t_n$  for all  $n$  but  $0 \leq 1$ . Now for all  $x, y \in X$  define  $x \perp y$  if and only if either  $x = 0$  or  $x \leq y \leq \frac{1}{2}$ . Then  $(X, \perp)$  is an O-set with orthogonal element  $x_0 = 0$  and also it is  $d_\perp$ -regular.

**Definition 1.17.** [3, 10] Let  $(X, \perp)$  be an O-set. A mapping  $T : X \rightarrow X$  is said to be  $\perp$ -preserving if  $x \perp y$  implies  $T(x) \perp T(y)$ .

**Proposition 1.18.** Let  $(X, \perp, d)$  be an O-set with orthogonal element  $x_0$  and  $T : X \rightarrow X$  be  $\perp$ -preserving. Let  $\{x_n\}$  be Picard iterative sequence with initial point  $x_0$  in  $X$ , i.e.  $x_n = T^n x_0$ . Then  $\{x_n\}$  is a SO-sequence.

*Proof.* From the definition of orthogonal element  $x_0$ , we have

$$x_0 \perp T x_0 = x_1, x_0 \perp T^2 x_0 = x_2, \dots, x_0 \perp T^n x_0 = x_n, \dots,$$

or

$$x_1 = T x_0 \perp x_0, x_2 = T^2 x_0 \perp x_0, \dots, x_n = T^n x_0 \perp x_0, \dots.$$

Also, since  $T$  is  $\perp$ -preserving, we have

$$x_1 = T x_0 \perp T^2 x_0 = x_2, x_1 = T x_0 \perp T^3 x_0 = x_3, \dots, x_1 \perp x_{n+1}, \dots,$$

or

$$x_2 = T^2 x_0 \perp T x_0 = x_1, x_3 = T^3 x_0 \perp T x_0 = x_1, \dots, x_{n+1} \perp x_1, \dots.$$

Continuing this process, we have

$$x_n = T^n x_0 \perp T^{n+1} x_0 = x_{n+1}, x_n = T^n x_0 \perp T^{n+2} x_0 = x_{n+2}, \dots, x_n \perp x_{n+k}, \dots,$$

or

$$x_{n+1} = T^{n+1} x_0 \perp T^n x_0 = x_n, x_{n+2} = T^{n+2} x_0 \perp T^n x_0 = x_n, \dots, x_{n+k} \perp x_n, \dots.$$

Therefore, we see that

$$(\forall n, k; x_n \perp x_{n+k}) \text{ or } (\forall n, k; x_{n+k} \perp x_n).$$

□

## 2. The main results

In the following theorem, which is our main result, we weaken assumptions (ii) and (vi) of Theorem 1.3. Moreover, we show that under our assumptions, (1) has a unique solution. This gives a partial answer to  $Q_1$ ,  $Q_2$  and  $Q_3$ .

**Theorem 2.1.** *Let  $(X, \perp, d)$  be an SO-complete metric space(not necessarily complete) with orthogonal element  $x_0$ . Let " $\leq_1$ " and " $\leq_2$ " be two partial order over  $X$ . Also, let operators  $T, A, B, C, D : X \rightarrow X$  be given. Suppose that the following conditions are satisfied:*

- (i) " $\leq_i$ " is  $d_\perp$ -regular,  $i = 1, 2$  and  $T$  is  $\perp$ -preserving;
- (ii)  $A, B$  are SO-continuous;
- (iii)  $Ax_0 \leq_1 Bx_0$  and  $X$  is  $\perp$ -regular;
- (iv)  $T$  is  $(A, B, C, D, \leq_1, \leq_2)$ -stable;
- (v)  $T$  is  $(C, D, A, B, \leq_2, \leq_1)$ -stable;
- (vi) there exists  $\varphi \in \Phi$  such that for each  $\perp$ -comparable elements  $x, y \in X$

$$(Ax \leq_1 Bx \text{ and } Cy \leq_2 Dy) \implies d(Tx, Ty) \leq d(x, y) - \varphi(d(x, y)).$$

Then the sequence  $\{T^n x_0\}$  converges to some  $x^* \in X$  which is a solution to (1). Moreover,  $x^*$  is the unique solution of (1).

*Proof.* Consider the sequence  $\{x_n\}$  defined by  $x_n = T^n x_0$ ,  $n = 0, 1, 2, \dots$ . Applying Proposition 1.18,  $\{x_n\}$  is a SO-sequence. Applying (iii), we have

$$Ax_0 \leq_1 Bx_0.$$

On the other hand, since  $T$  is  $(A, B, C, D, \leq_1, \leq_2)$ -stable, we have

$$Ax_0 \leq_1 Bx_0 \implies CTx_0 \leq_2 DTx_0,$$

that is,  $Cx_1 \leq_2 Dx_1$ . Hence

$$Ax_0 \leq_1 Bx_0 \text{ and } Cx_1 \leq_2 Dx_1.$$

Since  $T$  is  $(C, D, A, B, \leq_2, \leq_1)$ -stable,

$$Cx_1 \leq_2 Dx_1 \implies ATx_1 \leq_1 BTx_1,$$

that is,  $Ax_2 \leq_1 Bx_2$ .

Continuing this process, by induction, we get

$$Ax_{2n} \leq_1 Bx_{2n} \text{ and } Cx_{2n+1} \leq_2 Dx_{2n+1}, \quad n = 0, 1, 2, \dots \quad (2)$$

Since  $\{x_n\}$  is SO-sequence, applying (2) and (vi), we have

$$d(x_{n+1}, x_n) = d(Tx_n, Tx_{n-1}) \leq d(x_n, x_{n-1}) - \varphi(d(x_n, x_{n-1})). \quad (3)$$

for each  $n \in \mathbb{N}$ . This implies that  $d(x_{n+1}, x_n) < d(x_n, x_{n-1})$  for all  $n \in \mathbb{N}$ . Then  $\{d(x_{n+1}, x_n)\}$  is a decreasing sequence and bounded below. Thus there exists  $r \geq 0$  such that

$$\lim_{n \rightarrow \infty} d(x_{n+1}, x_n) = r. \quad (4)$$

Let  $r > 0$ . Applying (3), we have

$$d(x_{n+1}, x_n) + \varphi(d(x_n, x_{n-1})) \leq d(x_n, x_{n-1}), \quad n = 0, 1, 2, 3, \dots$$

Therefore,

$$\liminf_{n \rightarrow \infty} (d(x_{n+1}, x_n) + \varphi(d(x_n, x_{n-1}))) \leq \liminf_{n \rightarrow \infty} (d(x_n, x_{n-1})).$$

Applying (4) and the lower semi-continuity of  $\varphi$ , we have

$$r + \varphi(r) \leq r.$$

This is a contradiction, since  $\varphi(r) > 0$ . Thus

$$\lim_{n \rightarrow \infty} d(x_{n+1}, x_n) = 0. \tag{5}$$

Now, we show that  $\{x_n\}$  is a Cauchy SO-sequence. Suppose that  $\{x_n\}$  is not a Cauchy SO-sequence. Then, there exists some  $\varepsilon > 0$  and two sequences of positive integers  $\{m(k)\}$  and  $\{n(k)\}$  such that, for all positive integers  $k$ , we have

$$n(k) > m(k) > k, \quad d(x_{m(k)}, x_{n(k)}) \geq \varepsilon, \quad d(x_{m(k)}, x_{n(k)-1}) < \varepsilon. \tag{6}$$

To prove (6), suppose that

$$\sum_k = \{m \in \mathbb{N}; \exists m_k \geq k, \quad d(x_m, x_{m_k}) \geq \varepsilon, \quad m > m_k > k\}.$$

Obviously,  $\sum_k \neq \emptyset$  and  $\sum_k \subseteq \mathbb{N}$ . Then by the well ordering principle, the minimum element of  $\sum_k$  exists and denoted by  $n_k$ , and clearly (6) holds. Applying (6), we deduce that

$$\varepsilon \leq d(x_{m(k)}, x_{n(k)}) \leq d(x_{m(k)}, x_{n(k)-1}) + d(x_{n(k)-1}, x_{n(k)}) < \varepsilon + d(x_{n(k)-1}, x_{n(k)}).$$

Let  $k \rightarrow \infty$  and using (5), we have

$$\lim_{k \rightarrow \infty} d(x_{n(k)}, x_{m(k)}) = \varepsilon. \tag{7}$$

Triangle inequality, implies that

$$|d(x_{n(k)+1}, x_{m(k)}) - d(x_{m(k)}, x_{n(k)})| \leq d(x_{n(k)+1}, x_{n(k)}).$$

Applying (5) and (7), as  $k \rightarrow \infty$ , we have

$$\lim_{k \rightarrow \infty} d(x_{n(k)+1}, x_{m(k)}) = \varepsilon. \tag{8}$$

Similarly,

$$\lim_{k \rightarrow \infty} d(x_{n(k)}, x_{m(k)-1}) = \varepsilon, \tag{9}$$

and also

$$\lim_{k \rightarrow \infty} d(x_{n(k)+1}, x_{m(k)+1}) = \varepsilon. \tag{10}$$

We see that, for all  $k$ , there exists  $i(k) \in \{0, 1\}$  such that

$$n(k) - m(k) + i(k) \equiv 1(2).$$

Now, applying (2), for all  $k > 1$ , we deduce that

$$Ax_{n(k)} \leq_1 Bx_{n(k)} \quad \text{and} \quad Cx_{m(k)-i(k)} \leq_2 Dx_{m(k)-i(k)},$$

or

$$Ax_{m(k)-i(k)} \leq_1 Bx_{m(k)-i(k)} \quad \text{and} \quad Cx_{n(k)} \leq_2 Dx_{n(k)}.$$

Now, applying (vi), for  $k > 1$ , we conclude that

$$\begin{aligned} d(x_{n(k)+1}, x_{m(k)-i(k)+1}) &= d(Tx_{n(k)}, Tx_{m(k)-i(k)}) \\ &\leq d(x_{n(k)}, x_{m(k)-i(k)}) - \varphi(d(x_{n(k)}, x_{m(k)-i(k)})). \end{aligned} \tag{11}$$

Define

$$\Lambda = \{k > 1 : i(k) = 0\} \text{ and } \Delta = \{k > 1 : i(k) = 1\},$$

and investigate the following two cases:

Case1.  $|\Lambda| = \infty$ .

Applying (11), for  $k \in \Lambda$ , we have

$$d(x_{n(k)+1}, x_{m(k)+1}) \leq d(x_{n(k)}, x_{m(k)}) - \varphi(d(x_{n(k)}, x_{m(k)})).$$

Therefore

$$\liminf_{k \rightarrow \infty} (d(x_{n(k)+1}, x_{m(k)+1}) + \varphi(d(x_{n(k)}, x_{m(k)}))) \leq \liminf_{k \rightarrow \infty} d(x_{n(k)}, x_{m(k)}).$$

Applying (7), (10) and lower semi-continuity of  $\varphi$ , we have

$$\varepsilon + \varphi(\varepsilon) \leq \varepsilon.$$

This is a contradiction, since  $\varphi(\varepsilon) > 0$ . Hence  $\varepsilon = 0$ .

Case2.  $|\Lambda| < \infty$ .

Therefore,  $|\Delta| = \infty$ . Applying (11), we have

$$d(x_{n(k)+1}, x_{m(k)}) + \varphi(d(x_{n(k)}, x_{m(k)-1})) \leq d(x_{n(k)}, x_{m(k)-1}), \quad k \in \Delta.$$

Hence

$$\liminf_{k \rightarrow \infty} (d(x_{n(k)+1}, x_{m(k)}) + \varphi(d(x_{n(k)}, x_{m(k)-1}))) \leq \liminf_{k \rightarrow \infty} d(x_{n(k)}, x_{m(k)-1}).$$

Applying (8), (9) and lower semi-continuity of  $\varphi$ , we deduce that

$$\varepsilon + \varphi(\varepsilon) \leq \varepsilon,$$

which is a contradiction, since  $\varphi(\varepsilon) > 0$ . Thus  $\varepsilon = 0$ . Therefore  $\{x_n\}$  is a Cauchy SO-sequence. Since  $(X, \perp, d)$  is SO-complete, there exists  $x^* \in X$  such that

$$\lim_{n \rightarrow \infty} d(x_n, x^*) = 0. \tag{12}$$

Since  $\{x_n\}$  is SO-sequence, we deduce that  $\{x_{2n}\}$  and  $\{x_{2n+1}\}$  are SO-sequences. Applying the SO-continuity of  $A$  and  $B$ , and (12), we deduce that

$$\lim_{n \rightarrow \infty} d(Ax_{2n}, Ax^*) = \lim_{n \rightarrow \infty} d(Bx_{2n}, Bx^*) = 0.$$

Since " $\leq_1$ " is  $d_\perp$ -regular, (2) implies that

$$Ax^* \leq_1 Bx^*. \tag{13}$$

Since  $X$  is  $\perp$ -regular, then

$$(\forall n; x_{2n+1} \perp x^*) \text{ or } (\forall n; x^* \perp x_{2n+1}).$$

Applying (2), (13) and (vi), we obtain that

$$d(Tx^*, Tx_{2n+1}) \leq d(x^*, x_{2n+1}) - \varphi(d(x^*, x_{2n+1})), \quad n = 0, 1, 2, \dots$$

The triangle inequality implies that

$$\begin{aligned} d(Tx^*, x^*) &\leq d(Tx^*, Tx_{2n+1}) + d(Tx_{2n+1}, x^*) \\ &\leq d(x^*, x_{2n+1}) - \varphi(d(x_{2n+1}, x^*)) + d(x_{2n+2}, x^*). \end{aligned}$$

Hence

$$\liminf_{k \rightarrow \infty} (d(Tx^*, x^*) + \varphi(d(x^*, x_{2n+1}))) \leq \liminf_{k \rightarrow \infty} (d(x^*, x_{2n+1}) + d(x_{2n+2}, x^*)).$$

The lower semi-continuity of  $\varphi$ ,  $\varphi(0) = 0$  and (12) imply that

$$d(x^*, Tx^*) = 0,$$

that is

$$Tx^* = x^*. \tag{14}$$

Since  $T$  is  $(A, B, C, D, \leq_1, \leq_2)$ -stable, applying (13), we have

$$CTx^* \leq_2 DTx^*,$$

and also (14) implies that

$$Cx^* \leq_2 Dx^*. \tag{15}$$

Applying (13), (14) and (15), we deduce that  $x^*$  is a solution of (1). We show that  $x^*$  is unique. For this purpose, let  $y^* \in X$  be another solution of (1), that is

$$Ty^* = y^*, \quad Ay^* \leq_1 By^*, \quad Cy^* \leq_2 Dy^* \quad \text{and} \quad d(x^*, y^*) > 0. \tag{16}$$

Since  $x_0$  is an orthogonal element, by the definition of orthogonality, we have

$$x_0 \perp y^* \quad \text{or} \quad y^* \perp x_0.$$

Since  $T$  is " $\perp$ " preserving, then

$$x_{2n} = T^{2n}x_0 \perp T^{2n}y^* = y^* \quad \text{or} \quad y^* = T^{2n}y^* \perp T^{2n}x_0 = x_{2n}. \tag{17}$$

Applying (2), (17), (16) and (vi), we have

$$d(Tx_{2n}, Ty^*) \leq d(x_{2n}, y^*) - \varphi(d(x_{2n}, y^*)).$$

Therefore

$$d(x_{2n+1}, y^*) + \varphi(d(x_{2n}, y^*)) \leq d(x_{2n}, y^*). \tag{18}$$

Since  $\varphi$  is lower semi-continuous, we deduce that

$$d(x^*, y^*) + \varphi(d(x^*, y^*)) \leq d(x^*, y^*).$$

This is a contradiction. Therefore  $x^* = y^*$  and  $x^*$  is the unique solution of (1).  $\square$

### 3. Particular cases

Now, we consider some special cases, where in our result deduce several well-known fixed point theorems of the existing literature.

In Theorem 2.1, by setting  $\leq_1 = \leq_2 = \leq$ ,  $C = B$  and  $D = A$ , we get a generalization of Corollary 3.1 of [11].

**Corollary 3.1.** *Let  $(X, \perp, d)$  be a SO-complete metric space(not necessarily complete) with orthogonal element  $x_0$ . Let " $\leq$ " be a certain partial order over  $X$ . Also, let operators  $T, A, B : X \rightarrow X$  be given. Suppose that the following conditions are satisfied:*

- (i) " $\leq$ " is  $d_\perp$ -regular and  $T$  is  $\perp$ -preserving;
- (ii)  $A, B$  are SO-continuous;
- (iii)  $Ax_0 \leq Bx_0$  and  $X$  is  $\perp$ -regular;
- (iv) for all  $x \in X$ , we have

$$Ax \leq Bx \implies BTx \leq ATx;$$

- (v) for all  $x \in X$ , we have

$$Bx \leq Ax \implies ATx \leq BTx;$$

- (vi) there exists  $\varphi \in \Phi$  such that for each  $\perp$ -comparable elements  $x, y \in X$

$$(Ax \leq Bx \text{ and } By \leq Ay) \implies d(Tx, Ty) \leq d(x, y) - \varphi(d(x, y)).$$

Then

- (1) The sequence  $\{T^n x_0\}$  converges to  $x^* \in X$  satisfying  $Ax^* = Bx^*$ .
- (2) The point  $x^* \in X$  is a unique solution to following problem

$$\begin{cases} x = Tx, \\ Ax = Bx. \end{cases}$$

By setting  $A = D = I_x$  and  $C = B$  we get a generalization of Corollary 3.2 of [11].

**Corollary 3.2.** *Let  $(X, \perp, d)$  be a SO-complete metric space(not necessarily complete) with orthogonal element  $x_0$ . Let " $\leq$ " be a certain partial order over  $X$ . Also, let operators  $T, B : X \rightarrow X$  be given. Suppose that the following conditions are satisfied:*

- (i) " $\leq$ " is  $d_\perp$ -regular and  $T$  is  $\perp$ -preserving;
- (ii)  $B$  is SO-continuous;
- (iii)  $x_0 \leq Bx_0$  and  $X$  is  $\perp$ -regular;
- (iv) for all  $x \in X$ , we have

$$x \leq Bx \implies BTx \leq Tx;$$

- (v) for all  $x \in X$ , we have

$$Bx \leq x \implies Tx \leq BTx;$$

- (vi) there exists  $\varphi \in \Phi$  such that for each  $\perp$ -comparable elements  $x, y \in X$

$$(x \leq Bx \text{ and } By \leq y) \implies d(Tx, Ty) \leq d(x, y) - \varphi(d(x, y)).$$

Then

- (1) The sequence  $\{T^n x_0\}$  converges to  $x^* \in X$  satisfying  $x^* = Tx^*$ .
- (2) The point  $x^* \in X$  is a unique solution of following problem

$$\begin{cases} x = Tx, \\ x = Bx. \end{cases}$$

By setting  $C = B = T$  and  $A = D = I_x$ , we obtain a generalization of Corollary 3.4 of [11].

**Corollary 3.3.** *Let  $(X, \perp, d)$  be a SO-complete metric space(not necessarily complete) with orthogonal element  $x_0$ . Let " $\leq$ " be a certain partial order over  $X$ . Also, let operator  $T : X \rightarrow X$  be given. Suppose that the following conditions are satisfied:*

- (i) " $\leq$ " is  $d_\perp$ -regular and  $T$  is  $\perp$ -preserving;
- (ii)  $T$  is SO-continuous;
- (iii)  $x_0 \leq Tx_0$  and  $X$  is  $\perp$ -regular;
- (iv) for all  $x \in X$ , we have

$$x \leq Tx \implies T^2x \leq Tx;$$

- (v) for all  $x \in X$ , we have

$$Tx \leq x \implies Tx \leq T^2x;$$

- (vi) there exists  $\varphi \in \Phi$  such that for each  $\perp$ -comparable elements  $x, y \in X$

$$(x \leq Tx \text{ and } Ty \leq y) \implies d(Tx, Ty) \leq d(x, y) - \varphi(d(x, y)).$$

Then

- (1) The sequence  $\{T^n x_0\}$  converges to  $x^* \in X$  satisfying  $x^* = Tx^*$ .
- (2) The point  $x^* \in X$  is a unique fixed point of  $T$ .

#### 4. Some examples

Now, we illustrate our main results by the following examples.

**Example 4.1.** Let  $X = (-2, 3)$ . Suppose that

$$x \perp y \iff (x = 0) \text{ or } (-1 \leq x \leq y \leq 1 \text{ and } y \neq 0).$$

Then  $(X, \perp)$  is an O-set with orthogonal element  $x_0 = 0$ . Clearly,  $X$  with the Euclidean metric is not a complete metric space, but it is SO-complete(In fact, if  $\{x_k\}$  is an arbitrary Cauchy SO-sequence in  $X$ , either there exists a subsequence  $\{x_{k_n}\}$  of  $\{x_k\}$  for which  $\{x_{k_n}\} = 0$  for all  $n \geq 1$  or there exists a monotone subsequence  $\{x_{k_n}\}$  of  $\{x_k\}$  for which  $-1 \leq x_{k_n} \leq 1$  for all  $n \geq 1$ . It follows that  $\{x_{k_n}\}$  converges to a point  $x \in [-1, +1] \subseteq X$ . On the other hand, we know that every Cauchy sequence with a convergent subsequence is convergent. It follows that  $\{x_k\}$  is convergent.).

We see that  $X$  is  $\perp$ -regular. We take  $\leq_1 = \leq_2 = \leq$ . Let  $T : X \rightarrow X$  be the mapping defined by

$$T(x) = \begin{cases} 0 & x < 1 \\ -1/2 & x = 1 \\ 1 & x > 1. \end{cases}$$

We show that  $T$  is  $\perp$ -preserving. For all  $x, y \in X$  such that  $x \perp y$ , we consider the following cases:

- Case1. If  $x < 1$ , then  $Tx = 0$ . Thus  $Tx \perp Ty$ .
- Case2. If  $x = 1$ , then we have  $y = 1$  and so  $Tx \perp Ty$ .
- Case3. If  $x > 1$ , there is not  $y \in X$  such that  $x \perp y$ .

Therefore  $T$  is  $\perp$ -preserving.

Consider the mappings  $A, B, C, D : X \rightarrow X$  defined by  $Ax = 0, Cx = x$ ,

$$B(x) = \begin{cases} 1 & x \leq 1 \\ -x & x > 1, \end{cases}$$

and

$$D(x) = \begin{cases} 1 - x & x < 0 \\ -x/2 & x \geq 0. \end{cases}$$

Obviously, " $\leq_i$ " is  $d_\perp$ -regular,  $i = 1, 2$ . Moreover,  $A$  and  $B$  are SO-continuous mappings. If for some  $x \in X$ , we have

$$Ax \leq Bx,$$

then  $x \leq 1$ , which yields

$$Tx = 0 \text{ or } Tx = -1/2.$$

If  $Tx = 0$ , we have

$$CT(x) = C(0) = 0 = D(0) = DT(x).$$

On the other hand, if  $Tx = -1/2$ , we obtain

$$CT(x) = C(-1/2) = -1/2 \leq 3/2 = D(-1/2) = DT(x).$$

Thus  $T$  is  $(A, B, C, D, \leq_1, \leq_2)$ -stable. If for some  $x \in X$ , we have

$$Cx \leq Dx,$$

then  $x \leq 0$ , which yields  $Tx = 0$ . Therefore

$$AT(x) = A(0) = 0 \leq 1 = B(0) = BT(x).$$

Thus  $T$  is  $(C, D, A, B, \leq_2, \leq_1)$ -stable. For all  $(x, y) \in X \times X$ , we have

$$Ax \leq_1 Bx, \quad Cy \leq_2 Dy \implies (x \leq 1 \text{ and } y \leq 0).$$

Therefore, either

$$(x < 1 \text{ and } y \leq 0) \implies (Tx, Ty) = (0, 0),$$

or

$$(x = 1 \text{ and } y \leq 0) \implies (Tx, Ty) = (-1/2, 0).$$

Thus

$$Ax \leq_1 Bx \text{ and } Cy \leq_2 Dy \implies d(Tx, Ty) \leq d(x, y) - \varphi(d(x, y)),$$

where  $\varphi(t) = t/3, t \geq 0$ . Applying Theorem 2.1, (1) has unique solution  $x^* = 0$ .

Note that, the mappings  $B, C, D$  and  $T$  are not continuous and  $(X, d)$  is not a complete metric space.

**Example 4.2.** Let  $X = \mathbb{Q}$ . Suppose that

$$x \perp y \iff (x = 0) \text{ or } (y = 1/n, n \in \mathbb{N}).$$

Then  $(X, \perp)$  is an O-set with orthogonal element  $x_0 = 1/2$ . Clearly,  $\mathbb{Q}$  with the Euclidean metric is not a complete metric space, but it is SO-complete. In fact, if  $\{x_k\}$  is an arbitrary Cauchy SO-sequence in  $X$ , either there exists a subsequence  $\{x_{k_n}\}$  of  $\{x_k\}$  for which  $\{x_{k_n}\} = 0$  for all  $n \geq 1$  or there exists a monotone subsequence  $\{1/n_k\}$  of  $\{1/n\}$  for which  $1/n_k \rightarrow 0$  as  $k \rightarrow \infty$ . It follows that  $\{1/n_k\}$  converges to  $0 \in X$ . On the other hand, we know that every Cauchy sequence with a convergent subsequence is convergent. It follows that  $\{x_k\}$  is convergent.

We see that  $X$  is  $\perp$ -regular. We take  $\leq_1 = \leq_2 = \leq$ . Let  $T : X \rightarrow X$  be the mapping defined by

$$T(x) = \begin{cases} -1/2 & x \in \mathbb{Q} \cap \{x \leq -1\} \\ 0 & x \in \mathbb{Q} \cap \{-1 < x \leq 0\} \\ 1/2 & x \in \mathbb{Q} \cap \{x > 0\}. \end{cases}$$

Observed that  $T$  is  $\perp$ -preserving. Let  $x \perp y$ . Then we have two cases:

(1) If  $x = 0$ , since  $Tx = 0$ , then for each  $y \in X$ , we have  $Tx \perp Ty$ .

(2) If  $x \neq 0$ , then for each  $n_0 \in \mathbb{N}$  such that  $y = 1/n_0$ . Since  $T(1/n_0) = 1/2$ , then we have  $Tx \perp Ty$ .

Consider the mappings  $A, B, C, D : X \rightarrow X$  defined by  $Cx = 1$ ,

$$A(x) = \begin{cases} x^2 + 1 & x \in \mathbb{Q} \cap \{x \geq -1\} \\ 1 & x \in \mathbb{Q} \cap \{x < -1\}, \end{cases}$$

$$B(x) = \begin{cases} 5x/2 & x \in \mathbb{Q} \cap \{x \geq 0\} \\ -1 & x \in \mathbb{Q} \cap \{x < 0\}, \end{cases}$$

and

$$D(x) = \begin{cases} x + 1 & x \in \mathbb{Q} \cap \{x > 0\} \\ -1 & x \in \mathbb{Q} \cap \{x \leq 0\}. \end{cases}$$

Obviously, " $\leq_i$ " is  $d_\perp$ -regular,  $i = 1, 2$ . Moreover,  $A$  and  $B$  are SO-continuous mappings. If for some  $x \in X$ , we have  $Ax \leq Bx$ , then  $x \in \mathbb{Q} \cap [1/2, 2]$ , which yields  $Tx = 1/2$ . Therefore

$$CT(x) = C(1/2) = 1 \leq 3/2 = D(1/2) = DT(x).$$

Thus  $T$  is  $(A, B, C, D, \leq_1, \leq_2)$ -stable. If for some  $x \in X$ , we have  $Cx \leq Dx$ , then  $x \in \mathbb{Q} \cap (0, +\infty)$ , which yields  $Tx = 1/2$ . Therefore

$$AT(x) = A(1/2) = 5/4 = B(1/2) = BT(x).$$

Thus  $T$  is  $(C, D, A, B, \leq_2, \leq_1)$ -stable. Also, for all  $(x, y) \in X \times X$ , we have

$$\begin{aligned} Ax \leq_1 Bx, Cy \leq_2 Dy &\implies (x \in \mathbb{Q} \cap [1/2, 2] \text{ and } y \in \mathbb{Q} \cap (0, +\infty)) \\ &\implies (Tx, Ty) = (1/2, 1/2). \end{aligned}$$

Therefore,

$$Ax \leq_1 Bx \text{ and } Cy \leq_2 Dy \implies d(Tx, Ty) \leq d(x, y) - \varphi(d(x, y)),$$

where  $\varphi(t) = \frac{1}{3}t$ ,  $t \geq 0$ . Applying Theorem 2.1, (1) has unique solution  $x^* = 1/2$ .

Note that, the mappings  $A, B, D$  and  $T$  are not continuous and  $(X, d)$  is not a complete metric space.

### 5. Application for boundary value differential systems

Let  $X = \{u \in C[0, 1] : u(t) \geq 0, \forall t \in [0, 1]\}$  endowed with the metric  $d$  induced by sup-norm. Consider the following boundary value system

$$\begin{cases} u^{(4)}(t) - \lambda f(t, u(t)) = 0, & \text{for } 0 < t < 1, \\ u^{(4)}(t) - \lambda g(t, u(t)) = 0, & \text{for } 0 < t < 1, \\ u(0) = u(1) = u''(0) = u''(1), \end{cases} \tag{19}$$

where  $0 < \lambda < 1$  is constant and  $f, g : [0, 1] \times [0, \infty) \rightarrow [0, \infty)$  are continuous functions for which:

(C<sub>1</sub>)  $g(t, u)$  is decreasing related to the second variable.

(C<sub>2</sub>) (i) For all  $u \in X$ , we have

$$u(t) \leq \lambda \int_0^1 \left[ \int_0^1 k(t,s)k(s,x)g(x,u(x))dx \right] ds \Rightarrow g(t,u(t)) \leq f(t,u(t)),$$

where  $k : [0, 1] \times [0, 1] \rightarrow [0, 1]$  denotes the Green's function for the boundary value system (19) and is explicitly given by

$$k(t,s) = \begin{cases} t(1-s) & 0 \leq t \leq s \leq 1 \\ s(1-t) & 0 \leq s \leq t \leq 1. \end{cases}$$

(ii) For all  $u \in X$ , we have

$$\lambda \int_0^1 \left[ \int_0^1 k(t,s)k(s,x)g(x,u(x))dx \right] ds \leq u(t) \Rightarrow f(t,u(t)) \leq g(t,u(t)).$$

(C<sub>3</sub>) For all  $u, v \in X$  with  $u(t)v(t') \leq \max\{v(t), v(t')\}$ , for each  $t, t' \in [0, 1]$ , we have

$$\left( f(t,u(t))f(t',v(t')) \leq \frac{1}{\lambda} f(t,v(t)), \forall t, t' \in [0, 1] \right) \text{ or } \left( f(t,u(t))f(t',v(t')) \leq \frac{1}{\lambda} f(t',v(t')), \forall t, t' \in [0, 1] \right).$$

(C<sub>4</sub>) For all  $u, v \in X$  with  $u(t)v(t) \leq v(t)$ , for each  $t \in [0, 1]$ , we have

$$|f(t,u(t)) - f(t,v(t))| \leq \frac{\|u - v\|}{A},$$

where  $\|u\| = \max_{t \in [0,1]} u(t)$  and  $A = \max_{0 \leq t \leq 1} \int_0^1 \int_0^1 k(t,s)k(s,x)dx ds$ .

**Theorem 5.1.** *Let the above conditions are satisfied. Then the boundary value system (19) has a unique positive solution.*

*Proof.* We define two operator equations  $T, B : X \rightarrow X$  as follow:

$$\begin{aligned} Tu(t) &= \lambda \int_0^1 \left[ \int_0^1 k(t,s)k(s,x)f(x,u(x))dx \right] ds, \\ Bu(t) &= \lambda \int_0^1 \left[ \int_0^1 k(t,s)k(s,x)g(x,u(x))dx \right] ds. \end{aligned} \tag{20}$$

We know that the boundary value system has a unique positive solution if and only if  $T$  and  $B$  have a unique common fixed point in  $X$ . We consider the following orthogonality relation in  $X$ :

$$u \perp v \iff u(t)v(t') \leq \max\{v(t), v(t')\}, \tag{21}$$

for all  $t, t' \in [0, 1]$  and  $u, v \in X$ . Since  $(X, d)$  is a complete metric space, then  $(X, \perp, d)$  is SO-complete. We take  $\leq_1 = \leq_2 = \leq$ . From definition, " $\leq$ " is  $d_{\perp}$ -regular and  $X$  is  $\perp$ -regular. Clearly,  $B$  is SO-continuous. Now, we prove the following four steps to complete the proof.

Step1:  $T$  is  $\perp$ -preserving. Let  $u, v \in X$  with  $u \perp v$ . We must show that

$$Tu(t)Tv(t') \leq \max\{T(v(t)), T(v(t'))\},$$

for all  $t, t' \in [0, 1]$ . Applying (20), we have

$$Tu(t)Tv(t') = \lambda^2 \int_0^1 \left[ \int_0^1 \left[ \int_0^1 \left[ \int_0^1 k(t,s)k(s,x)k(t',s')k(s',x')f(x,u(x))f(x',v(x'))dx \right] dx' \right] ds \right] ds'.$$

Applying (C<sub>3</sub>), we have two cases:

(1).  $f(t, u(t))f(t', v(t')) \leq \frac{1}{\lambda} f(t, v(t))$ . Applying definition of  $k$ , we have

$$\begin{aligned} Tu(t)Tv(t') &\leq \lambda^2 \int_0^1 \left[ \int_0^1 \left[ \int_0^1 \left[ \int_0^1 k(t,s)k(s,x)k(t',s')k(s',x') \frac{1}{\lambda} f(x,v(x))dx \right] dx' \right] ds \right] ds' \\ &\leq \lambda^2 \frac{1}{\lambda} \int_0^1 \left[ \int_0^1 \left[ \int_0^1 \left[ \int_0^1 k(t,s)k(s,x)f(x,v(x))dx \right] dx' \right] ds \right] ds' \\ &= \lambda \int_0^1 \left[ \int_0^1 k(t,s)k(s,x)f(x,v(x))dx \right] ds \\ &= T(v(t)) \\ &\leq \max\{T(v(t)), T(v(t'))\}. \end{aligned}$$

(2).  $f(t, u(t))f(t', v(t')) \leq \frac{1}{\lambda} f(t', v(t'))$ . Applying definition of  $k$ , we have

$$\begin{aligned} Tu(t)Tv(t') &\leq \lambda^2 \int_0^1 \left[ \int_0^1 \left[ \int_0^1 \left[ \int_0^1 k(t,s)k(s,x)k(t',s')k(s',x') \frac{1}{\lambda} f(x',v(x'))dx \right] dx' \right] ds \right] ds' \\ &\leq \lambda^2 \frac{1}{\lambda} \int_0^1 \left[ \int_0^1 \left[ \int_0^1 \left[ \int_0^1 k(t',s')k(s',x')f(x',v(x'))dx \right] dx' \right] ds \right] ds' \\ &= \lambda \int_0^1 \left[ \int_0^1 k(t',s')k(s',x')f(x',v(x'))dx \right] ds' \\ &= T(v(t')) \\ &\leq \max\{T(v(t)), T(v(t'))\}. \end{aligned}$$

These imply that  $T$  is  $\perp$ -preserving.

Step2: We must show that for all  $t \in [0, 1]$  and  $u \in X$ ,

$$u(t) \leq Bu(t) \implies BTu(t) \leq Tu(t).$$

Let  $t \in [0, 1]$ ,  $u \in X$  and  $u(t) \leq Bu(t)$ . Applying part (i) of (C<sub>2</sub>), we have  $g(t, u(t)) \leq f(t, u(t))$ . Applying (20), we conclude that  $Bu(t) \leq Tu(t)$ . Since  $u(t) \leq Bu(t) \leq Tu(t)$ , part (i) of (C<sub>2</sub>) and (C<sub>1</sub>) imply that

$$g(t, Tu(t)) \leq g(t, Bu(t)) \leq g(t, u(t)) \leq f(t, u(t)).$$

Therefore  $g(t, Tu(t)) \leq f(t, u(t))$ . Applying (20), we have  $BTu(t) \leq Tu(t)$ .

Step3: We must show that for all  $t \in [0, 1]$  and  $u \in X$ ,

$$Bu(t) \leq u(t) \implies Tu(t) \leq BTu(t).$$

Let  $t \in [0, 1]$ ,  $u \in X$  and  $Bu(t) \leq u(t)$ . Applying part (ii) of (C<sub>2</sub>), we have  $f(t, u(t)) \leq g(t, u(t))$ . Applying (20), we conclude that  $Tu(t) \leq Bu(t)$ . Since  $Tu(t) \leq Bu(t) \leq u(t)$ , part (ii) of (C<sub>2</sub>) and (C<sub>1</sub>) imply that

$$f(t, u(t)) \leq g(t, u(t)) \leq g(t, Bu(t)) \leq g(t, Tu(t)).$$

Therefore  $f(t, u(t)) \leq g(t, Tu(t))$ . Applying (20), we have  $Tu(t) \leq BTu(t)$ .

Step4: We show that there exists  $\varphi \in \Phi$  such that for each  $\perp$ -comparable elements  $u, v \in X$

$$d(Tu, Tv) \leq d(u, v) - \varphi(d(u, v)).$$

Let  $u, v \in X$  with  $u \perp v$ . Then for all  $t \in [0, 1]$ , we have  $u(t)v(t) \leq v(t)$ . Applying  $(C_4)$ , we obtain that

$$\begin{aligned} |Tu(t) - Tv(t)| &= \left| \lambda \left[ \int_0^1 \left[ \int_0^1 k(t, s)k(s, x)f(x, u(x))dx \right] ds - \int_0^1 \left[ \int_0^1 k(t, s)k(s, x)f(x, v(x))dx \right] ds \right] \right| \\ &\leq \lambda \int_0^1 \left[ \int_0^1 k(t, s)k(s, x)|f(x, u(x)) - f(x, v(x))|dx \right] ds \\ &= \lambda \int_0^1 \left[ \int_0^1 k(t, s)k(s, x)dx \right] ds \frac{\|u - v\|}{A} \\ &\leq \lambda \|u - v\| \\ &= \|u - v\| - (1 - \lambda)\|u - v\|, \end{aligned}$$

for all  $t \in [0, 1]$ . By setting  $\varphi(t) = (1 - \lambda)t$  and applying Corollary 3.2,  $T$  and  $B$  have a unique common fixed point in  $X$  which is a unique positive solution to the boundary value system (19).  $\square$

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