# Coupled Fixed Point Theorems Under Nonlinear Contractive Conditions in G-Metric spaces

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## **ABSTRACT**

The aim of this paper is to prove a number of coupled fixed point theorems under  $\varphi$ -contractions for a mapping  $F: X \times X \to X$  in G-metric spaces. The given result is conversion of the result of Erdal Karapinar et al. [3] into G-metric space with coupled fixed point theorem.

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## 1. INTRODUCTION

The Banach contraction principle is the most powerful tool in the history of fixed point theory. Boyd and Wong [2] extended the Banach contraction principle to the nonlinear contraction mappings. The notion of coupled fixed point was intiated by Gnana Bhaskar and Lakshmikantham [1] in 2006. After this many authors worked on coupled fixed point theorems. The notion of G-metric space is given by Mustafa and Sims [6] as a generalization of metric spaces in 2006. Based on the concept of G-metric spaces, Mustafa et al. [7, 4, 5] proved several fixed point theorems for mappings satisfying different contractive conditions.

# 2. PRELIMINARIES

DEFINITION 2.1 SEE [6]. Let X be a nonempty set, and let  $G: X \times X \times X \to \mathbb{R}^+$ , be a function satisfying:

- (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)  $G(x, y, z) = G(x, z, y) = G(y, z, x) = \cdots$  (symmetry in all three variables), and
- (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 specifically a G-metric on X, and the pair (X,G) is a G-metric space.

Definition 2.2 See [6]. A G-metric space (X,G) is symmetric if

(G6) 
$$G(x, y, y) = G(x, x, y)$$
, for all  $x, y \in X$ .

DEFINITION 2.3 SEE [1]. An element  $(x, y) \in X \times X$  is said to be a coupled fixed point of the mapping  $F: X \times X \to X$  if

$$F(x,y) = x$$
 and  $F(y,x) = y$ .

DEFINITION 2.4 SEE [1]. Let  $(X, \leq)$  be a partially ordered set and  $F: X \times X \to X$  be a mapping.

F is said to have the mixed monotone property if F(x,y) is monotone non-decreasing in x and is monotone non-increasing in y, that is, for any  $x, y \in X$ ,

$$x_1 \le x_2 \quad \Rightarrow \quad F(x_1, y) \le F(x_2, y), \quad \text{for } x_1, x_2 \in X$$

and

$$y_1 \leq y_2 \quad \Rightarrow \quad F(x, y_2) \leq F(x, y_1), \quad \text{for } y_1, y_2 \in X.$$

By following Matkowski [7], we let  $\Phi$  be the set of all nondecreasing functions  $\varphi:[0,+\infty)\to[0,+\infty)$  such that  $\lim_{n\to+\infty}\varphi n(t)=0$  for all t>0. Then, it is an easy matter to show that

- (1)  $\phi(t) < 0$  for all t > 0,
- (2)  $\phi(0) = 0$ .

In this paper, some coupled fixed point theorems are proved for a mapping  $F: X \times X \to X$  satisfying a contractive condition based on some  $\varphi \in \Phi$ .

# 3. MAIN RESULTS

THEOREM 3.1. Let  $(X, \leq)$  be a partially ordered set and (X, G) a complete G-metric space. Let  $F: X \times X \to X$  be a continuous mapping such that F has the mixed monotone property.

Assume that there exists  $\varphi \in \Phi$  such that

$$G(F(x,y), F(u,v), F(u,v))$$

$$\leq \varphi[\max(G(x,u,u), G(y,v,v))] \tag{1}$$

for all  $x, y, u, v \in X$  with  $x \ge u$  and  $y \le v$ .

If there exist  $x_0, y_0 \in X$  such that  $x_0 \leq F(x_0, y_0)$  and  $y_0 \geq F(y_0, x_0)$ , then F has a coupled fixed point.

PROOF. Suppose  $x_0,y_0\in X$  are such that  $x_0\leq F(x_0,y_0)$  and  $y_0\geq F(y_0,x_0).$  Define

$$x_1 = F(x_0, y_0)$$
 and  $y_1 = F(y_0, x_0)$ . (2)

Then,  $x_0 \leq x_1, y_0 \geq y_1$ . Again, define  $x_2 = F(x_1, y_1)$  and  $y_2 = F(y_1, x_1)$ . Since F has the mixed monotone property, we have  $x_0 \leq x_1 \leq x_2$  and  $y_2 \leq y_1 \leq y_0$ .

Continuing like this, we can construct two sequences  $\boldsymbol{x}_n$  and  $\boldsymbol{y}_n$  in  $\boldsymbol{X}$  such that

if, for some integer n, we have

$$(x_{n+1}, y_{n+1}) = (x_n, y_n),$$

then

$$x_n = F(x_n, y_n)$$
 and  $y_n = F(y_n, x_n)$ 

that is,  $(x_n, y_n)$  is a coupled fixed point of F. Thus, we suppose that  $(x_{n+1}, y_{n+1}) \neq (x_n, y_n)$  for all  $n \in N$ ; that is, we assume that either  $x_{n+1} \neq x_n$  or  $y_{n+1} \neq y_n$ . For any  $n \in N$ , we have

$$G(x_{n+1}, x_n, x_n) = G(F(x_n, y_n), F(x_{n-1}, y_{n-1}), F(x_{n-1}, y_{n-1}))$$

$$\leq \varphi(\max(G(x_n, x_{n-1}, x_{n-1}), G(y_n, y_{n-1}, y_{n-1})))$$

$$G(y_n, y_{n+1}, y_{n+1}) = G(F(y_{n-1}, x_{n-1}), F(y_n, x_n), F(y_n, x_n))$$

$$\leq \varphi(\max(G(y_{n-1}, y_n, y_n), G(x_{n-1}, x_n, x_n))$$

$$(4)$$

From eq. (4) we get that

$$\max(G(x_{n+1}, x_n, x_n), G(y_n, y_{n+1}, y_{n+1}))$$

$$\leq \varphi(\max(G(x_n, x_{n-1}, x_{n-1}), G(y_{n-1}, y_n, y_n))$$
 (5)

By continuing the process of eq. (5) we get

$$\max(G(x_{n+1}, x_n, x_n), G(y_n, y_{n+1}, y_{n+1})) \le \varphi(\max(G(x_n, x_{n-1}, x_{n-1}), G(y_{n-1}, y_n, y_n)) \le \varphi^2(\max(G(x_{n-1}, x_{n-2}, x_{n-2}), G(y_{n-2}, y_{n-1}, y_{n-1}))$$

$$\vdots \\
\le \varphi^n(\max(G(x_1, x_0, x_0), G(y_0, y_1, y_1))$$
(6)

Now, we will show that  $x_n$  and  $y_n$  are Cauchy sequences in X. Let  $\varepsilon>0$ . Since

$$\lim_{n \to \infty} \varphi^n(\max(G(x_1, x_0, x_0), G(y_0, y_1, y_1))) = 0 \tag{7}$$

and  $\varepsilon > \varphi(\varepsilon)$ , there exist  $n_0 \in N$  such that

$$\varphi^n(\max(G(x_1,x_0,x_0),G(y_0,y_1,y_1))<\varepsilon-\varphi(\varepsilon)$$
 for all  $n=n_0$  (8)

This implies that

$$\max(G(x_{n+1},x_n,x_n),G(y_n,y_{n+1},y_{n+1}))<\varepsilon-\varphi(\varepsilon)$$
 for all  $n=n_0$  (9)

For  $m, n \in N$ , we will prove by induction on m that

$$\max(G(x_n, x_m, x_m), G(y_n, y_m, y_m)) < \varepsilon$$
 for all  $m \ge n \ge n_0$  (10)

Since  $\varepsilon-\varphi(\varepsilon)<\varepsilon$ , then by using (9) we get that (10) holds when m=n+1. Now suppose that (10) holds for m=k. For m=k+1, we have

$$G(x_{n}, x_{k+1}, x_{k+1})$$

$$\leq G(x_{n}, x_{n+1}, x_{n+1}) + G(x_{n+1}, x_{k+1}, x_{k+1})$$

$$\leq \varepsilon - \varphi(\varepsilon) + G(F(x_{n}, y_{n}), F(x_{k}, y_{k}), F(x_{k}, y_{k}))$$

$$\leq \varepsilon - \varphi(\varepsilon) + \varphi(\max(G(x_{n}, x_{k}, x_{k}), G(y_{n}, y_{k}, y_{k}))$$

$$< \varepsilon - \varphi(\varepsilon) + \varphi(\varepsilon). \tag{11}$$

Similarly, we show that

$$G(y_n, y_{k+1}, y_{k+1}) < \varepsilon. \tag{12}$$

Hence, we have

$$\max(G(x_n, x_{k+1}, x_{k+1}), G(y_n, y_{k+1}, y_{k+1})) < \varepsilon$$
 (13)

Thus, (10) holds for all  $m \ge n \ge n_0$ . Hence,  $x_n$  and  $y_n$  are Cauchy sequences in X.

Since X is a complete G-metric space, there exist x and  $y \in X$  such that  $x_n$  and  $y_n$  converge to x and y respectively. Finally, we show that (x,y) is a coupled fixed point of F. Since F is continuous and  $(x_n,y_n) \to (x,y)$ , we have

$$x_{n+1} = F(x_n, y_n) \to F(x, y).$$

By the uniqueness of limit, we get that x = F(x, y). Similarly, we show that y = F(y, x).

So, (x, y) is a coupled fixed point of F.  $\square$ 

By taking  $\varphi(t)=kt$ , where  $k\in(0,1],$  in Theorem 3.1, we have the following.

COROLLARY 3.2. Let  $(X, \leq)$  be a partially ordered set and (X, G) a complete G-metric space. Let  $F: X \times X \to X$  be a continuous mapping such that F has the mixed monotone property. Assume that there exists  $k \in [0, 1)$  such that

$$(F(x,y), F(u,v), F(u,v))$$

$$\leq k(\max(G(x,u,u), G(y,v,v))$$
(14)

for all  $x, y, u, v \in X$  with  $x \ge u$  and  $y \le v$ . If there exist  $x_0, y_0 \in X$  such that  $x_0 \le F(x_0, y_0)$  and  $y_0 = F(y_0, x_0)$ , then F has a coupled fixed point.

As a consequence of Corollary 3.2, we have the following.

COROLLARY 3.3. Let  $(X, \leq)$  be a partially ordered set and (X, G) a complete G-metric space. Let  $F: X \times X \to X$  be a continuous mapping such that F has the mixed monotone property. Assume that there exists  $a_1, a_2 \in [0, 1)$  such that

$$(F(x,y), F(u,v), F(u,v))$$
  
 $\leq a_1(G(x,u,u) + a_2G(y,v,v))$  (15)

for all  $x, y, u, v \in X$  with  $x \ge u$  and  $y \ge v$ . If there exist  $x_0, y_0 \in X$  such that  $x_0 \le F(x_0, y_0)$  and  $y_0 \ge F(y_0, x_0)$ , then F has a coupled fixed point.

THEOREM 3.4. Let  $(X, \leq)$  be a partially ordered set and (X, G) a complete G-metric space. Let  $F: X \times X \to X$  be a mapping having mixed monotone property. Assume that there exists  $\varphi \in \Phi$  such that

$$G(F(x,y), F(u,v), F(u,v))$$

$$\leq \varphi[\max(G(x,u,u), G(y,v,v))] \tag{16}$$

for all  $x, y, u, v \in X$  with  $x \ge u$  and  $y \le v$ .

Assume also that X has the following properties:

- (i) if a nondecreasing sequence  $x_n \to x$ , then  $x_n \le x$  for all  $n \in N$ ,
- (ii) if a nonincreasing sequence  $y_n \to y$ , then  $y_n \ge y$  for all  $n \in \mathbb{N}$ .

If there exist  $x_0, y_0 \in X$  such that  $x_0 \leq F(x_0, y_0)$  and  $y_0 \geq F(y_0, x_0)$ , then F has a coupled fixed point.

PROOF. By following the same process in Theorem 3.1, we construct two Cauchy sequences  $x_n$  and  $y_n$  in X with

$$x_1 \le x_2 \le \dots \le x_n \le \dots$$
 and  $y_1 \ge y_2 \ge \dots \ge y_n \ge \dots$  (17)

such that  $x_n \to x \in X$  and  $y_n \to y \in X$ . By the hypotheses on X, we have  $x_n \le x$  and  $y_n \ge y$  for all  $n \in N$ . From (16), we have

$$G(F(x,y), x_{n+1}, x_{n+1})$$

$$= G(F(x,y), F(x_n, y_n), F(x_n, y_n))$$

$$\leq \varphi(\max(G(x, x_n, x_n), G(y, y_n, y_n)))$$

$$G(y_{n+1}, F(y, x), F(y, x))$$

$$= G(F(y_n, x_n), F(y, x), F(y, x))$$

$$= \varphi(\max(G(y_n, y, y), G(x_n, x, x))$$
(18)

From (18) we get,

$$\max[G(F(x,y),x_{n+1},x_{n+1}),G(y_{n+1},F(y,x),F(y,x))] \leq \varphi(\max[G(x,x_n,x_n),G(y,y_n,y_n)), G(y_n,y,y),G(x_n,x,x))].$$
 (19)

Letting  $n \to +\infty$  in (19), it follows that x = F(x,y) and y = F(y,x). Hence (x,y) is a coupled fixed point of F.  $\square$ 

By taking  $\varphi(t)=kt$ , where  $k\in(0,1]$ , in Theorem 3.4, we have the following result.

COROLLARY 3.5. Let  $(X, \leq)$  be a partially ordered set and (X, G) a complete G-metric space. Let  $F: X \times X \to X$  be a mapping having mixed monotone property. Assume that there exists  $k \in [0,1)$  such that

$$G(F(x,y), F(u,v), F(u,v))$$

$$\leq k \max(G(x,u,u), G(y,v,v)) \tag{20}$$

for all  $x, y, u, v \in X$  with  $x \ge u$  and  $y \le v$ . Assume also that X has the following properties:

(i) if a nondecreasing sequence  $x_n \to x$ , then  $x_n \le x$  for all  $n \in \mathbb{N}$ ,

(ii) if a nonincreasing sequence  $y_n \to y$ , then  $y_n \ge y$  for all  $n \in \mathbb{N}$ .

If there exist  $x_0, y_0 \in X$  such that  $x_0 \leq F(x_0, y_0)$  and  $y_0 \geq F(y_0, x_0)$ , then F has a coupled fixed point.

As a consequence of Corollary 3.5, we have the following.

COROLLARY 3.6. Let  $(X, \leq)$  be a partially ordered set and (X, G) a complete G-metric space. Let  $F: X \times X \to X$  be a mapping having mixed monotone property. Assume that there exists  $a_1, a_2 \in [0, 1)$  such that

$$G(F(x,y), F(u,v), F(u,v))$$
  
 $\leq a_1(G(x,u,u) + a_2G(y,v,v))$  (21)

for all  $x, y, u, v \in X$  with  $x \ge u$  and  $y \le v$ . Assume also that X has the following properties:

- (i) if a nondecreasing sequence  $x_n \to x$ , then  $x_n \le x$  for all  $n \in \mathbb{N}$ .
- (ii) if a nonincreasing sequence  $y_n \to y$ , then  $y_n \ge y$  for all  $n \in \mathbb{N}$

If there exist  $x_0, y_0 \in X$  such that  $x_0 \leq F(x_0, y_0)$  and  $y_0 \geq F(y_0, x_0)$ , then F has a coupled fixed point.

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