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ABSTRACT. In this paper, we give a definition of the  $F$ -Hardy-Rogers contraction of Nadler type by eliminating the conditions  $(F3)$  and  $(F4)$ . And, we obtain some fixed point theorems for such mappings using Mann's iteration process in complete convex  $b$ -metric spaces. We also give an example in order to support the main results, which generalize some results in [5, 6].

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### 1. INTRODUCTION

There are many generalizations of the Banach Fixed Point Theory [9] in literature. Some of these generalizations are Kannan's fixed point theorem [23], Chatterjea's fixed point theorem [10], Reich's fixed point theorem [34], Ćirić's fixed point theorem [13], Reich–Rus–Ćirić's fixed point theorem [34–36, 38, 39] and Hardy and Rogers's fixed point theorem [18]. If  $(C, \rho)$  is a complete metric space and  $S : C \rightarrow C$  is a mapping that satisfies any of the above contractive conditions, then the mapping  $S$  has a fixed point in  $C$ .

In recent decades, many authors have devoted themselves to extending the above theorem to all kinds of generalized metric spaces [2, 3, 12, 31–33]. One of them is  $b$ -metric space which was introduced by Bakhtin [8] and Czerwik [14]. Since then, many authors have studied the fixed points of different contraction mappings classes in such spaces (see [1, 4, 7, 19–22, 26, 28–30, 42]).

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In 1970, Takahashi [40] introduced the following concept of convexity in metric spaces. After then, many authors [17, 24, 25, 27, 43, 44] discussed convergence of different iterative processes and the existence of fixed points of various mappings in convex metric spaces. In 2020, Chen et al. [11] gave the definition of convex  $b$ -metric space and they proved some fixed point theorems in such spaces.

In 2012, Wardowski [41] introduced the idea of  $F$ -contraction which was later followed by many authors who delivered interesting results of  $F$ -contraction. One of them was presented by Cosentino et al. [15] who expanded  $F$ -contraction in  $F$ -contraction of Hardy Roger's type. Later, Asif et al. [5] defined  $F$ -Reich contraction while eliminating the condition  $(F3)$  and  $(F4)$  of  $F$ -contraction of Nadler type defined by Cosentino. They also obtained some interesting fixed point theorems using Mann's iteration process in the complete convex  $b$ -metric space.

Inspired by the above studies, we give the definition of  $F$ -Hardy-Rogers contraction of Nadler type by eliminating the conditions  $(F3)$  and  $(F4)$  in this paper. Moreover, we prove some fixed point theorems for such mappings using Mann's iteration process in complete convex  $b$ -metric spaces.

## 2. PRELIMINARIES

Now, we will recall some main definitions related to our work as follows.

**Definition 2.1** ([14]). Let  $C$  be a (nonempty) set and  $\gamma \geq 1$  be a given real number. A function  $\rho : C \times C \rightarrow [0, \infty)$  is a  $b$ -metric on  $C$  if for all  $p, q, r \in C$ , the following conditions hold:

- (b<sub>1</sub>)  $\rho(p, q) = 0$  if and only if  $p = q$ ,
- (b<sub>2</sub>)  $\rho(p, q) = \rho(q, p)$ ,
- (b<sub>3</sub>)  $\rho(p, q) \leq \gamma[\rho(p, r) + \rho(r, q)]$ .

Then,  $(C, \rho)$  is called a  $b$ -metric space.

It is clear that a  $b$ -metric space is a metric space for  $\gamma = 1$ .

**Definition 2.2** ([14, 37]). Let  $(C, \rho)$  be a  $b$ -metric space and  $\{p_n\}$  a sequence in  $C$ . Then:

- (1) The sequence  $\{p_n\}$  is said to be convergent in  $(C, \rho)$  if there exists  $p \in C$  such that  $\lim_{n \rightarrow \infty} \rho(p_n, p) = 0$ .
- (2) The sequence  $\{p_n\}$  is said to be a Cauchy sequence in  $(C, \rho)$ , if for every  $\epsilon > 0$  there exists a positive  $n_0 \in \mathbb{N}$  such that  $\rho(p_n, p_m) < \epsilon$  for all  $n, m > n_0$ .
- (3)  $(C, \rho)$  is called a complete  $b$ -metric space if every Cauchy sequence is convergent in  $C$ .

Each convergent sequence in a  $b$ -metric space has a unique limit and it is also a Cauchy sequence. In addition, in general, a  $b$ -metric is not necessarily continuous.

**Definition 2.3** ([16]). Let  $\gamma \geq 1$  be a real number. We denote by  $\mathcal{F}$  the family of all functions.  $F : \mathbb{R}^+ \rightarrow \mathbb{R}$  with the following properties:

- (F1)  $F$  is strictly increasing;
- (F2) for each sequence  $\{p_n\} \subset \mathbb{R}^+$  of positive numbers  $\lim_{n \rightarrow \infty} p_n = 0$  if and only if  $\lim_{n \rightarrow \infty} F(p_n) = -\infty$ ;
- (F3) for each sequence  $\{p_n\} \subset \mathbb{R}^+$  of positive numbers with  $\lim_{n \rightarrow \infty} p_n = 0$ , there exists  $m \in (0, 1)$  such that  $\lim_{n \rightarrow \infty} (p_n)^m F(p_n) = 0$ ;
- (F4) for each sequence  $\{p_n\} \subset \mathbb{R}^+$  of positive numbers such that  $\tau + F(\gamma p_n) \leq F(\gamma p_{n-1})$  for all  $n \in \mathbb{N}$  and some  $\tau \in \mathbb{R}^+$ , then  $\tau + F(\gamma^n p_n) \leq F(\gamma^{n-1} p_{n-1})$  for all  $n \in \mathbb{N}$ .

**Example 2.4** ([16]). The following functions  $F_i : \mathbb{R}^+ \rightarrow \mathbb{R}, i = 1, 2, 3$  belong to  $\mathcal{F}$  :

- (i)  $F_1(p) = \ln(p^2 + p), p > 0$ ;
- (ii)  $F_2(p) = -\frac{1}{\sqrt[3]{p}}, p > 0$ ;
- (iii)  $F_3(p) = \ln p, p > 0$ .

In our theorems, we will use the symbol  $F$  as the class of functions satisfying only (F1) and (F2).

**Definition 2.5** ([16]). Let  $(C, \rho)$  be a  $b$ -metric space. A multivalued mapping  $S : C \rightarrow CB(C)$  is called an  $F$ -contraction of Nadler type if there exist  $F \in \mathcal{F}$  and  $\tau \in \mathbb{R}^+$  such that

$$\tau + F(\gamma H(Sp, Sq)) \leq F(\rho(p, q)),$$

for all  $p, q \in C$  with  $Sp = Sq$ . Here,  $CB(C)$  is a collection of all nonempty closed and bounded subsets of  $C$ .

**Definition 2.6** ([11]). A convex structure in a  $b$ -metric space  $(C, \rho)$  is a continuous mapping  $\omega : C \times C \times [0, 1] \rightarrow C$  satisfying, for all  $p, q, r \in C$  and all  $\mu \in [0, 1]$ ,

$$\rho(r, \omega(p, q; \mu)) \leq \mu \rho(r, p) + (1 - \mu) \rho(r, q).$$

Then the triplet  $(C, \rho, \omega)$  is called a convex  $b$ -metric space.

A nonempty subset  $K$  of  $C$  is said to be convex if  $\omega(p, q; \mu) \in K$  for all  $(p, q; \mu) \in K \times K \times [0, 1]$ .

**Example 2.7.** Let  $C = \mathbb{R}$ , and for any  $p, q \in C$ , Define metric  $\rho : C \times C \rightarrow [0, \infty)$  by  $\rho(p, q) = (p - q)^2$ . Assume that the mapping  $\omega :$

$C \times C \times \{\frac{1}{4}\} \rightarrow C$  is as follows:

$$w(p, q; \mu) = \frac{p+q}{4}.$$

Then,  $(C, \rho, w)$  is a convex  $b$ -metric space.

Let  $(C, \rho, w)$  be a convex  $b$ -metric space and  $S : C \rightarrow C$  be a mapping. We can introduce Mann's iteration process in convex metric spaces as follows:

$$p_{n+1} = w(p_n, Sp_n; \mu_n), \quad n \in \mathbb{N},$$

where  $p_n \in C$  and  $\mu_n \in [0, 1]$ .

### 3. MAIN RESULTS

In this section, we will show that the fixed points of  $F$ -Hardy-Rogers type contractions can be obtained via the Mann iteration process in complete convex  $b$ -metric spaces.

**Definition 3.1.** Suppose that  $F \in F$  and  $(C, \rho, \omega)$  is a convex  $b$ -metric space with  $\gamma > 1$ . Then  $S : C \rightarrow C$  is called a  $F$ -Hardy-Rogers type contraction if for  $f, g, h : C \times C \rightarrow [0, \frac{1}{2})$  the following hold:

(3.1)

$$\begin{aligned} \tau + F(\gamma\rho(Sp, Sq)) \leq & F\left(f(p, q)\rho(p, q) + g(p, q)[\rho(p, Sp) + \rho(q, Sq)] \right. \\ & \left. + h(p, q)[\rho(p, Sq) + \rho(q, Sp)]\right) \end{aligned}$$

for every  $p, q \in C$ .

**Theorem 3.2.** Let  $(C, \rho, \omega)$  be a complete convex  $b$ -metric space with a convex structure  $\omega$  and  $S : C \rightarrow C$  be a  $F$ -Hardy-Rogers type contraction. Suppose that the sequence  $\{p_n\}$  is defined as follows

$$(3.2) \quad p_n = \omega(p_{n-1}, Sp_{n-1}; \mu_{n-1}),$$

where  $0 < \mu_{n-1} \leq \frac{1}{4\gamma^2}$  for all  $n \in \mathbb{N}$ . If  $f(p, q) + g(p, q) + 2h(p, q) \leq \frac{1}{4\gamma^2}$ , then  $S$  has a unique fixed point in  $C$ .

*Proof.* From the convex structure of the  $b$ -metric space and (3.2), we obtain

$$(3.3) \quad \begin{aligned} \rho(p_n, p_{n+1}) &= \rho(p_n, w(p_n, Sp_n; \mu_n)) \\ &\leq (1 - \mu_n)\rho(p_n, Sp_n), \end{aligned}$$

and

$$(3.4) \quad \begin{aligned} \rho(p_n, Sp_n) &= \rho(w(p_{n-1}, Sp_{n-1}; \mu_{n-1}), Sp_n) \\ &\leq \mu_{n-1}\rho(p_{n-1}, Sp_n) + (1 - \mu_{n-1})\rho(Sp_{n-1}, Sp_n) \end{aligned}$$

$$\begin{aligned}
 &\leq \mu_{n-1}\gamma\rho(p_{n-1}, Sp_{n-1}) + \mu_{n-1}\gamma\rho(Sp_{n-1}, Sp_n) + \rho(Sp_{n-1}, Sp_n) \\
 &= \mu_{n-1}\gamma\rho(p_{n-1}, Sp_{n-1}) + (1 + \mu_{n-1}\gamma)\rho(Sp_{n-1}, Sp_n) \\
 &\leq \mu_{n-1}\gamma\rho(p_{n-1}, Sp_{n-1}) + \gamma(1 + \mu_{n-1})\rho(Sp_{n-1}, Sp_n).
 \end{aligned}$$

Using definition of  $F$ -Hardy-Rogers type contraction, we have

$$\begin{aligned}
 (3.5) \quad \tau + F(\gamma\rho(Sp_{n-1}, Sp_n)) &\leq F\left(f(p_{n-1}, p_n)\rho(p_{n-1}, p_n) \right. \\
 &\quad \left. + g(p_{n-1}, p_n) [\rho(p_{n-1}, Sp_{n-1}) + \rho(p_n, Sp_n)] \right. \\
 &\quad \left. + h(p_{n-1}, p_n) [\rho(p_{n-1}, Sp_n) + (p_n, Sp_{n-1})] \right).
 \end{aligned}$$

Then

$$\begin{aligned}
 F(\gamma\rho(Sp_{n-1}, Sp_n)) &\leq F\left(f(p_{n-1}, p_n)\rho(p_{n-1}, p_n) \right. \\
 &\quad \left. + g(p_{n-1}, p_n) [\rho(p_{n-1}, Sp_{n-1}) + \rho(p_n, Sp_n)] \right. \\
 &\quad \left. + h(p_{n-1}, p_n) [\rho(p_{n-1}, Sp_n) + (p_n, Sp_{n-1})] \right) - \tau \\
 &\leq F\left(f(p_{n-1}, p_n)\rho(p_{n-1}, p_n) \right. \\
 &\quad \left. + g(p_{n-1}, p_n) [\rho(p_{n-1}, Sp_{n-1}) + \rho(p_n, Sp_n)] \right. \\
 &\quad \left. + h(p_{n-1}, p_n) [\rho(p_{n-1}, Sp_n) + (p_n, Sp_{n-1})] \right)
 \end{aligned}$$

which implies that

$$\begin{aligned}
 \gamma\rho(Sp_{n-1}, Sp_n) &\leq f(p_{n-1}, p_n)\rho(p_{n-1}, p_n) \\
 &\quad + g(p_{n-1}, p_n) [\rho(p_{n-1}, Sp_{n-1}) + \rho(p_n, Sp_n)] \\
 &\quad + h(p_{n-1}, p_n) [\rho(p_{n-1}, Sp_n) + (p_n, Sp_{n-1})].
 \end{aligned}$$

From (3.2), we also know that

$$\rho(p_n, Sp_n) \leq \mu_{n-1}\gamma\rho(p_{n-1}, Sp_{n-1}) + \gamma(1 + \mu_{n-1})\rho(Sp_{n-1}, Sp_n).$$

Combine the last two inequalities in the above, we get

$$\begin{aligned}
 \rho(p_n, Sp_n) &\leq \mu_{n-1}\gamma\rho(p_{n-1}, Sp_{n-1}) + (1 + \mu_{n-1}) \left\{ f(p_{n-1}, p_n)\rho(p_{n-1}, p_n) \right. \\
 &\quad \left. + g(p_{n-1}, p_n) [\rho(p_{n-1}, Sp_{n-1}) + \rho(p_n, Sp_n)] \right. \\
 &\quad \left. + h(p_{n-1}, p_n) [\rho(p_{n-1}, Sp_n) + (p_n, Sp_{n-1})] \right\}.
 \end{aligned}$$

From (3.3), we obtain

$$\begin{aligned}
 \rho(p_n, Sp_n) &\leq \mu_{n-1}\gamma\rho(p_{n-1}, Sp_{n-1}) \\
 &\quad + (1 + \mu_{n-1})(1 - \mu_{n-1}) \left\{ f(p_{n-1}, p_n)\rho(p_{n-1}, Sp_{n-1}) \right. \\
 &\quad \left. + g(p_{n-1}, p_n) [\rho(p_{n-1}, Sp_{n-1}) + \rho(p_n, Sp_n)] \right\}
 \end{aligned}$$

$$+ h(p_{n-1}, p_n) [\rho(p_{n-1}, Sp_n) + (p_n, Sp_{n-1})] \}.$$

Then

(3.6)

$$\begin{aligned} \rho(p_n, Sp_n) &\leq \mu_{n-1}\gamma\rho(p_{n-1}, Sp_{n-1}) + (1 - \mu_{n-1}^2) f(p_{n-1}, p_n)\rho(p_{n-1}, Sp_{n-1}) \\ &\quad + (1 + \mu_{n-1}) g(p_{n-1}, p_n) [\rho(p_{n-1}, Sp_{n-1}) + \rho(p_n, Sp_n)] \\ &\quad + (1 + \mu_{n-1}) h(p_{n-1}, p_n) [\rho(p_{n-1}, Sp_n) + (p_n, Sp_{n-1})] \\ &\leq \mu_{n-1}\gamma\rho(p_{n-1}, Sp_{n-1}) + (1 - \mu_{n-1}^2) f(p_{n-1}, p_n)\rho(p_{n-1}, Sp_{n-1}) \\ &\quad + (1 + \mu_{n-1}) g(p_{n-1}, p_n) [\rho(p_{n-1}, Sp_{n-1}) + \rho(p_n, Sp_n)] \\ &\quad + (1 + \mu_{n-1}) h(p_{n-1}, p_n)\gamma \left[ \rho(p_{n-1}, p_n) + \rho(p_n, Sp_n) \right. \\ &\quad \left. + \rho(p_n, p_{n-1}) + \rho(p_{n-1}, Sp_{n-1}) \right] \\ &\leq \mu_{n-1}\gamma\rho(p_{n-1}, Sp_{n-1}) + (1 - \mu_{n-1}^2) f(p_{n-1}, p_n)\rho(p_{n-1}, Sp_{n-1}) \\ &\quad + (1 + \mu_{n-1}) g(p_{n-1}, p_n) [\rho(p_{n-1}, Sp_{n-1}) + \rho(p_n, Sp_n)] \\ &\quad + (1 + \mu_{n-1}) h(p_{n-1}, p_n)\gamma \left[ (1 - \mu_{n-1}) \rho(p_{n-1}, Sp_{n-1}) \right. \\ &\quad \left. + \rho(p_n, Sp_n) (1 - \mu_n) \rho(p_n, Sp_n) + \rho(p_{n-1}, Sp_{n-1}) \right] \\ &= \left[ \mu_{n-1}\gamma + (1 - \mu_{n-1}^2) f(p_{n-1}, p_n) + (1 + \mu_{n-1}) g(p_{n-1}, p_n) \right. \\ &\quad \left. + (1 + \mu_{n-1}) h(p_{n-1}, p_n)\gamma (2 - \mu_{n-1}) \right] \rho(p_{n-1}, Sp_{n-1}) \\ &\quad + \left[ (1 + \mu_{n-1}) g(p_{n-1}, p_n) \right. \\ &\quad \left. + (1 + \mu_{n-1}) h(p_{n-1}, p_n)\gamma (2 - \mu_{n-1}) \right] \rho(p_n, Sp_n) \end{aligned}$$

which implies that

$$\begin{aligned} &[1 - ((1 + \mu_{n-1}) g(p_{n-1}, p_n) + (1 + \mu_{n-1}) h(p_{n-1}, p_n)\gamma (2 - \mu_{n-1}))] \rho(p_n, Sp_n) \\ &\leq \left[ \mu_{n-1}\gamma + (1 - \mu_{n-1}^2) f(p_{n-1}, p_n) + (1 + \mu_{n-1}) g(p_{n-1}, p_n) \right. \\ &\quad \left. + (1 + \mu_{n-1}) h(p_{n-1}, p_n)\gamma (2 - \mu_{n-1}) \right] \rho(p_{n-1}, Sp_{n-1}). \end{aligned}$$

By hypothesis, we know that  $g(p, q) + 2h(p, q) \leq \frac{1}{4\gamma^2}$  and  $0 < \mu_{n-1} \leq \frac{1}{4\gamma^2}$ . Using these conditions, we obtain that

$$\begin{aligned} (3.7) \quad &(1 + \mu_{n-1}) g(p_{n-1}, p_n) + (1 + \mu_{n-1}) h(p_{n-1}, p_n)\gamma (2 - \mu_{n-1}) \\ &\leq (1 + \mu_{n-1}) [g(p_{n-1}, p_n) + 2h(p_{n-1}, p_n)\gamma] \\ &\leq (1 + \mu_{n-1}) [g(p_{n-1}, p_n) + 2h(p_{n-1}, p_n)] \gamma \end{aligned}$$

$$\begin{aligned} &\leq \left(1 + \frac{1}{4\gamma^2}\right) \frac{1}{4\gamma^2} \gamma \\ &< 1, \end{aligned}$$

and

$$\begin{aligned} &(1 - \mu_{n-1}^2) f(p_{n-1}, p_n) + (1 + \mu_{n-1}) g(p_{n-1}, p_n) \\ &\quad + (1 + \mu_{n-1}) h(p_{n-1}, p_n) \gamma (2 - \mu_{n-1}) \\ &\leq (1 + \mu_{n-1}) f(p_{n-1}, p_n) + (1 + \mu_{n-1}) g(p_{n-1}, p_n) \\ &\quad + 2(1 + \mu_{n-1}) h(p_{n-1}, p_n) \gamma \\ &= (1 + \mu_{n-1}) [f(p_{n-1}, p_n) + g(p_{n-1}, p_n) + 2h(p_{n-1}, p_n) \gamma] \\ &\leq (1 + \mu_{n-1}) [f(p_{n-1}, p_n) + g(p_{n-1}, p_n) + 2h(p_{n-1}, p_n) \gamma] \gamma \\ &\leq \left(1 + \frac{1}{4\gamma^2}\right) \frac{1}{4\gamma^2} \gamma \\ &< 1, \end{aligned}$$

hence

$$(3.8) \quad \rho(p_n, Sp_n) \leq \left[ \frac{\begin{aligned} &\mu_{n-1} \gamma + (1 + \mu_{n-1}) f(p_{n-1}, p_n) \\ &\quad + (1 + \mu_{n-1}) g(p_{n-1}, p_n) \\ &\quad + (1 + \mu_{n-1}) h(p_{n-1}, p_n) \gamma (2 - \mu_{n-1}) \end{aligned}}{1 - \left( \begin{aligned} &(1 + \mu_{n-1}) g(p_{n-1}, p_n) \\ &\quad + 2(1 + \mu_{n-1}) h(p_{n-1}, p_n) \gamma \end{aligned} \right)} \right] \rho(p_{n-1}, Sp_{n-1}).$$

Denote

$$\theta_{n-1} = \frac{\begin{aligned} &\mu_{n-1} \gamma + (1 + \mu_{n-1}) f(p_{n-1}, p_n) + (1 + \mu_{n-1}) g(p_{n-1}, p_n) \\ &\quad + (1 + \mu_{n-1}) h(p_{n-1}, p_n) \gamma (2 - \mu_{n-1}) \end{aligned}}{1 - ((1 + \mu_{n-1}) g(p_{n-1}, p_n) + 2(1 + \mu_{n-1}) h(p_{n-1}, p_n) \gamma)}.$$

Then

$$(3.9) \quad \begin{aligned} \theta_{n-1} &= \frac{\begin{aligned} &\mu_{n-1} \gamma + (1 + \mu_{n-1}) f(p_{n-1}, p_n) + (1 + \mu_{n-1}) g(p_{n-1}, p_n) \\ &\quad + (1 + \mu_{n-1}) h(p_{n-1}, p_n) \gamma (2 - \mu_{n-1}) \end{aligned}}{1 - ((1 + \mu_{n-1}) g(p_{n-1}, p_n) + 2(1 + \mu_{n-1}) h(p_{n-1}, p_n) \gamma)} \\ &\leq \frac{\begin{aligned} &\mu_{n-1} \gamma + (1 + \mu_{n-1}) f(p_{n-1}, p_n) + (1 + \mu_{n-1}) g(p_{n-1}, p_n) \\ &\quad + 2(1 + \mu_{n-1}) h(p_{n-1}, p_n) \gamma \end{aligned}}{1 - ((1 + \mu_{n-1}) g(p_{n-1}, p_n) + 2(1 + \mu_{n-1}) h(p_{n-1}, p_n) \gamma)} \end{aligned}$$



$$\begin{aligned}
& \frac{\mu_{n-1}\gamma + (1 + \mu_{n-1})f(p_{n-1}, p_n) + (1 + \mu_{n-1})g(p_{n-1}, p_n)}{+2(1 + \mu_{n-1})h(p_{n-1}, p_n)\gamma} \\
& < \frac{1 + \frac{1}{4\gamma}}{1 - \left( \frac{(1 + \mu_{n-1})f(p_{n-1}, p_n) + (1 + \mu_{n-1})g(p_{n-1}, p_n)}{+2(1 + \mu_{n-1})h(p_{n-1}, p_n)\gamma} \right)} - 1 \\
& \leq \frac{8\gamma^2 + 1}{16\gamma^3 - 4\gamma^2 - 1} \\
& < 1.
\end{aligned}$$

Therefore, from (3.8) we have

$$\begin{aligned}
(3.10) \quad \rho(p_n, Sp_n) & \leq \theta_{n-1}\rho(p_{n-1}, Sp_{n-1}) \\
& < \frac{8\gamma^2 + 1}{16\gamma^3 - 4\gamma^2 - 1}\rho(p_{n-1}, Sp_{n-1}).
\end{aligned}$$

Applying Condition (F1), we get that

$$\begin{aligned}
F(\rho(p_n, Sp_n)) & \leq F\left(\frac{8\gamma^2 + 1}{16\gamma^3 - 4\gamma^2 - 1}\rho(p_{n-1}, Sp_{n-1})\right) - \tau \\
& < F(\rho(p_{n-1}, Sp_{n-1})) - \tau.
\end{aligned}$$

Using similar way, we have

$$F(\rho(p_{n-1}, Sp_{n-1})) < F(\rho(p_{n-2}, Sp_{n-2})) - \tau.$$

Thus, we obtain that

$$\begin{aligned}
F(\rho(p_n, Sp_n)) & < F(\rho(p_{n-1}, Sp_{n-1})) - \tau \\
& < F(\rho(p_{n-2}, Sp_{n-2})) - 2\tau \\
& \quad \vdots \\
& < F(\rho(p_0, Sp_0)) - n\tau.
\end{aligned}$$

Taking limit on both sides as  $n \rightarrow \infty$  in the above inequality, we have that

$$\lim_{n \rightarrow \infty} F(\rho(p_n, Sp_n)) = -\infty.$$

It follows from Condition (F2) that

$$(3.11) \quad \lim_{n \rightarrow \infty} \rho(p_n, Sp_n) = 0.$$

From (3.3) and (3.11), we have

$$\lim_{n \rightarrow \infty} \rho(p_n, p_{n+1}) = 0.$$

Now, we will show that  $\{p_n\}$  is a Cauchy sequence. For this, we will use similar method at the proof in [5]. Assume that  $\{p_n\}$  is not a Cauchy sequence. Then, there exist  $\bar{\epsilon}$  and the subsequences  $\{p_{r(k)}\}$  and  $\{p_{t(k)}\}$  of  $\{p_n\}$ , such that  $r(k)$  is the smallest natural index with  $r(k) > t(k) > k$ ,

$$\rho(p_{r(k)}, p_{t(k)}) \geq \bar{\epsilon}$$

and

$$\rho(p_{r(k)-1}, p_{t(k)}) < \bar{\epsilon}.$$

Then, we have

$$(3.12) \quad \begin{aligned} \bar{\epsilon} &\leq \rho(p_{r(k)}, p_{t(k)}) \\ &\leq \gamma \rho(p_{r(k)}, p_{t(k)+1}) + \gamma \rho(p_{t(k)+1}, p_{t(k)}). \end{aligned}$$

Using (3.3) and  $\lim_{n \rightarrow \infty} \rho(p_n, p_{n+1}) = 0$ , we obtain

$$\frac{\bar{\epsilon}}{\gamma} \leq \limsup_{k \rightarrow \infty} \rho(p_{r(k)}, p_{t(k)+1}).$$

Also, we have

$$(3.13) \quad \begin{aligned} \rho(p_{r(k)}, p_{t(k)+1}) &= \rho(w(p_{r(k)-1}, Sp_{r(k)-1}; \mu_{r(k)-1}), p_{t(k)+1}) \\ &\leq \mu_{r(k)-1} \rho(p_{r(k)-1}, p_{t(k)+1}) \\ &\quad + (1 - \mu_{r(k)-1}) \rho(Sp_{r(k)-1}, p_{t(k)+1}) \\ &\leq \mu_{r(k)-1} \rho(p_{r(k)-1}, p_{t(k)+1}) \\ &\quad + (1 - \mu_{r(k)-1}) \gamma \rho(Sp_{r(k)-1}, Sp_{t(k)+1}) \\ &\quad + (1 - \mu_{r(k)-1}) \gamma \rho(Sp_{t(k)+1}, p_{t(k)+1}). \end{aligned}$$

Using (3.1), we have

$$\begin{aligned} &F(\gamma \rho(Sp_{r(k)-1}, Sp_{t(k)+1})) \\ &\leq F\left(f(p_{r(k)-1}, p_{t(k)+1}) \rho(p_{r(k)-1}, p_{t(k)+1})\right. \\ &\quad \left.+ g(p_{r(k)-1}, p_{t(k)+1}) [\rho(p_{r(k)-1}, Sp_{r(k)-1}) + \rho(p_{t(k)+1}, Sp_{t(k)+1})]\right. \\ &\quad \left.+ h(p_{r(k)-1}, p_{t(k)+1}) [\rho(p_{r(k)-1}, Sp_{t(k)+1}) + \rho(p_{t(k)+1}, Sp_{r(k)-1})]\right) \\ &\quad - \tau. \end{aligned}$$

Thus

$$\begin{aligned} &F\left[\mu_{r(k)-1} \rho(p_{r(k)-1}, p_{t(k)+1}) + (1 - \mu_{r(k)-1}) \gamma \rho(Sp_{r(k)-1}, Sp_{t(k)+1})\right. \\ &\quad \left.+ (1 - \mu_{r(k)-1}) \gamma \rho(Sp_{t(k)+1}, p_{t(k)+1})\right] \\ &\leq F\left[\mu_{r(k)-1} \rho(p_{r(k)-1}, p_{t(k)+1})\right] \end{aligned}$$

$$\begin{aligned}
& + (1 - \mu_{r(k)-1}) \left[ f(p_{r(k)-1}, p_{t(k)+1}) \rho(p_{r(k)-1}, p_{t(k)+1}) \right. \\
& + g(p_{r(k)-1}, p_{t(k)+1}) [\rho(p_{r(k)-1}, Sp_{r(k)-1}) + \rho(p_{t(k)+1}, Sp_{t(k)+1})] \\
& + h(p_{r(k)-1}, p_{t(k)+1}) [\rho(p_{r(k)-1}, Sp_{t(k)+1}) + \rho(p_{t(k)+1}, Sp_{r(k)-1})] \left. \right] \\
& + (1 - \mu_{r(k)-1}) \gamma \rho(Sp_{t(k)+1}, p_{t(k)+1}) \left. \right] - \tau.
\end{aligned}$$

Using (F1) and (3.13), we write

$$\begin{aligned}
& \rho(p_{r(k)}, p_{t(k)+1}) \\
& \leq \mu_{r(k)-1} \rho(p_{r(k)-1}, p_{t(k)+1}) \\
& \quad + (1 - \mu_{r(k)-1}) \left[ f(p_{r(k)-1}, p_{t(k)+1}) \rho(p_{r(k)-1}, p_{t(k)+1}) \right. \\
& \quad + g(p_{r(k)-1}, p_{t(k)+1}) [\rho(p_{r(k)-1}, Sp_{r(k)-1}) + \rho(p_{t(k)+1}, Sp_{t(k)+1})] \\
& \quad + h(p_{r(k)-1}, p_{t(k)+1}) [\rho(p_{r(k)-1}, Sp_{t(k)+1}) + \rho(p_{t(k)+1}, Sp_{r(k)-1})] \\
& \quad \left. + \gamma \rho(Sp_{t(k)+1}, p_{t(k)+1}) \right] \\
& \leq \mu_{r(k)-1} \gamma [\rho(p_{r(k)-1}, p_{t(k)}) + \rho(p_{t(k)}, p_{t(k)+1})] + (1 - \mu_{r(k)-1}) \\
& \quad \times \left[ f(p_{r(k)-1}, p_{t(k)+1}) \gamma [\rho(p_{r(k)-1}, p_{t(k)}) + \rho(p_{t(k)}, p_{t(k)+1})] \right. \\
& \quad + g(p_{r(k)-1}, p_{t(k)+1}) [\rho(p_{r(k)-1}, Sp_{r(k)-1}) + \rho(p_{t(k)+1}, Sp_{t(k)+1})] \\
& \quad + h(p_{r(k)-1}, p_{t(k)+1}) [\gamma \rho(p_{r(k)-1}, p_{t(k)}) + \gamma \rho(p_{t(k)}, Sp_{t(k)+1}) \\
& \quad \left. + \gamma \rho(p_{t(k)+1}, p_{r(k)}) + \gamma \rho(p_{r(k)}, Sp_{r(k)-1}) \right] \\
& \quad \left. + \gamma \rho(Sp_{t(k)+1}, p_{t(k)+1}) \right] \\
& \leq \mu_{r(k)-1} \gamma [\rho(p_{r(k)-1}, p_{t(k)}) + \rho(p_{t(k)}, p_{t(k)+1})] + (1 - \mu_{r(k)-1}) \\
& \quad \times \left[ f(p_{r(k)-1}, p_{t(k)+1}) \gamma [\rho(p_{r(k)-1}, p_{t(k)}) + \rho(p_{t(k)}, p_{t(k)+1})] \right. \\
& \quad + g(p_{r(k)-1}, p_{t(k)+1}) [\rho(p_{r(k)-1}, Sp_{r(k)-1}) + \rho(p_{t(k)+1}, Sp_{t(k)+1})] \\
& \quad + h(p_{r(k)-1}, p_{t(k)+1}) [\gamma \rho(p_{r(k)-1}, p_{t(k)}) + \gamma^2 \rho(p_{t(k)}, p_{t(k)+1}) \\
& \quad + \gamma^2 \rho(p_{t(k)+1}, Sp_{t(k)+1}) + \gamma \rho(p_{t(k)+1}, p_{r(k)}) \\
& \quad \left. + \gamma^2 \rho(p_{r(k)}, p_{r(k)-1}) + \gamma^2 \rho(p_{r(k)-1}, Sp_{r(k)-1}) \right]
\end{aligned}$$

$$\left. + \gamma \rho (Sp_{t(k)+1}, p_{t(k)+1}) \right].$$

Taking  $\limsup$  as  $k \rightarrow \infty$  in the above inequality, we obtain

$$\begin{aligned} & \limsup_{k \rightarrow \infty} \rho (p_{r(k)}, p_{t(k)+1}) \\ & \leq \limsup_{k \rightarrow \infty} \left\{ \mu_{r(k)-1} \gamma \rho (p_{r(k)-1}, p_{t(k)}) \right. \\ & \quad + (1 - \mu_{r(k)-1}) f (p_{r(k)-1}, p_{t(k)+1}) \gamma \rho (p_{r(k)-1}, p_{t(k)}) \\ & \quad \left. + h (p_{r(k)-1}, p_{t(k)+1}) \gamma^2 2 \rho (p_{r(k)-1}, p_{t(k)}) \right\}, \end{aligned}$$

which implies that

$$\frac{\bar{\epsilon}}{\gamma} \leq \limsup_{k \rightarrow \infty} \rho (p_{r(k)}, p_{t(k)+1}) \leq \gamma \bar{\epsilon} \left[ \frac{1}{4\gamma^2} + \frac{1}{4\gamma^2} \right].$$

Then, we have

$$\frac{\bar{\epsilon}}{\gamma} \leq \limsup_{k \rightarrow \infty} \rho (p_{r(k)}, p_{t(k)+1}) \leq \frac{\bar{\epsilon}}{2\gamma},$$

which is a contradiction. Thus,  $\{p_n\}$  is a Cauchy sequence in  $C$ . Since  $(C, \rho, \omega)$  is a complete convex  $b$ -metric space, there exists  $p^* \in C$  such that  $p_n \rightarrow p^* \in C$  as  $n \rightarrow \infty$ . Now, we will show that  $p^*$  is a fixed point of  $S$ . Note that

$$\begin{aligned} (3.14) \quad \rho (p^*, Sp^*) & \leq \gamma [\rho (p^*, p_n) + \rho (p_n, Sp^*)] \\ & \leq \gamma \rho (p^*, p_n) + \gamma^2 \rho (p_n, Sp_n) + \gamma^2 \rho (Sp_n, Sp^*). \end{aligned}$$

Noticing that

$$\begin{aligned} (3.15) \quad F (\gamma \rho (Sp_n, Sp^*)) & \leq F \left( f (p_n, p^*) \rho (p_n, p^*) \right. \\ & \quad + g (p_n, p^*) [\rho (p_n, Sp_n) + \rho (p^*, Sp^*)] \\ & \quad \left. + h (p_n, p^*) [\rho (p_n, Sp^*) + \rho (p^*, Sp_n)] \right) - \tau. \end{aligned}$$

From (3.14) and (3.15), we get

$$\begin{aligned} F (\rho (p^*, Sp^*)) & \leq F (\gamma \rho (p^*, p_n) + \gamma^2 \rho (p_n, Sp_n) + \gamma^2 \rho (Sp_n, Sp^*)) \\ & \leq F \left( \gamma \rho (p^*, p_n) + \gamma^2 \rho (p_n, Sp_n) + \gamma f (p_n, p^*) \rho (p_n, p^*) \right. \\ & \quad + \gamma g (p_n, p^*) [\rho (p_n, Sp_n) + \rho (p^*, Sp^*)] \\ & \quad \left. + \gamma h (p_n, p^*) [\rho (p_n, Sp^*) + \rho (p^*, Sp_n)] \right) - \tau \\ & \leq F \left( \gamma \rho (p^*, p_n) + \gamma^2 \rho (p_n, Sp_n) + \gamma f (p_n, p^*) \rho (p_n, p^*) \right. \\ & \quad \left. + \gamma g (p_n, p^*) [\rho (p_n, Sp_n) + \rho (p^*, Sp^*)] \right) \end{aligned}$$

$$\begin{aligned}
& + \gamma h(p_n, p^*) \left[ \gamma \rho(p_n, p^*) + \gamma \rho(p^*, Sp^*) \right. \\
& \left. + \gamma \rho(p^*, p_n) + \gamma \rho(p_n, Sp_n) \right] - \tau.
\end{aligned}$$

From above inequality, (F1) and (3.10), we have

$$\begin{aligned}
& F \left[ (1 - \gamma g(p_n, p^*) - \gamma^2 h(p_n, p^*)) \rho(p^*, Sp^*) \right] \\
& < F \left( \gamma \rho(p^*, p_n) + \gamma^2 \rho(p_n, Sp_n) + \gamma f(p_n, p^*) \rho(p_n, p^*) \right. \\
& \quad \left. + \gamma g(p_n, p^*) \rho(p_n, Sp_n) \right. \\
& \quad \left. + \gamma h(p_n, p^*) [\gamma \rho(p_n, p^*) + \gamma \rho(p^*, p_n) + \gamma \rho(p_n, Sp_n)] \right) - \tau \\
& < F \left( \gamma \rho(p^*, p_n) + \gamma^2 \left( \frac{8\gamma^2 + 1}{16\gamma^3 - 4\gamma^2 - 1} \right)^n \rho(p_0, Sp_0) \right. \\
& \quad \left. + \gamma f(p_n, p^*) \rho(p_n, p^*) + \gamma g(p_n, p^*) \left( \frac{8\gamma^2 + 1}{16\gamma^3 - 4\gamma^2 - 1} \right)^n \rho(p_0, Sp_0) \right. \\
& \quad \left. + \gamma h(p_n, p^*) \left[ \gamma \rho(p_n, p^*) + \gamma \rho(p^*, p_n) + \left( \frac{8\gamma^2 + 1}{16\gamma^3 - 4\gamma^2 - 1} \right)^n \rho(p_0, Sp_0) \right] \right) \\
& - \tau.
\end{aligned}$$

From (3.9), we know that  $\frac{8\gamma^2+1}{16\gamma^3-4\gamma^2-1} < 1$ . This implies that

$$\begin{aligned}
& \lim_{n \rightarrow \infty} \left\{ \gamma \rho(p^*, p_n) + \gamma^2 \left( \frac{8\gamma^2 + 1}{16\gamma^3 - 4\gamma^2 - 1} \right)^n \rho(p_0, Sp_0) \right. \\
& \quad \left. + \gamma f(p_n, p^*) \rho(p_n, p^*) + \gamma g(p_n, p^*) \left( \frac{8\gamma^2 + 1}{16\gamma^3 - 4\gamma^2 - 1} \right)^n \rho(p_0, Sp_0) \right. \\
& \quad \left. + \gamma h(p_n, p^*) \left[ \gamma \rho(p_n, p^*) + \gamma \rho(p^*, p_n) + \left( \frac{8\gamma^2 + 1}{16\gamma^3 - 4\gamma^2 - 1} \right)^n \rho(p_0, Sp_0) \right] \right\} \\
& = 0.
\end{aligned}$$

Thus

$$\begin{aligned}
& \lim_{n \rightarrow \infty} F \left[ (1 - \gamma g(p_n, p^*) - \gamma^2 h(p_n, p^*)) \rho(p^*, Sp^*) \right] \\
& = \lim_{n \rightarrow \infty} F \left( \gamma \rho(p^*, p_n) + \gamma^2 \left( \frac{8\gamma^2 + 1}{16\gamma^3 - 4\gamma^2 - 1} \right)^n \rho(p_0, Sp_0) \right. \\
& \quad \left. + \gamma f(p_n, p^*) \rho(p_n, p^*) + \gamma g(p_n, p^*) \left( \frac{8\gamma^2 + 1}{16\gamma^3 - 4\gamma^2 - 1} \right)^n \rho(p_0, Sp_0) \right. \\
& \quad \left. + \gamma h(p_n, p^*) \left[ \gamma \rho(p_n, p^*) + \gamma \rho(p^*, p_n) + \left( \frac{8\gamma^2 + 1}{16\gamma^3 - 4\gamma^2 - 1} \right)^n \rho(p_0, Sp_0) \right] \right) \\
& = -\infty,
\end{aligned}$$

consequently,

$$(3.16) \quad \lim_{n \rightarrow \infty} (1 - \gamma g(p_n, p^*) - \gamma^2 h(p_n, p^*)) \rho(p^*, Sp^*) = 0.$$

By assumptions, we know that  $\mu_{n-1} \leq \frac{1}{4\gamma^2}$  for all  $n \in \mathbb{N}$  and  $f(p, q) + g(p, q) + 2h(p, q) \leq \frac{1}{4\gamma^2}$  for every  $p, q \in C$ . This implies that

$$\gamma g(p_n, p^*) + \gamma^2 h(p_n, p^*) < 1,$$

for all  $n \in \mathbb{N}$ . Using (3.16), we obtain  $\rho(p^*, Sp^*) = 0$ . That is,  $p^*$  is a fixed point of the mapping  $S$ . Finally, we will show the uniqueness of the fixed point of the mapping  $S$ . Suppose, on the contrary, that  $q^*$  is another fixed point of  $S$ . Then

$$\begin{aligned} F(\gamma \rho(p^*, q^*)) &= F(\gamma \rho(Sp^*, Sq^*)) \\ &\leq F\left(f(p^*, q^*) \rho(p^*, q^*) + g(p^*, q^*) [\rho(p^*, Sp^*) + \rho(q^*, Sq^*)] \right. \\ &\quad \left. + h(p^*, q^*) [\rho(p^*, Sq^*) + \rho(q^*, Sp^*)] \right) - \tau \\ &= F(f(p^*, q^*) \rho(p^*, q^*) + h(p^*, q^*) [\rho(p^*, Sq^*) + \rho(q^*, Sp^*)]) - \tau \\ &= F(f(p^*, q^*) \rho(p^*, q^*) + 2h(p^*, q^*) \rho(p^*, q^*)) - \tau \\ &= F[\rho(p^*, q^*) (f(p^*, q^*) + 2h(p^*, q^*))] - \tau, \end{aligned}$$

which is a contradiction. Therefore,  $\rho(p^*, q^*) = 0$ . This shows the uniqueness of the fixed point of the mapping  $S$ . That is,  $p^* = q^*$ .  $\square$

Choosing  $f = g = 0$  in the above theorem, the following result for  $F$ -Chatterjea type contraction in a complete convex  $b$ -metric space is obvious.

**Theorem 3.3.** *Let  $(C, \rho, \omega)$  be a complete convex  $b$ -metric space with a convex structure  $\omega$  and  $S : C \rightarrow C$  be  $F$ -Chatterjea type contraction is as follows. Suppose there exists  $h : C \times C \rightarrow [0, \frac{1}{4\gamma^2}]$  the following hold:*

$$\tau + F(\gamma \rho(Sp, Sq)) \leq F(h(p, q) [\rho(p, Sq) + \rho(q, Sp)])$$

for every  $p, q \in C$ . Suppose that the sequence  $\{p_n\}$  is defined as follows

$$p_n = \omega(p_{n-1}, Sp_{n-1}; \mu_{n-1}),$$

where  $0 < \mu_{n-1} \leq \frac{1}{4\gamma^2}$  for all  $n \in \mathbb{N}$ . If  $2h(p, q) \leq \frac{1}{4\gamma^2}$ , then  $S$  has a unique fixed point in  $C$ .

Choosing  $f = h = 0$  in Theorem 3.2, we obtain that Theorem 2.2 in [5]. Choosing also  $h = 0$  in Theorem 3.2, we have also the following result.

**Theorem 3.4.** *Let  $(C, \rho, \omega)$  be a complete convex  $b$ -metric space with a convex structure  $\omega$  and  $S : C \rightarrow C$  be  $F$ -Reich type contraction as follows. Suppose there exist  $f, g : C \times C \rightarrow \left[0, \frac{1}{4\gamma^2}\right]$  the following holds:*

$$\tau + F(\gamma\rho(Sp, Sq)) \leq F(f(p, q)\rho(p, q) + g(p, q)[\rho(p, Sp) + \rho(q, Sq)])$$
for every  $p, q \in C$ . Suppose that the sequence  $\{p_n\}$  is defined as follows

$$p_n = \omega(p_{n-1}, Sp_{n-1}; \mu_{n-1}),$$

where  $0 < \mu_{n-1} \leq \frac{1}{4\gamma^2}$  for all  $n \in \mathbb{N}$ . If  $f(p, q) + g(p, q) \leq \frac{1}{4\gamma^2}$ , then  $S$  has a unique fixed point in  $C$ .

**Remark 3.5.** Theorem 3.4 expands the Theorem 3.2 in [5], relaxing the contraction condition from  $f(p, q) + 2g(p, q) \leq \frac{1}{4\gamma^2}$  to  $f(p, q) + g(p, q) \leq \frac{1}{4\gamma^2}$ .

Finally, we will give the following example that satisfies the conditions of the main Theorem 3.2.

**Example 3.6.** Let  $C = [0, \infty)$  and  $Sp = \frac{p}{9}$  for all  $p \in C$ . For any  $p, q \in C$ , we define mapping  $\rho : C \times C \rightarrow [0, \infty)$  by the formula  $\rho(p, q) = (p - q)^2$ , while the mapping  $\omega : C \times C \times [0, 1] \rightarrow C$  is defined as

$$\omega(p, q; \mu) \leq \mu p + (1 - \mu)q, \quad \text{for all } p, q \in C \text{ and all } \mu \in [0, 1].$$

Set  $p_n = \omega(p_{n-1}, Sp_{n-1}; \mu_{n-1})$  and  $\mu_{n-1} = \frac{1}{6\gamma^2}$ . Then  $(C, \rho, \omega)$  is a complete convex  $b$ -metric space with  $\gamma = 2$ . Now, we define  $f, g, h : C \times C \rightarrow \left[0, \frac{1}{2}\right)$  as

$$f(p, q) = \begin{cases} \frac{1}{8\gamma^2}, & \text{if } p < q, \\ \frac{1}{8\gamma^2+10}, & \text{otherwise,} \end{cases}$$

$g(p, q) = \frac{1}{8\gamma^2}$  and  $h(p, q) = 0$  for all  $p, q \in C$ . It is easy to see that  $f(p, q) + g(p, q) + 2h(p, q) \leq \frac{1}{4\gamma^2}$ . Then the mapping  $S$  holds all conditions of Theorem 3.2. That is,  $S$  has a unique fixed point in  $C$ . Indeed,

$$\begin{aligned} \ln[\gamma\rho(Sp, Sq)] &= \ln\left[\gamma\left(\frac{p}{9} - \frac{q}{9}\right)^2\right] \\ &= \ln\left[\frac{2}{81}(p - q)^2\right] \\ &\leq \ln[f(p, q)\rho(p, q)] \\ &\leq \ln\left[f(p, q)\rho(p, q) + g(p, q)[\rho(p, Sp) + \rho(q, Sq)]\right. \\ &\quad \left.+ h(p, q)[\rho(p, Sq) + \rho(q, Sp)]\right], \end{aligned}$$

that is,

$$F[\gamma\rho(Sp, Sq)] \leq F\left[f(p, q)\rho(p, q) + g(p, q)[\rho(p, Sp) + \rho(q, Sq)] + h(p, q)[\rho(p, Sq) + \rho(q, Sp)]\right].$$

Also,  $F(x) = \ln x$  satisfies the conditions (F1) and (F2). Then, the inequality (3.1) is satisfied for  $\tau \leq \ln\left(\frac{81}{66}\right)$ . We choose  $p_0 \in C \setminus \{0\}$ . Combining with  $p_n = \omega(p_{n-1}, Sp_{n-1}; \mu_{n-1})$ ,  $\mu_{n-1} = \frac{1}{6\gamma^2} = \frac{1}{24}$  and  $Sp = \frac{p}{9}$ , we obtain

$$\begin{aligned} p_n &= \omega(p_{n-1}, Sp_{n-1}; \mu_{n-1}) \\ &= \mu_{n-1}p_{n-1} + (1 - \mu_{n-1})Sp_{n-1} \\ &= \frac{1}{24}p_{n-1} + \left(1 - \frac{1}{24}\right)\frac{p_{n-1}}{9} \\ &= \frac{4}{27}p_{n-1}. \end{aligned}$$

Similarly, we have

$$p_{n-1} = \frac{4}{27}p_{n-2}, \quad p_{n-2} = \frac{4}{27}p_{n-3}, \quad \dots \quad p_1 = \frac{4}{27}p_0.$$

Therefore,

$$p_n = \left(\frac{4}{27}\right)^n p_0, \quad Sp_n = \frac{1}{9}\left(\frac{4}{27}\right)^n p_0.$$

If we take limits of the above sequences as  $n \rightarrow \infty$ , we get  $p_n \rightarrow 0$  and  $Sp_n \rightarrow 0$ . That is 0 is a fixed point of  $S$ .

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