

## FIXED POINT THEOREMS FOR ONE AND TWO SELF-MAPS ON A $G$ -METRIC SPACE

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**Abstract.** The proof of a recent result of Vats et al is presented, by employing the infimum property of nonnegative real numbers. Then the unique fixed point is shown to be the  $G$ -limit of all the orbits of the form  $x, fx, \dots, f^n x, \dots, x \in X$ . That is, the unique fixed point is a  $G$ -contractive fixed point. Further, a fixed point for a pair of self-maps is obtained as another application of the infimum property.

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### 1. Introduction

Let  $X$  be a nonempty set and  $G : X \times X \times X \rightarrow \mathbb{R}$  such that

- (G1)  $G(x, y, z) \geq 0$  for all  $x, y, z \in X$  with  $G(x, y, z) = 0$  if  $x = y = z$ ,
- (G2)  $G(x, x, y) > 0$  for all  $x, y \in X$  with  $x \neq y$ ,
- (G3)  $G(x, x, y) \leq G(x, y, z)$  for all  $x, y, z \in X$  with  $z \neq y$ ,
- (G4)  $G(x, y, z) = G(x, z, y) = G(y, x, z) = G(z, x, y) = G(y, z, x) = G(z, y, x)$  for all  $x, y, z \in X$
- (G5)  $G(x, y, z) \leq G(x, w, w) + G(w, y, z)$  for all  $x, y, z, w \in X$ .

Mustafa and Sims [2] introduced the pair  $(X, G)$  as a  $G$ -metric space with  $G$ -metric  $G$  on  $X$ . Axioms (G5) is known as the *rectangle inequality* (of  $G$ ). Note that

$$(1.1) \quad G(x, y, y) \leq 2G(x, x, y) \text{ for all } x, y \in X.$$

Given a  $G$ -metric space  $(X, G)$ , define

$$(1.2) \quad \rho_G(x, y) = G(x, y, y) + G(x, x, y) \text{ for all } x, y, z \in X.$$

Then it is seen in [2] that  $\rho_G$  is a metric on  $X$ , and that the family of all  $G$ -balls  $\{B_G(x, r) : x \in X, r > 0\}$  is the base topology, called the  $G$ -metric topology  $\tau(G)$  on  $X$ , where  $B_G(x, r) = \{y \in X : G(x, y, y) < r\}$ . Further, it was shown that the  $G$ -metric topology coincides with the metric topology induced by the metric  $\rho_G$ , which allows us to readily transform many concepts from metric spaces into the setting of  $G$ -metric space.

**Definition 1.1.** A sequence  $\langle x_n \rangle_{n=1}^\infty$  in a  $G$ -metric space  $(X, G)$  is said to be  $G$ -convergent with limit  $p \in X$ , if it converges to  $p$  in the  $G$ -metric topology  $\tau(G)$ .

**Lemma 1.1** ([2]). *The following statements are equivalent in a  $G$ -metric space  $(X, G)$ :*

- (a)  $\langle x_n \rangle_{n=1}^\infty \subset X$  is  $G$ -convergent with limit  $p \in X$ ,
- (b)  $\lim_{n \rightarrow \infty} G(x_n, x_n, p) = 0$ ,
- (c)  $\lim_{n \rightarrow \infty} G(x_n, p, p) = 0$ .

**Definition 1.2.** A sequence  $\langle x_n \rangle_{n=1}^\infty$  in a  $G$ -metric space  $(X, G)$  is said to be  $G$ -Cauchy, if  $G(x_n, x_m, x_m) \rightarrow 0$  as  $n, m \rightarrow \infty$ .

**Definition 1.3.** A  $G$ -metric space  $(X, G)$  is said to be  $G$ -complete, if every  $G$ -Cauchy sequence in  $X$  converges in it.

The infimum property of real numbers states that if  $S \subset \mathbb{R}$  be nonempty and bounded, then  $\alpha = \inf S$  exists in  $\mathbb{R}$ . In particular, we have

**Lemma 1.2.** *If  $S$  is a nonempty subset of nonnegative real numbers, then  $\alpha = \inf S \geq 0$  and  $\lim_{n \rightarrow \infty} p_n = \alpha$  for some sequence  $\langle p_n \rangle_{n=1}^\infty$  in  $S$ .*

In this paper, two applications of Lemma 1.2 are presented: The first one is to obtain a unique fixed point for a contraction type of Vats et al [7]. This is shown to be a  $G$ -contractive fixed point. The second is to obtain a common fixed point for a pair of self-maps.

**2. Main result**

Vats et al [7] proved the following fixed point theorem:

**Theorem 2.1.** *Suppose that  $(X, G)$  is a complete  $G$ -metric space and  $f$  be a self-map on  $X$  satisfying*

$$\begin{aligned}
 (2.1) \quad G(fx, fy, fz) \leq k \max \{ & G(x, fx, fx) + G(y, fy, fy) + G(z, fz, fz), \\
 & G(x, fy, fy) + G(y, fx, fx) + G(z, fy, fy), \\
 & G(x, fz, fz) + G(z, fx, fx) + G(y, fz, fz) \} \\
 & \text{for all } x, y, z \in X,
 \end{aligned}$$

where  $0 < k < 1/4$ . Then  $f$  will have a unique fixed point.

Let  $x_0 \in X$  be arbitrary. The proof of Theorem 2.1 in [7] initiates with an orbit  $x_0, fx_0, \dots, f^n x_0, \dots$ . In fact,  $\langle f^n x_0 \rangle_{n=1}^\infty$  is a  $G$ -Cauchy in  $X$ . Since  $X$  is  $G$ -complete,  $f^n x_0 \rightarrow t$  as  $n \rightarrow \infty$  for some  $t \in X$ . Then,  $t$  is shown to be a unique fixed point of  $f$ .

Applying Lemma 1.2, we obtain below a fixed point of  $f$  satisfying (2.1), which is independent of  $f$ -iterations.

**Proof.** Let  $S = \{G(x, fx, fx) : x \in X\}$ . In view of Lemma 1.2,  $S$  has the infimum, say  $a \geq 0$ . If  $a > 0$ , from (2.1) with  $y = fx$  and  $z = fx$  and the rectangle inequality (G5), we have

$$\begin{aligned} G(fx, f^2x, f^2x) &\leq k \max \{G(x, fx, fx) + G(fx, f^2x, f^2x) + G(fx, f^2x, f^2x), \\ &\quad G(x, fx, fx) + G(fx, fx, fx) + G(fx, f^2x, f^2x), \\ &\quad G(x, f^2x, f^2x) + G(fx, f^2x, f^2x) + G(fx, f^2x, f^2x)\} \\ &\leq k \max \{G(x, fx, fx) + 2G(fx, f^2x, f^2x), \\ &\quad G(x, fx, fx) + G(fx, f^2x, f^2x), \\ &\quad [G(x, fx, fx) + G(fx, f^2x, f^2x)] + 2G(fx, f^2x, f^2x)\} \\ &= k[G(x, fx, fx) + 3G(fx, f^2x, f^2x)], \end{aligned}$$

or

$$(2.2) \quad G(fx, f^2x, f^2x) \leq \frac{k}{1-3k} G(x, fx, fx).$$

Since  $k/(1-3k)$  is less than 1, from (2.2), it would follow that

$$G(fx, f^2x, f^2x) < a \text{ where } G(fx, f^2x, f^2x) \in S.$$

In other words,  $a$  cannot be a lower bound of  $S$ , which is a contradiction.

Therefore,  $a = \inf S = 0$ , and hence we can choose the points  $x_1, x_2, \dots, x_n, \dots$  in  $X$  such that

$$(2.3) \quad G(x_n, fx_n, fx_n) \in S \text{ for } n = 1, 2, 3, \dots \text{ and } \lim_{n \rightarrow \infty} G(x_n, fx_n, fx_n) = 0.$$

Now repeated use of (G5) followed by (1.1), we get

$$\begin{aligned} (2.4) \quad G(x_n, x_m, x_m) &\leq G(x_n, fx_n, fx_n) + G(fx_n, x_m, x_m) \\ &\leq G(x_n, fx_n, fx_n) + [G(fx_n, fx_m, fx_m) + G(fx_m, x_m, x_m)] \\ &\leq G(x_n, fx_n, fx_n) \\ &\quad + [G(fx_n, fx_m, fx_m) + 2G(x_m, fx_m, fx_m)]. \end{aligned}$$

Now writing  $x = x_n, y = z = x_m$  in (2.1) and using (G5) and (1.1), and then simplifying, we get

$$G(fx_n, fx_m, fx_m) \leq \frac{k}{1-3k} G(x_n, fx_n, fx_n) + \frac{2k}{1-3k} G(x_m, fx_m, fx_m).$$

Inserting this in (2.4), we get

$$G(x_n, x_m, x_m) \leq G(x_n, f x_n, f x_n) + \frac{k}{1-3k} G(x_n, f x_n, f x_n) + \frac{2k}{1-3k} G(x_m, f x_m, f x_m) + 2G(x_m, f x_m, f x_m).$$

Employing the limit as  $m, n \rightarrow \infty$  in this and using (2.3), it follows that  $\langle x_n \rangle_{n=1}^\infty$  is  $G$ -Cauchy. Since  $X$  is  $G$ -complete,

$$(2.5) \quad \lim_{n \rightarrow \infty} x_n = p \text{ for some } p \in X.$$

Again, by repeated application of rectangle inequality (G5), we have

$$(2.6) \quad G(p, fp, fp) \leq G(p, f x_n, f x_n) + G(f x_n, fp, fp) \leq [G(p, x_n, x_n) + G(x_n, f x_n, f x_n)] + G(f x_n, fp, fp).$$

Now, (2.1) with  $x = x_n, y = z = p$  implies

$$G(f x_n, fp, fp) \leq k \max \{ G(x_n, f x_n, f x_n) + G(p, fp, fp) + G(p, fp, fp), G(x_n, fp, fp) + G(p, f x_n, f x_n) + G(p, fp, fp), G(x_n, fp, fp) + G(p, fp, fp) + G(p, f x_n, f x_n) \} = kM,$$

where

$$M = \max \{ G(x_n, f x_n, f x_n) + 2G(p, fp, fp), G(x_n, fp, fp) + G(p, fp, fp) + G(p, f x_n, f x_n) \}.$$

With this, (2.6) becomes

$$(2.7) \quad G(p, fp, fp) \leq G(p, x_n, x_n) + G(x_n, f x_n, f x_n) + kM.$$

**Case (a).** Let  $M = G(x_n, f x_n, f x_n) + 2G(p, fp, fp)$ . Then (2.7) can be written as

$$G(p, fp, fp) \leq G(p, x_n, x_n) + G(x_n, f x_n, f x_n) + k[G(x_n, f x_n, f x_n) + 2G(p, fp, fp)]$$

or

$$(2.8) \quad G(p, fp, fp) \leq \left( \frac{1}{1-2k} \right) G(p, x_n, x_n) + \left( \frac{1+k}{1-2k} \right) G(x_n, f x_n, f x_n).$$

Proceeding the limit as  $n \rightarrow \infty$  in (2.8), and then using (2.3), (2.5) and Lemma 1.1, we get  $0 \leq G(p, fp, fp) = 0$  or  $fp = p$ . That is  $p$  is a fixed point of  $f$ .

**Case (b).** Let  $M = G(x_n, fp, fp) + G(p, fp, fp) + G(p, fx_n, fx_n)$ . Then (2.7) can be written as

$$\begin{aligned} G(p, fp, fp) &\leq G(p, x_n, x_n) + G(x_n, fx_n, fx_n) \\ &\quad + k[G(x_n, fp, fp) + G(p, fp, fp) + G(p, fx_n, fx_n)] \\ &\leq G(p, x_n, x_n) + G(x_n, fx_n, fx_n) \\ &\quad + k[G(x_n, p, p) + G(p, fp, fp)] \\ &\quad + G(p, fp, fp) + G(x_n, fx_n, fx_n) + G(p, x_n, x_n) \end{aligned}$$

$$\text{or } G(p, fp, fp) \leq \frac{1+k}{1-2k}[G(p, x_n, x_n) + G(x_n, fx_n, fx_n)] + \frac{k}{1-2k}G(x_n, p, p),$$

Proceeding the limit as  $n \rightarrow \infty$  in this, and using (2.3), (2.5) and Lemma 1.1, we obtain that  $0 \leq G(p, fp, fp) = 0$  or  $fp = p$ . That is  $p$  is a fixed point of  $f$ . The uniqueness of the fixed point follows from (2.1) directly.  $\square$

**Definition 2.1** ([3]). A fixed point  $p$  of  $f$  on a  $G$ -metric space  $(X, G)$  is a  $G$ -contractive fixed point, if for each  $x \in X$ , the orbit  $O_f(x) = \{x, fx, \dots, f^n x, \dots\}$  converges to  $p$ .

**Example 2.1.** Let  $X = [0, \infty)$  with  $G(x, y, z) = 0$  if  $x = y = z$ ,  $\max\{x, y, z\}$  otherwise. Define  $fx = 0$  if  $0 \leq x < 1/2$ ,  $qx$  otherwise, for all  $x \in X$ , where  $0 \leq q < 1$ . Then, we see that  $0$  is the unique fixed point of  $f$  and for each  $x \in X$ , the  $f$ -orbit  $O_f(x) = \{x, qx, q^2x, \dots, q^n x, \dots\}$  converges to  $0$ . That is,  $0$  is a  $G$ -contractive fixed point of  $f$ .

We now show that the unique fixed point  $p$  is a  $G$ -contractive fixed point. Indeed, taking  $y = z = p$  in (2.1) and using (G5), we get

$$\begin{aligned} G(f^n x, p, p) &= G(f^n x, fp, fp) \\ &\leq k \max \{G(f^{n-1}x, f^n x, f^n x) + G(p, fp, fp) + G(p, fp, fp), \\ &\quad G(f^{n-1}x, fp, fp) + G(p, f^n x, f^n x) + G(p, fp, fp), \\ &\quad G(f^{n-1}x, fp, fp) + G(p, fp, fp) + G(p, f^n x, f^n x)\} \\ &= k \max \{G(f^{n-1}x, f^n x, f^n x) + 0, \\ &\quad G(f^{n-1}x, p, p) + G(p, f^n x, f^n x) + 0, \\ &\quad G(f^{n-1}x, p, p) + 0 + G(p, f^n x, f^n x)\} \\ &= k \max \{G(f^{n-1}x, f^n x, f^n x), \\ &\quad G(f^{n-1}x, p, p) + G(p, f^n x, f^n x) + 0\} \\ &\leq k \max \{G(p, f^n x, f^n x) \\ &\quad + G(f^{n-1}x, p, p), G(f^{n-1}x, p, p) + 2G(p, p, f^n x)\} \\ &\leq k[2G(p, p, f^n x) + G(f^{n-1}x, p, p)] \end{aligned}$$

or

$$G(f^n x, p, p) \leq c \cdot G(f^{n-1}x, p, p).$$

where  $c = k/(1 - 2k)$  is less than 1, by the choice of  $k$ . By induction, we have

$$G(f^n x, p, p) \leq c^n G(fx, p, p),$$

which as  $n \rightarrow \infty$  gives  $f^n x \rightarrow p$  for each  $x \in X$ , in view of Lemma 1.1. Thus  $p$  is a  $G$ -contractive fixed point of  $f$ . For the  $G$ -contractive fixed points under other contraction type conditions, one may refer to [4], [5] and [6].

The following example illustrates Theorem 2.1:

**Example 2.2.** Let  $X = [0, 1]$ , with  $G$ -metric  $G(x, y, z) = \max\{|x - y|, |y - z|, |z - x|\}$ . Then  $(X, d)$  is a complete  $G$ -metric space. Define  $f : X \rightarrow X$  by

$$fx = \begin{cases} \frac{x}{12}, & 0 \leq x < \frac{1}{2} \\ \frac{x}{10}, & \frac{1}{2} \leq x \leq 1. \end{cases}$$

We show that  $f$  satisfies the inequality (2.1) with  $k = 1/5$  in four different cases:

**Case (i).** Let  $x, y, z \in [0, 1/2)$ . Then

$$G(fx, fy, fz) = \frac{1}{12} \max\{|x - y|, |y - z|, |z - x|\},$$

$$G(x, fx, fx) = 11x/12, G(y, fy, fy) = 11y/12, G(z, fz, fz) = 11z/12.$$

Suppose that  $x < y < z$ . Then

$$G(fx, fy, fz) = \frac{1}{12}(z - x) \leq \frac{1}{5} \frac{5z}{12} \leq \frac{1}{5} \cdot \frac{11z}{12} = \frac{1}{5} G(z, fz, fz),$$

By symmetry, the subcases  $y < z < x$  and  $z < x < y$  can be handled.

**Case (ii).** Let  $x, y, z \in [1/2, 1]$ . Then

$$G(fx, fy, fz) = \frac{1}{10} \max\{|x - y|, |y - z|, |z - x|\},$$

$$G(x, fx, fx) = 9x/10, G(y, fy, fy) = 9y/12, G(z, fz, fz) = 9z/12.$$

Therefore,

$$G(fx, fy, fz) = \frac{1}{10}(z - x) \leq \frac{1}{5} \frac{5z}{10} \leq \frac{1}{5} \cdot \frac{9z}{10} = \frac{1}{5} G(z, fz, fz).$$

By symmetry, the subcases  $y < z < x$  and  $z < x < y$  can be handled.

**Case (iii).** Let  $x, y \in [0, 1/2), z \in [1/2, 1]$ . Then

$$G(fx, fy, fz) = \max\left\{\frac{|x - y|}{12}, \frac{z}{10} - \frac{y}{12}, \frac{z}{10} - \frac{x}{12}\right\}$$

$$\leq \frac{z}{10} = \frac{1}{5} \frac{5z}{10} \leq \frac{1}{5} \cdot \frac{9z}{10} = \frac{1}{5} G(z, fz, fz).$$

**Case (iv).** Let  $x, y \in [1/2, 1]$ ,  $z \in [0, 1/2)$ . Then

$$\begin{aligned} G(fx, fy, fz) &= \max \left\{ \frac{|x-y|}{10}, \frac{y}{10} - \frac{z}{12}, \frac{x}{10} - \frac{z}{12} \right\} \\ &\leq \max \left\{ \frac{y}{10}, \frac{x}{10} \right\} \\ &\leq \frac{1}{5} \left( \frac{9x}{10} + \frac{9y}{10} \right) = \frac{1}{5} [G(x, fx, fx) + G(y, fy, fy)]. \end{aligned}$$

From all the above cases, we observe that

$$G(fx, fy, fz) \leq \frac{1}{5} [G(x, fx, fx) + G(y, fy, fy) + G(z, fz, fz)] \text{ for all } x, y, z \in X,$$

showing that  $f$  satisfies the inequality (2.1) with  $k = 1/5$ . Note that 0 is unique fixed point of  $f$ .

### 3. Common fixed point theorem for two self-maps

Mustafa et al [1] proved the following result:

**Theorem 3.1.** *Suppose that  $(X, G)$  is a complete  $G$ -metric space and  $f$ , a self-map on  $X$  satisfying*

$$(3.1) \quad \begin{aligned} G(fx, fy, fz) &\leq aG(x, y, z) + bG(x, fx, fx) + cG(y, fy, fy) \\ &+ eG(z, fz, fz) \text{ for all } x, y, z \in X, \end{aligned}$$

where  $a, b, c$  and  $e$  are nonnegative real numbers with  $a + b + c + e < 1$ . Then  $f$  will have a unique fixed point.

Writing  $a = \alpha$ ,  $b = 0$ ,  $c = \beta$  and  $e = \gamma$  in Theorem 3.1, we get

**Corollary 3.1.** *Suppose that  $(X, G)$  is a complete  $G$ -metric space and  $f$ , a self-map on  $X$  satisfying*

$$(3.2) \quad \begin{aligned} G(fx, fy, fz) &\leq \alpha G(x, y, z) + \beta G(y, fy, fy) \\ &+ \gamma G(z, fz, fz), \text{ for all } x, y, z \in X, \end{aligned}$$

where  $\alpha, \beta, \gamma \geq 0$  with  $\alpha + \beta + \gamma < 1$ . Then  $f$  will have a unique fixed point.

As another application of Lemma 1.2, we extend Corollary 3.1 to a pair of self-maps to obtain a common fixed point, as follows:

**Theorem 3.2.** *Let  $(X, G)$  be a complete  $G$ -metric space and  $f, g$  be two self maps such that*

$$(3.3) \quad \begin{aligned} G(fx, gy, gz) &\leq \alpha G(x, y, z) + \beta G(y, gy, gy) \\ &+ \gamma G(z, gz, gz), \text{ for all } x, y, z \in X, \end{aligned}$$

where  $\alpha, \beta, \gamma \geq 0$  with  $\alpha + \beta + \gamma < 1$ . Then  $f$  and  $g$  will have a unique common fixed point.

**Proof.** Let  $S(f) = \{G(x, fx, fx) : x \in X\}$  and  $S(g) = \{G(y, gy, gy) : y \in X\}$ . Suppose that  $a \geq 0$  be the infimum of  $S(f) \cup S(g)$ .

**Case (a).** Suppose that  $a = \inf S(f)$ . If  $a > 0$ , writing  $y = z = fx$  in (3.2), we get

$$G(fx, gfx, gfx) \leq \alpha G(x, fx, fx) + \beta G(fx, gfx, gfx) + \gamma G(fx, gfx, gfx)$$

or

$$(3.4) \quad G(fx, gfx, gfx) \leq \frac{\alpha}{1 - \beta - \gamma} \cdot G(x, fx, fx).$$

Since  $\alpha/(1 - \beta - \gamma)$  is less than 1, from (3.4), it follows that  $G(fx, gfx, gfx) < a$  for some  $x \in X$ , which contradicts with the choice of  $a$ . Therefore  $a = 0$ .

**Case (b).** Suppose that  $a = \inf S(g)$ . Again, if  $a > 0$ , writing  $x = gy$  and  $z = y$  in (3.2), we get

$$G(fgy, gy, gy) \leq \alpha G(gy, y, y) + \beta G(y, gy, gy) + \gamma G(y, gy, gy)$$

or

$$(3.5) \quad G(fgy, gy, gy) \leq (\alpha + \beta + \gamma)G(y, gy, gy) < a,$$

which contradicts with the choice of  $a$ . Therefore,  $a = 0$ . Choose the points  $x_1, x_2, \dots, x_n, \dots$  in  $X$  such that

$$G(x_n, fx_n, fx_n) \in S(f) \text{ for } n = 1, 2, 3, \dots$$

and

$$(3.6) \quad \lim_{n \rightarrow \infty} G(x_n, fx_n, fx_n) = 0.$$

Similarly we can choose the points  $x_1, x_2, \dots, x_m, \dots$  in  $X$  such that

$$G(x_m, gx_m, gx_m) \in S(g) \text{ for } n = 1, 2, 3, \dots$$

and

$$(3.7) \quad \lim_{n \rightarrow \infty} G(x_m, gx_m, gx_m) = 0.$$

Repeatedly using the rectangle inequality (G5) and (3.2), we see that

$$(3.8) \quad \begin{aligned} G(x_n, x_m, x_m) &\leq G(x_n, fx_n, fx_n) \\ &+ G(fx_n, gx_m, gx_m) + 2G(x_m, gx_m, gx_m). \end{aligned}$$



Now

$$(3.9) \quad \begin{aligned} G(fx_n, gx_m, gx_m) &\leq \alpha G(x_n, x_m, x_m) \\ &+ \beta G(x_m, gx_m, gx_m) + \gamma G(x_m, gx_m, gx_m). \end{aligned}$$

Substituting (3.9) in (3.8), we obtain

$$\begin{aligned} G(x_n, x_m, x_m) &\leq G(x_n, fx_n, fx_n) + \alpha G(x_n, x_m, x_m) + \beta G(x_m, gx_m, gx_m) \\ &+ \gamma G(x_m, gx_m, gx_m) + 2G(x_m, gx_m, gx_m) \end{aligned}$$

or

$$G(x_n, x_m, x_m) \leq \frac{1}{1-\alpha} \cdot G(x_n, fx_n, fx_n) + \frac{2+\beta+\gamma}{1-\alpha} \cdot G(x_m, gx_m, gx_m)$$

As  $m, n \rightarrow \infty$  this in view of (3.6) and (3.7), gives  $G(x_n, x_m, x_m) \rightarrow 0$ , proving that  $\langle x_n \rangle_{n=1}^\infty$  is  $G$ -Cauchy.

Since  $X$  is  $G$ -complete, we can find a point  $p \in X$  such that

$$(3.10) \quad \lim_{n \rightarrow \infty} x_n = p.$$

Again by repeated application of rectangle inequality (G5), (G4) and (3.2), we have

$$(3.11) \quad G(p, fp, fp) \leq [G(p, x_m, x_m) + G(x_m, gx_m, gx_m)] + 2G(fp, gx_m, gx_m).$$

But, from (3.2), we have

$$(3.12) \quad \begin{aligned} G(fp, gx_m, gx_m) &\leq \alpha G(p, x_m, x_m) \\ &+ \beta G(x_m, gx_m, gx_m) + \gamma G(x_m, gx_m, gx_m). \end{aligned}$$

Substituting (3.12) in (3.11), and then simplifying, it follows that

$$G(p, fp, fp) \leq (1+2\alpha)G(x_m, x_m, p) + (1+\beta+\gamma)G(x_m, gx_m, gx_m).$$

As  $m \rightarrow \infty$  this finally yields  $d(p, fp, fp) \leq 0$  or  $fp = p$ .

Now, using (G5) and writing  $x = y = z = p$  in (3.2), we have

$$\begin{aligned} G(fp, gp, gp) &\leq \alpha G(p, p, p) + \beta G(p, gp, gp) + \gamma G(p, gp, gp) \\ &\leq (\beta + \gamma)[G(p, fp, fp) + G(fp, gp, gp)] \end{aligned}$$

or

$$(3.13) \quad (1 - \beta - \gamma)G(fp, gp, gp) \leq (\beta + \gamma)G(p, fp, fp).$$

This further implies that  $(1 - \beta - \gamma)G(fp, gp, gp) \leq 0$  or  $fp = gp$ . Since  $p$  is a fixed point of  $f$ ,  $p$  will be a common fixed point of  $f$  and  $g$ .

**Uniqueness:** Suppose  $q$  is another common fixed of  $f$  and  $g$ . That is  $fq = q$  and  $gq = q$ . Then from (3.2), we have

$$G(p, q, q) = G(fp, gq, gq) \leq \alpha G(p, q, q) + \beta G(q, gq, gq) + \gamma G(q, gq, gq) = 0,$$

which implies that  $G(p, q, q) \leq 0$  or  $p = q$ . That is,  $p$  is an unique common fixed point of  $f$  and  $g$ .  $\square$

**Remark 3.1.** Writing  $g = f$ , (3.3) reduces to (3.2). Hence Theorem 3.2 is an extension of Corollary 3.1 to two self-maps.

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