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A Coupled Fixed Point Theorem for Three Pairs of *w*-Compatible Mappings in *G*-metric spaces

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Abstract: In this paper, we establish a common coupled fixed point theorem for three pairs of *w*-compatible maps in *G*-metric space which improve and generalize the results of Ding and Karapnar [5]. Example are presented to support our result.

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1 Introduction and preliminaries

The notion of G-metric space was introduced by Mustafa and Sims [10], [11] as a generalization of metric spaces. Afterwards Mustafa and Sims [12] proved fixed point theorems for mappings satisfying different contractive conditions in this space.

The notion of coupled fixed point was introduced by Guo and Lakshmikantham [6] in 1987. In a recent paper, Gnana-Bhaskar and Lakshmikantham [3] introduced the concept of mixed monotone property for contractive operators of the form $F: X \times X \to X$, where X is a partially ordered metric space, and then established some coupled fixed point theorems. They also illustrated these results by proving the existence and uniqueness of the solution for a periodic boundary value problem. Later, Lakshmikantham and Ćirić [8] proved coupled coincidence and coupled common fixed point results for nonlinear mappings satisfying certain contractive conditions in partially ordered complete metric spaces. After that many results appeared on coupled fixed point theory in different contexts (see e.g. [1], [4], [7], [8], [9], [13]-[16]). Recently, Ding and Karapnar [5] extend some recent coupled fixed point theorems in the context of G-metric space.

The aim of this paper is to study common coupled fixed point theorem for three pairs of mappings in G-metric spaces. Our result generalize the results of Ding and Karapnar [5].

First, we recall the necessary definitions and results which will be useful for the rest of the paper.

Definition 1.[11] Let X be a nonempty set and let $G: X^3 \rightarrow [0, \infty)$ be a function satisfying:

- $(G_1)G(x, y, z) = 0$ if x = y = z,
- (G_2) 0 < G(x, x, y), for all $x, y \in X$, with $x \neq y$,
- $(G_3)G(x,x,y) \leq G(x,y,z), \forall x,y,z \in X, with z \neq y,$
- $(G_4)G(x,y,z) = G(x,z,y) = G(y,z,x) =$...,(symmetry in all three variables),
- $(G_5)G(x,y,z) \leq G(x,a,a) + G(a,y,z), \forall x,y,z,a \in X, (rectangle inequality).$

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

Definition 2.[11] Let (X,G) be a G-metric space, a sequence (x_n) is said to be

- (*i*)*G*-convergent if for every $\varepsilon > 0$, there exists an $x \in X$, and $k \in \mathbb{N}$ such that for all $m, n \ge k, G(x, x_n, x_m) < \varepsilon$.
- (ii)*G*-Cauchy if for every $\varepsilon > 0$, there exists an $k \in \mathbb{N}$ such that for all $m, n, p \ge k, G(x_m, x_n, x_p) < \varepsilon$, that is $G(x_m, x_n, x_p) \to 0$ as $m, n, p \to \infty$.
- (iii)A space (X,G) is said to be G-complete if every G-Cauchy sequence in (X,G) is G-convergent.

Lemma 1.[11] Let (X,G) be a *G*-metric space. Then the following are equivalent:

(*i*)(x_n) is convergent to x, (*ii*) $G(x_n, x_n, x) \to 0$ as $n \to \infty$,

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 $(iii)G(x_n, x, x) \to 0 \text{ as } n \to \infty,$ (iv)G(x_n, x_m, x) \to 0 \text{ as } n, m \to \infty,

Lemma 2.[11] Let (X,G) be a *G*-metric space. Then the following are equivalent:

(*i*)*The sequence* (x_n) *is G-Cauchy,*

(ii) for every $\varepsilon > 0$, there exists $k \in \mathbb{N}$ such that $G(x_n, x_m, x_m) < \varepsilon$ for $m, n \ge k$.

Lemma 3.[11] Let (X,G) be a *G*-metric space. Then the function G(x,y,z) is jointly continuous in all three of its variables.

Definition 3.[11] A G metric space X is symmetric if G(x,y,y) = G(y,x,x) for all $x, y \in X$.

Proposition 1.[11] Every G-metric space (X,G) will define a metric space (X,d_G) by

$$d_G(x,y) = G(x,y,y) + G(y,x,x), \qquad \forall x,y \in X.$$

Proposition 2.[11] Let (X,G) be a *G*-metric space. Then for any x, y, z, and $a \in X$, it follows that

 $\begin{array}{l} (i) & \text{if } G(x,y,z) = 0 \ \text{then } x = y = z, \\ (ii) & G(x,y,z) \leq G(x,x,y) + G(x,x,z), \\ (iii) & G(x,y,y) \leq 2G(x,x,y), \\ (iv) & G(x,y,z) \leq G(x,a,z) + G(a,y,z), \\ (v) & G(x,y,z) \leq \frac{2}{3} (G(x,y,a) + G(x,a,z) + G(a,y,z)), \\ (vi) & G(x,y,z) \leq G(x,a,a) + G(y,a,a) + G(z,a,a), \end{array}$

Definition 4.[3] An element $(x,y) \in X \times X$ is called a coupled fixed point of a mapping $F : X \times X \to X$ if x = F(x,y) and y = F(y,x).

Definition 5.[8] An element $(x, y) \in X \times X$ is called

(i)a coupled coincident point of mappings F : X × X → X and f : X → X if fx = F(x,y) and fy = F(y,x),
(ii)a common coupled fixed point of mappings F : X × X → X and f : X → X if x = fx = F(x,y) and y = fy = F(y,x).

Definition 6.[2] The mappings $F : X \times X \to X$ and $f : X \to X$ are called w-compatible if f(F(x,y)) = F(fx,fy) whenever f(x) = F(x,y) and f(y) = F(y,x).

2 Main Results

Theorem 1.Let (X,G) be a *G*-metric space. Let S,T,R: $X \times X \to X$ and $f,g,h: X \to X$ be mappings satisfying the following condition

$$G(S(x,y), T(u,v), R(w,z)) + G(S(y,x), T(v,u), R(z,w)) \leq k(G(fx, gu, hw) + G(fy, gv, hz)),$$
(1)

for all $x, y, u, v, w, z \in X$, where $k \in [0, 1)$. Suppose that

 $(i)S(X \times X) \subseteq g(X), T(X \times X) \subseteq h(X), R(X \times X) \subseteq f(X),$ (ii)either f(X), g(X) or h(X) is a G-complete subspace of X.

(iii)the pairs (f,S), (g,T) and (h,R) are w-compatible.

Then the pairs (f,S),(g,T) and (h,R) have the same unique common coupled fixed point of the form (w,w) in $X \times X$.

*Proof.*Let $x_0, y_0 \in X$. Since $S(X \times X) \subseteq g(X), T(X \times X) \subseteq h(X), R(X \times X) \subseteq f(X)$, we can construct sequences $\{x_n\}$, $\{y_n\}$ $\{w_n\}$, and $\{z_n\}$ in X such that

$$\begin{split} w_{3n} &= S(x_{3n}, y_{3n}) = gx_{3n+1}, \quad z_{3n} = S(y_{3n}, x_{3n}) = gy_{3n+1}, \\ w_{3n+1} &= T\left(x_{3n+1}, y_{3n+1}\right) = hx_{3n+2}, \quad z_{3n+1} = T\left(y_{3n+1}, x_{3n+1}\right) = hy_{3n+2}, \text{ and} \\ w_{3n+2} &= R(x_{3n+2}, y_{3n+2}) = fx_{3n+3}, \quad z_{3n+2} = R(y_{3n+2}, x_{3n+2}) = fy_{3n+3}, \quad \text{for } n \geq 0. \end{split}$$

Let

 $M_{3n} = G(w_{3n}, w_{3n+1}, w_{3n+2}) + G(z_{3n}, z_{3n+1}, z_{3n+2}), \quad n \ge 0.$

Then from (1), for all n > 0, we have

$$\begin{split} M_{3n} &= G(w_{3n}, w_{3n+1}, w_{3n+2}) + G(z_{3n}, z_{3n+1}, z_{3n+2}) \\ &= G(S(x_{3n}, y_{3n}), T(x_{3n+1}, y_{3n+1}), R(x_{3n+2}, y_{3n+2}) \\ &+ G(S(y_{3n}, x_{3n}), T(y_{3n+1}, x_{3n+1}), R(y_{3n+2}, x_{3n+2})) \\ &\leq k(G(fx_{3n}, gx_{3n+1}, hx_{3n+2}) + G(fy_{3n}, gy_{3n+1}, hy_{3n+2})) \\ &= kG(w_{3n-1}, w_{3n}, w_{3n+1}) + G(z_{3n-1}, z_{3n}, z_{3n+1}) \\ &= kM_{3n-1}. \end{split}$$

Similarly, we conclude that

$$M_{3n} \leq kM_{3n-1} \leq k^2 M_{3n-2} \leq \cdots \leq k^{3n} M_0.$$

Therefore

$$M_n \le k^n M_0 \quad \forall n \ge 0. \tag{2}$$

Now, for all l, m, n with l > m > n, by using G_5 and (1) we get

$$\begin{split} &G(w_n, w_m, w_l) + G(z_n, z_m, z_l) \\ &\leq G(w_n, w_{n+1}, w_{n+1}) + G(w_{n+1}, w_{n+2}, w_{n+2}) + \dots + G(w_{l-1}, w_{l-1}, w_l) \\ &+ G(z_n, z_{n+1}, z_{n+1}) + G(z_{n+1}, z_{n+2}, z_{n+2}) + \dots + G(z_{l-1}, z_{l-1}, z_l) \\ &\leq G(w_n, w_{n+1}, w_{n+2}) + G(w_{n+1}, w_{n+2}, w_{n+3}) + \dots + G(w_{l-2}, w_{l-1}, w_l) \\ &+ G(z_n, z_{n+1}, z_{n+2}) + G(z_{n+1}, z_{n+2}, z_{n+3}) + \dots + G(z_{l-2}, z_{l-1}, z_l) \\ &\leq M_n + M_{n+1} + \dots + M_{l-2} \\ &\leq (k^n + k^{n+1} + \dots + k^{l-2}) M_0 \\ &\leq \frac{k^n}{1-k} M_0. \end{split}$$

Also, if l = m > n and l > m = n we obtain

$$G(w_n, w_m, w_l) + G(z_n, z_m, z_l) \le \frac{k^n}{1-k} M_0.$$

Consequently $G(w_n, w_m, w_l) + G(z_n, z_m, z_l) \to 0$ as $n, m, l \to \infty$. Therefore $\{w_n\}$ and $\{z_n\}$ are *G*-Cauchy sequences. Suppose that f(X) is a *G*-complete subspace of *X*, then there exists points $w, z \in f(X)$ such that $\{w_{3n+2}\}$ and $\{z_{3n+2}\}$ are convergent to *w* and *z*, respectively as $n \to \infty$. Moreover, we can find $x, y \in f(X)$ such that fx = w and fy = z. Also, since $\{w_n\}$ and $\{z_n\}$ are *G*-Cauchy sequences then $\lim_{n\to\infty} w_n = w$ and $\lim_{n\to\infty} z_n = z$.

We claim that fw = S(w, z) = w and fz = S(z, w) = z. Since

$$G(S(x,y), w_{3n+1}, w_{3n+2}) + G(S(y,x), z_{3n+1}, z_{3n+2})$$

= $G(S(x,y), T(x_{3n+1}, y_{3n+1}), R(x_{3n+2}, y_{3n+2}))$
+ $G(S(y,x), T(y_{3n+1}, x_{3n+1}), R(y_{3n+2}, x_{3n+2}))$
 $\leq k(G(fx, gx_{3n+1}, hx_{3n+2}) + G(fy, gy_{3n+1}, hy_{3n+2}))$
= $kG(w, w_{3n}, w_{3n+1}) + G(z, z_{3n}, z_{3n+1}).$

Letting $n \to \infty$ we have

$$G(S(x,y), w, w) + G(S(y,x), z, z) = 0.$$

Hence S(x, y) = fx = w and S(y, x) = fy = z. Since (f, S)is w-compatible, S(w,z) = fw and S(z,w) = fz. From (1) we get

 $G(S(w,z), w_{3n+1}, w_{3n+2}) + G(S(z,w), z_{3n+1}, z_{3n+2})$

 $= G(fw, T(x_{3n+1}, y_{3n+1}), R(x_{3n+2}, y_{3n+2})) + G(fz, T(y_{3n+1}, x_{3n+1}), R(y_{3n+2}, x_{3n+2}))$

 $\leq k(G(fw, gx_{3n+1}, hx_{3n+2}) + G(fz, gy_{3n+1}, hy_{3n+2}))$

 $= k(G(fw, w_{3n}, w_{3n+1}) + G(fz, z_{3n}, z_{3n+1})).$

Letting $n \to \infty$ we have

$$G(fw, w, w) + G(fz, z, z) \le k(G(fw, w, w) + G(fz, z, z)).$$

Hence G(fw, w, w) + G(fz, z, z) = 0. Therefore fw = wand fz = z. So

$$fw = S(w,z) = w$$
 and $fz = S(z,w) = z$. (3)

We prove that gw = T(w,z) = w and gz = T(z,w) = z. Since $S(X \times X) \subseteq g(X)$, there exists $u, v \in X$ such that gu = S(w,z) = w and gv = S(z,w) = z. From (1) we obtain

 $G(w, T(u, v), w_{3n+2}) + G(z, T(v, u), z_{3n+2})$ $= G(S(w,z), T(u,v), R(x_{3n+2}, y_{3n+2})) + G(S(z,w), T(v,u), R(y_{3n+2}, x_{3n+2}))$ $\leq k(G(fw,gu,hx_{3n+2})+G(fz,gv,hy_{3n+2}))$ $= k(G(w, w, w_{3n+1}) + G(z, z, z_{3n+1})).$

Letting $n \to \infty$ we have G(w, T(u, v), w) + G(z, T(v, u), z) =0, which gives that T(u, v) = gu = w and T(v, u) = gv = z. Since (g,T) is w-compatible, T(w,z) = gw and T(z,w) =gz. From (1) we get

 $G(w, T(w, z), w_{3n+2}) + G(z, T(z, w), z_{3n+2})$ $= G(S(w,z), T(w,z), R(x_{3n+2}, y_{3n+2})) + G(S(z,w), T(z,w), R(y_{3n+2}, x_{3n+2}))$ $\leq k(G(fw, gw, hx_{3n+2}) + G(fz, gz, hy_{3n+2}))$ $= k(G(w, gw, w_{3n+1}) + G(z, gz, z_{3n+1})).$

Letting $n \to \infty$ we have

$$G(w, gw, w) + G(z, gz, z) \le k(G(w, gw, w) + G(z, gz, z)).$$

Hence G(w, gw, w) + G(z, gz, z) = 0. Therefore

$$gw = T(w, z) = w$$
 and $gz = T(z, w) = z$. (4)

We show that hw = R(w, z) = w and hz = R(z, w) = z. Since $T(X \times X) \subseteq h(X)$, there exists $s, t \in X$ such that hs =

$$T(w,z) = w$$
 and $ht = T(z,w) = z$. By (1) we obtain

$$\begin{aligned} G(w, w, R(s, t)) + G(z, z, R(t, s)) \\ &= G(S(w, z), T(w, z), R(s, t))) + G(S(z, w), T(z, w), R(t, s)) \\ &\leq k(G(fw, gw, hs) + G(fz, gz, ht)) \\ &= k(G(w, w, w) + G(z, z, z)) = 0. \end{aligned}$$

So we have G(w, w, R(s,t)) = G(z, z, R(t,s)) = 0, which gives that R(s,t) = hs = w and R(t,s) = ht = z. Since (h,R) is w-compatible, R(w,z) = hw and R(z,w) = hz. From (1) we conclude that

$$\begin{split} & G(w,w,hw) + G(z,z,hz) \\ & = G(S(w,z),T(w,z),R(w,z))) + G(S(z,w),T(z,w),R(z,w)) \\ & \leq k(G(fw,gw,hw) + G(fz,gz,hz)) \\ & = k(G(w,w,hw) + G(z,z,hz)). \end{split}$$

Thus G(w, w, hw) + G(z, z, hz) = 0. So, we get

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$$hw = R(w, z) = w$$
 and $hz = R(z, w) = z.$ (5)

Hence from (3), (4) and (5) we conclude that (w, z) is the same common coupled fixed point of the pairs (f,S), (g,T) and (h,R).

Now, we prove the uniqueness. assume that (w^*, z^*) is another same common coupled fixed point of the pairs (f,S),(g,T) and (h,R). By (1) we get

$$G(S(w,z), T(w,z), R(w^*, z^*)) + G(S(z,w), T(z,w), R(z^*, w^*))$$

$$\leq k(G(fw, gw, hw^*) + G(fz, gz, hz^*)),$$

yields which that $G(w,w,w^*) + G(z,z,z^*) \leq k(G(w,w,w^*) + G(z,z,z^*)),$ Hence $w = w^*$ and $z = z^*$.

Now, we show that w = z. From (1) ones obtain

$$G(S(w,z), T(w,z), R(z,w)) + G(S(z,w), T(z,w), R(w,z)) \\\leq k(G(fw, gw, hz) + G(fz, gz, hw)).$$

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$$G(w, w, z) + G(z, z, w) \le k(G(w, w, z) + G(z, z, w)).$$

Hence w = z. Therefore (w, w) is the same unique common coupled fixed point of the pairs (f, S), (g, T) and (h,R). The proof is similar if g(X) or h(X) is a *G*-complete subspace of *X*.

If we put f = g = h = I (where *I* is the identity mapping) we have the following corollary.

Corollary 1.*Let* (X, G) *be a complete G-metric space. Let* $S, T, R: X \times X \rightarrow X$ be mappings satisfying the following condition

$$G(S(x,y), T(u,v), R(w,z)) + G(S(y,x), T(v,u), R(z,w))$$

$$\leq k(G(x,u,w) + G(y,v,z)),$$

for all $x, y, u, v, w, z \in X$, where $k \in [0, 1)$. Then S, T and *R* have a a unique common coupled of the form (w, w) in $X \times X$.

If we put S = T = R and f = g = h we have the following corollary.

Corollary 2.Let (X,G) be a G-metric space. Let $S : X \times X \rightarrow X$ and $f : X \rightarrow X$ be mappings satisfying the following condition

$$G(S(x,y), S(u,v), S(w,z)) + G(S(y,x), S(v,u), S(z,w)) \\\leq k(G(fx, fu, fw) + G(fy, fv, fz)),$$

for all $x, y, u, v, w, z \in X$, where $k \in [0, 1)$. Suppose that

(i) $S(X \times X) \subseteq f(X)$, (ii)f(X) is a G-complete subspace of X. (iii)the pair (f, S) is w-compatible.

Then f and S have a unique common coupled fixed point of the form (w,w) in $X \times X$.

Now, we give an example to justify the hypotheses of Theorem 1.

*Example 1.*Let X = [0, 1]. Define $G : X \times X \times X \to X$ by

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

Let S, T, R : $X \times X \to X$ and $f, g, h : X \to X$ be defined by

$$S(x,y) = \frac{x+3y}{12}, \quad T(x,y) = \frac{x+3y}{16}, \quad R(x,y) = \frac{x+3y}{14}$$
$$fx = \frac{2x}{3}, \quad gx = \frac{x}{2}, \quad hx = \frac{4x}{7}.$$

We see that $S(X \times X) = [0, \frac{1}{3}] \subseteq g(X) = [0, \frac{1}{2}], T(X \times X) = [0, \frac{1}{4}] \subseteq h(X) = [0, \frac{4}{7}], R(X \times X) = [0, \frac{2}{7}] \subseteq f(X) = [0, \frac{2}{3}].$ Also, the pairs (f, S), (g, T) and (h, R) are *w*-compatible. Now, for all $x, y, u, v, w, z \in X$ we obtain

$$\begin{split} &G(S(x,y),T(u,v),R(w,z))+G(S(y,x),T(v,u),R(z,w))\\ &=\max\{|\frac{x+3y}{12}-\frac{u+3v}{16}|,|\frac{u+3v}{16}-\frac{w+3z}{14}|,|\frac{w+3z}{14}-\frac{x+3y}{12}|\}\\ &+\max\{|\frac{y+3x}{12}-\frac{v+3u}{16}|,|\frac{v+3u}{16}-\frac{z+3w}{14}|,|\frac{z+3w}{14}-\frac{y+3x}{12}|\}\\ &\leq \max\{|\frac{x}{12}-\frac{u}{16}|,|\frac{u}{16}-\frac{w}{14}|,|\frac{u}{14}-\frac{x}{12}|\}+\max\{|\frac{3y}{12}-\frac{3v}{16}|,|\frac{3v}{16}-\frac{3z}{14}|,|\frac{3z}{14}-\frac{3y}{12}|\}\\ &+\max\{|\frac{y}{12}-\frac{v}{16}|,|\frac{u}{16}-\frac{z}{14}|,|\frac{z}{14}-\frac{y}{12}|\}+\max\{|\frac{3x}{12}-\frac{3u}{16}|,|\frac{3u}{16}-\frac{3w}{14}|,|\frac{3u}{14}-\frac{3x}{12}|\}\\ &=4\max\{|\frac{x}{12}-\frac{u}{16}|,|\frac{u}{16}-\frac{w}{14}|,|\frac{w}{14}-\frac{x}{12}|\}+\max\{|\frac{3x}{12}-\frac{3u}{16}|,|\frac{16}{16}-\frac{14}{14}|,|\frac{14}{14}-\frac{y}{12}|\}\\ &=\frac{1}{2}(\max\{|\frac{2x}{3}-\frac{u}{2}|,|\frac{u}{2}-\frac{4w}{7}|,|\frac{4w}{7}-\frac{2x}{3}|\}+\max\{|\frac{2y}{3}-\frac{v}{2}|,|\frac{v}{2}-\frac{4z}{7}|,|\frac{4z}{7}-\frac{2y}{3}|\})\\ &\leq\frac{3}{4}(G(fx,gu,hw)+G(fy,gv,hz)). \end{split}$$

The hypotheses of Theorem 1 are holds with constant $k = \frac{3}{4}$. Also, (0,0) is the same unique common coupled fixed point of the pairs (f,S), (g,T) and (h,R).

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