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# A Unique Common Fixed Point Theorem for Six Maps in G-metric Spaces

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## Abstract

In this paper we obtain a unique common fixed point theorem for six weakly compatible mappings in G-metric spaces.

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### 1. Introduction

Dhage [1, 2, 3, 4]et al. introduced the concept of D-metric spaces as generalization of ordinary metric functions and went on to presentseveral fixed point results for single and multivalued mappings. Mustafa and Sims [12] and Naidu et al. [8, 9, 10] demonstrated that most of the claims concerning the fundamental topological structure of D-metric space are incorrect, alternatively, Mustafa and Sims introduced in [13] more appropriate notion of generalized metric space which called G-metric spaces, and obtained some topological properties. Later Zead Mustafa , Hamed Obiedat and Fadi Awawdeh [13], Mustafa , Shatanawi and Bataineh [15], Mustafa and Sims [16], Shatanawi [11] and Renu Chugh, Tamanna Kadian, Anju Rani and B.E.Rhoades [7] et al. obtained some fixed point theorems for a single map in G-metric spaces. In this paper, we obtain a unique common fixed point theorem for six weakly compatible mappings in G-metric spaces and obtain some theorems of [11] as corollaries to our theorem. First, we present some known definitions and propositions in G-metric spaces.

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**Definition 1.1.** [13]. Let X be a nonempty set and let  $G : X \times X \times X \to R^+$  be a function satisfying the following properties :

 $(G_1): G(x, y, z) = 0 \text{ if } x = y = z ,$ 

 $(G_2)$ : 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  $y \neq z$ ,

 $(G_4)$ :  $G(x, y, z) = G(x, z, y) = G(y, z, x) = \dots$ , symmetry in all three variables,

 $(G_5): G(x, y, z) \leq G(x, a, a) + G(a, y, z) \text{ for all } x, y, z, a \in X.$ 

Then the function G is called a generalized metric or a G-metric on X and the pair (X,G) is called a G-metric space.

**Definition 1.2.** [13]. Let (X, G) be a *G*-metric space and  $\{x_n\}$  be a sequence in *X*. A point  $x \in X$  is said to be limit of  $\{x_n\}$  iff  $\lim_{n,m\to\infty} G(x, x_n, x_m) = 0$ . In this case, the sequence  $\{x_n\}$  is said to be *G*-convergent to *x*.

**Definition 1.3.** [13]. Let (X, G) be a G-metric space and  $\{x_n\}$  be a sequence in X.  $\{x_n\}$  is called G-Cauchy iff  $\lim_{n, m, l \to \infty} G(x_l, x_n, x_m) = 0$ . (X, G) is called G-complete if every G-Cauchy sequence in (X, G) is G-convergent in (X, G).

**Proposition 1.4.** [13] In a G-metric space, (X, G), the following are equivalent.

(1) The sequence  $\{x_n\}$  is G-Cauchy.

(2) For every  $\epsilon > 0$ , there exists  $N \in \mathbf{N}$  such that  $G(x_n, x_m, x_m) < \epsilon$ , for all  $n, m \ge N$ .

**Proposition 1.5.** [13].Let (X, G) be a G-metric space. Then the function G(x, y, z) is jointly continuous in all three of its variables.

**Proposition 1.6.** [13]. 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)  $G(x, y, z) \leq G(x, x, y) + G(x, x, z)$ , (iii)  $G(x, y, y) \leq 2G(x, x, y)$ , (iv)  $G(x, y, z) \leq G(x, a, z) + G(a, y, z)$ , (v)  $G(x, y, z) \leq \frac{2}{3}[G(x, a, a) + G(y, a, a) + G(z, a, a)]$ .

**Proposition 1.7.** [13].Let (X, G) be a G-metric space. Then for a sequence  $\{x_n\} \subseteq X$  and a point  $x \in X$ , the following are equivalent (i)  $\{x_n\}$  is G-convergent to x, (ii)  $G(x_n, x_n, x) \to 0$  as  $n \to \infty$ , (iii)  $G(x_n, x, x) \to 0$  as  $n \to \infty$ , (iv)  $G(x_m, x_n, x) \to 0$  as  $m, n \to \infty$ .

**Definition 1.8.** [13] Let (X, G) and (X', G') be two *G*-metric spaces, and let  $f : (X, G) \to (X', G')$ be a function, then f is said to be *G*-continuous at a point  $a \in X$  if and only if, given  $\epsilon > 0$ , there exists  $\delta > 0$  such that  $x, y \in X$ ; and  $G(a, x, y) < \delta$  implies  $G'(f(a), f(x), f(y)) < \epsilon$ . A function f is *G*-continuous at X if and only if it is *G*-continuous at all  $a \in X$ .

**Proposition 1.9.** [13] Let (X, G), and (X', G') be two G-metric spaces. Then a function  $f : X \to X'$  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 we have  $(f(x_n))$  is G-convergent to f(x).

**Definition 1.10.** [5] A pair of self mappings is called weakly compatible if they commute at their coincidence points.

#### 2. Main Results

Following to Matkowski [6], let  $\Phi$  denote the set of all continuous nondecreasing functions  $\phi$ :  $[0,\infty) \to [0,\infty)$  such that  $\phi^n(t) \to 0$  as  $n \to \infty$  for all t > 0. It is clear that  $\phi(t) < t$  for all t > 0and  $\phi(0) = 0$ .

**Theorem 2.1.** Let (X,G) be a G-metric space and  $S,T,R,f,g,h:X \to X$  be satisfying (i)  $S(X) \subseteq q(X), T(X) \subseteq h(X)$  and  $R(X) \subseteq f(X)$ , (ii) one of f(X), g(X) and h(X) is a complete subspace of X, (iii) the pairs (S, f), (T, g) and (R, h) are weakly compatible, and

$$\begin{array}{l} (iv) \ G(Sx, Ty, Rz) \\ \leq \phi \left( \max \left\{ \begin{array}{c} G(fx, gy, hz), \\ \frac{1}{3}[G(fx, Sx, Ty) + G(gy, Ty, Rz) + G(hz, Rz, Sx)], \\ \frac{1}{4}[G(fx, Ty, hz) + G(Sx, gy, hz) + G(fx, gy, Rz)] \end{array} \right\} \right) \end{array}$$

for all  $x, y, z \in X$ , where  $\phi \in \Phi$ .

Then either one of the pairs (S, f), (T, g) and (R, h) has a coincidence point or the maps S, T, R, f, gand h have a unique common fixed point in X.

**Proof**. Choose  $x_0 \in X$ . By (i), there exist  $x_1, x_2, x_3 \in X$  such that  $Sx_0 = gx_1 = y_0, say$ ,  $Tx_1 = hx_2 = y_1$ , say and  $Rx_2 = fx_3 = y_2$ , say. Inductively, there exist sequences  $\{x_n\}$  and  $\{y_n\}$  in X such that  $y_{3n} = Sx_{3n} = gx_{3n+1}, y_{3n+1} = Tx_{3n+1} = hx_{3n+2}$ , and  $y_{3n+2} = Rx_{3n+2} = fx_{3n+3}$ , where  $n = 0, 1, 2, \dots$ If  $y_{3n} = y_{3n+1}$  then  $x_{3n+1}$  is a coincidence point of g and T. If  $y_{3n+1} = y_{3n+2}$  then  $x_{3n+2}$  is a coincidence point of h and R. If  $y_{3n+2} = y_{3n+3}$  then  $x_{3n+3}$  is a coincidence point of f and S. Now assume that  $y_n \neq y_{n+1}$  for all n. Denote  $d_n = G(y_n, y_{n+1}, y_{n+2}).$ Putting  $x = x_{3n}, y = x_{3n+1}, z = x_{3n+2}$  in (iv), we get  $d_{3n} = G(y_{3n}, y_{3n+1}, y_{3n+2}) =$  $G(Sx_{3n}, Tx_{3n+1}, Rx_{3n+2})$  $G(Sx_{3n}, Tx_{3n+1}, Rx_{3n+2}) = G(fx_{3n}, gx_{3n+1}, hx_{3n+2}), \frac{1}{3}[G(fx_{3n}, Sx_{3n}, Tx_{3n+1}) + G(gx_{3n+1}, Tx_{3n+1}, Rx_{3n+2}) + G(hx_{3n+2}, Rx_{3n+2}, Sx_{3n})], \frac{1}{4}[G(fx_{3n}, Tx_{3n+1}, hx_{3n+2}) + G(Sx_{3n}, gx_{3n+1}, hx_{3n+2}) + G(fx_{3n}, gx_{3n+1}, hx_{3n+2})] + G(fx_{3n}, gx_{3n+1}, Rx_{3n+2})]$   $= \phi \left( \max \left\{ \begin{array}{c} G(y_{3n-1}, y_{3n}, y_{3n+1}), \frac{1}{3}[G(y_{3n-1}, y_{3n}, y_{3n+1}) + G(y_{3n+1}, y_{3n+2}, y_{3n})], \\ \frac{1}{4}[G(y_{3n-1}, y_{3n+1}, y_{3n+2}) + G(y_{3n}, y_{3n}, y_{3n+1}) + G(y_{3n-1}, y_{3n}, y_{3n+2})] \\ + G(y_{3n-1}, y_{3n+1}, y_{3n+2}) + G(y_{3n-1}, y_{3n}, y_{3n+1}) \\ \frac{1}{4}[G(y_{3n-1}, y_{3n+1}, y_{3n+2}) + G(y_{3n}, y_{3n}, y_{3n+1}) \\ + G(y_{3n-1}, y_{3n}, y_{3n+2})] \end{array} \right)$  (1)If  $d_{3n} \geq d_{3n-1}$  then from (1), we have  $d_{3n} \leq \phi(d_{3n}) < d_{3n}$ . It is a contradiction. Hence  $d_{3n} \leq d_{3n-1}$ . Now from (1),  $d_{2n} \leq \phi(d_{2n-1})$ .

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Similarly, by putting  $x = x_{3n+3}, y = x_{3n+1}, z = x_{3n+2}$  and  $x = x_{3n+3}$ ,  $y = x_{3n+4}, z = x_{3n+2}$  in (iv), we get  $d_{3n+1} \le \phi(d_{3n})$ (2)and  $d_{3n+2} \le \phi(d_{3n+1})$ (3)

(5)

$$G(y_n, y_n, y_m) \leq G(y_n, y_n, y_{n+1}) + G(y_{n+1}, y_{n+1}, y_{n+2}) + \dots + G(y_{m-1}, y_{m-1}, y_m)$$
  
$$\leq \phi^n(G(y_0, y_1, y_2)) + \phi^{n+1}(G(y_0, y_1, y_2)) + \dots + \phi^{m-1}(G(y_0, y_1, y_2))$$
  
$$\to 0 \quad as \quad n \to \infty, \text{ since } \phi^n(t) \to 0 \quad as \quad n \to \infty \quad for \quad all \quad t > 0 \ .$$

Hence  $\{y_n\}$  is G-Cauchy. Suppose f(X) is G-complete. Then there exist  $p, t \in X$  such that  $y_{3n+2} \to p = ft$ . Since  $\{y_n\}$  is G-Cauchy, it follows that  $y_{3n} \to p$ 

 $G(St, Tx_{3n+1}, Rx_{3n+2}) \\ \leq \phi \left( \max \left\{ \begin{array}{c} G(ft, gx_{3n+1}, hx_{3n+2}), \frac{1}{3}[G(ft, St, Tx_{3n+1}) + \\ G(gx_{3n+1}, Tx_{3n+1}, Rx_{3n+2}) + G(hx_{3n+2}, Rx_{3n+2}, St)], \\ \frac{1}{4}[G(ft, Tx_{3n+1}, hx_{3n+2}) + G(St, gx_{3n+1}, hx_{3n+2}) \\ + G(ft, gx_{3n+1}, Rx_{3n+2})] \end{array} \right\} \right)$ 

Letting  $n \to \infty$ , we get

and  $y_{3n+1} \to p$  as  $n \to \infty$ .

$$G(St, p, p) \le \phi \left( \max \left\{ \begin{array}{c} 0, \frac{1}{3} [G(p, St, p) + 0 + G(p, p, St)], \\ \frac{1}{4} [0 + G(St, p, p) + 0)] \end{array} \right\} \right).$$

 $G(St, p, p) \leq \phi(G(St, p, p))$ , since  $\phi$  is nondecreasing. Hence St = p. Thus p = ft = St. Since the pair (S, f) is weakly compatible, we have fp = Sp. Putting  $x = p, y = x_{3n+1}, z = x_{3n+2}$  in (iv), we get

$$G(Sp, Tx_{3n+1}, Rx_{3n+2}) \\ \leq \phi \left( \max \left\{ \begin{array}{c} G(fp, gx_{3n+1}, hx_{3n+2}), \frac{1}{3}[G(fp, Sp, Tx_{3n+1}) + \\ G(gx_{3n+1}, Tx_{3n+1}, Rx_{3n+2}) + G(hx_{3n+2}, Rx_{3n+2}, Sp)], \\ \frac{1}{4}[G(fp, Tx_{3n+1}, hx_{3n+2}) + G(Sp, gx_{3n+1}, hx_{3n+2}) \\ + G(fp, gx_{3n+1}, Rx_{3n+2})] \end{array} \right\} \right)$$

Letting  $n \to \infty$ , we have

$$G(Sp, p, p) \le \phi \left( \max \left\{ \begin{array}{l} G(Sp, p, p), \frac{1}{3}[G(Sp, Sp, p) + 0 + G(p, p, Sp)], \\ \frac{1}{4}[G(Sp, p, p) + G(Sp, p, p) + G(Sp, p, p)] \end{array} \right\} \right)$$

Since  $G(Sp, Sp, p) \leq 2G(Sp, p, p)$ , we have  $G(Sp, p, p) \leq \phi(G(Sp, p, p))$ Thus Sp = p. Hence fp = Sp = p. Since  $p = Sp \in g(X)$ , there exists  $v \in X$  such that p = gv. Putting  $x = p, y = v, z = x_{3n+2}$  in (iv), we get

$$G(Sp, Tv, Rx_{3n+2}) \leq \phi \left( \max \left\{ \begin{array}{c} G(fp, gv, hx_{3n+2}), \frac{1}{3}[G(fp, Sp, Tv) + \\ G(gv, Tv, Rx_{3n+2}) + G(hx_{3n+2}, Rx_{3n+2}, Sp)], \\ \frac{1}{4}[G(fp, Tv, hx_{3n+2}) + G(Sp, gv, hx_{3n+2}) \\ + G(fp, gv, Rx_{3n+2})] \end{array} \right\} \right)$$

Letting  $n \to \infty$ , we deduce that

$$G(p, Tv, p) \le \phi \left( \max \left\{ \begin{array}{c} 0, \frac{1}{3}[G(p, p, Tv) + G(p, Tv, p) + 0], \\ \frac{1}{4}[G(p, Tv, p) + 0 + 0] \end{array} \right\} \right)$$

 $\leq \phi(G(p, Tv, p))$ , since  $\phi$  is nondecreasing. Thus Tv = p, so that p = Tv = gv. Since the pair (T, q) is weakly compatible, we have Tr =

Since the pair (T, g) is weakly compatible, we have Tp = gp.

$$G(Sp, Tp, Rx_{3n+2}) \leq \phi \left( \max \left\{ \begin{array}{c} G(fp, gp, hx_{3n+2}), \frac{1}{3}[G(fp, Sp, Tp) + \\ G(gp, Tp, Rx_{3n+2}) + G(hx_{3n+2}, Rx_{3n+2}, Sp)], \\ \frac{1}{4}[G(fp, Tp, hx_{3n+2}) + G(Sp, gp, hx_{3n+2}) \\ + G(fp, gp, Rx_{3n+2})] \end{array} \right\} \right)$$

Letting  $n \to \infty$ , we have

$$G(p, Tp, p) \le \phi \left( \max \left\{ \begin{array}{l} G(p, Tp, p), \frac{1}{3}[G(p, p, Tp) + G(Tp, Tp, p) + 0], \\ \frac{1}{4}[G(p, Tp, p) + G(p, Tp, p) + G(p, Tp, p)] \end{array} \right\} \right),$$

Since  $G(Tp, Tp, p) \leq 2G(Tp, p, p)$ , we have,  $G(p, Tp, p) \leq \phi(G(p, Tp, p))$ . Thus Tp = p. Hence gp = Tp = p. (6) Since  $p = Tp \in h(X)$ , there exists  $w \in X$  such that p = hw.

Putting x = p, y = p, z = w in (iv), we get

$$\begin{split} G(Sp, Tp, Rw) \\ &\leq \phi \left( \max \left\{ \begin{array}{l} G(fp, gp, hw), \frac{1}{3}[G(fp, Sp, Tp) + \\ G(gp, Tp, Rw) + G(hw, Rw, Sp)], \\ \frac{1}{4}[G(fp, Tp, hw) + G(Sp, gp, hw) \\ + G(fp, gp, Rw)] \end{array} \right\} \right) \\ G(p, p, Rw) &\leq \phi \left( \max \left\{ \begin{array}{l} 0, \frac{1}{3}[0 + G(p, p, Rw) + G(p, Rw, p)], \\ \frac{1}{4}[0 + 0 + G(p, p, Rw)] \end{array} \right\} \right) \end{split}$$

 $\leq \phi(G(p,p,Rw)) \ , \ {\rm since} \ \phi \ {\rm is \ nondecreasing}.$  Thus Rw=p , so that p=hw=Rw.

Since the pair (R, h) is weakly compatible, we have Rp = hp. Putting x = p, y = p, z = p in (iv), we get

$$\begin{split} G(p, p, Rp) &= G(Sp, Tp, Rp) \\ &\leq \phi \left( \max \left\{ \begin{array}{l} G(fp, gp, Rp), \frac{1}{3}[0+\\ G(p, p, Rp) + G(Rp, Rp, p)], \\ \frac{1}{4}[G(p, p, Rp) + G(p, p, Rp) \\ + G(p, p, Rp)] \end{array} \right\} \right) \end{split}$$

(7)

Since  $G(Rp, Rp, p) \leq 2G(p, p, Rp)$ , we have  $G(p, p, Rp) \leq \phi(G(p, p, Rp))$ . Thus Rp = p so that Rp = hp = p.

From (5),(6) and (7), it follows that p is a common fixed point of S, T, R, f, g and h. Uniqueness of common fixed point follows easily from (iv). Similarly, we can prove the theorem when g(X) or h(X) is a complete subspace of  $X \square$ 

**Corollary 2.2.** Let (X,G) be a *G*-metric space and  $S,T,R,f,g,h: X \to X$  be satisfying (i)  $S(X) \subseteq g(X), T(X) \subseteq h(X)$  and  $R(X) \subseteq f(X)$ , (ii) and  $f(X) = g(X), x \in h(X)$  and h(X) = g(X).

(ii) one of f(X), g(X) and h(X) is a complete subspace of X,

(iii) the pairs (S, f), (T, g) and (R, h) are weakly compatible and

 $(iv)G(Sx,Ty,Rz) \le \phi(G(fx,gy,hz))$ 

for all 
$$x, y, z \in X$$
, where  $\phi \in \Phi$ .

Then the maps S, T, R, f, g and h have a unique common fixed point in X.

**Corollary 2.3.** Let (X, G) be a complete G-metric space and  $S, T, R : X \to X$  be satisfying  $G(Sx, Ty, Rz) \leq \phi(G(x, y, z))$  for all  $x, y, z \in X$ , where  $\phi \in \Phi$ .

Then the maps S, T and R have a unique common fixed point, say,  $p \in X$  and S, T and R are G-continuous at p.

**Proof**. There exists  $p \in X$  such that p is the unique common fixed point of S,T and R as in Theorem 2.1.

Let  $\{y_n\}$  be any sequence in X which G-converges to p. Then

 $G(Sy_n, Sp, Sp) = G(Sy_n, Tp, Rp) \le \phi(G(y_n, p, p)) \to 0 \text{ as } n \to \infty.$ 

Hence S is G-continuous at p.

Similarly, we can show that T and R are also G-continuous at p.  $\Box$ 

**Remark 2.4.** Theorem 3.1, Corollaries 3.2 to 3.5 of [11] follows from Corollary 2.3 with S = T = R.

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