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# Some New Tripled Fixed Point Theorems in $A_b$ -Metric Spaces

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## ABSTRACT

In this paper, we establish some results on the existence and uniqueness of tripled fixed point theorems in partially ordered  $A_b$ -metric spaces. Some new tripled fixed point theorems are obtained in  $A_b$ -metric space.

*Keywords-Triple fixed point, Coupled fixed point, Mixed weakly monotone property, A-metric space, b-metric space,  $A_b$ -metric with index  $n$ ,  $A_b$ -metric space.*

## INTRODUCTION

The study of fixed point theory, some of the generalizations of metric space are 2-metric space, D-metric space,  $D^*$ -metric space, G-metric space, S-metric space, Rectangular metric or metric-like space, Partial

metric space, Cone metric space, etc. 1989, I.A.Bakhtin[2] introduced the concept of b-metric space. Due to the introduction of b-metric space, many generalizations of metric spaces came into existence. Recently M.Abbas, B.Ali and Y.I.Suleiman [1] introduced the concept of n-tuple metric space and studied its topological properties. M.Ughade, D.Turkoglu, S. R. Singh and R. D. Daheriya [9] introduced the notion of  $A_b$  -metric spaces as a generalized form of n-tuple metric space. Subsequently N.Mlaiki and Y.Rohen [5] obtained unique coupled common fixed point theorems in partially ordered  $A_b$  -metric spaces.

The aim of this paper is to develop unique tripled fixed point theorem and to generalize the notion of mixed weakly monotone property. We prove some unique tripled common fixed point theorems in partially ordered  $A_b$  -metric space. Before going to prove the main result, we need some basic definitions, results and examples from the literature.

**PRELIMINARIES**

Definition 2.1. [1]. Let  $X$  be a non empty set and  $n \geq 2$ . A function  $A : X^n \rightarrow [0, \infty)$  is called an  $A$  - metric on  $X$ , if for any  $\xi_i, a \in X, i = 1, 2, \dots, n$ , the following conditions hold.

- (i)  $A(\xi_1, \xi_2, \dots, \xi_{n-1}, \xi_n) \geq 0, ss$
- (ii)  $A(\xi_1, \xi_2, \dots, \xi_{n-1}, \xi_n) = 0$  if and only if  $\xi_1 = \xi_2 = \dots = \xi_{n-1} = \xi_n$ ,
- (iii)  $A(\xi_1, \xi_2, \dots, \xi_{n-1}, \xi_n) \leq b \left[ A(\xi_1, \xi_1, \dots, \xi_{1(n-1)}, a) + A(\xi_2, \xi_2, \dots, \xi_{2(n-1)}, a) + \dots + A(\xi_{n-1}, \xi_{n-1}, \dots, \xi_{n-1(n-1)}, a) + A(\xi_n, \xi_n, \dots, \xi_{n(n-1)}, a) \right]$

The pair  $(X, A)$  is called an  $A$ -metric space.

Definition 2.2 . [3]. Let  $X$  be a non empty set .A b-metric on  $X$  is a function  $d : X^2 \rightarrow [0, \infty)$  such that the following conditions hold for all  $x, y, z \in X$ .

- (i)  $d(x, y) = 0$  iff  $x = y$
- (ii)  $d(x, y) = d(y, x)$
- (iii) there exists  $s \geq 1$  such that  $d(x, z) \leq s[d(x, y) + d(y, z)]$

The pair  $(X, d)$  is called a b-metric space.

Definition 2.3. [7]. Let  $X$  be a non empty set and  $n \geq 2$ . Suppose  $b \geq 1$  is a real number. A function  $A_b : X^n \rightarrow [0, \infty)$  is called an  $A_b$  - metric on  $X$ , if for any  $\xi_i, a \in X, i = 1, 2, \dots, n$ , the following conditions hold.

- (i)  $A_b(\xi_1, \xi_2, \dots, \xi_{n-1}, \xi_n) \geq 0,$
- (ii)  $A_b(\xi_1, \xi_2, \dots, \xi_{n-1}, \xi_n) = 0$  if and only if  $\xi_1 = \xi_2 = \dots = \xi_{n-1} = \xi_n$ ,
- (iii)  $A_b(\xi_1, \xi_2, \dots, \xi_{n-1}, \xi_n) \leq b \left[ A_b(\xi_1, \xi_1, \dots, \xi_{1(n-1)}, a) + A_b(\xi_2, \xi_2, \dots, \xi_{2(n-1)}, a) + \dots + A_b(\xi_{n-1}, \xi_{n-1}, \dots, \xi_{n-1(n-1)}, a) + A_b(\xi_n, \xi_n, \dots, \xi_{n(n-1)}, a) \right]$

The pair  $(X, A_b)$  is called an  $A_b$ -metric space.

Note:  $A_b$ -metric space is more general than A-metric space. Moreover A-metric space is a special case of  $A_b$ -metric space with  $b=1$ .  $b$ -metric space and  $S_b$ -metric space are also special cases of  $A_b$ -metric space with  $n=2$  and  $3$ , respectively. Ordinary metric space and S-metric space are also special cases of  $A_b$ -metric space with  $b=1$  and respective values of  $n$  as  $2$  and  $3$ .

Lemma 2.4. [9]. Let  $(X, A_b)$  be  $A_b$  -metric space, so that  $A_b: X^n \rightarrow [0, \infty)$  for some  $n \geq 2$ . Then  $A_b\left(\begin{smallmatrix} x,x,x,\dots,x, y \\ n-1 \text{ times} \end{smallmatrix}\right) \leq bA_b\left(\begin{smallmatrix} y,y,y,\dots,y, x \\ n-1 \text{ times} \end{smallmatrix}\right)$  for all  $x, y \in X$ .

Lemma 2.5. [9]. Let  $(X, A_b)$  be  $A_b$  -metric space, so that  $A_b: X^n \rightarrow [0, \infty)$  for some  $n \geq 2$ . Then  $A_b\left(\begin{smallmatrix} x,x,x,\dots,x, \xi \\ n-1 \text{ times} \end{smallmatrix}\right) \leq (n - 1)bA_b\left(\begin{smallmatrix} x,x,x,\dots,x, y \\ n-1 \text{ times} \end{smallmatrix}\right) + b^2A_b\left(\begin{smallmatrix} y,y,y,\dots,y, \xi \\ n-1 \text{ times} \end{smallmatrix}\right)$  for all  $x, y \in X$ .

Lemma 2.6. [9]. Let  $(X, A_b)$  be  $A_b$  -metric space. Then  $(X^2, D_A)$  is  $A_b$  -metric space on  $X \times X$  with  $D_A$  defined by  $D_A((\xi_1, \vartheta_1), (\xi_2, \vartheta_2), \dots, (\xi_n, \vartheta_n)) = A_b(\xi_1, \xi_2, \dots, \xi_{n-1}, \xi_n) + A_b(\vartheta_1, \vartheta_2, \dots, \vartheta_{n-1}, \vartheta_n)$ , for all  $\xi_i, \vartheta_i \in X, i, j = 1, 2, \dots, n$ .

Definition 2.7.  $(X, A_b)$  be  $A_b$  -metric space. A sequence  $\{\xi_k\}$  in  $X$  is said to converge to a point  $x \in X$ , if  $A_b\left(\begin{smallmatrix} \xi_k, \xi_k, \xi_k, \dots, \xi_k, x \\ n-1 \text{ times} \end{smallmatrix}\right) \rightarrow 0$  as  $k \rightarrow \infty$ . That is, to each  $\varepsilon \geq 0$  there exist  $N \in \mathbb{N}$  such that for all  $k \geq N$ , we have  $A_b\left(\begin{smallmatrix} \xi_k, \xi_k, \xi_k, \dots, \xi_k, x \\ n-1 \text{ times} \end{smallmatrix}\right) \leq \varepsilon$  and we write  $\lim_{k \rightarrow \infty} \xi_k = x$ .

Lemma 2.8. [5]. Let  $(X, A_b)$  be  $A_b$  -metric space. If the sequence  $\{\xi_k\}$  in  $X$  converges to a point  $x$ , then the limit  $x$  is unique.

Definition 2.9. Let  $(X, A_b)$  be  $A_b$  -metric space. A sequence  $\{\xi_k\}$  in  $X$  is called a Cauchy sequence, if  $A_b\left(\begin{smallmatrix} \xi_k, \xi_k, \xi_k, \dots, \xi_k, \xi_m \\ n-1 \text{ times} \end{smallmatrix}\right) \rightarrow 0$  as  $k, m \rightarrow \infty$ . That is, to each  $\varepsilon \geq 0$ , there exists  $N \in \mathbb{N}$  such that for all  $k, m \geq N$ , we have  $A_b\left(\begin{smallmatrix} \xi_k, \xi_k, \xi_k, \dots, \xi_k, \xi_m \\ n-1 \text{ times} \end{smallmatrix}\right) \leq \varepsilon$ .

Lemma 2.10. [5]. convergent sequence in a  $A_b$ -metric space is a Cauchy sequence.

Definition 2.11. A  $A_b$ -metric space  $(X, A_b)$  is said to be complete, if every Cauchy sequence in  $X$  is convergent.

Definition 2.12. Let  $(X, \leq)$  be a partially ordered set and

$F : X^3 \rightarrow X$  be mappings. We say that  $F$  has the mixed monotone property on  $X$ , if for any  $x, y, z \in X$

$$x_1, x_2 \in X, x_1 \leq x_2 \implies F(x_1, y, z) \leq F(x_2, y, z),$$

$$y_1, y_2 \in X, y_1 \leq y_2 \implies F(x, y_1, z) \geq F(x, y_2, z),$$

Definition 2.13. Let  $f, g : X^3 \rightarrow X$  be mappings.

An element (i)  $(x, y, z)$  is called a tripled fixed pint of  $f$ , if  $x = f(x, y, z), y = f(y, x, z), z = f(z, y, x)$

An element (ii)  $(x, y, z) \in X^3$  is said to be a common tripled fixed pint of  $f$  and  $g$ , if  $x = f(x, y, z) = g(x, y, z), y = f(y, x, z) = g(y, x, z), z = f(z, y, x) = g(z, y, x)$

Note:  $(x, y, z)$  is said to be a tripled coincident point of  $f$  And  $g$ , if  $f(x, y, z) = g(x, y, z), f(y, x, z) = g(y, x, z), f(z, y, x) = g(z, y, x)$

We observe that a common tripled fixed pint of  $f$  and  $g$  is necessarily a tripled coincidence point of  $f$  and  $g$

### MAIN RESULTS

Before going to the main results we introduce the notion of cross product  $D = A_b \times A_b \times A_b$  and study its properties.

Suppose  $(X \leq A)$  is a partially ordered complete  $A_b$ -metric space.

Define the partial order " $\leq$ " on  $X \times X \times X$  as follows .

$(x, y, z) \leq (u, v, w)$  if  $x \leq u, y \geq v$  and  $z \leq w$  for  $(x, y, z), (u, v, w) \in X$

then " $\leq$ " is a partial order on  $X \times X \times X$ .

Let  $n \geq 2$  be a positive integer,

Define  $D: (X \times X \times X)^n \rightarrow [0, \infty)$  as follows

$$D((x_1, y_1, z_1), (x_2, y_2, z_2), \dots, (x_n, y_n, z_n)) = A(x_1, x_2, \dots, x_n) + A(y_1, y_2, \dots, y_n) + A(z_1, z_2, \dots, z_n)$$

Then from lemma 2.11,  $(X \times X \times X, \leq, D)$  is a  $A_b$ -metric space.

Now observe the following:

(1) A sequence  $\{(x_k, y_k, z_k)\}$  in  $X \times X \times X \rightarrow (x, y, z) \Leftrightarrow \{x_k\} \rightarrow x, \{y_k\} \rightarrow y$  and  $\{z_k\} \rightarrow z$

Suppose that  $\{(x_k, y_k, z_k)\}$  in  $X \times X \times X \rightarrow (x, y, z)$

That is,  $D((x_k, y_k, z_k), (x_k, y_k, z_k), \dots, (x_k, y_k, z_k), (x, y, z)) \rightarrow 0$  as  $k \rightarrow \infty$

$$\Rightarrow A(x_k, x_k, \dots, x_k, x) + A(y_k, y_k, \dots, y_k, y) + A(z_k, z_k, \dots, z_k, z) \rightarrow 0 \text{ as } k \rightarrow \infty$$

$$\Rightarrow A(x_k, x_k, \dots, x_k, x) \rightarrow 0 \text{ as } k \rightarrow \infty, A(y_k, y_k, \dots, y_k, y) \rightarrow 0 \text{ as } k \rightarrow \infty \text{ and } A(z_k, z_k, \dots, z_k, z) \rightarrow 0 \text{ as } k \rightarrow \infty$$

Therefore  $\{x_k\} \rightarrow x, \{y_k\} \rightarrow y$  and  $\{z_k\} \rightarrow z$ .

Conversely suppose that  $\{x_k\} \rightarrow x, \{y_k\} \rightarrow y$  and  $\{z_k\} \rightarrow z$

That is,  $A(x_k, x_k, \dots, x_k, x) \rightarrow 0$  as  $k \rightarrow \infty, A(y_k, y_k, \dots, y_k, y) \rightarrow 0$  as  $k \rightarrow \infty$  and  $A(z_k, z_k, \dots, z_k, z) \rightarrow 0$  as  $k \rightarrow \infty$

$$\Rightarrow A(x_k, x_k, \dots, x_k, x) + A(y_k, y_k, \dots, y_k, y) + A(z_k, z_k, \dots, z_k, z) \rightarrow 0 \text{ as } k \rightarrow \infty$$

$$\Rightarrow D((x_k, y_k, z_k), (x_k, y_k, z_k), \dots, (x_k, y_k, z_k), (x, y, z)) \rightarrow 0 \text{ as } k \rightarrow \infty$$

Therefore  $\{(x_k, y_k, z_k)\}$  in  $X \times X \times X \rightarrow (x, y, z)$

(2)  $\{(x_k, y_k, z_k)\}$  is a Cauchy sequence in  $X \times X \times X \Leftrightarrow \{x_k\}, \{y_k\}$  and  $\{z_k\}$  are Cauchy sequence in  $X$

Suppose that  $\{(x_k, y_k, z_k)\}$  is a Cauchy sequence in  $X \times X \times X$

that is,  $D((x_k, y_k, z_k), (x_k, y_k, z_k), \dots, (x_k, y_k, z_k), (x_m, y_m, z_m)) \rightarrow 0$  as  $k, m \rightarrow \infty$

$$\Rightarrow A(x_k, x_k, \dots, x_k, x_m) + A(y_k, y_k, \dots, y_k, y_m) + A(z_k, z_k, \dots, z_k, z_m) \rightarrow 0 \text{ as } k, m \rightarrow \infty$$

$$\Rightarrow A(x_k, x_k, \dots, x_k, x_m) \rightarrow 0 \text{ as } k, m \rightarrow \infty,$$

$$A(y_k, y_k, \dots, y_k, y_m) \rightarrow 0 \text{ as } k, m \rightarrow \infty \text{ and } A(z_k, z_k, \dots, z_k, z_m) \rightarrow 0 \text{ as } k, m \rightarrow \infty$$

Therefore  $\{x_k\}, \{y_k\}$  and  $\{z_k\}$  are Cauchy sequence in  $X$

Conversely suppose that  $\{x_k\}, \{y_k\}$  and  $\{z_k\}$  are Cauchy sequence in  $X$

that is,  $A(x_k, x_k, \dots, x_k, x_m) \rightarrow 0$  as  $k, m \rightarrow \infty, A(y_k, y_k, \dots, y_k, y_m) \rightarrow 0$  as  $k, m \rightarrow \infty$  and  $A(z_k, z_k, \dots, z_k, z_m) \rightarrow 0$  as  $k, m \rightarrow \infty$

$$\Rightarrow A(x_k, x_k, \dots, x_k, x_m) + A(y_k, y_k, \dots, y_k, y_m) + A(z_k, z_k, \dots, z_k, z_m) \rightarrow 0 \text{ as } k, m \rightarrow \infty$$

$$\Rightarrow D((x_k, y_k, z_k), (x_k, y_k, z_k), \dots, (x_k, y_k, z_k), (x_m, y_m, z_m)) \rightarrow 0 \text{ as } k, m \rightarrow \infty$$

Therefore  $\{(x_k, y_k, z_k)\}$  is a Cauchy sequence in  $X \times X \times X$

(3)  $X$  is complete  $\Leftrightarrow X \times X \times X$  is complete

Suppose  $\{x_k\}, \{y_k\}$  and  $\{z_k\}$  are complete in  $X$

that is,  $\{x_k\} \rightarrow x, \{y_k\} \rightarrow y$  and  $\{z_k\} \rightarrow z$

$$\Rightarrow A(x_k, x_k, \dots, x_k, x) \rightarrow 0 \text{ as } k \rightarrow \infty,$$

$$A(y_k, y_k, \dots, y_k, y) \rightarrow 0 \text{ as } k \rightarrow \infty \text{ and}$$

$$\begin{aligned}
 & A(z_k, z_k, \dots, z_k, z) \rightarrow 0 \text{ as } k \rightarrow \infty \\
 \Rightarrow & A(x_k, x_k, \dots, x_k, x) + A(y_k, y_k, \dots, y_k, y) + A(z_k, z_k, \dots, z_k, z) \rightarrow 0 \text{ as } k \rightarrow \infty \\
 \Rightarrow & D((x_k, y_k, z_k), (x_k, y_k, z_k), \dots, (x_k, y_k, z_k), (x, y, z)) \rightarrow 0 \text{ as } k \rightarrow \infty \\
 & \text{thus } \{(x_k, y_k, z_k)\} \text{ is complete in } X \times X \times X \\
 & \text{Conversely suppose } \{(x_k, y_k, z_k)\} \text{ is complete in } X \times X \times X \\
 & \text{that is, } \{(x_k, y_k, z_k)\} \rightarrow (x, y, z) \\
 \Rightarrow & D((x_k, y_k, z_k), (x_k, y_k, z_k), \dots, (x_k, y_k, z_k), (x, y, z)) \rightarrow 0 \text{ as } k \rightarrow \infty \\
 \Rightarrow & A(x_k, x_k, \dots, x_k, x) + A(y_k, y_k, \dots, y_k, y) + A(z_k, z_k, \dots, z_k, z) \rightarrow 0 \text{ as } k \rightarrow \infty \\
 & \Rightarrow A(x_k, x_k, \dots, x_k, x) \rightarrow 0 \text{ as } k \rightarrow \infty, \\
 & A(y_k, y_k, \dots, y_k, y) \rightarrow 0 \text{ as } k \rightarrow \infty \text{ and} \\
 & A(z_k, z_k, \dots, z_k, z) \rightarrow 0 \text{ as } k \rightarrow \infty
 \end{aligned}$$

therefore  $\{x_k\} \rightarrow x, \{y_k\} \rightarrow y$  and  $\{z_k\} \rightarrow z$ .

Now we prove our first main result

**Theorem 3.1.** Let  $(X, \leq, A)$  be a partially ordered complete  $A_b$ -metric space and  $f: X^3 \rightarrow X$  such that (i)  $f$  has mixed weakly monotone property on  $X$  and there exist  $x_0, y_0, z_0$  in  $X$  such that

$$x_0 \leq f(x_0, y_0, z_0), f(y_0, x_0, z_0) \leq y_0, \text{ and } z_0 \leq f(z_0, y_0, x_0)$$

(ii) there is an  $\alpha$  such that  $\alpha b^2((n-1)b+1) < 1$  and

$$\begin{aligned}
 & A(f(x, y, z), f(x, y, z), \dots, f(x, y, z), f(u, v, w)) + A(f(y, x, z), f(y, x, z), \dots, f(y, x, z), f(v, u, w)) \\
 & + A(f(z, y, x), f(z, y, x), \dots, f(z, y, x), f(w, v, u))
 \end{aligned}$$

$$\begin{aligned}
 & \leq \alpha \max \{D((x, y, z), (x, y, z), \dots, (x, y, z), (u, v, w)), D((x, y, z), (x, y, z), \dots, (x, y, z), (f(x, y, z), f(y, x, z), f(z, y, x))), \\
 & D((u, v, w), (u, v, w), \dots, (u, v, w), (f(u, v, w), f(v, u, w), f(w, v, u))), D((x, y, z), (x, y, z), \dots, (x, y, z), (f(u, v, w), f(v, u, w), f(w, v, u))), D((u, v, w), (u, v, w), \dots, (u, v, w), (f(x, y, z), f(y, x, z), f(z, y, x)))\} \quad (3.1.1)
 \end{aligned}$$

for all  $x, y, z, u, v, w \in X$  with  $x \leq u, y \geq v$  and  $z \leq w$  (iii)  $f$  is continuous or  $X$  has the following properties.

- (a) if  $\{x_k\}$  is an increasing sequence with  $x_k \rightarrow x$  then  $x_k \leq x$  for all  $k \in \mathbb{N}$
- (b) if  $\{y_k\}$  is a decreasing sequence with  $y_k \rightarrow y$ , then  $y \leq y_k$  for all  $k \in \mathbb{N}$
- (c) if  $\{z_k\}$  is an increasing sequence with  $z_k \rightarrow z$  then  $z_k \leq z$  for all  $k \in \mathbb{N}$

Then  $f$  has a Tripled fixed point in  $X$

**Proof.** Let  $(x_0, y_0, z_0)$  be a given point in  $X \times X \times X$ , satisfying (i).

$$\text{Write } x_1 = f(x_0, y_0, z_0), y_1 = f(y_0, x_0, z_0), z_1 = f(z_0, y_0, x_0) \text{ and } x_2 = f(x_1, y_1, z_1), y_2 = f(y_1, x_1, z_1), z_2 = f(z_1, y_1, x_1)$$

Define the sequences  $\{x_k\}, \{y_k\}$  and  $\{z_k\}$  inductively

$$\begin{aligned}
 & x_{2k+1} = f(x_{2k}, y_{2k}, z_{2k}), y_{2k+1} = f(y_{2k}, x_{2k}, z_{2k}), z_{2k+1} = f(z_{2k}, y_{2k}, x_{2k}) \\
 & x_{2k+2} = f(x_{2k+1}, y_{2k+1}, z_{2k+1}), y_{2k+2} = f(y_{2k+1}, x_{2k+1}, z_{2k+1}), z_{2k+2} = f(z_{2k+1}, y_{2k+1}, x_{2k+1}) \text{ for all } k \in \mathbb{N} \\
 & (3.1.2)
 \end{aligned}$$

Since  $x_0 \leq f(x_0, y_0, z_0), y_0 \geq f(y_0, x_0, z_0)$  and  $z_0 \leq f(z_0, y_0, x_0)$

and since  $f$  has mixed weakly monotone property, we get

$$\begin{aligned}
 x_1 & = f(x_0, y_0, z_0) \leq f(f(x_0, y_0, z_0), f(y_0, x_0, z_0), f(z_0, y_0, x_0)) = f(x_1, y_1, z_1) = x_2 \Rightarrow x_1 \leq x_2, \\
 x_2 & = f(x_1, y_1, z_1) \leq f(f(x_1, y_1, z_1), f(y_1, x_1, z_1), f(z_1, y_1, x_1)) = f(x_2, y_2, z_2) = x_3 \Rightarrow x_2 \leq x_3
 \end{aligned}$$

and  $y_1 = f(y_0, x_0, z_0) \geq f(f(y_0, x_0, z_0), f(x_0, y_0, z_0), f(z_0, y_0, x_0)) = y_2 \Rightarrow y_1 \geq y_2$ ,

$y_2 = f(y_1, x_1, z_1) \geq f(f(y_1, x_1, z_1), f(x_1, y_1, z_1), f(z_1, y_1, x_1)) = y_3 \Rightarrow y_2 \geq y_3$

also

$z_1 = f(z_0, y_0, x_0) \leq f(f(z_0, y_0, x_0), f(y_0, x_0, z_0), f(x_0, y_0, z_0)) = f(z_1, y_1, x_1) = z_2 \Rightarrow z_1 \leq z_2$ ,

$z_2 = f(z_1, y_1, x_1) \leq f(f(z_1, y_1, x_1), f(y_1, x_1, z_1), f(x_1, y_1, z_1)) = f(z_2, y_2, x_2) = z_3 \Rightarrow z_2 \leq z_3$

By induction,

$x_0 \leq x_1 \leq x_2 \leq \dots \leq x_k \leq x_{2k+1} \leq \dots$

$y_0 \geq y_1 \geq y_2 \geq \dots \geq y_k \geq y_{2k+1} \geq \dots$  (3.1.3)

$z_0 \leq z_1 \leq z_2 \leq \dots \leq z_k \leq z_{2k+1} \leq \dots$  for all  $k \in \mathbb{N}$

Define  $D_k: X^3 \rightarrow X$  by

$$D_k = D \left( \begin{matrix} (x_k, y_k, z_k), (x_k, y_k, z_k), \dots, (x_k, y_k, z_k), (x_{k+1}, y_{k+1}, z_{k+1}), \\ (n-1 \text{ times}) \end{matrix} \right) \\ = A_b \left( \begin{matrix} (x_k, x_k, \dots, x_k, x_{k+1}) \\ (n-1 \text{ times}) \end{matrix} \right) + A_b \left( \begin{matrix} (y_k, y_k, \dots, y_k, y_{k+1}) \\ (n-1 \text{ times}) \end{matrix} \right) + A_b \left( \begin{matrix} (z_k, z_k, \dots, z_k, z_{k+1}) \\ (n-1 \text{ times}) \end{matrix} \right)$$

for  $k=0,1,2,\dots$

$D_{2k+1} = A_b(x_{2k+1}, x_{2k+1}, \dots, x_{2k+1}, x_{2k+2}) + A_b(y_{2k+1}, y_{2k+1}, \dots, y_{2k+1}, y_{2k+2}) + A_b(z_{2k+1}, z_{2k+1}, \dots, z_{2k+1}, z_{2k+2})$

$= A_b(f(x_{2k}, y_{2k}, z_{2k}), f(x_{2k}, y_{2k}, z_{2k}) \dots f(x_{2k}, y_{2k}, z_{2k}), f(x_{2k+1}, y_{2k+1}, z_{2k+1})) + A_b(f(y_{2k}, x_{2k}, z_{2k}), f(y_{2k}, x_{2k}, z_{2k}) \dots f(y_{2k}, x_{2k}, z_{2k}), f(y_{2k+1}, x_{2k+1}, z_{2k+1})) + A_b(f(z_{2k}, y_{2k}, x_{2k}), f(z_{2k}, y_{2k}, x_{2k}) \dots f(z_{2k}, y_{2k}, x_{2k}), f(z_{2k+1}, y_{2k+1}, x_{2k+1}))$

$\leq \alpha \max \{ D((x_{2k}, y_{2k}, z_{2k}), (x_{2k}, y_{2k}, z_{2k}), \dots, (x_{2k}, y_{2k}, z_{2k}), (x_{2k+1}, y_{2k+1}, z_{2k+1})), D((x_{2k}, y_{2k}, z_{2k}), (x_{2k}, y_{2k}, z_{2k}), \dots, (x_{2k}, y_{2k}, z_{2k}), (f(x_{2k}, y_{2k}, z_{2k}), f(y_{2k}, x_{2k}, z_{2k}), f(z_{2k}, y_{2k}, x_{2k}))), D((x_{2k+1}, y_{2k+1}, z_{2k+1}), (x_{2k+1}, y_{2k+1}, z_{2k+1}), \dots, (x_{2k+1}, y_{2k+1}, z_{2k+1}), (f(x_{2k+1}, y_{2k+1}, z_{2k+1}), f(y_{2k+1}, x_{2k+1}, z_{2k+1}), f(z_{2k+1}, y_{2k+1}, x_{2k+1}))), D((x_{2k}, y_{2k}, z_{2k}), (x_{2k}, y_{2k}, z_{2k}), \dots, (x_{2k}, y_{2k}, z_{2k}), (f(x_{2k+1}, y_{2k+1}, z_{2k+1}), f(y_{2k+1}, x_{2k+1}, z_{2k+1}), f(z_{2k+1}, y_{2k+1}, x_{2k+1}))), D((x_{2k+1}, y_{2k+1}, z_{2k+1}), (x_{2k+1}, y_{2k+1}, z_{2k+1}), \dots, (x_{2k+1}, y_{2k+1}, z_{2k+1}), (f(x_{2k}, y_{2k}, z_{2k}), f(y_{2k}, x_{2k}, z_{2k}), f(z_{2k}, y_{2k}, x_{2k}))) \}$

From (3.1.2)

$D_{2k+1} \leq \alpha \max \{ D((x_{2k}, y_{2k}, z_{2k}), (x_{2k}, y_{2k}, z_{2k}), \dots, (x_{2k}, y_{2k}, z_{2k}), (x_{2k+1}, y_{2k+1}, z_{2k+1})), D((x_{2k}, y_{2k}, z_{2k}), (x_{2k}, y_{2k}, z_{2k}), \dots, (x_{2k}, y_{2k}, z_{2k}), (x_{2k+1}, y_{2k+1}, z_{2k+1})), D((x_{2k+1}, y_{2k+1}, z_{2k+1}), (x_{2k+1}, y_{2k+1}, z_{2k+1}), \dots, (x_{2k+1}, y_{2k+1}, z_{2k+1}), (x_{2k+2}, y_{2k+2}, z_{2k+2})), D((x_{2k}, y_{2k}, z_{2k}), (x_{2k}, y_{2k}, z_{2k}), \dots, (x_{2k}, y_{2k}, z_{2k}), (x_{2k+2}, y_{2k+2}, z_{2k+2})), D((x_{2k+1}, y_{2k+1}, z_{2k+1}), (x_{2k+1}, y_{2k+1}, z_{2k+1}), \dots, (x_{2k+1}, y_{2k+1}, z_{2k+1}), (x_{2k+1}, y_{2k+1}, z_{2k+1}), (x_{2k+2}, y_{2k+2}, z_{2k+2})), D((x_{2k+1}, y_{2k+1}, z_{2k+1}), (x_{2k+1}, y_{2k+1}, z_{2k+1}), \dots, (x_{2k+1}, y_{2k+1}, z_{2k+1}), (x_{2k+1}, y_{2k+1}, z_{2k+1}), (x_{2k+2}, y_{2k+2}, z_{2k+2}))) \}$  (3.1.4)

$= \alpha \max \{ D((x_{2k}, y_{2k}, z_{2k}), (x_{2k}, y_{2k}, z_{2k}), \dots, (x_{2k}, y_{2k}, z_{2k}), (x_{2k+1}, y_{2k+1}, z_{2k+1})), D((x_{2k}, y_{2k}, z_{2k}), (x_{2k}, y_{2k}, z_{2k}), \dots, (x_{2k}, y_{2k}, z_{2k}), (x_{2k+1}, y_{2k+1}, z_{2k+1})), D((x_{2k+1}, y_{2k+1}, z_{2k+1}), (x_{2k+1}, y_{2k+1}, z_{2k+1}), \dots, (x_{2k+1}, y_{2k+1}, z_{2k+1}), (x_{2k+2}, y_{2k+2}, z_{2k+2})), D((x_{2k}, y_{2k}, z_{2k}), (x_{2k}, y_{2k}, z_{2k}), \dots, (x_{2k}, y_{2k}, z_{2k}), (x_{2k+2}, y_{2k+2}, z_{2k+2})), D((x_{2k+1}, y_{2k+1}, z_{2k+1}), (x_{2k+1}, y_{2k+1}, z_{2k+1}), \dots, (x_{2k+1}, y_{2k+1}, z_{2k+1}), (x_{2k+1}, y_{2k+1}, z_{2k+1}), (x_{2k+2}, y_{2k+2}, z_{2k+2}))) \}$

From lemma 2.10,

$D_{2k+1} \leq \alpha \max \{ D((x_{2k}, y_{2k}, z_{2k}), (x_{2k}, y_{2k}, z_{2k}), \dots, (x_{2k}, y_{2k}, z_{2k}), (x_{2k+1}, y_{2k+1}, z_{2k+1})), D((x_{2k}, y_{2k}, z_{2k}), (x_{2k}, y_{2k}, z_{2k}), \dots, (x_{2k}, y_{2k}, z_{2k}), (x_{2k+1}, y_{2k+1}, z_{2k+1})), D((x_{2k+1}, y_{2k+1}, z_{2k+1}), (x_{2k+1}, y_{2k+1}, z_{2k+1}), \dots, (x_{2k+1}, y_{2k+1}, z_{2k+1}), (x_{2k+2}, y_{2k+2}, z_{2k+2})), (n-1)b D((x_{2k}, y_{2k}, z_{2k}), (x_{2k}, y_{2k}, z_{2k}), \dots, (x_{2k}, y_{2k}, z_{2k}), (x_{2k+1}, y_{2k+1}, z_{2k+1})) + b^2 D((x_{2k+1}, y_{2k+1}, z_{2k+1}), (x_{2k+1}, y_{2k+1}, z_{2k+1}), \dots, (x_{2k+1}, y_{2k+1}, z_{2k+1}), (x_{2k+2}, y_{2k+2}, z_{2k+2}))) \}$

$\leq \alpha(n-1)b D((x_{2k}, y_{2k}, z_{2k}), (x_{2k}, y_{2k}, z_{2k}), \dots, (x_{2k}, y_{2k}, z_{2k}), (x_{2k+1}, y_{2k+1}, z_{2k+1})) + b^2 D((x_{2k+1}, y_{2k+1}, z_{2k+1}), (x_{2k+1}, y_{2k+1}, z_{2k+1}), \dots, (x_{2k+1}, y_{2k+1}, z_{2k+1}), (x_{2k+2}, y_{2k+2}, z_{2k+2}))$

$$= \alpha(n-1)b [A_b(x_{2k}, x_{2k}, \dots, x_{2k}, x_{2k+1}) + A_b(y_{2k}, y_{2k}, \dots, y_{2k}, y_{2k+1}) + A_b(z_{2k}, z_{2k}, \dots, z_{2k}, z_{2k+1})] + b^2 [A_b(x_{2k+1}, x_{2k+1}, \dots, x_{2k+1}, x_{2k+2}) + A_b(y_{2k+1}, y_{2k+1}, \dots, y_{2k+1}, y_{2k+2}) + A_b(z_{2k+1}, z_{2k+1}, \dots, z_{2k+1}, z_{2k+2})] \tag{3.1.5}$$

Therefore

$$D_{2k+1} \leq \alpha(n-1)b [A_b(x_{2k}, x_{2k}, \dots, x_{2k}, x_{2k+1}) + A_b(y_{2k}, y_{2k}, \dots, y_{2k}, y_{2k+1}) + A_b(z_{2k}, z_{2k}, \dots, z_{2k}, z_{2k+1})] + b^2 [A_b(x_{2k+1}, x_{2k+1}, \dots, x_{2k+1}, x_{2k+2}) + A_b(y_{2k+1}, y_{2k+1}, \dots, y_{2k+1}, y_{2k+2}) + A_b(z_{2k+1}, z_{2k+1}, \dots, z_{2k+1}, z_{2k+2})] \tag{3.1.6}$$

$$\begin{aligned} &\Rightarrow (1 - \alpha b^2)D_{2k+1} \leq \alpha(n-1)bD_{2k} \\ &\Rightarrow D_{2k+1} \leq \frac{\alpha(n-1)b}{(1 - \alpha b^2)}D_{2k} \end{aligned}$$

Put  $\beta = \frac{\alpha(n-1)b}{(1 - \alpha b^2)}$ , then  $0 \leq \beta < 1$  (3.1.7)

From (3.1.7),  $D_{2k+1} \leq \beta D_{2k}$

Similarly we can show that  $D_{2k+2} \leq \beta D_{2k+1}$  for  $k=0,1,2,\dots$

Hence  $D_{k+1} \leq \beta D_k$

Therefore

$$D_{k+1} \leq \beta^{k+1}D_0 \tag{3.1.8}$$

$$\begin{aligned} D_{k,l} &= D \left( \begin{matrix} (x_k, y_k, z_k), (x_k, y_k, z_k), \dots, (x_k, y_k, z_k), (x_l, y_l, z_l) \\ (n-1 \text{ times}) \end{matrix} \right) \\ &= A_b \left( \begin{matrix} x_k, x_k, \dots, x_k, x_l \\ (n-1 \text{ times}) \end{matrix} \right) + A_b \left( \begin{matrix} y_k, y_k, \dots, y_k, y_l \\ (n-1 \text{ times}) \end{matrix} \right) + A_b \left( \begin{matrix} z_k, z_k, \dots, z_k, z_l \\ (n-1 \text{ times}) \end{matrix} \right) \end{aligned}$$

Now we have to show that  $D_{k,l}$  is a Cauchy sequence

By lemma 2.10, for all  $k, m \in N, k \leq m$

we have

$$\begin{aligned} D_{k+1,m+1} &= A_b \left( \begin{matrix} x_{k+1}, x_{k+1}, \dots, x_{k+1}, x_{m+1} \\ (n-1 \text{ times}) \end{matrix} \right) + A_b \left( \begin{matrix} y_{k+1}, y_{k+1}, \dots, y_{k+1}, y_{m+1} \\ (n-1 \text{ times}) \end{matrix} \right) + A_b \left( \begin{matrix} z_{k+1}, z_{k+1}, \dots, z_{k+1}, z_{m+1} \\ (n-1 \text{ times}) \end{matrix} \right) \\ &\leq (n-1)b [A_b \left( \begin{matrix} x_{k+1}, x_{k+1}, \dots, x_{k+1}, x_{k+2} \\ (n-1 \text{ times}) \end{matrix} \right) + A_b \left( \begin{matrix} y_{k+1}, y_{k+1}, \dots, y_{k+1}, y_{k+2} \\ (n-1 \text{ times}) \end{matrix} \right) + A_b \left( \begin{matrix} z_{k+1}, z_{k+1}, \dots, z_{k+1}, z_{k+2} \\ (n-1 \text{ times}) \end{matrix} \right)] \\ &+ b^2 [A_b \left( \begin{matrix} x_{k+2}, x_{k+2}, \dots, x_{k+2}, x_{m+1} \\ n-1 \text{ times} \end{matrix} \right) + A_b \left( \begin{matrix} y_{k+2}, y_{k+2}, \dots, y_{k+2}, y_{m+1} \\ n-1 \text{ times} \end{matrix} \right) + A_b \left( \begin{matrix} z_{k+2}, z_{k+2}, \dots, z_{k+2}, z_{m+1} \\ n-1 \text{ times} \end{matrix} \right)] \\ &= (n-1)bD_{k+1} + b^2(n-1)b [A_b \left( \begin{matrix} x_{k+2}, x_{k+2}, \dots, x_{k+2}, x_{k+3} \\ n-1 \text{ times} \end{matrix} \right) + A_b \left( \begin{matrix} y_{k+2}, y_{k+2}, \dots, y_{k+2}, y_{k+3} \\ n-1 \text{ times} \end{matrix} \right) + \\ &A_b \left( \begin{matrix} z_{k+2}, z_{k+2}, \dots, z_{k+2}, z_{k+3} \\ n-1 \text{ times} \end{matrix} \right)] \\ &+ b^2b^2 [A_b \left( \begin{matrix} x_{k+3}, x_{k+3}, \dots, x_{k+3}, x_{m+1} \\ n-1 \text{ times} \end{matrix} \right) + A_b \left( \begin{matrix} y_{k+3}, y_{k+3}, \dots, y_{k+3}, y_{m+1} \\ n-1 \text{ times} \end{matrix} \right) + A_b \left( \begin{matrix} z_{k+3}, z_{k+3}, \dots, z_{k+3}, z_{m+1} \\ n-1 \text{ times} \end{matrix} \right)] \\ &= (n-1)bD_{k+1} + b^3(n-1)D_{k+2} + b^5(n-1)D_{k+3} + b^{2(m-k)-3}(n-1) [A_b \left( \begin{matrix} x_{m-1}, x_{m-1}, \dots, x_{m-1}, x_m \\ n-1 \text{ times} \end{matrix} \right) + \\ &A_b \left( \begin{matrix} y_{m-1}, y_{m-1}, \dots, y_{m-1}, y_m \\ n-1 \text{ times} \end{matrix} \right) + A_b \left( \begin{matrix} z_{m-1}, z_{m-1}, \dots, z_{m-1}, z_m \\ n-1 \text{ times} \end{matrix} \right)] + b^{2(m-k)-1}(n-1) [A_b \left( \begin{matrix} x_m, x_m, \dots, x_m, x_{m+1} \\ n-1 \text{ times} \end{matrix} \right) + \\ &A_b \left( \begin{matrix} y_m, y_m, \dots, y_m, y_{m+1} \\ n-1 \text{ times} \end{matrix} \right) + A_b \left( \begin{matrix} z_m, z_m, \dots, z_m, z_{m+1} \\ n-1 \text{ times} \end{matrix} \right)] \end{aligned}$$

From (3.1.8)

$$\begin{aligned} D_{k+1,m+1} &\leq (n-1)b[\beta^{k+1} + b^2\beta^{k+2} + b^4\beta^{k+3} + \dots + b^{2(m-k)-2}\beta^m] D_0 \\ &\Rightarrow D_{k+1,m+1} \leq (n-1)b\beta^{k+1}[1 + b^2\beta + (b^2\beta)^2 + \dots + (b^2\beta)^{(m-k-1)}]D_0 \\ &= (n-1)b\beta^{k+1}[1 + \gamma + \gamma^2 + \dots + \gamma^{(m-k-1)}]D_0 \\ &\leq (n-1)b\beta^{k+1} \frac{1}{1-\gamma} D_0 \end{aligned}$$

Where  $\gamma = b^2\beta$

Hence for all  $k, m \in N, k \leq m$ , we have

$$D_{k,m} = A_b \left( \begin{matrix} x_k, x_k, \dots, x_k, x_m \\ n-1 \text{ times} \end{matrix} \right) + A_b \left( \begin{matrix} y_k, y_k, \dots, y_k, y_m \\ n-1 \text{ times} \end{matrix} \right) + A_b \left( \begin{matrix} z_k, z_k, \dots, z_k, z_m \\ n-1 \text{ times} \end{matrix} \right) \leq (n-1)b\beta^k \frac{1}{1-\gamma} D_0$$

Since  $0 \leq \gamma = ab^2((n-1)b + 1) < 1$ , we have

$$\lim_{k,m \rightarrow \infty} A_b \left( \begin{matrix} x_k, x_k, \dots, x_k, x_m \\ n-1 \text{ times} \end{matrix} \right) + A_b \left( \begin{matrix} y_k, y_k, \dots, y_k, y_m \\ n-1 \text{ times} \end{matrix} \right) + A_b \left( \begin{matrix} z_k, z_k, \dots, z_k, z_m \\ n-1 \text{ times} \end{matrix} \right) = 0$$

That is,

$$\lim_{k,m \rightarrow \infty} A_b \left( \begin{matrix} x_k, x_k, \dots, x_k, x_m \\ n-1 \text{ times} \end{matrix} \right) = \lim_{k,m \rightarrow \infty} A_b \left( \begin{matrix} y_k, y_k, \dots, y_k, y_m \\ n-1 \text{ times} \end{matrix} \right) = \lim_{k,m \rightarrow \infty} A_b \left( \begin{matrix} z_k, z_k, \dots, z_k, z_m \\ n-1 \text{ times} \end{matrix} \right) = 0$$

Therefore  $\{x_k\}$ ,  $\{y_k\}$  and  $\{z_k\}$  are Cauchy sequences in  $X$ .

By the completeness of  $X$ , there exists  $x, y, z \in X$  such that  $x_k \rightarrow x$ ,  $y_k \rightarrow y$  and  $z_k \rightarrow z$  as  $k \rightarrow \infty$

Therefore  $D_{k,l}$  is a Cauchy sequence.

Now we show that  $(x, y, z)$  is a tripled fixed point of  $f$

Suppose that  $f$  is continuous, we have

$$x = \lim_{k \rightarrow \infty} x_{2k+1} = \lim_{k \rightarrow \infty} f(x_{2k}, y_{2k}, z_{2k}) = f\left(\lim_{k \rightarrow \infty} x_{2k}, \lim_{k \rightarrow \infty} y_{2k}, \lim_{k \rightarrow \infty} z_{2k}\right) = f(x, y, z)$$

$$y = \lim_{k \rightarrow \infty} y_{2k+1} = \lim_{k \rightarrow \infty} f(y_{2k}, x_{2k}, z_{2k}) = f\left(\lim_{k \rightarrow \infty} y_{2k}, \lim_{k \rightarrow \infty} x_{2k}, \lim_{k \rightarrow \infty} z_{2k}\right) = f(y, x, z)$$

and

$$z = \lim_{k \rightarrow \infty} z_{2k+1} = \lim_{k \rightarrow \infty} f(z_{2k}, y_{2k}, x_{2k}) = f\left(\lim_{k \rightarrow \infty} z_{2k}, \lim_{k \rightarrow \infty} y_{2k}, \lim_{k \rightarrow \infty} x_{2k}\right) = f(z, y, x)$$

From (3.1.1), we have



$$\begin{aligned}
 & A_b(x,x,\dots,x,f(x,y,z))+A(y,y,\dots,y,f(y,x,z))+A(z,z,\dots,z,f(z,y,x)) \\
 &= A_b(f(x,y,z),f(x,y,z),\dots,f(x,y,z),f(x,y,z))+ A_b(f(y,x,z),f(y,x,z),\dots,f(y,x,z),f(y,x,z))+ A_b(f(z,y,z),f(z,y,x),\dots,f(z,y,x),f(z,y,x)) \\
 &\leq \alpha \max\{ \\
 &D((x,y,z),(x,y,z),\dots(x,y,z),(x,y,z)),D((x,y,z),(x,y,z),\dots(x,y,z),(f(x,y,z),f(y,x,z),f(z,y,x))),D((x,y,z),(x,y,z),\dots(x,y,z),(f(x,y,z), \\
 &f(y,x,z),f(z,y,x))),D((x,y,z),(x,y,z),\dots(x,y,z),(f(x,y,z),f(y,x,z),f(z,y,x))),D((x,y,z),(x,y,z),\dots(x,y,z),(f(x,y,z),f(y,x,z),f(z,y,x))) \\
 &\} \\
 &= \alpha \max\{ 0, D((x,y,z),(x,y,z),\dots(x,y,z),(f(x,y,z),f(y,x,z),f(z,y,x)))\} \\
 &= \alpha\{ D((x,y,z),(x,y,z),\dots(x,y,z),(f(x,y,z),f(y,x,z),f(z,y,x)))\} \\
 &\leq ab((f(x,y,z),f(y,x,z),f(z,y,x)),(f(x,y,z),f(y,x,z),f(z,y,x)),\dots(f(x,y,z),f(y,x,z),f(z,y,x)),(x,y,z))
 \end{aligned}$$

Since  $ab < 1$ , we have  $(f(x,y,z),f(y,x,z),f(z,y,x))=(x,y,z)$

$$\Rightarrow f(x,y,z)=x, f(y,x,z)=y \text{ and } f(z,y,x)=z$$

Therefore  $(x,y,z)$  is a tripled fixed point of  $f$ .

Suppose  $X$  satisfies (a) and (b), by (3.1.3), we get  $x_k \leq x, y_k \geq y$  and  $z_k \leq z$  for all  $k \in N$

applying lemmas 2.10 and 2.11, we have

$$\begin{aligned}
 & D((x,y,z),(x,y,z),\dots(x,y,z),(f(x,y,z),f(y,x,z),f(z,y,x))) \\
 &\leq b(n - \\
 &1)D((x,y,z),(x,y,z),\dots(x,y,z),(x_{2k+2},y_{2k+2},z_{2k+2}))+b^2D((x_{2k+2},y_{2k+2},z_{2k+2}),(x_{2k+2},y_{2k+2},z_{2k+2}),\dots(x_{2k+2}, \\
 &y_{2k+2},z_{2k+2}),(f(x,y,z),f(y,x,z),f(z,y,x))) \\
 &= b(n - 1)
 \end{aligned}$$

$$\begin{aligned}
 & D((x,y,z),(x,y,z),\dots(x,y,z),(x_{2k+2},y_{2k+2},z_{2k+2})) \\
 &+b^2D((f(x_{2k+1},y_{2k+1},z_{2k+1}),f(y_{2k+1},x_{2k+1},z_{2k+1}),f(z_{2k+1},y_{2k+1},x_{2k+1})),(f(x_{2k+1},y_{2k+1},z_{2k+1}),f(y_{2k+1}, \\
 &x_{2k+1},z_{2k+1}),f(z_{2k+1},y_{2k+1},x_{2k+1})),\dots(f(x_{2k+1},y_{2k+1},z_{2k+1}),f(y_{2k+1},x_{2k+1},z_{2k+1}),f(z_{2k+1},y_{2k+1},x_{2k+1})),(f(x,y \\
 &,z),f(y,x,z),f(z,y,x))) \\
 &\Rightarrow D((x,y,z),(x,y,z),\dots(x,y,z),(f(x,y,z),f(y,x,z),f(z,y,x)))\leq b(n - 1) [ A_b(x,x,\dots,x,x_{2k+2})+ A_b(y,y,\dots,y,y_{2k+2}) + \\
 &A_b(z,z,\dots,z,z_{2k+2})]+b^2 A_b[f(x_{2k+1},y_{2k+1},z_{2k+1}),f(x_{2k+1},y_{2k+1},z_{2k+1}),\dots,f(x_{2k+1},y_{2k+1},z_{2k+1}),f(x,y,z)]+b^2 A_b[f \\
 &(y_{2k+1},x_{2k+1},z_{2k+1}),f(y_{2k+1},x_{2k+1},z_{2k+1}),\dots,f(y_{2k+1},x_{2k+1},z_{2k+1}),f(y,x,z)]+b^2 A_b[f(z_{2k+1},y_{2k+1},x_{2k+1}),f \\
 &(z_{2k+1},y_{2k+1},x_{2k+1}),\dots,f(z_{2k+1},y_{2k+1},x_{2k+1}),f(z,y,x)] \tag{3.1.9}
 \end{aligned}$$

By using (3.1.1), we get

$$\begin{aligned}
 & A_b[f(x_{2k+1},y_{2k+1},z_{2k+1}),f(x_{2k+1},y_{2k+1},z_{2k+1}),\dots,f(x_{2k+1},y_{2k+1},z_{2k+1}),f(x,y,z)]+ A_b \\
 &[f(y_{2k+1},x_{2k+1},z_{2k+1}),f(y_{2k+1},x_{2k+1},z_{2k+1}),\dots,f(y_{2k+1},x_{2k+1},z_{2k+1}),f(y,x,z)]+ A_b \\
 &[f(z_{2k+1},y_{2k+1},x_{2k+1}),f(z_{2k+1},y_{2k+1},x_{2k+1}),\dots,f(z_{2k+1},y_{2k+1},x_{2k+1}),f(z,y,x)] \\
 &\leq \alpha \max\{ \\
 &(D(x_{2k+1},y_{2k+1},z_{2k+1}),(x_{2k+1},y_{2k+1},z_{2k+1}),\dots(x_{2k+1},y_{2k+1},z_{2k+1}),(x,y,z)),(D(x_{2k+1},y_{2k+1},z_{2k+1}),(x_{2k+1}, \\
 &y_{2k+1},z_{2k+1}),\dots(x_{2k+1},y_{2k+1},z_{2k+1}),f(x_{2k+1},y_{2k+1},z_{2k+1}),f(y_{2k+1},x_{2k+1},z_{2k+1})),D((x,y \\
 &,z),(x,y,z),\dots(x,y,z),(f(x,y,z),f(y,x,z),f(z,y,x))),(D(x_{2k+1},y_{2k+1},z_{2k+1}),(x_{2k+1},y_{2k+1},z_{2k+1}),\dots(x_{2k+1}, \\
 &y_{2k+1},z_{2k+1}),f(x,y,z),f(y,x,z),f(z,y,x))),D((x,y,z),(x,y,z),\dots(x,y,z),(f(x_{2k+1},y_{2k+1},z_{2k+1}),f(y_{2k+1},x_{2k+1},z_{2k+1}), \\
 &f(z_{2k+1},y_{2k+1},x_{2k+1})))\} \\
 &= \alpha \max \\
 &\{(D(x_{2k+1},y_{2k+1},z_{2k+1}),(x_{2k+1},y_{2k+1},z_{2k+1}),\dots(x_{2k+1},y_{2k+1},z_{2k+1}),(x,y,z)),(D(x_{2k+1},y_{2k+1},z_{2k+1}),(x_{2k+1}, \\
 &y_{2k+1},z_{2k+1}),\dots(x_{2k+1},y_{2k+1},z_{2k+1}),f(x_{2k+1},y_{2k+1},z_{2k+1}),f(y_{2k+1},x_{2k+1},z_{2k+1})), \\
 &D((x,y,z),(x,y,z),\dots(x,y,z),(f(x,y,z),f(y,x,z),f(z,y,x))),(D(x_{2k+1},y_{2k+1},z_{2k+1}),(x_{2k+1},y_{2k+1},z_{2k+1}),\dots(x_{2k+1}, \\
 &y_{2k+1},z_{2k+1}),f(x,y,z),f(y,x,z),f(z,y,x))),D((x,y,z),(x,y,z),\dots(x,y,z),(x_{2k+2},y_{2k+2},z_{2k+2}))\}
 \end{aligned}$$

From (3.1.6) and (3.1.7)

$$D((x,y,z),(x,y,z),\dots,(x,y,z),(f(x,y,z),f(y,x,z),f(z,y,x))) \leq b(n-1)[A_b(x,x,\dots,x,x_{2k+2}) + A_b(y,y,\dots,y,y_{2k+2}) + A_b(z,z,\dots,z,z_{2k+2})] + b^2\alpha \max \{ (D(x_{2k+1},y_{2k+1},z_{2k+1}), (x_{2k+1},y_{2k+1},z_{2k+1}), \dots, (x_{2k+1},y_{2k+1},z_{2k+1}), (x,y,z)), (D(x_{2k+1},y_{2k+1},z_{2k+1}), (x_{2k+1},y_{2k+1},z_{2k+1}), \dots, (x_{2k+1},y_{2k+1},z_{2k+1}), (x_{2k+2}y_{2k+2},z_{2k+2})), D((x,y,z),(x,y,z),\dots,(x,y,z),(f(x,y,z),f(y,x,z),f(z,y,x))), (D(x_{2k+1},y_{2k+1},z_{2k+1}), (x_{2k+1},y_{2k+1},z_{2k+1}), \dots, (x_{2k+1},y_{2k+1},z_{2k+1}), (f(x,y,z),f(y,x,z),f(z,y,x))), D((x,y,z),(x,y,z),\dots,(x,y,z),(x_{2k+2}y_{2k+2},z_{2k+2})) \}$$

Taking the limit as  $k \rightarrow \infty$ , in (3.1.8), we obtain

$$D((x,y,z),(x,y,z),\dots,(x,y,z),(f(x,y,z),f(y,x,z),f(z,y,x))) \leq b(n-1)[A(x,x,\dots,x,x)+A(y,y,\dots,y,y)+A(z,z,\dots,z,z)] + b^2\alpha \max \{ D((x,y,z),(x,y,z),\dots,(x,y,z),(x,y,z)), D((x,y,z),(x,y,z),\dots,(x,y,z),(x,y,z)), D((x,y,z),(x,y,z),\dots,(x,y,z),(f(x,y,z),f(y,x,z),f(z,y,x))), D((x,y,z),(x,y,z),\dots,(x,y,z),(x,y,z)) \} = b^2\alpha D((x,y,z),(x,y,z),\dots,(x,y,z),(f(x,y,z),f(y,x,z),f(z,y,x)))$$

Since  $b^2\alpha < 1$ , we have

$$D((x,y,z),(x,y,z),\dots,(x,y,z),(f(x,y,z),f(y,x,z),f(z,y,x))) = 0$$

Therefore  $(f(x,y,z),f(y,x,z),f(z,y,x)) = (x,y,z)$

That is,  $f(x,y,z) = x$ ,  $f(y,x,z) = y$  and  $f(z,y,x) = z$

Therefore  $(x,y,z)$  is a tripled fixed point of  $f$ .

**Theorem 3.2.** Let  $(X, \leq, A)$  be a partially ordered complete  $A_b$ -metric space and  $f, g: X^3 \rightarrow X$  such that (i) the pair  $(f, g)$  has mixed weakly monotone property on  $X$  and there exist  $x_0, y_0, z_0$  in  $X$  such that

$$x_0 \leq f(x_0, y_0, z_0), f(y_0, x_0, z_0) \leq y_0, \text{ and } z_0 \leq f(z_0, y_0, x_0) \text{ or } x_0 \leq g(x_0, y_0, z_0), g(y_0, x_0, z_0) \leq y_0, \text{ and } z_0 \leq g(z_0, y_0, x_0)$$

(ii) there is an  $\alpha$  such that  $\alpha b^2((n-1)b + 1) < 1$  and

$$A(f(x,y,z),f(y,x,z),\dots,f(x,y,z),g(u,v,w)) + A(f(y,x,z),f(y,x,z),\dots,f(y,x,z),g(v,u,w)) + A(f(z,y,x),f(z,y,x),\dots,f(z,y,x),g(w,v,u)) \leq \alpha \max \{ D((x,y,z),(x,y,z),\dots,(x,y,z),(u,v,w)), D((x,y,z),(x,y,z),\dots,(x,y,z),(f(x,y,z),f(y,x,z),f(z,y,x))), D((u,v,w),(u,v,w),\dots,(u,v,w),(g(u,v,w),g(v,u,w)),g(w,v,u)), D((x,y,z),(x,y,z),\dots,(x,y,z),(g(u,v,w),g(v,u,w),g(w,v,u))), D((u,v,w),(u,v,w),\dots,(u,v,w),(f(x,y,z),f(y,x,z),f(z,y,x))) \} \quad (3.2.1)$$

for all  $x, y, z, u, v, w \in X$  with  $x \leq u, y \geq v$  and  $z \leq w$  (iii) either for  $g$  is continuous

Then  $f$  and  $g$  have a tripled common fixed point in  $X$ .

*Proof.* Let  $(x_0, y_0, z_0)$  be a given point in  $X \times X \times X$ , satisfying (i).

$$\text{Write } x_1 = f(x_0, y_0, z_0), y_1 = f(y_0, x_0, z_0), z_1 = f(z_0, y_0, x_0) \text{ and } x_2 = g(x_1, y_1, z_1), y_2 = f g, x_1, z_1, z_2 = f g, y_1, x_1$$

Define the sequences  $\{x_k\}, \{y_k\}$  and  $\{z_k\}$  inductively

$$x_{k+1} = f(x_k, y_k, z_k), y_{k+1} = f(y_k, x_k, z_k), z_{k+1} = f(z_k, y_k, x_k) \\ x_{k+2} = g(x_{k+1}, y_{k+1}, z_{k+1}), y_{k+2} = g(y_{k+1}, x_{k+1}, z_{k+1}), z_{k+2} = g(z_{k+1}, y_{k+1}, x_{k+1}) \\ \text{for all } k \in \mathbb{N} \quad (3.2.2)$$

Since  $x_0 \leq f(x_0, y_0, z_0), y_0 \geq f(y_0, x_0, z_0)$  and  $z_0 \leq f(z_0, y_0, x_0)$

and since  $(f, g)$  has mixed weakly monotone property, we get

$$x_1 = f(x_0, y_0, z_0) \leq g(f(x_0, y_0, z_0), f(y_0, x_0, z_0), f(z_0, y_0, x_0)) = g(x_1, y_1, z_1) = x_2 \Rightarrow x_1 \leq x_2, \\ x_2 = g(x_1, y_1, z_1) \leq f(g(x_1, y_1, z_1), g(y_1, x_1, z_1), f g, y_1, x_1)) = f(x_2, y_2, z_2) = x_3 \Rightarrow x_2 \leq x_3 \\ \text{and } y_1 = f(y_0, x_0, z_0) \geq g(f(y_0, x_0, z_0), f(x_0, y_0, z_0), f(z_0, y_0, x_0)) = g(y_1, x_1, z_1) = y_2 \Rightarrow y_1 \geq y_2, \\ y_2 = f(y_1, x_1, z_1) \geq f(g(y_1, x_1, z_1), g(x_1, y_1, z_1), g(z_1, y_1, x_1)) = f(y_2, x_2, z_2) = y_3 \Rightarrow y_2 \geq y_3$$

also

$$z_1 = f(z_0, y_0, x_0) \leq g(f(z_0, y_0, x_0), f(y_0, x_0, z_0), f(x_0, y_0, z_0)) = g(z_1, y_1, x_1) = z_2 \implies z_1 \leq z_2,$$

$$z_2 = f(z_1, y_1, x_1) \leq f(g(z_1, y_1, x_1), g(y_1, x_1, z_1), g(x_1, y_1, z_1)) = f(z_2, y_2, x_2) = z_3 \implies z_2 \leq z_3$$

By induction,

$$x_0 \leq x_1 \leq x_2 \leq \dots \leq x_k \leq x_{k+1} \leq \dots$$

$$y_0 \geq y_1 \geq y_2 \geq \dots \geq y_k \geq y_{k+1} \geq \dots \quad (3.2.3)$$

$$z_0 \leq z_1 \leq z_2 \leq \dots \leq z_k \leq z_{k+1} \leq \dots \text{ for all } k \in \mathbb{N}$$

Now show that these sequences are Cauchy

Define  $D_k: X^3 \rightarrow X$  by

$$D_k = D \left( \begin{matrix} (x_k, y_k, z_k), (x_k, y_k, z_k), \dots, (x_k, y_k, z_k), (x_{k+1}, y_{k+1}, z_{k+1}), \\ n-1 \text{ times} \quad \square \end{matrix} \right)$$

$$= A_b \left( \begin{matrix} x_k, x_k, \dots, x_k, x_{k+1} \\ n-1 \text{ times} \quad \square \end{matrix} \right) + A_b \left( \begin{matrix} y_k, y_k, \dots, y_k, y_{k+1} \\ n-1 \text{ times} \quad \square \end{matrix} \right) + A_b \left( \begin{matrix} z_k, z_k, \dots, z_k, z_{k+1} \\ n-1 \text{ times} \quad \square \end{matrix} \right)$$

for  $k=0, 1, 2, \dots$

$$D_{2k+1} = A_b(x_{2k+1}, x_{2k+1}, \dots, x_{2k+1}, x_{2k+2}) + A_b(y_{2k+1}, y_{2k+1}, \dots, y_{2k+1}, y_{2k+2}) + A_b(z_{2k+1}, z_{2k+1}, \dots, z_{2k+1}, z_{2k+2})$$

$$= A_b(f(x_{2k}, y_{2k}, z_{2k}), f(x_{2k}, y_{2k}, z_{2k}), \dots, f(x_{2k}, y_{2k}, z_{2k}), g(x_{2k+1}, y_{2k+1}, z_{2k+1})) + A_b(f(y_{2k}, x_{2k}, z_{2k}), f(y_{2k}, x_{2k}, z_{2k}), \dots, f(y_{2k}, x_{2k}, z_{2k}), g(y_{2k+1}, x_{2k+1}, z_{2k+1})) + A_b(f(z_{2k}, y_{2k}, x_{2k}), f(z_{2k}, y_{2k}, x_{2k}), \dots, f(z_{2k}, y_{2k}, x_{2k}), g(z_{2k+1}, y_{2k+1}, x_{2k+1}))$$

$$\leq \alpha \max \{ D((x_{2k}, y_{2k}, z_{2k}), (x_{2k}, y_{2k}, z_{2k}), \dots, (x_{2k}, y_{2k}, z_{2k}), (x_{2k+1}, y_{2k+1}, z_{2k+1})), D((x_{2k}, y_{2k}, z_{2k}), (x_{2k}, y_{2k}, z_{2k}), \dots, (x_{2k}, y_{2k}, z_{2k}), (f(x_{2k}, y_{2k}, z_{2k}), f(y_{2k}, x_{2k}, z_{2k}), f(z_{2k}, y_{2k}, x_{2k}))), D((x_{2k+1}, y_{2k+1}, z_{2k+1}), (x_{2k+1}, y_{2k+1}, z_{2k+1}), \dots, (x_{2k+1}, y_{2k+1}, z_{2k+1}), (g(x_{2k+1}, y_{2k+1}, z_{2k+1}), g(y_{2k+1}, x_{2k+1}, z_{2k+1}), g(z_{2k+1}, y_{2k+1}, x_{2k+1}))), D((x_{2k}, y_{2k}, z_{2k}), (x_{2k}, y_{2k}, z_{2k}), \dots, (x_{2k}, y_{2k}, z_{2k}), (g(x_{2k+1}, y_{2k+1}, z_{2k+1}), g(y_{2k+1}, x_{2k+1}, z_{2k+1}), g(z_{2k+1}, y_{2k+1}, x_{2k+1}))), D((x_{2k+1}, y_{2k+1}, z_{2k+1}), (x_{2k+1}, y_{2k+1}, z_{2k+1}), \dots, (x_{2k+1}, y_{2k+1}, z_{2k+1}), (f(x_{2k}, y_{2k}, z_{2k}), f(y_{2k}, x_{2k}, z_{2k}), f(z_{2k}, y_{2k}, x_{2k}))) \}$$

From (3.2.2)

$$D_{2k+1} \leq \alpha \max \{ D((x_{2k}, y_{2k}, z_{2k}), (x_{2k}, y_{2k}, z_{2k}), \dots, (x_{2k}, y_{2k}, z_{2k}), (x_{2k+1}, y_{2k+1}, z_{2k+1})), D((x_{2k}, y_{2k}, z_{2k}), (x_{2k}, y_{2k}, z_{2k}), \dots, (x_{2k}, y_{2k}, z_{2k}), (f(x_{2k}, y_{2k}, z_{2k}), f(y_{2k}, x_{2k}, z_{2k}), f(z_{2k}, y_{2k}, x_{2k}))), D((x_{2k+1}, y_{2k+1}, z_{2k+1}), (x_{2k+1}, y_{2k+1}, z_{2k+1}), \dots, (x_{2k+1}, y_{2k+1}, z_{2k+1}), (x_{2k+2}, y_{2k+2}, z_{2k+2})), D((x_{2k}, y_{2k}, z_{2k}), (x_{2k}, y_{2k}, z_{2k}), \dots, (x_{2k}, y_{2k}, z_{2k}), (x_{2k+2}, y_{2k+2}, z_{2k+2})), D((x_{2k+1}, y_{2k+1}, z_{2k+1}), (x_{2k+1}, y_{2k+1}, z_{2k+1}), \dots, (x_{2k+1}, y_{2k+1}, z_{2k+1}), (x_{2k+1}, y_{2k+1}, z_{2k+1})) \}$$

(3.2.4)

$$= \alpha \max \{ D((x_{2k}, y_{2k}, z_{2k}), (x_{2k}, y_{2k}, z_{2k}), \dots, (x_{2k}, y_{2k}, z_{2k}), (x_{2k+1}, y_{2k+1}, z_{2k+1})), D((x_{2k}, y_{2k}, z_{2k}), (x_{2k}, y_{2k}, z_{2k}), \dots, (x_{2k}, y_{2k}, z_{2k}), (x_{2k+1}, y_{2k+1}, z_{2k+1})), D((x_{2k+1}, y_{2k+1}, z_{2k+1}), (x_{2k+1}, y_{2k+1}, z_{2k+1}), \dots, (x_{2k+1}, y_{2k+1}, z_{2k+1}), (x_{2k+2}, y_{2k+2}, z_{2k+2})), D((x_{2k}, y_{2k}, z_{2k}), (x_{2k}, y_{2k}, z_{2k}), \dots, (x_{2k}, y_{2k}, z_{2k}), (x_{2k+2}, y_{2k+2}, z_{2k+2})) \}$$

From lemma 2.10,

$$D_{2k+1} \leq \alpha \max \{ D((x_{2k}, y_{2k}, z_{2k}), (x_{2k}, y_{2k}, z_{2k}), \dots, (x_{2k}, y_{2k}, z_{2k}), (x_{2k+1}, y_{2k+1}, z_{2k+1})), D((x_{2k}, y_{2k}, z_{2k}), (x_{2k}, y_{2k}, z_{2k}), \dots, (x_{2k}, y_{2k}, z_{2k}), (x_{2k+1}, y_{2k+1}, z_{2k+1})), D((x_{2k+1}, y_{2k+1}, z_{2k+1}), (x_{2k+1}, y_{2k+1}, z_{2k+1}), \dots, (x_{2k+1}, y_{2k+1}, z_{2k+1}), (x_{2k+2}, y_{2k+2}, z_{2k+2})), (n-1)b$$

$$\begin{aligned}
 & D((x_{2k}, y_{2k}, z_{2k}), (x_{2k}, y_{2k}, z_{2k}), \dots, (x_{2k}, y_{2k}, z_{2k}), (x_{2k+1}, y_{2k+1}, z_{2k+1})) \\
 & + b^2 D((x_{2k+1}, y_{2k+1}, z_{2k+1}), (x_{2k+1}, y_{2k+1}, z_{2k+1}), \dots, (x_{2k+1}, y_{2k+1}, z_{2k+1}), (x_{2k+2}, y_{2k+2}, z_{2k+2})) \\
 & \leq \alpha(n-1)b D((x_{2k}, y_{2k}, z_{2k}), (x_{2k}, y_{2k}, z_{2k}), \dots, (x_{2k}, y_{2k}, z_{2k}), (x_{2k+1}, y_{2k+1}, z_{2k+1})) \\
 & + b^2 D((x_{2k+1}, y_{2k+1}, z_{2k+1}), (x_{2k+1}, y_{2k+1}, z_{2k+1}), \dots, (x_{2k+1}, y_{2k+1}, z_{2k+1}), (x_{2k+2}, y_{2k+2}, z_{2k+2})) \\
 & = \alpha(n-1)b [A_b(x_{2k}, x_{2k}, \dots, x_{2k}, x_{2k+1}) + A_b(y_{2k}, y_{2k}, \dots, y_{2k}, y_{2k+1}) + A_b(z_{2k}, z_{2k}, \dots, z_{2k}, z_{2k+1})] \\
 & + b^2 [A_b(x_{2k+1}, x_{2k+1}, \dots, x_{2k+1}, x_{2k+2}) + A_b(y_{2k+1}, y_{2k+1}, \dots, y_{2k+1}, y_{2k+2}) + A_b(z_{2k+1}, z_{2k+1}, \dots, z_{2k+1}, z_{2k+2})] \quad (3.2.5)
 \end{aligned}$$

Therefore

$$\begin{aligned}
 D_{2k+1} & \leq \alpha(n-1)b [A_b(x_{2k}, x_{2k}, \dots, x_{2k}, x_{2k+1}) + A_b(y_{2k}, y_{2k}, \dots, y_{2k}, y_{2k+1}) + A_b(z_{2k}, z_{2k}, \dots, z_{2k}, z_{2k+1})] \\
 & + b^2 [A_b(x_{2k+1}, x_{2k+1}, \dots, x_{2k+1}, x_{2k+2}) + A_b(y_{2k+1}, y_{2k+1}, \dots, y_{2k+1}, y_{2k+2}) + A_b(z_{2k+1}, z_{2k+1}, \dots, z_{2k+1}, z_{2k+2})] \quad (3.2.6)
 \end{aligned}$$

$$\Rightarrow (1 - \alpha b^2)D_{2k+1} \leq \alpha(n-1)bD_{2k}$$

$$\Rightarrow D_{2k+1} \leq \frac{\alpha(n-1)b}{(1-\alpha b^2)} D_{2k} \quad (3.2.7)$$

Put  $\beta = \frac{\alpha(n-1)b}{(1-\alpha b^2)}$ , then  $0 \leq \beta < 1$

From (3.2.7),  $D_{2k+1} \leq \beta D_{2k}$

Similarly we can show that  $D_{2k+2} \leq \beta D_{2k+1}$  for  $k=0, 1, 2, \dots$

Hence  $D_{k+1} \leq \beta D_k$

Therefore

$$D_{k+1} \leq \beta^{k+1} D_0 \quad (3.2.8)$$

$$\begin{aligned}
 \text{Define } D_{k,l} & = D \left( \underbrace{(x_k, y_k, z_k), (x_k, y_k, z_k), \dots, (x_k, y_k, z_k)}_{n-1 \text{ times}}, \underbrace{(x_l, y_l, z_l)}_{\square} \right) \\
 & = A_b \left( \underbrace{x_k, x_k, \dots, x_k, x_l}_{n-1 \text{ times}}, \underbrace{\phantom{x_k, x_k, \dots, x_k, x_l}}_{\square} \right) + A_b \left( \underbrace{y_k, y_k, \dots, y_k, y_l}_{n-1 \text{ times}}, \underbrace{\phantom{y_k, y_k, \dots, y_k, y_l}}_{\square} \right) + A_b \left( \underbrace{z_k, z_k, \dots, z_k, z_l}_{n-1 \text{ times}}, \underbrace{\phantom{z_k, z_k, \dots, z_k, z_l}}_{\square} \right)
 \end{aligned}$$

Now we have to show that  $D_{k,l}$  is a Cauchy sequence

By lemma 2.10, for all  $k, m \in N, k \leq m$

we have

$$\begin{aligned}
 D_{k+1,m+1} & = A_b \left( \underbrace{x_{k+1}, x_{k+1}, \dots, x_{k+1}, x_{m+1}}_{n-1 \text{ times}}, \underbrace{\phantom{x_{k+1}, x_{k+1}, \dots, x_{k+1}, x_{m+1}}}_{\square} \right) + A_b \left( \underbrace{y_{k+1}, y_{k+1}, \dots, y_{k+1}, y_{m+1}}_{n-1 \text{ times}}, \underbrace{\phantom{y_{k+1}, y_{k+1}, \dots, y_{k+1}, y_{m+1}}}_{\square} \right) \\
 & \quad + A_b \left( \underbrace{z_{k+1}, z_{k+1}, \dots, z_{k+1}, z_{m+1}}_{n-1 \text{ times}}, \underbrace{\phantom{z_{k+1}, z_{k+1}, \dots, z_{k+1}, z_{m+1}}}_{\square} \right)
 \end{aligned}$$

$$\begin{aligned}
 &\leq (n-1)b \left[ A_b \left( \begin{matrix} x_{k+1}, x_{k+1}, \dots, x_{k+1}, x_{k+2} \\ n-1 \text{ times} \quad \square \end{matrix} \right) + A_b \left( \begin{matrix} y_{k+1}, y_{k+1}, \dots, y_{k+1}, y_{k+2} \\ n-1 \text{ times} \quad \square \end{matrix} \right) + A_b \left( \begin{matrix} z_{k+1}, z_{k+1}, \dots, z_{k+1}, z_{k+2} \\ n-1 \text{ times} \quad \square \end{matrix} \right) \right] \\
 &+ b^2 \left[ A_b \left( \begin{matrix} x_{k+2}, x_{k+2}, \dots, x_{k+2}, x_{m+1} \\ n-1 \text{ times} \quad \square \end{matrix} \right) + A_b \left( \begin{matrix} y_{k+2}, y_{k+2}, \dots, y_{k+2}, y_{m+1} \\ n-1 \text{ times} \quad \square \end{matrix} \right) + A_b \left( \begin{matrix} z_{k+2}, z_{k+2}, \dots, z_{k+2}, z_{m+1} \\ n-1 \text{ times} \quad \square \end{matrix} \right) \right] \\
 &= (n-1)bD_{k+1} + b^2(n-1)b \left[ A_b \left( \begin{matrix} x_{k+2}, x_{k+2}, \dots, x_{k+2}, x_{k+3} \\ n-1 \text{ times} \quad \square \end{matrix} \right) + A_b \left( \begin{matrix} y_{k+2}, y_{k+2}, \dots, y_{k+2}, y_{k+3} \\ n-1 \text{ times} \quad \square \end{matrix} \right) + \right. \\
 &A_b \left( \begin{matrix} z_{k+2}, z_{k+2}, \dots, z_{k+2}, z_{k+3} \\ n-1 \text{ times} \quad \square \end{matrix} \right) \left. \right] \\
 &+ b^2b^2 \left[ A_b \left( \begin{matrix} x_{k+3}, x_{k+3}, \dots, x_{k+3}, x_{m+1} \\ n-1 \text{ times} \quad \square \end{matrix} \right) + A_b \left( \begin{matrix} y_{k+3}, y_{k+3}, \dots, y_{k+3}, y_{m+1} \\ n-1 \text{ times} \quad \square \end{matrix} \right) + A_b \left( \begin{matrix} z_{k+3}, z_{k+3}, \dots, z_{k+3}, z_{m+1} \\ n-1 \text{ times} \quad \square \end{matrix} \right) \right] \\
 &= (n-1)bD_{k+1} + b^3(n-1)D_{k+2} + b^5(n-1)D_{k+3} + b^{2(m-k)-3}(n-1) \left[ A_b \left( \begin{matrix} x_{m-1}, x_{m-1}, \dots, x_{m-1}, x_m \\ n-1 \text{ times} \quad \square \end{matrix} \right) + \right. \\
 &A_b \left( \begin{matrix} y_{m-1}, y_{m-1}, \dots, y_{m-1}, y_m \\ n-1 \text{ times} \quad \square \end{matrix} \right) + A_b \left( \begin{matrix} z_{m-1}, z_{m-1}, \dots, z_{m-1}, z_m \\ n-1 \text{ times} \quad \square \end{matrix} \right) \left. \right] + b^{2(m-k)-1}(n-1) \left[ A_b \left( \begin{matrix} x_m, x_m, \dots, x_m, x_{m+1} \\ n-1 \text{ times} \quad \square \end{matrix} \right) + \right. \\
 &A_b \left( \begin{matrix} y_m, y_m, \dots, y_m, y_{m+1} \\ n-1 \text{ times} \quad \square \end{matrix} \right) + A_b \left( \begin{matrix} z_m, z_m, \dots, z_m, z_{m+1} \\ n-1 \text{ times} \quad \square \end{matrix} \right) \left. \right]
 \end{aligned}$$

From (3.2.8)

$$\begin{aligned}
 D_{k+1,m+1} &\leq (n-1)b[\beta^{k+1} + b^2\beta^{k+2} + b^4\beta^{k+3} + \dots + b^{2(m-k)-2}\beta^m] D_0 \\
 &\Rightarrow D_{k+1,m+1} \leq (n-1)b\beta^{k+1}[1 + b^2\beta + (b^2\beta)^2 + \dots + (b^2\beta)^{(m-k-1)}]D_0 \\
 &= (n-1)b\beta^{k+1}[1 + \gamma + \gamma^2 + \dots + \gamma^{(m-k-1)}]D_0 \\
 &\leq (n-1)b\beta^{k+1} \frac{1}{1-\gamma} D_0
 \end{aligned}$$

Where  $\gamma = b^2\beta$

Hence for all  $k, m \in N, k \leq m$ , we have

$$\begin{aligned}
 D_{k,m} &= A_b \left( \begin{matrix} x_k, x_k, \dots, x_k, x_m \\ n-1 \text{ times} \quad \square \end{matrix} \right) + A_b \left( \begin{matrix} y_k, y_k, \dots, y_k, y_m \\ n-1 \text{ times} \quad \square \end{matrix} \right) + A_b \left( \begin{matrix} z_k, z_k, \dots, z_k, z_m \\ n-1 \text{ times} \quad \square \end{matrix} \right) \\
 &\leq (n-1)b\beta^k \frac{1}{1-\gamma} D_0
 \end{aligned}$$

Since  $0 \leq \gamma = \alpha b^2((n-1)b + 1) < 1$ , we have

$$\lim_{k,m \rightarrow \infty} A_b \left( \begin{matrix} x_k, x_k, \dots, x_k, x_m \\ n-1 \text{ times} \quad \square \end{matrix} \right) + A_b \left( \begin{matrix} y_k, y_k, \dots, y_k, y_m \\ n-1 \text{ times} \quad \square \end{matrix} \right) + A_b \left( \begin{matrix} z_k, z_k, \dots, z_k, z_m \\ n-1 \text{ times} \quad \square \end{matrix} \right) = 0$$

That

$$\lim_{k,m \rightarrow \infty} A_b \left( \begin{matrix} x_k, x_k, \dots, x_k, x_m \\ n-1 \text{ times} \quad \square \end{matrix} \right) = \lim_{k,m \rightarrow \infty} A_b \left( \begin{matrix} y_k, y_k, \dots, y_k, y_m \\ n-1 \text{ times} \quad \square \end{matrix} \right) = \lim_{k,m \rightarrow \infty} A_b \left( \begin{matrix} z_k, z_k, \dots, z_k, z_m \\ n-1 \text{ times} \quad \square \end{matrix} \right) = 0$$

is,

Therefore  $\{x_k\}, \{y_k\}$  and  $\{z_k\}$  are Cauchy sequences in  $X$ .

By the completeness of  $X$ , there exists  $x, y, z \in X$  such that  $x_k \rightarrow x, y_k \rightarrow y$  and  $z_k \rightarrow z$  as  $k \rightarrow \infty$

Therefore  $D_{k,l}$  is a Cauchy sequence.

Now we show that  $(x, y, z)$  is a tripled fixed point of  $f$  and  $g$

Without loss of generality, we may suppose that  $f$  is continuous, we have  $x = \lim_{k \rightarrow \infty} x_{2k+1} =$

$$\lim_{k \rightarrow \infty} f(x_{2k}, y_{2k}, z_{2k}) = f\left(\lim_{k \rightarrow \infty} x_{2k}, \lim_{k \rightarrow \infty} y_{2k}, \lim_{k \rightarrow \infty} z_{2k}\right) = f(x, y, z)$$

$$y = \lim_{k \rightarrow \infty} y_{2k+1} = \lim_{k \rightarrow \infty} f(y_{2k}, x_{2k}, z_{2k}) = f\left(\lim_{k \rightarrow \infty} y_{2k}, \lim_{k \rightarrow \infty} x_{2k}, \lim_{k \rightarrow \infty} z_{2k}\right) = f(y, x, z)$$

and

$$z = \lim_{k \rightarrow \infty} z_{2k+1} = \lim_{k \rightarrow \infty} f(z_{2k}, y_{2k}, x_{2k}) = f\left(\lim_{k \rightarrow \infty} z_{2k}, \lim_{k \rightarrow \infty} y_{2k}, \lim_{k \rightarrow \infty} x_{2k}\right) = f(z, y, x)$$

Thus  $(x, y, z)$  is a tripled fixed point of  $f$ .

From (3.2.1), we have

$$\begin{aligned} & A_b(x, x, \dots, x, f(x, y, z)) + A_b(y, y, \dots, y, f(y, x, z)) + A_b(z, z, \dots, z, f(z, y, x)) \\ &= A_b(f(x, y, z), f(x, y, z), \dots, f(x, y, z), g(x, y, z)) + A_b(f(y, x, z), f(y, x, z), \dots, f(y, x, z), g(y, x, z)) + A_b(f(z, y, z), f(z, y, z), \dots, f(z, y, z), g(z, y, x)) \\ &\leq \alpha \max\{D((x, y, z), (x, y, z), \dots, (x, y, z), (x, y, z)), D((x, y, z), (x, y, z), \dots, (x, y, z), (f(x, y, z), f(y, x, z), f(z, y, x))), D((x, y, z), (x, y, z), \dots, (x, y, z), (g(x, y, z), g(y, x, z), g(z, y, x))), D((x, y, z), (x, y, z), \dots, (x, y, z), (g(x, y, z), g(y, x, z), g(z, y, x))), D((x, y, z), (x, y, z), \dots, (x, y, z), (f(x, y, z), f(y, x, z), f(z, y, x)))\} \\ &= \alpha \max\{0, D((x, y, z), (x, y, z), \dots, (x, y, z), (x, y, z)), D((x, y, z), (x, y, z), \dots, (x, y, z), (g(x, y, z), g(y, x, z), g(z, y, x))), D((x, y, z), (x, y, z), \dots, (x, y, z), (g(x, y, z), g(y, x, z), g(z, y, x))), D((x, y, z), (x, y, z), \dots, (x, y, z), (x, y, z))\} \\ &= \alpha \{D((x, y, z), (x, y, z), \dots, (x, y, z), (g(x, y, z), g(y, x, z), g(z, y, x)))\} \\ &\leq ab ((g(x, y, z), g(y, x, z), g(z, y, x)), (g(x, y, z), g(y, x, z), g(z, y, x))), \dots, (g(x, y, z), g(y, x, z), g(z, y, x)), (x, y, z)) \end{aligned}$$

Since  $ab < 1$ , we have  $(g(x, y, z), g(y, x, z), g(z, y, x)) = (x, y, z)$

$$\Rightarrow g(x, y, z) = x, g(y, x, z) = y \text{ and } g(z, y, x) = z$$

Therefore  $(x, y, z)$  is a tripled fixed point of  $g$ .

Thus  $(x, y, z)$  is a tripled common fixed point of  $f$  and  $g$ .

**Theorem 3.3.** Let  $(X, \leq, A)$  be a partially ordered complete  $A_b$ -metric space and  $f, g: X^3 \rightarrow X$  such that (i) the pair  $(f, g)$  has mixed weakly monotone property on  $X$  and there exist  $x_0, y_0, z_0$  in  $X$  such that

$$x_0 \leq f(x_0, y_0, z_0), f(y_0, x_0, z_0) \leq y_0, \text{ and } z_0 \leq f(z_0, y_0, x_0) \text{ or } x_0 \leq g(x_0, y_0, z_0), g(y_0, x_0, z_0) \leq y_0, \text{ and } z_0 \leq g(z_0, y_0, x_0)$$



$$\begin{aligned}
 & A_b [g(x_{2k+1}, y_{2k+1}, z_{2k+1}), g(x_{2k+1}, y_{2k+1}, z_{2k+1}), \dots, g(x_{2k+1}, y_{2k+1}, z_{2k+1}), f(x, y, z)] + A_b \\
 & [g(y_{2k+1}, x_{2k+1}, z_{2k+1}), g(y_{2k+1}, x_{2k+1}, z_{2k+1}), \dots, g(y_{2k+1}, x_{2k+1}, z_{2k+1}), f(y, x, z)] + A_b \\
 & [g(z_{2k+1}, y_{2k+1}, x_{2k+1}), g(z_{2k+1}, y_{2k+1}, x_{2k+1}), \dots, g(z_{2k+1}, y_{2k+1}, x_{2k+1}), f(z, y, x)] \\
 & \leq \alpha \max \{ D(x_{2k+1}, y_{2k+1}, z_{2k+1}), (x_{2k+1}, y_{2k+1}, z_{2k+1}), \dots, (x_{2k+1}, y_{2k+1}, z_{2k+1}), (x, y, z), \\
 & D(x_{2k+1}, y_{2k+1}, z_{2k+1}), (x_{2k+1}, y_{2k+1}, z_{2k+1}), \dots, (x_{2k+1}, y_{2k+1}, z_{2k+1}), \\
 & (g(x_{2k+1}, y_{2k+1}, z_{2k+1}), g(y_{2k+1}, x_{2k+1}, z_{2k+1}), \\
 & g(z_{2k+1}, y_{2k+1}, x_{2k+1})), D((x, y, z), (x, y, z), \dots, (x, y, z), (f(x, y, z), f(y, x, z), f(z, y, x))), \\
 & D(x_{2k+1}, y_{2k+1}, z_{2k+1}), (x_{2k+1}, y_{2k+1}, z_{2k+1}), \dots, (x_{2k+1}, y_{2k+1}, z_{2k+1}), \\
 & \dots, (x_{2k+1}, y_{2k+1}, z_{2k+1}), (f(x, y, z), f(y, x, z), f(z, y, x))), \\
 & D((x, y, z), (x, y, z), \dots, (x, y, z), (g(x_{2k+1}, y_{2k+1}, z_{2k+1}), g(y_{2k+1}, x_{2k+1}, z_{2k+1}), \\
 & g(z_{2k+1}, y_{2k+1}, x_{2k+1}))) \} \\
 & = \alpha \max \{ D(x_{2k+1}, y_{2k+1}, z_{2k+1}), (x_{2k+1}, y_{2k+1}, z_{2k+1}), \dots, (x_{2k+1}, y_{2k+1}, z_{2k+1}), (x, y, z), \\
 & D(x_{2k+1}, y_{2k+1}, z_{2k+1}), (x_{2k+1}, y_{2k+1}, z_{2k+1}), \dots, (x_{2k+1}, y_{2k+1}, z_{2k+1}), (x_{2k+2}, y_{2k+2}, z_{2k+2}), \\
 & D((x, y, z), (x, y, z), \dots, (x, y, z), (f(x, y, z), f(y, x, z), f(z, y, x))), D(x_{2k+1}, y_{2k+1}, z_{2k+1}), (x_{2k+1}, y_{2k+1}, z_{2k+1}), \\
 & \dots, (x_{2k+1}, y_{2k+1}, z_{2k+1}), (f(x, y, z), f(y, x, z), f(z, y, x))), D((x, y, z), (x, y, z), \dots, (x, y, z), \\
 & (x_{2k+2}, y_{2k+2}, z_{2k+2})) \}
 \end{aligned}$$

From (3.2.6) and (3.2.7)

$$\begin{aligned}
 & D((x, y, z), (x, y, z), \dots, (x, y, z), (f(x, y, z), f(y, x, z), f(z, y, x))) \leq b(n-1) [ A_b (x, x, \dots, x, x_{2k+2}) + A_b (y, y, \dots, y, y_{2k+2}) + A_b (z, z, \dots, z, z_{2k+2}) ] + b^2 \alpha \max \{ \\
 & D(x_{2k+1}, y_{2k+1}, z_{2k+1}), (x_{2k+1}, y_{2k+1}, z_{2k+1}), \dots, (x_{2k+1}, y_{2k+1}, z_{2k+1}), (x, y, z), \\
 & D(x_{2k+1}, y_{2k+1}, z_{2k+1}), (x_{2k+1}, y_{2k+1}, z_{2k+1}), \dots, (x_{2k+1}, y_{2k+1}, z_{2k+1}), (x_{2k+2}, y_{2k+2}, z_{2k+2}), \\
 & D((x, y, z), (x, y, z), \dots, (x, y, z), (f(x, y, z), f(y, x, z), f(z, y, x))), D(x_{2k+1}, y_{2k+1}, z_{2k+1}), (x_{2k+1}, y_{2k+1}, z_{2k+1}), \\
 & \dots, (x_{2k+1}, y_{2k+1}, z_{2k+1}), (f(x, y, z), f(y, x, z), f(z, y, x))), \\
 & D((x, y, z), (x, y, z), \dots, (x, y, z), (x_{2k+2}, y_{2k+2}, z_{2k+2})) \}
 \end{aligned}$$

Taking the limit as  $k \rightarrow \infty$  in (3.2.1), we obtain

$$\begin{aligned}
 & D((x, y, z), (x, y, z), \dots, (x, y, z), (f(x, y, z), f(y, x, z), f(z, y, x))) \leq b(n-1) [ A_b (x, x, \dots, x, x) + A_b (y, y, \dots, y, y) + A_b (z, z, \dots, z, z) ] \\
 & + b^2 \alpha \max \{ D((x, y, z), (x, y, z), \dots, (x, y, z), (x, y, z)), \\
 & D((x, y, z), (x, y, z), \dots, (x, y, z), (x, y, z)), D((x, y, z), (x, y, z), \dots, (x, y, z), (f(x, y, z), f(y, x, z), f(z, y, x))), \\
 & D((x, y, z), (x, y, z), \dots, (x, y, z), (f(x, y, z), f(y, x, z), f(z, y, x))), D((x, y, z), (x, y, z), \dots, (x, y, z), (x, y, z)) \} \\
 & = b^2 \alpha D((x, y, z), (x, y, z), \dots, (x, y, z), (f(x, y, z), f(y, x, z), f(z, y, x)))
 \end{aligned}$$

Since  $b^2 \alpha < 1$ , we have

$$D((x, y, z), (x, y, z), \dots, (x, y, z), (f(x, y, z), f(y, x, z), f(z, y, x))) = 0$$



$$\Rightarrow (f(x,y,z),f(y,x,z),f(z,y,x))=(x,y,z)$$

That is,  $f(x,y,z)=x$  ,  $f(y,x,z)=y$  and  $f(z,y,x)=z$

Therefore  $(x,y,z)$  is a tripled fixed point of  $f$ .

Similarly we can show that  $g(x,y,z)=x$  ,  $g(y,x,z)=y$  and  $g(z,y,x)=z$

Hence  $f(x,y,z)=x=g(x,y,z)$  ,  $f(y,x,z)=y=g(y,x,z)$  and  $f(z,y,x)=z=g(z,y,x)$

Thus  $(x, y, z)$  is a tripled common fixed point of  $f$  and  $g$ .

Theorem 3.4. Suppose Theorem 3.2 or Theorem 3.3 satisfied,

if further  $\{x_n\}$  is an increasing sequence with

$x_n \rightarrow x$  and  $x_n \leq u$  for each  $n$ , then  $x \leq u$  . Then  $f$  and  $g$  have a unique tripled common fixed points.

Further more, any fixed point of  $f$  is a fixed point of  $g$ , and conversely.

Proof. Suppose the given condition holds,

Let  $(x,y,z)$  and  $(u,v,w)$  in  $X \times X \times X$ , there exist  $(x^*, y^*, z^*)$  in  $X \times X \times X$ , that is, comparable to  $(x,y,z)$  and  $(u,v,w)$

$$\begin{aligned} D((x,y,z),(x,y,z),\dots,(x,y,z),(u,v,w)) &= A_b(x,x,\dots,x,u) + A_b(y,y,\dots,y,u) + A_b(z,z,\dots,z,w) \\ &= A_b(f(x,y,z),f(x,y,z),\dots,f(x,y,z),g(u,v,w)) + \\ &A_b(f(y,x,z),f(y,x,z),\dots,f(y,x,z),g(v,u,w)) + A_b(f(z,y,x),f(z,y,x),\dots,f(z,y,x),g(w,v,u)) \\ &\leq \alpha \max \{ D((x,y,z),(x,y,z),\dots,(x,y,z),(u,v,w)), D((x,y,z),(x,y,z),\dots,(x,y,z),(f(x,y,z),f(y,x,z),f(z,y,x))), \\ &D((u,v,w),(u,v,w),\dots,(u,v,w),(g(u,v,w),g(v,u,w),g(w,v,u))), D((x,y,z),(x,y,z),\dots,(x,y,z),(g(u,v,w),g(v,u,w),g(w,v,u))), \\ &D((u,v,w),(u,v,w),\dots,(u,v,w),(f(x,y,z),f(y,x,z),f(z,y,x))) \} \\ &= \alpha \max \{ D((x,y,z),(x,y,z),\dots,(x,y,z),(u,v,w)), D((x,y,z),(x,y,z),\dots,(x,y,z),(x,y,z)), \\ &D((u,v,w),(u,v,w),\dots,(u,v,w),(u,v,w)), D((x,y,z),(x,y,z),\dots,(x,y,z),(u,v,w)), D((u,v,w),(u,v,w),\dots,(u,v,w),(x,y,z)) \} \\ &= \alpha \max \{ D((x,y,z),(x,y,z),\dots,(x,y,z),(u,v,w)), D((x,y,z),(x,y,z),\dots,(x,y,z),(u,v,w)), \\ &D((u,v,w),(u,v,w),\dots,(u,v,w),(x,y,z)) \} \\ &\leq \alpha \max \{ D((x,y,z),(x,y,z),\dots,(x,y,z),(u,v,w)), \\ &D((x,y,z),(x,y,z),\dots,(x,y,z),(u,v,w)), \\ &b D((x,y,z),(x,y,z),\dots,(x,y,z),(u,v,w)) \} \\ &= \alpha b D((x,y,z),(x,y,z),\dots,(x,y,z),(u,v,w)) \end{aligned}$$

Since  $\alpha b < 1$ , so that

$$D((x,y,z),(x,y,z),\dots(x,y,z),(u,v,w))=0$$

$$\Rightarrow(x,y,z)=(u,v,w) \Rightarrow x=u, y=v \text{ and } z=w$$

Suppose  $(x,y,z)$  and  $(x^*,y^*,z^*)$  are tripled common fixed points such that  $x \leq x^*, y \geq y^*$  and  $z \leq z^*$ , then  $x=x^*, y=y^*$  and  $z=z^*$ .

$$\text{Now } D((x,y,z),(x,y,z),\dots(x,y,z),(x^*,y^*,z^*)) = A_b(x,x,\dots,x,x^*) + A_b(y,y,\dots,y,y^*) + A_b(z,z,\dots,z,z^*)$$

$$= A_b(f(x,y,z),f(x,y,z),\dots,f(x,y,z),g(x^*,y^*,z^*)) + A_b(f(y,x,z),f(y,x,z),\dots,f(y,x,z),g(y^*,x^*,z^*)) + A_b(f(z,y,x),f(z,y,x),\dots,f(z,y,x),g(z^*,y^*,x^*))$$

$$\leq \alpha \max \{ D((x,y,z),(x,y,z),\dots(x,y,z),(x^*,y^*,z^*)), D((x,y,z),(x,y,z),\dots(x,y,z),(f(x,y,z),f(y,x,z),f(z,y,x))), D((x^*,y^*,z^*),(x^*,y^*,z^*),\dots(x^*,y^*,z^*),(g(x^*,y^*,z^*),g(y^*,x^*,z^*),g(z^*,y^*,x^*))), D((x,y,z),(x,y,z),\dots(x,y,z),(g(x^*,y^*,z^*),g(y^*,x^*,z^*),g(z^*,y^*,x^*))), D((x^*,y^*,z^*),(x^*,y^*,z^*),\dots(x^*,y^*,z^*),(f(x,y,z),f(y,x,z),f(z,y,x))) \}$$

$$= \alpha \max \{ D((x,y,z),(x,y,z),\dots(x,y,z),(x,y,z)), D((x,y,z),(x,y,z),\dots(x,y,z),(x,y,z)), D((x,y,z),(x,y,z),\dots(x,y,z),(x^*,y^*,z^*)), D((x,y,z),(x,y,z),\dots(x,y,z),(x^*,y^*,z^*)), D((x,y,z),(x,y,z),\dots(x,y,z),(x,y,z)) \}$$

$$\leq \alpha b D((x^*,y^*,z^*),(x^*,y^*,z^*),\dots(x^*,y^*,z^*),(x,y,z))$$

Since  $\alpha b < 1$ , so that

$$D((x^*,y^*,z^*),(x^*,y^*,z^*),\dots(x^*,y^*,z^*),(x,y,z))=0$$

$$\Rightarrow(x^*,y^*,z^*)=(x,y,z)$$

$$\Rightarrow x=x^*, y=y^* \text{ and } z=z^*$$

we show that any fixed point of  $f$  is a fixed point of  $g$ , and conversely.

That is, to show that  $(x,y,z)$  is a fixed point of  $f \Leftrightarrow (x,y,z)$  is a fixed point of  $g$ .

Suppose that  $(x,y,z)$  is a tripled fixed point of  $f$ .

$$D((x,y,z),(x,y,z),\dots(x,y,z),(g(x,y,z),g(y,x,z),g(z,y,x)))$$

$$= A_b(f(x,y,z),f(x,y,z),\dots,f(x,y,z),g(x,y,z)) + A_b(f(y,x,z),f(y,x,z),\dots,f(y,x,z),g(y,x,z)) + A_b(f(z,y,x),f(z,y,x),\dots,f(z,y,x),g(z,y,x))$$

$$\leq \alpha \max \{ D((x,y,z),(x,y,z),\dots(x,y,z),(x,y,z)), D((x,y,z),(x,y,z),\dots(x,y,z),(f(x,y,z),f(y,x,z),f(z,y,x))), D((x,y,z),(x,y,z),\dots(x,y,z),(g(x,y,z),g(y,x,z),g(z,y,x))), D((x,y,x),(x,y,z),\dots(x,y,z),(g(x,y,z),g(y,x,z),g(z,y,x))), D((x,y,z),(x,y,z),\dots(x,y,z),(f(x,y,z),f(y,x,z),f(z,y,x))) \}$$

$$= \alpha D((x,y,z),(x,y,z),\dots(x,y,z),(g(x,y,z),g(y,x,z),g(z,y,x)))$$

$$\leq \alpha b D((g(x,y,z),g(y,x,z),g(z,y,x)),(g(x,y,z),g(y,x,z),g(z,y,x)),\dots(g(x,y,z),g(y,x,z),g(z,y,x)),(x,y,z))$$

Since  $\alpha b < 1$ , we have

$$D((g(x,y,z),g(y,x,z),g(z,y,x)),(g(x,y,z),g(y,x,z),g(z,y,x)),\dots,(g(x,y,z),g(y,x,z),g(z,y,x)),(x,y,z))=0$$

$$\Rightarrow (g(x,y,z),g(y,x,z),g(z,y,x))=(x,y,z)$$

$$\Rightarrow x=g(x,y,z), y=g(y,x,z) \text{ and } z=g(z,y,x)$$

Therefore  $(x, y, z)$  is a tripled fixed point of  $g$ , and conversely.

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