



## A New Approach to the Study of Fixed Point Theorems for Simulation Functions in $G$ -Metric Spaces

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**ABSTRACT:** In this paper first of all, we introduce the mapping  $\zeta : [0, \infty) \times [0, \infty) \rightarrow \mathbb{R}$ , called the simulation function and the notion of  $\mathcal{Z}$ -contraction with respect to  $\zeta$  which generalize several known types of contractions. Secondly, we prove certain fixed point theorems using simulation functions in  $G$ -Metric spaces. An example is also given to support our results.

**Key Words:** Simulation function; Contraction mapping;  $\mathcal{Z}$ -contraction; Fixed point;  $G$ -Metric spaces.

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### 1. Introduction

Let  $(X, d)$  be a metric space and  $T : X \rightarrow X$  be a mapping, then  $T$  is called a contraction (Banach Contraction) on  $X$  if

$$d(Tx, Ty) \leq \lambda d(x, y)$$

for all  $x, y \in X$ .

Where  $\lambda$  is a real such that  $\lambda \in [0, 1)$ . A point  $x \in X$  is called a fixed point of  $T$  if  $Tx = x$ . The well-known Banach Contraction Principle[1] ensures the existence and uniqueness of a fixed point of a contraction on a complete metric space. After this principle, several authors generalized this principle by introducing the various contractions on metric spaces[2, 3-9]. In this work, we introduce a mapping namely simulation function and the notion of  $\mathcal{Z}$ -contraction. Among all the generalized metric spaces, the notion of  $G$ -Metric spaces was introduced by Mustafa and Sims in[10], where in the authors discuss the topological properties of this space and proved the analog of the Banach Contraction Principle in the context of  $G$ -Metric spaces.

**Definition 1.1.** A  $G$ -Metric space  $(X, G)$  is said to be symmetric if  $G(x, y, y) = G(y, x, x)$  for all  $x, y \in X$ .

**Example 1.2.** Let  $(X, d)$  be the usual metric space then the function  $G : X \times X \times X \rightarrow [0, \infty)$  defined by  $G(x, y, z) = \max\{d(x, y), d(y, z), d(z, x)\}$  for all  $x, y, z \in X$  is a  $G$ -Metric space.

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**Definition 1.3.** Let  $X$  be a nonempty set and  $G : X \times X \times X \rightarrow [0, \infty)$  be a function satisfying the following properties:

- (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),
  - (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.

**Definition 1.4.** Let  $(X, G), (X', G')$  be  $G$ -Metric spaces, then a function  $f : X \rightarrow X'$  is  $G$ -continuous at a point  $x \in X$  if and only if it is  $G$ -sequentially continuous at  $x$ , that is, whenever  $\{x_n\}$  is  $G$ -convergent to  $x$ ,  $\{f(x_n)\}$  is  $G'$ -convergent to  $f(x)$ .

Recently, Khojasteh et al. [11] introduced a new class of mappings called simulation functions. Later Argoubi et al. [12] slightly modified the definition of simulation functions in the definition of simulation functions by withdrawing a condition.

Let  $\mathcal{Z}^*$  be the set of simulation functions in the sense of Argoubi et al.[12].

**Definition 1.5.** A simulation function is a mapping  $\zeta : [0, \infty) \times [0, \infty) \rightarrow \mathbb{R}$  satisfying the following conditions:

- ( $\zeta_1$ )  $\zeta(t, s) < s - t$  for all  $t, s > 0$
- ( $\zeta_2$ ) if  $\{t_n\}$  and  $\{s_n\}$  are sequences in  $(0, \infty)$  such that

$$\lim_{n \rightarrow \infty} \{t_n\} = \lim_{n \rightarrow \infty} \{s_n\} = l \in (0, \infty),$$

then

$$\lim_{n \rightarrow \infty} \sup \zeta(t_n, s_n) < 0.$$

## 2. Main Results

In this section, we define the simulation function, give some examples and prove a related fixed point result.

**Definition 2.1.** Let  $(X, G)$  be a  $G$ -Metric space,  $f : X \rightarrow X$  a mapping and  $\zeta \in \mathbb{Z}$ . Then  $f$  is called a  $\mathbb{Z}$ -contraction with respect to  $\zeta$  if the following condition is satisfied

$$\zeta(G(fx, fy, fz), G(x, y, z)) \geq 0 \text{ for all } x, y, z \in X. \quad (2.1)$$

**Lemma 2.2.** Let  $(X, G)$  be a  $G$ -Metric space and  $f : X \rightarrow X$  be a  $\mathbb{Z}$ -contraction with respect to  $\zeta \in \mathbb{Z}$ . Then,  $f$  is asymptotically regular at every  $x \in X$ .

**Proof:** Let  $x \in X$  be arbitrary. If for some  $p \in \mathbb{N}$  we have  $f^p x = f^{p+1} x$ , that is  $fy = y$ , where  $y = f^{p-1} x$ , that is  $fz = z$ , where  $z = f^{p-1} x$

then,  $f^n y = f^{n-1} f y = f^{n-1} y = \dots = f y = y$  for all  $n \in \mathbb{N}$ . Now for sufficient large  $n \in \mathbb{N}$ , we obtain

$$\begin{aligned} G(f^n x, f^{n+1} x, f^{n+1} x) &= G(f^{n-p+1} f^{p-1} x, f^{n-p+2} f^{p-1} x, f^{n-p+2} f^{p-1} x) \\ &= G(f^{n-p+1} y, f^{n-p+2} y, f^{n-p+2} y) \\ &= G(y, y, y) = 0 \end{aligned}$$

Therefore,  $\lim_{n \rightarrow \infty} G(f^n x, f^{n+1} x, f^{n+1} x) = 0$

Suppose,  $f^n x \neq f^{n-1} x$  for all  $n \in \mathbb{N}$ , then it follows from (1) that

$$\begin{aligned} 0 &\leq \zeta(G(f^{n+1} x, f^n x, f^n x), G(f^n x, f^{n-1} x, f^{n-1} x)) \\ &= \zeta(G(f f^n x, f f^{n-1} x, f f^{n-1} x), G(f^n x, f^{n-1} x, f^{n-1} x)) \\ &\leq G(f^n x, f^{n-1} x, f^{n-1} x) - G(f^{n+1} x, f^n x, f^n x) \end{aligned}$$

The above inequality show that  $\{G(f^n x, f^{n-1} x, f^{n-1} x)\}$  is a monotonically decreasing sequence of non-negative reals and so it must be convergent.

Let  $\lim_{n \rightarrow \infty} G(f^n x, f^{n+1} x, f^{n+1} x) = r \geq 0$ . If  $r > 0$  then since  $f$  is  $\mathcal{Z}$ -contraction with respect to  $\zeta \in \mathcal{Z}$  therefore, we have

$$0 \leq \lim_{n \rightarrow \infty} \sup \zeta(G(f^{n+1} x, f^n x, f^n x), G(f^n x, f^{n-1} x, f^{n-1} x)) < 0.$$

This, contradiction shows that  $r = 0$ , that is,  $\lim_{n \rightarrow \infty} G(f^n x, f^{n+1} x, f^{n+1} x) = 0$ . Thus,  $f$  is an asymptotically regular mapping at  $x$ .

**Lemma 2.3.** Let  $(X, G)$  be a  $G$ -Metric space and  $f : X \rightarrow X$  be a  $\mathcal{Z}$ -contraction with respect to  $\zeta$ . Then the Picard sequence  $\{x_n\}$  generated by  $f$  with initial value  $x_0 \in X$  is a bounded sequence, where  $x_n = f x_{n-1}$  for all  $n \in \mathbb{N}$ .

**Proof:** Let  $x_0 \in X$  be arbitrary and  $\{x_n\}$  be the Picard sequence, that is,  $x_n = f x_{n-1}$  for all  $n \in \mathbb{N}$ . On the contrary, assume that  $\{x_n\}$  is not bounded. Without loss of generality we can assume that  $x_{n+p} \neq x_n$  for all  $n, p \in \mathbb{N}$ . Since  $\{x_n\}$  is not bounded, there exists a subsequence  $\{x_n\}$  such that  $n_1 = 1$  and each  $k \in \mathbb{N}$ ,  $n_{k+1}$  is the minimum integer such that

$$G(x_{n(k)+1}, x_{n(k)}, x_{n(k)}) > 1$$

and

$$G(x_m, x_{n(k)}, x_{n(k)}) \leq 1$$

for  $n_k \leq m \leq n_{(k)+1} - 1$ . Therefore, by the triangular inequality, we have

$$\begin{aligned} 1 &< G(x_{n(k)+1}, x_{n(k)}, x_{n(k)}) \\ &\leq G(x_{n(k)+1}, x_{n(k)+1} - 1, x_{n(k)+1} - 1) + G(x_{n(k)+1} - 1, x_{n(k)}, x_{n(k)}) \\ &\leq G(x_{n(k)+1}, x_{n(k)+1} - 1, x_{n(k)+1} - 1) + 1. \end{aligned}$$

Letting  $k \rightarrow \infty$  and using Lemma 2.2 we get

$$\lim_{k \rightarrow \infty} G(x_{n(k)+1}, x_{n(k)}, x_{n(k)}) = 1$$

By (1), we get  $G(x_{n(k)+1}, x_{n(k)}, x_{n(k)}) \leq G(x_{n(k)+1} - 1, x_{n(k)-1}, x_{n(k)-1})$ , therefore using the triangular inequality we obtain

$$\begin{aligned} 1 &< G(x_{n(k)+1}, x_{n(k)}, x_{n(k)}) \leq G(x_{n(k)+1} - 1, x_{n(k)-1}, x_{n(k)-1}) \\ &\leq G(x_{n(k)+1} - 1, x_{n(k)}, x_{n(k)}) + G(x_{n(k)}, x_{n(k)-1}, x_{n(k)-1}) \\ &\leq 1 + G(x_{n(k)}, x_{n(k)-1}, x_{n(k)-1}) \end{aligned}$$

Letting  $k \rightarrow \infty$  and using Lemma 2.2, we obtain

$$\lim_{k \rightarrow \infty} G(x_{n(k)+1} - 1, x_{n(k)-1}, x_{n(k)-1}) = 1$$

Now, since  $f$  is a  $\mathcal{Z}$ -contraction with respect to  $\zeta \in \mathcal{Z}$  therefore, we have

$$\begin{aligned} 0 &\leq \lim_{k \rightarrow \infty} \sup \zeta(G(fx_{n(k)+1} - 1, fx_{n(k)-1}, fx_{n(k)-1})) \\ &= \lim_{k \rightarrow \infty} \sup \zeta(G(x_{n(k)+1}, x_{n(k)}, x_{n(k)}), G(x_{n(k)+1} - 1, x_{n(k)-1}, x_{n(k)-1})) < 0 \end{aligned}$$

This contradiction proves result.

**Theorem 2.4.** Let  $(X, G)$  be a complete  $G$ -Metric space and  $f : X \rightarrow X$  be a  $\mathcal{Z}$ -contraction with respect to  $\zeta$ . Then,  $f$  has a unique fixed point  $u$  in  $X$  and for every  $x_0 \in X$  the Picard sequence  $\{x_n\}$  where  $x_n = fx_{n-1}$  for all  $n \in \mathbb{N}$  converges to the fixed point of  $f$ .

**Proof:** Let  $x_0 \in X$  be arbitrary and  $\{x_n\}$  be the Picard sequence, that is,  $x_n = fx_{n-1}$  for all  $n \in \mathbb{N}$ . We shall show that this sequence is a Cauchy sequence. For this, let

$$C_n = \sup\{G(x_i, x_j, x_j) : i, j \geq n\}$$

Note that the sequence  $\{x_n\}$  is a monotonically decreasing sequence of positive reals and by Lemma 2.3 the sequence  $\{x_n\}$  is bounded, therefore  $C_n < \infty$  for all  $n \in \mathbb{N}$ . Thus,  $\{C_n\}$  is monotonic bounded sequence, therefore convergent, that is, there exists  $C \geq 0$  such that  $\lim_{n \rightarrow \infty} C_n = C$ . We shall show that  $C = 0$ . If  $C > 0$  then by the definition  $C_n$ , for every  $k \in \mathbb{N}$  there exists  $m_k > n_k \geq k$  and

$$C_k - \frac{1}{k} < G(x_{m(k)}, x_{n(k)}, x_{n(k)}) \leq C_k$$

Hence,

$$\lim_{k \rightarrow \infty} G(x_{m(k)}, x_{n(k)}, x_{n(k)}) \leq C_k \tag{2.2}$$

Using (1) and the triangular inequality, we obtain

$$\begin{aligned} G(x_{m(k)}, x_{n(k)}, x_{n(k)}) &\leq G(x_{m(k)-1}, x_{n(k)-1}, x_{n(k)-1}) \\ &\leq G(x_{m(k)-1}, x_{m(k)}, x_{m(k)}) + G(x_{m(k)}, x_{n(k)}, x_{n(k)}) \\ &\quad + G(x_{n(k)}, x_{n(k)-1}, x_{n(k)-1}) \end{aligned}$$

Using Lemma 2.2, (2) and letting  $k \rightarrow \infty$  in the above inequality we get

$$\lim_{k \rightarrow \infty} G(x_{m(k)-1}, x_{n(k)-1}, x_{n(k)-1}) = C. \tag{2.3}$$

Since  $T$  is a  $\mathcal{Z}$ -contraction with respect to  $\zeta \in \mathcal{Z}$  therefore using (1), (2), (3) and  $(\zeta_2)$ , we get

$$0 \leq \lim_{k \rightarrow \infty} \sup \zeta(G(x_{m(k)-1}, x_{n(k)-1}, x_{n(k)-1}), G(x_{m(k)}, x_{n(k)}, x_{n(k)})) < 0$$

This contradiction proves that  $C = 0$  and so  $\{x_n\}$  is a Cauchy sequence. Since  $X$  is a complete  $G$ -Metric space, there exists  $u \in X$  such that  $\lim_{n \rightarrow \infty} x_n = u$ . We shall show that the point  $u$  is a fixed point of  $f$ . Suppose  $fu \neq u$  then  $G(u, fu, fu) > 0$ . Again, using (1),  $\zeta_1$ ,  $\zeta_2$ , we have

$$\begin{aligned} 0 &\leq \lim_{n \rightarrow \infty} \sup \zeta(G(fx_n, fu, fu), G(x_n, u, u)) \\ &\leq \lim_{n \rightarrow \infty} \sup \zeta[G(x_n, u, u) - G(x_{n+1}, fu, fu)] \\ &= -G(u, fu, fu) \end{aligned}$$

This contradiction shows that  $G(u, fu, fu) = 0$ , that is,  $fu = u$ . Thus,  $u$  is a fixed point of  $f$ .

**Example 2.5.** Let  $X = [0, 1]$  and  $G : X \times X \rightarrow \mathbb{R}$  be defined by  $G(x, y, z) = \max\{|x - y|, |y - z|, |z - x|\}$ . Then,  $(X, G)$  is a complete  $G$ -Metric space. Define a mapping  $f : X \rightarrow X$  as  $fx = \frac{x}{x+1}$  for all  $x \in X$ .  $f$  is a continuous function but it is not a Banach contraction. But it is a  $\mathcal{Z}$ -contraction with respect to  $\zeta \in \mathcal{Z}$ , where

$$\zeta(t, s) = \frac{s}{s+1} - t \text{ for all } t, s \in [0, \infty).$$

Indeed, if  $x, y \in X$ , then by a simple calculation it can be shown that

$$\zeta(G(fx, fy, fy), G(x, y, y)) \geq 0.$$

Clearly, 0 is the fixed point of  $f$ .

**Corollary 2.6.** Let  $(X, G)$  be a complete  $G$ -Metric space and  $f : X \rightarrow X$  be a mapping satisfying the following condition:  $G(fx, fy, fy) \leq \lambda G(x, y, y)$  for all  $x, y, y \in X$ , where  $\lambda \in [0, 1]$ . Then,  $f$  has a unique fixed point in  $X$ .

**Proof:** Define  $\zeta_B : [0, \infty) \times [0, \infty) \rightarrow \mathbb{R}$  by  $\zeta_B(t, s, s) = \lambda s - t$  for all  $s, t \in [0, \infty)$ . Note that, the mapping  $f$  is a  $\mathcal{Z}$ -contraction with respect to  $\zeta_B \in \mathcal{Z}$ . Therefore, the result follows by taking  $\zeta = \zeta_B$  in Theorem 2.4.

**Corollary 2.7.** Let  $(X, G)$  be a complete  $G$ -Metric space and  $f : X \rightarrow X$  be a mapping satisfying the following condition:  $G(fx, fy, fy) \leq G(x, y, y) - \varphi(G(x, y, y))$  for all  $x, y, y \in X$ , where  $\varphi : [0, \infty) \rightarrow [0, \infty)$  is lower semi continuous function and  $\varphi^{-1}(0) = \{0\}$ . Then,  $f$  has a unique fixed point in  $X$ .

**Proof:** Define  $\zeta_R : [0, \infty) \times [0, \infty) \rightarrow \mathbb{R}$  by  $\zeta_R(t, s, s) = s - \varphi(s) - t$  for all  $s, t \in [0, \infty)$ . Note that, the mapping  $f$  is a  $\mathcal{Z}$ -contraction with respect to  $\zeta_R \in \mathcal{Z}$ . Therefore, the result follows by taking  $\zeta = \zeta_R$  in Theorem 2.4.

**Corollary 2.8.** Let  $(X, G)$  be a complete  $G$ -Metric space and  $f : X \rightarrow X$  be a mapping satisfying the following condition:  $G(fx, fy, fy) \leq \varphi(G(x, y, y)) \times$

$\times G(x, y, y)$  for all  $x, y, y \in X$ , where  $\varphi : [0, +\infty) \rightarrow [0, 1)$  be a mapping such that  $\limsup_{t \rightarrow r^+} \varphi(t) < 1$ , for all  $r > 0$ . Then,  $f$  has a unique fixed point.

**Proof:** Define  $\zeta_R : [0, \infty) \times [0, \infty) \rightarrow \mathbb{R}$  by  $\zeta_R(t, s, s) = s\varphi(s) - t$  for all  $s, t \in [0, \infty)$ . Note that, the mapping  $f$  is a  $\mathcal{Z}$ -contraction with respect to  $\zeta_R \in \mathcal{Z}$ . Therefore, the result follows by taking  $\zeta = \zeta_R$  in Theorem 2.4.

**Corollary 2.9.** Let  $(X, G)$  be a complete  $G$ -Metric space and  $f : X \rightarrow X$  be a mapping satisfying the following condition:  $G(fx, fy, fy) \leq \eta(G(x, y, y))$  for all  $x, y, y \in X$ , where  $\eta : [0, +\infty) \rightarrow [0, +\infty)$  be an upper semi continuous mapping such that  $\eta(t) < t$  for all  $t > 0$  and  $\eta(0) = 0$ . Then,  $f$  has a unique fixed point.

**Proof:** Define  $\zeta_B W : [0, \infty) \times [0, \infty) \rightarrow \mathbb{R}$  by  $\zeta_B W(t, s, s) = s\eta(s) - t$  for all  $s, t \in [0, \infty)$ . Note that, the mapping  $f$  is a  $\mathcal{Z}$ -contraction with respect to  $\zeta_B W \in \mathcal{Z}$ . Therefore, the result follows by taking  $\zeta = \zeta_B W$  in Theorem 2.4.

**Corollary 2.10.** Let  $(X, G)$  be a complete  $G$ -Metric space and  $f : X \rightarrow X$  be a mapping satisfying the following condition:  $\int (G(fx, fy, fy)) \phi(t) dt \leq G(x, y, y)$  for all  $x, y \in X$ , where  $\phi : [0, \infty) \rightarrow [0, \infty)$  is a function such that  $\int \binom{t}{0} \phi(t) dt$  exists and  $\int \binom{\epsilon}{0} \phi(t) dt > \epsilon$ , for each  $\epsilon > 0$ . Then,  $f$  has a unique fixed point.

**Proof:** Define  $\zeta_K : [0, \infty) \times [0, \infty) \rightarrow \mathbb{R}$  by  $\zeta_K(t, s, s) = s - \int \binom{t}{0} \phi(u) du$  for all  $s, t \in [0, \infty)$ . Then,  $\zeta_K \in \mathcal{Z}$ . Therefore, the result follows by taking  $\zeta = \zeta_K$  in Theorem 2.4.

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