# FIXED POINT THEOREMS FOR OCCSAIONALLY WEAKLY COMPATIBLE MAPS IN G-METRIC SPACE

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## ABSTRACT

In this paper, we prove common fixed point theorems for a pair of occasionally weakly compatible maps in Symmetric G-metric space. Our results generalize and extend several relevant common fixed point theorems from the literature.

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## INTRODUCTION

In 1992, Dhage[1] introduced the concept of D – metric space. Recently, Mustafa and Sims[5] shown that most of the results concerning Dhage's D – metric spaces are invalid. Therefore, they introduced G – metric space. For more details on G – metric spaces, one can refer to the papers [5]-[8].

In 2006, Mustafa and Sims[6] introduced the concept of *G*-metric spaces as follows: **Definition 1.1.[6]** Let *X* be a nonempty set, and let  $G: X \times X \times X \to R^+$  be a function satisfying the following axioms:

(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)  $G(x, y, z) = G(x, z, y) = G(y, z, x) = \dots$  (symmetry in all three variables) and

(G5)  $G(x, y, z) \le G(x, a, a) + G(a, y, z)$  for all x, y, z,  $a \in X$ , (rectangle inequality) then the function 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.

If condition (*G*6) also satisfied then (*X*, *G*) is called Symmetric *G*-metric space. (G6) G(x, y, y) = G(x, x, y) for all  $x, y \in X$ .

**Definition 1.2.[6]** Let (X, G) be a *G*-metric space, and let  $\{x_n\}$  a sequence of points in *X*, a point '*x*' in *X* is said to be the limit of the sequence  $\{x_n\}$  if  $\lim_{m,n\to\infty} G(x, x_n, x_m) = 0$ , and one

says that sequence  $\{x_n\}$  is *G*-convergent to *x*.

Thus, that if  $x_n \to x$  or  $\lim_{n \to \infty} x_n = x$  in a *G*-metric space (X, G) then for each  $\varepsilon > 0$ , there exists a positive integer N such that G  $(x, x_n, x_m) < \varepsilon$  for all  $m, n \ge N$ .

**Proposition 1.1.[6]** Let (*X*, *G*) be a *G* – metric space. Then the following are equivalent: (1)  $\{x_n\}$  is *G*-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  $m, n \rightarrow \infty$ .

**Definition 1.3.[6]** Let (X, G) be a G – metric space. A sequence  $\{x_n\}$  is called G – Cauchy if, for each  $\mathcal{E} > 0$  there exists a positive integer N such that  $G(x_n, x_m, x_l) < \mathcal{E}$  for all  $n, m, l \ge N$ ; i.e. if  $G(x_n, x_m, x_l) \rightarrow 0$  as  $n, m, l \rightarrow \infty$ 

**Proposition 1.2.[6]** If (X,G) is a G – metric space then the following are equivalent:

- (1) The sequence  $\{x_n\}$  is G Cauchy,
- (2) for each  $\mathcal{E} > 0$ , there exist a positive integer N such that  $G(x_n, x_m, x_m) < \mathcal{E}$  for all  $n, m \ge N$ .

**Proposition 1.3.[6]** 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.[6]** 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.

**Proposition 1.4.[6]** A G – metric space (X, G) is G – complete if and only if (X,  $d_G$ ) is a complete metric space.

**Proposition 1.5.[6]** 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)  $G(x, y, z) \le G(x, x, y) + G(x, x, z),$
- (iii)  $G(x, y, y) \le 2G(y, x, x),$
- (iv)  $G(x, y, z) \le G(x, a, z) + G(a, y, z),$
- (v)  $G(x, y, z) \leq \frac{2}{3} (G(x, y, a) + G(x, a, z) + G(a, y, z)),$
- (vi)  $G(x, y, z) \leq (G(x, a, a) + G(y, a, a) + G(z, a, a)).$

In 1996, Jungck [2] introduced the notion of weakly compatible maps as follows:

**Definition 1.5.[2]** A pair of self mappings (f, g) of a metric space is said to be weakly compatible if they commute at the coincidence points i.e. Tu = Su for some u in X, then TSu = STu.

**Definition 1.6.** Let (X, G) be a Symmetric *G*-metric space. *f* and *g* be self maps on *X*. A point *x* in *X* is called a coincidence point of *f* and *g* iff fx = gx. In this case, w = fx = gx is called a point of coincidence of f and g.

**Definition 1.7[3]:** A pair of self mappings (f, g) of a Symmetric *G*-metric space (X, G) is said to be weakly compatible if they commute at the coincidence points i.e., if fu = gu for some u in X, then fgu = gfu.

It is easy to see that two compatible maps are weakly compatible but converse is not true.

**Definition 1.8[3]:** Two self mappings *f* and *g* of a Symmetric *G*-metric space (*X*, *G*) are

said to be occasionally weakly compatible (*owc*) iff there is a point x in X which is coincidence point of f and g at which f and g commute.

**Lemma 1.1[3]:** Let (X, G) be a Symmetric *G*-metric space. *f* and *g* be self maps on *X* and let *f* and *g* have a unique point of coincidence, w = fx = gx, then *w* is the unique common fixed point of *f* and *g*.

# MAIN RESULTS

Following to Matkowski[5], let  $\Phi$  be the set of all functions  $\phi$  such that  $\phi:[0,+\infty) \rightarrow [0,+\infty)$  be a non-decreasing function with  $\lim \phi^n(t) = 0$  for all  $t \in [0,+\infty)$ .

If  $\phi \in \Phi$ , then  $\phi$  is called  $\Phi$ - map. If  $\phi$  is  $\Phi$ - map, then it is an easy matter to show that

(A)  $\phi(t) < t$  for all  $t \in [0, +\infty)$ ;

 $(B) \quad \phi(0) = 0.$ 

From now unless otherwise stated, we mean by  $\phi$  the  $\Phi$ - map. Now, we introduce and prove our result.

**Theorem 2.1:** Let (X, G) be a Symmetric *G*-metric space. If *f* and *g* are *owc* self maps on *X* and

 $G(fx,fy,fy) \le \phi [max\{G(gx,gy,gy), G(gx,fy,fy), G(gy,fx,fx), G(gy,fy,fy)\}]$ (2.1) for all  $x, y \in X$ . Then f and g have a unique common fixed point.

**Proof:** Since f and g are *owc*, there exist a point  $u \in X$  such that fu = gu and fgu = gfu. We claim that fu is the unique common fixed point of f and g. We first assert that fu is a fixed point of f.

For, if  $ffu \neq fu$ , then from equation (2.1), we get  $G(fu,ffu,ffu) \leq \phi [max\{G(gu,gfu,gfu), G(gu,ffu,ffu), G(gfu,fu,fu), G(gfu,ffu,ffu)\}]$   $= \phi [max\{G(fu,ffu,ffu), G(fu,ffu,ffu), G(fu,fu,fu), G(fu,ffu,ffu)\}]$   $= \phi [max\{G(fu,ffu,ffu), G(fu,ffu,ffu), G(fu,fu,ffu), 0\}]$   $= \phi [max\{G(fu,ffu,ffu), G(fu,ffu,ffu), G(fu,ffu,ffu)\}]$  $= \phi [G(fu,ffu,ffu)] < G(fu,ffu,ffu)$ 

a contradiction. So ffu = fu and ffu = fgu = gfu = fu. Hence fu is a common fixed point of f and g.

Now we prove uniqueness. Suppose that  $u, v \in X$  such that fu = gu = u and fv = gv = v and  $u \neq v$ . Then from equation (2.1),

 $G(u,v,v) = G(fu,fv,fv) \le \phi [max\{G(gu,gv,gv), G(gu,fv,fv), G(gv,fu,fu), G(gv,fv,fv)\}]$ =  $\phi [max\{G(u,v,v), G(u,v,v), G(v,u,u), G(v,v,v)\}]$ =  $\phi [max\{G(u,v,v), G(u,v,v), G(v,v,u), 0\}]$ =  $\phi [max\{G(u,v,v), G(u,v,v), G(u,v,v), 0\}]$ =  $\phi [G(u,v,v)] < G(u,v,v)$ 

a contradiction. So u = v. Therefore, the common fixed point of f and g is unique. **Theorem 2.2:** Let (X, G) be a Symmetric *G*-metric space. Suppose that f, g, S, T are self maps on X and that the pairs  $\{f, S\}$  and  $\{g, T\}$  are each *owc*. If  $G(fx, gy, gy) < max \{ G(Sx, Ty, Ty), G(Sx, fx, fx), G(Ty, gy, gy), G(Sx, gy, gy), G(Ty, fx, fx) \}$ .

 $G(fx,gy,gy) < max \{ G(Sx,Ty,Ty), G(Sx,fx,fx), G(Ty,gy,gy), G(Sx,gy,gy), G(Ty,fx,fx) \},$ (2.2)

for all  $x, y \in X$ . Then *f*, *g*, *S* and *T* have a unique common fixed point in *X*.

**Proof:** By hypothesis, there exists points  $x, y \in X$  such that fx = Sx and gy = Ty. We claim that fx = gy. For, otherwise, by (2.2)

 $G(fx,gy,gy) < max \{ G(Sx,Ty,Ty), G(Sx,fx,fx), G(Ty,gy,gy), G(Sx,gy,gy), G(Ty,fx,fx) \}$ 

 $= max \{ G(fx,gy,gy), G(fx,fx,fx), G(gy,gy,gy), G(fx,gy,gy), G(gy,fx,fx) \}$ 

 $= max \{ G(fx, gy, gy), 0, 0, G(fx, gy, gy), G(gy, gy, fx) \}$ 

 $= max \{ G(fx,gy,gy), G(fx,gy,gy), G(fx,gy,gy) \} = G(fx,gy,gy)$ 

a contradiction. This implies that fx = gy. So fx = Sx = gy = Ty. Moreover, if there is another point z such that fz = Sz, then, using (2.2) it follows that fz = Sz = gy = Ty or fx = fz and w = fx = Sx is the unique point of coincidence of f and S. Then by Lemma 1.1, it follows that w is the unique common fixed point of f and S. By symmetry, there is a unique common fixed point  $z \in X$  such that z = gz = Tz.

Now, we claim that w = z. Suppose that  $w \neq z$ . Using (2.2),

G(w,z,z) = G(fw,gz,gz)

 $< max \{ G(Sw, Tz, Tz), G(Sw, fw, fw), G(Tz, gz, gz), G(Sw, gz, gz), G(Tz, fw, fw) \}$ 

 $G(w,z,z) < max \{ G(w,z,z), G(w,w,w), G(z,z,z), G(w,z,z), G(z,w,w) \}$ 

 $= max \{ G(w,z,z), 0, 0, G(w,z,z), G(z,z,w) \}$ 

 $= max \{ G(w,z,z), G(w,z,z), G(w,z,z) \} = G(w,z,z)$ 

This is a contradiction. Therefore w = z and w is a unique point of coincidence of f, g, S and T. By Lemma 1.1, w is the unique common fixed point of f, g, S and T.

**Corollary 2.1:** Let (*X*, *G*) be a Symmetric *G*-metric space. Suppose that *f*, *g*, *S* and *T* are self maps on *X* and that the pairs  $\{f, S\}$  and  $\{g, T\}$  are each *owc*. If  $G(fx,gy,gy) \leq h m(x,y,y)$  where

 $m(x,y,y) = max\{G(Sx,Ty,Ty),G(Sx,fx,fx),G(Ty,gy,gy),[G(Sx,gy,gy),G(Ty,fx,fx)]/2\},$  (2.3) for all  $x, y \in X$  and  $0 \le h < 1$ , then f, g, S and T have a unique common fixed point in X. **Proof:** Since (2.3) is a special case of (2.2), the result follows immediately from Theorem 2.2.

**Theorem 2.3.** Let A, B, S and T be self maps of Symmetric G-metric space (X, G), satisfying the following conditions:

- (2.4)  $A(X) \subset T(X), B(X) \subset S(X),$
- (2.5) pairs (A, S) or (B, T) satisfies property E.A.,
- (2.6) for all  $x, y \in X$ ,

 $G(Ax, By, By) < \phi [max \{G(Sx, Ty, Ty), G(Sx, By, By), G(Ty, By, By)\}]$ 

where  $\phi \in \Phi$ . If one of A(X), B(X), S(X) or T(X) is complete subsets of X then pairs (A, S) and (B, T) have coincidence point.

Further, if (A, S) and (B, T) are weakly compatible then A, B, S and T have unique common fixed point in X.

**Proof:** Suppose the pair (*B*, *T*) satisfies the property (*E.A.*). Then there exists a sequence  $\{x_n\}$  in *X* such that

 $lim_{n\to\infty}Bx_n = lim_{n\to\infty}Tx_n = p$  for some  $p \in X$ .

Since  $B(X) \subset S(X)$ , there exists a sequence  $\{y_n\}$  in X such that

 $Bx_n = Sy_n = p$ . Hence  $lim_{n\to\infty}Sy_n = p$ .

We shall show that  $\lim_{n\to\infty}Ay_n = p$ .

From (2.6), we have

 $G(Ay_n, Bx_n, Bx_n) < \phi [max \{G(Sy_n, Tx_n, Tx_n), G(Sy_n, Bx_n, Bx_n), G(Tx_n, Bx_n, Bx_n)\}]$ 

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Taking limit as  $n \rightarrow \infty$ , we get  $\lim_{n\to\infty} G(Ay_n, p, p) < \phi [max \{G(p, p, p), G(p, p, p), G(p, p, p)\}]$  $= \phi [max \{ 0, 0, 0 \}] = \phi (0) = 0.$ This implies,  $lim_{n\to\infty}Ay_n = p$ . Thus we have,  $\lim_{n\to\infty} Ay_n = \lim_{n\to\infty} Sy_n = \lim_{n\to\infty} Bx_n = \lim_{n\to\infty} Tx_n = p$ . Suppose that S(X) is a complete subspace of X. Then p = Su for some  $u \in X$ . Subsequently, we have  $\lim_{n\to\infty}Ay_n = \lim_{n\to\infty}Sx_n = \lim_{n\to\infty}Bx_n = \lim_{n\to\infty}Tx_n = p = Su$ Now, we shall show that Au = Su. From (2.6), we have  $G(Au, Bx_n, Bx_n) < \phi [max \{ G(Su, Tx_n, Tx_n), G(Su, Bx_n, Bx_n), G(Tx_n, Bx_n, Bx_n) \} ]$ Taking limit as  $n \rightarrow \infty$  we get  $G(Au, Su, Su) < \phi [max{G(p, p, p), G(p, p, p), G(p, p, p)}]$  $= \phi [max \{ 0, 0, 0 \}] = \phi (0) = 0.$ Thus, we have Au = Su. Therefore (A, S) have coincidence point. The weak compatibility of A and S implies that ASu = SAu and thus AAu = ASu = SAu =SSu. As  $A(X) \subset T(X)$ , there exists  $v \in X$  such that Au = Tv. We claim that Tv = Bv. Suppose not, from (2.6), we have  $G(Au, Bv, Bv) < \phi [max \{ G(Su, Tv, Tv), G(Su, Bv, Bv), G(Tv, Bv, Bv) \} ]$  $=\phi [max\{0, G(Au, Bv, Bv), G(Au, Bv, Bv)\}]$  $= \phi [G(Au, Bv, Bv)] < G(Au, Bv, Bv),$ this implies, Au = Bv. Hence, Tv = Bv. Therefore (B, T) have coincidence point Thus we have Au = Su = Tv = Bv. The weak compatibility of *B* and *T* implies that BTv = TBv = TTv = BBv. Finally, we show that Au is the common fixed point of A, B, S and T. From (2.6), suppose  $Au \neq AAu$ , we have G(Au, AAu, AAu) = G(Au, Au, AAu){ by definition of symmetric space}  $= G(AAu, Bv, Bv) < \phi [max \{ G(SAu, Tv, Tv), G(SAu, Bv, Bv), G(Tv, Bv, Bv) \} ]$  $=\phi [max \{G(AAu, Bv, Bv), G(AAu, Bv, Bv), G(Bv, Bv, Bv)\}]$  $= \phi [max \{ G(AAu, Bv, Bv), G(AAu, Bv, Bv), 0 \} ]$  $= \phi [G(AAu, Bv, Bv)] < G(AAu, Bv, Bv),$ This gives, AAu = Bv = Au and thus AAu = Au. Therefore, Au = AAu = SAu is the common fixed point of A and S. Similarly, we prove that Bv is the common fixed point of B and T. Since Au = Bv, Au is common fixed point of A, B, S and T. The proof is similar when T(X) is assumed to be a complete subspace of X. The cases in which A(X) or B(X) is a complete subspace of X are similar to the cases in which T(X) or S(X), respectively is complete subspace of X as  $A(X) \subset T(X)$  and  $B(X) \subset S(X)$ . Finally now we show that the common fixed point is unique. If possible, let  $x_0$  and  $y_0$  be

Finally now we show that the common fixed point is unique. If possible, let  $x_0$  and  $y_0$  be two common fixed points of A, B, S and T. Suppose  $x_0 \neq y_0$ , then by condition (2.6), we have

$$G(x_0, y_0, y_0) = G(Ax_0, By_0, By_0)$$
  
<  $\phi [max \{G(Sx_0, Ty_0, Ty_0), G(Sx_0, By_0, By_0), G(Ty_0, By_0, By_0)\}]$ 

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 $= \phi [max \{ G(\mathbf{x}_0, \mathbf{y}_0, \mathbf{y}_0), G(x_0, y_0, y_0), G(y_0, y_0, y_0) \} ]$ =  $\phi [G(x_0, y_0, y_0)] < G(x_0, y_0, y_0),$ 

this implies  $x_0 = y_0$ .

Therefore, the mappings A, B, S and T have a unique common fixed point.

**Corollary 2.2.** Let A, B and S be self maps of Symmetric G-metric space (X, G), satisfying the following conditions:

(2.7)  $A(X) \subset S(X), B(X) \subset S(X),$ 

- (2.8) pairs (A, S) or (B, S) satisfies property E.A.,
- (2.9) for all  $x, y \in X$ ,

 $G(Ax, By, By) < \phi [max \{G(Sx, Sy, Sy), G(Sx, By, By), G(Sy, By, By)\}]$ 

where  $\phi \in \Phi$ . If one of A(X), B(X) or S(X) is complete subsets of X then pairs (A, S) and (B, S) have coincidence point.

Further, if (A, S) and (B, S) are weakly compatible then A, B and S have unique common fixed point in X.

**Proof:** Take T = S in Theorem 2.3.

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