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COMMON FIXED POINT THEOREMS IN G-METRIC SPACES

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ABSTRACT

T he intent of this paper is to establish the common fixed point theorems through semi-compatibility in G-metric spaces for six self maps. In our theorems the completeness of the space X and the continuity of maps is replaced with a set of four alternative conditions for functions satisfying implicit relations.

1. INTRODUCTION AND PRELIMINARIES

Mustafa and Sims [9] introduced the concept of G-metric spaces in the year 2004 as a generalization of the metric spaces. In this type of spaces a non-negative real number is assigned to every triplet of elements. In [11] Banach contraction mapping principle was established and a fixed point results have been proved. After that several fixed point results have been proved in these spaces. Some of these works may be noted in [2–4, 10–13] and [14]. Several other studies relevant to metric spaces are being extended to G-metric spaces. For instances we may note that a best approximation result in these type of spaces established by Nezhad and Mazaheri in [15], the concept of w-distance, which is relevant to minimization problem in metric spaces [8], has been extended to G-metric spaces by Saadati et al. [23]. Also one can note that fixed point results in G-metric spaces have been applied to proving the existence of solutions for a class of integral equations [25].

Now we give some preliminaries and basic definitions which are used throughout the paper.

Definition 1.1: G-metric Space

Let X be a non empty set and let $G: X \times X \times X \to R^+$ be a function satisfying the following:

- 1. G(x, y, z) = 0 if x = y = z
- 2. 0 < G(x, x, y), for all $x, y \in X$ with $x \neq y$
- 3. $G(x, y, z) = G(x, z, y) = G(y, z, x) = \cdots$ (symmetry in all three variable)
- 4. $G(x, x, y) \leq G(x, y, z)$, for all $x, y, z \in X$ with $z \neq y$
- 5. $G(x, y, z) \le G(x, a, a) + G(a, y, z)$ for all $x, y, z, a \in X$ (rectangle inequality) then the function is called a generalized metric or more specifically a G-metric on X and the pair (X, G) is a G-metric space

Definition1.2: [10] Let (X,G) be a G-metric space and $\{x_n\}$ be a sequence of points in X We say that $\{x_n\}$ is G-convergent to x if $G(x, x_n, x_m) = 0$, that is, for each $\in >0$ there exists a positive integer N such that $G(x, x_n, x_m) < \varepsilon$ for all $m, n \ge N$. We call that x is the limit of the sequence and we write $x_{n \to \infty} x$ or $\lim_{n \to \infty} x_n = x$

It has been shown in [10] that the G-metric induces a Hausdorff topology and the convergence described in the above definition is relative to this topology. The topology being Hausdorff, a sequence can converge at most to one point.

Proposition 1.1: [10] Let (X,G) be a G-metric space then the following are equivalent:

1. { x_n } is convergent to x, 2. G $(x_n, x_n, x) \rightarrow 0$ as $n \rightarrow \infty$, 3. G $(x_n, x, x) \rightarrow 0$ as $n \rightarrow \infty$, 4. G $(x_m, x_n, x) \rightarrow 0$ as $m, n \rightarrow \infty$.

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Definition 1.3: [10] Let (X,G) be a G-metric space. A sequence $\{x_n\}$ is said to be a G-Cauchy sequence for each $\mathcal{E} > 0$ there exists a positive integer N such that $G(x_n, x_m, x_l) < \mathcal{E}$ for all $l, m, n \ge N$.

Proposition 1.2: [10] Let (X, G) be a G-metric space then the following are equivalent:

1. the sequence $\{x_n\}$ is G-Cauchy,

2. for each $\mathcal{E} > 0$ there exists a positive integer N such that $G(x_n, x_m, x_l) \ge \epsilon$ for all $l, m, n \ge N$.

Proposition 1.3: [10] Let (X,G) be a G-metric space then the function G(x, y, z) is jointly continuous in all three variable

Definition 1.4: [10] A G-metric space (X, G) is called a symmetric G-metric space if G(x, y, y) = G(y, x, x) for all $x, y \in X$

Proposition 1.4: [10] Every G-metric (X, G) defines a metric space (X, d_G) by

1. $d_G(x, y) = G(x, y, y) + G(y, x, x)$ for all $x, y \in X$

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

2. $d_G(x, y) = 2G(x, y, y)$ for all $x, y \in X$

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

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

Proposition 1.5: [10] A G-metric space (X, G) is G-complete if and only if (X, d_G) is a complete metric space.

Proposition 1.6: [10] Let (X, G) be a G-metric space. Then, for any $x, y, z, a \in X$ it follows that

1. if
$$G(x, y, z) = 0$$
 then $x = y = z$
2. $G(x, y, z) \le G(x, x, y) + (x, x, z)$,
3. $G(x, y, y) \le 2G(y, x, x)$,
4. $G(x, y, z) \le G(x, a, z) + G(a, y, z)$,
5. $G(x, y, z) \le \frac{2}{3}(G(x, a, a) + G(y, a, a) + G(z, a, a))$.

Next we give two examples of non-symmetric G-metric spaces.

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Example 1.1: [10] Let X = (a,b) let 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 $X \times X \times X$ by symmetry in the variables. Then G is a G-metric. It is non-symmetric since $G(a,b,b) \neq G(a,a,b)$

Definition 1.5: [6] Let f and g be two self mappings on a metric space (X, d). The mappings f and g are said to be compatible if $\lim_{n\to\infty} d(fgx_n, gfx_n) = 0$, whenever (x_n) is a sequence in X such that $\lim_{n\to\infty} fx_n = \lim_{n\to\infty} gx_n = z$ for some $z \in X$

In particular, now we look in the context of common fixed point theorem in G-metric spaces. Start with the following contraction condition:

Definition 1.6: Let (X,G) be a G-metric space and $T: X \to X$ be a self mapping on (X,G). Now T is said to be a contraction if

$$G(Tx, Ty, Tz) \le \alpha G(x, y, z) \tag{1.1}$$

$$y, z \in X$$
 For all where $0 \le \alpha \le 1$

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It is clear that every self mapping $T: X \to X$ satisfying condition (1.1) is continuous. Now we focus to generalize the condition (1.1) for a pair of self mappings S and T on X in the following way:

$$G(Sx, Sy, Sz) \le \alpha G(Tx, Ty, Tz)$$
(1.2)

$$x, y, z \in X$$
 For all where $0 \le \alpha \le 1$

Let $\{x_n\}$ is a sequence in X such that $\lim_{n\to\infty} fx_n = \lim_{n\to\infty} gx_n = z$ for some $z \in X$. To prove the existence of common fixed points for mappings satisfying inequality (1.2), it is necessary to add additional assumptions of the following type:

- 1. construction of the sequence $\{x_n\}$
- some mechanism to obtain common fixed point and this problem was overcomed by imposing additional 2 hypothesis of commutative pair {S,T}
- Most of the theorems followed a similar pattern of mappings:
 - 1. contraction,
 - 2. continuity of functions (either one or both) and
 - 3. commuting pair of mappings were given.

2. MAIN RESULTS

Now we come to our main result for a pair of compatible maps.

Theorem 2.1: Let (X,G) be a complete G-metric space and f,g be two self mappings on (X,G) satisfies the following conditions:

$$1. f(X) \subseteq g(X), \tag{2.1}$$

2.
$$f$$
 or g is continuous, (2.2)

3. $G(fx, fy, fz) \le \alpha G(fx, gy, gz) + \beta G(gx, fy, gz) + \gamma G(gx, gy, fy)$ (2.3)

For every $x, y, z \in X$ and $\alpha, \beta, \gamma \ge 0$ with $0 \le \alpha + 3\beta + 3\gamma \le 1$. Then f and g have a unique common fixed point in X provided f and g are compatible maps.

Proof: Let x_0 be an arbitrary point in X. By (2.1), one can choose a point $x_1 \in X$ such that $fx_0 = gx_1$. In general one can choose x_{n+1} such that $y_n = fx_n = gx_{n+1}, n = 0, 1, 2, \dots$ From (2.3), we have

$$G(fx_{n}, fx_{n+1}, fx_{n+1}) \leq \alpha G(fx_{n}, gx_{n+1}, gx_{n+1}) + \beta G(gx_{n}, fx_{n+1}, gx_{n+1}) + \gamma G(gx_{n}, gx_{n+1}, fx_{n+1})$$

= $\alpha G(fx_{n}, fx_{n}, fx_{n}) + \beta G(fx_{n-1}, fx_{n+1}, fx_{n}) + \gamma G(fx_{n-1}, fx_{n}, fx_{n+1})$
= $(\beta + \gamma) G(fx_{n-1}, fx_{n}, fx_{n+1}).$ (2.4)

By the rectangular inequality of G-Metric space, we have

$$\begin{aligned} fx_{n-1}, fx_n, fx_{n+1} &\leq G(fx_{n-1}, fx_n, fx_n) + G(fx_n, fx_n, fx_{n+1}) \\ &\leq G(fx_{n-1}, fx_n, fx_n) + 2G(fx_n, fx_n, fx_{n+1}) \end{aligned}$$

By using proposition (1.6) From (2.3), we have

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$$(1-2\beta-2\gamma)G(fx_{n}, fx_{n+1}, fx_{n+1}) \le (\beta+\gamma)G(fx_{n-1}, fx_{n}, fx_{n})$$

is, $G(fx_{n}, fx_{n+1}, fx_{n+1}) \le \frac{(\beta+\gamma)}{(1-2\beta-2\gamma)}G(fx_{n+1}, fx_{n}, fx_{n})$

That is, $G(fx_n, fx_{n+1}, fx_{n+1}) \stackrel{\sim}{=} (1 - 2\beta - 2\gamma) \stackrel{\sim}{=} (x_{n+1}, y_{n+1}, y_{n+1}) \stackrel{\sim}{=} (1 - 2\beta - 2\gamma)$ That is, $G(fx_n, fx_{n+1}, fx_{n+1}) \leq qG(fx_{n-1}, fx_n, fx_n)$ where $q = \frac{(\beta + \gamma)}{(1 - 2\beta - 2\gamma)} < 1$.

Continuing in the same way, we have

$$G(fx_n, fx_{n+1}, fx_{n+1}) \le q^n G(fx_0, fx_1, fx_1).$$

Therefore, for all $n, m \in N, n < m$, we have by rectangle inequality that

$$G(y_{n}, y_{m}, y_{m}) \leq G(y_{n}, y_{n+1}, y_{n+1}) + G(y_{n+1}, y_{n+2}, y_{n+2}) + \dots + G(y_{m-1}, y_{m}, y_{m})$$

$$\leq (q^{n} + q^{n+1} + \dots + q^{m-1})G(y_{0}, y_{1}, y_{1})$$

$$\leq \frac{q^{n}}{1 - q}G(y_{0}, y_{1}, y_{1}).$$

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Letting as $n, m \to \infty$, we have $\lim_{n \to \infty} G(y_n, y_m, y_m) = 0$. Thus $\{y_n\}$ is a G-Cauchy sequence in X. Since (X, G) is complete G-metric space, therefore, there exists a point $z \in Z$ such that $\lim_{n \to \infty} y_n = \lim_{n \to \infty} fx_n = \lim_{n \to \infty} gx_{n+1} = z$. Since the mapping f or g is continuous, for definiteness one can assume that g is continuous, therefore $\lim_{n \to \infty} gfx_n = \lim_{n \to \infty} ggx_n = gz$. Further f and g are compatible therefore $\lim_{n \to \infty} G(fgx_n, gfx_n, gfx_n, gfx_n) = 0$, implies $\lim_{n \to \infty} fgx_n = gz$.

Form (2.3), we have

 $G(fgx_n, fx_n, fx_n) \le \alpha G(fgx_n, gx_n, gx_n) + \beta G(ggx_n, fx_n, gx_n) + \gamma G(ggx_n, gx_n, fx_n).$ Proceeding limt as $n \to \infty$, we have gz = z. Again from (2.3), we have

 $G(fx_n, fz, fz) \leq \alpha G(fx_n, gz, gz) + \beta G(fx_n, fz, gz) + \gamma G(gx_n, gz, fz) .$

Taking limit $n \to \infty$, we have z = fz. Therefore, we have gz = fz = z. Thus z is a common fixed point of f and g.

For uniqueness, we assume that $z_1 \neq z$ be another common fixed point of f and g. Then $G(z, z_1, z_1) > 0$ and $G(z, z_1, z_1) = G(z, z_1, z_1) = G(z, z_1, z_1)$

$$\begin{aligned} G(z, z_1, z_1) &= G(fz, fz_1, fz_1) \\ &\leq \alpha G(fz, gz_1, gz_1) + \beta G(gz, fz_1, gz_1) + \gamma G(gz, gz_1, fz_1) \\ &= (\alpha + \beta + \gamma) G(z, z_1, z_1) \\ &< G(z, z_1, z_1), \text{ a contradiction,} \end{aligned}$$

Which demands that $z = z_1$

This completes the proof of the theorem.

Corollary 2.1: Let (X, G) be a complete G-metric space and f, g be two compatible self mappings on (X, G) satisfies (2.1), (2.2) and the following condition:

 $G(fx, fy, fz) \le qG(x, y, z)$ for every $x, y, z \in X$ and 0 < q < 1 Then f and g have a unique common fixed point in X.

Proof: Proof follows easily from above theorem.

Theorem 2.2: Let f and g be weakly compatible self maps of a G-metric space (X,G) satisfying conditions (2.1) and (2.3) and any one of the subspace f(x) or g(x) is complete. Then f and g have a unique common fixed point in X.

Proof: From Theorem 2.1, we conclude that $\{y_n\}$ is a G-Cauchy sequence in X. Since either f(x) or g(x) is complete, for definiteness assume that g(x) is complete subspace of X then the subsequence of $\{y_n\}$ must get a limit in g(x). Call it be z. Let $u \in g^{-1}z$ then gu = z as $\{y_n\}$ is a G-Cauchy sequence containing a convergent subsequence, therefore the sequence $\{y_n\}$ also convergent implying there by the convergence of subsequence of the convergent sequence. Now we show that fu = z.

On setting x = u, $y = x_n$ and $z = x_n$, in (2.3), we have

 $G(fu, fx_n, fx_n) \le \alpha G(fu, gx_n, gx_n) + \beta G(gu, fx_n, gx_n) + \gamma G(gu, gx_n, fx_n).$ Letting as $n \to \infty$ in the above inequality, we have

 $G(fu, z, z) \le \alpha G(fu, z, z),$

 $O(ju,z,z) \leq uO(ju,z)$

Which implies that, fu = z.

Therefore, fu = gu = z, i.e., u is a coincident point of f and g. Since f and g are weakly compatible, it follows that fgu = gfu, i.e. fz = gz

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We now show that fz = z. Suppose that $fz \neq z$, therefore G(fz, z, z) > 0. From (2.3), on setting x = z, y = u, z = u, we have

$$G(fz, z, z) = G(fz, fu, fu)$$

$$\leq \alpha G(fz, gu, gu) + \beta G(gz, fu, gu) + \gamma G(gz, gu, fu)$$

$$= (\alpha + \beta + \gamma)(fz, z, z)$$

$$< G(fz, z, z)$$

Which implies that fu = z.

Therefore, fu = gu = z i.e. z is common fixed point of f and g Uniqueness follows easily.

3. PROPERTY (E.A.) IN G-METRIC SPACES

Recently, Amari and Moutawakil [1] introduced a generalization of non compatible maps as property (E.A.) in metric spaces as follows:

Definition 3.1: Let A and S be two self-maps of a metric space (X, d) The pair (A, S) is said to satisfy property (E.A.) if there exists a sequence $\{y_n\}$ in X such that $\lim_{n \to \infty} Ax_n = \lim_{n \to \infty} Sx_n = z$ for some $z \in X$.

In [22] property (E.A.) in metric spaces has been used to prove a common fixed point result. In similar mode we use property (E.A.) in G-metric spaces. Now we prove a common fixed point theorem for a pair of weakly compatible maps along with property (E.A.)

Theorem 3.1: Let f f and g be two self maps on a G-metric space (X, d) satisfying condition (2.3) and the following conditions:

- 1. f and g satisfy property (*E.A.*), (3.1)
- 2. g(X) is a closed subspace of X. (3.1)

Then f and g have a unique common fixed point in X provided f and g are weakly compatible self maps.

Proof: Since f and g satisfy property (E.A.), therefore, there exists a sequence $\{x_n\}$ in X such that $\lim_{n\to\infty} fx_n = \lim_{n\to\infty} gx_n = u \in X$. Since g(X) is a closed subspace of X, therefore every convergent sequence of points of g(X) has a limit point in g(X). Therefore, $\lim_{n\to\infty} fx_n = uuga = \lim_{n\to\infty} gx_n$ for some $a \in X$. This implies that $u = ga \in g(X)$

Now from (2.3), we have

 $G(fa, fx_n, fx_n) \leq \alpha G(fa, gx_n, gx_n) + \beta G(ga, fx_n, ga) + \gamma G(ga, gx_n, fx_n).$

Letting $n \to \infty$ and using $0 \cdot 0 \le \alpha + 3\beta + 3\gamma \le 1$. we have u = fa. This implies u = ga = fa. Thus *a* is the coincidence point of *f* and *g*. Since *f* and *g* are weakly compatible, therefore, fu = fga = gfa = gu. Again from (2.3), we have

 $G(fu, fa, fa) \le \alpha G(fu, ga, ga) + \beta G(gu, fa, ga) + \gamma G(gu, ga, fa).$

since $0 \le \alpha + 3\beta + 3\gamma \le 1$, above inequality implies that u = fa. Hence u is common fixed point of f and g. Uniqueness follows easily.

Corollary 3.1: Let (X, G) be a complete G -metric space and f, g be two self mappings on (X, G) satisfying (3.1),(3.2) and the following condition:

 $G(fx, fy, fz) \le qG(gx, gy, gz)$ for every $x, y, z \in X$ and 0 < q < 1. Then f and g have a unique common fixed point in X provided f and g are weakly compatible self maps.

Proof: Proof follows easily from above Theorem 3.1.

CONCLUSIONS

Our results involve the followings:

- 1. to relax the continuity requirement of maps completely,
- 2. to minimize the commutativity requirement of the maps to the point of coincidence,
- 3. to weaken the completeness requirement of the space,
- 4. Property (E.A.) buys containment of ranges without any continuity requirement to the points of coincidence.

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