

COMMON FIXED POINT THEOREM
FOR FOUR WEAKLY COMPATIBLE SELFMAPS OF A COMPLETE G -METRIC SPACE

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ABSTRACT

In the present paper we prove a common fixed point theorem for four weakly compatible self maps of a complete G metric space

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1. INTRODUCTION

In an attempt to generalize fixed point theorems on a metric space, Gahler [2, 3] introduced the notion of 2-metric spaces while Dhage [1] initiated the notion of D - metric spaces. Subsequently several researchers have proved that most of their claims made are not valid. As a probable modification to D - metric spaces Shaban Sedghi, Nabi Shobe and Haiyun Zhou [5] introduced D^* metric spaces. In 2006, Zead Mustafa and Brailey Sims [7] initiated G - metric spaces. Of these two generalizations, the G -metric space evinced interest in many researchers.

The purpose of this paper is to prove a common fixed point theorem for four weakly compatible self maps of a complete G -metric space. Now we recall some basic definitions and lemmas which will be useful in our later discussion.

2. PRELIMINARIES

We begin with

Definition 2.1: ([7], Definition 3) Let X be a non-empty set and $G : X^3 \rightarrow [0, \infty)$ be a function satisfying:

- (G1) $G(x, y, z) = 0$ if $x = y = z$
- (G2) $0 < G(x, x, y)$ for all $x, y \in X$ with $x \neq y$
- (G3) $G(x, x, y) \leq G(x, y, z)$ for all $x, y, z \in X$ with $z \neq y$
- (G4) $G(x, y, z) = G(\sigma(x, y, z))$ for all $x, y, z \in X$, where $\sigma(x, y, z)$ is a permutation of the set $\{x, y, z\}$ and
- (G5) $G(x, y, z) \leq G(x, w, w) + G(w, y, z)$ for all $x, y, z, w \in X$.

Then G is called a G - metric on X and the pair (X, G) is called a G - metric Space.

Definition 2.2: ([7], Definition 4) A G -metric Space (X, G) is said to be symmetric if

- (G6) $G(x, y, y) = G(x, x, y)$ for all $x, y \in X$

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The example given below is a non-symmetric G -metric space.

Example 2.3: ([7], Example1): Let $X = \{a, b\}$. Define $G : X^3 \rightarrow [0, \infty)$ by $G(a, a, a) = G(b, b, b) = 0$; $G(a, a, b) = 1, G(a, b, b) = 2$ and extend G to all of X^3 by using (G4). Then it is easy to verify that (X, G) is a G -metric space. Since $G(a, a, b) \neq G(a, b, b)$, the space (X, G) is non-symmetric, in view of (G6).

Example 2.4: Let (X, d) be a metric space. Define $G_s^d : X^3 \rightarrow [0, \infty)$ by

$$G_s^d(x, y, z) = \frac{1}{3} [d(x, y) + d(y, z) + d(z, x)] \text{ for } x, y, z \in X. \text{ Then } (X, G_s^d) \text{ is a } G\text{-metric Space.}$$

Lemma 2.5: ([7], p.292) If (X, G) is a G -metric space then $G(x, y, y) \leq 2G(y, x, x)$ for all $x, y \in X$

Definition 2.6: Let (X, G) be a G -metric Space. A sequence $\{x_n\}$ in X is said to be G -convergent if there is a $x_0 \in X$ such that to each $\varepsilon > 0$ there is a natural number N for which $G(x_n, x_n, x_0) < \varepsilon$ for all $n \geq N$.

Lemma 2.7: ([7], Proposition 6) Let (X, G) be a G -metric Space, then for a sequence $\{x_n\} \subseteq X$ and point $x \in X$ the following are equivalent.

- (1) $\{x_n\}$ is G -convergent to x .
- (2) $d_G(x_n, x) \rightarrow 0$ as $n \rightarrow \infty$ (that is $\{x_n\}$ converges to x relative to the metric d_G)
- (3) $G(x_n, x_n, x) \rightarrow 0$ as $n \rightarrow \infty$
- (4) $G(x_n, x, x) \rightarrow 0$ as $n \rightarrow \infty$
- (5) $G(x_m, x_n, x) \rightarrow 0$ as $m, n \rightarrow \infty$

Definition 2.8: ([7], Definition 8) Let (X, G) be a G -metric space, then a sequences $\{x_n\} \subseteq X$ is said to be G -Cauchy if for each $\varepsilon > 0$, there exists a natural number N such that $G(x_n, x_m, x_l) < \varepsilon$ for all $n, m, l \geq N$.

Note that every G -convergent sequence in a G -metric space (X, G) is G -Cauchy.

Definition 2.9: ([7], Definition 9) 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) .

The notion of weakly compatible mappings as a generalization of commuting maps is introduced by Gerald Jungck [4]. We now give the definition of weakly compatibility in a G -metric space

Definition 2.10: Suppose f and g are self maps of a G -metric space (X, G) . The pair f and g is said to be weakly compatible pair if $G(fgx, gfx, gfx) \leq G(fx, gx, gx)$ for all $x \in X$,

Definition 2.11: Let (X, G) be a G -metric space and f, h, g , and p be selfmaps of X such that $f(X) \subseteq g(X)$, $h(X) \subseteq p(X)$. For any $x_0 \in X$, there is a sequence $\{x_n\}$ in X such that $fx_{2n} = gx_{2n+1}$ and $hx_{2n+1} = px_{2n+2}$ for $n \geq 0$, then the sequence $\{x_n\}$ is called an associated sequence of x_0 relative to self maps f, h, g , and p or simply an associated sequence of x_0

Definition 2.12: Let $* : \mathbb{R}^+ \times \mathbb{R}^+ \rightarrow \mathbb{R}^+$ be a binary operation satisfying the following conditions

- (i) $*$ is associative and commutative
- (ii) $*$ is continuous

Definition 2.13: ([6], Definition 1.1) The binary operation is said to satisfy α -property if there exists a positive real number α such that $a * b \leq \alpha \max \{a, b\}$ for all $a, b \in \mathbb{R}^+$

Example 2.14: (i) if $a * b = a + b$ for each $a, b \in \mathbb{R}^+$ then for $\alpha \geq 2$ we have $a * b \leq \alpha \max \{a, b\}$

Example 2.15: (ii) if $a * b = \frac{ab}{\max\{a, b, 1\}}$ for each $a, b \in \mathbb{R}^+$ then for $\alpha \geq 1$ we have $a * b \leq \alpha \max \{a, b\}$

3. MAIN RESULTS

We now state our main theorem.

Theorem 3.1: Let (X, G) be a complete G- metric space such that $*$ satisfies α - property with $\alpha > 0$. Let f, h, g and p be self maps of X satisfying the following conditions.

(3.1.1) $f(X) \subseteq g(X), h(X) \subseteq p(X)$ and $g(X)$ or $p(X)$ is a closed subset of X

(3.1.2) $G(fx, hy, hy) \leq k_1(G(px, gy, gy) * G(fx, px, px)) + k_2(G(px, gy, gy) * G(hy, gy, gy))$
 $+ k_3(G(px, gy, gy) * \frac{G(px, hy, hy) + G(fx, gy, gy)}{2})$

for all $x, y \in X$, where $k_1, k_2, k_3 > 0$ and $0 < \alpha(k_1 + k_2 + k_3) < \frac{1}{2}$

(3.1.3) the pairs (f, p) and (h, g) are weakly compatible

Then f, h, g and p have a unique common fixed point in X

Proof: Suppose f, h, g and p be self maps of X for which the condition (3.1.1) holds. Let $x_0 \in X$ then we define an associated sequence $\{y_n\}$ in X such that

(3.1.4) $y_{2n} = fx_{2n} = gx_{2n+1}$ and $y_{2n+1} = hx_{2n+1} = px_{2n+2}$ for $n \geq 0$

Now we claim that the sequence $\{y_n\}$ is Cauchy sequence

By (3.1.2) we have

$$\begin{aligned} G(y_{2n}, y_{2n+1}, y_{2n+1}) &= G(fx_{2n}, hx_{2n+1}, hx_{2n+1}) \\ &\leq k_1 (G(px_{2n}, gx_{2n+1}, gx_{2n+1}) * G(fx_{2n}, px_{2n}, px_{2n})) \\ &\quad + k_2 (G(px_{2n}, gx_{2n+1}, gx_{2n+1}) * G(hx_{2n+1}, gx_{2n+1}, gx_{2n+1})) \\ &\quad + k_3 (G(px_{2n}, gx_{2n+1}, gx_{2n+1}) * \frac{G(px_{2n}, hx_{2n+1}, hx_{2n+1}) + G(fx_{2n}, gx_{2n+1}, gx_{2n+1})}{2}) \\ &= k_1 (G(y_{2n-1}, y_{2n}, y_{2n}) * G(y_{2n}, y_{2n-1}, y_{2n-1})) \\ &\quad + k_2 (G(y_{2n-1}, y_{2n}, y_{2n}) * G(y_{2n+1}, y_{2n}, y_{2n})) \\ &\quad + k_3 (G(y_{2n-1}, y_{2n}, y_{2n}) * \frac{G(y_{2n-1}, y_{2n+1}, y_{2n+1}) + G(y_{2n}, y_{2n}, y_{2n})}{2}) \\ &\leq k_1 \alpha \max \{G(y_{2n-1}, y_{2n}, y_{2n}), G(y_{2n}, y_{2n-1}, y_{2n-1})\} \\ &\quad + k_2 \alpha \max \{G(y_{2n-1}, y_{2n}, y_{2n}), G(y_{2n+1}, y_{2n}, y_{2n})\} \\ &\quad + k_3 \alpha \max \{G(y_{2n-1}, y_{2n}, y_{2n}), \frac{G(y_{2n-1}, y_{2n+1}, y_{2n+1}) + G(y_{2n}, y_{2n}, y_{2n})}{2}\} \\ &\leq k_1 \alpha \max \{G(y_{2n-1}, y_{2n}, y_{2n}), 2G(y_{2n-1}, y_{2n}, y_{2n})\} \\ &\quad + k_2 \alpha \max \{G(y_{2n-1}, y_{2n}, y_{2n}), 2G(y_{2n}, y_{2n+1}, y_{2n+1})\} \\ &\quad + k_3 \alpha \max \{G(y_{2n-1}, y_{2n}, y_{2n}), \frac{G(y_{2n-1}, y_{2n}, y_{2n}) + G(y_{2n}, y_{2n+1}, y_{2n+1})}{2}\} \end{aligned}$$

Now if $G(y_{2n}, y_{2n+1}, y_{2n+1}) > G(y_{2n-1}, y_{2n}, y_{2n})$, we have

$$\begin{aligned} G(y_{2n}, y_{2n+1}, y_{2n+1}) &\leq 2k_1\alpha G(y_{2n-1}, y_{2n}, y_{2n}) + 2k_2G(y_{2n}, y_{2n+1}, y_{2n+1}) + k_3\alpha G(y_{2n}, y_{2n+1}, y_{2n+1}) \\ &< 2k_1\alpha G(y_{2n}, y_{2n+1}, y_{2n+1}) + 2k_2G(y_{2n}, y_{2n+1}, y_{2n+1}) + 2k_3\alpha G(y_{2n}, y_{2n+1}, y_{2n+1}) \\ &= 2\alpha(k_1 + k_2 + k_3)G(y_{2n}, y_{2n+1}, y_{2n+1}) \\ &< G(y_{2n}, y_{2n+1}, y_{2n+1}) \end{aligned}$$

Since $2\alpha(k_1 + k_2 + k_3) < 1$ which is a contradiction.

Therefore

$$(3.1.5) \quad G(y_{2n}, y_{2n+1}, y_{2n+1}) \leq G(y_{2n-1}, y_{2n}, y_{2n})$$

Similarly

$$(3.1.6) \quad G(y_{2n+1}, y_{2n+2}, y_{2n+2}) \leq G(y_{2n}, y_{2n+1}, y_{2n+1})$$

From (3.1.5) and (3.1.6) we have

$$(3.1.7) \quad G(y_n, y_{n+1}, y_{n+1}) \leq G(y_{n-1}, y_n, y_n) \text{ for } n = 0, 1, 2, \dots$$

Using (3.1.7) we get

$$\begin{aligned} G(y_n, y_{n+1}, y_{n+1}) &\leq 2\alpha(k_1 + k_2 + k_3)G(y_{n-1}, y_n, y_n) \\ &= kG(y_{n-1}, y_n, y_n) \end{aligned}$$

Where $k = 2\alpha(k_1 + k_2 + k_3) < 1$

So

$$\begin{aligned} G(y_n, y_{n+1}, y_{n+1}) &\leq kG(y_{n-1}, y_n, y_n) \\ &\leq k^2G(y_{n-2}, y_{n-1}, y_{n-1}) \\ &\dots\dots\dots \\ &\leq k^n G(y_0, y_1, y_1) \rightarrow 0 \end{aligned}$$

Since $k^n \rightarrow 0$ as $n \rightarrow \infty$

If $m > n$ then

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

Showing that the sequence $\{y_n\}$ is a Cauchy, and by the completeness of X , sequence $\{y_n\}$ converges to $z \in X$

Therefore

$$(3.1.8) \quad \lim_{n \rightarrow \infty} fx_{2n} = \lim_{n \rightarrow \infty} hx_{2n+1} = \lim_{n \rightarrow \infty} gx_{2n+1} = \lim_{n \rightarrow \infty} px_{2n+2} = z$$

If $g(X)$ is closed subset of X then there exists a $v \in X$ such that $gv = z$

If $hv \neq z$ then by (3.1.2) we get

$$\begin{aligned} (3.1.9) \quad G(fx_{2n}, hv, hv) &\leq k_1(G(px_{2n}, gv, gv) * G(fx_{2n}, px_{2n}, px_{2n})) + k_2(G(px_{2n}, gv, gv) * G(hv, gv, gv)) \\ &\quad + k_3(G(px_{2n}, gv, gv) * \frac{G(px_{2n}, hv, hv) + G(fx_{2n}, gv, gv)}{2}) \end{aligned}$$

On letting $n \rightarrow \infty$ in (3.1.9) and using (3.1.8), we get

$$G(z, hv, hv) \leq k_1 (G(z, z, z) * G(z, z, z)) + k_2 (G(z, z, z) * G(hv, z, z)) \\ + k_3 (G(z, z, z) * \frac{G(z, hv, hv) + G(z, z, z)}{2})$$

By using α -property, we get

$$G(z, hv, hv) \leq k_2 \alpha G(hv, z, z) + k_3 \alpha \frac{G(z, hv, hv)}{2} \\ < 2\alpha (k_2 + k_3) G(z, hv, hv) \\ < G(z, hv, hv)$$

Since $2\alpha(k_2 + k_3) < 1$ which is a contradiction, hence $hv = z$

Therefore

(3.1.10) $hv = gv = z$ since the pair (h, g) is weakly compatible then we have $hgv = ghv$ and so

(3.1.11) $hz = gz$

Now if $hz \neq z$ then by (3.1.2) we get

$$(3.1.12) \quad G(fx_{2n}, hz, hz) \leq k_1 (G(px_{2n}, gz, gz) * G(fx_{2n}, px_{2n}, px_{2n})) + k_2 (G(px_{2n}, gz, gz) * G(hz, gz, gz)) \\ + k_3 (G(px_{2n}, gz, gz) * \frac{G(px_{2n}, hz, hz) + G(fx_{2n}, gz, gz)}{2})$$

On letting $n \rightarrow \infty$ in (3.1.12) and using (3.1.8), (3.1.11), we get

$$G(z, hz, hz) \leq k_1 (G(z, hz, hz) * G(z, z, z)) + k_2 (G(z, hz, hz) * G(gz, gz, gz)) \\ + k_3 (G(z, hz, hz) * \frac{G(z, hz, hz) + G(z, hz, hz)}{2})$$

By α -property, we get

$$G(z, hz, hz) \leq \alpha (k_1 + k_2 + k_3) G(z, hz, hz) < G(z, hz, hz)$$

Since $\alpha(k_1 + k_2 + k_3) < 1$ which is a contradiction, hence $hz = z$

Therefore

(3.1.13) $hz = gz = z$

Since $h(X) \subseteq p(X)$ there exists $u \in X$ such that $hz = pu = z$

If $fu \neq z$ by (3.1.2) we get

$$(3.1.14) \quad G(fu, hz, hz) \leq k_1 (G(pu, gz, gz) * G(fu, pu, pu)) + k_2 (G(pu, gz, gz) * G(hz, gz, gz)) \\ + k_3 (G(pu, gz, gz) * \frac{G(pu, hz, hz) + G(fu, gz, gz)}{2}) \\ \leq k_1 (G(z, z, z) * G(fu, z, z)) + k_2 (G(z, z, z) * G(z, z, z)) \\ + k_3 (G(z, z, z) * \frac{G(z, z, z) + G(fu, z, z)}{2})$$

By α -property, we get

$$G(fu, z, z) \leq 2\alpha (k_1 + k_3) G(fu, z, z) < G(fu, z, z)$$

Since $2\alpha(k_1 + k_3) < 1$ which is a contradiction, hence $fu = z$

Therefore

$$(3.1.15) \quad fu = pu = z$$

Since the pair (f, p) is weakly compatible then $fpu = pfu$ so $fz = pz$

If $fz \neq z$ then by (3.1.2) we get

$$(3.1.16) \quad G(fz, z, z) = G(fz, fz, fz) \leq k_1 (G(fz, z, z) * G(fz, fz, fz)) + k_2 (G(fz, z, z) * G(z, z, z)) \\ + k_3 (G(fz, z, z) * \frac{G(fz, z, z) + G(fz, z, z)}{2})$$

By α -property, we get

$$G(fz, z, z) \leq \alpha (k_1 + k_2 + k_3) G(fz, z, z) < G(fz, z, z)$$

Since $\alpha(k_1 + k_2 + k_3) < \frac{1}{2}$, which is a contradiction, hence $fz = z$

Therefore $fz = gz = hz = pz = z$ Showing that z is a common fixed point for self maps f, h, g and p

The proof is similar when $p(X)$ is a closed subset of X with appropriate changes

We now prove the uniqueness of the common fixed point

If possible let w be any other common fixed point for self maps f, h, g and p

Then from the condition (3.1.2), we have

$$(3.1.17) \quad G(z, w, w) = G(fz, hw, hw) \\ \leq k_1 (G(pz, gw, gw) * G(fz, pz, pz)) \\ + k_2 (G(pz, gw, gw) * G(hw, gw, gw)) \\ + k_3 (G(pz, gw, gw) * \frac{G(pz, hw, hw) + G(fz, gz, gz)}{2}) \\ = k_1 (G(z, w, w) * G(z, z, z)) + k_2 (G(z, w, w) * G(w, w, w)) \\ + k_3 (G(z, w, w) * \frac{G(z, w, w) + G(z, z, z)}{2})$$

by using α -property, we get

$$G(z, w, w) \leq \alpha (k_1 + k_2 + k_3) G(z, w, w) < G(z, w, w)$$

Since $\alpha(k_1 + k_2 + k_3) < \frac{1}{2}$, which leads to a contradiction if $z \neq w$, hence $z = w$.

Therefore z is a unique common fixed point for self maps f, h, g and p

Corollary 3.2: Let (X, G) be a complete G- metric space. Let f, h, g and p be self maps of X satisfying the following conditions.

(3.2.1) $f(X) \subseteq g(X), h(X) \subseteq p(X)$ and $g(X)$ or $p(X)$ is a closed subset of X

$$(3.2.2) \quad G(fx, hy, hy) \leq k_1 (G(px, gy, gy) + G(fx, px, px)) + k_2 (G(px, gy, gy) + G(hy, gy, gy)) \\ + k_3 (G(px, gy, gy) + \frac{G(px, hy, hy) + G(fx, gy, gy)}{2})$$

for all $x, y \in X$, where $k_1, k_2, k_3 > 0$ and $0 < (k_1 + k_2 + k_3) < \frac{1}{4}$

(3.2.3) the pairs (f, p) and (h, g) are weakly compatible Then f, h, g and p have a unique common fixed point in X

Proof: Define $a * b = a + b$ for each $a, b \in \mathbb{R}^+$ then for $\alpha \geq 2$ we have $a * b \leq \alpha \max\{a, b\}$

Taking $\alpha = 2$ all the conditions of the Theorem (3.1) hold. Therefore f, h, g and p have a unique common fixed point in X

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