



COINCIDENCE POINTS AND FIXED POINT THEOREMS FOR MAPPINGS IN G -METRIC SPACES

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Abstract

In this paper, the existence of coincidence points of single-valued and multi-valued mappings in G -metric spaces is proven. Moreover, we also prove the coincidence points and fixed point theorems for single-valued mappings satisfying the contractive conditions concerning the mapping ϕ in G -metric spaces.

1. Introduction

In 2006, Mustafa and Sims [10] introduced a generalization of metric spaces, namely, G -metric spaces. Since then, the fixed point theorems in metric spaces have been extended to G -metric spaces. In 1989, Mizoguchi and Takahashi [8] proved the generalization of Banach contraction principle as the following:

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Theorem 1.1 ([8, Theorem 5]). *Let (X, d) be a complete metric space and $T : X \rightarrow CB(X)$ be a multi-valued mapping satisfying*

$$H(Tx, Ty) \leq \varphi(d(x, y))d(x, y),$$

for all $x, y \in X$, where $\varphi : [0, \infty) \rightarrow [0, 1)$ is a function such that $\sup_{r \rightarrow t^+} \varphi(r) < 1$ for every $t \in [0, \infty)$. Then T has a fixed point in X .

In this paper, we prove a generalization of Theorem 1.1 ([8, Theorem 5]) in G -metric spaces.

The common fixed point theorems for mappings satisfying certain contractive conditions in metric spaces have been continually studied for decade (see [2, 4-7, 13] and references contained therein). In this paper, we obtain the unique common fixed point theorem for a pair of weakly compatible single-valued mappings in G -metric spaces. Furthermore, we prove the existence of coincidence points for single-valued mappings satisfying a certain contractive condition and this result is a generalization of Theorem 2.1 [3].

2. Preliminaries

We now recall some of the basic concepts and results in G -metric spaces that have been established in [10].

Definition 2.1. Let X be a nonempty set and $G : X \times X \times X \rightarrow \mathbb{R}^+$ be a function satisfying:

$$(G1) \quad G(x, y, z) = 0 \text{ if } x = y = z,$$

$$(G2) \quad 0 < G(x, x, y), \text{ for all } x, y \in X \text{ with } x \neq y,$$

$$(G3) \quad G(x, x, y) \leq G(x, y, z), \text{ for all } x, y, z \in X \text{ with } z \neq y,$$

$$(G4) \quad G(x, y, z) = G(x, z, y) = G(y, z, x) = \dots \text{ (symmetry in all three variables), and}$$

(G5) $G(x, y, z) \leq G(x, a, a) + G(a, y, z)$, for all $x, y, z, a \in X$
(rectangle inequality).

Then 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*.

Since then, the fixed point theory in G -metric spaces has been studied and developed by many authors (see [1, 3, 10-12, 14]).

Definition 2.2. A G -metric is said to be *symmetric* if $G(x, y, y) = G(y, x, x)$, for all $x, y \in X$.

Proposition 2.3. Every G -metric space (X, G) , defines a metric space (X, d_G) by

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

Definition 2.4. Let (X, G) be a G -metric space. Then we say that a sequence $\{x_n\}$ in X is:

(i) a *G-convergent sequence* if, for any $\varepsilon > 0$, there exist $x \in X$ and $N \in \mathbb{N}$ such that $G(x, x_n, x_m) < \varepsilon$, for all $n, m \geq N$;

(ii) a *G-Cauchy sequence* if, for any $\varepsilon > 0$, there exists $N \in \mathbb{N}$ such that $G(x_n, x_m, x_l) < \varepsilon$, for all $n, m, l \geq N$.

Theorem 2.5. Let (X, G) be a G -metric space and $\{x_n\}$ be a sequence in X . 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 $m, n \rightarrow \infty$.

Theorem 2.6. *Let (X, G) be a G -metric space and $\{x_n\}$ be a sequence in X . Then the following are equivalent:*

(i) $\{x_n\}$ is G -Cauchy.

(ii) For every $\varepsilon > 0$, there exists $N \in \mathbb{N}$ such that $G(x_n, x_m, x_m) < \varepsilon$, for all $n, m \geq N$.

(iii) $\{x_n\}$ is a Cauchy sequence in the metric space (X, d_G) .

A G -metric space X is said to be *complete* if every G -Cauchy sequence in X is a G -convergent sequence in X .

Proposition 2.7. *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 2.8. Let f and g be single-valued self mappings on a set X . If $w = fx = gx$ for some $x \in X$, then x is called a *coincidence point* of f and g , and w is called a *point of coincidence* of f and g .

Abbas and Rhoades [1] proved the unique common fixed point for a pair of weakly compatible mappings by using the following key proposition.

Proposition 2.9 ([1, Proposition 1.5]). *Let f and g be weakly compatible self mappings on a set X . If f and g have a unique point of coincidence $w = fx = gx$, then w is the unique common fixed point of f and g .*

Let X be a G -metric space. We shall denote $CB(X)$ the family of all nonempty G -closed bounded subsets of X . Let $H_G(\cdot, \cdot, \cdot)$ be the Hausdorff G -distance on $CB(X)$, i.e.,

$$H_G(A, B, C) = \max\left\{\sup_{x \in A} G(x, B, C), \sup_{x \in B} G(x, C, A), \sup_{x \in C} G(x, A, B)\right\},$$

where

$$G(x, B, C) = d_G(x, B) + d_G(B, C) + d_G(x, C),$$

$$d_G(x, B) = \inf\{d_G(x, y) : y \in B\},$$

$$d_G(A, B) = \inf\{d_G(a, b) : a \in A, b \in B\}.$$

A mapping $T : X \rightarrow 2^X$ is called a *multi-valued mapping*. A point $x \in X$ is called a *fixed point* of T if $x \in Tx$.

3. Coincidence Points and Fixed Points

We first prove the following lemma.

Lemma 3.1. *Let (X, G) be a G -metric space and let $A, B \in CB(X)$. Suppose that $\varepsilon > 0$ and $H_G(A, B, B) < \varepsilon$. Then for each $a \in A$, there exists $b \in B$ such that $G(a, b, b) < \varepsilon$.*

Proof. Suppose that there exists $a \in A$ such that

$$G(a, b, b) \geq \varepsilon, \text{ for all } b \in B.$$

Therefore,

$$\varepsilon \leq G(a, b, b) \leq G(a, b, b) + G(a, a, b) = d_G(a, b), \text{ for all } b \in B.$$

It follows that

$$\varepsilon \leq d_G(a, B) \leq G(a, B, B) \leq H_G(A, B, B),$$

which contradicts to the assumption. This completes the proof. \square

Theorem 3.2. *Let (X, G) be a G -metric space. Suppose that $T : X \rightarrow CB(X)$ is a multi-valued mapping and $f : X \rightarrow X$ is a single-valued mapping satisfying*

$$(i) \ T(X) \subseteq f(X),$$

$$(ii) \ f(X) \text{ is complete},$$

$$(iii) \ \text{there exists a function } \varphi : [0, \infty) \rightarrow [0, 1) \text{ such that}$$

$$\limsup_{r \rightarrow t^+} \varphi(r) < 1, \text{ for all } t \in [0, \infty), \quad (1)$$

and for all $x, y, z \in X$,

$$H_G(Tx, Ty, Tz) \leq \varphi(G(fx, fy, fz))G(fx, fy, fz). \quad (2)$$

Then T and f have a coincidence point in X . That is, there exists $p \in X$ such that $fp \in Tp$.

Proof. Let x_0 be an arbitrary element in X . Since $T(X) \subseteq f(X)$, there exists $x_1 \in X$ such that $fx_1 \in Tx_0$. Define a function $\omega : [0, \infty) \rightarrow [0, 1)$ by $\omega(t) = \frac{\varphi(t) + 1}{2}$, for all $t \in [0, \infty)$. Thus we can see that

$$\limsup_{r \rightarrow t^+} \omega(r) < 1, \quad \varphi(t) < \omega(t), \quad \text{and} \quad 0 < \omega(t) < 1, \quad \text{for all } t \in [0, \infty).$$

By the definition of Hausdorff G -distance and (2), we have

$$\begin{aligned} G(fx_1, Tx_1, Tx_1) &\leq H_G(Tx_0, Tx_1, Tx_1) \\ &\leq \varphi(G(fx_0, fx_1, fx_1))G(fx_0, fx_1, fx_1) \\ &< \omega(G(fx_0, fx_1, fx_1))G(fx_0, fx_1, fx_1). \end{aligned}$$

If $fx_0 = fx_1$, then f and T have a coincidence point. Assume that $fx_0 \neq fx_1$.

Therefore, by Lemma 3.1, there exists $x_2 \in X$ such that

$$fx_2 \in Tx_1 \text{ and } G(fx_1, fx_2, fx_2) < \omega(G(fx_0, fx_1, fx_1))G(fx_0, fx_1, fx_1).$$

Again, by the definition of Hausdorff G -distance and (2), we obtain that

$$\begin{aligned} G(fx_2, Tx_2, Tx_2) &\leq H_G(Tx_1, Tx_2, Tx_2) \\ &\leq \varphi(G(fx_1, fx_2, fx_2))G(fx_1, fx_2, fx_2) \\ &< \omega(G(fx_1, fx_2, fx_2))G(fx_1, fx_2, fx_2). \end{aligned}$$

If $fx_1 = fx_2$, then f and T have a coincidence point. Assume that $fx_1 \neq fx_2$.

Therefore, by Lemma 3.1, there exists $x_3 \in X$ such that

$$fx_3 \in Tx_2 \text{ and } G(fx_2, fx_3, fx_3) < \omega(G(fx_1, fx_2, fx_2))G(fx_1, fx_2, fx_2).$$

Continuing this process, we can construct a sequence $\{fx_n\}$ such that $fx_{n+1} \in Tx_n$ and

$$\begin{aligned} G(fx_{n+1}, fx_{n+2}, fx_{n+2}) &< \omega(G(fx_n, fx_{n+1}, fx_{n+1}))G(fx_n, fx_{n+1}, fx_{n+1}) \\ &< G(fx_n, fx_{n+1}, fx_{n+1}). \end{aligned}$$

From the above argument, we can conclude that the sequence

$\{G(fx_n, fx_{n+1}, fx_{n+1})\}$ is a nonincreasing sequence in $[0, \infty)$. This implies that $\{G(fx_n, fx_{n+1}, fx_{n+1})\}$ is convergent. Since $\limsup_{r \rightarrow t^+} \omega(r) < 1$, we obtain

that

$$\limsup_{n \rightarrow \infty} \omega(G(fx_n, fx_{n+1}, fx_{n+1})) = s \text{ for some } s \in [0, 1).$$

Therefore, for each $k \in (s, 1)$, there exists $N \in \mathbb{N}$ such that

$$\omega(G(fx_{n-1}, fx_n, fx_n)) < k, \text{ for all } n \geq N.$$

For each $n \geq N$, we have

$$\begin{aligned} G(fx_n, fx_{n+1}, fx_{n+1}) &< \omega(G(fx_{n-1}, fx_n, fx_n))G(fx_{n-1}, fx_n, fx_n) \\ &< kG(fx_{n-1}, fx_n, fx_n). \end{aligned}$$

Thus, for each $m > n \geq N$, we obtain that

$$\begin{aligned} G(fx_n, fx_m, fx_m) &\leq G(fx_n, fx_{n+1}, fx_{n+1}) + \cdots + G(fx_{m-1}, fx_m, fx_m) \\ &\leq (k^{n-N} + \cdots + k^{m-N-1})G(fx_N, fx_{N+1}, fx_{N+1}) \\ &\leq \frac{k^{n-N}}{1-k} G(fx_N, fx_{N+1}, fx_{N+1}). \end{aligned}$$

Taking the limit of both sides, we get that $G(fx_n, fx_m, fx_m) \rightarrow 0$ as $m, n \rightarrow \infty$. It follows that $\{fx_n\}$ is a G -Cauchy sequence. By the completeness of $f(X)$, we have $\{fx_n\}$ is G -convergent to some $q \in X$. Therefore, there exists $p \in X$ such that $fp = q$. By using (2), we obtain that

$$\begin{aligned} G(fx_{n+1}, Tp, Tp) &\leq H_G(Tx_n, Tp, Tp) \\ &\leq \phi(G(fx_n, fp, fp))G(fx_n, fp, fp) \\ &< G(fx_n, fp, fp). \end{aligned}$$

Taking the limit of both sides as $n \rightarrow \infty$, we have $G(fp, Tp, Tp) = 0$ and hence $fp \in Tp$. \square

Corollary 3.3. *Let (X, G) be a G -metric space. Suppose that $T : X \rightarrow CB(X)$ is a multi-valued mapping and $f : X \rightarrow X$ is a single-valued mapping satisfying*

- (i) $T(X) \subseteq f(X)$,
- (ii) $f(X)$ is complete,
- (iii) $H_G(Tx, Ty, Tz) \leq kG(fx, fy, gz)$, for all $x, y, z \in X$, where $0 \leq k < 1$.

Then T and f have a coincidence point in X . That is, there exists $p \in X$ such that $fp \in Tp$.

Proof. Define $\varphi : [0, \infty) \rightarrow [0, 1)$ by $\varphi(s) = k$, for all $s \in [0, \infty)$. Therefore, (1) and (2) in Theorem 3.2 are now satisfied. This completes the proof. \square

By setting f in Theorem 3.2 to be the identity function on X , we immediately have the following corollary:

Corollary 3.4. *Let (X, G) be a complete G -metric space and $T : X \rightarrow CB(X)$ be a multi-valued mapping satisfying*

$$H_G(Tx, Ty, Tz) \leq \varphi(G, (x, y, z))G(x, y, z),$$

for all $x, y, z \in X$, where $\varphi : [0, \infty) \rightarrow [0, 1)$ is a function such that $\limsup_{r \rightarrow t^+} \varphi(r) < 1$, for all $t \in [0, \infty)$. Then T has a fixed point in X .

Theorem 3.5. *Let (X, G) be a G -metric space. Suppose that $f, g : X \rightarrow X$ are single-valued mappings satisfying*

- (i) $f(X) \subseteq g(X)$,
- (ii) $g(X)$ is complete,
- (iii) *there exists a function $\varphi : [0, \infty) \rightarrow [0, 1)$ such that*

$$\limsup_{r \rightarrow t^+} \varphi(r) < 1, \text{ for all } t \in [0, \infty), \quad (3)$$

and for all $x, y, z \in X$,

$$G(fx, fy, fz) \leq \phi(G(gx, gy, gz))G(gx, gy, gz). \quad (4)$$

Then f and g have a unique point of coincidence in X . Moreover, if f and g are weakly compatible, then f and g have a unique common fixed point.

Proof. By applying Theorem 3.2, we obtain that f and g have a point of coincidence in X , say p . We now prove that f and g have a unique point of coincidence. Suppose that $gq = fq$ for some $q \in X$. By applying (4), we get that

$$\begin{aligned} G(gp, gq, gq) &= G(fp, fq, fq) \\ &\leq \phi(G(gp, gq, gq))G(gp, gq, gq). \end{aligned}$$

This implies that $G(gp, gq, gq) = 0$ and hence $gp = gq$. Therefore, f and g have a unique point of coincidence. By Proposition 2.9, we obtain that f and g have a unique common fixed point. \square

Corollary 3.6. Let (X, G) be a G -metric space. Suppose that $f, g : X \rightarrow X$ are single-valued mappings satisfying

$$G(fx, fy, fz) \leq kG(gx, gy, gz), \quad (5)$$

for all $x, y, z \in X$, where $0 \leq k < 1$. Then f and g have a unique point of coincidence in X . Moreover, if f and g are weakly compatible, then f and g have a unique common fixed point.

From now on, let $\phi : [0, \infty) \rightarrow [0, \infty)$ be a nondecreasing function satisfying

$$(\phi_1) \quad \phi(0) = 0,$$

$$(\phi_2) \quad \phi(t) < t, \text{ for all } t \in (0, \infty),$$

$$(\phi_3) \quad \sum_{n=1}^{\infty} \phi^n(t) < \infty, \text{ for all } t \in (0, \infty).$$

We next prove the existence of coincidence points of two single-valued mappings concerning the mappings ϕ which is mentioned as above.

Theorem 3.7. Let (X, G) be a G -metric space. Suppose that the mappings $f, g : X \rightarrow X$ satisfy

$$\begin{aligned} & G(fx, fy, fz) \\ & \leq \phi \left(\max \left\{ G(gx, gy, gz), G(gx, fx, fx), G(gy, fy, fy), G(gz, fz, fz), \right. \right. \\ & \quad \frac{[G(gx, fy, fy) + G(gz, fx, fx)]}{2}, \frac{[G(gx, fy, fy) + G(gy, fx, fx)]}{2} \\ & \quad \left. \left. \frac{[G(gy, fz, fz) + G(gz, fy, fy)]}{2}, \frac{[G(gx, fz, fz) + G(gz, fx, fx)]}{2} \right\} \right), \quad (6) \end{aligned}$$

for all $x, y, z \in X$. If the range of g contains the range of f and $g(X)$ is a complete subspace of X , then f and g have a coincidence point in X . That is, there exists $p \in X$ such that $fp = gp$.

Proof. Let x_0 be an arbitrary element in X . Since $f(X) \subseteq g(X)$, there exists $x_1 \in X$ such that $gx_1 = fx_0$. Let $a \in \mathbb{R}$ be such that $\phi(G(gx_0, gx_1, gx_1)) \leq \phi(a)$. Again, since $f(X) \subseteq g(X)$, there exists $x_2 \in X$ such that $gx_2 = fx_1$. By (6), we have

$$\begin{aligned} & G(gx_1, gx_2, gx_2) \\ & = G(fx_0, fx_1, fx_1) \\ & \leq \phi \left(\max \left\{ G(gx_0, gx_1, gx_1), G(gx_0, fx_0, fx_0), G(gx_1, fx_1, fx_1), \right. \right. \\ & \quad G(gx_1, fx_1, fx_1), \frac{[G(gx_0, fx_1, fx_1) + G(gx_1, fx_0, fx_0)]}{2}, \\ & \quad \frac{[G(gx_0, fx_1, fx_1) + G(gx_1, fx_0, fx_0)]}{2}, \\ & \quad \left. \frac{[G(gx_1, fx_1, fx_1) + G(gx_1, fx_1, fx_1)]}{2} \right\} \right), \end{aligned}$$

$$\begin{aligned}
& \left. \frac{[G(gx_0, fx_1, fx_1) + G(gx_1, fx_0, fx_0)]}{2} \right\} \Bigg) \\
& \leq \phi \left(\max \left\{ G(gx_0, gx_1, gx_1), G(gx_0, gx_1, gx_1), G(gx_1, gx_2, gx_2), \right. \right. \\
& \quad G(gx_1, gx_2, gx_2), \frac{[G(gx_0, fx_2, fx_2) + G(gx_1, gx_1, gx_1)]}{2}, \\
& \quad \frac{[G(gx_0, gx_2, gx_2) + G(gx_1, gx_1, gx_1)]}{2}, \\
& \quad \frac{[G(gx_1, gx_2, gx_2) + G(gx_1, gx_2, gx_2)]}{2}, \\
& \quad \left. \left. \frac{[G(gx_0, gx_2, gx_2) + G(gx_1, gx_1, gx_1)]}{2} \right\} \right) \\
& \leq \phi \left(\max \left\{ G(gx_0, gx_1, gx_1), G(gx_1, gx_2, gx_2), \frac{G(gx_0, gx_2, gx_2)}{2} \right\} \right) \\
& \leq \phi \left(\max \left\{ G(gx_0, gx_1, gx_1), G(gx_1, gx_2, gx_2), \right. \right. \\
& \quad \left. \left. \frac{G(gx_0, gx_1, gx_1) + G(gx_1, gx_2, gx_2)}{2} \right\} \right) \\
& \leq \phi(\max\{G(gx_0, gx_1, gx_1), G(gx_1, gx_2, gx_2)\}).
\end{aligned}$$

If $G(gx_0, gx_1, gx_1) \leq G(gx_1, gx_2, gx_2)$, then

$$G(gx_1, gx_2, gx_2) \leq \phi(G(gx_1, gx_2, gx_2)).$$

This implies that $G(gx_1, gx_2, gx_2) = 0$ and thus $gx_1 = fx_1$. Therefore, f and g have a coincidence point.

Suppose that $G(gx_1, gx_2, gx_2) \leq G(gx_0, gx_1, gx_1)$. Thus

$$G(gx_1, gx_2, gx_2) \leq \phi(G(gx_0, gx_1, gx_1)) \leq \phi(a).$$

Since the range of g contains the range of f , we can choose $x_3 \in X$ such that $gx_3 = fx_2$. By (6), we obtain that

$$\begin{aligned}
& G(gx_2, gx_3, gx_3) \\
&= G(fx_1, fx_2, fx_2) \\
&\leq \phi \left(\max \left\{ G(gx_1, gx_2, gx_2), G(gx_1, fx_1, fx_1), G(gx_2, fx_2, fx_2), \right. \right. \\
&\quad G(gx_2, fx_2, fx_2), \frac{[G(gx_1, fx_2, fx_2) + G(gx_2, fx_1, fx_1)]}{2}, \\
&\quad \frac{[G(gx_1, fx_2, fx_2) + G(gx_2, fx_1, fx_1)]}{2}, \\
&\quad \frac{[G(gx_2, fx_2, fx_2) + G(gx_2, fx_2, fx_2)]}{2}, \\
&\quad \left. \left. \frac{[G(gx_1, fx_2, fx_2) + G(gx_2, fx_1, fx_1)]}{2} \right\} \right) \\
&\leq \phi \left(\max \left\{ G(gx_1, gx_2, gx_2), G(gx_2, gx_3, gx_3), \frac{G(gx_1, gx_3, gx_3)}{2} \right\} \right) \\
&\leq \phi(\max\{G(gx_1, gx_2, gx_2), G(gx_2, gx_3, gx_3)\}) \\
&\leq \phi(G(gx_1, gx_2, gx_2)) \\
&\leq \phi^2(a).
\end{aligned}$$

By continuing this process, we can construct a sequence $\{gx_n\}$ such that

$$gx_{n+1} = fx_n \text{ and } G(gx_n, gx_{n+1}, gx_{n+1}) \leq \phi^n(a) \text{ for each } n.$$

We will prove that $\{gx_n\}$ is a G -Cauchy sequence. Since

$$\begin{aligned}
& d_G(gx_n, gx_{n+1}) \\
&= G(gx_n, gx_{n+1}, gx_{n+1}) + G(gx_n, gx_n, gx_{n+1})
\end{aligned}$$

$$\begin{aligned}
&\leq G(gx_n, gx_{n+1}, gx_{n+1}) + G(gx_n, gx_{n+1}, gx_{n+1}) + G(gx_{n+1}, gx_n, gx_{n+1}) \\
&= 3G(gx_n, gx_{n+1}, gx_{n+1}) \\
&\leq 3\phi^n(a),
\end{aligned}$$

we obtain that

$$\sum_{n=0}^{\infty} d_G(x_n, x_{n+1}) \leq \sum_{n=0}^{\infty} 3\phi^n(a) < \infty.$$

This implies that $\{gx_n\}$ is a Cauchy sequence in (X, d_G) . Using Theorem 2.6, we have $\{gx_n\}$ is a G -Cauchy sequence. By the completeness of $g(X)$, we have $\{gx_n\}$ is G -convergent to some $q \in X$. Therefore, there exists $p \in X$ such that $gp = q$. We will show that $gp = fp$. By using (6), we obtain that

$$\begin{aligned}
&G(gx_{n+1}, fp, fp) \\
&= G(gx_n, fp, fp) \\
&\leq \phi \left(\max \left\{ G(gx_n, gp, gp), G(gx_n, gx_{n+1}, gx_{n+1}), G(gp, fp, fp), \right. \right. \\
&\quad G(gp, fp, fp), \frac{[G(gx_n, fp, fp) + G(gp, gx_{n+1}, gx_{n+1})]}{2}, \\
&\quad \frac{[G(gx_n, fp, fp) + G(gp, gx_{n+1}, gx_{n+1})]}{2}, \\
&\quad \frac{[G(gp, fp, fp) + G(gp, fp, fp)]}{2}, \\
&\quad \left. \left. \frac{[G(gx_n, fp, fp) + G(gp, gx_{n+1}, gx_{n+1})]}{2} \right\} \right).
\end{aligned}$$

Letting $n \rightarrow \infty$, we have

$$G(gp, fp, fp) \leq \phi(G(gp, fp, fp)).$$

This implies that $G(gp, fp, fp) = 0$ and so $gp = fp$. □

If we take g in Theorem 3.7 to be the identity on X , then we have the following results:

Corollary 3.8. *Let (X, G) be a complete G -metric space. Suppose that the mapping $f : X \rightarrow X$ satisfies*

$$\begin{aligned}
 & G(fx, fy, fz) \\
 & \leq \phi \left(\max \left\{ G(x, y, z), G(x, fx, fx), G(y, fy, fy), G(z, fz, fz) \right. \right. \\
 & \quad \left. \frac{[G(x, fy, fy) + G(z, fx, fx)]}{2}, \frac{[G(x, fy, fy) + G(y, fx, fx)]}{2}, \right. \\
 & \quad \left. \frac{[G(y, fz, fz) + G(z, fy, fy)]}{2}, \frac{[G(x, fz, fz) + G(z, fx, fx)]}{2} \right\} \right), \quad (7)
 \end{aligned}$$

for all $x, y, z \in X$. Then f has a fixed point in X .

Corollary 3.9 ([3, Theorem 2.1]). *Let (X, G) be a complete G -metric space. Suppose that the mapping $f : X \rightarrow X$ satisfies*

$$\begin{aligned}
 & G(fx, fy, fz) \\
 & \leq k \max \left\{ G(x, y, z), G(x, fx, fx), G(y, fy, fy), G(z, fz, fz) \right. \\
 & \quad \frac{[G(x, fy, fy) + G(z, fx, fx)]}{2}, \frac{[G(x, fy, fy) + G(y, fx, fx)]}{2}, \\
 & \quad \left. \frac{[G(y, fz, fz) + G(z, fy, fy)]}{2}, \frac{[G(x, fz, fz) + G(z, fx, fx)]}{2} \right\}, \quad (8)
 \end{aligned}$$

for all $x, y, z \in X$. Then f has a unique fixed point in X .

Proof. Define $\phi : [0, \infty) \rightarrow [0, \infty)$ by $\phi(t) = kt$, for all $t \in [0, \infty)$. Therefore, ϕ is a nondecreasing function, $\phi(0) = 0$, $\phi(t) < t$ and $\sum_{n=1}^{\infty} \phi^n(t) < \infty$, for all $t \in (0, \infty)$. It follows that the contractive condition (7) in Corollary 3.8 is

satisfied. Therefore, f has a fixed point in X . For proving the uniqueness of fixed point of f , see [3, Theorem 2.1]. \square

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