

**COMMON COUPLED FIXED POINT THEOREMS  
FOR FOUR MAPPINGS IN DISLOCATED QUASI b-METRIC SPACES**

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**ABSTRACT**

*In this paper, we prove two common coupled fixed point theorems for four mappings in dislocated quasi b-metric spaces and provide two examples to support our theorems. Our results generalize some existing results in the literature.*

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**1. INTRODUCTION**

Hitzler [7] and Hitzler and Seda [6] introduced the notion of dislocated metric spaces and generalized the celebrated Banach contraction principle in such spaces.

Zeyada *et.al* [15] initiated the concept of dislocated quasi metric spaces and generalized the results of Hitzler and Seda [6] in dislocated quasi metric spaces.

The notion of b-metric space was introduced by Czerwic [3] in connection with some problems concerning with the convergence of non measurable functions with respect to measure.

Recently Klin-eam and Suanoom [8] introduced the concept of dislocated quasi b-metric spaces and which generalize b-metric spaces [3] and quasi b-metric spaces [13] and proved some fixed point theorems in it by using cyclic contractions.

The authors [1,5,8,10,11,12,14] etc. obtained fixed, common fixed points and common coupled fixed point theorems in dislocated quasi b-metric spaces using various contraction conditions for single and two maps.

In this note, we prove two common coupled fixed point theorems for four maps in dislocated quasi b-metric spaces and we also give examples to support our theorems.

Bhaskar and Lakshmi kantham [4] developed some coupled fixed point theorems in partially ordered metric spaces. Lakshmi kantham and Ćirić [9] defined common coupled fixed points for a pair of mappings. Abbas *et al.* [2] introduced w-compatible mappings and proved some common coupled fixed point theorems in cone metric spaces.

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First we recall some known definitions and lemmas.

**Definition 1.1:** let  $X$  be a non-empty set,  $s \geq 1$  (a fixed real number) and  $d: X \times X \rightarrow [0, \infty)$  be a function. Consider the following condition on  $d$ .

- (1.1.1)  $d(x, x) = 0, \forall x \in X$
- (1.1.2)  $d(x, y) = d(y, x) = 0 \Rightarrow x = y, \forall x, y \in X$
- (1.1.3)  $d(x, y) = d(y, x), \forall x, y \in X$
- (1.1.4)  $d(x, y) \leq d(x, z) + d(z, y), \forall x, y, z \in X$
- (1.1.5)  $d(x, y) \leq s[d(x, z) + d(z, y)], \forall x, y, z \in X$
- (i) If  $d$  satisfies (1.1.2), (1.1.3) and (1.1.4) then  $d$  is called a dislocated metric and  $(X, d)$  is called a dislocated metric space.
- (ii) If  $d$  satisfies (1.1.1), (1.1.2) and (1.1.4) then  $d$  is called a quasi metric and  $(X, d)$  is called a quasi metric space.
- (iii) If  $d$  satisfies (1.1.2) and (1.1.4) then  $d$  is called a dislocated quasi metric or dq-metric and  $(X, d)$  is called a dislocated quasi metric space.
- (iv) If  $d$  satisfies (1.1.1), (1.1.2), (1.1.3) and (1.1.4) then  $d$  is called a metric and  $(X, d)$  is called a metric space.
- (v) If  $d$  satisfies (1.1.1), (1.1.2), (1.1.3) and (1.1.5) then  $d$  is called a b-metric and  $(X, d)$  is called a b-metric space.
- (vi) If  $d$  satisfies (1.1.2) and (1.1.5) then  $d$  is called a dislocated quasi b-metric and  $(X, d)$  is called a dislocated quasi b-metric space or dq b-metric space.

**Definition 1.2:** Let  $(X, d)$  be a dq b-metric space. A sequence  $\{x_n\}$  in  $(X, d)$  is said to be

- (i) dq b-convergent if there exists some point  $x \in X$  such that  $\lim_{n \rightarrow \infty} d(x_n, x) = 0 = \lim_{n \rightarrow \infty} d(x, x_n)$ . In this case  $x$  is called a dq b-limit of  $\{x_n\}$  and we write  $x_n \rightarrow x$  as  $n \rightarrow \infty$ .
- (ii) Cauchy sequence if  $\lim_{n, m \rightarrow \infty} d(x_n, x_m) = 0 = \lim_{n, m \rightarrow \infty} d(x_m, x_n)$ .

The space  $(X, d)$  is called complete if every Cauchy sequence in  $X$  is dq b-convergent.

One can prove easily the following Lemma.

**Lemma 1.3:** Let  $(X, d)$  be a dq b-metric space and  $\{x_n\}$  be dq b-convergent to  $x$  in  $X$  and  $y \in X$  be arbitrary. Then

$$\frac{1}{s} d(x, y) \leq \liminf_{n \rightarrow \infty} d(x_n, y) \leq \limsup_{n \rightarrow \infty} d(x_n, y) \leq s d(x, y)$$

$$\frac{1}{s} d(y, x) \leq \liminf_{n \rightarrow \infty} d(y, x_n) \leq \limsup_{n \rightarrow \infty} d(y, x_n) \leq s d(y, x).$$

**Definition 1.4([4]):** Let  $X$  be a non-empty set. An element  $(x, y) \in X \times X$  is called a coupled fixed point of a mapping  $F: X \times X \rightarrow X$  if  $x = F(x, y)$  and  $y = F(y, x)$ .

**Definition 1.5:** Let  $X$  be a non-empty set and  $F: X \times X \rightarrow X, f: X \rightarrow X$  be mappings.

- (i) ([9]). An element  $(x, y) \in X \times X$  is called a coupled coincidence point of  $F$  and  $f$  if  $fx = F(x, y)$  and  $fy = F(y, x)$ .
- (ii) ([9]). An element  $(x, y) \in X \times X$  is called a common coupled fixed point of  $F$  and  $f$  if  $x = fx = F(x, y)$  and  $y = fy = F(y, x)$ .
- (iii) ([2]). The pair  $(F, f)$  is called w-compatible if  $f(F(x, y)) = F(fx, fy)$  and  $f(F(y, x)) = F(fy, fx)$  whenever there exist  $x, y \in X$  with  $fx = F(x, y)$  and  $fy = F(y, x)$ .

## 2. MAIN RESULT

Before proving our main theorems, we state the following

**Definition 2.1:** For the integer  $s \geq 1$ , let  $\Phi_s$  denote the set of all functions  $\varphi: [0, \infty) \rightarrow [0, \infty)$  satisfying the following

- (i)  $\varphi$  is monotonically non-decreasing,
- (ii)  $\sum_{n=1}^{\infty} s^n \varphi^n(t) < \infty$  for all  $t > 0$ , (iii)  $\varphi(t) < t$  for  $t > 0$ .

From (i) and (iii), it is clear that  $\varphi(0) = 0$ .

**Theorem 2.2:** Let  $(X, d)$  be a complete dislocated quasi b-metric space with fixed integer  $s \geq 1$  and  $F, G: X \times X \rightarrow X$  and  $S, T: X \rightarrow X$  be continuous mappings satisfying

- (2.2.1)  $d(F(x, y), G(u, v)) \leq \varphi(\max\{d(Sx, Tu), d(Sy, Tv)\})$  for all  $x, y, u, v \in X$ , where  $\varphi \in \Phi_s$ ,
- (2.2.2)  $d(G(x, y), F(u, v)) \leq \varphi(\max\{d(Tx, Su), d(Ty, Sv)\})$  for all  $x, y, u, v \in X$ , where  $\varphi \in \Phi_s$ ,
- (2.2.3)  $F(X \times X) \subseteq T(X), G(X \times X) \subseteq S(X)$ ,
- (2.2.4)  $FS = SF$  and  $GT = TG$ .

Then  $F, G, S$  and  $T$  have a unique common coupled fixed point in  $X \times X$ .

**Proof:** Let  $(x_0, y_0) \in X \times X$ .

From (2.2.3), there exist sequences  $\{x_n\}, \{y_n\}, \{z_n\}$  and  $\{w_n\}$  in  $X$  such that

$$\begin{aligned} F(x_{2n}, y_{2n}) &= Tx_{2n+1} = z_{2n}, \\ F(y_{2n}, x_{2n}) &= Ty_{2n+1} = w_{2n}, \\ G(x_{2n+1}, y_{2n+1}) &= Sx_{2n+2} = z_{2n+1}, \\ G(y_{2n+1}, x_{2n+1}) &= Sy_{2n+2} = w_{2n+1}, n = 0, 1, 2, \dots \end{aligned}$$

**Case-(i):** Suppose  $\max \{d(z_{2n}, z_{2n-1}), d(z_{2n-1}, z_{2n}), d(w_{2n}, w_{2n-1}), d(w_{2n-1}, w_{2n})\} = 0$  for some  $n$ . Then  $z_{2n-1} = z_{2n}$  and  $w_{2n-1} = w_{2n}$  from (1.1.2). Now from (2.2.1),

$$\begin{aligned} d(z_{2n}, z_{2n+1}) &= d(F(x_{2n}, y_{2n}), G(x_{2n+1}, y_{2n+1})) \\ &\leq \varphi(\max\{d(z_{2n-1}, z_{2n}), d(w_{2n-1}, w_{2n})\}). \end{aligned} \quad (1)$$

From (2.2.2) we have

$$\begin{aligned} d(z_{2n+1}, z_{2n}) &= d(G(x_{2n+1}, y_{2n+1}), F(x_{2n}, y_{2n})) \\ &\leq \varphi(\max\{d(z_{2n}, z_{2n-1}), d(w_{2n}, w_{2n-1})\}). \end{aligned} \quad (2)$$

From (2.2.1) and (2.2.2), we have

$$\begin{aligned} d(w_{2n}, w_{2n+1}) &= d(F(y_{2n}, x_{2n}), G(y_{2n+1}, x_{2n+1})) \\ &\leq \varphi(\max\{d(w_{2n-1}, w_{2n}), d(z_{2n-1}, z_{2n})\}). \end{aligned} \quad (3)$$

and

$$\begin{aligned} d(w_{2n+1}, w_{2n}) &= d(G(y_{2n+1}, x_{2n+1}), F(y_{2n}, x_{2n})) \\ &\leq \varphi(\max\{d(w_{2n}, w_{2n-1}), d(z_{2n}, z_{2n-1})\}). \end{aligned} \quad (4)$$

Since  $\varphi$  is monotonically non-decreasing, we have

$$\begin{aligned} \max \left\{ \begin{aligned} &d(z_{2n}, z_{2n+1}), d(z_{2n+1}, z_{2n}), \\ &d(w_{2n}, w_{2n+1}), d(w_{2n+1}, w_{2n}) \end{aligned} \right\} &\leq \varphi \left( \max \left\{ \begin{aligned} &d(z_{2n-1}, z_{2n}), d(z_{2n}, z_{2n-1}), \\ &d(w_{2n-1}, w_{2n}), d(w_{2n}, w_{2n-1}) \end{aligned} \right\} \right) \\ &= \varphi(0) = 0. \end{aligned} \quad (5)$$

Thus  $z_{2n} = z_{2n+1}$  and  $w_{2n} = w_{2n+1}$  from (1.1.2).

Continuing in this way, we have  $z_{2n-1} = z_{2n} = z_{2n+1} = \dots$  and  $w_{2n-1} = w_{2n} = w_{2n+1} = \dots$

Hence  $\{z_n\}$  and  $\{w_n\}$  are constant Cauchy sequences in  $X$ .

**Case-(ii):** Suppose  $\max \{d(z_{n-1}, z_n), d(z_n, z_{n-1}), d(w_{n-1}, w_n), d(w_n, w_{n-1})\} \neq 0$  for  $n=1, 2, 3, \dots$ . As in

Case(i), we have from (5) that

$$\max \left\{ \begin{aligned} &d(z_{2n}, z_{2n+1}), d(z_{2n+1}, z_{2n}), \\ &d(w_{2n}, w_{2n+1}), d(w_{2n+1}, w_{2n}) \end{aligned} \right\} \leq \varphi \left( \max \left\{ \begin{aligned} &d(z_{2n-1}, z_{2n}), d(z_{2n}, z_{2n-1}), \\ &d(w_{2n-1}, w_{2n}), d(w_{2n}, w_{2n-1}) \end{aligned} \right\} \right)$$

This is true for  $n=1, 2, 3, \dots$

Hence using the monotonically non-decreasing property of  $\varphi$ , we get

$$\begin{aligned} \max \left\{ \begin{aligned} &d(z_n, z_{n+1}), d(z_{n+1}, z_n), \\ &d(w_n, w_{n+1}), d(w_{n+1}, w_n) \end{aligned} \right\} &\leq \varphi \left( \max \left\{ \begin{aligned} &d(z_{n-1}, z_n), d(z_n, z_{n-1}), \\ &d(w_{n-1}, w_n), d(w_n, w_{n-1}) \end{aligned} \right\} \right) \\ &\leq \varphi^2 \left( \max \left\{ \begin{aligned} &d(z_{n-2}, z_{n-1}), d(z_{n-1}, z_{n-2}), \\ &d(w_{n-2}, w_{n-1}), d(w_{n-1}, w_{n-2}) \end{aligned} \right\} \right) \\ &\dots \dots \dots \\ &\leq \varphi^n \left( \max \left\{ \begin{aligned} &d(z_0, z_1), d(z_1, z_0), \\ &d(w_0, w_1), d(w_1, w_0) \end{aligned} \right\} \right) \end{aligned} \quad (6)$$

Now for all positive integers  $n$  and  $p$ , consider, using (6),

$$\begin{aligned} d(z_n, z_{n+p}) &\leq s d(z_n, z_{n+1}) + s^2 d(z_{n+1}, z_{n+2}) + \dots + s^p d(z_{n+p-1}, z_{n+p}) \\ &\leq s \varphi^n(t) + s^2 \varphi^{n+1}(t) + \dots + s^p \varphi^{n+p-1}(t), \text{ where } t = \max \left\{ \begin{aligned} &d(z_0, z_1), d(z_1, z_0), \\ &d(w_0, w_1), d(w_1, w_0) \end{aligned} \right\} \\ &\leq s^n \varphi^n(t) + s^{n+1} \varphi^{n+1}(t) + \dots + s^{n+p-1} \varphi^{n+p-1}(t), \text{ since } s \geq 1 \\ &= \sum_{i=n}^{n+p-1} s^i \varphi^i(t) \leq \sum_{i=n}^{\infty} s^i \varphi^i(t). \end{aligned}$$

Since  $\sum_{i=1}^{\infty} s^i \varphi^i(t)$  converges for all  $t > 0$ , its remainder after  $n$  terms tends to zero as  $n \rightarrow \infty$ .

Hence, we have  $\lim_{n \rightarrow \infty} d(z_n, z_{n+p}) = 0$ . Also using (6), we have

$$\begin{aligned} d(z_{n+p}, z_n) &\leq s d(z_{n+p}, z_{n+1}) + s d(z_{n+1}, z_n) \\ &\leq s^2 d(z_{n+p}, z_{n+2}) + s^2 d(z_{n+2}, z_{n+1}) + s d(z_{n+1}, z_n) \\ &\leq s^3 d(z_{n+p}, z_{n+3}) + s^3 d(z_{n+3}, z_{n+2}) + s^2 d(z_{n+2}, z_{n+1}) + s d(z_{n+1}, z_n) \\ &\dots \dots \dots \\ &\leq s^{p-1} d(z_{n+p}, z_{n+p-1}) + s^{p-1} d(z_{n+p-1}, z_{n+p-2}) + \dots + s^2 d(z_{n+2}, z_{n+1}) + s d(z_{n+1}, z_n) \\ &\leq s^{p-1} \varphi^{n+p-1}(t) + s^{p-1} \varphi^{n+p-2}(t) + \dots + s^2 \varphi^{n+1}(t) + s \varphi^n(t), \text{ where } t \text{ is as in above} \\ &\leq s^{n+p-1} \varphi^{n+p-1}(t) + s^{n+p-2} \varphi^{n+p-2}(t) + \dots + s^{n+1} \varphi^{n+1}(t) + s^n \varphi^n(t), \text{ since } s \geq 1 \\ &= \sum_{i=n}^{n+p-1} s^i \varphi^i(t) \leq \sum_{i=n}^{\infty} s^i \varphi^i(t). \end{aligned}$$

As in above, we have  $\lim_{n \rightarrow \infty} d(z_{n+p}, z_n) = 0$ .

Similarly we can show that  $\lim_{n \rightarrow \infty} d(w_n, w_{n+p}) = 0$  and  $\lim_{n \rightarrow \infty} d(w_{n+p}, w_n) = 0$ .

Thus  $\{z_n\}$  and  $\{w_n\}$  are Cauchy sequences in  $X$ .

Since  $X$  is a complete dislocated quasi b- metric space, there exist  $z, w \in X$  such that  $\{z_n\}$  converges to  $z$  and  $\{w_n\}$  converges to  $w$ .

Since  $SF = FS$  and  $S$  and  $F$  are continuous, we have

$$\begin{aligned} Sz &= \lim_{n \rightarrow \infty} S(z_{2n}) = \lim_{n \rightarrow \infty} S(F(x_{2n}, y_{2n})) = \lim_{n \rightarrow \infty} F(Sx_{2n}, Sy_{2n}) = \lim_{n \rightarrow \infty} F(z_{2n-1}, w_{2n-1}) \\ &= F(\lim_{n \rightarrow \infty} z_{2n-1}, \lim_{n \rightarrow \infty} w_{2n-1}) = F(z, w). \end{aligned}$$

Similarly we have  $Sw = F(w, z)$ .

Since  $TG = GT$  and  $T$  and  $G$  are continuous, we have

$$\begin{aligned} Tz &= \lim_{n \rightarrow \infty} T(G(x_{2n+1}, y_{2n+1})) = \lim_{n \rightarrow \infty} G(Tx_{2n+1}, Ty_{2n+1}) = \lim_{n \rightarrow \infty} G(z_{2n}, w_{2n}) \\ &= G(\lim_{n \rightarrow \infty} z_{2n}, \lim_{n \rightarrow \infty} w_{2n}) = G(z, w). \end{aligned}$$

Similarly we have  $Tw = G(w, z)$ .

$$\begin{aligned} d(Sz, Tz) &= d(F(z, w), G(z, w)) \leq \varphi(\max\{d(Sz, Tz), d(Sw, Tw)\}) \text{ from (2.2.1)} \\ d(Sw, Tw) &= d(F(w, z), G(w, z)) \leq \varphi(\max\{d(Sz, Tz), d(Sw, Tw)\}) \text{ from (2.2.1)} \end{aligned}$$

Thus we have  $\max\{d(Sz, Tz), d(Sw, Tw)\} \leq \varphi(\max\{d(Sz, Tz), d(Sw, Tw)\})$ ,

which in turn yields that  $d(Sz, Tz) = 0 = d(Sw, Tw)$ , since  $\varphi(t) < t$  for all  $t > 0$ .

Similarly using (2.2.2), we can show that

$$d(Tz, Sz) = 0 = d(Tw, Sw).$$

Hence by (1.1.2), we have  $Sz = Tz$  and  $Sw = Tw$ .

Let  $\alpha = Sz = Tz$  and  $\beta = Sw = Tw$ .

Then  $S\alpha = S^2z = S(F(z, w)) = F(Sz, Sw) = F(\alpha, \beta)$ ,

$$S\beta = S^2w = S(F(w, z)) = F(Sw, Sz) = F(\beta, \alpha),$$

$$T\alpha = T^2z = T(G(z, w)) = G(Tz, Tw) = G(\alpha, \beta),$$

$$T\beta = T^2w = T(G(w, z)) = G(Tw, Tz) = G(\beta, \alpha).$$

Now using (2.2.1) and (2.2.2), we have

$$\begin{aligned} d(S\alpha, \alpha) &= d(F(\alpha, \beta), Tz) = d(F(\alpha, \beta), G(z, w)) \leq \varphi(\max\{d(S\alpha, \alpha), d(S\beta, \beta)\}) , \\ d(\alpha, S\alpha) &= d(Tz, F(\alpha, \beta)) = d(G(z, w), F(\alpha, \beta)) \leq \varphi(\max\{d(\alpha, S\alpha), d(\beta, S\beta)\}) , \\ d(S\beta, \beta) &= d(F(\beta, \alpha), Tw) = d(F(\beta, \alpha), G(w, z)) \leq \varphi(\max\{d(S\beta, \beta), d(S\alpha, \alpha)\}) , \\ d(\beta, S\beta) &= d(Tw, F(\beta, \alpha)) = d(G(w, z), F(\beta, \alpha)) \leq \varphi(\max\{d(\alpha, S\alpha), d(\beta, S\beta)\}). \end{aligned}$$

Since  $\varphi$  is monotonically non-decreasing, we have

$$\max\{d(S\alpha, \alpha), d(\alpha, S\alpha), d(S\beta, \beta), d(\beta, S\beta)\} \leq \varphi(\max\{d(S\alpha, \alpha), d(\alpha, S\alpha), d(S\beta, \beta), d(\beta, S\beta)\})$$

which in turn yields that  $S\alpha = \alpha$  and  $S\beta = \beta$ , since  $\varphi(t) < t$  for  $t > 0$  and from (1.1.2).

Similarly we can show that  $T\alpha = \alpha$  and  $T\beta = \beta$ .

Thus  $F(\alpha, \beta) = S\alpha = \alpha = T\alpha = G(\alpha, \beta)$  and  $F(\beta, \alpha) = S\beta = \beta = T\beta = G(\beta, \alpha)$ .

Hence  $(\alpha, \beta)$  is a common coupled fixed point of F, G, S and T.

### UNIQUENESS:

Let  $(p, q)$  be another common coupled fixed point of F, G, S and T. Then  $F(p, q) = Sp = p = Tp = G(p, q)$  and  $F(q, p) = Sq = q = Tq = G(q, p)$ .

Consider  $d(\alpha, p) = d(F(\alpha, \beta), G(p, q)) \leq \varphi(\max\{d(\alpha, p), d(\beta, q)\})$  from (2.2.1),  
 $d(p, \alpha) = d(G(p, q), F(\alpha, \beta)) \leq \varphi(\max\{d(p, \alpha), d(q, \beta)\})$  from (2.2.2),  
 $d(\beta, q) = d(F(\beta, \alpha), G(q, p)) \leq \varphi(\max\{d(\alpha, p), d(\beta, q)\})$  from (2.2.1),  
 $d(q, \beta) = d(G(q, p), F(\beta, \alpha)) \leq \varphi(\max\{d(p, \alpha), d(q, \beta)\})$  from (2.2.2).

Since  $\varphi$  is monotonically non-decreasing, we have

$$\max\{d(\alpha, p), d(p, \alpha), d(\beta, q), d(q, \beta)\} \leq \varphi(\max\{d(\alpha, p), d(p, \alpha), d(\beta, q), d(q, \beta)\})$$

which in turn yields that  $\alpha = p$  and  $\beta = q$ , since  $\varphi(t) < t$  for  $t > 0$  and from (1.1.2).

Thus  $(\alpha, \beta)$  is the unique common coupled fixed point of F, G, S and T.

**Example 2.3:** Let  $X = [0, 1]$  and  $d(x, y) = |x - y|^2 + |x|$ . Let  $F, G : X \times X \rightarrow X$  and  $S, T : X \rightarrow X$  be defined by  $F(x, y) = \frac{x+y}{64}, Sx = \frac{x}{2}, G(x, y) = \frac{x+y}{96}, Tx = \frac{x}{3}$ . Let  $\varphi : [0, \infty) \rightarrow [0, \infty)$  be defined by  $\varphi(t) = \frac{t}{4}$ .

(i) Clearly  $d(x, y) = d(y, x) = 0 \Rightarrow x = y$

(ii)  $d(x, y) = |x - y|^2 + |x| = |x - z + z - y|^2 + |x|$   
 $\leq 2[|x - z|^2 + |z - y|^2] + |x|$   
 $\leq 2[|x - z|^2 + |x| + |z - y|^2 + |z|]$   
 $= s[d(x, z) + d(z, y)]$ , where  $s = 2$ .

$$\begin{aligned} d(F(x, y), G(u, v)) &= d\left(\frac{x+y}{64}, \frac{u+v}{96}\right) = \left|\frac{x+y}{64} - \frac{u+v}{96}\right|^2 + \left|\frac{x+y}{64}\right| \\ &= \left|\frac{3x-2u+3y-2v}{6 \times 32}\right|^2 + \frac{x}{64} + \frac{y}{64} \\ &\leq \frac{1}{36 \times 32 \times 32} 2[|3x-2u|^2 + |3y-2v|^2] + \frac{x}{64} + \frac{y}{64} \\ &= \frac{1}{16 \times 32} \left[\left|\frac{x}{2} - \frac{u}{3}\right|^2 + \left|\frac{y}{2} - \frac{v}{3}\right|^2\right] + \frac{x}{64} + \frac{y}{64} \\ &= \frac{1}{32} \left[\frac{1}{16} \left|\frac{x}{2} - \frac{u}{3}\right|^2 + \frac{1}{16} \left|\frac{y}{2} - \frac{v}{3}\right|^2 + \frac{x}{2} + \frac{y}{2}\right] \\ &\leq \frac{1}{32} \left[\left|\frac{x}{2} - \frac{u}{3}\right|^2 + \left|\frac{y}{2} - \frac{v}{3}\right|^2 + \frac{x}{2} + \frac{y}{2}\right] \\ &= \frac{1}{32} [d(Sx, Tu) + d(Sy, Tv)] \\ &\leq \frac{1}{16} \max\{d(Sx, Tu), d(Sy, Tv)\} \\ &\leq \frac{1}{4} \max\{d(Sx, Tu), d(Sy, Tv)\} \\ &= \varphi(\max\{d(Sx, Tu), d(Sy, Tv)\}), \text{ since } \varphi(t) = \frac{t}{4}. \end{aligned}$$

Similarly we can show that  $d(G(x, y), F(u, v)) \leq \varphi(\max\{d(Tx, Su), d(Ty, Sv)\})$ .

Also it is clear that F, G, S and T are continuous,  $FS = SF$ ,  $GT = TG$  and  $F(X \times X) \subseteq T(X)$ ,  $G(X \times X) \subseteq S(X)$ . Thus all conditions of Theorem 2.2 are satisfied. Clearly  $(0, 0)$  is the unique common coupled fixed point of F, G, S and T in  $X \times X$ .

Now replacing the completeness of X, continuities of F, G, S and T and commutativity of pairs (F, S) and (G, T) by w-compatible pairs (F, S) and (G, T) and completeness of one of  $S(X)$  and  $T(X)$ , we prove a unique common coupled fixed point theorem. In fact, we prove the following theorem.

**Theorem 2.4:** Let  $(X, d)$  be a dislocated quasi b- metric space with fixed integer  $s \geq 1$  and  $F, G: X \times X \rightarrow X$  and  $S, T: X \rightarrow X$  be mappings satisfying

$$(2.4.1) \quad d(F(x, y), G(u, v)) \leq \varphi \left( \frac{1}{2s^2} \max\{d(Sx, Tu), d(Sy, Tv)\} \right) \text{ for all } x, y, u, v \in X, \text{ where } \varphi \in \Phi_s \text{ and } \varphi \text{ is continuous,}$$

$$(2.4.2) \quad d(G(x, y), F(u, v)) \leq \varphi \left( \frac{1}{2s^2} \max\{d(Tx, Su), d(Ty, Sv)\} \right) \text{ for all } x, y, u, v \in X, \text{ where } \varphi \in \Phi_s \text{ and } \varphi \text{ is continuous,}$$

$$(2.4.3) \quad F(X \times X) \subseteq T(X), G(X \times X) \subseteq S(X),$$

$$(2.4.4) \quad \text{one of } S(X) \text{ and } T(X) \text{ is a complete sub space of } X,$$

$$(2.4.5) \quad \text{the pairs } (F, S) \text{ and } (G, T) \text{ are w-compatible.}$$

Then  $F, G, S$  and  $T$  have a unique common coupled fixed point in  $X \times X$ .

**Proof:** As in proof of Theorem (2.2), for  $x_0, y_0 \in X$ , the sequences  $\{z_n\}$  and  $\{w_n\}$  are Cauchy in  $X$ .

Suppose  $S(X)$  is a complete sub space of  $X$ .

Since  $z_{2n+1} = Sx_{2n+2} \subseteq S(X)$ , there exist  $z, u \in X$  such that  $z_{2n+1} \rightarrow z = Su$  and since  $w_{2n+1} = Sy_{2n+2} \subseteq S(X)$ , there exist  $w, v \in X$  such that  $w_{2n+1} \rightarrow w = Sv$ . Hence clearly  $z_{2n} \rightarrow z$  and  $w_{2n} \rightarrow w$ .

By Lemma 1.3, we have

$$\begin{aligned} \frac{1}{s} d(F(u, v), z) &\leq \lim_{n \rightarrow \infty} \inf d(F(u, v), G(x_{2n+1}, y_{2n+1})) \\ &\leq \lim_{n \rightarrow \infty} \inf \varphi \left( \frac{1}{2s^2} \max\{d(Su, Tx_{2n+1}), d(Sv, Ty_{2n+1})\} \right), \text{ from (2.4.1)} \\ &= \lim_{n \rightarrow \infty} \inf \varphi \left( \frac{1}{2s^2} \max\{d(z, z_{2n}), d(w, w_{2n})\} \right) \\ &= \varphi(0), \text{ since } \varphi \text{ is continuous, } z_{2n} \rightarrow z \text{ and } w_{2n} \rightarrow w. \\ &= 0 \end{aligned}$$

Thus  $d(F(u, v), z) = 0$ .

Also by Lemma 1.3 and (2.4.2), we can prove that  $d(z, F(u, v)) = 0$ .

Hence  $Su = z = F(u, v)$ . Similarly we can show that  $Sv = w = F(v, u)$ .

Thus  $(u, v)$  is a coupled coincidence point of  $S$  and  $F$ .

Since the pair  $(F, S)$  is w-compatible, we have

$$\begin{aligned} Sz &= S(Su) = S(F(u, v)) = F(Su, Sv) = F(z, w) \text{ and} \\ Sw &= S(Sv) = S(F(v, u)) = F(Sv, Su) = F(w, z). \end{aligned}$$

Now using Lemma 1.3, (2.4.1) and monotonically non-decreasing property of  $\varphi$ , we have

$$\begin{aligned} \frac{1}{s} d(Sz, z) &= \frac{1}{s} d(F(z, w), z) \leq \lim_{n \rightarrow \infty} \inf d(F(z, w), G(x_{2n+1}, y_{2n+1})) \\ &\leq \lim_{n \rightarrow \infty} \inf \varphi \left( \frac{1}{2s^2} \max\{d(Sz, z_{2n}), d(Sw, w_{2n})\} \right) \\ &\leq \varphi \left( \frac{1}{2s^2} \max\{s d(Sz, z), s d(Sw, w)\} \right) \\ &\leq \varphi \left( \frac{1}{s} \max\{d(Sz, z), d(Sw, w)\} \right). \end{aligned}$$

Similarly, we have

$$\begin{aligned} \frac{1}{s} d(z, Sz) &= \frac{1}{s} d(z, F(z, w)) \leq \lim_{n \rightarrow \infty} \inf d(G(x_{2n+1}, y_{2n+1}), F(z, w)) \\ &\leq \lim_{n \rightarrow \infty} \inf \varphi \left( \frac{1}{2s^2} \max\{d(z_{2n}, Sz), d(w_{2n}, Sw)\} \right) \\ &\leq \varphi \left( \frac{1}{2s^2} \max\{s d(z, Sz), s d(w, Sw)\} \right) \\ &\leq \varphi \left( \frac{1}{s} \max\{d(z, Sz), d(w, Sw)\} \right), \end{aligned}$$

$$\begin{aligned} \frac{1}{s} d(w, Sw) &= \frac{1}{s} d(w, F(w, z)) \leq \lim_{n \rightarrow \infty} \inf d(G(y_{2n+1}, x_{2n+1}), F(w, z)) \\ &\leq \lim_{n \rightarrow \infty} \inf \varphi \left( \frac{1}{2s^2} \max\{d(w_{2n}, Sw), d(z_{2n}, Sz)\} \right) \\ &\leq \varphi \left( \frac{1}{2s^2} \max\{s d(w, Sw), s d(z, Sz)\} \right) \\ &\leq \varphi \left( \frac{1}{s} \max\{d(z, Sz), d(w, Sw)\} \right), \end{aligned}$$

$$\begin{aligned} \frac{1}{s} d(Sw, w) &= \frac{1}{s} d(F(w, z), w) \leq \lim_{n \rightarrow \infty} \inf d(F(w, z), G(y_{2n+1}, x_{2n+1})) \\ &\leq \lim_{n \rightarrow \infty} \inf \varphi \left( \frac{1}{2s^2} \max\{d(Sw, w_{2n}), d(Sz, z_{2n})\} \right) \\ &\leq \varphi \left( \frac{1}{2s^2} \max\{s d(Sw, w), s d(Sz, z)\} \right) \\ &\leq \varphi \left( \frac{1}{s} \max\{d(Sw, w), d(Sz, z)\} \right). \end{aligned}$$

Since  $\varphi$  is monotonically non decreasing, we have

$$\frac{1}{s} \max\{d(Sz, z), d(z, Sz), d(Sw, w), d(w, Sw)\} \leq \varphi \left( \frac{1}{s} \max\{d(Sz, z), d(z, Sz), d(Sw, w), d(w, Sw)\} \right)$$

Since  $\varphi(t) < t$  for all  $t > 0$ , we have

$$\max\{d(Sz, z), d(z, Sz), d(Sw, w), d(w, Sw)\} = 0 \text{ which in turn yields that } Sz = z, Sw = w.$$

Thus  $z = Sz = F(z, w)$  and  $w = Sw = F(w, z)$ .

(1)

Since  $F(X \times X) \subseteq T(X)$ , there exist  $\alpha, \beta$  in  $X$  such that

$$T\alpha = F(z, w) = Sz = z \text{ and } T\beta = F(w, z) = Sw = w.$$

Since  $\varphi$  is monotonically non decreasing and  $s \geq 1$ , we have

$$\begin{aligned} d(T\alpha, G(\alpha, \beta)) &= d(F(z, w), G(\alpha, \beta)) \\ &\leq \varphi \left( \frac{1}{2s^2} \max\{d(Sz, T\alpha), d(Sw, T\beta)\} \right) \\ &\leq \varphi \left( \frac{1}{2s^2} \max \left\{ s d(T\alpha, G(\alpha, \beta)) + s d(G(\alpha, \beta), T\alpha), \right. \right. \\ &\quad \left. \left. s d(T\beta, G(\beta, \alpha)) + s d(G(\beta, \alpha), T\beta) \right\} \right) \\ &\leq \varphi(\max\{d(T\alpha, G(\alpha, \beta)), d(G(\alpha, \beta), T\alpha), d(T\beta, G(\beta, \alpha)), d(G(\beta, \alpha), T\beta)\}), \end{aligned}$$

$$\begin{aligned} d(G(\alpha, \beta), T\alpha) &= d(G(\alpha, \beta), F(z, w)) \\ &\leq \varphi \left( \frac{1}{2s^2} \max\{d(T\alpha, Sz), d(T\beta, Sw)\} \right) \\ &\leq \varphi \left( \frac{1}{2s^2} \max \left\{ s d(T\alpha, G(\alpha, \beta)) + s d(G(\alpha, \beta), T\alpha), \right. \right. \\ &\quad \left. \left. s d(T\beta, G(\beta, \alpha)) + s d(G(\beta, \alpha), T\beta) \right\} \right) \\ &\leq \varphi(\max\{d(T\alpha, G(\alpha, \beta)), d(G(\alpha, \beta), T\alpha), d(T\beta, G(\beta, \alpha)), d(G(\beta, \alpha), T\beta)\}), \end{aligned}$$

$$\begin{aligned} d(T\beta, G(\beta, \alpha)) &= d(F(w, z), G(\beta, \alpha)) \\ &\leq \varphi \left( \frac{1}{2s^2} \max\{d(Sw, T\beta), d(Sz, T\alpha)\} \right) \\ &\leq \varphi \left( \frac{1}{2s^2} \max \left\{ s d(T\beta, G(\beta, \alpha)) + s d(G(\beta, \alpha), T\beta), \right. \right. \\ &\quad \left. \left. s d(T\alpha, G(\alpha, \beta)) + s d(G(\alpha, \beta), T\alpha) \right\} \right) \\ &\leq \varphi(\max\{d(T\beta, G(\beta, \alpha)), d(G(\beta, \alpha), T\beta), d(T\alpha, G(\alpha, \beta)), d(G(\alpha, \beta), T\alpha)\}), \end{aligned}$$

$$\begin{aligned} d(G(\beta, \alpha), T\beta) &= d(G(\beta, \alpha), F(w, z)) \\ &\leq \varphi \left( \frac{1}{2s^2} \max\{d(T\beta, Sw), d(T\alpha, Sz)\} \right) \\ &\leq \varphi \left( \frac{1}{2s^2} \max \left\{ s d(T\beta, G(\beta, \alpha)) + s d(G(\beta, \alpha), T\beta), \right. \right. \\ &\quad \left. \left. s d(T\alpha, G(\alpha, \beta)) + s d(G(\alpha, \beta), T\alpha) \right\} \right) \\ &\leq \varphi(\max\{d(T\alpha, G(\alpha, \beta)), d(G(\alpha, \beta), T\alpha), d(T\beta, G(\beta, \alpha)), d(G(\beta, \alpha), T\beta)\}). \end{aligned}$$

Thus we have

$$\max \left\{ \begin{aligned} &d(T\alpha, G(\alpha, \beta)), d(G(\alpha, \beta), T\alpha), \\ &d(T\beta, G(\beta, \alpha)), d(G(\beta, \alpha), T\beta) \end{aligned} \right\} \leq \varphi \left( \max \left\{ \begin{aligned} &d(T\alpha, G(\alpha, \beta)), d(G(\alpha, \beta), T\alpha), \\ &d(T\beta, G(\beta, \alpha)), d(G(\beta, \alpha), T\beta) \end{aligned} \right\} \right)$$

which in turn yields that  $T\alpha = G(\alpha, \beta)$  and  $T\beta = G(\beta, \alpha)$ . Since the pair  $(G, T)$  is w-compatible, we have

$$Tz = T(T\alpha) = T(G(\alpha, \beta)) = G(T\alpha, T\beta) = G(z, w) \text{ and}$$

$$Tw = T(T\beta) = T(G(\beta, \alpha)) = G(T\beta, T\alpha) = G(w, z).$$

Now we have

$$\begin{aligned} d(z, G(z, w)) &= d(F(z, w), G(z, w)) \\ &\leq \varphi \left( \frac{1}{2s^2} \max\{d(Sz, Tz), d(Sw, Tw)\} \right) \\ &= \varphi \left( \frac{1}{2s^2} \max\{d(z, G(z, w)), d(w, G(w, z))\} \right) \\ &\leq \varphi(\max\{d(z, G(z, w)), d(w, G(w, z))\}), \end{aligned}$$

$$\begin{aligned} d(G(z, w), z) &= d(G(z, w), F(z, w)) \\ &\leq \varphi \left( \frac{1}{2s^2} \max\{d(Tz, Sz), d(Tw, Sw)\} \right) \\ &= \varphi \left( \frac{1}{2s^2} \max\{d(G(z, w), z), d(G(w, z), w)\} \right) \\ &\leq \varphi (\max\{d(G(z, w), z), d(G(w, z), w)\}), \end{aligned}$$

$$\begin{aligned} d(w, G(w, z)) &= d(F(w, z), G(w, z)) \\ &\leq \varphi \left( \frac{1}{2s^2} \max\{d(Sw, Tw), d(Sz, Tz)\} \right) \\ &= \varphi \left( \frac{1}{2s^2} \max\{d(w, G(w, z)), d(z, G(z, w))\} \right) \\ &\leq \varphi (\max\{d(w, G(w, z)), d(z, G(z, w))\}), \end{aligned}$$

$$\begin{aligned} d(G(w, z), w) &= d(G(w, z), F(w, z)) \\ &\leq \varphi \left( \frac{1}{2s^2} \max\{d(Tw, Sw), d(Tz, Sz)\} \right) \\ &= \varphi \left( \frac{1}{2s^2} \max\{d(G(w, z), w), d(G(z, w), z)\} \right) \\ &\leq \varphi (\max\{d(G(w, z), w), d(G(z, w), z)\}). \end{aligned}$$

Thus we have

$$\max \left\{ \begin{aligned} &d(z, G(z, w)), d(G(z, w), z), \\ &d(w, G(w, z)), d(G(w, z), w) \end{aligned} \right\} \leq \varphi \left( \max \left\{ \begin{aligned} &d(z, G(z, w)), d(G(z, w), z), \\ &d(w, G(w, z)), d(G(w, z), w) \end{aligned} \right\} \right)$$

which in turn yields that  $z = G(z, w)$  and  $w = G(w, z)$ .

Thus  $z = G(z, w) = Tz$ , and  $w = G(w, z) = Tw$ .

(2)

From (1) and (2),  $(z, w)$  is a common coupled fixed point of  $F, G, S$  and  $T$ . Uniqueness of common coupled fixed point of  $F, G, S$  and  $T$  follows as in Theorem 2.2.

Now we give an example to illustrate Theorem 2.4.

**Example 2.6:** Let  $X = [0, 1]$  and define  $d(x, y) = |x - y|^2 + |x|$ . Let  $F, G : X \times X \rightarrow X$  and  $S, T : X \rightarrow X$  be defined by  $F(x, y) = \frac{x^2 + y^2}{128}$ ,  $G(x, y) = \frac{x^2 + y^2}{256}$ ,  $Sx = \frac{x^2}{2}$ ,  $Tx = \frac{x^2}{4}$ . Let  $\varphi : [0, \infty) \rightarrow [0, \infty)$  be defined by  $\varphi(t) = \frac{t}{4}$ . As in Example 2.3,  $d$  is a dislocated quasi b-metric with  $s = 2$ .

Consider

$$\begin{aligned} d(F(x, y), G(u, v)) &= d\left(\frac{x^2 + y^2}{128}, \frac{u^2 + v^2}{256}\right) = \left|\frac{x^2 + y^2}{128} - \frac{u^2 + v^2}{256}\right|^2 + \frac{x^2 + y^2}{128} \\ &= \frac{|2x^2 + 2y^2 - u^2 - v^2|^2}{256 \times 256} + \frac{x^2}{128} + \frac{y^2}{128} \\ &\leq \frac{2[|2x^2 - u^2|^2 + |2y^2 - v^2|^2]}{256 \times 256} + \frac{x^2}{128} + \frac{y^2}{128} \\ &= \left\{ \frac{16}{128 \times 256} \left[ \left| \frac{x^2}{2} - \frac{u^2}{4} \right|^2 + \left| \frac{y^2}{2} - \frac{v^2}{4} \right|^2 \right] \right\} + \frac{x^2}{128} + \frac{y^2}{128} \\ &= \left\{ \frac{1}{128 \times 16} \left[ \left| \frac{x^2}{2} - \frac{u^2}{4} \right|^2 + \left| \frac{y^2}{2} - \frac{v^2}{4} \right|^2 \right] \right\} + \frac{x^2}{128} + \frac{y^2}{128} \\ &= \frac{1}{64} \left[ \frac{1}{32} \left| \frac{x^2}{2} - \frac{u^2}{4} \right|^2 + \frac{1}{32} \left| \frac{y^2}{2} - \frac{v^2}{4} \right|^2 + \frac{x^2}{2} + \frac{y^2}{2} \right] \\ &\leq \frac{1}{64} \left[ \left| \frac{x^2}{2} - \frac{u^2}{4} \right|^2 + \frac{x^2}{2} + \left| \frac{y^2}{2} - \frac{v^2}{4} \right|^2 + \frac{y^2}{2} \right] \\ &= \frac{1}{64} [d(Sx, Tu) + d(Sy, Tv)] \\ &\leq \frac{1}{32} \max\{d(Sx, Tu), d(Sy, Tv)\} \\ &= \frac{1}{4} \cdot \frac{1}{2s^2} \max\{d(Sx, Tu), d(Sy, Tv)\}, \text{ since } s = 2 \\ &= \varphi \left( \frac{1}{2s^2} \max\{d(Sx, Tu), d(Sy, Tv)\} \right), \text{ since } \varphi(t) = \frac{t}{4}. \end{aligned}$$

Similarly we can show that  $d(G(x, y), F(u, v)) \leq \varphi \left( \frac{1}{2s^2} \max\{d(Tx, Su), d(Ty, Sv)\} \right)$ .

Also it is clear that  $S(X)$  and  $T(X)$  are complete subspaces of  $X$ , the pairs  $(F, S)$  and  $(G, T)$  are  $w$ -compatible and  $F(X \times X) \subseteq T(X)$ ,  $G(X \times X) \subseteq S(X)$ . Thus all conditions of Theorem 2.4 are satisfied.

Clearly  $(0, 0)$  is the unique common coupled fixed point of  $F, G, S$  and  $T$  in  $X \times X$ .

**Remark:** Theorem 2.4 is a generalization of Theorem 4.1 of [14], Theorem 3.2 of [11] and Theorem 2.1 of [1].

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