



## Some Fixed and Common Fixed Point Results in $G$ -Metric Spaces Which Can't be Obtained From Metric Spaces \*

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**ABSTRACT:** In this paper, we use the concepts of  $(A, B)$ -weakly increasing mappings and altering distance functions to establish new contractive conditions for the pair of mappings in the setting of  $G$ -metric spaces. Many fixed and common fixed point results in the setting of  $G$ -metric spaces are formulated. Note that our new contractive conditions can't be reduces to contractive conditions in standard metric spaces.

**Key Words:** Nonlinear contractions, Common fixed point,  $G$ -metric spaces, Cyclic maps.

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### 1. Introduction

The notion of  $G$ -metric spaces was initiated by Mustafa and Sims [1] in 2006. After that many scientists established many theorems in complete  $G$ -metric spaces for example see [2]-[11].

Recently, Jleli and Samet [12] and Samet *et.al* [13] pointed out some fixed and common fixed point theorem can be obtained from known results in standard metric spaces.

Saadati et al. [14] initiated the notion of  $\Omega$ -distance. They employed the notion of  $\Omega$ -distance to created and proved some fixed point results in  $G$ -metric spaces. After that, Some authors obtained many fixed and common fixed point theorems in the setting of  $G$ -metric space by using the notion of  $\Omega$ -distance [15]-[19]. Moreover, the techniques of Jleli and Samet [12] and Samet *et.al* [13] are not working in the notion of  $\Omega$ -distance.

The notion of cyclic mappings was introduced by Kirk et al. [20]. Moreover, Kirk et al. [20] initiated the study of fixed point for cyclic mappings. For more fixed point theorems for cyclic mappings see [21]-[28]. The notion of  $(A, B)$ -weakly increasing mappings initiated by Shatanawi and Postolache [29] where many fixed

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and common fixed point results for mappings of cyclic form are generalized by them.

Now, we introduce the necessary background for  $G$ -metric spaces that will be used in our work.

**Definition 1.1.** [1]. Let  $X$  be a nonempty set, and let  $G : X \times X \times X \rightarrow \mathbb{R}^+$  be a function satisfying:

- (G1)  $G(x, y, z) = 0$  if  $x = y = z$ ,
- (G2)  $G(x, x, y) > 0$  for all  $x, y \in X$ , with  $x \neq y$ ,
- (G3)  $G(x, y, y) \leq G(x, y, z)$  for all  $x, y, z \in X$ , with  $y \neq z$ ,
- (G4)  $G(x, y, z) = G(x, z, y) = G(y, x, z) = \dots = G(p\{x, y, z\})$ , where  $p\{x, y, z\}$  is the all possible permutation of  $x, y, z$  (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 space, or more specifically  $G$ -metric on  $X$ , and the pair  $(X, G)$  is called a  $G$ -metric space.

**Definition 1.2.** [1] Let  $(X, G)$  be a  $G$ -metric space, and let  $(x_n)$  be a sequence of points of  $X$ , we say that  $(x_n)$  is  $G$ -convergent to  $x$  if  $\lim_{n, m \rightarrow \infty} G(x, x_n, x_m) = 0$ ; that is for any  $\epsilon > 0$ , there exists  $k \in \mathbb{N}$  such that  $G(x, x_n, x_m) < \epsilon$ , for all  $n, m \geq k$ .

**Proposition 1.3.** [1] 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  $n \rightarrow \infty$ .

**Definition 1.4.** [1] Let  $(X, G)$  be  $G$ -metric space, a sequence  $(x_n) \subseteq X$  is said to be  $G$ -Cauchy if for every  $\epsilon > 0$ , there exists  $k \in \mathbb{N}$  such that  $G(x_n, x_m, x_l) < \epsilon$  for all  $n, m, l \geq k$ .

**Proposition 1.5.** [1] In a  $G$ -metric space, the following are equivalent.

- (1) The sequence  $(x_n)$  is  $G$ -Cauchy.
- (2) For every  $\epsilon > 0$ , there exists  $k \in \mathbb{N}$  such that  $G(x_n, x_m, x_m) < \epsilon$  for all  $n, m, l \geq k$ .

**Definition 1.6.** [7] A  $G$ -metric space  $(X, G)$  is said to be  $G$ -complete or complete  $G$ -metric space if every  $G$ -Cauchy sequence in  $(X, G)$  is  $G$ -convergent in  $(X, G)$ .

**Definition 1.7.** [7] Let  $(X, G)$  and  $(X', G')$  be two  $G$ -metric spaces and let  $f : X \rightarrow X'$  be a function, then  $f$  is said to be  $G$ -continuous at a point  $a \in X$  if given  $\epsilon > 0$ , there exists  $\delta > 0$  such that  $x, y \in X$ ;  $G(a, x, y) < \delta$  implies  $G'(fa, fx, fy) < \epsilon$ . A function  $f$  is  $G$ -continuous on  $X$  if and only if it is  $G$ -continuous at every point  $a \in X$ .

**Proposition 1.8.** [7] Let  $(X, G)$  and  $(X', G')$  be two  $G$ -metric spaces and let  $f : X \rightarrow X'$  be a function, then  $f$  is said to be  $G$ -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  $f(x)$ .

**Proposition 1.9.** [1] Let  $(X, G)$  be  $G$ -metric space. Then the function  $G$  is jointly continuous in all three of its variables.

The notion of  $(A, B)$ -weakly increasing mapping is given as follows:

**Definition 1.10.** [29] Let  $(X, \preceq)$  be a partially ordered set and  $A, B$  be two nonempty subsets of  $X$  with  $X = A \cup B$ . Let  $f, g : X \rightarrow X$  be two mappings. Then the pair  $(f, g)$  is said to be  $(A, B)$ -weakly increasing if  $fx \preceq gfx$  for all  $x \in A$  and  $gx \preceq fgx$  for all  $x \in B$

The notion of altering distance functions plays an important role in our works. Here is the definition of the altering distance function.

**Definition 1.11.** [30] The function  $\phi : [0, \infty) \rightarrow [0, \infty)$  is called an altering distance function if the following properties are satisfied

- (1)  $\phi$  is continuous and nondecreasing.
- (2)  $\phi(t) = 0$  if and only if  $t = 0$ .

For more results related to altering distance functions, see [31]-[33].

In this paper, we initiated new contractive conditions by utilizing the notion of  $(A, B)$ -weakly increasing mappings in the sense of Shatanawi, and Postolache [29] and the notion of altering distance function in the sense of Khan et al. [30]. Then after, we proved some fixed point results in the setting of  $G$ -metric spaces. The techniques of Samet [12] and Samet et al. [13] can't be used to reduce our works to some results known in standard metric spaces.

## 2. Main Result

Now, we are ready to present our main result:

**Theorem 2.1.** Let  $\preceq$  be an ordered relation in a set  $X$ . Let  $(X, G)$  be a complete  $G$ -metric space. Let  $X = A \cup B$ , where  $A$  and  $B$  are nonempty closed subsets of  $X$ . Let  $f, g$  be self mapping on  $X$  that satisfy the following conditions:

- 1. The pair  $(f, g)$  is  $(A, B)$ -weakly increasing.
- 2.  $f(A) \subseteq B$  and  $g(B) \subseteq A$ .
- 3. There exist two altering distance functions  $\phi$  and  $\psi$  such that

$$\phi G(fx, gfx, gy) \leq \phi G(x, fx, y) - \psi G(x, fx, y)$$

holds for all comparative elements  $x, y \in X$  with  $x \in A$  and  $y \in B$  and

$$\phi G(gx, fgy, fy) \leq \phi G(x, gx, y) - \psi G(x, gx, y)$$

holds for all comparative elements  $x, y \in X$  with  $x \in B$  and  $y \in A$

4.  $f$  or  $g$  is continuous.

Then  $f$  and  $g$  have a common fixed point in  $A \cap B$

*Proof.* Since  $A$  is not empty, we start with  $x_0 \in A$ . By using condition (2), we construct a sequence  $(x_n)$  in  $X$  such that  $fx_{2n} = x_{2n+1}$ ,  $x_{2n} \in A$  and  $gx_{2n+1} = x_{2n+2}$ ,  $x_{2n+1} \in B$   $n \in \mathbb{N}$ . By using condition (1), we have  $x_n \preceq x_{n+1}$  for all  $n \in \mathbb{N}$ . If  $x_{2n+1} = x_{2n+2}$  for some  $n \in \mathbb{N}$ , then  $x_{2n+1}$  is a fixed point for  $g$  in  $A \cap B$ . Since  $x_{2n+1} \preceq x_{2n+2}$ , by condition (3) we have

$$\begin{aligned} \phi G(x_{2n+2}, x_{2n+3}, x_{2n+3}) &= \phi G(gx_{2n+1}, fgx_{2n+1}, fx_{2n+2}) \\ &\leq \phi G(x_{2n+1}, x_{2n+2}, x_{2n+2}) \\ &\quad - \psi G(x_{2n+1}, x_{2n+2}, x_{2n+2}). \end{aligned}$$

Since  $x_{2n+1} = x_{2n+2}$ , we have  $G(x_{2n+2}, x_{2n+3}, x_{2n+3}) = 0$ . Hence  $x_{2n+3} = x_{2n+2}$ , and so  $x_{2n+3} = x_{2n+2} = x_{2n+1}$ . Therefore,  $x_{2n+1}$  is also a fixed point for  $f$ . Hence  $x_{2n+1}$  is a common fixed point for  $f$  and  $g$  in  $A \cap B$ .

Now assume that  $x_{n+1} \neq x_n$ , for all  $n \in \mathbb{N}$ . Let  $n \in \mathbb{N}$ . Since  $x_{2n+1} \preceq x_{2n+2}$ , then by condition (3) we have

$$\begin{aligned} \phi G(x_{2n+2}, x_{2n+3}, x_{2n+3}) &= \phi G(gx_{2n+1}, fgx_{2n+1}, fx_{2n+2}) \\ &\leq \phi G(x_{2n+1}, x_{2n+2}, x_{2n+2}) \\ &\quad - \psi G(x_{2n+1}, x_{2n+2}, x_{2n+2}) \\ &\leq \phi G(x_{2n+1}, x_{2n+2}, x_{2n+2}). \end{aligned} \tag{2.1}$$

Again since  $x_{2n} \preceq x_{2n+1}$ , then by condition (3) we have

$$\begin{aligned} \phi G(x_{2n+1}, x_{2n+2}, x_{2n+2}) &= \phi G(fx_{2n}, gfx_{2n}, gx_{2n+1}) \\ &\leq \phi G(x_{2n}, x_{2n+1}, x_{2n+1}) \\ &\quad - \psi G(x_{2n}, x_{2n+1}, x_{2n+1}) \\ &\leq \phi G(x_{2n}, x_{2n+1}, x_{2n+1}). \end{aligned} \tag{2.2}$$

From (2.1) and (2.2), we conclude that for all  $n \in \mathbb{N}$

$$\phi G(x_{n+1}, x_{n+2}, x_{n+2}) \leq \phi G(x_n, x_{n+1}, x_{n+1}) - \psi \phi G(x_n, x_{n+1}, x_{n+1}). \tag{2.3}$$

From (2.3), we have

$$\phi G(x_{n+1}, x_{n+2}, x_{n+2}) \leq \phi G(x_n, x_{n+1}, x_{n+1}). \tag{2.4}$$

which means that  $\{G(x_n, x_{n+1}, x_{n+1}) : n \in \mathbb{N}\}$  is a nonnegative decreasing sequence. Therefore, there exists  $r \geq 0$  such that  $\lim_{n \rightarrow \infty} G(x_n, x_{n+1}, x_{n+1}) = r$ . By taking the limit as  $n \rightarrow \infty$  in (2.3) and using the fact that  $\phi$  and  $\psi$  are continuous we get

$\phi r \leq \phi r - \psi r$ . Therefore  $\psi r = 0$  and so  $r = 0$ .

Hence

$$\lim_{n \rightarrow \infty} G(x_n, x_{n+1}, x_{n+1}) = 0. \tag{2.5}$$

By using the definition of  $G$ -metric spaces, we have

$$\lim_{n \rightarrow \infty} G(x_n, x_n, x_{n+1}) = 0. \quad (2.6)$$

Now, we will show that  $(x_n)$  is  $G$ -Cauchy. It is sufficient to show that  $(x_{2n})$  is a  $G$ -Cauchy sequence.

Suppose to the contrary that  $(x_{2n})$  is not  $G$ -Cauchy sequence. Then there exist  $\epsilon > 0$  and two subsequences  $(x_{2n_k}), (x_{2m_k})$  of  $(x_{2n})$  such that  $m_k$  is chosen as the smallest index for which

$$G(x_{2n_k}, x_{2m_k}, x_{2m_k}) \geq \epsilon \quad m_k > n_k. \quad (2.7)$$

This implies that that

$$G(x_{2n_k}, x_{2m_k-2}, x_{2m_k-2}) < \epsilon. \quad (2.8)$$

From (2.7), (2.8) and triangular inequality, we get

$$\begin{aligned} \epsilon &\leq G(x_{2n_k}, x_{2m_k}, x_{2m_k}) \\ &\leq G(x_{2n_k}, x_{2n_k+1}, x_{2n_k+1}) + G(x_{2n_k+1}, x_{2m_k}, x_{2m_k}) \\ &\leq G(x_{2n_k}, x_{2n_k+1}, x_{2n_k+1}) + G(x_{2n_k+1}, x_{2m_k-1}, x_{2m_k-1}) \\ &\quad + G(x_{2m_k-1}, x_{2m_k}, x_{2m_k}) \\ &\leq G(x_{2n_k}, x_{2n_k+1}, x_{2n_k+1}) + G(x_{2n_k+1}, x_{2n_k}, x_{2n_k}) + G(x_{2n_k}, x_{2m_k-1}, x_{2m_k-1}) \\ &\quad + G(x_{2m_k-1}, x_{2m_k}, x_{2m_k}) \\ &\leq G(x_{2n_k}, x_{2n_k+1}, x_{2n_k+1}) + G(x_{2n_k+1}, x_{2n_k}, x_{2n_k}) + G(x_{2n_k}, x_{2m_k-2}, x_{2m_k-2}) \\ &\quad + G(x_{2m_k-2}, x_{2m_k-1}, x_{2m_k-1}) + G(x_{2m_k-1}, x_{2m_k}, x_{2m_k}) \\ &< G(x_{2n_k}, x_{2n_k+1}, x_{2n_k+1}) + G(x_{2n_k+1}, x_{2n_k}, x_{2n_k}) + \epsilon \\ &\quad + G(x_{2m_k-2}, x_{2m_k-1}, x_{2m_k-1}) + G(x_{2m_k-1}, x_{2m_k}, x_{2m_k}). \end{aligned}$$

Letting  $k \rightarrow \infty$  in above inequalities and using (2.5) and (2.6), we get

$$\begin{aligned} \lim_{k \rightarrow \infty} G(x_{2n_k}, x_{2m_k}, x_{2m_k}) &= \lim_{k \rightarrow \infty} G(x_{2n_k+1}, x_{2m_k}, x_{2m_k}) \\ &= \lim_{k \rightarrow \infty} G(x_{2n_k+1}, x_{2m_k-1}, x_{2m_k-1}) \\ &= \lim_{k \rightarrow \infty} G(x_{2n_k}, x_{2m_k-1}, x_{2m_k-1}) = \epsilon. \quad (2.9) \end{aligned}$$

Now, since  $x_{2n_k} \preceq x_{2m_k-2}$ , then by using condition (3) we get

$$\begin{aligned} \phi G(x_{2n_k+1}, x_{2m_k}, x_{2m_k}) &= \phi G(fx_{2n_k}, gx_{2m_k-2}, gx_{2m_k-1}) \\ &\leq \phi G(x_{2n_k}, x_{2m_k-1}, x_{2m_k-1}) \\ &\quad - \psi \max\{G(x_{2n_k}, x_{2m_k-1}, x_{2m_k-1})\}. \end{aligned}$$

Taking the limit as  $k \rightarrow \infty$  and using the fact that  $\phi$  and  $\psi$  are continuous and using 2.9, we get

$$\phi\epsilon \leq \phi\epsilon - \psi\epsilon.$$

Therefore,  $\psi\epsilon = 0$ . Hence  $\epsilon = 0$  a contradiction. Hence,  $(x_{2n})$  is  $G$ -Cauchy. So  $(x_n)$  is a  $G$ -Cauchy sequence. Since  $(X, G)$  is a complete  $G$ -metric space, there exists  $u \in X$  such that  $(x_n)$  is  $G$ -converges to  $u$ . Therefore the subsequences  $(gx_{2n+1}), f(x_{2n}), (x_{2n+1})$ , and  $(x_{2n})$  are  $G$ -converge to  $u$ . Since  $(x_{2n}) \subseteq A$  and  $A$  is closed then  $u \in A$ . Also, since  $(x_{2n+1}) \subseteq B$  and  $B$  is closed, then  $u \in B$ . Without lose of generality, we may assume that  $f$  is continuous. So

$\lim_{n \rightarrow \infty} fx_{2n} = fu$  and  $\lim_{n \rightarrow \infty} fx_{2n} = \lim_{n \rightarrow \infty} x_{2n+1} = u$ . By uniqueness of the limit we have  $fu = u$ . Since  $u \preceq u$ , by condition (3) we have

$$\begin{aligned} \phi G(u, gu, gu) &= \phi(fu, gfu, gu) \\ &\leq \phi G(u, fu, u) - \psi G(u, fu, u) \\ &= \phi G(u, u, u) - \psi G(u, u, u) = 0. \end{aligned}$$

Therefore,  $\psi G(gu, gu, u) = 0$ . Since  $\phi$  is an altering distance function, we get  $G(gu, gu, u) = 0$ . Hence  $gu = u$ . Thus  $u$  is a common fixed point for  $f$  and  $g$  in  $A \cap B$ .

**Corollary 2.2.** *Let  $\preceq$  be an ordered relation on a set  $X$  and suppose that there exists a  $G$ -metric on  $X$  such that  $(X, G)$  is a complete  $G$ -metric space. Let  $A, B$  be two nonempty closed subsets of  $X$  with  $X = A \cup B$ . Let  $f : X \rightarrow X$  be a continuous function satisfying the following conditions:*

1.  $fx \preceq f^2x$  for all  $x \in X$ .
2.  $f(A) \subseteq B$  and  $f(B) \subseteq A$ .
3. There exist two altering distance functions  $\phi, \psi$  such that

$$\phi G(fx, f^2x, fy) \leq \phi G(x, fx, y) - \psi G(x, fx, y)$$

holds for all comparative elements  $x, y \in X$ .

Then  $f$  has a fixed point in  $A \cap B$ .

*Proof.* It follows from Theorem 2.1 by taking  $g = f$ .

**Corollary 2.3.** *Let  $\preceq$  be an ordered relation on a set  $X$  and suppose that there exists a  $G$ -metric on  $X$  such that  $(X, G)$  is complete  $G$ -metric space. Let  $A, B$  be two nonempty closed subsets of  $X$  with  $X = A \cup B$  and  $f, g$  be two self mappings on  $X$  that satisfy the following conditions:*

1. The pair  $(f, g)$  is  $(A, B)$ -weakly increasing.
2.  $f(A) \subseteq B$  and  $g(B) \subseteq A$ .

3. There exists  $r \in [0, 1)$  such that

$$G(fx, gfx, gy) \leq rG(x, fx, y)$$

holds for all comparative elements  $x, y \in X$  with  $x \in A, y \in B$ , and

$$G(gx, fgx, fy) \leq rG(x, gx, y)$$

holds for all comparative elements  $x, y \in X$  with  $x \in B, y \in A$ .

4.  $f$  or  $g$  is continuous.

Then  $f$  and  $g$  have a common fixed point in  $A \cap B$ .

*Proof.* Define  $\phi, \psi : [0, \infty) \rightarrow [0, \infty)$  by  $\phi(t) = t$  and  $\psi(t) = (1 - r)t$ . Then the proof follows from Theorem 2.1.

**Corollary 2.4.** Let  $\preceq$  be an ordered relation on a set  $X$  and suppose that there exists a  $G$ -metric on  $X$  such that  $(X, G)$  is a complete  $G$ -metric space. Let  $A, B$  be two nonempty closed subsets of  $X$  with  $X = A \cup B$ . Let  $f : X \rightarrow X$  be a continuous mapping satisfying the following conditions:

1.  $fx \preceq f^2x$  for all  $x \in X$ .
2.  $f(A) \subseteq B$  and  $f(B) \subseteq A$ .
3. Suppose that there exists  $r \in [0, 1)$  such that

$$G(fx, f^2x, fy) \leq rG(x, fx, y)$$

holds for all comparative  $x, y \in X$ .

Then  $f$  has a fixed point in  $A \cap B$ .

*Proof.* The proof follows from Corollary (2.3) by taking  $g = f$ .

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