# Fixed Point Results for Weakly Compatible Mappings in Convex G-Metric Space

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**ABSTRACT**: In the present paper, we establish different convex structures on G-metric space and deduce fixed point results for weakly compatible mappings. MSC(1999): 47H10,54H25

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## I. INTRODUCTION

Various generalizations of the usual notion of a metric space are proposed by several mathematicians. In 1963, Gahler [3] introduced the notion of 2-metric spaces but different authors proved that there is no relation between these two functions and there is no easy relationship between results obtained in the two settings. Ha et.al. [5] have pointed out that the results given by Gahler are independent, rather than generalizations of the corresponding results in metric spaces. In 1992, Dhage [2] introduced a new concept of D-metric space for the measure of nearness between three or more objects. But topological structure of so called D-metric spaces was proved to be incorrect. In 2006, Mustafa along with Sims introduced a new notion of generalized metric space called G-metric space [8]. This is a generalization of metric spaces in which a non-negative real number is assigned to every triplet of elements. Fixed point theory in these spaces was initiated in [9], Banach contraction mapping principle being the main tool. After that several fixed point results were proved in these spaces. Mustafa et al. studied many fixed point results for a self-mapping in G-metric space.[6]-[12]can be cited for reference. Takahashi [13] introduced the concept of convex structure in metric spaces and established some fixed point theorems. Inspired by this Thangavelu et.al. [14] introduced the concept of convexity structure in D-metric space. They further extended this concept to get strong convex D-metric space, J-convex D-metric spaces, weak convex D-metric spaces and quasi convex D-Metric Spaces. We extend this to G-metric space by providing different convex structures to G-metric space analogous to Thangavelu et.al. [14] and use it to prove some fixed point results .

### **II. PRELIMINARIES**

**DEFINITION 2.1.** (*G*-Metric Space [8]). Let *X* be a nonempty set, and let  $G : X \times X \times X \to R^+$  be a function satisfying the following properties:

(G1) G(x, y, z) = 0, if = y = z;

(G2) 0 < G(x, x, y), for all  $x, y \in X$  with  $\neq y$ ;

(G3)  $G(x, x, y) \leq G(x, y, z)$ , for all  $x, y, z \in X$  with  $z \neq y$ ;

(G4)  $G(x, y, z) = G(y, x, z) = G(z, y, x) = \cdots$  (all permutations of x, y, z), (symmetry in all three variables);

(G5)  $G(x, y, z) \le G(x, a, a) + G(a, y, z)$ , for all  $x, y, z, a \in X$  (rectangle inequality).

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

**DEFINITION 2.2.** Let (X, d) be a metric space and I = [0,1]. A mapping  $W: X \times X \times I$  is said to be a convex structure on X if for each  $(x, y, \lambda) \in X \times X \times I$  and  $u \in X$ ,

 $d(u, W(x, y, \lambda)) \le \lambda d(u, x) + (1 - \lambda)d(u, y)$ 

If (X, d) is equipped with a Takahashi convex structure, then it is called a convex metric space denoted by (X, d, W). A Banach space, or any convex subset of it is a convex metric space with  $W(x, y, \lambda) = \lambda x + (1 - \lambda)y$ .

**DEFINITION 2.3.** Let X be a convex metric space. A nonempty subset M of X is said to be convex if  $W(x, y, \lambda) \in M$  whenever $(x, y, \lambda) \in M \times M \times [0, 1]$ .

**DEFINITION 2.4.** Let (X, G) be a *G*-metric space. A mapping  $W: X \times X \times X \times (0, 1] \rightarrow X$  is said to be a convex structure on (X, G) if for each  $(x, y, z, \lambda) \in X \times X \times X \times (0, 1]$  and for all  $u, v \in X$  the condition

$$G(u, v, W(x, y, z, \lambda)) \leq \frac{\lambda}{3} G(u, v, x) + \frac{\lambda}{3} G(u, v, y) + \frac{\lambda}{3} G(u, v, z)$$

holds. If W is convex structure on a G-metric space (X, G), then the triplet (X, G, W) is called a convex G-metric space.

**DEFINITION 2.5.** A subset *M* of a convex *G*-metric space (X, G, W) is said to be a convex set if  $W(x, y, z, \lambda) \in M$  for all  $x, y, z \in M$  and for all  $\lambda$  with  $0 < \lambda \le 1$ .

**DEFINITION 2.6.** Let (X, G) be a *G*-metric space. A mapping  $W: X \times X \times X \times (0, 1] \to X$  is said to be a strong convex structure on (X, G) if for each  $(x, y, z, \lambda) \in X \times X \times X \times (0, 1]$  and for all  $u, v \in X$  the condition

$$G(u, v, W(x, y, z, \lambda)) \leq max\{\frac{\lambda}{3}G(u, v, x), \frac{\lambda}{3}G(u, v, y), \frac{\lambda}{3}G(u, v, z)\}$$

holds. If W is strong convex structure on a G-metric space (X, G), then the triplet (X, G, W) is called a strong convex G-metric space.

**DEFINITION 2.7.** A subset M of a strong convex G-metric space (X, G, W) is said to be a convex set if  $W(x, y, z, \lambda) \in M$  for all  $x, y, z \in M$  and for all  $\lambda$  with  $0 < \lambda \le 1$ .

**DEFINITION 2.8.** Let (X, G) be a *G*-metric space. A mapping  $W: X \times X \times X \times (0, 1] \to X$  is said to be a  $\beta$ convex structure on a *G*-metric space (X, G) if for each

 $(x, y, z, \lambda) \in X \times X \times X \times X \times I$  and for all  $u, v \in X$  the condition

$$D(u, v, W(x, y, z, \lambda)) \le \min\{\frac{\lambda}{3}G(u, v, x), \frac{\lambda}{3}G(u, v, y), \frac{\lambda}{3}G(u, v, z)\}$$

holds. If W is a  $\beta$ -convex structure on a G-metric space (X,G), then the triplet (X,G,W) is called a  $\beta$ -convex G-metric space.

**DEFINITION 2.9.** A subset *M* of a  $\beta$ -convex *G*-metric space (X, D, W) is said to be a convex set if  $W(x, y, z, \lambda) \in M$  for all  $x, y, z \in M$  and for all  $\lambda$  with  $0 < \lambda \le 1$ .

**DEFINITION 2.10.** ([8]). 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  $\lim_{n,m\to\infty} G(x, x_n, x_m) = 0$  and the sequence  $\{x_n\}$  is said to be *G*-convergent to *x*.

Thus, if  $x_n \to x$  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  $n, m \ge N$ .

**DEFINITION 2.11.** ([8]). Let (X, G) be a *G*-metric space. A sequence  $\{x_n\}$  in *X* 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  $n, m, l \ge N$ , that is, if  $G(x_n, x_m, x_l) \to 0$ , as  $n, m, l \to \infty$ .

**EXAMPLE 2.1** (see [8]) Let *R* be the set of all real numbers. Define  $G: R \times R \times R \to R^+$  by G(x, y, z) = |x - y| + |y - z| + |z - x|, for all  $x, y, z \in X$ . Then (R, G) is a *G*-metric space. **EXAMPLE 2.2** ([8]). Let (X, d) be a usual metric space. Then  $(X, G_1)$  and  $(X, G_2)$  are *G*-metric spaces where

for all  $x, y, z \in X$  and

$$G_1(x, y, z) = d(x, y) + d(y, z) + d(x, z)$$

 $G_2(x, y, z) = max \mathfrak{A}d(x, y), d(y, z), d(x, z)$ 

for all  $x, y, z \in X$ .

**LEMMA 2.1.** (see [8]) Let (X, G) be a *G*-metric space. Then for any x, y, z, and  $a \in X$ , it follows that (1) if G(x, y, z) = 0 then x = y = z, (2)  $G(x, y, z) \leq G(x, x, y) + G(x, x, z)$ , (3)  $G(x, y, y) \leq 2G(y, x, x)$ ,

 $\begin{array}{ll} (4) \ G(x,y,z) \ \leq \ G(x,a,z) \ + \ G(a,y,z), \\ (5) \ G(x,y,z) \ \leq \ \frac{2}{3} \ (G(x,y,a) \ + \ G(x,a,z) \ + \ G(a,y,z) \end{array}$ 

**LEMMA 2.2.** ([8]). If (X, G) is a *G*-metric space, then the following are equivalent: (1)  $\{x_n\}$  is *G*-convergent to *x*; (2)  $G(x_n, x_n, x) \to 0$ , as  $n \to \infty$ (3)  $G(x_n, x, x) \to 0$ , as  $n \to \infty$ ; (4)  $G(x, x_n, x_m) \to 0$ , as  $m, n \to \infty$ .

**LEMMA 2.3.** ([7]). If (X, G) is a *G*-metric space, then the following are equivalent: (1) The sequence  $\{x_n\}$  is *G*-Cauchy. (2) For every  $\varepsilon > 0$ , there exists a positive integer *N* such that  $G(x_n, x_m, x_m) < \varepsilon$  for all  $n, m \ge N$ .

**DEFINITION 2.12.** ([8]). Let (X, G) and (X', G') be two *G*-metric spaces. Then a function  $f : X \to X'$  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).

**DEFINITION 2.13.** ([8]). A *G*-metric space (X, G) is called symmetric if G(x, y, y) = G(y, x, x) for all  $x, y \in X$ .

**DEFINITION 2.14.** ([8]). 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 2.15.** Let A and B be two self-mappings on X. A point x of X is called  $(x) = \sum_{x \in A} \sum_{x$ 

(i) a fixed point of A if Ax = x,

(ii) a common fixed point of the pair (A, B) if Ax = Bx = x and

(iii) a coincidence point of the pair (A, B) if Ax = Bx.

**DEFINITION 2.16.** Let *S* and *T* be two self-mappings on *X*. The pair (*S*, *T*) is weakly compatible if *S* and *T* commute on the set of their coincidence points i.e. SBx = BAx for all  $x \in C(A, B)$ .

#### **III. MAIN RESULTS**

**THEOREM 3.1.1.** Let (X, G, W) be a convex *G*-metric space. Let *S* and *T* be two self-mappings of *X* such that S(X) is complete and  $T(X) \subset S(X)$ . If (S, T) is such that

$$G(Sx, Sy, Tz) \le aG(Sx, Sy, Sz), \tag{3.1.1.1}$$

then S and T have a unique coincidence point. Moreover if S and T are weakly compatible, then S and T have a unique common fixed point.

**PROOF** . Let  $x_0$  be an arbitrary member of X. Since  $T(X) \subset S(X)$  we can construct a sequence  $\{Sx_n\}$  in S(X) by defining

$$Sx_{n} = W(Sx_{n-1}, Sx_{n-1}, Tx_{n-1}, \lambda), \quad n \in \mathbb{N}$$
Using (G4) and (G3) we have
$$G(Sx_{n}, Sx_{n+1}, Sx_{n+1}) = G(Sx_{n+1}, Sx_{n+1}, Sx_{n})$$

$$\leq G(Sx_{n+1}, Sx_{n}, Sx_{n-1})$$

$$= G(Sx_{n-1}, Sx_{n-1}, Sx_{n-1})$$

Now applying (3.1.1.2), we get  

$$G(Sx_n, Sx_{n+1}, Sx_{n+1}) \leq (Sx_{n-1}, Sx_n, W(Sx_n, Sx_n, Tx_n, \lambda))$$

From the definition of convex *G*-metric space ,we infer

$$\begin{aligned} G(Sx_n, Sx_{n+1}, Sx_{n+1}) &\leq \frac{\lambda}{3} G(Sx_{n-1}, Sx_n, Sx_n) + \frac{\lambda}{3} G(Sx_{n-1}, Sx_n, Sx_n) \\ &+ \frac{\lambda}{3} G(Sx_{n-1}, Sx_n, Tx_n) \\ &= \frac{2\lambda}{3} G(Sx_{n-1}, Sx_n, Sx_n) + \frac{\lambda}{3} G(Sx_{n-1}, Sx_n, Tx_n) \\ &= \frac{2\lambda}{3} G(Sx_{n-1}, Sx_n, Sx_n) + a \frac{\lambda}{3} G(Sx_{n-1}, Sx_n, Sx_n) \end{aligned}$$

This implies that

$$G(Sx_n, Sx_{n+1}, Sx_{n+1}) \le (2+a)\frac{\lambda}{3}G(Sx_{n-1}, Sx_n, Sx_n)$$
(3.1.1.3)



$$\frac{\lambda}{3}G(Sx_{n-1},Sx_n,Tx_n)\}$$

Making use of (3.1.1.1) we obtain,

$$G(Sx_n, Sx_{n+1}, Sx_{n+1}) \le \frac{\lambda}{3}G(Sx_{n-1}, Sx_n, Sx_n)$$

Since  $\lambda \in (0,1]$ , repeating the steps as in theorem 3.1.1 we can construct Cauchy sequence  $\{Sx_n\}$  converging to *Su*. Rest of the proof can be framed analogically.

**COROLLARY 3.1.2.** Let (X, G, W) be a strong convex *G*-metric space. Let *S* and *T* be two self-mappings of *X* such that S(X) is complete and  $T(X) \subset S(X)$ . If (S, T) satisfies (3.1.1.1) then *S* and *T* have a unique coincidence point. Moreover if *S* and *T* are weakly compatible, then *S* and *T* have a unique common fixed point.

**PROOF.** After constructing a sequence  $\{Sx_n\}$  in S(X) defined by (3.1.1.2), i.e.

 $Sx_n = W(Sx_{n-1}, Sx_{n-1}, Tx_{n-1}, \lambda), \quad n \in \mathbb{N}$ 

and using (G4), (G3) and (3.1.1.2), we have

 $G(Sx_n, Sx_{n+1}, Sx_{n+1}) \le (Sx_{n-1}, Sx_n, W(Sx_n, Sx_n, Tx_n, \lambda))$ From the definition of  $\beta$ -convex *G*-metric space ,we infer

$$G(Sx_n, Sx_{n+1}, Sx_{n+1}) \le \min \frac{\lambda}{3} G(Sx_{n-1}, Sx_n, Sx_n), \frac{\lambda}{3} G(Sx_{n-1}, Sx_n, Sx_n),$$
$$\frac{\lambda}{3} G(Sx_{n-1}, Sx_n, Tx_n)\}$$

Making use of (3.1.1.1) we obtain,

$$G(Sx_n, Sx_{n+1}, Sx_{n+1}) \le \frac{\lambda}{3}G(Sx_{n-1}, Sx_n, Tx_n) \le a\frac{\lambda}{3}G(Sx_{n-1}, Sx_n, Sx_n)$$

Since  $0 \le a < 1$  and  $\lambda \in (0,1]$  we can construct Cauchy sequence  $\{Sx_n\}$  converging to Su repeating the steps as in theorem 3.1.1. Rest of the proof can be framed similarly.

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