

# Fixed point for generalized contractions on G- metric spaces

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**Abstract:** We present fixed point results for generalized homotopy contractions on spaces with two  $G$ -metric. The focus is on continuation results for such type of mappings.

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## 1. Introduction and preliminaries

The concept of  $G$ -metric space is given by Mustafa and Sims [1]. After the publication of their work there are many other works have appeared in this area some of them are [2–8] and their in.

The object of this paper is to establish some results for generalized contractions on spaces with two  $G$ -metric. The focus is on continuation results for such type of mappings. Our results generalize and improve many existing results in the literature.

### Definition 1.1.

Let  $X$  be a non empty set and let  $G : X \times X \times X \rightarrow R^+$  be a function satisfying the following properties:

$$(G_1) \quad G(x, y, z) = 0 \text{ if } x = y = z$$

$$(G_2) \quad G(x, x, y) > 0 \text{ for all } x, y \in X \text{ with } x \neq y,$$

$$(G_3) \quad G(x, x, y) \leq G(x, y, z) \text{ for all } x, y, z \in X \text{ with } x \neq y,$$

$$(G_4) \quad G(x, y, z) = G(x, z, y) = G(y, z, x) = \dots \text{ (symmetry in all three variables),}$$

$$(G_5) \quad G(x, y, z) \leq G(x, a, a) + G(a, y, z) \text{ for all } x, y, z, a \in X \text{ (rectangle inequality).}$$

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.

### Definition 1.2.

Let  $(X, G)$  be a  $G$ -metric space, and let  $\{x_n\}$  be a sequence of points of  $X$  therefore, we say that  $\{x_n\}$  is  $G$ -convergent to  $x \in X$  if  $\lim_{n, m \rightarrow +\infty} G(x, x_n, x_m) = 0$ , that is, for any  $\epsilon > 0$ , there exists  $n \in N$  such that  $G(x, x_n, x_m) < \epsilon$  for all  $n, m \geq N$ . We call  $x$  the limit of the sequence and write  $x_n \rightarrow x$  or  $\lim_{n \rightarrow +\infty} x_n = x$ .

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**Lemma 1.1.**

Let  $(X,G)$  be a G- metric space. The following statements 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.  $G(x_n, x_m, x) \rightarrow 0$  as  $n, m \rightarrow +\infty$ ,

**Definition 1.3.**

Let  $(X,G)$  be a G- metric space. A sequence  $\{x_n\}$  is called a G- Cauchy sequence if, for any  $\epsilon > 0$ , there  $n \in N$  such that  $G(x_n, x_m, x_l) < \epsilon$  for all  $n, m, l \geq N$ , that is,  $G(x_n, x_m, x_l) \rightarrow 0$  as  $n, m, l \rightarrow +\infty$ .

**Lemma 1.2.**

Let  $(X,G)$  be a G- metric space. The following statements are equivalent:

1. The sequence  $\{x_n\}$  is G- Cauchy,
2. for any  $\epsilon > 0$ , there exists  $n \in N$  such that  $G(x_n, x_m, x_m) < \epsilon$  for all  $m, n \geq N$ .

**Definition 1.4.**

A G- metric space  $(X,G)$  is called G- complete if every G- Cauchy sequence is G- convergent in  $(X,G)$ .

Every G- metric on X defines a metric  $d_G$  on X given by

$$d_G = G(x, y, y) + G(y, x, x) \text{ for all } x, y \in X. \tag{1}$$

Each G- metric G on X generates a topology  $\tau_G$  on X which has as a base the family of open G- balls

$$\{B(x, r), x \in X, r > 0\},$$

where

$$B(x, r) = \{y \in X, G(x, y, y) < r\}$$

for all  $x \in X$  and  $r > 0$ . Also, a nonempty subset A in the G- metric space  $(X, G)$  is G- closed if  $\bar{A} = A$ . Note that

$$x \in \bar{A} \iff B(x, r) \cap A \neq \emptyset,$$

for all  $r > 0$ .

By (1) it is easy to see that

**Lemma 1.3.**

Let  $(X, G)$  be a G- metric space and A is a nonempty subset of X. A is said G- closed if for any sequence  $\{x_n\}$  in A such that  $x_n \rightarrow x$  as  $n \rightarrow \infty$ , then  $x \in A$ .

**Lemma 1.4.**

If X is a G- metric space, then  $G(x, y, y) = 2G(y, x, x)$  for all  $x, y \in X$ .

**Lemma 1.5.**

If X is a G- metric space, then  $G(x, x, y) = G(x, x, z) + G(z, z, y)$  for all  $x, y, z \in X$ .

Throughout this article  $(X, G')$  will be a complete G- metric space and G another metric on X. If  $x_0 \in X$  and  $r > 0$  denote by

$$B(x_0, r) = \{x \in X : G(x_0, x, x) < r\}$$

and by  $\overline{B(x_0, r)}^{G'}$  the G- closure of  $B(x_0, r)$ .

## 2. Fixed Point Results for Generalized Contraction on G - Metric Space

### Theorem 2.1.

Let  $(X, G')$  be a complete G-metric space,  $G$  another G-metric on  $X$ ,  $x_0 \in X$ ,  $r > 0$  and  $F : \overline{B(x_0, r)^{G'}} \rightarrow X$ . Suppose for any  $x, y, z \in \overline{B(x_0, r)^{G'}}$  we have

$$G(Fx, Fy, Fz) \leq \alpha G(x, y, z), \tag{2}$$

where  $0 \leq \alpha < 1$ .

In addition assume the following three properties hold:

(1)

$$G(x_0, Fx_0, Fx_0) < (1 - \alpha)r, \tag{3}$$

(2) if  $G < G'$  then  $F$  is uniformly continuous from  $(B(x_0, r), G)$  into  $(X, G')$ ,

(3) if  $G \neq G'$  then  $F$  is continuous from  $(\overline{B(x_0, r)^{G'}}, G')$  into  $(X, G')$ .

Then  $F$  has a fixed point, that is there exists  $x \in \overline{B(x_0, r)^{G'}}$  with  $F(x) = x$ .

*Proof.* Let  $x_1 = Fx_0$ . From (3), since  $\alpha < 1$ , we have

$$G(x_0, x_1, x_1) < (1 - \alpha)r < r$$

so  $x_1 \in B(x_0, r)$ .

Next let  $x_2 = Fx_1$  and note that

$$\begin{aligned} G(x_1, x_2, x_2) &= G(Fx_0, Fx_1, Fx_1) \\ &\leq \alpha G(x_0, x_1, x_1) \\ G(x_1, x_2, x_2) &\leq \alpha(1 - \alpha)r. \end{aligned}$$

Thus

$$\begin{aligned} G(x_0, x_2, x_2) &\leq G(x_0, x_1, x_1) + G(x_1, x_2, x_2) \\ &\leq (1 - \alpha)r + \alpha(1 - \alpha)r \\ &\leq (1 - \alpha)r[1 + \alpha] \\ &< (1 - \alpha)r[1 + \alpha + \alpha^2 + \alpha^3 + \dots] \\ &< (1 - \alpha)r(1 - \alpha)^{-1} \\ G(x_0, x_2, x_2) &< r. \end{aligned}$$

That is  $x_2 \in B(x_0, r)$ . Proceeding inductively we obtain

$$\begin{aligned} G(x_n, x_{n+1}, x_{n+1}) &\leq \alpha G(x_{n-1}, x_n, x_n) \\ &\leq \dots \leq \alpha^n G(x_0, x_1, x_1) \\ &< \alpha^n(1 - \alpha)r \end{aligned}$$

where  $x_n = Fx_{n-1}$  for  $n = 3, 4, 5, \dots$ . Since  $\alpha \in [0, 1)$  it follows that  $\alpha^n \in [0, 1)$  and thus

$$G(x_n, x_{n+1}, x_{n+1}) \leq (1 - \alpha)r. \tag{4}$$

The last inequality implies  $x_{n+1} \in B(x_0, r)$  and the sequence  $\{x_n\}$  is a Cauchy sequence with respect to  $G$ . We claim that  $\{x_n\}$  is a Cauchy sequence with respect to  $G'$ .

If  $G \geq G'$  this is trivial. Next suppose  $G < G'$ . Let  $\epsilon > 0$  be given. Now from assumption-2 guarantees that there exists  $\delta > 0$  such that

$$G'(Fx, Fy, Fy) < \epsilon \tag{5}$$

where  $x, y \in B(x_0, r)$  and  $G(x, y, y) < \delta$ .

From above the sequence  $\{x_n\}$  is a Cauchy sequence with respect to  $G$ , so we know that there exists  $N$  with

$$G(x_n, x_m, x_m) < \delta \quad (6)$$

for all  $m, n \geq N$ .

Now from (5) and (6) imply

$$G'(x_{n+1}, x_{m+1}, x_{m+1}) = G'(F x_n, F x_m, F x_m) < \epsilon \quad (7)$$

whenever  $m, n \geq N$  which proves that  $\{x_n\}$  is a Cauchy sequence with respect to  $G'$ . Now since  $(X, G')$  is complete there exists  $x \in \overline{B(x_0, r)}^{G'}$  with  $G'(x_n, x, x) \rightarrow 0$  as  $n \rightarrow \infty$ . We claim that

$$x = F x.$$

First consider the case  $G \neq G'$ . Notice

$$G'(x, F x, F x) \leq G'(x, x_n, x_n) + G'(x_n, F x, F x) \quad (8)$$

Let  $n \rightarrow \infty$  and using assumption-3 we have  $G(x, F x, F x) = 0$  and thus  $x = F x$  in this case. Next suppose that  $G = G'$  that is assumption-2 and assumption-3 are not hold. Then

$$\begin{aligned} G(x, F x, F x) &\leq G(x, x_n, x_n) + G(x_n, F x, F x) \\ &\leq G(x, x_n, x_n) + G(F x_{n-1}, F x, F x) \\ &\leq G(x, x_n, x_n) + \alpha G(x_{n-1}, x, x) \end{aligned}$$

as  $n \rightarrow \infty$  we obtain  $G(x, F x, F x) = 0$  and that  $x = F x$ . Thus the proof of the theorem is complete.  $\square$

Next we present an homotopy result for this type of generalized contractions.

### Theorem 2.2.

Let  $(X, G')$  be a complete G -metric space and  $G$  another metric on  $X$ . Let  $Q \subset X$  be  $G'$ -closed and let  $U \subset X$  be  $G$ -open and  $U \subset Q$ . Suppose  $H : Q \times [0, 1] \rightarrow X$  satisfies the following five properties:

(i)  $x \neq H(x, \lambda)$  for  $x \in Q \setminus U$  and  $\lambda \in [0, 1]$ ,

(ii) for any  $\lambda \in [0, 1]$  and  $x, y \in Q$  we have

$$G(H(x, \lambda), H(y, \lambda), H(z, \lambda)) \leq \alpha G(x, y, z) \quad (9)$$

with  $0 < \alpha < 1$ ,

(iii)  $H(x, \lambda)$  is continuous in  $\lambda$  with respect to  $G$ , uniformly for  $x \in Q$ ,

(iv) if  $G < G'$  assume  $H$  is uniformly continuous form  $U \times [0, 1]$  endowed with the  $G$ -metric  $G$  on  $U$  into  $(X, G')$ ,

(v) if  $G \neq G'$  assume  $H$  is continuous from  $Q \times [0, 1]$  endowed with the  $G$ -metric  $G'$  on  $Q$  into  $(X, G')$ .

In addition assume  $H_0$  has a fixed point. Then for each  $\lambda \in [0, 1]$  we have that  $H_\lambda$  has a fixed point  $x_\lambda \in U$  (here  $H_\lambda(\cdot) = H(\cdot, \lambda)$ ).

**Proof.** Let

$$A := \{\lambda \in [0, 1]; \text{ there exists } x \in U \text{ such that } H(x, \lambda) = x\}.$$

Since  $(H_0)$  has a fixed point and (i) holds we have  $0 \in A$ , and so the set  $A$  is homotopy. We will show  $A$  is open and closed in  $[0, 1]$  and so by the connectedness of  $[0, 1]$  we have  $A = [0, 1]$  and the proof is finished

First we show that  $A$  is closed in  $[0, 1]$ .

Let  $(\lambda_k)$  be a sequence in  $A$  with  $\lambda_k \rightarrow \lambda \in [0, 1]$  as  $k \rightarrow \infty$ . By definition of  $A$  for each  $k$ , there exists  $x_k \in U$  such that  $x_k = H(x_k, \lambda_k)$ . Now we have

$$\begin{aligned} G(x_k, x_j, x_j) &= G(H(x_k, \lambda_k), H(x_j, \lambda_j), H(x_j, \lambda_j)) \\ &\leq G(H(x_k, \lambda_k), H(x_k, \lambda), H(x_k, \lambda)) + G(H(x_k, \lambda), H(x_j, \lambda_j), H(x_j, \lambda_j)) \\ &\leq G(H(x_k, \lambda_k), H(x_k, \lambda), H(x_k, \lambda)) + \alpha G(x_k, x_j, x_j) \\ &\leq (1 - \alpha)^{-1} G(H(x_k, \lambda_k), H(x_k, \lambda), H(x_k, \lambda)). \end{aligned}$$

and (iii) guarantees that  $\{x_k\}$  is a Cauchy sequence with respect to  $G$ . We claim that  $\{x_n\}$  is a Cauchy sequence with respect to  $G'$ .

If  $G < G'$  this is trivial. If  $G < G'$  then

$$G'(x_k, x_j, x_j) = G'(H(x_k, \lambda_k), H(x_j, \lambda_j), H(x_j, \lambda_j))$$

and (iv) guarantees that  $\{x_n\}$  is a Cauchy sequence with respect to  $G'$ . (note as well that  $\{x_k\}$  is a Cauchy sequence with respect to  $G$  and  $\{\lambda_k\}$  is Cauchy sequence in  $[0, 1]$ ). Now since  $(X, G')$  is complete there exists an  $x \in Q$  such that  $G'(x_k, x, x) \rightarrow 0$  as  $n \rightarrow \infty$ . Claim now that  $x = H(x, \lambda)$ .

We consider first case  $G \neq G'$ . Then

$$\begin{aligned} G'(x, H(x, \lambda), H(x, \lambda)) &\leq G'(x, x_k, x_k) + G'(x_k, H(x, \lambda), H(x, \lambda)) \\ &= G'(x, x_k, x_k) + G'(H(x_k, \lambda), H(x, \lambda), H(x, \lambda)) \end{aligned}$$

together with (v), letting  $k \rightarrow \infty$ , we have

$$G'(x, H(x, \lambda), H(x, \lambda)) = 0$$

and so

$$x = H(x, \lambda).$$

We consider now the case  $G = G'$ . Then

$$\begin{aligned} G(x, H(x, \lambda), H(x, \lambda)) &\leq G(x, x_k, x_k) + G(x_k, H(x, \lambda), H(x, \lambda)) \\ &= G(x, x_k, x_k) + G(H(x_k, \lambda_k), H(x, \lambda), H(x, \lambda)) \\ &\leq G(x, x_k, x_k) + G(H(x_k, \lambda_k), H(x, \lambda_k), H(x, \lambda_k)) \\ &\quad + G(H(x, \lambda_k), H(x, \lambda), H(x, \lambda)) \\ &\leq G(x, x_k, x_k) + \alpha G(x_k, x, x) + G(H(x, \lambda_k), H(x, \lambda), H(x, \lambda)). \end{aligned}$$

Letting  $k \rightarrow 0$  and using (iii) we have

$$G(x, H(x, \lambda), H(x, \lambda)) \leq 0.$$

So we have

$$G(x, H(x, \lambda), H(x, \lambda)) = 0,$$

that is  $x = H(x, \lambda)$ . Now from (i) we have  $x \in U$ . Consequently  $\lambda \in A$  and so  $A$  is closed in  $[0, 1]$ .

We prove now  $A$  is open in  $[0, 1]$ .

Let  $\lambda_0 \in A$  and  $x_0 \in U$  such that  $x_0 = H(x_0, \lambda_0)$ . From  $U$   $G$ -open there exists a  $G$ -ball

$$B(x_0, \delta) = \{x \in X; G(x, x_0, x_0) < \delta\}, \delta > 0$$

and  $B(x_0, \delta) \subset U$ . From (iii) we have that  $H$  is uniformly continuous on  $B(x_0, \delta)$ .

Let

$$\epsilon = (1 - \alpha)\delta > 0$$

and using the uniform continuity of  $H$  we have there exists  $\eta = \eta(\delta) > 0$  such that for each  $\delta \in [0, 1], |\delta - \delta_0| \leq \eta$  with

$$G(H(x, \lambda), H(x, \lambda_0), H(x, \lambda_0)) < \epsilon$$

for any  $x \in B(x_0, \delta)$ . So this property holds for  $x = x_0$ , and then we have

$$G(x_0, H(x_0, \lambda), H(x_0, \lambda)) = G(H(x_0, \lambda), H(x_0, \lambda), H(x_0, \lambda)) < (1 - \alpha)\delta$$

for  $\lambda \in [0, 1]$  and  $|\lambda - \lambda_0| \leq \eta$ .

Using (ii), (iv) and (v) together with the Theorem 2.1 (in the case  $r = \delta$  and  $F = H_\lambda$ ) we get; there exists  $x_\lambda \in \overline{B(x_0, \delta)}^{G'} \subset Q$  with  $x_\lambda = H_\lambda(x, \lambda)$  for  $\lambda \in [0, 1]$  and  $|\lambda - \lambda_0| \leq \eta$ . But  $x_\lambda \in U$  ((i) guarantees that) and so  $A$  contains all  $\lambda \in [0, 1]$  with  $|\lambda - \lambda_0| \leq \eta$ . Consequently  $A$  is open in  $[0, 1]$ . □

The following global result can be easily obtained from the above Theorem 2.1

**Theorem 2.3.**

Let  $(X, G')$  be a complete G-metric space,  $G$  another G-metric on  $X$ ,  $x_0 \in X$ ,  $r > 0$  and  $F : X \rightarrow X$ . Suppose for any  $x, y, z \in X$  we have

$$G(Fx, Fy, Fz) \leq \alpha G(x, y, z), \tag{10}$$

where  $0 \leq \alpha < 1$ .

In addition assume the following three properties hold:

(1)

$$G(x_0, Fx_0, Fx_0) < (1 - \alpha)r, \tag{11}$$

(2) if  $G < G'$  then  $F$  is uniformly continuous form  $(X, G')$  into  $(X, G)$ ,

(3) if  $G \neq G'$  then  $F$  is continuous from  $(X, G')$  into  $(X, G)$ .

Then  $F$  has a fixed point.

### 3. Fixed Point for Reich-Rus Type Generalized Contractions

**Theorem 3.1.**

Let  $(X, G')$  be a complete G-metric space,  $G$  another G-metric on  $X$ ,  $x_0 \in X$ ,  $r > 0$  and  $F : \overline{B(x_0, r)^{G'}} \rightarrow X$ . Suppose for any  $x, y, z \in \overline{B(x_0, r)^{G'}}$  we have

$$G(Fx, Fy, Fz) \leq \alpha_1 G(x, y, z) + \alpha_2 G(x, Fx, Fx) + \alpha_3 G(y, Fy, Fy) + \alpha_4 G(z, Fz, Fz), \tag{12}$$

where  $\alpha_1, \alpha_2, \alpha_3, \alpha_4$  are non negative numbers with  $0 \leq \alpha_1 + \alpha_2 + \alpha_3 + \alpha_4 < 1$ .

In addition assume the following three properties hold:

(1)

$$G(x_0, Fx_0, Fx_0) < \left(1 - \frac{\alpha_1 + \alpha_2}{1 - \alpha_3 - \alpha_4}\right)r, \tag{13}$$

(2) if  $G < G'$  then  $F$  is uniformly continuous form  $(B(x_0, r), G)$  into  $(X, G')$ ,

(3) if  $G \neq G'$  then  $F$  is continuous from  $(\overline{B(x_0, r)^{G'}}, G')$  into  $(X, G)$ .

Then  $F$  has a fixed point, that is there exists  $x \in \overline{B(x_0, r)^{G'}}$  with  $F(x) = x$ .

**Proof.** Let  $x_1 = Fx_0$ . From (13), since  $0 \leq \alpha_1 + \alpha_2 + \alpha_3 + \alpha_4 < 1$ , we have

$$G(x_0, x_1, x_1) < \left(1 - \frac{\alpha_1 + \alpha_2}{1 - \alpha_3 - \alpha_4}\right)r < r$$

so  $x_1 \in B(x_0, r)$ .

Next let  $x_2 = Fx_1$  and note that

$$\begin{aligned} G(x_1, x_2, x_2) &= G(Fx_0, Fx_1, Fx_1) \\ &\leq \alpha_1 G(x_0, x_1, x_1) + \alpha_2 G(x_0, Fx_0, Fx_0) \\ &\quad + \alpha_3 G(x_1, Fx_1, Fx_1) + \alpha_4 G(x_1, Fx_1, Fx_1) \\ &\leq \left(\frac{\alpha_1 + \alpha_2}{1 - \alpha_3 - \alpha_4}\right)G(x_0, x_1, x_1) \\ G(x_1, x_2, x_2) &\leq \left(\frac{\alpha_1 + \alpha_2}{1 - \alpha_3 - \alpha_4}\right)\left(1 - \frac{\alpha_1 + \alpha_2}{1 - \alpha_3 - \alpha_4}\right)r. \end{aligned}$$

Let  $0 \leq \beta = \left(\frac{\alpha_1 + \alpha_2}{1 - \alpha_3 - \alpha_4}\right) < 1$ .

Thus

$$\begin{aligned}
 G(x_0, x_2, x_2) &\leq G(x_0, x_1, x_1) + G(x_1, x_2, x_2) \\
 &\leq (1-\beta)r + \beta(1-\beta)r \\
 &\leq (1-\beta)r[1+\beta] \\
 &< (1-\beta)r[1+\beta+\beta^2+\beta^3+\dots] \\
 &< (1-\beta)r(1-\beta)^{-1} \\
 G(x_0, x_2, x_2) &< r.
 \end{aligned}$$

That is  $x_2 \in B(x_0, r)$ . Proceeding inductively we obtain

$$\begin{aligned}
 G(x_n, x_{n+1}, x_{n+1}) &= G(Fx_{n-1}, Fx_n, Fx_n) \\
 &\leq \beta G(x_{n-1}, x_n, x_n) \\
 &\leq \dots \leq \beta^n G(x_0, x_1, x_1) \\
 &< \beta^n(1-\beta)r
 \end{aligned}$$

where  $x_n = Fx_{n-1}$  for  $n = 3, 4, 5, \dots$ . Since  $\beta \in [0, 1)$  it follows that  $\beta^n \in [0, 1)$  and thus

$$G(x_n, x_{n+1}, x_{n+1}) \leq (1-\beta)r. \tag{14}$$

The last inequality implies  $x_{n+1} \in B(x_0, r)$  and the sequence  $\{x_n\}$  is a Cauchy sequence with respect to  $G$ . We claim that  $\{x_n\}$  is a Cauchy sequence with respect to  $G'$ .

If  $G \geq G'$  this is trivial. Next suppose  $G < G'$ . Let  $\epsilon > 0$  be given. Now from assumption - 2 guarantees that there exists  $\delta > 0$  such that

$$G'(Fx, Fy, Fy) < \epsilon \tag{15}$$

where  $x, y \in B(x_0, r)$  and  $G(x, y, y) < \delta$ .

From above the sequence  $\{x_n\}$  is a Cauchy sequence with respect to  $G$ , so we know that there exists  $N$  with

$$G(x_n, x_m, x_m) < \delta \tag{16}$$

for all  $m, n \geq N$ .

Now from (15) and (16) imply

$$G'(x_{n+1}, x_{m+1}, x_{m+1}) = G'(Fx_n, Fx_m, Fx_m) < \epsilon \tag{17}$$

whenever  $m, n \geq N$  which proves that  $\{x_n\}$  is a Cauchy sequence with respect to  $G'$ . Now since  $(X, G')$  is complete there exists  $x \in \overline{B(x_0, r)^{G'}}$  with  $G'(x_n, x, x) \rightarrow 0$  as  $n \rightarrow \infty$ . We claim that

$$x = Fx.$$

First consider the case  $G \neq G'$ . Notice

$$G'(x, Fx, Fx) \leq G'(x, x_n, x_n) + G'(x_n, Fx, Fx) \tag{18}$$

Let  $n \rightarrow \infty$  and using assumption-3 we have  $G(x, Fx, Fx) = 0$ , and thus  $x = Fx$  in this case. Next suppose that  $G = G'$  that is assumption-2 and assumption-3 are not hold. Then

$$\begin{aligned}
 G(x, Fx, Fx) &\leq G(x, x_n, x_n) + G(x_n, Fx, Fx) \\
 &\leq G(x, x_n, x_n) + G(Fx_{n-1}, Fx, Fx) \\
 &\leq G(x, x_n, x_n) + \beta G(x_{n-1}, x, x)
 \end{aligned}$$

as  $n \rightarrow \infty$  we obtain  $G(x, Fx, Fx) = 0$  and that  $x = Fx$ . Thus the proof of the theorem is complete. □

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Let  $(X, G')$  be a complete  $G$ -metric space and  $G$  another metric on  $X$ . Let  $Q \subset X$  be  $G'$ -closed and let  $U \subset X$  be  $G$ -open and  $U \subset Q$ . Suppose  $H : Q \times [0, 1] \rightarrow X$  satisfies the following five properties:

(i)  $x \neq H(x, \lambda)$  for  $x \in Q \setminus U$  and  $\lambda \in [0, 1]$ ,

(ii) for any  $\lambda \in [0, 1]$  and  $x, y \in Q$  we have

$$\begin{aligned} G(H(x, \lambda), H(y, \lambda), H(z, \lambda)) &\leq \alpha_1 G(x, y, z) \\ &\quad + \alpha_2 G(x, H(x, \lambda), H(x, \lambda)) \\ &\quad + \alpha_3 G(y, H(y, \lambda), H(y, \lambda)) \\ &\quad + \alpha_4 G(z, H(z, \lambda), H(z, \lambda)) \end{aligned} \quad (19)$$

where  $\alpha_1, \alpha_2, \alpha_3, \alpha_4$  are non negative numbers with  $0 \leq \alpha_1 + \alpha_2 + \alpha_3 + \alpha_4 < 1$ ,

(iii)  $H(x, \lambda)$  is continuous in  $\lambda$  with respect to  $G$ , uniformly for  $x \in Q$ ,

(iv) if  $G < G'$  assume  $H$  is uniformly continuous form  $U \times [0, 1]$  endowed with the  $G$ -metric  $G$  on  $U$  into  $(X, G')$ ,

(v) if  $G \neq G'$  assume  $H$  is continuous from  $Q \times [0, 1]$  endowed with the  $G$ -metric  $G'$  on  $Q$  into  $(X, G')$ .

In addition assume  $H_0$  has a fixed point. Then for each  $\lambda \in [0, 1]$  we have that  $H_\lambda$  has a fixed point  $x_\lambda \in U$  (here  $H_\lambda(\cdot) = H(\cdot, \lambda)$ ).

**Proof.** Let

$$A := \{\lambda \in [0, 1]; \text{there exists } x \in U \text{ such that } H(x, \lambda) = x\}.$$

Since  $(H_0)$  has a fixed point and (i) holds we have  $0 \in A$ , and so the set  $A$  is homotopy. We will show  $A$  is open and closed in  $[0, 1]$  and so by the connectedness of  $[0, 1]$  we have  $A = [0, 1]$  and the proof is finished

First we show that  $A$  is closed in  $[0, 1]$ .

Let  $(\lambda_k)$  be a sequence in  $A$  with  $\lambda_k \rightarrow \lambda \in [0, 1]$  as  $k \rightarrow \infty$ . By definition of  $A$  for each  $k$ , there exists  $x_k \in U$  such that  $x_k = H(x_k, \lambda_k)$ . Now we have

$$\begin{aligned} G(x_k, x_j, x_j) &= G(H(x_k, \lambda_k), H(x_j, \lambda_j), H(x_j, \lambda_j)) \\ &\leq G(H(x_k, \lambda_k), H(x_k, \lambda), H(x_k, \lambda)) \\ &\quad + G(H(x_k, \lambda), H(x_j, \lambda_j), H(x_j, \lambda_j)) \\ &\leq G(H(x_k, \lambda_k), H(x_k, \lambda), H(x_k, \lambda)) \\ &\quad + \alpha G(x_k, x_j, x_j) \\ &\leq (1 - \alpha)^{-1} G(H(x_k, \lambda_k), H(x_k, \lambda), H(x_k, \lambda)). \end{aligned}$$

and (iii) guarantees that  $\{x_k\}$  is a Cauchy sequence with respect to  $G$ . We claim that  $\{x_n\}$  is a Cauchy sequence with respect to  $G'$ .

If  $G \geq G'$  this is trivial. If  $G < G'$  then

$$G'(x_k, x_j, x_j) = G'(H(x_k, \lambda_k), H(x_j, \lambda_j), H(x_j, \lambda_j))$$

and (iv) guarantees that  $\{x_n\}$  is a Cauchy sequence with respect to  $G'$ . (note as well that  $\{x_k\}$  is a Cauchy sequence with respect to  $G$  and  $\{\lambda_k\}$  is Cauchy sequence in  $[0, 1]$ ). Now since  $(X, G')$  is complete there exists an  $x \in Q$  such that  $G'(x_k, x, x) \rightarrow 0$  as  $n \rightarrow \infty$ . Claim now that  $x = H(x, \lambda)$ .

We consider first case  $G \neq G'$ . Then

$$\begin{aligned} G'(x, H(x, \lambda), H(x, \lambda)) &\leq G'(x, x_k, x_k) + G'(x_k, H(x, \lambda), H(x, \lambda)) \\ &= G'(x, x_k, x_k) + G'(H(x_k, \lambda), H(x, \lambda), H(x, \lambda)) \end{aligned}$$

together with (v), letting  $k \rightarrow \infty$ , we have  $G'(x, H(x, \lambda), H(x, \lambda)) = 0$  and so  $x = H(x, \lambda)$ .

We consider now the case  $G = G'$ . Then

$$\begin{aligned} G(x, H(x, \lambda), H(x, \lambda)) &\leq G(x, x_k, x_k) \\ &\quad + G(x_k, H(x, \lambda), H(x, \lambda)) \\ &= G(x, x_k, x_k) \\ &\quad + G(H(x_k, \lambda_k), H(x, \lambda), H(x, \lambda)) \\ &\leq G(x, x_k, x_k) \\ &\quad + G(H(x_k, \lambda_k), H(x, \lambda_k), H(x, \lambda_k)) \\ &\quad + G(H(x, \lambda_k), H(x, \lambda), H(x, \lambda)) \\ (1 - \alpha_3 - \alpha_4)G(x, H(x, \lambda), H(x, \lambda)) &\leq G(x, x_k, x_k) + \alpha_1 G(x_k, x, x) \\ &\quad + \alpha_2 G(x_k, H(x_k, \lambda_k), H(x_k, \lambda_k)) \\ &\quad + G(H(x, \lambda_k), H(x, \lambda), H(x, \lambda)). \end{aligned}$$



Letting  $k \rightarrow 0$  and using (iii) we have

$$(1 - \alpha_3 - \alpha_4)G(x, H(x, \lambda), H(x, \lambda)) \leq 0.$$

So we have  $G(x, H(x, \lambda), H(x, \lambda)) = 0$ , that is  $x = H(x, \lambda)$ . Now from (i) we have  $x \in U$ . Consequently  $\lambda \in A$  and so  $A$  is closed in  $[0, 1]$ .

We prove now  $A$  is open in  $[0, 1]$ .

Let  $\lambda_0 \in A$  and  $x_0 \in U$  such that  $x_0 = H(x_0, \lambda_0)$ . From  $U$   $G$ -open there exists a  $G$ -ball  $B(x_0, \delta) = \{x \in X; G(x, x_0, x_0) < \delta\}$ ,  $\delta > 0$  and  $B(x_0, \delta) \subset U$ . From (iii) we have that  $H$  is uniformly continuous on  $B(x_0, \delta)$ .

Let  $\epsilon = (1 - \alpha)\delta > 0$  and using the uniform continuity of  $H$  we have there exists  $\eta = \eta(\delta) > 0$  such that for each  $\delta \in [0, 1]$   $|\delta - \delta_0| \leq \eta$  with  $G(H(x, \lambda), H(x, \lambda_0), H(x, \lambda_0)) < \epsilon$  for any  $x \in B(x_0, \delta)$ . So this property holds for  $x = x_0$ , and then we have

$$\begin{aligned} G(x_0, H(x_0, \lambda), H(x_0, \lambda)) &= G(H(x_0, \lambda), H(x_0, \lambda), H(x_0, \lambda)) \\ &< \left(1 - \frac{\alpha_1 + \alpha_2}{1 - \alpha_3 - \alpha_4}\right) \delta \end{aligned}$$

for  $\lambda \in [0, 1]$  and  $|\lambda - \lambda_0| \leq \eta$ .

Using (ii), (iv) and (v) together with the Theorem 3.1 (in the case  $r = \delta$  and  $F = H_\lambda$ ) we get; there exists  $x_\lambda \in \overline{B(x_0, \delta)^{G'}} \subset Q$  with  $x_\lambda = H_\lambda(x_\lambda)$  for  $\lambda \in [0, 1]$  and  $|\lambda - \lambda_0| \leq \eta$ . But  $x_\lambda \in U$  ((i) guarantees that) and so  $A$  contains all  $\lambda \in [0, 1]$  with  $|\lambda - \lambda_0| \leq \eta$ . Consequently  $A$  is open in  $[0, 1]$ .  $\square$

Following result can be easily obtain from the Theorem 3.1

### Theorem 3.3.

Let  $(X, G')$  be a complete  $G$ -metric space,  $G$  another  $G$ -metric on  $X$ ,  $x_0 \in X$ ,  $r > 0$  and  $F : X \rightarrow X$ . Suppose for any  $x, y, z \in X$  we have

$$\begin{aligned} G(Fx, Fy, Fz) &\leq \alpha_1 G(x, y, z) + \alpha_2 G(x, Fx, Fx) \\ &\quad + \alpha_3 G(y, Fy, Fy) + \alpha_4 G(z, Fz, Fz), \end{aligned} \quad (20)$$

where  $\alpha_1, \alpha_2, \alpha_3, \alpha_4$  are non negative numbers with  $0 \leq \alpha_1 + \alpha_2 + \alpha_3 + \alpha_4 < 1$ .

In addition assume the following three properties hold:

(1)

$$G(x_0, Fx_0, Fx_0) < \left(1 - \frac{\alpha_1 + \alpha_2}{1 - \alpha_3 - \alpha_4}\right) r, \quad (21)$$

(2) if  $G < G'$  then  $F$  is uniformly continuous form  $(X, G')$  into  $(X, G)$ ,

(3) if  $G \neq G'$  then  $F$  is continuous from  $(X, G')$  into  $(X, G)$ .

Then  $F$  has a fixed point.

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### Theorem 4.1.

Let  $(X, G')$  be a complete  $G$ -metric space,  $G$  another  $G$ -metric on  $X$ ,  $x_0 \in X$ ,  $r > 0$  and  $F : \overline{B(x_0, r)^{G'}} \rightarrow X$ . Suppose for any  $x, y, z \in \overline{B(x_0, r)^{G'}}$  we have

$$\begin{aligned} G(Fx, Fy, Fz) &\leq \alpha \max\{G(x, y, z), G(x, Fx, Fx), \\ &\quad G(y, Fy, Fy), G(z, Fz, Fz)\}, \end{aligned} \quad (22)$$

where  $0 \leq \alpha < 1$ .

In addition assume the following three properties hold:

(1)

$$G(x_0, Fx_0, Fx_0) < (1 - \alpha)r, \quad (23)$$

(2) if  $G < G'$  then  $F$  is uniformly continuous form  $(B(x_0, r), G)$  into  $(X, G')$ ,

(3) if  $G \neq G'$  then  $F$  is continuous from  $\overline{B(x_0, r)^{G'}}$  into  $(X, G')$ .

Then  $F$  has a fixed point, that is there exists  $x \in \overline{B(x_0, r)^{G'}}$  with  $F(x) = x$ .

**Proof.** Let  $x_1 = F x_0$ . From ((23)), since  $\alpha < 1$ , we have

$$G(x_0, x_1, x_1) < (1 - \alpha)r < r$$

so  $x_1 \in B(x_0, r)$ .

Next let  $x_2 = F x_1$  and note that

$$\begin{aligned} G(x_1, x_2, x_2) &= G(F x_0, F x_1, F x_1) \\ &\leq \alpha \max\{G(x_0, x_1, x_1), G(x_0, F x_0, F x_0) \\ &\quad G(x_1, F x_1, F x_1), G(x_1, F x_1, F x_1)\} \\ &\leq \alpha G(x_0, x_1, x_1) \\ G(x_1, x_2, x_2) &\leq \alpha(1 - \alpha)r. \end{aligned}$$

Thus

$$\begin{aligned} G(x_0, x_2, x_2) &\leq G(x_0, x_1, x_1) + G(x_1, x_2, x_2) \\ &\leq (1 - \alpha)r + \alpha(1 - \alpha)r \\ &\leq (1 - \alpha)r[1 + \alpha] \\ &< (1 - \alpha)r[1 + \alpha + \alpha^2 + \alpha^3 + \dots] \\ &< (1 - \alpha)r(1 - \alpha)^{-1} \\ G(x_0, x_2, x_2) &< r. \end{aligned}$$

That is  $x_2 \in B(x_0, r)$ . Proceeding inductively we obtain

$$\begin{aligned} G(x_n, x_{n+1}, x_{n+1}) &= G(F x_{n-1}, F x_n, F x_n) \\ &\leq \alpha G(x_{n-1}, x_n, x_n) \\ &\vdots \\ &\leq \alpha^n G(x_0, x_1, x_1) \\ &< \alpha^n(1 - \alpha)r \end{aligned}$$

where  $x_n = F x_{n-1}$  for  $n = 3, 4, 5, \dots$ . Since  $\alpha \in [0, 1)$  it follows that  $\alpha^n \in [0, 1)$  and thus

$$G(x_n, x_{n+1}, x_{n+1}) \leq (1 - \alpha)r. \quad (24)$$

The last inequality implies  $x_{n+1} \in B(x_0, r)$  and the sequence  $\{x_n\}$  is a Cauchy sequence with respect to  $G$ . We claim that  $\{x_n\}$  is a Cauchy sequence with respect to  $G'$ .

If  $G \geq G'$  this is trivial. Next suppose  $G < G'$ . Let  $\epsilon > 0$  be given. Now from assumption - 2 guarantees that there exists  $\delta > 0$  such that

$$G'(F x, F y, F y) < \epsilon \quad (25)$$

where  $x, y \in B(x_0, r)$  and  $G(x, y, y) < \delta$ .

From above the sequence  $\{x_n\}$  is a Cauchy sequence with respect to  $G$ , so we know that there exists  $N$  with

$$G(x_n, x_m, x_m) < \delta \quad (26)$$

for all  $m, n \geq N$ .

Now from (25) and (26) imply

$$G'(x_{n+1}, x_{m+1}, x_{m+1}) = G'(F x_n, F x_m, F x_m) < \epsilon \quad (27)$$

whenever  $m, n \geq N$  which proves that  $\{x_n\}$  is a Cauchy sequence with respect to  $G'$ . Now since  $(X, G')$  is complete there exists  $x \in \overline{B(x_0, r)^{G'}}$  with  $G'(x_n, x, x) \rightarrow 0$  as  $n \rightarrow \infty$ . We claim that

$$x = Fx.$$

First consider the case  $G \neq G'$ . Notice

$$G'(x, Fx, Fx) \leq G'(x, x_n, x_n) + G'(x_n, Fx, Fx) \tag{28}$$

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as  $n \rightarrow \infty$  we obtain  $G(x, Fx, Fx) = 0$  and that  $x = Fx$ . Thus the proof of the theorem is complete. □

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where  $0 \leq \alpha < 1$ ,

- (iii)  $H(x, \lambda)$  is continuous in  $\lambda$  with respect to  $G$ , uniformly for  $x \in Q$ ,
- (iv) if  $G < G'$  assume  $H$  is uniformly continuous from  $U \times [0, 1]$  endowed with the  $G$ -metric  $G$  on  $U$  into  $(X, G')$ ,
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In addition assume  $H_0$  has a fixed point. Then for each  $\lambda \in [0, 1]$  we have that  $H_\lambda$  has a fixed point  $x_\lambda \in U$  (here  $H_\lambda(\cdot) = H(\cdot, \lambda)$ ).

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$$\begin{aligned} G(x_k, x_j, x_j) &= G(H(x_k, \lambda_k), H(x_j, \lambda_j), H(x_j, \lambda_j)) \\ &\leq G(H(x_k, \lambda_k), H(x_k, \lambda), H(x_k, \lambda)) \\ &\quad + G(H(x_k, \lambda), H(x_j, \lambda_j), H(x_j, \lambda_j)) \\ &\leq G(H(x_k, \lambda_k), H(x_k, \lambda), H(x_k, \lambda)) + \alpha G(x_k, x_j, x_j) \\ &\leq (1 - \alpha)^{-1} G(H(x_k, \lambda_k), H(x_k, \lambda), H(x_k, \lambda)). \end{aligned}$$

and (iii) guarantees that  $\{x_k\}$  is a Cauchy sequence with respect to  $G$ . We claim that  $\{x_n\}$  is a Cauchy sequence with respect to  $G'$ .

If  $G \geq G'$  this is trivial. If  $G < G'$  then

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and (iv) guarantees that  $\{x_n\}$  is a Cauchy sequence with respect to  $G'$ . (note as well that  $\{x_k\}$  is a Cauchy sequence with respect to  $G$  and  $\{\lambda_k\}$  is Cauchy sequence in  $[0, 1]$ ). Now since  $(X, G')$  is complete there exists an  $x \in Q$  such that  $G'(x_k, x, x) \rightarrow 0$  as  $n \rightarrow \infty$ . Claim now that  $x = H(x, \lambda)$ .

We consider first case  $G \neq G'$ . Then

$$\begin{aligned} G'(x, H(x, \lambda), H(x, \lambda)) &\leq G'(x, x_k, x_k) + G'(x_k, H(x, \lambda), H(x, \lambda)) \\ &= G'(x, x_k, x_k) + G'(H(x_k, \lambda), H(x, \lambda), H(x, \lambda)) \end{aligned}$$

together with (v), letting  $k \rightarrow \infty$ , we have  $G'(x, H(x, \lambda), H(x, \lambda)) = 0$  and so  $x = H(x, \lambda)$ .

We consider now the case  $G = G'$ . Then

$$\begin{aligned} G(x, H(x, \lambda), H(x, \lambda)) &\leq G(x, x_k, x_k) + G(x_k, H(x, \lambda), H(x, \lambda)) \\ &= G(x, x_k, x_k) + G(H(x_k, \lambda_k), H(x, \lambda), H(x, \lambda)) \\ &\leq G(x, x_k, x_k) + G(H(x_k, \lambda_k), H(x, \lambda_k), H(x, \lambda_k)) \\ &\quad + G(H(x, \lambda_k), H(x, \lambda), H(x, \lambda)) \\ G(x, H(x, \lambda), H(x, \lambda)) &\leq G(x, x_k, x_k) \\ &\quad + \alpha \max\{G(x_k, x, x), G(x_k, H(x_k, \lambda_k), H(x_k, \lambda_k)) \\ &\quad + G(x, H(x, \lambda), H(x, \lambda)), G(x, H(x, \lambda), H(x, \lambda))\} \\ &\quad + G(H(x, \lambda_k), H(x, \lambda), H(x, \lambda)). \end{aligned}$$

Letting  $k \rightarrow 0$  and using (iii) we have

$$G(x, H(x, \lambda), H(x, \lambda)) \leq 0.$$

So we have

$$G(x, H(x, \lambda), H(x, \lambda)) = 0,$$

that is  $x = H(x, \lambda)$ . Now from (i) we have  $x \in U$ . Consequently  $\lambda \in A$  and so  $A$  is closed in  $[0, 1]$ .

We prove now  $A$  is open in  $[0, 1]$ .

Let  $\lambda_0 \in A$  and  $x_0 \in U$  such that  $x_0 = H(x_0, \lambda_0)$ . From  $U$   $G$ -open there exists a  $G$ -ball

$$B(x_0, \delta) = \{x \in X; G(x, x_0, x_0) < \delta\}, \delta > 0$$

and

$$B(x_0, \delta) \subset U.$$

From (iii) we have that  $H$  is uniformly continuous on  $B(x_0, \delta)$ .

Let  $\epsilon = (1 - \alpha)\delta > 0$  and using the uniform continuity of  $H$  we have there exists  $\eta = \eta(\delta) > 0$  such that for each  $\delta \in [0, 1], |\delta - \delta_0| \leq \eta$  with

$$G(H(x, \lambda), H(x, \lambda_0), H(x, \lambda_0)) < \epsilon$$

for any  $x \in B(x_0, \delta)$ . So this property holds for  $x = x_0$ , and then we have

$$G(x_0, H(x_0, \lambda), H(x_0, \lambda)) = G(H(x_0, \lambda), H(x_0, \lambda), H(x_0, \lambda)) < (1 - \alpha)\delta$$

for  $\lambda \in [0, 1]$  and  $|\lambda - \lambda_0| \leq \eta$ .

Using (ii), (iv) and (v) together with the Theorem 4.1 (in the case  $r = \delta$  and  $F = H_\lambda$ ) we get; there exists  $x_\lambda \in \overline{B(x_0, \delta)}^{G'} \subset Q$  with  $x_\lambda = H_\lambda(x_\lambda)$  for  $\lambda \in [0, 1]$  and  $|\lambda - \lambda_0| \leq \eta$ . But  $x_\lambda \in U$  ((i) guarantees that) and so  $A$  contains all  $\lambda \in [0, 1]$  with  $|\lambda - \lambda_0| \leq \eta$ . Consequently  $A$  is open in  $[0, 1]$ .  $\square$

Following result can be easily obtained from Theorem 4.1

**Theorem 4.3.**

Let  $(X, G')$  be a complete G-metric space,  $G$  another G-metric on  $X$ ,  $x_0 \in X$ ,  $r > 0$  and  $F : X \rightarrow X$ . Suppose for any  $x, y, z \in X$  we have

$$G(Fx, Fy, Fz) \leq \alpha \max\{G(x, y, z), G(x, Fx, Fx), G(y, Fy, Fy), G(z, Fz, Fz)\}, \quad (30)$$

where  $0 \leq \alpha < 1$ .

In addition assume the following three properties hold:

(1)

$$G(x_0, Fx_0, Fx_0) < (1 - \alpha)r, \quad (31)$$

(2) if  $G < G'$  then  $F$  is uniformly continuous from  $(X, G')$  into  $(X, G')$ ,

(3) if  $G \neq G'$  then  $F$  is continuous from  $(X, G')$  into  $(X, G')$ .

Then  $F$  has a fixed point.

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