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# Common fixed points for single-valued and multi-valued maps satisfying a generalized contraction in *G*-metric spaces

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### **Abstract**

In this article, we establish some common fixed point theorems for a hybrid pair {g, T} of single valued and multi-valued maps satisfying a generalized contractive condition defined on G-metric spaces. Our results unify, generalize and complement various known comparable results from the current literature.

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# 1. Introduction and preliminaries

Nadler [1] initiated the study of fixed points for multi-valued contraction mappings and generalized the well known Banach fixed point theorem. Then after, many authors studied many fixed point results for multi-valued contraction mappings see [2-13].

Mustafa and Sims [14] introduced the *G*-metric spaces as a generalization of the notion of metric spaces. Mustafa et al. [15-19] obtained some fixed point theorems for mappings satisfying different contractive conditions. Abbas and Rhoades [20] initiated the study of common fixed point in *G*-metric spaces. While Saadati et al. [21] studied some fixed point theorems in generalized partially ordered *G*-metric spaces. Gajić and Crvenković [22,23] proved some fixed point results for mappings with contractive iterate at a point in *G*-metric spaces. For other studies in *G*-metric spaces, we refer the reader to [24-38]. Consistent with Mustafa and Sims [14], the following definitions and results will be needed in the sequel.

**Definition 1.1.** (See [14]). Let X be a non-empty set,  $G: X \times X \times X \to \mathbb{R}^+$  be a function satisfying the following properties

- (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  $y \neq z$ ,
- (G4) G(x, y, z) = G(x, z, y) = G(y, z, x) = ... (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, more specially, a G-metric on X, and the pair (X, G) is called a G-metric space.



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**Definition 1.2.** (See [14]). 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  $\lim_{n,m\to+\infty} G(x,x_n,x_m)=0$ , that is, for any  $\varepsilon>0$ , there exists  $N\in\mathbb{N}$  such that  $G(x,x_m,x_m)<\varepsilon$ , for all  $n,m\geq N$ . We call x the limit of the sequence and write  $x_n\to x$  or  $\lim_{n\to+\infty} x_n=x$ .

**Proposition 1.1.** (See [14]). Let (X, G) be a G-metric space. The following statements are equivalent:

- (1)  $(x_n)$  is G-convergent to x,
- (2)  $G(x_n, x_n, x) \to 0$  as  $n \to +\infty$ ,
- (3)  $G(x_n, x, x) \to 0$  as  $n \to +\infty$ ,
- (4)  $G(x_m \ x_m \ x) \rightarrow 0$  as  $n, m \rightarrow +\infty$ .

**Definition 1.3.** (See [14]). Let (X, G) be a G-metric space. A sequence  $(x_n)$  is called a G-Cauchy sequence if for any  $\varepsilon > 0$ , there is  $N \in \mathbb{N}$  such that  $G(x_m, x_m, x_l) < \varepsilon$  for all m,  $n, l \geq N$ , that is,  $G(x_m, x_m, x_l) \to 0$  as  $n, m, l \to +\infty$ .

**Proposition 1.2.** (See [14]). Let (X, G) be a G-metric space. Then the following statements are equivalent:

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

**Definition 1.4.** (See [14]). 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

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

Recently, Kaewcharoen and Kaewkhao [34] introduced the following concepts. Let X be a G-metric space. We shall denote CB(X) the family of all nonempty closed bounded subsets of X. Let H(.,.,) be the Hausdorff G-distance on CB(X), i.e.,

$$H_G\left(A,B,C\right) = \max \left\{ \sup_{x \in A} G\left(x,B,C\right), \sup_{x \in B} G\left(x,C,A\right), \sup_{x \in C} G\left(x,A,B\right) \right\},\,$$

where

$$G(x, B, C) = d_{G}(x, B) + d_{G}(B, C) + d_{G}(x, C),$$
  

$$d_{G}(x, B) = \inf \{ d_{G}(x, \gamma), \gamma \in B \},$$
  

$$d_{G}(A, B) = \inf \{ d_{G}(a, b), a \in A, b \in B \}.$$

Recall that  $G(x, y, C) = \inf \{G(x, y, z), z \in C\}$ . A mapping  $T: X \to 2^X$  is called a multi-valued mapping. A point  $x \in X$  is called a fixed point of T if  $x \in Tx$ .

**Definition 1.5.** Let X be a given non empty set. Assume that  $g: X \to X$  and  $T: X \to 2^X$ .

If  $w = gx \in Tx$  for some  $x \in X$ , then x is called a coincidence point of g and T and w is a point of coincidence of g and T.

Mappings g and T are called weakly compatible if  $gx \in Tx$  for some  $x \in X$  implies  $gT(x) \subseteq Tg(x)$ .

**Proposition 1.3.** (see [34]). Let X be a given non empty set. Assume that  $g: X \to X$  and  $T: X \to 2^X$  are weakly compatible mappings. If g and T have a unique point of coincidence  $w = gx \in Tx$ , then w is the unique common fixed point of g and T.

In this article, we establish some common fixed point theorems for a hybrid pair  $\{g, T\}$  of single valued and multi-valued maps satisfying a generalized contractive condition defined on G-metric spaces. Also, an example is presented.

# 2. Main results

We start this section with the following lemma, which is the variant of the one given in Nadler [1] or Assad and Kirk [4]. Its proof is a simple consequence of the definition of the Hausdorff G-distance  $H_G(A, B, B)$ .

**Lemma 2.1**. If  $A, B \in CB(X)$  and  $a \in A$ , then for each  $\varepsilon > 0$ , there exists  $b \in B$  such that  $G(a,b,b) \le H_G(A,B,B) + \varepsilon$ .

The main result of the article is the following.

**Theorem 2.1.** Let (X, G) be a G-metric space. Set  $g: X \to X$  and  $T: X \to CB(X)$ . Assume that there exists a function  $\alpha: [0,+\infty) \to [0,1)$  satisfying  $\limsup_{r \to t^+} \alpha(r) < 1$  for every  $t \ge 0$  such that

$$H_G(Tx, Ty, Tz) \le \alpha (G(gx, gy, gz)) G(gx, gy, gz),$$
 (2)

for all x, y,  $z \in X$ . If for any  $x \in X$ ,  $Tx \subseteq g(X)$  and g(X) is a G-complete subspace of X, then g and T have a point of coincidence in X. Furthermore, if we assume that  $gp \in Tp$  and  $gq \in Tq$  implies  $G(gq, gp, gp) \leq H_G(Tq, Tp, Tp)$ , then

- (i) g and T have a unique point of coincidence.
- (ii) If in addition g and T are weakly compatible, then g and T have a unique common fixed point.

**Proof.** Let  $x_0$  be arbitrary in X. Since  $Tx_0 \subseteq g(X)$ , choose  $x_1 \in X$  such that  $gx_1 \in Tx_0$ . If  $gx_1 = gx_0$ , we finished. Assume that  $gx_0 \neq gx_1$ , so  $G(gx_0, gx_1, gx_1) > 0$ . We can choose a positive integer  $n_1$  such that

$$\alpha^{n_1}\left(G\left(gx_0,gx_1,gx_1\right)\right) \leq \left[1 - \alpha\left(G\left(gx_0,gx_1,gx_1\right)\right)\right]G\left(gx_0,gx_1,gx_1\right).$$

By Lemma 2.1 and the fact that  $Tx_1 \subseteq g(X)$ , there exists  $gx_2 \in Tx_1$  such that

$$G(gx_1, gx_2, gx_2) \le H_G(Tx_0, Tx_1, Tx_1) + \alpha^{n_1}(G(gx_0, gx_1, gx_1)).$$

Using the two above inequalities and (2), it follows that

$$G(gx_1, gx_2, gx_2) \leq H_G(Tx_0, Tx_1, Tx_1) + \alpha^{n_1} (G(gx_0, gx_1, gx_1))$$

$$\leq \alpha (G(gx_0, gx_1, gx_1)) G(gx_0, gx_1, gx_1) + [1 - \alpha (G(gx_0, gx_1, gx_1))] G(gx_0, gx_1, gx_1)$$

$$= G(gx_0, gx_1, gx_1).$$

If  $gx_1 = gx_2$ , we finished. Assume that  $gx_1 \neq gx_2$ . Now we choose a positive integer  $n_2 > n_1$  such that

$$\alpha^{n_2}\left(G\left(gx_1,gx_2,gx_2\right)\right) \leq \left[1 - \alpha\left(G\left(gx_1,gx_2,gx_2\right)\right)\right]G\left(gx_2,gx_2,gx_2\right).$$

Since  $Tx_2 \in CB(X)$  and the fact that  $Tx_2 \subseteq g(X)$ , we may select  $gx_3 \in Tx_2$  such that from Lemma 2.1

$$G(gx_2, gx_3, gx_3) < H_G(Tx_1, Tx_2, Tx_2) + \alpha^{n_2}(G(gx_1, gx_2, gx_2))$$

and then, similarly to the previous case, we have

$$G(gx_{2}, gx_{3}, gx_{3}) \leq H_{G}(Tx_{1}, Tx_{2}, Tx_{2}) + \alpha^{n_{2}} (G(gx_{1}, gx_{2}, gx_{2}))$$

$$\leq \alpha (G(gx_{1}, gx_{2}, gx_{2})) G(gx_{1}, gx_{2}, gx_{2}) + [1 - \alpha (G(gx_{1}, gx_{2}, gx_{2}))] G(gx_{1}, gx_{2}, gx_{2})$$

$$= G(gx_{1}, gx_{2}, gx_{2}).$$

By repeating this process, for each  $k \in \mathbb{N}^*$ , we may choose a positive integer  $n_k$  such that

$$\alpha^{n_k}\left(G\left(gx_{k-1},gx_k,gx_k\right)\right) \leq \left[1 - \alpha\left(G\left(gx_{k-1},gx_k,gx_k\right)\right)\right]G\left(gx_{k-1},gx_k,gx_k\right).$$

Again, we may select  $gx_{k+1} \in Tx_k$  such that

$$G(gx_{k}, gx_{k+1}, gx_{k+1}) \le H_G(Tx_{k-1}, Tx_{k}, Tx_{k}) + \alpha^{n_k} (G(gx_{k-1}, gx_{k}, gx_{k})).$$
(3)

The last two inequalities together imply that

$$G(gx_k, gx_{k+1}, gx_{k+1}) \leq G(gx_{k-1}, gx_k, gx_k),$$

which shows that the sequence of nonnegative numbers  $\{d_k\}$ , given by  $d_k = G(gx_{k-1}, gx_k, gx_k)$ , k = 1, 2, ..., is non-increasing. This means that there exists  $d \ge 0$  such that

$$\lim_{k \to +\infty} d_k = d$$

Let now prove that the  $\{gx_k\}$  is a *G*-Cauchy sequence.

Using the fact that, by hypothesis for t = d,  $\limsup_{r \to d^+} \alpha(t) < 1$ , it results that there exists a rank  $k_0$  such that for  $k \ge k_0$ , we have  $\alpha(d_k) < h$ , where

$$\limsup_{t \to d^+} \alpha(t) < h < 1.$$

Now, by (3) we deduce that the sequence  $\{d_k\}$  satisfies the following recurrence inequality

$$d_{k+1} < H_C(Tx_{k-1}, Tx_k, Tx_k) + \alpha^{n_k}(d_k) < \alpha(d_k)d_k + \alpha^{n_k}(d_k), \quad k > 1.$$
(4)

By induction, from (4), we get

$$d_{k+1} \leq \prod_{i=1}^k \alpha(d_i)d_1 + \sum_{m=1}^{k-1} \prod_{i=m+1}^k \alpha(d_i)\alpha^{n_m}(d_m) + \alpha^{n_k}(d_k), \quad k \geq 1,$$

which, by using the fact that  $\alpha$  <1, can be simplified to

$$d_{k+1} \leq \prod_{i=1}^k \alpha(d_i)d_1 + \sum_{m=1}^{k-1} \prod_{i=\max\{k_0,m+1\}}^k \alpha(d_i)\alpha^{n_m}(d_m) + \alpha^{n_k}(d_k), \quad k \geq 1,$$

Referring to the proof of Theorem 2.1 in [11] or Lemma 3.2 in [12], we may obtain

$$\prod_{i=1}^k \alpha(d_i)d_1 + \sum_{m=1}^{k-1} \prod_{i=\max\{k_0,m+1\}}^k \alpha(d_i)\alpha^{n_m}(d_m) + \alpha^{n_k}(d_k) \leq ch^k,$$

where c is a positive constant. We deduce that

$$d_{k+1} = G(gx_k, gx_{k+1}, gx_{k+1}) \le ch^k$$
.

Now for  $k \ge k_0$  and m is a positive arbitrary integer, we have using the property (G4)

$$G(gx_{k}, gx_{k+m}, gx_{k+m}) \leq G(gx_{k}, gx_{k+1}, gx_{k+1}) + G(gx_{k+1}, gx_{k+2}, gx_{k+2})$$

$$+ \cdots + G(gx_{k+m-2}, gx_{k+m-1}, gx_{k+m-1}) + G(gx_{k+m-1}, gx_{k+m}, gx_{k+m})$$

$$\leq c \left[ h^{k} + h^{k+1} + \cdots + h^{k+m-1} \right]$$

$$\leq c \frac{h^{k}}{1-h} \to 0 \text{ as } k \to +\infty,$$

since 0 < h < 1. This shows that the sequence  $\{gx_n\}$  is *G*-Cauchy in the complete subspace g(X). Thus, there exists  $q \in g(X)$  such that, from Proposition 1.1

$$\lim_{n \to +\infty} G(gx_n, gx_n, q) = \lim_{n \to +\infty} G(gx_n, q, q) = 0.$$
 (5)

Since  $q \in g(X)$ , then there exists  $p \in X$  such that q = gp. From (5), we have

$$\lim_{n \to +\infty} G(gx_n, gx_n, gp) = \lim_{n \to +\infty} G(gx_n, gp, gp) = 0.$$
 (6)

We claim that  $gp \in Tp$ . Indeed, from (2), we have

$$G(gx_{n+1}, Tp, Tp) \le H_G(Tx_n, Tp, Tp)$$

$$\le \alpha(G(gx_n, gp, gp))G(gx_n, gp, gp).$$
(7)

Letting  $n \to +\infty$  in (7) and using (6), we get

$$G(gp, Tp, Tp) = \lim_{n \to +\infty} G(gx_{n+1}, Tp, Tp) = 0,$$

that is,  $gp \in Tp$ . That is T and g have a point of coincidence. Now, assume that if  $gp \in Tp$  and  $gq \in Tq$ , then  $G(gq, gp, gp) \leq H_G(Tq, Tp, Tp)$ . We will prove the uniqueness of a point of coincidence of g and T. Suppose that  $gp \in Tp$  and  $gq \in Tq$ . By (2) and this assumption, we have

$$G(gq, gp, gp) \le H_G(Tq, Tp, Tp)$$

$$\le \alpha(G(gq, gp, gp))G(gq, gp, gp),$$
(8)

and since  $\alpha(G(gq, gp, gp)) < G(gq, gp, gp)$ , so necessarily from (8), we have G(gq, gp, gp) = 0, *i.e.*, gp = gq. In view of

$$H_G(Tq, Tp, Tp) \leq \alpha(G(gq, gp, gp))G(gq, gp, gp) = 0,$$

we get Tq = Tp. Thus, T and g have a unique point of coincidence. Suppose that g and T are weakly compatible. By applying Proposition 1.3, we obtain that g and T have a unique common fixed point.

**Corollary 2.1.** Let (X,G) be a complete G-metric space. Assume that  $T:X\to CB(X)$  satisfies the following condition

$$H_G(Tx, Ty, Tz) \le \alpha(G(x, y, z))G(x, y, z), \tag{9}$$

for all  $x, y, z \in X$ , where  $\alpha : [0,+\infty) \to [0,1)$  satisfies  $\limsup_{r \to t^+} \alpha(r) < 1$  for every  $t \ge 0$ . Then T has a fixed point in X. Furthermore, if we assume that  $p \in Tp$  and  $q \in Tq$  implies  $G(q, p, p) \le H_G(Tq, Tp, Tp)$ , then T has a unique fixed point.

**Proof**. It follows by taking g the identity on X in Theorem 2.1.

**Corollary 2.2.** Let (X, G) be a G-metric space. Assume that  $g: X \to X$  and  $T: X \to CB(X)$  satisfy the following condition

$$H_G(Tx, Ty, Tz) \le kG(gx, gy, gz), \tag{10}$$

for all x, y,  $z \in X$ , where  $k \in [0,1)$ . If for any  $x \in X$ ,  $Tx \subseteq g(X)$  and g(X) is a G-complete subspace of X, then g and T have a point of coincidence in X. Furthermore, if we assume that  $gp \in Tp$  and  $gq \in Tq$  implies  $G(gq, gp, gp) \leq H_G(Tq, Tp, Tp)$ , then

- (i) g and T have a unique point of coincidence.
- (ii) If in addition g and T are weakly compatible, then g and T have a unique common fixed point.

**Proof.** It follows by taking  $\alpha(t) = k$ ,  $k \in [0,1)$ , in Theorem 2.1.

In the case of single-valued mappings, that is, if  $T: X \to X$ , (i.e.,  $Tx = \{Tx\}$  for any  $x \in X$ ), it is obviously that

$$H_G(Tx, Ty, Tz) = G(Tx, Ty, Tz), \quad \forall x, y, z \in X.$$

Furthermore, if  $gp \in Tp$  (i.e., gp = Tp) and  $gq \in Tq$  (i.e., gq = Tq), then clearly,

$$G(gq, gp, gp) = G(Tq, Tp, Tp) = H_G(Tq, Tp, Tp),$$

that is, the assumption given in Theorem 2.1 is verified.

Also, the single-valued mappings T,  $g: X \to X$  are said weakly compatible if Tgx = gTx whenever Tx = gx for some  $x \in X$ .

Now, we may state the following corollaries from Theorem 2.1 and the precedent corollaries:

**Corollary 2.3**. Let (X, G) be a complete G-metric space. Assume that  $T: X \to X$  satisfies the following condition

$$G(Tx, Ty, Tz) \le \alpha(G(x, y, z))G(x, y, z) \tag{11}$$

for all x, y,  $z \in X$ , where  $\alpha : [0, +\infty) \to [0, 1)$  satisfies  $\limsup_{r \to t^+} \alpha(r) < 1$  for every  $t \ge 0$ . Then, T has a unique fixed point.

**Corollary 2.4.** Let (X, G) be a G-metric space. Assume that  $g: X \to X$  and  $T: X \to X$  satisfy the following condition

$$G(Tx, Ty, Tz) < \alpha(G(gx, gy, gz))G(gx, gy, gz)$$
(12)

for all  $x, y, z \in X$ , where  $\alpha : [0, +\infty) \to [0, 1)$  satisfies  $\limsup_{r \to t^+} \alpha(r) < 1$  for every  $t \ge 0$ . If  $T(X) \subseteq g(X)$  and g(X) is a G-complete subspace of X, then

- (i) g and T have a unique point of coincidence.
- (ii) Furthermore, if g and T are weakly compatible, then g and T have a unique common fixed point.

Now, we introduce an example to support the useability of our results.

**Example 2.1.** Let 
$$X = [0, 1]$$
. Define  $T: X \to CB(X)$  by  $Tx = \left[0, \frac{1}{16}x\right]$  and define  $g: X \to X$  by  $gx = \sqrt{x}$ . Define a G-metric on X by  $G(x, y, z) = \max\{|x-y|, |x-z|, |y-z|\}$ . Also, define  $\alpha: [0, +\infty) \to [0, 1)$  by  $\alpha(t) = \frac{1}{2}$  Then:

- (1)  $Tx \subseteq g(X)$  for all  $x \in X$ .
- (2) g(X) is a G-complete subspace of X.
- (3) g and T are weakly compatible.
- (4)  $H_G(Tx, Ty, Tz) \leq \alpha(G(gx, gy, gz))G(gx, gy, gz)$  for all  $x, y, z \in X$ .

Proof. The proofs of (1), (2), and (3) are clear. By (1), we have

$$d_G(x, y) = G(x, y, y) + G(y, x, x) = 2|x - y|$$
 for all  $x, y \in X$ .

To prove (4), let x, y,  $z \in X$ . If x = y = z = 0, then

$$H_G(Tx, Ty, Tz) = 0 \le \alpha (G(gx, gy, gz)) G(gx, gy, gz).$$

Thus, we may assume that x, y, and z are not all zero. With out loss of generality, we assume that  $x \le y \le z$ . Then

$$H_{G}\left(Tx, T\gamma, Tz\right) = H_{G}\left(\left[0, \frac{1}{16}x\right], \left[0, \frac{1}{16}\gamma\right], \left[0, \frac{1}{16}z\right]\right)$$

$$= \max \left\{ \sup_{0 \le a \le \frac{1}{16}x} G\left(a, \left[0, \frac{1}{16}\gamma\right], \left[0, \frac{1}{16}z\right]\right), \sup_{0 \le b \le \frac{1}{16}\gamma} G\left(b, \left[0, \frac{1}{16}z\right], \left[0, \frac{1}{16}x\right]\right), \sup_{0 \le c \le \frac{1}{16}z} G\left(c, \left[0, \frac{1}{16}x\right], \left[0, \frac{1}{16}\gamma\right]\right) \right\}.$$

Since 
$$x \le y \le z$$
, so  $\left[0, \frac{1}{16}x\right] \subseteq \left[0, \frac{1}{16}y\right] \subseteq \left[0, \frac{1}{16}z\right]$  This implies that

$$d_G\big(\big[0,\frac{1}{16}x\big],\big[0,\frac{1}{16}\gamma\big]\big)=d_G\big(\big[0,\frac{1}{16}\gamma\big],\big[0,\frac{1}{16}z\big]\big)=d_G\big(\big[0,\frac{1}{16}x\big],\big[0,\frac{1}{16}z\big]\big)=0.$$

For each  $0 \le a \le \frac{1}{16}x$ , we have

$$G\left(a,\left[0,\frac{1}{16}\gamma\right],\left[0,\frac{1}{16}z\right]\right)=d_G\left(a,\left[0,\frac{1}{16}\gamma\right]\right)+d_G\left(\left[0,\frac{1}{16}\gamma\right],\left[0,\frac{1}{16}z\right]\right)+d_G\left(a,\left[0,\frac{1}{16}z\right]\right)=0.$$

Also, for each  $0 \le b \le \frac{1}{16} \gamma$ , we have

$$\begin{split} G\left(b,\left[0,\frac{1}{16}z\right],\left[0,\frac{1}{16}x\right]\right) &= d_{G}\left(b,\left[0,\frac{1}{16}z\right]\right) + d_{G}\left(\left[0,\frac{1}{16}z\right],\left[0,\frac{1}{16}x\right]\right) + d_{G}\left(b,\left[0,\frac{1}{16}x\right]\right) \\ &= \begin{cases} 0 \text{ if } b \leq \frac{x}{16} \\ 2b - \frac{x}{8} \text{ if } b \geq \frac{x}{16}. \end{cases} \end{split}$$

This yields that

$$\sup_{0 \le b \le \frac{1}{16}^{\gamma}} G\left(b, \left[0, \frac{1}{16}z\right], \left[0, \frac{1}{16}x\right]\right) = \frac{\gamma}{8} - \frac{x}{8}.$$

Moreover, for each  $0 \le c \le \frac{1}{16}z$ , we have

$$\begin{split} G\left(c,\left[0,\frac{1}{16}x\right],\left[0,\frac{1}{16}\gamma\right]\right) &= d_G\left(c,\left[0,\frac{1}{16}x\right]\right) + d_G\left(\left[0,\frac{1}{16}x\right],\left[0,\frac{1}{16}\gamma\right]\right) + d_G\left(c,\left[0,\frac{1}{16}\gamma\right]\right) \\ &= \begin{cases} 0 \text{ if } c \leq \frac{x}{16} \\ 2c - \frac{x}{8} \text{ if } \frac{x}{16} \leq c \leq \frac{y}{16} \\ 4c - \frac{x}{8} - \frac{y}{8} \text{ if } c \geq \frac{y}{16}. \end{cases} \end{split}$$

This yields that

$$\sup_{0 \le c \le \frac{1}{16}z} G\left(c, \left[\frac{1}{16}c\right], \left[0, \frac{1}{16}\gamma\right]\right) = \frac{z}{4} - \frac{x}{8} - \frac{\gamma}{8}.$$

We deduce that

$$H_G(Tx, Ty, Tz) = \frac{z}{4} - \frac{x}{8} - \frac{y}{8}$$

$$\leq \frac{1}{4}(z - x)$$

$$= \frac{1}{2} \left(\frac{1}{2}(z - x)\right)$$

$$\leq \frac{1}{2} \left(\frac{z - x}{\sqrt{x} + \sqrt{z}}\right)$$

$$= \frac{1}{2}(\sqrt{z} - \sqrt{x})$$

On the other hand, it is obvious that all other hypotheses of Theorem 2.1 are satisfied and so g and T have a unique common fixed point, which is u = 0.

**Remark 1.** Theorem 2.1 improves Kaewcharoen and Kaewkhao [[34], Theorem 3.3] (in case b = c = d = 0).

• Corollary 2.3 generalizes Mustafa [[15], Theorem 5.1.7] and Shatanawi [[35], Corollary 3.4].

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