



# Common Fixed Point Results on Complex Valued $G_b$ -Metric Spaces

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**Abstract :** In this study, we introduce some notions such as coincidence point, compatible and occasionally weakly compatible maps in complex valued  $G_b$ -metric spaces. Then using these notions we prove some new common fixed point theorems in complex valued  $G_b$ -metric spaces.

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## 1 Introduction

Fixed point theory is a very active branch of nonlinear analysis. It is very famous due to its variety of applications in numerous areas such as engineering, computer science, economics, etc. The contractive-type conditions plays an important role in the fixed point theory. Many researchers have extended and generalized Banach contraction principle because it is the heart of this theory.

After introducing  $b$ -metric spaces and generalized Banach contraction principle in  $b$ -metric spaces in [1], many works such as [2–9] have been given. In 2011, Azam et al. [10] defined the new notion of complex valued metric spaces and obtained common fixed point theorems. Rao et al. [11] presented the complex valued  $b$ -metric spaces. Mustafa and Sims [12] introduced the notion of  $G$ -metric spaces

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and [13] proved some fixed point theorems in complete  $G$ -metric spaces. For other important papers in  $G$ -metric spaces, see [14–20].

The notion of  $G_b$ -metric space was presented by Aghajani et al. [21]. Then some coupled coincidence fixed point theorems for nonlinear  $(\psi, \varphi)$ -weakly contractive mappings in partially ordered  $G_b$ -metric spaces were proved in [22]. Lately, Ege [23] introduced the concept of complex valued  $G_b$ -metric spaces, proved Banach contraction principle and Kannan's fixed point theorem in this space. In [24], Ege proved a common fixed point theorem via  $\alpha$ -series and obtained new results in the same space. For other studies on  $G_b$ -metric spaces, we refer to reader to [25, 26].

This paper is organized as follows: In section 2, we give the required information about complex valued  $G_b$ -metric spaces. In section 3, we define some notions such as coincidence point, compatible and occasionally weakly compatible maps and prove some common fixed point theorems in this space.

## 2 Preliminaries

To begin with, we give some basic definitions, notations and theorems which will be used later. Let's start with the definition of complex valued metric space. Azam et al. [10] introduced the notion of complex valued metric space. Let  $\mathbb{C}$  be the set of complex numbers and  $z_1, z_2 \in \mathbb{C}$ . Define a partial order  $\preceq$  on  $\mathbb{C}$  as follows:

$$z_1 \preceq z_2 \text{ if and only if } \operatorname{Re}(z_1) \leq \operatorname{Re}(z_2) \text{ and } \operatorname{Im}(z_1) \leq \operatorname{Im}(z_2).$$

It follows that  $z_1 \preceq z_2$  if one of the following conditions is satisfied:

$$(C_1) \operatorname{Re}(z_1) = \operatorname{Re}(z_2) \text{ and } \operatorname{Im}(z_1) = \operatorname{Im}(z_2),$$

$$(C_2) \operatorname{Re}(z_1) < \operatorname{Re}(z_2) \text{ and } \operatorname{Im}(z_1) = \operatorname{Im}(z_2),$$

$$(C_3) \operatorname{Re}(z_1) = \operatorname{Re}(z_2) \text{ and } \operatorname{Im}(z_1) < \operatorname{Im}(z_2),$$

$$(C_4) \operatorname{Re}(z_1) < \operatorname{Re}(z_2) \text{ and } \operatorname{Im}(z_1) < \operatorname{Im}(z_2).$$

Note that we write  $z_1 \prec z_2$  if  $z_1 \neq z_2$  and one of  $(C_2)$ ,  $(C_3)$  and  $(C_4)$  is satisfied and we write  $z_1 \prec z_2$  if only  $(C_4)$  is satisfied. The following statements hold:

$$(1) \text{ If } a, b \in \mathbb{R} \text{ with } a \leq b, \text{ then } az \prec bz \text{ for all } z \in \mathbb{C}.$$

$$(2) \text{ If } 0 \preceq z_1 \preceq z_2, \text{ then } |z_1| < |z_2|.$$

$$(3) \text{ If } z_1 \preceq z_2 \text{ and } z_2 \prec z_3, \text{ then } z_1 \prec z_3.$$

**Definition 2.1.** [23] Let  $X$  be a nonempty set and  $s \geq 1$  be a given real number. Suppose that a mapping  $G : X \times X \times X \rightarrow \mathbb{C}$  satisfies:

$$(CG_b1) \ G(x, y, z) = 0 \text{ if } x = y = z;$$

$$(CG_b2) \ 0 \prec G(x, x, y) \text{ for all } x, y \in X \text{ with } x \neq y;$$

(CG<sub>b</sub>3)  $G(x, x, y) \lesssim G(x, y, z)$  for all  $x, y, z \in X$  with  $y \neq z$ ;

(CG<sub>b</sub>4)  $G(x, y, z) = G(p\{x, y, z\})$ , where  $p$  is a permutation of  $x, y, z$ ;

(CG<sub>b</sub>5)  $G(x, y, z) \lesssim s(G(x, a, a) + G(a, y, z))$  for all  $x, y, z, a \in X$ .

Then,  $G$  is called a *complex valued  $G_b$ -metric* and  $(X, G)$  is called a *complex valued  $G_b$ -metric space*.

**Proposition 2.2.** [23] *Let  $(X, G)$  be a complex valued  $G_b$ -metric space. Then for any  $x, y, z \in X$ ,*

$$(i) \quad G(x, y, z) \lesssim s(G(x, x, y) + G(x, x, z)),$$

$$(ii) \quad G(x, y, y) \lesssim 2sG(y, x, y).$$

**Definition 2.3.** [23] *Let  $(X, G)$  be a complex valued  $G_b$ -metric space and  $\{x_n\}$  be a sequence in  $X$ .*

(i)  $\{x_n\}$  is *complex valued  $G_b$ -convergent* to  $x$  if for every  $a \in \mathbb{C}$  with  $0 \prec a$ , there exists  $k \in \mathbb{N}$  such that  $G(x, x_n, x_m) \prec a$  for all  $n, m \geq k$ .

(ii) A sequence  $\{x_n\}$  is called *complex valued  $G_b$ -Cauchy* if for every  $a \in \mathbb{C}$  with  $0 \prec a$ , there exists  $k \in \mathbb{N}$  such that  $G(x_n, x_m, x_l) \prec a$  for all  $n, m, l \geq k$ .

(iii) If every complex valued  $G_b$ -Cauchy sequence is complex valued  $G_b$ -convergent in  $(X, G)$ , then  $(X, G)$  is said to be *complex valued  $G_b$ -complete*.

**Proposition 2.4.** [23] *Let  $(X, G)$  be a complex valued  $G_b$ -metric space and  $\{x_n\}$  be a sequence in  $X$ . Then  $\{x_n\}$  is complex valued  $G_b$ -convergent to  $x$  if and only if  $|G(x, x_n, x_m)| \rightarrow 0$  as  $n, m \rightarrow \infty$ .*

**Theorem 2.5.** [23] *Let  $(X, G)$  be a complex valued  $G_b$ -metric space, then for a sequence  $\{x_n\}$  in  $X$  and point  $x \in X$ , the following are equivalent:*

(i)  $\{x_n\}$  is *complex valued  $G_b$ -convergent* to  $x$ .

(ii)  $|G(x_n, x_n, x)| \rightarrow 0$  as  $n \rightarrow \infty$ .

(iii)  $|G(x_n, x, x)| \rightarrow 0$  as  $n \rightarrow \infty$ .

(iv)  $|G(x_m, x_n, x)| \rightarrow 0$  as  $m, n \rightarrow \infty$ .

**Theorem 2.6.** [23] *Let  $(X, G)$  be a complex valued  $G_b$ -metric space and  $\{x_n\}$  be a sequence in  $X$ . Then  $\{x_n\}$  is complex valued  $G_b$ -Cauchy sequence if and only if  $|G(x_n, x_m, x_l)| \rightarrow 0$  as  $n, m, l \rightarrow \infty$ .*

### 3 Main Results

In this section, we first give a definition of compatible maps.

**Definition 3.1.** Let  $f$  and  $g$  be maps from a complex valued  $G_b$ -metric space  $(X, G)$  into itself. The maps  $f$  and  $g$  are called *compatible maps* if there exists a sequence  $\{x_n\}$  such that

$$\lim_{n \rightarrow \infty} G(fgx_n, gfx_n, gfx_n) = 0 \quad \text{or} \quad \lim_{n \rightarrow \infty} G(gfx_n, fgx_n, fgx_n) = 0$$

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

$$\lim_{n \rightarrow \infty} fx_n = \lim_{n \rightarrow \infty} gx_n = t$$

for some  $t \in X$ .

**Example 3.2.** Let  $X = [-1, 1]$  and a complex valued  $G_b$ -metric on  $X$  be given as follows:

$$G(x, y, z) = |x - y|^2 + |y - z|^2 + |x - z|^2$$

where  $s = 2$  [23]. Define two self mappings  $f, g : X \rightarrow X$  by  $f(x) = x$  and  $g(x) = \frac{x}{3}$ . If we consider a sequence  $\{x_n\} = \frac{1}{2n}$ , we obtain the following results:

$$\lim_{n \rightarrow \infty} G(fgx_n, gfx_n, gfx_n) = \lim_{n \rightarrow \infty} G\left(\frac{1}{6n}, \frac{1}{6n}, \frac{1}{6n}\right) = 0$$

and

$$\lim_{n \rightarrow \infty} fx_n = \lim_{n \rightarrow \infty} \frac{1}{2n} = 0 \quad \text{and} \quad \lim_{n \rightarrow \infty} gx_n = \lim_{n \rightarrow \infty} \frac{1}{6n} = 0.$$

Therefore  $f$  and  $g$  are compatible maps.

**Theorem 3.3.** Let  $f$  and  $g$  be compatible maps of a complex valued  $G_b$ -metric space  $(X, G)$  satisfying

$$(3.1) \quad f(X) \subseteq g(X),$$

$$(3.2) \quad G(fx, fy, fz) \lesssim \alpha \max\{G(fx, gy, gz), G(gx, fy, gz), G(gx, gy, fz)\}, \quad \text{where} \\ \alpha \in [0, \frac{1}{2}),$$

$$(3.3) \quad \text{one of } f \text{ or } g \text{ is continuous.}$$

Then  $f$  and  $g$  have a unique common fixed point in  $X$ .

*Proof.* Let  $x_0$  be a point in  $X$ . We can choose a point  $x_1$  in  $X$  such that  $fx_0 = gx_1$  using (3.1). More generally, a point  $x_{n+1}$  can be chosen such that

$$y_n = fx_n = gx_{n+1}, \quad n = 0, 1, 2, \dots$$

By (3.2), we obtain

$$\begin{aligned} G(fx_n, fx_{n+1}, fx_{n+1}) &\lesssim \alpha \max\{G(fx_n, gx_{n+1}, gx_{n+1}), G(gx_n, fx_{n+1}, gx_{n+1}), \\ &\quad G(gx_n, gx_{n+1}, fx_{n+1})\} \\ &= \alpha \max\{G(fx_n, fx_n, fx_n), G(fx_{n-1}, fx_{n+1}, fx_n), \\ &\quad G(fx_{n-1}, fx_n, fx_{n+1})\} \\ &= \alpha \max\{0, G(fx_{n-1}, fx_{n+1}, fx_n), G(fx_{n-1}, fx_n, fx_{n+1})\} \\ &= \alpha G(fx_{n-1}, fx_n, fx_{n+1}). \end{aligned}$$

By the rectangular inequality of complex valued  $G_b$ -metric space, we get

$$\begin{aligned} G(fx_{n-1}, fx_n, fx_{n+1}) &\lesssim s(G(fx_{n-1}, fx_n, fx_n) + G(fx_n, fx_n, fx_{n+1})) \\ &\lesssim s(G(fx_{n-1}, fx_n, fx_n) + 2G(fx_n, fx_{n+1}, fx_{n+1})). \end{aligned}$$

Hence by the above inequality shows that

$$G(fx_n, fx_{n+1}, fx_{n+1}) \lesssim \frac{s\alpha}{1-2s\alpha} G(fx_{n-1}, fx_n, fx_n),$$

i.e.,

$$G(fx_n, fx_{n+1}, fx_{n+1}) \lesssim q \cdot G(fx_{n-1}, fx_n, fx_n)$$

where  $q = \frac{s\alpha}{1-2s\alpha} < 1$ . If we continue the same procedure, we obtain

$$G(fx_n, fx_{n+1}, fx_{n+1}) \lesssim q^n G(fx_0, fx_1, fx_1).$$

Therefore, for all  $n, m \in \mathbb{N}$ ,  $n < m$ , we have the followings by the rectangular property:

$$\begin{aligned} G(y_n, y_m, y_m) &\lesssim s(G(y_n, y_{n+1}, y_{n+1}) + s^2 G(y_{n+1}, y_{n+2}, y_{n+2})) \\ &\quad + s^3 G(y_{n+2}, y_{n+3}, y_{n+3}) + \dots + s^m G(y_{m-1}, y_m, y_m) \\ &\lesssim (q^n + q^{n+1} + \dots + q^{m-1}) G(y_0, y_1, y_1) \\ &\lesssim \frac{q^n}{1-q} G(y_0, y_1, y_1). \end{aligned}$$

Taking limits as  $n, m \rightarrow \infty$ , we have  $\lim_{n \rightarrow \infty} G(y_n, y_m, y_m) = 0$ .

Therefore,  $\{y_n\}$  is a complex valued  $G_b$ -Cauchy sequence in  $X$ . Since  $(X, G)$  is a complex valued complete  $G_b$ -metric space, there is a point  $z \in X$  such that

$$\lim_{n \rightarrow \infty} y_n = \lim_{n \rightarrow \infty} fx_n = \lim_{n \rightarrow \infty} gx_{n+1} = z.$$

Since  $f$  or  $g$  is continuous, we can assume that  $g$  is continuous, so

$$\lim_{n \rightarrow \infty} gfx_n = \lim_{n \rightarrow \infty} ggx_{n+1} = gz.$$

Moreover, by the fact that  $f$  and  $g$  are compatible maps,

$$\lim_{n \rightarrow \infty} G(fgx_n, gfx_n, gfx_n) = 0$$

implies that  $\lim_{n \rightarrow \infty} fgx_n = gz$ . If we set  $x = gx_n$ ,  $y = x_n$  and  $z = x_n$  in (3.2), we obtain

$$G(fgx_n, fx_n, fx_n) \lesssim \alpha \max\{G(fgx_n, gx_n, gx_n), G(ggx_n, fx_n, gx_n), G(ggx_n, gx_n, fx_n)\}.$$

Letting as  $n \rightarrow \infty$ , we get

$$G(gz, z, z) \lesssim \alpha \max\{G(gz, z, z), G(gz, z, z), 0\}$$

implies  $gz = z$ . Using (3.2), we have

$$G(fx_n, fz, fz) \lesssim \alpha \max\{G(fx_n, gz, gz), G(gx_n, fz, gz), G(gx_n, gz, fz)\}.$$

If we take limit as  $n \rightarrow \infty$ , we conclude that  $fz = z$ . This shows that  $fz = gz = z$ , i.e.,  $z$  is a common fixed point of  $f$  and  $g$ .

For the uniqueness, we assume that  $z_1 \neq z$  be another common fixed point of  $f$  and  $g$ . Then  $G(z, z_1, z_1) \succ 0$  and

$$\begin{aligned} G(z, z_1, z_1) &= G(fz, fz_1, fz_1) \\ &\lesssim \alpha \max\{G(fz, gz_1, gz_1), G(gz, fz_1, gz_1), G(gz, gz_1, fz_1)\} \\ &= \alpha G(z, z_1, z_1) \\ &< G(z, z_1, z_1), \end{aligned}$$

which is a contradiction. So we have  $z = z_1$ . □

**Definition 3.4.** A complex valued  $G_b$ -metric space  $(X, G)$  is called a *symmetric* if  $G(x, y, y) = G(y, x, x)$  for all  $x, y$  in  $X$ .

**Definition 3.5.** A point  $x$  in a complex valued  $G_b$ -metric space  $(X, G)$  is called a *coincidence point* or *common fixed point* of  $f$  and  $g$  if  $f(x) = g(x)$ .

**Definition 3.6.** Two self-mappings  $f$  and  $g$  of a symmetric complex valued  $G_b$ -metric space  $(X, G)$  are said to be *occasionally weakly compatible* if and only if there is a point  $x$  in  $X$  which is coincidence point of  $f$  and  $g$  at which  $f$  and  $g$  commute.

We are now ready to give an example for our new definitions.

**Example 3.7.** Let  $X = [0, \infty)$  and a complex valued  $G_b$ -metric on  $X$  be given by

$$G(x, y, z) = \frac{1}{9}(|x - y|^2 + |y - z|^2 + |x - z|^2)$$

where  $s = 2$ .

- $(X, G)$  is symmetric since for all  $x, y \in X$ ,

$$G(x, y, y) = G(y, x, x) = \frac{4}{9}|x - y|^2.$$

- Define  $f, g : X \rightarrow X$  by  $f(x) = x^3$  and  $g(x) = \frac{x^2}{2}$  for  $x \in X$ . It is clear that there are two coincidence points for  $f$  and  $g$  in  $X$ . They are 0 and  $\frac{1}{2}$ .
- $f$  and  $g$  are occasionally weakly compatible maps since 0 is a coincidence point of  $f$  and  $g$  and

$$fg(0) = gf(0) = 0.$$

**Theorem 3.8.** *Let  $(X, G)$  be a symmetric complex valued  $G_b$ -metric space. If  $f$  and  $g$  are occasionally weakly compatible self-maps on  $X$  satisfying*

$$G(fx, fy, fz) \lesssim \alpha \max\{G(fx, gy, gz), G(gx, fy, gz), G(gx, gy, fz)\},$$

where  $\alpha \in [0, \frac{1}{2})$ . Then  $f$  and  $g$  have a unique common fixed point in  $X$ .

*Proof.* There exists a point  $u$  in  $X$  such that  $fu = gu$  and  $fgu = gfu$  because  $f$  and  $g$  are occasionally weakly compatible maps. We will show that  $fu$  is a fixed point of  $f$ . If  $ffu \neq fu$ , then we have

$$\begin{aligned} G(fu, ffu, ffu) &\lesssim \alpha \max\{G(fu, gfu, gfu), G(gu, ffu, gfu), G(gu, gfu, ffu)\} \\ &= \alpha \max\{G(fu, ffu, ffu), G(fu, ffu, ffu), G(fu, ffu, ffu)\} \\ &= \alpha G(fu, ffu, ffu) \end{aligned}$$

by (3.2). This shows that  $ffu = fu$  and  $ffu = fgu = gfu = fu$ . So  $fu$  is a common fixed point of  $f$  and  $g$ .

To show the uniqueness, assume that  $u, v$  in  $X$  such that  $fu = gu = u$ ,  $fv = gv = v$  and  $u \neq v$ . Then by (3.2), we have

$$\begin{aligned} G(u, v, v) = G(fu, fv, fv) &\lesssim \alpha \max\{G(fu, gv, gv), G(gu, fv, gv), G(gu, gv, fv)\} \\ &= \alpha \max\{G(u, v, v), G(u, v, v), G(u, v, v)\} \\ &= \alpha G(u, v, v) \end{aligned}$$

which is a contradiction. Therefore,  $u = v$  and the common fixed point of  $f$  and  $g$  is unique. □

**Theorem 3.9.** *Let  $(X, G)$  be a complete complex valued  $G_b$ -metric space with coefficient  $s > 1$  and  $T : X \rightarrow X$  be a mapping satisfying the following:*

$$G(Tx, Ty, Tz) \lesssim \beta \max\{G(x, y, z), G(x, x, Tx), G(y, y, Ty), G(z, z, Tz)\} \quad (3.1)$$

$\forall x, y, z \in X$ . where  $\beta \in [0, 1)$ . Then  $T$  has a unique fixed point  $w \in X$  and  $G(w, w, w) = 0$ .

*Proof.* Let us prove that if a fixed point of  $T$  exists, then it is unique. Let  $u, v \in X$  be two fixed points of  $T$ ,  $u \neq v$ , that is  $Tu = u$  and  $Tv = v$ . It follows from (3.1):

$$\begin{aligned} G(u, u, v) &= G(Tu, Tu, Tv) \\ &\lesssim \beta \max\{G(u, u, v), G(u, u, Tu), G(u, u, Tu), G(v, v, Tv)\} \\ &= \beta \max\{G(u, u, v), G(u, u, u), G(v, v, v)\} \\ &= \beta G(u, u, v) \\ &\prec G(u, u, v) \end{aligned}$$

since  $\beta < 1$ . We obtain  $G(u, u, v) < G(u, u, v)$  which gives  $G(u, u, v) = 0$ , then  $u = v$ . Therefore, if a fixed point of  $T$  exists, then it is unique.

Let  $x_0 \in X$  and define a sequence  $\{x_n\}$  by  $x_{n+1} = Tx_n$  for all  $n \geq 0$ . For any  $n$ , we obtain from (3.1),

$$\begin{aligned} G(x_{n+1}, x_{n+1}, x_n) &= G(Tx_n, Tx_n, Tx_{n-1}) \\ &\lesssim \beta \max\{G(x_n, x_n, x_{n-1}), G(x_n, x_n, Tx_n), G(x_n, x_n, Tx_n), \\ &\quad G(x_{n-1}, x_{n-1}, Tx_{n-1})\} \\ &= \beta \max\{G(x_n, x_n, x_{n-1}), G(x_n, x_n, x_{n+1}), G(x_{n-1}, x_{n-1}, x_n)\}. \end{aligned}$$

By the symmetry, we have

$$G(x_{n-1}, x_{n-1}, x_n) = G(x_n, x_n, x_{n-1}),$$

and so

$$G(x_{n+1}, x_{n+1}, x_n) \lesssim \beta \max\{G(x_n, x_n, x_{n-1}), G(x_n, x_n, x_{n+1})\}.$$

If  $\max\{G(x_n, x_n, x_{n-1}), G(x_n, x_n, x_{n+1})\} = G(x_n, x_n, x_{n+1})$ , then we get a contradiction such that:

$$\begin{aligned} G(x_{n+1}, x_{n+1}, x_n) &\lesssim \beta G(x_n, x_n, x_{n+1}) \\ &= \beta G(x_{n+1}, x_{n+1}, x_n) \\ &< G(x_{n+1}, x_{n+1}, x_n). \end{aligned}$$

Therefore,  $\max\{G(x_n, x_n, x_{n-1}), G(x_n, x_n, x_{n+1})\} = G(x_n, x_n, x_{n-1})$  and

$$G(x_{n+1}, x_{n+1}, x_n) \lesssim \beta G(x_n, x_n, x_{n-1}) \quad (3.2)$$

that is

$$G(Tx_n, Tx_n, Tx_{n-1}) \lesssim \beta G(x_n, x_n, x_{n-1}). \quad (3.3)$$

If we continue to the same procedure, we get

$$G(x_{n+1}, x_{n+1}, x_n) \lesssim \beta^n G(x_1, x_1, x_0). \quad (3.4)$$

For  $n, m \in \mathbb{N}$ ,  $m > n$ , we have

$$\begin{aligned} G(x_n, x_n, x_m) &\lesssim s[G(x_n, x_{n+1}, x_{n+1}) + G(x_{n+1}, x_n, x_m)] \\ &\lesssim sG(x_n, x_{n+1}, x_{n+1}) + s^2[G(x_{n+1}, x_{n+2}, x_{n+2}) + G(x_{n+2}, x_n, x_m)] \\ &\lesssim sG(x_n, x_{n+1}, x_{n+1}) + s^2G(x_{n+1}, x_{n+2}, x_{n+2}) \\ &\quad + s^3[G(x_{n+2}, x_{n+3}, x_{n+3}) + G(x_{n+3}, x_n, x_m)] \\ &\quad \vdots \\ &\lesssim sG(x_n, x_n, x_{n+1}) + s^2G(x_{n+1}, x_{n+1}, x_{n+2}) + s^3G(x_{n+2}, x_{n+2}, x_{n+3}) \\ &\quad + \dots + s^{m-n}G(x_{m-1}, x_{m-1}, x_m) + s^{m-n}G(x_n, x_n, x_m) \end{aligned}$$



and using the inequality (3.4), we obtain

$$\begin{aligned} (1 - s^{m-n})G(x_n, x_n, x_m) &\lesssim s\beta^n G(x_1, x_1, x_0) + s^2\beta^{n+1}G(x_1, x_1, x_0) \\ &\quad + s^3\beta^{n+2}G(x_1, x_1, x_0) + \dots + s^{m-n}\beta^{m-1}G(x_1, x_1, x_0) \\ &\lesssim s\beta^n [1 + s\beta + (s\beta)^2 + \dots + (s\beta)^{m-n-1}]G(x_1, x_1, x_0) \\ G(x_n, x_n, x_m) &\lesssim \frac{s\beta^n}{1 - s^{m-n}} \left[ \frac{1 - (s\beta)^{m-1}}{1 - s\beta} \right] G(x_1, x_1, x_0). \end{aligned}$$

Taking limit  $n \rightarrow \infty$ , we obtain  $G(x_n, x_n, x_m) \rightarrow 0$ . Hence,  $= 0$ . Thus,  $\{x_n\}$  is a complex valued  $G_b$ -Cauchy sequence in  $X$ . Since  $X$  is a complex valued complete  $G_b$ -metric space, then there exists  $u \in X$  such that

$$\lim_{n \rightarrow \infty} G(x_n, x_n, u) = \lim_{n \rightarrow \infty} G(x_n, x_n, x_m) = G(u, u, u) = 0. \tag{3.5}$$

We now prove that  $u$  is a fixed point of  $T$ . For all  $n \in \mathbb{N}$ , we obtain

$$\begin{aligned} G(u, u, Tu) &\lesssim s[G(u, x_{n+1}, x_{n+1}) + G(x_{n+1}, u, Tu)] \\ &= s[G(u, u, x_{n+1}) + G(u, Tu, x_{n+1})] \\ &\lesssim sG(u, u, x_{n+1}) + s^2[G(u, x_{n+1}, x_{n+1}) + G(x_{n+1}, Tu, x_{n+1})] \\ &\lesssim sG(u, u, x_{n+1}) + s^2G(u, x_{n+1}, x_{n+1}) + s^2G(x_{n+1}, Tu, x_{n+1}) \\ &= (s + s^2)G(u, u, x_{n+1}) + s^2G(Tx_n, Tu, Tx_n). \end{aligned}$$

If we use (3.3), we obtain  $G(Tx_n, Tu, Tx_n) \lesssim \beta G(x_n, u, x_n)$ . Thus we have the following:

$$\begin{aligned} G(u, u, Tu) &\lesssim (s + s^2)G(u, u, x_{n+1}) + \beta s^2 G(x_n, u, x_n) \\ &\lesssim (s + s^2)G(u, u, u) + \beta s^2 G(u, u, u) \end{aligned}$$

as  $n \rightarrow \infty$ . By (3.5), we have  $G(u, u, Tu) = 0$ , then  $Tu = u$ . Therefore,  $u$  is a fixed point of  $T$  and it is unique.  $\square$

**Theorem 3.10.** *Let  $(X, G)$  be a complex valued  $G_b$ -complete metric space. If  $T : X \rightarrow X$  is a continuous map satisfying*

$$G(Tx, Ty, Tz) \lesssim \phi(G(x, y, z)) \text{ for all } x, y, z \in X \tag{3.6}$$

where  $\phi : [0, +\infty) \rightarrow [0, +\infty)$  is an increasing function such that

$$\lim_{n \rightarrow \infty} \phi^n(t) = 0 \text{ for all } t > 0,$$

then  $T$  has a unique fixed point in  $X$ .

*Proof.* Let  $x \in X$  and  $\epsilon \succ 0$ . Consider a natural number  $n$  such that  $\phi^n(\epsilon) \prec \frac{\epsilon}{4s^2}$ . If we assume that  $F = T^n$  and  $x_k = F^k(x)$  for  $k \in \mathbb{N}$ , then we have the following

$$G(Fx, Fx, Fy) \lesssim \phi^n(G(x, x, y)) = \alpha(G(x, x, y))$$

for  $x, y \in X$  and  $\alpha = \phi^n$ . So taking limit as  $k \rightarrow \infty$ , we get  $|G(x_{k+1}, x_{k+1}, x_k)| \rightarrow 0$ . Thus, let  $k$  be a number such that

$$G(x_{k+1}, x_{k+1}, x_k) \prec \frac{\epsilon}{4s^2}.$$

We can define the ball  $B(x_k, \epsilon)$  such that for each

$$z \in B(x_k, \epsilon) = \{y \in X : G(x_k, x_k, y) \lesssim \epsilon\}.$$

By the fact that  $x_k \in B(x_k, \epsilon)$ ,  $B(x_k, \epsilon) \neq \emptyset$ . For all  $z \in B(x_k, \epsilon)$ , we obtain the following inequalities:

$$\begin{aligned} G(Fz, Fz, Fx_k) &\lesssim \alpha(G(z, z, x_k)) = \alpha(G(x_k, x_k, z)) \\ &\lesssim \alpha(\epsilon) \\ &= \phi^n(\epsilon) \\ &\prec \frac{\epsilon}{4s^2}. \end{aligned}$$

From the fact that  $G(Fx_k, Fx_k, x_k) = G(x_{k+1}, x_{k+1}, x_k) \prec \frac{\epsilon}{s^2}$ , we obtain the following:

$$\begin{aligned} G(x_k, x_k, Fz) &\lesssim s[G(x_k, x_{k+1}, x_{k+1}) + G(x_{k+1}, x_k, Fz)] \\ &= s[G(x_{k+1}, x_{k+1}, x_k) + G(x_{k+1}, x_k, Fz)] \\ &\lesssim s[G(x_{k+1}, x_k, Fz) + G(x_{k+1}, x_k, Fz)] \\ &\lesssim 2sG(x_{k+1}, x_k, Fz) \\ &= 2sG(x_k, Fz, x_{k+1}) \\ &\lesssim 2s^2[G(x_k, x_{k+1}, x_{k+1}) + G(x_{k+1}, Fz, x_{k+1})] \\ &= 2s^2[G(x_{k+1}, x_{k+1}, x_k) + G(x_{k+1}, x_{k+1}, Fz)] \\ &= 2s^2[G(x_k, x_k, x_{k+1}) + G(Fz, Fz, x_{k+1})] \\ &\lesssim 2s^2\left[\frac{\epsilon}{4s^2} + \frac{\epsilon}{4s^2}\right] = \epsilon. \end{aligned}$$

Thus,  $F$  maps  $B(x_k, \epsilon)$  to itself. Since  $x_k \in B(x_k, \epsilon)$ , we get  $Fx_k \in B(x_k, \epsilon)$ . Continuing the same procedure, it is obtained that

$$F^m_{x_k} \in B(x_k, \epsilon) \quad \text{for all } m \in \mathbb{N},$$

that is  $x_l \in B(x_k, \epsilon)$  for each  $l \geq k$ . As a result,

$$G(x_m, x_m, x_l) \prec \epsilon \quad \text{for all } m, l > k$$

and  $\{x_k\}$  is a complex valued  $G_b$ -Cauchy sequence. By the completeness of  $(X, G)$ , there exists  $u \in X$  such that  $x_k \rightarrow u$  as  $k \rightarrow \infty$ . Since

$$u = \lim_{k \rightarrow \infty} x_{k+1} = \lim_{k \rightarrow \infty} x_k = F(u),$$

$u$  is a fixed point of  $F$ .

We need to prove the uniqueness of this fixed point. Let  $u$  and  $u_1$  be two fixed points of  $F$ . Considering  $\alpha(t) = \phi^n(t) < t$  for any  $t > 0$ , the following inequalities

$$\begin{aligned} G(u, u, u_1) &= G(Fu, Fu, Fu_1) \\ &\lesssim \phi^n(G(u, u, u_1)) \\ &= \alpha(G(u, u, u_1)) \\ &\lesssim G(u, u, u_1) \end{aligned}$$

show that  $G(u, u, u_1) = 0$ , i.e.,  $u = u_1 = 1$ . So  $F$  has a unique fixed point in  $X$ .

If we take limit as  $k \rightarrow \infty$ , we get  $T^{nk+r}(x) = F^k(T^r(x)) \rightarrow u$ . Thus  $T^m x \rightarrow u$  as  $m \rightarrow \infty$  for every  $x$ , that is,

$$u = \lim_{m \rightarrow \infty} Tx_m = T(u).$$

This shows that  $T$  has a fixed point and the proof is completed.  $\square$

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