

## A GENERAL FIXED POINT THEOREM FOR TWO PAIRS OF ABSORBING MAPPINGS IN $G_p$ -METRIC SPACES

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**Abstract.** A general fixed point theorem for two pairs of absorbing mappings satisfying a new type of implicit relation ([37]), without weak compatibility in  $G_p$ -metric spaces is proved. As applications, new results for mappings satisfying contractive conditions of integral type and for  $\phi$ -contractive mappings are obtained.

### 1. Introduction

Let  $(X, d)$  be a metric space and  $S, T$  be two self mappings of  $X$ . In [19], Jungck defined  $S$  and  $T$  to be compatible if

$$\lim_{n \rightarrow \infty} d(STx_n, TSx_n) = 0,$$

whenever  $\{x_n\}$  is a sequence in  $X$  such that

$$\lim_{n \rightarrow \infty} Sx_n = \lim_{n \rightarrow \infty} Tx_n = t,$$

for some  $t \in X$ .

This concept has been frequently used to prove existence theorems in fixed point theory.

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Let  $f, g$  be self mappings of a nonempty set  $X$ . A point  $x \in X$  is a coincidence point of  $f$  and  $g$  if  $fx = gx$ . The set of all coincidence points of  $f$  and  $g$  is denoted by  $\mathcal{C}(f, g)$ .

The study of common fixed points for noncompatible mappings is also interesting, the work in this regard being initiated by Pant in [30]–[32].

Aamri and El-Moutawakil ([1]) introduced a generalization of noncompatible mappings.

DEFINITION 1.1 ([1]). Let  $S$  and  $T$  be self mappings of a metric space  $(X, d)$ . We say that  $S$  and  $T$  satisfy *(E.A)-property* if there exists a sequence  $\{x_n\}$  in  $X$  such that

$$\lim_{n \rightarrow \infty} Sx_n = \lim_{n \rightarrow \infty} Tx_n = t,$$

for some  $t \in X$ .

REMARK 1.2. It is clear that two self mappings  $S$  and  $T$  of a metric space  $(X, d)$  are noncompatible if there exists a sequence  $\{x_n\}$  in  $X$  such that  $\lim_{n \rightarrow \infty} Sx_n = \lim_{n \rightarrow \infty} Tx_n = t$  for some  $t \in X$ , but  $\lim_{n \rightarrow \infty} d(STx_n, TSx_n)$  is nonzero or does not exist. Therefore, two noncompatible self mappings of a metric space  $(X, d)$  satisfy *(E.A)-property*.

In 2005, Liu et al. ([23]) defined the notion of common *(E.A)-property*.

DEFINITION 1.3 ([23]). Two pairs  $(A, S)$  and  $(B, T)$  of self mappings on a metric space  $(X, d)$  are said to satisfy *common (E.A)-property* if there exist two sequences  $\{x_n\}$  and  $\{y_n\}$  in  $X$  such that

$$\lim_{n \rightarrow \infty} Ax_n = \lim_{n \rightarrow \infty} Sx_n = \lim_{n \rightarrow \infty} By_n = \lim_{n \rightarrow \infty} Ty_n = t,$$

for some  $t \in X$ .

There exists a vast literature concerning the study of fixed points for mappings satisfying common *(E.A)-property*.

In 2011, Sintunavarat and Kumam ([48]) introduced the concept of common limit range property.

DEFINITION 1.4 ([48]). A pair  $(A, S)$  of self mappings on a metric space  $(X, d)$  is said to satisfy *common limit range property with respect to S*, denoted  $CLR_{(S)}$ -property, if there exists a sequence  $\{x_n\}$  in  $X$  such that

$$\lim_{n \rightarrow \infty} Ax_n = \lim_{n \rightarrow \infty} Sx_n = t,$$

for some  $t \in S(X)$ .

Thus, we can infer that a pair  $(A, S)$  satisfying  $(E.A)$ -property, along with the closedness of the subspace  $S(X)$ , always has  $CLR_{(S)}$ -property.

Recently, Imdad et al. ([17]) extended the notion of common limit range property for two pairs of mappings in metric spaces.

DEFINITION 1.5 ([17]). Two pairs  $(A, S)$  and  $(B, T)$  of self mappings of a metric space  $(X, d)$  are said to satisfy *common limit range property with respect to  $S$  and  $T$* , denoted  $CLR_{(S,T)}$ -property, if there exist two sequences  $\{x_n\}$  and  $\{y_n\}$  in  $X$  such that

$$\lim_{n \rightarrow \infty} Ax_n = \lim_{n \rightarrow \infty} Sx_n = \lim_{n \rightarrow \infty} By_n = \lim_{n \rightarrow \infty} Ty_n = t,$$

for some  $t \in S(X) \cap T(X)$ .

Some results for pairs of mappings satisfying  $CLR_{(S)}$ - and  $CLR_{(S,T)}$ -property are obtained in [15], [16], [18] and in other papers.

Quite recently, the present author introduced in [37] a new type of common limit range property.

DEFINITION 1.6 ([37]). Let  $A, S$  and  $T$  be self mappings of a metric space  $(X, d)$ . The pair  $(A, S)$  is said to satisfy *common limit range property with respect to  $T$* , denoted  $CLR_{(A,S)T}$ -property, if there exists a sequence  $\{x_n\}$  in  $X$  such that

$$\lim_{n \rightarrow \infty} Ax_n = \lim_{n \rightarrow \infty} Sx_n = t,$$

for some  $t \in S(X) \cap T(X)$ .

REMARK 1.7 ([37]). Let  $A, B, S$  and  $T$  be self mappings of a metric space  $(X, d)$ . If  $(A, S)$  and  $(B, T)$  satisfy  $CLR_{(S,T)}$ -property, then  $A, S$  and  $T$  satisfy  $CLR_{(A,S)T}$ -property.

DEFINITION 1.8 ([22]). An *altering distance* is a function  $\psi: [0, \infty) \rightarrow [0, \infty)$  such that

- $(\psi_1)$   $\psi$  is increasing and continuous,
- $(\psi_2)$   $\psi(t) = 0$  if and only if  $t = 0$ .

Fixed point theorems involving altering distances have been studied in [38], [44], [45] and in other papers.

The notion of almost altering distance is introduced in [41].

DEFINITION 1.9 ([41]). A function  $\psi: [0, \infty) \rightarrow [0, \infty)$  is an *almost altering distance* if

- ( $\psi_1$ )  $\psi$  is continuous,
- ( $\psi_2$ )  $\psi(t) = 0$  if and only if  $t = 0$ .

## 2. Preliminaries

In [11], [12] Dhage introduced a new class of generalized metric spaces named  $D$ -metric spaces. Mustafa and Sims ([28], [29]) proved that most of the claims concerning the fundamental topological structures on  $D$ -metric spaces are incorrect and introduced an appropriate notion of generalized metric space, named  $G$ -metric spaces. In fact, Mustafa, Sims and other authors studied many fixed point results for self mappings in  $G$ -metric spaces under certain conditions in [27]–[29], [47] and in other papers.

DEFINITION 2.1 ([29]). Let  $X$  be a nonempty set and  $G: X^3 \rightarrow \mathbb{R}_+$  be a function satisfying the following properties:

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

The function  $G$  is called a  $G$ -metric on  $X$  and  $(X, G)$  is called a  $G$ -metric space.

REMARK 2.2. Let  $(X, G)$  be a  $G$ -metric space. If  $y = z$ , then  $G(x, y, y)$  is a quasi-metric on  $X$  ([36, Lemma 2.1]). Hence,  $(X, Q)$ , where  $Q(x, y) = G(x, y, y)$  is a quasi-metric and since every metric space is a particular case of quasi-metric space it follows that the notion of  $G$ -metric space is a generalization of a metric space.

In 1994, Matthews ([25]) introduced the notion of partial metric space as a part of study of denotational semantics of dataflows networks and proved the Banach contraction principle in such spaces.

Quite recently, in [4], [9], [10], [20], [21] and in other papers, some fixed point theorems under various contractive conditions in partial metric spaces have been proved.

DEFINITION 2.3 ([25]). Let  $X$  be a nonempty set. A function  $p: X^2 \rightarrow \mathbb{R}_+$  is said to be a *partial metric on  $X$*  if for all  $x, y, z \in X$ :

- (P<sub>1</sub>)  $p(x, x) = p(x, y) = p(y, y)$  if and only if  $x = y$ ,
- (P<sub>2</sub>)  $p(x, x) \leq p(x, y)$ ,
- (P<sub>3</sub>)  $p(x, y) = p(y, x)$ ,
- (P<sub>4</sub>)  $p(x, z) \leq p(x, y) + p(y, z) - p(y, y)$ .

The pair  $(X, p)$  is called a *partial metric space*.

REMARK 2.4. Obviously, every metric space is a partial metric space.

Quite recently, Ahmadi Zand and Dehghan Nezhad ([2]) introduced a generalization and unification of  $G$ -metric spaces and partial metric spaces, named  $G_p$ -metric spaces. Some fixed point results in  $G_p$ -metric spaces are obtained in [5]–[7], [33] and in other papers.

DEFINITION 2.5 ([2, 33]). Let  $X$  be a nonempty set. A function  $G_p: X^3 \rightarrow \mathbb{R}_+$  is called a  *$G_p$ -metric on  $X$*  if the following conditions are satisfied:

- (G<sub>p1</sub>)  $x = y = z$  if  $G_p(x, y, z) = G_p(x, x, x) = G_p(y, y, y) = G_p(z, z, z)$ ,
- (G<sub>p2</sub>)  $0 \leq G_p(x, x, x) \leq G_p(x, x, y) \leq G_p(x, y, z)$  for all  $x, y, z \in X$  with  $y \neq z$ ,
- (G<sub>p3</sub>)  $G_p(x, y, z) = G_p(y, z, x) = \dots$  (symmetry in all three variables),
- (G<sub>p4</sub>)  $G_p(x, y, z) \leq G_p(x, a, a) + G_p(a, y, z)$  for all  $x, y, z, a \in X$ .

The pair  $(X, G_p)$  is called a  *$G_p$ -metric space*.

LEMMA 2.6 ([5]). *Let  $(X, G_p)$  be a  $G_p$ -metric space. Then:*

- 1) if  $G_p(x, y, z) = 0$ , then  $x = y = z$ ,
- 2) if  $x \neq y$ , then  $G_p(x, y, y) > 0$ .

DEFINITION 2.7 ([5]). Let  $(X, G_p)$  be a  $G_p$ -metric space and  $\{x_n\}$  be a sequence of points in  $X$ . A point  $x \in X$  is said to be the *limit of the sequence  $\{x_n\}$* , denoted by  $x_n \rightarrow x$ , if  $\lim_{m, n \rightarrow \infty} G_p(x, x_n, x_m) = G_p(x, x, x)$ . Then the sequence  $\{x_n\}$  is called  *$G_p$ -convergent to  $x$* .

LEMMA 2.8 ([5]). *Let  $(X, G_p)$  be a  $G_p$ -metric space. Then, for any  $\{x_n\}$  in  $X$  and  $x \in X$ , the following conditions are equivalent:*

- a)  $\{x_n\}$  is  $G_p$ -convergent to  $x$ ,
- b)  $G_p(x_n, x_n, x) \rightarrow G_p(x, x, x)$  as  $n \rightarrow \infty$ ,
- c)  $G_p(x_n, x, x) \rightarrow G_p(x, x, x)$  as  $n \rightarrow \infty$ .

LEMMA 2.9 ([5]). *If  $x_n \rightarrow x$  in a  $G_p$ -metric space  $(X, G_p)$  and  $G_p(x, x, x) = 0$ , then for every  $y \in X$*

- a)  $\lim_{n \rightarrow \infty} G_p(x_n, y, y) = G_p(x, y, y),$
- b)  $\lim_{n \rightarrow \infty} G_p(x_n, x_n, y) = G_p(x, x, y).$

DEFINITION 2.10 ([46]). Let  $A, S$  and  $T$  be self mappings of a  $G_p$ -metric space  $(X, G_p)$ . The pair  $(A, S)$  satisfy  $(A, S)$  *common limit range property with respect to  $T$* , if there exists a sequence  $\{x_n\}$  in  $X$  such that

$$\lim_{n \rightarrow \infty} Ax_n = \lim_{n \rightarrow \infty} Sx_n = z$$

for some  $z \in S(X) \cap T(X)$  with  $G_p(z, z, z) = 0$ .

The notion of absorbing mappings is introduced in [13, 14, 26] and in other papers.

We introduce the notion of absorbing mapping in  $G_p$ -metric spaces.

DEFINITION 2.11. Let  $A$  and  $S$  be self mappings of a  $G_p$ -metric space  $(X, G_p)$ . Then

- 1)  $A$  is called  $S$  *absorbing* if there exists  $R \geq 0$  such that

$$G_p(Sx, SAx, SAx) \leq RG_p(Sx, Ax, Ax), \quad \forall x \in X.$$

Similarly,  $S$  is  $A$  absorbing.

- 2)  $A$  is called *pointwise  $S$  absorbing* if for given  $x \in X$ , there exists  $R \geq 0$  such that

$$G_p(Sx, SAx, SAx) \leq RG_p(Sx, Ax, Ax).$$

Similarly,  $S$  is pointwise  $A$  absorbing.

### 3. Implicit relations

Several classical fixed point theorems and common fixed point theorems have been unified considering a general condition by an implicit relation in [34, 35] and in other papers.

The study of fixed points for a pair of mappings satisfying an implicit relation in  $G$ -metric spaces is initiated in [39] and [40].

The study of fixed points for a pair of mappings with common limit range property satisfying implicit relations is initiated in [15].

The study of fixed points for pairs of mappings with common limit range property in  $G$ -metric spaces is initiated in [41].

Recently, fixed point results for mappings satisfying an implicit relation in partial metric spaces are obtained in [49].

Fixed point theorems for mappings satisfying implicit relations in  $G_p$ -metric spaces are obtained in [42, 43].

In 2008, Ali and Imdad ([3]) introduced a new type of implicit relations.

Let  $\mathcal{F}$  be the family of lower semi-continuous functions  $F: \mathbb{R}_+^6 \rightarrow \mathbb{R}$  satisfying the following conditions:

$$(F_1) \quad F(t, 0, t, 0, 0, t) > 0, \quad \forall t > 0,$$

$$(F_2) \quad F(t, 0, 0, t, t, 0) > 0, \quad \forall t > 0,$$

$$(F_3) \quad F(t, t, 0, 0, t, t) > 0, \quad \forall t > 0.$$

EXAMPLE 3.1.  $F(t_1, \dots, t_6) = t_1 - k \max\{t_2, t_3, \dots, t_6\}$ , where  $k \in [0, 1)$ .

EXAMPLE 3.2.  $F(t_1, \dots, t_6) = t_1 - k \max\left\{t_2, t_3, t_4, \frac{t_5 + t_6}{2}\right\}$ , where  $k \in [0, 1)$ .

EXAMPLE 3.3.  $F(t_1, \dots, t_6) = t_1 - k \max\left\{t_2, \frac{t_3 + t_4}{2}, \frac{t_5 + t_6}{2}\right\}$ , where  $k \in [0, 1)$ .

EXAMPLE 3.4.  $F(t_1, \dots, t_6) = t_1 - at_2 - b \max\{t_3, t_4\} - c \max\{t_5, t_6\}$ , where  $a, b, c \geq 0$  and  $a + b + c < 1$ .

EXAMPLE 3.5.  $F(t_1, \dots, t_6) = t_1 - \alpha \max\{t_2, t_3, t_4\} - (1 - \alpha)(at_5 + bt_6)$ , where  $\alpha \in (0, 1)$ ,  $a, b \geq 0$  and  $a + b < 1$ .

EXAMPLE 3.6.  $F(t_1, \dots, t_6) = t_1 - at_2 - b(t_3 + t_4) - c \min\{t_5, t_6\}$ , where  $a, b, c \geq 0$  and  $a + b + c < 1$ .

EXAMPLE 3.7.  $F(t_1, \dots, t_6) = t_1 - at_2 - \frac{b(t_5 + t_6)}{1 + t_3 + t_4}$ , where  $a, b \geq 0$  and  $a + 2b < 1$ .

EXAMPLE 3.8.  $F(t_1, \dots, t_6) = t_1 - \max\{ct_2, ct_3, ct_4, at_5 + bt_6\}$ , where  $c \in (0, 1)$ ,  $a, b \geq 0$  and  $a + b < 1$ .

Other examples are in [15].

The purpose of this paper is to prove a general fixed point theorem for two pairs of absorbing mappings satisfying a new type of common limit range property in  $G_p$ -metric spaces. As applications we obtain new results for mappings satisfying contractive conditions of integral type and for  $\varphi$ -contractive mappings.

### 4. Main results

**THEOREM 4.1.** *Let  $A, B, S$  and  $T$  be self mappings of a  $G_p$ -metric space  $(X, G_p)$  such that*

$$(4.1) \quad \begin{aligned} &F(\psi(G_p(Ax, By, By)), \psi(G_p(Sx, Ty, Ty)), \psi(G_p(Ax, Sx, Sx)), \\ &\psi(G_p(Ty, By, By)), \psi(G_p(Sx, By, By)), \psi(G_p(Ax, Ty, Ty))) \leq 0 \end{aligned}$$

for all  $x, y \in X$ , where  $F \in \mathcal{F}$  and  $\psi$  is an almost altering distance.

If  $(A, S)$  and  $T$  satisfy  $CLR_{(A,S)T}$ -property, then  $\mathcal{C}(A, S) \neq \emptyset \neq \mathcal{C}(B, T)$ .

Moreover, if  $A$  is pointwise  $S$  absorbing and  $B$  is pointwise  $T$  absorbing, then  $A, B, S$  and  $T$  have a unique common fixed point  $z$  with  $G_p(z, z, z) = 0$ .

**PROOF.** The proof that  $Bu = Tu = z = Av = Sv$  for some  $u, v \in X$  and  $z \in S(X) \cap T(X)$  with  $G_p(z, z, z) = 0$  is similar to the first part of the proof of [46, Theorem 4.1]. Fix now the points  $u, v, z$  satisfying these properties.

If  $A$  is pointwise  $S$  absorbing, there exists  $R_1 \geq 0$  such that

$$G_p(Sv, SAV, SAV) \leq R_1 G_p(Sv, Av, Av) = R_1 G_p(z, z, z) = 0.$$

Hence, by Lemma 2.6 (1),  $z = Sv = SAV = Sz$  and  $z$  is a fixed point of  $S$ .

By (4.1) for  $x = z$  and  $y = u$  we obtain

$$\begin{aligned} &F(\psi(G_p(Az, Bu, Bu)), \psi(G_p(Sz, Tu, Tu)), \psi(G_p(Az, Sz, Sz)), \\ &\psi(G_p(Tu, Bu, Bu)), \psi(G_p(Sz, Bu, Bu)), \psi(G_p(Az, Tu, Tu))) \leq 0, \\ &F(\psi(G_p(Az, z, z)), 0, \psi(G_p(Az, z, z)), 0, 0, \psi(G_p(Az, z, z))) \leq 0, \end{aligned}$$

a contradiction of  $(F_1)$  if  $\psi(G_p(Az, z, z)) > 0$ . Hence,  $G_p(Az, z, z) = 0$  which implies by Lemma 2.6 (1) that  $z = Az = Sz$ . Therefore,  $z$  is a common fixed point of  $A$  and  $S$  with  $G(z, z, z) = 0$ .

If  $B$  is pointwise  $T$  absorbing, there exists  $R_2 \geq 0$  such that

$$G_p(Tu, TBU, TBU) \leq R_2 G_p(Tu, Bu, Bu) = R_2 G_p(z, z, z) = 0.$$

Hence,  $z = Tu = TBU = Tz$  and  $z$  is a fixed point of  $T$ .



By (4.1) for  $x = v$  and  $y = z$  we obtain

$$\begin{aligned} & F(\psi(G_p(Av, Bz, Bz)), \psi(G_p(Sv, Tz, Tz)), \psi(G_p(Av, Sv, Sv)), \\ & \quad \psi(G_p(Tz, Bz, Bz)), \psi(G_p(Sv, Bz, Bz)), \psi(G_p(Av, Tz, Tz))) \leq 0, \\ & F(\psi(G_p(z, Bz, Bz)), 0, 0, \psi(G_p(z, Bz, Bz)), \psi(G_p(z, Bz, Bz)), 0) \leq 0, \end{aligned}$$

a contradiction of  $(F_2)$  if  $\psi(G_p(z, Bz, Bz)) > 0$ . Hence,  $G_p(z, Bz, Bz) = 0$  which implies  $z = Bz = Tz$  and  $z$  is a common fixed point of  $B$  and  $T$  with  $G(z, z, z) = 0$ .

Hence,  $z$  is a common fixed point of  $A, B, S$  and  $T$  with  $G_p(z, z, z) = 0$ .

Suppose that there exists another common fixed point  $z_1$  for  $A, B, S$  and  $T$  with  $G_p(z_1, z_1, z_1) = 0$ . Then, by (4.1) we obtain

$$\begin{aligned} & F(\psi(G_p(Az, Bz_1, Bz_1)), \psi(G_p(Sz, Tz_1, Tz_1)), \psi(G_p(Az, Sz, Sz)), \\ & \quad \psi(G_p(Tz_1, Bz_1, Bz_1)), \psi(G_p(Sz, Bz_1, Bz_1)), \psi(G_p(Az, Tz_1, Tz_1))) \leq 0, \\ & F(\psi(G_p(z, z_1, z_1)), \psi(G_p(z, z_1, z_1)), 0, 0, \\ & \quad \psi(G_p(z, z_1, z_1)), \psi(G_p(z, z_1, z_1))) \leq 0, \end{aligned}$$

a contradiction of  $(F_3)$  if  $\psi(G_p(z, z_1, z_1)) > 0$ . Hence,  $G_p(z, z_1, z_1) = 0$  which implies by Lemma 2.6 (1) that  $z = z_1$ . Hence,  $z$  is the unique common fixed point of  $A, B, S$  and  $T$  with  $G_p(z, z, z) = 0$ .  $\square$

REMARK 4.2. In [46, Theorem 4.1], the fact that  $z$  is the unique point of coincidence of  $(A, S)$  and  $(B, T)$  must be completed with the additional assumption, namely that  $G_p(Sx, Sx, Sx) = 0$  for  $x \in \mathcal{C}(A, S)$  and  $G_p(Ty, Ty, Ty) = 0$  for  $y \in \mathcal{C}(B, T)$ .

A similar remark refers to [46, Theorems 4.2, 5.2–5.5].

If  $\psi(t) = t$ , by Theorem 4.1 we obtain

THEOREM 4.3. *Let  $A, B, S$  and  $T$  be self mappings of a  $G_p$ -metric space  $(X, G_p)$  such that*

$$\begin{aligned} & F(G_p(Ax, By, By), G_p(Sx, Ty, Ty), G_p(Ax, Sx, Sx), \\ & \quad G_p(Ty, By, By), G_p(Sx, By, By), G_p(Ax, Ty, Ty)) \leq 0 \end{aligned}$$

for all  $x, y \in X$  and some  $F \in \mathcal{F}$ .

If  $(A, S)$  and  $T$  satisfy  $CLR_{(A,S)T}$ -property, then  $\mathcal{C}(A, S) \neq \emptyset \neq \mathcal{C}(B, T)$ .

Moreover, if  $A$  is pointwise  $S$  absorbing and  $B$  is pointwise  $T$  absorbing, then  $A, B, S$  and  $T$  have a unique common fixed point  $z$  with  $G_p(z, z, z) = 0$ .

**THEOREM 4.4.** *Let  $A, B, S$  and  $T$  be self mappings of a  $G_p$ -metric space  $(X, G_p)$  such that*

$$G_p(Ax, By, By) \leq k \max \{G_p(Sx, Ty, Ty), G_p(Ax, Sx, Sx), G_p(Ty, By, By), G_p(Sx, By, By), G_p(Ax, Ty, Ty)\},$$

for all  $x, y \in X$ , where  $k \in [0, 1)$ .

If  $(A, S)$  and  $T$  satisfy  $CLR_{(A,S)T}$ -property, then  $\mathcal{C}(A, S) \neq \emptyset \neq \mathcal{C}(B, T)$ .

Moreover, if  $A$  is pointwise  $S$  absorbing and  $B$  is pointwise  $T$  absorbing, then  $A, B, S$  and  $T$  have a unique common fixed point  $z=0$  with  $G_p(z, z, z) = 0$ .

**PROOF.** It follows by Theorem 4.3 and Example 3.1. □

**EXAMPLE 4.5** ([46]). Let  $X = [0, 1]$  with  $G_p(x, y, z) = \max\{x, y, z\}$ . Then  $(X, G_p)$  is a  $G_p$ -metric space. Let  $Ax = 0, Sx = \frac{x}{x+1}, Bx = \frac{x}{3}, Tx = x$ . Then  $S(X) = [0, \frac{1}{2}], T(X) = [0, 1], S(X) \cap T(X) = [0, \frac{1}{2}]$ . Let  $\{x_n\}$  be a sequence in  $X$  such that  $\lim_{n \rightarrow \infty} x_n = 0$ . Then,

$$\lim_{n \rightarrow \infty} Ax_n = \lim_{n \rightarrow \infty} Sx_n = z = 0 \in S(X) \cap T(X)$$

and  $G_p(z, z, z) = 0$ . Hence,  $(A, S)$  and  $T$  satisfy  $CLR_{(A,S)T}$ -property. Note that

$$G_p(Sx, SAx, SAx) = \frac{x}{x+1}, \quad G_p(Sx, Ax, Ax) = \frac{x}{x+1}.$$

Hence,

$$G_p(Sx, SAx, SAx) \leq R_1 G_p(Sx, Ax, Ax) \quad \text{for } R_1 \geq 1.$$

Thus,  $A$  is pointwise  $S$  absorbing. We have also

$$G_p(Tx, TBx, TBx) = x, \quad G_p(Tx, Bx, Bx) = x.$$

Hence,

$$G_p(Tx, TBx, TBx) \leq R_2 G_p(Tx, Bx, Bx) \quad \text{for } R_2 \geq 1.$$

Thus,  $B$  is  $T$  pointwise absorbing.

On the other hand,

$$G_p(Ax, By, By) = \frac{y}{3}, \quad G(Ty, By, By) = y.$$

Hence,

$$G_p(Ax, By, By) \leq kG_p(Ty, By, By)$$

for  $k \in \left[\frac{1}{3}, 1\right)$ , which implies

$$G_p(Ax, By, By) \leq k \max \{ G_p(Sx, Ty, Ty), G_p(Ax, Sx, Sx), \\ G_p(Ty, By, By), G_p(Sx, By, By), G_p(Ax, Ty, Ty) \}$$

for  $k \in \left[\frac{1}{3}, 1\right)$ . By Theorem 4.4,  $A, B, S$  and  $T$  have a unique common fixed point  $z = 0$  with  $G_p(z, z, z) = 0$ .

## 5. Applications

### 5.1. Fixed points for mappings satisfying contractive conditions of integral type in $G_p$ -metric spaces

In [8], Branciari established the following theorem, which opened the way to the study of fixed points for mappings satisfying contractive conditions of integral type.

**THEOREM 5.1** ([8]). *Let  $(X, d)$  be a complete metric space,  $c \in (0, 1)$  and  $f: X \rightarrow X$  such that for all  $x, y \in X$ ,*

$$\int_0^{d(fx, fy)} h(t) dt \leq c \int_0^{d(x, y)} h(t) dt,$$

*whenever  $h: [0, \infty) \rightarrow [0, \infty)$  is a Lebesgue measurable mapping which is summable (i.e. with finite integral) on each compact subset of  $[0, \infty)$ , such that  $\int_0^\varepsilon h(t) dt > 0$  for all  $\varepsilon > 0$ .*

*Then  $f$  has a unique fixed point  $z$  such that for all  $x \in X$ ,  $z = \lim_{n \rightarrow \infty} f^n x$ .*

Some fixed point theorems for mappings satisfying contractive conditions of integral type are obtained in [38].

LEMMA 5.2. *Let  $h: [0, \infty) \rightarrow [0, \infty)$  be as in Theorem 5.1. Then  $\psi(t) = \int_0^t h(x)dx$  is an almost altering distance.*

PROOF. It follows by [38, Lemma 2.5]. □

THEOREM 5.3. *Let  $A, B, S$  and  $T$  be self mappings of a  $G_p$ -metric space  $(X, G_p)$  such that*

$$(5.1) \quad F \left( \int_0^{G_p(Ax, By, By)} h(t) dt, \int_0^{G_p(Sx, Ty, Ty)} h(t) dt, \right. \\ \int_0^{G_p(Ax, Sx, Sx)} h(t) dt, \int_0^{G_p(Ty, By, By)} h(t) dt, \\ \left. \int_0^{G_p(Sx, By, By)} h(t) dt, \int_0^{G_p(Ax, Ty, Ty)} h(t) dt \right) \leq 0$$

for all  $x, y \in X$ , where  $F \in \mathcal{F}$  and  $h(t)$  is as in Theorem 5.1. If  $(A, S)$  and  $T$  satisfy  $CLR_{(A,S)T}$ -property, then  $\mathcal{C}(A, S) \neq \emptyset \neq \mathcal{C}(B, T)$ .

Moreover, if  $A$  is pointwise  $S$  absorbing and  $B$  is pointwise  $T$  absorbing, then  $A, B, S$  and  $T$  have a unique common fixed point  $z$  with  $G_p(z, z, z) = 0$ .

PROOF. By Lemma 5.2,  $\psi(t) = \int_0^t h(x)dx$  is an almost altering distance. Then

$$\int_0^{G_p(Ax, By, By)} h(t) dt = \psi(G_p(Ax, By, By)), \\ \int_0^{G_p(Sx, Ty, Ty)} h(t) dt = \psi(G_p(Sx, Ty, Ty)), \\ \int_0^{G_p(Ax, Sx, Sx)} h(t) dt = \psi(G_p(Ax, Sx, Sx)), \\ \int_0^{G_p(Ty, By, By)} h(t) dt = \psi(G_p(Ty, By, By)), \\ \int_0^{G_p(Sx, By, By)} h(t) dt = \psi(G_p(Sx, By, By)), \\ \int_0^{G_p(Ax, Ty, Ty)} h(t) dt = \psi(G_p(Ax, Ty, Ty)).$$

By (5.1) we obtain

$$F(\psi(G_p(Ax, By, By)), \psi(G_p(Sx, Ty, Ty)), \psi(G_p(Ax, Sx, Sx)), \\ \psi(G_p(Ty, By, By)), \psi(G_p(Sx, By, By)), \psi(G_p(Ax, Ty, Ty))) \leq 0,$$

which is inequality (4.1). Hence, the conditions of Theorem 4.1 are satisfied and Theorem 5.3 follows by Theorem 4.1.  $\square$

By Theorem 5.3 and Example 3.1 we obtain

**THEOREM 5.4.** *Let  $A, B, S$  and  $T$  be self mappings of a  $G_p$ -metric space  $(X, G_p)$  such that for all  $x, y \in X$ ,*

$$\int_0^{G_p(Ax, By, By)} h(t) dt \leq k \max \left\{ \int_0^{G_p(Sx, Ty, Ty)} h(t) dt, \right. \\ \int_0^{G_p(Ax, Sx, Sx)} h(t) dt, \int_0^{G_p(Ty, By, By)} h(t) dt, \\ \left. \int_0^{G_p(Sx, By, By)} h(t) dt, \int_0^{G_p(Ax, Ty, Ty)} h(t) dt \right\},$$

where  $k \in [0, 1)$  and  $h(t)$  is as in Theorem 5.1. If  $(A, S)$  and  $T$  satisfy  $CLR_{(A,S)T}$ -property, then  $\mathcal{C}(A, S) \neq \emptyset \neq \mathcal{C}(B, T)$ .

Moreover, if  $A$  is pointwise  $S$  absorbing and  $B$  is pointwise  $T$  absorbing, then  $A, B, S$  and  $T$  have a unique common fixed point  $z$  with  $G_p(z, z, z) = 0$ .

**EXAMPLE 5.5** ([46]). Let  $X = [0, \infty)$  and  $G_p(x, y, z) = \max\{x, y, z\}$ . Then  $(X, G_p)$  is a  $G_p$ -metric space. Consider the following mappings:  $Ax = \frac{x}{2}$ ,  $Sx = 2x$ ,  $Bx = 0$ ,  $Tx = x$ . Then  $S(X) = [0, \infty)$ ,  $T(X) = [0, \infty)$ ,  $S(X) \cap T(X) = [0, \infty)$ . Let  $\{x_n\}$  be a sequence in  $X$  such that  $\lim_{n \rightarrow \infty} x_n = 0$ . Then  $\lim_{n \rightarrow \infty} Ax_n = \lim_{n \rightarrow \infty} Sx_n = 0 = z \in S(X) \cap T(X)$  and  $G_p(z, z, z) = 0$ . Hence,  $(A, S)$  and  $T$  satisfy  $CLR_{(A,S)T}$ -property. Note that

$$G_p(Sx, SAx, SAx) = 2x, \quad G_p(Sx, Ax, Ax) = 2x.$$

Hence,

$$G_p(Sx, SAx, SAx) \leq R_1 G_p(Sx, Ax, Ax) \quad \text{for } R_1 \geq 1.$$

Thus,  $A$  is  $S$  pointwise absorbing. We have also

$$G_p(Tx, TBx, TBx) = x, \quad G_p(Tx, Bx, Bx) = x.$$

Hence,

$$G_p(Tx, TBx, TBx) \leq R_2 G_p(Tx, Bx, Bx) \quad \text{for } R_2 \geq 1.$$

Thus,  $B$  is  $T$  pointwise absorbing. On the other hand,

$$G_p(Ax, By, By) = \frac{x}{2}, \quad G_p(Sx, Sx, Ax) = 2x.$$

Moreover

$$\int_0^{\frac{x}{2}} t dt \leq \int_0^{2x} t dt.$$

Thus, for  $h(t) = t$  we obtain

$$\int_0^{G_p(Ax, By, By)} h(t) dt \leq k \int_0^{G(Sx, Sx, Ax)} h(t) dt,$$

where  $\frac{1}{16} \leq k < 1$ . Hence,

$$G_p(Ax, By, By) \leq k \max \left\{ \int_0^{G_p(Sx, Ty, Ty)} h(t) dt, \int_0^{G_p(Ax, Sx, Sx)} h(t) dt, \int_0^{G_p(Ty, By, By)} h(t) dt, \int_0^{G_p(Sx, By, By)} h(t) dt, \int_0^{G_p(Ax, Ty, Ty)} h(t) dt \right\},$$

where  $\frac{1}{16} \leq k < 1$ .

By Theorem 5.4,  $A, B, S$  and  $T$  have a unique common fixed point  $z = 0$  with  $G_p(z, z, z) = 0$ .

REMARK 5.6. By Theorem 5.1 and Examples 3.2–3.8 we obtain new particular results.

## 5.2. Fixed points for mappings satisfying $\varphi$ -contractive conditions in $G_p$ -metric spaces

As in [24], let  $\Phi$  be the set of all real continuous nondecreasing functions  $\varphi: [0, \infty) \rightarrow [0, \infty)$  such that

- 1)  $\varphi(t) < t$  for all  $t > 0$ ,
- 2)  $\varphi(t) = 0$  if and only if  $t = 0$ .

The following functions  $F: \mathbb{R}_+^6 \rightarrow \mathbb{R}_+$  are in  $\mathcal{F}$ .

EXAMPLE 5.7.  $F(t_1, \dots, t_6) = t_1 - \varphi(\max\{t_2, t_3, t_4, t_5, t_6\})$ .

EXAMPLE 5.8.  $F(t_1, \dots, t_6) = t_1 - \varphi(\max\{t_2, t_3, t_4, \frac{t_5+t_6}{2}\})$ .

EXAMPLE 5.9.  $F(t_1, \dots, t_6) = t_1 - \varphi(\max\{t_2, \frac{t_3+t_4}{2}, \frac{t_5+t_6}{2}\})$ .

EXAMPLE 5.10.  $F(t_1, \dots, t_6) = t_1 - \varphi(\max\{t_2, \sqrt{t_3 t_4}, \sqrt{t_3 t_5}, \sqrt{t_3 t_5}, \sqrt{t_4 t_6}\})$ .

EXAMPLE 5.11.  $F(t_1, \dots, t_6) = t_1 - \varphi(at_2 + bt_3 + ct_4 + dt_5 + et_6)$ , where  $a, b, c, d, e \geq 0$  and  $a + b + c + d + e \leq 1$ .

EXAMPLE 5.12.  $F(t_1, \dots, t_6) = t_1 - \varphi\left(at_2 + \frac{b\sqrt{t_5 t_6}}{1+t_3+t_4}\right)$ , where  $a, b \geq 0$  and  $a + b \leq 1$ .

EXAMPLE 5.13.  $F(t_1, \dots, t_6) = t_1 - \varphi\left(at_2 + b \max\{t_3, t_4\} + c \max\left\{\frac{t_3+t_4}{2}, \frac{t_5+t_6}{2}\right\}\right)$ , where  $a, b, c \geq 0$  and  $a + b + c \leq 1$ .

EXAMPLE 5.14.  $F(t_1, \dots, t_6) = t_1 - \varphi(at_2 + b \max\{2t_4 + t_5, 2t_4 + t_6, t_3 + t_5 + t_6\})$ , where  $a, b \geq 0$  and  $a + b \leq 1$ .

By Theorem 4.3 and Example 5.7 we obtain

THEOREM 5.15. *Let  $A, B, S$  and  $T$  be self mappings of a  $G_p$ -metric space  $(X, G_p)$  such that*

$$G_p(Ax, By, By) \leq \varphi(\max\{G_p(Sx, Ty, Ty), G_p(Ax, Sx, Sx), \\ G_p(Ty, By, By), G_p(Sx, By, By), G_p(Ax, Ty, Ty)\})$$

for all  $x, y \in X$ , where  $\varphi \in \Phi$ .

If  $(A, S)$  and  $T$  satisfy  $CLR_{(A,S)T}$ -property, then  $\mathcal{C}(A, S) \neq \emptyset \neq \mathcal{C}(B, T)$ .

Moreover, if  $A$  is pointwise  $S$  absorbing and  $B$  is pointwise  $T$  absorbing, then  $A, B, S$  and  $T$  have a unique common fixed point  $z$  with  $G_p(z, z, z) = 0$ .

EXAMPLE 5.16 ([46]). Let  $X = [0, \infty)$  and  $G_p(x, y, z) = \max\{x, y, z\}$ . Then  $(X, G_p)$  is a  $G_p$ -metric space. Let  $A, B, S$  and  $T$  be as in Example 5.5. As in Example 5.5,  $(A, S)$  and  $T$  satisfy  $CLR_{(A,S)T}$ -property,  $A$  is  $S$  pointwise absorbing and  $B$  is  $T$  pointwise absorbing. Moreover

$$G_p(Ax, By, By) = \frac{x}{2}, \quad G_p(Ax, Sx, Sx) = 2x.$$

Put  $\varphi(t) = \frac{t}{2}$ . Then  $\varphi \in \Phi$  and

$$\begin{aligned} G_p(Ax, By, By) &\leq \frac{1}{2}G_p(Ax, Sx, Sx) \\ &\leq \frac{1}{2} \max\{G_p(Sx, Ty, Ty), G_p(Ax, Sx, Sx), \\ &\quad G_p(Ty, By, By), G_p(Sx, By, By), G_p(Ax, Ty, Ty)\} \\ &= \varphi(\max\{G_p(Sx, Ty, Ty), G_p(Ax, Sx, Sx), \\ &\quad G_p(Ty, By, By), G_p(Sx, By, By), G_p(Ax, Ty, Ty)\}). \end{aligned}$$

By Theorem 5.15,  $A, B, S$  and  $T$  have a unique common fixed point  $z = 0$  with  $G_p(z, z, z) = 0$ .

REMARK 5.17. By Theorem 4.3 and Examples 5.7-5.14 we obtain new particular results.

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