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# Research Article

# **Application to Coupled Fixed-Point Theorems on Complex Partial b-Metric Space**

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In this paper, we prove coupled fixed-point theorems in complex partial b-metric space. The proved results generalize and extend some of the well-known results in the literature. We also give some applications of our main results.

#### 1. Introduction

The notion of b-metric space was introduced by Backhtin [1] in 1989, and Czerwik [2] extended the results of metric spaces. The notion of complex valued metric spaces was introduced by Azam et al. [3] in 2011 who also proved some common fixed-point theorems under the contraction condition. In 2013, Rao et al. [4] introduced the concept of complex valued b-metric space which is more general than the well-known complex valued metric space and also proved common fixed-point theorem under the contraction condition. In 2017, Dhivya and Marudai [5] introduced the notion of complex partial metric space and also proved common fixed-point theorems under the contraction condition of rational expression. In 2019, Gunaseelan [6] introduced the notion of complex partial b-metric space and also proved fixed-point theorem under the contractive condition. Some interesting concepts and applications have

been studied by many authors, and important results have been obtained in [7–12]. In this paper, we prove coupled fixed-point theorems in complex partial b-metric space.

In the next section, we give basic definitions, examples, and primary results for the better understanding of our major results presented in this research paper.

#### 2. Preliminaries

Let  $\mathbb{C}$  be the set of complex numbers and  $\eta_1, \eta_2, \eta_3 \in \mathbb{C}$ . Define a partial order  $\leq$  on  $\mathbb{C}$  as follows:  $\eta_1 \leq \eta_2$  if and only if  $\text{Re}(\eta_1) \leq \text{Re}(\eta_2)$ ,  $\text{Im}(\eta_1) \leq \text{Im}(\eta_2)$ .

Consequently, one can infer that  $\eta_1 \leq \eta_2$  if one of the following conditions is satisfied:

(i) 
$$\text{Re}(\eta_1) = \text{Re}(\eta_2), \text{Im}(\eta_1) < \text{Im}(\eta_2)$$

(ii) 
$$\text{Re}(\eta_1) < \text{Re}(\eta_2)$$
,  $\text{Im}(\eta_1) = \text{Im}(\eta_2)$ 

(iii) 
$$\operatorname{Re}(\eta_1) < \operatorname{Re}(\eta_2)$$
,  $\operatorname{Im}(\eta_1) < \operatorname{Im}(\eta_2)$ 

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(iv) 
$$Re(\eta_1) = Re(\eta_2)$$
,  $Im(\eta_1) = Im(\eta_2)$ 

In particular, we write  $\eta_1 \nleq \eta_2$  if  $\eta_1 \neq \eta_2$  and one of (i), (ii), and (iii) is satisfied and we write  $\eta_1 \prec \eta_2$  if only (iii) is satisfied. Notice that

- (a) If  $0 < \eta_1 \nleq \eta_2$ , then  $|\eta_1| < |\eta_2|$
- (b) If  $\eta_1 < \eta_2$  and  $\eta_2 < \eta_3$ , then  $\eta_1 < \eta_3$
- (c) If  $\lambda, \beta \in \mathbb{R}$ , and  $\lambda \leq \beta$ , then  $\lambda a_1 \prec \beta a_1$  for all  $0 \prec a_1 \in \mathbb{C}$

Definition 1 (see [4]). Let Y be a nonvoid set and let  $s \ge 1$  be a given real number. A function  $d: Y \times Y \longrightarrow \mathbb{C}$  is called a complex valued b-metric on Y if for all  $a, b, c \in Y$  the following conditions are satisfied:

- (i) 0 < d(a, b) and d(a, b) = 0 if and only if a = b
- (ii) d(a,b) = d(b,a)
- (iii) d(a,b) < s[d(a,c) + d(c,b)]

The pair (Y,d) is called a complex valued b-metric space. Here,  $\mathbb{C}^+(=\{(a,b)\,|\,a,b\in\mathbb{R}^+\})$  and  $\mathbb{R}^+(=\{a\in\mathbb{R}\,|\,a\geq 0\})$  denote the set of non-negative complex numbers and the set of non-negative real numbers, respectively. We now give the complex partial metric space.

*Definition 2* (see [5]). A complex partial metric on a non-void set  $\triangle$  is a function  $\zeta_c$ :  $\triangle \times \triangle \longrightarrow \mathbb{C}^+$  such that for all  $e, f, g \in \triangle$ :

- (i)  $0 < \zeta_c(e, e) < \zeta_c(e, f)$  (small self distances)
- (ii)  $\zeta_c(e, f) = \zeta_c(f, e)$  (symmetry)
- (iii)  $\zeta_c(e, e) = \zeta_c(e, f) = \zeta_c(f, f)$  if and only if e = f (equality)
- (iv)  $\zeta_c(e, f) \prec \zeta_c(e, g) + \zeta_c(g, f) \zeta_c(g, g)$  (triangularity)

A complex partial metric space is a pair  $(\triangle, \zeta_c)$  such that  $\triangle$  is a nonvoid set and  $\zeta_c$  is the complex partial metric on  $\triangle$ .

*Definition 3* (see [6]). A complex partial b-metric on a nonvoid set  $\triangle$  is a function  $\theta_{cb}$ :  $\triangle \times \triangle \longrightarrow \mathbb{C}^+$  such that for all  $e, f, g \in \triangle$ :

- (i)  $0 < \theta_{ch}(e, e) < \theta_{ch}(e, f)$  (small self distances)
- (ii)  $\theta_{cb}(e, f) = \theta_{cb}(f, e)$  (symmetry)
- (iii)

$$\theta_{cb}(e, e) = \theta_{cb}(e, f) = \theta_{cb}(f, f) \iff e = f \text{ (equality)}$$

(iv)  $\exists$  a real number  $s \ge 1$  such that  $\theta_{cb}(e, f) < s[\theta_{cb}(e, g) + \theta_{cb}(g, f)] - \theta_{cb}(g, g)$  (triangularity)

A complex partial b-metric space is a pair  $(\Delta, \theta_{cb})$  such that  $\Delta$  is a nonvoid set and  $\theta_{cb}$  is the complex partial b-metric on  $\Delta$ . The number s is called the coefficient of  $(\Delta, \theta_{cb})$ .

*Remark 1* (see [6]). In a complex partial b-metric space  $(\triangle, \theta_{cb})$ , if  $e, f \in \triangle$  and  $\theta_{cb}(e, f) = 0$ , then e = f, but the converse may not be true.

Remark 2 (see [6]). It is clear that every complex partial metric space is a complex partial b-metric space with coefficient s=1 and every complex valued b-metric is a complex partial b-metric space with the same coefficient and zero self-distance. However, the converse of this fact need not hold.

*Example 1* (see [6]). Let  $\triangle = \mathbb{R}^+$  and  $\theta_{cb}$ :  $\triangle \times \triangle \longrightarrow \mathbb{C}^+$  be defined by  $\theta_{cb}(e,f) = [\max\{e,f\}]^3 + |e-f|^3 + i\{[\max\{e,f\}]^3 + |e-f|^3\}$ ,  $\forall e,f \in \triangle$ . Then,  $(\triangle,\theta_{cb})$  is a complex partial b-metric space with coefficient  $s=2^3$ , but it is neither a complex valued b-metric nor a complex partial metric.

**Proposition 1** (see [6]). Let  $\triangle$  be a nonvoid set such that  $\zeta_c$  is a complex partial metric and d is a complex valued b-metric with coefficient s > 1 on  $\triangle$ . Then, the function  $\theta_{cb} \colon \triangle \times \triangle \longrightarrow \mathbb{C}^+$  defined by  $\theta_{cb}(e, f) = \zeta_c(e, f) + d(e, f)$ ,  $\forall e, f \in \triangle$  is a complex partial b-metric on  $\triangle$ , that is,  $(\triangle, \theta_{cb})$  is a complex partial b-metric space.

**Proposition 2** (see [6]). Let  $(\triangle, \zeta_c)$  be a complex partial metric space,  $r \ge 1$ ; then,  $(\triangle, \theta_{cb})$  is a complex partial b-metric space with coefficient  $s = 2^{r-1}$ , where  $\theta_{cb}$  is defined by  $\theta_{cb}(e, f) = [\zeta_c(e, f)]^r$ .

Every complex partial b-metric  $\theta_{cb}$  on a nonvoid set  $\triangle$  generates a topology  $\tau_{cb}$  on  $\triangle$  whose base is the family of open  $\theta_{cb}$ -balls  $B_{\theta_{cb}}(e,\varepsilon)$  where  $\tau_{cb} = \left\{B_{\theta_{cb}}(e,\varepsilon) : e \in \triangle, \ \varepsilon > 0\right\}$  and  $B_{\theta_{cb}}(e,\varepsilon) = \left\{f \in \triangle : \theta_{cb}(e,f) < \varepsilon + \theta_{cb}(e,e)\right\}$ . Now, we define Cauchy sequence and convergent sequence in complex partial b-metric spaces.

Definition 4 (see [6]). Let  $(\triangle, \theta_{cb})$  be a complex partial b-metric space with coefficient s. Let  $\{e_n\}$  be any sequence in  $\triangle$  and  $e \in \triangle$ . Then,

- (i) The sequence  $\{e_n\}$  is said to be convergent with respect to  $\tau_{cb}$  and converges to e, if  $\lim_{n\longrightarrow\infty}\theta_{cb}(e_n,e)=\theta_{cb}(e,e)$ .
- (ii) The sequence  $\{e_n\}$  is said to be Cauchy sequence in  $(\triangle, \theta_{cb})$  if  $\lim_{n,m \to \infty} \theta_{cb}(e_n, e_m)$  exists and is finite.
- (iii)  $(\triangle, \theta_{cb})$  is said to be a complete complex partial b-metric space if for every Cauchy sequence  $\{e_n\}$  in  $\triangle$  there exists  $e \in \triangle$  such that  $\lim_{n,m \to \infty} \theta_{cb}$   $(e_n, e_m) = \lim_{n \to \infty} \theta_{cb} (e_n, e) = \theta_{cb} (e, e)$ .
- (iv) A mapping  $T: \triangle \longrightarrow \triangle$  is said to be continuous at  $e_0 \in \triangle$  if for every  $\varepsilon > 0$ , there exists  $\delta > 0$  such that  $T(B_{\theta_{cb}}(e_0, \delta)) \subset B_{\delta_{cb}}(T(e_0, \varepsilon))$ .

Let  $\triangle$  be a complex partial b-metric space and  $B \subseteq \triangle$ . A point  $e \in \triangle$  is called an interior of set B, if there exists  $0 < r \in \mathbb{C}$  such that  $B_{\theta_{cb}}(e,r) = \{f \in \triangle \colon \theta_{cb}(e,f) < \theta_{cb}(e,e) + r\} \subseteq B$ . A subset B is called open, if each point of B is an interior point of B. A point  $e \in \triangle$  is said to be a limit point of B, for every  $0 < r \in \mathbb{C}$ ,  $B_{\theta_{cb}}(e,r) \cap (B-\{e\}) \neq \emptyset$ . A subset  $C \subseteq \triangle$  is called closed if B contains all its limit points.

Example 2 (see [6]). Let  $\triangle = \mathbb{R}^+$ , a > 0 be any constant and define  $\theta_{cb}$ :  $\triangle \times \triangle \longrightarrow \mathbb{C}^+$  by  $\theta_{cb}(e, f) = (\max\{e, f\} + a)(1 + a)$  $i) \forall e, f \in \triangle.$ 

Then,  $(\triangle, \theta_{cb})$  is a complex partial b-metric space with arbitrary coefficient  $s \ge 1$ . Now, define a sequence  $\{e_n\}$  in  $\triangle$ by  $e_n = 1$  for all  $n \in \mathbb{N}$ . Note that, if  $f \ge 1$ , we have  $\theta_{cb}(e_n, f) = (f + a)(1 + i) = \theta_{cb}(f, f)$ . Therefore,  $\lim_{n \to \infty} \theta_{cb}(e_n, f) = \theta_{cb}(f, f)$  for all  $f \ge 1$ . Thus, the limit of convergent sequence in complex partial b-metric space need not be unique.

Example 3 (see [6]). Let  $\triangle = [0, \infty)$  be endowed with complex partial b-metric  $\theta_{cb}$ :  $\triangle \times \triangle \longrightarrow \mathbb{C}^+$  $\theta_{cb} = (\max\{e, f\})^2 + i(\max\{e, f\})^2 \,\forall e, f \in \triangle.$ 

It is easy to verify that  $(\triangle, \theta_{cb})$  is a complex partial b-metric space and note that self-distance need not be zero, for example,  $\theta_{cb}(1, 1) = 1 + i \neq 0$ . Now, the complex valued b-metric not induced by  $\theta_{cb}$  is as follows: Therefore,  $d_{\theta_c}(e, f) = e^{2} - f^2 + i(e^2 - f^2)$ .

Thus, we have the following proposition.

**Proposition 3** (see [6]). There exists a complex partial b-metric  $\theta_{cb}$  which does not define a complex b-metric  $d_{\theta_{cb}}$ ,

$$d_{\theta_{cb}}(e,f) = 2\theta_{cb}(e,f) - \theta_{cb}(e,e) - \theta_{cb}(f,f) \, \forall e,f \in \triangle.$$

*Definition 5* (see [13]). Let  $(\Delta, \leq)$  be a partially ordered set and  $\Lambda: \triangle \times \triangle \longrightarrow \triangle$ . We say that  $\Lambda$  has the mixed monotone property if  $\Lambda(i, j)$  is monotone nondecreasing in iand is monotone nonincreasing in j, that is, for any i,  $j \in \triangle$ ,

$$i_1, i_2 \in \triangle, \quad i_1 \prec i_2 \Longrightarrow \Lambda(i_1, j) \preceq \Lambda(i_2, j),$$
  
 $j_1, j_2 \in \triangle, \quad j_1 \prec j_2 \Longrightarrow \Lambda(i, j_1) \succcurlyeq \Lambda(i, j_2).$  (1)

Definition 6. Let  $(\triangle, \theta_{cb})$  be a complex partial b-metric space. An element  $(i, j) \in \triangle \times \triangle$ , is called a coupled fixed point of the mapping  $\Lambda: \triangle \times \triangle \longrightarrow \triangle$  if  $\Lambda(i, j) = i$  and  $\Lambda(j,i)=j.$ 

*Example 4.* Let  $\triangle = [0, \infty)$  be endowed with complex partial b-metric  $\theta_{cb}$ :  $\triangle \times \triangle \longrightarrow \mathbb{C}^+$  $\theta_{cb}(e,j) = (\max\{e,j\})^2 + i(\max\{e,j\})^2 \forall e,j \in \Delta$ . Consider the mapping  $\Lambda: \triangle \times \triangle \longrightarrow \triangle$  with  $\Lambda(e, j) = i((e + j)/4)$ . Here, (0,0) is the coupled fixed point of  $\Lambda$ .

In 2019, Gunaseelan and Mishra [14] proved the following theorem.

**Theorem 1** (see [14]). Let  $(U, \xi_c)$  be a complete complex partial metric space. Suppose that the mapping  $\phi: U \times U \longrightarrow U$  satisfies the following contractive condition *for all*  $\alpha$ ,  $\beta$ ,  $\gamma$ ,  $\delta \in U$ :

$$\xi_c(\phi(\alpha,\beta),\phi(\gamma,\delta)) \prec k\xi_c(\phi(\alpha,\beta),\alpha) + l\xi_c(\phi(\gamma,\delta),\gamma),$$

where k, l are nonnegative constants with k+l < 1. Then,  $\phi$ has a unique coupled fixed point.

Inspired by Theorem 1, we prove coupled fixed-point theorem on partially ordered complex partial b-metric space using mixed monotone property.

In the next section, we firstly prove that a continuous mapping having the mixed monotone property on a partially ordered complete complex partial b-metric space has a coupled fixed point under certain conditions. Secondly, we give result of a coupled fixed point for a mapping having the mixed monotone property on a partially ordered complete complex partial b-metric space by losing the property of continuity. Then, we find the condition under which a continuous mapping having the mixed monotone property on a partially ordered complete complex partial b-metric space has a unique coupled fixed point under certain conditions. We also give an example of continuous mapping having the mixed monotone property on a partially ordered complete complex partial b-metric space and show that it has unique coupled fixed point under said conditions.

### 3. Main Results

Let  $(\triangle, \prec)$  be a partially ordered set and  $\theta_{cb}$  be a complex partial b-metric space on  $\triangle$ . Further, we endow the product space  $\triangle \times \triangle$  with the following partial order:

for 
$$(i, j)$$
,  $(g, h) \in \Delta \times \Delta$ ,  
 $(g, h) \le (i, j) \Longleftrightarrow i \ge g, j \le h.$  (3)

We begin with the following theorem that establishes the existence of a fixed-point theorem for a function  $\Lambda$  on the product  $\triangle \times \triangle$ .

**Theorem 2.** Let  $(\triangle, \theta_{cb}, \preceq)$  be a partially ordered complete complex partial b-metric space with the coefficient  $s \ge 1$ . Let  $\Lambda: \triangle \times \triangle \longrightarrow \triangle$  be a continuous mapping having the mixed monotone property on  $\triangle$ . Assume that there exists a  $2s\alpha \in [0,1)$  with

$$\theta_{cb}(\Lambda(i,j),\Lambda(g,h)) < \alpha[\theta_{cb}(i,g) + \theta_{cb}(j,h)], \quad \forall i \geq g, j \leq h.$$
(4)

If there exists  $i_0, j_0 \in \triangle$  such that

$$i_0 \le \Lambda(i_0, j_0),$$
  

$$j_0 \ge \Lambda(j_0, i_0),$$
(5)

then  $\Lambda$  has a coupled fixed point.

(2)

*Proof.* Since  $i_0 \prec \Lambda(i_0, j_0) = i_1$  (say) and  $j_0 \ge \Lambda(j_0, i_0) = j_1$ (say), letting  $i_2 = \Lambda(i_1, j_1)$  and  $j_2 = \Lambda(j_1, i_1)$ , we denote

$$\Lambda^{2}(i_{0}, j_{0}) = \Lambda(\Lambda(i_{0}, j_{0}), \Lambda(j_{0}, i_{0})) = \Lambda(i_{1}, j_{1}) = i_{2}, 
\Lambda^{2}(j_{0}, i_{0}) = \Lambda(\Lambda(j_{0}, i_{0}), \Lambda(i_{0}, j_{0})) = \Lambda(j_{1}, i_{1}) = j_{2}.$$
(6)

Due to the mixed monotone property of  $\Lambda$ ,

$$i_{2} = \Lambda^{2}(i_{0}, j_{0}) = \Lambda(i_{1}, j_{1}) \geq \Lambda(i_{0}, j_{0}) = i_{1},$$

$$j_{2} = \Lambda^{2}(j_{0}, i_{0}) = \Lambda(j_{1}, i_{1}) \leq \Lambda(j_{0}, i_{0}) = j_{1}.$$
(7)

Further, for p = 1, 2, ..., we let

$$\begin{split} i_{p+1} &= \Lambda^{p+1} \left( i_0, j_0 \right) = \Lambda \left( \Lambda^p \left( i_0, j_0 \right), \Lambda^p \left( j_0, i_0 \right) \right), \\ j_{p+1} &= \Lambda^{p+1} \left( j_0, i_0 \right) = \Lambda \left( \Lambda^p \left( j_0, i_0 \right), \Lambda^p \left( i_0, j_0 \right) \right). \end{split} \tag{8}$$

We can easily verify that

$$i_0 \leq \Lambda\left(i_0, j_0\right) = i_1 \leq \Lambda^2\left(i_0, j_0\right) = i_2 \leq \cdots \leq \Lambda^{p+1}\left(i_0, j_0\right) \leq \cdots,$$
(9)

$$j_0 \ge \Lambda(j_0, i_0) = j_1 \ge \Lambda^2(j_0, i_0) = j_2 \ge \dots \ge \Lambda^{p+1}(j_0, i_0) \ge \dots$$
(10)

If  $i_{p+1}=i_p$  and  $j_{p+1}=j_p$  for some p, then  $\Lambda(i_p,j_p)=i_p$  and  $\Lambda(j_p,i_p)=j_p$ , and hence  $(i_p,j_p)$  is a coupled fixed point of  $\Lambda$ . Suppose, further, that

$$i_p \neq i_{p+1},$$
  
or  $j_p \neq j_{p+1},$  for each  $p \in \mathbb{N}_0.$ 

Now, we claim that, for  $p \in \mathbb{N}_0$ ,

$$\left|\theta_{cb}(i_{p+1}, i_p)\right| + \left|\theta_{cb}(j_{p+1}, j_p)\right| \le 2^p \alpha^p \left[\left|\theta_{cb}(i_1, i_0)\right| + \left|\theta_{cb}(j_1, j_0)\right|\right]. \tag{12}$$

Indeed, for p = 1, using  $i_1 \ge i_0$ ,  $j_1 \le j_0$ , we get

$$\theta_{cb}(i_2, i_1) = \theta_{cb}(\Lambda(i_1, j_1), \Lambda(i_0, j_0))$$

$$\leq \alpha \left[\theta_{cb}(i_1, i_0) + \theta_{cb}(j_1, j_0)\right],$$
(13)

which implies that

$$|\theta_{cb}(i_2, i_1)| \le \alpha [|\theta_{cb}(i_1, i_0)| + |\theta_{cb}(j_1, j_0)|].$$
 (14)

Similarly,

$$\theta_{cb}(j_2, j_1) = \theta_{cb}(\Lambda(j_1, i_1), \Lambda(j_0, i_0))$$

$$\leq \alpha [\theta_{cb}(j_1, j_0) + \theta_{cb}(i_1, i_0)],$$
(15)

which implies that

$$\left|\theta_{cb}\left(j_{2},j_{1}\right)\right|\leq\alpha\left[\left|\theta_{cb}\left(j_{1},j_{0}\right)\right|+\left|\theta_{cb}\left(i_{1},i_{0}\right)\right|\right].\tag{16}$$

Adding (12) and (16), we have

$$|\theta_{cb}(i_2, i_1)| + |\theta_{cb}(j_2, j_1)| \le 2\alpha [|\theta_{cb}(i_0, i_1)| + |\theta_{cb}(j_0, j_1)|].$$
(17)

In a similar way, proceeding by induction, if we assume that (12) holds, we get that

$$\left| \theta_{cb} (i_{p+2}, i_{p+1}) \right| + \left| \theta_{cb} (j_{p+2}, j_{p+1}) \right| \le 2\alpha \left[ \left| \theta_{cb} (i_{p+1}, i_p) \right| + \left| \theta_{cb} (j_{p+1}, j_p) \right| \right] \\
\le 2^{p+1} \alpha^{p+1} \left[ \left| \theta_{cb} (i_0, i_1) \right| + \theta_{cb} (j_0, j_1) \right].$$
(18)

 $l_p \le 2^p \alpha^p l_0. \tag{20}$ 

Hence, by induction, (12) is proved. Set

$$l_p := \left| \theta_{cb} (i_p, i_{p+1}) \right| + \left| \theta_{cb} (j_p, j_{p+1}) \right|, \quad p \in \mathbb{N}.$$
 (19)

Then, the sequence  $\{l_p\}$  is decreasing and

By assumption (9),  $l_p > 0$  for  $p \in \mathbb{N}_0$ . Then, for each  $p \ge q$ , we have

$$\theta_{cb}(i_{q}, i_{p}) \leq s\theta_{cb}(i_{q}, i_{q+1}) + s^{2}\theta_{cb}(i_{q+1}, i_{q+2}) + \dots + s^{p}\theta_{cb}(i_{p-1}, i_{p})$$

$$-\theta_{cb}(i_{q+1}, i_{q+1}) - \theta_{cb}(i_{q+2}, i_{q+2}) - \theta_{cb}(i_{q+3}, i_{q+3})$$

$$-\dots - \theta_{cb}(i_{p-1}, i_{p-1})$$

$$\leq s\theta_{cb}(i_{q}, i_{q+1}) + s^{2}\theta_{cb}(i_{q+1}, i_{q+2}) + \dots + s^{p}\theta_{cb}(i_{p-1}, i_{p}),$$

$$\theta_{cb}(j_{q}, j_{p}) \leq s\theta_{cb}(j_{q}, j_{q+1}) + s^{2}\theta_{cb}(j_{q+1}, j_{q+2}) + \dots + s^{p}\theta_{cb}(j_{p-1}, j_{p})$$

$$-\theta_{cb}(j_{q+1}, j_{q+1}) - \theta_{cb}(j_{q+2}, j_{q+2}) - \theta_{cb}(j_{q+3}, j_{q+3})$$

$$-\dots - \theta_{cb}(j_{p-1}, j_{p-1})$$

$$\leq s\theta_{cb}(j_{q}, j_{q+1}) + s^{2}\theta_{cb}(j_{q+1}, j_{q+2}) + \dots + s^{p}\theta_{cb}(j_{p-1}, j_{p}),$$

$$(21)$$

which implies that

$$\left| \theta_{cb}(i_{q}, i_{p}) \right| \leq s \left| \theta_{cb}(i_{q}, i_{q+1}) \right| + s^{2} \left| \theta_{cb}(i_{q+1}, i_{q+2}) \right| + \dots + s^{p} \left| \theta_{cb}(i_{p-1}, i_{p}) \right|, 
\left| \theta_{cb}(j_{q}, j_{p}) \right| \leq s \left| \theta_{cb}(j_{q}, j_{q+1}) \right| + s^{2} \left| \theta_{cb}(j_{q+1}, j_{q+2}) \right| + \dots + s^{p} \left| \theta_{cb}(j_{p-1}, j_{p}) \right|.$$
(22)

Therefore,

$$\begin{aligned} l_{q} &= \left| \theta_{cb} (i_{q}, i_{p}) \right| + \left| \theta_{cb} (j_{q}, j_{p}) \right| \leq s \left( \left| \theta_{cb} (i_{q}, i_{q+1}) \right| + \left| \theta_{cb} (j_{q}, j_{q+1}) \right| \right) \\ &+ s^{2} \left( \left| \theta_{cb} (i_{q+1}, i_{q+2}) \right| + \theta_{cb} (j_{q+1}, j_{q+2}) \right| \right) + \cdots \\ &\cdots + s^{p} \left| \left( \theta_{cb} (i_{p-1}, i_{p}) \right| + \theta_{cb} (j_{p-1}, j_{p}) \right| \right) \\ &\leq s l_{q} + s^{2} l_{q+1} + \cdots + s^{p} l_{p-1} \\ &\leq s 2^{q} \alpha^{q} \left( 1 + s 2\alpha + \cdots + s^{p-1} (2\alpha)^{p-q-1} \right) l_{0} \\ &\leq \frac{s (2\alpha)^{q}}{1 - s 2\alpha} l_{0} \longrightarrow 0, \quad \text{as } q \longrightarrow \infty. \end{aligned}$$

Therefore,  $\{i_p\}$  and  $\{j_p\}$  are Cauchy sequences in  $\triangle$ . Since  $\triangle$  is complete complex partial b-metric space, there exists  $(t,r) \in \triangle \times \triangle$  such that

$$\lim_{p \to \infty} i_p = t,$$

$$\lim_{p \to \infty} j_p = r,$$
(24)

and  $\theta_{cb}(t,t) = \lim_{p\longrightarrow\infty}\theta_{cb}(t,t_p) = \lim_{p,q\longrightarrow\infty}\theta_{cb}(t_p,t_q) = 0$  and  $\theta_{cb}(r,r) = \lim_{p\longrightarrow\infty}\theta_{cb}(r,r_p) = \lim_{p,q\longrightarrow\infty}\theta_{cb}(r_p,r_q) = 0$ . Finally, we claim that (t,r) is a coupled fixed point of  $\Lambda$ . Indeed, from  $i_{p+1} = \Lambda(i_p,j_p)$  and  $j_{p+1} = \Lambda(j_p,i_p)$ , using (24) and the continuity of  $\Lambda$ , it immediately follows that  $t = \Lambda(t,r)$  and  $r = \Lambda(r,t)$ .

In the next theorem, we will substitute the continuity hypothesis on  $\Lambda$  by an additional property satisfied by the space  $(\Delta, \theta_{cb}, \prec)$ .

**Theorem 3.** Let  $(\Delta, \theta_{cb}, \prec)$  be a partially ordered complete complex partial b-metric space with the coefficient  $s \ge 1$ . Let  $\Lambda: \Delta \times \Delta \longrightarrow \Delta$  be a mapping having the mixed monotone property on  $\Delta$ . Assume that there exists  $2s\alpha \in [0,1)$  with

$$\theta_{cb}\left(\Lambda(i,j),\Lambda(g,h)\right) < \alpha\left[\theta_{cb}\left(i,g\right) + \theta_{cb}\left(j,h\right)\right], \quad \forall i \geq g, j \leq h.$$
(25)

Finally, assume that  $\triangle$  has the following properties:

(i) If a nondecreasing sequence  $\left\{i_p\right\}$  in  $\triangle$  converges to  $i\in\triangle$ , then  $i_p\prec i$  for all p.

(ii) If a nonincreasing sequence  $\{j_p\}$  in  $\triangle$  converges to  $j \in \triangle$ , then  $j_p \ge j$  for all p.

Then,  $\Lambda$  has a coupled fixed point.

*Proof.* Following the proof of Theorem 2, we only have to show (t,r) is a coupled fixed point of  $\Lambda$ . We have

$$\theta_{cb}\left(\Lambda(t,r),t\right) \leq s\left(\theta_{cb}\left(\Lambda(t,r),i_{p+1}\right) + \theta_{cb}\left(i_{p+1},t\right)\right)$$

$$-\theta_{cb}\left(i_{p+1},i_{p+1}\right)$$

$$\leq s\left(\theta_{cb}\left(\Lambda(t,r),i_{p+1}\right) + \theta_{cb}\left(i_{p+1},t\right)\right)$$

$$= s\left(\theta_{cb}\left(\Lambda(t,r),i_{p+1}\right) + \theta_{cb}\left(i_{p+1},t\right)\right).$$
(26)

Since the nondecreasing sequence  $\{i_p\}$  converges to t and the nonincreasing sequence  $\{j_p\}$  converges to r, by (i)–(iii), we have

$$t \ge i_p,$$
  
 $r \le j_p, \quad \forall p.$  (27)

Now, from the contractive condition (25), we have

$$\theta_{cb} \Big( \Lambda(t,r), \Lambda \Big( i_p, j_p \Big) \Big) \prec \alpha \Big( \theta_{cb} \Big( t, i_p \Big) + \theta_{cb} \Big( r, j_p \Big) \Big). \tag{28}$$

Then, from (26), we get

$$\theta_{cb}\left(\Lambda\left(t,r\right),t\right) \leq s\left(\alpha\left(\theta_{cb}\left(t,i_{p}\right)+\theta_{cb}\left(r,j_{p}\right)\right)+\theta_{cb}\left(i_{p+1},t\right)\right),\tag{29}$$

which implies that

$$\left|\theta_{cb}\left(\Lambda\left(t,r\right),t\right)\right| \leq s\alpha \left|\theta_{cb}\left(t,i_{p}\right)\right| + s\alpha \left|\theta_{cb}\left(r,j_{p}\right)\right| + s\left|\theta_{cb}\left(i_{p+1},t\right)\right|. \tag{30}$$

Taking limit as  $p \longrightarrow \infty$ , we have

$$\left|\theta_{cb}\left(\Lambda\left(t,r\right),t\right)\right| \le 0. \tag{31}$$

Therefore,  $\Lambda(t,r) = t$ . Similarly, we can prove that  $\Lambda(r,t) = r$ . Hence, (t,r) is a coupled fixed point of  $\Lambda$ .

Theorem 4. Assume that

$$\forall (e, f), (e^*, f^*) \in \triangle \times \triangle,$$
  
 $\exists (x_1, x_2) \in \triangle \times \triangle$  (32)

that is comparable to (e, f) and  $(e^*, f^*)$ .

Adding (32) to the hypotheses of Theorem 2, we obtain the uniqueness of the coupled fixed point of  $\Lambda$ .

*Proof.* From Theorem 2, we know that there exists a coupled fixed point (t,r) of  $\Lambda$ , which is obtained as  $t = \lim_{p \longrightarrow \infty} \Lambda^p(i_0, j_0)$  and  $r = \lim_{p \longrightarrow \infty} \Lambda^p(j_0, i_0)$ . Suppose that  $(e^*, f^*)$  is another coupled fixed point, i.e.,

$$\Lambda(e^*, f^*) = e^*,$$
  
 $\Lambda(f^*, e^*) = f^*.$  (33)

Let us claim that

$$\theta_{ch}(t, e^*) + \theta_{ch}(r, f^*) = 0.$$
 (34)

We discuss two cases.

Case 1: (t,r) is comparable with  $(e^*, f^*)$  with respect to the ordering in  $\triangle \times \triangle$ . Let, e.g.,  $t \ge e^*$  and  $r < f^*$ .

Then, we can apply the contractive condition (4) to obtain

$$\theta_{cb}(t, e^*) = \theta_{cb}(\Lambda(t, r), \Lambda(e^*, f^*))$$

$$\leq \alpha [\theta_{cb}(t, e^*) + \theta_{cb}(r, f^*)],$$
(35)

which implies that

$$\left|\theta_{cb}\left(t,e^{*}\right)\right| \leq \alpha \left[\left|\theta_{cb}\left(t,e^{*}\right)\right| + \left|\theta_{cb}\left(r,f^{*}\right)\right|\right]. \tag{36}$$

$$\theta_{cb}(r, f^*) = \theta_{cb}(\Lambda(r, t), \Lambda(f^*, e^*))$$

$$\leq \alpha [\theta_{cb}(r, f^*) + \theta_{cb}(t, e^*)],$$
(37)

which implies that

$$\left|\theta_{cb}\left(r,f^{*}\right)\right| \leq \alpha \left[\left|\theta_{cb}\left(r,f^{*}\right)\right| + \left|\theta_{cb}\left(t,e^{*}\right)\right|\right]. \tag{38}$$

Adding (36) and (38), we get

$$|\theta_{cb}(t, e^*)| + |\theta_{cb}(r, f^*)| \le 2\alpha [|\theta_{cb}(t, e^*)| + |\theta_{cb}(r, f^*)|].$$
(39)

Since  $2\alpha \in [0, (1/s)), (34)$  holds.

Case 2: (t,r) is not comparable with  $(e^*,f^*)$ . In this case, there exists  $(x_1,x_2)\in \triangle\times \triangle$  that is comparable both to (t,r) and  $(e^*,f^*)$ . Then, for all  $p\in \mathbb{N}$ ,  $(\Lambda^p(x_1,x_2),\Lambda^p(x_2,x_1))$  is comparable both to  $(\Lambda^p(t,r),\Lambda^p(r,t))=(t,r)$  and  $(\Lambda^p(e^*,f^*),\Lambda^p(f^*,e^*))=(e^*,f^*)$ . We have

$$\theta_{cb}(t, e^{*}) + \theta_{cb}(r, f^{*}) = \theta_{cb}(\Lambda^{p}(t, r), \Lambda^{p}(e^{*}, f^{*})) + \theta_{cb}(\Lambda^{p}(r, t), \Lambda^{p}(f^{*}, e^{*})) 
\leq \theta_{cb}(\Lambda^{p}(t, r), \Lambda^{p}(x_{1}, x_{2})) + \theta_{cb}(\Lambda^{p}(x_{1}, x_{2}), \Lambda^{p}(e^{*}, f^{*})) 
+ \theta_{cb}(\Lambda^{p}(r, t), \Lambda^{p}(x_{2}, x_{1})) + \theta_{cb}(\Lambda^{p}(x_{2}, x_{1}), \Lambda^{p}(f^{*}, e^{*})) 
\leq 2^{p} \alpha^{p} [\theta_{cb}(t, x_{1}) + \theta_{cb}(r, x_{2}) + \theta_{cb}(e^{*}, x_{1}) + \theta_{cb}(f^{*}, x_{2})],$$
(40)

which implies that

$$|\theta_{cb}(t, e^{*})| + |\theta_{cb}(r, f^{*})| \leq 2^{p} \alpha^{p} [|\theta_{cb}(t, x_{1})| + |\theta_{cb}(r, x_{2})| + |\theta_{cb}(e^{*}, x_{1})| + |\theta_{cb}(f^{*}, x_{2})|].$$

$$(41)$$

Since  $2\alpha \in [0, (1/s)), (34)$  holds.

We deduce that in all cases, (34) holds. This implies that  $(t,r) = (e^*, f^*)$  and the uniqueness of the coupled fixed point of  $\Lambda$  is proved.

**Theorem 5.** In addition to the hypotheses of Theorem 2 (resp. Theorem 3), suppose that  $i_0$ ,  $j_0$  in  $\triangle$  are comparable. Then, t = r.

*Proof.* Suppose that  $i_0 \le j_0$ . We claim that

$$i_p \le j_p, \quad \forall p \in \mathbb{N}.$$
 (42)

From the mixed monotone property of  $\Lambda$ , we have

$$i_1 = \Lambda(i_0, j_0) \le \Lambda(j_0, j_0) \le \Lambda(j_0, i_0) = j_1.$$
 (43)

Assume that  $i_p \leq j_p$  for some p. Now,

$$\begin{split} i_{p+1} &= \Lambda^{p+1} \left( i_0, j_0 \right) = \Lambda \left( \Lambda^p \left( i_0, j_0 \right), \Lambda^p \left( j_0, i_0 \right) \right) \\ &= \Lambda \left( i_p, j_p \right) \\ &\leq \Lambda \left( j_p, j_p \right) \leq \Lambda \left( j_p, i_p \right) \\ &= j_{p+1}. \end{split} \tag{44}$$

Hence, (42) holds.

Now, using (42) and the contractive condition, we get

$$\theta_{cb}(t,r) \leq s(\theta_{cb}(t,i_{p+1}) + \theta_{cb}(i_{p+1},r)) - \theta_{cb}(i_{p+1},i_{p+1})$$

$$\leq s(\theta_{cb}(t,i_{p+1}) + \theta_{cb}(i_{p+1},r))$$

$$\leq s(\theta_{cb}(t,i_{p+1}) + s(\theta_{cb}(i_{p+1},j_{p+1}) + \theta_{cb}(j_{p+1},r) - \theta_{cb}(j_{p+1},j_{p+1})))$$

$$\leq s\theta_{cb}(t,i_{p+1}) + s^{2}\theta_{cb}(i_{p+1},j_{p+1}) + s^{2}\theta_{cb}(j_{p+1},r)$$

$$= s\theta_{cb}(t,i_{p+1}) + s^{2}(\theta_{cb}(\Lambda(i_{p},j_{p}),\Lambda(j_{p},i_{p})) + s^{2}\theta_{cb}(j_{p+1},r)$$

$$\leq s\theta_{cb}(t,i_{p+1}) + s^{2}\alpha(\theta_{cb}(i_{p},j_{p}) + \theta_{cb}(j_{p},i_{p})) + s^{2}\theta_{cb}(j_{p+1},r),$$

$$(45)$$

which implies that

$$\left|\theta_{cb}(t,r)\right| \le s \left|\theta_{cb}(t,i_{p+1})\right| + s^2 \alpha \left(\left|\theta_{cb}(i_p,j_p)\right| + \left|\theta_{cb}(j_p,i_p)\right|\right) + s^2 \left|\theta_{cb}(j_{p+1},r)\right|. \tag{46}$$

Passing to the limit as  $p \longrightarrow \infty$ , we get

$$\theta_{ch}(t,r) \le 2s^2 \alpha \theta_{ch}(t,r). \tag{47}$$

Since  $2s^2\alpha < 1$ , this implies that  $\theta_{cb}(t, r) = 0$ , i.e., t = r.

Example 5. Let  $\triangle = [1, \infty)$  be equipped with the partial order  $\leq$  defined by

$$e \prec f \Longleftrightarrow e \leq f,$$
 (48)

and with the functional  $\theta_{cb}$ :  $\triangle \times \triangle \longrightarrow \mathbb{C}^+$  defined by  $\theta_{cb}(e,f) = |e-f|^2 + 2 + i(|e-f|^2 + 2)$  for all  $e,f \in \triangle$ . Clearly,  $(\triangle,\theta_{cb})$  is a partially ordered complete complex

partial b-metric space with s = 2. Define the mapping  $\Lambda: \triangle \times \triangle \longrightarrow \triangle$  by

$$\Lambda(e,f) = \begin{cases}
0, & \text{if } e < f, \\
\frac{e-f}{2}, & \text{if } e \ge f.
\end{cases}$$
(49)

Obviously, the mapping  $\Lambda$  has the mixed monotone property and is continuous. Let  $e, f, t, r \in \Delta$  be such that  $e \le t$  and  $f \ge r$ . We have considered the following cases.

Case 1:  $e \ge f$ . Since  $e \le t$ , we have  $t \ge e \ge f \ge r$ :

$$\theta_{cb}(\Lambda(e,f),\Lambda(t,r)) = \theta_{cb} \left(\frac{e-f}{2}, \frac{t-r}{2}\right)$$

$$= \left|\frac{e-f}{2} - \frac{t-r}{2}\right|^2 + 2 + i\left(\left|\frac{e-f}{2} - \frac{t-r}{2}\right|^2 + 2\right)$$

$$= \left|\frac{e-t}{2} + \frac{r-f}{2}\right|^2 + 2 + i\left(\left|\frac{e-t}{2} + \frac{r-f}{2}\right|^2 + 2\right)$$

$$\leq 2\left(\left|\frac{e-t}{2}\right|^2 + \left|\frac{r-f}{2}\right|^2\right) + 2 + i\left(2\left(\left|\frac{e-t}{2}\right|^2 + \left|\frac{r-f}{2}\right|^2\right) + 2\right)$$

$$= \frac{1}{2}\left(|e-t|^2 + |r-f|^2 + 4 + i\left(|e-t|^2 + |r-f|^2 + 4\right)\right)$$

$$= \alpha\left(\theta_{cb}(e,t) + \theta_{cb}(r,t)\right).$$
(50)

Case 2: e < f,  $t \ge r$ , and e > r:

$$\theta_{cb}(\Lambda(e,f),\Lambda(t,r)) = \left|0 - \frac{t-r}{2}\right|^{2} + 2 + i\left(\left|0 - \frac{t-r}{2}\right|^{2} + 2\right)$$

$$= \frac{|t-r|^{2}}{4} + 2 + i\left(\frac{|t-r|^{2}}{4} + 2\right)$$

$$\leq \frac{|t-r+f-e|^{2}}{4} + 2 + i\left(\frac{|t-r+f-e|^{2}}{4} + 2\right)$$

$$\leq \frac{1}{2}\left(|e-t|^{2} + |f-r|^{2} + 4\right) + i\left(\frac{1}{2}\left(|e-t|^{2} + |f-r|^{2} + 4\right)\right)$$

$$= \alpha\left(\theta_{cb}(e,t) + \theta_{cb}(r,t)\right).$$
(51)

Case 3: e < f,  $t \ge r$ , and e < r:

$$\theta_{cb}(\Lambda(e,f),\Lambda(t,r)) = \left|0 - \frac{t-r}{2}\right|^{2} + 2 + i\left(\left|0 - \frac{t-r}{2}\right|^{2} + 2\right)$$

$$= \left|\frac{t-r}{2}\right|^{2} + 2 + i\left(\left|\frac{t-r}{2}\right|^{2} + 2\right)$$

$$\leq \frac{|t-r+f-e|^{2}}{4} + 2 + i\left(\frac{|t-r+f-e|^{2}}{4} + 2\right)$$

$$\leq \frac{1}{2}\left(|e-t|^{2} + |f-r|^{2} + 4\right) + i\left(\frac{1}{2}\left(|e-t|^{2} + |f-r|^{2} + 4\right)\right)$$

$$= \alpha\left(\theta_{cb}(e,t) + \theta_{cb}(r,t)\right).$$
(52)

Case 4: e < f and t < r:

$$\begin{aligned} \theta_{cb}\left(\Lambda(e,f),\Lambda(t,r)\right) &= \theta_{cb}\left(0,0\right) = 2\left(1+i\right) \prec \alpha\left(\theta_{cb}\left(e,t\right)\right. \\ &+ \theta_{cb}\left(r,t\right)\right). \end{aligned}$$

(53)

Thus,  $\Lambda$  satisfies all assumptions of Theorem 4 and it has a unique coupled fixed point (which is (0,0)).

Next, we present a result for the existence of a unique solution for a particular system of integral equations.

3.1. Applications to Integral Equations. We study the existence of solutions for the following system of integral equations:

$$e(u) = \int_{a}^{b} (T_1(u, s) + T_2(u, s)) (H(s, e(s)) + K(s, f(s))) ds + l(u), \tag{54}$$

$$f(u) = \int_{a}^{b} (T_{1}(u, s) + T_{2}(u, s)) (H(s, f(s)) + K(s, e(s))) ds + l(u),$$
(55)

where  $u \in I = [a, b]$ .

We assume that  $T_1$ ,  $T_2$ , H, K satisfy the following conditions:

- (i)  $T_1(u, s) \ge 0$  and  $T_2(u, s) < 0$  for all  $u, s \in [a, b]$ .
- (ii) There exist  $e, f \in \mathbb{R}$ , e < f such that

$$0 \le H(u,e) - H(u,f) \le (e-f)$$
  
and  $-(e-f) \le K(u,e) - K(u,f) \le 0.$  (56)

(iii) 
$$\int_{a}^{b} |T_{1}(u, s) - T_{2}(u, s)|^{2} ds \le \alpha/4$$
.

**Theorem 6.** Consider integral equations (54) and (55) with  $T_1, T_2 \in C(I, \mathbb{R}), H, K \in C(I \times \mathbb{R}, \mathbb{R}),$  and  $l \in C(I, \mathbb{R}).$  Under assumptions (i)–(iii), equations (54) and (55) have a unique solution.

*Proof.* Consider the natural order relation on  $\triangle = C(I, \mathbb{R})$ ; that is, for  $e, f \in C(I, \mathbb{R})$ ,

$$e \prec f \Longleftrightarrow e(u) \leq f(u), \quad \forall u \in I.$$
 (57)

It is well known that  $\triangle$  is a complete complex partial b-metric space with respect to

$$\theta_{cb}(e, f) = |e - f|^2 + 2 + i(|e - f|^2 + 2), \quad e, f \in C(I, \mathbb{R}).$$
(58)

Suppose that  $\{t_p\}$  is a monotone nondecreasing sequence in  $\triangle$  that converges to a point  $t \in \triangle$ . Then, for every  $u \in I$ , the sequence of real numbers

$$t_1(u) \le t_2(u) \le \dots \le t_p(u) \le \dots \tag{59}$$

converges to t(u). Therefore, for all  $u \in I$ ,  $p \in \mathbb{N}$ ,  $t_p \le t(u)$ . Hence,  $t_p \le t$ , for all p. Similarly, it can be verified that, if for all  $u \in I$ , r(u) is a limit of a monotone nondecreasing sequence  $\{r_p\}$  in  $\triangle$ , then  $r(u) \le r_p(u)$  for all p, and hence  $r \le r_p$  for all p.

Álso,  $\triangle \times \triangle = C(I, \mathbb{R}) \times C(I, \mathbb{R})$  is a partially ordered set under the following order relation in  $\triangle \times \triangle$ :

$$(e, f), (t, r) \in \triangle \times \triangle,$$
  
 $(e, f) \le (t, r) \Longleftrightarrow e(u) < t(u),$  (60)  
 $f(u) \ge r(u), \quad \forall u \in I.$ 

For any  $e, f \in \Delta$ ,  $\max\{e(u), f(u)\}$  and  $\min\{e(u), f(u)\}$ , for each  $u \in I$ , are in  $\Delta$  and are the upper and lower bounds of e, f, respectively. Therefore, for every  $(e, f), (t, r) \in \Delta \times \Delta$ , there exists  $(\max\{e, t\}, \min\{f, r\}) \in \Delta \times \Delta$  that is comparable to (e, f) and (t, r). Define  $\Lambda: \Delta \times \Delta \longrightarrow \Delta$  by

$$\Lambda(e, f)(u) = \int_{a}^{b} T_{1}(u, s) (H(s, e(s)) + K(s, f(s))) ds + \int_{a}^{b} T_{2}(u, s) (H(s, f(s)) + K(s, e(s))) ds + l(u), \quad \text{for all } u \in [a, b].$$
(61)

We now claim that  $\Lambda$  has the mixed monotone property. If  $(t_1, r) \prec (t_2, r)$ , then

$$\Lambda(t_{1},r)(u) = \int_{a}^{b} T_{1}(u,s) (H(s,t_{1}(s)) + K(s,r(s))) ds + \int_{a}^{b} T_{2}(u,s) (H(s,r(s)) + K(s,t_{1}(s))) ds + l(u) 
\leq \int_{a}^{b} T_{1}(u,s) (H(s,t_{2}(s)) + K(s,r(s))) ds + \int_{a}^{b} T_{2}(u,s) (H(s,r(s)) + K(s,t_{2}(s))) ds + l(u) 
= \Lambda(t_{2},r)(u).$$
(62)

Similarly, if  $(t, r_1) \leq (t, r_2)$ , then

$$\Lambda(t, r_{1})(u) = \int_{a}^{b} T_{1}(u, s) (H(s, t(s)) + K(s, r_{1}(s))) ds 
+ \int_{a}^{b} T_{2}(u, s) (H(s, r_{1}(s)) + K(s, t(s))) ds + l(u) 
\leq \int_{a}^{b} T_{1}(u, s) (H(s, t(s)) + K(s, r_{2}(s))) ds 
+ \int_{a}^{b} T_{2}(u, s) (H(s, r_{2}(s)) + K(s, t(s))) ds + l(u) 
= \Lambda(t, r_{2})(u).$$
(63)

Thus,  $\Lambda(t,r)$  is monotone nondecreasing in t and  $\Lambda(t,r)$  is monotone nonincreasing in r. Also, for  $(e, f) \leq (t, r)$ , that is,  $t \geq e$ , r < f, it follows that

$$\theta_{cb}(\Lambda(t,r),\Lambda(e,f)) = |\Lambda(t,r) - \Lambda(e,f)|^{2} + 2 + i(|\Lambda(t,r) - \Lambda(e,f)|^{2} + 2)$$

$$= \left| \int_{a}^{b} T_{1}(u,s)(H(s,t(s)) + K(s,r(s)))ds + \int_{a}^{b} T_{2}(u,s)(H(s,r(s)) + K(s,t(s)))ds + I(u) \right|^{2} + 2$$

$$- \int_{a}^{b} T_{1}(u,s)(H(s,e(s)) + K(s,f(s)))ds - \int_{a}^{b} T_{2}(u,s)(H(s,f(s)) + K(s,e(s)))ds - I(u) |^{2} + 2$$

$$+ i(\left| \int_{a}^{b} T_{1}(u,s)(H(s,t(s)) + K(s,r(s)))ds + T_{2}(u,s)(H(s,r(s)) + K(s,t(s)))ds + I(u) \right|^{2} + 2$$

$$+ \int_{a}^{b} T_{1}(u,s)(H(s,e(s)) + K(s,f(s)))ds - \int_{a}^{b} T_{2}(u,s)(H(s,f(s)) + K(s,e(s)))ds - I(u) |^{2} + 2 \right)$$

$$\theta_{cb}(\Lambda(t,r),\Lambda(e,f)) = \left| \int_{a}^{b} T_{1}(u,s)(H(s,t(s)) - H(s,e(s)) + K(s,r(s)) - K(s,f(s)))ds \right|^{2} + 2$$

$$+ i(\left| \int_{a}^{b} T_{1}(u,s)(H(s,f(s)) - H(s,e(s)) + K(s,e(s)) - K(s,f(s))) \right|^{2} + 2$$

$$+ i(\left| \int_{a}^{b} T_{1}(u,s)(H(s,f(s)) - H(s,e(s)) + K(s,e(s)) - K(s,t(s)) \right|^{2} + 2$$

$$+ i(\left| \int_{a}^{b} T_{1}(u,s)(H(s,f(s)) - H(s,r(s)) + K(s,e(s)) - K(s,t(s)) \right|^{2} + 2$$

$$+ i(\left| \int_{a}^{b} T_{1}(u,s)(t(s) - e(s) + f(s) - r(s))ds - \int_{a}^{b} T_{2}(u,s)(f(s) - r(s) + t(s) - e(s))ds \right|^{2} + 2$$

$$+ i(\left| \int_{a}^{b} T_{1}(u,s)(t(s) - e(s) + f(s) - r(s))ds - \int_{a}^{b} T_{2}(u,s)(f(s) - r(s) + t(s) - e(s))ds \right|^{2} + 2$$

$$+ i(\left| \int_{a}^{b} T_{1}(u,s)(t(s) - e(s) + f(s) - r(s))ds - \int_{a}^{b} T_{2}(u,s)(f(s) - r(s) + t(s) - e(s))ds \right|^{2} + 2$$

$$+ i(\left| \int_{a}^{b} T_{1}(u,s)(t(s) - e(s) + f(s) - r(s))ds - \int_{a}^{b} T_{2}(u,s)(f(s) - r(s) + t(s) - e(s))ds \right|^{2} + 2$$

$$+ i\left| \int_{a}^{b} \left| T_{1}(u,s)(t(s) - e(s) + f(s) - r(s))^{2} + |t(s) - e(s)|^{2} \right)ds + 4 \right|$$

$$+ i\left| \int_{a}^{b} \left| T_{1}(u,s)(t(s) - e(s) + f(s) - r(s))^{2} + |t(s) - e(s)|^{2} \right)ds + 4 \right|$$

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Now, all the hypotheses of Theorem 4 are satisfied. Therefore,  $\Lambda$  has a unique coupled fixed point.

#### 4. Conclusion

In 2019, Gunaseelan and Mishra [14] proved coupled fixed-point theorem on complex partial metric space. In this paper, we proved coupled fixed-point theorems on complex partial b-metric space using partially ordered set and mixed monotone property. An illustrative application in partially ordered complex partial b-metric space is given.

#### **Data Availability**

No data were used to support the study.

#### **Conflicts of Interest**

The authors declare that they have no conflicts of interest.

#### **Authors' Contributions**

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