

# Common Fixed Point Theorem in $G$ -Metric Spaces

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**Abstract** - In this paper, we prove some common fixed point theorems for pair of compatible mappings in  $G$ -metric spaces.

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## 1. Introduction.

Mustafa and Sims [5] generalized the concept of a metric space. Based on the notion of generalized metric spaces, Mustafa and Sims [4, 5, 6] and Mustafa et al. [7, 8] obtained some fixed point theorems for mappings satisfying different contractive conditions. Abbas and Rhoades [1] initiated the study of a common fixed point theory in generalized metric spaces. Saadati et al. [9] proved some fixed point results for contractive mappings in partially ordered  $G$ -metric spaces.

## 2. Basic definitions and preliminaries.

**Definition 2.1[5].** Let  $X$  be a non empty set and let  $G: X \times X \times X \rightarrow R^+$  be a function satisfying the following conditions:

- (i)  $G(x, y, z) = 0$  if  $x = y = z$ ,
- (ii)  $0 < G(x, x, y)$  for all  $x, y \in X$  with  $x \neq y$ ,
- (iii)  $G(x, x, y) \leq G(x, y, z)$  for all  $x, y, z \in X$  with  $z \neq y$ ,
- (iv)  $G(x, y, z) = G(x, z, y) = G(y, z, x) = \dots$  (symmetry in all three variables),
- (v)  $G(x, y, z) \leq G(x, a, a) + G(a, y, z)$  for all  $x, y, z, a \in X$ , (rectangle inequality).

The function  $G$  is called a generalized metric or, more specifically, a  $G$ -metric on  $X$ , and the pair  $(X, G)$  is called a  $G$ -metric space.

**Definition 1.2[5].** Let  $(X, G)$  be a  $G$ -metric space,  $\{x_n\}$  a sequence of points in  $G$ -convergent to  $x$  if  $\lim_{n \rightarrow \infty} G(x, x_n, x_m) = 0$ ; that is for each  $\varepsilon > 0$  there exists an  $N$  such that

$$G(x, x_n, x_m) < \varepsilon \text{ for all } m, n \geq N.$$

We say that  $x$  the limit of the sequence and write  $x_n \rightarrow x$  or  $\lim_{n \rightarrow \infty} x_n = x$ .

**Proposition 1.1[5].** Let  $(X, G)$  be a  $G$ -metric space. Then the following are equivalent:

- (i)  $\{x_n\}$  is  $G$ -convergent to  $x$ ,
- (ii)  $G(x_n, x_n, x) \rightarrow 0$  as  $n \rightarrow \infty$ ,
- (iii)  $G(x_n, x, x) \rightarrow 0$  as  $n \rightarrow \infty$ ,
- (iv)  $G(x_m, x_n, x) \rightarrow 0$  as  $m, n \rightarrow \infty$ ,

**Definition 1.3[5].** Let  $(X, G)$  be a  $G$ -metric space, then a sequence  $\{x_n\}$  is called  $G$ -Cauchy if for each  $\varepsilon > 0$ , there exists an  $N$  such that  $G(x_n, x_m, x_l) < \varepsilon$  for all  $n, m, l \geq N$ .

**Proposition 1.2[5].** In a  $G$ -metric space  $(X, G)$ , the following are equivalent:

- (i) The sequence  $\{x_n\}$  is  $G$ -Cauchy,
- (ii) for each  $\varepsilon > 0$  there exists an  $N$  such that  $G(x_n, x_m, x_l) < \varepsilon$  for all  $n, m, l \geq N$ ,
- (iii)  $\{x_n\}$  is a Cauchy sequence in the metric space  $(X, d_G)$ .

**Proposition 1.3[5].** Let  $(X, G)$  be a  $G$ -metric space. Then the function  $G(x, y, z)$  is jointly continuous in all three of its variables.

**Definition 1.4[5].** A  $G$ -metric space  $(X, G)$  is called a symmetric  $G$ -metric space if

$$G(x, y, y) = G(y, x, x) \text{ for all } x, y \in X.$$

**Proposition 1.4[5].** Every  $G$ -metric space  $(X, G)$  defines a metric space  $(X, d_G)$

$$(i) \quad d_G(x, y) = G(x, y, y) + G(y, x, x) \quad \text{for all } x, y \in X.$$

If  $(X, G)$  is a symmetric  $G$ -metric space, then

$$(ii) \quad d_G(x, y) = 2G(x, y, y) \text{ for all } x, y \in X.$$

However, if  $(X, G)$  is not symmetric, then it follows from the  $G$ -metric properties that

$$(iii) \quad \frac{3}{2} G(x, y, y) \leq d_G(x, y) \leq 3G(x, y, y) \text{ for all } x, y \in X.$$

**Definition 1.5[5].** A  $G$ -metric space  $(X, G)$  is said to be  $G$ -complete if every  $G$ -Cauchy sequence in  $(X, G)$  is  $G$ -convergent in  $(X, G)$ .

**Proposition 1.5[5].** A  $G$ -metric space  $(X, G)$  is  $G$ -complete if and only if  $(X, d_G)$  is a complete metric space.

**Proposition 1.6[5].** Let  $(X, G)$  be a  $G$ -metric space, then for any  $x, y, z, a \in X$  it follows that:

- (i) If  $G(x, y, z) = 0$ , then  $x = y = z$ ,
- (ii)  $G(x, y, z) \leq G(x, x, y) + G(x, x, z)$ ,
- (iii)  $G(x, y, y) \leq 2G(y, x, x)$ ,
- (iv)  $G(x, y, z) \leq G(x, a, z) + G(a, y, z)$
- (v)  $G(x, y, z) \leq \frac{2}{3} [G(x, y, a) + G(x, a, z) + G(a, y, z)]$ ,
- (vi)  $G(x, y, z) \leq G(x, a, a) + G(y, a, a) + G(z, a, a)$ ,
- (vii)  $|G(x, y, z) - G(x, y, a)| \leq \max\{G(a, z, z), G(z, a, a)\}$ ,
- (viii)  $|G(x, y, z) - G(x, y, a)| \leq G(x, a, z)$ ,
- (ix)  $|G(x, y, z) - G(y, z, z)| \leq \max\{G(x, z, z), G(z, x, x)\}$ ,
- (x)  $|G(x, y, z) - G(y, x, x)| \leq \max\{G(y, x, x), G(x, y, y)\}$ ,
- (xi)  $|G(x, y, z) - G(y, x, x)| \leq \max\{G(y, x, x), G(x, y, y)\}$ ,
- (xii)  $|G(x, y, z) - G(y, x, x)| \leq \max\{G(y, x, x), G(x, y, y)\}$ ,
- (xiii)  $|G(x, y, z) - G(y, x, x)| \leq \max\{G(y, x, x), G(x, y, y)\}$ ,
- (xiv)  $|G(x, y, z) - G(y, x, x)| \leq \max\{G(y, x, x), G(x, y, y)\}$

Jungck[2] introduced the concept of compatible mappings. Afterwards many researchers used this

concept in fixed point theory. Manro et al.[3] introduced the concept of compatible maps in  $G$ -metric space.

**Definition 1.5[3].** Let  $f$  and  $g$  are mappings from a  $G$ -metric space  $(X, G)$  into itself. The maps  $f$  and  $g$  are said to be compatible map if there exists a sequence  $\{x_n\}$  such that

$$\lim_{n \rightarrow \infty} G(fgx_n, gfx_n, gfx_n) = 0 \quad \text{or} \quad \lim_{n \rightarrow \infty} G(gfx_n, fgx_n, fgx_n) = 0$$

whenever  $\{x_n\}$  is sequence in  $X$  such that  $\lim_{n \rightarrow \infty} fx_n = \lim_{n \rightarrow \infty} gx_n = t$  for some  $t \in X$ .

### 3. Main Theorem.

**Theorem 3.1.** Let  $(X, G)$  be a complete  $G$ -metric spaces and let  $A$  and  $S$  be two self maps of a  $G$ -metric space  $(X, G)$  satisfying

$$(3.1.1) \quad A \subset S$$

$$(3.1.2) \quad G(Ax, Ay, Az) \leq a_1 G(Sx, Sy, Sz)$$

$$+ a_2 G(Sx, Ax, Sx) + a_3 G(Sx, Ay, Sz) + a_4 G(Sy, Ax, Sz),$$

where  $a_i \geq 0$  (for  $i=1, 2, 3, 4$ ) and

$$a_1 + a_2 + a_3 + a_4 < 1,$$

(3.1.3) one of  $A$  or  $S$  is continuous and pair  $(A, S)$  is compatible maps.

Then  $A$  and  $S$  have a unique common fixed point in  $X$ .

**Proof.** Let  $x_0$  be an arbitrary point in  $X$  and we can choose a sequence  $\{y_n\}$  in  $X$  such that

$$y_n = Ax_n = Sx_{n+1}, \quad n = 0, 1, 2, \dots$$

From (3.1.2), we have

$$\begin{aligned} G(Ax_n, Ax_{n+1}, Ax_{n+1}) &\leq a_1 G(Sx_n, Sx_{n+1}, Sx_{n+1}) \\ &\quad + a_2 G(Sx_n, Ax_n, Sx_n) \\ &\quad + a_3 G(Sx_n, Ax_{n+1}, Sx_{n+1}) \\ &\quad + a_4 G(Sx_{n+1}, Ax_n, Sx_{n+1}) \end{aligned}$$

$$\begin{aligned}
 &\leq a_1 G(Ax_{n-1}, Ax_n, Ax_n) \\
 &\quad + a_2 G(Ax_{n-1}, Ax_n, Ax_{n-1}) \\
 &\quad + a_3 G(Ax_{n-1}, Ax_{n+1}, Ax_n) \\
 &\quad + a_4 G(Ax_n, Ax_n, Ax_n) \\
 G(Ax_n, Ax_{n+1}, Ax_{n+1}) \\
 &\leq (a_1 + 2a_2)G(Ax_{n-1}, Ax_n, Ax_n) \\
 &\quad + a_3 G(Ax_{n-1}, Ax_n, Ax_{n+1}) \quad (3.1.4)
 \end{aligned}$$

By rectangular inequality of  $G$ -metric space

$$\begin{aligned}
 G(Ax_{n-1}, Ax_n, Ax_{n+1}) &\leq G(Ax_{n-1}, Ax_n, Ax_n) \\
 &\quad + G(Ax_n, Ax_n, Ax_{n+1}) \\
 &\leq G(Ax_{n-1}, Ax_n, Ax_n) \\
 &\quad + 2 G(Ax_n, Ax_{n+1}, Ax_{n+1}), \\
 &\quad \text{[by proposition(1.6)].}
 \end{aligned}$$

From inequality (3.1.4), we have

$$\begin{aligned}
 G(Ax_n, Ax_{n+1}, Ax_{n+1}) \\
 &\leq (a_1 + 2a_2)G(Ax_{n-1}, Ax_n, Ax_n) \\
 &\quad + a_3 \left[ \begin{array}{l} G(Ax_{n-1}, Ax_n, Ax_n) \\ + 2 G(Ax_n, Ax_{n+1}, Ax_{n+1}) \end{array} \right] \\
 G(Ax_n, Ax_{n+1}, Ax_{n+1}) \\
 &\leq \left( \frac{a_1+2a_2+a_3}{1-2a_3} \right) G(Ax_{n-1}, Ax_n, Ax_n)
 \end{aligned}$$

$$\begin{aligned}
 G(Ax_n, Ax_{n+1}, Ax_{n+1}) &\leq \delta G(Ax_{n-1}, Ax_n, Ax_n), \\
 \text{where } \delta &= \frac{a_1+2a_2+a_3}{1-2a_3} < 1.
 \end{aligned}$$

Similarly,

$$G(Ax_n, Ax_{n+1}, Ax_{n+1}) \leq \delta^n G(Ax_{n-1}, Ax_n, Ax_n).$$

So that for any  $m > n$ ,  $m, n \in N$ ,

$$\begin{aligned}
 G(y_n, y_m, y_m) &\leq G(y_n, y_{n+1}, y_{n+1}) \\
 &\quad + G(y_{n+1}, y_{n+2}, y_{n+2}) + \dots \\
 &\quad + G(y_{m-1}, y_m, y_m) \\
 &\leq (\delta^n + \delta^{n+1} + \dots + \\
 &\quad \delta^{m-1})G(y_0, y_1, y_1) \\
 &\leq \frac{\delta^n}{1-\delta} G(y_0, y_1, y_1) \rightarrow 0 \\
 &\quad \text{as } m, n \rightarrow \infty.
 \end{aligned}$$

Thus sequence  $\{y_n\}$  is a  $G$ -Cauchy sequence in  $X$  and since  $X$  is complete  $G$ -metric space, therefore sequence  $\{y_n\}$  converges to point  $u$  in  $X$  such that

$$\lim_{n \rightarrow \infty} y_n = \lim_{n \rightarrow \infty} Ax_n = \lim_{n \rightarrow \infty} Sx_{n+1} = u.$$

Since the mapping  $A$  or  $S$  is continuous, one can assume that  $A$  is continuous, therefore  $\lim_{n \rightarrow \infty} ASx_{n+1} = \lim_{n \rightarrow \infty} A Ax_n = Au$ . Further,  $A$  and  $S$  are compatible, therefore

$$\lim_{n \rightarrow \infty} G(SAx_n, ASx_n, ASx_n) = 0$$

implies that  $\lim_{n \rightarrow \infty} SAx_n = Au$ .

Consider

$$\begin{aligned}
 G(AAx_n, Ax_n, Ax_n) &\leq a_1 G(SAx_n, Sx_n, Sx_n) \\
 &\quad + a_2 G(SAx_n, A Ax_n, SAx_n) \\
 &\quad + a_3 G(SAx_n, Ax_n, Sx_n) \\
 &\quad + a_4 G(Sx_n, A Ax_n, Sx_n).
 \end{aligned}$$

Letting  $n \rightarrow \infty$ , we get

$$\begin{aligned}
 G(Au, u, u) &\leq a_1 G(Au, u, u) + a_2 G(Au, Au, Au) \\
 &\quad + a_3 G(Au, u, u) + a_4 G(u, Au, u) \\
 &\leq (a_1 + a_3 + a_4) G(Au, u, u).
 \end{aligned}$$

Implies that  $G(Au, u, u) \leq 0$  so that  $Au = u$ .

Again consider

$$\begin{aligned}
 G(SAx_n, Au, Au) &\leq G(ASx_n, Au, Au) \\
 &\leq a_1 G(SSx_n, Su, Su) \\
 &\quad + a_2 G(SSx_n, ASx_n, SSx_n)
 \end{aligned}$$

$$+a_3 G(SSx_n, Au, Su) \tag{3.1.6} G(Ax, Ay, Az)$$

$$+ a_4 G(Su, ASx_n, Su).$$

Letting  $n \rightarrow \infty$ , we get

$$G(Su, u, u) \leq a_1 G(Su, Su, Su) + a_2 G(Su, u, Su)$$

$$+ a_3 G(Su, u, Su) + a_4 G(u, u, Su)$$

$$G(Su, u, u) \leq 2a_2 G(Su, u, u) + 2a_3 G(Su, u, u)$$

$$+ a_4 G(Su, u, u)$$

$$G(Su, u, u) \leq (2a_2 + 2a_3 + a_4) G(Su, u, u).$$

Implies that  $G(Su, u, u) \leq 0$  so that  $Su = u$ .

Hence  $Au = Su = u$ . Therefore  $u$  is a common fixed point of  $A$  and  $S$ .

Suppose that  $v (\neq u)$  be another common fixed point of  $A$  and  $S$ . Then  $G(u, v, v) > 0$ .

Consider

$$G(u, v, v) = G(Au, Av, Av)$$

$$\leq a_1 G(Su, Sv, Sv) + a_2 G(Su, Au, Su)$$

$$+ a_3 G(Su, Av, Sv) + a_4 G(Sv, Au, Sv)$$

$$\leq a_1 G(u, v, v) + a_2 G(u, u, u)$$

$$+ a_3 G(u, v, v) + a_4 G(v, u, v)$$

$$\leq (a_1 + a_3 + a_4)G(u, v, v) < G(u, v, v),$$

which is a contradiction,

so that  $u = v$ .

Hence  $u$  is a unique common fixed point of  $A$  and  $S$ .

**Remark 3.1.** All the conditions of theorem 3.1 remain true, if we replace the contraction condition (3.1.2) by one of the following conditions.

$$(3.1.5) G(Ax, Ay, Az)$$

$$\leq k \max \left\{ \begin{array}{l} G(Sx, Sy, Az), G(Sx, Ax, Sx), G(Sy, Ay, Sy), \\ \frac{1}{2} [G(Sx, Ay, Sz) + G(Sy, Ax, Sz)] \end{array} \right\}$$

$$\leq k \max \left\{ \begin{array}{l} G(Sx, Sy, Az), \frac{1}{2} [G(Sx, Ax, Sx) + G(Sy, Ay, Sy)], \\ \frac{1}{2} [G(Sx, Ay, Sz) + G(Sy, Ax, Sz)] \end{array} \right\}$$

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