# **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:

(*G*1) *G*(*x, y, z*) = 0 if *x = y = z,*

(*G2*)  $0 < G(x, x, y)$ , for all  $x, y \in X$  with  $x \neq y$ ,

(*G*3)  $G(x, x, y) \leq G(x, y, z)$ , for all  $x, y, z \in X$  with  $z \neq y$ ,

(*G*4)  $G(x, y, z) = G(x, z, y) = G(y, z, x) = ...$  (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  $\epsilon > 0$ , there exists a positive integer *N* such that G (*x, x<sub>n</sub>, x<sub>m</sub>) <*  $\epsilon$  *for all <i>m, n*  $\geq N$ .

**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  $\varepsilon > 0$  there exists a positive integer *N* such that  $G(x_n, x_m, x_l) < \varepsilon$  for all *n, m, l* ≥ *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  $\varepsilon > 0$ , there exist a positive integer *N* such that  $G(x_n, x_m, x_m) < \varepsilon$  for all *n*,  $m > N$ .

**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)  $G(x, y, y) \leq 2G(y, x, x),$
- (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

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said to be occasionally weakly compatible (*owc*) iff there is a point  $x$  in  $\overline{X}$  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  $\phi: [0, +\infty) \to [0, +\infty)$  be a non-decreasing function with  $\lim \phi^n(t) = 0$  for all  $t \in [0, +\infty)$ . *n*  $\rightarrow +\infty$ 

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*)  $\phi(0) = 0$ .

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

 $G(fx, fy, fy) \le \phi \left[ max\{G(gx, gy, gy), G(gx, fy, fy), G(gy, fx, fx), G(gy, fy, fy)\}\right]$  (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  $f f u \neq f u$ , then from equation (2.1), we get  $G(fu, ffu, ffu) \leq \phi$  [ $max\{G(gu, gfu, gfu), G(gu, ffu, ffu), G(gfu, fu, fu), G(gfu, ffu, ffu)\}$ ]  $= \phi \left[ max\{G(\text{fu},\text{ffu},\text{ffu}), G(\text{fu},\text{ffu},\text{fu}), G(\text{fu},\text{fu},\text{fu}), G(\text{fu},\text{ffu},\text{ffu})\}\right]$  $= \phi \left[ max \{ G(fu, ffu, ffu), G(fu, ffu, ffu), G(fu, fu, ffu), 0 \} \right]$  $= \phi \left[ max \{ G(fu, ffu, ffu), G(fu, ffu), G(fu, ffu, ffu) \} \right]$  $= \phi \left[ G(fu, ffu, ffu) \right] < G(fu, ffu, ffu)$ 

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),

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

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

 $(2.2)$ 

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),

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

 $\langle$  *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:

- $A(X) \subset T(X), B(X) \subset S(X),$
- (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  $\lim_{n\to\infty} A y_n = p$ .

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 *limn→∞G*(*Ayn, p , p*) < [*max* {*G*(*p, p, p*), *G*(*p, p, p*), *G*(*p, p, p*)}]  $=$  $\phi$ [*max* { 0, 0, 0}] =  $\phi$  (0) = 0. This implies,  $\lim_{n\to\infty} A y_n = p$ . Thus we have,  $\lim_{n\to\infty} A y_n = \lim_{n\to\infty} S y_n = \lim_{n\to\infty} B x_n = \lim_{n\to\infty} T x_n = p$ . Suppose that  $S(X)$  is a complete subspace of X. Then  $p = Su$  for some  $u \in X$ . Subsequently, we have  $\lim_{n\to\infty} A y_n = \lim_{n\to\infty} S x_n = \lim_{n\to\infty} B x_n = \lim_{n\to\infty} T x_n = p = S u$ 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  $G(Au, Su, Su) < \phi$  [ $max\{G(p, p, p), G(p, p, p), G(p, p, p)\}$ ]  $= \phi \, [\text{max} \{ \, 0, 0, 0 \}] = \phi(0) = 0.$ 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  $G(Au, Bv, Bv) < \phi$  [ $max\{G(Su, Tv, Tv), G(Su, Bv, Bv), G(Tv, Bv, Bv)\}$ ]  $= \phi \left[ max \{ 0, G(Au, Bv, Bv), G(Au, Bv, Bv) \} \right]$  $=$   $=$  $\phi$ [*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*) < [*max*{*G*(*SAu, Tv, Tv*), *G*(*SAu, Bv, Bv*), *G*(*Tv, Bv, Bv*)}]  $= \phi \left[ max\{G(AAu, Bv, Bv), G(AAu, Bv, Bv), G(Bv, Bv, Bv)\}\right]$  $= \phi \left[ max \{ G(AAu, Bv, Bv), G(AAu, Bv, Bv), 0 \} \right]$  $= \phi \left[ G(AAu, Bv, Bv) \right] < G(AAu, Bv, Bv),$ This gives,  $A A u = B v = A u$  and thus  $A A u = A u$ . 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  $Au = By$ ,  $Au$  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 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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 $= \phi \left[ max \left\{ G(x_0, y_0, y_0), G(x_0, y_0, y_0), G(y_0, y_0, y_0) \right\} \right]$  $= \phi \left[ G(x_0, y_0, y_0) \right] < G(x_0, y_0, y_0),$ 

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:

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