

# Weakly Compatible Maps in Complex Valued G- Metric Spaces

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## ABSTRACT

In this paper, we introduce the notion of complex valued G-metric spaces and prove a common fixed point theorem for weakly compatible maps in this newly defined spaces.

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## 1. INTRODUCTION

The study of fixed points of mappings satisfying certain contractive conditions have been at the center of rigorous research activity. Recently, Mustafa and Sims [8,9] have shown that most of the results concerning Dhage's D-metric spaces are invalid, therefore they introduced an improved version of the generalized metric space structure which they called G-metric spaces.

In 2006, Mustafa and Sims [9] introduced the concept of G-metric spaces as follows:

**Definition 1.1.** Let  $X$  be a non-empty set, and let  $G: X \times X \times X \rightarrow \mathbb{R}^+$  be a function satisfying the following properties:

- (G1)  $G(x, y, z) = 0$  if  $x = y = z$ ,
- (G2)  $0 < G(x, y, z)$  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  $y \neq z$ ,
- (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 generalized metric or, more specially a G-metric on  $X$ , and the pair  $(X, G)$  is called a G-metric space.

The idea of complex metric space was initiated by Azam et.al.[1] to exploit the idea of complex valued normed spaces and complex valued Hilbert spaces.

**Definition 1.2.** Let  $\mathbb{C}$  be the set of complex numbers and  $z_1, z_2 \in \mathbb{C}$ . Define a partial order  $\preceq$  on  $\mathbb{C}$  as follows:

$z_1 \preceq z_2$  if and only if  $\text{Re}(z_1) \leq \text{Re}(z_2)$  and  $\text{Im}(z_1) \leq \text{Im}(z_2)$

That is  $z_1 \preceq z_2$  if one of the following holds

(C1):  $\text{Re}(z_1) = \text{Re}(z_2)$  and  $\text{Im}(z_1) = \text{Im}(z_2)$

(C2):  $\text{Re}(z_1) < \text{Re}(z_2)$  and  $\text{Im}(z_1) = \text{Im}(z_2)$

(C3):  $\text{Re}(z_1) = \text{Re}(z_2)$  and  $\text{Im}(z_1) < \text{Im}(z_2)$

(C4):  $\text{Re}(z_1) < \text{Re}(z_2)$  and  $\text{Im}(z_1) < \text{Im}(z_2)$

In particular, we will write  $z_1 \prec z_2$  if  $z_1 \neq z_2$  and one of (C2), (C3) and (C4) is satisfied and we will write  $z_1 < z_2$  if only (C4) is satisfied.

**Remark 1.3.** We obtained that the following statements hold:

- (i)  $a, b \in \mathbb{R}$  and  $a \leq b \implies az \preceq bz$  for all  $z \in \mathbb{C}$
- (ii)  $0 \preceq z_1 \preceq z_2 \implies |z_1| < |z_2|$
- (iii)  $z_1 \preceq z_2$  and  $z_2 < z_3 \implies z_1 < z_3$ .

Now we introduce the notion of complex valued G-metric space akin to the notion of complex valued metric spaces [1] as follows:

**Definition 1.4.** Let  $X$  be a non-empty set. Let  $G: X \times X \times X \rightarrow \mathbb{C}$  be a function satisfying the following properties:

- (CG1)  $G(x, y, z) = 0$  if  $x = y = z$ ,
- (CG2)  $0 < G(x, y, z)$  for all  $x, y \in X$  with  $x \neq y$ ,
- (CG3)  $G(x, x, y) \preceq G(x, y, z)$  for all  $x, y, z \in X$  with  $y \neq z$ ,
- (CG4)  $G(x, y, z) = G(x, z, y) = G(y, z, x) = \dots$  (symmetry in all three variables)
- (CG5)  $G(x, y, z) \preceq G(x, a, a) + G(a, y, z)$  for all  $x, y, z, a \in X$ .

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

## 2. THE COMPLEX VALUED G-METRIC TOPOLOGY

A point  $x \in X$  is called *interior point* of a set  $A \subseteq X$ , whenever there exists  $0 < r \in \mathbb{C}$  such that

$$B_G(x, r) = \{ y \in X: G(x, y, y) < r \} \subseteq A.$$

A point  $x \in X$  is called *limit point* of a set  $A$  whenever there exists  $0 < r \in \mathbb{C}$ ,

$$B_G(x, r) \cap (A/X) \neq \emptyset.$$

A is called *open* whenever each element of A is an interior point of A. A subset  $B \subseteq X$  is called *closed* whenever each limit point of B belongs to B.

**Proposition 2.1.** Let  $(X, G)$  be complex valued G-metric space, then for any  $x_0 \in X$  and  $r > 0$ , we have

- (1) If  $G(x_0, x, y) < r$ , then  $x, y \in B_G(x_0, r)$
- (2) If  $y \in B_G(x_0, r)$ , then there exists a  $\delta > 0$  such that  $B_G(y, \delta) \subseteq B_G(x_0, r)$ .

**Proposition 2.2** Let  $(X, G)$  be complex valued G-metric space, then for all  $x_0 \in X$  and  $r > 0$ , we have,

$$B_G\left(x_0, \frac{1}{3}r\right) \subseteq B_{d_G}(x_0, r) \subseteq B_G(x_0, r).$$

Where  $d_G(x, y) = G(x, y, y) + G(x, x, y)$ .

### 3. CONVERGENCE, CONTINUITY AND COMPLETENESS IN COMPLEX VALUED G-METRIC SPACES

**Definition 3.1.** Let  $(X, G)$  be a complex valued G-metric space, let  $\{x_n\}$  be a sequence of points of X, we say that  $\{x_n\}$  is complex valued G-convergent to x if for any  $\epsilon > 0$ , there exists  $k \in \mathbb{N}$  such that  $G(x, x_n, x_m) < \epsilon$ , for all  $n, m \geq k$ . We refer to x as the limit of the sequence  $\{x_n\}$  and we write  $x_n \xrightarrow{(G)} x$ .

**Proposition 3.1.** Let  $(X, G)$  be complex valued G-metric space, then for a sequence  $\{x_n\} \subseteq X$  and point  $x \in X$ , the following are equivalent:

- (1)  $\{x_n\}$  is complex valued 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  $n, m \rightarrow \infty$

**Definition 3.2.** Let  $(X, G)$  and  $(X', G')$  be two complex valued G-metric spaces. Then a function  $f: X \rightarrow X'$  is complex valued G-continuous at a point  $x_0 \in X$  if  $f^{-1}(B_{G'}(f(x_0), r)) \in \tau(G)$ , for all  $r > 0$ . We say f is complex valued G-continuous if it complex valued G-continuous at all points of X; that is, continuous as a function from X with the  $\tau(G)$ - topology to  $X'$  with  $\tau(G')$ - topology.

Since complex valued G-metric topologies are metric topologies we have:

**Proposition 3.2.** Let  $(X, G)$  and  $(X', G')$  be two complex valued G-metric spaces. Then a function  $f: X \rightarrow X'$  is complex valued G-continuous at a point  $x \in X$  if and only if it is complex valued G-sequentially continuous at x: that is whenever  $\{x_n\}$  is complex valued G-convergent to x we have  $(f\{x_n\})$  is complex valued G-convergent to  $f(x)$ .

**Proposition 3.3.** Let  $(X, G)$  be a complex valued G-metric spaces, then the function  $G(x, y, z)$  is jointly continuous in all three of its variables.

**Proof.** Suppose  $\{x_k\}$ ,  $\{y_m\}$ , and  $\{z_n\}$ , are complex valued G-convergent to x, y and z respectively. Then, by (CG5) we have,

$$G(x, y, z) \lesssim G(y, y_m, y_m) + G(y_m, x, z)$$

$$G(z, x, y_m) \lesssim G(x, x_k, x_k) + G(x_k, y_m, z)$$

and

$$G(z, x_k, y_m) \lesssim G(z, z_n, z_n) + G(z_n, y_m, x_k),$$

so,

$$G(x, y, z) - G(x_k, y_m, z_n) \lesssim G(y, y_m, y_m) + G(x, x_k, x_k) + G(z, z_n, z_n).$$

Similarly,

$$G(x_k, y_m, z_n) - G(x, y, z) \lesssim G(x_k, x, x) + G(y_m, y, y) + G(z_n, z, z).$$

But then combining these using (3) of proposition 4.1 we have,

$$|G(x_k, y_m, z_n) - G(x, y, z)| \leq 2(G(x, x_k, x_k) + G(y, y_m, y_m) + G(z, z_n, z_n)),$$

$|G(x_k, y_m, z_n) - G(x, y, z)| \rightarrow 0$ , as  $k, m, n, \rightarrow \infty$  and the result follows by proposition 3.2.

**Definition 3.2.** Let  $(X, G)$  be a complex valued G-metric space, a sequence  $\{x_n\}$  is complex valued G- Cauchy if given  $\epsilon > 0$ , there exists  $k \in \mathbb{N}$  such that  $G(x_n, x_m, x_l) < \epsilon$  for all  $n, m, l \geq k$ .

**Definition 3.3.** A complex valued G-metric space  $(X, G)$  is said to be complex valued G-complete if every complex valued G-Cauchy sequence is complex valued G-convergent in  $(X, G)$ .

**Proposition 3.4.** Let  $(X, G)$  be a complex valued G-metric space. Then the following are equivalent:

- (1) The sequence  $\{x_n\}$  is a complex valued G-Cauchy in X.
- (2) For every  $\epsilon > 0$ , there exists  $k \in \mathbb{N}$  such that  $G(x_n, x_m, x_m) < \epsilon$ , for all  $n, m \geq k$ .
- (3)  $\{x_n\}$  is a Cauchy sequence in the complex valued metric space  $(X, d_G)$ .

**Proposition 3.5.** Let  $(X, G)$  be a complex valued G-metric space and  $\{x_n\}$  be a sequence in X. Then  $\{x_n\}$  is complex valued G- convergent to x if and only if  $|G(x, x_n, x_m)| \rightarrow 0$  as  $n, m \rightarrow \infty$ .

**Proof.** Suppose that  $\{x_n\}$  is complex valued G- convergent to x. For a given real number  $\epsilon > 0$ , let

$$c = \frac{\epsilon}{\sqrt{2}} + i \frac{\epsilon}{\sqrt{2}}.$$

Then  $0 < r \in \mathbb{C}$  and there is a natural number k, such that  $G(x, x_n, x_m) < \epsilon$  for all  $n, m \geq k$ .

Therefore,

$$|G(x, x_n, x_m)| < |c| = \epsilon \text{ for all } n, m \geq k.$$

It follows that  $|G(x, x_n, x_m)| \rightarrow 0$  as  $n, m \rightarrow \infty$ .

Conversely, suppose that  $|G(x, x_n, x_m)| \rightarrow 0$  as  $n, m \rightarrow \infty$ . Then given  $r \in \mathbb{C}$  with  $0 < c$ , there exists a real number  $\delta > 0$ , such that for  $z \in \mathbb{C}$

$$|z| < \delta \Rightarrow z < c.$$

For this  $\delta$ , there is a natural number  $k$  such that

$$|G(x, x_n, x_m)| < \delta \text{ for all } n, m \geq k.$$

This means that  $G(x, x_n, x_m) < \epsilon$  for all  $n, m \geq k$ . Hence  $\{x_n\}$  is complex valued  $G$ -convergent to  $x$ .

**Proposition 3.6.** Let  $(X, G)$  be a complex valued  $G$ -metric space and  $\{x_n\}$  be a sequence in  $X$ . Then  $\{x_n\}$  is complex valued  $G$ -Cauchy sequence if and only if  $|G(x_n, x_m, x_l)| \rightarrow 0$  as  $n, m \rightarrow \infty$ .

**Proof.** Suppose that  $\{x_n\}$  is complex valued  $G$ -Cauchy sequence. For a given real number  $\epsilon > 0$ , let

$$c = \frac{\epsilon}{\sqrt{2}} + i \frac{\epsilon}{\sqrt{2}}.$$

Then  $0 < r \in \mathbb{C}$  and there is a natural number  $k$ , such that  $G(x_n, x_m, x_l) < \epsilon$  for all  $n, m \geq k$ .

Therefore,

$$|G(x_n, x_m, x_l)| < |c| = \epsilon \text{ for all } n, m \geq k.$$

It follows that  $|G(x_n, x_m, x_l)| \rightarrow 0$  as  $n, m \rightarrow \infty$ .

Conversely, suppose that  $|G(x_n, x_m, x_l)| \rightarrow 0$  as  $n, m \rightarrow \infty$ . Then given  $c \in \mathbb{C}$  with  $0 < c$ , there exists a real number  $\delta > 0$ , such that for  $z \in \mathbb{C}$

$$|z| < \delta \Rightarrow z < c.$$

For this  $\delta$ , there is a natural number  $k$  such that

$$|G(x_n, x_m, x_l)| < \delta \text{ for all } n, m \geq k.$$

This means that  $G(x_n, x_m, x_l) < \epsilon$  for all  $n, m \geq k$ . Hence  $\{x_n\}$  is complex valued  $G$ -Cauchy sequence.

#### 4. PROPERTIES OF COMPLEX VALUED G-METRIC SPACES

**Proposition 4.1.** Let  $(X, G)$  be a complex valued  $G$ -metric space. Then for any  $x, y, z, a$  in  $X$  it follows that:

- (i) If  $G(x, y, z) = 0$  if  $x = y = z$
- (ii)  $G(x, y, z) \lesssim G(x, x, y) + G(x, x, z)$
- (iii)  $G(x, y, y) \lesssim 2G(y, x, x)$
- (iv)  $G(x, y, z) \lesssim G(x, a, z) + G(a, y, z)$

$$(v) \quad G(x, y, z) \lesssim \frac{2}{3}(G(x, y, a) + G(x, a, z) + G(a, y, z))$$

$$(vi) \quad G(x, y, z) \lesssim (G(x, a, a) + G(y, a, a) + G(z, a, a)).$$

**Proposition 4.2.** Let  $(X, G)$  be a complex valued  $G$ -metric space. Then the following are equivalent:

- (i)  $(X, G)$  is symmetric.
- (ii)  $G(x, y, y) \lesssim G(x, y, a)$ , for all  $x, y, a \in X$ .
- (iii)  $G(x, y, z) \lesssim G(x, y, a) + G(z, y, b)$  for all  $x, y, a, b \in X$ .

In 1998, Jungck [7] introduced the concept of weakly compatibility as follows:

**Definition 4.3** Two self mappings  $S$  and  $T$  are said to be weakly compatible if they commute at their coincidence points.

#### 5. MAIN RESULT

Now we prove our main result for a pair of self mappings:

**Theorem 5.1.** Let  $(X, G)$  be a complete complex valued  $G$ -metric space. Let  $S, T: X \rightarrow X$  be self mappings satisfying the following conditions:

$$(2.1) \quad S(X) \subseteq T(X),$$

(2.2) any one of the subspace  $S(X)$  or  $T(X)$  is complete,

$$(2.3) \quad G(Sx, Sy, Sz) \lesssim k G(Tx, Ty, Tz) \text{ for all } x, y, z \in X, \text{ where } 0 \leq k < 1,$$

$$(2.4) \quad S \text{ and } T \text{ are weakly compatible self maps.}$$

Then  $S$  and  $T$  have a unique common fixed point in  $X$ .

**Proof.** Let  $x_0 \in X$  be an arbitrary point in  $X$ . By (2.1), one can choose a point  $x_1$  in  $X$  such that  $Sx_0 = Tx_1$ . In general choose  $x_{n+1}$  such that

$$y_n = Sx_n = Tx_{n+1}.$$

Now, we prove  $\{y_n\}$  is a complex valued  $G$ -Cauchy sequence in  $X$ .

Putting  $x=x_n, y=x_{n+1}, z=x_{n+1}$  in (2.1), we have

$$G(Sx_n, Sx_{n+1}, Sx_{n+1}) \lesssim kG(Tx_n, Tx_{n+1}, Tx_{n+1}) = kG(Sx_{n-1}, Sx_n, Sx_n)$$

Continuing in the same way, we have

$$G(Sx_n, Sx_{n+1}, Sx_{n+1}) \lesssim k^n G(Sx_0, Sx_1, Sx_1)$$

This implies that  $G(y_n, y_{n+1}, y_{n+1}) \lesssim k^n G(y_0, y_1, y_1)$

Then, for all  $n, m \in \mathbb{N}, n < m$ , we have by (CG5)

$$G(y_n, y_m, y_m) \lesssim G(y_n, y_{n+1}, y_{n+1}) + G(y_{n+1}, y_{n+2}, y_{n+2}) + G(y_{n+2}, y_{n+3}, y_{n+3}) + \dots + G(y_{m-1}, y_m, y_m) \lesssim (k^n +$$

$$k^{n+1} + k^{n+2} + \dots + k^{m-1}) G(y_0, y_1, y_1) \lesssim \frac{k^n}{1-k} G(y_0, y_1, y_1),$$

Therefore,

$$|G(y_n, y_m, y_m)| \leq \left(\frac{k^n}{1-k}\right) |G(y_0, y_1, y_1)|$$

Since  $k \in [0, 1]$ , if we taking limit as  $n, m \rightarrow \infty$ , then  $\frac{k^n}{1-k} |G(y_0, y_1, y_1)| \rightarrow 0$ ,

i.e.,  $G(y_0, y_1, y_1) \rightarrow 0$

For  $n, m, l \in \mathbb{N}$  (CG5) implies that

$$G(y_n, y_m, y_l) \lesssim G(y_n, y_m, y_m) + G(y_l, y_m, y_m),$$

Therefore,  $|G(y_n, y_m, y_l)| \leq |G(y_n, y_m, y_m)| + |G(y_l, y_m, y_m)|$

Taking limit as  $n, m, l \rightarrow \infty$ , we get  $|G(y_n, y_m, y_l)| \rightarrow 0$  i.e.,  $G(y_n, y_m, y_l) \rightarrow 0$ . So  $\{y_n\}$  is complex valued G-Cauchy sequence. Since either  $S(X)$  or  $T(X)$  is complete. Without loss of generality, we assume that  $T(X)$  is complete subspace of  $X$ , then the subsequence of  $\{y_n\}$  must get a limit in  $T(X)$  (say)  $z$ . Then  $Tu=z$  for some  $u \in X$ , as  $\{y_n\}$  is a complex valued G-Cauchy sequence containing a convergent subsequence, therefore the sequence  $\{y_n\}$  also convergent implying thereby the convergence of subsequence of the convergent sequence. Next we show that  $Su = z$ . On setting  $x = u, y = x_n$  and  $z = x_n$ , in (2.3), we have

$$G(Su, Sx_n, Sx_n) \lesssim kG(Tu, Tx_n, Tx_n)$$

Taking limit as  $n \rightarrow \infty$ , we have  $G(Su, z, z) \lesssim kG(Tu, z, z)$

Therefore,  $|G(Su, z, z)| \leq k|G(Tu, z, z)|$  implies that  $Su = z$ .

Therefore,  $Su = Tu = z$  i.e.,  $u$  is coincidence point of  $S$  and  $T$ . Since  $S$  and  $T$  are weakly compatible, it follows that  $STu = TSu$  i.e.,  $Sz = Tz$ .

We now show that  $Sz = z$ . Suppose that  $S(z) \neq z$ , therefore  $0 < G(Sz, z, z)$  implies that  $|G(Sz, z, z)| > 0$ .

Putting  $x = z, y = u, z = u$  in (2.3), we have

$$G(Sz, Su, Su) \lesssim kG(Tz, Tu, Tu) = kG(Sz, z, z)$$

i.e.,  $|G(Sz, z, z)| \leq k|G(Sz, z, z)| < |G(Sz, z, z)|$  which is a contradiction, therefore

$Sz = z$ . Thus  $Sz = Tz = z$  i.e.,  $z$  is a common fixed point of  $S$  and  $T$ .

**Uniqueness:** To prove uniqueness, suppose that  $w \neq z$  be another common fixed point of  $S$  and  $T$ . Then  $0 < G(z, w, w)$  implies that  $|G(z, w, w)| > 0$ .

Putting  $x = z, y = u, z = u$  in (2.3), we have

$$G(z, w, w) = G(Sz, Sw, Sw) \lesssim kG(Tz, Tw, Tw) = kG(z, w, w)$$

i.e.,  $|G(z, w, w)| \leq k|G(z, w, w)| < |G(Sz, z, z)|$ , which is a contradiction, therefore

$z = w$ . Thus  $Sz = Tz = z$  i.e.,  $z$  is a unique common fixed point of  $S$  and  $T$ .

**Example 5.1.** Let  $X = [-1, 1]$  and let  $G: X \times X \times X \rightarrow \mathbb{C}$  be complex valued G-metric space defined as follows:

$$G(x, y, z) = |x - y| + |y - z| + |z - x|, \text{ for all } x, y, z \in X. \text{ Then } (X, G) \text{ is complex valued G-metric space. Define } S, T: X \rightarrow X \text{ as } Sx = \frac{x}{2} \text{ and } Tx = \frac{x}{6}.$$

Here we note that, (2.1)  $S(X) \subseteq T(X)$ , (2.2) Both  $S(X)$  and  $T(X)$  are complete,

(2.3)  $G(Sx, Sy, Sz) \lesssim kG(Tx, Ty, Tz)$  holds for all  $x, y, z \in X, 1/3 \leq k < 1$ , (2.4)  $S$  and  $T$  are weakly compatible because  $S$  and  $T$  commute at their coincidence point i.e., at  $x=0$  and  $x=0$  is the unique common fixed point of  $S$  and  $T$ .

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