

COMMON FIXED POINTS OF (ϕ, ψ) -CONTRACTION ON G -METRIC SPACE USING E.A PROPERTY

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ABSTRACT. The aim of this manuscript is to present a unique common fixed point theorem for six mappings satisfying (ϕ, ψ) -contraction and E.A property in the framework of G -metric space. An illustrative example is also given to justify the established result.

1. INTRODUCTION

Banach contraction mapping principle [3] is one of the pivotal results of analysis. According to the contraction mapping principle, any mapping $T : X \rightarrow X$ satisfying

$$d(Tx, Ty) \leq kd(x, y) \quad \forall x, y \in X \quad \text{and} \quad 0 \leq k < 1$$

must have a unique fixed point. Generalization of the above contraction mapping principle has been a very active field of research during recent years. Many authors generalized this principle with different approaches in various spaces.

Yan et al. [9] gave the idea of (ϕ, ψ) -contraction who extended the results of Harjani and Sadarangani [4] and some other authors and proved a fixed point theorem of a contraction mapping in a complete metric space endowed with a partial order by using altering distance functions. Different authors used (ϕ, ψ) -contraction to obtain common fixed point results in different spaces. Some of the work on (ϕ, ψ) -contraction is given in [2, 6, 8, 10].

In 1996, Jungck [17] defined a pair of self mappings to be weakly compatible if they commute at their coincidence points. However, the study of common fixed point of non-compatible mappings has recently been initiated by Pant ([19]) and ([20]).

In 2002, Amari and El Moutawakil [18] defined a new property called an (E.A) property which generalized the concept of non-compatible mappings and they proved some common fixed point theorem.

In 2005, Mustafa and Sims [13] introduced a new generalization of metric space by assigning to every triplet $(x, y, z) \in X \times X \times X$ a real number and named it a G -metric space. In 2008, Mustafa et al. [14] obtained some fixed point results in

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G -metric space for mappings satisfying different contractive conditions. Shatanawi [16] proved a fixed point theorem for contractive mappings satisfying Φ -maps in G -metric spaces. After that several fixed point results were proved in these spaces. Some of these works are noted in [[7], [8], [10], [11], [13], [16], [[21]-[27]] etc].

In the current work we will obtain a unique common fixed point result in G -metric spaces using (ϕ, ψ) -contraction and E.A property.

2. PRELIMINARIES

The following definitions and results will be needed in the sequel.

Definition 2.1. [13] *A G -metric space is a pair (X, G) where X is a nonempty set and G is a nonnegative real-valued function defined on $X \times X \times X$ such that for all $x, y, z, a \in X$, we have*

- (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).

The function G is called a G -metric on X . Note that every G -metric on X defines a metric d_G on X by

$$d_G(x, y) = G(x, y, y) + G(y, x, x) \text{ for all } x, y \in X.$$

Example 2.1. [13] *Let (X, d) be a metric space and define $G_s, G_m : X \times X \times X \rightarrow [0, \infty)$ by*

$$G_s(x, y, z) = d(x, y) + d(y, z) + d(x, z),$$

and

$$G_m(x, y, z) = \max\{d(x, y), d(y, z), d(x, z)\}$$

for all $x, y, z \in X$. Then (X, G_s) and (X, G_m) are G -metric spaces.

Definition 2.2. [13] *A sequence $\{x_n\}$ in a G -metric space (X, G) is said to converge if there exists $x \in X$ such that $\lim_{n, m \rightarrow \infty} G(x, x_n, x_m) = 0$, and one say that the sequence $\{x_n\}$ is G -convergent to x . We call x the limit of the sequence $\{x_n\}$ and write $x_n \rightarrow x$ or $\lim_{n \rightarrow \infty} x_n = x$.*

Throughout this paper we mean by \mathbf{N} the set of all natural numbers.

Proposition 2.1. [13] *Let (X, G) be G -metric space. Then the following statements are equivalent.*

- (1) $\{x_n\}$ is G -convergent to x .
- (3) $G(x_n, x_n, x) \rightarrow 0$, as $n \rightarrow \infty$.
- (4) $G(x_n, x, x) \rightarrow 0$, as $n \rightarrow \infty$.
- (5) $G(x_m, x_n, x) \rightarrow 0$, as $m, n \rightarrow \infty$.

Definition 2.3. [13] *In a G -metric space (X, G) , a sequence $\{x_n\}$ is said to be G -Cauchy if given $\epsilon > 0$, there is $N \in \mathbf{N}$ such that $G(x_n, x_m, x_l) < \epsilon$, for all $n, m, l \geq N$. That is $G(x_n, x_m, x_l) \rightarrow 0$ as $n, m, l \rightarrow \infty$.*

Proposition 2.2. [13] *In a G -metric space (X, G) , the following statements 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 $n, m \geq N$.

Definition 2.4. [13] A G -metric space (X, G) is called symmetric if $G(x, y, y) = G(y, x, x)$ for all $x, y \in X$, and called nonsymmetric if its not symmetric.

Example 2.2. [15] Let $X = \mathbf{N}$ be the set of all natural numbers, and define $G : X \times X \times X \rightarrow \mathbf{R}$ such that for all $x, y, z \in X$:

$$\begin{aligned} G(x, y, z) &= 0, & \text{if; } x = y = z \\ G(x, y, y) &= x + y, & \text{if; } x < y \\ G(x, y, y) &= x + y + \frac{1}{2}, & \text{if; } x > y \\ G(x, y, z) &= x + y + z, & \text{if } x \neq y \neq z \end{aligned}$$

and symmetry in all three variables.

Then, (X, G) is G -metric space and non-symmetric. In fact, if $x < y$, then $G(x, y, y) = x + y \neq x + y + \frac{1}{2} = G(y, x, x)$.

Proposition 2.3. [13] Let X be a G -metric space, then the function $G(x, y, z)$ is jointly continuous in all three of its variables.

Definition 2.5. [13] A G -metric space X is said to be complete if every G -Cauchy sequence in X is G -convergent in X .

Definition 2.6. [5] A mapping $\psi : [0, \infty) \rightarrow [0, \infty)$ is called an altering distance function if the following properties are satisfied:

1. ψ is continuous and non-decreasing.
2. $\psi(t) = t$ if and only if $t = 0$.

The set consist of all altering distance functions is denoted by Ψ .

Definition 2.7. [12] Let f and g be self maps of a set X . If $w = fx = gx$ for some $x \in X$. Then x is called a coincidence point of f and g , and w is called a point of coincidence of f and g .

The following definition was given by Jungck [17].

Definition 2.8. [17] Two maps f and g are said to be weakly compatible if they commute at their coincidence points, that is if x is a coincidence point, then $f(g(x)) = g(f(x))$.

Definition 2.9. [18] Let S and T be two self mappings of a metric space (X, d) . We say that T and S satisfy the (E.A) property if there exists a sequence $\{x_n\}$ such that

$$\lim_{n \rightarrow \infty} Tx_n = \lim_{n \rightarrow \infty} Sx_n = t, \text{ for some } t \in X.$$

3. MAIN RESULTS

We start this section by presenting the main result.

Theorem 3.1. Let (X, G) be a complete G -metric space and $f, g, h, R, S, T : X \rightarrow X$ be self mappings such that

- (1) (f, R) and (g, S) satisfy (E.A) property.
- (2) $f(X) \subseteq T(X)$, $g(X) \subseteq R(X)$ and $h(X) \subseteq S(X)$.
- (3) $R(X)$ is a closed subspace of X .
- (4) $(f, R), (g, S)$ and (h, T) are weakly compatible pairs of mappings.

(5)

$$\psi(G(fx, gy, hz)) \leq \psi(M(x, y, z)) - \phi(M(x, y, z)) \quad \forall x, y, z \in X, \quad (3.1)$$

where $\psi, \phi \in \Psi$ and

$$M(x, y, z) = \max \{G(Rx, Sy, Tz), G(fx, Sy, Tz), G(Rx, gy, Tz), \\ G(Rx, Sy, hz), G(fx, gy, Tz), G(fx, Sy, hz), G(Rx, gy, hz)\} \quad (3.2)$$

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

Proof. Since the pair (f, R) satisfy (E.A) property, there exists a sequence $\{x_n\}$ such that

$$\lim_{n \rightarrow \infty} fx_n = \lim_{n \rightarrow \infty} Rx_n = r_1. \quad (3.3)$$

But $f(X) \subseteq T(X)$, so there exists a sequence $\{z_n\} \subseteq X$ such that

$$fx_n = Tz_n \text{ and } \lim_{n \rightarrow \infty} fx_n = \lim_{n \rightarrow \infty} Tz_n = \lim_{n \rightarrow \infty} Rx_n = r_1. \quad (3.4)$$

Since the pair (g, S) satisfy E.A property, there exists a sequence $\{y_n\}$ such that

$$\lim_{n \rightarrow \infty} gy_n = \lim_{n \rightarrow \infty} Sy_n = r_2. \quad (3.5)$$

But $g(X) \subseteq R(X)$, so as in the above there exists a sequence $\{\beta_n\} \subseteq X$ such that

$$gy_n = R\beta_n \text{ and } \lim_{n \rightarrow \infty} gy_n = \lim_{n \rightarrow \infty} R\beta_n = \lim_{n \rightarrow \infty} Sy_n = r_2. \quad (3.6)$$

Now, we shall show that $\lim_{n \rightarrow \infty} hz_n = r_1$. Replacing x, y and z by x_n, y_n and z_n , respectively, in equation (3.2), we get that

$$M(x_n, y_n, z_n) = \max \{G(Rx_n, Sy_n, Tz_n), G(fx_n, Sy_n, Tz_n), G(Rx_n, gy_n, Tz_n), \\ G(Rx_n, Sy_n, hz_n), G(fx_n, gy_n, Tz_n), G(fx_n, Sy_n, hz_n), \\ G(Rx_n, gy_n, hz_n)\}. \quad (3.7)$$

Taking the limit as $n \rightarrow \infty$ in (3.7), and using (3.4), (3.6) and the continuity of G , we obtain that

$$\begin{aligned} \lim_{n \rightarrow \infty} M(x_n, y_n, z_n) &= \lim_{n \rightarrow \infty} \max \{G(Rx_n, Sy_n, Tz_n), G(fx_n, Sy_n, Tz_n), \\ &G(Rx_n, gy_n, Tz_n), G(Rx_n, Sy_n, hz_n), G(fx_n, gy_n, Tz_n), \\ &G(fx_n, Sy_n, hz_n), G(Rx_n, gy_n, hz_n), \} \\ &= \max \{G(r_1, r_2, r_1), G(r_1, r_2, r_1), G(r_1, r_2, r_1), \\ &G(r_1, r_2, \lim_{n \rightarrow \infty} hz_n), G(r_1, r_2, r_1), \\ &G(r_1, r_2, \lim_{n \rightarrow \infty} hz_n), G(r_1, r_2, \lim_{n \rightarrow \infty} hz_n)\} \\ &= \max \{G(r_1, r_2, \lim_{n \rightarrow \infty} hz_n), G(r_1, r_2, r_1)\} \\ &= G(r_1, r_2, \lim_{n \rightarrow \infty} hz_n). \end{aligned} \quad (3.8)$$

Now, in equation (3.1) replacing x, y and z by x_n, y_n and z_n , respectively, we have

$$\psi(G(fx_n, gy_n, hz_n)) \leq \psi(M(x_n, y_n, z_n)) - \phi(M(x_n, y_n, z_n)). \quad (3.9)$$

Letting $n \rightarrow \infty$ in (3.9), we get

$$\lim_{n \rightarrow \infty} \psi(G(fx_n, gy_n, hz_n)) \leq \lim_{n \rightarrow \infty} \psi(M(x_n, y_n, z_n)) - \lim_{n \rightarrow \infty} \phi(M(x_n, y_n, z_n)),$$

which implies by (3.4), (3.6) and the continuity of G , ψ and ϕ that

$$\psi(G(r_1, r_2, \lim_{n \rightarrow \infty} hz_n)) \leq \psi(\lim_{n \rightarrow \infty} M(x_n, y_n, z_n)) - \phi(\lim_{n \rightarrow \infty} M(x_n, y_n, z_n)). \quad (3.10)$$

Substituting (3.8) into (3.10), we get

$$\psi(G(r_1, r_2, \lim_{n \rightarrow \infty} hz_n)) \leq \psi(G(r_1, r_2, \lim_{n \rightarrow \infty} hz_n)) - \phi(G(r_1, r_2, \lim_{n \rightarrow \infty} hz_n)),$$

which implies $\phi(G(r_1, r_2, \lim_{n \rightarrow \infty} hz_n)) = 0$, which further gives from the properties of ϕ that $G(r_1, r_2, \lim_{n \rightarrow \infty} hz_n) = 0$, hence $\lim_{n \rightarrow \infty} hz_n = r_1 = r_2$. Therefore,

$$\lim_{n \rightarrow \infty} fx_n = \lim_{n \rightarrow \infty} Rx_n = \lim_{n \rightarrow \infty} gy_n = \lim_{n \rightarrow \infty} Sy_n = \lim_{n \rightarrow \infty} Tz_n = \lim_{n \rightarrow \infty} R\beta_n = r \quad (3.11)$$

for some $r \in X$. As $R(X)$ is a closed subspace of X , so $Ru = r$ for some $u \in X$.

Now we shall prove that $fu = r$. Specifying $x = u, y = y_n$ and $z = z_n$ in (3.8) and (3.2), then taking the limit as $n \rightarrow \infty$ and using (3.11), we obtain

$$\begin{aligned} \lim_{n \rightarrow \infty} M(u, y_n, z_n) &= \lim_{n \rightarrow \infty} \max \{G(Ru, Sy_n, Tz_n), G(fu, Sy_n, Tz_n), G(Ru, gy_n, Tz_n), \\ &\quad G(Ru, Sy_n, hz_n), G(fu, gy_n, Tz_n), G(fu, Sy_n, hz_n), G(Ru, gy_n, hz_n)\} \\ &= \max \left\{ G(r, r, r), G(fu, r, r), G(r, r, r), G(r, r, r), G(fu, r, r), \right. \\ &\quad \left. G(fu, r, r), G(r, r, r) \right\} \\ &= G(fu, r, r), \end{aligned} \quad (3.12)$$

and

$$\begin{aligned} \psi(G(fu, r, r)) &= \lim_{n \rightarrow \infty} \psi(G(fu, gy_n, hz_n)) \\ &\leq \lim_{n \rightarrow \infty} \psi(M(u, y_n, z_n)) - \lim_{n \rightarrow \infty} \phi(M(u, y_n, z_n)) \\ &= \psi(\lim_{n \rightarrow \infty} M(u, y_n, z_n)) - \phi(\lim_{n \rightarrow \infty} M(u, y_n, z_n)). \end{aligned} \quad (3.13)$$

By substituting (3.12) into (3.13), we find that

$$\psi(G(fu, r, r)) \leq \psi(G(fu, r, r)) - \phi(G(fu, r, r)).$$

Thus, $\phi(G(fu, r, r)) = 0$ which implies from the properties of ϕ that $G(fu, r, r) = 0$, and so

$$fu = r = Ru. \quad (3.14)$$

Now, we shall prove that $hw = Tw = r$. As $f(X) \subseteq T(X)$, there exists $w \in X$ such that $fu = Tw = r$. By using a similar argument as above, taking limit as $n \rightarrow \infty$ in (3.8) and (3.2) after specifying $x = u, y = y_n$ and $z = w$ and using (3.11), we obtain that

$$\begin{aligned} \lim_{n \rightarrow \infty} M(u, y_n, w) &= \lim_{n \rightarrow \infty} \max \{G(Ru, Sy_n, Tw), G(fu, Sy_n, Tw), G(Ru, gy_n, Tw), \\ &\quad G(Ru, Sy_n, hw), G(fu, gy_n, Tw), G(fu, Sy_n, hw), G(Ru, gy_n, hw)\} \\ &= \max \{G(r, r, r), G(r, r, r), G(r, r, r), G(r, r, hw), G(r, r, r), \\ &\quad G(r, r, hw), G(r, r, hw)\} \\ &= G(r, r, hw). \end{aligned} \quad (3.15)$$

and

$$\begin{aligned}\psi(G(r, r, hw)) &= \lim_{n \rightarrow \infty} \psi(G(fu, gy_n, hw)) \\ &\leq \lim_{n \rightarrow \infty} \psi(M(u, y_n, w)) - \lim_{n \rightarrow \infty} \phi(M(u, y_n, w)) \\ &= \psi\left(\lim_{n \rightarrow \infty} M(u, y_n, w)\right) - \phi\left(\lim_{n \rightarrow \infty} M(u, y_n, w)\right).\end{aligned}\quad (3.16)$$

Substituting (3.15) into (3.16), we find that

$$\psi(G(r, r, hw)) \leq \psi(G(r, r, hw)) - \phi(G(r, r, hw)).$$

Hence, $\phi(G(r, r, hw)) = 0$, which implies that $G(r, r, hw) = 0$, and so

$$hw = r = Tw. \quad (3.17)$$

Now, we shall prove that $gp = Sp = r$. Similarly, as $h(X) \subseteq S(X)$, there exists $p \in X$ such that $hw = Sp = r$. Again, by taking $x = u, y = p$ and $z = w$ in (3.1) and using (3.14) and (3.17), we find that

$$\begin{aligned}\psi(G(r, gp, r)) &= \psi(G(fu, gp, hw)) \\ &\leq \psi(M(u, p, w)) - \phi(M(u, p, w)),\end{aligned}\quad (3.18)$$

where

$$\begin{aligned}M(u, p, w) &= \max\{G(Ru, Sp, Tw), G(fu, Sp, Tw), G(Ru, gp, Tw), \\ &\quad G(Ru, Sp, hw), G(fu, gp, Tw), G(fu, Sp, hw), G(Ru, gp, hw)\} \\ &= \max\{G(r, r, r), G(r, r, r), G(r, gp, r), G(r, r, r), G(r, gp, r), \\ &\quad G(r, r, r), G(r, gp, r)\} \\ &= G(r, gp, r).\end{aligned}\quad (3.19)$$

Hence, by substituting (3.19) into (3.18), we get that

$$\psi(G(r, gp, r)) \leq \psi(G(r, gp, r)) - \phi(G(r, gp, r)).$$

Thus, $\phi(G(r, gp, r)) = 0$, which implies that $G(r, gp, r) = 0$ and so

$$gp = r = Sp. \quad (3.20)$$

Therefore, from (3.14), (3.17) and (3.20), we conclude that r is a point of coincidences of each pair of (f, R) , (g, S) and (h, T) , that is

$$fu = Ru = gp = Sp = hw = Tw = r. \quad (3.21)$$

To this end, we shall show that r is a common fixed point of f, g, h, R, S and T . From (3.21) and since the functions of the pair (f, R) are weakly compatible mappings, then

$$f(fu) = f(r) = f(Ru) = R(fu) = R(r) \Rightarrow f(r) = R(r), \quad (3.22)$$

which shows that r is a coincidence point of f and R . As above, applying (3.1) for $x = r, y = p$ and $z = w$ and using (3.21) and (3.22), we get that

$$\begin{aligned}\psi(G(fr, p, w)) &= \psi(G(fr, gp, hw)) \\ &\leq \psi(M(r, p, w)) - \phi(M(r, p, w))\end{aligned}\quad (3.23)$$

where

$$\begin{aligned}
M(r, p, w) &= \max \{G(Rr, Sp, Tw), G(fr, Sp, Tw), G(Rr, gp, Tw), \\
&\quad G(Rr, Sp, hw), G(fr, gp, Tw), G(fr, Sp, hw), G(Rr, gp, hw)\} \\
&= \max \{G(Rr, r, r), G(fr, r, r), G(Rr, r, r), \\
&\quad G(Rr, r, r), G(fr, r, r), G(fr, r, r), G(Rr, r, r)\} \\
&= G(fr, r, r).
\end{aligned}$$

Hence equation (3.23) becomes

$$\psi(G(fr, p, w)) \leq \psi(G(fr, r, r)) - \phi(G(fr, r, r)),$$

which yields that $\phi(G(fr, r, r)) = 0$, which further implies by properties of ϕ that $G(fr, r, r) = 0$. Thus $fr = r = Rr$. That is r is a common fixed point of f and R . Similarly, using the same steps and procedure as in the case of f and R , we can prove that $gr = Sr = r$ and $hr = Tr = r$. Therefore, r is a common fixed point of f, g, h, R, S and T .

Now, we shall prove that the obtained common fixed point is unique. Suppose that v is another common fixed point of the mappings f, g, h, R, S and T . Then applying equation (3.1) for $x = r, y = v$ and $z = v$, we find that

$$\psi(G(r, v, v)) = \psi(G(fr, gv, hv)) \leq \psi(M(r, v, v)) - \phi(M(r, v, v)), \quad (3.24)$$

where

$$\begin{aligned}
M(r, v, v) &= \max \{G(Rr, Sv, Tv), G(fr, Sv, Tv), G(Rr, gv, Tv), G(Rr, Sv, hv), \\
&\quad G(fr, gv, Tv), G(fr, Sv, hv), G(Rr, gv, hv)\} \\
&= \max \{G(r, v, v), G(r, v, v), G(r, v, v), G(r, v, v), G(r, v, v), \\
&\quad G(r, v, v), G(r, v, v)\} \\
&= G(r, v, v). \quad (3.25)
\end{aligned}$$

So (3.24) becomes

$$\psi(G(r, v, v)) \leq \psi(G(r, v, v)) - \phi(G(r, v, v)),$$

which yields that $\phi(G(r, v, v)) = 0$. Hence by properties of ϕ we have $G(r, v, v) = 0$ and so $r = v$. Therefore, r is a unique common fixed point of f, g, h, R, S and T . \square

The following result is an immediate consequence of Theorem (3.1) by taking $\phi(t) = t$.

Corollary 3.1. *Let (X, G) be a complete G -metric space and $f, g, h, R, S, T : X \rightarrow X$ be self mappings such that*

- (1) (f, R) and (g, S) satisfy (E.A) property.
- (2) $f(X) \subseteq T(X), g(X) \subseteq R(X)$ and $h(X) \subseteq S(X)$.
- (3) $R(X)$ is a closed subspace of X .
- (4) $(f, R), (g, S)$ and (h, T) are weakly compatible pairs of mappings.
- (5) $\psi(G(fx, gy, hz)) \leq \psi(M(x, y, z)) - M(x, y, z)$ for all $x, y, z \in X$ where ψ is an altering distance function and

$$\begin{aligned}
M(x, y, z) &= \max \{G(Rx, Sy, Tz), G(fx, Sy, Tz), G(Rx, gy, Tz), \\
&\quad G(Rx, Sy, hz), G(fx, gy, Tz), G(fx, Sy, hz), G(Rx, gy, hz)\}.
\end{aligned}$$

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

As in the above corollary, the following results follows from Theorem (3.1) by taking $\psi(t) = t$.

Corollary 3.2. *Let (X, G) be a complete G -metric space and $f, g, h, R, S, T : X \rightarrow X$ be self mappings such that*

- (1) (f, R) and (g, S) satisfy E.A property.
- (2) $f(X) \subseteq T(X), g(X) \subseteq R(X)$ and $h(X) \subseteq S(X)$.
- (3) $R(X)$ is a closed subspace of X .
- (4) $(f, R), (g, S)$ and (h, T) are weakly compatible pairs of mappings.
- (5) $G(fx, gy, hz) \leq M(x, y, z) - \phi(M(x, y, z))$ for all $x, y, z \in X$ where ϕ is an altering distance function and

$$M(x, y, z) = \max \{G(Rx, Sy, Tz), G(fx, Sy, Tz), G(Rx, gy, Tz), \\ G(Rx, Sy, hz), G(fx, gy, Tz), G(fx, Sy, hz), G(Rx, gy, hz)\}.$$

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

By specifying $\psi(t) = t$ and $\phi(t) = \frac{t}{k}$ with $k > 1$ in Theorem (3.1), we get the following corollaries.

Corollary 3.3. *Let (X, G) be a complete G -metric space and $f, g, h, R, S, T : X \rightarrow X$ be self mappings such that*

- (1) (f, R) and (g, S) satisfy E.A property.
- (2) $f(X) \subseteq T(X), g(X) \subseteq R(X)$ and $h(X) \subseteq S(X)$.
- (3) $R(X)$ is a closed subspace of X .
- (4) $(f, R), (g, S)$ and (h, T) are weakly compatible pairs of mappings.
- (5) $G(fx, gy, hz) \leq \frac{k-1}{k}M(x, y, z)$ for all $x, y, z \in X$, where k is a positive integer and

$$M(x, y, z) = \max \{G(Rx, Sy, Tz), G(fx, Sy, Tz), G(Rx, gy, Tz), \\ G(Rx, Sy, hz), G(fx, gy, Tz), G(fx, Sy, hz), G(Rx, gy, hz)\}.$$

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

By taking $f = g$ and $R = S$ in Theorem (3.1), we get the following result.

Corollary 3.4. *Let (X, G) be a complete G -metric space and $g, h, S, T : X \rightarrow X$ be self mappings such that*

- (1) (g, S) satisfy E.A property.
- (2) $g(X) \subseteq T(X)$ and $h(X) \subseteq S(X)$.
- (3) $S(X)$ is a closed subspace of X .
- (4) (g, S) and (h, T) are weakly compatible pairs of mappings.
- (5) $\psi(G(fx, gy, hz)) \leq \psi(M(x, y, z)) - \phi(M(x, y, z))$ for all $x, y, z \in X$ where ψ, ϕ are altering distance functions and

$$M(x, y, z) = \max \{G(Sx, Sy, Tz), G(gx, Sy, Tz), G(Sx, gy, Tz), \\ G(Sx, Sy, hz), G(gx, gy, Tz), G(gx, Sy, hz), G(Sx, gy, hz)\}.$$

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

Example 3.1. *Let $X = [0, \infty)$. Define the function $G : X \times X \times X \rightarrow [0, \infty)$ as follows:*

$$G(x, y, z) = \begin{cases} 0, & \text{if } x = y = z; \\ \max\{x, y, z\}, & \text{otherwise,} \end{cases}$$

Then, clearly that (X, G) is a complete G -metric space. Also, define the mappings f, g, h, R, S and T by

$$fx = \frac{x}{16}, \quad g(x) = \frac{x}{18}, \quad h(x) = \frac{x}{20},$$

$$R(x) = \frac{x}{4}, \quad S(x) = \frac{x}{3} \quad \text{and} \quad T(x) = \frac{x}{6}$$

for all $x \in X$. Further, define $\psi(t) = 2t$ and $\phi(t) = \frac{t}{2}$ for all $t \in [0, \infty)$. Then f, g, h, R, S and T have unique common fixed point.

Proof. We will show that the mappings f, g, h, R, S and T satisfy the conditions of Theorem (3.1).

(1) (f, R) and (g, S) satisfy E.A property. In fact, $\{\frac{1}{n}\}$ is one of the required sequence for both pairs.

(2) $f(X) \subseteq T(X)$, $g(X) \subseteq S(X)$ and $h(X) \subseteq R(X)$. In fact, $f(X) = g(X) = S(X) = R(X) = T(X) = [0, \infty)$.

(3) $R(X) = [0, \infty)$ is a closed subspace of X .

(4) $(f, R), (g, S)$ and (h, T) are weakly compatible pairs of mappings. In fact, the only coincident point for f and R is 0 and $f(R(0)) = R(f(0)) = 0$. Similarly for the other two pairs.

(5) We shall show that the above mappings satisfy the contractive condition in (3.1). Note that

$$\begin{aligned} \psi(G(fx, gy, hz)) &= \psi(\max\{\frac{x}{16}, \frac{y}{18}, \frac{z}{20}\}) \\ &= 2 \max\{\frac{x}{16}, \frac{y}{18}, \frac{z}{20}\} \\ &= \max\{\frac{x}{8}, \frac{y}{9}, \frac{z}{10}\}. \end{aligned} \quad (3.26)$$

And from (3.2),

$$M(x, y, z) = \max \left\{ \begin{array}{l} \max\{\frac{x}{4}, \frac{y}{3}, \frac{z}{6}\}, \max\{\frac{x}{16}, \frac{y}{3}, \frac{z}{6}\}, \max\{\frac{x}{4}, \frac{y}{18}, \frac{z}{6}\}, \max\{\frac{x}{4}, \frac{y}{3}, \frac{z}{20}\} \\ \max\{\frac{x}{16}, \frac{y}{18}, \frac{z}{6}\}, \max\{\frac{x}{16}, \frac{y}{3}, \frac{z}{20}\}, \max\{\frac{x}{4}, \frac{y}{18}, \frac{z}{20}\} \end{array} \right\}.$$

One can easily see that each element of

$$\left\{ \begin{array}{l} \max\{\frac{x}{16}, \frac{y}{3}, \frac{z}{6}\}, \max\{\frac{x}{4}, \frac{y}{18}, \frac{z}{6}\}, \max\{\frac{x}{4}, \frac{y}{3}, \frac{z}{20}\} \\ \max\{\frac{x}{16}, \frac{y}{18}, \frac{z}{6}\}, \max\{\frac{x}{16}, \frac{y}{3}, \frac{z}{20}\}, \max\{\frac{x}{4}, \frac{y}{18}, \frac{z}{20}\} \end{array} \right\}$$

is less than or equal to

$$\max\left\{\frac{x}{4}, \frac{y}{3}, \frac{z}{6}\right\}.$$

Thus,

$$M(x, y, z) = \max\left\{\frac{x}{4}, \frac{y}{3}, \frac{z}{6}\right\}.$$

And so,

$$\begin{aligned} \psi(M(x, y, z)) - \phi(M(x, y, z)) &= 2 \max\left\{\frac{x}{4}, \frac{y}{3}, \frac{z}{6}\right\} - \frac{1}{2} \max\left\{\frac{x}{4}, \frac{y}{3}, \frac{z}{6}\right\} \\ &= \max\left\{\frac{3x}{8}, \frac{y}{2}, \frac{z}{2}\right\}. \end{aligned} \quad (3.27)$$

Thus, from (3.26) and (3.27), we get that

$$\begin{aligned}\psi(G(fx, gy, hz)) &= \max\left\{\frac{x}{8}, \frac{y}{9}, \frac{z}{10}\right\} \\ &\leq \max\left\{\frac{3x}{8}, \frac{y}{2}, \frac{z}{2}\right\} \\ &= \psi(M(x, y, z)) - \phi(M(x, y, z)).\end{aligned}$$

Therefore, the self mappings f, g, h, R, S and T satisfies all conditions of Theorem (3.1), and $x = 0$ is the unique common fixed point of f, g, h, R, S and T . \square

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