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On Generalized Weakly G -Contractive Mappings in Partially Ordered G -Metric Spaces

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The aim of this paper is to present some coincidence and common fixed point results for generalized weakly G -contractive mappings in the setup of partially ordered G -metric space. We also provide an example to illustrate the results presented herein. As an application of our results, periodic points of weakly G -contractive mappings are obtained.

1. Introduction and Mathematical Preliminaries

The concept of a generalized metric space, or a G -metric space, was introduced by Mustafa et al. [1]. In recent years, many authors have obtained different fixed point theorems for mappings satisfying various contractive conditions on G -metric spaces. For a survey of fixed point theory, its applications, comparison of different contractive conditions, and related topics in G -metric spaces we refer the reader to [1–14] and the references mentioned therein.

Definition 1.1 (G -metric space [1]). Let X be a nonempty set and $G : X \times X \times X \rightarrow \mathbb{R}^+$ be a function satisfying the following properties:

- (G1) $G(x, y, z) = 0$ if and only 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 G -metric on X and the pair (X, G) is called a G -metric space.

Definition 1.2 (see [1]). Let (X, G) be a G -metric space and let $\{x_n\}$ be a sequence of points of X . A point $x \in X$ is said to be the limit of the sequence $\{x_n\}$ if $\lim_{n,m \rightarrow \infty} G(x, x_n, x_m) = 0$ and

one says that the sequence $\{x_n\}$ is G -convergent to x . Thus, if $x_n \rightarrow x$ in a G -metric space (X, G) , then for any $\varepsilon > 0$, there exists a positive integer N such that $G(x, x_n, x_m) < \varepsilon$, for all $n, m \geq N$.

Definition 1.3 (see [1]). Let (X, G) be a G -metric space. A sequence $\{x_n\}$ is called G -Cauchy if for every $\varepsilon > 0$, there is a positive integer N such that $G(x_n, x_m, x_l) < \varepsilon$, for all $n, m, l \geq N$, that is, if $G(x_n, x_m, x_l) \rightarrow 0$, as $n, m, l \rightarrow \infty$.

Lemma 1.4 (see [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 $n \rightarrow \infty$.
- (4) $G(x_m, x_n, x) \rightarrow 0$, as $m, n \rightarrow \infty$.

Lemma 1.5 (see [15]). If (X, G) is a G -metric space, then $\{x_n\}$ is a G -Cauchy sequence if and only if for every $\varepsilon > 0$, there exists a positive integer N such that $G(x_n, x_m, x_m) < \varepsilon$, for all $m > n \geq N$.

Definition 1.6 (see [1]). 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 convergent in X .

Definition 1.7 (see [1]). Let (X, G) and (X', G') be two 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 $f(x)$.

The concept of an altering distance function was introduced by Khan et al. [16] as follows.

Definition 1.8. The function $\psi : [0, \infty) \rightarrow [0, \infty)$ is called an altering distance function, if the following properties are satisfied.

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

In [5], Aydi et al. established some common fixed point results for two self-mappings f and g on a generalized metric space X . They presented the following definitions.

Definition 1.9 (see [5]). Let (X, G) be a G -metric space and $f, g : X \rightarrow X$ be two mappings. We say that f is a generalized weakly G -contraction mapping of type A with respect to g if for all $x, y, z \in X$, the following inequality holds:

$$\psi(G(fx, fy, fz)) \leq \psi\left(\frac{G(gx, fy, fy) + G(gy, fz, fz) + G(gz, fx, fx)}{3}\right) - \varphi(G(gx, fy, fy), G(gy, fz, fz), G(gz, fx, fx)), \quad (1.1)$$

where

- (1) ψ is an altering distance function;
- (2) $\varphi : [0, \infty)^3 \rightarrow [0, \infty)$ is a continuous function with $\varphi(t, s, u) = 0$ if and only if $t = s = u = 0$.

Definition 1.10 (see [5]). Let (X, G) be a G -metric space and $f, g : X \rightarrow X$ be given mappings. We say that f is a generalized weakly G -contraction mapping of type B with respect to g if for all $x, y, z \in X$, the following inequality holds:

$$\begin{aligned} \psi(G(fx, fy, fz)) \leq & \psi\left(\frac{G(gx, gx, fy) + G(gy, gy, fz) + G(gz, gz, fx)}{3}\right) \\ & - \varphi(G(gx, gx, fy), G(gy, gy, fz), G(gz, gz, fx)), \end{aligned} \quad (1.2)$$

where

- (1) ψ is an altering distance function;
- (2) $\varphi : [0, \infty)^3 \rightarrow [0, \infty)$ is a continuous function with $\varphi(t, s, u) = 0$ if and only if $t = s = u = 0$.

Note that the concept of a generalized weakly G -contraction is the extension of the concept of weakly C -contraction which has been defined by Choudhury in [17]. For more details on weakly C -contractive mappings we refer the reader to [18, 19].

Definition 1.11 (see [20]). Let $(X, \leq)$ be a partially ordered set. A mapping f is called a dominating map on X if $x \leq fx$ for each x in X .

Example 1.12 (see [20]). Let $X = [0, 1]$ be endowed with the usual ordering. Let $f : X \rightarrow X$ be defined by $fx = x^{1/3}$. Then, $x \leq x^{1/3} = fx$ for all $x \in X$. Thus, f is a dominating map.

Example 1.13 (see [20]). Let $X = [0, \infty)$ be endowed with the usual ordering. Let $f : X \rightarrow X$ be defined by $fx = \sqrt[n]{x}$ for $x \in [0, 1)$ and $fx = x^n$ for $x \in [1, \infty)$, for any $n \in \mathbb{N}$. Then, for all $x \in X$, $x \leq fx$; that is, f is a dominating map.

A subset W of a partially ordered set X is said to be well ordered if every two elements of W be comparable [20].

The following definition is Definition 2.5 of [21], but in the setup of partially ordered G -metric spaces.

Definition 1.14. Let $(X, \leq, G)$ be a partially ordered G -metric space. We say that X is regular if and only if the following hypothesis holds.

For any nondecreasing sequence $\{x_n\}$ in X such that $x_n \rightarrow z$ as $n \rightarrow \infty$, it follows that $x_n \leq z$ for all $n \in \mathbb{N}$.

Jungck in [22] introduced the following definition.

Definition 1.15 (see [22]). Let (X, d) be a metric space and $f, g : X \rightarrow X$. The pair (f, g) is said to be compatible if and only if $\lim_{n \rightarrow \infty} d(fgx_n, gfx_n) = 0$, whenever $\{x_n\}$ is a sequence in X such that $\lim_{n \rightarrow \infty} fx_n = \lim_{n \rightarrow \infty} gx_n = t$ for some $t \in X$.

Let X be a nonempty set and $f : X \rightarrow X$ be a given mapping. For every $x \in X$, let $f^{-1}(x) = \{u \in X \mid fu = x\}$.

Definition 1.16 (see [21]). Let $(X, \leq)$ be a partially ordered set and $f, g, h : X \rightarrow X$ are given mappings such that $fX \subseteq hX$ and $gX \subseteq hX$. We say that f and g are weakly increasing with respect to h if and only if for all $x \in X$, we have

$$\begin{aligned} fx &\leq gy, \quad \forall y \in h^{-1}(fx), \\ gx &\leq fy, \quad \forall y \in h^{-1}(gx). \end{aligned} \quad (1.3)$$

If $f = g$, we say that f is weakly increasing with respect to h .

If $h = I$ (the identity mapping on X), then the above definition reduces to the weakly increasing mapping [23] (also see [21, 24]).

Definition 1.17. Let (X, G) be a G -metric space and $f, g : X \rightarrow X$. The pair (f, g) is said to be compatible if and only if $\lim_{n \rightarrow \infty} G(fgx_n, fgx_n, gfx_n) = 0$, whenever $\{x_n\}$ is a sequence in X such that $\lim_{n \rightarrow \infty} fx_n = \lim_{n \rightarrow \infty} gx_n = t$ for some $t \in X$.

Note that the concept of compatibility in a G -metric space has been defined by Kumar in [25] (Definition 2.1). In the above definition we only modify his definition, using the fact that $G(x, y, y) \leq 2G(x, x, y)$, for all $x, y \in X$.

The aim of this paper is to prove some coincidence and common fixed point theorems for nonlinear weakly G -contractive mappings in partially ordered G -metric spaces.

2. Main Results

From now, we assume

$$\begin{aligned} \Phi = \{ \varphi \mid \varphi : [0, \infty)^3 \rightarrow [0, \infty) \text{ is a continuous} \\ \text{function such that } \varphi(x, y, z) = 0 \iff x = y = z = 0 \}. \end{aligned} \quad (2.1)$$

Our first result is the following.

Theorem 2.1. Let $(X, \leq, G)$ be a partially ordered complete G -metric space. Let $f, g : X \rightarrow X$ be two mappings such that $f(X) \subseteq g(X)$; f is weakly increasing with respect to g and

$$\begin{aligned} \varphi(G(fx, fy, fz)) &\leq \varphi\left(\frac{G(gx, fy, fy) + G(gy, fz, fz) + G(gz, fx, fx)}{3}\right) \\ &\quad - \varphi(G(gx, fy, fy), G(gy, fz, fz), G(gz, fx, fx)) \end{aligned} \quad (2.2)$$

for every $x, y, z \in X$ such that $gx \leq gy \leq gz$, where $\varphi : [0, \infty) \rightarrow [0, \infty)$ is an altering distance function and $\varphi \in \Phi$. Then f and g have a coincidence point in X provided that f and g are continuous and the pair (f, g) is compatible.

Proof. Let $x_0 \in X$ be an arbitrary point. Since $f(X) \subseteq g(X)$, we can construct a sequence $\{z_n\}$ defined by: $z_n = gx_n = fx_{n-1}$, for all $n \geq 0$.

Now, since $x_1 \in g^{-1}(fx_0)$ and $x_2 \in g^{-1}(fx_1)$, as f is weakly increasing with respect to g , we obtain

$$gx_1 = fx_0 \leq fx_1 = gx_2 \leq fx_2 = gx_3. \quad (2.3)$$

Continuing this process, we get:

$$gx_1 \leq gx_2 \leq gx_3 \leq \cdots \leq gx_n \leq gx_{n+1} \leq \cdots. \quad (2.4)$$

We complete the proof in three steps.

Step I. We will prove that $\lim_{n \rightarrow \infty} G(z_n, z_{n+1}, z_{n+1}) = 0$.

Since $gx_{n-1} \leq gx_n$, using (2.2) we obtain that

$$\begin{aligned} \psi(G(z_n, z_{n+1}, z_{n+1})) &= \psi(G(fx_{n-1}, fx_n, fx_n)) \\ &\leq \psi\left(\frac{G(gx_{n-1}, fx_n, fx_n) + G(gx_n, fx_n, fx_n) + G(gx_n, fx_{n-1}, fx_{n-1})}{3}\right) \\ &\quad - \varphi(G(gx_{n-1}, fx_n, fx_n), G(gx_n, fx_n, fx_n), G(gx_n, fx_{n-1}, fx_{n-1})) \\ &= \psi\left(\frac{G(z_{n-1}, z_{n+1}, z_{n+1}) + G(z_n, z_{n+1}, z_{n+1}) + G(z_n, z_n, z_n)}{3}\right) \\ &\quad - \varphi(G(z_{n-1}, z_{n+1}, z_{n+1}), G(z_n, z_{n+1}, z_{n+1}), G(z_n, z_n, z_n)) \\ &\leq \psi\left(\frac{G(z_{n-1}, z_n, z_n) + 2G(z_n, z_{n+1}, z_{n+1})}{3}\right) \\ &\quad - \varphi(G(z_{n-1}, z_{n+1}, z_{n+1}), G(z_n, z_{n+1}, z_{n+1}), G(z_n, z_n, z_n)) \\ &\leq \psi\left(\frac{G(z_{n-1}, z_n, z_n) + 2G(z_n, z_{n+1}, z_{n+1})}{3}\right). \end{aligned} \quad (2.5)$$

Since ψ is a nondecreasing function, from (2.5), we have

$$\begin{aligned} G(z_n, z_{n+1}, z_{n+1}) &\leq \frac{G(z_{n-1}, z_{n+1}, z_{n+1}) + G(z_n, z_{n+1}, z_{n+1})}{3} \\ &\leq \frac{G(z_{n-1}, z_n, z_n) + 2G(z_n, z_{n+1}, z_{n+1})}{3}. \end{aligned} \quad (2.6)$$

Hence, we conclude that $\{G(z_n, z_{n+1}, z_{n+1})\}$ is a nondecreasing sequence of nonnegative real numbers. Thus, there is an $r \geq 0$ such that

$$\lim_{n \rightarrow \infty} G(z_n, z_{n+1}, z_{n+1}) = r. \quad (2.7)$$

Letting $n \rightarrow \infty$ in (2.6), we get that

$$r \leq \frac{\lim_{n \rightarrow \infty} G(z_{n-1}, z_{n+1}, z_{n+1}) + r}{3} \leq r, \quad (2.8)$$

that is,

$$\lim_{n \rightarrow \infty} G(z_{n-1}, z_{n+1}, z_{n+1}) = 2r. \quad (2.9)$$

Again, from (2.5) we have

$$\begin{aligned} \psi(G(z_n, z_{n+1}, z_{n+1})) &= \psi\left(\frac{G(z_{n-1}, z_{n+1}, z_{n+1}) + G(z_n, z_{n+1}, z_{n+1}) + G(z_n, z_n, z_n)}{3}\right) \\ &\quad - \varphi(G(z_{n-1}, z_{n+1}, z_{n+1}), G(z_n, z_{n+1}, z_{n+1}), G(z_n, z_n, z_n)). \end{aligned} \quad (2.10)$$

Letting $n \rightarrow \infty$ and using (2.7), (2.9), and the continuities of ψ and φ , we get $\psi(r) \leq \psi((2r + r + 0)/3) - \varphi(2r, r, 0)$, and hence $\varphi(2r, r, 0) = 0$. This gives us that

$$\lim_{n \rightarrow \infty} G(z_n, z_{n+1}, z_{n+1}) = 0, \quad (2.11)$$

from our assumptions about φ .

Step II. We will show that $\{z_n\}$ is a G-Cauchy sequences in X . So, we will show that for every $\varepsilon > 0$, there exists $k \in \mathbb{N}$ such that for all $m, n \geq k$,

$$G(z_m, z_n, z_n) < \varepsilon. \quad (2.12)$$

Suppose the above statement is false. Then, there exists $\varepsilon > 0$ for which we can find subsequences $\{z_{m(k)}\}$ and $\{z_{n(k)}\}$ of $\{z_n\}$ such that $n(k) > m(k) > k$ and

$$G(z_{m(k)}, z_{n(k)}, z_{n(k)}) \geq \varepsilon, \quad (2.13)$$

where $n(k)$ is the smallest index with this property, that is,

$$G(z_{m(k)}, z_{n(k)-1}, z_{n(k)-1}) < \varepsilon. \quad (2.14)$$

From rectangle inequality,

$$G(z_{m(k)}, z_{n(k)}, z_{n(k)}) \leq G(z_{m(k)}, z_{n(k)-1}, z_{n(k)-1}) + G(z_{n(k)-1}, z_{n(k)}, z_{n(k)}). \quad (2.15)$$

Making $k \rightarrow \infty$ in (2.15), from (2.11), (2.13), and (2.14) we conclude that

$$\lim_{k \rightarrow \infty} G(z_{m(k)}, z_{n(k)}, z_{n(k)}) = \varepsilon. \quad (2.16)$$

Again, from rectangle inequality,

$$\begin{aligned} G(z_{m(k)}, z_{n(k)}, z_{n(k)+1}) &\leq G(z_{m(k)}, z_{n(k)}, z_{n(k)}) + G(z_{n(k)}, z_{n(k)}, z_{n(k)+1}) \\ &\leq G(z_{m(k)}, z_{n(k)}, z_{n(k)}) + 2G(z_{n(k)}, z_{n(k)+1}, z_{n(k)+1}), \\ G(z_{n(k)}, z_{n(k)}, z_{m(k)}) &\leq G(z_{n(k)}, z_{m(k)}, z_{n(k)+1}). \end{aligned} \quad (2.17)$$

Hence in (2.17), if $k \rightarrow \infty$, using (2.11), and (2.16), we have

$$\lim_{k \rightarrow \infty} G(z_{m(k)}, z_{n(k)}, z_{n(k)+1}) = \varepsilon. \quad (2.18)$$

On the other hand,

$$G(z_{m(k)}, z_{n(k)+1}, z_{n(k)+1}) \leq G(z_{m(k)}, z_{n(k)}, z_{n(k)}) + G(z_{n(k)}, z_{n(k)+1}, z_{n(k)+1}), \quad (2.19)$$

and

$$G(z_{n(k)}, z_{n(k)+1}, z_{m(k)}) \leq G(z_{n(k)}, z_{n(k)+1}, z_{n(k)+1}) + G(z_{n(k)+1}, z_{n(k)+1}, z_{m(k)}). \quad (2.20)$$

Hence in (2.19) and (2.20), if $k \rightarrow \infty$, from (2.11), (2.16) and (2.18) we have

$$\lim_{k \rightarrow \infty} G(z_{m(k)}, z_{n(k)+1}, z_{n(k)+1}) = \varepsilon. \quad (2.21)$$

In a similar way, we have

$$\begin{aligned} G(z_{m(k)+1}, z_{n(k)}, z_{n(k)+1}) &\leq G(z_{m(k)+1}, z_{m(k)}, z_{m(k)}) + G(z_{m(k)}, z_{n(k)}, z_{n(k)+1}) \\ &\leq 2G(z_{m(k)}, z_{m(k)+1}, z_{m(k)+1}) + G(z_{m(k)}, z_{n(k)}, z_{n(k)+1}), \\ G(z_{m(k)}, z_{n(k)}, z_{n(k)+1}) &\leq G(z_{m(k)}, z_{m(k)+1}, z_{m(k)+1}) + G(z_{m(k)+1}, z_{n(k)}, z_{n(k)+1}), \end{aligned} \quad (2.22)$$

and therefore, from (2.22) by taking limit when $k \rightarrow \infty$, using (2.11) and (2.18), we get that

$$\lim_{k \rightarrow \infty} G(z_{m(k)+1}, z_{n(k)}, z_{n(k)+1}) = \varepsilon. \quad (2.23)$$

Also,

$$\begin{aligned} G(z_{m(k)+1}, z_{n(k)+1}, z_{n(k)+1}) &\leq G(z_{m(k)+1}, z_{n(k)+1}, z_{n(k)}), \\ G(z_{m(k)+1}, z_{n(k)}, z_{n(k)+1}) &\leq G(z_{m(k)+1}, z_{n(k)+1}, z_{n(k)+1}) + G(z_{n(k)+1}, z_{n(k)+1}, z_{n(k)}). \end{aligned} \quad (2.24)$$

So, from (2.11), (2.23), and (2.24), we have

$$\lim_{k \rightarrow \infty} G(z_{m(k)+1}, z_{n(k)+1}, z_{n(k)+1}) = \varepsilon. \quad (2.25)$$

Finally,

$$\begin{aligned} G(z_{n(k)}, z_{m(k)+1}, z_{m(k)+1}) &\leq G(z_{n(k)}, z_{n(k)+1}, z_{n(k)+1}) + G(z_{n(k)+1}, z_{m(k)+1}, z_{m(k)+1}), \\ G(z_{n(k)+1}, z_{m(k)+1}, z_{m(k)+1}) &\leq G(z_{n(k)+1}, z_{n(k)}, z_{n(k)}) + G(z_{n(k)}, z_{m(k)+1}, z_{m(k)+1}) \\ &\leq G(z_{n(k)}, z_{n(k)+1}, z_{n(k)+1}) + G(z_{n(k)}, z_{m(k)+1}, z_{m(k)+1}). \end{aligned} \quad (2.26)$$

Hence in (2.26), if $k \rightarrow \infty$ and using (2.11) and (2.25), we have

$$\lim_{k \rightarrow \infty} G(z_{m(k)}, z_{n(k)+1}, z_{n(k)+1}) = \varepsilon. \quad (2.27)$$

Since $gx_{m(k)} \leq gx_{n(k)} \leq gx_{n(k)}$, putting $x = x_{m(k)}$, $y = x_{n(k)}$, and $z = x_{n(k)}$ in (2.2), for all $k \geq 0$, we have

$$\begin{aligned} &\psi(G(z_{m(k)+1}, z_{n(k)+1}, z_{n(k)+1})) \\ &= \psi(G(fx_{m(k)}, fx_{n(k)}, fx_{n(k)})) \\ &\leq \psi\left(\frac{G(gx_{m(k)}, fx_{n(k)}, fx_{n(k)}) + G(gx_{n(k)}, fx_{n(k)}, fx_{n(k)}) + G(gx_{n(k)}, fx_{m(k)}, fx_{m(k)})}{3}\right) \\ &\quad - \varphi(G(gx_{m(k)}, fx_{n(k)}, fx_{n(k)}), G(gx_{n(k)}, fx_{n(k)}, fx_{n(k)}), G(gx_{n(k)}, fx_{m(k)}, fx_{m(k)})) \\ &\leq \psi\left(\frac{G(z_{m(k)}, z_{n(k)+1}, z_{n(k)+1}) + G(z_{n(k)}, z_{n(k)+1}, z_{n(k)+1}) + G(z_{n(k)}, z_{m(k)+1}, z_{m(k)+1})}{3}\right) \\ &\quad - \varphi(G(z_{m(k)}, z_{n(k)+1}, z_{n(k)+1}), G(z_{n(k)}, z_{n(k)+1}, z_{n(k)+1}), G(z_{n(k)}, z_{m(k)+1}, z_{m(k)+1})). \end{aligned} \quad (2.28)$$

Now, if $k \rightarrow \infty$ in (2.28), from (2.11), (2.21), (2.25), and (2.27), we have

$$\psi(\varepsilon) \leq \psi\left(\frac{2\varepsilon}{3}\right) - \varphi(\varepsilon, 0, \varepsilon). \quad (2.29)$$

Hence, $\varepsilon = 0$ which is a contradiction. Consequently, $\{z_n\}$ is G -Cauchy.

Step III. We will show that f and g have a coincidence point.

Since $\{gx_n\}$ is a G -Cauchy sequence in the complete G -metric space X , there exists $z \in X$ such that

$$\lim_{n \rightarrow \infty} G(z_n, z_n, z) = \lim_{n \rightarrow \infty} G(gx_n, gx_n, z) = \lim_{n \rightarrow \infty} G(fx_n, fx_n, z) = 0. \quad (2.30)$$

From (2.30) and the continuity of g , we get

$$\lim_{n \rightarrow \infty} G(gz_n, gz_n, gz) = \lim_{n \rightarrow \infty} G(g(gx_n), g(gx_n), gz) = 0. \quad (2.31)$$

By the rectangle inequality, we have

$$\begin{aligned} G(gz, fz, fz) &\leq G(gz, gg x_{n+1}, gg x_{n+1}) + G(gf x_n, fz, fz) \\ &\leq G(gz, gg x_{n+1}, gg x_{n+1}) + G(gf x_n, fg x_n, fg x_n) + G(fg x_n, fz, fz). \end{aligned} \quad (2.32)$$

From (2.30), as $n \rightarrow \infty$, we have

$$gx_n \rightarrow z, \quad fx_n \rightarrow z. \quad (2.33)$$

Since the pair (f, g) is compatible, this implies that

$$\lim_{n \rightarrow \infty} G(gf x_n, fg x_n, fg x_n) = 0. \quad (2.34)$$

Now, from the continuity of f and (2.30), we have

$$\lim_{n \rightarrow \infty} G(fz_n, fz, fz) = 0. \quad (2.35)$$

Combining (2.31), (2.32), and (2.34) and letting $n \rightarrow \infty$ in (2.35), we obtain

$$G(gz, fz, fz) \leq 0, \quad (2.36)$$

which implies that $fz = gz$, that is, z is a coincidence point of f and g . $\square$

In the following theorem, we will omit the continuity of f and g , and the compatibility of the pair (f, g) .

Theorem 2.2. *Let $(X, \leq, G)$ be a partially ordered G -metric space. Let $f, g : X \rightarrow X$ be two mappings such that $f(X) \subseteq g(X)$; f is weakly increasing with respect to g and*

$$\begin{aligned} \psi(G(fx, fy, fz)) &\leq \psi\left(\frac{G(gx, fy, fy) + G(gy, fz, fz) + G(gz, fx, fx)}{3}\right) \\ &\quad - \varphi(G(gx, fy, fy), G(gy, fz, fz), G(gz, fx, fx)), \end{aligned} \quad (2.37)$$

for every $x, y, z \in X$ such that $gx \leq gy \leq gz$, where $\psi : [0, \infty) \rightarrow [0, \infty)$ is an altering distance function and $\varphi \in \Phi$. Then, f and g have a coincidence point in X if X is regular and $g(X)$ is a G -complete subset of (X, G) .

Proof. Following the proof of Theorem 2.1, there exists $z \in X$ such that

$$\lim_{n \rightarrow \infty} G(z_n, z_n, z) = \lim_{n \rightarrow \infty} G(gx_n, gx_n, z) = \lim_{n \rightarrow \infty} G(fx_n, fx_n, z) = 0. \quad (2.38)$$

Since $g(X)$ is G -complete and $\{z_n\} \subseteq g(X)$, we have $z \in g(X)$ and hence there exists $u \in X$ such that $z = gu$ and

$$\lim_{n \rightarrow \infty} G(z_n, z_n, gu) = \lim_{n \rightarrow \infty} G(gx_n, gx_n, gu) = \lim_{n \rightarrow \infty} G(fx_n, fx_n, gu) = 0. \quad (2.39)$$

Now, we will prove that u is a coincidence point of f and g .

We know that $\{gx_n\}$ is a nondecreasing sequence in X . Regularity of X yields that $gx_n \leq z = gu$. So, from (2.2) we have

$$\begin{aligned} \psi(G(z_{n+1}, z_{n+1}, fu)) &= \psi(G(fx_n, fx_n, fu)) \\ &\leq \psi\left(\frac{G(gx_n, fx_n, fx_n) + G(gx_n, fu, fu) + G(gu, fx_n, fx_n)}{3}\right) \\ &\quad - \varphi(G(gx_n, fx_n, fx_n), G(gx_n, fu, fu), G(gu, fx_n, fx_n)) \\ &= \psi\left(\frac{G(z_n, z_{n+1}, z_{n+1}) + G(z_n, fu, fu) + G(gu, z_{n+1}, z_{n+1})}{3}\right) \\ &\quad - \varphi(G(z_n, z_{n+1}, z_{n+1}) + G(z_n, fu, fu) + G(gu, z_{n+1}, z_{n+1})). \end{aligned} \quad (2.40)$$

Letting $n \rightarrow \infty$ in (2.40), from the continuity of ψ and φ , we get

$$\psi(G(z, z, fu)) \leq \psi\left(\frac{G(z, fu, fu)}{3}\right) - \varphi(0, G(z, fu, fu), 0). \quad (2.41)$$

As $G(z, fu, fu) \leq 2G(z, z, fu)$, we have

$$\psi(G(z, z, fu)) \leq \psi\left(\frac{2G(z, z, fu)}{3}\right) - \varphi(0, G(z, fu, fu), 0). \quad (2.42)$$

Hence, $\varphi(0, G(z, fu, fu), 0) \leq \psi(2G(z, z, fu)/3) - \psi(G(z, z, fu)) \leq 0$. So, $G(z, fu, fu) = 0$ and hence, $gu = z = fu$. This means that g and f have a coincidence point. $\square$

Taking $g = I_X$ (the identity mapping on X) and $\varphi = I_{[0, \infty)}$ in the above theorems, we obtain the following fixed point result.

Corollary 2.3. *Let $(X, \leq, G)$ be a partially ordered complete G -metric space. Let $f : X \rightarrow X$ be a mapping such that $fx \leq f(fx)$, for all $x \in X$ and*

$$\begin{aligned} G(fx, fy, fz) &\leq \frac{G(x, fy, fy) + G(y, fz, fz) + G(z, fx, fx)}{3} \\ &\quad - \varphi(G(x, fy, fy), G(y, fz, fz), G(z, fx, fx)), \end{aligned} \quad (2.43)$$

for every $x, y, z \in X$ such that $x \leq y \leq z$, where $\psi : [0, \infty) \rightarrow [0, \infty)$ is an altering distance function and $\varphi \in \Phi$. Then, f has a fixed point in X provided that one of the following two conditions is satisfied:

- (a) f is continuous, or,
- (b) X is regular.

Taking $\varphi(x, y, z) = (1/3 - \alpha)(x + y + z)$, where $\alpha \in [0, 1/3)$, in the above corollary, we obtain the following result.

Corollary 2.4. *Let $(X, \leq, G)$ be a partially ordered complete G -metric space. Let $f : X \rightarrow X$ be a mapping such that $fx \leq f(fx)$, for all $x \in X$ and*

$$G(fx, fy, fz) \leq \alpha(G(x, fx, fx) + G(y, fy, fy) + G(z, fz, fz)), \quad (2.44)$$

for every $x, y, z \in X$ such that $x \leq y \leq z$, where $\alpha \in [0, 1/3)$. Then, f has a fixed point in X if one of the following two conditions is satisfied:

- (a) f is continuous, or,
- (b) X is regular.

Theorem 2.5. *Under the hypotheses of Theorem 2.1, f and g have a common fixed point in X if g is a nondecreasing dominating map.*

Moreover, the set of common fixed points of f and g is well ordered if and only if f and g have one and only one common fixed point.

Proof. Following the proof of the Theorem 2.1 we obtain that the sequence $\{z_n\}$ is G -convergent to z and $fz = gz$. Since f and g are weakly compatible (since the pair (f, g) is compatible), we have $f gz = g fz$. Let $w = gz = fz$. Therefore, we have

$$fw = gw. \quad (2.45)$$

As g is a nondecreasing dominating map,

$$z \leq gz \leq ggz = gw. \quad (2.46)$$

If $z = w$, then z is a common fixed point. If $z \neq w$, then, since from (2.46) $gz \leq gw$, from (2.2) we have

$$\begin{aligned} \varphi(G(fz, fz, fw)) &\leq \varphi\left(\frac{G(gz, fz, fz) + G(gz, fw, fw) + G(gw, fz, fz)}{3}\right) \\ &\quad - \varphi(G(gz, fz, fz), G(gz, fw, fw), G(gw, fz, fz)) \\ &\leq \varphi\left(\frac{G(fz, fz, fz) + G(fz, fw, fw) + G(fw, fz, fz)}{3}\right) \\ &\quad - \varphi(G(fz, fz, fz), G(fz, fw, fw), G(fw, fz, fz)) \\ &\leq \varphi\left(\frac{2G(fz, fz, fw) + G(fz, fz, fw)}{3}\right) \\ &\quad - \varphi(0, G(fz, fw, fw), G(fw, fz, fz)). \end{aligned} \quad (2.47)$$

Therefore, $\varphi(0, G(fz, fw, fw), G(fw, fz, fz)) = 0$. So, $fz = fw$. Now, since $w = gz = fz$ and $fw = gw$, we have $w = gw = fw$. This completes the proof.

Suppose that the set of common fixed points of f and g is well ordered. We claim that common fixed point of f and g is unique. Assume on contrary that, $fu = gu = u$ and $fv = gv = v$, and $u \neq v$. Without any loss of generality, we may assume that $gu = u \leq v = gv$. Using (2.2), we obtain

$$\begin{aligned} \varphi(G(u, u, v)) &= \varphi(G(fu, fu, fv)) \\ &\leq \varphi\left(\frac{G(gu, fu, fu) + G(gu, fv, fv) + G(gv, fu, fu)}{3}\right) \\ &\quad - \varphi(G(gu, fu, fu), G(gu, fv, fv), G(gv, fu, fu)) \\ &\leq \varphi\left(\frac{2G(v, u, u) + G(v, u, u)}{3}\right) \\ &\quad - \varphi(0, G(u, v, v), G(v, u, u)). \end{aligned} \quad (2.48)$$

Therefore, $u = v$, a contradiction. Conversely, if f and g have only one common fixed point then, clearly, the set of common fixed points of f and g is well ordered. $\square$

Theorem 2.6. *Under the hypotheses of Theorem 2.2, f and g have a common fixed point in X provided that f and g are weakly compatible and g is a nondecreasing dominating map.*

Moreover, the set of common fixed points of f and g is well ordered if and only if f and g have one and only one common fixed point.

Proof. The proof is done as in Theorem 2.5. $\square$

Following arguments similar to those given in the proof of Theorems 2.1 and 2.2, we have the following results for a generalized weakly G -contractive mapping of type B .

Theorem 2.7. *Let $(X, \leq, G)$ be a partially ordered complete G -metric space. Let $f, g : X \rightarrow X$ be two mappings such that $f(X) \subseteq g(X)$ f is weakly increasing with respect to g and*

$$\begin{aligned} \varphi(G(fx, fy, fz)) &\leq \varphi\left(\frac{G(gx, gx, fy) + G(gy, gy, fz) + G(gz, gz, fx)}{3}\right) \\ &\quad - \varphi(G(gx, gx, fy), G(gy, gy, fz), G(gz, gz, fx)), \end{aligned} \quad (2.49)$$

for every $x, y, z \in X$ such that $gx \leq gy \leq gz$, where $\varphi : [0, \infty) \rightarrow [0, \infty)$ is an altering distance function and $\varphi \in \Phi$. Then f and g have a coincidence point in X provided that f and g are continuous and the pair (f, g) is compatible.

Moreover, f and g have a common fixed point in X if g is a nondecreasing dominating map.

Also, the set of common fixed points of f and g is well ordered if and only if f and g have one and only one common fixed point.

Theorem 2.8. Let $(X, \leq, G)$ be a partially ordered G -metric space. Let $f, g : X \rightarrow X$ be two mappings such that $f(X) \subseteq g(X)$ f is weakly increasing with respect to g and

$$\begin{aligned} \psi(G(fx, fy, fz)) &\leq \psi\left(\frac{G(gx, gx, fy) + G(gy, gy, fz) + G(gz, gz, fx)}{3}\right) \\ &\quad - \varphi(G(gx, gx, fy), G(gy, gy, fz), G(gz, gz, fx)), \end{aligned} \quad (2.50)$$

for every $x, y, z \in X$ such that $gx \leq gy \leq gz$, where $\psi : [0, \infty) \rightarrow [0, \infty)$ is an altering distance function and $\varphi \in \Phi$. Then f and g have a coincidence point in X provided that X is regular and $g(X)$ is a G -complete subset of (X, G) .

Moreover, f and g have a common fixed point in X if f and g are weakly compatible and g is a nondecreasing dominating map.

Also, the set of common fixed points of f and g is well ordered if and only if f and g have one and only one common fixed point.

The following corollary is an immediate consequence of the above theorems.

Corollary 2.9. Let $(X, \leq, G)$ be a partially ordered complete G -metric space. Let $f : X \rightarrow X$ be a mapping such that $fx \leq f(fx)$, for all $x \in X$ and

$$\begin{aligned} G(fx, fy, fz) &\leq \frac{G(x, x, fy) + G(y, y, fz) + G(z, z, fx)}{3} \\ &\quad - \varphi(G(x, x, fy), G(y, y, fz), G(z, z, fx)), \end{aligned} \quad (2.51)$$

for every $x, y, z \in X$ such that $x \leq y \leq z$, where $\psi : [0, \infty) \rightarrow [0, \infty)$ is an altering distance function and $\varphi \in \Phi$. Then f has a fixed point in X provided that one of the following two conditions is satisfied:

- (a) f is continuous, or,
- (b) X is regular.

Example 2.10. Let $X = [0, \infty)$ be endowed with the usual order in $\mathbb{R}$ and G on X be given as

$$G(x, y, z) = \max\{|x - y|, |y - z|, |z - x|\}. \quad (2.52)$$

Define $f, g : X \rightarrow X$ as

$$\begin{aligned} f(x) &= 1, \\ g(x) &= \begin{cases} 2 - x^2, & \text{if } 0 \leq x \leq \sqrt{2} \\ 0, & \text{if } x > \sqrt{2}, \end{cases} \end{aligned} \quad (2.53)$$

for all $x \in X$.

Define $\psi : [0, \infty) \rightarrow [0, \infty)$ by $\psi(t) = (1/4)t^2$ and $\varphi : [0, \infty)^3 \rightarrow [0, \infty)$ by $\varphi(s, t, u) = (1/100)(s + t + u)^2$.

Let $0 \leq x \leq y \leq z \leq \sqrt{2}$. Now, we have

$$\begin{aligned}
 \psi(G(fx, fy, fz)) &= 0 \leq \frac{1}{4} \left(\frac{|x^2 - 1| + |y^2 - 1| + |z^2 - 1|}{3} \right)^2 \\
 &\quad - \frac{1}{100} \left(|x^2 - 1| + |y^2 - 1| + |z^2 - 1| \right)^2 \\
 &\leq \frac{1}{4} \left(\frac{3 - x^2 - y^2 - z^2}{3} \right)^2 - \frac{1}{100} (3 - x^2 - y^2 - z^2)^2 \\
 &= \psi \left(\frac{1}{3} (G(gx, fx, fx) + G(gy, fy, fy) + G(gz, fz, fz)) \right) \\
 &\quad - \varphi(G(gx, fx, fx), G(gy, fy, fy), G(gz, fz, fz)).
 \end{aligned} \tag{2.54}$$

There are other 3 cases as follows:

- (1) $0 \leq x \leq y \leq 1$ and $\sqrt{2} < z$.
- (2) $0 \leq x \leq \sqrt{2}$ and $\sqrt{2} < y \leq z$.
- (3) $\sqrt{2} < x \leq y \leq z$.

By a careful calculation for the remained cases above, we see that all the conditions of Theorems 2.1 and 2.5 are satisfied. Moreover, (1) is the unique common fixed point of f and g .

Denote by Λ the set of all functions $\mu : [0, +\infty) \rightarrow [0, +\infty)$ verifying the following conditions:

- (I) μ is a positive Lebesgue integrable mapping on each compact subset of $[0, +\infty)$.
- (II) for all $\varepsilon > 0$, $\int_0^\varepsilon \mu(t) dt > 0$.

Other consequences of the main theorems are the following results for mappings satisfying a contraction of integral type.

Corollary 2.11. *Replace the contractive condition (2.2) of Theorem 2.1 by the following condition. There exists a $\mu \in \Lambda$ such that*

$$\begin{aligned}
 \int_0^{\psi(G(fx, fy, fz))} \mu(t) dt &\leq \int_0^{\psi((G(gx, fy, fy) + G(gy, fz, fz) + G(gz, fx, fx))/3)} \mu(t) dt \\
 &\quad - \int_0^{\varphi(G(gx, fy, fy), G(gy, fz, fz), G(gz, fx, fx))} \mu(t) dt.
 \end{aligned} \tag{2.55}$$

Then, f and g have a coincidence point, if the other conditions of Theorem 2.1 are satisfied.

Proof. Consider the function $\Gamma(x) = \int_0^x \mu(t)dt$. Then, (2.55) becomes

$$\begin{aligned} \Gamma(\psi(G(fx, fy, fz))) &\leq \Gamma\left(\psi\left(\frac{G(gx, fy, fy) + G(gy, fz, fz) + G(gz, fx, fx)}{3}\right)\right) \\ &\quad - \Gamma(\psi(G(gx, fy, fy), G(gy, fz, fz), G(gz, fx, fx))). \end{aligned} \quad (2.56)$$

Taking $\varphi_1 = \Gamma \circ \psi$ and $\varphi_1 = \Gamma \circ \varphi$ and applying Theorem 2.1, we obtain the proof (it is easy to verify that φ_1 is an altering distance function and $\varphi_1 \in \Phi$). $\square$

Similar to [21], let $N \in \mathbb{N}^*$ be fixed. Let $\{\mu_i\}_{1 \leq i \leq N}$ be a family of N functions which belong to Λ . For all $t \geq 0$, we define

$$\begin{aligned} I_1(t) &= \int_0^t \mu_1(s)ds, \\ I_2(t) &= \int_0^{I_1 t} \mu_2(s)ds = \int_0^{\int_0^t \mu_1(s)ds} \mu_2(s)ds, \\ I_3(t) &= \int_0^{I_2 t} \mu_3(s)ds = \int_0^{\int_0^{\int_0^t \mu_1(s)ds} \mu_2(s)ds} \mu_3(s)ds, \\ &\vdots \\ I_N(t) &= \int_0^{I_{(N-1)t}} \mu_N(s)ds. \end{aligned} \quad (2.57)$$

We have the following result.

Corollary 2.12. *Replace the inequality (2.2) of Theorem 2.1 by the following condition:*

$$\begin{aligned} I_N(\psi(G(fx, fy, fz))) &\leq I_N\left(\psi\left(\frac{G(gx, fy, fy) + G(gy, fz, fz) + G(gz, fx, fx)}{3}\right)\right) \\ &\quad - I_N(\psi(G(gx, fy, fy), G(gy, fz, fz), G(gz, fx, fx))). \end{aligned} \quad (2.58)$$

Then, f and g have a coincidence point if the other conditions of Theorem 2.1 are satisfied.

Proof. Consider $\widehat{\Psi} = I_N \circ \psi$ and $\widehat{\Phi} = I_N \circ \varphi$. $\square$

3. Periodic Point Results

Let $F(f) = \{x \in X : fx = x\}$, the fixed point set of f .

Clearly, a fixed point of f is also a fixed point of f^n for every $n \in \mathbb{N}$; that is, $F(f) \subset F(f^n)$. However, the converse is false. For example, the mapping $f : \mathbb{N} \rightarrow \mathbb{N}$, defined by $fx = 1/2 - x$ has the unique fixed point $1/4$, but every $x \in \mathbb{N}$ is a fixed point of f^2 .

If $F(f) = F(f^n)$ for every $n \in \mathbb{N}$, then f is said to have property P . For more details, we refer the reader to [6, 26–28] and the references mentioned therein.

Theorem 3.1. *Let X and f be as in Corollary 2.3. If f is a dominating map on X , then f has property P .*

Proof. From Corollary 2.3, $F(f) \neq \emptyset$. Let $u \in F(f^n)$ for some $n > 1$. We will show that $u = fu$. Since f is dominating on X , we have $u \leq fu$, which implies that $f^{n-1}u \leq f^nu$, as f is nondecreasing. Using (2.2), we obtain that

$$\begin{aligned}
 G(u, fu, fu) &= G(f^nu, f^{n+1}u, f^{n+1}u) \\
 &= G(ff^{n-1}u, ff^nu, ff^nu) \\
 &\leq \frac{1}{3} \left(G(f^{n-1}u, f^{n+1}u, f^{n+1}u) + G(f^nu, f^{n+1}u, f^{n+1}u) + G(f^nu, f^nu, f^nu) \right) \\
 &\quad - \varphi \left(G(f^{n-1}u, f^{n+1}u, f^{n+1}u), G(f^nu, f^{n+1}u, f^{n+1}u), G(f^nu, f^nu, f^nu) \right) \\
 &\leq \frac{1}{3} \left(G(f^{n-1}u, f^nu, f^nu) + 2G(f^nu, f^{n+1}u, f^{n+1}u) + 0 \right) \\
 &\quad - \varphi \left(G(f^{n-1}u, f^{n+1}u, f^{n+1}u), G(f^nu, f^{n+1}u, f^{n+1}u), 0 \right),
 \end{aligned} \tag{3.1}$$

that is,

$$\begin{aligned}
 G(u, fu, fu) &= G(f^nu, f^{n+1}u, f^{n+1}u) \\
 &\leq G(f^{n-1}u, f^nu, f^nu) \\
 &\quad - 3\varphi \left(G(f^{n-1}u, f^{n+1}u, f^{n+1}u), G(f^nu, f^{n+1}u, f^{n+1}u), 0 \right).
 \end{aligned} \tag{3.2}$$

Repeating the above process, we get

$$\begin{aligned}
 &G(f^{n-(i)}u, f^{n-(i-1)}u, f^{n-(i-1)}u) \\
 &\leq G(f^{n-(i+1)}u, f^{n-(i)}u, f^{n-(i)}u) \\
 &\quad - 3\varphi \left(G(f^{n-(i+1)}u, f^{n-(i-1)}u, f^{n-(i-1)}u), G(f^{n-(i)}u, f^{n-(i-1)}u, f^{n-(i-1)}u), 0 \right).
 \end{aligned} \tag{3.3}$$

From the above inequalities, we have

$$\begin{aligned}
 G(u, fu, fu) &\leq G(u, fu, fu) \\
 &\quad - 3 \sum_{i=0}^{n-1} \varphi \left(G(f^{n-(i+1)}u, f^{n-(i-1)}u, f^{n-(i-1)}u), G(f^{n-(i)}u, f^{n-(i-1)}u, f^{n-(i-1)}u), 0 \right).
 \end{aligned} \tag{3.4}$$

Therefore,

$$\sum_{i=0}^{n-1} \varphi \left(G \left(f^{n-(i+1)}u, f^{n-(i-1)}u, f^{n-(i-1)}u \right), G \left(f^{n-(i)}u, f^{n-(i-1)}u, f^{n-(i-1)}u \right), 0 \right) = 0, \quad (3.5)$$

which from our assumptions about φ implies that

$$G \left(f^{n-(i+1)}u, f^{n-(i-1)}u, f^{n-(i-1)}u \right) = G \left(f^{n-(i)}u, f^{n-(i-1)}u, f^{n-(i-1)}u \right) = 0 \quad (3.6)$$

for all $0 \leq i \leq n-1$. Now, taking $i = n-1$, we have $u = fu$. $\square$

Analogously, we have the following theorem.

Theorem 3.2. *Let X and f be as in Corollary 2.12. If f is a dominating map on X , then f has property P .*

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